COUNTING HYPERBOLIC 4-MANIFOLDS WITH VANISHING SEIBERG-WITTEN INVARIANTS

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ABSTRACT. Ian Agol and Francesco Lin proved the existence of hyperbolic four-manifolds with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants. We prove that the number of such manifolds of volume at most v is asymptotically bounded by v^{cv} considered up to commensurability, which has the same form as the lower bound and upper bound of the number of hyperbolic four-manifolds of volume at most v proved by Tsachik Gelander and Arie Levit.

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1. Introduction

Seiberg-Witten theory gives rise to a powerful interplay between the geometry and topology of smooth 4-manifolds. Witten [Wit94] proved that if a 4-manifold with $b_2^+ \geq 2$ admits a metric of positive scalar curvature, then all its Seiberg-Witten invariants vanish. In [LeB01, Conjecture 1.1], Claude LeBrun asked whether the Seiberg-Witten invariants of compact hyperbolic 4-manifolds vanish, based on the estimates of the scalar curvature and Weyl curvature for the spin^c structure $\mathfrak s$ with non-trivial Seiberg-Witten invariants.

Proposition 1.1. [LeB01, Theorem 3.5]

Let M be a smooth compact oriented 4-manifold with $b_2^+ \geqslant 2$, and suppose that \mathfrak{s} is a spin structure with non-trivial Seiberg-Witten invariant. Let g be any Riemannian metric on M, and let ϕ be a g-self-dual harmonic 2-form with de Rham class $[\phi] \in H^2(M,\mathbb{R})$. Let s_g be the scalar curvature and w_g be the lowest eigenvalue of the self-dual Weyl curvature W^+ of g. Then the function $f = \sqrt{|\phi|}$ satisfies

$$\int_{M} \left(\frac{2}{3} s_g + 2w_g \right) |\phi_g| d\mu_g + 4 \int_{M} |df|_g^2 d\mu_g \leqslant (4\pi\sqrt{2}) c_1(\mathfrak{s}) \cdot [\phi]$$

So the Seiberg–Witten basic classes satisfy stronger constraints for hyperbolic manifolds (M,g) with the scalar curvature $s_g=-12$ and the Weyl curvature $W_g=0$

In [AL18, Theorem 1.1], Ian Agol and Francesco Lin proved the existence of hyperbolic four-manifolds with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants, and remarked that there are infinitely many commensurability classes of arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds containing representatives with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants.

Let C(v) denote the number of commensurability classes of hyperbolic manifolds admitting a representative of volume at most v. In [GL14, Theorem 1.2], Tsachik Gelander and Arie Levit proved that there are positive constants a and b, such that $v^{av} \leq C(v) \leq v^{bv}$ for all v sufficiently large. Inspired by their methods, we show that the number of commensurability classes of hyperbolic manifolds admitting a representative with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants of volume at most v has the same form:

Theorem 1.2. Let VC(v) denote the number of commensurability classes of hyperbolic manifolds admitting a representative with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants of volume at most v. Then there exist positive constants b and c such that

$$v^{cv} \leqslant VC(v) \leqslant v^{bv}$$

for all v sufficiently large.

Since $VC(v) \leq C(v)$ for all volume v, the upper bound of Theorem 1.2 is taken from [GL14], and our work focuses on constructing enough such manifolds to establish the lower bound. We first embed the L-space M_5 as a totally geodesic non-separating hypersurface into non-commensurable hyperbolic 4-manifolds, using the main result of Kolpakov–Reid–Slavich[KRS18]. By modifying Gelander-levit's approach in [GL14], most of our work is constructing appropriate building blocks, each of whose boundaries is a union of totally geodesic copies of the L-space M_5 . By gluing them according to decorated graphs, we obtain infinitely many non-commensurable compact hyperbolic 4-manifolds with the non-separating L-space M_5 , which satisfy the condition of [AL18, Corollary 2.5], .

In Section 2, we recall the basic construction of the Seiberg-Witten equations and the definitions of Seiberg-Witten invariants for closed 4-manifolds and monopole Floer homology groups for closed 3-manifolds. Then we present a vanishing criterion for Seiberg-Witten invariants involving the L-space as a separating hypersurface.

In Section 3, we present the rough outline of embedding arithmetic hyperbolic 3-manifolds as a totally geodesic hypersurface into hyperbolic 4-manifolds. Here certain technical details are required in order to ensure compactness and boundary control.

In Section 4, we recall the construction in [GL14] by establishing connections between interbreeding of hyperbolic manifolds and decorated graphs. We also explain how to construct hyperbolic manifolds from decorated graphs and show that commensurable manifolds have isomorphic decorated graphs.

In Section 5, we recall the examples by [AL18]. Then we construct suitable building blocks and check that the infinitely many manifolds obtained by these building blocks satisfy the condition of Theorem 1.2.

2. Seiberg-Witten invariants and a vanishing criterion

We briefly review the necessary background on the Seiberg-Witten theory. Most of our discussions and notations are based on [Mor96] and [KM07].

Let X be an oriented 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold. A spin^c structure is a hermitian vector bundle $S_X \to X$ of rank 4, with a Clifford multiplication

$$\rho: TX \to \operatorname{Hom}(S_X, S_X),$$

such that at each $x \in X$ we can find an oriented orthonormal frame $e_0, ... e_3$ with

$$\rho(e_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I_2 \\ I_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \rho(e_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_i^* \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

in some orthonormal basis of the fiber S_x . Here I_2 is the 2×2 identity matrix and σ_i are the Pauli matrices. If we extend Clifford multiplication to complex forms, then in the same basis for S_x we have

$$\rho(\operatorname{vol}_x) = \begin{bmatrix} -I_2 & 0\\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where vol = $e_0 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3$ is the oriented volume form. So the eigenspaces of ρ (vol) give a decomposition of S_X into two orthogonal rank-2 bundles.

