Finite Rigid Sets in Flip Graphs

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Rigid Subgraphs





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No finite rigid subgraphs

The Flip Graph

The Flip Graph $\mathcal{F}(S)$

vertices \leftrightarrow triangulations on *S* edges \leftrightarrow flips



Examples











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Finite Rigidity of $\mathcal{F}(S)$

Theorem (S., 2020) Besides $\mathcal{F}(\bigcirc)$, every flip graph has a finite rigid subgraph. Why do we care about these graphs?

(Extended) Mapping Class Group Mod[±](S)



- "Symmetries" of surface
 - Algebraic invariant of surface
 - Modular group of Teichmüller space

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$Mod^{\pm}(S) \sim \mathcal{F}(S)$

Theorem (Korkmaz-Papadopoulus, 2012; Aramayona-Koberda-Parlier, 2015; S., 2020)

Besides a few exceptional surfaces,





Proof Ideas

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Helpful properties

- Connected
- Locally finite
- Finitely many automorphism classes of vertices









Five-cycle







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Symplectic fillings of lens spaces

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Contact structures and contact manifolds

 M^3

 α 1-form such that $\alpha \wedge (d\alpha) > 0$ $\xi = ker(\alpha)$ 2-plane distribution

Example: \mathbb{R}^3 , $\xi_{std} = ker(dz - ydx)$



Symplectic fillings



(X, w) symplectic filling of (M, ξ)

Question: Given (M, ξ) , can you classify all of its symplectic fillings?

Lens spaces



Gluing two solid tori together

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Surgery pictures, $-\frac{p}{q} = a_1 - \frac{1}{a_2 - \frac{1}{\dots - \frac{1}{a_n}}}$

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Tight structures on lens spaces - Giroux, Honda, 2000



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Main result

Theorem (Etnyre-R., independently Christian-Li): The minimal symplectic fillings of $(L(p, q), \xi_{vo})$, as smooth manifolds, are a subset of the minimal symplectic fillings of $(L(p, q), \xi_{ut})$.

Technology: Menke's(2018) result on symplectic fillings of contact 3-manifolds containing **mixed tori**.

Constructing Stein fillings - algorithm

Example: Virtually overtwisted structure



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Constructing minimal fillings - algorithm

Step 1: Remove knots to get a union of consistent chains



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Step 2: Take fillings of consistent chains, add 2-handles along the knots that were removed



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Corollary 1: The minimal filling of a lens space with maximal b_2 is unique and given by the plumbing.

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Corollary 2: There exist no nontrivial Stein cobordisms from $(L(p,q),\xi_1)$ to $(L(p,q),\xi_2)$, where ξ_1 and ξ_2 are tight.

More on symplectic cobordisms between tight lens spaces

Corollary 2': If there exists a Stein cobordism from $(L(p,q),\xi)$ to $(L(p',q'),\xi')$, then $l(p/q) \leq l(p'/q')$. In case of equality, it must be trivial.

$$-\frac{p}{q} = a_1 - \frac{1}{a_2 - \frac{1}{\dots - \frac{1}{a_n}}} \implies l(p/q) \coloneqq n$$

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Question: Does there exist a Stein cobordism from a virtually overtwisted lens space to an universally tight lens space?

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Conjecture: Only the following families:

 $L(nm + 1, m^2)$



$$(n, -m)$$
 torus knot



A type of Berge knot

Vector fields, mapping class groups, and holomorphic 1-forms

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(joint work w/ Nick Salter)



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Twist-linearity:

 γ an arc or curve, c a curve. wn(T_c γ) = wn(γ) + $\langle \gamma, c \rangle$ wn(c)

wn(c) = 0 "admissible" \Rightarrow T_c \in fMod and FMod

c separating

→ $T_c \in fMod but not FMod$



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Theorem: [C.–Salter, '20]

Let \underline{k} be a partition of 2g - 2 with $g \ge 5$.

Every framed mapping class group of signature \underline{k} is

generated by an* explicit <u>finite</u> set of Dehn twists.

FMod: admissible twists

fMod: admissible + separating twists

*actually, we give a general inductive criterion for when a set of Dehn twists generates in terms of "stabilization."

