

## COMMENSURABILITY OF LINK COMPLEMENTS

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### Abstract

In 2013, Chesebro and DeBlois constructed a certain family of hyperbolic links whose complements have the same volume, trace field, Bloch invariant, and cusp parameters up to  $PGL(2, \mathbb{Q})$ . In this paper, we show that these link complements are incommensurable to each other. We use horoball packing to prove this.

### 1. Introduction

It was shown that there exist an arbitrary number of hyperbolic 3-manifolds with the same invariant trace field and volume but are mutually incommensurable which are distinguished by their cusp parameters ([1] Theorem 3.(2), [9]). In [1] Theorem 3.(3), E. Chesebro and J. DeBlois have constructed a certain family of links whose complements have the same volume, trace field, Bloch invariant and cusp parameter up to  $PGL(2, \mathbb{Q})$ . For these link complements, they say “We do not know if these are commensurable, although we suspect they are not”.

In this paper, we show the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *The hyperbolic link complements in [1] Theorem 3.(3) are incommensurable to each other.*

To prove the incommensurability of these hyperbolic link complements, we investigate the horoball packings of them.

### 2. Preliminary

In this section, we construct hyperbolic links in [1] Theorem 3.(3). For an arbitrary number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider the link  $L$  as in Figure 1. The dotted lines there indicate the presence of 2-spheres that each of which meets  $L$  in 4 points. The 2-spheres separate the link  $L$  into tangles from left-to-right into a tangle  $S$  and  $n$  copies of  $T$  and the mirror image  $\bar{S}$  of  $S$ . We denote the spheres by  $S^{(m)}$  ( $m = 0, \dots, n$ ) so that  $S^{(0)}$  bounds  $S$ ,  $S^{(n)}$  bounds  $\bar{S}$ , and  $S^{(m-1)}$  bounds a copy of  $T$  with  $S^{(m)}$ .

Let  $L_m$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ) be the link obtained from  $L$  by mutation along  $S^{(m-1)}$  and  $S^{(m)}$  as in Figure 2.

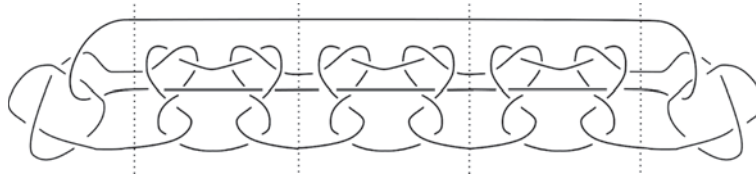


Fig. 1. The link  $L(n = 3)$ .

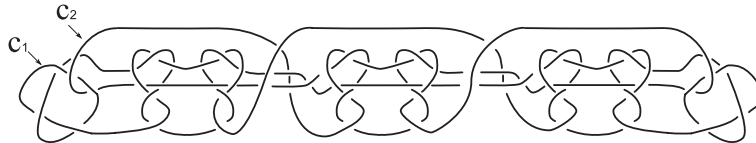


Fig. 2. The link  $L_m (n = 3 \text{ and } m = 2)$ .

**3. Commensurability invariant**

Two hyperbolic 3-manifolds are commensurable if they have a common cover, of finite degree. Several commensurability invariants are known. Two commensurable manifolds have necessarily commensurable volumes. For a Kleinian group  $\Gamma$ , put  $\Gamma^{(2)} = \langle \gamma^2 | \gamma \in \Gamma \rangle$ . The invariant trace field  $\mathbb{Q}(\text{tr } \Gamma^{(2)})$  is a commensurability invariant of  $M = \mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma$ . In particular, if  $M$  is a hyperbolic link complement, the invariant trace field coincides with trace field  $\mathbb{Q}(\text{tr } \Gamma)$  [4]. Suppose that  $M$  has a degree one ideal triangulation by ideal simplices  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n$ . Then the Bloch invariant  $\beta(M) = \sum_{i=1}^n [z_i]$  is an element in the pre-Bloch group  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ , where  $z_i \in \mathbb{C}$  is the parameter of the ideal tetrahedron  $\Delta_i$ . Commensurable hyperbolic manifolds have  $\mathbb{Q}$ -dependent Bloch invariants [8]. If two cusped hyperbolic manifolds are commensurable, they have the same set of cusp parameters up to  $PGL(2, \mathbb{Q})$ .

Let  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  be the cusps of a cusped hyperbolic manifold  $M$ . Expand the horoball neighborhood of  $c_j$  until it collides itself or some other horoball neighborhoods ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ). If  $M$  has only one cusp, this horoball neighborhood of  $c_1$  is uniquely determined, which is called maximal cusp. In general, if  $k \geq 2$ , these horoball neighborhoods are not uniquely determined. However, if each horoball neighborhood collides itself, they are uniquely determined. These horoball neighborhoods lift to an infinite set of horoballs in  $\mathbb{H}^3$  with disjoint interiors and some points of tangency on their boundaries. This set of horoballs is also uniquely determined up to  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ , we denote it by  $\mathcal{H}(M)$ . The commensurability class of non-arithmetic orbifolds contains an element which is covered by any other manifold and orbifold in the class [3]. If two manifolds  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  cover a common orbifold  $Q$ , they admit choices of horoball neighbourhoods lifting to isometric horoball packings ([2] Lemma 2.3.). We can get the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose that non-arithmetic cusped hyperbolic manifolds  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are commensurable. If each horoball neighborhood of the cusps of  $M_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) collides itself, then  $\mathcal{H}(M_1) = \mathcal{H}(M_2)$  up to  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .*

The invariant trace field of  $S^3 - L_m$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{2})$  ([1] Proposition 4.1.). It is well known that any non-compact arithmetic manifold  $M$  has invariant trace field  $k(M) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  [5]. Thus  $S^3 - L_m$  is non-arithmetic.

