

# Min-Oo conjecture for fully nonlinear conformally invariant equations

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# Introduction

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In 1979, Schoen and Yau, using minimal surface techniques, proved:

**Positive Mass Theorem (Schoen-Yau):** Let  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n \leq 7$ , be an asymptotically flat manifold with non-negative scalar curvature, then the ADM mass is non-negative. Furthermore, if the ADM mass is zero, then  $M$  must be isometric to the Euclidean space.

- **Witten** gave a different proof that works for any dimension under the assumption that  $M$  is spin.
- **Schoen-Yau** announced the validity of the **Positive Mass Theorem** with no dimensional restrictions.

## Introduction:

The Positive Mass Theorem implies the following rigidity result:

**Theorem (Miao):** Suppose that  $g$  is a smooth metric on the unit ball  $B^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with the following properties:

- The scalar curvature of  $g$  is non-negative,
- $g|_{\partial B^n}$  agrees with the standard metric on  $\partial B^n$ ,
- the mean curvature of  $\partial B^n$  with respect to  $g$  is at least  $n - 1$ .

Then,  $g$  is isometric to the standard metric on  $B^n$ .

Similar results for asymptotically hyperbolic manifolds (**Min-Oo, Anderson-Dahl, Chrusciel-Herzlich....**)

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- **False in general:** **Brendle-Marques-Neves** showed the existence of such non-trivial metric in the hemisphere, however such metric is not conformal to the standard one.
- **True:** For locally conformally flat manifolds. **Hang-Wang, Spiegel**.

## Introduction (Schouten Tensor):

On a Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n > 2$ , we have

$$\text{Riem} = \mathbf{W}_g + \text{Sch}_g \odot g,$$

where  $\text{Riem}$  is the Riemann curvature tensor,  $\mathbf{W}_g$  is the Weyl tensor,  $\odot$  is the Kulkarni-Nomizu product, and

$$\text{Sch}_g := \frac{1}{n-2} \left( \text{Ric}_g - \frac{\mathbf{R}(g)}{2(n-1)} g \right)$$

is the **Schouten tensor**.

**Remark:**  $\text{Trace}(\text{Sch}_g) = C(n) R(g)$ .

## Introduction:

We can rewrite:

**Spiegel, Hang-Wang Theorem:** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a loc. conformally flat manifold so that*

$$\frac{2}{n} \text{Trace}(\text{Sch}_g) \geq 1 \text{ in } M$$

*and  $\partial M$  is isometric to  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  and totally geodesic. Then,  $M$  is the hemisphere  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$ .*

(Recall that  $\text{Sch}_{g_0} = \frac{1}{2}g_0$ ,  $g_0$  standard metric of  $\mathbb{S}^n$ )



## Introduction:

We focus on a more general type of equation, a rich subject in the last few years: **conformally invariant equations**. More precisely:

*Given a smooth functional  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , does there exist a conformal metric  $g = e^{2\rho}g_0$  in  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$  such that the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of its Schouten tensor satisfy*

$$f(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \geq b \text{ in } \mathbb{S}_+^n,$$

*imposing restrictions along the boundary?*

**Min-Oo Problem:**  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

## Introduction (Elliptic Functionals):

We define the curvature function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , considered as a function on the eigenvalues of the Schouten tensor, is elliptic for conformal metrics in the following way. Set

$$\Gamma_1 := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \sum_{i=1}^n x_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

and

$$\Gamma_n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

## Introduction (Elliptic Functionals):

Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a symmetric open convex cone and  $f \in C^1(\Gamma) \cap C^0(\bar{\Gamma})$ . Then,  $(f, \Gamma)$  is **an elliptic datum** if

1.  $\Gamma_n \subset \Gamma \subset \Gamma_1$ ,
2.  $f$  is symmetric,
3.  $f > 0$  in  $\Gamma$ ,
4.  $f|_{\partial\Gamma} = 0$ ,
5. for all  $x \in \Gamma$  it holds  $\nabla f(x) \in \Gamma_n$ ,
6.  $f$  is homogeneous of degree 1,
7.  $f(1, \dots, 1) = 2$ .

