

# On Clusters and the Multi-Isoperimetric Profile in Riemannian Manifolds with Bounded Geometry

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An **N-cluster**  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $(M^n, g)$  is a finite family of sets of finite perimeter  $\mathcal{E} := \{\mathcal{E}(h)\}_{h=1}^N$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N \geq 1$ , with

$$0 < \mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}(h)) < +\infty, \quad 1 \leq h \leq N,$$

$$\mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}(h) \cap \mathcal{E}(k)) = 0, \quad 1 \leq h < k \leq N.$$

The sets  $\mathcal{E}(h)$  are called the **chambers** of  $\mathcal{E}$ . The **exterior chamber** of  $\mathcal{E}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{E}(0) = M^n \setminus \bigcup_{h=1}^N \mathcal{E}(h).$$

In particular,  $\{\mathcal{E}(h)\}_{h=0}^N$  is a partition of  $M^n$  (up to a set of null volume). The **volume vector**  $\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E})$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}) = (\mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}(1)), \dots, \mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}(N))) \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

We let  $\mathbb{R}_+^N$  be the set of those  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  such that  $\mathbf{v}(h) > 0$  (the  $h$ -th component of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$ ) for every  $h = 1, \dots, N$ . Notice that if  $\mathcal{E}$  is an  $N$ -cluster, then  $\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}) \in (0, \mathbf{Vol}_g(M))^N \subset \mathbb{R}_+^N$  as  $\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E})(h) = \mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}(h)) > 0$  for every  $h = 1, \dots, N$ .

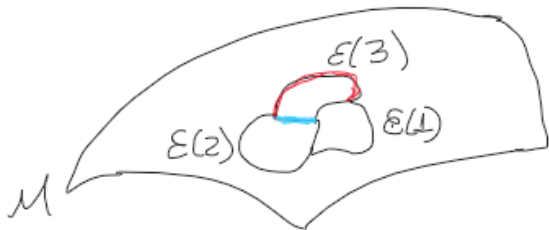
The **interfaces** of the  $N$ -cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $(M^n, g)$  are the  $\mathcal{H}_g^{n-1}$ -rectifiable sets

$$\mathcal{E}(h, k) = \partial^* \mathcal{E}(h) \cap \partial^* \mathcal{E}(k), \quad 0 \leq h, k \leq N, h \neq k.$$

We define the **relative perimeter of  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $F \subset M^n$**  as

$$\mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}, F) = \sum_{1 \leq h < k \leq N} \mathcal{H}_g^{n-1}(F \cap \mathcal{E}(h, k)), \quad (1)$$

where  $F$  is any Borelian set in  $(M^n, g)$ . The **perimeter of  $\mathcal{E}$**  is denoted  $\mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}) \doteq \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}, M)$ .



$$E(2,3) = \partial^* E(2) \cap \partial^* E(3)$$

$$E(3,0) = \partial^* E(3) \cap \partial^* E(0)$$

The **flat distance in**  $F \subset M^n$  **of two N-clusters**  $\mathcal{E}$  **and**  $\mathcal{E}'$  **of**  $(M^n, g)$  **is defined as**

$$d_{\mathcal{F},g}^F(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') := \sum_{h=1}^N \mathbf{Vol}_g (F \cap (\mathcal{E}(h) \Delta \mathcal{E}'(h))).$$

We say that a sequence of N-clusters  $\{\mathcal{E}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $(M^n, g)$  **locally converges to**  $\mathcal{E}$ , and write  $\mathcal{E}_k \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} \mathcal{E}$ , if for every compact set  $K \subset M^n$  we have  $d_{\mathcal{F},g}^K(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . If  $d_{\mathcal{F},g}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we say that  $\mathcal{E}_k$  **converges to**  $\mathcal{E}$  and we denote  $\mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ .



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The proof of this result is a straightforward adaptation of the Euclidean case.

