

# Commutator estimates and spectral asymptotics on sub-Riemannian manifolds

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HG, M. Goffeng, *Commutator estimates on sub-Riemannian manifolds and applications*, forthcoming (2013)

# Pseudodifferential operators

Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F}\phi(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} \phi(x) dx, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{\phi \in C^\infty \mid |x^\beta \partial_x^\beta \phi| < C_{\alpha,\beta} \forall \alpha, \beta\}$$

$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  isomorphism,  $\mathcal{F}\partial_{x_j}\phi = -i\xi_j \mathcal{F}\phi$ .

Useful to study differential operators on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$P\phi = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}(x) \partial_x^{\alpha} \phi = \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}(x) (-i\xi)^{\alpha} \mathcal{F}\phi(\xi) \right)$$

Pseudodifferential operators: “integral operators”  $\supset \{\sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}(x) \partial_x^{\alpha}\}$ :

$$P\phi(x) = \text{op}(p) \phi(x) = \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} (p(x, \xi) \mathcal{F}\phi(\xi)), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$p \sim$  smooth rational function:  $|\partial_x^{\beta} \partial_{\xi}^{\alpha} p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (1 + |\xi|)^{d - |\alpha|} \quad \forall \alpha, \beta$   
 $d =$  order  $\in \mathbb{R}$

# Pseudodifferential operators ( $\Psi$ DO)

$$P\phi(x) = \text{op}(p) \phi(x) = \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} (p(x, \xi) \mathcal{F}\phi(\xi))$$

- turn PDE into algebra of symbols:

$$\text{op}(p) \text{ op}(q) = \text{op} \left( pq - i \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_{\xi_j} p \partial_{x_j} q + \dots \right)$$

- on manifold:  $P$   $\Psi$ DO iff in local coordinates it is a  $\Psi$ DO on  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- developed from integral operator methods:
  - Calderón–Zygmund (Acta Math. 1952)
  - Kohn–Nirenberg (Comm. Pure Appl. Math. 1965)
  - Hörmander (Fields medal), Seeley
  - Atiyah–Singer index theorem (Bull. AMS 1963, Ann. Math. 1968)

# Main ingredient from harmonic analysis

$P = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x) \partial_j$ ,  $a_j \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz  $\implies$

$[P, f]\phi = P(f\phi) - fP\phi = \sum_j a_j(\partial_j f)\phi$  extends to bounded operator on  $L^p$

## Calderón commutator estimate

- $P$  pseudodifferential operator of order 1 on  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz

$\implies [P, f]$   $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -bounded and  $\|[P, f]\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \lesssim \|f\|_{Lip}$

The following theorem was apparently not known (HG – Goffeng 2013):

## Calderón commutator estimate on Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}$

- $P$  pseudodifferential operator of order 1 on  $\mathbb{H}$
- $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{H}$

$\implies [P, f]$   $L^p(\mathbb{H})$ -bounded and  $\|[P, f]\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \lesssim \|f\|_{Lip_{\mathbb{H}}}$

# Some questions

- What is  $\mathbb{H}$ ?
- What is a pseudodifferential operator on  $\mathbb{H}$ ?
- What about the proof of the commutator estimate? Isn't this trivial?
- Why do we care?  
~~ applications to spectral theory & noncommutative geometry

# Application to spectral asymptotics

## Theorem (HG–Goffeng 2013)

- $M$  closed sub-Riemannian (Heisenberg) manifold
- $T \Psi\text{DO}$  of order 0,  $a \in C_H^{0,\alpha}$  for some  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$

Then  $[T, a]$  is a compact operator on  $L^2(M)$ . More precisely,  
 $[T, a] \in \ell^{\frac{\dim M+1}{\alpha}, \infty}(L^2(M))$  and its eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  satisfy

$$\sup_k |\lambda_k| k^{\frac{\alpha}{\dim M+1}} \lesssim \|a\|_{C_H^{0,\alpha}(M)}.$$

## Remarks

- a) The exponent  $\frac{\alpha}{\dim M+1}$  is sharp.
- b) Complex geometers would be excited to learn that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k k^{\frac{\alpha}{\dim M+1}}$  exists and compute it.