Let X be an oriented compact Riemannian 4-manifold with a spin^c structure $\mathfrak{s}_X = (S_X, \rho)$ and corresponding -1-eigenspace S_X^+ of the Clifford multiplication $\rho(\text{vol}_x)$. The Seiberg-Witten equations associated to the spin^c structure \mathfrak{s}_X are equations for a pair (A, Φ) consisting of a spin^c connection A and a section Φ of the associated spin bundle S_X^+ . The equations are the following:

(1)
$$\begin{cases} D_A^+ \Phi = 0 \\ F_{At}^+ = (\Phi \Phi^*)_0 + \eta \end{cases}.$$

Here $F_{A^t}^+$ is the self-dual part of the curvature 2-form F_{A^t} of the connection A^t and D_A^+ is the positive part of the Dirac operator D_A of the connection A. $(\Phi\Phi^*)_0$ denotes the trace-free part of the hermitian endomorphism $\Phi\Phi^*$ of the bundle S_X^+ and η is some perturbation of the 2-form. A solution (A, Φ) is called reducible if $\Phi = 0$, and irreducible otherwise.

The gauge group \mathcal{G} of X is the group of unitary bundle automorphisms of S_X which commute with Clifford multiplication, and it can be identified with the group of S^1 -valued functions $u:X\to S^1$, acting by scalar multiplication. The set of solutions (A,Φ) is invariant under the action of the gauge group, and we write $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ for the quotient space of the set of solutions of the equations (1) by the action of \mathcal{G} . Some properties of the moduli space $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ are listed in the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. [KM07, Theorem 1.4.4], Suppose that the perturbation η is chosen so that the moduli space $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ is regular, i.e. the linearization of the equations is a surjective linear operator for all solutions (A,Φ) , and that $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ contains no reducible solutions, as we can always do when $b_2^+(X) \geqslant 1$. Then the moduli space $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ is a smooth compact manifold, whose dimension d is given by the formula

$$d = \frac{1}{4} \left(c_1(S_X^+)^2 [X] - 2\lambda(X) - 3\sigma(X) \right)$$

We denote by $\mathcal{B}(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ the quotient space of $\mathcal{A} \times \Gamma(S_X^+)$ by the action of \mathcal{G} , and $B^*(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ is the irreducible part. After choosing a perturbation η , we assume $N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X) \subset \mathcal{B}^*(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$, and if we further give a homology orientation, we have a well-defined class $[N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)] \in H_d(\mathcal{B}^*(X,\mathfrak{s}_X))$.

Since $\mathcal{B}^*(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ is the quotient space of $\mathcal{A} \times (\Gamma(S_X^+)\setminus\{0\})$ by the free action of \mathcal{G} , the quotient map

$$\mathcal{A} \times (\Gamma(S_X^+) \setminus \{0\}) \to \mathcal{B}^*(X, \mathfrak{s}_X)$$

is a principal \mathcal{G} -bundle. If we choose a basepoint $x_0 \in X$, then we obtain a homomorphism $\mathcal{G} \to S^1$ by evaluation at x_0 , and there is an associated principal S^1 bundle $P \to \mathcal{B}^*(X, \mathfrak{s}_X)$. Therefore, there is a well-defined 2-cohomology class

$$u = c_1(P) \in H^2(\mathcal{B}^*(X, \mathfrak{s}_X); \mathbb{Z}).$$

The Seiberg-Witten invariants $\mathfrak{m}(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)\in\mathbb{Z}$ are defined by the formula

$$\mathfrak{m}(X,\mathfrak{s}_X) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \langle u^{\frac{d}{2}}, [N(X,\mathfrak{s}_X)] \rangle, & \text{when } d \text{ is even,} \\ 0, & \text{when } d \text{ is odd.} \end{array} \right.$$

Let Y be a closed, connected, oriented Riemannian 3-manifold. For each isomorphism class of spin^c structure \mathfrak{s} on Y, we choose a reference spin^c connection $B_0 = B_0(\mathfrak{s})$ on a spin bundle $S = S(\mathfrak{s})$. The Chern-Simons-Dirac function of a spin^c connection B and a section Ψ of the corresponding spin bundle, is defined by

$$\mathcal{L}(B, \Psi) = -\frac{1}{8} \int_{Y} (B^{t} - B_{0}^{t}) \wedge (F_{B^{t}} + F_{B_{0}^{t}}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{Y} \langle D_{B} \Psi, \Psi \rangle d\text{vol},$$

and we obtain the gradient of the function

$$\operatorname{grad} \mathcal{L} = \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} * F_{B^t} + \rho^{-1} (\Psi \Psi^*)_0 \right) \otimes 1_S, D_B \Psi \right).$$

We can also define the gauge group \mathcal{G} of Y as the group of unitary bundle automorphisms of S_X which commute with Clifford multiplication. The downward gradient gives a flow on the blow-up $\mathcal{B}^{\sigma}(Y,\mathfrak{s})$ of the quotient space $\mathcal{B}(Y,\mathfrak{s})=(\mathcal{A}\times\Gamma(S))/\mathcal{G}$, and after perturbing the function to achieve the transversality, we obtain three complexes \hat{C} , \bar{C} and \check{C} , corresponding to some combinations of boundary-stable, boundary-unstable and interior critical points up to grading shifts. So the monopole Floer homology groups $\widehat{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}), \overline{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}), \overline{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$ are defined for each spin^c structure on Y corresponding the three complexes, and they fit into the long exact sequence of graded $\mathbb{Z}[U]$ -modules

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \overline{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \widecheck{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \xrightarrow{j_*} \widehat{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \xrightarrow{p_*} \overline{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

where U has degree -2. The reduced group $HM_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$ is defined as the image of j_* in $\widehat{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$. When Y is a rational homology sphere, we have an identification of $\mathbb{Z}[U]$ -modules (up to grading shift) with the Laurent series([KM07, Proposition 35.3.1])

$$\overline{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[U^{-1},U].$$

Definition 2.2. [KMOS04, Definition 9.1], We say that a rational homology sphere Y is an L-space if j_* is trivial for all spin^c structures.

