

Dehn surgery on the minimally twisted seven-chain link

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We classify all the exceptional Dehn surgeries on the minimally twisted chain links with six and seven components.

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Introduction

Let M be a compact orientable three-manifold with some boundary tori. We say as usual that M is *hyperbolic* if its interior admits a finite-volume complete hyperbolic metric (which is then unique by Mostow and Prasad's rigidity theorem). Recall that a *Dehn filling* of M is the operation that consists of attaching solid tori to some (possibly all) of the boundary components of M , a manipulation that is essentially determined by the choice of some *slopes* in the chosen boundary tori.

We say that a Dehn filling is *hyperbolic* if the resulting manifold is still hyperbolic, and *exceptional* otherwise. The goal of this paper is to make a further step in the classification of all the exceptional fillings in a natural sequence of hyperbolic link complements, initiated in [34] and [35]. The sequence is shown in Figure 1. The main result is Theorem 1.2 below, where

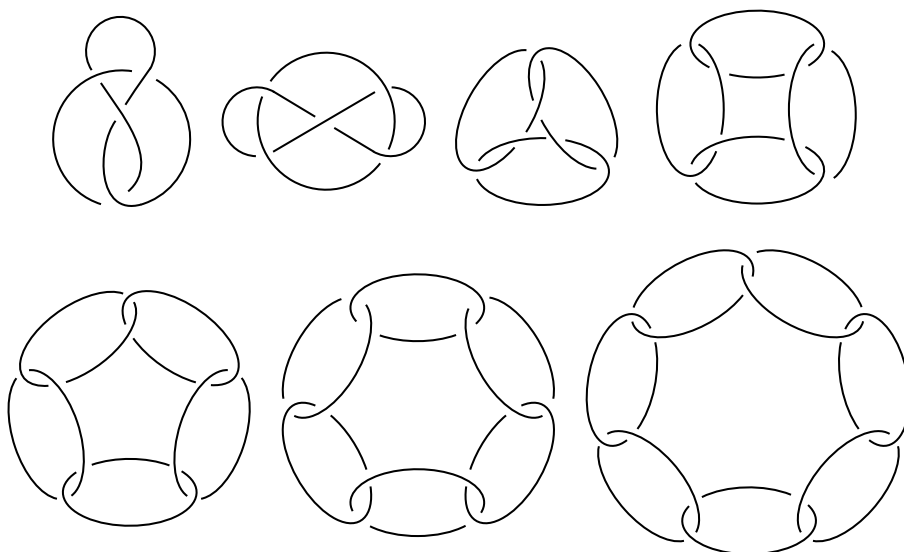


Figure 1: A notable sequence of hyperbolic links with $i \leq 7$ components. These are the *figure-eight knot*, the *Whitehead link*, and some chain links with $3, \dots, 7$ components. Those with 5, 6, and 7 components are *minimally twisted*.

we exhibit a complete classification of all the exceptional fillings of the last two link complements shown in the figure.

The sequence

Figure 1 contains a sequence of notable hyperbolic links. These are the *figure-eight knot*, the *Whitehead link*, and some particular chain links with $i = 3, \dots, 7$ components. Let M_1, \dots, M_7 be the complements of these links. Each M_i is conjectured [2] to have smallest volume among hyperbolic manifolds with i cusps (this conjecture has been proved in the cases $i = 1, 2$, and 4 by Cao – Meyerhoff [11], Agol [2], and Yoshida [41]). Another important feature of this sequence is that each M_i is obtained as a (-1) -filling of the subsequent one M_{i+1} , as one sees via a blow-down as in Figure 2. See [24, 37, 39] for more information on hyperbolic chain links.

The manifolds M_1, \dots, M_7 appear naturally in many contexts. The manifold M_3 was called the *magic manifold* by Gordon and Wu in [20] because of its many interesting fillings; it plays a role in the study and/or classification of the closed hyperbolic manifolds of smallest volume [18], of the pseudo-Anosov mapping classes with small dilatation [22, 26], and of the

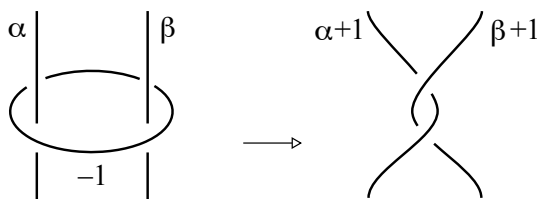


Figure 2: A blow-down.

cusped hyperbolic 3-manifold with the largest number of exceptional fillings [31].

The manifolds M_4, M_5 , and M_6 form a superb triple of highly symmetric hyperbolic manifolds. They decompose into regular ideal octahedra, tetrahedra, and octahedra respectively, and they are characterised (together with M_3) by the configuration of the many thrice-punctured spheres they contain [42]. The manifolds M_5 and M_6 cover two very natural hyperbolic orbifolds, shown in Figure 3. The first is the boundary of the 5-simplex and decomposes into 5 regular ideal tetrahedra. The second is obtained by mirroring an ideal regular octahedron. The manifolds M_3, M_5 , and M_6 are principal congruence link complements [8], while M_5 and M_6 are also the smallest hyperbolic 3-manifolds admitting a regular tessellation [21].

The fillings of M_4 were used to classify the four-manifolds with shadow-complexity one [28] and to build knots with long unknotting tunnels [12]. It was noted in [15, 40] that many cusped manifolds in the census [10] are obtained by filling M_5 . Among these, we find many Berge knots complements [5] and other hyperbolic manifolds with interesting exceptional surgeries [4, 6, 16, 19, 25].

The question of classifying all the exceptional fillings of M_6 was raised in [3]. We answer to this question here. The manifold M_6 appears in the construction of hyperbolic four-manifolds with arbitrarily many cusps [29] and of arithmetic link extensions [7] in S^3 . Its fundamental group is biorderable [27]. By filling M_6 we obtain yet more hyperbolic manifolds with interesting exceptional fillings [3, 38].

The manifold M_7 lacks all the beautiful symmetries of M_4, M_5 , and M_6 . It is the first and the only non-arithmetic manifold in the sequence M_1, \dots, M_7 .

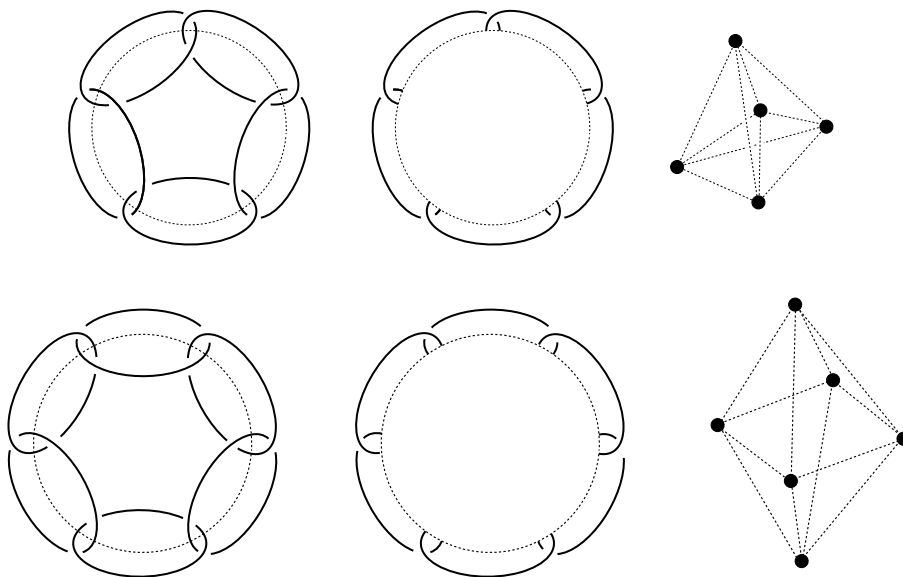


Figure 3: The manifolds M_5 and M_6 double cover two natural orbifolds. The deck transformation is a π rotation around the dotted axis.

