

# QUASISYMMETRIC DISTORTION SPECTRUM

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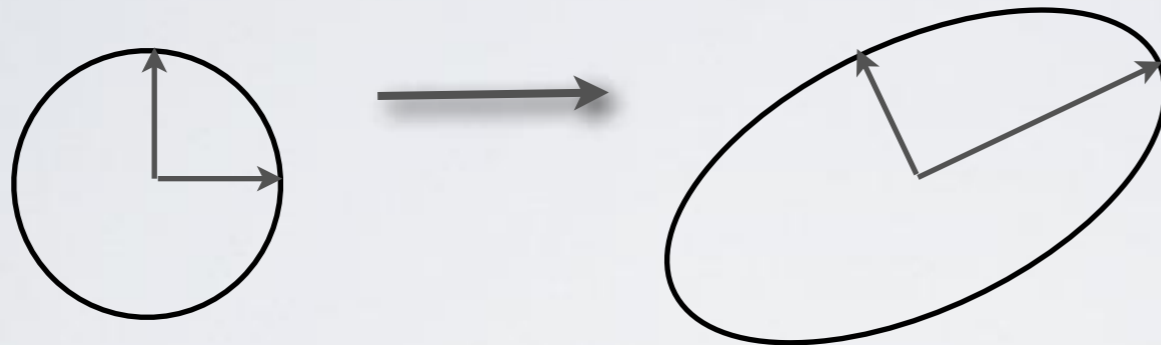
# QUASICONFORMAL MAPS

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

# QUASISYMMETRIC MAPS

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

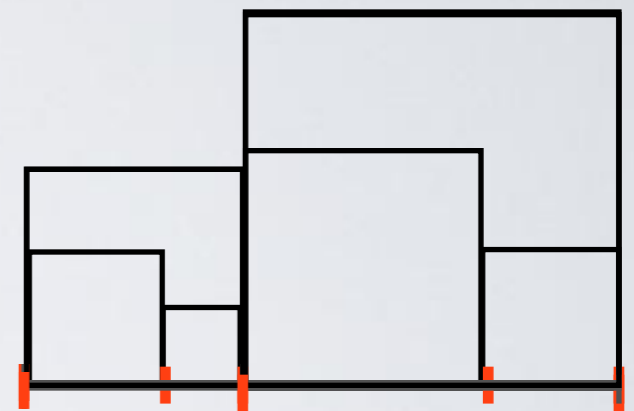
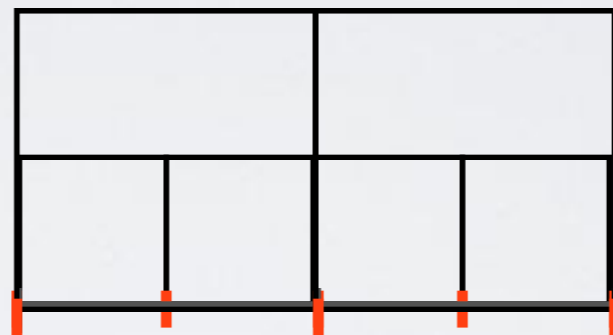


$$\frac{1}{\rho} \leq \frac{|g(I)|}{|g(I')|} \leq \rho$$

doubling measure

$$g(x) = \int_0^x d\nu \quad \nu = g^{-1}(m)$$

can be **singular** wrt  
Lebesgue measure  $m$



$$p(1-p)p \quad p^2 \quad (1-p)^2p \quad (1-p)p$$

$$\dim \nu = -(p \log_2 p + (1-p) \log_2 (1-p)) =: I_p < 1 \quad (\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\dim \nu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \inf \{ \dim E : \nu(E^c) = 0 \} = \inf \{ \alpha : \nu \perp \mathcal{H}_\alpha \}$$

**Heurteaux:** for any  $\rho$ -qs map  $\dim \nu \geq I_p, \quad p = 1/(1 + \rho)$

# SINGULARITY SPECTRUM

**Beurling-Ahlfors:** as boundary values of qc maps

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

$g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  boundary correspondence, call  $K$ -quasisym

