

# ICERM Lecture 2

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(geodesic planes in  $\infty$ -vol hyp mflds)

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$$G = \mathrm{PSL}_2\mathbb{C} = \mathrm{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)$$

$$F(\mathbb{H}^3) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{PSL}_2\mathbb{C}$$

$$T'(\mathbb{H}^3) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{PSL}_2\mathbb{C}/\mathrm{SO}(2)$$

$$\mathbb{H}^3 \leftrightarrow \mathrm{PSL}_2\mathbb{C}/\mathrm{PSU}(2)$$

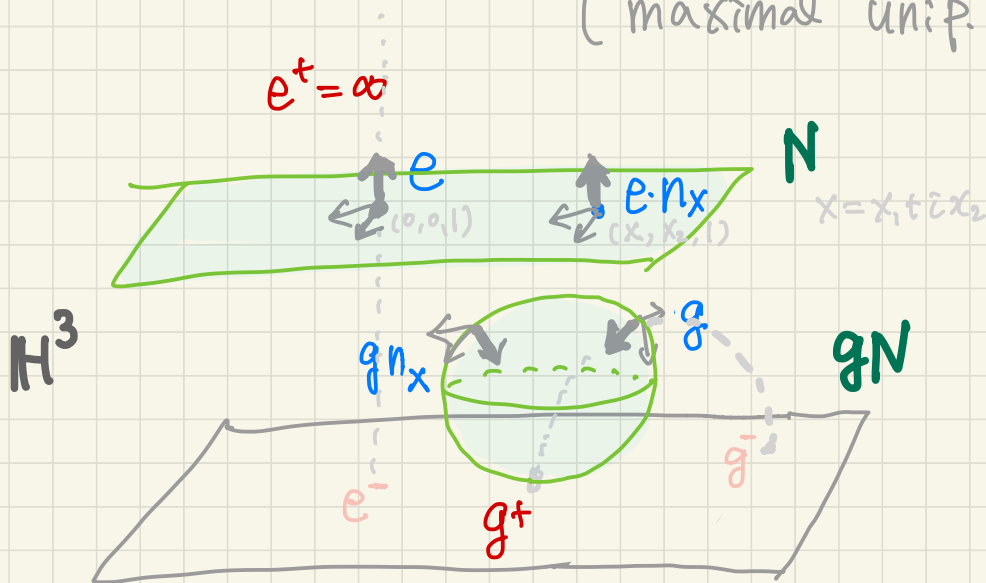
$$A = \{a_t = \begin{pmatrix} e^{t/2} & \\ & e^{-t/2} \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$N = \{n_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

$$= \{g \in G \mid a_{-t} g a_t \rightarrow e \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty\}$$

Contracting horospherical  
subgp

(maximal unip. subgp)



$$G = \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n) = \text{SO}^\circ(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$Q(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 2x_1 x_{n+1} + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2$$

$$A = \{ a_t = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

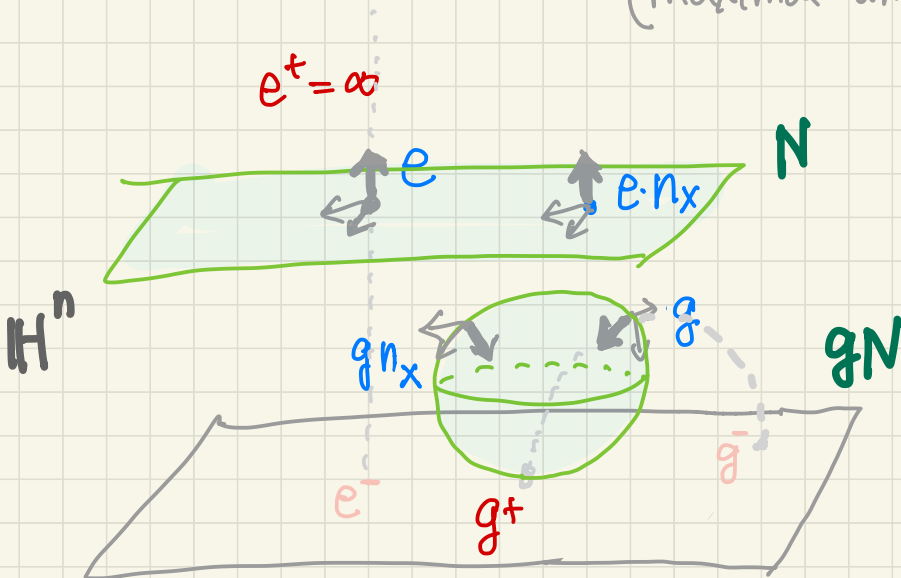
$$N = \left\{ n_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & \frac{1}{2}x \cdot x^t \\ & 1 & x^t \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$$

$n_x \leftrightarrow x$

$$= \{ g \in G \mid a_{-t} g a_t \rightarrow e \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty \}$$

contracting horospherical subgp.

