

Algebra, geometry and physics seminar

# Geometry of the combinatorial Teichmüller space (second part)



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$\Sigma$  will usually denote a smooth bordered surface oriented, connected (unless specified), genus  $g$   $n$  labeled boundaries  $\partial_1 \Sigma, \dots, \partial_n \Sigma$   
stable :  $2 - 2g - n < 0$

I. Mirzakhani-type recursions

II. From geometric to topological recursion

III. Asymptotic counts of multicurves

We have two Teichmüller spaces

$$\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(L)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L)$$

They coincide as topological spaces, but carry different geometry

{hyperbolic metrics}/Diff<sub>0</sub>

smooth manifold

*hyperbolic length functions*

*hyperbolic Fenchel-Nielsen*

Darboux coords. for  $\omega_{\text{WP}}$

full image in  $(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R})^{3g-3+n}$

{isotopy classes of metric ribbon graphs}  
= subset of {measured foliations}

PL manifold

*combinatorial length functions*

*combinatorial Fenchel-Nielsen*

Darboux coords. for  $\omega_K$

image =  $(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R})^{3g-3+n} \setminus Z$

I

Mirzakhani-type recursion



# I.1 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Hyperbolic geometry

- Recall
 
$$\mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{i,j} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homotopy class of } P \hookrightarrow \Sigma \\ \text{such that } \Sigma - P \text{ stable} \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \partial_1 P = \partial_i \Sigma \\ \partial_2 P = \partial_j \Sigma \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^i = \bigcup_{j=1}^n \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{i,j}$$

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- Define the functions

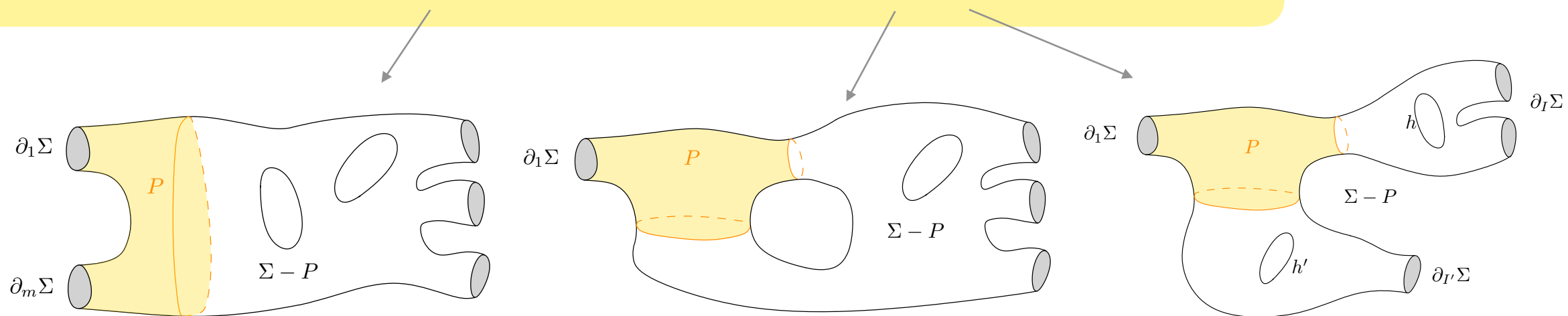
$$B_M(L_1, L_2, \ell) = \frac{1}{2L_1} (F(L_1 + L_2 - \ell) + F(L_1 - L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 + L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 - L_2 - \ell))$$

$$C_M(L_1, \ell, \ell') = \frac{1}{L_1} (F(L_1 - \ell - \ell') - F(-L_1 - \ell - \ell')) \quad \text{with } F(x) = 2 \ln(1 + e^{x/2})$$

## Theorem (Mirzakhani, 07)

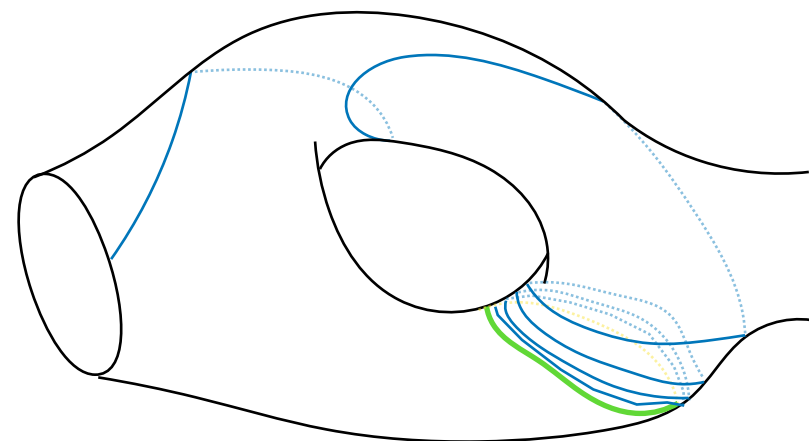
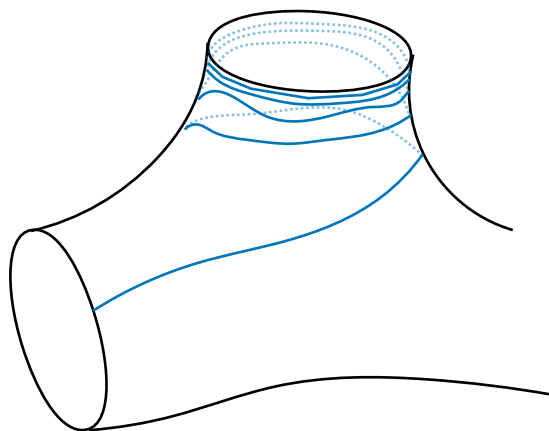
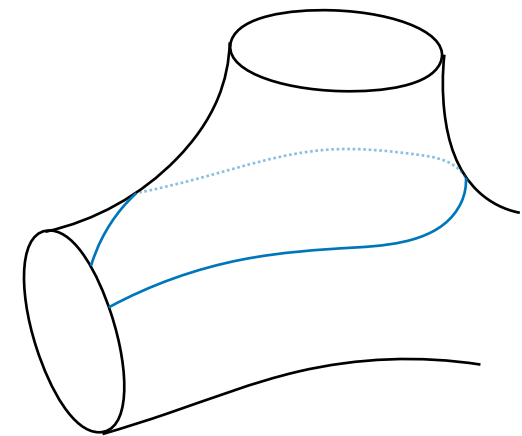
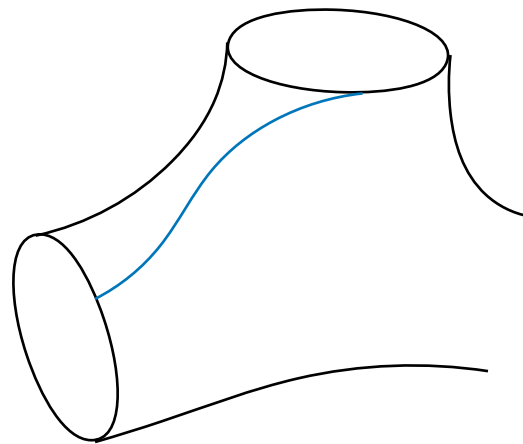
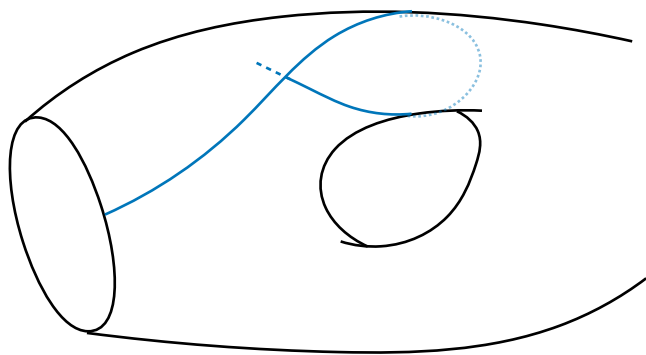
For  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$