# Application of spectral asymptotics

- $X, Y$  compact, connected, oriented manifolds
- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  smooth,  $df \neq 0$
- degree of  $f$ :  $\deg f = \sum_{x=f^{-1}(y)} \text{sign } \det df(x)$  homotopy invariant
- analytical formula:  $\alpha$   $n$ -form on  $Y$ ,  $\int_Y \alpha = 1$   
$$\deg f = \int_X f^* \alpha = \int_X \det \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \alpha$$
- What about continuous  $f$ ? Formulas without derivatives.
- Idea of Connes ( $X = S^1$ ):  $g$  suitable,  
$$\deg f = (-1)^{n+1} \text{index } T_{g \circ f} = \dim \ker T_{g \circ f} - \dim \text{coker } T_{g \circ f}$$
- Here:  $T_a : H^2(S^1, \mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow H^2(S^1, \mathbb{C}^n)$  Toeplitz operator  
$$H^2(S^1, \mathbb{C}^n) = \{\phi \in L^2 : \hat{\phi}(n) = 0 \ \forall n < 0\}$$

$$T_a \phi = \Pi_{n \geq 0} (a \phi)$$

# Application of spectral asymptotics (ctd.)

- $\deg f = (-1)^{n+1} \text{index } T_{gof} = \dim \ker T_{gof} - \dim \text{coker } T_{gof}$
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$$T_a \phi = \Pi_{n \geq 0}(a\phi)$$

- analytical index formula (rhs written as  $\int_{S^1} \cdots \int_{S^1}$ )

$$\text{index } T_a = -\text{tr}_{H^2} a^{-1} [\Pi, a] [\Pi, a^{-1}] \cdots [\Pi, a] [\Pi, a^{-1}]$$

## Theorem

- $\Omega$  rel. compact strictly pseudoconvex domain in Stein manifold,  $\partial\Omega \in C^\infty$
- $H_{\partial\Omega}$  integral kernel of Szegö projection
- $a \in C^{0,\alpha}(\partial\Omega, GL(N))$ ,  $2k + 1 > \dim \Omega/\alpha$

$$\Rightarrow \text{index } T_a = - \int_{\partial\Omega^{2k+1}} \text{tr}_{M_N} \prod_{j=0}^{2k} (1 - a(z_{j-1})^{-1} a(z_j)) H_{\partial\Omega}(z_{j-1}, z_j) .$$

Summary: analytic formula for the degree of  $f : \partial\Omega \rightarrow GL_N(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $f \in C^{0,\alpha}$

# Sub-Riemannian geometry of the Heisenberg group

## 3-dim. Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^3$

- $|x| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{1/2}$
- Lie group  $x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3)$
- dilations  $\lambda x = (\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3)$ ,  $\lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$ ,  $|\lambda x| = |\lambda||x|$
- metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y| = \inf\{\ell(\gamma) : \gamma \text{ smooth curve } x \leftrightarrow y\}$
- special case of Connes metric:

$$d(x, y) = \sup\{f(x) - f(y) : f \in Lip, \|[\nabla, f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = \|\nabla f\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1\}$$

- Riemannian manifolds locally look like this (mod curvature, anisotropic rescaling)
- Laplacian  $\Delta = -\partial_1^2 - \partial_2^2 - \partial_3^2$  elliptic

# Sub-Riemannian geometry of the Heisenberg group

## 3-dim. Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}$

- as manifold  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R}^3$
- $|x|_H = (x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^2)^{1/4}$  Koranyi gauge
- Lie group  $x \cdot y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1))$
- dilations  $\lambda \cdot x = (\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \lambda^2 x_3)$ ,  $\lambda \cdot (x \cdot y) = \lambda \cdot x + \lambda \cdot y$ ,  
 $|\lambda x|_H = |\lambda| |x|_H$
- Consider bundle  $H_0 = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$ ,  $H_x = x \cdot H_0$ .
- Carnot–Caratheodory metric  
 $d(x, y) = \inf\{\ell(\gamma) : \gamma \text{ smooth curve } x \leftrightarrow y \text{ s.t. } \dot{\gamma}(t) \in H_{\gamma(t)} \forall t\}$   
(Chow's Theorem: Such  $\gamma$  exist.)
- Locally  $d(x, y) \simeq |x \cdot y^{-1}|_H$ .

