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# MAZUR MANIFOLDS AND CORKS WITH SMALL SHADOW COMPLEXITIES

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#### Abstract

In this paper we show that there exist infinitely many Mazur type manifolds and corks with shadow complexity one among the 4-manifolds constructed from contractible special polyhedra having one true vertex by using the notion of Turaev's shadow. We also find such manifolds among 4-manifolds constructed from Bing's house. Our manifolds with shadow complexity one contain the Mazur manifolds  $W^{\pm}(l, k)$  which were studied by Akbulut and Kirby.

## 1. Introduction

The study of *corks* is crucial to understand smooth structures on 4-manifolds due to the following theorem: *For every exotic (i.e. homeomorphic but non-diffeomorphic) pair of simply connected closed 4-manifolds, one is obtained from the other by removing a contractible submanifold of codimension 0 and gluing it via an involution on the boundary. Furthermore, the contractible submanifold and its complement can always be compact Stein 4-manifolds. The contractible 4-manifold has since been called a <i>cork*. This theorem was first proved independently by Matveyev [22] and Curtis, Freedman, Hsiang and Stong [15], and strengthened by Akbulut and Matveyev [5] afterward. The first cork was found by Akbulut in [1] among *Mazur manifolds*. Here a *Mazur manifold* is a contractible 4-manifold which is not bounded by the 3-sphere and has a handle decomposition consisting of a single 0-handle, a single 1-handle and a single 2-handle. Akbulut and Yasui generalized the example in [1] and constructed many exotic pairs of 4-manifolds by using the corks  $W_n$ ,  $\overline{W_n}$  in [6, 7].

On the other hand, Turaev introduced the notion of a *shadow* for the purpose of study of quantum invariants of 3- and 4-manifolds in 1990s. A shadow is an almost-special polyhedron P which is locally flat and properly embedded in a compact oriented 4-manifold W with boundary and a strongly deformation retract of W. By the study of Turaev, W is uniquely recovered from the shadow P with a coloring assigned to each region of P. This operation is called Turaev's reconstruction. The coloring is a half-integer, called a *gleam*. By this reconstruction, a shadow with gleam provides a differential structure of W uniquely. We refer the reader to [12, 13], in which Costantino studied Stein structures, Spin<sup>c</sup> structures and complex structures on 4-manifolds by using shadows.

In this paper, we focus on the *shadow complexity* to align all corks according to their complexities. The shadow complexity of a 4-manifold *W* is defined by the minimal number of true vertices among all shadows of *W*, which was introduced by Costantino in [11]. See

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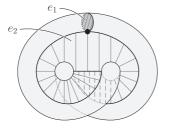


Fig. 1. The abalone has only one true vertex and two regions. Let  $e_1$  be the disk region in the upper part of the figure, and let  $e_2$  be the other region. We can check that  $e_2$  is a disk easily.

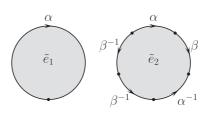


Fig. 2. This polyhedron has only one true vertex and two disk regions. This can not be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Definition 3.5 for details. A classification of closed 4-manifolds with shadow complexity zero had been studied by Costantino in [11] and Martelli in [21]. As a subsequent project, we study 4-manifolds constructed from contractible special shadows with complexity 1 or 2 and find infinitely many Mazur type manifolds and corks. As a related topic, Costantino asked in [11] what pair of exotic 4-manifolds has the minimal special shadow complexity and pointed out that the complexity is at most 3.

We first focus on the shadows with one vertex. In [17, 18], Ikeda classified acyclic special polyhedra with one true vertex and showed that there exist just two such polyhedra. One is called the abalone, shown in Figure 1, and the other is a polyhedron shown in Figure 2. We denote by *A* the abalone, and by  $\tilde{A}$  the other one. They are contractible since they are acyclic and simply connected. To find corks with special shadow complexity 1, we have only to study *A* and  $\tilde{A}$ , by the above classification. Let A(m, n) be the compact oriented 4-manifold obtained by Turaev's reconstruction from *A* with gleams  $gl(e_1) = m$ ,  $gl(e_2) = n$  (see Figure 1), and let  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  be the one constructed from  $\tilde{A}$  with gleams  $gl(\tilde{e}_1) = m$ ,  $gl(\tilde{e}_2) = n - \frac{1}{2}$  (see Figure 2). Note that the above *n* and *m* are integers. The main results of this paper in the case of complexity 1 are the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $m \neq 0$ , A(m, n) is Mazur type. Moreover, A(m, n) and A(m', n') are not homeomorphic unless m = m'.

# Theorem 1.2.

- (1) If  $m \neq 0$ ,  $\tilde{A}(m, n \frac{1}{2})$  is Mazur type. Moreover,  $\tilde{A}(m, n \frac{1}{2})$  and  $\tilde{A}(m', n' \frac{1}{2})$  are not homeomorphic unless m = m'.
- (2) The pair  $(\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2}), \tilde{f}_m)$  is a cork if m < 0.

Here  $\tilde{f}_m$  is an involution on  $\partial \tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2})$ , which will be defined in Section 3. The following is a straightforward consequence of Theorem 1.1, 1.2 and [17].

#### **Corollary 1.3.**

- (1) There are no corks with special shadow complexity 0.
- (2) A cork with special shadow complexity 1 is either A(m, n) or  $\tilde{A}(m, n \frac{1}{2})$ . In particular, there are infinitely many corks with shadow complexity 1 since there are infinitely many corks among  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ .

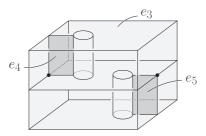


Fig. 3. Bing's house has two true vertices and three disk regions. Let  $e_4$  and  $e_5$  be the disk regions which are partitions put first and second floor respectively, and let  $e_3$  be the last region. We can check that  $e_3$  is a disk easily.

Next we study Bing's house, which is a special polyhedron with two true vertices as shown in Figure 3. Bing's house was introduced by Bing in [9]. We denote it by *B* and let B(l,m,n) be the compact oriented 4-manifold obtained by Turaev's reconstruction from *B* with gleams  $gl(e_3) = l, gl(e_4) = m, gl(e_5) = n$ , where l, m, n are integers. For B(l, m, n), we get the following.

