

The Virasoro Minimal String

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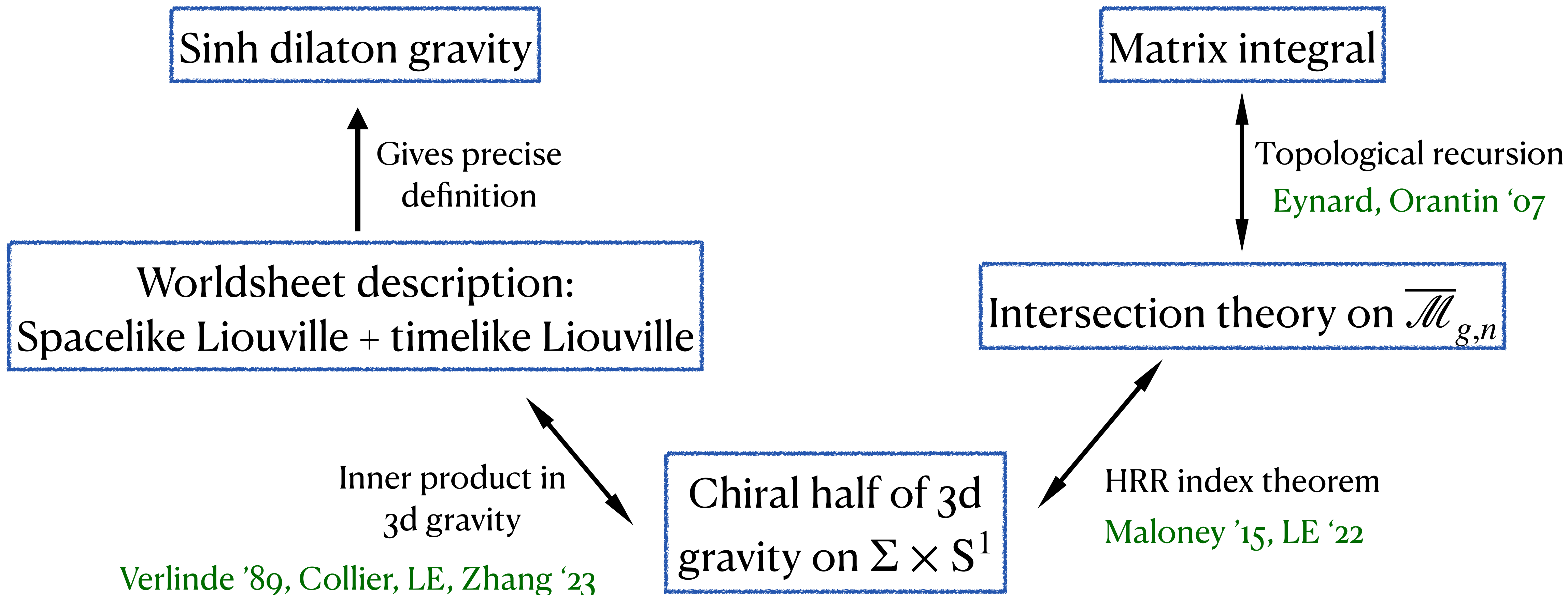
$$\rho_0^{(b)}(E) = \frac{\sinh(b\sqrt{E})\sinh(b^{-1}\sqrt{E})}{\sqrt{E}}$$

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Cornerstones



⇒ Gives a complete proof of the correspondence + many additional direct checks

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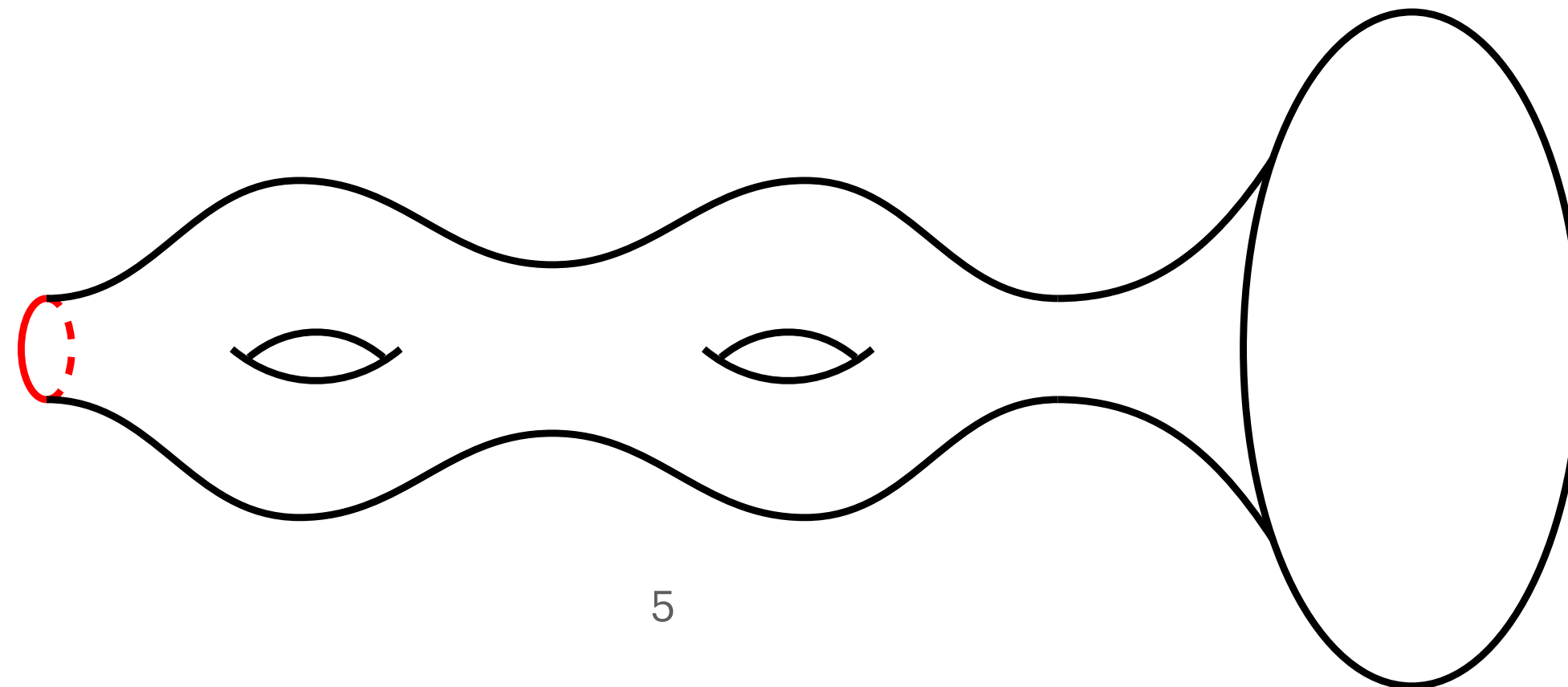
The Virasoro String as a 2d gravity theory

- The simplest way to define the bulk theory is as a dilaton gravity:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2x \sqrt{g} (\Phi \mathcal{R} + W(\Phi)) - \int_{\partial\Sigma} \sqrt{h} \Phi K + \text{Euler term} , \quad W(\Phi) = \frac{\sinh(2\pi b^2 \Phi)}{\sin(\pi b^2)}$$

Mertens, Turiaci '20, Suzuki Takayanagi '21, Fan, Mertens '21

- $b \rightarrow 0$: JT-gravity
- Can consider the theory on surfaces with geodesic and/or asymptotic boundaries



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Change of Variables

- Linear combination of the Weyl factor and the dilaton rewrites the action as a sum

$$\text{Spacelike Liouville theory } c = 1 + 6(b + b^{-1})^2$$

+

$$\text{Timelike Liouville theory } \hat{c} = 1 - 6(b - b^{-1})^2$$

Seiberg, Stanford,
Mertens, Turiaci '20

- This defines a critical string theory and can be taken as a more well-defined definition of the theory
- We will **NOT** take the second factor to be a minimal model!

