

# 4 -manifolds admitting fibrations on surfaces

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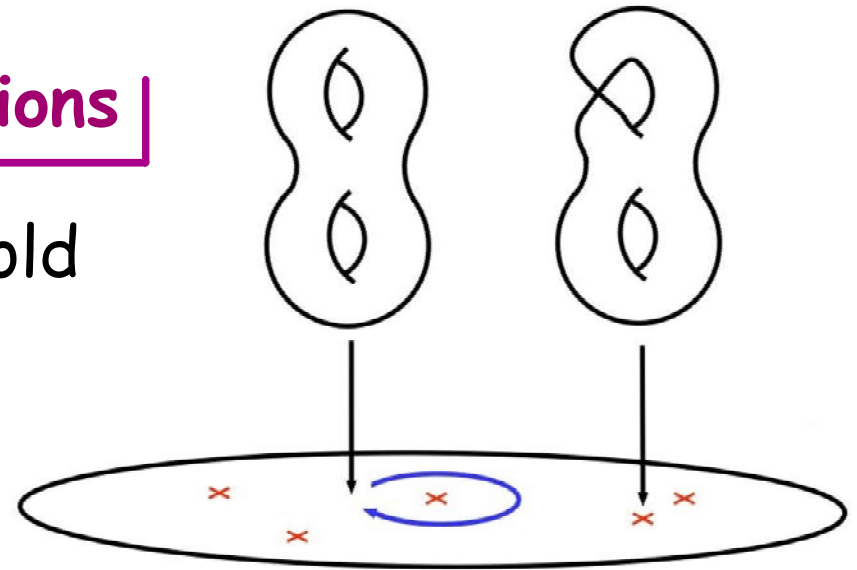
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$$f|_{M \setminus f^{-1}(S)}: M \setminus f^{-1}(S) \rightarrow B \setminus S$$

is a locally trivial fibration (i.e. a fibre bundle)  
& each generic fibre  $f^{-1}(b)$

is a closed surface of genus  $h$

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Remarks: •  $\text{MO}(f)$  does not depend on  $t$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ .

•  $\text{MO}(f_1) = \text{MO}(f_2)$  **iff**

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**Today:** Part I: torus fibration over 2-sphere

- classify elements of  $M_{0,n,1}$  up to stabilisation

Part II: holomorphic fibration  $f: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow B$

- Finiteness of  $\{MO(f) \mid f: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow B \text{ holomorphic}\}$

$$h \geq 2$$

- Classifying map

$$F: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_h$$

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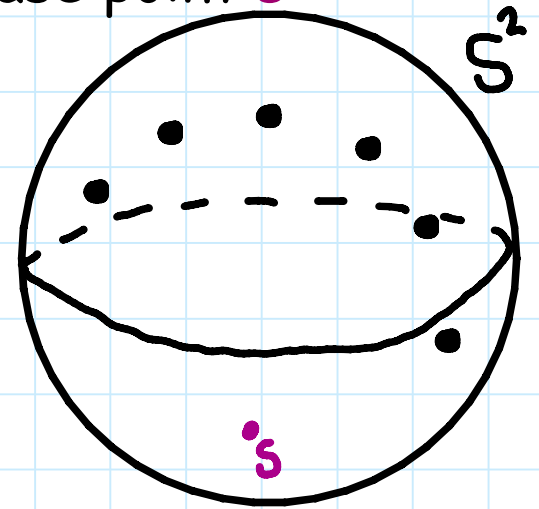
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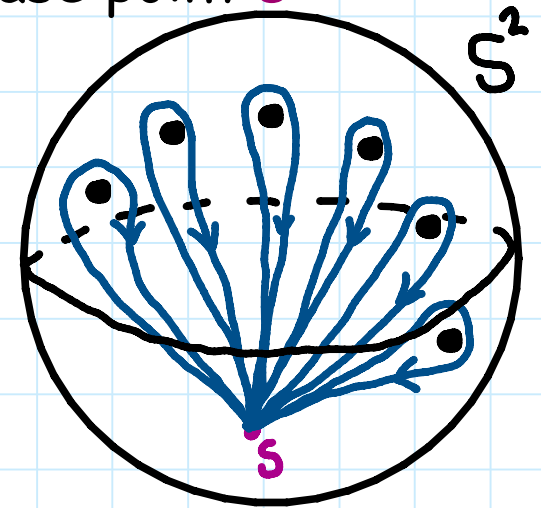
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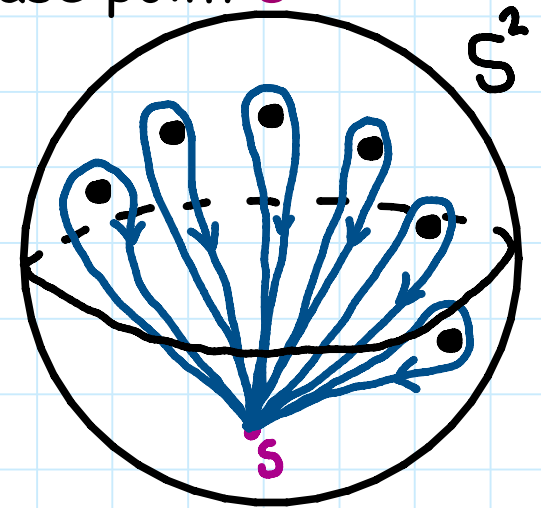
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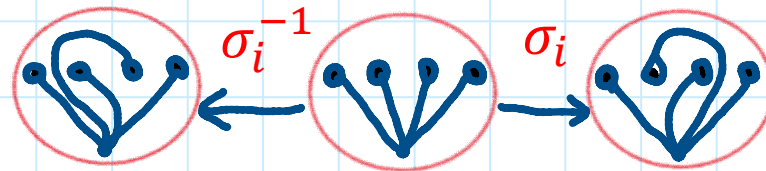
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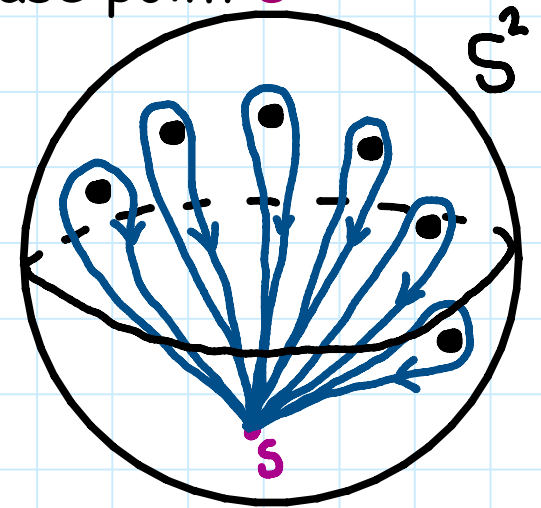
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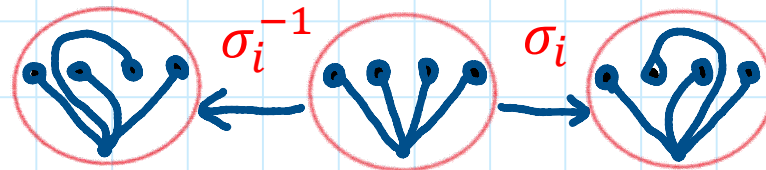
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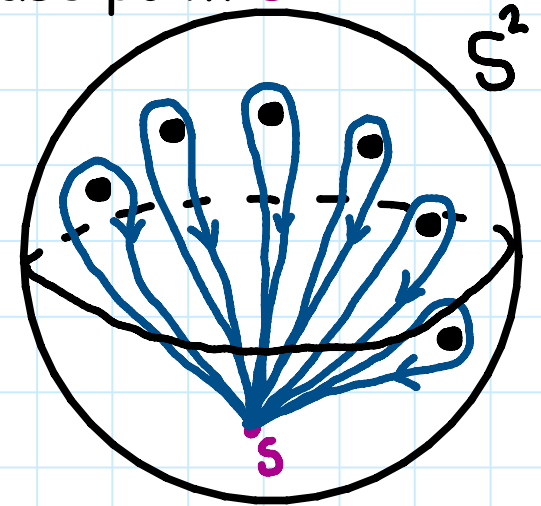
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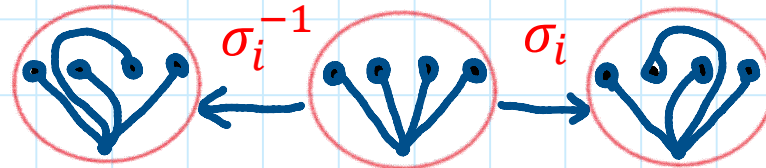
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Hurwitz equivalent:  $(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) \sim (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$