In section 5, we show that  $\mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_m) \neq \mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_{m'})$  ( $m \neq m'$ ) up to  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

**4. Horoball neighborhoods of cusps of  $B^3 - S$  and  $S^2 \times I - T_0$**

To see the horoball neighborhoods of the cusps of  $S^3 - L_m$ , we consider the tangle  $S$  in  $B^3$  and the tangle  $T_0$  in  $S^2 \times I$  as shown in Figure 3. In the next section, we show that if we expand the horoball neighborhoods of the cusps of  $S^3 - L_m$  until the meridian length of them are  $\sqrt{3}$ , each horoball neighborhood collides itself. In this section, we expand horoball neighborhoods of the cusps of  $B^3 - S$  and  $S^2 \times I - T_0$  until the meridian length of them are  $\sqrt{3}$ .

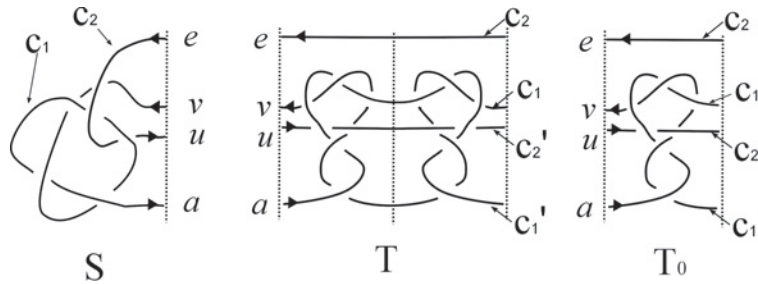


Fig.3. Tangles  $S, T$  and  $T_0$ .

Let  $P_1$  be the regular ideal octahedron and  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  and  $X_4$  the ideal triangles of  $P_1$  as shown in Figure 4. The ideal triangle  $X_1$  is identified to  $X_2$  by  $s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the ideal triangle  $X_3$  is identified to  $X_4$  by  $t = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & 2-i \\ i & 1-i \end{pmatrix}$ . Put  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be the cusps of  $B^3 - S$  as in Figure 3. In [1] section 2, the following proposition is proved.

**Proposition 2.** *There is a homeomorphism from  $B^3 - S$  to  $P_1/\{s^{\pm 1}, t^{\pm 1}\}$ , which is a hyperbolic manifold with totally geodesic boundary. The ideal point 0 corresponds to the cusp  $c_1$ . Other ideal points correspond to the cusp  $c_2$ .*

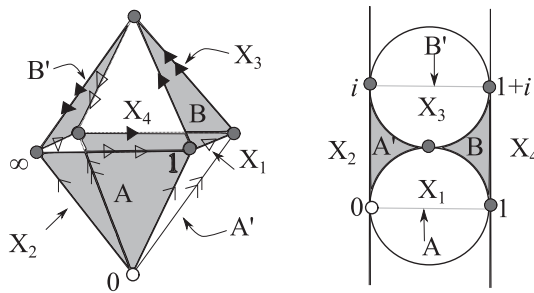


Fig.4. Ideal polyhedral decomposition of  $B^3 - S$ .

For a horoball  $h$ , denote the Euclidean height of  $h$  by  $D(h)$ . If the center of  $h$  is not  $\infty$ ,  $D(h)$  is the Euclidean diameter of  $h$ . We will use the following well-known lemma which can be proved by direct calculations.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $h$  be a horoball centered at  $\infty$  with Euclidean height  $k$ . If  $\gamma \in PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$  does not fix  $\infty$ , then  $D(\gamma(h)) = 1/|c^2k|$ , where  $c$  is the first entry in the second row of  $\gamma$ .*

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $N(c_j)$  be the horoball neighborhood of  $c_j$  such that the meridian length of  $\partial N(c_j)$  is  $\sqrt{3}$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Then  $\partial N(c_j)$  is as in Figure 5 and  $N(c_j) \cap N(c_k) = \emptyset$  ( $j, k = 1, 2$ ).*

(Proof of Proposition 3.) Let  $h_0$  be a horoball whose center is 0 and  $D(h_0) = \sqrt{3}$ .  $\partial h_0 \cap P_1$  is a square with sides of length  $\sqrt{3}$ . We identify the sides of the square  $\partial h_0 \cap P_1$  by  $s$ . The horospherical cross-section of the cusp  $c_1$ , which is  $\partial N(c_1)$ , is as in the left side of Figure 5.