(maximal unipotent subgp)



For  $2 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $U_k \cong \mathbb{R}^{k-1} < N \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$   
 $H(U_k) = \langle U_k, U_k^t \rangle \cong SO(k, 1)$

Any conn. subgp<sup>w</sup> of  $G$  generated by unipotents is conjugate to  $\begin{cases} U_k \\ H(U_k) \end{cases} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n$

Thm (McMullen-Mohammadi-O.  $n=3$ , Lee-O.  $n \geq 4$ )

Let  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^n$  have Fuchsian ends

$$\Omega = \text{RFM} = \{ [g] \in \frac{G}{\Gamma} \mid g^t \in \Lambda \}$$

$$\forall x \in \Omega, \overline{xW} \cap \Omega = xL \cap \Omega$$

for some  $W < L < G$

Moreover,

$$\overline{xH(U_k)} = \overline{xH(U_m)C} \cap \text{RF}_\Gamma M \cdot H(U_k)$$

$$\text{where } \text{RF}_\Gamma M = \{ [g] \in \frac{G}{\Gamma} \mid g^t \in \Lambda \}$$

Induction:

either  $\overline{xH(U_k)} = xH(U_k)C$   $C \subset C_G(H(U_k)) \cong \text{SO}(n-k)$

or  $\overline{xH(U_k)} \supset \overline{yU_m} \supset yH(U_m)$   
 $m > k$

$\implies$  Need to understand  
N-orbit closures.

**Thm** (Furstenberg, Hedlund, Veech)

$\Gamma < G$  cocompact lattice



- N-action on  $\Gamma \backslash G$  is minimal
- N-action on  $\Gamma \backslash G$  is uniquely ergodic



the G-inv measure on  $\Gamma \backslash G$  is the only N-inv measure.

This can be deduced from **mixing** of  $a_t$ -action, i.e. the frame flow on  $\mathbb{P}(M) = \mathbb{P}G$

**Thm** (Howe-Moore)  $\text{vol}(\mathbb{P}G) = 1$

$\forall f_1, f_2 \in C_c(\mathbb{P}G)$ , as  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}G} f_1(x a_t) f_2(x) dx \rightarrow \int f_1 dx \cdot \int f_2 dx$$

To show  $xN \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \text{ open } \mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{P}G$ ,

ETS  $xN G_\varepsilon \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset$

$$P^+ := \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_{-t} P_\varepsilon^+ a_t \supset P_\varepsilon^+ \quad t \geq 0$$

$$xN G_\varepsilon \supset x(a_t N, a_{-t}) P_\varepsilon^+ \supset (x a_t) N, P_\varepsilon^+ a_{-t} \supset y G_\varepsilon a_{-t}$$

$G_\varepsilon = N_\varepsilon P_\varepsilon^+$   $\rightsquigarrow xy$  for  $t \gg 1$

$$xN G_\varepsilon \cap \mathcal{O} \supset y G_\varepsilon a_{-t} \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset$$

by **Mixing**

$\Gamma$  convex cocompact (or geom. finite)

Two important geometric measures on  $\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$

Sullivan  $o \in \mathbb{H}^n$

$\exists!$   $\Gamma$ -conformal measure  $\nu_o$  on  $\Lambda$   
of  $\dim S = \delta_\Gamma$

$$\frac{d\gamma_k \nu_o}{d\nu_o}(\xi) = e^{-\delta \beta_\xi(o, o)}$$

Patterson-Sullivan measure

$\beta_\xi(o, o)$

$$\ll \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(o, \xi_t) - d(o, \xi_t)$$

Sullivan  $\nu_o = \delta$ -dim'l H'ff measure on  $\Lambda$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BMS} \\ \text{BR} \end{array} \right.$  measures on  $\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$