Claim: Hurwitz equivalence  $\rightsquigarrow$  same invariant in  $\text{Mod}_{0,n,1}$

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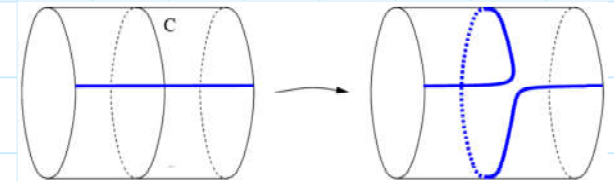
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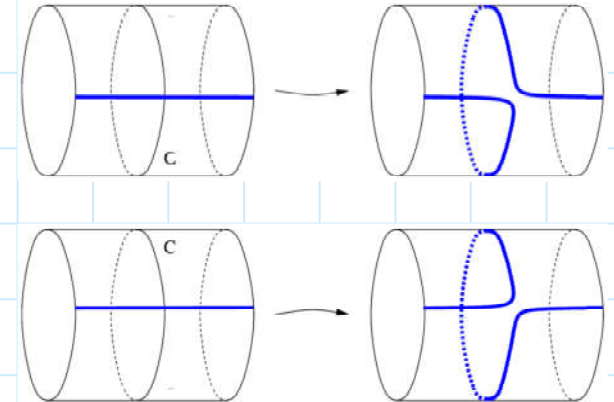
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#### (2) torus achiral Lefschetz fibration :

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### Thm. D (Matsumoto '85; Z.) :

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$p \neq q$  :  $(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) \sim (\phi'_1, \dots, \phi'_n)$ ;

$p = q \geq 1$  :  $\infty$  many Hurwitz equivalent classes corresponding to  $p \cdot I_1^+ + q \cdot I_1^-$ .

## Part I-(iii) Global monodromies up to stabilisation

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 ↖ Denis Auroux

Thm. A (Z.) Given a multi-set  $\mathcal{O}$  of conjugacy classes of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  
 $\exists$  a tuple  $(u_1, \dots, u_k)$  of positive Dehn twists such that,  
 for any torus fibrations  $f_1: M_1 \rightarrow S^2$  and  $f_2: M_2 \rightarrow S^2$  with  $\mathcal{O}(f_1) = \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}(f_2)$ ,  
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Thm. C (Z.) When each  $[\phi] \in \mathcal{O}$  is simple,  
 $k=60$  and  $(u_1, \dots, u_k) = ((L, U)^6, (L, U, L)^4, (L, N, (L, U)^4, N, N)^3)$ .