$$\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma} \quad 1 = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{1,m}} B_M(\vec{\ell}_{\sigma}(\partial P)) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{1,1}} C_M(\vec{\ell}_{\sigma}(\partial P))$$



**Idea of the proof**     Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma$

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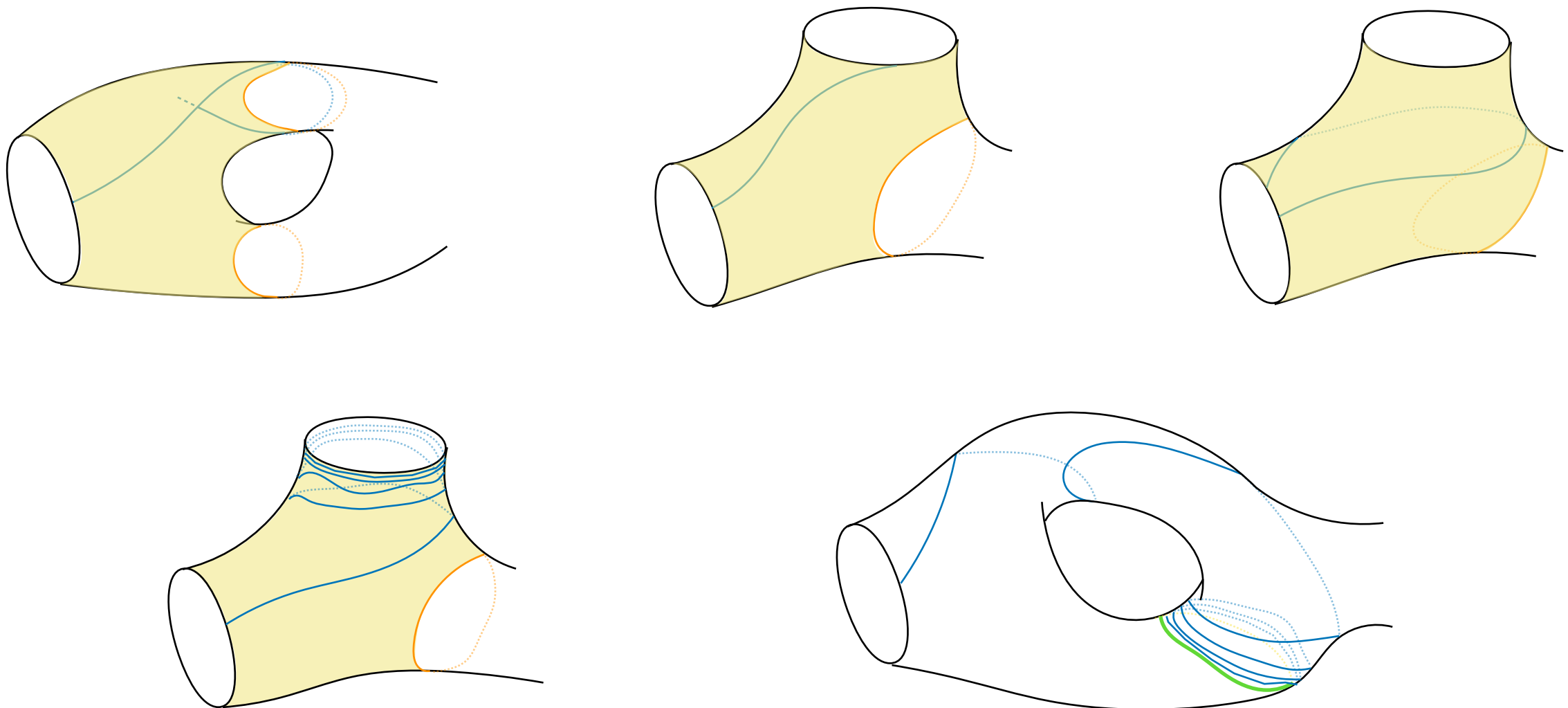


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$\rightsquigarrow [P_x] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1$  determined by tubular neighborhood of  $\partial_1 \Sigma \cup \gamma_x$

when the geodesic does not accumulate on  $\alpha \subset \mathring{\Sigma}$



# I.1 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Hyperbolic geometry

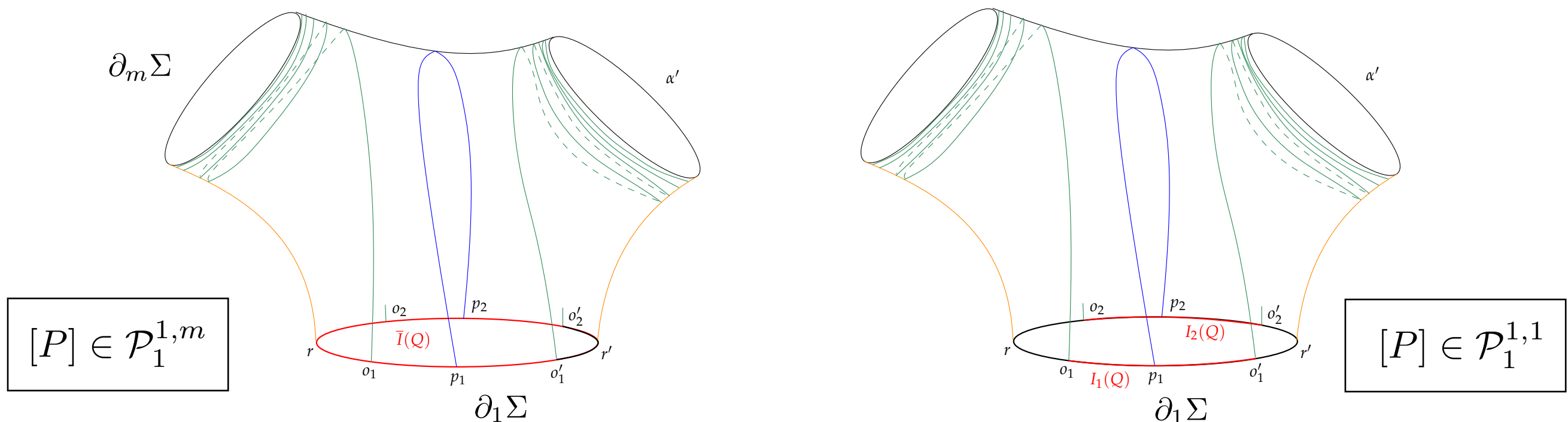
(Birman-Series) The union of complete geodesics has Hausdorff dimension 1

