

QUASISYMMETRIC DISTORTION SPECTRUM

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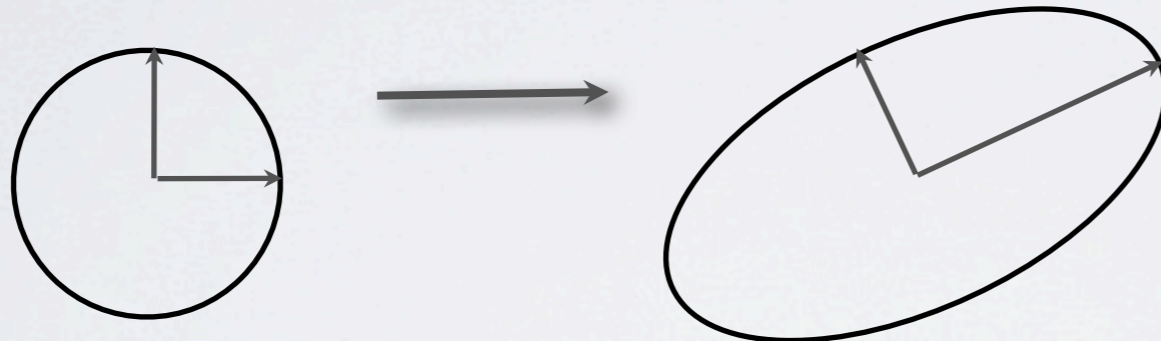
QUASICONFORMAL MAPS

$\varphi: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$ $W_{loc}^{1,2}$ -homeomorphism

$$\|\mu\|_{\infty} \leq k < 1$$

$$\bar{\partial}\varphi(z) = \mu(z)\partial\varphi(z) \quad \text{a.e. } z \in \Omega$$

or equivalently



eccentricity \leq

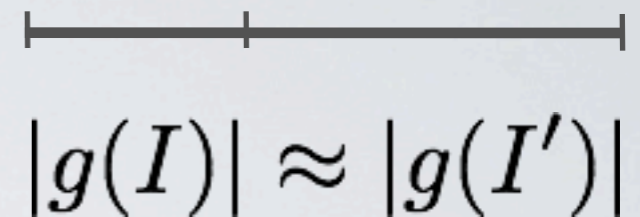
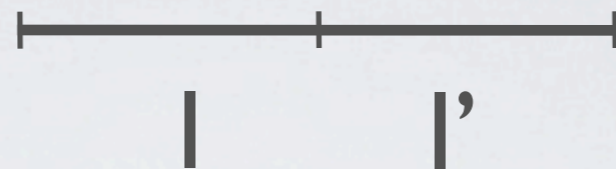
$$K = \frac{1+k}{1-k}$$

measurable Riemann mapping theorem:
(Morrey, Bojarski, Ahlfors-Bers,...)

unique (up to conformal change) solution exists
analytic dependence on μ

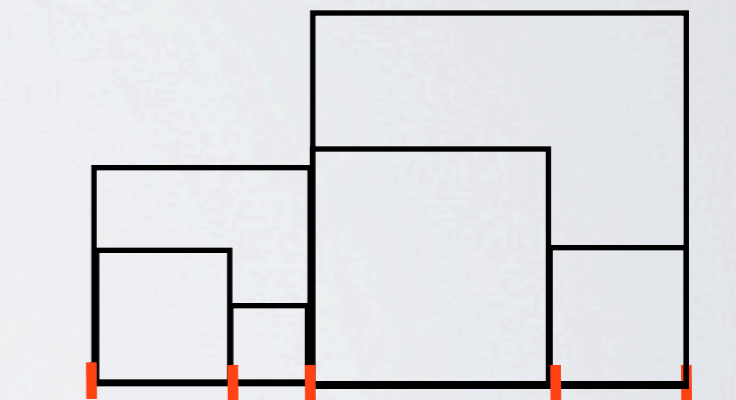
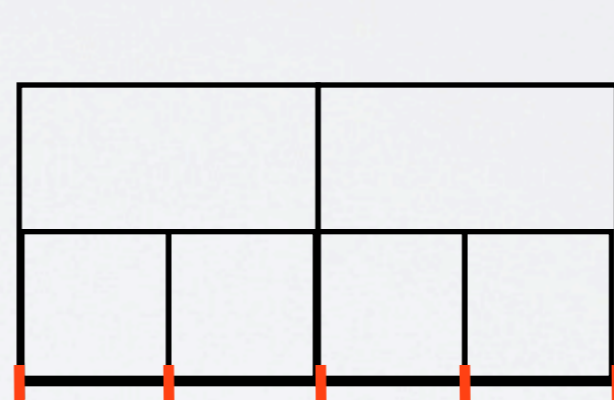
QUASISYMMETRIC MAPS

