

A 4-MANIFOLD WHICH ADMITS NO SPINES

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1. Introduction. In this note, we shall sketch the proof of the following result:

THEOREM 1. There exists a compact 4-dimensional PL manifold  $W^4$  with boundary satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $W^4$  is homotopically equivalent to the 2-torus  $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$ ,  
and  
(ii) no homotopy equivalence  $T^2 \rightarrow W^4$  is homotopic to a PL embedding.

By a PL embedding is meant a one which is not necessarily locally flat. Theorem 1 is an application of the codimension two surgery theory developed in [4], [5], [6].

A calculation in the proof leads to another consequence concerned with submanifolds in codimension two. Let  $K^{4n}$  denote a product  $\mathbb{C}P_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{C}P_2$  of  $n$ -copies of  $\mathbb{C}P_2$ .

THEOREM 2. For each  $n \geq 0$ , there exists a locally flat embedding  $h_{(4n)}$  of  $K^{4n} \times S^1$  into the interior of  $K^{4n} \times D^2 \times S^1$ , which is homotopic to the zero cross section  $K^{4n} \times \{0\} \times S^1$ , but is not locally flatly concordant to a splitted embedding.

A splitted embedding (with respect to a point  $*$  of  $S^1$ ) means a locally flat embedding  $f: K^{4n} \times S^1 \rightarrow K^{4n} \times D^2 \times S^1$  such that (i)  $f$  is transverse regular to  $K^{4n} \times \bar{D}^2 \times \{*\}$ , thus the

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intersection  $M^{4n} = f(K^{4n} \times S^1) \cap K^{4n} \times D^2 \times \{*\}$  is a closed manifold, and (ii) the inclusion  $M^{4n} \rightarrow K^{4n} \times D^2 \times \{*\}$  is a homotopy equivalence.

Theorem 2 contrasts with Farrell-Hsiang's result [2] which may be considered as the splitting theorem in higher codimensions.

Let  $P_m(\pi \rightarrow \pi')$ <sup>2</sup> be the group of Seifert forms introduced in [6]. Theorem 2 is equivalent to saying that Shaneson's formula on  $L_m(\pi \times \mathbb{Z})$  [10] is not immediately generalized to a formula on  $P_m((\pi \rightarrow \pi') \times \mathbb{Z})$ . See remarks after Lemmas 3 and 4.

Cappell and Shaneson [1] developed another method of surgery in codimension two from homology surgery point of view. They introduced groups  $\Gamma_m(\pi \rightarrow \pi')$  of singular Hermitian forms. Partial explanations about the relationship between  $\Gamma$ - and  $P$ -functors will be found in [7].

2. Construction of  $W^4$ . Let  $h : S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \times D^2$  be an embedding indicated in Fig. 1. Essentially the same embedding  $S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \times S^2$  was used by Mazur [8] to construct a contractible 4-manifold.

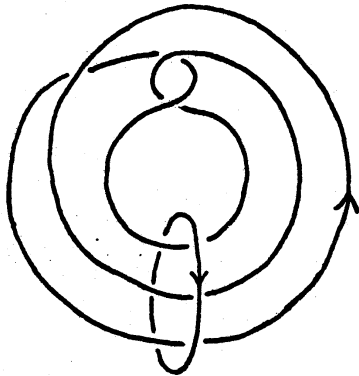


Fig. 1. Mazur's embedding

<sup>2</sup> This notation (slightly differs) from the original one used in [6].

Extend  $h$  to a framed embedding  $\bar{h} : S^1 \times D^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times D^2$  in such a way that  $\bar{h}$  followed by the natural inclusion  $S^1 \times D^2 \rightarrow S^3$  is a trivial knot with a trivial framing. Let  $\bar{g} : S^1 \times D^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times D^2$  be a thickened zero-section defined by, say,  $\bar{g}(x, \xi) = (x, \frac{1}{2} \xi)$  for  $(x, \xi) \in S^1 \times D^2$ .

Then our manifold  $W^4$  is constructed by taking a disjoint union  $(S^1 \times D^2 \times I)_0 \cup (S^1 \times D^2 \times I)_1$  of 2-copies of  $S^1 \times D^2 \times I$  and identifying  $((x, \xi) \times \{1\})_0$  with  $(\bar{h}(x, \xi) \times \{0\})_1$ , and  $((x, \xi) \times \{0\})_0$  with  $(\bar{g}(x, \xi) \times \{1\})_1$ . Since  $h$  is homotopic to  $g = \bar{g} | S^1 \times \{0\}$ ,  $W^4$  is homotopically equivalent to  $T^2$ .

3. Seifert forms. First, we give some definitions. Let  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$  be an onto homomorphism of groups whose kernel is generated by a (specified) central element  $t$ . A  $(-1)^n$ -Seifert form (over  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$ ) is a  $(-1)^n t$ -Hermitian form defined over  $\mathbb{Z}\pi$  which is non-singular over  $\mathbb{Z}\pi'$ . We denote by  $P_{2n}(\pi \rightarrow \pi')$  the 'Witt group' of  $(-1)^n$ -Seifert forms over  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$ . For more precise definitions, see [6] or [7].