$\implies \{x \in \partial_1 \Sigma \mid \gamma_x \text{ accumulates on } \alpha \subset \mathring{\Sigma}\}$  has Hausdorff dimension 0

So we have an almost everywhere defined map  $\partial_1 \Sigma \dashrightarrow \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1$

$$1 = \frac{1}{\ell_\sigma(\partial_1 \Sigma)} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1} \ell_\sigma(\{x \in \partial_1 \Sigma \mid [P_x] = [P]\})$$

Given  $[P]$ , one can identify the set of points  $x \in \partial_1 \Sigma$  intrinsically and compute their measure by hyperbolic trigonometry



## I.2 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Combinatorial geometry

- Define the functions

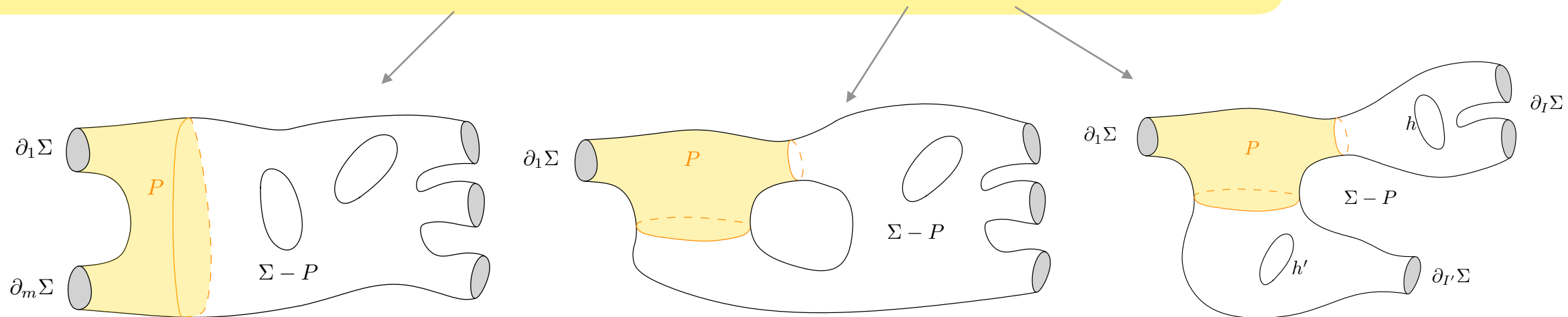
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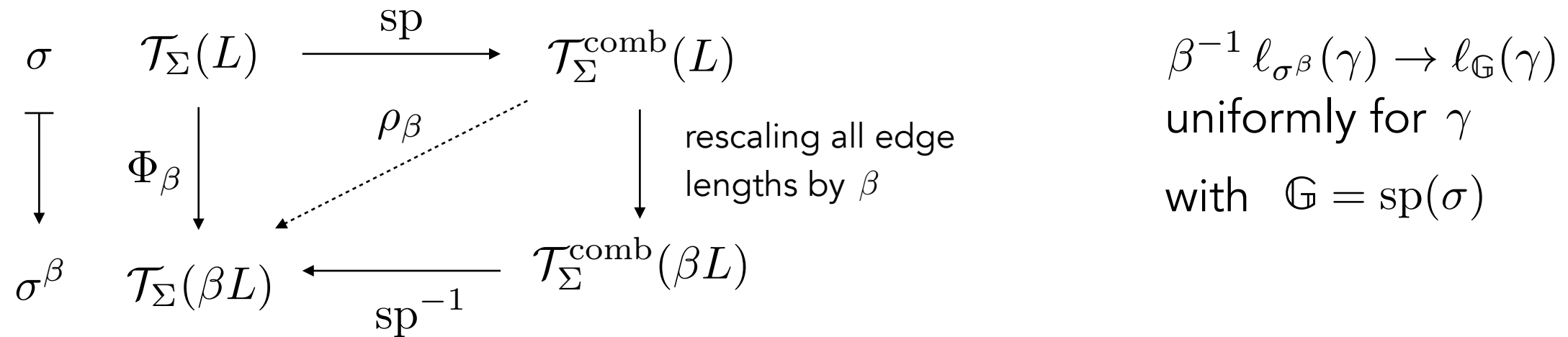
### Theorem 1 (ABCGLW, 20)

For  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$

$$\forall \mathbb{G} \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}} \quad 1 = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m}} B_K(\vec{\ell}_\mathbb{G}(\partial P)) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1}} C_K(\vec{\ell}_\mathbb{G}(\partial P))$$



**1st proof :** flow the hyperbolic identity to the combinatorial one



$$B_M(L_1, L_2, \ell) = \frac{1}{2L_1} (F(L_1 + L_2 - \ell) + F(L_1 - L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 + L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 - L_2 - \ell))$$

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$$\frac{F(\beta x)}{\beta} = \frac{2}{\beta} \ln(1 + e^{\beta x/2}) \longrightarrow [x]_+ \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} B_M(\vec{\ell}_{\sigma^\beta}(\partial P)) \longrightarrow B_K(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial P)) \\ C_M(\vec{\ell}_{\sigma^\beta}(\partial P)) \longrightarrow C_K(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial P)) \end{cases}$$

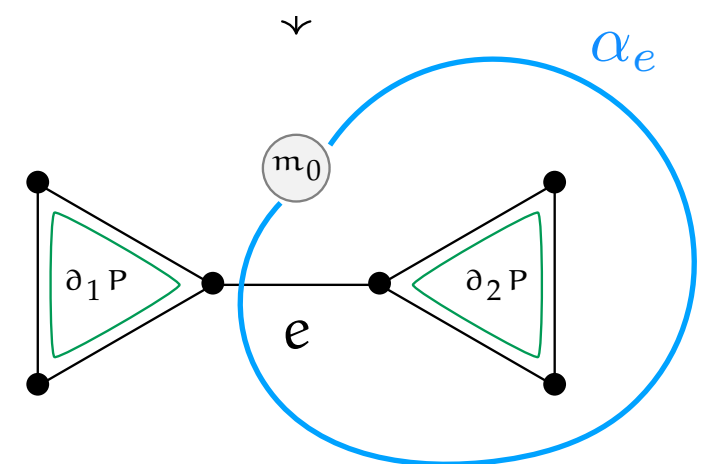
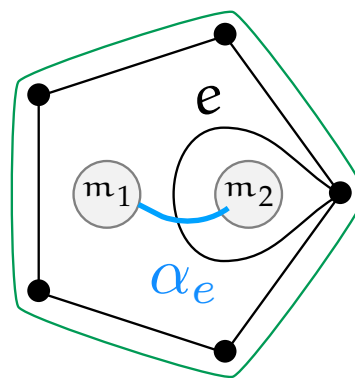
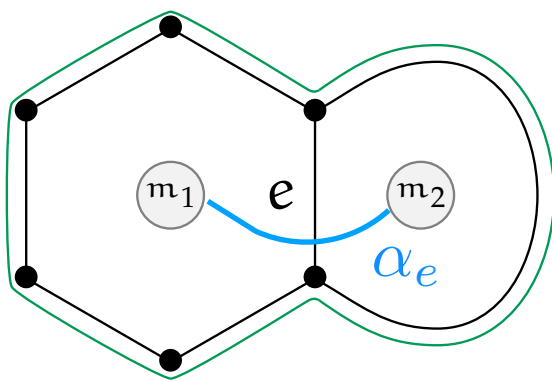
## I.2 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Combinatorial geometry

