

# RANDOM HYPERBOLIC 3-MANIFOLDS

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# MOTIVATION

For 2-manifolds...



For 3-manifolds...

## Thurston's geometrization conjecture

$\mathbb{S}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{H}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tilde{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , Nil, Sol



# ONE QUESTION TO ASK

Given a random hyperbolic 3-manifold...

of large volume...

what is the probability that it has 2000 closed geodesics of length at most 10?

# RANDOM MANIFOLD

$$\{ \text{Set of manifolds} \} + \{ \text{Probability measure} \} = (\Omega, \mathbb{P})$$



⇒ What is the probability that a random manifold has a certain property?

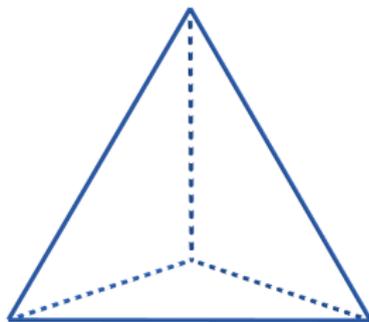
# CONSTRUCTING RANDOM 3-MANIFOLDS

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Introduced by Bram Petri and Jean Raimbault (2020).

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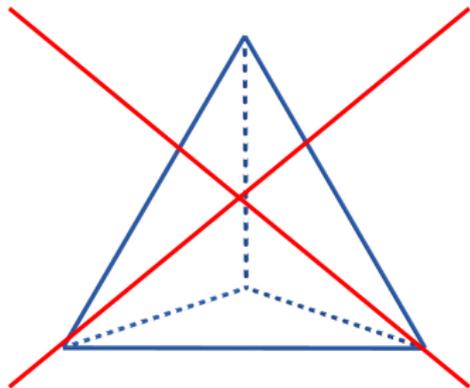
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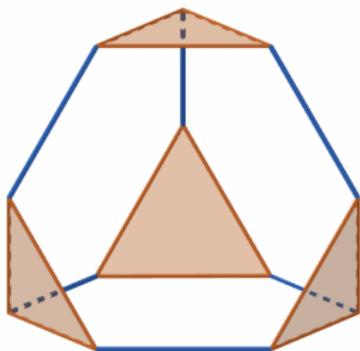


This doesn't work!

The neighbourhoods of the vertices are not typically homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

# THE MODEL $M_N$

Solution:

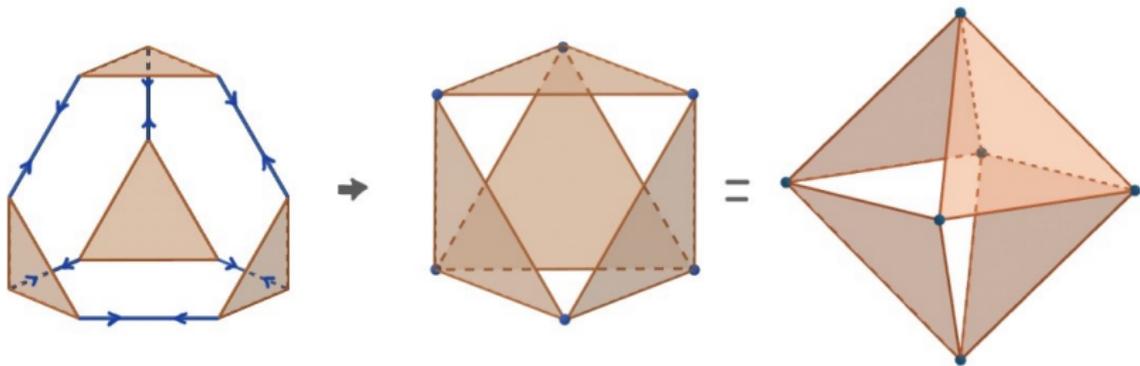


By gluing them along their hexagonal faces, we obtain:

$\Rightarrow$  A compact 3-manifold with boundary  $M_N$ ,

where  $N$  is the number of tetrahedra.

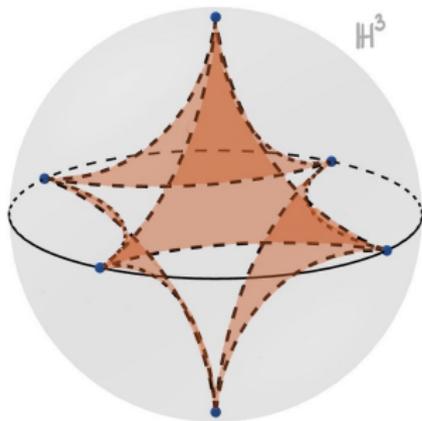
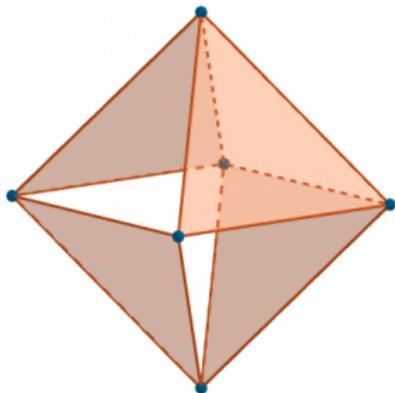
# THE MODEL $Y_N$



If we do this transformation for every tetrahedra in  $M_N$ , we obtain:  
 $\Rightarrow$  A new 3-manifold with boundary  $Y_N$ , made of octahedra.

## THE MODEL $Y_N$ : HYPERBOLIC METRIC

We endow each octahedron in  $Y_N$  with the hyperbolic metric of an ideal right-angled octahedron in  $\mathbb{H}^3$ .



▷ With this,  $Y_N$  becomes a complete finite volume hyperbolic 3-manifold with totally geodesic boundary.

# OUR QUESTION

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## COUNTING CLOSED GEODESICS

# THE LENGTH SPECTRUM

## DEFINITION

The length spectrum  $L(M)$  of a hyperbolic manifold  $M$  is the set of lengths of closed geodesics in  $M$ .

▷ We encode  $L(Y_N)$  through the function:

$$L \longrightarrow C_L(Y_N) = \#\{\text{closed geodesics of length} \leq L \text{ on } Y_N\},$$

where  $L > 0$  and  $C_L(Y_N)$  is a random variable.

# POISSON DISTRIBUTION

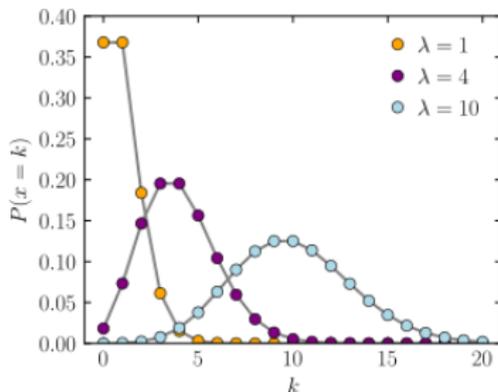
$\mathbb{P}$ [there are  $k$  events happening in a specified interval  $[0, L]$ ]\*

\* provided that they are independent and occur with a known constant mean rate.

## DEFINITION

A random variable  $Z : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  follows a *Poisson distribution of parameter*  $\lambda > 0$  if for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$P[Z = k] = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}.$$



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