So for an L-space Y, $HM_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) = 0$ for all spin^c structures \mathfrak{s} .

Proposition 2.3. [KM07, Proposition 3.11.1] Let X be a closed, oriented 4-manifold with $b_2^+(X) \ge 2$, and suppose that $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ with $\partial X_1 = -\partial X_2 = Y$, a connected 3-manifold. If Y is an L-space, and $b_2^+(X_1)$ and $b_2^+(X_2)$ are both positive, then $m(X, \mathfrak{s}_X) = 0$ for all spin^c structures \mathfrak{s}_X .

Proof. Since $b_1(Y) = 0$, a spin^c structure \mathfrak{s}_X on X is determined by the restrictions $\mathfrak{s}_i = \mathfrak{s}_X|_{X_i}$. This follows from the injectivity of the map $H^2(X;\mathbb{Z}) \to H^2(X_1;\mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^2(X_2;\mathbb{Z})$ in the Mayer-Vieoris sequence and that these groups classify spin^c structures. Let $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}_X|_Y$. Then it is sufficient to show that $\mathfrak{m}(u|X,\mathfrak{s}_X) = 0$ for classes $u = u_1u_2$ where u_i is a cohomology class in the configuration space $\mathcal{B}(X_i,\mathfrak{s}_i)$ of X_i . A cobordism W from Y_0 to Y_1 induces a map in long exact sequences of monopole Floer homology groups ([KM07, Section 3.4]) and if $b_2^+(W) \geqslant 1$, we have that $\overline{HM}_*(u|W,\mathfrak{s}) = 0$ ([KM07, Proposition 3.5.2]). So we can define the relative invariant $\psi_{(u_1|X_1,\mathfrak{s}_1)} \in \widehat{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$: let W_1 be the cobordism obtained from X_1 by removing a ball, and consider the induced map

$$\widehat{HM}_*(u_1|X_1,\mathfrak{s}_1):\widehat{HM}_*(S^3)=\mathbb{Z}[U]\to\widehat{HM}_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}).$$

Then $\psi_{(u_1|X_1,\mathfrak{s}_1)} = \widehat{HM}_*(u_1|W_1,\mathfrak{s}_1)(1)$. We consider the commutative diagram

$$\widehat{HM}_{*}(S^{3}) \xrightarrow{p_{*}} \overline{HM}_{*}(S^{3})$$

$$\widehat{HM}_{*}(u_{1}|W_{1},\mathfrak{s}_{1}) \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \overline{HM}_{*}(u_{1}|W_{1},\mathfrak{s}_{1})$$

$$\widehat{HM}_{*}(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \xrightarrow{p_{*}} \overline{HM}_{*}(Y,\mathfrak{s})$$

and as $b_2^+(W_1) \ge 1$, the vertical map on the right vanishes, which implies that $\psi_{(u_1|X_1,\mathfrak{s}_1)} \in \ker(p_*) = HM_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$. Similarly, using the map induced in homology by W_2 , we obtain an element $\psi_{(u_2|X_2,\mathfrak{s}_2)} \in HM_*(-Y,\mathfrak{s})$, which is identified with $HM^*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$. By the general gluing theorem in [KM07, Equation 3.22],

$$\mathfrak{m}(u|X,\mathfrak{s}_X) = \langle \psi_{(u_1|X_1,\mathfrak{s}_1)}, \psi_{(u_2|X_2,\mathfrak{s}_2)} \rangle,$$

where the angular brackets denote the natural pairing

$$HM_*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \times HM^*(Y,\mathfrak{s}) \to \mathbb{Z}.$$

In our assumptions, the group $HM_*(Y,\mathfrak{s})$ vanishes, so this pairing is zero, and $\mathfrak{m}(u|X,\mathfrak{s}_X)$ is zero for all spin^c structures \mathfrak{s}_X .

The construction of known examples by Agol and Lin [AL18] fundamentally relies on the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. [AL18, Corollary 2.5] Suppose X is a 4-manifold with $b_2^+(X) \ge 1$ which admits an embedded non-separating L-space Y. Then X admits infinitely many covers which have all vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants.

Proof. We consider the double cover \tilde{X} of X formed by gluing together two copies W_1 and W_2 of the cobordism from Y to obtained by cutting X along Y. Consider a properly embedded path $\gamma \subset W_1$ between the two copies of Y, and denote by T its tubular neighborhood. Then we have the decomposition $X = (W_1 \setminus T) \cup (W_2 \cup T)$, where the two manifolds are glued along a copy of $Y \# \overline{Y}$.

By [Lin17, Section 4], the Heegaard Floer chain complexes have vanishing differentials in a suitable sense, so the connected sum also gives a chain complex with trivial differential, which implies the Heegaard Floer homology is again minimal and $Y \# \overline{Y}$ is an L-space. Both $W_1 \backslash T$ and $W_2 \cup T$ have $b_2^+ \geqslant 1$, so we conclude. \square

3. Embedding arithmetic hyperbolic manifolds

In this section, we discuss the embedding of arithmetic hyperbolic 3-manifolds as totally geodesic hypersurfaces into arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds in [KRS18]. We first review the definitions of admissible quadratic forms and arithmetic groups of simplest type.

