

# The L-space Conjecture

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## I Conjecture

$M$  closed (conn. oriented, irreducible) 3-mfd

### L-space Conjecture

$M$  is LO  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is CTF  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is NLS

(Boyer-G-Watson; Juhász)

LO: a group  $G \neq 1$  is left-orderable if  $\exists$  linear order  $<$  on  $G$   
st  $g < h \Rightarrow fg < fh$

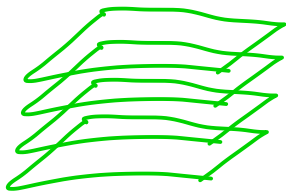
$M$  is LO if  $\pi_1(M)$  is left orderable

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\exists$  non-trivial homeo  $\pi_1(M) \rightarrow \text{Homeo}_+(\mathbb{R})$

(Boyer-Rolfsen-Weist)

CTF:  $M$  is CTF if it has a co-orientable taut foliation  $\mathcal{F}$



coordinate chart  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$

$M = \coprod$  leaves of  $\mathcal{F}$

taut:  $\exists$  simple closed curve  $\gamma \subset M$  that  
meets each leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$  transversely

NLS: Heegaard Floer Homology (Ozsváth-Szabó)

$\widehat{HF}(M)$ : finite dim'l vector space /  $\mathbb{F}_2$

$$\widehat{HF}(M) = \widehat{HF}_+(M) \oplus \widehat{HF}_-(M)$$

$$|\dim \widehat{HF}_+(M) - \dim \widehat{HF}_-(M)| = |H_1(M)|$$

$$\therefore \dim \widehat{HF}(M) \geq |H_1(M)|$$

$M$  is an L-space  $\Leftrightarrow$

NLS is not a L-space

$H_1(M)$   
finite,  
 $M \not\cong \mathbb{H}^3$

Remarks:

(1)  $H_1(M)$  infinite  $\Rightarrow M$  is  $\begin{cases} LO \text{ (BRW)} \\ GTF \text{ (Gabai)} \\ NLS \text{ (Def}^2) \end{cases}$

(2)

$M$  is LO  $\stackrel{\neq}{\Rightarrow}$   $H_1(M)$  infinite

$M$  is CTF  $\Downarrow \nexists$

$M$  is NLS  $\Uparrow \nexists$

II  $Th^m$  (OS, Kazhdan-Roberts, Bowden)

CTF  $\Rightarrow$  NLS

(proof goes through contact structures)

CTF  $\Rightarrow$  LO ?

$\exists$  c.t.f. on  $M$

$\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{f}$  on  $\tilde{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$

with leaves  $\cong \mathbb{R}^2$

$\pi_1(M)$  acts on  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}})$

(A)  $\tilde{M} / (\text{leaves of } \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \sim pt) = \Lambda$  leaf space

$\Lambda$  is a simply connected 1-manifold

$\pi_1(M)$  acts on  $\Lambda$

if  $\Lambda \cong \mathbb{R}$  then  $\pi_1(M) \rightarrow \text{Homeo}_+(\mathbb{R})$   
non-trivial

$\therefore M$  is LO

But:  $\Lambda$  not nec. Hausdorff

(B) space  $M$  hyperbolic: every leaf  $\lambda$   
of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} \sim \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow$  circle at  $\infty$ ,  $S^1_\lambda$   
 $\mapsto$  action of  $\pi_1(M)$  on universal

circle  $S_{unw}^1$

(Thurston; Calegari-Dunfield)

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Homeo}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Homeo}_p(S^1) \rightarrow 1$$

$\tilde{p}$     $\uparrow$     $\uparrow p$   
 $\pi_1(M)$

$\tilde{p}$  exists iff  $e(p) \in H^2(\pi_1(M))$

$\cong H^2(M) \cong H_1(M)$   
Euler class is zero

So Th<sup>m</sup>  $M$  hyperbolic  $\mathbb{Z}HS^3$  (i.e.  $H_1(M) = 0$ )

then  $M$  is CTF  $\Rightarrow M$  is finite

Conj(05): let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}HS^3$

Then  $M$  is NLS  $\Leftrightarrow \pi_1(M)$  is finite  
(z.e.  $M \neq S^3$  or PHS)

LO  $\Rightarrow$  CTF?