The exceptional Dehn fillings

The hyperbolic Dehn fillings of the figure-eight knot complement M_1 were famously described by Thurston in his notes [39]. The exceptional fillings of the magic manifold M_3 were then classified by Martelli and Petronio in [34]. Later on, all the exceptional fillings on M_5 were listed by Martelli, Petronio, and Roukema in [35].

The main result of this paper is a complete classification of all the exceptional fillings of the complement M_7 of the minimally twisted chain link with seven components, the last one of the sequence in Figure 1. This of course includes also a classification of all the exceptional fillings of M_6 .

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1. Main results

1.1. The general strategy

The exceptional Dehn fillings on a multi-cusped hyperbolic manifold M may be infinite in number, but can typically be described using a finite amount of data. For instance, the magic manifold contains infinitely many exceptional fillings, which could be grouped into explicit families and were fully described in few pages in [34].

To classify the exceptional fillings of M_7 we adopt the same general strategy of [34, 35], that we now outline. More generally, let M be any hyperbolic manifold with some boundary tori. Recall that a filling of M is determined by a set of slopes, one for each filled boundary torus (we are allowed to leave some boundary tori unfilled). Following [35], we say that an exceptional Dehn filling on M is *isolated* if any proper subset of the chosen slopes produces a hyperbolic Dehn filling. Thurston's Dehn filling Theorem implies the following:

Theorem 1.1. *Every hyperbolic M has only finitely many isolated exceptional fillings.*

To classify all the exceptional fillings of M we must fulfill the following tasks:

- 1) classify all the isolated exceptional fillings of M ,
- 2) recognise the filled manifolds in each case, and
- 3) if necessary, proceed recursively on each filled manifold.

The third point is necessary if the filled exceptional manifold contains some hyperbolic piece in its prime or JSJ decomposition, a case that did not occur in [34] and [35], but that will arise here in this paper.

We could achieve all these objectives for the complement M_7 of the minimally twisted chain link with seven components. To this purpose we made an essential use of the formidable programs SnapPy [13], Regina [9], and Recognizer [36]. Task (1) was fulfilled via `find_exceptional_fillings.py`, a python script written by the author already used in [35] and publicly available [33] to be performed on any cusped hyperbolic three-manifold. The computer-assisted proof is rigorous thanks to the `hiknot` libraries [23].

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
M_1	10							10
M_2	12	14						26
M_3	15	15	52					82
M_4	16	24	96	492				628
M_5	15	30	180	780	4818			5823
M_6	12	30	240	1572	7080	46680		55614
M_7	14	14	91	987	7119	32977	214007	255209

Table 1: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_i .

1.2. The output

When accomplished, the general strategy produces finitely many families of exceptional fillings, but as the number of cusps increases their number explodes, and it soon becomes impossible to write fully comprehensive tables as it was done for the magic manifold in [34].

We now describe the outcome of our research. The most concise amount of useful information that we can give is the following.

Theorem 1.2. *The number of isolated exceptional fillings of M_1, \dots, M_7 is shown in Table 1. The complete lists of fillings can be downloaded from [33].*

The first impression that we get from looking at Table 1 is that the number of isolated exceptional fillings of M_i with a fixed number k of slopes is roughly constant as $i = 1, \dots, 7$ varies, and grows roughly exponentially in k .

1.3. Data reduction

The manifold M_7 has 255,209 isolated exceptional fillings overall, and we would like to describe what these filled manifolds are. We cannot of course describe them all on a single table; instead, we try to reduce the amount of data that is necessary to understand and present them in some reasonable way.

It was already remarked in [35] that all the exceptional fillings of M_5 can actually be deduced from a very short lists of rules: a collection of 7 basic exceptional fillings plus a list of 5 isometries of M_5 and of some of its fillings

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
M_1	6							6
M_2	6	8						14
M_3	5	3	14					22
M_4	2	2	4	22				30
M_5	1	1	3	7	48			60
M_6	1	2	4	22	79	529		637
M_7	2	2	9	73	522	2362	15357	18327

Table 2: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_i up to the action of the symmetry group of M_i .

generate all the exceptional fillings. Everything could be described in [35] in a half-page long theorem. (See Remark 1.6 below for some corrections of the tables in [35].)

We would like to find a similar small generating set of rules for the manifolds M_6 and M_7 . As a first step, we quotient the exceptional fillings of M_i by the action of its isometry group $\text{Isom}(M_i)$. The isometry groups of M_1, \dots, M_7 have order:

$$8, \quad 8, \quad 12, \quad 64, \quad 240, \quad 192, \quad 28.$$

These are respectively

$$D_8, \quad D_8, \quad D_{12}, \quad G_{64}, \quad S_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad D_8 \times S_4, \quad D_{28}.$$

Here D_{2n} is the dihedral group of order $2n$ and the symbol G_{64} indicates some non-abelian group of order 64 that does not split as a direct product. The manifolds M_4, M_5 , and M_6 are arithmetic, decompose into regular ideal tetrahedra or octahedra, and have an extraordinary number of symmetries. On the other hand, the last manifold M_7 is not arithmetic [37] and has only few isometries: the 28 symmetries of the chain link that one infers from Figure 1 and nothing more than that.

The numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_i for $i = 1, \dots, 7$ considered up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_i)$ are listed in Table 2. These numbers are smaller than those of Table 1, but yet too big for our purposes, especially

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
M_1	6							6
M_2	6	4						10
M_3	5	2	8					15
M_4	2	0	0	1				3
M_5	1	0	0	0	2			3
M_6	1	0	0	2	4	40		47
M_7	2	1	2	6	61	313	1622	2007

Table 3: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_i that do not factor through M_{i-1} , up to the action of the symmetry group of M_i .

with the least symmetric and largest manifold M_7 . We now want to reduce them further.

Recall that each M_{i-1} is a filling of M_i . We use the standard meridian/longitude basis to identify the slopes on the boundary tori of M_i with $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$. If s is a set of slopes we denote by $M_i(s)$ the manifold obtained by filling M_i via s . Via a blow-down as in Figure 2 we see that

$$M_{i-1} = M_i(-1)$$

for all $i \geq 2$. Note that there is no need of specifying which boundary component is filled thanks to the cyclic symmetry of all chain links. We now say that an exceptional filling of M_i *factors through* M_{i-1} if it contains -1 or any slope in the orbit of -1 along the action of $\text{Isom}(M_i)$. Since we are classifying the exceptional slopes of M_i inductively on i , it is natural to exclude those that factor through M_{i-1} . The surviving slopes are then collected in Table 3.

The numbers in Table 3 are extraordinarily small for M_1, \dots, M_5 and are quite reasonable also for M_6 . We can say informally that every M_i adds a very small number of exceptional fillings to those of M_{i-1} when $i \leq 5$. Only $6+10+15+3+3+47=84$ basic exceptional fillings generate all the exceptional fillings of the manifolds M_1, \dots, M_6 . These 84 exceptional fillings are described in the tables at the end of the paper. The following theorem summarizes these discoveries.

Theorem 1.3. *The numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_i that do not factor through M_{i-1} , up to the action of the symmetry group of M_i , are listed in Table 3. The fillings of M_1, \dots, M_6 are described in the Tables 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20.*

In the tables at the end of the paper we can find the exceptional slopes and a description of the 84 filled exceptional manifolds. Among these, 81 are graph manifolds and 3 are irreducible manifolds whose JSJ contains a hyperbolic piece, the figure-eight complement M_1 . The manifold M_6 is the first manifold in the list that has some exceptional fillings that are not graph manifolds. A precise description of all the exceptional fillings of M_6 is given in Theorem 2.7.