Let k be a totally real number field of degree d over \mathbb{Q} with a fixed embedding into \mathbb{R} and the ring of integers R_k , and let V be an (n+1)-dimensional vector space over k equipped with a non-degenerate quadratic form f defined over k which has signature (n,1) at the fixed embedding, and signature (n+1,0) at the remaining d-1 embeddings.

The quadratic form f is equivalent over \mathbb{R} to the quadratic form $x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \cdots + x_{n-1}^2 - x_n^2$, and for any non-identity Galois embedding $\sigma: k \to \mathbb{R}$, the quadratic form f^{σ} is equivalent over \mathbb{R} to $x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \cdots + x_{n-1}^2 + x_n^2$. We call such a quadratic form admissible.

Let F be the symmetric matrix associated with the quadratic form f and let O(f) denote the linear algebraic groups defined over k defined as:

$$O(f) = \{X \in GL(n+1, \mathbb{C}) : X^t F X = F\} \text{ and}$$

$$SO(f) = \{X \in SL(n+1, \mathbb{C}) : X^t F X = F\}$$

Let J_n denote both the quadratic form $x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \cdots + x_{n-1}^2 - x_n^2$, and the diagonal matrix associated with the form. The hyperbolic space \mathbb{H}^n can be identified with the upper half-sheet $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : J_n = -1, \, x_n > 0\}$ of the hyperboloid, and we let

$$O(n, 1) = \{X \in GL(n + 1, \mathbb{R}) : X^t J_n X = J_n\}.$$

We can also identify $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)$ with the subgroup of O(n,1) preserving the upper half-sheet of the hyperboloid $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : J_n = -1\}$, denoted by $O^+(n,1)$.

Definition 3.1. Let G be a group, H_1 , $H_2 \leq G$ be subgroups. We say that H_1 is commensurable in G with H_2 if $[H_1: H_1 \cap H_2] < \infty$, $[H_2: H_1 \cap H_2] < \infty$.

Given an admissible quadratic form defined over k of signature (n, 1), there exists $T \in GL(n + 1, \mathbb{R})$ such that $T^{-1}O(f, \mathbb{R})T = O(n, 1)$.

Definition 3.2. A subgroup $\Gamma < O^+(n,1)$ is called arithmetic of simplest type if Γ is commensurable with the image in $O^+(n,1)$ of an arithmetic subgroup of O(f) under the conjugation map above.

Definition 3.3. Let G be a group. Then $G^{(2)} = \langle g^2 | g \in G \rangle$.

The following proposition allows one to embed an arithmetic group in arithmetic groups with higher dimensions.

Proposition 3.4. [KRS18, Corollary 4.2] Let Γ be an arithmetic subgroup of $O^+(n,1)$ of simplest type arising from an admissible quadratic form f of signature (n,1) defined over a totally real field k. Suppose that there is an admissible quadratic form g of signature (n+1,1) defined over the same field k, with O(f) < O(g). Then:

(1) If n is even, Γ embeds in an arithmetic subgroup of $O^+(n+1,1)$ of simplest type.

(2) If n is odd, $\Gamma^{(2)}$ embeds in an arithmetic subgroup of $O^+(n+1,1)$ of simplest type.

From the above proposition, we can simplify the problem to find an admissible quadratic form g so that O(f) < O(g). Here we need only to consider the case $k \neq \mathbb{Q}$ for our purpose.

Lemma 3.5. [KRS18, Proposition 5.1] Suppose that f is represented by the admissible diagonal quadratic form $a_0x_0^2 + a_1x_1^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1}^2 - bx_n^2$ over the field $k \neq \mathbb{Q}$, where $a_i \in R_k$ are all positive and square free for i = 0, ..., n-1, and $b \in R_k$ is positive and square free. Then there is an admissible diagonal quadratic form g of signature (n + 1, 1) with O(f) < O(g).

Proof. If f is anisotropic over k, that is, f(x) = 0 if and only if x = 0, then we can assume that $b \neq a_i$ for i = 0, ..., n - 1. Since $O(\lambda f) = O(f)$ for all $\lambda \in k^*$, we can multiply f by a_0^{-1} and assume that $a_0 = 1$, and also that all coefficients are square-free. Then we can take $g = dy^2 + f$ so that d is square-free in k, which will be a quadratic form over k. $O(g, R_k)$ is cocompact, as follows from [Mor15, Proposition 6.4.4].

Remark 3.6. The above lemma is also true for $k = \mathbb{Q}$, but we don't need to discuss this case here.

The general case can be reduced to the diagonal case by taking some $T \in GL(n+1,k)$ so that $T^{-1}O(f)T = O(f_0)$ for some admissible diagonal quadratic form f_0 defined over k(see [Lam05]). Then we can extend T to define a matrix

$$\hat{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & | & T \end{pmatrix} \in GL(n+2, k)$$

which provides an equivalence of the diagonal form g_0 to an admissible quadratic form g with O(f) < O(g).

Let $M=\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$ be an orientable arithmetic hyperbolic n-manifold of simplest type and if n is odd, we replace M by $M^{(2)}=\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma^{(2)}$. By Proposition 3.4, there exists an arithmetic lattice Λ of simplest type in $\mathrm{SO}^+(\mathrm{n}+1,1)$ such that $\Gamma<\Lambda$. Then we can find a torsion-free subgroup $\Lambda_1<\Lambda$ with $\Gamma<\Lambda_1$ and Λ_1 is GFERF ([KRS18, Proposition 7.1 and Theorem 6.2]). In this case, Scott[Sco78] proved that M embeds in a finite sheeted cover of $\mathbb{H}^{n+1}/\Lambda_1$. Combining these results, we obtain the following theorem:

Theorem 3.7. [KRS18, Theorem 1.1] Let $M = \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$ $(n \ge 2)$ be an orientable arithmetic hyperbolic *n*-manifold of simplest type.