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

$$\dim g(m) \geq ?$$

*multifractal spectrum, in general*

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

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

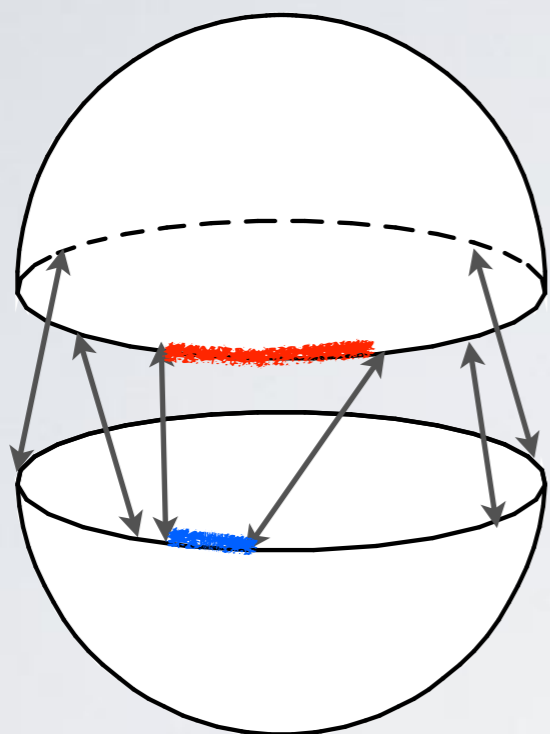
$$\dim g(m) \geq 1 - k$$

Possible to improve. Optimal estimates?

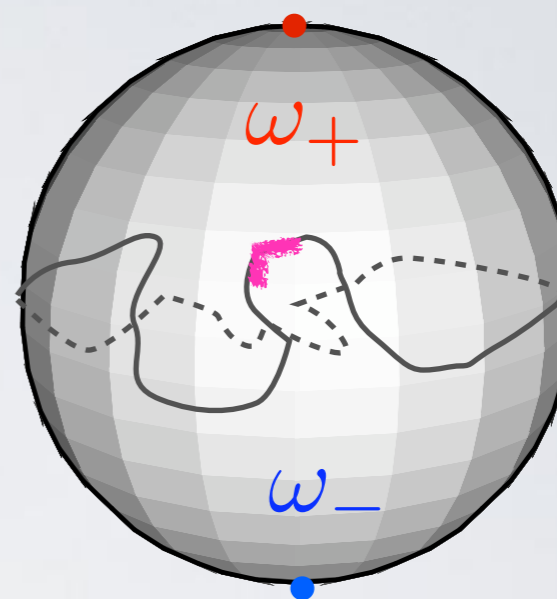
Motivation:

# CONFORMAL WELDING

$K^2$ -quasisymmetric welding  $\longleftrightarrow$   $K$ -quasicircle



singularity of the welding



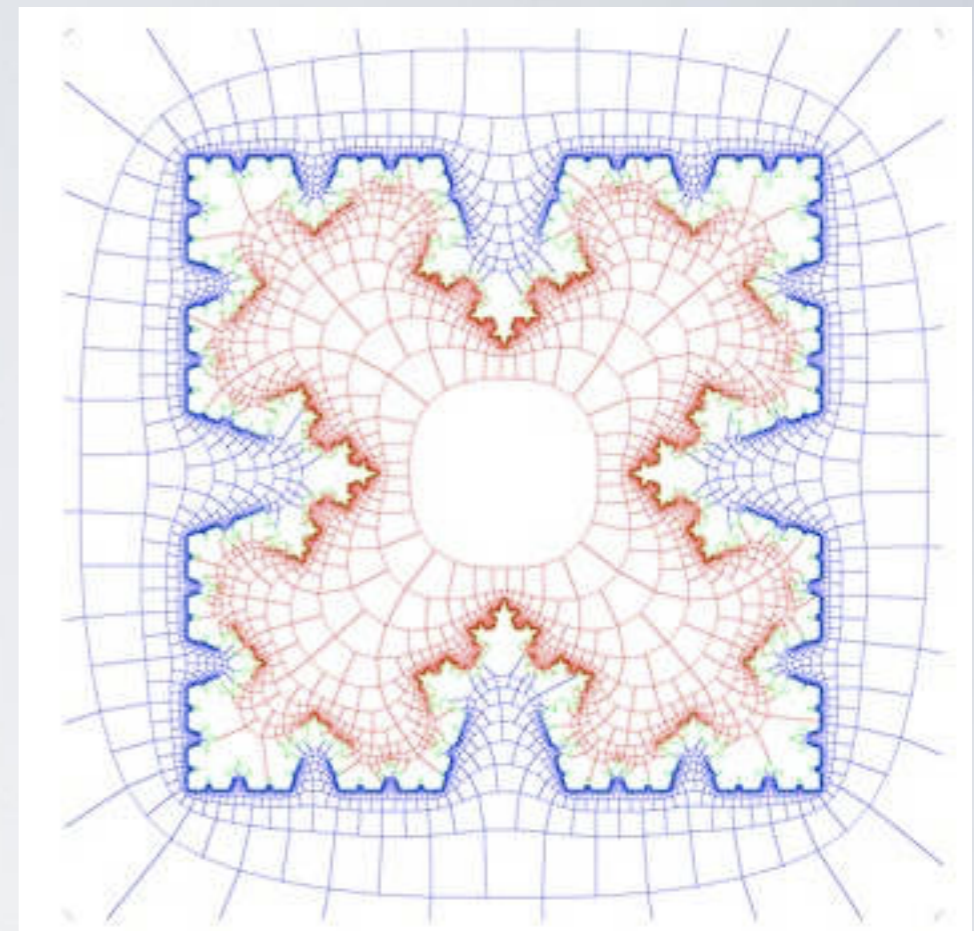
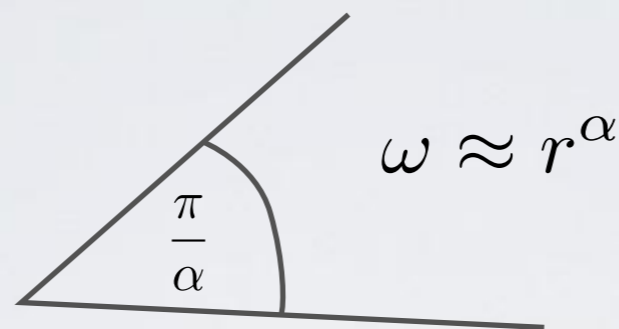
multifractality of harmonic  
measure

(compression/expansion of conformal  
maps)