## In this talk:

A **rigidity** result for non-degenerate fully nonlinear Min-Oo type problems

**Theorem (Barbosa, Cavalcante & -):** *Let  $g = e^{2\rho}g_0$  be a conformal metric in the hemisphere  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$ , and let  $(f, \Gamma)$  be an elliptic datum. Assume that*

*i)  $f(\lambda(p)) \geq 1$ , for  $\lambda(p) \in \Gamma$  and  $p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ ,*

*ii) The boundary  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$  with respect to  $g$  is isometric to  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$ .*

*Then  $g = \Phi^*g_0$ , where  $\Phi \in \text{Conf}(\mathbb{S}^n)$  so that  $\Phi(\mathbb{S}_+^n) = \mathbb{S}_+^n$ .*

## The objective...

So far, this is a PDE problem. Here, we show a geometric point of view...

$$\begin{cases} f(-\nabla^2 \rho + d\rho \otimes d\rho + \frac{1}{2}(1 - |\nabla \rho|^2)g_0) \geq 1 \\ \rho = 0 \end{cases}$$

## The objective...

We use a **bridge** between the theories of:

- **Conformal metrics:**  $g = e^{2\rho}g_0$  on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{S}^n$ .
- **Hypersurfaces:**  $M^n \subset \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  with regular hyperbolic Gauss map.

**E.-Gálvez-Mira, E.-Bonini-Qing, E.-Abantos:**

There is a global correspondence between properly immersed horospherically concave hypersurfaces  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  and complete conformal metrics  $e^{2\rho}g_{\mathbb{S}^n}$  on domains  $\Omega$  of the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$ .

# Hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$

## Hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ : Ball Model

Let  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1} \equiv (\mathbb{B}^{n+1}, g_{-1})$  immersed and oriented,  $\eta$  its unit normal.

The **hyperbolic Gauss map**

$$G : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$$

of  $\phi$  is defined as follows: for every  $p \in M^n$ ,  $G(p) \in \mathbb{S}^n$  is the point at infinity of the unique horosphere  $\mathcal{H}_p$  in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  passing through  $\phi(p)$  and with the inner unit normal the same as  $-\eta(p)$  at  $\phi(p)$ .



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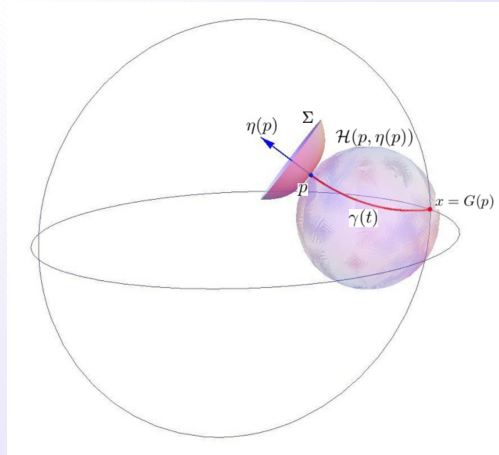


Figure 1: Hyperbolic Gauss Map

## Hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ : Ball Model

**Remark:** If  $\phi(M^n) = \mathcal{H}$  is a horosphere and  $\eta$  its outward orientation, then its hyperbolic Gauss map  $G$  is constant, i.e.,  $G(M^n) = x \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .

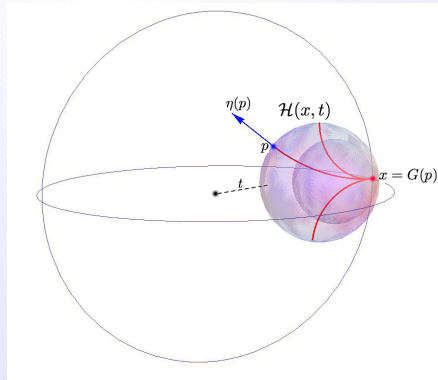


Figure 2: Horospheres

## Hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ : Hyperboloid Model

Let  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{L}^{n+2}$  immersed and oriented,  $\eta : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_1^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{L}^{n+2}$  its unit normal, then, we define the **associated light cone map** as

$$\psi := \phi - \eta : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_+^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{L}^{n+2}$$

If we write  $\psi = (\psi_0, \dots, \psi_{n+1})$ , consider the map  $G$  (**the hyperbolic Gauss map**) given by:

$$G = \frac{1}{\psi_0}(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{n+1}) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$$

So, if we label  $e^\rho := \psi_0$  (**the hyperbolic support function**), we get

$$\psi = e^\rho(1, G).$$

## Hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ : Hyperboloid Model

If  $\phi(M^n) = \mathcal{H}$  is a horosphere

$$\mathcal{H} = \{y \in \mathbb{H}^{n+1} : \langle y, a \rangle = 1\} \text{ where } \langle a, a \rangle = 0,$$

and  $\eta(y) = y - a$  its outward orientation, then its associated light cone map  $\psi$  is constant, i.e.,

$$\psi = v = e^\rho(1, x) \in \mathbb{N}_+^{n+1},$$

where

- $\rho := \text{dist}(0, \phi(M^n))$
- $x \in \mathbb{S}^n$

## Properties of the horospherical metric

(A) Since  $\psi = e^\rho(1, G)$ , it satisfies

$$g = \langle d\psi, d\psi \rangle = e^{2\rho} \langle dG, dG \rangle_{\mathbb{S}^n}.$$

Hence,  $g$  is a Riemannian metric iff  $G$  is a local diffeomorphism.  
 $g$  is the **horospherical metric**.