## Theorem 1.4.

- (1) If  $|m| \ge 3$  and  $|n| \ge 3$ , then B(l, m, n) is Mazur type.
- (2) The pair  $(B(0, m, n), f_{(m,n)})$  is a cork if m and n are negative.

Here  $f_{(m,n)}$  is an involution on  $\partial B(0, m, n)$ , which will be defined in Section 3.

Many corks  $W_n$  and  $\overline{W}_n$   $(n \ge 1)$  had been found by Akbulut and Yasui in [6]. It can be checked that the shadow complexities of  $W_n$  and  $\overline{W}_n$  are at most 2n-1 and 4n-2 respectively. We can verify  $A(1, -5) \cong \tilde{A}(-1, -\frac{3}{2}) \cong W_1$  and  $B(0, -1, -1) \cong \overline{W}_1$  though we don't know if the other  $W_n$ 's and  $\overline{W}_n$ 's appear in our corks or not.

Main tool in the proofs is Kirby calculus. To distinguish topological types of A(m, n)'s and of  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ 's in Theorem 1.1 and 1.2 respectively, we compute the Casson invariants of their boundaries. To find corks among  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  and B(l, m, n), we check their Stein structures. The strategy is same as one used in [6].

In Section 2 we introduce the notions of shadows, Mazur manifolds, Stein surfaces and corks, and how to interpret from a Kirby diagram to a shadow. We give the proofs of our theorems in Section 3.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we work in smooth category unless otherwise mentioned.

Let *Y* be a topological space, and *X* a subspace of *Y*. Assume that there exists a triangulations (L, K) of the pair (Y, X). By a *regular neighborhood* of *X* in *Y* we mean the underlying space of the star neighborhood of *K* in the barycentric subdivision of *L*. We denote it by Nbd(X; Y). We say that *Y* collapses onto *X* if there exists a triangulation  $(L_0, K_0)$  of (Y, X) such that  $L_0$  collapses onto  $K_0$ .

**2.1. Shadows.** A compact topological space P is called an *almost-special polyhedron* if each point of P has a regular neighborhood which is homeomorphic to one of the five local models shown in Figure 4. A point whose regular neighborhood is of type (iii) is called a

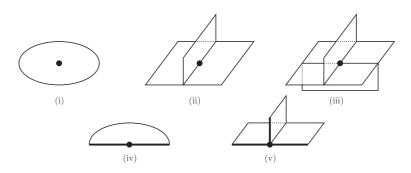


Fig.4. The local models of an almost-special polyhedron.

*true vertex.* We denote the set of true vertices by V(P). The *singular set* of P is the set of points whose regular neighborhoods are of type (ii), (iii) or (v). We denote it by Sing(P). The boundary  $\partial P$  of P is the set of points whose regular neighborhoods are of type (iv) or (v). Each component of  $P \setminus Sing(P)$  is called a *region* of P. If a region R contains points of type (iv) then R is called a *boundary region*, and otherwise it is called an *internal region*. Each region is a surface. If each region of P is homeomorphic to an open disk and any connected component of Sing(P) contains at least one true vertex, then P is said to be *special*. Each connected component of  $Sing(P) \setminus V(P)$  is called a *triple line*.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let *W* be a compact oriented 4-manifold and let *T* be a (possibly empty) trivalent graph in the boundary  $\partial W$  of *W*. An almost-special polyhedron *P* in *W* is called a *shadow* of (*W*, *T*) if the following hold:

- W collapses onto P,
- *P* is locally flat in *W*, that is, for each point *p* of *P* there exists a local chart (*U*, φ) of *W* around *p* such that φ(*U* ∩ *P*) ⊂ ℝ<sup>3</sup> ⊂ ℝ<sup>4</sup> and
- $P \cap \partial W = \partial P = T$ .

It is well-known that any compact oriented 4-manifold having a handle decomposition without 3- or 4-handles has a shadow [10].

Let *R* be an internal region of an almost-special polyhedron *P* and let  $\overline{R}$  be a compact surface such that the interior of  $\overline{R}$  is homeomorphic to *R*. The inclusion  $i : R \to P$  can extend to a continuous map  $\overline{i} : \overline{R} \to P$  such that  $\overline{i}|_{Int(\overline{R})}$  is injective and its image is the closure of *R* in *P*. For each point  $x \in \overline{i}(\partial \overline{R})$ , we can see that, locally, two regions are attached to  $\overline{R}$  along  $\partial \overline{R}$ . Under this identification, for each boundary component of  $\overline{R}$ , there exists an immersed annulus or a Möbius band in Nbd $(\overline{i}(\partial \overline{R}); P)$ . Let *N* be the number of the Möbius bands as above. For each internal region *R*, we choose a half integer gl(*R*) such that the following holds:

$$\operatorname{gl}(R) - \frac{1}{2}N \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We call gl(R) a *gleam* of *R* and the correspondence gl a *gleam* of *P*.

An almost-special polyhedron P endowed with a gleam is called an *integer shadowed* polyhedron, and denoted by (P, gl) (or simply P).



Fig.5. The first figure indicates a crossing point of a projection of a link component on an almost-special polyhedron. Then we can take the framing with respect to this almost-special polyhedron as in the second figure.

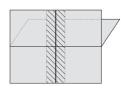


Fig. 6. The framing is the hatched band.

Turaev showed that there exists a canonical mapping associating to an integer shadowed polyhedron (P, gl) a compact oriented smooth 4-manifold, denoted by  $M_P$ , in [28]. This is called *Turaev's reconstruction*. The method of this reconstruction is analogous to a process of attaching handles. Conversely, if a 4-manifold M has a shadow P then P can be equipped with the canonical gleam gl such that the 4-manifold  $M_P$  reconstructed from (P, gl) is diffeomorphic to M.

**2.2. Interpretation from a Kirby diagram to a shadow.** Now we introduce a method to obtain a shadow of a 4-manifold which is given by a Kirby diagram. We follow the method in [28, Chapter IX. 3.2.] and [10].