$$g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$$



Beurling-Ahlfors: boundary values of qc maps

$$\varphi: \mathbf{H}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_+$$



can be **singular**
wrt Lebesgue measure m

$$\dim g_*(m) < 1$$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

SINGULARITY SPECTRUM

$\varphi: \mathbf{H}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_+$ K -quasiconformal

$g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ boundary correspondence

Q: How singular g can be? (Estimates in terms of K)

$$\dim g_*(m) \geq ?$$

compression estimates in general

E.g. **Higher Integrability** of **Astala** yields

$$\varphi \in W_{loc}^{1,p} \quad p < \frac{2K}{K-1}$$

$$\dim g_*(m) \geq 1 - k$$

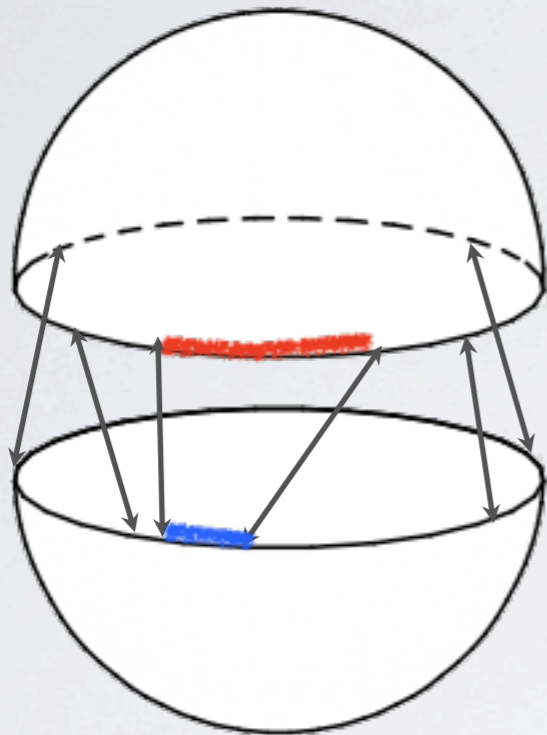
Possible to improve? Optimal estimates?

Heurteaux: analogous results in terms of qs-condition

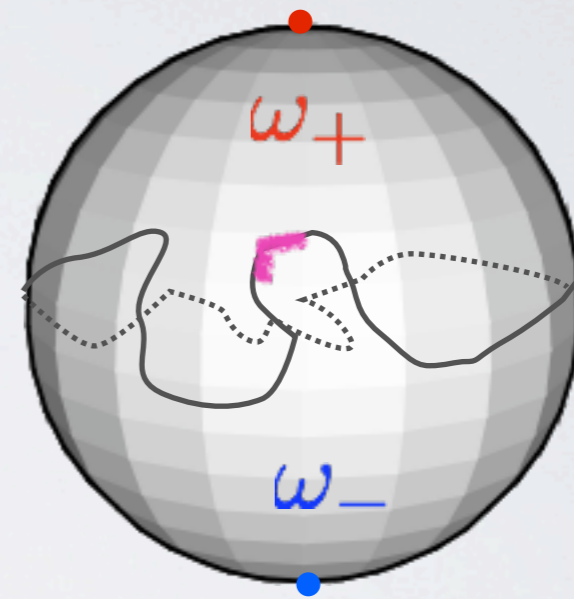
Motivation:

CONFORMAL WELDING

quasisymmetric welding \longleftrightarrow quasicircle



singularity of the welding



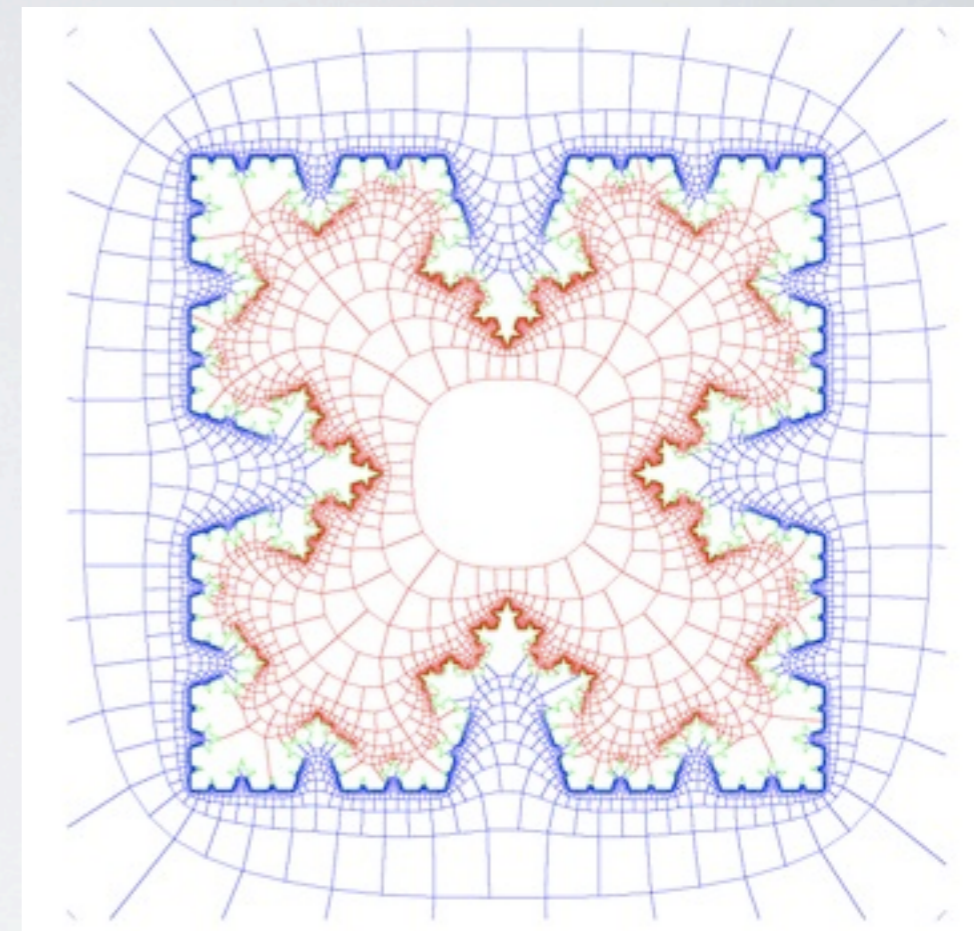
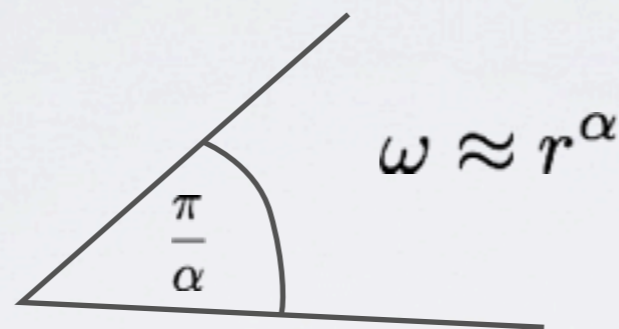
multifractality of harmonic
measure

(compression/expansion of conformal
maps)

MULTIFRACTALITY OF ω

'fjords and spikes'

\mathcal{F}_α scaling: $\omega(B(x, r)) \approx r^\alpha$



multifractal spectrum:

$$f(\alpha) = \dim\{x : \omega B(x, r) \approx r^\alpha\}$$

Problem: Universal bounds???