- (a) If n is even, M embeds as a totally geodesic submanifold of an orientable arithmetic hyperbolic (n + 1)-manifold W.
- (b) If n is odd, the manifold $M^{(2)} = \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma^{(2)}$ embeds as a totally geodesic submanifold of an orientable arithmetic hyperbolic (n+1)-manifold W.

Moreover, when M is not defined over $\mathbb Q$ (and is therefore closed), the manifold W can be taken to be closed.

Here the final sentence follows from the fact that closed arithmetic manifolds of simplest type are associated with quadratic forms either over a finite extension k of \mathbb{Q} , $k \neq \mathbb{Q}$, or with quadratic forms over \mathbb{Q} which are anisotropic.

4. Decorated Graphs and Building Blocks

In this section, we present the construction methods in [GL14], involving decorated graphs and building blocks.

Let F denote the free group generated by two non-commuting elements $\{a,b\}$. The Schreir graph Γ_H corresponding to a subgroup $H \leq F$ is the quotient of the Cayley graph of F by the natural action of H. Thus a Schreir graph is a 4-regular graph with oriented edges that are labeled by the set $\{a^{\pm}, b^{\pm}\}$.

Definition 4.1. [GL14, Definition 2.1] A decorated graph is a 4-regular graph Γ with oriented edges labeled by $\{a^{\pm}, b^{\pm}\}$ whose vertices are 2-colored, and we will refer to each vertex as either colored or not.

A covering map of decorated graphs is a topological graph covering that preserves both the edge orientations and labels, and the vertex coloring.

Decorated graphs with a single colored vertex are exactly Schreir graphs for finite index subgroups of F_2 , since we can identify the single colored vertex with the identity element \bar{e} in the quotient group, and obtain the corresponding finite index subgroup H by the covering space theory.

Definition 4.2. [GL14, Definition 3.1] The building blocks are the six given manifolds with boundaries $V_0, V_1, A^+, A^-, B^+, B^-$, which satisfy the following properties:

- Each is a complete real hyperbolic *n*-dimensional manifold of finite volume with totally geodesic boundary.
- V_0 and V_1 have 4 boundary components each, while A^{\pm} and B^{\pm} have 2 boundary components each.
- Every boundary component of any of the above manifolds is isometric to a fixed (n-1)-dimensional complete finite-volume manifold N.
- The six manifolds are embedded in respective six manifolds without boundary, which are arithmetic and pairwise non-commensurable.

Given a decorated graph Δ , we let M_{Δ} denote a manifold obtained by associating a copy of either V_0 or V_1 for each vertex in Δ according to its color, and a copy of the pair A^+ and A^- or the pair B^+ and B^- for every edge of Δ according to its label and orientation, and gluing them according to the graph incidence relation by identifying corresponding isometric copies of N.

We refer to the isometric copies of $V_0,...,B^-$ inside M_{Δ} as the building block submanifolds.

Working with decorated graphs will be useful in ruling out common covering spaces.

Proposition 4.3. [GL14, Proposition 2.2]

Let Γ_1 and Γ_2 be two finite decorated graphs, each having a single colored vertex. If Γ_1 and Γ_2 are not isomorphic then they do not have a common decorated cover.

Proof. Since Γ_1 and Γ_2 each have a single colored vertex, we may regard them as Γ_{H_i} for some finite-index subgroup $H_i \leq F$, i = 1, 2. Since the two graphs are not isomorphic, we have that $H_1 \neq H_2$ as subgroups of F.

Assume for a contradiction that Γ_1 and Γ_2 have a common decorated cover $\bar{\Gamma}$ with covers $p_i : \bar{\Gamma} \to \Gamma_i$. We consider some loop γ in Γ_1 based at the colored vertex such that $l(\gamma) \in H_1 \backslash H_2$, and let $\bar{\gamma}$ be a lift of γ to $\bar{\Gamma}$ and let $x \in \bar{\Gamma}$ denote the end-point of $\bar{\gamma}$. Since γ is a loop, the end-point of $p_1 \circ \bar{\gamma} = \gamma$ is colored, while the

end-point of $p_2 \circ \bar{\gamma}$ is not colored since $l(\gamma) \notin H_2$. This contradicts the fact that p_1 and p_2 are assumed to preserve the decorated structure since both end-points are covered by $x \in \bar{\Gamma}$.

The following proposition generalizes Proposition 4.3, which reduces the problem of constructing non-commensurable manifolds to the problem of constructing non-isomorphic finite decorated graphs.

Proposition 4.4. [GL14, Proposition 3.3] Let Δ_1 and Δ_2 be two finite decorated graphs, each having a single colored vertex. If Δ_1 and Δ_2 are not isomorphic then the manifolds M_{Δ_1} and M_{Δ_2} are not commensurable.

Sketch of Proof. Suppose, by way of contradiction, that M is a common finite cover of both M_{Δ_1} and M_{Δ_2} with associated covering maps $\pi_i: M \to M_{\Delta_i}$. Let $x \in M$ be a point. We can prove that $\pi_1(x)$ belongs to the interior of some building block sub-manifold of M_{Δ_1} if and only if $\pi_2(x)$ belongs to the interior of a building block of the same type in M_{Δ_2} (see [GL14, Lemma 3.5]).