(B) In particular, the horospherical metric  $g$  is conformally flat.

We need a geometric property to ensure that  $g$   
is a Riemannian metric

## Horospherically concave hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$

Let  $M^n \subset \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be immersed and oriented. The following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $M^n$  lies around any point  $p$  **strictly** at the concave side of the tangent horosphere at  $p$  whose normal points into the concave side of the tangent horosphere.
2.  $\kappa_i > -1$  hold simultaneously at every point.

$$g = \langle d\psi(e_i), d\psi(e_j) \rangle = (1 + \kappa_i)(1 + \kappa_j)\delta_{ij}$$

3.  $G : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$  is a **local diffeomorphism**.
4. Its horospherical metric  $g$  is **Riemannian**.

# The bridge principle

## The bridge

Let  $\phi : U \subset (\mathbb{S}^n, g_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be a locally horospherical hypersurface with  $G(x) = x$  and hyperbolic support function  $e^\rho$ . Then, it holds

$$\phi = \frac{e^\rho}{2} (1 + e^{-2\rho} (1 + \|\nabla^{g_0} \rho\|_{g_0}^2)) (1, x) + e^{-\rho} (0, -x + \nabla^{g_0} \rho)$$

$$I(e_i, e_j) = \frac{e^{-2\rho}}{4} (g(e_i, e_j) - 2\text{Sch}_g(e_i, e_j))^2$$

$$II = I - \frac{1}{2}g + \text{Sch}_g$$

Here:  $g = e^{2\rho} g_0 \equiv$  horospherical metric and  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in T_x \mathbb{S}^n$  orthonormal frame w.r.t.  $g_0$ , such that  $\nabla_{e_i}^{g_0} e_j = 0$ .



# From hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ to conformal metrics

Let  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be horospherically concave with  $G(x) = x$ .

Then, its horospherical metric  $g = e^{2\rho} g_0$  is a conformal metric on  $G(M^n) \subset \mathbb{S}^n$  whose Schouten tensor eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i}.$$

Moreover, it holds (when we view  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{L}^{n+2}$ )

$$\phi = \frac{e^\rho}{2} \left( 1 + e^{-2\rho} \left( 1 + \|\nabla^{g_0} \rho\|_{g_0}^2 \right) \right) (1, x) + e^{-\rho} (0, -x + \nabla^{g_0} \rho).$$

## From conformal metrics to hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$

Let  $g = e^{2\rho}g_0$  denote a conformal metric having Schouten tensor eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ . Assume

$$\lambda_i < 1/2 \quad (\text{or equivalently, if } g/2 - \text{Sch}_g > 0).$$

Then the map  $\phi : \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{L}^{n+2}$  given by

$$\phi = \frac{e^\rho}{2} \left( 1 + e^{-2\rho} \left( 1 + \|\nabla^{g_0} \rho\|_{g_0}^2 \right) \right) (1, x) + e^{-\rho} (0, -x + \nabla^{g_0} \rho)$$

is a horospherical ovaloid with horospherical metric  $g$ , such that

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i}.$$

**Remark:** the condition in blue can always be attained by a dilation.

## Geodesic Flow and Dilatations

Let  $\phi : \Omega \subset \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be an oriented horospherical concave hypersurface so that  $G(x) = x$ .

Let  $\{\phi_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  denote the **geodesic flow of  $\phi$**  in hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ , that is,

$$\phi_t(x) := \exp_{\phi(x)}(-t\eta(x)) = \phi(x) \cosh t - \eta(x) \sinh t,$$

where  $\exp$  denotes the exponential map for the hyperbolic metric.

The hyperbolic Gauss maps  $G_t$  **remain invariant under this flow** and the horospherical metric of  $\phi_t$  is  $g_t := e^{2t}g$ , where  $g$  is the horospherical metric of  $\phi$ .