Courtesy of D. Marshall



QUASISYMMETRIC DISTORTION

Theorem: $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ K -quasisymmetric (as before)

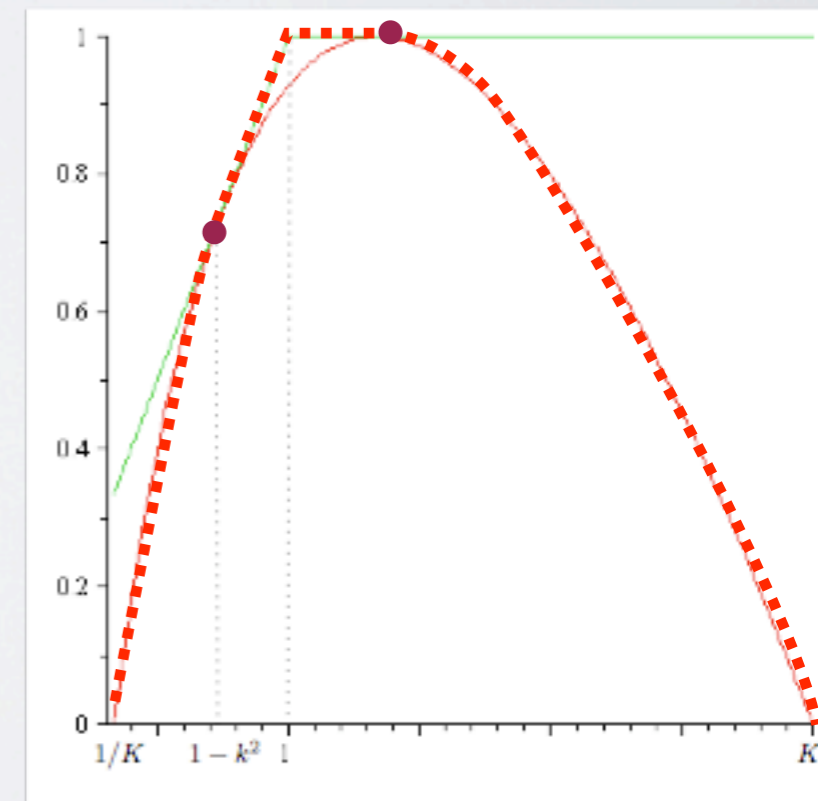
$$\begin{array}{l} E \subset \mathbf{R} \\ \dim E = t \end{array} \longrightarrow \dim g(E) \geq \frac{t(1 - k^2)}{(1 + k\sqrt{1 - t})^2} =: t(k)$$

$$\dim g(E) \leq t(-\min\{k, \sqrt{1 - t}\})$$

Remark: $t=1$ case: $\dim g(m) \geq 1 - k^2$

$$f_{K-qs}(\alpha) \leq -\frac{4K}{(K - 1)^2} (\sqrt{\alpha} - \sqrt{K})(\sqrt{\alpha} - 1/\sqrt{K})$$

$$\frac{1}{K} \leq \alpha \leq 1 - k^2$$



PROOF:

- **builds on Astala's higher integrability**
holomorphic motions & thermodynamical formalism
- **exploits extra symmetry in the motion**
quasisymmetric maps
- **contraction principle**
variants of Schwarz-lemma
- **dual estimate to dimension of quasicircles**
Smirnov's $1+k^2$ bound

HOLOMORPHIC MOTION

Extension by reflection $\varphi(z) = \overline{\varphi(\bar{z})}$ $\varphi|_{\mathbf{R}} = g$