<u>Corollary:</u> general criterion for twists to generate *closed* MCGs

Generating sets

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Holomorphic 1-forms



Locally, $\omega = dz$ or $z^n dz$ Vector field $1/\omega \leftrightarrow$ framing f of S \ Zeros(ω) Loops in $\Omega \mathcal{M}(k_1, ..., k_n)$ induce homeos of S preserving Zeros(ω)

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{H},\omega) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Mod}(\mathsf{S} \setminus \mathsf{Zeros}(\omega))$$

 \mathcal{H} = component of $\Omega \mathcal{M}(k_1, ..., k_n)$ (classified by Kontsevich–Zorich)

Theorem: [C.–Salter, '20]

Let \mathcal{H} be a component of $\Omega \mathcal{M}(k_1, ..., k_n)$.* Then the image of the monodromy

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{H},\omega) \longrightarrow Mod(S \setminus Zeros(\omega))$$

is the framed mapping class group preserving $1/\omega$.

<u>Open Q</u>: kernel? (we only know not injective in 2 very special cases!)

*for $g \ge 5$ and \mathcal{H} non-hyperelliptic (the hyperelliptic case is both rare and classically understood)

Track:	Parallel transport:	Stabilizes:
zeros	surface with punctures	framing (~isotopy)
prong	surface with boundary	framing (~ relative isotopy)
all prongs	"pronged" surface	framing (~ pronged isotopy)
only surface [C.–Salter, '19]	closed surface	" <i>r</i> -spin structure" = framing mod <i>r</i> = gcd(<u>k</u>)
only homology	$H_1(S, Zeros(\omega))$	total mod 2 winding numbers



Tracking different data w different monodromy maps "Monodromy of a stratum always stabilizes some sort of framing"

Main theorems: Let $(k_1, ..., k_n)$ be a partition of 2g - 2 with $g \ge 5$.

(Generating framed MCGs)

We give (many!) explicit generating sets for every framed mapping class group of signature $(k_1, ..., k_n)$.



<u>(Characterization of monodromy)</u> The image of the map

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Estimating Link Volumes via Subdivision

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Square Tangles in a Thickened Torus



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Definition

A square tangle \mathcal{T} is the projection of a tangle living in a square, where the tangle \mathcal{T} will have a collection of strands meeting each edge of the square.



Theorem

Consider a link L in a thickened torus, that decomposes into an $n \times m$ grid of square tangles $\mathcal{T}_{i,j}$. Then:

$$vol(\mathcal{T}_{m \times n}) \ge \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,m} vol_{C4}(\mathcal{T}_{i,j})$$



Necklace links in S^3



Theorem

Suppose L is a bracelet link made of a cycle $(\mathcal{T}_i)_{i=1}^m$ of $m \ge 2n$ saucer tangles such that each \mathcal{T}_i is 2n-hyperbolic. Then L is hyperbolic. If m = 2n, then the volumes satisfy

$$\operatorname{vol}(L) \ge \sum_{i} \operatorname{vol}_{2n}(\mathcal{T}_i).$$



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We've seen three configurations thus far. It turns out there are many more.





Other configurations:

Hexagonal tiling of the thickened torus;

Truncated square tiling of the thickened torus;

Archimedean Solids;

Pseudo-Anosov Stretch Factors and Coxeter Transformations

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Theorem (Thurston 1974) If $\lambda > 1$ is the stretch factor of a pseudo-Anosov map of S_g then λ is an **algebraic unit** where $[\mathbb{Q}(\lambda) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 6g - 6$.

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Fried's Conjecture Every bi-Perron unit has a power that is a stretch factor.

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Theorem B (Liechti, P. 2020)

Fried's conjecture holds for all bi-Perron units λ where $\lambda + \lambda^{-1}$ is totally real.





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• Stretch Factor
$$\lambda = \frac{5 + \sqrt{17} + \sqrt{38 + 10\sqrt{17}}}{2}$$
, a Salem number.

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Theorem D (Liechti, P. 2020)

For a bi-Perron number λ , the following are equivalent.

- (a) For some positive integer k, λ^k is the stretch factor of a pseudo-Anosov homeomorphism arising from Thurston's construction.
- (b) For some positive integer k, λ^k is the spectral radius of a bipartite Coxeter transformation of a bipartite Coxeter diagram with simple edges.

Thank you!

Weinstein handlebodies of complements of toric divisors in toric 4-manifolds joint work in progress with: Bahar Acu, Agnès Gadbled, Aleksandra Marinkovic, Emmy Murphy, Laura Starkston, and Angela Wu

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For any symplectic manifold (M^{2n}, ω) there exists a symplectic divisor, $(\Sigma^{2n-2}, i^*\omega) \subset (M^{2n}, \omega)$, such that the complement $M \setminus \nu(\Sigma)$ is an exact symplectic manifold and has a Weinstein handle decomposition [Donaldson, Giroux].