The geometric motivation is as follows. (In what follows, all manifolds are compact and oriented. All submanifolds are locally flat.) Suppose a pair  $(V^{2n+2}, M^{2n-1})$  consisting of a connected  $2n+2$ -manifold  $V^{2n+2}$  and a closed (possibly empty)  $2n-1$ -submanifold  $M^{2n-1}$  of the boundary  $\partial V$  has the same simple homotopy type as a Poincaré pair  $(X, Y)$  of formal dimension  $2n \geq 4$ . One can find an exterior  $n$ -connected submanifold  $L^{2n}$  of  $V^{2n+2}$

such that  $\partial L^{2n} = M^{2n-1}$  [4]. Let  $N$  be a 2-disk bundle neighbourhood of  $L^{2n}$ .

The homomorphism  $\pi_1(V-L) \rightarrow \pi_1(V)$  is independent of the choice of a particular exterior  $n$ -connected submanifold  $L^{2n}$ . It is denoted by  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$  and is said to be associated with  $(V, M)$ .  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$  has the property stated at the beginning of this section ( $t$  being represented by the fiber of the associated  $S^1$ -bundle with  $N$ .)

The codimension two intersection form [6] defines a  $(-1)^n$ -Seifert form  $(\lambda, \mu)$  (over  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$ ) on the left  $Z\pi$ -module  $\pi_{n-1}(V-L, N-L)$ .

Moreover, the element of  $P_{2n}(\pi \rightarrow \pi')$  which the form represents does not depend on  $L^{2n}$ , but depends only on  $(V, M)$ . Denote the element by  $\eta(V, M)$ . Then it is proven that  $V$  admits a locally flat spine cobounding  $M$  if and only if  $\eta(V, M) = 0$ , provided that  $2n \geq 6$  [6].

Now we will return to our present situation. With the notations of § 2, we denote the disjoint union  $h(S^1 \times \{0\}) \times \{0\} \cup -g(S^1 \times \{0\}) \times \{1\}$ , which is a submanifold of  $\partial(S^1 \times D^2 \times I)$ , by  $\Sigma^1$ . Denote the pair  $(S^1 \times D^2 \times I, \Sigma^1)$  by  $\textcircled{H}$ . Then  $\textcircled{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2$  is homotopically equivalent to  $(S^1 \times I \times \mathbb{C}P_2, S^1 \times \{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$ , and the homomorphism associated with it is  $Z \times Z \rightarrow Z (= (Z+1) \times Z)$ .

LEMMA 1. The element  $\eta(\textcircled{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  of  $P_6((Z \rightarrow 1) \times Z)$  is represented by the  $(-1)$ -Seifert form  $(G, \lambda, \mu)$  given by:

$$G = \Lambda_{x_1} \oplus \Lambda_{x_2}, \quad \lambda(x_1, x_2) = -s^{-1}, \quad \mu(x_1) = s-1, \quad \mu(x_2) = -1,$$

where  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}, s, s^{-1}]$ ,  $t$  (or  $s$ ) denoting the (positive) generator of the first (or the second)  $\mathbb{Z}$  of  $(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

The proof of Lemma 1 is divided into three steps. The first is to construct a 2-surface  $F^2$  of genus 1 in  $S^1 \times D^2 \times I$  cobounding  $\Sigma^1$ . To  $F^2$  are attached two 2-disks  $D_1, D_2$  within  $S^1 \times D^2 \times I$ . To compute the codimension two intersection [6] of these specific 2-disks is the second and crucial step which requires careful geometric observations. The final one is to lift this low dimensional computation to the higher dimensional one by crossing  $\mathbb{C}P_2$ . Cf. [6, pp.307-308].

Remark. The matrix  $(\lambda(x_i, x_j))$  of the Seifert form of Lemma 1 is

$$\begin{pmatrix} (s-1)-t(s^{-1}-1), & -s^{-1} \\ st, & -1+t \end{pmatrix}.$$

The determinant of this matrix is  $s(t-1) + (t^2-t+1) + s^{-1}(t-t^2)$ , which coincides (up to units) with the Alexander polynomial of Mazur's link (Fig. 1) calculated by the method of Torres-Fox [11].

4. The Murasugi invariant. Let  $(\Lambda x_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda x_{2\ell}, \lambda, \mu)$  be a  $(-1)$ -Seifert form over  $(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\Lambda$  denoting  $\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}, s, s^{-1}]$ . The Murasugi invariant  $\sigma_M$  of the form is defined to be the signature of the symmetric integral matrix obtained from  $(\lambda(x_i, x_j))$  by substituting  $t = s = -1$ .

It gives us a well defined homomorphism

$$\sigma_M : P_{4k+2}((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $(G, \lambda, \mu)$  be the form given in Lemma 1. We have

$$\sigma_M(G, \lambda, \mu) = \text{sign} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = -2.$$

This implies

LEMMA 2.  $\eta(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  is a non-zero element of  $P_6((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z})$ .

Remark. It should be noted that the value  $-2$  is the minus of Murasugi's  $\xi$ -invariant [9] of Mazur's link (Fig. 1).

