

# AREA FORMULA FOR GRAPH SURFACES IN SUB-LORENTZIAN GEOMETRY

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## Outline of the Talk

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  - ⇒ Sub-Riemannian differentiability
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- ◇ Metric properties of graph mappings
  - ⇒ Polynomial sub-Riemannian differentiability (Carnot groups)
  - ⇒ Intrinsic bases and corresponding measure
- ◇ Minkowski geometry
- ◇ General sub-Lorentzian structures
- ◇ Distance, measure and area for graphs

## Euclidean Case: Graph Mappings

- $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow$  graph mapping  $\varphi_\Gamma : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $\varphi_\Gamma : x \mapsto (x, \varphi(x))$

- ◇  $\varphi \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \varphi_\Gamma \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{n+1})$

- ◇  $\varphi_\Gamma$  is differentiable a. e.

- ◇ the area formula:

$$\int_D \sqrt{1 + \det(D\varphi^*(x)D\varphi(x))} dx = \int_{\varphi(D)} d\mathcal{H}^n(y)$$

## Non-Holonomic Geometry: Nilpotent Graded Groups

! Motivation: Hypoellipticity of  $(X_1^2 + \dots + X_{n-1}^2 - X_n)f = \varphi \in C^\infty$ ,  
 $X_1, \dots, X_n \in T\mathbb{R}^N$  (Hörmander, 1967, sufficient conditions)

- $\mathbb{G}$ : a manifold with basis vector fields  $X_1, \dots, X_N$
  - for Lie algebra  $V$ , we have  $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^M V_i$ ;  $X_i \in V_k \Rightarrow \deg X_i = k$
  - ◊  $V_{i+1} \subset [V_1, V_i]$ ,  $[V_i, V_M] = \{0\} \Rightarrow$  nilpotent graded group
  - ◊  $V_{i+1} = [V_1, V_i]$ ,  $[V_1, V_M] = \{0\} \Rightarrow$  Carnot group
  - ◊ Group operation:  $x = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i X_i\right)(u)$ ,  $y = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N y_i X_i\right)(u)$
- $\Rightarrow x \cdot y = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N z_i X_i\right)(u)$ , where  $z_i = x_i + y_i + \sum_{|\mu+\beta|_h = \deg X_i} F_{\mu,\beta}^i(u) x^\mu y^\beta$
- $|\lambda|_h = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \deg X_j$  for  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$

## Applications of Non-Holonomic Structures

- subelliptic equations
  - non-holonomic mechanics
  - contact geometry
  - physics
  - robotics
  - neurobiology
  - astrodymanics
- etc.

## Distance Functions

• If  $w = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i X_i\right)(v)$  then  $d_\infty(v, w) = \max_{i=1, \dots, N} \{|w_i|^{\frac{1}{\deg X_i}}\}$

•  $d_\infty$  is a quasimetric:  $\exists C < \infty$  such that

$$d_\infty(v, w) \leq C(d_\infty(v, u) + d_\infty(u, w)) \quad \forall w, v, u \in \mathbb{G}$$

◇ Define  $\theta_u : (v_1, \dots, v_N) \mapsto \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N v_i X_i\right)(u) =: v$

$\Rightarrow (v_1, \dots, v_N)$  are normal coordinates of  $v$  w. r. t.  $u$

## Sub-Riemannian Differentiability ( $\varphi : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$ )

**Definition [Pansu; see also Vodopyanov for general case].**

A mapping  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$ ,  $D \subset \mathbb{G}$ , is hc-differentiable at  $u \in D$ , if there exists a horizontal homomorphism

$$L_u : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$$

such that

$$d_\infty(\varphi(w), L_u(w)) = o(d_\infty(u, w)), \quad D \ni w \rightarrow u.$$

- hc-differential of  $\varphi$  at  $u$  is denoted by  $\widehat{D}\varphi(u)$

**Theorem (Pansu; see also Vodopyanov for general case).**

Every intrinsically Lipschitz mapping  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$  is hc-differentiable almost everywhere.

