

Branched Coverings, Degenerations, and Related Topics  
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**Dehn surgery along A'Campo's divide knots,  
Lens spaces and plane curves**

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- 3.** Lens space surgery
- 4.** Results (old and new)

Lens space surgery is related to plane curves of special type

## §0. Short survey of this talk

**Lens space**  $L(p, q)$  is a “simple” 3-manifold, the quotient space of  $S^3$  ( $\subset \mathbf{C}^2$ ) by the cyclic action of  $\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z}$ :

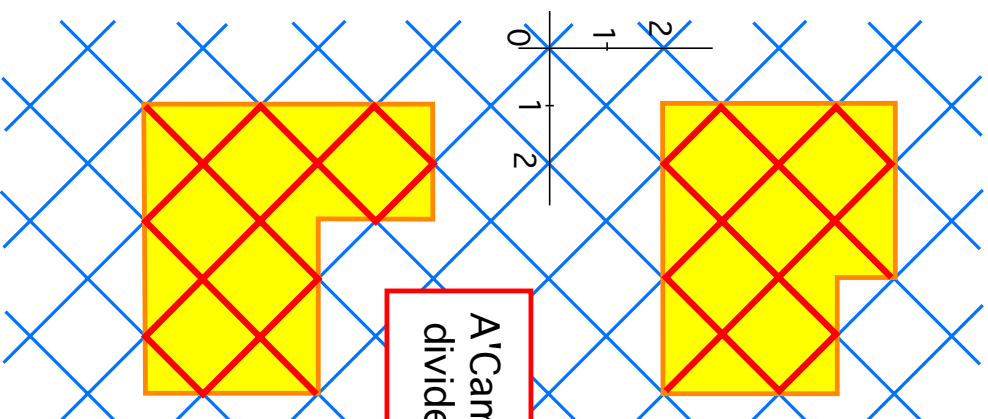
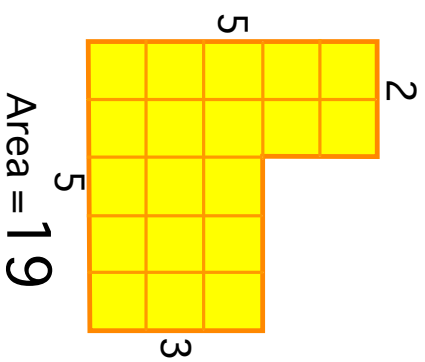
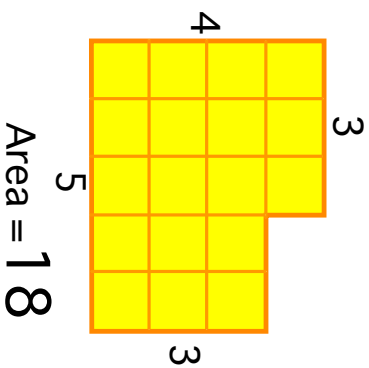
$$\zeta \circ (z, w) = (\zeta z, \zeta^q w),$$

where  $\zeta = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/p)$ .

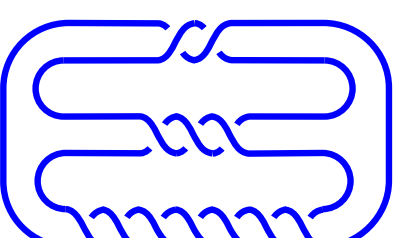
$L(p, q)$  is obtained by gluing two solid tori along the boundaries.

**Lens space surgery** is a researching area in low-dimensional topology, asking why (how)

such a simple manifold can be obtained from complicated knots by surgery *unexpectedly*. It is 30  $\sim$  40 years old.



18-surgery is  $L(18,-7)$



$P(-2,3,7)$



19-surgery is  $L(19,-7)$

Study lens space surgery by plane curves.

My purpose is to show

Lens space surgery is related to plane curves of special type

By another approach (Heegard Floer homology,  $\mathbf{C}$ -links by Rudolph  
...), it is proved:

**Lemma.** [Hedden]

*Any knots of lens space surgery is intersection of an algebraic surface in  $\mathbf{C}^2$  and  $B^4$ .* ■

My study is more concrete, to know

- the construction of each knot of lens space surgery,
- the combinaiton of blow-downs,
- the set of lens space surgeries. ...