Let  $\mathcal{D} = (\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{k} L_i^1) \amalg (\bigsqcup_{j=1}^{l} L_j^2) \subset S^3$  be a Kirby diagram, where  $L_i^1$  (i = 1, ..., k) is a dotted circle of a 1-handle and  $L_j^2$  (j = 1, ..., l) is a attaching circle of a 2-handle with framing coefficient  $n_j$ . We arbitrarily take an almost-special polyhedron Q in  $S^3 \setminus (\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{k} L_i^1)$ such that  $S^3 \setminus (\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{k} L_i^1)$  collapses onto Q. By isotopy in  $S^3 \setminus (\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{k} L_i^1)$ , we project  $\bigsqcup_{j=1}^{l} L_j^2$ to  $Q \setminus V(Q)$  such that each crossing point is a double point and not on Sing(Q). We denote the image by  $C = \bigcup_{j=1}^{l} C_j$ . We then assign an over/under information to each crossing point such that the link restored from C according to the over/under information is isotopic to  $\bigsqcup_{i=1}^{l} L_i^2$ .

DEFINITION 2.2.

- (1) We call the *framing with respect to Q of C<sub>j</sub>* an embedded annulus or Möbius band in  $S^3$  obtained by taking a small regular neighborhood of *C* in *Q* and splitting it at each crossing point according to the over/under information as in Figure 5. Here if *C* runs over a triple line, we cut off the part which *C* does not lie from Nbd(*C*; *Q*) as in Figure 6.
- (2) Let  $F_j$  be the framing with respect to Q of  $C_j$ . If  $F_j$  is an annulus, *the twist number* of  $F_j$  is defined by the linking number of the link  $S^1 \amalg S^1 = \partial F_j \subset S^3$  whose orientations are chosen to be parallel. If  $F_j$  is a Möbius band, *the twist number* of  $F_j$  is defined by the half of the linking number of the link  $S^1 \amalg S^1 = \partial F_j \amalg$ (a core of  $F_j$ )  $\subset S^3$  whose orientations are chosen to be parallel. We denote the twist number of  $F_j$  by  $tw(C_j)$ .

Let *P* be the almost-special polyhedron obtained from *Q* by attaching a disk  $D_j$  to each curve  $C_j$  along its boundary. Note that *P* is not necessarily embedded in  $S^3$ . We define the gleam gl of *P* in the following way.

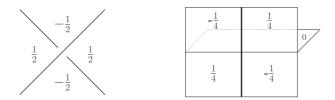


Fig. 7. The local contributions to gleams: The left figure indicates the local contributions at s selfcrossing point of C, and the right one indicates those at a crossing point of C and Sing(Q).

- Let *R* be an internal region of *P* in the subdivision of *Q* by *C* ∪ *Sing(Q)*. To four separated regions in a small regular neighborhood of each self-crossing point of *C* or each crossing point of *C* and the triple line of *Q*, we assign rational numbers as shown in Figure 7 (cf. [10, 28]). We define gl(*R*) by the sum of these local contributions for all crossing points of *C* ∪ *Sing(Q)* to which *R* is adjacent.
- The gleam of the region  $Int(D_j)$  is defined by  $n_j tw(C_j)$ .

Thus we get an integer shadowed polyhedron (P, gl).

**Lemma 2.3.** The 4-manifold reconstructed from (P, gl) is diffeomorphic to the 4-manifold given by the Kirby diagram D.

Proof. We only give a sketchy proof of this lemma. For details we refer the reader to [28] and [10]. We only verify that the gleam of the region  $R_j$ , which is the interior of  $D_j$ , is compatible with attaching the 2-handle. The framing of the 2-handle corresponding to  $L_j^2$  is represented by a knot  $\hat{L}_j^2$  parallel to  $L_j^2$ . Let  $B_j$  be an annulus whose boundaries are  $L_j^2$  and  $\hat{L}_j^2$ . If  $B_j$  can embed in the framing  $F_j$  with respect to Q of  $C_j$  by isotopy sending  $L_j^2$  to  $C_j$ , the gleam of  $R_j$  is 0 by [28]. Since the framing coefficient  $n_j$  is defined by  $lk(L_j^2, \hat{L}_j^2)$  and the gleam of  $R_j$  increases by the number of the twists of  $B_j$  with respect to  $F_j$ , we conclude that the gleam of  $R_j$  is given by  $n_j - tw(C_j)$ .

Note that, "the gleam of a boundary region" can be defined as above but it does not affect the reconstruction. Therefore, if the boundary region of P can collapse to the singular set Sing(P), the resulting polyhedron is also a shadow of  $M_P$ . Two or more regions may be connected by this collapsing. In this case the gleam of the new region is given by the sum of the original gleams before connecting.

### 2.3. Mazur manifolds and Akbulut's corks.

DEFINITION 2.4. A compact contractible 4-manifold which is not a 4-ball is called a *Mazur* manifold if it is obtained by attaching a 2-handle to  $D^3 \times S^1$ . If a Mazur manifold is not bounded by the 3-sphere then it is said to be *Mazur type*.

In [23], Mazur introduced Mazur manifolds  $W^{\pm}(l, k)$ , described in Figure 8, which were studied by Akbulut and Kirby in [3]. Remark that any compact contractible 4-manifold is bounded by a homology 3-sphere. In particular, if a shadow is contractible then its 4-manifold is also. Therefore such a 4-manifold always becomes a candidate of a Mazur manifold.

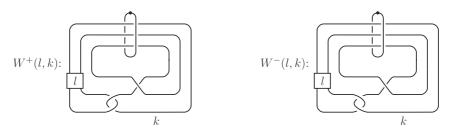


Fig. 8. Kirby diagrams of the Mazur manifolds  $W^{\pm}(l, k)$ .

Now we introduce the definition of a *cork*, which was first found by Akbulut among Mazur manifolds in [1].

DEFINITION 2.5. Let *C* be a contractible Stein domain and let  $\tau : \partial C \to \partial C$  be an involution on the boundary of *C*. The pair  $(C, \tau)$  is called a *cork* if  $\tau$  extends to a self-homeomorphism on *C*, but can not extend to any self-diffeomorphism on *C*.

Here a *Stein manifold* is a complex manifold *X* such that *X* can be embedded into  $\mathbb{C}^N$  by a proper holomorphic map. A compact 4-manifold *W* with boundary is called a *Stein domain* if there exists a Stein 4-manifold *X* with a plurisubharmonic function  $f : X \to [0, \infty)$  and a regular value *a* of *f* such that  $f^{-1}([0, a]) \cong W$ .