**2nd proof (direct)**     Let  $\mathbb{G} \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}$

$$\text{Write } 1 = \frac{1}{\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial_1 \Sigma)} \sum_{\substack{e=\text{edge} \\ \text{around } \partial_1 \Sigma}} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(e) = \frac{1}{\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial_1 \Sigma)} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\Sigma^1} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\alpha) = \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1} \sum_{\alpha \in Q^{-1}([P])} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\alpha)$$

where we recall  $\mathcal{A}_\Sigma^1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{homotopy class of} \\ \alpha : [0, 1] \hookrightarrow \Sigma \end{array} \middle| \alpha(0) \in \partial_1 \Sigma \right\} \xrightarrow{Q} \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1$

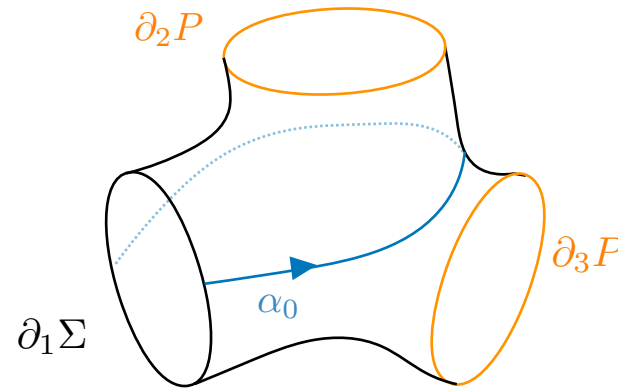
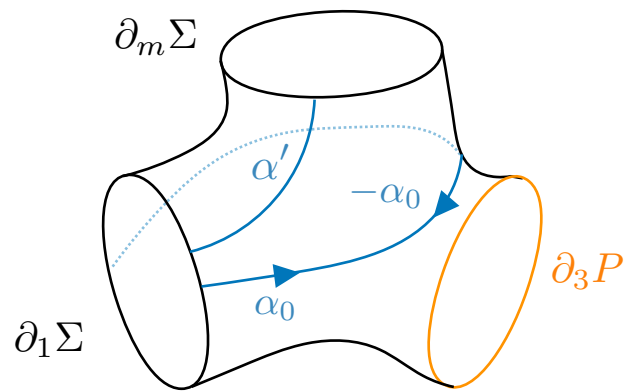
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## I.2 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Combinatorial geometry

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$$\text{has fibers } Q^{-1}([P]) = \begin{cases} \{\alpha_0, -\alpha_0, \alpha'\} & \text{if } [P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m} \ (m \neq 2) \\ \{\alpha_0\} & \text{if } [P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1} \end{cases}$$



From last time we know that the length of an arc is given by

$$\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial_1 \Sigma) \left[ B_K(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial Q_\alpha)) - C_K(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial Q_\alpha)) \right] & \text{if } Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m} \ (m \neq 1) \\ \frac{1}{2} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial_1 \Sigma) C_K(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial Q_\alpha)) & \text{if } Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial_1 \Sigma)} \sum_{\alpha \in Q^{-1}([P])} \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} B_K(\vec{\ell}(\partial P)) & \text{if } [P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m} \ (m \neq 1) \\ C_K(\vec{\ell}(\partial P)) & \text{if } [P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1} \end{cases}$$



## I.3 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Multicurve statistics

Let  $M_\Sigma$  (resp.  $M'_\Sigma$ ) be the set of (primitive) multicurves on  $\Sigma$

and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\varphi(\ell) \underset{\ell \rightarrow \infty}{=} O(\ell^{-\infty})$

We consider multiplicative statistics of lengths of multicurves

- hyperbolic world :  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma$   $\Omega_{M,\Sigma}[\varphi](\sigma) = \sum_{\gamma \in M'_\Sigma} \prod_{\beta \in \pi_0(\gamma)} \varphi(\ell_\sigma(\beta))$
- combinatorial world :  $\mathbb{G} \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}$   $\Omega_{K,\Sigma}[\varphi](\mathbb{G}) = \sum_{\gamma \in M'_\Sigma} \prod_{\beta \in \pi_0(\gamma)} \varphi(\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\beta))$

# I.3 Mirzakhani-type recursions — Multicurve statistics

Let us define

$$B[f](L_1, L_2, \ell) = B(L_1, L_2, \ell) + f(\ell)$$

$$C[f](L_1, \ell, \ell') = C(L_1, \ell, \ell') + B(L_1, \ell, \ell')f(\ell) + B(L_1, \ell', \ell)f(\ell') + f(\ell)f(\ell')$$

## Theorem 2 (Andersen, B, Orantin 17)

For  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$  and any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma$

$$\Omega_{M,\Sigma}[\varphi](\sigma) = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m}} B_M[\varphi](\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P)) \Omega_{M,\Sigma-P}[\varphi](\sigma|_{\Sigma-P}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1}} C_M[\varphi](\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P)) \Omega_{M,\Sigma-P}[\varphi](\sigma|_{\Sigma-P})$$

## Theorem 3 (ABCGLW 20)

For  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$  and any  $\mathbb{G} \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}$