1.4. The manifold M_7

We are left with the 2,007 exceptional fillings of M_7 from Table 3. These are yet too many to be reproduced here. Why does M_7 have such a big number of isolated fillings that do not factor through M_6 ? This is probably due again to its lack of symmetries: the group $\text{Isom}(M_i)$ acts transitively on the cusps of M_i for all i , and the groups $\text{Isom}(M_4)$, $\text{Isom}(M_5)$, and $\text{Isom}(M_6)$ have a formidable amount of additional symmetries that send the slope -1 on any boundary torus T to the sets of slopes (respectively)

$$\left\{-1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 3\right\}, \quad \left\{-1, \frac{1}{2}, 2\right\}, \quad \{-1, 1\}$$

on any boundary torus. Therefore M_{i-1} is a filling of M_i in multiple ways (respectively: in 16, 15, and 12 different ways), and hence there are many possibilities for an exceptional set of slopes on M_i to factor through M_{i-1} . (We remark that the slopes $\{0, 1, 2, \infty\}$, $\{0, 1, \infty\}$, and $\{0, \infty\}$ are exceptional on M_4 , M_5 , and M_6 respectively.)

On the other hand $\text{Isom}(M_7)$ acts trivially on the slopes of a single boundary torus, so M_6 is a filling of M_7 in only 7 distinct ways. Since $\{0, \infty\}$ are exceptional, the first important non-exceptional slopes are -1 and 1 . It is natural to expect that most exceptional fillings of M_7 should contain either -1 or 1 . This is indeed the case, as Table 4 shows quite impressively. We denote by N_6 the hyperbolic manifold $N_6 = M_7(1)$.

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
M_7	2	0	0	0	1	14	73	90

Table 4: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_7 that do not contain the slopes -1 and 1 , up to the action of the symmetry group of M_7 .

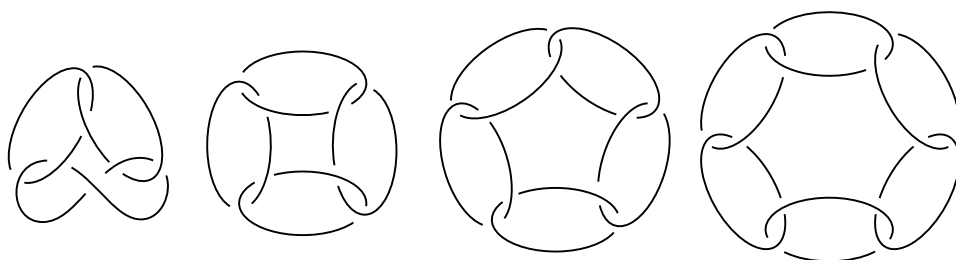


Figure 4: Another sequence of hyperbolic chain links. Each link complement is a 1-filling of the subsequent one.

1.5. Another sequence of links

We are still left with the problem of listing all the exceptional fillings of the new manifold $N_6 = M_7(1)$. By mirroring the blow-down in Figure 2 we see that N_6 is also the complement of a chain link with six components. It will be convenient to see N_6 as the last member of another sequence of chain link complements shown in Figure 4, that parallels somehow that of Figure 1.

For every $i = 3, \dots, 6$, let N_i be the complement of the chain link in Figure 4 with i components. These are all hyperbolic. Each N_i is a 1-filling of N_{i+1} , and N_6 is a 1-filling of M_7 . The manifolds N_3, \dots, N_5 cannot be obtained as a Dehn filling of M_6 because they have some interesting exceptional fillings that M_6 does not have, as we will see. The volumes of the manifolds M_i and N_i are shown in Table 5.

It might be interesting to compare the numbers of exceptional fillings of the sequence N_i with those of M_i . These are listed in Tables 6 and 7. The symmetries of N_3, \dots, N_6 are only those of the corresponding chain links, so they form a group of order 12, 16, 20, and 24.

i	3	4	5	6	7
$\text{Vol}(M_i)$	5.33348	7.32772	10.14941	14.65544	19.79685
$\text{Vol}(N_i)$	7.70691	10.14941	12.84485	16.00046	

Table 5: The approximated volumes of the manifolds M_i and N_i for $i \geq 3$.

Manifold	Number of cusps filled						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
N_3	6	48	70				124
N_4	8	56	108	315			487
N_5	10	50	155	695	3137		4047
N_6	12	33	150	1092	4962	28979	35228

Table 6: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on N_i .

Manifold	Number of cusps filled						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
N_3	2	10	14				26
N_4	2	11	15	54			82
N_5	2	7	19	71	326		425
N_6	2	5	14	98	418	2478	3015

Table 7: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on N_i , up to the action of the symmetry group of N_i .

1.6. Some notable fillings

Recall that our goal is to describe the exceptional fillings of N_6 with the minimum amount of information. Using SnapPy we discover some notable fillings of N_3, \dots, N_6 in Table 8. The table shows that the fillings $\{-3, -2, -1, 1\}$ on each N_3, N_4, N_5 and the fillings $\{-2, -1, 1\}$ on N_6 are diffeomorphic to

Manifold	Slope			
	-3	-2	-1	1
N_3	$M_4(4, \frac{2}{3})$	$M_3(-2)$	$M_3(-1) = M_2$	$M_6(-2, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$
N_4	$M_5(3, \frac{2}{3})$	$M_4(-2)$	$M_4(-1) = M_3$	N_3
N_5	$M_6(2, 2)$	$M_5(-2)$	$M_5(-1) = M_4$	N_4
N_6		$M_6(-2)$	$M_6(-1) = M_5$	N_5

Table 8: Some fillings of N_i are diffeomorphic either to N_{i-1} or to some filling of M_3, M_4, M_5, M_6 . For instance from this table we infer that $N_4(-3) = M_5(3, \frac{2}{3})$ and $N_5(-1) = M_5(-1) = M_4$.

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
N_3	2	0	1					3
N_4	2	0	0	1				3
N_5	2	0	0	0	3			5
N_6	2	0	0	0	2	6		10

Table 9: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on N_i that do not factor, up to the action of the symmetry group of N_i .

either N_{i-1} or some fillings of M_3, M_4, M_5, M_6 . Since we have already examined the exceptional fillings of these manifolds, we disregard them: we say that a filling of N_3, \dots, N_6 *factors* if it contains one of these slopes (that is $\{-3, -2, -1, 1\}$ for N_3, N_4, N_5 , and $\{-2, -1, 1\}$ for N_6). We are happy with this definition because the number of isolated exceptional fillings of N_3, \dots, N_6 that do not factor is very small: see Table 9.

The following theorem summarizes our discoveries.

Theorem 1.4. *The numbers of isolated exceptional fillings of N_i that do not factor, up to the action of the symmetry group of N_i , are listed in Table 9. The fillings are described in the Tables 21, 22, 23, and 24.*

Among these $3+3+5+10 = 21$ exceptional fillings, we find 14 graph manifolds and 7 irreducible manifolds whose JSJ contains a hyperbolic piece. The hyperbolic pieces that arise are M_1, M_2, M_3 , and M_4 .

Manifold	Number of cusps filled							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
M_7	2	0	0	0	0	2	11	15

Table 10: Numbers of isolated exceptional fillings on M_7 that do not contain the slopes $-1, 1$, and $(-2, -2)$, up to the action of the symmetry group of M_7 .

