

# Almost sure GOE fluctuations of energy levels for hyperbolic surfaces of high genus




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# I. Motivation: Number variance of Laplace spectrum of compact surfaces

# Spectrum of surfaces

- Goal: Understand **eigenvalue statistics** of Laplacian on (random) surfaces.
- Today: **Number variance** (smooth statistics)
- $(\Omega, g)$  – Smooth closed surface (compact, no boundary)
- $\Delta = \text{div} \circ \text{grad}$  Laplacian (Laplace-Beltrami) on  $\Omega$
- **Spectrum** of  $-\Delta$  (“spectrum of  $\Omega$ ”) – purely discrete  
 $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ :  $\Delta \varphi_j + \lambda_j \cdot \varphi_j = 0$
- Weyl’s law:  $N(\lambda) := \#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim \frac{\text{Area}(\Omega)}{4\pi} \cdot \lambda$

# Number variance

- Weyl's law:  $N(\lambda) = N_{\Omega}(\lambda) := \#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim \frac{Area(\Omega)}{4\pi} \cdot \lambda$

- $\Rightarrow$  For  $L > 0$ , “random” interval

length  $\hat{L} := \frac{4\pi}{Area(\Omega)} \cdot L$       expect  $L$  eigenvalues

- Take intervals  $[x, x + \hat{L}]$ ,  $x \in [E, 2E]$  random uniform

- $n(L; x) := N(x + \hat{L}) - N(x)$  (“expectation”  $L$ )

- **Number variance**

$$\Sigma^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n(L; x) - L)^2 dx$$

# Number variance (smooth)

- **Number variance**

$$\Sigma^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n(L; x) - L)^2 dx$$

- **Smooth statistics:**  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth & rapidly decaying (e.g. compact support), unit mass

$$n_f(L; x) := \sum_j f\left(\frac{\lambda_j - x}{\hat{L}}\right)$$

- (Smooth) number variance

$$\Sigma_f^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(L; x) - L)^2 dx$$



## II. Random matrix theory as a model for number variance

# Ensembles of random matrices

- Recall  $\Sigma_f^2(L; E) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(L; x) - L)^2 dx$  surface
- Let  $M = M_N$  matrix belonging to a **random ensemble** of  $N \times N$  matrices.  $N \leftrightarrow E$
- Ensembles: GOE, GUE, Poisson
- GOE (Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble) – symmetric matrix with i.i.d. standard Gaussian entries (save to diagonal & relations).
- GUE (Gaussian Unitary Ensemble) – Hermitian matrix with Gaussian entries.
- Poisson – diagonal matrix with i.i.d. entries.

# Number variance RMT

- $M = M_N$  random  $N \times N$  matrix (GOE, GUE, Poisson).
- Take **deterministic** interval  $I = I_N = [a, a + \hat{L}]$ .
- $n(I)$  number of eigenvalues in  $I$
- $L = N \cdot \hat{L} = \mathbb{E}_N[n(I)]$ , allowed to grow with  $N$ .
- Number variance  $\Sigma^2(L; N) := \mathbb{E}_N[(n(I) - L)^2]$   
“**ensemble average**”.
- Fact:  $\Sigma^2(L; N) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(L) & GOE \\ \frac{1}{\pi^2} \log(L) & GUE \end{cases}$

(Dyson-Mehta, 1963)



# Number variance RMT (cont.)

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- Can define  $\Sigma_f^2(L; N)$  analogously

- $\Sigma_f^2(L; N) \sim \begin{cases} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) & GOE \\ \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) & GUE \end{cases}$

$$\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) := 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx \quad \text{constant}$$

- Variance small  $f \leftrightarrow$  very rigid structure
- $\Sigma_{Poisson}^2 \sim L$  – “easy” exercise

# RMT predictions (Berry)

- Conjecture (Berry 1985): Generic chaotic  $\Omega$ :

$$\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \sim \begin{cases} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(L; N) & \text{time reversal symmetry} \\ \Sigma_{GUE}^2(L; N) & \text{time reversal violated} \end{cases}$$


$$1 \ll \hat{L} \ll \sqrt{E} \quad ; \quad N = N(E) = E \quad \text{Weyl's law}$$

Completely integrable systems – Poisson.