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$\text{Fibr}(g, n, h) \xrightarrow{??} \text{Fam}(g, n, h) \xrightarrow{\text{MO}} \text{HM}_{g, n, h} \subset M_{g, n, h}$$

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$$(Y, f, X) \mapsto (C := Y \setminus f^{-1}(S), f, B := X \setminus S) \mapsto \text{MO}(f)$$

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**Isomorphic fibrations over X:**
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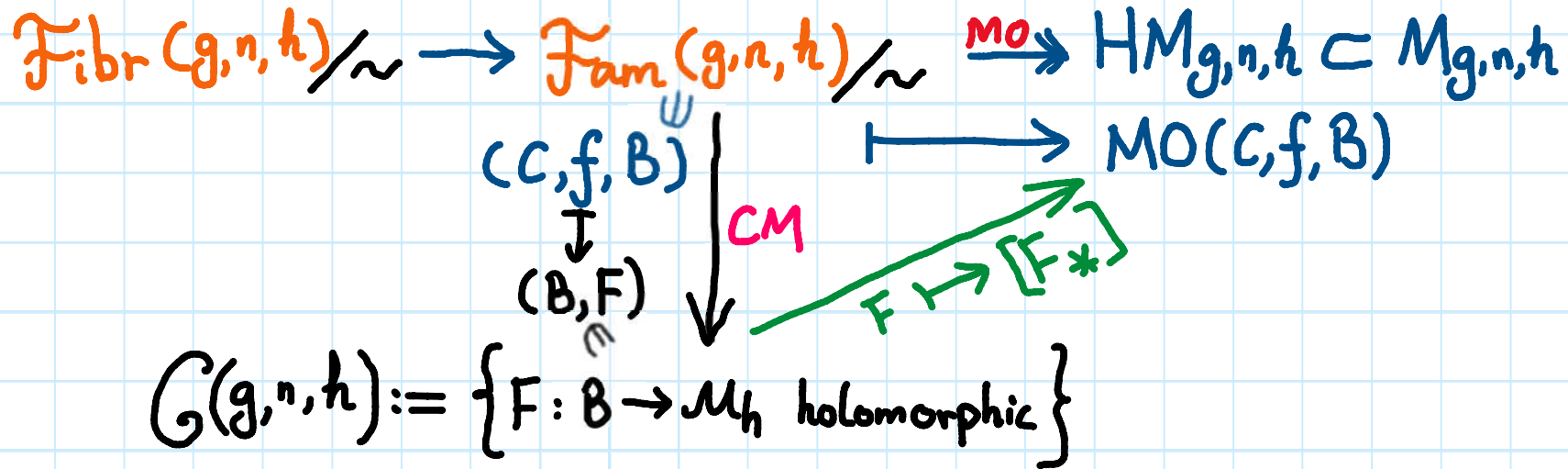
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- $\tilde{F}: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_h \rightarrow F^* := \pi_1(B) \rightarrow \pi_1^{\text{orb}}(\mathcal{M}_h) = \text{Mod}_h$   
 (Claim)  $F \mapsto [F^*]$  maps onto  $\text{HM}_{g,n,h}$

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is called a **holomorphic curve** in  $\mathcal{M}_h$ .

Cor.: There are only finitely many holomorphic curves of type  $(g,n)$   
in  $\mathcal{M}_h$  up to homotopy, when systole  $\geq \varepsilon_0 > 0$ .

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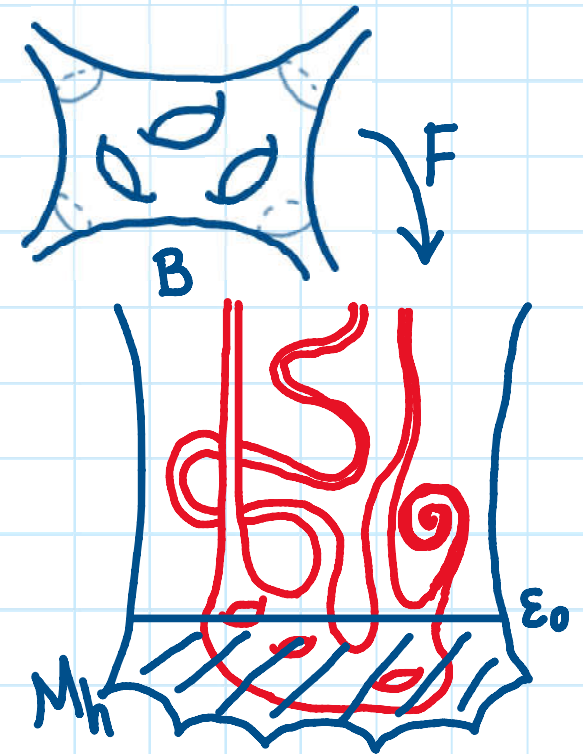
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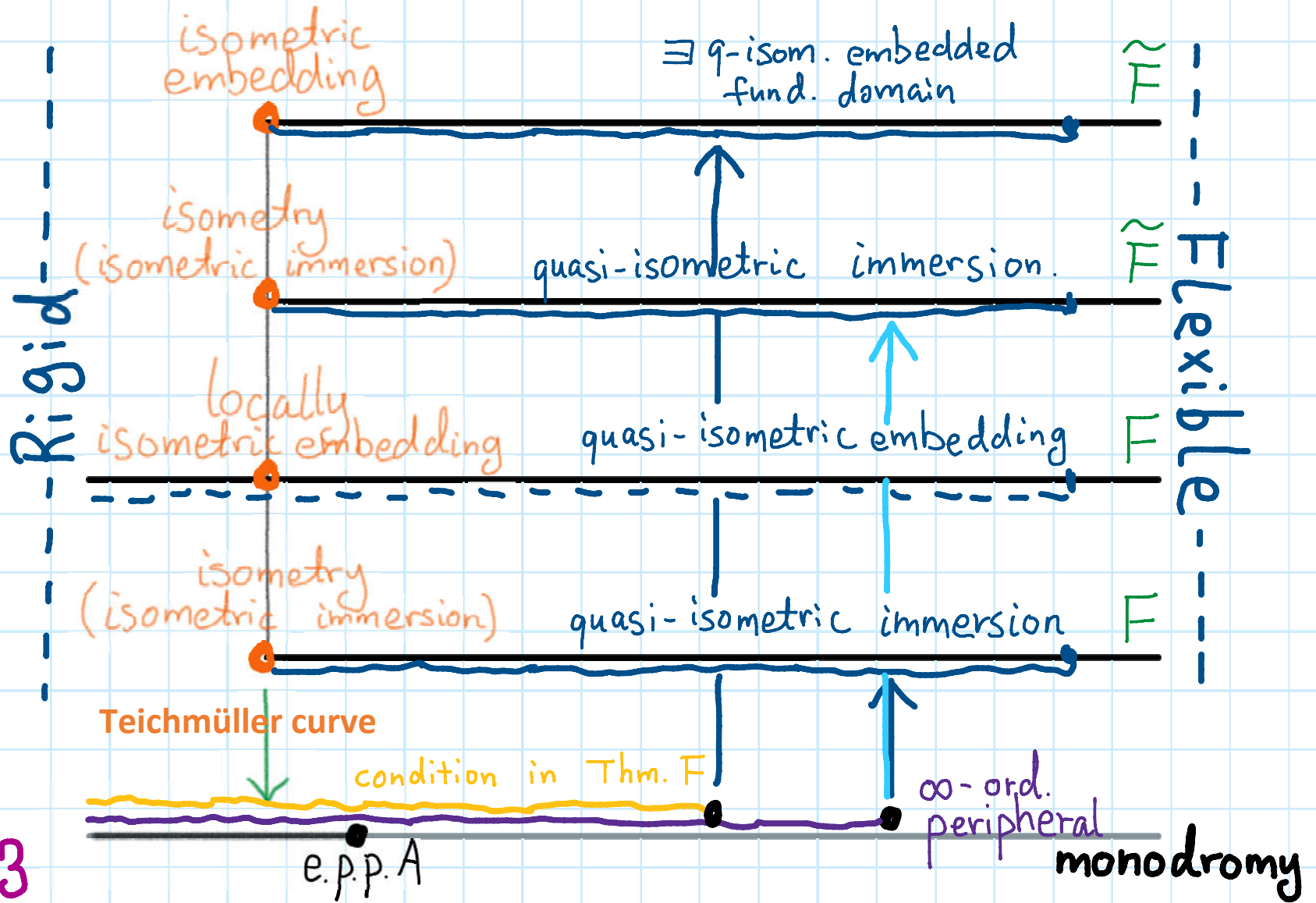
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## Part II-(vi) Shape of holomorphic curves

