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On the moduli space of flat connections over a nonorientable surface

ABSTRACT: In this talk, I will construct a natural class of metrics for the moduli space of flat connections on a nonorientable surface, calculate the Riemannian volume of the moduli space according to these metrics, and explain the difference between ours and Witten's volume formula. If time permits, I will also talk about the Morse theory approach on computing the Poincaré series of the moduli space of flat connections over a nonorientable surface.