- Time reversal violated e.g. by a magnetic field.
- Goal: study the number variance for **hyperbolic surfaces** – ensemble average & window average.
- Not a single positive example to date (numerics support).

# Negative examples

- Recall Berry  $\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \sim \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(L)$   $\hat{L} \ll \sqrt{E}, \hat{L} \rightarrow \infty$
- Selberg 1975: Found a special “arithmetic” surface s.t.  
 $\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \gg \frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)^2}$  large
- Families of arithmetic (hyperbolic) surfaces violating GOE by physicists 1985-1990 Bohigas-Giannoni-Schmit, Bogomolny-Georgot-Giannoni-Schmit, Aurich-Steiner.
- Luo-Sarnak (1994): For all arithmetic surfaces  $\Omega = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$   
 $\Sigma_{\Omega}^2(L; E) \gg \frac{L}{\log(L)^2}$  inconsistent to GOE.
- Results consistent with Poisson completely integrable.  
E.g. Bleher-Lebowitz (1995) flat Diophantine torus.



# III. Weil-Peterson model random genus $g$ hyperbolic surfaces

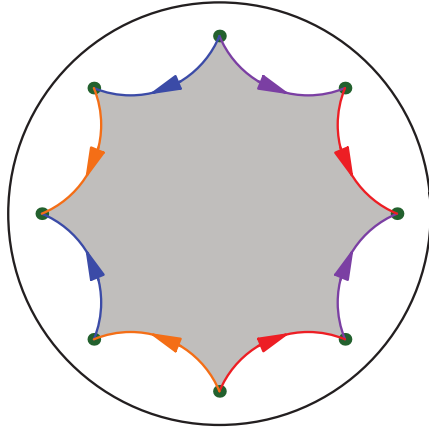
# Take-home message

## Random hyperbolic surfaces

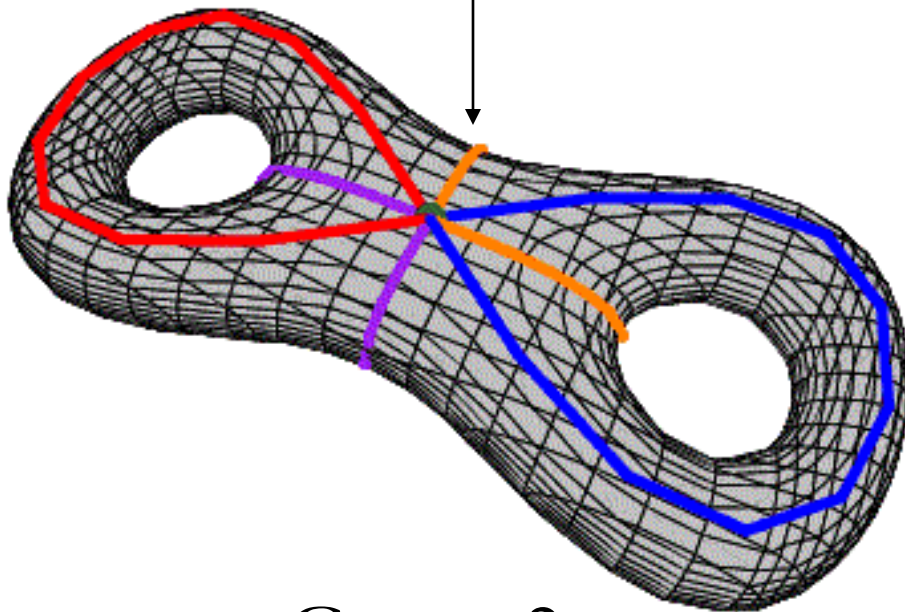
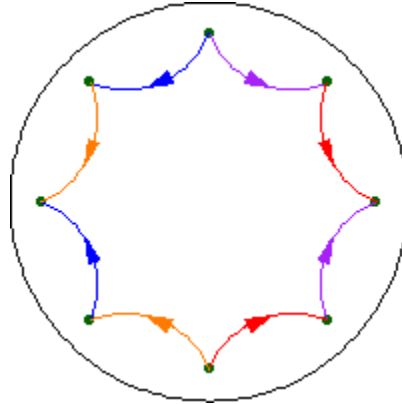
- Definition:  $\Omega$  is hyperbolic, if it is a **smooth surface of constant negative curvature** ( $\equiv -1$ ).
- For  $g \geq 2$  a **moduli space**  $\mathcal{M}_g$  of surfaces.  
 $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$  is smooth closed hyperbolic, genus  $g$
- Two equivalent ways:
  1. Different hyperbolic surfaces
  2. Endow fixed surface different hyperbolic metrics
- **Finite measure** on  $\mathcal{M}_g$  “Weil-Peterson” (WP).
- $\Rightarrow$  **random WP hyperbolic surfaces** genus  $g$