- ◇ If  $\varphi \in C^1_H(D, \tilde{\mathbb{G}})$  then it is continuously hc-differentiable on  $D$

## Graphs as an Example of Hölder Mappings

- $\mathbb{G}, \tilde{\mathbb{G}} \subset \mathbb{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbb{G} \cap \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$ ,  $\varphi : D \ni x \mapsto \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\tilde{N}} \varphi_j(x) X_j\right)(\mathbf{0}) \in \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$
- graph mapping  $\varphi_{\Gamma} : D \ni x \mapsto \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\tilde{N}} \varphi_j(x) X_j\right)(x) \in \mathbb{U}$
- ◇  $\varphi \in \text{Lip}(D, \tilde{\mathbb{G}}) \Rightarrow$  generally,  $\varphi_{\Gamma} \notin \text{Lip}(D, \tilde{\mathbb{G}})$  (even if  $\tilde{\mathbb{G}} = \mathbb{R}$ )
- ⊖ hc-differentiability: is not applicable!



## Polynomial $hc$ -Differentiability

- $\mathbb{G}, \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$  are nilpotent graded groups,  $D \subset \mathbb{G}$
  - $\psi : D \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$
  - $\tilde{d} : \psi(D) \times \tilde{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \tilde{d}(x, x) = 0, \tilde{d}(x, y) = \tilde{d}(y, x)$
- $\Rightarrow \psi$  is polynomially  $hc$ -differentiable at  $x \in D$  w. r. t.  $\tilde{d}$  if
- ◇ there exists  $\mathcal{L}_x : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{G}}$  such that
    - 1)  $\tilde{d}(\psi(w), \mathcal{L}_x\langle w \rangle) = o(d_\infty(x, w)), D \ni w \rightarrow x;$
    - 2)  $\mathcal{L}_x(w) = \theta_{\psi(x)} \circ L_x \circ \theta_x^{-1}(w);$
    - 3)  $L_x$  is polynomial in  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , where  $\exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^N w_j X_j\right)(x) = w.$
  - ◇ If  $L_x$  is linear and block-diagonal then we have  $hc$ -differentiability

## Polynomial $hc$ -Differentiability of Graph Mappings

$\Rightarrow \varphi_\Gamma$  is polynomially  $hc$ -differentiable where  $\varphi$  is  $hc$ -differentiable  
 $\Rightarrow$  in coordinates w. r. t.  $x$  and  $\varphi_\Gamma(x)$ ,  $\widehat{D}_P\varphi_\Gamma(x)$  assigns to  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  the element  $(\Delta_1(x, y), \dots, \Delta_N(x, y), \widetilde{\Delta}_1(x, y), \dots, \widetilde{\Delta}_N(x, y))$ ,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \Delta_i(x, y) = y_i + \sum_{\substack{|\kappa+\mu+\lambda|_h = \deg X_i, \\ \kappa, |\lambda|+|\mu| > 0}} K_{\kappa, \mu, \lambda}^{X_i} y^\kappa (-\varphi(x))^\mu (\varphi(x))^\lambda \\
 \quad + \sum_{\substack{|\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\tau|_h = \deg X_i, \\ \alpha, \tau > 0}} L_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \tau}^{X_i} (-\varphi(x))^\beta (\varphi(x))^\gamma y^\alpha (\widehat{D}\varphi(x)\langle y \rangle)^\tau, \\
 \widetilde{\Delta}_j(x, y) = (\widehat{D}\varphi(x)\langle y \rangle)_j + \sum_{\substack{|\kappa+\mu+\lambda|_h = \deg \widetilde{X}_j, \\ \kappa, |\lambda|+|\mu| > 0}} K_{\kappa, \mu, \lambda}^{\widetilde{X}_j} y^\kappa (-\varphi(x))^\mu (\varphi(x))^\lambda \\
 \quad + \sum_{\substack{|\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\tau|_h = \deg \widetilde{X}_j, \\ \alpha, \tau > 0}} L_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \tau}^{\widetilde{X}_j} (-\varphi(x))^\beta (\varphi(x))^\gamma y^\alpha (\widehat{D}\varphi(x)\langle y \rangle)^\tau
 \end{array} \right.$$