What happens if we define the perimeter as

$$\mathcal{P}_g^w(\mathcal{E}, F) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h,k=0}^N \alpha_{hk} \mathcal{H}_g^{n-1}(F \cap \mathcal{E}(h, k)),$$

where  $\alpha_{hk} = \alpha_{kh} > 0$ , and  $\alpha_{hh} = 0$ , for any  $h, k \in \{0, \dots, N\}$ ?



$\alpha_{hk} = 1$   
 $\forall h \neq k$

arbitrary weights

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{h=0}^2 P(E(h)) = \frac{1}{2} (P(E(0)) + P(E(1)) + P(E(2)))$$

$$\neq P(E) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h,k=0}^2 \alpha_{hk} H^{m-1}(E(h,k))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} (2H^{m-1}(E(2,0)) \\
 &\quad + 2H^{m-1}(E(1,0)) \\
 &\quad + 2H^{m-1}(E(1,2)))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} (2\alpha_{02} H^{m-1}(E(0,2)) \\
 &\quad + 2\alpha_{01} H^{m-1}(E(0,1)) \\
 &\quad + 2\alpha_{12} H^{m-1}(E(1,2)))
 \end{aligned}$$

F. Almgren Jr in 1975 introduced the following condition.

## Partitioning regular coefficients matrices

- 1  $\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_{ji} > 0$  and  $\alpha_{ii} = 0$  for any  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ;
- 2 for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  and each vector  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_N) \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$  such that  $a_k > 0$  for some  $k \neq i$ , there exists  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\} \setminus \{i\}$  such that

$$a_j \alpha_{ij} > \sum_{k=1, k \neq i, j}^N a_k \alpha_{jk}.$$

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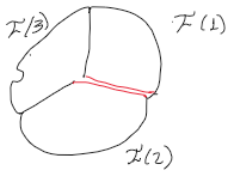
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$$\underline{\nu}(E) = \underline{\nu}(F).$$

$$\begin{aligned} H^{m-2}(E(1,2)) &\cong H^{m-2}(\mathcal{F}(1,3) \cap A) \\ &\cong H^{m-2}(\mathcal{F}(2,3) \cap A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\mathcal{F}) < P(E)$$

$$\text{if } \alpha_{12} > \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{23}$$



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## Theorem - *White, 1996*

If the coefficients  $\alpha_{hk}$  satisfy  $\alpha_{hk} = \alpha_{kh} > 0$ ,  $\alpha_{hh} = 0$ , for any  $h, k \in \{0, \dots, N\}$ , and the strict triangle inequality, then there exists a weighted isoperimetric  $N$ -cluster in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- G. P. Leonardi prove the regularity of minimizers in 2001.

## Theorem - *Leonardi, 2001*

If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a weighted isoperimetric  $N$ -cluster in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the coefficients satisfy the strict triangle inequality, then we have that the interfaces, up to a  $\mathcal{H}^{n-1}$ -null set, are made of smooth hypersurfaces with constant mean curvature.

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# The isoperimetric profile

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- If  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $g = g_{eucl}$ , we know that  $I_{(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{eucl})}(v) = c_n v^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$ .

# The isoperimetric profile

Theorem - *G. Antonelli, E. Pasqualetto, M. Pozzetta, and D. Semola, 2022*

Let  $(X, d, \mathcal{H}^n)$  be an  $\text{RCD}(\kappa, n)$  space with isoperimetric profile function  $I$ . Let us assume  $\inf_{x \in X} \mathcal{H}^n(\mathbf{B}_g(x, 1)) \geq v_0 > 0$ . Then we have the following asymptotic for small volumes:

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \frac{I_X(v)}{v^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = n (\omega_n \vartheta_{\infty, \min})^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

where, being  $v(n, \kappa/(n-1), r)$  the volume of the ball of radius  $r$  in the simply connected model space with constant sectional curvature  $\kappa/(n-1)$  and dimension  $n$ , we have that

$$\vartheta_{\infty, \min} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0} \inf_{x \in X} \frac{\mathcal{H}^N(\mathbf{B}_g(x, r))}{v(n, \kappa/(n-1), r)} > 0.$$