Put  $\mathcal{V}_1 = \{\infty, 1, i, 1, (1)/2\}$ . Let  $\{h_z | z \in \mathcal{V}_1\}$  be a collection of horoballs invariant under the action of the symmetry group of  $P_1$ , such that  $h_z$  is centered at  $z$  for each  $z \in \mathcal{V}_1$  and  $h_\infty$  is at height  $5/\sqrt{3}$ . We identify the sides of these squares  $\partial h_z \cap P_1$  by  $s$  and  $t$ . The horospherical cross-section of the cusp  $c_2$ , which is  $\partial N(c_2)$ , is as in the right side of Figure 5.

The ideal point  $\infty$  is identified to 1 by  $t^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 2-i \\ -i & 2i \end{pmatrix}$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $D(h_1) = \sqrt{3}/5$ . By the symmetry of  $P_1$ ,  $D(h_1) = D(h_i) = \sqrt{3}/5$ . The ideal point  $\infty$  is identified to  $(1)/2$  by  $t^{-2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3-i \\ 1-i & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $D(h_{(1)/2}) = \sqrt{3}/10$ .

It is not hard to see  $h_z \cap h_{z'} = \emptyset$  for  $z \neq z'$ . Then  $N(c_j) \cap N(c_k) = \emptyset$  ( $j, k = 1, 2$ ).

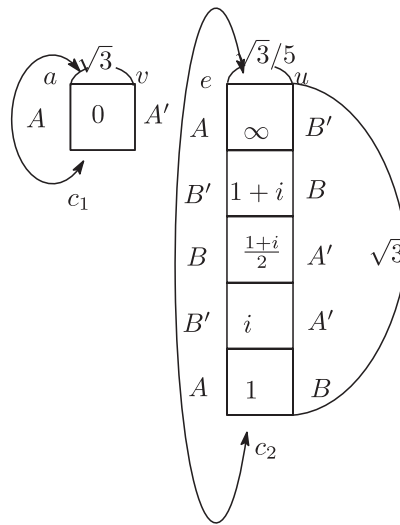


Fig. 5. Horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $B^3 - S$ .

To see the horoball neighborhoods of cusps of  $S^2 \times I - T$ , we will consider the tangle  $T_0$  in  $S^2 \times I$  as in Figure 3. Let  $P_2$  be the right-angled ideal cuboctahedron and  $Y_1, Y'_1, Y_2, Y'_2, Y_3$  and  $Y'_3$  the ideal squares of  $P_2$  as shown in Figure 6. Put

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, g = \begin{pmatrix} -1\sqrt{2} & 1 - 2i\sqrt{2} \\ -2 & 3i - \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, h = \begin{pmatrix} 2i\sqrt{2} & -3 - i\sqrt{2} \\ -3\sqrt{2} & 3i\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The face  $Y_2$  is identified to  $Y_1$  by  $f$ ,  $Y_3$  is identified to  $Y'_1$  by  $g$  and  $Y'_2$  is identified to  $Y'_3$  by  $h$ . Put  $c_1, c'_1, c_2$  and  $c'_2$  be the cusps of  $S^2 \times I - T_0$  as in Figure 3. In [1] Section 2, the following proposition is proved.

**Proposition 4.** *There is a homeomorphism from  $S^2 \times I - T_0$  to  $P_2/\{f^{\pm 1}, g^{\pm 1}, h^{\pm 1}\}$ , which is a hyperbolic manifold with totally geodesic boundary. The ideal point 0 (resp.  $1 - i\sqrt{2}/2$ ) corresponds to the cusp  $c_1$  (resp.  $c'_1$ ). The five ideal points  $\infty, 1/2 - i/\sqrt{2}, -i\sqrt{2}, (2 - i\sqrt{2})/3$  and 1 correspond to the cusp  $c_2$ . The five ideal points  $(1 - 2i\sqrt{2})/3, 1 - i\sqrt{2}, (2 - 2i\sqrt{2})/3, -i/\sqrt{2}$  and  $(1 - i\sqrt{2})/3$  correspond to the cusp  $c'_2$ .*

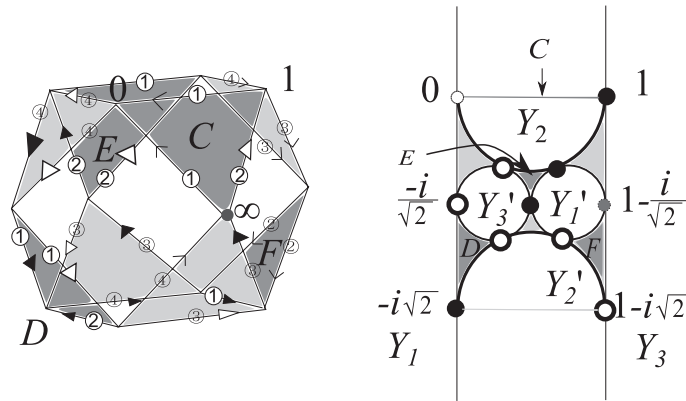


Fig. 6. The ideal polyhedral decomposition of  $S^2 \times I - T_0$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $N(c_j)$  be the horoball neighborhood of  $c_j$  such that the meridian length of  $\partial N(c_j)$  is  $\sqrt{3}$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Then  $N(c_j) \cap N(c_k) = \emptyset$  and*

$$N(c_j) \cap N(c'_k) = \begin{cases} \{\text{one point}\} & (j = k = 1) \\ \emptyset & (\text{otherwise.}) \end{cases}$$