# MULTIFRACTALITY OF $\omega$

*'fjords and spikes'*

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

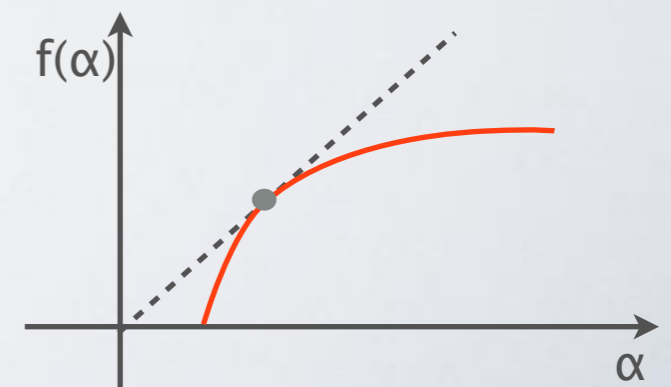


Courtesy of D. Marshall

**multifractal spectrum:**

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

**Problem:** Universal bounds???



# QUASISYMMETRIC DISTORTION

**Smirnov:**  $\dim(K\text{-quasicircle}) \leq 1 + k^2$

**Theorem:**  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$   $K$ -quasisymmetric

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

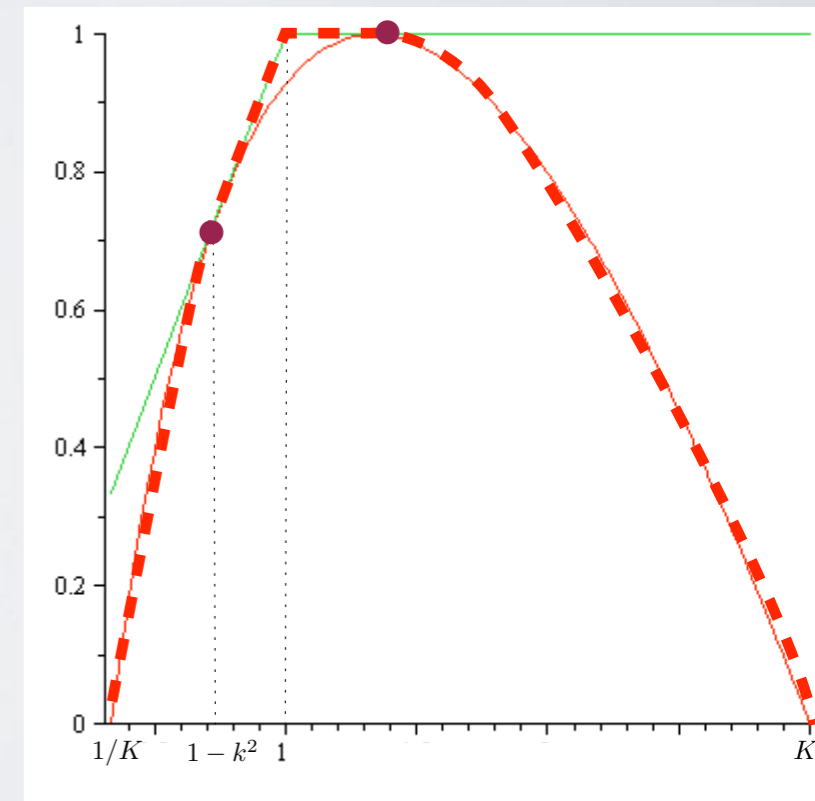
$\dim E = t$

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

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

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

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





# PROOF:

- **builds on Astala's higher integrability,**  
**“complex interpolation”**  
*use holomorphic dependence to upgrade a priori bounds*
- **underlying holomorphic dependence**  
*holomorphic motions*
- **exploits extra symmetry in the motion**  
*quasisymmetric maps, “quadratic” improvement*
- **main tool**  
*variational principle from thermodynamical formalism*



# HOLOMORPHIC MOTION

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

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

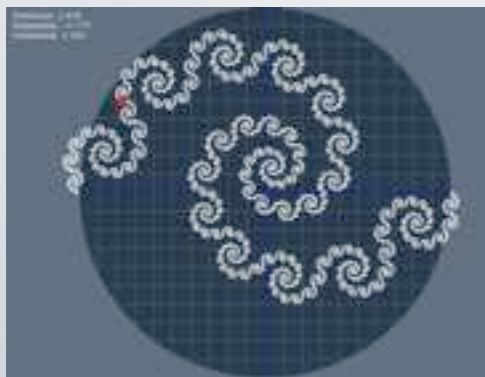
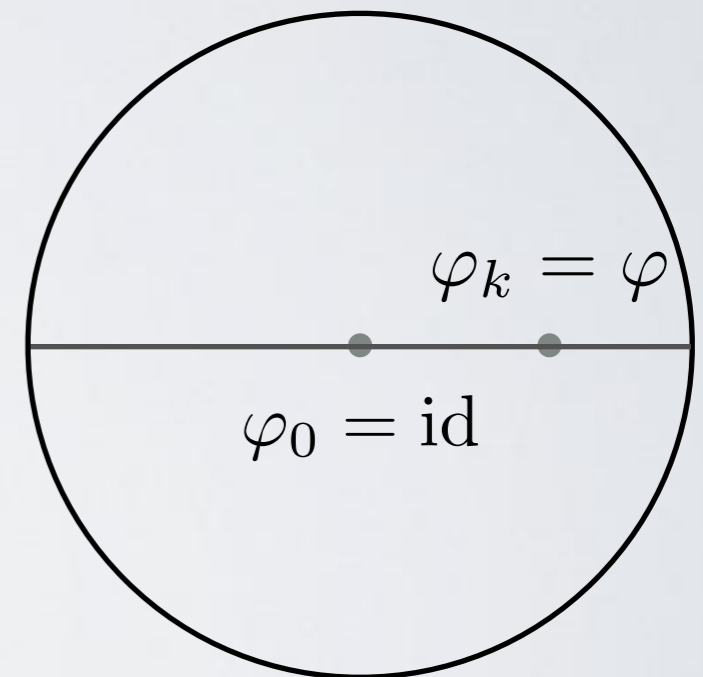
Solve for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$  the Beltrami equation