An **isoperimetric cluster of volume**  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$  is an N-cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  that solves the minimizing problem below which is also known as **multi-isoperimetric problem**, i.e., such that  $\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}) = \mathbf{v}$  and

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*E. Milman and J. Neeman, 2022*

The multi-bubble conjecture holds in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{S}^n$  for all combinations of  $N$  and  $n$  such that  $2 \leq N + 1 \leq \min(5, n + 1)$ . Namely:

- 1  $N = 2$ , then it holds for  $n \geq 2$ ,
- 2  $N = 3$ , then it holds for  $n \geq 3$ ,
- 3  $N = 4$ , then it holds for  $n \geq 4$ .

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- We do not have a characterization of manifolds that contains its isoperimetric sets.



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$$\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \min_{1 \leq h \leq N} \mathbf{Vol}_g(\mathcal{E}_k(h)) > 0$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_k(h) \subset \mathbf{B}_g(p, R), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, h = 1, \dots, N,$$

$R > 0$ , for some  $p \in M$ , then there exist an  $N$ -cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $(M^n, g)$  with  $\mathcal{E}(h) \subset \mathbf{B}_g(p, R)$  such that up to a subsequence  $\mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ .

## Definition

We say that a smooth Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  has **bounded geometry** if there exists a constant  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $Ric_g \geq k(n-1)$  (i.e.,  $Ric_g \geq k(n-1)g$  in the sense of quadratic forms) and  $\text{Vol}_g(\mathbf{B}_M(p, inj_M)) \geq v_0$  for some positive constant  $v_0$ , where  $\mathbf{B}_M(p, r)$  is the geodesic ball of  $M$  centered at  $p$  and of radius  $r \in (0, inj_M)$ .

# Bounded geometry and $C^0$ -bounded geometry

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We say that a smooth Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  has  $C^0$ -**bounded geometry** if it has bounded geometry and satisfies:

- for every diverging sequence of points  $(p_j)$ , there exist a subsequence  $(p_{j_i})$  and a pointed smooth manifold  $(M_\infty, g_\infty, p_\infty)$  with  $g_\infty$  of class  $C^0$  such that the sequence of pointed manifolds  $(M, g, p_{j_i}) \rightarrow (M_\infty, g_\infty, p_\infty)$ , in  $C^0$ -topology.

## Theorem - R., 2019

Suppose that  $(M^n, g)$  has  $C^0$ -bounded geometry. Let  $\{\mathcal{E}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of  $N$ -clusters in  $(M^n, g)$  with  $\mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_k) \leq P$  and  $\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_k)(h) \leq \mathbf{v}(h)$ , for  $h \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ . Then, up to a subsequence, there exists  $J \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$  such that, for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ , there exist a sequence of points  $(p_{jk}^h)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M$ , a manifold  $(M_\infty(h), g_\infty)$ ,  $(p_{j\infty}^h)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_\infty(h)$  and a finite perimeter set  $\mathcal{E}_\infty(h) \subset M_\infty(h)$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq N$ , such that

$$(\mathcal{E}_k(h), g, p_{jk}^h) \text{ converges to } (\mathcal{E}_\infty(h), g_\infty, p_{j\infty}^h)$$

in the multipointed  $C^0$ -topology. Moreover, if we define the  $N$ -cluster  $\mathcal{E}_\infty = \{\mathcal{E}_\infty(h)\}_{h=1}^N$  in the manifold  $M \cup (\cup_{h=1}^N M_\infty(h))$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_{g_\infty}(\mathcal{E}_\infty) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_k)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{g_\infty}(\mathcal{E}_\infty) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_k)$ .