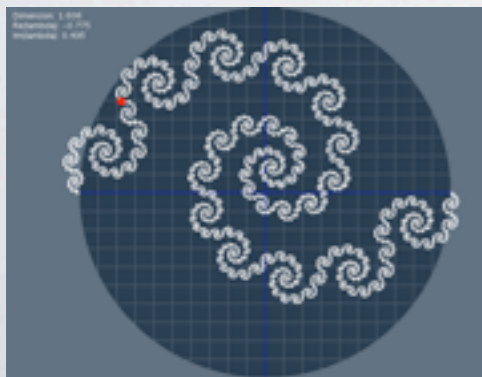
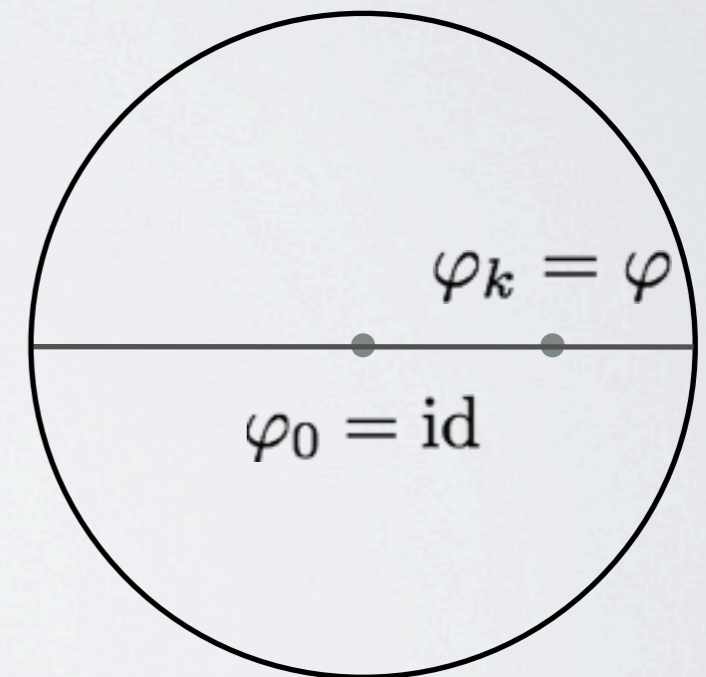
Symmetric Beltrami $\|\mu\|_{\infty} = 1$ $\bar{\partial}\varphi = k\mu \partial\varphi$
 $\mu(z) = \overline{\mu(\bar{z})}$

Solve for $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$ Beltrami equation
with coeff. $\lambda\mu \longrightarrow \varphi_{\lambda}$

symmetry

$$\varphi_{\lambda}(z) = \overline{\varphi_{\bar{\lambda}}(\bar{z})}$$

$$\varphi_{\lambda}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{R} \quad \lambda \in \mathbf{R}$$



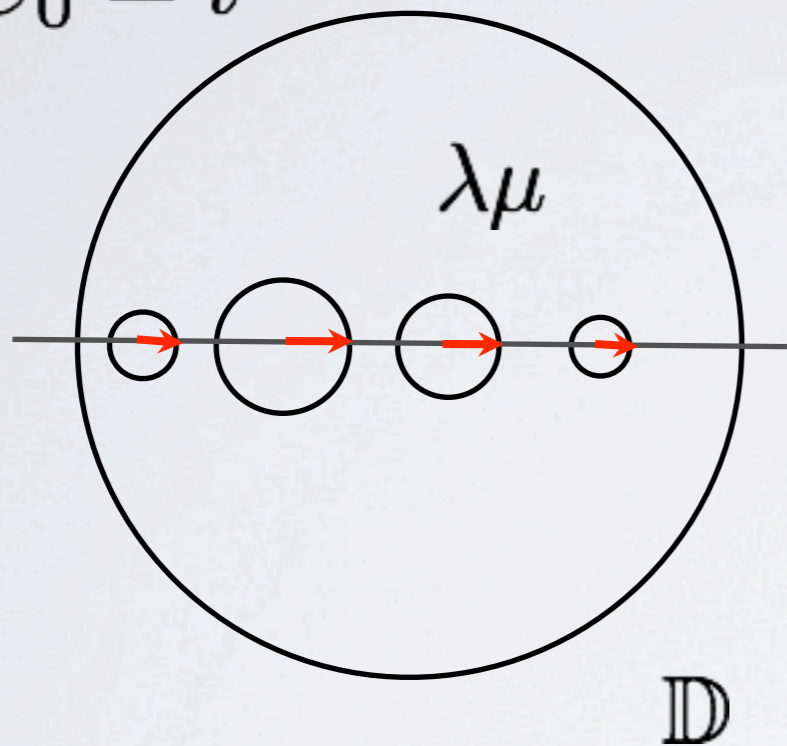
java animation by [Aleksi Vähäkangas](#)
holomorphic motion of snowflake
([Astala-Rohde-Schramm](#))

