

Introduction

- Subjects:
 - Topologic. classif. of compact 3-man.
 - late 70's: Thurston conjecture
 - Ricci flow: defines paths in space of all metrics on n-manifold (Euclidean)

{ nb: motivated by D. Sullivan (ed), con. w/ Roch }

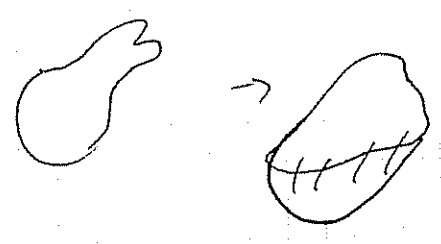
(Hamilton early 80's)
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 applied to above

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} g_{ij}(t) = -2 Ric_{ij}(g_{ij}(t))$$

not time! Ric [g]_{ij}

∃ local solns only w/ this sign; opp sign ⇒ no solns

- nonlinear heat eqn
- dispersive: curvature tends to spread itself out

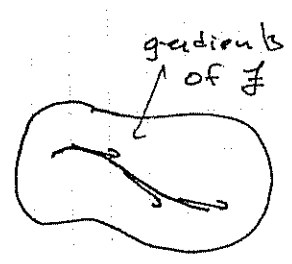


• Reformulation of Ricci flow as gradient flow (Perelman)

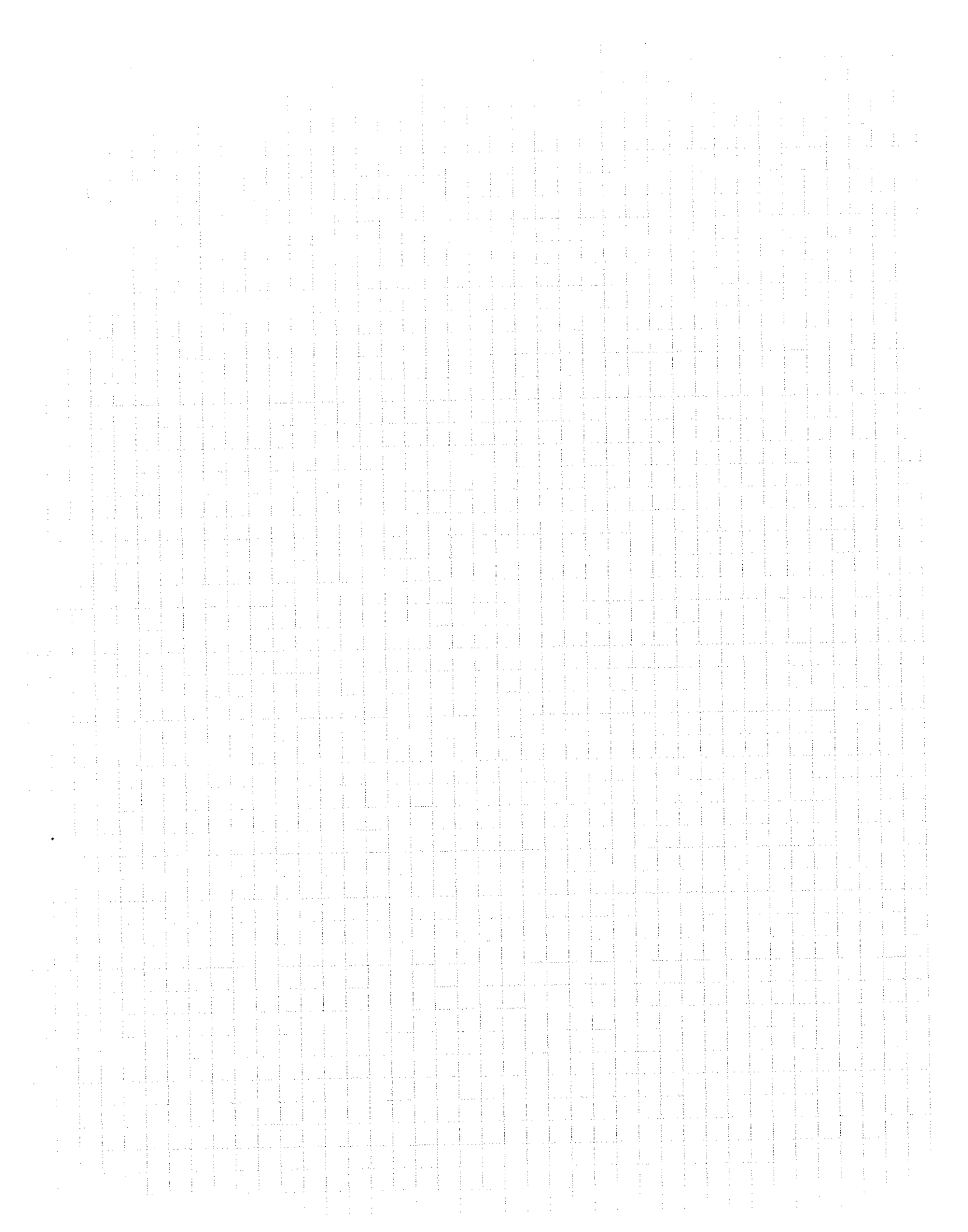
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$$\mathcal{F} = \int_M (R + |\nabla f|^2) e^{-f} dV$$