EXAMPLE 2.6. Akbulut and Yasui constructed many corks  $(W_n, f_n)$   $(n \ge 1)$  in [6]. Note that  $W_1$  is just  $W^-(0, 0)$ . They defined  $f_n : \partial W_n \to \partial W_n$  by the involution obtained by first surgering  $S^1 \times B^3$  to  $B^2 \times S^2$  in the interior of  $W_n$ , and then surgering the other embedded  $B^2 \times S^2$  back to  $S^1 \times B^3$ . We notice that the Kirby diagrams of  $W_n$  in [6] is a symmetric link, and the involution can be done by replacing the dot and "0" in the diagram.

REMARK 2.7. We introduce an useful observation to detect a cork in [4] (cf. [2]). Let C be a compact oriented smooth 4-manifold whose Kirby diagram consists of a dotted unknot  $K_1$  and a 0-framed unknot  $K_2$  and assume that the following hold.

- (1) The link  $K_1 \amalg K_2$  is symmetric. Namely, the components  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  can be exchanged by isotopy in  $S^3$ .
- (2) The linking number of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  is  $\pm 1$ .
- (3) Exchange the notation of 1-handle to the ball notation. Then  $K_2$  can be deformed to a Legendrian knot with respect to the standard contact structure on  $\partial (D^4 \cup 1\text{-handle}) = S^1 \times S^2$  such that the Thurston-Bennequin number is at least +1.

Let  $\varphi$  be the involution obtained by first surgering  $S^1 \times B^3$  to  $B^2 \times S^2$  in the interior of *C*, and then surgering the other embedded  $B^2 \times S^2$  back to  $S^1 \times B^3$ . Then it is known that the pair  $(C, \varphi)$  is a cork, which is called *a cork of Mazur type* in [7].

## 3. Proofs

This section separates into two parts. In the former part we give the proofs of Theorem 1.1 and 1.2, and we give the proof of Theorem 1.4 in the latter part.

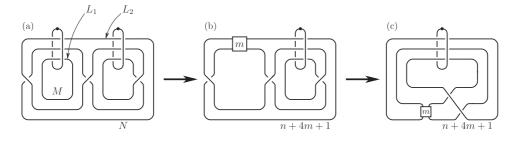


Fig. 9. Kirby calculus in the proof of Lemma 3.1.

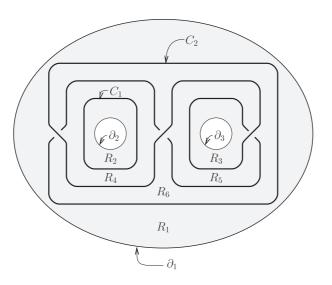


Fig. 10. The pair of pants  $Q_A$  with immersed curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

### **3.1.** The case of 1 true vertex.

**Lemma 3.1.** The 4-manifold A(m, n) is represented by the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 9 (c).

Proof. Consider the pair of pants  $Q_A$  shown in Figure 10, where  $\partial_1, \partial_2$  and  $\partial_3$  are its boundary components, and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are immersed curves on  $Q_A$  equipped with over/under information at each double point. We note that the pair of pants  $Q_A$  is divided into 6 regions  $R_1, \ldots, R_6$  by  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

We next consider the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q_A$  by attaching two annuli along their boundaries to  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , as shown in Figure 11 (a). By collapsing along the boundary regions  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  as indicated by the arrows in the figure, it becomes a new almost-special polyhedron, denoted by  $P_A$ , as shown in Figure 11 (b). We note that these figures are described as immersed in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In fact the polyhedron  $P_A$  can be emdedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as shown in Figure 11 (c) and it is homeomorphic to a regular neighborhood of S ing(A) in A. We note that  $P_A$  is also described as shown in Figure 12. The above fact can be verified by seeing how the regions are glued along the singular set. As in Ikeda [17, Fig 8.(i)], the polyhedron A is decomposed into two regions as shown in Figure 13.

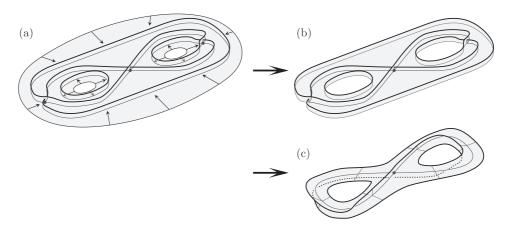


Fig. 11. The almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q_A$  by attaching two annuli along their boundaries to  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  is described in (a). This can collpase into another one shown in (b) as indicated by the arrows in (a). The resulting polyhedron can be embedded into  $R^3$  as shown in (c).

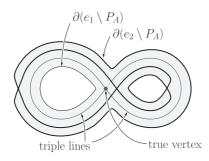


Fig. 12. The almost-special polyhedron  $P_A$ . A similar figure can be seen in [19, Figure

27(i)].

and  $e_2 = D_2 \cup R_5 \cup R_6$ .

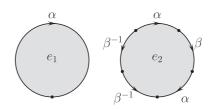


Fig. 13. A cell decomposision of A.

Let  $Q'_A$  be the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q_A$  by attaching two disks  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  to  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  along the boundaries respectively. From the above observation, it follows that the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q'_A$  by collapsing along the three boundary regions  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  is homeomorphic to A. Under this identification, we have  $e_1 = D_1 \cup R_4$ 

We next consider the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 9 (a), where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are attaching circles of 2-handles, whose framing coefficients are represented by M and N respectively. We can see that  $Q_A$  can be embedded in the Kirby diagram in Figure 9 (a) such that  $S^3 \setminus$  (dotted circles) collapses to  $Q_A$  and  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are projected onto  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  respectively. We can also see that the 4-manifold given by Figure 9 (a) has a shadow  $Q'_A$ , and then also A.

What is left is to compute the relation between M, N and gleams  $m = gl(e_1), n = gl(e_2)$ . Let  $F_i$  (i = 1, 2) be the framing with respect to  $Q_A$  of  $C_i$ . Both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are annuli and their twist numbers are  $tw(C_1) = 0$  and  $tw(C_2) = 1$ . Therefore,

$$gl(D_1) = M - tw(C_1) = M$$
  
 $gl(D_2) = N - tw(C_2) = N - 1$ 

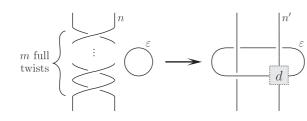


Fig. 14. Kirby moves in Lemma 3.2.