(Proof of Proposition 5.) Let  $\mathcal{V}_2$  be the set of ideal vertices of  $P_2$ . We consider a set of horoballs  $\{h_z^1 | z \in \mathcal{V}_2\}$  which is invariant under the action of the symmetry group of  $P_2$ ,

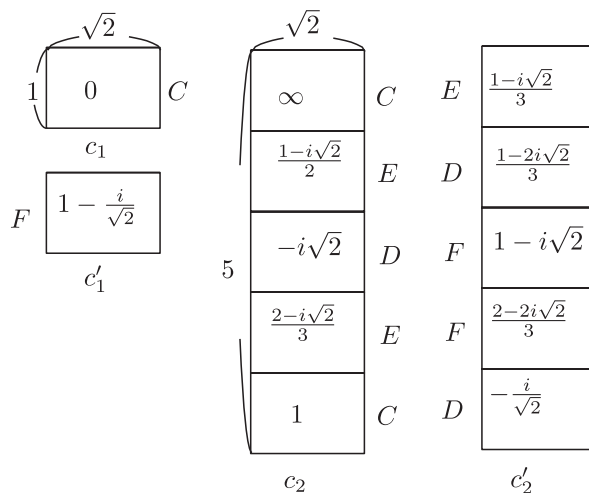


Fig. 7. Horospherical cross-sections of  $S^2 \times I - T_0$ .

such that  $h_z^1$  is centered at  $z$  for each  $z \in \mathcal{V}_2$  and  $D(h_\infty^1) = 1$ . Put  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\alpha$  is the  $\pi/2$  rotation which fixes an ideal quadrilateral  $Y_1$  and  $Y'_1$  of  $P_2$ .  $\beta$  is the  $\pi/2$  rotation which fixes ideal quadrilaterals  $Y_2$  and  $Y'_2$  in  $P_2$ . As  $\alpha(h_\infty^1) = h_{-i\sqrt{2}}^1$ ,  $D(h_{-i\sqrt{2}}^1) = 1$  by Lemma 1. By the symmetry of  $P_2$ ,  $D(h_0^1) = D(h_{-i\sqrt{2}}^1) = D(h_{1-i\sqrt{2}}^1) = 1$ . As  $\beta(h_\infty^1) = h_{-i/\sqrt{2}}^1$ ,  $D(h_{-i/\sqrt{2}}^1) = 1/2$  by Lemma 1. By the symmetry of  $P_2$ ,  $D(h_{1-i\sqrt{2}/2}^1)$  is also  $1/2$ . As  $\beta^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1\sqrt{2} & -i\sqrt{2} \\ -2 & 1-i\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\beta^2(h_\infty^1) = h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/2}^1$  and  $D(h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/2}^1) = 1/4$  by Lemma 1. As  $\beta\alpha^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-i\sqrt{2} \\ 1\sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\beta\alpha^{-1}(h_\infty^1) = h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/3}^1$  and  $D(h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/3}^1) = 1/3$  by Lemma 1. By the symmetry of  $P_2$ ,  $D(h_{(1-2i\sqrt{2})/3}^1) = D(h_{(2-2i\sqrt{2})/3}^1) = D(h_{(2-i\sqrt{2})/3}^1) = 1/3$ . Glue  $\{P_2 \cap \partial h_z^1 | z \in \mathcal{V}_2\}$  by  $f, g, h$ . We get horospherical cross-sections of the cusps as in Figure 7. The meridian lengths of horospherical cross-sections of the cusps  $c_1$  and  $c'_1$  (resp.  $c_2$  and  $c'_2$ ) are 1 (resp. 5).

Expand (resp. shrink) the horoball neighborhoods of  $c_1$  and  $c'_1$  (resp.  $c_2$  and  $c'_2$ ) until the meridian lengths of them are  $\sqrt{3}$ . Put  $\{h_z | z \in \mathcal{V}_2\}$  be a set of horoballs such that  $h_z$  projects to  $N(c_j)$  or  $N(c'_j)$ . To check  $N(c_1) \cap N(c'_1) = \{\text{one point}\}$ ,  $N(c_1) \cap N(c_2) = N(c_1) \cap N(c'_2) = \emptyset$  and  $N(c_2) \cap N(c'_2) = \emptyset$ , we consider  $\alpha(P_2)$ . By the definition of  $h_z^1$ ,  $\alpha(h_z^1) = h_{\alpha(z)}^1$ .  $\alpha(0) = \infty$  (resp.  $\alpha(1-i/\sqrt{2}) = 2/3 - 2i\sqrt{2}/3$ ) corresponds to  $c_1$  (resp.  $c'_1$ ). Thus  $D(h_\infty) = D(h_\infty^1)/\sqrt{3}$  and  $D(h_{(2-2i\sqrt{2})/3}) = \sqrt{3}D(h_{(2-2i\sqrt{2})/3}^1)$ . As  $D(h_\infty^1) = 1$  and  $D(h_{(2-2i\sqrt{2})/3}^1) = 1/3$ ,  $D(h_\infty) = 1/\sqrt{3}$  and  $D(h_{(2-2i\sqrt{2})/3}) = 1/\sqrt{3}$ . Therefore  $N(c_1) \cap N(c'_1) = \{\text{one point}\}$  (see the left side of Figure 8).