The most rigid (holomorphic) curve :

Def.: A **Teichmüller curve** is the image of a holomorphic locally isometric map  $F: (B, \frac{1}{2}dB) \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}_h, d\mu)$

Remark: The lift is an isometric embedding

$$\tilde{F}: (\mathbb{H}^2, \frac{1}{2}d\mathbb{H}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{T}_h, d\tau)$$

- Such an isometric embedding is the  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -orbit of a translation surface.
- The first **Teichmüller curve** was discovered by Veech [Veech '89]
- A **Teichmüller curve** is never complete (i.e.  $n > 0$ )
- A **Teichmüller curve** is an algebraic curve defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  [Möller '06]
- Every isometric map  $\tilde{F}$  is holomorphic [Antonakoudis '15]

The monodromy of a **Teichmüller curve** is

essentially purely pseudo-Anosov.

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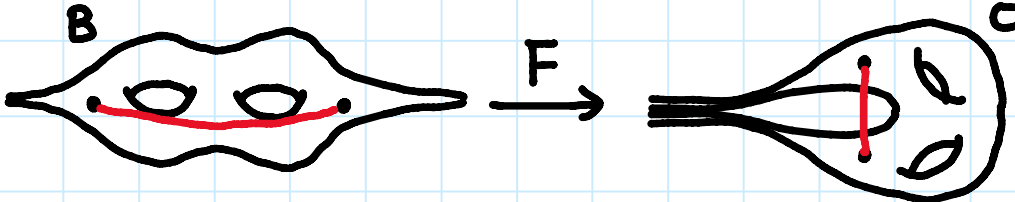
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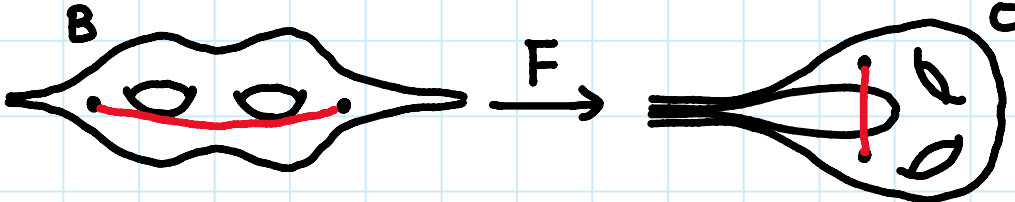
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$$\frac{1}{2} d_B(b_1, b_2) \geq d_{\mathcal{M}}(F(b_1), F(b_2)) \geq \frac{1}{2} d_B(b_1, b_2) - K$$

