

Fundamental groups of small covers

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- Define right-angled Coxeter group of P

$$W = \langle s_F, \forall F \in \mathcal{F}(P) \mid s_F^2 = 1, (s_F s_{F'})^2 = 1, F \cap F' \neq \emptyset \rangle$$

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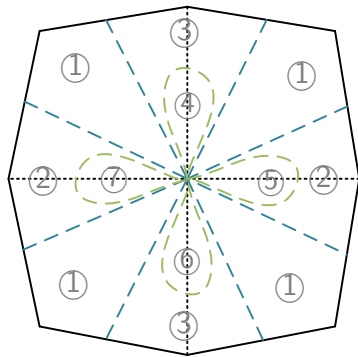
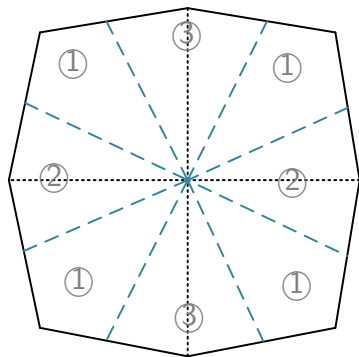
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- $M \rightarrow BP \rightarrow B\mathbb{Z}_2^n$ induces an right-split exact sequence

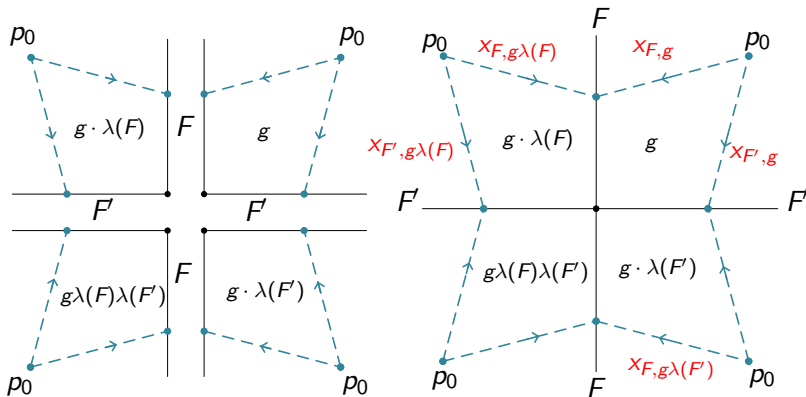
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where $\phi(s_F) = \lambda(F)$, $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}(P)$.

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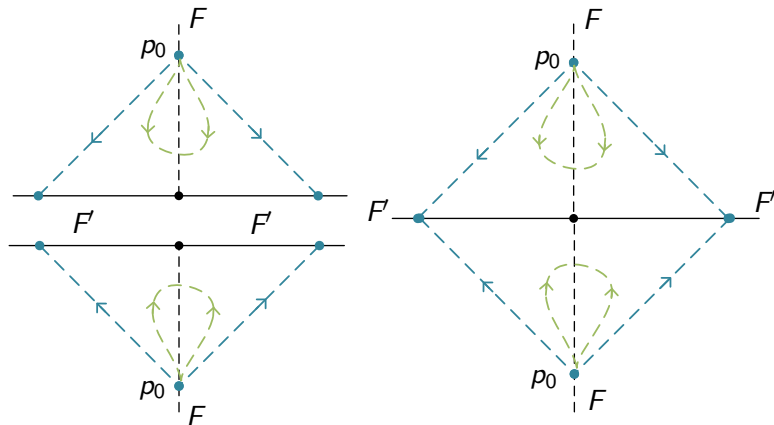


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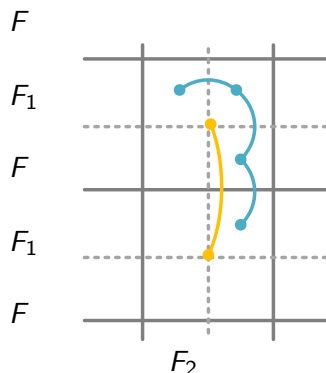
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Presentation of $\pi_1(M, p_0)$

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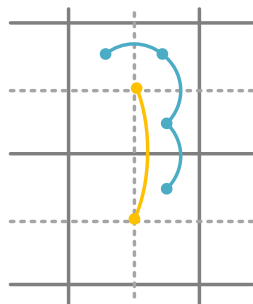
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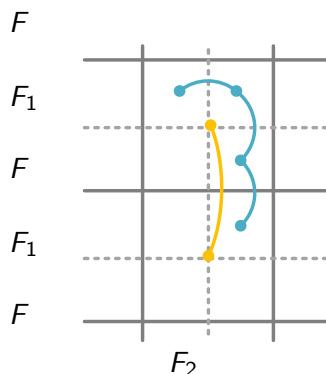
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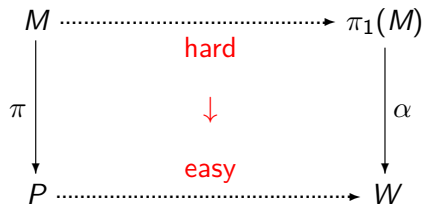
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Theorem (Kneser, Prime Decomposition Theorem)

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Theorem (Jaco-Shalen-Johannson, Torus Decomposition Theorem)

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Let M be a 3-small cover over a simple polytope P , then M is atoroidal if and only if there is no prismatic 4-circuit in P . In particular, the JSJ decomposition or geometric decomposition of a 3-small cover is equivalent to cutting surgery along prismatic 4-circuits in P .

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A small cover M over a simple 3-polytope P can admit a Riemannian metric with nonnegative scalar curvature if and only if P is combinatorially equivalent to the cube $[0, 1]^3$ or a polytope obtained from Δ^3 by a sequence of vertex cuts. In particular, all the oriented 3-dimensional small covers that can admit Riemannian metrics with non-negative scalar curvature are the two oriented real Bott manifolds in dimension 3 and the connected sum of k copies of $\mathbb{R}P^3$ for any $k \geq 1$.

End of Talk

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