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Suppose that  $(M^n, g)$  has  $C^0$ -bounded geometry. Let  $\{\mathcal{E}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a minimizing sequence of  $N$ -clusters for  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ . Then, up to a subsequence, there exists  $J \in \mathbb{N}$ , a manifold  $(M_\infty, g_\infty)$ ,  $J$  sequences of points  $(p_{jk}^h)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M$ ,  $(p_{j\infty}^h)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_\infty$  and a  $N$ -cluster  $\mathcal{E}_\infty$  in  $(M_\infty, g_\infty)$  such that

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for  $h \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , in the multipointed  $C^0$ -topology. Moreover,  $\mathbf{v}_{g_\infty}(\mathcal{E}_\infty) = \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{g_\infty}(\mathcal{E}_\infty) = \mathbf{I}_{(M_\infty, g_\infty)}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{I}_{(M, g)}(\mathbf{v})$ .

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$$(M, g, p_k) \rightarrow (\mathbb{M}_\kappa^n, g_{\text{standard}}, x)$$

in the  $C^0$ -topology, where  $\mathbb{M}_\kappa^n$  is a  $n$ -dimensional space form of curvature  $\kappa$  and  $x$  is any point in  $\mathbb{M}_\kappa^n$ .

# "Classical" existence as an application

For this special kind of manifolds, we do have the existence of isoperimetric cluster in  $M$  itself.

## Theorem - *R., 2019*

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be  $C^0$ -locally asymptotically the  $n$ -dimensional space form  $\mathbb{M}_k^n$  of curvature  $k$ ,  $Ric_g \geq k(n-1)$ . Then, for every  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ , there exist an isoperimetric cluster, i.e. an  $N$ -cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  with

$$I_{(M,g)}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}).$$



- F. Morgan proved the boundedness of isoperimetric cluster in Euclidean spaces.

## Theorem - *Morgan's book*

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with bounded geometry, then isoperimetric clusters are bounded.

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## Theorem - *S. Nardulli and L. E. O. Acevedo, 2018*

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with bounded geometry satisfying, for some positive constant  $\lambda > 0$ , that

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{I(v)}{v^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = \lambda.$$

Then there exist two positive constants  $\mu^* = \mu^*(n, \kappa, inj_M, \lambda) > 0$  and  $v^* = v^*(n, \kappa, inj_M, \lambda) > 0$  such that whenever  $\Omega \subseteq M$  is an isoperimetric region of volume  $0 \leq v \leq v^*$  it holds that

$$\text{diam}_g(\Omega) \leq \mu^* v^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

- We say that  $(X, d, \mathcal{H}^n)$  is a  $\text{ncRCD}(\kappa, n)$ , if  $(X, d, \mathcal{H}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbf{B}_g(x, 1)) \geq \nu_0 > 0$  for any  $x \in X$ .

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*Theorem - G. Antonelli, E. Pasqualetto, M. Pozzetta, and D. Semola, 2022*

There exist constants  $\bar{v} = \bar{v}(\kappa, n, v_0) > 0$  and  $C = C(K, N, v_0) > 0$  such that the following holds. Let  $(X, d, \mathcal{H}^n)$  be an  $\text{ncRCD}(\kappa, n)$  space. Let  $E \subseteq X$  be an isoperimetric region. Then

$$\text{diam } E \leq C \mathcal{H}^n(E)^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \text{whenever } \mathcal{H}^n(E) \leq \bar{v}.$$

## Theorem - G. Antonelli, S. Nardulli, and M. Pozzetta, 2022

Let  $(X_i, d_i, \mathcal{H}^n)$  be a sequence of  $\text{ncRCD}(\kappa, n)$  spaces, and let  $E_i \subset X_i$  be bounded sets of finite perimeter such that  $\sup_i (P(E_i) + \mathcal{H}^n(E_i)) < +\infty$ . Then, up to subsequence, there exist a nondecreasing, possibly unbounded, sequence  $\{J_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , points  $p_{i,j} \in X_i$ , with  $1 \leq j \leq J_i$  for any  $i$ , and pairwise disjoint subsets  $E_{i,j} \subset E_i$  such that