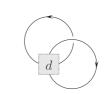


Fig. 15. The link in Lemma 3.2.

by Lemma 2.3. By the local contributions to gleams as in Figure 7, we have

$$gl(R_4) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = 0$$
  

$$gl(R_5) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$$
  

$$gl(R_6) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We recall the earlier-mentioned identifications:  $e_1 = D_1 \cup R_4$  and  $e_2 = D_2 \cup R_5 \cup R_6$ . Considering the changes of the gleams after collapsing along the boundary regions  $R_1, R_2, R_3$ , we have

$$gl(e_1) = gl(D_1) + gl(R_4),$$
  
 $gl(e_2) = gl(D_2) + gl(R_5) + gl(R_6).$ 

Hence M = m and N = n + 1. Thus we get the Kirby diagram of A(m, n) in Figure 9 (a). Since the pair of the left 1-handle and the 2-handle corresponding to  $L_1$  is a canceling pair, we can erase this pair and get Figure 9 (b). By isotopy, we get the Kirby diagram of A(m, n) as in Figure 9 (c).

**Lemma 3.2.** There exists a sequence of Kirby moves from the left to the right in Figure 14 for any m, where the tangle d satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the linking number of the link shown in Figure 15 is |m| and
- (2) the link component with framing coefficient  $\varepsilon$  in Figure 14 is an unknot,

where  $\varepsilon = -1$  if m > 0 and  $\varepsilon = +1$  if m < 0.

Proof. We first prove for the case m > 0 by induction on m. It is easy for m = 1.

See Figure 16. We assume that this lemma holds for *m* and prove it for m + 1. We slide the 2-handle and get Figure 16 (b). The isotopy gives Figure 16 (c). Since the link component with framing coefficient  $\varepsilon$  is not moved, it is still an unknot. Let *d'* be the tangle shown in Figure 16 (c). In Figure 16 (b) and (c), the link component with framing coefficient *n'* intersects the vertical sides of the tangle *d* and is running parallel to the other strand with framing coefficient  $\varepsilon$  inside of *d*. Note that these two parallel strands in *d* have no crossing because of the condition (2). Hence there is no change of crossing number in *d*. On the other hand, out of *d* in *d'*, we can see two positive crossings. Then computing the linking number of the link obtained by setting *d'* instead of the tangle *d* in Figure 15, we get m + 1.

The proof for the case m < 0 is similar. See Figure 17.

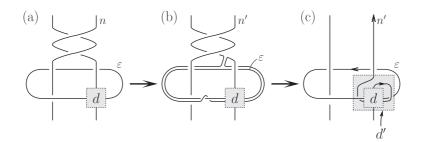


Fig. 16. The proof of the case m > 0.

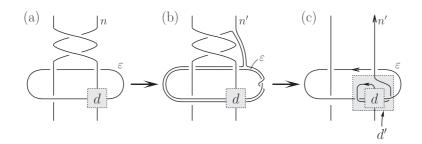


Fig. 17. The proof of the case m < 0.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. The 4-manifold A(m, n) is contractible since A is contractible. By the Kirby diagram in Figure 9 (c), A(m, n) satisfies the condition of the handle decomposition for a Mazur manifold. We will compute the Casson invariant of the boundary of A(m, n) to verify whether A(m, n) is Mazur type.

Let us blow-up and apply Lemma 3.2 to the diagram shown in Figure 18 (a), and we get Figure 18 (b). Sliding the 2-handle with framing coefficient  $\varepsilon$  another 2 times, we get Figure 18 (c). We erase the canceling pair and get Figure 18 (d). Now we focus on the boundary of A(m, n) and regard Figure 3.2 (d) as a surgery diagram of  $\partial A(m, n)$ . Note that the two strands in the tangle *d*, intersecting two horizontal sides of *d*, are parallel. Moreover, the strand in the tangle *d*, intersecting two vertical sides of *d* has no self-intersection. Hence the knot in Figure 18 (d) is a ribbon knot. We denote this knot by  $K_{(m,n)}$ . Next we compute the Alexander polynomial of  $K_{(m,n)}$  by using the method in [27], in which Terasaka computed the Alexander polynomials of ribbon knots. We get

$$\Delta_{K_{(m,n)}}(t) = t^{|m|+1} - t^{|m|} - t + 3 - t^{-1} - t^{-|m|} + t^{-|m|-1}$$

Then the Casson invariant of  $\partial A(m, n)$  can be computed by using the surgery formula for the Casson invariant as follows:

$$\lambda(\partial A(m,n)) = \lambda(S^3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot K_{(m,n)})$$
$$= \lambda(S^3) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Delta_{K_{(m,n)}}^{\prime\prime}(1)$$
$$= 0 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot 4|m|$$
$$= -2m.$$

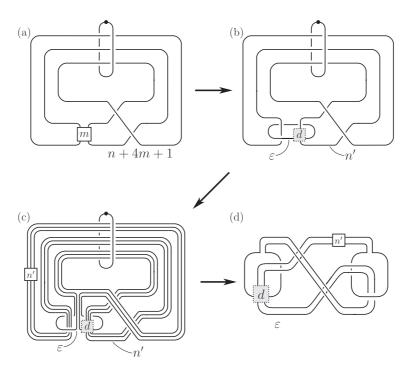


Fig. 18. Kirby calculus in the proof of Theorem 1.1.

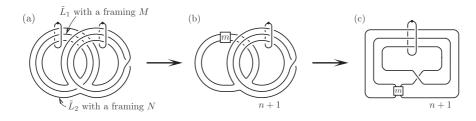


Fig. 19. Kirby calculus in the proof of Lemma 3.3.

Hence  $\partial A(m, n)$  is not homeomorphic to  $S^3$  for  $m \neq 0$ , and A(m, n)'s are mutually not homeomorphic for different m.

Next we study the compact oriented 4-manifold  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  whose shadow is  $\tilde{A}$ . We first describe  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  by the Kirby diagram to prove Theorem 1.2.

**Lemma 3.3.** The 4-manifold  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  is represented by the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 19 (c).

Proof. The proof is similar to Lemma 3.1. Let  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  be a once-punctured torus with immersed curves  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$  on it as shown in Figure 20. we note that the curves are equipped with over/under information at each double point and  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  is divided into two regions  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$  by  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$ .