where f is a smooth function on M



$R =$ scalar curvature



$$S \cong [v_{ij}, h]$$

$$v_{ij} = \delta g_{ij}$$

$$h = \delta f$$

$$\int_M e^{-f} \left[-v_{ij} (R_{ij} + \nabla_i \nabla_j f) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - h \right) (2 \Delta f - |\nabla f|^2 + R) \right]$$

NOTE if $dm = e^{-f} dV$ is held fixed, then $\frac{1}{2} = h$

Fix dm : set $f = + \log \left(\frac{dV}{dm} \right)$

$$\int_M \downarrow \downarrow (R + |\nabla f|^2) dm$$

$$\downarrow \frac{d}{dt} g_{ij} = -2(R_{ij} + \nabla_i \nabla_j f)$$

↑ this can be undone by diffeo

← modulo diffeos, this is Ricci flow

Existence of solutions is not always guaranteed (depends on dm), but if they do, are indep. of dm , up to diffeomorphism

• Connection to physics (D. Friedan)

2d QFTs based on arbitrary Riemannian manif

M, g_{ij} : look at $Maps(\Sigma \rightarrow M) \ni \varphi$

$$S[\varphi] = \int_{\Sigma} \| \varphi^*(g_{ij}) \|^2$$

$$\int_{\text{Maps}(\Sigma, M)} e^{-S[g]} (\dots) dg \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{hard to} \\ \text{define!} \end{matrix}$$

Physicists - want to know how all this depends on distance scale \leftarrow w.r.t metric on Σ !

renormalization for the theory

[integral has short-distance sing: introduce a scale param: renorm corrects for leading divergence]

Friedan: renorm. classically governed by Ricci flow on M

[Wilson: redefine quantities in integral as we change our distance scale]

• Hamilton: originally interested in $\dim(M) = 2$ (mid-80s)

Aside: curvatures

• g_{ij} gives a pairing

$$(\text{Tangent vectors fields}) \otimes (\text{Tangent v.f.}) \rightarrow (\text{Tangent v.f.})$$

$$\nabla_x Y = \nabla_Y X = Z$$

$$\nabla_x \circ \nabla_Y - \nabla_Y \circ \nabla_x - \nabla_{[X, Y]} = R(X, Y)$$

• Riemannian curvatures

$$\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = R_m(X, Y, Z, W)$$

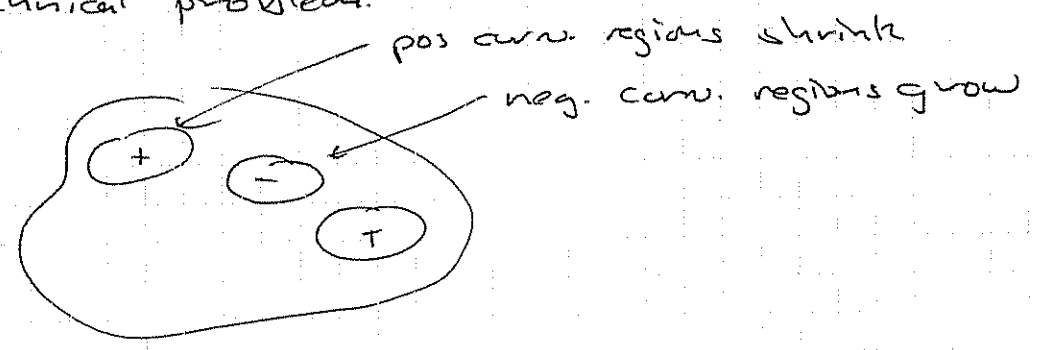
skew skew
symmetric under changing pairs