- $\lim_i d_i(p_{i,j}, p_{i,\ell}) = +\infty$ , for any  $j \neq \ell < \bar{J} + 1$ , where  $\bar{J} := \lim_i J_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ;
- For every  $1 \leq j < \bar{J} + 1$ , the sequence  $(X_i, d_i, \mathcal{H}^n, p_{i,j})$  converges in the pmGH sense to a pointed  $\text{RCD}(\kappa, n)$  space  $(Y_j, d_{Y_j}, \mathcal{H}^n, p_j)$  as  $i \rightarrow +\infty$ ;
- there exist sets  $F_j \subset Y_j$  such that  $E_{i,j} \rightarrow_i F_j$  in  $L^1$ -strong and there holds

$$\lim_i \mathcal{H}^n(E_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} \mathcal{H}^n(F_j), \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} P(F_j) \leq \liminf_i P(E_i).$$

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Moreover, if  $E_i$  is an isoperimetric set in  $X_i$  for any  $i$ , then  $F_j$  is an isoperimetric set in  $Y_j$  for any  $j < \bar{J} + 1$  and

$$P(F_j) = \lim_i P(E_{i,j}),$$

for any  $j < \bar{J} + 1$ .

*$L^1$ -strong*: Let  $\{(X_i, d_i, m_i, x_i)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of pointed metric measure spaces converging in the pmGH sense to a pointed metric measure space  $(Y, d_Y, \mu, y)$  and let  $(Z, d_Z)$  be a complete separable metric space where every  $(X_i, d_i)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  can be isometrically embedded. We say that a sequence of Borel sets  $E_i \subset X_i$  such that  $m_i(E_i) < +\infty$  for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  converges in the  $L^1$ -strong sense to a Borel set  $F \subset Y$  with  $\mu(F) < +\infty$  if  $m_i(E_i) \rightarrow \mu(F)$  and  $\chi_{E_i} m_i \rightarrow \chi_F \mu$  with respect to the duality with continuous bounded functions with bounded support on  $Z$ .

## Theorem - Nardulli and R., 2022

Let  $(X_i, d_i, \mathcal{H}^n)$  be a sequence of  $\text{ncRCD}(\kappa, n)$  spaces, and let  $\mathcal{E}_i \subset X_i$  be bounded  $N$ -clusters such that  $\sup_i \left( \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_i) + \sum_{h=1}^N \mathbf{v}(\mathcal{E}_i)(h) \right) < +\infty$ .

Then, up to subsequence, there exist a nondecreasing, possibly unboundend, sequence  $\{J_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , points  $p_{i,j} \in X_i$ , with  $1 \leq j \leq J_i$  for any  $i$ , and pairwise disjoint subclusters  $\mathcal{E}_{i,j}$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_{i,j}(h) \subset \mathcal{E}_i(h), \forall h \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , such that

- $\lim_i d_i(p_{i,j}, p_{i,\ell}) = +\infty$ , for any  $j \neq \ell < \bar{J} + 1$ , where  $\bar{J} := \lim_i J_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ;
- For every  $1 \leq j < \bar{J} + 1$ , the sequence  $(X_i, d_i, \mathcal{H}^n, p_{i,j})$  converges in the pmGH sense to a pointed  $\text{RCD}(\kappa, n)$  space  $(Y_j, d_{Y_j}, \mathcal{H}^n, p_j)$  as  $i \rightarrow +\infty$ ;
- there exist clusters  $\mathcal{F}_j$  in  $Y_j$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_{i,j} \rightarrow_i \mathcal{F}_j$  in  $L^1$ -strong and there holds

$$\lim_i \mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} \mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{F}_j), \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{F}_j) \leq \lim_i \inf \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_i).$$



## Theorem - Nardulli and R., 2022

Moreover, if  $\mathcal{E}_i$  is an isoperimetric set in  $X_i$  for any  $i$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_j$  is an isoperimetric set in  $Y_j$  for any  $j < \bar{J} + 1$  and

$$\mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{F}_j) = \lim_i \mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_{i,j}),$$

for any  $j < \bar{J} + 1$ .