# Illustration of hyperbolic surfaces

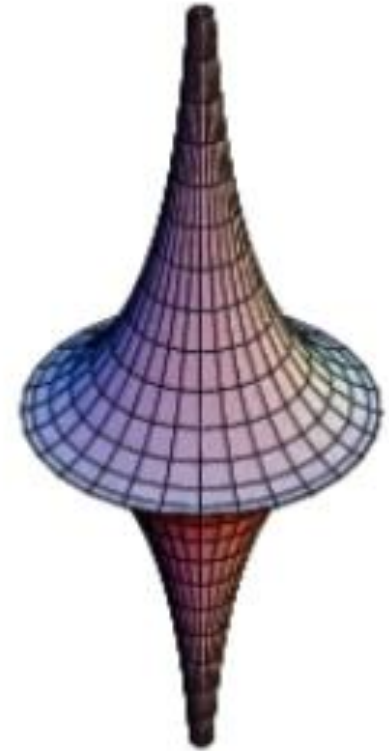
Hyperbolic plane  
Poincaré disk model



Quotient by discrete group  
of isometries

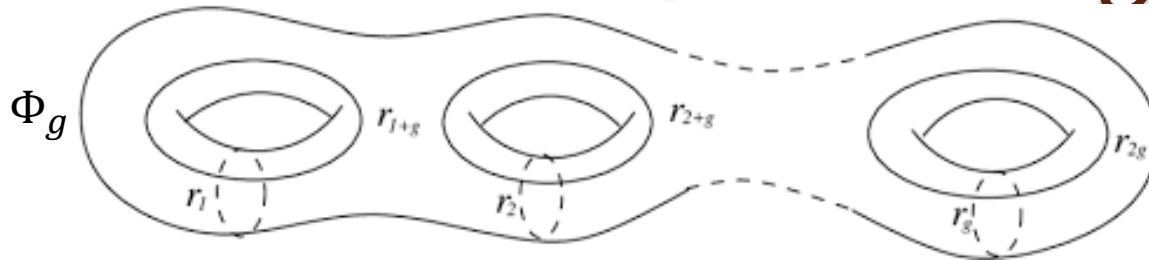


Genus 2



Pseudosphere  
Not compact

# Moduli space $\mathcal{M}_g$

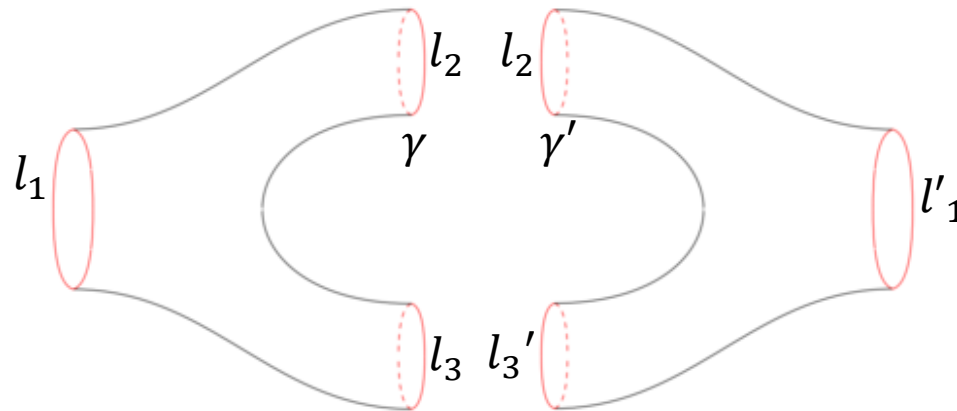


- For  $g \geq 0$  let  $\Phi_g$  be the (unique) genus  $g$  closed surface (compact, no boundary, topology). E.g.  $g = 1 \rightsquigarrow$  torus.
- Fact: For  $g \geq 2$  (assumed),  $\Phi_g$  could be endowed with (many) hyperbolic metrics: i.e.  $\Phi_g$  hyperbolic surface.
- By Gauss-Bonnet  $Area(\Omega) = 4\pi(g - 1)$ , any  $\Omega$ .  