CANTOR SETS

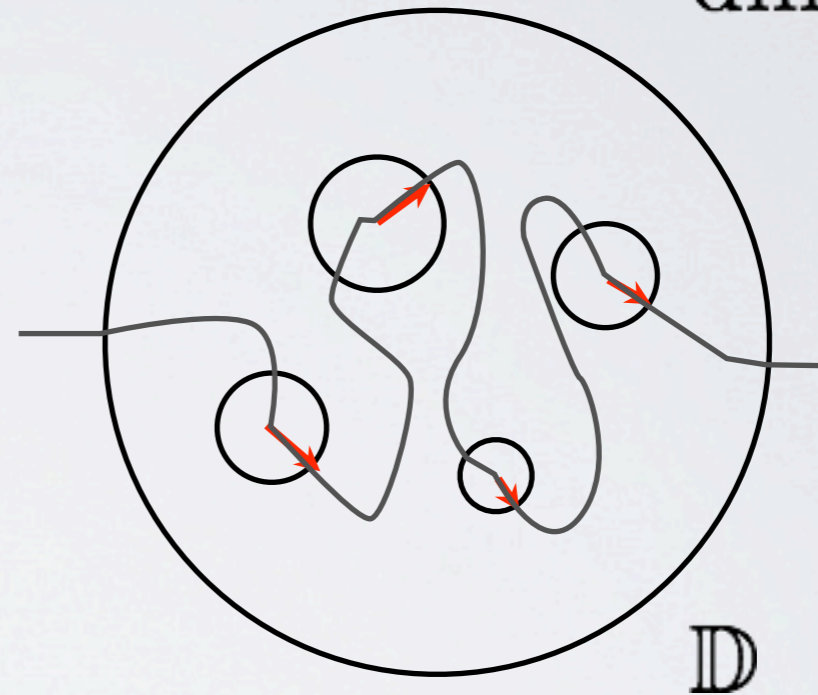
'fractal approximation'

$$E \approx C_0$$

$$\dim C_0 = t$$



φ_λ



$$\varphi(E) \approx C_k$$

$$\dim C_k = ?$$

a packing of disks

"complex radius"

Cantor sets

$\{B_\lambda\}$

$$r_i(\lambda) := \varphi_\lambda(z_i + r_i) - \varphi_\lambda(z_i)$$

C_λ

THERMODYNAMICS

variational principle (Ruelle, Bowen)

$$P_\lambda(t) := \log \left(\sum |r_i(\lambda)|^t \right) = \sup_{p \in \text{Prob}} (\mathbb{I}_p - t \operatorname{Re} \Lambda_p(\lambda))$$

$$\mathbb{I}_p = \sum p_i \log \frac{1}{p_i}$$

entropy

$$\Lambda_p(\lambda) = \sum p_i \log \frac{1}{r_i(\lambda)}$$

(complex) Lyapunov exponent

$$\dim C_\lambda = \text{root of } P_\lambda = \sup_p \frac{\mathbb{I}_p}{\operatorname{Re} \Lambda_p(\lambda)} = \sup_p \dim p_{C_\lambda}$$

$$\lambda \mapsto \frac{\mathbb{I}_p}{\Lambda_p(\lambda)} \text{ holomorphic!}$$

‘dimension’ of a *measure*
changes holomorphically

APRIORI BOUNDS

$$\Phi(\lambda) = 1 - \frac{I_p}{\Lambda_p(\lambda)} \quad \text{holomorphic}$$

natural bounds: $\dim \leq 2 \longrightarrow |\Phi| < 1 \quad \Phi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$

$\lambda \in \mathbf{R} \quad C_\lambda \subset \mathbf{R} \quad \dim C_\lambda \leq 1 \longrightarrow \Phi(\lambda) \geq 0$