$$\bar{\partial}\varphi_{\lambda} = \lambda\mu \partial\varphi_{\lambda}$$

symmetry

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

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



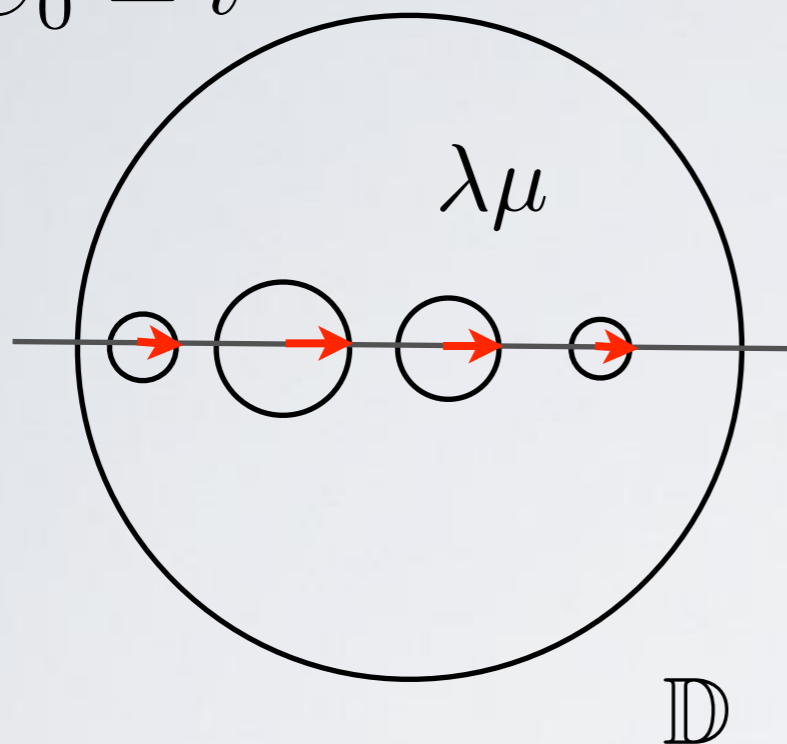
java animation by [Aleksi Vähäkangas](#)  
holomorphic motion of snowflake  
([Astala-Rohde-Schramm](#))

# CANTOR SETS

'fractal approximation'

