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1001-57-330 Francois Gueritaud* (fguerita@usc.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Southern California, 3620 South Vermont Avenue, KAP 108, Los Angeles, CA 90089-2532. Punctured torus quasifuchsian groups. Preliminary report.

We explicitly construct quasifuchsian metrics with a given bending data on the once-punctured torus times the real line. Our general technique is to canonically decompose the manifold into infinitely many topological ideal tetrahedra, and then to use a volume maximization process to find geometric shapes which are compatible with each other. (Received August 30, 2004)