Again let  $(\Lambda x_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Lambda x_{2l}, \lambda, \mu)$  be a  $(-1)$ -Seifert form over  $(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Then the substitution  $s = 1$  gives us a  $(-1)$ -Seifert form over  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$ , defining a homomorphism  $\rho_+ :$   
 $P_{4k+2}((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow P_{4k+2}(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1)$ .  $\rho_+$  is a left inverse of the 'inclusion' homomorphism  $i_* : P_{4k+2}(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow P_{4k+2}((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z})$ .

Now  $\rho_+(\eta(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2))$  is represented by the form  $(G', \lambda', \mu')$  given by  $G' = \Lambda'x_1 \oplus \Lambda'x_2$ ,  $\lambda'(x_1, x_2) = -1$ ,  $\mu'(x_1) = 0$ ,  $\mu'(x_2) = -1$ , where  $\Lambda' = \mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$ . This form is null-cobordant in the sense of [6, § 4.9]. (The submodule  $\Lambda'x_1$  is a Seifert subkernel.) Therefore,  $\rho_+(\eta(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2)) = 0$ . This together with Lemma 2 yields

LEMMA 3.  $\eta(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  is not in the image of  $i_* : P_6(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow P_6((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z})$ .

Remark. The cokernel of  $i_*$  is proven not to be finitely generated.

## 5. Proofs of theorems.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let  $W^4$  be the manifold constructed in § 2. The manifold  $W^4 \times \mathbb{C}P_2$  is homotopically equivalent to

$T^2 \times \mathbb{C}P_2$ , and the homomorphism  $(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is associated with it (§ 3). The element  $\eta(W^4 \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  is proven to be the image of  $\eta(\Theta \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  under the (injective) homomorphism  $j_* : P_6((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow P_6((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$ .

Now suppose that there were a spine  $T_0^2 \subset W^4$ .  $T_0^2$  may be assumed to be locally flat except at one point. The product  $T_0^2 \times \mathbb{C}P_2$  is a spine of  $W^4 \times \mathbb{C}P_2$  with the singularity of the type (knot cone)  $\times \mathbb{C}P_2$ . Since  $\pi_1(\{\text{pt}\} \times \mathbb{C}P_2) = \{1\}$ , this singularity is replaced by a (7, 5)-knot cone singularity [4]. This means that  $\eta(W^4 \times \mathbb{C}P_2)$  ( $= j_*(\eta(\Theta \times \mathbb{C}P_2))$ ) is in the image of  $j_* \circ i_*$ , since  $C_5$ , the knot cobordism group of (7,5)-knots, is isomorphic to  $P_6(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1)$  [6]. However, this contradicts Lemma 3.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let  $M^m$  be a closed 1-connected manifold of dimension  $m \geq 5$ ,  $f : M^m \times S^1 \rightarrow M^m \times D^2 \times S^1$  a locally flat embedding which is a homotopy equivalence. Denote the pair  $(M^m \times D^2 \times S^1 \times I, f(M^m \times S^1) \times \{0\} \cup M^m \times \{0\} \times S^1 \times \{1\})$  by  $\Psi$ . The homomorphism  $(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z}$  is associated with  $\Psi$ .

LEMMA 4. (i) If  $m$  is odd,  $f$  is splittable. In other words,  $f$  is locally flatly concordant to a splitted embedding.  
(ii) If  $m$  is even,  $f$  is splittable if and only if  $\eta(\Psi)$  is in the image of  $P_{m+2}(\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow P_{m+2}((\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1) \times \mathbb{Z})$ .

Let  $h_{(4n)} : K^{4n} \times S^1 \rightarrow K^{4n} \times D^2 \times S^1$  be defined by  $h_{(4n)} = \text{id}_K \times h$ ,  $h$  being Mazur's embedding. Then Theorem 2 follows from Lemmas 3 and 4.

Remark. Lemma 4 is generalized to non-simply connected

manifolds as follows: There is no obstruction in the odd dimensional case. In the even dimensional case, the obstruction lies in the cokernel of  $P_{m+2}(\pi \rightarrow \pi') \oplus L_{m+1}^o(\pi') \rightarrow P_{m+2}((\pi \rightarrow \pi') \times \mathbb{Z})$  but even in the latter case any embedding is almost splittable in the sense of [3].

6. Concluding remarks. 1) For each  $g \geq 1$ , one can construct a spineless 4-manifold of the same homotopy type as the orientable surface of genus  $g$ .
- 2) If we start the construction with the embedding indicated in Fig. 2, we will obtain  $W^4$  which admits a locally flat spine.

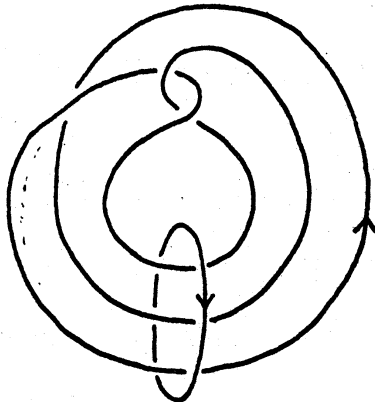


Fig.2 False embedding

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