1.7. A final improvement

We conclude this discussion by further reducing the numbers of Table 4. Using SnapPy, we note the isometry $M_7(-2, -2) = N_6(-3)$. Since we have already classified the exceptional fillings of N_6 , we may disregard all the fillings containing $(-2, -2)$. We say that a filling of M_7 *factors* if it contains the slope $1, -1$, or the pair $(-2, -2)$ in two consecutive boundary components. The final survivors are counted in Table 10. We will identify them in Tables 26 and 27.

We summarize our discoveries on M_7 .

Theorem 1.5. *The numbers of isolated exceptional fillings of M_7 that do not factor, up to the action of the symmetry group of M_7 , are listed in Table 10. The fillings are described in the Tables 26 and 27.*

Among the exceptional fillings of M_7 we find infinitely many pairwise non-diffeomorphic closed manifolds whose JSJ has a hyperbolic piece. A complete description of all the manifolds that can be obtained as exceptional fillings of M_7 is given in Theorem 2.11.

Remark 1.6. The tables in [35] of all the closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_5 contain a few mistakes that we correct here. In [35, Tables 9 and 10] the fillings $(-1, -2, -1, -3, -2)$ and $(-1, -2, -1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ should be replaced with the correct ones $(-3, -2, -1, -3, -2)$ and $(-1, 2, -1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ respectively. On the other hand, the exceptional fillings $(-1, -\frac{1}{2}, -1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}), (-1, -\frac{1}{3}, -1, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}), (-1, \frac{1}{2}, 3, -1, -\frac{1}{2})$, and $(-1, \frac{1}{2}, -1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{2})$ should be removed from [35, Tables 9 and 10] because they are actually not isolated. For this reason the wrong numbers 5232 and 52 appeared in [35, Tables 1 and 2] instead of the correct ones 4818 and 48 that we display here.

2. The exceptional fillings

In the previous section we have reduced all the isolated exceptional fillings of the hyperbolic manifolds M_1, \dots, M_7 to some, as small as possible, “generating” set. We now describe explicitly these generating exceptional fillings.

2.1. Notation

We use the same notation of [32, 35] for Seifert and graph manifolds, which seems standard. We quickly recall it here. Given a compact surface Σ , possibly with boundary, and some pairs $(p_1, q_1), \dots, (p_k, q_k)$ of coprime integers, the notation

$$X = (\Sigma, (p_1, q_1), \dots, (p_k, q_k))$$

denotes the 3-manifold X obtained as follows. We remove k open discs from Σ , thus getting a new surface Σ' . Then we attach k solid tori to the (unique) oriented circle bundle over Σ' by killing the slopes $(p_1, q_1), \dots, (p_k, q_k)$ in any k boundary tori. We use here as a basis a meridian in $\partial\Sigma'$ and a longitude $\{\text{pt}\} \times S^1$, oriented as a positive basis.

Note that the case $p_i = 0$ is allowed here. It is a standard fact on Seifert manifolds that if $p_i \neq 0$ for all i then X is a Seifert manifold, while if $p_i = 0$ for some i then X “degenerates” to a connected sum of lens spaces and solid tori. More specifically, if Σ is orientable we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Sigma, (0, 1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_k, q_k)) \\ &= L(p_2, q_2) \# \dots \# L(p_k, q_k) \#_{2g} (S^2 \times S^1) \#_b (D^2 \times S^1) \end{aligned}$$

where g and b are the genus and the number of boundary components of Σ . Concretely, in most cases the surface Σ will be either S^2, D, A , or P , that is a sphere, a disc, an annulus, or a pair of pants.

The manifold X described in this way is naturally equipped with an orientation and a standard meridian/longitude basis on each boundary torus. There is no need to distinguish between the boundary tori of a Seifert manifold since they are all equivalent up to diffeomorphism. With that in mind, given some manifolds X, Y, Z , and matrices $A, B \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ we may write

$$X \bigcup_A Y \bigcup_B Z, \quad X/A, \quad X \bigcup_A^B Y$$

to denote some graph manifolds that decomposes along tori into the pieces X, Y, Z , glued via the maps A, B . In the second example two distinct boundary components of X are identified via A . In the third, two manifolds X, Y have two pairs of boundary tori glued via A and B . All the matrices here will have $\det = -1$. We also use the notation T_A to denote a torus fibration over S^1 with monodromy A , and in this case we have $\det A = 1$.

2.2. Ambiguities

The same graph manifold may be described in various different ways and unfortunately in many occasions there is no preferred description.

A useful set of moves that modify the notation of a graph manifold was collected in [34, Lemma 2.1]. We report here for completeness the ones that are more relevant for us: we will use them at various points. Here are the first ones:

- (1) $(\Sigma, (a, b), \dots (y, z)) = (\Sigma, (a, -b), \dots (y, -z))$
- (2) $(\Sigma, (a, b), (c, d), \dots) = (\Sigma, (a, b + ka), (c, d - kc), \dots)$
- (3) $(\Sigma, (a, b), \dots) = (\Sigma, (a, b + ka), \dots)$ if $\partial\Sigma \neq \emptyset$
- (4) $(\Sigma, (1, 0), (a, b), \dots) = (\Sigma, (a, b), \dots)$

In the first move we change the orientation of the manifold. In this paper we have chosen to write a Seifert manifold as standardly as possible, with positive normalized numbers if the manifold has boundary: the unique oriented Seifert manifold fibering over the orbifold $(D, 2, 2)$ is usually denoted as $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$, although the notation $(D, (2, 1), (2, -1))$ would also be natural since it visibly expresses the fact that the Euler number vanishes; there are two oriented Seifert manifolds fibering over $(D, 2, 3)$, and these are $(D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$ and $(D, (2, 1), (3, 2))$. They are orientation-reversingly diffeomorphic.

The following moves involve the gluing of two pieces:

- (5) $X \bigcup_A Y = X \bigcup_{-A} Y$
- (6) $(\Sigma, (a, b), \dots) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}} X = (\Sigma, (a, b + ka), \dots) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m + kn & n \\ p + kq & q \end{pmatrix}} X$
- (7) $X \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}} (\Sigma, (a, b), \dots) = X \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p - km & q - kn \end{pmatrix}} (\Sigma, (a, b + ka), \dots)$

The moves (6, 7) also apply when two boundary tori of the same block are glued together, but move (5) does not! Note that with (5, 6, 7) it is not possible to change the absolute value $|n|$ of the top-right element n in the gluing matrix. Indeed $|n|$ has an important geometric significance: it is the geometric intersection of the fibers of the two glued Seifert manifolds.

There are also some more complicated moves that occur in more sporadic cases. The following reflect the fact that $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$ has an alternative description as the orientable circle bundle $S \times S^1$ over the Möbius strip S .

$$(8) \quad (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}} X = (S \times S^1) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} n & n-m \\ q & q-p \end{pmatrix}} X$$

$$(9) \quad X \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) = X \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m+p & n+q \\ -m & -n \end{pmatrix}} (S \times S^1)$$

Finally, it is sometimes useful to understand how the manifold “degenerates” when we perform a longitudinal filling:

$$(10) \quad (S^2, (a, b), (c, d), (0, 1)) = L(a, b) \# L(c, d)$$

$$(11) \quad (D, (0, 1), (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}} (\Sigma, \dots) = L(a, b) \# (\Sigma', (n, q), \dots)$$

Here Σ' is Σ with one boundary component capped off. In this paper $S^2 \times S^1$ is also denoted as the lens space $L(0, 1)$.

2.3. Zero and infinity

Let M be the complement of any chain link $L \subset S^3$. The fillings 0 and ∞ on any boundary component of M are easily understood, and they are always exceptional.

