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Quadratic invariants of conformal structures

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The first aim of the Fefferman-Graham ambient metric construction was to write down all scalar invariants of conformal structures. For odd dimensions, the aim was achieved with the aid of the parabolic invariant theory by Bailey, Eastwood and Graham. In this talk I will explain how far we can extend the result for even dimensions. In particular I will write down a complete list of conformal invariants of degree 2 in all dimensions. This is joint work with Robin Graham.

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