## Geodesic Flow and Dilatations

Conversely, given a conformal metric  $g := e^{2\rho}g_{\mathbb{S}^n}$  on  $\mathbb{S}^n$ , one considers a family of rescaled metric  $g_t = e^{2t}g$ .

- Choosing  $t_0$  large so that  $e^{-t_0}\text{Sch}_g < \frac{1}{2}$ , it follows that the one parameter family of hypersurfaces

$$\phi_t = \frac{e^{\rho+t}}{2} (1 + e^{-2\rho-2t} (1 + |\nabla\rho|^2)) (1, x) + e^{-\rho-t}(0, -x + \nabla\rho)$$

for  $t > t_0$  consists of immersed, horospherically convex hypersurfaces with hyperbolic Gauss map  $G_t(x) = x$  the identity.

- The eigenvalues of the Schouten tensor change as

$$\lambda_i^t = e^{-t}\lambda_i.$$

# Isometries and Conformal Diffeomorphism

$$T \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{H}^{n+1}) \text{ one-to-one } \Phi \in \text{Conf}(\mathbb{S}^n)$$

Let  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be horospherically concave with horospherical metric  $g$ , then the horospherical metric  $\tilde{g}$  associated to  $\tilde{\Sigma} = T(\Sigma)$  is given by  $\tilde{g} = \Phi^*g$ . Viceversa, given a conformal metric  $g$  on a subdomain of the sphere with associated hypersurface  $\Sigma$ , given by the representation formula under the appropriated conditions, the associated horospherically concave hypersurface  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  associated to the conformal metric  $\tilde{g} = \Phi^*g$  is given by  $\tilde{\Sigma} = T(\Sigma)$ .

# Fully nonlinear Min-Oo Conjecture

## Min-Oo Conjecture

**Theorem (Barbosa, Cavalcante & -):** Let  $g = e^{2\rho}g_0$  be a conformal metric in the hemisphere  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$ , and let  $(f, \Gamma)$  be an elliptic datum. Assume that

i)  $f(\lambda(p)) \geq 1$ , for  $\lambda(p) \in \Gamma$  and  $p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ ,

ii) The boundary  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$  with respect to  $g$  is isometric to  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$ .

Then  $g = g_0$  is the standard metric.

# Ideas involved in the proof



## Idea of the proof...

**Claim A:** Given a conformal metric on  $\overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}$  super-solution to an elliptic datum  $(f, \Gamma)$ , there exists  $t_0 > 0$  so that the dilated metric  $g_t := e^{2t}g$ ,  $t \geq t_0$ , satisfies:

- $g_t$  is a super-solution to the elliptic problem

$$\begin{cases} f_t(\lambda^t(p)) \geq e^{-t}, & \lambda^t(p) \in \Gamma_t, p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n, \\ \rho_t := \rho + t = t, & \text{on } \partial\mathbb{S}_+^n. \end{cases}$$

where  $f_t(\lambda^t(p)) = f(e^{-t}\lambda(p))$  and  $\Gamma_t = e^{-t}\Gamma$ .

- (P1)  $\rho = 0$  along  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$ .
- (P2)  $|\text{Sch}_{g_t}| < 1/2$ .

## Claim A

(P1) By Obata Theorem, up to a conformal diffeomorphism, we can assume that  $\rho = 0$  along the boundary.

(P2) This follows from

$$\lambda_i^t = e^{-t} \lambda_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

## Idea of the proof...

**Claim B:** *Given a conformal metric on  $\overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}$ , there exists a horospherically concave **embedded** hypersurface*

$$\phi_t(\overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}) =: \Sigma_t \subset \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$$

*with compact boundary  $\partial\Sigma_t$  such that  $\Sigma_t$  and  $\partial\Sigma_t$  are topologically  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$  and  $\partial\mathbb{S}_+^n = \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  respectively.*

## Idea of the proof...

**Theorem (Abanto-E.):** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{S}^n$  be an open domain and  $\partial\Omega = \mathcal{V}_1 \cup \mathcal{V}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_1 \cap \mathcal{V}_2 = \emptyset$ . Let  $\rho \in C^{2,\alpha}(\Omega \cup \mathcal{V}_1)$  be such that  $\sigma = e^{-\rho} \in C^{2,\alpha}(\Omega \cup \mathcal{V}_1)$  satisfies:

1.  $\sigma^2$  can be extended to a  $C^{1,1}$  function on  $\bar{\Omega}$ .
2.  $|\nabla\sigma|^2$  can be extended to a Lipschitz function on  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