Because  $D(h_z) = \sqrt{3}D(h_z^1)/5$  for  $z \in V_2 \setminus \{\infty, (2-2i\sqrt{2})/3\}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} D(h_1) &= D(h_0) = D(h_{-i\sqrt{2}}) = D(h_{1-i\sqrt{2}}) = \sqrt{3}/5, \\ D(h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/3}) &= D(h_{(1-2i\sqrt{2})/3}) = D(h_{(2-i\sqrt{2})/3}) = \sqrt{3}/15, \\ D(h_{-i/\sqrt{2}}) &= D(h_{1-i/\sqrt{2}}) = \sqrt{3}/10, \\ D(h_{(1-i\sqrt{2})/2}) &= \sqrt{3}/20. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N(c_1) \cap N(c_2) = N(c_1) \cap N(c'_2) = \emptyset$  and  $N(c_2) \cap N(c'_2) = \emptyset$  (see the left side of Figure 8).

We consider  $\beta(P_2)$ . As  $\beta(1-i/\sqrt{2}) = \infty$  (resp.  $\beta(0) = (1-i\sqrt{2})/3$ ),  $\infty$  (resp.  $(1-i\sqrt{2})/3$ ) corresponds to  $c'_1$  (resp.  $c_1$ ). By the same way, we can get  $N(c'_1) \cap N(c_2) = N(c'_1) \cap N(c'_2) = \emptyset$  (see the right side of Figure 8).

**5. Proof of main Theorem.**

$S^2 \times I - T_0$  has two boundary components that we will call  $\partial_+(S^2 \times I - T_0)$  and  $\partial_-(S^2 \times I - T_0)$ , with the latter triangulated by the letter-labeled faces of Figure 6. By identifying the edges of these letter-labeled ideal triangles by  $f, g$  and  $h$ , we can get a four-punctured sphere  $\partial_-(S^2 \times I - T_0)$  as in Figure 9.  $S^2 \times I - T$  can be formed by gluing together  $S^2 \times I - T_0$  and its mirror image  $S^2 \times I - T_0$  along  $\partial_+(S^2 \times I - T_0)$ . The corresponding mirror image of  $\partial_-(S^2 \times I - T_0)$  is triangulated by corresponding ideal triangles  $\bar{C}, \bar{D}, \bar{E}$  and  $\bar{F}$ . The

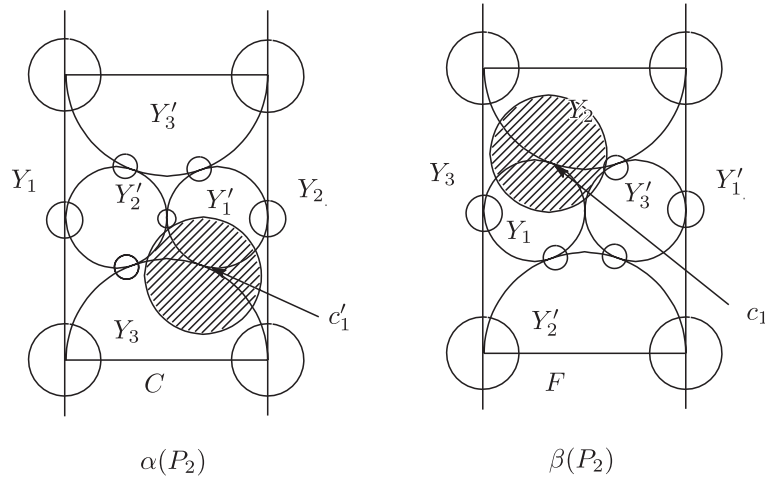


Fig.8. Horoballs in  $P_2$ .

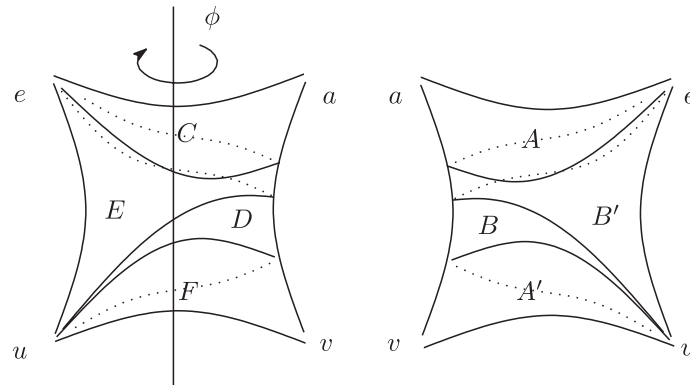


Fig.9. Boundaries of the tangles.

horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $S^2 \times I - T$  are as in Figure 10.

The colored ideal triangles  $A, A', B, B'$  in Figure 4 correspond to the totally geodesic boundary of  $B^3 - S$ . We identify the edges of these triangles by  $s$  and  $t$ . The resulting surface is a four-punctured sphere.