Timelike Liouville theory

- Well-defined, non-unitary, modular invariant and crossing symmetric CFT with $\hat{c} \leq 1$ and spectrum

$$\hat{\Delta} = \frac{\hat{c} - 1}{24} + \hat{P}^2 \geq \frac{\hat{c} - 1}{24}$$

Zamolodchikov '05, Kostov, Petkova '05,
Harlow, Maltz, Witten '11,
Ribault, Santachiara '15, Ribault, Tsiaras WIP

- Correlation functions

$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n \hat{V}_{\hat{P}_j}(z_j) \right\rangle_g$$

are analytic in \hat{P}_i and can trivially be analytically continued to imaginary values of \hat{P}_i
(no OPE contour deformation necessary)

Bautista, Dabholkar, Erbin '19

The worldsheet theory

- Parametrize

$$c = 1 + 6(b + b^{-1})^2, \quad \hat{c} = 1 - 6(b - b^{-1})^2$$

$$\Delta_i = \frac{c-1}{24} + P_i^2, \quad \hat{\Delta}_i = \frac{\hat{c}-1}{24} - P_i^2$$

so that $c + \hat{c} = 26$ and $\Delta_i + \hat{\Delta}_i = 1$.

- Can define the string theory correlators

$$V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n) = \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n V_{P_j}(z_j) \right\rangle_g \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n \hat{V}_{\hat{P}_j=iP_j}(z_j) \right\rangle_g \times \text{ghosts}$$

⇒ Absolutely convergent integral!

“quantum volumes”

Numerical evaluation

- One can directly put this definition on a computer for low g and n .
- Result (error $< 10^{-3} \%$):

$$V_{0,4}^{(b)}(P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4) = \frac{c - 13}{24} + P_1^2 + P_2^2 + P_3^2 + P_4^2$$

$$V_{1,1}^{(b)}(P_1) = \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{c - 13}{24} + P_1^2 \right)$$

See Rodriguez '23 for the case $c = 25$

- Surprisingly simple!
- $b \rightarrow 0$, $P_i = \frac{\ell_i}{4\pi b}$: Weil-Petersson volumes of moduli space, up to normalization of the measure

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- The key to understand the dual matrix model is the relation to 3d gravity (more precisely the Virasoro TQFT).
- Inner product on the Hilbert space of half of 3d gravity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \mathcal{F}_{g,n}^{(1)} \mid \mathcal{F}_{g,n}^{(2)} \right\rangle = \int_{\mathcal{T}_{g,n}} \overline{\mathcal{F}}_{g,n}^{(1)} \mathcal{F}_{g,n}^{(2)} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^n \hat{V}_{iP_j}(z_j) \right\rangle \times \text{ghosts} = \frac{\prod_j \delta(P_j^{(1)} - P_j^{(2)})}{\prod C_b(P_i^{(1)}, P_j^{(1)}, P_k^{(1)}) \prod \rho_0^{(b)}(P_j^{(1)})} \\
 & \quad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\
 & \text{Teichmüller space} \qquad \text{DOZZ 3-point function} \qquad \text{Liouville 2-point function normalization}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n) = Z_{\text{chiral 3d gravity}}(\Sigma_{g,n} \times S^1)$$

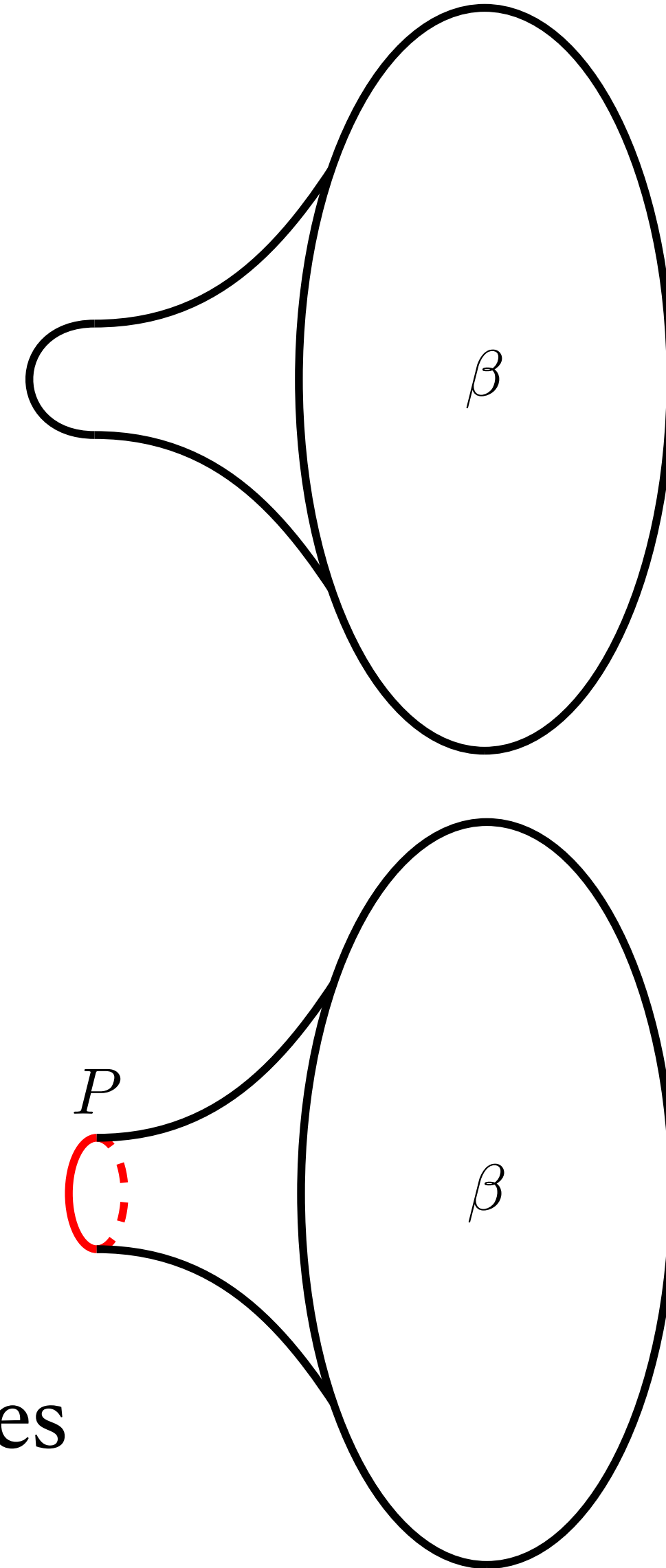
The disk and trumpet

- From 3d gravity:

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\text{disk}}^{(b)}(\beta) = e^{\frac{\pi^2 c}{6\beta}} \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{4\pi^2 n}{\beta}}} = \frac{1}{\eta\left(\frac{\beta i}{2\pi}\right)} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} \left(e^{\frac{\pi^2(b+b^{-1})^2}{\beta}} - e^{\frac{\pi^2(b-b^{-1})^2}{\beta}} \right)}_{Z_{\text{disk}}^{(b)}(\beta)}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\text{trumpet}}^{(b)}(\beta, P) = e^{-\frac{4\pi^2}{\beta}(P^2 - \frac{1}{24})} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{4\pi^2 n}{\beta}}} = \frac{1}{\eta\left(\frac{\beta i}{2\pi}\right)} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{4\pi^2 P^2}{\beta}}}_{Z_{\text{trumpet}}^{(b)}(\beta, P)}$$

- The dual matrix model only captures the partition function of primaries



Quantization of $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$

- The Hilbert space of chiral 3d gravity is the quantization of its phase space $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$
- Partition functions on $\Sigma_{g,n} \times S^1$ compute the dimension of the 3d gravity Hilbert space and can also be computed from the Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch index theorem:

$$V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n) = \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \text{td}(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}) e^{\frac{c}{48\pi^2} \omega_{\text{WP}} \left(\ell_i^2 = \frac{96\pi^2}{c} \left(P_i^2 - \frac{1}{24} \right) \right)}$$

Todd class

Curvature of the (projective) line bundle of conformal blocks

Friedan, Shenker '86

- Reduces the problem to intersection theory on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$, which is mathematically well-developed