As we observed in the proof of Lemma 3.1, a regular neighborhood of  $Sing(\tilde{A})$  in  $\tilde{A}$  can be obtained from  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  by attaching annuli and collapsing. First we attach two annuli along

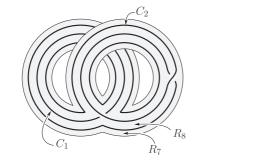


Fig.20. The once-punctured torus  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  and immersed curves  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$ .

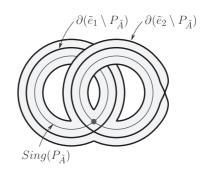


Fig. 21. The almost-special polyhedron  $P_{\tilde{A}}$ .

their boundaries to  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$ , and then let it collapse along the boundary region  $R_7$ . The resulting polyhedron is homeomorphic to Nbd( $Sing(\tilde{A}); \tilde{A}$ ), which is shown in Figure 21. It can be checked by seeing how the regions are glued along the singular set. See Figure 2.

Let  $Q'_{\tilde{A}}$  be the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  by attaching two disks  $\tilde{D}_1$ and  $\tilde{D}_2$  to  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$  along the boundaries respectively. It can be seen that the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q'_{\tilde{A}}$  by collapsing along the boundary region  $R_7$  is homeomorphic to  $\tilde{A}$ . Note that  $\tilde{e}_1 = \tilde{D}_1$  and  $\tilde{e}_2 = \tilde{D}_2 \cup R_8$  under this identification.

Next we consider the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 19 (a). In the figure,  $\tilde{L}_1$  and  $\tilde{L}_2$  are attaching circles of 2-handles, whose framing coefficients are represented by M and N as in the figure respectively. We can see that  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  can be embedded in the Kirby diagram in Figure 19 (a) such that  $S^3 \setminus (\text{dotted circles})$  collapses to  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  and  $\tilde{L}_1$  and  $\tilde{L}_2$  are projected onto  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$  respectively. We can also see that the 4-manifold given by Figure 19 (a) has a shadow  $Q'_{\tilde{A}}$  and also  $\tilde{A}$ .

Let  $\tilde{F}_i$  (i = 1, 2) be the framing with respect to  $Q_{\tilde{A}}$  of  $\tilde{C}_i$ . Both  $\tilde{F}_1$  and  $\tilde{F}_2$  are annuli, and we get the twist numbers  $tw(\tilde{C}_1) = 0$  and  $tw(\tilde{C}_2) = 1$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.3

$$gl(\tilde{D}_1) = M - tw(\tilde{C}_1) = M,$$
  
 $gl(\tilde{D}_2) = N - tw(\tilde{C}_2) = N - 1$ 

By the local contributions to gleams as in Figure 7, we have

$$gl(R_8) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

We recall that  $\tilde{e}_1 = \tilde{D}_1$  and  $\tilde{e}_2 = \tilde{D}_2 \cup R_8$ . Considering the changes of the gleams by collapsing along  $R_7$ , we have

$$gl(\tilde{e}_1) = gl(D_1),$$
  

$$gl(\tilde{e}_2) = gl(\tilde{D}_2) + gl(R_8)$$

Hence M = m and N = n + 1. Thus we get the Kirby diagram of  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ . We erase the canceling pair and get Figure 19 (b). By isotopy, we get Figure 19 (c).

REMARK 3.4. It is easy to check that  $A(\pm 1, n) \cong \tilde{A}(\mp 1, n \pm \frac{7}{2})$  by isotopies in their Kirby diagrams. We don't know whether or not there are other diffeomorphisms between A(m, n)

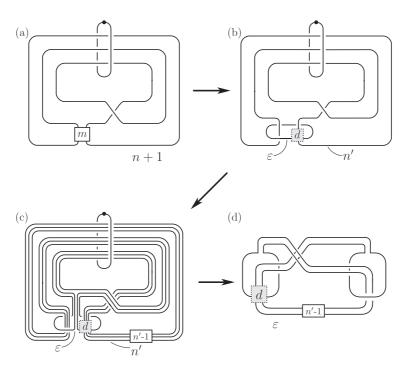


Fig. 22. Kirby calculus in the proof of Theorem 1.2.

and  $\tilde{A}(m', n' - \frac{1}{2})$ .

We now define

$$\tilde{f}_m:\partial\tilde{A}(m,-\frac{3}{2})\to\partial\tilde{A}(m,-\frac{3}{2})$$

by the involution obtained by first surgering  $S^1 \times B^3$  to  $B^2 \times S^2$  in the interior of  $\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2})$ , then surgering the other embedded  $B^2 \times S^2$  back to  $S^1 \times B^3$ . We notice the Kirby diagram of  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  in Figure 19 (c) is a symmetric link, and the involution can be done by replacing the dot and "0" in the diagram.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. (1) The proof is similar to Theorem 1.1. First the 4-manifold  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  is contractible since  $\tilde{A}$  is contractible. By the Kirby diagram,  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  has a handle decomposition satisfying the condition for a Mazur manifold.

We next compute the Casson invariant of the boundary of  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ . Let us blow-up and apply Lemma 3.2 to the diagram as shown in Figure 22 (a), and we get Figure 22 (b). We slide the 2-handle with framing coefficient  $\varepsilon$  another 2 times, and we get Figure 22 (c). We erase the canceling pair and get Figure 22 (d). We notice the knot in Figure 22 (d) is a ribbon knot. We denote this knot by  $\tilde{K}_{(m,n)}$ . By using the method in [27] again, we get

$$\Delta_{\tilde{K}(m,m)}(t) = -t^{|m|} + t^{|m|-1} - t + 3 - t^{-1} + t^{-|m|+1} - t^{-|m|}.$$

Then the Casson invariant of  $\partial \tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  can be computed by using the surgery formula for the Casson invariant as follows:

$$\begin{split} \lambda(\partial \tilde{A}(m,n-\frac{1}{2})) &= \lambda(S^3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \tilde{K}_{(m,n)}) \\ &= \lambda(S^3) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \varDelta_{\tilde{K}_{(m,n)}}^{\prime\prime}(1) \\ &= 0 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot 4|m| \\ &= 2m. \end{split}$$

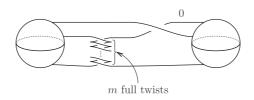


Fig.23. The attaching circle of the 2-handle of  $\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2})$  in Legendrian position.