## The Intrinsic Basis

⊖ Disadvantage: **too big** coefficients at  $X$  if  $\deg X \geq 2$

◇ Idea: make  $\psi$  and  $\widehat{D}_P\psi(x)\langle y \rangle$  «almost intrinsically Lipschitz»

⇒ if  $\psi : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow (\widehat{\mathbb{G}}, \{^x\widehat{X}_k\}_{k=1}^{\widehat{N}})$ , and  $\widehat{D}_P\psi(x)\langle y \rangle = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_{\widehat{N}})$  then

$$|\kappa_j| = O(d_\infty(x, y)^{\deg \widehat{X}_j}), \quad j = 1, \dots, \widehat{N}$$

in some new basis  $\{^x\widehat{X}_k\}_{k=1}^{\widehat{N}}$ .

◇ The collection  $\{^x\widehat{X}_k\}_{k=1}^{\widehat{N}}$  is adapted, or intrinsic basis at  $\psi(x)$ .

◇ If  $y, z \in \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$ ,  $y = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\widehat{N}} y_i \widehat{X}_i\right)(z)$ , then  $d_\infty^x(y, z) = \max_{k=1, \dots, \widehat{N}} \{|y_k|^{\frac{1}{\deg \widehat{X}_k}}\}$ .

## Differential of Polynomial Differential (Graph of Lipschitz Mappings, Initial Basis)

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc}
 E_{\dim V_1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & E_{\dim V_2} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & * & E_{\dim V_3} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 \dots & & & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & * & * & \dots & * & E_{\dim V_M} \\
 (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_1, \tilde{V}_1}(x) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_2, \tilde{V}_2}(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & * & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_3, \tilde{V}_3}(x) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 * & * & * & \dots & * & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_M, \tilde{V}_M}(x)
 \end{array} \right)$$

## Differential of Polynomial Differential (Graph of Smooth Lipschitz Mappings, Intrinsic Basis)

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc}
 E_{\dim V_1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & E_{\dim V_2} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & E_{\dim V_3} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 \dots & & & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & E_{\dim V_M} \\
 (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_1, \tilde{V}_1}(x) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_2, \tilde{V}_2}(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_3, \tilde{V}_3}(x) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{V_M, \tilde{V}_M}(x)
 \end{array} \right)$$