Mumford '83, Witten '90

Deformed Mirzakhani recursion

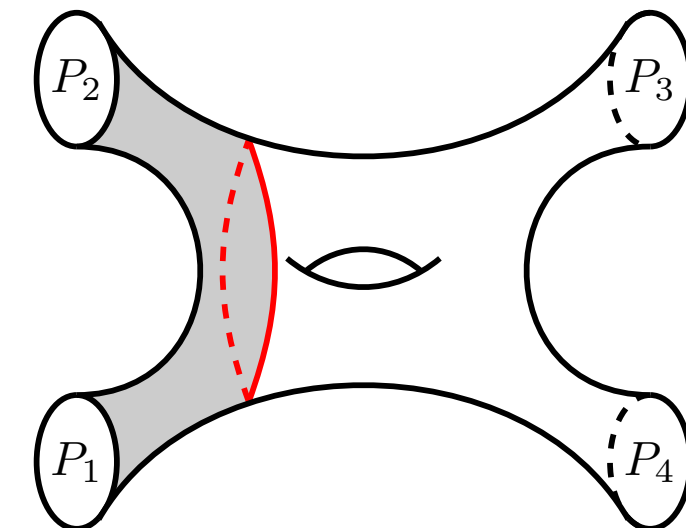
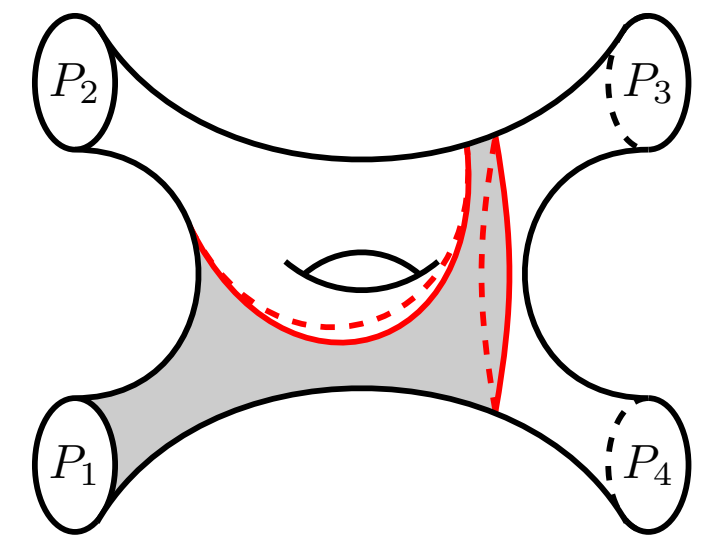
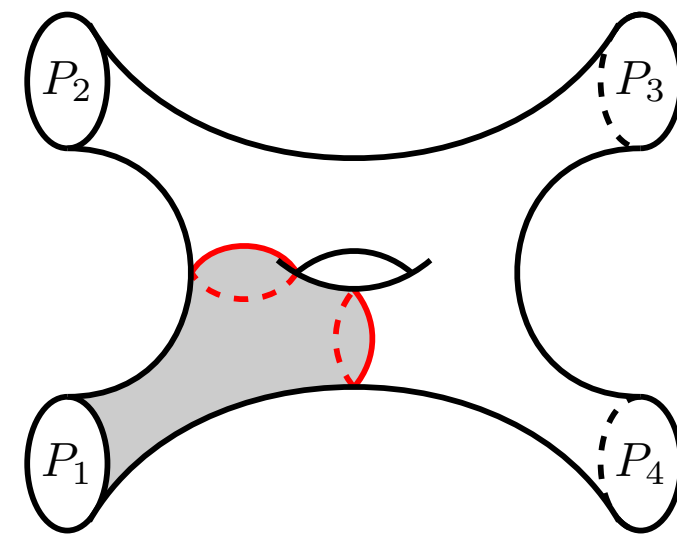
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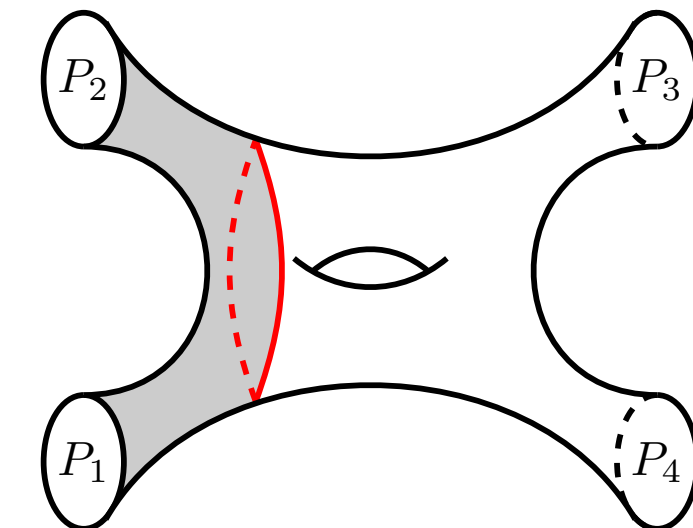
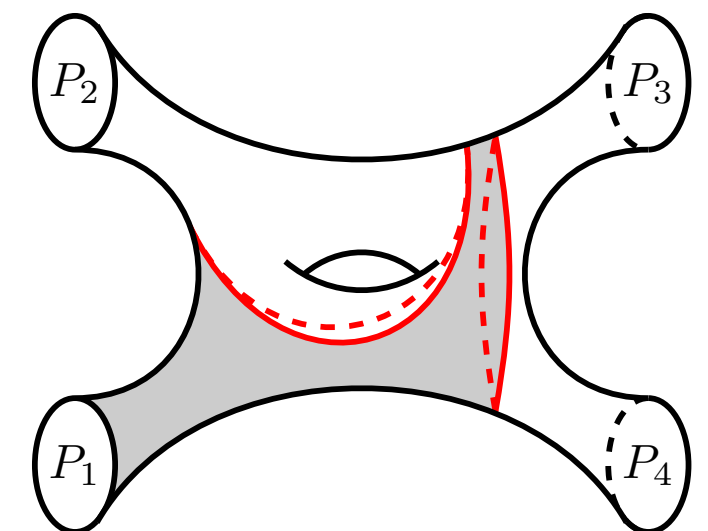
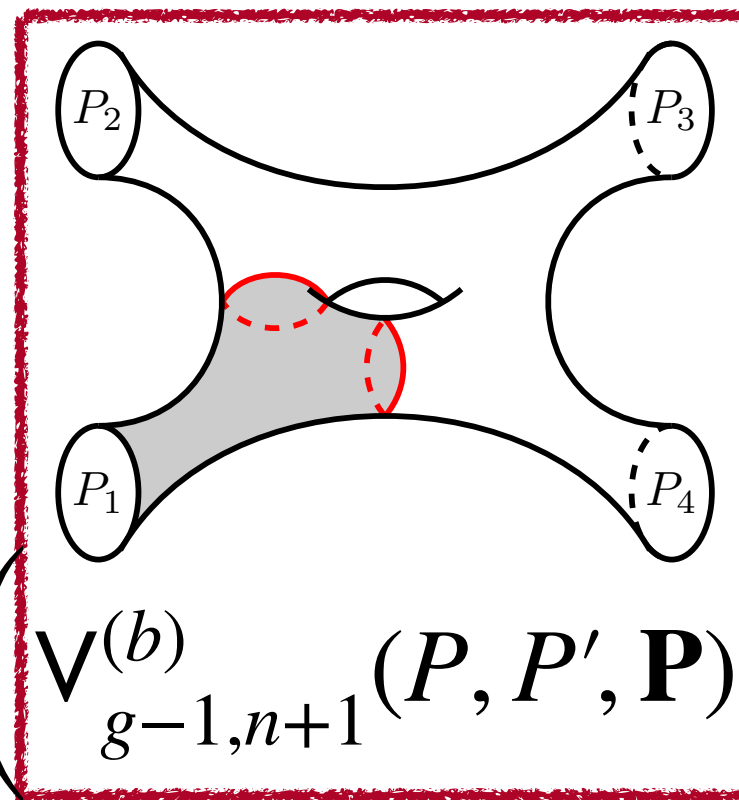