# Hopf parametrization



$$[g] \mapsto (g^+, g^-, \beta_3(0, g_0))$$

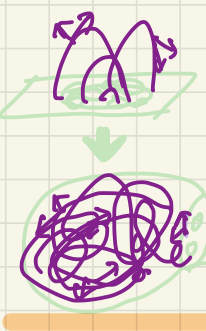
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$$T^*(\mathbb{H}^n) = G / SO(n-1) \cong \partial\mathbb{H}^n \times \partial\mathbb{H}^n \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$dm^{BMS}[g] = e^{\int \beta_{g^+}(0, g_0) + \int \beta_{g^-}(0, g_0)} d\nu_0(g^+) d\nu_0(g^-) ds$$

left  $\Gamma$ -inv & right  $A$ -inv measure



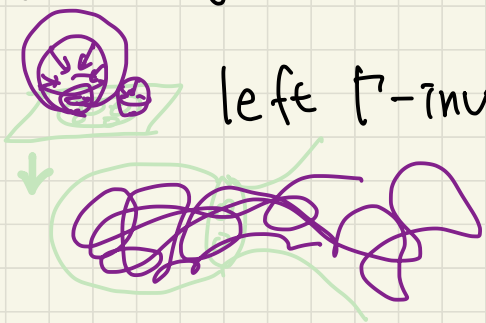
$$m^{BMS} \text{ on } \Gamma \backslash G$$

$$\text{supp } m^{BMS} = \{g^\pm \in \Lambda\} = RFM = \Omega$$

$$dm^{BR}[g] = e^{\int \beta_{g^+}(0, g_0) + (n-1) \int \beta_{g^-}(0, g_0)} d\nu_0(g^+) d\mu_0(g^-) ds$$

$\swarrow$  Lebesgue measure

left  $\Gamma$ -inv & right  $N$ -inv measure



$$m^{BR} \text{ on } \Gamma \backslash G$$

$$\text{supp } m^{BR} = \{g^\pm \in \Lambda\} = RF + M = \mathcal{E}$$



Thm  $\Gamma$  geom. finite &  $\Gamma < SO(n,1)$   
 $\mathbb{Z}$ . dense

- $m^{\text{BMS}}$  is **A-ergodic** (Sullivan, Winter)  
& measure of max. entropy
- $m^{\text{BMS}}$  is **mixing** (Babillot, Winter)

Using the BMS-mixing, Winter proved:

Thm (Burger, Roblin, Winter)

$\Gamma$  convex coge (geom. finite)

- $N$ -action on  $RF_{\neq}M = \Sigma$  is **minimal**
- $N$ -action on  $RF_{\neq}M$  is **uniquely-ergodic**,

$m^{\text{BR}}$  is the unig  $N$ -inv measure  
on  $RF_{\neq}M$

In particular,  $m^{\text{BR}}$  is  $N$ -ergodic.

$\mathbb{R}^{k-1} \simeq U \subsetneq N \simeq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  conn. unipotent subgroup

$m^{BR}$  is not  $U$ -ergodic in general

**Thm** (Mohammadi-O. Maulouraut-Schapira)

• If  $\delta > \text{co-dim}_N U = (n-k)$ ,  $m^{BR}$  is  $U$ -ergodic

a.e.  $U$ -orbits are dense in  $\mathbb{R}F_+ M$

• If  $\delta < \text{co-dim}_N(U) = (n-k)$ ,

$m^{BR}$  is totally dissipative.

a.e.  $U$ -orbits are proper immersion of  $U \simeq \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$ .

$$M = \mathbb{H}^n / \Gamma$$

Convex Coopt with Fuchsian ends



→  $\delta > n-2$

Corollary

For any conn unip subgroup  $U < N$   
(even  $\dim U = 1$ ),

a.e  $U$ -orbits are dense in  $RF_{\delta}M$ .

For  $m^{BMS}$  a.e  $x \in \mathbb{H}^n / \Gamma$ ,

$x \overset{A}{\cap} SO^{\circ}(k,1)$  is dense in  $RF_{\delta}M \cdot SO(k,1)$

For  $m^{BR}$  a.e  $x \in \mathbb{H}^n / \Gamma$ ,

$x \overset{U}{\cap} SO^{\circ}(k,1)$  is dense in  $RF_{\delta}M \cdot SO(k,1)$

Measure-theoretic analogue of  
MMO & LO thm ?

Conj  $U < N$

Any  $U$ -inv erg measure on  $RF_+M$

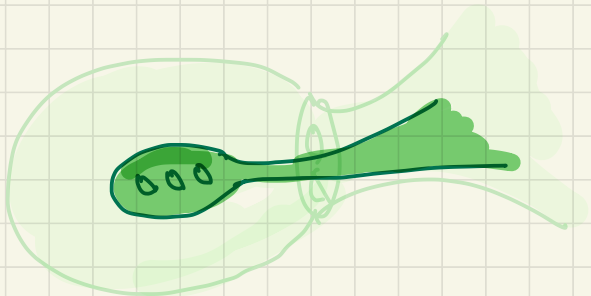
is of the form

$$m_{\text{BR}}^{\alpha H(\hat{U})C}$$

for some

closed  $\alpha H(\hat{U})C$

with  $U \subset \hat{U}$



Thank You !