# Small volumes implies small diameters

## Theorem - Nardulli and R., 2022

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a closed Riemannian manifold and  $N = 2$ , i.e. the double bubble case. There exist two constants  $\mu^* = \mu^*(M, g), v^* = v^*(M, g) > 0$  such that for any isoperimetric cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  satisfying  $v_g(\mathcal{E}) \in (0, v^*]$ , it follows

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*Proof:* We apply the last theorem to

$$(X_i, d_i, \mathcal{H}_i^n) := \left( M^n, v_i^{-\frac{1}{n}} d_g, \mathcal{H}_{g_i}^n \right), \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We obtain that  $(Y_j^\infty, d_{Y_j^\infty}) = (\mathbb{R}^n, g_{euc})$  for every  $j \in [1, \bar{J} + 1) \cap \mathbb{N}$  and the existence of a isoperimetric 2-cluster in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as follows

$$\mathcal{E}^\infty := \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} \mathcal{E}_k^\infty(1), \bigcup_{j=1}^{\bar{J}} \mathcal{E}_k^\infty(2) \right).$$

So, we proceed with the following computations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{g_{euc}}(\mathcal{E}^\infty) &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{P}_{g_k}(\mathcal{E}_k) = \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{P}_g(\mathcal{E}_k)}{v_k^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathbf{I}_{(M,g)}(\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_k))}{v_k^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \\ &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathbf{I}_{(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{euc})}(\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_k))}{v_k^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbf{I}_{(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{euc})} \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_g(\mathcal{E}_k)}{v_k} \right) = \mathbf{I}_{(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{euc})}(\lambda, \mu), \end{aligned}$$

where, up to a subsequence,

$$\lambda = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{v_g(\mathcal{E}_k(1))}{v_k} \text{ and } \mu = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{v_g(\mathcal{E}_k(2))}{v_k}.$$

We assume by contradiction that  $\bar{J} > 1$ , then we have that  $\mathcal{E}^\infty$  is an isoperimetric 2-cluster in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathcal{E}^\infty(1) \cup \mathcal{E}^\infty(2)$  is a disconnected set. So, it is clearly a contradiction with either the double bubble conjecture, if  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ , or the classical solution of the Euclidean isoperimetric problem, if  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\mu = 0$ . Therefore,  $\bar{J} = 1$  which is solvable using the technique called 'selecting a large subdomain'.

# Small volumes implies small diameters

## Conjecture (working in progress - Nardulli and R.)

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a closed Riemannian manifold and  $N = 2$ , i.e. the double bubble case. There exist two constants

$\mu^* = \mu^*(n, N, \kappa, v_0), v^* = v^*(n, N, \kappa, v_0) > 0$  such that for any isoperimetric cluster  $\mathcal{E}$  satisfying  $v_g(\mathcal{E}) \in (0, v^*]$ , it follows

$$\text{diam}_g(\mathcal{E}(1) \cup \mathcal{E}(2)) \leq \mu^* \left( \sum_{h=1}^N v_g(\mathcal{E}(h)) \right)^{1/n}.$$

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## Theorem

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a manifold with bounded geometry. Then there exists a constant  $C(n, N, \kappa, v_0) > 0$  such that for every  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}' \in ]0, \mathbf{Vol}_g(M) [^N$  satisfying  $\mathbf{v}' \in \mathbf{B}_{\mathbb{R}^N}(\mathbf{v}, R_{\mathbf{v}})$ , where

$$R_{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{C(n, N, k)} \min \left\{ v_0, \sum_{h=1}^N \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}(h)}{I_M(\mathbf{v}) + C(n, k)} \right)^n \right\},$$

we have that

$$|\mathbf{I}_{(M, g)}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{I}_{(M, g)}(\mathbf{v}')| \leq C(n, k) \left( \frac{|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'|}{v_0} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}.$$



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- Generalize the results for the nonsmooth case, i.e., consider a RCD space instead of smooth manifolds  $(M^n, g)$ .
- Extend the results for the weighted perimeter of clusters.

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