

Quillen metrics on modular curves

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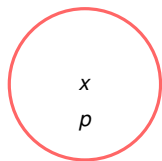
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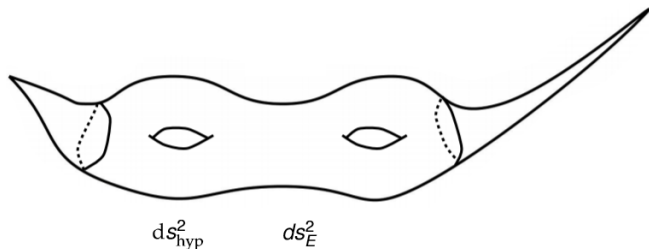
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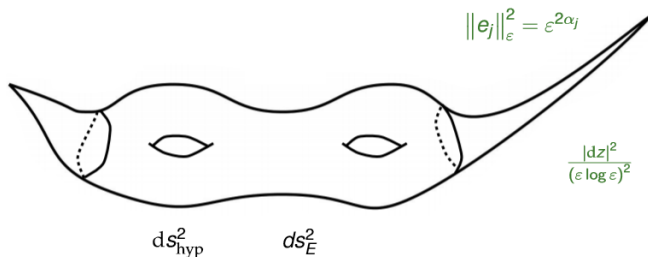
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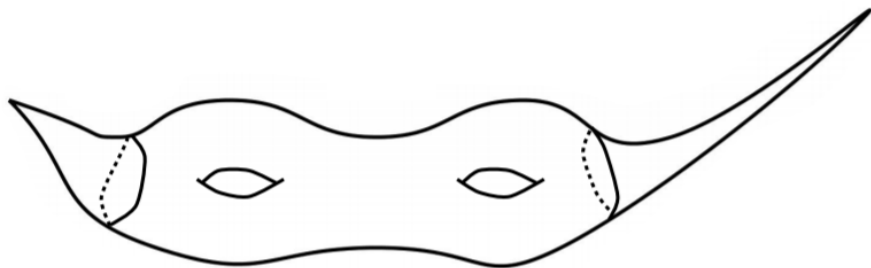
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This Quillen metric satisfies all three conditions required in the compact case (smoothness in family, spectral interpretation, Riemann-Roch theorem).