Then, there is  $t_0 > 0$  such that for all  $t > t_0$  the map  $\phi_t : \Omega \cup \mathcal{V}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  associated to  $\rho_t = \rho + t$  is an embedded horospherically concave hypersurface.

$$\Phi_\epsilon(x) = x - \frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon [\sigma^2(x) + |\nabla\sigma|^2(x)]} (2\sigma^2(x)x + \nabla\sigma^2(x)) \in \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$$
$$\epsilon = e^{-2t}$$

## Idea of the proof...

**Claim C:** Let  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be the complete geodesic (parametrized by arc-length) joining the south and north poles. Let  $\mathcal{C}_t$  be the cylinder in  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  of axis  $\gamma$  and radius  $t$ . Then,  $\partial\Sigma_t$  lies outside the interior of  $\mathcal{C}_t$  and  $\partial\Sigma_t \cap \mathcal{C}_t \subset P$ , that is, at points at the boundary where  $\Sigma_t$  is orthogonal to  $P$ .

A direct calculation shows that if  $x \in \partial\mathbb{S}_+^n$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbb{H}^{n+1}}(\phi_t(x), \gamma(s)) &\geq \operatorname{arc\,cosh} \left( \cosh(\rho_t) + \frac{e^{\rho_t}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial\rho_t}{\partial\nu} \right)^2 \right) \\ &\geq t \end{aligned}$$

# Claim C

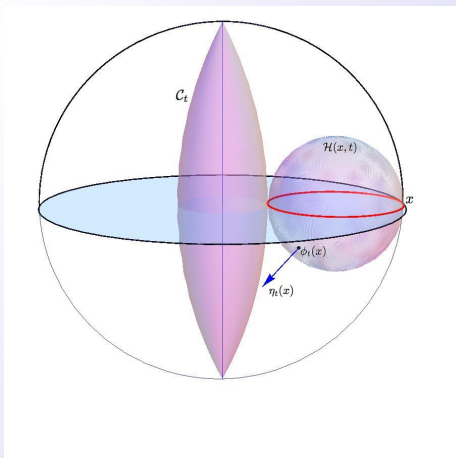


Figure 3: The boundary  $\partial\Sigma_t$  lies in the envelope by horospheres at distance  $t$  from the origin

## Finishing the proof....

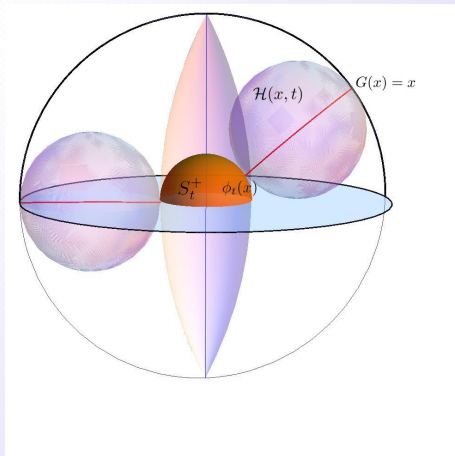


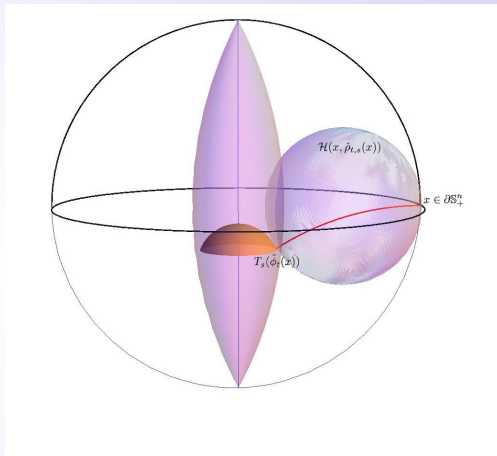
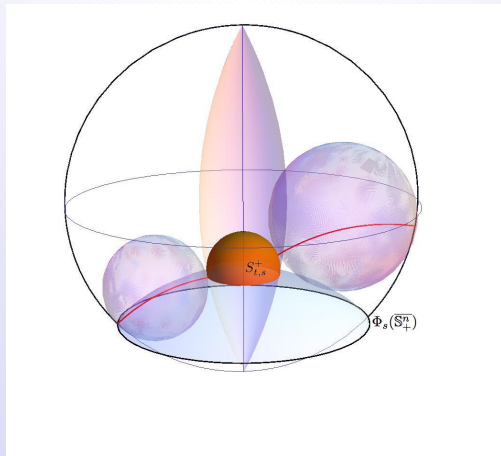
Figure 4: Consider the half-sphere  $S_t^+ = S_t \cap \overline{P^+}$  and observe that  $S_t^+$  is orthogonal to  $P$  along the boundary  $\partial S_t^+$  and its horospherical metric is given by  $\tilde{g}_t = e^{2t} g_0$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_t := e^{-t}/2$ .