The filling ∞ corresponds to the removal of a component from L , so we get the complement of an open chain in S^3 as in Figure 5-(1), that is easily identified as the graph manifold $A \times S^1, P \times S^1$, or

$$P \times S^1 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \dots \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} P \times S^1$$

depending on the number of components of L .

The filling 0 may be modified with a handle slide as shown in Figure 5-(2). The resulting manifold is the complement of another chain link (with two components less) attached to a $P \times S^1$.

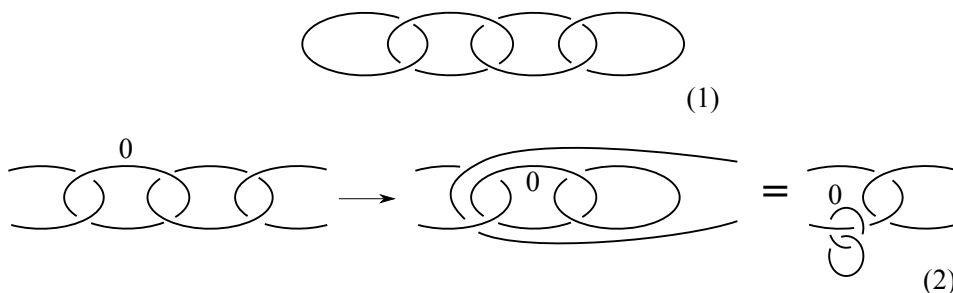


Figure 5: The fillings ∞ and 0 on any chain link.

These exceptional fillings 0 and ∞ will appear on all the tables concerning the various chain links studied in this paper.

2.4. The exceptional fillings

We can finally describe the exceptional fillings of M_6 and M_7 . Let us start with M_6 . For completeness, we also review all the exceptional fillings of M_1, \dots, M_5 , already classified in [34, 35]. All the tables are postponed to the end of the paper for the sake of clarity.

Theorem 2.1. *Every isolated exceptional filling of M_i with $i = 1, \dots, 6$ that does not factor through M_{i-1} is equivalent, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_i)$, to precisely one of those listed in Tables 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. The filled manifold is also shown there.*

Recall that factoring through M_{i-1} is equivalent to containing -1 in some cusp, or any other slope obtained from -1 by the action of $\text{Isom}(M_i)$. The tables show the isolated exceptional slopes (one representative for each orbit of $\text{Isom}(M_i)$), the filled manifold, and its integral first homology group. The notation for the filled manifold sometimes differ from [34, 35] via some of the moves listed in Section 2.2.

We now do the same with N_3, \dots, N_6 . Recall that “factoring” here means that the filling slopes contain at least one of the numbers $\{-3, -2, -1, 1\}$ for N_3, N_4, N_5 and of $\{-2, -1, 1\}$ for N_6 .

Theorem 2.2. *Every isolated exceptional filling of N_3, \dots, N_6 that does not factor is equivalent, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(N_i)$, to precisely one of*

those listed in Tables 21, 22, 23, and 24. The filled manifold is also listed there.

Finally, we turn to M_7 . Recall that “factoring” here means that the filling slope contains either -1 , 1 , or the pair $(-2, -2)$ in two consecutive boundary tori.

Theorem 2.3. *Every isolated exceptional filling of M_7 that does not factor is equivalent, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_7)$, to precisely one of those listed in Tables 26 and 27.*

The tables shown so far contain a fair amount of information. From these, we can easily deduce which kinds of non-hyperbolic filling we can obtain from each manifold M_i . We do this in the following sections.

2.5. The manifold M_5

The following theorem was already proved in [35, Corollary 1.3].

Theorem 2.4. *The closed non-hyperbolic fillings of M_5 are precisely the manifolds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & (D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (e, f), (g, h)), \\ & (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1+n & 2+n \\ -n & -1-n \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1)), \\ & (A, (a, b)) / \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where (a, b) , (c, d) , (e, f) , (g, h) are arbitrary pairs of coprime integers, and $n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

We note that the first family in the theorem contains many different kinds of manifolds.

Proposition 2.5. *The manifolds X that may be obtained via the description*

$$X = (D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (e, f), (g, h))$$

are precisely the following:

- 1) *The lens spaces and connected sums of two lens spaces.*
- 2) *The Seifert manifolds fibering over S^2 with 3 exceptional fibres.*
- 3) *The Seifert manifolds fibering over \mathbb{P}^2 with 2 exceptional fibres.*
- 4) *The Seifert manifold $(K, 1)$.*
- 5) *The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is as in the description of X .*

Here K is the Klein bottle and $(K, 1)$ is the fibration over K with Euler number 1.

Proof. We use the moves described in Section 2.2. If one of a, c, e, g is zero, we get a connected sum of two lens spaces. Now suppose $a, c, e, g \neq 0$. If $a = 1$, we get a Dehn filling of $(D, (e, f), (g, h))$, hence either a lens space, a connected sum of two lens spaces, or a Seifert manifold fibering over S^2 with 3 exceptional fibres.

We are left with the case $|a|, |c|, |e|, |g| \geq 2$. In general, we get a graph manifold whose JSJ decomposition is as in the description of X . There is only one exceptional case to consider: if $a = c = 2$, then up to some moves we get

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} k & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (e, f), (g, h)) \\ &= (S \times S^1) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-k \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (e, f), (g, h)) \end{aligned}$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $k = 1$ the fibers of the two blocks match to give a Seifert manifold with two exceptional fibres over $\mathbb{R}P^2$. If $e = g = 2$ also the right block has another fibration and we get

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (S \times S^1) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-k \\ l & l-1-kl \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \\ &= (S \times S^1) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1+l & l-k-kl \\ -1 & k-1 \end{pmatrix}} (S \times S^1) \end{aligned}$$

for some $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$. The two fibres match when $l - k - kl = 0$ and $k - 1 = \pm 1$. We get two cases $(k, l) = (0, 0)$ or $(2, -2)$ and in both cases we get the Seifert manifold $(K, \pm 1)$. □

The generic case (5) consists precisely of all the irreducible 3-manifolds whose JSJ decomposition consists of two Seifert pieces, each fibering over

a disc with two cone points, whose fibers meet in the glued torus with geometric intersection one. Theorem 2.4 says that M_5 has also some more sporadic exceptional fillings where this geometric intersection is 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Among the exceptional fillings of M_5 we also find another family that can be analyzed in a similar fashion:

Proposition 2.6. *The manifolds X that may be obtained via the description*

$$(A, (a, b)) / \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are precisely the following:

- 1) *The manifold $S^2 \times S^1$.*
- 2) *The torus bundles of type*

$$T_{\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}.$$

- 3) *The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is as in the description of X .*

Proof. When $a = 0$ we get $S^2 \times S^1$. When $a = 1$ we get the torus bundle

$$T_{\begin{pmatrix} b & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} = T_{\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}.$$

When $|a| \geq 2$ we get a manifold whose JSJ decomposition is as described. \square

As above, the manifolds that we get in (3) are precisely all the irreducible 3-manifolds whose JSJ decomposition consists of a single piece fibering over an annulus with a cone point, whose fibers meet in the glued torus with geometric intersection one. Theorem 2.4 exhibits also a sporadic example with geometric intersection 2.

As we already knew from [35], all the exceptional fillings of M_5 are graph manifolds. We now discover here that this is not the case for M_6 .

2.6. The manifold M_6 .

We now turn to the exceptional fillings of M_6 .

Theorem 2.7. *The closed non-hyperbolic fillings of M_6 are precisely the manifolds:*

$$(D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (e, f)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (g, h), (i, j)),$$

$$(A, (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (c, d)),$$

$$M_1 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)), \quad M_1 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$$

where $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f), (g, h), (i, j)$ are arbitrary pairs of coprime integers.