Goal: Find the Weinstein handlebody decomposition of $M \setminus \nu(\widetilde{\Sigma})$ for specific Σ and M.

Definition

A Weinstein domain $(X, \omega = d\lambda, \phi)$ is a compact exact symplectic manifold with boundary such that

- **(**) There exists a Liouville vector field Z, defined by $\iota_Z \omega = \lambda$
- **2** Is transverse to the boundary and therefore $\lambda|_{\partial X}$ is a contact form.
- **(**) $\phi: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is a Morse function that is gradient like with respect to Z



Eliashberg gave a topological characterization of Weinstein 2*n*-manifolds: you can only build them with handles of index $k \leq n$. Weinstein handlebody diagrams for Weinstein 4-manifolds are given by projections of Legendrian links in $(\#^k(S^1 \times S^2), \xi_{std})$.



Figure: D^*T^2

A toric 4-manifold (M, ω) is a symplectic 4-manifold equipped with a effective Hamiltonian torus action. Then there exists a **moment map**

 $\Phi: M \to \mathbb{R}^2$

that encodes the Hamiltonian torus action.



Figure: Moment map image of $\mathbb{C}P^2$



Figure: Toric divisor in $\mathbb{C}P^2$

Toric Divisors

The complement of any singular toric divisor $\Sigma \subset M$ is D^*T^2 . Goal: Consider smoothings $\widetilde{\Sigma}$ of Σ and if possible find the Weinstein handlebody decompostion of $M \setminus \nu(\widetilde{\Sigma})$



Figure: Singular toric divisor in $\mathbb{C}P^2$

The divisor $\widetilde{\Sigma}$ smoothed at the blue node has a complement given by attaching a two handle $h_{\Lambda_{(1,-1)}}$ to D^*T^2 .





Figure:
$$D^* T^2 \cup h_{\Lambda_{(1,-1)}}$$

Figure: Difference of inward normals is (1, -1)



Figure: The complement of any toric divisor smoothed at one node.

Weinstein Complements of smoothed toric divisors

Theorem (Acu, C-S, Gadbled, Marinkovic, Murphy, Starkston, & Wu) For certain toric 4-manifold X, the complement of the toric divisor smoothed at (V_1, \ldots, V_n) nodes supports a Weinstein structure given by taking the completion of

$$D^*T^2 \cup h_{\Lambda_{(q_i,p_i)}}$$

where $h_{\Lambda_{(q_i,p_i)}}$ are 2-handles attached along the Legendrian conormal lift of $(q_i, p_i) \subset T^2$, and (q_i, p_i) are the difference of the inward normals at V_i

Thank you!

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Dehn surgery Immersed curves

Integral Klein bottle surgeries and Heegaard Floer homology

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Why Dehn surgery?

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- If $S_{p/q}^3(K)$ contains a Klein bottle, then
 - p is divisible by 4.
 - If K is non-cabled, then $q = \pm 1$. (Teragaito)
 - $|p/q| \le 4g(K) + 4$. (Ichihara & Teragaito)

Let $X = S_8^3(K)$ with g(K) = 2 contain a Klein bottle. We have $X = (Y \setminus \nu J) \cup_h N$, where N is the twisted *I*-bundle over the Klein bottle.

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Theorem (D.)

If
$$X = (S^3 \setminus \nu J) \cup_h N$$
, then X is an L-space. Further,

• If
$$J = U$$
, then $X = (-1; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{5})$ and $K = T(2, 5)$.

 If J ≠ U, then J is a trefoil and K has the same knot Floer homology as that of T(2,5).

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Nielsen Realization for Infinite-Type Surfaces Rylee Lyman Rutgers University-Newark joint work with Santana Afton, Danny Calegori and Lyzhou Chen

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The idea of the proof is to find an invariant exhaustion of S by finite-type subsurfaces and carefully apply Kerckhoffs theorem to the terms of the exhaustion.

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Cor Let PCS be an embedded pair of pants with boundary curves N, N2 and N3. $Otab(\gamma_1) \cap Stab(\gamma_2) \cap Stab(\gamma_3)$ is a torsion-free neighborhood of 1 in Map(S). This corollary is key to proving the following. Tim If Ca is a topological group containing torsion limiting to 1, there is no continuous injection (a ~ Map(S). The Compact subgroups of Map(S) are finite, and locally compact subgroups are discrete.