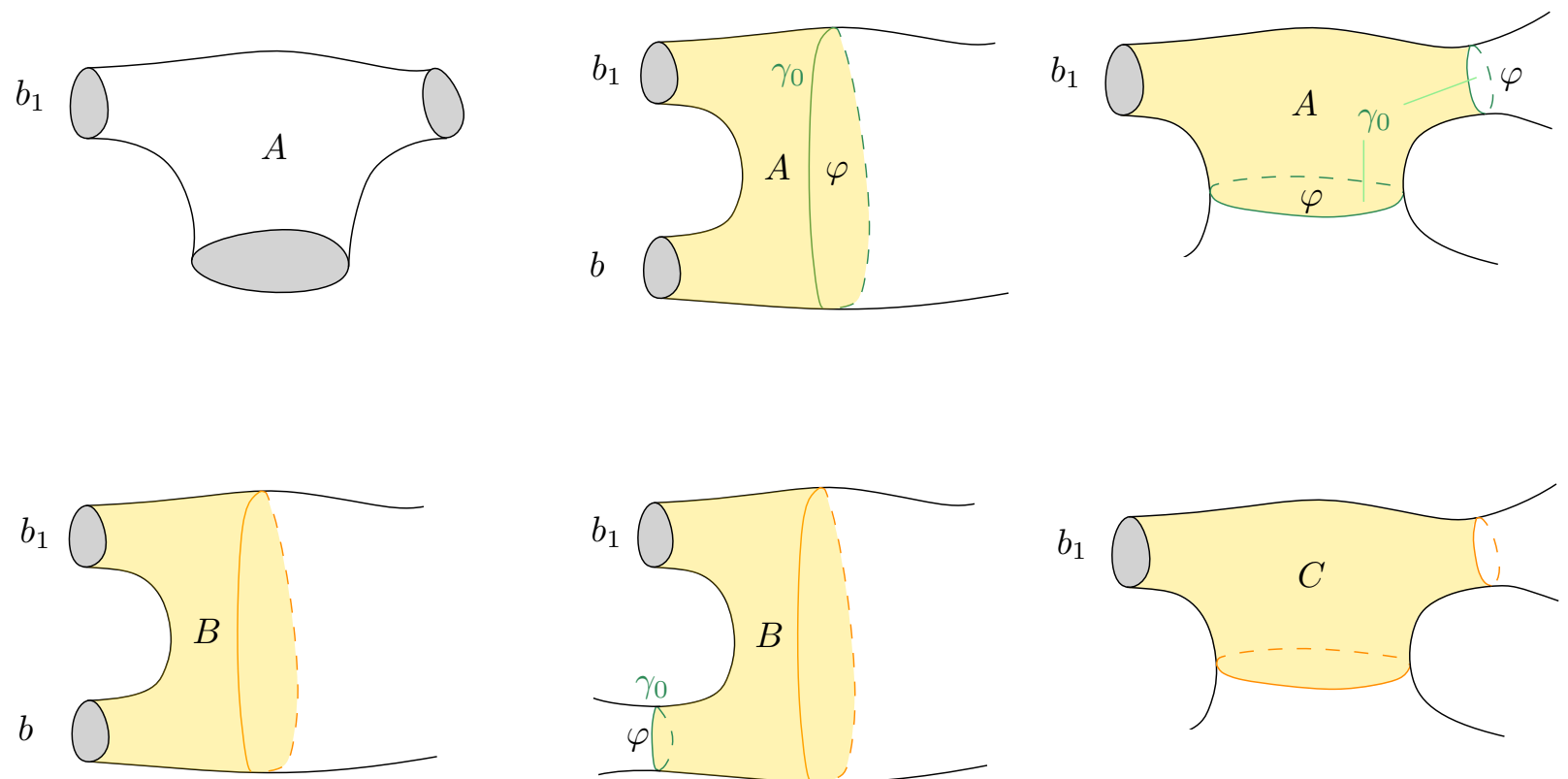
$$\Omega_{K,\Sigma}[\varphi](\mathbb{G}) = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m}} B_K[\varphi](\vec{\ell}_\mathbb{G}(\partial P)) \Omega_{K,\Sigma-P}[\varphi](\mathbb{G}|_{\Sigma-P}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1}} C_K[\varphi](\vec{\ell}_\mathbb{G}(\partial P)) \Omega_{K,\Sigma-P}[\varphi](\mathbb{G}|_{\Sigma-P})$$

**Idea of the proof**      same in hyperbolic or combinatorial setting

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_M[\varphi](\sigma) &= \sum_{\gamma \in M'_\Sigma} \prod_{\beta \in \pi_0(\gamma)} \varphi(\ell_\sigma(\beta)) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\Sigma-\gamma}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-\gamma}) \\
 &= \sum_{\gamma \in M'_\Sigma} \prod_{\beta \in \pi_0(\gamma)} \varphi(\ell_\sigma(\gamma)) \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma-\gamma}^1} X_{M,P}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-P}) \\
 &= \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1} \sum_{\gamma \in M'_{\Sigma-P}} \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

use previous identity

and collect the weights



$$A = \Omega_{0,3} \equiv 1$$

II

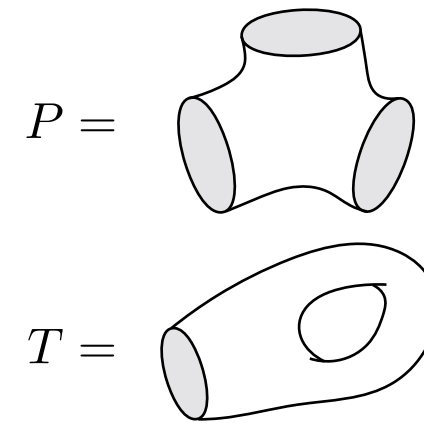
From geometric recursion to topological recursion

Geometric recursion produces, among others,  $\text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial$ -invariant functions on  $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma$

$\Omega_\Sigma \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_\Sigma)^{\text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial}$  by induction on  $2g - 2 + n > 0$

## Initial data

- $\Omega_P, B, C \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_P)^{\text{Mod}_P^\partial} \cong C^0(\mathbb{R}_+^3)$   
 $\Omega_P, C$  symmetric in last two variables
- $\Omega_T \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_T)^{\text{Mod}_T^\partial}$



## Recursion scheme

For disconnected surfaces  $\Omega_{\Sigma_1 \cup \dots \cup \Sigma_k}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k \Omega_{\Sigma_i}(\sigma_i)$

For connected,  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$

$$\Omega_\Sigma(\sigma) = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,m}} B(\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-P}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{1,1}} C(\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-P})$$

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## Theorem 4 (Andersen, B, Orantin 17)

Assume  $\Omega_P, \Omega_T \in O(1)$

$$|B(L_1, L_2, \ell)| \in O(\ell^{-2+} (1 + [\ell - L_1 - L_2]_+)^{-\infty})$$

$$|C(L_1, \ell, \ell')| \in O((\ell \ell')^{-2+} (1 + [\ell + \ell' - L_1]_+)^{-\infty})$$