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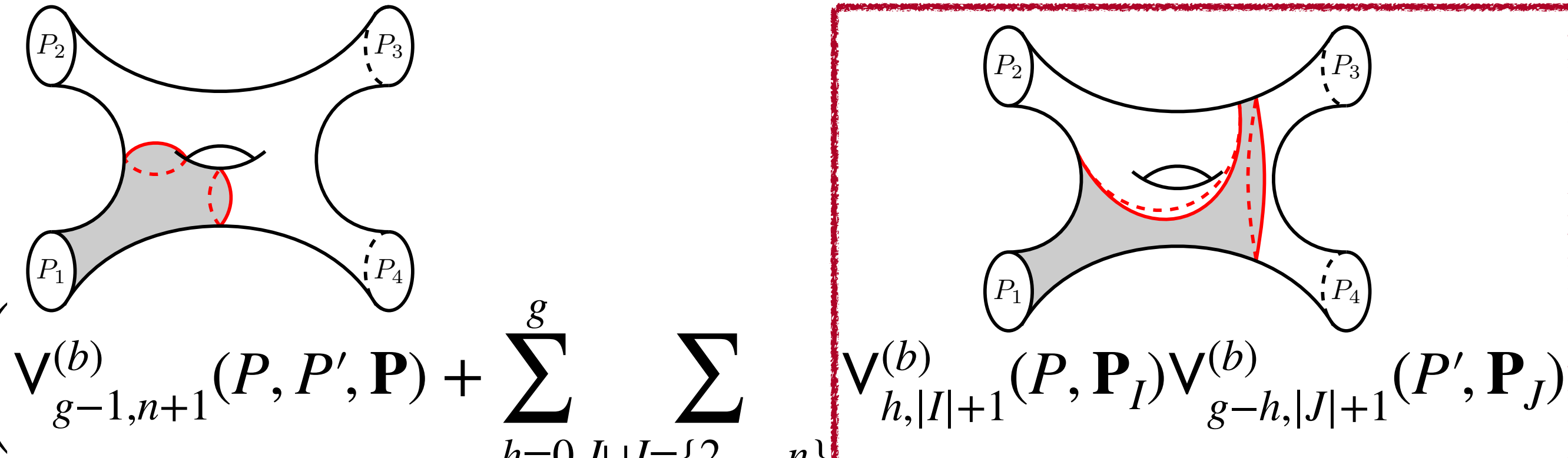
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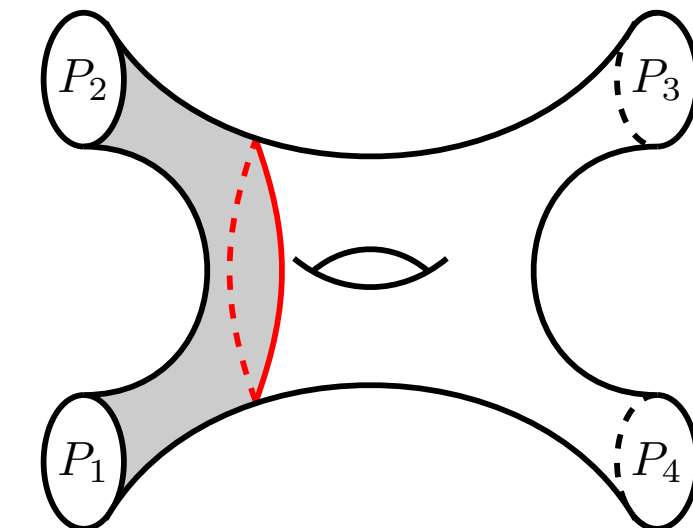
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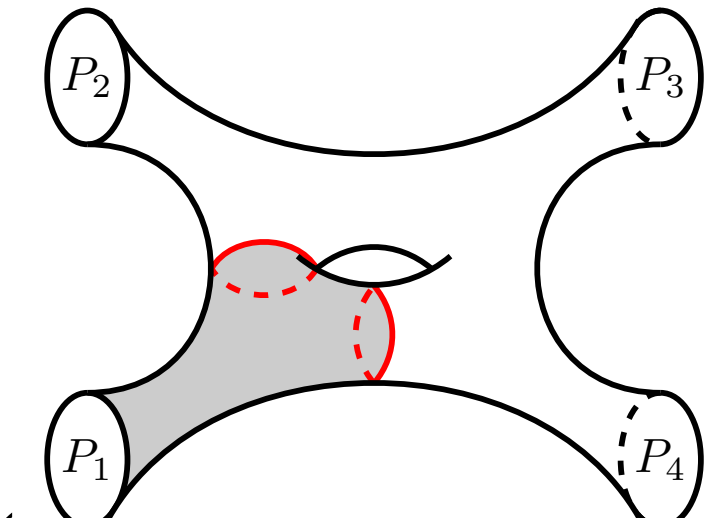
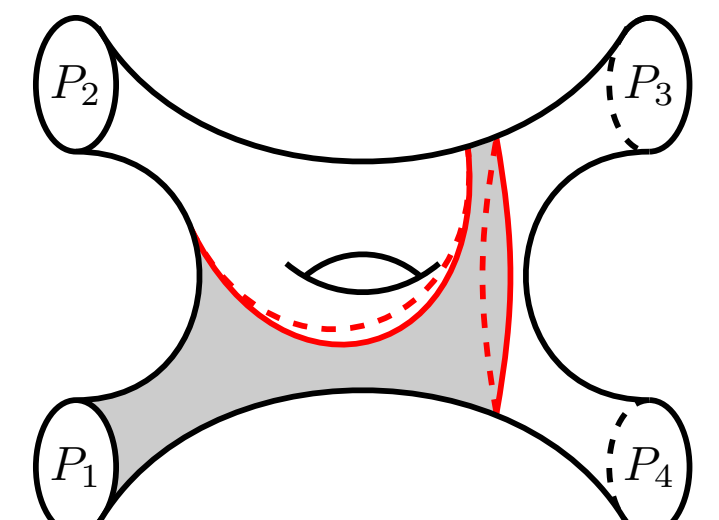
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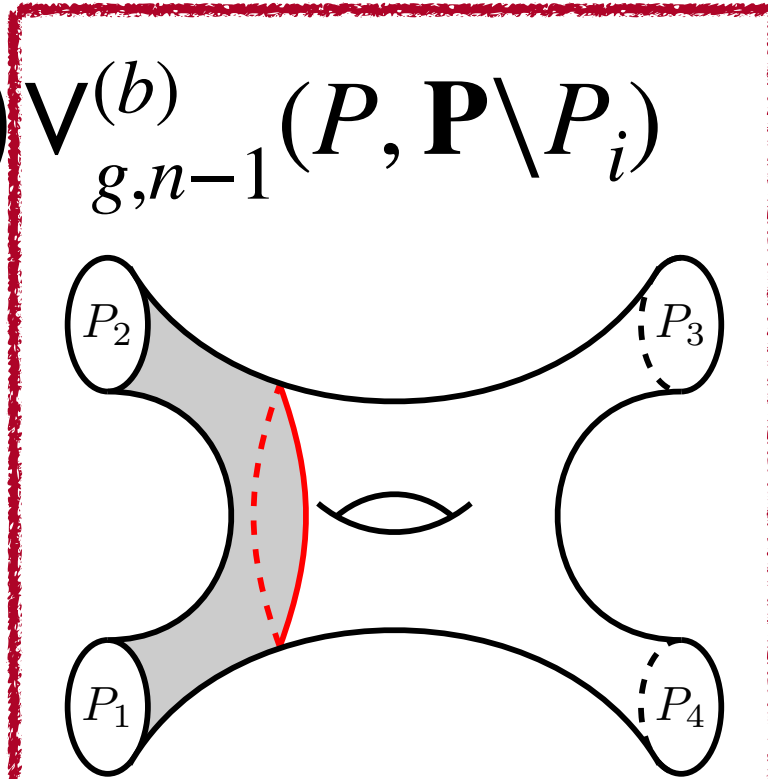