Proof. The Tables 17, 18, 19 and 20 show that the exceptional fillings

$$\infty, \quad \left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}, \cdot, \frac{1}{2}, 2\right), \quad \left(-3, -2, -\frac{1}{3}, 3, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right), \quad \left(-3, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

give rise precisely to all the manifolds listed in the theorem. Conversely, a case by case analysis of the manifolds listed in Theorem 2.4 and Tables 17, 18, 19, and 20 shows that all the exceptional fillings of M_6 are of one of these types. Here are the details. Using the moves of Section 2.2 we see that

$$(D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (1, f)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (g, h), (i, j)) =$$

$$(D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & f \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (g, h), (i, j)),$$

$$(A, (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (1, d)) = (A, (a, b)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & d \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By applying the moves (6, 7) we deduce that we can actually obtain in this way all the manifolds of the following two types:

$$(D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_B (D, (g, h), (i, j)), \quad (A, (a, b)) /_B$$

where B is any matrix that can be written as

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + mf & f \\ -m - n - mnf & -(1 + nf) \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $m, n, f \in \mathbb{Z}$. In other words, here B is any matrix $B = \begin{pmatrix} r & f \\ s & t \end{pmatrix}$ with $\det B = -1$ such that $r \equiv 1 \pmod f$ and $t \equiv -1 \pmod f$. When the manifold

is of the first type we can also exchange B with $-B$ using the move (5) from Section 2.2, so we may also get $r \equiv -1 \pmod f$ and $t \equiv 1 \pmod f$ in that case. All the manifolds that arise from Theorem 2.4 and Tables 17, 18, 19 and 20 are of this kind, except of course the two manifolds whose JSJ decomposition contains a hyperbolic piece. \square

Theorem 2.7 exhibits a couple of important differences between M_6 and the manifolds M_1, \dots, M_5 . The first is that all the graph manifolds come into two big families, and there are no sporadic manifolds outside of these. The second is of course the presence of two irreducible manifolds whose JSJ decomposition contains some hyperbolic piece.

The following proposition furnishes some details on the graph manifolds produced by the first family.

Proposition 2.8. *The manifolds X that may be obtained via the description*

$$X = (D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (e, f)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (g, h), (i, j))$$

are precisely the following:

- 1) *The manifolds that arise in Proposition 2.5.*
- 2) *The connected sums of three lens spaces.*
- 3) *The connected sums of a Seifert manifold over S^2 with 3 exceptional fibres and a lens space.*
- 4) *The Seifert manifolds over S^2 with 4 exceptional fibres.*
- 5) *The Seifert manifolds over K with 0 or 1 exceptional fibres.*
- 6) *The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is*

$$X = (D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_B (D, (g, h), (i, j))$$

with

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + mf & f \\ -m - n - mnf & -(1 + nf) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 7) *The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is*

$$X = (S, (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (c, d), (e, f))$$

- 8) *The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is as in the description of X .*

Here K and S are the Klein bottle and the Möbius strip.

Proof. If $a = 0$ we get a connected sum $L(c, d) \# (S^2, (f, e), (g, h), (i, j))$. The second addendum may in turn give rise to a connected sum of two lens spaces. If $e = 0$ we get a connected sum of two lens spaces. So we suppose that $a, c, e, g, i \neq 0$.

If $a = 1$ we get a manifold as in Proposition 2.5. So we suppose $|a|, |c|, |g|, |i| \geq 2$. If $e = 1$ we get a manifold

$$(D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_B (D, (g, h), (i, j))$$

where B is any matrix that can be written as

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + mf & f \\ -m - n - mnf & -(1 + nf) \end{pmatrix}.$$

See the proof of Theorem 2.7. If $f = 0$ we get (4). If $f \neq 0$ we get a graph manifold as in (6), except possibly when one (or both) piece is $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$ and the fibrations match: in this way we could obtain a Seifert fibration over $\mathbb{R}P^2$ with two singular fibres or over K without singular fibres; the former was already obtained in (1) and the latter will be obtained in the next paragraph by other means, so we ignore it.

We can now suppose that also $|e| \geq 2$. We get a manifold of type (8), except when the left (or the right) block is $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$ and its alternative fibration matches with that of the central block. This may happen and we get a manifold of type (7), unless this happens on both extreme blocks simultaneously and in this case we get (5). \square

We do the same analysis with the second family of graph manifolds.

Proposition 2.9. *The manifolds X that may be obtained via the description*

$$(A, (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (c, d))$$

are precisely the following:

- 1) *The manifolds $(S^2 \times S^1) \# L(p, q)$.*

2) The torus bundles T_C with

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -(1 + mf) & -f \\ -m - n - mnf & -(1 + nf) \end{pmatrix}.$$

3) The graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is

$$X = (A, (a, b)) / B$$

with

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + mf & f \\ -m - n - mnf & -(1 + nf) \end{pmatrix}.$$

4) All graph manifolds whose JSJ decomposition is as in the description of X .

Proof. If $a = 0$ we get $(S^2 \times S^1) \# L(d, c)$. So we suppose $a, c \neq 0$. If $c = 1$ we get (3), unless $a = 1$ and in this case we get (2). If $|a|, |c| \geq 2$ we get (4). □

We note in particular that we get all the torus bundles with monodromy $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ a & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. However, we do not get the identity matrix! We deduce the following.

Corollary 2.10. *Among the six orientable flat 3-manifolds, five can be obtained by Dehn filling M_6 , but the 3-torus cannot.*

Proof. The four that fiber over S^2 with three exceptional fibers or over $\mathbb{R}P^2$ with two exceptional fibers can already be obtained from the magic manifold M_3 . The one that fibers over S^2 with four exceptional fibers (equivalently, over K) is obtained with M_6 . □

One important novelty in the exceptional fillings of M_6 is of course the presence of two sporadic irreducible manifolds whose JSJ decomposition contains a hyperbolic piece. Both exceptional manifolds decompose into the figure-eight knot complement M_1 and the Seifert manifold $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$, which is diffeomorphic to the I -bundle $K \tilde{\times} I$ over the Klein bottle K and to the orientable S^1 -bundle $S \tilde{\times} S^1$ over the Möbius strip S . By looking at the gluing matrices, we note that in both cases the meridian of the figure-eight complement (which is also the shortest curve in a flat cusp section) is attached to the fiber of the alternative fibration $S \tilde{\times} S^1$, that is represented as the slope $(-1, 1)$ in the fibration $(D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$.

2.7. The manifold M_7 .

We now turn to M_7 . We recall that the simplest method we found to describe all the exceptional fillings of M_7 was to study an alternative sequence of chain links N_3, \dots, N_6 .

We first note the quite surprising fact that N_3 contains infinitely many distinct exceptional fillings with hyperbolic pieces. As an aside, this implies that the manifolds N_3, N_4, N_5 are not fillings of M_6 .

We can now list all the exceptional fillings of M_7 .

Theorem 2.11. *The closed non-hyperbolic fillings of M_7 are precisely the manifolds:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (D, (a, b), (c, d)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (e, f)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (g, h)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (i, j), (k, l)), \\
 & (A, (a, b)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (c, d)), \\
 & M_5((a, b), (c, d), (e, f), (g, h)) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (i, j), (k, l)), \\
 & M_2(a, b) \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)), \\
 & (A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} n-1 & n \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f), (g, h), (i, j), (k, l)$ are arbitrary pairs of coprime integers and $n \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$. In the third family we suppose $|i|, |k| \geq 2$.

We note the reappearance of some sporadic graph manifolds in the list, which were absent in M_6 . The four sporadic graph manifolds listed in the last row are not members of the previous families.