As in the proof of Proposition 4.3, we may write $\Delta_i = \Delta_{H_i}$, and let γ be a simple closed loop in Δ_1 of length $k = |\gamma|$ based at the colored vertex with labeling $l(\gamma) \in H_1 \backslash H_2$. Fix a point p in the interior of the copy of V_1 in M_{Δ_1} . We associate to γ a closed path

$$c_{\gamma}: [0,1] \to M_{\Delta_1}$$
 with $c_{\gamma}(0) = c_{\gamma}(1) = p$

such that c_{γ} intersects the copies of the boundary submanifold N transversely at times

$$0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{3k} < 1$$

and so that each $c_{\gamma|(t_i,t_{i+1})}, 0 \le i \le 3k$ (with $t_0 = 0$ and $t_{3k+1} = 1$) is contained in the interior of a single building block manifold. Moreover c_{γ} traces γ in the obvious sense: an edge of type a^{+1} in γ corresponds to consecutive segments $[t_i,t_{i+1}],[t_{i+1},t_{i+2}]$ on which c_{γ} travels along A^- and then along A^+ from boundary to boundary, where both external boundaries are glued to copies of V_1 or V_0 —depending on whether or not that edge is incident to colored base-point of γ .

Then we can choose a lift \tilde{c}_{γ} of c_{γ} to M and compare the end points of two paths $\pi_2 \circ \tilde{c}_{\gamma}$ and \tilde{c}_{γ} to obtain a contradiction.

5. Explicit Constructions

5.1. **Known Examples.** The construction in [AL18] starts from the *Fibonacci* manifold M_n , the cyclic branched n-fold cover over the figure-eight knot. For $n \ge 4$, it is hyperbolic.

From the proof of Theorem 2.3, it suffices to consider the reduced invariants with rational coefficients $HM_*(Y, \mathfrak{s}; \mathbb{Q})$. By the universal coefficients theorem on homology, this is implied by the vanishing of $HM_*(Y, \mathfrak{s}; \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$. Thus, it suffices to show that the computation holds with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

In [AL18], they proved that M_n is an L-space with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ for all n such that $n \neq 0 \mod 3$, using the fact that M_n is the branched double cover over the closure of the 3-braid $(\sigma_1 \sigma_2^{-1})^n$ and the surgery exact sequence [KMOS04]. Then they showed that M_5 is an arithmetic hyperbolic manifold of simplest type defined by a quadratic form over the field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$.

Since M_5 is a $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ homology sphere, for $\Gamma = \pi_1(M)$, $\Gamma^{(2)} = \Gamma$, so $M_5 \cong \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma^{(2)}$ embeds as a totally geodesic submanifold of a closed hyperbolic 4-manifold W by Theorem 3.7. Since the Euler number of a closed oriented hyperbolic 4-manifold is positive, we may assume that $\chi(W) > 2$ by passing to a 4-fold cover and hence $b_2^+(W) > 1$. Thus by Corollary 2.4, these embed into a closed hyperbolic 4-manifold with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants.

5.2. Construction of new manifolds. Before using the construction method in Section 4, we need to find the six building blocks first.

We recall the following commensurability criterion:

Proposition 5.1. [GPS87, Section 2.6] Let q_1 and q_2 be two quadratic forms of signature (n,1) defined over a totally real number field k. Assume that every nontrivial Galois conjugate of q_1 as well as of q_2 is positive definite.

Then the two hyperbolic orbifolds with monodromy groups $SO(q_i, \mathcal{O})$ for i = 1, 2are commensurable if and only if q_1 is isometric over k to λq_2 for some $\lambda \in k^*$ (i.e. $Aq_1A^t = \lambda q_2 \text{ for some } A \in GL(n+1,k)$.

We say two such quadratic forms are similar over k. Thus, our attention is restricted to the quadratic forms, and we review some standard definitions and basic results about the quadratic forms in [Ser73].

Definition 5.2. Let k be a p-adic field, and $a, b \in k^*$. The Hilbert symbol $(a, b)_k$ is defined to be 1 if the equation $ax^2 + by^2 = z^2$ has a non-trivial solution in k, and -1 otherwise.

Given a quadratic form q of rank n+1, define its Hasse-Witt invariant

$$\varepsilon_k(q) = \prod_{i < j} (a_i, a_j)_k \in \{\pm 1\},\,$$

 $\varepsilon_k(q)=\prod_{i< j}(a_i,a_j)_k\in\{\pm 1\},$ where $a_i\in k$ and $q=a_1x_1^2+\cdots+a_{n+1}x_{n+1}^2$ in some orthogonal basis.

Definition 5.3. For $u \in \mathbb{Z}$ the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{u}{p}\right)$ is 0 if u is divisible by p, 1 if the equation $u = x^2$ has a nonzero solution mod p and -1 otherwise.

An element u with $\left(\frac{u}{p}\right) = 1$ is called a quadratic residue mod p.

Proposition 5.4. Let k be a p-adic field, and $a,b,c \in k^*$. The Hilbert symbol satisfies

- 1. $(ac, b)_k = (a, b)_k (c, b)_k$
- 2. $(a^2, b)_k = 1$,
- 3. $(a,b)_k = (a,-ab)_k$,

and for a local field $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $a,b\in k_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}$, $(a,b)_{k_{\mathfrak{p}}}=-1$ if and only if a is not a square in $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and b is not a norm from $k_{\mathfrak{p}}(\sqrt{a})/k_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Hasse invariants can be used to detect the non-commensurability of quadratic forms over a p-adic field:

Proposition 5.5. [Ser73, Chapter IV, Section 2] For two quadratic forms q_1 and q_2 over the field k, a finite extension of $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{p}}$, if q_1 is similar q_2 over k, they have the same Hasse invariant.

Let us now concentrate on arithmetic hyperbolic manifolds and recall the process of embedding arithmetic hyperbolic manifolds in Section 3. Given an admissible quadratic form f, we take $q_d = dy^2 + f$, where d is square-free in k. We assume that f has the diagonal form $f = b_1 x_1^2 + \cdots + b_4 x_4^2$ without loss of generality.