# Sub-Riemannian geometry of $\mathbb{H}$ (ctd.)

## 3-dim. Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}$

- special case of Connes metric?  $\exists$  operator  $D$  s.t.

$$d(x, y) = \sup\{f(x) - f(y) : f \in Lip, \| [D, f] \|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq 1 \} ?$$

- Sub-Laplacian  $\Delta_H \sim X_1^* X_1 + X_2^* X_2$  sub-elliptic, where

$$X_1 = \partial_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 \partial_3, \quad X_2 = \partial_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1 \partial_3, \quad X_3 = \partial_3$$

Hörmander's Theorem:  $\{X_j\}_{j=1}^s$  vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\exists d < \infty \forall x$

$\mathbb{R}^n = \{X_1(x), \dots, X_s(x), [X_1, X_2](x), \dots, \text{commutators up to order } d\} .$

Then  $\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^s X_j^* X_j$  is sub-elliptic:  $\phi \in D', \Delta \phi \in C^\infty \implies \phi \in C^\infty$ .

# Heisenberg manifolds

## Definition

A Heisenberg manifold is a closed, compact Riemannian manifold  $M$  endowed with a subbundle  $H \subset TM$  of codimension 1 s.t.  $TM = H + [H, H]$ .

(3-dim.) Heisenberg manifolds locally look like  $(\mathbb{H}, H)$  (mod curvature, anisotropic rescaling)

## Key examples: complex analysis and contact manifolds

- a)  $N = \{\varrho < 0\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  strictly pseudoconvex, i.e.  $i\bar{\partial}\partial\varrho|_{\partial N} > 0$ ,  $M = \partial N$ ,  $H = \ker d^c\varrho$
- b) more general:  $M$  contact manifold, i.e.  $\dim M = 2n - 1$ , 1-form  $\theta$  s.t.  $\theta \wedge d\theta^n$  non-degenerate,  $H = \ker d\theta$

# The Sub-Laplacian $\Delta_H$

- $(M, H)$  Heisenberg manifold,  $H = \text{span}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$
- $\Delta_H = \sum_{j=1}^N X_j^* X_j$  formally on  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(M)$
- Self-adjoint closure:  
Bilinear form  $\mathfrak{q}_H(\phi) = \sum_{j=1}^N \int_M |X_j \phi|^2 dx$  on  $C_c^\infty(M)$  closable  
domain of form closure

$$\text{Dom}(\mathfrak{q}_H) = \{\phi \in L^2(M) : X_j \phi \in L^2(M) \forall j\} =: W_H^1(M)$$

Denote by  $\Delta_H$  associated self-adjoint operator

- $\Delta_H$  compact resolvent  $\Rightarrow$  sequence  $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \rightarrow \infty$
- Weyl's law / spectral asymptotics (Beals–Greiner–Stanton '87):  
 $\lambda_k k^{-\frac{2}{\dim M+1}} \rightarrow \nu_0$  for  $k \rightarrow \infty$

# Application to noncommutative geometry

Recall that on a closed, compact Riemannian manifold:

$$d(x, y) = \sup\{f(x) - f(y) : f \in Lip, \|[\nabla, f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = \|\nabla f\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1\}$$

In NCG one studies spectral triples:  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D : \mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H})$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra of operators on the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,

$D$  abstract Fredholm operator, order 1, compact resolvent.

Think  $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(M, \mathcal{S})$

$D$  = Dirac-type operator = operator s.t.  $D^2 - \Delta_M$  order 1.

$S(\mathcal{A})$  = positive linear functionals on  $\mathcal{A}$  of norm 1. Here  $= M$ .

## Connes metric on state space $S(\mathcal{A})$

$$d_D(\omega, \omega') := \sup\{|\omega(a) - \omega'(a)| : a \in \mathcal{A} : \| [D, a] \|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})} \leq 1\}$$

For  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D) = (C^\infty, L^2, \text{Dirac})$ ,  $\omega, \omega'$  point evaluations in  $x, y$ :

$\Rightarrow d_D(\omega, \omega') = d(x, y)$  Riemannian distance.

# Application to noncommutative geometry (ctd.)

$(M, H)$  closed, compact Heisenberg manifold.