Take a base point for  $\pi_1(B^3 - S)$  (resp.  $\pi_1(S^2 \times I - T_0)$ ) on  $\partial(B^3 - S)$  (resp.  $\partial(S^2 \times I - T_0)$ ) high above the projection plane, and let its Wirtinger generators correspond in the usual way to labeled arcs of the diagram as in Figure 3. The ideal points in four-punctured sphere correspond to  $a, e, v, u$  as shown in Figure 9 ([1] Lemma 2.4, Proposition 2.7, 2.8).

We construct  $S^3 - L$ . Let  $T_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be a copy of  $T$  and  $\bar{S}$  a mirror image of  $S$ . Let  $C_i, D_i, E_i, F_i, \bar{C}_i, \bar{D}_i, \bar{E}_i, \bar{F}_i$  be the faces on  $\partial(S^2 \times I - T_i)$  corresponding to  $C, D, E, F, \bar{C}, \bar{D}, \bar{E}, \bar{F}$ . Glue  $B^3 - S$  and  $S^2 \times I - T_1$  by identifying  $A$  and  $C_1, B$  and  $D_1, B'$  and  $E_1, A'$  and  $F_1$ . Glue  $S^2 \times I - T_i$  and  $S^2 \times I - T_{i+1}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) by identifying the faces  $\bar{C}_i$  (resp.  $\bar{D}_i, \bar{E}_i, \bar{F}_i$ ) and  $C_{i+1}$  (resp.  $D_{i+1}, E_{i+1}, F_{i+1}$ ). Glue  $B^3 - \bar{S}$  and  $S^2 \times I - T_n$  by identifying  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{C}_n, \bar{B}$  and  $\bar{D}_n, \bar{B}'$  and  $\bar{E}_n, \bar{A}'$  and  $\bar{F}_n$ . By Figure 5 and 10, the horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $S^3 - L$  are as in Figure 11.

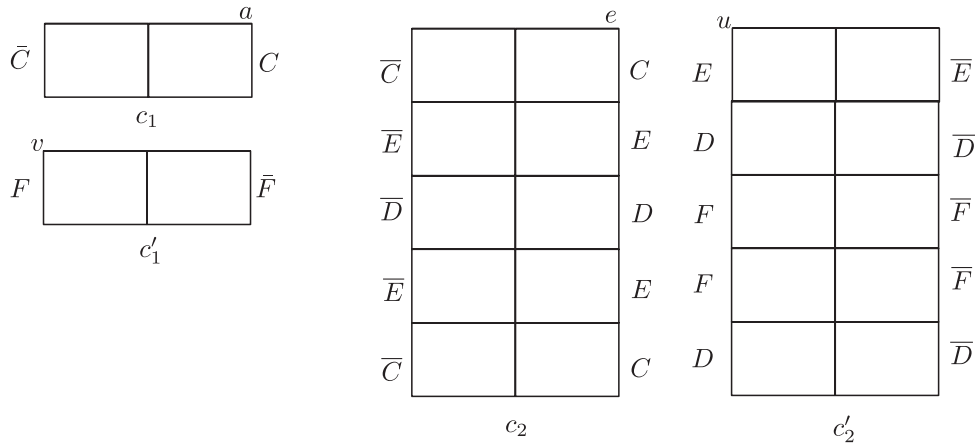


Fig. 10. The horospherical cross-section of  $S^2 \times I - T$ .

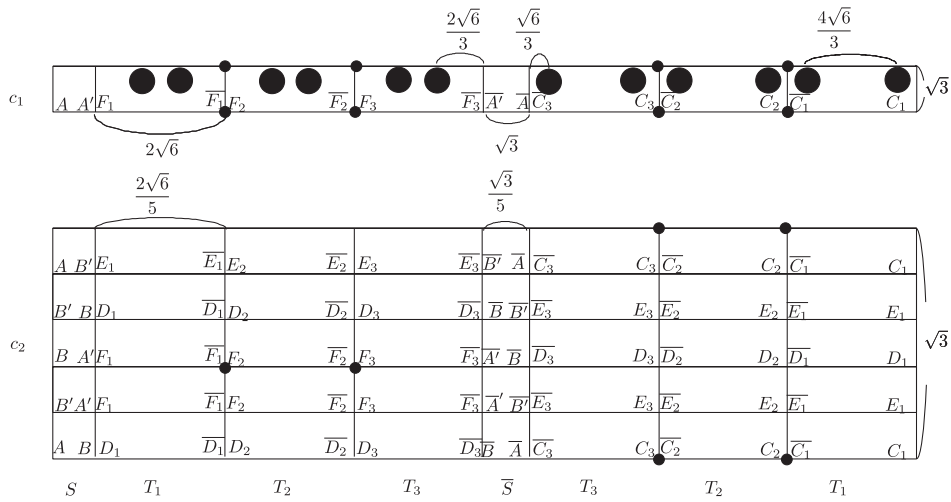


Fig. 11. The horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $S^3 - L$  ( $n = 3$ ).