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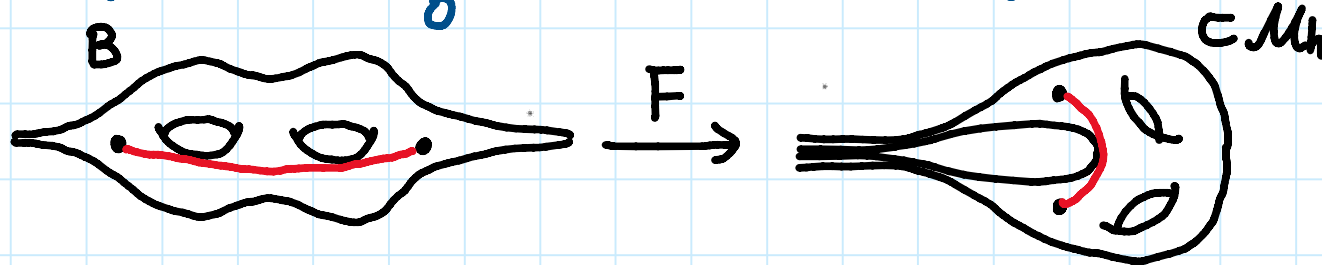
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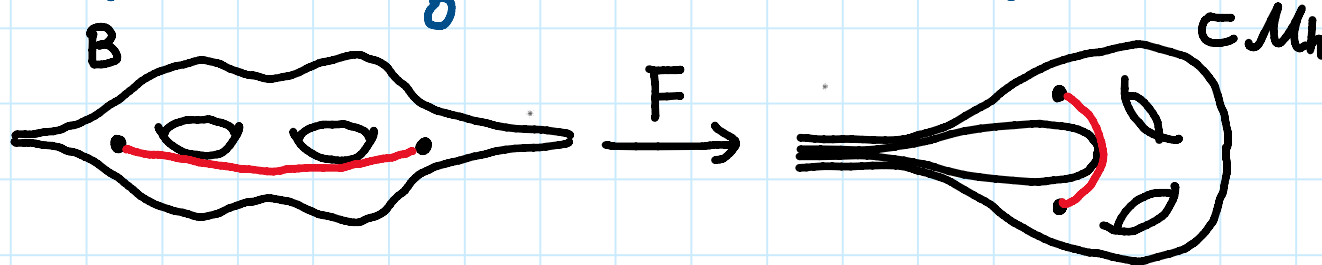
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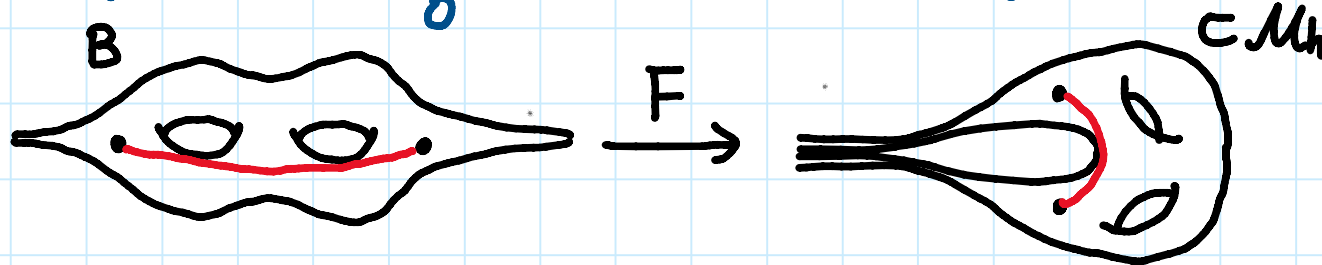


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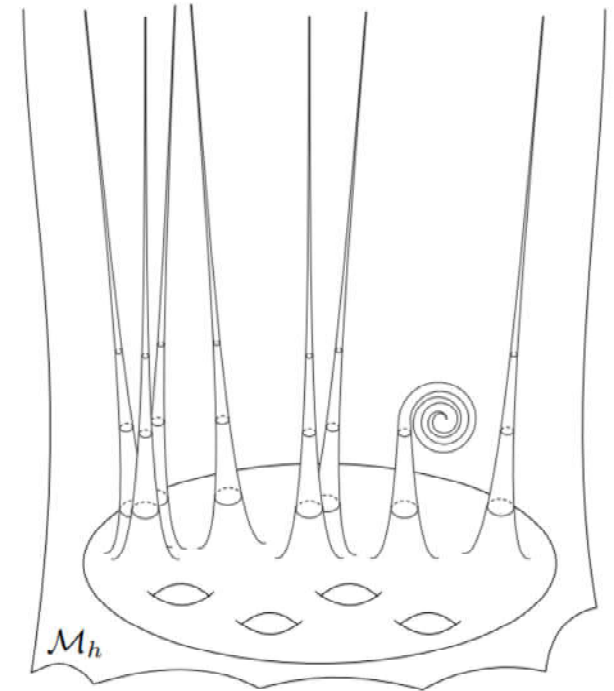
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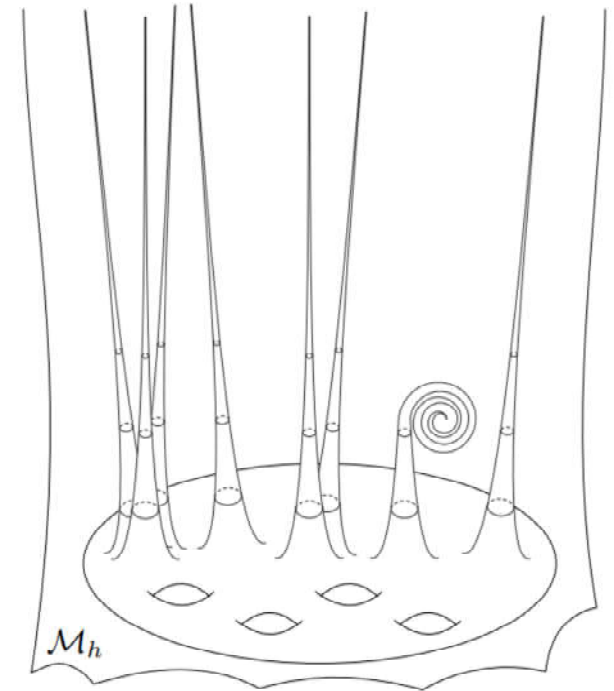
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Remarks:

- (1) When a peripheral monodromy is of finite order, the image of the cusp region might be contained in  $\mathcal{M}_h^{>\varepsilon}$
- (2)  $\exists$  quasi-isometrically immersed but not isometrically immersed holomorphic curves in  $\mathcal{M}_h$

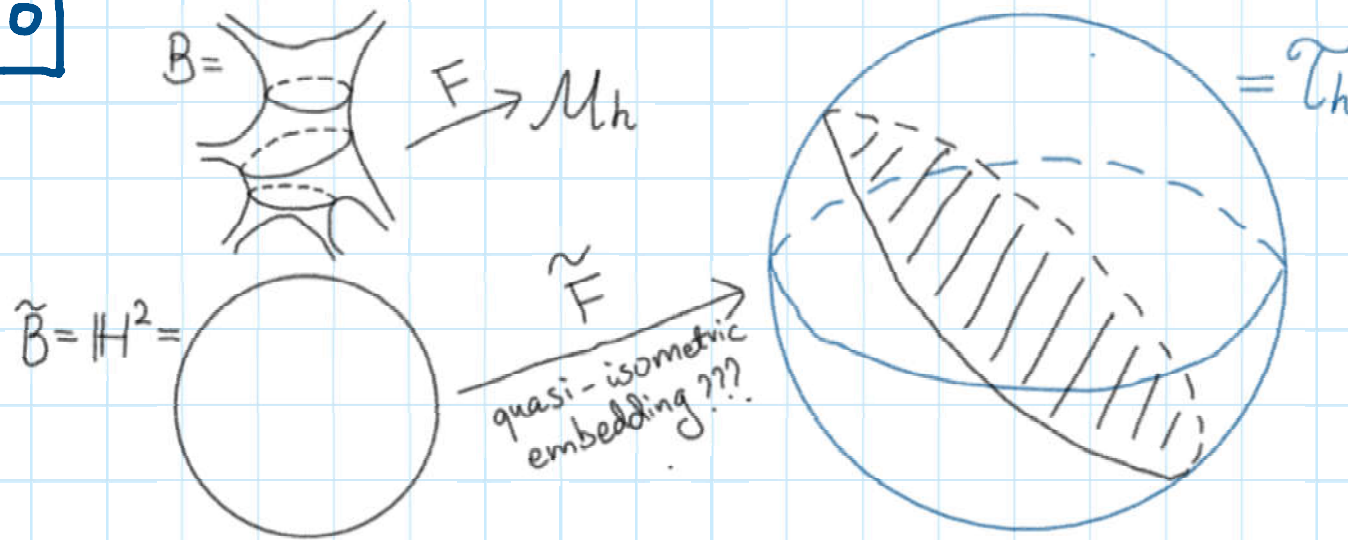
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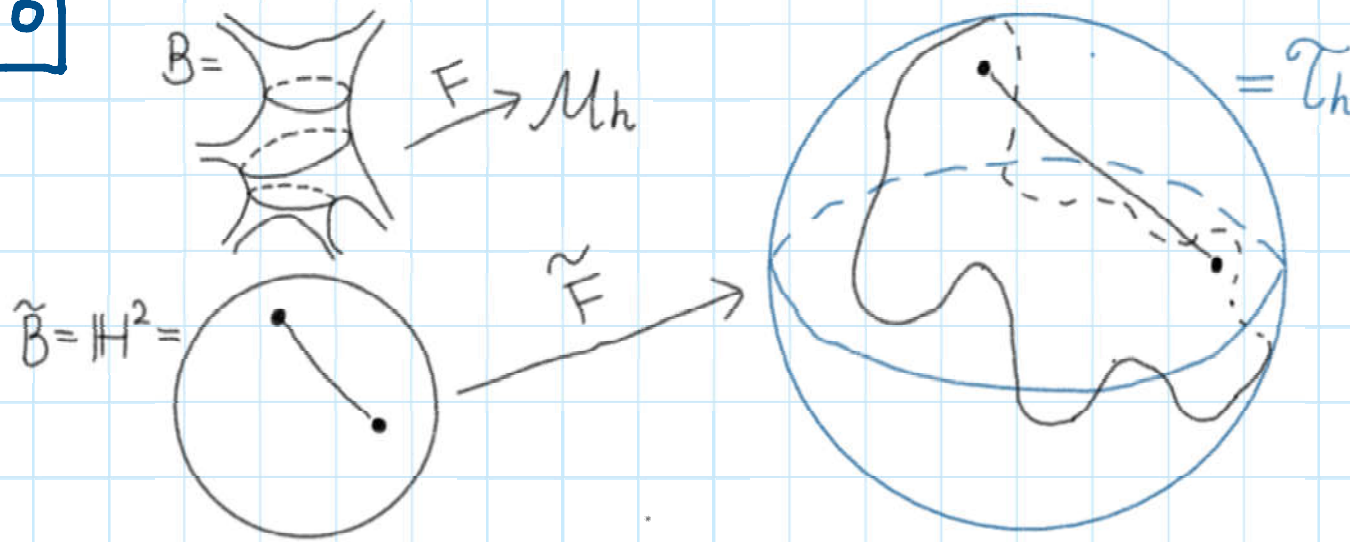
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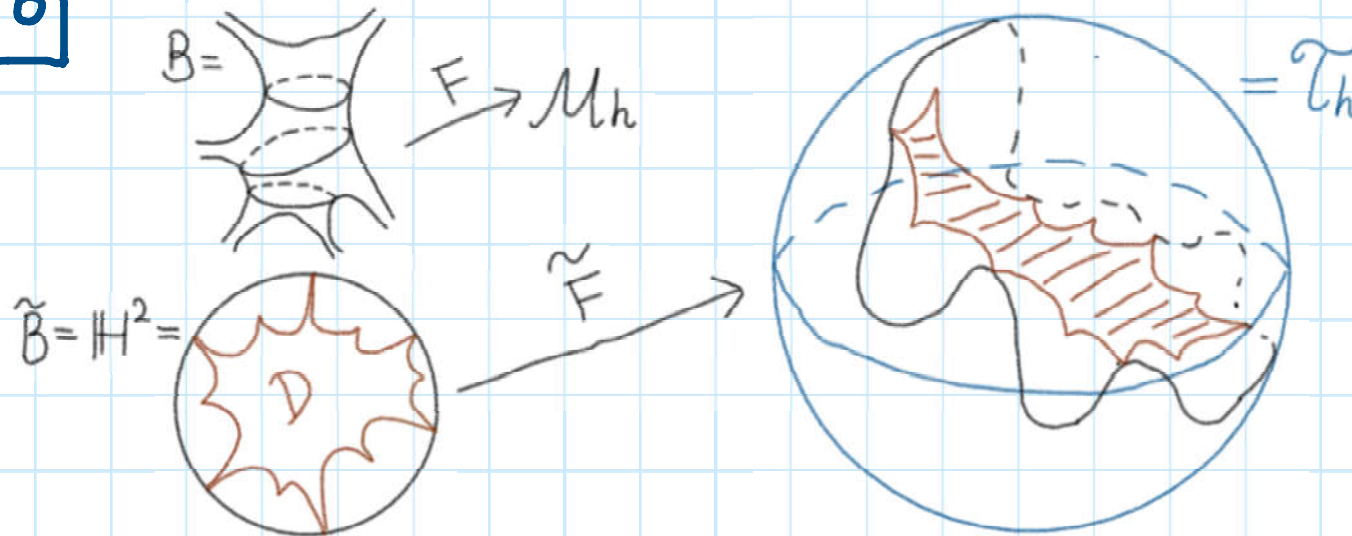
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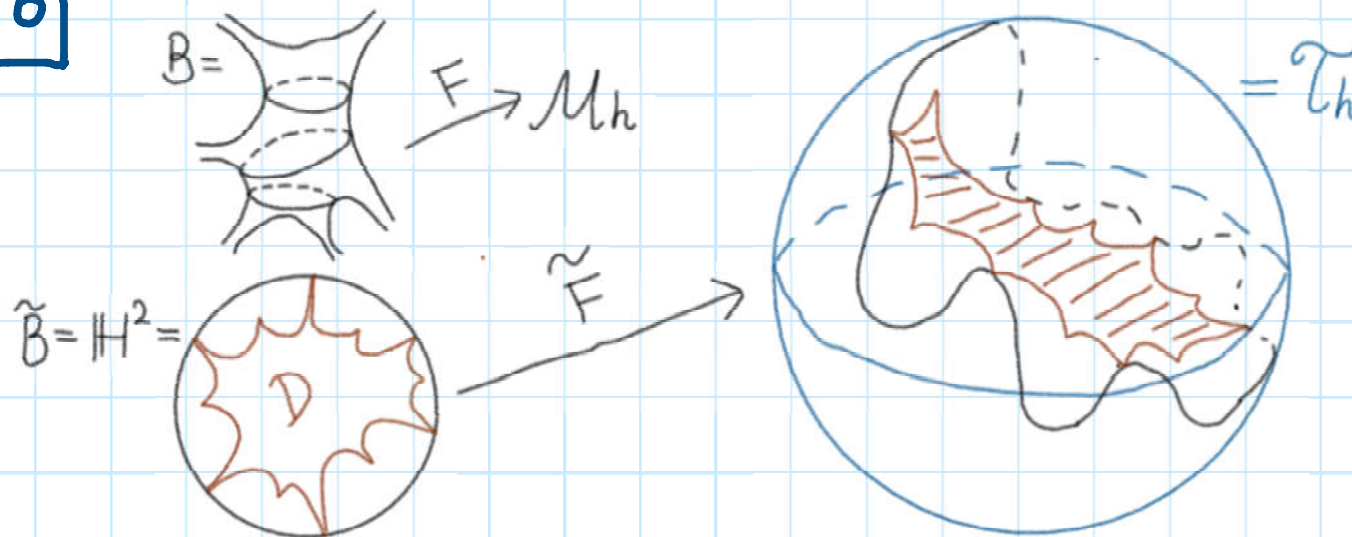
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## Cor. 3.4.8 (Z.)