$$g \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow Area(\Omega) \rightarrow \infty$$
- $\Rightarrow$  Weyl's law  $\#\{j: \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \sim (g - 1) \cdot \lambda$ ,  $g$  fixed
- Take into account for number variance

# WP measure on $\mathcal{M}_g$

- Definition: a pair of pants is a hyperbolic surface of signature  $(0,3)$  – sphere with 3 punctures.
- Fact: Given  $(l_1, l_2, l_3) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^3$  exists unique (up to isometry) pair of pants with these boundary lengths.

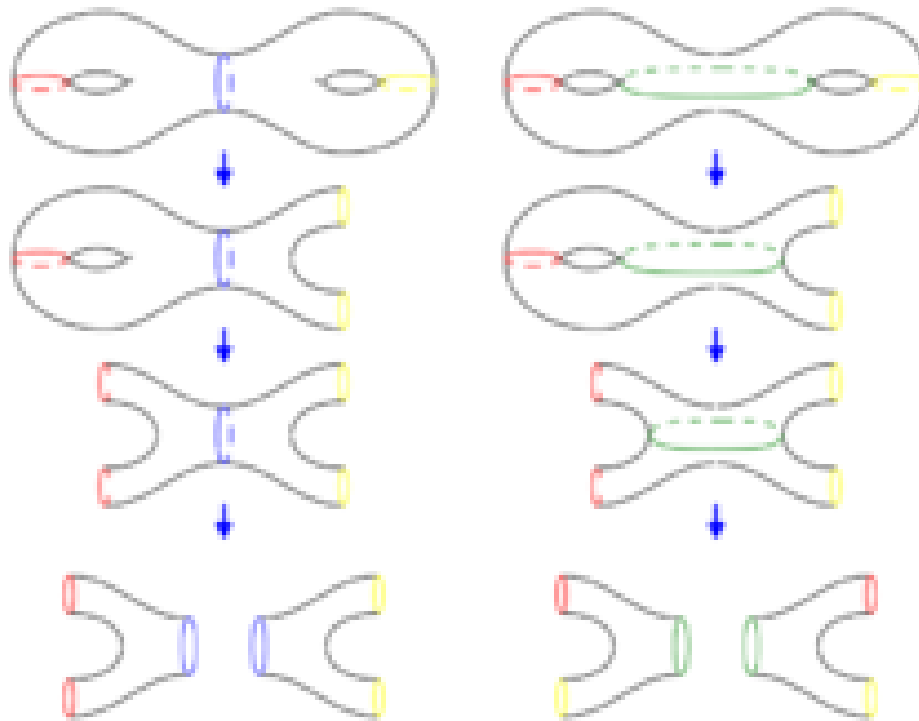


- Can **glue** along equal lengths. Can **twist** equal pair by  $\alpha$
- E.g. glue along  $(\gamma, \gamma')$  get surface signature  $(0,4)$ , every  $\alpha$



# Gluing pairs of pants

- When  $(l_1, l_2, l_3)$  and  $(l_1', l_2', l_3')$  are pairwise equal can glue 2 pants into a genus-2 closed surface.



$$(l_1, l_2, l_3 = l_2), (l_1, l_2', l_3' = l_2') \quad (l_1, l_2, l_3) = (l_1', l_2', l_3')$$

- 6 parameters: **lengths**  $(l_1, l_2, l_3)$  **twists**  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$

# WP measure

- More generally  $g \geq 2$  take  $2g - 2$  pants  $\Rightarrow 6g - 6$  boundary curves  $\Rightarrow 3g - 3$  pairs
- Can glue (combinatorial) to closed  $\Phi_g$  genus  $g$  surface
- $\Phi_g$  serves as “marking”
- Fenchel-Nielsen coordinates  $(l_1, \dots, l_{3g-3}; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{3g-3})$
- $\mathcal{T}_g$  – Teichmüller, **not** Moduli
- Euclidean manifold of dimension  $6g - 6$ .
- Admits Natural **infinite** measure WP (Wolpert)