$$E \approx C_0$$

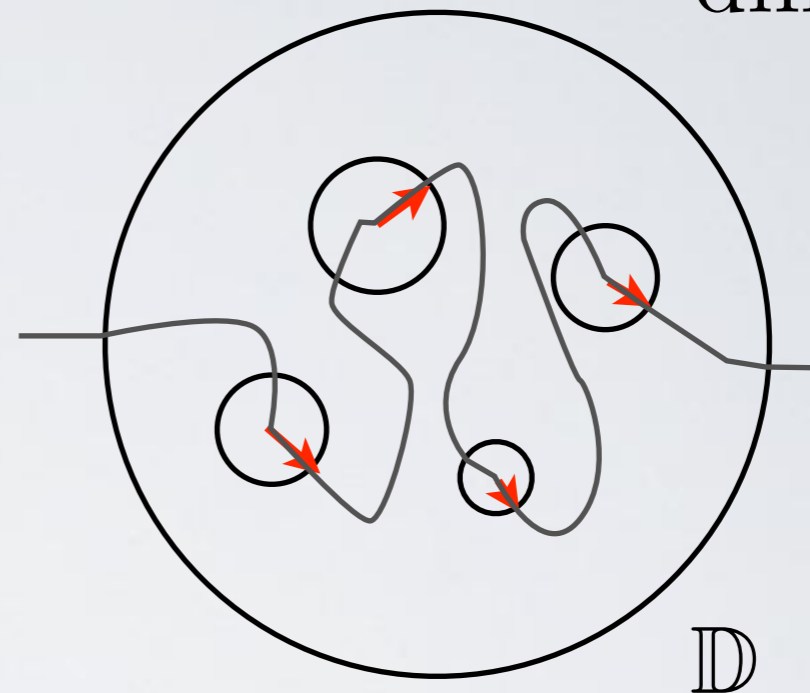
$$\dim C_0 = t$$



$\varphi_\lambda$

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

$$\dim C_k = ?$$



a packing of disks

"complex radius"

Cantor sets

$\{B_\lambda\}$

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

$C_\lambda$

# 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

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

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

# APRIORI BOUNDS

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

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

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

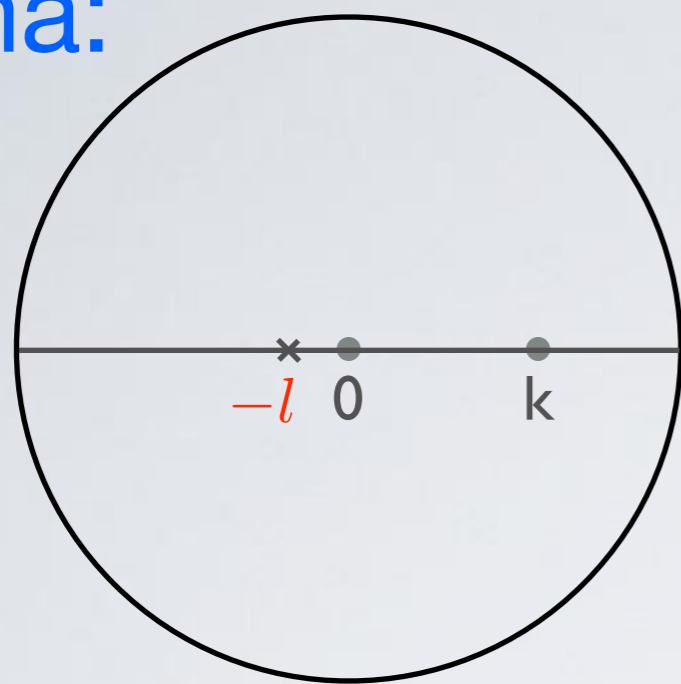
'freeze'  $p$  at 0:  $\frac{I_p}{\Lambda_p(0)} = \dim C_0 = t \quad \Phi(0) = 1 - t =: l^2$