Th<sup>m</sup> (Li) if  $g(M) = 2$  then  $M$  LO  $\Rightarrow$  CTF  
(s. Rasmussen)

LO  $\Rightarrow$  NLS?  $|\dim \hat{CF}_+ - \dim \hat{CF}_-| = |H_1(M)|$

$$\therefore \dim \hat{CF}(M) \geq |H_1(M)|$$

$M$  a strong L-space if  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \end{array} \right) =$

Th<sup>m</sup> (Levine-Lewallen):  $M$  LO  $\Rightarrow$   $M$  is not a  
strong L-space

NLS  $\Rightarrow$  LO/CTF ???

III Geometrization Conjecture  $\Rightarrow$   $M$  is either  
 Seifert Fibered  
 toroidal ( $\Rightarrow$  incomp. torus)  
 hyperbolic

Th<sup>us</sup> (BRW; Lisca-Stipsicz, BGW)

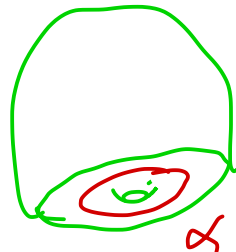
the L-space conjecture is true for Seifert manifolds

$M$  toroidal: Th<sup>us</sup>: the L-space conjecture true for  
 graph mfd's (all parts of JSJ Seif fib.)

Boyer-Clay, Hanselman-J. & S. Rasmussen-Watson  
 S. Rasmussen

$M$  a  $\mathbb{Q}H^3$   $T \subset M$  incompressible torus

$M = X_1 \cup_T X_2$   $X_i$ :  $\mathbb{Q}H$  Solid Torus  $i=1,2$



$X$   $\mathbb{Q}HST$ ,  $\alpha$  a slope  $\subset \partial X$

$\exists$  notion of  $\alpha$  being \* detected  
in  $X$

(\* = LO, CTF, NLS)

$$D_*(X) = \{ \alpha \in \partial X : \alpha \text{ * -detected in } X \}$$

\* = LO [BC]

NLS [HRW]

CTF [Boyer-G-Hu]

Th<sup>m</sup>:  $M = X_1 \cup_T X_2$ , if  $D_*(X_1) \cap D_*(X_2) \neq \emptyset$   
then  $M$  is \*

(\* = NLS converse is true)

Th<sup>m</sup>:  $M$  toroidal  $\mathbb{Z}HS^3$ , then  $M$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{NLS} & \text{Eftekhari} \\ & \text{[HRW]} \\ \text{LO} & \text{[BGH]} \\ \text{CTF} & \text{if some } X_i \\ & \text{is fibered} \end{cases}$

M hyperbolic:  $\pi_1(M) \rightarrow \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$



approach: conjugate to rep<sup>n</sup> to  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$\mapsto \widetilde{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \dots \Rightarrow M \text{ is LO.}$

(Dunfield)

IV  $\exists$  many results on 3-manifolds that are

(1) Dehn surgery on knots:  $K(r)$   $r \in \mathbb{Q}$

(2)  $n$ -fold cyclic branched covers of  $K$ :  $\Sigma_n(K)$

$K(r)$  is NLS  $\Leftrightarrow$  no  $r$  or  
 $r \in [2g-1, \infty)$

few things known abt (2)

eg. (1) Th<sup>ms</sup>:  $K$  composite, then  $\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}$   $K(r)$ :

is  $\begin{cases} \text{NLS} & \text{(Krasouich)} \\ \text{LO} & \text{(BGT)} \\ \text{CTF} & \text{if } K \text{ has a fibered} \\ & \text{summand (Delman-} \\ & \text{Roberts)} \end{cases}$

(2) Th<sup>us</sup>:  $K$  prime satellite knot

Then  $\forall n \geq 2$

$\Sigma_2(K)$  is LO & NLS (BGH)

CTF if companion is  
fibred

$\Sigma_n(5_2)$   $n=6,7,8$

known to be NLS

is it LO? is it CTF?