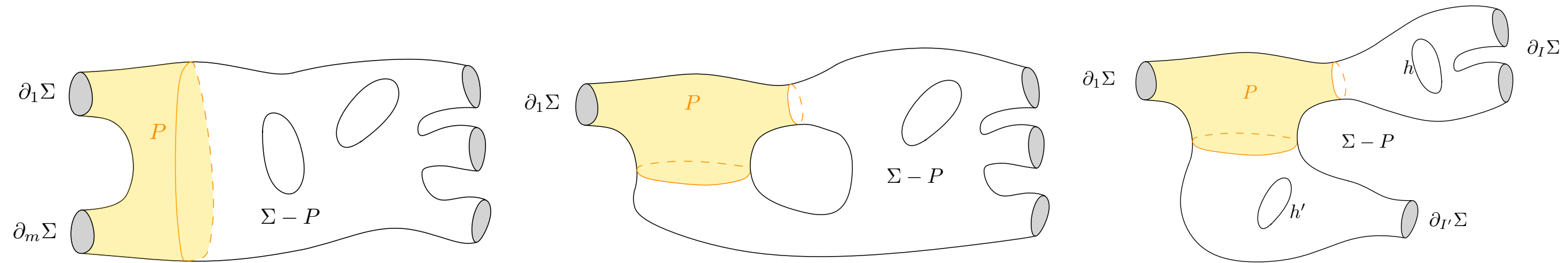
Then,  $\Omega_{\Sigma} \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma})^{\text{Mod}_{\Sigma}^{\partial}}$  and  $V_{g,n}(L) = \int_{\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}(L)} \Omega_{\Sigma}(\sigma) d\mu_{\text{WP}}(\sigma)$  are well-defined

and the integrals satisfy the recursion on  $2g - 2 + n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} V\Omega_{g,n}(L_1, \dots, L_n) &= \sum_{m=2}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} d\ell \ell B(L_1, L_m, \ell) V\Omega_{g,n-1}(\ell, L_2, \dots, \widehat{L_m}, \dots, L_n) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} d\ell d\ell' C(L_1, \ell, \ell') \left( V\Omega_{g,n-1}(\ell, \ell', L_2, \dots, L_n) + \sum_{\substack{h+h'=g \\ J \sqcup J' = \{L_2, \dots, L_n\}}} V\Omega_{h,1+|J|}(\ell, J) V\Omega_{h',1+|J'|}(\ell', J') \right) \end{aligned}$$

## II.1 From GR to TR — Hyperbolic

$$\begin{aligned}
 V\Omega_{g,n}(L_1, \dots, L_n) &= \sum_{m=2}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} d\ell \ell B(L_1, L_m, \ell) V\Omega_{g,n-1}(\ell, L_2, \dots, \widehat{L_m}, \dots, L_n) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



These terms are in bijection with the finite set  $\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1 / \text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial$

$[[P]] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1 / \text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial$  characterized by the topology of  $\Sigma - P$

## Idea of the proof

- $|\{\gamma \in S_\Sigma \mid \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq \beta\}| \leq C_{\text{sys}(\sigma)} \beta^{6g-6+2n}$

allows proving the sums are absolutely convergent on  $\{\text{sys}_\sigma \geq \epsilon\} \subset \mathcal{T}_\Sigma$

- Let  $[P_0] \in \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^1$   $\text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial \cdot [P_0] \cong \text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial / \text{Stab}([P_0]) = \mathcal{O}$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f \in \text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial \quad & \vec{\ell}_\sigma(f(\partial P_0)) = \vec{\ell}_{f^{-1}(\sigma)}(\partial P_0) \\ & \Omega_{\Sigma-f(P_0)}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-f(P_0)}) = \Omega_{\Sigma-P_0}(f(\sigma)|_{\Sigma-P_0}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L)} \left( \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{O}} X(\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-P}) \right) d\mu_{\text{WP}}(\sigma) = \int_{\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(L)/\text{Stab}([P_0])} X(\vec{\ell}_\sigma(\partial P_0)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P_0}(\sigma|_{\Sigma-P_0})$$

- Take a seamed pair of pants decomposition of  $\Sigma$  containing  $P_0$

$$d\mu_{\text{WP}} = \prod_i d\ell_i d\tau_i \prod_{\alpha \in \pi_0(\partial P \cap \dot{\Sigma})} d\ell_\alpha d\tau_\alpha \quad (\text{Wolpert formula})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(L)/\text{Stab}([P_0]) \simeq \bigcup_{\ell} \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma-P_0}((\ell_\alpha)_\alpha, L_{\Sigma-P_0}) \times \{(\ell_\alpha, \tau_\alpha)_\alpha\} / \tau_\alpha \rightarrow \tau_\alpha + \ell_\alpha$$



Mirzakhani's theorem realizes the constant function 1 as an outcome of GR

$$\Omega_P = 1$$

$$B_M(L_1, L_2, \ell) = \frac{1}{2L_1} (F(L_1 + L_2 - \ell) + F(L_1 - L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 + L_2 - \ell) - F(-L_1 - L_2 - \ell))$$

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$$\Omega_T(\sigma) = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{S}_T} C_M(\ell_\sigma(\partial T), \ell_\sigma(\gamma), \ell_\sigma(\gamma)) = 1$$

$\implies$  topological recursion for the Weil-Petersson volumes (Mirzakhani, 07)

$$V_{g,n}^{\text{WP}}(L) = \int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L)} d\mu_{\text{WP}}(\sigma)$$

The same can be done in the combinatorial setting

$$\Omega_{\Sigma}(\mathbb{G}) = \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{1,m}} B(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial P)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P}(\mathbb{G}|_{\Sigma-P}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{P}_{\Sigma}^{1,1}} C(\vec{\ell}_{\mathbb{G}}(\partial P)) \Omega_{\Sigma-P}(\mathbb{G}|_{\Sigma-P})$$

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### Particularities of the proof

- $|\{\gamma \in S_\Sigma \mid \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\gamma) \leq \beta\}| \leq C_{\text{sys}(\mathbb{G})} \beta^{6g-6+2n}$  also holds

- Again  $\int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(L)} \sum_{[P] \in \mathcal{O}} \dots = \int_{\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(L)/\text{Stab}([P_0])} \dots$

- Combinatorial Wolpert formula (last week)

$$d\mu_K = \prod_i d\ell_i d\tau_i \prod_{\alpha \in \pi_0(\partial P \cap \dot{\Sigma})} d\ell_\alpha d\tau_\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(L)/\text{Stab}([P_0]) \simeq \bigcup_{\ell} \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma-P_0}^{\text{comb}}((\ell_\alpha)_\alpha, (L_i)_i) \times \{(\ell_\alpha, \tau_\alpha)_\alpha\} / \tau_\alpha \rightarrow \tau_\alpha + \ell_\alpha$$

The twist values avoid a negligible set (creation of saddle connections), but it is irrelevant as we integrate

### A geometric proof of Witten conjecture/Kontsevich theorem

1 -  $\forall L \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \quad \mathcal{M}_{g,n} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L)$

2 - The class of  $\omega_K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{e < e' \\ \text{around } \partial_i \mathbb{G}}} d\ell_e \wedge d\ell_{e'}$  identifies with  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i^2 \psi_i$

3 - Boundary contributions can be ignored (Zvonkine, 06), so that

$$V_{g,n}^K(L) = \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{comb}}(L)} \frac{\omega_K^{\wedge(3g-3+n)}}{(3g-3+n)!} = \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i^2 \psi_i \right)$$

4 - The combinatorial Mirzakhani identity realises the constant function 1 on  $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}$  as an outcome of geometric recursion