Hence  $\partial \tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  is not homeomorphic to  $S^3$  for  $m \neq 0$ , and  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ 's are mutually not homeomorphic for different *m*.

(2) Set n = -1 and m < 0. To show that  $(\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2}), \tilde{f}_m)$  is a cork, we use the notion in Remark 2.7. By Lemma 3.3, it is easy to check that  $\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2})$  has a Kirby diagram consisting of a dotted unknot and 0-framed unknot such that the link is symmetric and its linking number is  $\pm 1$ . Therefore, it remains only to check the condition of the Thurston-Bennequin number. Deform the attaching circle of the 2-handle in the Kirby diagram of  $\tilde{A}(m, -\frac{3}{2})$  to a Legendrian knot with respect to the canonical contact structure on  $S^1 \times S^2$  as shown in Figure 23 (in which we denote the 1-handle by 3-balls instead of dotted circle notation). Then we get its Thurston-Bennequin number as

$$tb = wr - \#\{\text{left cusps}\} = (2|m| + 1) - (2|m| - 1) = 2$$

Thus we are done.

We recall the definition of the (special) shadow complexity of a 4-manifold.

- DEFINITION 3.5. (1) If *M* admits a handle decomposition without 3- or 4-handles, its (*special*) *shadow complexity* is defined by the minimal number of true vertices among all (special) shadows of *M*.
  - (2) If *M* admits no handle decomposition without 3- or 4-handles, its (*special*) *shadow complexity* is defined by the minimal number of (special) shadow complexities of 4- manifolds to which we can attach 3- and 4-handles such that the resulting manifold are diffeomorphic to *M*.

Proof of Corollary 1.3. By [17], there are no acyclic special polyhedra without true vertices, and acyclic special polyhedra with only one true vertex are just *A* and  $\tilde{A}$ . A cork is defined as a Stein domain, which admits a handle decomposition without 3- or 4-handles [16]. Thus there are no corks with special shadow complexity 1 other than A(m, n) or  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$ .

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Now we compare our results and previous works.

**Corollary 3.6.** For any integers l and k,  $W^{\pm}(l,k) \cong \tilde{A}(\pm 1, l + k - \frac{3}{2})$  holds.

Proof. Set  $m = \pm 1$  and n = k - 1 in the Kirby diagram of  $\tilde{A}(m, n - \frac{1}{2})$  shown in Figure 19 (c), and we get  $W^{\pm}(0, k) \cong \tilde{A}(\pm 1, k - \frac{3}{2})$ . Akbulut and Kirby showed  $W^{\pm}(l, k) \cong W^{\pm}(l+1, k-1)$ in [3], and then  $W^{\pm}(l, k) \cong W^{\pm}(0, l+k) \cong \tilde{A}(\pm 1, l+k - \frac{3}{2})$ .

REMARK 3.7. If (P, gl) is a shadow of a 4-manifold M, then the 4-manifold constructed from the pair (P, -gl) is diffeomorphic to -M, where -gl is the gleam gl with the opposite sign. We apply this as follows:

$$W^{-}(l,k) \cong \tilde{A}(-1, l+k-\frac{3}{2})$$
$$\cong -\tilde{A}(1, -l-k+\frac{3}{2})$$
$$= -\tilde{A}(1, (-l+2) + (-k+1) - \frac{3}{2})$$
$$\cong -W^{+}(-l+2, -k+1).$$

Hence  $W^-(l,k) \cong -W^+(-l+2,-k+1)$ . Note that this assertion has been proven by Akbulut and Kirby in [3]. Their proof is done by Kirby calculus.

The following is a corollary of Remark 3.4.

**Corollary 3.8.** For any integers l and k,  $W^{-}(l, k) \cong A(1, l+k-5)$  and  $W^{+}(l, k) \cong A(-1, l+k+2)$  hold.

**3.2. The case of** 2 **true vertices.** Next we study the compact oriented 4-manifold B(l, m, n) whose shadow is Bing's house *B*. We first describe B(l, m, n) by the Kirby diagram and then prove Theorem 1.2.

**Lemma 3.9.** The 4-manifold B(l, m, n) is represented by the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 24 (c).

Proof. The proof is similar to Lemma 3.1 and 3.3. Let  $Q_B$  be a twice-punctured torus with immersed curves  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $C_5$  equipped with over/under information at each double point, as shown in Figure 25. Note that  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$  and  $C_5$  divide  $Q_B$  into 4 regions  $R_9, \ldots, R_{12}$ .

A regular neighborhood of Sing(B) in *B* can be obtained from  $Q_B$  by first attaching three annuli along their boundaries to  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $C_5$  and then collapsing along the boundary region  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$ . It is shown in Figure 26. As in Ikeda [18, Fig 4.], *B* decomposes as shown in Figure 27.

Let  $Q'_B$  be the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q_B$  by attaching three disks  $D_3$ ,  $D_4$  and  $D_5$  to  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$  and  $C_5$  along the boundary respectively. It is easy to check that the almost-special polyhedron obtained from  $Q'_B$  by collapsing along the boundary regions  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  is homeomorphic to B. Note that  $e_3 = D_3 \cup R_{11} \cup R_{12}$ ,  $e_4 = D_4$  and  $e_5 = D_5$  under this identification.

Next we consider the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 24 (a). In the figure,  $L_3$ ,  $L_4$  and  $L_5$  are attaching circles of 2-handles, whose framing coefficients are represented by L, M and N as in the figure respectively. We can see that  $Q_B$  can be embedded in the Kirby diagram

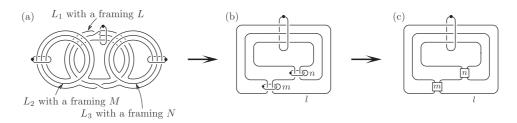


Fig. 24. Kirby calculus in the proof of Lemma 3.9.

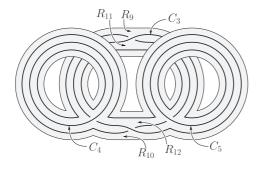


Fig. 25. The twice-punctured torus  $Q_B$  and immersed curves  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$  and  $C_5$ .

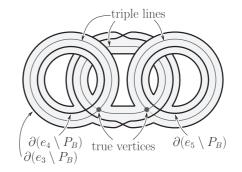


Fig. 26. The almost-special polyhedron  $P_B$ .