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$V^{(b)}(P_1, P_2)$

4,2

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{622\,299\,244\,001\,693\,280\,243\,725\,803}{1\,880\,880\,137\,947\,990\,781\,362\,962\,432\,000} + \frac{219\,335\,796\,233\,528\,858\,329\,441\,507\,c}{5\,775\,779\,634\,065\,711\,463\,682\,539\,520\,000} - \frac{69\,757\,135\,409\,392\,663\,839\,720\,919\,c^2}{366\,405\,221\,678\,180\,022\,343\,434\,240\,000} + \frac{15\,619\,371\,867\,590\,440\,925\,212\,471\,c^3}{284\,981\,839\,083\,028\,906\,267\,115\,520\,000} - \frac{867\,042\,290\,512\,844\,401\,997\,717\,c^4}{85\,494\,551\,724\,908\,671\,880\,134\,656\,000} + \\
 & \frac{543\,227\,165\,257\,573\,020\,923\,711\,c^5}{2\,246\,260\,904\,409\,640\,116\,479\,c^6} - \frac{2\,845\,436\,456\,582\,265\,558\,709\,c^7}{46\,834\,973\,498\,118\,846\,053\,c^8} - \frac{46\,834\,973\,498\,118\,846\,053\,c^8}{1\,254\,323\,810\,769\,084\,659\,c^9} - \frac{11\,824\,960\,042\,824\,149\,c^{10}}{909\,612\,310\,986\,473\,c^{11}} \\
 & \frac{427\,472\,758\,624\,543\,359\,400\,673\,280\,000}{142\,325\,184\,871\,938\,013\,073\,185\,159} - \frac{20\,355\,845\,648\,787\,779\,019\,079\,680\,000}{6\,511\,790\,083\,838\,301\,002\,596\,063\,c} + \frac{427\,472\,758\,624\,543\,359\,400\,673\,280\,000}{628\,331\,197\,233\,904\,688\,807\,659\,c^2} - \frac{170\,989\,103\,449\,817\,343\,760\,269\,312\,000}{2\,335\,341\,445\,691\,727\,761\,821\,c^3} + \frac{170\,989\,103\,449\,817\,343\,760\,269\,312\,000}{1\,468\,081\,486\,315\,972\,071\,067\,c^4} - \frac{102\,593\,462\,069\,890\,406\,256\,161\,587\,200}{18\,258\,381\,973\,103\,765\,467\,c^5} + \frac{1128\,528\,082\,768\,794\,468\,817\,777\,459\,200}{7\,724\,134\,828\,098\,526\,379\,c^6} + \\
 & \frac{110\,207\,820\,582\,890\,084\,845\,486\,080\,000}{5\,009\,446\,390\,131\,367\,492\,976\,640\,000} + \frac{1113\,210\,308\,918\,081\,665\,105\,920\,000}{16\,698\,154\,633\,771\,224\,976\,588\,800} - \frac{16\,698\,154\,633\,771\,224\,976\,588\,800}{66\,792\,618\,535\,084\,899\,906\,355\,200} + \frac{7\,951\,502\,206\,557\,726\,179\,328\,000}{9\,931\,937\,775\,819\,715\,772\,416\,000} - \frac{9\,931\,937\,775\,819\,715\,772\,416\,000}{47\,709\,013\,239\,346\,357\,075\,968\,000} + \frac{10\,236\,631\,931\,982\,409\,c^8}{44\,528\,412\,356\,723\,266\,604\,236\,800} - \frac{4\,597\,205\,933\,905\,c^9}{1\,145\,016\,317\,744\,312\,569\,823\,232} + \frac{70\,726\,245\,137\,c^{10}}{2\,290\,032\,635\,488\,625\,139\,646\,464} \Big) P_1^2 + \\
 & \frac{581\,612\,149\,034\,552\,326\,800\,083}{417\,453\,865\,844\,280\,624\,414\,720\,000} - \frac{8\,066\,430\,460\,053\,722\,983\,337\,c}{6\,626\,251\,838\,798\,105\,149\,440\,000} - \frac{210\,874\,284\,653\,796\,947\,339\,c^2}{463\,837\,628\,715\,867\,360\,460\,800} + \frac{6\,652\,287\,742\,671\,206\,780\,949\,c^3}{69\,575\,564\,430\,738\,010\,406\,912\,000} - \frac{237\,074\,062\,114\,929\,533\,c^4}{18\,932\,148\,110\,851\,728\,998\,400} + \frac{703\,518\,827\,490\,690\,259\,c^5}{662\,625\,183\,879\,810\,514\,944\,000} - \frac{58\,058\,677\,558\,651\,159\,c^6}{993\,937\,775\,819\,715\,772\,416\,000} + \frac{667\,536\,908\,225\,893\,c^7}{331\,312\,591\,939\,905\,257\,472\,000} - \frac{73\,478\,638\,098\,827\,c^8}{1\,855\,350\,514\,863\,469\,441\,843\,200} + \frac{5\,652\,202\,930\,679\,c^9}{16\,698\,154\,633\,771\,224\,976\,588\,800} \Big) P_1^4 + \\
 & \frac{5\,995\,026\,910\,338\,472\,651\,499}{9\,276\,752\,574\,317\,347\,209\,216\,000} - \frac{562\,480\,698\,110\,820\,919\,079\,c}{1\,159\,594\,071\,789\,668\,401\,152\,000} + \frac{71\,253\,364\,153\,584\,811\,441\,c^2}{463\,837\,628\,715\,867\,360\,460\,800} - \frac{891\,258\,576\,498\,651\,283\,c^3}{33\,131\,259\,193\,990\,525\,747\,200} + \frac{1\,893\,175\,525\,029\,557\,959\,c^4}{662\,625\,183\,879\,810\,514\,944\,000} - \frac{31\,293\,422\,574\,872\,471\,c^5}{165\,656\,295\,969\,952\,628\,736\,000} + \frac{504\,181\,119\,215\,671\,c^6}{66\,262\,518\,387\,981\,051\,494\,400} + \frac{198\,289\,632\,166\,223\,c^7}{1\,159\,594\,071\,789\,668\,401\,152\,000} + \frac{15\,253\,048\,628\,171\,c^8}{9\,276\,752\,574\,317\,347\,209\,216\,000} \Big) P_1^6 + \\
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 & \frac{72\,913\,743\,582\,227\,683}{3\,355\,306\,920\,687\,697\,920\,000} - \frac{131\,050\,737\,715\,183\,c}{11\,412\,608\,573\,767\,680\,000} + \frac{391\,389\,581\,499\,617\,c^2}{159\,776\,520\,032\,747\,520\,000} - \frac{1\,297\,731\,398\,717\,c^3}{4\,793\,295\,600\,982\,425\,600} + \frac{104\,732\,700\,497\,c^4}{6\,391\,060\,801\,309\,900\,800} - \frac{8\,245\,100\,357\,c^5}{15\,977\,652\,003\,274\,752\,000} + \frac{634\,238\,489\,c^6}{95\,865\,912\,019\,648\,512\,000} P_1^{10} + \left(\frac{2\,801\,037\,630\,833}{1\,521\,681\,143\,169\,024\,000} - \frac{8\,383\,530\,282\,047\,c}{10\,651\,768\,002\,183\,168\,000} - \frac{139\,194\,031\,951\,c^2}{1\,065\,176\,800\,218\,316\,800} + \frac{11\,243\,935\,019\,c^3}{1\,065\,176\,800\,218\,316\,800} - \frac{177\,112\,091\,c^4}{426\,070\,720\,087\,326\,720} + \frac{13\,624\,007\,c^5}{2\,130\,353\,600\,436\,633\,600} \right) P_1^{12} + \\
 & \frac{453\,316\,434\,043}{4\,660\,148\,500\,955\,136\,000} - \frac{37\,689\,172\,183\,c}{1\,165\,037\,125\,238\,784\,000} + \frac{3\,047\,305\,747\,c^2}{7\,769\,614\,416\,825\,856\,000} - \frac{1\,372\,033\,c^3}{6\,657\,355\,001\,364\,480} + \frac{105\,541\,c^4}{26\,629\,420\,005\,457\,920} P_1^{14} + \left(\frac{621\,805\,717}{194\,172\,854\,206\,464\,000} + \frac{10\,064\,501\,c}{12\,944\,856\,947\,097\,600} - \frac{566\,683\,c^2}{9\,246\,326\,390\,784\,000} + \frac{43\,591\,c^3}{27\,738\,979\,172\,352\,000} P_1^{16} + \left(\frac{146\,719}{2\,311\,581\,597\,696\,000} + \frac{242\,983\,c}{24\,271\,606\,775\,808\,000} + \frac{18\,691\,c^2}{48\,543\,213\,551\,616\,000} \right) P_1^{18} + \left(\frac{299}{433\,421\,549\,568\,000} + \frac{23\,c}{433\,421\,549\,568\,000} \right) P_1^{20} + \frac{P_1^{22}}{317\,842\,469\,683\,200} + \\
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 & \frac{15\,087\,180\,119\,394\,943\,486\,433}{3\,339\,630\,926\,754\,244\,995\,317\,760} + \frac{7\,314\,398\,978\,146\,119\,199\,801\,c}{1\,855\,350\,514\,863\,469\,441\,843\,200} - \frac{3\,898\,368\,189\,561\,632\,995\,c^2}{2\,650\,500\,735\,519\,242\,059\,776} + \frac{430\,115\,432\,033\,782\,399\,687\,c^3}{1\,391\,512\,886\,147\,602\,081\,382\,400} - \frac{765\,872\,990\,143\,746\,979\,c^4}{18\,932\,148\,110\,851\,728\,998\,400} + \frac{90\,866\,752\,394\,731\,253\,c^5}{26\,505\,007\,355\,192\,420\,597\,760} - \frac{7\,496\,421\,897\,226\,457\,c^6}{39\,757\,511\,032\,788\,630\,896\,640} - \frac{430\,867\,228\,492\,903\,c^7}{66\,262\,518\,387\,981\,051\,494\,400} - \frac{237\,114\,331\,042\,693\,c^8}{1\,855\,350\,514\,863\,469\,441\,843\,200} + \frac{18\,239\,563\,926\,361\,c^9}{16\,698\,154\,633\,771\,224\,976\,588\,800} \Big) P_1^2 P_2^2 + \\
 & \frac{1\,515\,661\,271\,084\,217\,251}{345\,117\,283\,270\,734\,643\,200} - \frac{1\,988\,679\,658\,390\,064\,887\,c}{603\,955\,245\,723\,785\,625\,600} + \frac{6\,292\,436\,729\,173\,816\,967\,c^2}{6\,039\,552\,457\,237\,856\,256\,000} - \frac{1\,404\,531\,609\,941\,707\,c^3}{7\,703\,510\,787\,293\,184\,000} + \frac{238\,554\,011\,575\,379\,c^4}{12\,325\,617\,259\,669\,094\,400} - \frac{78\,835\,826\,259\,047\,c^5}{61\,628\,086\,298\,345\,472\,000} + \frac{1\,269\,873\,622\,489\,c^6}{24\,651\,234\,519\,338\,188\,800} - \frac{35\,669\,807\,719\,c^7}{30\,814\,043\,149\,172\,736\,000} + \frac{2\,743\,831\,363\,c^8}{246\,512\,345\,193\,381\,888\,000} \Big) P_1^4 P_2^2 + \\
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 & \frac{431\,257\,711\,547}{133\,147\,100\,027\,289\,600} - \frac{35\,829\,108\,887\,c}{33\,286\,775\,006\,822\,400} + \frac{2\,895\,612\,371\,c^2}{22\,191\,183\,337\,881\,600} - \frac{228\,105\,839\,c^3}{33\,286\,775\,006\,822\,400} + \frac{17\,546\,603\,c^4}{133\,147\,100\,027\,289\,600} P_1^{12} P_2^2 + \left(\frac{831\,734\,761}{6\,067\,901\,693\,952\,000} + \frac{13\,454\,873\,c}{404\,526\,779\,596\,800} - \frac{5\,301\,673\,c^2}{2\,022\,633\,897\,984\,000} + \frac{407\,821\,c^3}{6\,067\,901\,693\,952\,000} P_1^{14} P_2^2 + \left(\frac{1\,304\,249}{385\,263\,599\,616\,000} + \frac{719\,771\,c}{1\,348\,422\,598\,656\,000} + \frac{55\,367\,c^2}{2\,696\,845\,197\,312\,000} \right) P_1^{16} P_2^2 + \left(\frac{1937}{43\,342\,154\,956\,800} + \frac{149\,c}{43\,342\,154\,956\,800} \right) P_1^{18} P_2^2 + \\
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 &$$