To construct  $S^3 - L_m$ , cut along  $S^{(m-1)}$  and  $S^{(m)}$  and re-glue by using a symmetry  $\phi$  on  $\partial(S^2 \times I - T_m)$  as in Figure 9. Let  $e_m(C)$  (resp.  $e_m(\bar{C})$ ,  $e(A)$ ,  $e(\bar{A})$ ) be an edge of  $C_m$  (resp.  $\bar{C}_m$ ,  $A$ ,  $\bar{A}$ ) which is incident to the punctures corresponding to  $e$  and  $a$ , and  $e_m(F)$  (resp.  $e_m(\bar{F})$ ,  $e(A')$ ,  $e(\bar{A}')$ ) an edge of  $F_m$  (resp.  $\bar{F}_m$ ,  $A'$ ,  $\bar{A}'$ ) which is incident to the punctures corresponding to  $u$  and  $v$ . The intersection of these edges and the horospherical cross-sections of  $S^3 - L$  are the black points as in Figure 11. If  $2 \leq m \leq n - 1$ ,  $e_m(C)$ ,  $e_m(F)$ ,  $e_m(\bar{C})$  and  $e_m(\bar{F})$ , are identified to  $e_{m-1}(\bar{C})$ ,  $e_{m-1}(\bar{F})$ ,  $e_m(C)$  and  $e_m(F)$  respectively. If  $m = 1$ ,  $e_1(C)$ ,  $e_1(F)$ ,  $e_1(\bar{C})$  and  $e_1(\bar{F})$  are identified to  $e(A)$ ,  $e(A')$ ,  $e_2(C)$  and  $e_2(F)$ . If  $m = n$ ,  $e_n(C)$ ,  $e_n(F)$ ,  $e_n(\bar{C})$  and  $e_n(\bar{F})$  are identified to  $e_{n-1}(\bar{C})$ ,  $e_{n-1}(\bar{F})$ ,  $e(\bar{A})$  and  $e(\bar{A}')$ . The horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $L_m$  are as in Figure 12.

If we expand the horoball neighborhoods of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in  $S^3 - L$  until the meridian lengths of  $\partial N(c_1)$  and  $\partial N(c_2)$  are  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $N(c_1)$  collides itself at  $2n$  points and  $N(c_1) \cap N(c_2) = N(c_2) \cap N(c_1) = \emptyset$ . By performing mutation along  $S^{(m-1)}$  and  $S^{(m)}$ , the cusps  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are exchanged



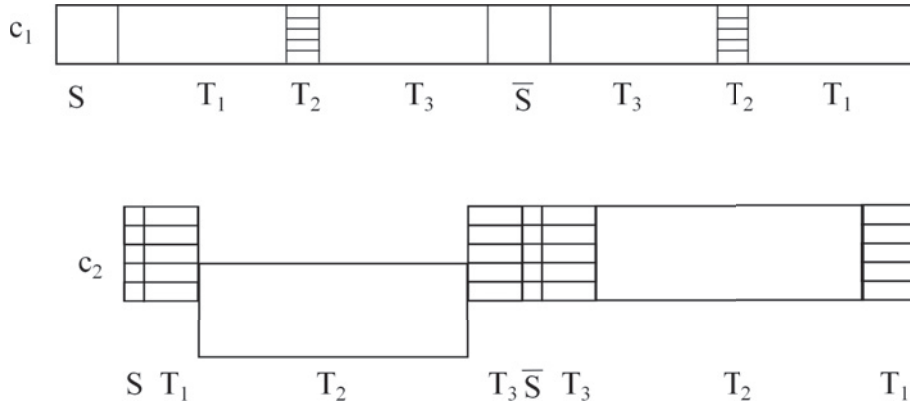


Fig. 12. The horospherical cross-sections of the cusps of  $S^3 - L_2$  ( $n = 3$ ).

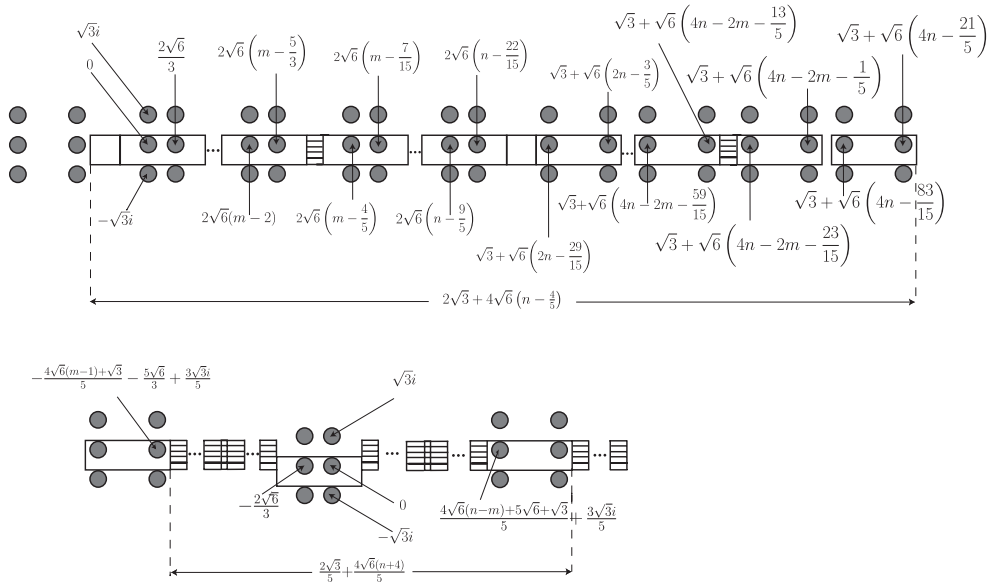


Fig. 13.  $\mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_m)$ .

in  $S^2 \times I - T_m$ . In  $S^3 - L_m$ ,  $N(c_1)$  collides itself at  $2n - 2$  points,  $N(c_2)$  collides itself at 2 points, and  $N(c_1) \cap N(c_2) = \emptyset$ .