Old question: Is there  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$  s.t.  $d_D(\omega, \omega') = d(x, y)$ ?

Dirac operators constructed from  $X_j$  don't do it – infinite dimensional kernel.

## Theorem (special case)

- $D_H$  horizontal Dirac
- $S$  any operator  $\sim$  projection onto  $\ker D_H$
- $D = D_H + \theta S$

Then  $(C^\infty(M), L^2(M, S^H M), D_\theta)$  spectral triple of same metric dimension as  $(M, H)$  s.t.

$(M, d_{D_\theta}) \rightarrow (M, d)$  in Gromov-Hausdorff distance as  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ .

# Pseudodifferential operators on $U \subset \mathbb{H}$

$$X_1 = \partial_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2\partial_3, \quad X_2 = \partial_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1\partial_3, \quad X_3 = \partial_3$$

$$\sigma_1(x, \xi) = -i\xi_1 + \frac{i}{2}x_2\xi_3, \quad \sigma_2(x, \xi) = -i\xi_2 - \frac{i}{2}x_1\xi_3, \quad \sigma_3(x, \xi) = -i\xi_3$$

- $d \in \mathbb{C}, S_d(U \times \mathbb{H}) =$

$$\{p \in C^\infty(U \times \mathbb{H} \setminus \{0\}) : p(x, \lambda \cdot \xi) = \lambda^d p(x, \xi) \quad \forall \lambda > 0, \quad (x, \xi) \in U \times \mathbb{H}\}$$

- $S^d(U \times \mathbb{H}) = \{p \in C^\infty(U \times \mathbb{H}) : \exists p_k \in S_{d-k}(U \times \mathbb{H}) \quad \forall N \quad \forall K \Subset U$

$$\left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta \left( p - \sum_{k=0}^N p_k \right) (x, \xi) \right| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, K, N} |\xi|_H^{\operatorname{Re} d - \langle \beta \rangle - N}, \quad \forall x \in K, \quad |\xi|_H \geq 1$$

- $P\phi(x) = \operatorname{op}(p) \phi(x) = \mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} (p(x, \sigma(x, \xi))) \mathcal{F}\phi(\xi))$

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## Properties

- $\Delta_H$  elliptic  $\Psi$ DO of order 2, Szegö projection order 0
- PDEs on  $M \rightsquigarrow$  symbol algebra, order-0 op.'s bounded on  $L^p(M)$
- generalized Calderon–Zygmund operators: integral kernel  $K_P(x, y) = k_P(x, x - y)$  in local coordinates satisfies

$$|k_P(x, x - y)| \lesssim d(x, y)^{-\dim M - d}$$

$$|X_{j,x}k_P(x, x - y)| \lesssim d(x, y)^{-\dim M - d - 1}$$

$$|X_{j,y}k_P(x, x - y)| \lesssim d(x, y)^{-\dim M - d - 1}$$

- Best constants  $\|K_P\|_{CZ}$

# Function spaces

## Function spaces

- $C^{k,\alpha}(M)$  using Heisenberg metric &  $X_j$
- $W_H^s(M) = (1 + \Delta_H)^{-s/2} L^2(M)$
- Littlewood–Paley decomposition based on Koranyi gauge  $|\cdot|_H$   
 $\rightsquigarrow HB_{p,q}^s$
- cf. Bahouri–Fermanian-Kammerer–Gallagher (Asterisque 2012),  
we need sharp estimates!
- qualitative properties (interpolation, embedding thms.) as on  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- quantitative estimates often only known with loss of derivatives

# Order 1 to order 0

Calderón commutator estimate  $\Rightarrow$

For any  $T$   $\Psi$ DO of order 0,  $f \in Lip_H$

$$\|[T,f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow W_H^1} \lesssim \|f\|_{Lip_H} .$$

Writing  $[T,f] = Id \circ [T,f] : L^2 \rightarrow W_H^1 \rightarrow L^2$ , the estimate

$$\sup_k |\lambda_k([T,f])| k^{\frac{1}{\dim M+1}} \lesssim \|f\|_{Lip_H}$$

follows from

- the spectral asymptotics of  $\Delta_H$ ,

$$\lambda_k(\Delta_H) k^{-\frac{2}{\dim M+1}} \rightarrow \nu_0 ,$$

- $\ell^{\dim M+1,\infty}(L^2(M))$  is an ideal under composition .

