

# The even Orlicz Minkowski problem

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The Minkowski problem concerns

- Existence
- Uniqueness
- Stability

of convex hypersurfaces whose Gauss curvature (possibly in a generalized sense) is prescribed as a function of the outer unit normals.

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## Surface area measure of a convex body

$$S_K(\omega) = \mathcal{H}^{n-1}\{x \in \partial K : x \text{ has an outer unit normal in } \omega\}$$

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Theorem (Minkowski 1897, Fenchel & Jessen 1938)

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$$\int_{S^{n-1}} u \, d\mu(u) = o$$

and  $\mu(s) < \mu(S^{n-1})$  for each great subsphere  $s$  of  $S^{n-1}$ , then

$$\mu = S_K.$$

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- Even case ( $p \neq n$ ): Lutwak '93
- $p > n$ : Chou & Wang '06, Guan & Lin
- Polytopal case for  $p > 1$ : Chou & Wang '06
- different approach by Hug, Lutwak, Yang & Zhang

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- Affine inequalities for  $p \geq n$  (Cianchi, Lutwak, Yang, Zhang, H., Schuster, Xiao, Bastero, Romance, Alonso,...)

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## Uncovered elements of an Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski theory

- Lutwak, Yang, Zhang '10: Orlicz projection and centroid bodies
- Ludwig, Reitzner '10: Orlicz affine surface areas

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Chou & Wang '06: Smooth setting

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$\varphi \equiv 1$ : Solution to classical even Minkowski problem.

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