Proof. We have to check that all the exceptional fillings of M_7 are of this type, and to this purpose we only need to verify this for the manifolds listed in Tables 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27. Concerning graph manifolds, this is easily settled using the moves described in Section 2.2 when necessary.

We are left with the non-graph manifolds with non-trivial JSJ decomposition. The manifolds $N_i(0)$ with $i = 3, \dots, 6$ are obviously a filling of $N_7(0)$

and hence can be excluded, since their fillings are already contained in the third family. The tables contain three manifolds

$$X_i = M_2 \bigcup_{A_i} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1)),$$

where A_i is one of the matrices

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

There are also more manifolds where M_2 is replaced either by M_1 or by $M_2(-2)$ and A_i is still of one of these three types. Since $M_1 = M_2(-1)$ via an isometry that acts as the identity on the other boundary torus, these manifolds are fillings of the X_i and can be ignored. To conclude we need to show that the manifolds X_1 and X_3 are fillings of

$$X = M_5 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} P \times S^1.$$

It will be convenient to use the moves in Section 2.2 and write them as

$$X_1 = M_2 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, -1)),$$

$$X_3 = M_2 \bigcup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, -1), (2, -1)).$$

Using SnapPy we find an isometry from M_2 to $M_5(-1, -2, -2)$ that acts on a boundary torus as the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also note that there are isometries of M_5 that act on the cusps like the matrices

$$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We deduce that both X_1 and X_3 are Dehn fillings of X because

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} C_1 B, \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} C_2 B.$$

The proof is complete. □

c	M_3	M_4	M_5	M_6	M_7	left	Total
≤ 5	216	42	8	25	0	10	301
6	426	286	94	111	8	37	962
7	1077	1142	558	519	105	151	3552
Total ≤ 7	1719	1470	660	655	113	198	4815

Table 11: Numbers of cusped hyperbolic manifolds of complexity c that transform into M_i after repeatedly drilling the shortest curve found by SnapPy. If $i \geq 4$ we only count those that were not previously transformed into M_{i-1} .

Corollary 2.12. *The 3-torus $S^1 \times S^1 \times S^1$ is not a filling of M_7 .*

In particular, the Borromean rings complement is not a filling of M_7 . As pointed out by the referee, this corollary is actually well-known: since the minimally twisted chain links are strongly invertible, every Dehn surgery on M_7 is a double branched cover over some link in S^3 . By a result of Fox [17], the 3-torus cannot be realized as a double branched cover on any link in S^3 . Therefore it cannot be realized as a Dehn surgery on any minimally twisted chain link.

3. The cusped census

Many cusped hyperbolic manifolds of the Callahan – Hildebrand – Weeks census [10] are Dehn fillings of M_7 and a classification of their exceptional fillings can be deduced from the theorems stated here.

The Callahan – Hildebrand – Weeks census contains all the cusped hyperbolic manifolds N with complexity $c \leq 7$ (the complexity is the minimum number of tetrahedra in a topological ideal triangulation). To see whether N can be obtained as a filling of M_i for some $i \leq 7$, a very simple and concrete method consists of drilling the shortest simple closed curve found by SnapPy in N multiple times, until we get a manifold with i cusps. This typically leads to some hyperbolic manifold N_i and one checks via SnapPy whether N_i is isometric to M_i or not. Note that as soon as $N_i = M_i$ we also have $N_{i+1} = M_{i+1}$ because each M_{i+1} is obtained by drilling a shortest curve from M_i . If this crude algorithm fails, of course this does not imply that N is not a filling of M_i .

We display in Table 11 the number of manifolds in each complexity $c \leq 5$, $c = 6$, and $c = 7$ for which this algorithm produces a positive answer

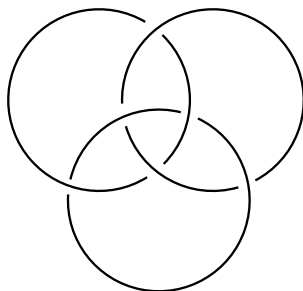


Figure 6: The Borromean rings.

for M_i . We could represent all the manifolds of the census as a filling of M_7 , except a number of 10, 37, and 151 of them with $c \leq 5$, $c = 6$, and $c = 7$ respectively.

3.1. The Borromean rings

We have discovered at the end of Section 2.7 that the complement W of the Borromean rings (shown in Figure 6) is not a Dehn filling of M_7 . While performing the drilling algorithm, we notice that in each of the 10 remaining manifolds N with $c(N) \leq 5$ of Table 11, the drilled manifold N_3 is in fact isometric to the Borromean rings complement W . More generally, among the 10, 47, and 198 remaining manifolds with $c \leq 5$, $c = 6$, and $c = 7$, for 10, 34, and 92 of them the manifold N_3 is isometric to W .

We are now led naturally to the study of the exceptional fillings of the Borromean ring complement W . These are easily classified. We note that $W(-1) = M_2$ is the Whitehead link complement, so we consider only the Dehn fillings that do not factor through M_2 .

Theorem 3.1. *The isolated exceptional fillings on the Borromean rings W , considered up to the action of $\text{Isom}(W)$, are listed in Table 25.*

The exceptional fillings of all the 301 manifolds with $c \leq 5$ can be deduced from the theorems stated here. These 301 manifolds have either one or two cusps.

While completing this paper, we have been informed that Dunfield has recently classified and recognised the exceptional fillings of all the one-cusped

hyperbolic manifolds in the much wider $c \leq 9$ census. He discovered in particular that there are almost 206,000 exceptional fillings overall [14].

4. Proofs

The proofs of the Theorems 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 3.1 follow the strategy outlined in the introduction. To detect the isolated exceptional fillings we use the python script `find_exceptional_fillings.py`, that can be downloaded from [33] to be used on any multi-cusped hyperbolic manifold. The script was already used in [35], and some of its routines have been rewritten in a more efficient way to increase its speed. We refer to [35] for a detailed tutorial to the script.

As explained there, the script produces two finite lists of fillings: a list of “probably isolated exceptional fillings”, and a list of “probably hyperbolic fillings” that typically contains only closed fillings. To conclude rigorously with the proof we need to prove that indeed all the members of the first list are not hyperbolic, and those of the second are hyperbolic (in the unlucky case where the second list contains cusped manifolds, one should run the program again on each). We have been able to accomplish that in all the steps of the proofs. As in [35], we have used *Recognizer* and *Regina* for the first task, and another python script for the second: the script `search_geometric_solution.py` is designed to determine the hyperbolicity of a long list of fillings of the same manifold M , using retriangulations and finite coverings. We could complete all cases using finite covers of order ≤ 11 . Few cases needed the degree 11 coverings.

Following this strategy, all the exceptional fillings of M_i and N_i with $i \leq 5$ can be classified directly. The program needs few seconds for $i \leq 3$, few minutes for $i = 4$, and few hours for $i = 5$. To attack M_6 we use the formidable symmetries of M_6 and note that, thanks to Agol and Lackenby’s 6 theorem [1, 30], an exceptional filling of M_6 factors either through M_5 or through $M_6(-2)$. So to complete the classification for M_6 we only needed to analyze the 5-cusped manifold $M_6(-2)$. Alternatively, we can directly classify all the fillings on M_6 in few days of computer time. We used a similar approach for the manifolds N_3, \dots, N_6 .

Classifying directly the exceptional fillings of M_7 takes too much computer time, so we attacked it using the 6 theorem again: we only needed to analyse $M_7(\alpha)$ with $\alpha \in \{-3, -2, -1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, \infty\}$. Note that, due also to the presence of fewer symmetries, we have to consider many more cases for M_7 than for M_6 . The slopes 0 and ∞ are exceptional. The slopes -1 and 1 have already been analysed and give M_6 and N_6 . We ran the program

on $M_7(\alpha)$ for each remaining α , and after a few days the computation was done.