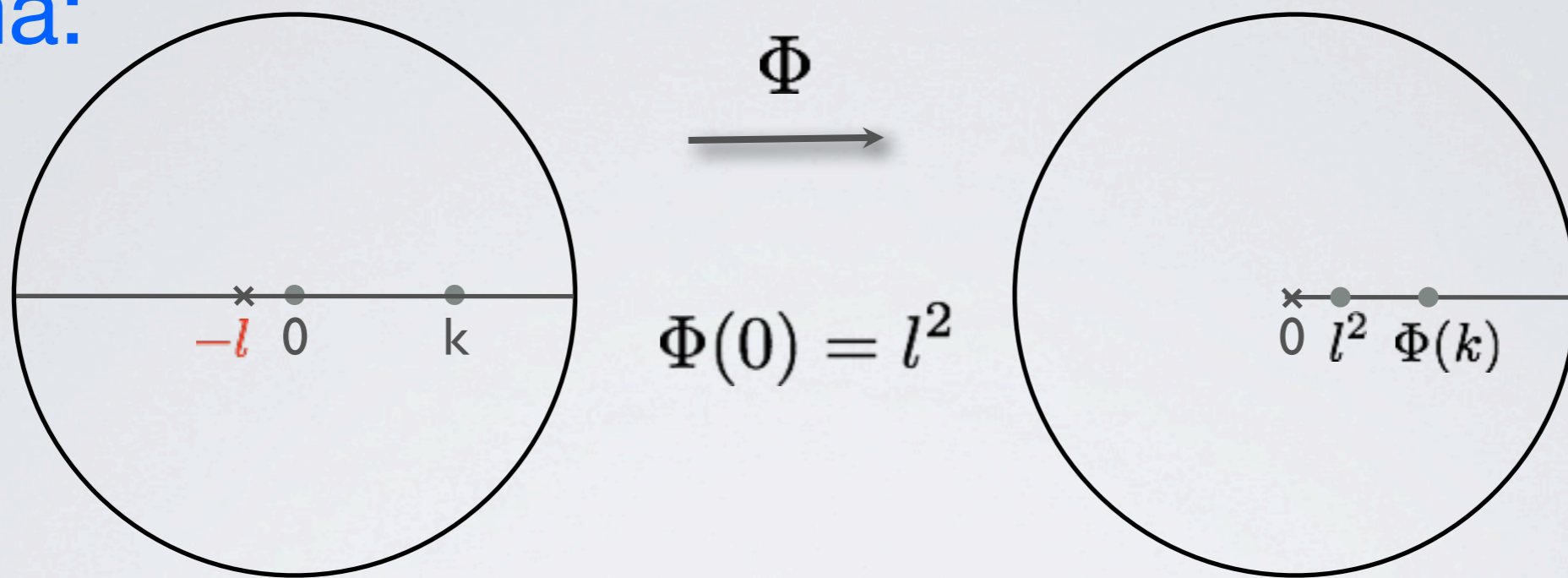
'freeze' p at 0: $\frac{I_p}{\Lambda_p(0)} = \dim C_0 = t \quad \Phi(0) = 1 - t =: l^2$

$$\Phi(k) = ?$$

Remark: Schwarz-lemma \longrightarrow Higher Integrability

BLASCHKE PRODUCT

Lemma:



$$\longrightarrow \Phi(k) \leq \left(\frac{k+l}{1+kl} \right)^2 = B_{-l}(k)$$

$$\dim C_k \geq \frac{I_p}{\Lambda_p(k)} = 1 - \Phi(k) \geq 1 - B_{-\sqrt{1-t}}(k) = \frac{t(1-k^2)}{(1+k\sqrt{1-t})^2}$$



3-POINT SCHWARZ LEMMA

Beardon-Minda

JOURNAL D'ANALYSE MATHÉMATIQUE, Vol. 92 (2004)

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose that $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ is holomorphic but not a conformal automorphism of \mathbb{D} . Then for any z, w and v in \mathbb{D} ,*

$$(3.1) \quad d(f^*(z, v), f^*(w, v)) \leq d(z, w).$$

Further, equality holds in (3.1) if and only if f is a Blaschke product of degree two.