## Finishing the proof....

- Let  $T_s : \mathbb{H}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{n+1}$  be the hyperbolic translation at distance  $s$  along  $\gamma$  so that  $T_s((1, \mathbf{0})) = \gamma(s)$ , an isometry of  $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}$ . It is clear that  $T_s(S_t^+ \setminus \partial S_t^+) \cap \partial \Sigma_t = \emptyset$ , for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Let  $\Phi_s \in \text{Conf}(\mathbb{S}^n)$  be the unique conformal diffeomorphism associated to  $T_s$ . Set  $S_{t,s} := T_s(S_t)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the horospherical metric associated to  $S_{t,s}$  is given by  $\tilde{g}_{t,s} = e^{2t} \Phi_s^* g_0$  in  $\mathbb{S}^n$  and denote by  $\tilde{\rho}_{t,s} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{S}^n)$  the horospherical support function associated to  $S_{t,s}$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{g}_{t,s} = e^{2\tilde{\rho}_{t,s}} g_0$ .
- Let  $\hat{g}_{t,s}$  be the restriction of  $\tilde{g}_{t,s}$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{g}_{t,s}|_{\mathbb{S}_+^n} = \hat{g}_{t,s}$ , and  $\hat{\rho}_{t,s}$  the restriction of  $\tilde{\rho}_{t,s}$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}$ .

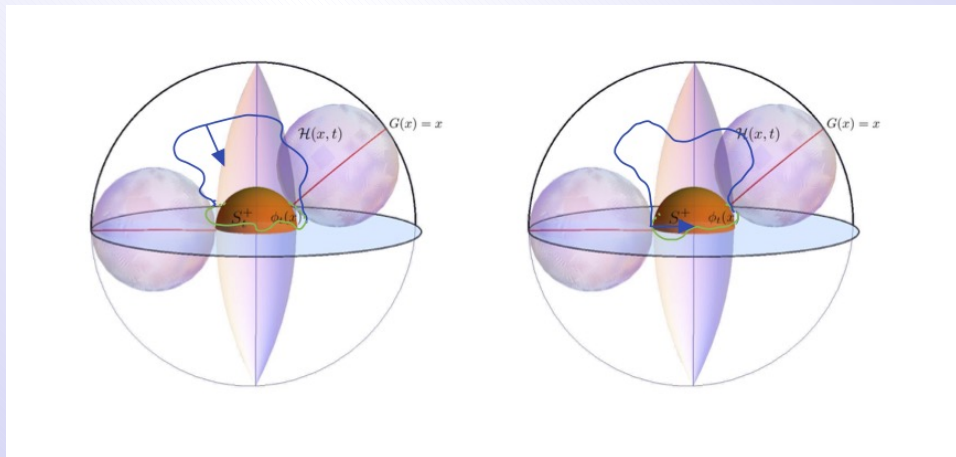


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**Claim F:**  $\rho_t \geq \hat{\rho}_{t,s_0}$  in  $\overline{S_+^n}$ .



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Note that, since the elliptic data is homogeneous of degree one, we have that  $g_t$  satisfies

$$f(\lambda_{g_t}(p)) = f(e^{-t}\lambda_g(p)) \geq e^{-t} \text{ for all } p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$$

and the horospherical metric of  $S_{t,s_0}^+$  satisfies

$$f(\lambda_{\hat{g}_{t,s_0}}(p)) = f(e^{-t}\lambda_{g_0}(p)) = e^{-t}f(1/2, \dots, 1/2) = e^{-t} \text{ for all } p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n,$$

that is

$$f(\lambda_{g_t}(p)) \geq f(\lambda_{\hat{g}_{t,s_0}}(p)) \text{ for all } p \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$$

and

$$\rho_t \geq \hat{\rho}_{t,s_0} \text{ in } \overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n} \text{ and } \rho_t(\bar{x}) = \hat{\rho}_{t,s_0}(\bar{x})$$

By Li-Li's Maximum Principle, we get

$$\rho_t \equiv \hat{\rho}_{t,s_0} \text{ in } \overline{\mathbb{S}_+^n}$$

Thanks you!