Let  $h_\infty$  be the horoball centered at  $\infty$  with Euclidean height 1. Lift  $N(c_1)$  and  $N(c_2)$  to the upper half space model such that  $h_\infty$  is a lift of  $N(c_1)$  (resp.  $N(c_2)$ ). The horoballs which collide to  $h_\infty$  are as in the upper (resp. lower) side of Figure 13. Put

$$S_{m,1} = \left\{ 2\sqrt{6}(k - 1), 2\sqrt{6}\left(k - \frac{2}{3}\right), 2\sqrt{6}\left(l - \frac{9}{5}\right), 2\sqrt{6}\left(l - \frac{22}{15}\right), \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}\left(4n - 2k - \frac{11}{5}\right), \sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}\left(4n - 2k\frac{53}{15}\right), \sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}\left(4n - 2l - \frac{3}{5}\right), \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}\left(4n - 2l - \frac{29}{15}\right) \mid k = 1, \dots, m - 1, l = m, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$\text{(resp. } S_{m,2} = \left\{ 0, -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}, \frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}, \right. \\ \left. -\frac{4\sqrt{6}(m-1)\sqrt{3}}{5} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{3} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} \right\})$$

and

$$X_{m,1} = \left\{ x\sqrt{3}ai \left( 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6} \left( n - \frac{4}{5} \right) \right) b \mid x \in S_{m,1}, a, b, \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$\text{(resp. } X_{m,2} = \left\{ x\sqrt{3}ai \left( \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{4\sqrt{6}(n)}{5} \right) b \mid x \in S_{m,2}, a, b, \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}).$$

The set of centers of horoballs which collide to  $h_\infty$  is  $X_{m,1}$  (resp.  $X_{m,2}$ ). We remark that there is no pair of points of  $S_{m,k}$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ) whose distance is  $\sqrt{3}$ .

Suppose that there exists  $f \in PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$  such that  $f(\mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_m)) = \mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_{m'})$  ( $m \neq m'$ ). In the universal cover of  $S^3 - L_m$ , we may assume that  $\infty$  corresponds to the cusp  $c_2$  of  $S^3 - L_m$  and that  $f(\infty) = \infty$ .

Case 1. Suppose that  $f(\infty)$  corresponds to the cusp  $c_1$  of  $S^3 - L_{m'}$ . Then  $f(X_{m,2}) = X_{m',1}$ . We consider the ideal points  $0, \sqrt{3}i, \frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} \in X_{m,2}$ . Put  $z = f(0) \in X_{m',1}$ . As  $|f(0) - f(\sqrt{3}i)| = \sqrt{3}$ , we get  $f(\sqrt{3}i) = z\sqrt{3}i$  or  $z - \sqrt{3}i$ . Thus we have  $f\left(\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}\right) = z\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}$  or  $z\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}$ . Because  $f(0) = z \in X_{m',2}$ ,  $z\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \pm \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} \notin X_{m',1}$ . This case cannot occur.

Case 2. Suppose that  $f(\infty)$  corresponds to the cusp  $c_2$  of  $S^3 - L_{m'}$ . Then  $f(X_{m,2}) = X_{m',2}$ . Consider the points  $0, \sqrt{3}i, -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}, \frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} \in X_{m,2}$ . We may assume  $f(0) \in S_{m',2}$ . As  $|f(0) - f(\sqrt{3}i)| = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $|f(0) - f(-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}i)| = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$  and  $f(0), f(\sqrt{3}i), f(-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}i) \in X_{m',2}$ , there are two cases:

- Case 2.1.  $f(0) = 0, f(\sqrt{3}i) = \sqrt{3}i$  and  $f(-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}i) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ .
- Case 2.2.  $f(0) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}, f(\sqrt{3}i) = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} - \sqrt{3}i$  and  $f(-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}i) = 0$ .

In Case 2.1, we have  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . As  $m \neq m'$ ,  $f\left(\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}\right) = \frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} \notin X_{m',2}$ . This case cannot occur.

In Case 2.2, we have  $f = \begin{pmatrix} -i & -\frac{2\sqrt{6}i}{3} \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$ .  $f\left(\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5}\right) = -\frac{4\sqrt{6}(n-m)\sqrt{6}\sqrt{3}}{5} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}i}{5} - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} \notin X_{m',2}$ . This case cannot occur.

Therefore if  $m \neq m'$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_m) \neq \mathcal{H}(S^3 - L_{m'})$  up to  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ . By Proposition 1, if  $m \neq m'$ ,  $S^3 - L_m$  and  $S^3 - L_{m'}$  are incommensurable. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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