Let  $f: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1 = X$  be a holomorphic genus-2 Lefschetz fibration without separating vanishing cycles.

Let  $F: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_h$  be the classifying map of  $f$ .

Then, any lift of  $F$  has a quasi-isometrically embedded fundamental domain  $D$  of  $B$ .

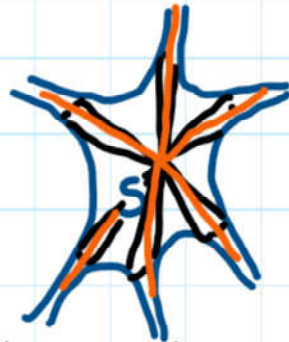
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# A necessary condition for quasi-isom. embedded fundamental domains

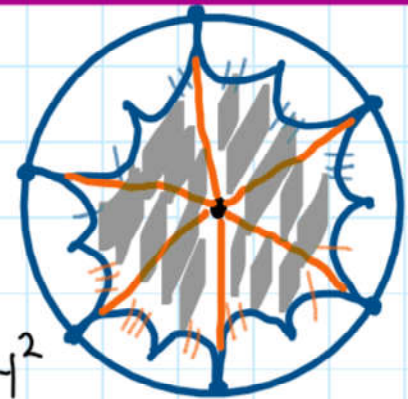
## Appendix 1

$g=0$   $F: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_h$   
 $(B, \frac{1}{2}d_B) =$



monodromy:  $(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$

$\tilde{F}: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_h$   
 $(\tilde{B} = \mathbb{H}^2, \frac{1}{2}d_{\mathbb{H}})$