 $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ is not a p-adic field, so we need to calculate the Hasse invariants at some prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of its ring of integers $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$ to find the suitable $d_i \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}), i = 1, ..., 6$ such that the corresponding arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds of $\mathrm{SO}(q_{d_i}, \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}))$ are pairwise non-commensurable.

We now recall the definition of the *Frobenius automorphism*. For a finite field \mathbb{F}_q , the Frobenius automorphism is the map $x \mapsto x^q$. It generates the Galois group of $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}/\mathbb{F}_q$, which is cyclic of order n.

Now consider a finite Galois extension L/K of number fields. Let \mathfrak{p} be an unramified prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_K and choose a prime \mathfrak{P} of \mathcal{O}_L lying over \mathfrak{p} . The Galois group $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$ acts transitively on such primes. The decomposition group $D_{\mathfrak{P}} \subset \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$ is the subgroup fixing \mathfrak{P} . Within $D_{\mathfrak{P}}$, the Frobenius automorphism Frob $_{\mathfrak{P}}$ is defined by its action on the residue field $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{P}$:

$$\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{R}}(x) \equiv x^{\mathrm{N}_{\mathfrak{p}}} \mod \mathfrak{P}$$

where $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the norm of \mathfrak{p} .

The Frobenius conjugacy class $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ in $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$ is the conjugacy class of this element (independent of the choice of \mathfrak{P} since all such primes are conjugate).

Now suppose $L = K(\sqrt{d})$ is a quadratic Galois extension of fields, with $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K) = \{1, \sigma\}$. Let $\mathfrak p$ be a prime of K unramified in L. Then the Frobenius element $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak p} \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$ acts either trivially or nontrivially. If it acts trivially, $\mathfrak p$ splits in L and if it acts as σ , then $\mathfrak p$ is inert. So the Frobenius automorphism acts trivially if and only if the defining element d of $L = K(\sqrt{d})$ is a square modulo $\mathfrak p$.

The Chebotarev density theorem can guarantee the existence of suitable prime ideals.

Theorem 5.6. [Neu99, VII.13, Chebotarev density theorem]

Let L/k be a finite Galois extension of number fields with Galois group $G = \operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$. For any conjugacy class $C \subseteq G$, the set of prime ideals $\mathfrak p$ of k whose Frobenius automorphism $\operatorname{Frob}_{\mathfrak p}$ lies in C has natural density ρ :

$$\rho = \frac{|C|}{|G|}.$$

In particular, such primes exist and are infinite in number.

Proposition 5.7. For $q_d = dy^2 + f$ over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, there exist six different numbers $d_i \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}), i = 1, ..., 6$ such that the corresponding closed arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds of $SO(q_{d_i}, \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}))$ are pairwise non-commensurable.

Proof. We denote $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ by F for simplicity. Square classes of F are elements of $F^{\times}/(F^{\times})^2$, and there are infinitely many square classes for $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$. So we can choose $d_i, i = 1, ..., 6$ so that d_i and d_j are not in the same square class of F^{\times} for $i \neq j$ and that b_1 and $d_i^{-1}d_j$ are not in the same square class of F for $i \neq j$.

Fix $i \neq j$. Let $L_1 = F(\sqrt{d_i^{-1}d_j})$, $L_2 = F(\sqrt{b_1},...,\sqrt{b_4})$ and $L = L_1 \cdot L_2$ be the compositum of the two finite extensions. L/F is a Galois extension, and Theorem 5.6 ensures the existence of some prime ideal \mathfrak{p} where:

1. Frob_p acts as nontrivial on $F(\sqrt{d_i^{-1}d_j})$ (so $d_i^{-1}d_j$ is a non-square in F_p).

- 2. Frob_p acts as nontrivial on $F(\sqrt{b_1})$ (so b_1 is a non-square in F_p).
- 3. Frob_p acts as nontrivial on $F(\sqrt{b_1d_id_j^{-1}})$ (so b_1 is a non-square in F_p and b_1 is not a norm from $F(\sqrt{d_i^{-1}d_j})/F$).
- 4. Frob_p acts as trivial on $F(\sqrt{b_l})$ for $l \neq 1$ (so b_l are squares in F_p).

By Proposition 5.4, we obtain $(b_1, d_i^{-1}d_j)_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} = -1$ and $(b_l, d_i^{-1}d_j)_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} = 1$ for $l \neq 1$, so we know that $\varepsilon_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}}(q_{d_i}) \neq \varepsilon_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}}(q_{d_j})$. By Proposition 5.5, the two quadratic forms q_{d_i} and q_{d_j} are not similar over $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and hence a fortiori q_{d_i} and q_{d_j} are not similar over F. Since i, j are arbitrary, the quadratic forms q_{d_i} are pairwise not similar over F, and by Proposition 5.1, we prove the proposition.

By taking the double covers of the first four closed arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds as in Corollary 2.4 if necessary, we obtain four non-commensurable closed arithmetic hyperbolic 4-manifolds W_{d_i} , i=1,...,4 containing the L-space M_5 as a non-separating hypersurface. Cut W_{d_i} , i=1,...,4 along one copy of M_5 , and then we obtain the building blocks A^{\pm} and B^{\pm} . They are the ones placed on the edges of the finite decorated graph.

Recall the process of embedding arithmetic hyperbolic manifolds in Section 3. Given an arithmetic hyperbolic (n-1)-manifold N, we embed N into an arithmetic hyperbolic manifold $M = \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$ by considering the q-hyperboloid model for \mathbb{H}^n . Let $R = \mathbb{H}^n \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x_0 = 0\}$ and $N = R/\Gamma_0$, we find Γ such that $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ is the subgroup of Γ consisting of elements that preserve R and embed N into $M = \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$.