$$\Phi(k) = ?$$

**Remark:** Schwarz-lemma  $\longrightarrow$  Higher Integrability

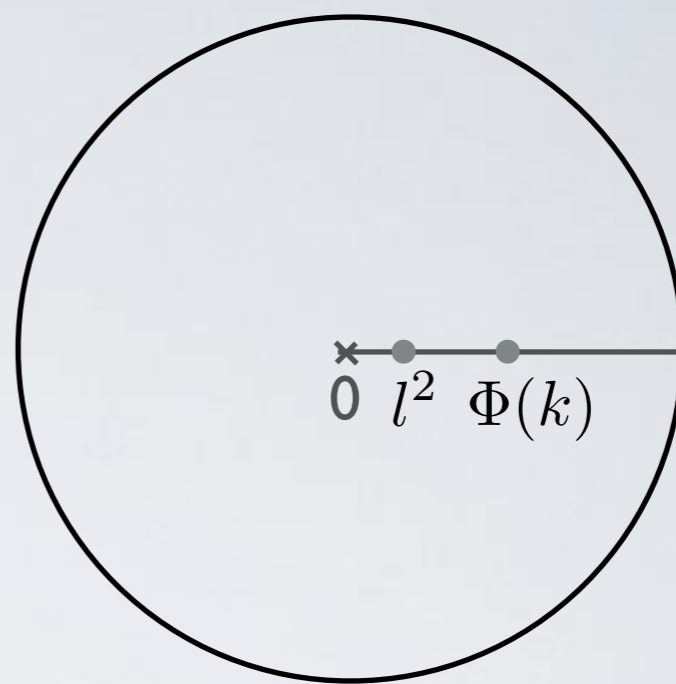
# BLASCHKE PRODUCT

Lemma:



$\Phi$   
 $\longrightarrow$

$$\Phi(0) = l^2$$



$$\Phi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

$$\Phi(\lambda) \geq 0$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$$

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

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



# 3-POINT SCHWARZ LEMMA

## Beardon-Minda

**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:** (universal spectrum)

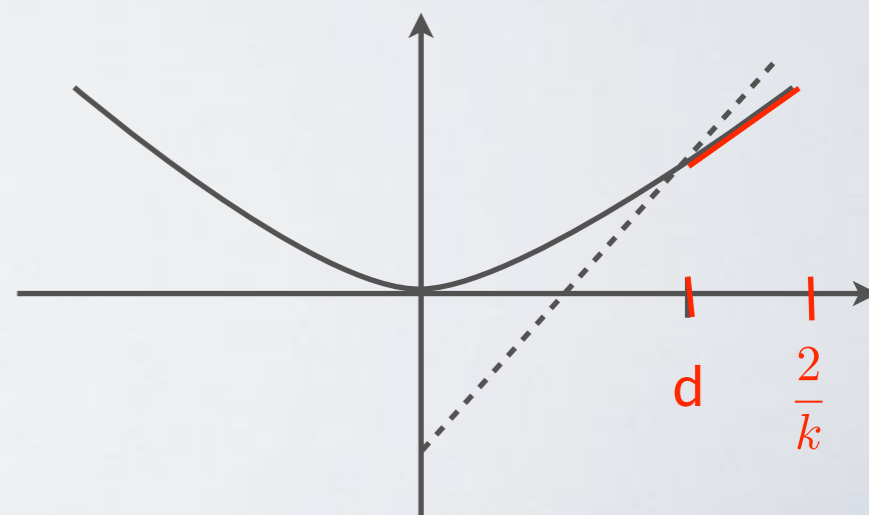
$$B_K(t) = \frac{k^2 t^2}{4} \quad \text{for } |t| \leq \frac{2}{k}, \quad k = \frac{K-1}{K+1}.$$

**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  $p < \frac{2(K+1)}{K-1}$

**P-Tolsa-U-Tuero:**  $\varphi' \in \text{weak} - L^{2/k}$





# OPEN QUESTIONS

- **Sharpness** of the estimates

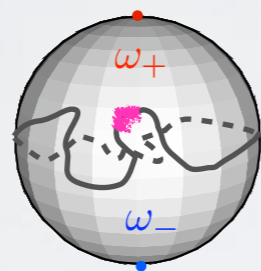
*existence of quasicircles with dimension  $1+k^2$*

→ *sharpness of quasisymmetric spectrum*

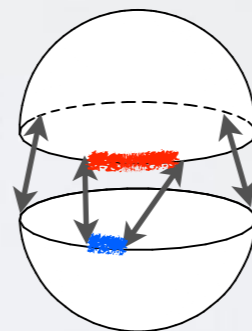
→  *$t^2/4$  lower bound for integral means spectrum*

- Understand the precise **relation**

*multifractality of  $\omega$*  ↔ *singularity of the welding*



$$|\Phi|^2 \leq \Phi_- \Phi_+ ??$$



- Compression for **general** (non-symmetric) qc maps

*Same multifractal spectrum?  $\dim \varphi(m) \geq 1 - k^2$  still true.*