Proof:

$$[z, w] = \frac{z - w}{1 - \bar{w}z} \quad |[z, w]| = \tanh \frac{1}{2} d(z, w)$$

$$f^*(z, w) = \frac{[fz, fw]}{[z, w]} \quad |f^*(z, w)| < 1 \quad (\text{Schwarz-Pick})$$

Apply another Schwarz-lemma to $z \mapsto f^*(z, v)$ □

Remark: For previous lemma, pick $v=-1$ as auxiliary point.

SPECTRUM OF QUASIDISKS

$\varphi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ conformal with K -quasiconformal extension

$$\beta_\varphi(t) = \inf \left\{ \beta: \int |\varphi'(re^{i\theta})|^t d\theta = O\left(\frac{1}{1-r}\right)^\beta \right\} \quad \text{integral means spectrum}$$

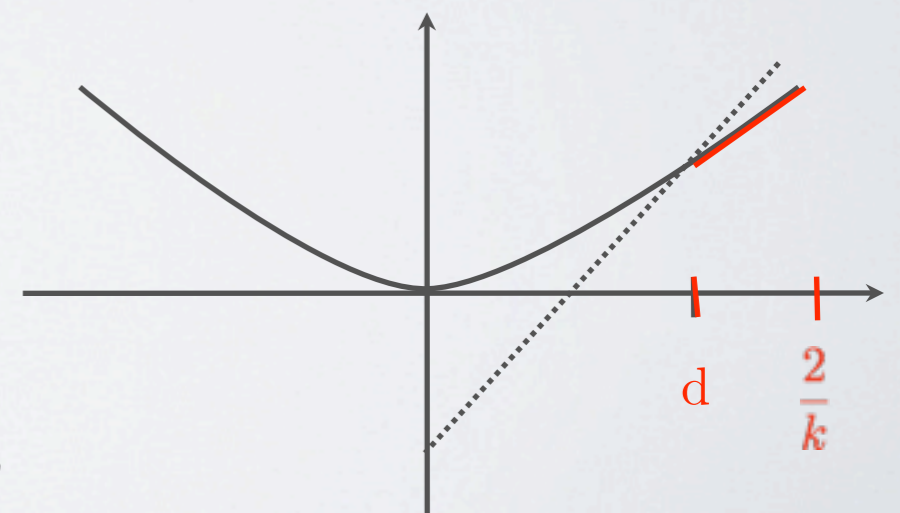
$$B_K(t) = \sup_\varphi \beta_\varphi(t)$$

Conjecture: $B_K(t) = \frac{k^2 t^2}{4}$ for $|t| \leq \frac{2}{k}$, $k = \frac{K-1}{K+1}$.
 (universal spectrum)

Theorem: $B_K(t) \leq \frac{k^2 t^2}{4}$ for $t \geq d$, $1 \leq d \leq 2$ $\frac{k^2 d^2}{4} = d - 1$.

$t = d$ $1 + k^2$ -bound for quasicircles

$t = \frac{2}{k}$ higher integrability up to $p < \frac{2(K+1)}{K-1}$



OPEN QUESTIONS

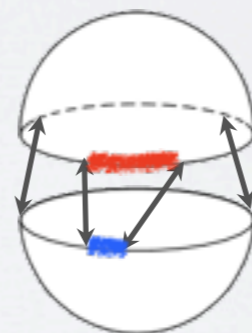
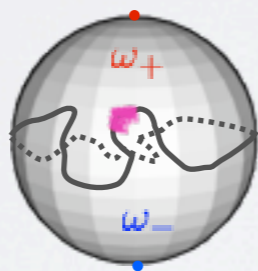
- **Sharpness** of the estimates

existence of quasicircles with dimension $1+k^2$

→ *sharpness of quasisymmetric spectrum*
 $t^2/4$ lower bound for integral means spectrum

- **Understand the precise relation**

multifractality of ω ↔ *singularity of the welding*



- **Compression for general qc maps**

Do the same bounds hold? Yes, for length measure.