To obtain building blocks with four totally geodesic boundary components, we need the following proposition:

Proposition 5.8. [GL14, Proposition 4.3] For every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ there exists a finite normal cover M' of M that contains (at least) m disjoint copies $N_1, ..., N_m$ of N such that $M' \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^m N_i$ is connected.

Proof. Suppose first that N is separating in M. It follows that Γ is isomorphic to the amalgamated product $\Gamma_1 *_{\Gamma_0} \Gamma_2$, where Γ_1 and Γ_2 are the fundamental groups of the two connected components of $M \backslash N$. By [GPS87, Section 0.1] the subgroups $\Gamma_i, i = 1, 2$ are Zariski dense in $\mathrm{SO}(n, 1)$ and their Zariski closures in $\mathrm{SO}(n + 1, \mathbb{C})$ are also semisimple algebraic groups. Since $\Gamma_i \subset \mathrm{SO}(n, 1) \subset \mathrm{SO}(n + 1, \mathbb{C})$ and $\mathrm{SO}(n + 1, \mathbb{C})$ is an order 2 quotient of its universal covering, it follows from the Weisfeiler–Nori strong approximation theorem (see [Rap13]) that each $\Gamma_i, i = 1, 2$ is mapped to a subgroup of index at most 2 in almost every congruence quotient of Γ by considering the lift of Γ_i to $\mathrm{Spin}(n + 1, \mathbb{C})$.

Since Γ_0 is the intersection of Γ with a parabolic subgroup

$$\Gamma_0 = \{ \gamma \in \Gamma : \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ * & * & * & * \\ \vdots & * & \ddots & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \},$$

it is clear that we may find congruence quotients of Γ in which the image of Γ_0 is of arbitrarily large index. Let $\Gamma(p)$ be principal congruence subgroup in Γ such that

$$[\Gamma_i \cap \Gamma(p) : \Gamma_0 \cap \Gamma(p)] = k_i \geqslant 3$$
, for $i = 1, 2$

and denote by $\bar{\Gamma}_i$, i=0,1,2 the image of Γ_i in the finite group $\Gamma/\Gamma(p)$, respectively. Set $\Lambda = \bar{\Gamma}_1 *_{\bar{\Gamma}_0} \bar{\Gamma}_2$ and consider the map

$$\pi: \Gamma = \Gamma_1 *_{\Gamma_0} \Gamma_2 \to \bar{\Gamma}_1 *_{\bar{\Gamma}_0} \bar{\Gamma}_2 = \Lambda.$$

According to the Bass-Serre theory (see [Bas93, Chapter I, Theorem 5.1]), the group Λ acts on the (k_1, k_2) -bi-regular tree T. It is well known (see [Ser80, p. 120]) that Λ has a finite index free subgroup Λ' acting freely on T with $\Lambda' \setminus T$ being a (k_1, k_2) -bi-regular finite graph. By taking a further finite index subgroup Λ'' we can assume that Λ'' is normal in Λ and of rank at least m. It follows that the graph $\Lambda'' \setminus T$ has at least m simultaneously non-separating edges.

The group Γ acts on T as well via the map π . Let $\Gamma'' = \pi^{-1}(\Lambda'') \leq \Gamma$. As Γ'' acts on T with the same fundamental domain as Λ'' , it splits as a graph of groups over the graph $\Lambda'' \setminus T$. Moreover, this graph of groups covers the graph of groups of $\Lambda = \bar{\Gamma}_1 *_{\bar{\Gamma}_0} \bar{\Gamma}_2$ (see [Bas93, Section 4]).

To complete the proof in this case, let M' be the normal cover of M corresponding to Γ'' . The connected components of the preimage of N inside M' serve as edges in a decomposition of M' according to the graph structure of $\Gamma'' \backslash T$. Since M' is normal, it is clear from the construction that all these connected components are isometric to N. Moreover as N embeds in M, every two of them are disjoint. The result follows by taking copies of N which correspond to a jointly non-separating set of m edges of $\Gamma'' \backslash T$.

The remaining case where M is non-separating is dealt with by a similar argument. In that case Γ is isomorphic to the HNN extension $\Gamma_1 *_{\Gamma_0}$, where Γ_1 is the fundamental group of $M \backslash N$. The map π is defined in an analogous fashion, and essentially the same proof goes through.

By the above proposition, we can obtain the building blocks V_0 and V_1 by taking the case 2m = 4 for $N = M_5$ and $M = W_{d_i}$, i = 5, 6. So we have constructed the six building blocks required in Section 4.

The following proposition tells the number of decorated graphs up to isomorphism:

Proposition 5.9. [LS03, Ch. 2] Let a_n denote the number of subgroups of index n in the free group F on two generators. Then $a_n \ge n^{\frac{n}{2}}$ for every n.

Let V_0 denote the maximal volume of the six building blocks. For each representative F' of the isomorphism classes of subgroups of F of the index n, the corresponding M_{Δ} has volume $V \leq 5nV_0$.

So for given volume $\frac{V}{2}$, we can construct at least $[V/10V_0]^{\frac{[V/10V_0]}{2}}$ closed hyperbolic 4-mainfolds with volume below $\frac{V}{2}$ containing the non-separating L-space M_5 by Proposition 5.9. They are pairwise non-commensurable by Proposition 4.4, and by Corollary 2.4 we can find $[V/10V_0]^{\frac{[V/10V_0]}{2}}$ pairwise non-commensurable closed hyperbolic 4-mainfolds at volume most V with vanishing Seiberg-Witten invariants. By substituting $n = [V/10V_0]$ into Proposition 5.9, we derive the lower bound $VC(v) \geqslant v^{cv}$ for v sufficiently large.

The upper bound v^{av} is exactly from [GL14, Theorem 1.1], so we prove Theorem 1.2.

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