Ric = contract middle variables
 $Ric(e_i, e_j) = \sum_{k=1}^m R_m(e_i, e_k, e_k, e_j)$
 Scalar curvature $R = \sum_{ij} g^{ij} R_{ij}$

If g_{ij} evolves by Ricci flow,
 $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} R = \Delta R + 2R^2 \rightarrow$ (nonlinear heat eq'n!)
 Laplacian on M

dim. 2: $R_{ij} = R g_{ij}$

technical problems:



does this happen in a nice, uniform way?
 Hamilton, B. Chow, etc. proved this

Theorem: given Riemannian metric on compact surface

consider rescaled Ricci flow (RF)

$$\dot{g}_{ij}(t) = -2R_{ij} + g_{ij} \bar{R}$$

← avg of scalar curvature.

↑
concocted to have constant volume

↙
change "time" parameterization

This flow exists \forall time
 $t \rightarrow \infty$ limit is metric of constant curvature.

Non-rescaled : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g=0; \text{ vol} \rightarrow 0 \text{ in finite time} \\ g=1; \text{ vol} \rightarrow \text{finite} \\ g>1; \text{ vol} \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right.$ ^{genus}

Entire Ricci flow: $g_{ij}(t) = e^{f(t)} g_{ij}(0)$

there is a unique constant curvature metric

classical theorem:
The conformal class of any metric of a compact surface has a unique constant curvature representative

$M = X/\Gamma$

X : simply connected surface w/ const. curv. metric
 $= S^2, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{H}^2$ \leftarrow these three admit compact quotients

geometric (klem): $X = \mathbb{H}^2$
 $G = \text{Isom}(X)$ acting transitively

$c(M) < 0$ $\leftrightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$
 $= 0$ $\leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
 > 0 $\leftrightarrow S^2$

Three-manifolds (Thurston)

$$M = X/\Gamma \quad ; \quad M \text{ compact}$$

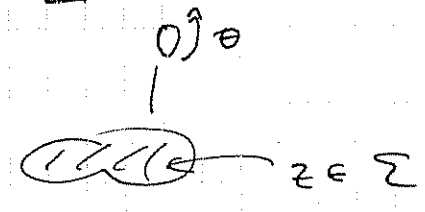
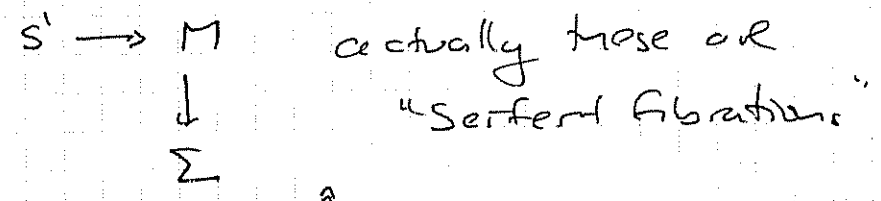
$$X = H/G \longleftarrow G = \text{Isom}(X) \quad ; \quad \text{acting transitively}$$

more generally. look at $X/\Gamma \neq$

$\text{vol}(X/\Gamma) < \infty$: more general than compact manifolds

Thurston: there are 8 geometries!

- Six of these geometries have circle fibrations



$$\begin{aligned}
 z &\rightarrow e^{2\pi i/n} z \\
 \theta &\rightarrow \theta + 2\pi/n
 \end{aligned}$$

on the central fiber this wraps circle n times; wraps once nearby.

These 6 can be classified by
 $e = \text{top. class of } S^1 \text{ bundle}$
 $\chi = \text{Euler char. of } \Sigma$


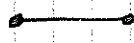
(1) ~~reasons~~

	$\chi < 0$	$\chi = 0$	$\chi > 0$
$e = 0$	$S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$	\mathbb{R}^3	$\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$
$e \neq 0$	S^3	Nil	$SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

← $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ cover.

↑
 all other top. classes reached by quotients

n^{th} quot $\rightarrow ne$

• Two of the geometries have T^2 fibrations over 1-d object  or 

Nil, Sol

← (corresp. Lie algebras nilpotent & solvable)

• Final geometry: \mathbb{H}^3

{ eg 3 geometries have constant curvature: $S^3, \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{H}^3$ }

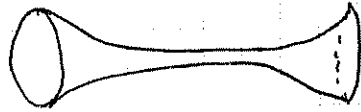
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Nil: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{Sol: } \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$

• Summary of outcome of RF

(M, g_{ij}) M compact, 3d
let gradient flow commence!