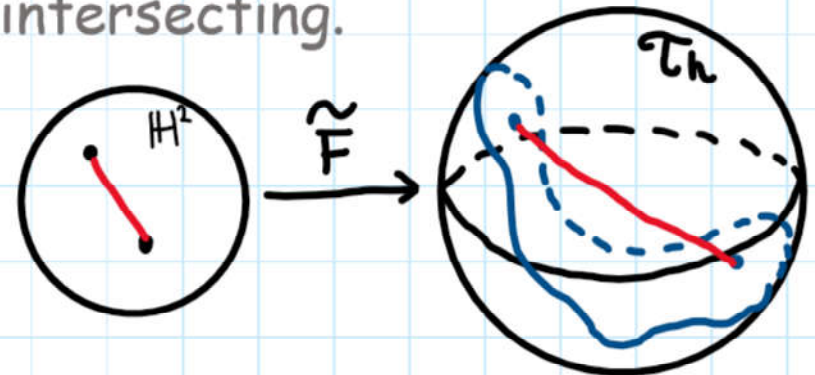
fundamental domain  $D \subset \mathbb{H}^2$

**Thm. F in the case  $g=0$  (Z.)** Let  $F: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_h$  be a holomorphic

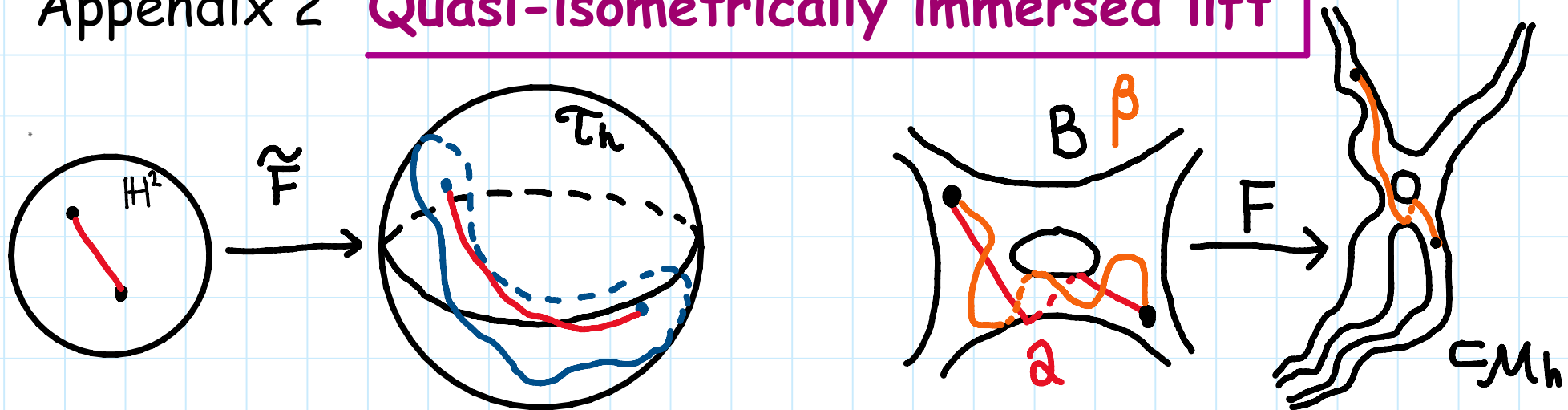
map and  $(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a global monodromy. Suppose that

- Each  $\phi_i$  is of  $\infty$  order;
- $\phi_i^{M_i} = T_{\alpha_i}$  is a multi-twist;
- Multi-curves  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are pairwise intersecting.

Then  $\tilde{F}|_D: (D, \frac{1}{2}d_{\mathbb{H}}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{T}_h, d_{\mathcal{T}})$   
 is a  $(2, K)$ -quasi-isometric embedding.  
 Here  $K = K(g, n, h, \text{sys}(B))$ .



## Appendix 2 Quasi-isometrically immersed lift



**Thm.** Let  $F: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_h$  be a holomorphic map s.t. all peripheral monodromies are of  $\infty$  order. Then  $F$  is a  $(K, C)$ -quasi-isometric immersion, i.e., for any geodesic segment  $\alpha \subset B$ ,

$$l_B(\alpha) \geq l_{\mathcal{M}_h}(F(\beta)) \geq \frac{1}{K} l_B(\alpha) - C$$

where  $\beta$  has the shortest image under  $F$  amongst all paths relatively isotopic to  $\alpha$ .

## Appendix 3 Open questions

Classify elements of  $M_{g,n,h}$ :

- $M_{0,n,1}$  :  $\mathcal{O}(f)$  + extra invariants
- stabilisation : when  $g \geq 2$ , is there an additional tuple depending only on  $\mathcal{O}(f)$ ?

Parshin - Arakelou finiteness:

- Is  $HM_{g,n,h} := MO(\mathcal{Fam}(g,n,h))$  finite?
- Is  $H_c M_{g,n,h} := MO(\mathcal{Fibr}(g,n,h))$  finite?
- Given  $m \in HM_{g,n,h}$ , how to describe

$$\{B \in \mathcal{T}_{g,n} \mid \exists (C, f, B) \in \mathcal{Fam}(g,n,h) \text{ } MO(C, f, B) = m\} \subset \mathcal{T}_{g,n}?$$

Shape of holomorphic curves in  $\mathcal{M}_h$ :

- When  $F_*$  is injective, is  $\tilde{F}$  quasi-isom. embedded?
- When  $F_*$  is e.p.p.A., is  $F$  a Teichmüller curve?
- Given the shape of  $F$  in the sense of coarse geometry, how to describe the corresponding subset of  $HM_{g,n,h}$ ?