We have also used another script to regenerate from the sometimes small amount of information found (the exceptional fillings that do not factor) all the isolated exceptional fillings of M_6 and M_7 , by acting with the isometry groups of M_6 and M_7 .

∞	S^3	$\{e\}$
± 4	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_4
± 3	$(S^2, (3, 1), (3, 1), (4, -3))$	\mathbb{Z}_3
± 2	$(S^2, (2, 1), (4, 1), (5, -4))$	\mathbb{Z}_2
± 1	$(S^2, (2, 1), (3, 1), (7, -6))$	$\{e\}$
0	$T_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	\mathbb{Z}

Table 12: The exceptional fillings of the figure-eight knot complement M_1 . We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$D \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}
0	$(P \times S^1) / \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	\mathbb{Z}^2
1	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}
2	$(D, (2, 1), (4, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
3	$(D, (3, 1), (3, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
4	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$
$\left(\frac{3}{2}, 5\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (3, 1), (3, -5))$	\mathbb{Z}_{15}
$\left(\frac{4}{3}, 5\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{20}
$\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{35}
(-2, -2)	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^2

Table 13: The isolated exceptional fillings of the Whitehead link complement M_2 that do not factor through M_1 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_2)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$A \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}^2
0	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} P \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}^2
1	$(A, (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}^2
2	$(A, (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}^2
3	$(A, (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}^2
$\begin{pmatrix} 4, & 1 \\ 2, & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}
$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3, & 2, & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{20}
$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 2, & 3, & 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{16}
$(-2, -2, -2)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_4
$\begin{pmatrix} 4, & 3 & 3 \\ 2, & 2, & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$T_{\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$
$\begin{pmatrix} 5, & 5, & 1 \\ 2, & 2, & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$(A, (2, 1)) /_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
$\begin{pmatrix} 4, & 4, & 2 \\ 3, & 3, & 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$(A, (2, 1)) /_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$
$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 4 \\ 2, & 2, & 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$(A, (2, 1)) /_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_7$

Table 14: The isolated exceptional fillings of the magic manifold M_3 that do not factor through M_2 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_3)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$P \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}^3
0	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}^3
$(-2, -2, -2, -2)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^2

Table 15: The isolated exceptional fillings of M_4 that do not factor through M_3 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_4)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^4
$(-2, -2, -2, -2, -2)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_4
$\left(-2, -2, \frac{1}{3}, 3, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) /_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_6$

Table 16: The isolated exceptional fillings of M_5 that do not factor through M_4 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_5)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^5
$(-2, -2, \cdot, 2, 2)$	$(D, (3, 1), (3, 2)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
$\left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}, \cdot, \frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^3
$\left(2, 2, \frac{1}{2}, -3, -2\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (5, 2))$	\mathbb{Z}
$\left(2, 2, \frac{1}{2}, -4, -2\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}
$\left(2, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, -2, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (4, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
$\left(\frac{1}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, -2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(P \times S^1) /_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

Table 17: The non-closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_6 that do not factor through M_5 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_6)$. The dot indicates a cusp that is not filled: it appears when the fillings are not along consecutive components on the link. We also show the first homology groups.

$\left(-3, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (3, 1), (8, -7))$	\mathbb{Z}_2
$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		

$\left(-3, -2, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (3, 1), (11, -9))$	$\{e\}$
$\left(-3, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, -2, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$		

$\left(-4, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (4, 1), (6, -5))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^2
$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$		

$\left(-3, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (5, 1), (5, -4))$	\mathbb{Z}_5
$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$		

$\left(-5, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (3, 1), (3, 1), (5, -4))$	\mathbb{Z}_6
$\left(-5, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$		

$\left(-4, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (3, 1), (4, 1), (4, -3))$	\mathbb{Z}_8
$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		

Table 18: The closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_6 that do not factor through M_5 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_6)$. We also show their first homology groups. (Part I.)

$\left(-6, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-6, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (2, 1), (4, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$
$\left(-\frac{6}{5}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$		

$\left(-5, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-5, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{11}$

$\left(-\frac{5}{2}, -2, -\frac{2}{5}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{2}{3}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 2)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{37}$

$\left(-\frac{5}{3}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 2)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{31}$

$\left(-4, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{4}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{4}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (3, 1), (3, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$

$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (3, 1), (3, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{24}$

$\left(-4, -\frac{3}{4}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -4, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (2, 1), (4, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_2^3$

$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}$	$(D, (3, 1), (3, 1)) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{12}$

Table 19: The closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_6 that do not factor through M_5 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_6)$. We also show their first homology groups. (Part II.)

$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{10}
$\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, 3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$		
$\left(-3, -\frac{2}{3}, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (4, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$
$\left(-3, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_9
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{2}{3}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_8
$(-2, -2, -2, -2, -2, -2)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^2
$\left(-4, -2, -\frac{2}{3}, -2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	\mathbb{Z}
$\left(-3, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-3, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$
$\left(-3, -2, -\frac{1}{3}, 3, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$M_1 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^2
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$		
$\left(-3, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$M_1 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_4

Table 20: The closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_6 that do not factor through M_5 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_6)$. We also show their first homology groups. (Part III.)

∞	$A \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}^2
0	$M_1 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^2
$(2, 2, 2)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

Table 21: The isolated exceptional fillings of N_3 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(N_3)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$P \times S^1$	\mathbb{Z}^3
0	$M_2 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^3
$(2, 2, 2, 2)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

Table 22: The isolated exceptional fillings of N_4 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(N_4)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^4
0	$M_3 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^4
$\left(-4, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -4, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$M_1 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_7
$(2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$

Table 23: The isolated exceptional fillings of N_5 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(N_5)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^5
0	$M_4 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^5
$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -4, -\frac{1}{2}, -4, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$M_2 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{2}{3}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$M_2 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$
$\left(-5, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{11}
$\left(-4, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (3, 1), (4, 1), (4, -3))$	\mathbb{Z}_8
$\left(-3, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -3, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$
$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, -3, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(S^2, (2, 1), (5, 1), (5, -4))$	\mathbb{Z}_5
$\left(-3, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
$(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_6$

Table 24: The isolated exceptional fillings of N_6 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(N_6)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(D \times S^1) \# (D \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^2
0	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^3
$(-2, -2)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (A, (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -3, -2\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (4, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$
$\left(-3, -\frac{3}{2}, -2\right)$	$(S^2, (3, 1), (3, 1), (3, -4))$	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$

Table 25: The isolated exceptional fillings of the Borromean rings complement W that do not factor through M_1 , up to the action of $\text{Isom}(W)$. We also show their first homology groups.

∞	$(P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^6
0	$M_5 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (P \times S^1)$	\mathbb{Z}^6
$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$M_2 \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$		

Table 26: The non-closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_7 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_7)$. We also show their first homology groups.

$\left(-3, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (3, 1), (4, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{28}
$\left(-3, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (5, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_{16}
$\left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (2, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (4, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^3
$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(D, (2, 1), (3, 1)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ -5 & -6 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (3, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_5
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$		
$(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$	$(A, (2, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_7$
$\left(-3, -2, -3, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$(A, (3, 1)) / \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -2, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$	$(M_2(-2)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	\mathbb{Z}_2^3
$\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$		
$\left(-3, -\frac{3}{2}, -2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2, 2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$	$(M_2(-2)) \cup_{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} (D, (2, 1), (2, 1))$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

Table 27: The closed isolated exceptional fillings of M_7 that do not factor, up to the action of $\text{Isom}(M_7)$. We also show their first homology groups.

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