5 - Thanks to combinatorial FN coord. and analog of Wolpert formula

$\implies$  topological recursion for  $V_{g,n}^K(L)$

## II.3 From GR to TR — Combinatorial, discrete integration

For  $L \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$  such that  $\sum_i L_i \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+$

we have  $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}, \mathbb{Z}}(L) \subset \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(L)$ , set of metric ribbon graphs with integer edge length

so we can define discrete integration

of a function  $\Omega_\Sigma \in \text{Fun}(\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}})$

$$V_{g,n}^{\mathbb{Z}}(L) = \sum_{\mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}, \mathbb{Z}}(L)} \frac{\Omega_\Sigma(\mathbf{G})}{|\text{Aut } \mathbf{G}|}$$

### Theorem 6 (ABCGLW, 20)

If  $\Omega_\Sigma$  is the outcome of GR for initial data  $(\Omega_P, B, C, \Omega_T)$

such that 
$$\begin{cases} B(L_1, L_2, \ell) = 0 & \text{if } L_1 + L_2 < \ell \\ C(L_1, \ell, \ell') = 0 & \text{if } L_1 < \ell + \ell' \end{cases}$$

then  $V_{g,n}^{\mathbb{Z}}(L)$  satisfies topological recursion for initial data  $(\Omega_P^{\mathbb{Z}}, B^{\mathbb{Z}}, C^{\mathbb{Z}}, \Omega_T^{\mathbb{Z}})$

where for  $X \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_S)$  we set  $X^{\mathbb{Z}} = X \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{T}_S^{\text{comb}, \mathbb{Z}}}$

and replace integrals with sums over  $\mathbb{Z}_+$

**Remark :** the GR sum is finite due to the support condition

### Idea of the proof

Last week we have seen that for a seamed pair of pants decomposition the combinatorial Fenchel-Nielsen coordinates give

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L) & \longrightarrow & (\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R})^{3g-3+n} \\ \mathbb{G} & \longmapsto & (\ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\gamma_i), \tau_{\mathbb{G}}(\gamma_i))_i \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{whose image is the complement of} \\ \text{a negligible set } Z \end{array}$$

Discrete integration over the twist could hit  $Z$

But one proves that any twist on small pairs of pants is well-defined

$\rightsquigarrow$  under the support condition, the fiber has full cardinality  $\ell$  (or  $\ell \ell'$ )

### New proof of Norbury's TR for the number of integer points (Norbury, 10)

The combinatorial Mirzakhani identity realises the constant function 1 on  $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}$  as an outcome of geometric recursion

$$B_K(L_1, L_2, \ell) = \frac{1}{2L_1} ([L_1 + L_2 - \ell]_+ + [L_1 - L_2 - \ell]_+ - [-L_1 + L_2 - \ell]_+)$$

$$C_K(L_1, \ell, \ell') = \frac{1}{L_1} [L_1 - \ell - \ell']_+ \quad \text{with} \quad [x]_+ = \max(x, 0)$$

The support condition holds

$$\implies \text{Topological recursion for } |\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}, \mathbb{Z}}| = \sum_{\mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}, \mathbb{Z}}} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{G})|}$$

III

Asymptotic count of multicurves



III.1 Asymptotic count of multicurves — Thurston volume of unit ball

Let  $MF_\Sigma \subset MF_\Sigma^*$  be the set of measured foliations where  $\partial\Sigma$  is a union of sing. leaves

It admits a piecewise linear integral structure and  $\dim MF_\Sigma = 6g - 6 + 2n$

$\{\text{Integral points of } MF_\Sigma\} = M_\Sigma = \{\text{multicurves}\}$

**Thurston measure** of  $A \subset MF_\Sigma$   $\mu_{Th}(A) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A \cap k^{-1}M_\Sigma|}{k^{6g-6+2n}}$  if exists

	Hyperbolic	Combinatorial
Length functions	$\mathcal{T}_\Sigma \times MF_\Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$	$\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{comb} \times MF_\Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$
Vol. of unit balls	$\mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\sigma) = \mu_{Th}(\{\ell_\sigma \leq 1\})$	$\mathcal{B}_\Sigma^{comb}(\mathbb{G}) = \mu_{Th}(\{\ell_\mathbb{G} \leq 1\})$
Moments on Teichmüller	$V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(L) := \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}(L)} d\mu_{WP}(\sigma) (\mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\sigma))^s$	$V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}^{comb}(L) := \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{comb}(L)} d\mu_K(\mathbb{G}) (\mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\mathbb{G}))^s$

## Known results for punctured hyperbolic surfaces $\Sigma$

- $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma : \mathcal{T}_\Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is continuous, proper, and

$$c'_{g,n} \prod_{\substack{\gamma \in S_\Sigma \\ \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq \epsilon}} \frac{1}{|\ell_\sigma(\gamma) \ln(\ell_\sigma(\gamma))|} \leq \mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\sigma) \leq c_{g,n} \prod_{\substack{\gamma \in S_\Sigma \\ \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq \epsilon}} \frac{1}{\ell_\sigma(\gamma)}$$

Mirzakhani (07)

$\implies V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(0)$  is finite for  $s < 2$  and infinite for  $s > 2$

- Finer upper bound  $\implies V^2 \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(0)$  is finite

Arana-Herrera, Athreya (19)

- Relation to Masur-Veech volumes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{T}_\Sigma & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{MF}_\Sigma \times \text{MF}_\Sigma & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{T}_\Sigma \times \text{MF}_\Sigma \\ \mu_{\text{MV}} & & \mu_{\text{Th}} \otimes \mu_{\text{Th}} & & \mu_{\text{WP}} \otimes \mu_{\text{Th}} \end{array}$$

Bonahon (96)

Mirzakhani (08)

$$\implies V^1 \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(0) = \frac{\mu_{\text{MV}}(\mathcal{Q}_{g,n}^1)}{2^{4g-2+n} \cdot (6g-6+2n) \cdot (4g-4+n)!}$$

Delecroix, Goujard, Zograf, Zorich (19)

Monin-Telpukhovskiy (19)

Arana-Herrera (19)

Open problem : compute explicitly  $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\sigma)$  and  $(V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(L))_{s \neq 1}$

## III.2 Asymptotic count of multicurves -- wrt

If  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\varphi(\ell) \underset{\ell \rightarrow \infty}{=} O(\ell^{-\infty})$

consider multiplicative statistics of lengths of multicurves

$$\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma \quad \Omega_{M,\Sigma}[\varphi](\sigma) = \sum_{\gamma \in M'_\Sigma} \prod_{\delta \in \pi_0(\gamma)} \varphi(\ell_\sigma(\delta)) \quad (\text{only primitive multicurves})$$

$$\varphi_s(\ell) = \frac{e^{-s\ell}}{1 - e^{-s\ell}} \rightsquigarrow \Omega_{M,\Sigma}[\varphi_s](\sigma) = \sum_{\gamma \in M_\Sigma} e^{-s\ell_\sigma(\gamma)} \quad (\text{all multicurves})$$

This is related to the counting function by Laplace transform

$$s \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dt e^{-st} |\{\gamma \in M_\Sigma \mid \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq t\}| = \Omega_{M,\Sigma}[\varphi_s](\sigma)$$