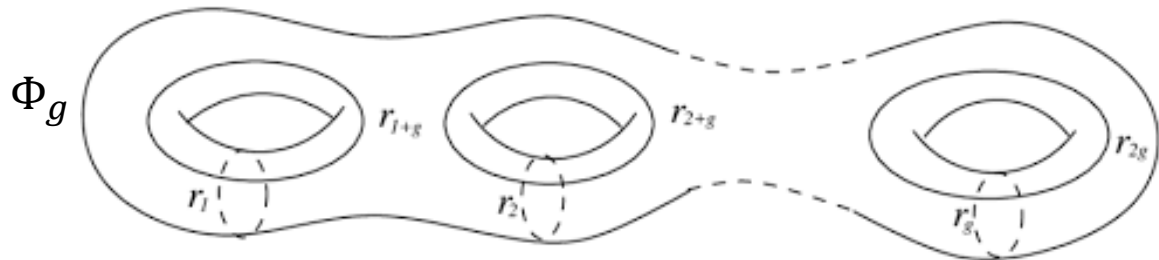
$$dl_1 \cdot \dots \cdot dl_{3g-3} \cdot d\alpha_1 \cdot \dots \cdot d\alpha_{3g-3} \text{ on } \mathcal{T}_g$$

# Moduli space $\mathcal{M}_g$ and WP measure

- $\Phi_g$  is (unique) genus  $g$  smooth “marking” surface.
- Teichmuller space  $\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{T}(\Phi_g)$  - hyperbolic metrics  $\Phi_g$ .
- Let  $\varphi: \Phi_g \rightarrow (\Phi_g, \rho)$  be a self-homeomorphism of  $\Phi_g$
- Induces (another) metric on  $\Phi_g$ . Identified within  $\mathcal{M}_g$ .
- Mapping class group  $\text{MCG}(\Phi_g)$ , WP measure invariant.
- $\mathcal{M}_g = \text{MCG}(\Phi_g) \backslash \mathcal{T}_g$  orbifold dimension  $6g - 6$
- Induce WP **probability measure**  $\mathcal{P}_g$  on  $\mathcal{M}_g$ .
- (WP) **random hyperbolic surface** genus  $g$
- Study initiated by Maryam Mirzakhani (2010s).

# Moduli space $\mathcal{M}_g$ - summary

- $\Phi_g$  genus  $g$  surface, serves as “marking”.
- Abstract definition: For  $g \geq 2$ :
  1. Teichmuller space  $\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{T}(\Phi_g)$  - hyperbolic metrics  $\Phi_g$
  2. Mapping class group  $\text{MCG}(\Phi_g)$  acts on  $\mathcal{T}_g: \varphi \in \mathcal{T}_g$   
 $\varphi: \Phi_g \rightarrow (\Phi_g, \rho)$  by pullback the metric  $\rho$ .
  3. Moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g = \text{MCG}(\Phi_g) \backslash \mathcal{T}_g$  is the genuinely different hyperbolic metrics on  $\Phi_g$ .
  4. Inherits WP probability measure from  $\mathcal{T}_g$





# **IV. Statement of main results**

# Number variance random WP surfaces

- Recall  $n_f(X; L, y) := \sum_j f\left(\frac{\lambda_j - y}{\hat{L}}\right)$   $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$
- Recall  $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$  number
- Rudnick '22: GOE statistics high genus:  $f$  even smooth, s.t.  $\hat{f}$  is compactly supported.

$$\lim_{\hat{L}, y \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{L, y \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}_g \left( n_f(X; L, y) \right) \stackrel{WP}{\rightarrow} \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)$$

$\hat{L} = \hat{b} \epsilon \sqrt{y} \sqrt{y}$

- Explicated result.
- Ensemble average. Valid for individual (“typical”)  $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ ?
- CLT (Rudnick-W '23) same regime; another work

# GOE fluctuations for typical surfaces

- Rudnick-W 23': GOE variance individual  $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ , high probability  $g \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Stronger assumptions on  $L, y$ : Assume

$$\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$$

- Consider  $\mathcal{V}_{E;L}(X) := \frac{1}{E} \int_E^{2E} (n_f(X; L, y) - L)^2 dy$  r.v.  
 $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$  random w.r.t. WP measure.
- $L = L(\hat{L}) = L(E)$ - parameter. As  $y \in [E, 2E]$  expectation  $\mathbb{E}_g^{WP} [n_f(X; L, y)]$  grows. Dominates fluctuations.
- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$  unbiased version.