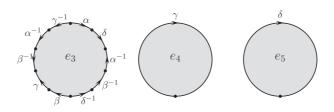


Fig. 27. A cell decomposition of B.

in Figure 24 (a) such that  $S^3 \setminus (\text{dotted circles})$  collapses to  $Q_B$  and  $L_i$  is projected onto  $C_i$  for i = 3, 4, 5. We can also see that the 4-manifold given by Figure 24 (a) has a shadow  $Q'_B$ , and then also B.

Let  $F_i$  (i = 3, 4, 5) be the framing with respect to  $Q_B$  of  $C_i$ . Each  $F_i$  is an annulus. We get the twist number  $tw(C_i) = 0$  for each i = 3, 4, 5. By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$gl(D_3) = L - tw(C_3) = L,$$
  
 $gl(D_4) = M - tw(C_4) = M,$   
 $gl(D_5) = N - tw(C_5) = N.$ 

By the local contributions to gleams as in Figure 7, we have

$$gl(R_{11}) = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 3 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2},$$
  
$$gl(R_{12}) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

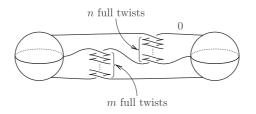


Fig. 28. The attaching circle of the 2-handle of B(0, m, n) in Legendrian position.

We recall that  $e_3 = D_3 \cup R_{11} \cup R_{12}$ ,  $e_4 = D_4$  and  $e_5 = D_5$ , and we have

$$gl(e_3) = gl(D_3) + gl(R_{11}) + gl(R_{12}),$$
  
 $gl(e_4) = gl(D_4),$   
 $gl(e_5) = gl(D_5).$ 

Hence L = l, M = m and N = n. Thus we get the Kirby diagram of B(l, m, n). By isotopy, we get Figure 24 (b). We erase the canceling pairs and get Figure 24 (c).

We now define

$$f_{(m,n)}: \partial B(0,m,n) \to \partial B(0,m,n)$$

by the involution obtained by first surgering  $S^1 \times B^3$  to  $B^2 \times S^2$  in the interior of B(0, m, n), then surgering the other embedded  $B^2 \times S^2$  back to  $S^1 \times B^3$ . We notice the Kirby diagram of B(l, m, n) is a symmetric link, and the involution can be done by replacing the dot and "0" in the diagram.

Proof of Theorem 1.4. (1) Bing's house is a special polyhedron, that is, each region is a disk. By Turaev's reconstruction, the 4-manifold B(l, m, n) is obtained from  $\natural 3S^1 \times D^3$  by attaching three 2-handles corresponding to the regions  $e_3, e_4$  and  $e_5$ . Let *L* be the attaching link of these 2-handles in  $\partial(\natural 3S^1 \times D^3) = \natural 3S^1 \times S^2$ . As in Costantino and Thurston [14, Proposition 3.33], the complement of *L* in  $\natural 3S^1 \times S^2$  has a complete finite volume hyperbolic structure. Hence the boundary of B(l, m, n) may have a hyperbolic structure by Dehn filling  $(\sharp 3S^1 \times S^2) \setminus L$  suitably. The slope length of the Dehn filling corresponding to each region of a special polyhedron as follows. Let *R* be a region of a special polyhedron *P*. The slope length sl(R) corresponding to *R* is given by  $\sqrt{4gl(R)^2 + k(R)^2}$ , where k(R) is the number of times *R* is adjacent to the true vertices of *P* with multiplicity (cf. Ishikawa and Koda [19, Lemma 5.3]). In our case, the values of sl's on the three regions are

$$sl(e_3) = \sqrt{4gl(e_3)^2 + k(e_3)^2} = \sqrt{4l^2 + 100},$$
  

$$sl(e_4) = \sqrt{4gl(e_4)^2 + k(e_4)^2} = \sqrt{4m^2 + 1},$$
  

$$sl(e_5) = \sqrt{4gl(e_5)^2 + k(e_5)^2} = \sqrt{4n^2 + 1}.$$

Note that, from Figure 27,  $k(e_3) = 10$  and  $k(e_4) = k(e_5) = 1$ . If  $|m|, |n| \ge 3$ , these values

 $sl(e_3)$ ,  $sl(e_4)$  and  $sl(e_5)$  are greater than 6. Then the boundary of B(l, m, n) has a hyperbolic structure by the 6-Theorem, due to Agol [8, Theorem 6.2] and Lackenby [20, Theorem 3.1], and the Geometrization theorem by Perelman [24, 25, 26]. Since Bing's house is contractible, B(l, m, n) is contractible. B(l, m, n) satisfies the condition of a handle decomposition of a Mazur manifold by the Kirby diagram shown in Figure 24 (c). Hence B(l, m, n) is Mazur type.

(2) The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 1.2 (cf. Remark 2.7). Set l = 0 and m, n < 0. The Kirby diagram of B(0, m, n) in Figure 24 (c) consists of a dotted unknot and 0-framed unknot such that the link is symmetric and its linking number is  $\pm 1$ . Let us deform the attaching circle of B(0, m, n) to a Legendrian knot with respect to the canonical contact structure on  $S^1 \times S^2$  as shown in Figure 28 (in which we adopt the ball notation for the 1-handle). Then we can get the Thurston-Bennequin number

$$tb = wr - \#\{\text{left cusps}\} = (2|m| + 2|n|) - ((2|m| - 1) + (2|n| - 1)) = 2$$

By Remark 2.7, the proof is now completed.

## **Corollary 3.10.** If m and n are the same sign, then B(0, m, n) is Mazur type.

Proof. Suppose m, n < 0. If  $\partial B(0, m, n) \cong S^3$ , then  $f_{(m,n)}$  is isotopic to the identity. Hence  $f_{(m,n)}$  extend to a self-diffeomorphism of B(0, m, n) as the identity map. This is a contradiction since B(0, m, n) is a cork. Therefore B(0, m, n) is Mazur type.

If m, n > 0, since

$$\partial B(0, m, n) \cong \partial (-B(0, -m, -n)) \cong -\partial (B(0, -m, -n)).$$

the assertion holds by the same argument.

REMARK 3.11. The 4-manifold B(0, -1, -1) is diffeomorphic to  $\overline{W}_1$ , which is a cork introduced by Akbulut and Yasui in [6].

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