(a) $\frac{S^3}{r} \rightarrow (pt)$ in finite time

(b)



↑
topol. $S^2 \times I$



↑
pinches off
at finite time


$\partial(S^2 \times I) = S^2 \times S^0 \leftarrow 2 \text{ points!}$

$= \partial(D^3 \times S^0)$

$D^3 \times S^0$



← glue along ∂ :

⇒ replace  $= / (D^3 \times S^0)$

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 S^3

Perelman: Ricci flow before, after cutting out, flow continues

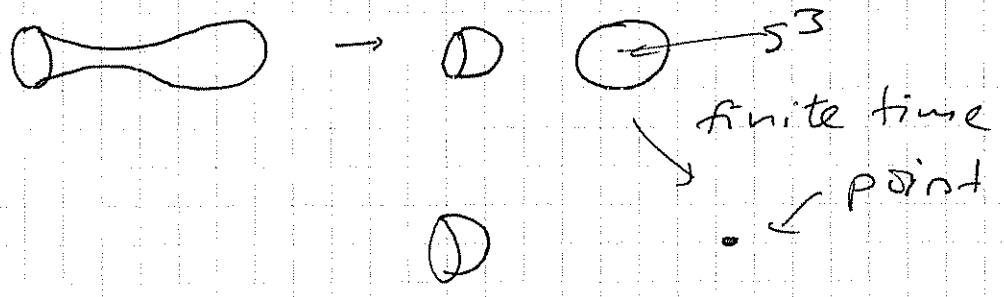
{ Hypothesis: no embedded RP^2 -s }
Morgan-Tian

(P. makes surgery at some discrete time before singularity)

needed w/ proof of Poincare?

Surgeries/extinctions occur at discrete evolution times t_1, t_2, \dots

- Not known if # is finite.
- Known: for $t \gg 0$, all that happens is

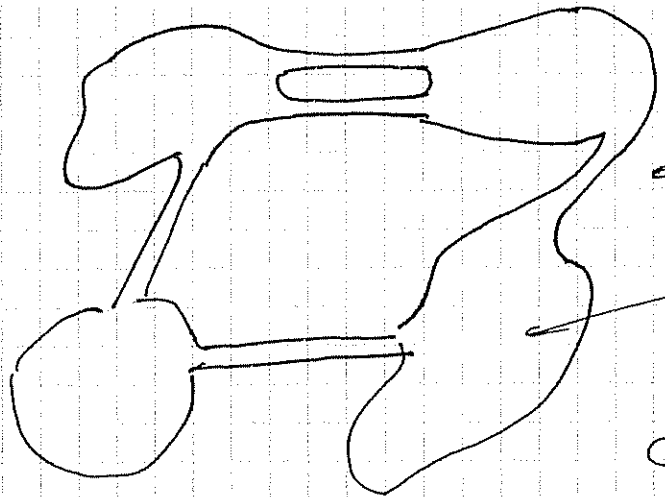


These decompose 3-manif into pieces

- Unique decomp. of 3-man. into "prime summands" by cutting along S^2 's:

- This is the endpoint of RF (up to "bubbling" of S^3 's)

- 3-manifold divides into regions:



(rescaling of T^2 shrinking, I finite)

$I \times T^2$ (interval gets ∞ long)
 "geometric" as $t \rightarrow \infty$

(no info about this w/ Perelman)

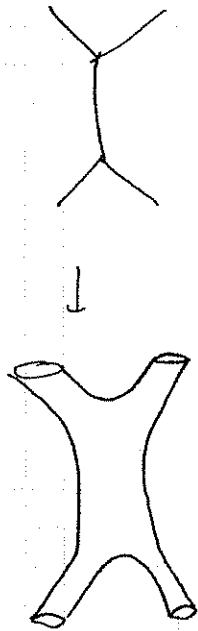
Caution: if geometric piece is not H^3/π , collapses along S^1 , ~~etc~~
 "fibration" ~~etc~~

~~the base of the cone is a point~~

→ in other words, S^1 collapses to the base.

Closing comments

In 2d: string theory takes diagrams like



• 3d: collapse on S^1 's: string theory has a "string coupling" limit:

$$\Sigma \rightarrow (3\text{-manif.})$$

possible approach to fundamental found. of M theory.