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- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$  unbiased version.
- $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$
- Assume  $\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$  (LE)
- Statement Rudnick-W (23'): For every  $\varepsilon > 0$   
For all  $\hat{L}, E$  sufficiently large (depend on  $\varepsilon$ ) subject to (LE)  
For all  $g$  sufficiently large (depending on  $\hat{L}, E$ ):  
One has  $|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| < \varepsilon$  almost full probability.



# GOE fluctuations for typical surfaces

- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X)$  unbiased version of smooth number variance.

- $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f) = 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \cdot \hat{f}(x)^2 dx$

- Assume  $\frac{\sqrt{E}}{\log(E)} \ll \hat{L} = o(\sqrt{E})$  (LE)

- Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

For all  $\hat{L}, E$  sufficiently large (depend on  $\varepsilon$ ) subject to (LE)

For all  $g$  sufficiently large (depending on  $\hat{L}, E$ ):

One has  $|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| < \varepsilon$  almost full probability.

- Restatement, limit subject to (LE)

$$\lim_{\substack{E \rightarrow \infty \\ \hat{L} \rightarrow \infty}} \limsup_{g \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}_g^{WP}(|\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) - \Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)| > \varepsilon) = 0$$



# V. On the proofs

# Length spectra of hyperbolic surfaces

- Length spectrum (primitive)  $\mathcal{L}_X^g$  of  $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ : (discrete) set of lengths of distinct (primitive) closed geodesics in  $X$ .
- Fact (Huber): Spectrum of  $X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_X^g$  (determine).
- Careful: Neither determines  $X$  (isometry class). Almost.
- **Selberg's trace formula** express  $n_f(X; L, y) = \varphi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$ ,  $\varphi = \varphi_{f;L,y}: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  functional,  $\mathcal{N}$  discrete measures  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .
- $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) = \psi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$ .  $\varphi, \psi$  continuous  $\mathcal{N}$  (vague topology)
- $\mathcal{L}_X^g$  is random. Think as point-process. Limit  $g \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- Geodesics are **simple** or **non-simple** (self-intersecting).

# (Random) Length spectra

- $\mathcal{L}_X^g$  is random. Think as point-process. Limit  $g \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- Geodesics are **simple** or **non-simple** (self-intersecting).
- For  $X$  fixed, total number of geodesics of length  $\leq M$  exponential (Geodesic Prime Number Theorem).
- Number of **simple** geodesics of length  $\leq M$  – polynomial (degree  $6g - 6$ )  $M \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $X$  fixed ( $g$  fixed).
- $\Rightarrow$  Most geodesics are self-intersecting.
- “Mirzakhani’s integration formula” – a way to average functionals on  $\mathcal{M}_g$  of **simple length spectrum**.
- Too bad.



# Length spectra as point process

- Situation changes drastically regime as  $g \rightarrow \infty$  ( $M$  fixed).
- Here most geodesics are **simple**.
- Number of (simple primitive) geodesics of length  $\leq M$  converges to Poisson r.v., with certain parameter.
- Mirzakhani-Petri ('17) proved (simple/total)  $\mathcal{L}_X^g \Rightarrow PPP$  intensity  $\frac{2\sinh(x)^2}{x}$ , denote  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ .
- Mirzakhani's integration formula  $\Leftrightarrow$  Poisson correlations.
- Recall  $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) = \psi(\mathcal{L}_X^g)$ ,  $\psi = \psi_{E;L}$  continuous.
- Then  $\tilde{V}_{E;L}(X) \Rightarrow \psi(\mathcal{L}_\infty)$ . Can perform computations within PPP. Evaluate expectation  $\Sigma_{GOE}^2(f)$ , variance vanish.



**Thanks!**