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Proof: May reduce to  $T$  s.t.  $T^2 - 1 = T^* - T = 0$ .

$$D_T := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\Delta_H}T \\ T\sqrt{\Delta_H} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow D_T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_H & 0 \\ 0 & T\Delta_H T \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus  $1 + D_T^2 > 0$ .

$$\tilde{T} := D_T(1 + D_T^2)^{-1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\Delta_H}(1 + \Delta_H)^{-1/2}T \\ T\sqrt{\Delta_H}(1 + \Delta_H)^{-1/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note:

$$\tilde{T} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & T \\ T & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\sqrt{\Delta_H}(1 + \Delta_H)^{-1/2} - 1)T \\ T(\sqrt{\Delta_H}(1 + \Delta_H)^{-1/2} - 1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Operator inequality: For  $f \in Lip_{CC}(M)$  with values in  $i\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$-\|[D_T,f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} (1 + D_T^2)^{-1/2} \leq [\tilde{T},f] \leq \|[D_T,f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} (1 + D_T^2)^{-1/2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad & \|\tilde{T},f\|_{L^2 \rightarrow W_H^1} \\ & \leq \|(1 + D_T^2)^{-1/2}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow W_H^1} \|[D_T,f]\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \textcolor{red}{CCE} \ C \|f\|_{Lip_H}. \end{aligned}$$

# From $Lip_H$ to $C_H^{0,\alpha}$

## Conclusion

For any  $T$   $\Psi$ DO of order 0,  $a \mapsto [T, a]$  is bounded

- $Lip_H(M) \rightarrow \ell^{\dim M+1, \infty}(L^2(M))$ ,
- (easy)  $C^0(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(L^2(M))$

Interpolation  $\rightsquigarrow C^{0,\alpha}(M) \rightarrow \ell^{\frac{\dim M+1}{\alpha}, \infty}(L^2(M))$ , i.e.

$$\sup_k |\lambda_k([T, a])| k^{\frac{\alpha}{\dim M+1}} \lesssim \|a\|_{C_H^{0,\alpha}(M)}.$$

Pseudodifferential calculus shows  $C_H^k(M) \rightarrow \ell^{\dim M+1, \infty}(L^2(M))$  for large  $k$ .

# A $Tb$ theorem by Hytönen–Martikainen

## Hytönen–Martikainen (2012)

Let  $T$  be an  $L^2$ -bounded integral operator with Calderón–Zygmund kernel  $K_T$ ,  $b_1, b_2 \in L^\infty(M)$  with  $\operatorname{Re} b_1, \operatorname{Re} b_2 > c > 0$ ,  $\kappa, \Lambda > 1$  and  $S : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ . Then

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2(M))} \lesssim \|Tb_1\|_{BMO_\kappa^2} + \|T^*b_2\|_{BMO_\kappa^2} + \|b_2 Tb_1\|_{WBP_{\Lambda,S}} + \|K_T\|_{CZ}.$$

Here  $\|T\|_{WBP_{\Lambda,S}}$  is the best constant  $C$  s.t.  $\langle T\chi_{B,\varepsilon}, \chi_{B,\varepsilon} \rangle \leq CS(\varepsilon)|\Lambda \cdot B|$  for fixed cut-off function  $\chi_B \leq \chi_{B,\varepsilon} \leq \chi_{(1+\varepsilon)B}$ .

The basic idea in our proof of the Calderón commutator estimate is to

- a) show that  $T = [D, f]$  bounded,
- b) deduce operator norm  $\lesssim \|f\|_{Lip_H}$  by estimating the right hand side.

# Conclusions & Outlook

- Harmonic analysis on  $\mathbb{H}$  is useful in other areas
- Calderón commutator estimate for  $[D^1, f]$  implies sharp spectral estimates for  $[T^0, a]$
- Elliptic techniques of Birman–Solomyak, Sukochev et al. should allow to prove existence / compute

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k([T, a]) k^{\frac{\alpha}{\dim M+1}} = ?$$

and certain regularized integrals in complex analysis.

- But: Need sharp estimates on  $\mathbb{H}$ !