After integration and  $s \rightarrow 0$  this relates to the Thurston volume by integration

$$s \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dt e^{-st} \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L)} |\{\gamma \in M_\Sigma \mid \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq t\}| d\mu_{\text{WP}}(\sigma) \right) \underset{s \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{s^{-(6g-6+2n)}}{(6g-6+2n)!} \int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L)} \mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\sigma) d\mu_{\text{WP}}(\sigma)$$

## III.2 Asymptotic count of multicurves -- wrt hyperbolic

Taking as initial data

$$\begin{cases} B_M[\varphi_s](L_1, L_2, \ell) = B_M(L_1, L_2, \ell) + \frac{e^{-s\ell}}{1-e^{-s\ell}} \\ C_M[\varphi_s](L_1, \ell, \ell') = C_M(L_1, \ell, \ell') + \frac{B_M(L_1, \ell, \ell') e^{-s\ell}}{1-e^{-s\ell}} + \frac{B_M(L_1, \ell', \ell) e^{-s\ell'}}{1-e^{-s\ell'}} + \frac{e^{-s\ell}}{1-e^{-s\ell}} \frac{e^{-s\ell'}}{1-e^{-s\ell'}} \end{cases}$$

- $s \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dt e^{-st} |\{\gamma \in M_\Sigma \mid \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq t\}| = \Omega_{M, \Sigma}[\varphi_s](\sigma)$

is computed by geometric recursion (Theorem 3)

- $s \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dt e^{-st} \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L)} |\{\gamma \in M_\Sigma \mid \ell_\sigma(\gamma) \leq t\}| d\mu_{WP}(\sigma) \right)$

is computed by topological recursion (Theorem 4)

- The  $s \rightarrow 0$  limit of TR can be studied by the change of integration variable  $\ell \mapsto \ell/s$  and recalling  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} X_M(\vec{\ell}/s) = X_K(\vec{\ell})$

### Theorem 7 (ABCDGLW, 19 | ABCGLW 20)

The hyperbolic GR for initial data

$$\begin{cases} B_K[\varphi_1](L_1, L_2, \ell) = B_K(L_1, L_2, \ell) + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} \\ C_K[\varphi_1](L_1, \ell, \ell') = C_K(L_1, \ell, \ell') + \frac{B_K(L_1, \ell, \ell') e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} + \frac{B_K(L_1, \ell', \ell) e^{-\ell'}}{1-e^{-\ell'}} + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} \frac{e^{-\ell'}}{1-e^{-\ell'}} \end{cases}$$

produces a function  $\Omega_{K,\Sigma}^{\text{hyp}}[\varphi_1] \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_\Sigma)^{\text{Mod}_\Sigma^\partial}$  whose integral on  $(\mathcal{M}_\Sigma(L), d\mu_{\text{WP}})$

is computed by TR and satisfies

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow 0^+} V \Omega_{K,g,n}^{\text{hyp}}[\varphi_1](L) = \frac{V \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(L)}{(6g - 6 + 2n)!} \quad \text{independent of } L$$

The same reasoning can be done for the counting wrt combinatorial length

$$s \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} dt e^{-st} \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L)} |\{\gamma \in M_{\Sigma} \mid \ell_{\mathbb{G}}(\gamma) \leq t\}| d\mu_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbb{G}) \right) \underset{s \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{V\mathcal{B}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L)}{(6g - 6 + 2n)! s^{6g-6+2n}}$$

#### Theorem 7bis (ABCDGLW, 19 | ABCGLW 20)

The combinatorial GR for initial data

$$\begin{cases} B_{\mathbb{K}}[\varphi_1](L_1, L_2, \ell) = B_{\mathbb{K}}(L_1, L_2, \ell) + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} \\ C_{\mathbb{K}}[\varphi_1](L_1, \ell, \ell') = C_{\mathbb{K}}(L_1, \ell, \ell') + \frac{B_{\mathbb{K}}(L_1, \ell, \ell') e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} + \frac{B_{\mathbb{K}}(L_1, \ell', \ell) e^{-\ell'}}{1-e^{-\ell'}} + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{1-e^{-\ell}} \frac{e^{-\ell'}}{1-e^{-\ell'}} \end{cases}$$

produces a function  $\Omega_{\Sigma, \mathbb{K}}[\varphi_1] \in C^0(\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}})^{\text{Mod}_{\Sigma}^{\partial}}$  whose integral on  $(\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{\text{comb}}(L), d\mu_{\mathbb{K}})$

is computed by TR and satisfies

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow 0^+} V\Omega_{\mathbb{K}, g, n}[\varphi_1](L) = \frac{V\mathcal{B}_{g, n}^{\text{comb}}(L)}{(6g - 6 + 2n)!} \quad \text{independent of } L$$

III.3 Asymptotic count of multicurves -- wrt combinatorial

Same TR formula (though different GR -- hyperbolic or combinatorial)

$\implies V\mathcal{B}_{g,n}(L) = V\mathcal{B}_{g,n}^{\text{comb}}(L)$  independent of L

This allows computing them as the constant term of a family of functions (polynomials) satisfying TR

The Masur-Veech volumes are insensitive to the model used for Teichmüller space

**Theorem 8** (B, Charbonnier, Delecroix, Giacchetto, Wheeler, to appear)

$V^s\mathcal{B}_{g,n}^{\text{comb}}(L)$  is finite

iff  $s < s_{g,n}^* \leq 2$

$g/n$	1	2	3	4	5	$\geq 6$
0			$\infty$	2	2	$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 2)}$
1	2	$\frac{4}{3}$				
2	$\frac{4}{3}$	$1 + \frac{1}{3(2g-1)}$				
$\geq 3$	$1 + \frac{1}{3(2g-3)}$					

## IV.4 Thurston volume of unit balls — Comparison hyp./comb.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \sigma & \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(L) & \xrightarrow{\text{sp}} & \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(L) & \mathbb{G} \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow \Phi_\beta & \nearrow \rho_\beta & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 \sigma^\beta & \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta L) & \xleftarrow{\text{sp}^{-1}} & \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}(\beta L) & \beta\mathbb{G}
 \end{array}$$

Jacobian

$$J_\beta := \frac{1}{\beta^{6g-6+2n}} \frac{\rho_\beta^* d\mu_{\text{WP}}}{d\mu_K}$$

- By Lemma 5  $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \beta^{6g-6+2n} \rho_\beta^* \mathcal{B}_\Sigma = \mathcal{B}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}$  uniform cv. on thick parts of  $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^{\text{comb}}$

- By Mondello (09)  $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} J_\beta = 1$

$$\text{Fatou lemma} \implies V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}^{\text{comb}}(L) \leq \liminf_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(\beta L)}{\beta^{(6g-6+2n)(s-1)}}$$

- For  $s \geq s_{g,n}^*$ , LHS infinite  $\implies$  anomalous scaling of  $V^s \mathcal{B}_{g,n}(L)$  for large length
- By Lemma 10, for  $s = 1$ , both sides are equal (independent of  $L$  thus  $\beta$ )

Miss a uniform 'integrable' bound on  $J_\beta$  to study equality for  $s < s_{g,n}^*$



Thank you for your attention !

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