## Minkowski Geometry

- length of a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  equals

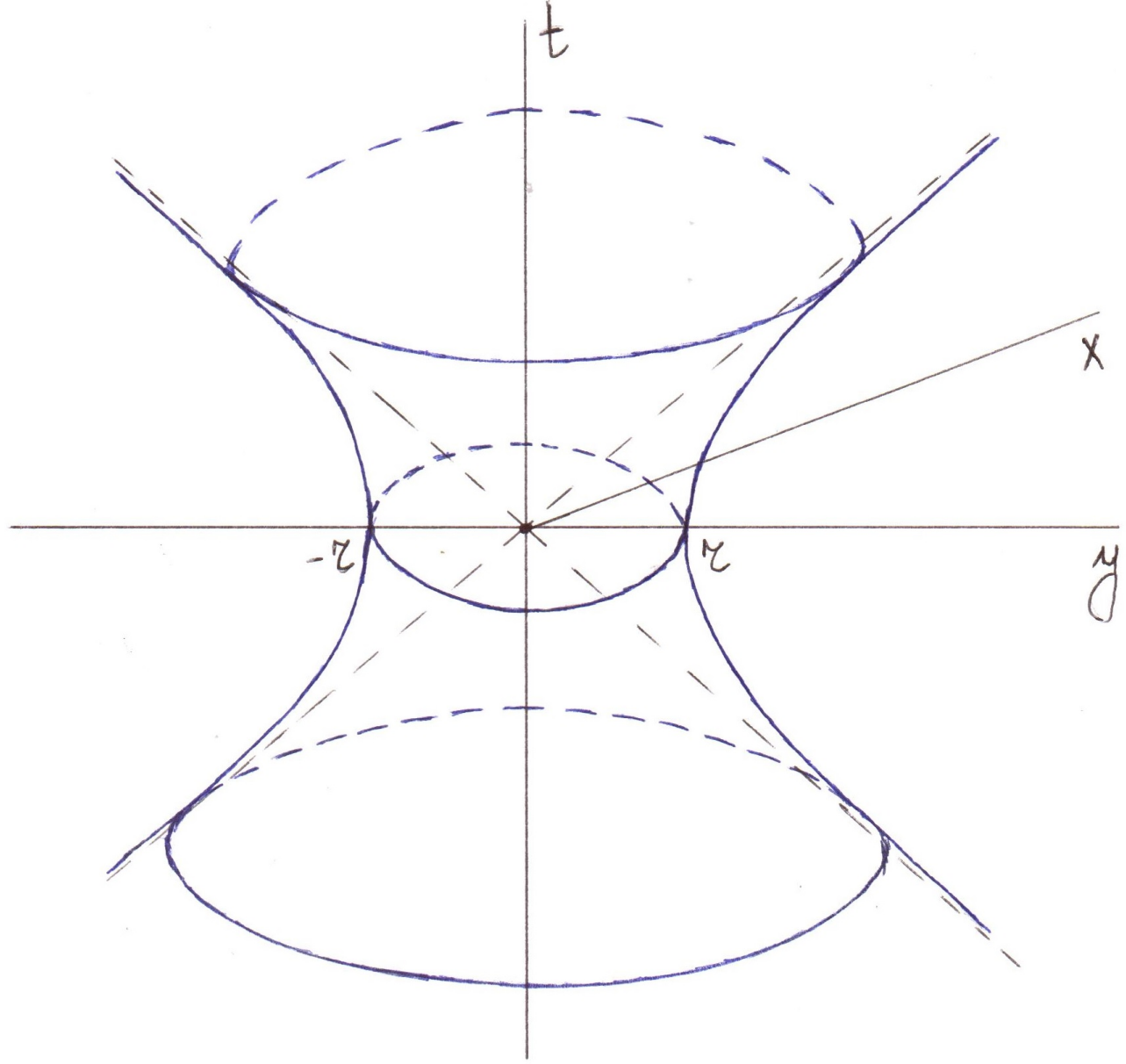
$$|v|_L = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - t^2}, & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - t^2 \geq 0 \\ i\sqrt{|x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - t^2|}, & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - t^2 < 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $v = xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3 + te_4$ .

- if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $b = a + v$  then

$$d_L(a, b) = |v|_L.$$

- V. M. Miklyukov, A. A. Klyachin, V. A. Klyachin, 2011  
(and references)



## Generalizations

- 5-dimensional sub-Lorentzian case: V. R. Krym, N. N. Petrov (including applications to physics)
- Multi-dimensional time: W. Craig, S. Weinstein, I. Bars, J. Terning, etc.



## Sub-Lorentzian Structure with Multi-Dimensional Time

- $(\mathbb{G}, X_1, \dots, X_N), (\tilde{\mathbb{G}}, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{\tilde{N}}) \subset \mathbb{U}$
- $\{X_1, \dots, X_N, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{\tilde{N}}\} = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_{\hat{N}}\}$
- $\hat{N} = N + \tilde{N}, \hat{M} = \max\{M, \tilde{M}\}, \hat{V} = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\hat{M}} \hat{V}_k, [\hat{V}_1, \hat{V}_k] \subset \hat{V}_{k+1}$
- $\hat{V}_k = \text{span}\{\hat{V}_k^+, \hat{V}_k^-\}$
- $\hat{V}_k^+ \cap \hat{V}_k^- = \{0\}$
- $\hat{V}_k^- \subseteq \tilde{V}_k, k = 1, \dots, \hat{M}$

## Sub-Lorentzian Squared Distance

- adapted basis:  $\{^x X_1, \dots, ^x X_N, ^x \tilde{X}_1, \dots, ^x \tilde{X}_{\hat{N}}\} = \{^x Y_1, \dots, ^x Y_{\hat{N}}\}$

