

# A tale of two widths: lattice + Gromov. Ben Wernmleighton (Washington Uni. in St Louis)

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Basic object

$$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

convex

i)  $\Omega$  polytope

ii)  $\partial\Omega$  rat'l-sloped (ie facet normals are rat'l)

moment polytopes

a)  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$

convex domain

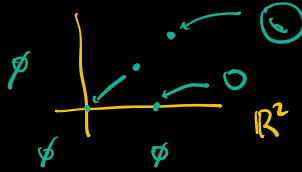


(up to  $\text{Aff}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  this means I have a smooth vertex)

Geometry

$$(S^1)^n \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^n \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{R}^n = \text{Lie}((S^1)^n), \quad (z_i) \mapsto (\pi|z_i|^2)$$

Ham. group action Symplectic  $2n$ -msfd



Defn. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$  be a convex domain. Then  $X_\Omega := \mu^{-1}(\Omega)$  is a convex toric domain.

Convex toric domains are toric symplectic  $2n$ -manifolds.

e.g. i)  $\Omega$ :  $X_\Omega = B^2(a)$

ii)  $\Omega$ :  $X_\Omega = E(a,b) = \left\{ (z_1, z_2) : \frac{\pi|z_1|^2}{a} + \frac{\pi|z_2|^2}{b} \leq 1 \right\}$

iii)  $\Omega$ :  $X_\Omega = P(a,b)$  (note: also get some weird ones)

In AG: to a moment polytope  $\Omega$  one can associate a polarized, possibly singular toric variety  $(Y_\Omega, A_\Omega)$  with moment map  $\mu: Y_\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

e.g. i)  $\Omega$ :  $(Y_\Omega, A_\Omega) = (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}(a))$

ii)  $\Omega$ :  $(Y_\Omega, A_\Omega) = (\mathbb{P}(1, a, b), \mathcal{O}(d))$

iii)  $\Omega$ :  $(Y_\Omega, A_\Omega) = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(a, b))$

Key observation:  $X_\Omega^\circ = Y_\Omega \setminus A_\Omega$

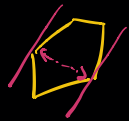
e.g.  $B^4(a)^\circ = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus aH$


Symplectic well-studied

algebraic object


Two widths

Lattice width:  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  <sup>polytope</sup> define  $lw(\Omega) := \min_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \max \langle l, p-q \rangle$



e.g.   $\min_{(l_1, l_2)} \max \{l_1(p_1 - q_1) + l_2(p_2 - q_2)\} = \min_{(l_1, l_2)} a l_1 + b l_2 = \min \{a, b\}$ .


Gromov width: Let  $X$  be a symplectic  $2n$ -mfd. Define  $C_G(X) := \sup \{a > 0 : B^{2n}(a) \hookrightarrow X\}$

e.g.  assume  $b \leq a$ .  $X_\Delta = B^4(b) \hookrightarrow X_\Omega = P(a, b)$  smooth embedding respects Symp. Str.

$\Rightarrow C_G(P(a, b)) \geq b = \min \{a, b\} = lw(\Omega)$ .

$\Rightarrow C_G(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(a, b)) \geq b$ .

Conjecture (Averkov - Hofschneider - Nill '19). Let  $\Omega$  be a moment polytope. Then  $C_G(Y_\Omega) \leq lw(\Omega)$ .

Key step:  $C_G(Y_\Omega) \leq C_G(Y_\Delta)$  if  $\Omega \subseteq \Delta$ . 

"Gromov monotonicity"

Thm. (Chardot-W. '20) This conjecture is true in dimension 2 (at least when  $\Omega$  has one smooth vertex).

Thm. (Chardot-W. '20)  $\Omega \subseteq \Delta$  as above then  $C_G(Y_\Omega) \leq C_G(Y_\Delta)$ .

- Strategy.
- prove Gromov monotonicity using embedding obstructions in symplectic geometry with nice avatars in AG.
  - reduce to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and apply Gromov nonsqueezing. won't talk about

Gromov monotonicity.

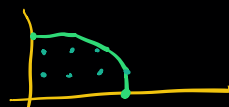
I'll introduce some invariants:

v.1.  $X$  symplectic  $4$ -mfd  $\rightsquigarrow C_k(X) = \min$  area of a set of 'Reeb orbits'   
 "ECH Capacities" w/ index =  $k$ .   
 (Hutchings)

Thm.  $X \hookrightarrow X'$ ,  $C_k(X) \leq C_k(X') \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . "embedding obstructions"

v.2.   $\|v\|_\Omega = \det(v \mid p_0)$ .   
 " $\Omega$ -norm"

$C_k(\Omega) = \min_{\text{Convex lattice paths}} \{ \Omega\text{-norm of path : path encloses } k+1 \text{ lattice points} \}$



v.3.  $(Y, A)$  polarized surface, define

$$C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y, A) := \min_{D \in \text{Nef}(Y)_{\mathbb{Z}}} \{ D \cdot A : \chi(D) \geq k + \chi(D_Y) \}$$

If  $(Y, A) = (Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega})$  then  $C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega}) = \min_{\text{Nef}(Y)_{\mathbb{Z}}} \{ D \cdot A_{\Omega} : h^0(D) \geq k+1 \}$ .

Thm. (CCFHR, W.) These three invariants agree when  $\Omega$  is a rational sloped polygon that is also a convex domain.

Main point:  $C_k(X_{\Omega})$  encoding embeddings into  $X_{\Omega}$   
 $C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega})$  encoding AG invariants.

Thm. (Chavdez-W.)  $B(a)^{\circ} \hookrightarrow Y_{\Omega} \iff C_k(B(a)) \leq C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega})$ .

Follows from a result Pan GG:  $B(a)^{\circ} \hookrightarrow X_{\Omega} \iff C_k(B(a)) \leq C_k(X_{\Omega})$ .

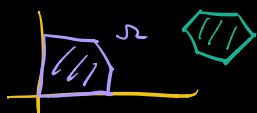
Proof:  $B(a)^{\circ} \hookrightarrow Y_{\Omega} \xrightarrow[\text{birational}]{\text{SW theory}} C_k(B(a)) \leq C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega})$ .

Suppose  $C_k(B(a)) \leq C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega}) \Rightarrow C_k(B(a)) \leq C_k(X_{\Omega})$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{GG}} B(a)^{\circ} \hookrightarrow X_{\Omega}$   
 $\Rightarrow B(a)^{\circ} \hookrightarrow Y_{\Omega} \quad \square$

Cor.  $\Omega \in \Delta$   $\Rightarrow$   $C_G(X_{\Omega}) \leq C_G(X_{\Delta})$ .  
w/ one smooth vertex

Proof: Just need that  $C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}, A_{\Omega}) \leq C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Delta}, A_{\Delta})$ . This follows from  $C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Omega}) = C_k(X_{\Omega})$   
 $C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y_{\Delta}) = C_k(X_{\Delta})$ .  $\square$

Why the fixed pt / how to get rid of it? smooth



$$C_k^{\text{alg}}(Y, A) = C_k^{\text{alg}}(\tilde{Y}, \pi^* A), \quad \pi: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y \text{ blowup.}$$