Properties of the quantum volumes

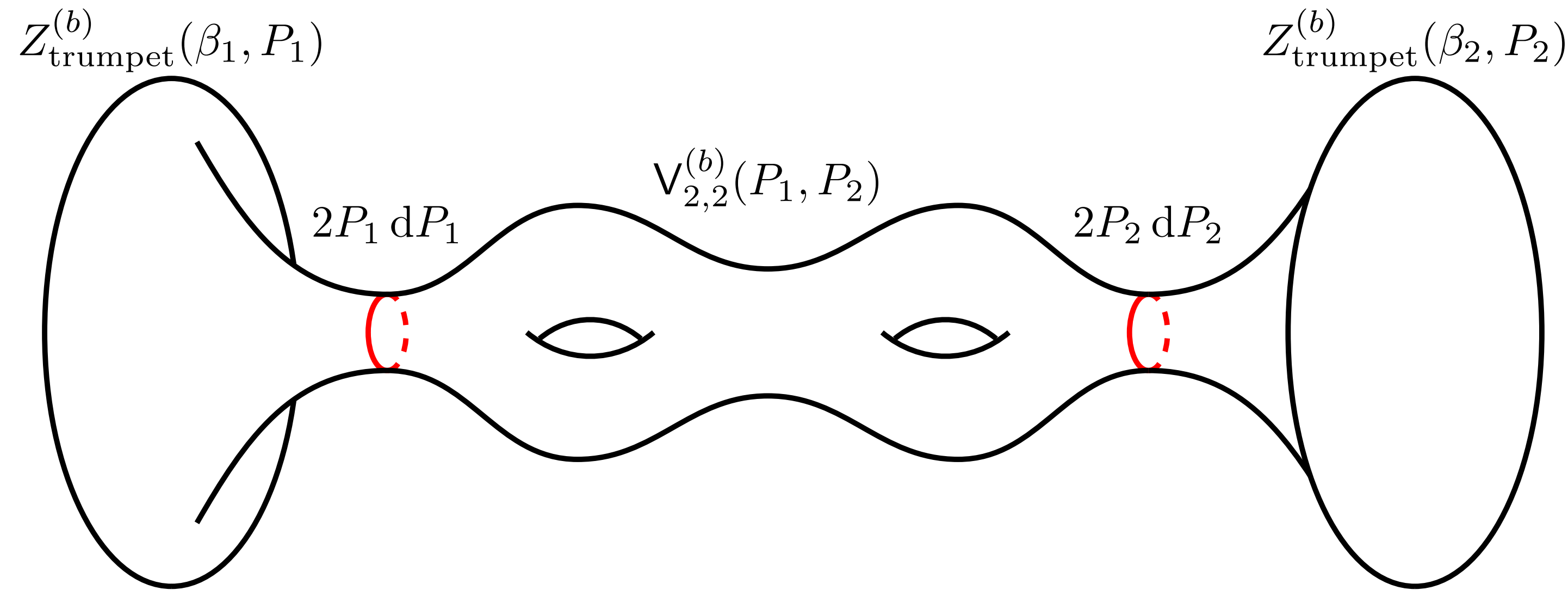
- This gives an effective algorithm to compute all $V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n)$.
- They are polynomial in $\mathbb{Q}[c, P_1^2, \dots, P_n^2]$ of degree $3g - 3 + n$.
- They are invariant under switching the role of spacelike and timelike Liouville theory:

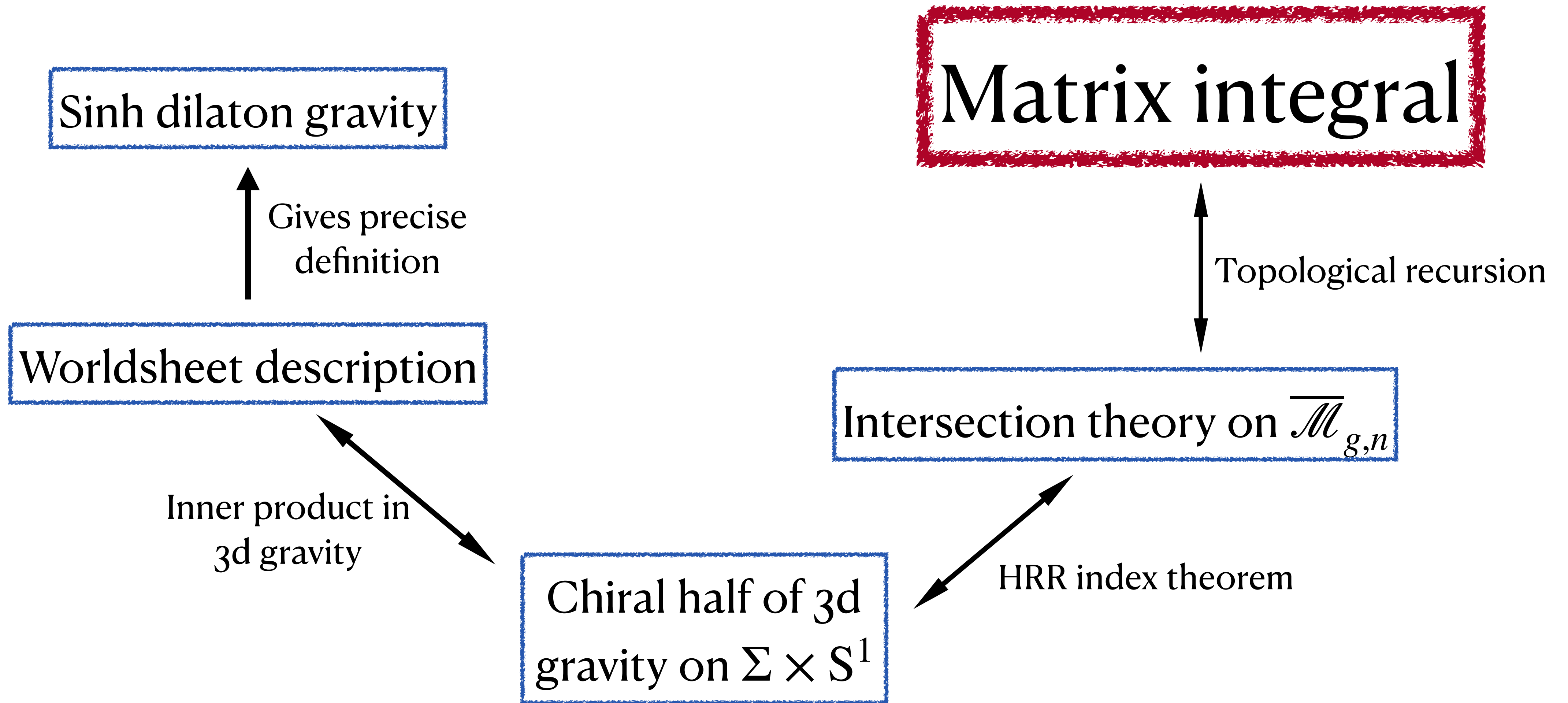
$$V_{g,n}^{(ib)}(iP_1, \dots, iP_n) = (-1)^{3g-3+n} V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n)$$

Adding asymptotic boundaries

- Asymptotic boundaries can be added by gluing trumpets:

$$Z_{g,n}^{(b)}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = \int_0^\infty \prod_{j=1}^n (2P_j dP_j Z_{\text{trumpet}}^{(b)}(\beta_j, P_j)) V_{g,n}^{(b)}(P_1, \dots, P_n)$$





The density of states

- The deformed Mirzakhani recursion is equivalent to the loop equations of a doubly-scaled matrix model
- Its leading density of states is the universal Cardy density in a CFT_2

$$\rho_0^{(b)}(E) dE = 4\sqrt{2} \sinh(2\pi b P) \sinh(2\pi b^{-1} P) dP, \quad E = P^2$$

- This motivated us to call the corresponding bulk theory the Virasoro minimal string
- JT-limit $b \rightarrow 0$: $\rho_0^{(b)}(E) \rightarrow \sinh(2\pi\sqrt{E})$ after rescaling the energy

The full matrix integral

- Knowing the leading density of states $\rho_0^{(b)}(P) dP$ determines the perturbative part of the double-scaled matrix integral completely.
- Our arguments **derive** this correspondence directly
- Much simpler than the $(2,p)$ minimal string:
 - Analytic in b and P_i
 - No contact terms

Non-perturbative effects

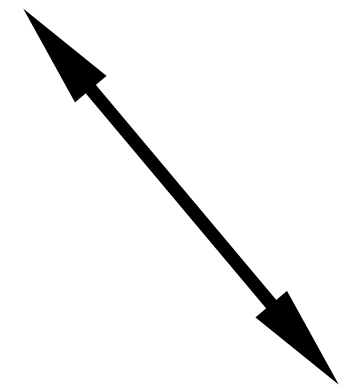
- The matrix integral also makes non-perturbative predictions
- Correspond to ZZ-instanton-like contributions from the worldsheet
- For $b = 1$, the theory is non-perturbatively stable
- For $b \neq 1$:
 - change the integration contour of the matrix integral or Saad, Shenker, Stanford '19
 - Deform the model at low energies Johnson '19
- Predicts large- g behavior of $V_{g,0}^{(b)}$ for $b \neq 1$

$$V_{g,0}^{(b)} \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^{\frac{5}{2}}} (4\sqrt{2}b \sin(\pi b^2))^{2-2g} (1 - b^4)^{2g-\frac{5}{2}} \Gamma\left(2g - \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

Sinh dilaton gravity



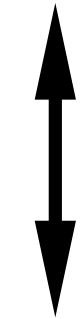
Worldsheet description:
Spacelike Liouville + timelike Liouville



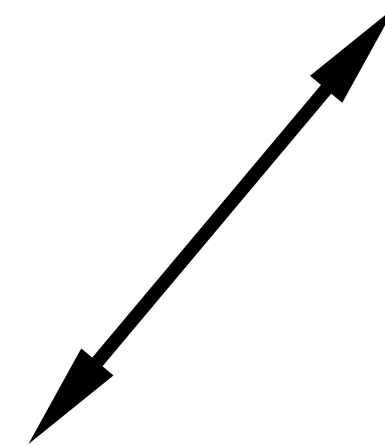
Chiral half of 3d
gravity on $\Sigma \times S^1$

Matrix integral

$$\rho_0^{(b)}(E) = \frac{\sinh(b\sqrt{E})\sinh(b^{-1}\sqrt{E})}{\sqrt{E}}$$



Intersection theory on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$



Thank you!