- If  $w = \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\hat{N}} w_j ^x Y_j\right)(v)$  then

$${}^x d_2^2(w, v) = \max_{k=1, \dots, \hat{M}} \left\{ \operatorname{sgn}\left(\sum_{j: Y_j \in \hat{V}_k^+} w_j^2 - \sum_{j: Y_j \in \hat{V}_k^-} w_j^2\right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times \left| \sum_{j: Y_j \in \hat{V}_k^+} w_j^2 - \sum_{j: Y_j \in \hat{V}_k^-} w_j^2 \right|^{1/k} \right\}.$$

## Balls and Light Cones

- ${}^x \text{Box}_2^\partial(v, r) = \{w \in \mathbb{U} : {}^x \mathfrak{d}_2^2(v, w) < r^2\}$
- ${}^x \theta_v^{-1}({}^x \text{Box}_2^\partial(v, r))$  is a Cartesian product of  $B_k$ , where  $B_k$  is

$$\left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim \widehat{V}_k} : \text{sgn} \left( \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^+} y_j^2 - \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^-} y_j^2 \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times \left| \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^+} y_j^2 - \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^-} y_j^2 \right| < r^{2k} \right\}, \quad k = 1, \dots, \widehat{M}$$

- the light cones for  $v \in \varphi_\Gamma(\Omega)$ :

$$\left\{ \exp \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\widehat{N}} y_j \varphi_\Gamma^{-1}(v) Y_j \right) (v) : \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^+} y_j^2 - \sum_{j: Y_j \in \widehat{V}_k^-} y_j^2 = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, \widehat{M} \right\}$$

## The Intrinsic Measure

- Assume that  $S = \varphi_\Gamma(\Omega)$ ,  $A \subset S$

- ◇ Define for  $\nu = \sum_{j=1}^M j \dim V_j$  the measure

$$\mathcal{H}_\Gamma^\nu(A) = \prod_{j=1}^M \omega_{\dim V_j} \cdot \liminf_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} r_i^\nu : \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_\Gamma^{-1}(x_i) \text{Box}_2^{\mathfrak{d}}(x_i, r_i) \supset A, x_i \in A, r_i < \delta \right\}.$$

## Requirements on $\widehat{D}\varphi$

$$D\widehat{D}_P\varphi_\Gamma(x) = \begin{pmatrix} E_{\dim V_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_1, V_1}^+(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_1, V_1}^-(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & E_{\dim V_2} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_2, V_2}^+(x) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_2, V_2}^-(x) & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & E_{\dim V_M} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_M, V_M}^+(x) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_M, V_M}^-(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

◇ lengths of columns of  $(\widehat{D}\varphi)_{\widetilde{V}_k, V_k}^-$  do not exceed  $\frac{1}{\dim V_k} - c$ ,  $c > 0$

## The Area Formulas for Spacelike Surfaces

- $\varphi \in C_H^1$  (+some requirements on constants) or  $\varphi$  is smooth
- ◊  $\varphi_\Gamma(\Omega)$  is spacelike: it lies locally outside light cones
- ◊ the following area formula is valid for graph mappings  $\varphi_\Gamma$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} {}^{SL} \mathcal{J}(\varphi, v) d\mathcal{H}^\nu(v) = \int_{\varphi_\Gamma(\Omega)} d {}^{SL} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^\nu(y),$$

where  ${}^{SL} \mathcal{J}(\varphi, v)$  equals

$$\prod_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\det \left( E_{\dim V_j} + (\widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi^+)_{\tilde{V}_j, V_j}^* (\widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi^+)_{\tilde{V}_j, V_j} - (\widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi^-)_{\tilde{V}_j, V_j}^* (\widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi^-)_{\tilde{V}_j, V_j} \right)}.$$

$$\varphi \notin C_H^1 \Rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi = D\widehat{D}_P\varphi, \quad \varphi \in C_H^1 \Rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{D}} = \widehat{D}, \quad (\widehat{\mathcal{D}}\varphi^+)_{\tilde{V}_j, V_j} = 0, \quad j > 2$$

- Applications: maximal surfaces theory

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