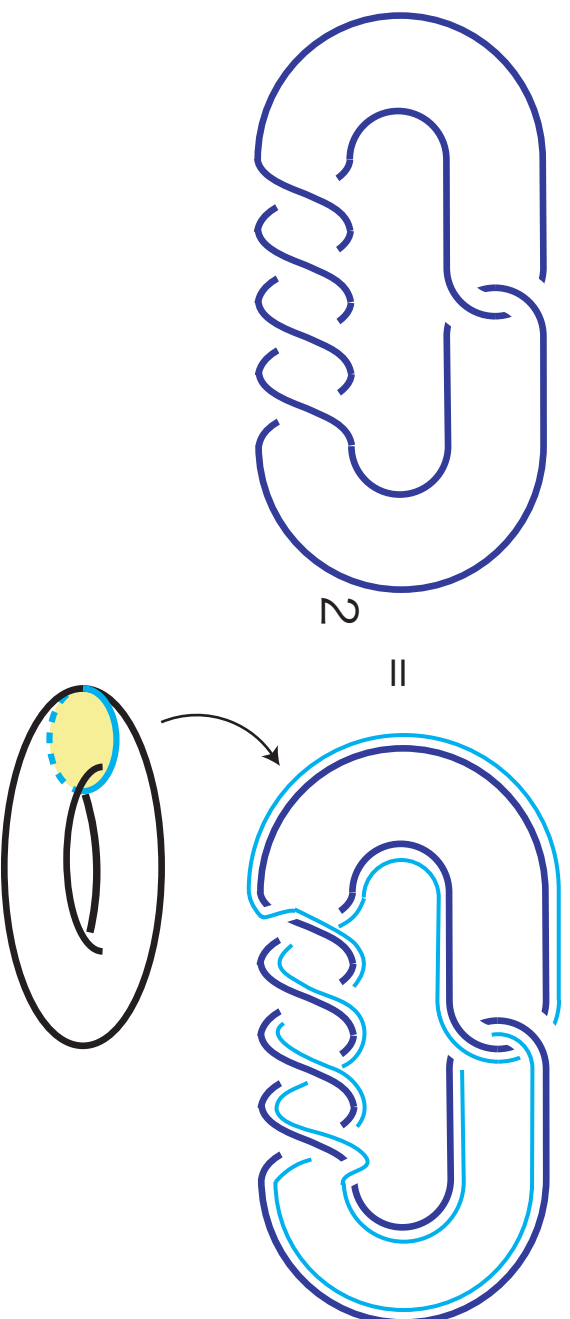
## §1. Dehn surgery

**Dehn surgery** = Cut and paste of a solid torus.

$$(K; p) := (S^3 \setminus \text{open nbhd}M(K)) \cup_g \text{Solid torus.}$$

Coefficient (in  $\mathbf{Z}$ ) “framing” = a parallel *curve* of  $K$ ,  
or the linking number.

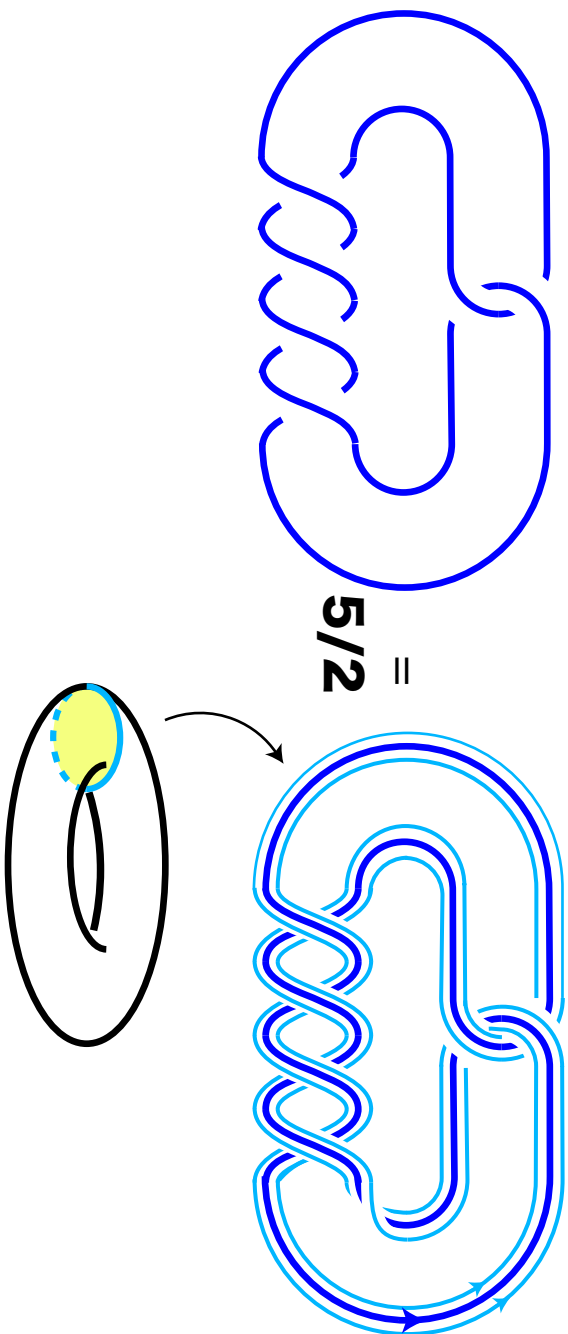
Solit torus is reglued such as “the meridian comes to the parallel”



Coefficient can be  $p/q$  in  $\mathbf{Q}$ : the meridian comes to

$$p[m_K] + q[l_K] \quad \text{in } H_1(\partial N(K)) = \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$$

where  $m_K$  (and  $l_K$ ) is the meridian, (preferred longitude) of  $K$ .



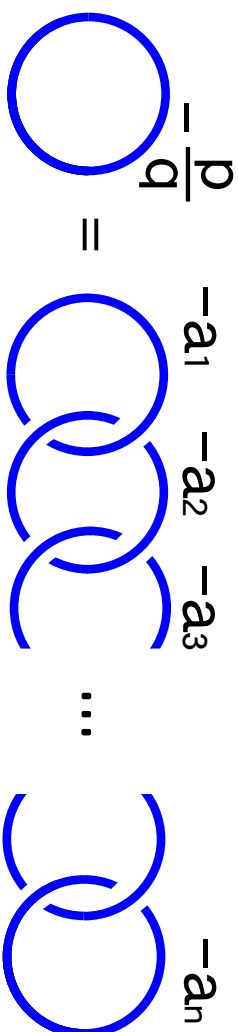
**Thm.** [Lickorish '62]

Any closed connected oriented 3-manifold  $M$  is obtained by a framed link  $(L, p)$  in  $S^3$ , i.e.,  $M = (L; p)$ ,

$$(L, p) = (K_1, p_1) \cup (K_2, p_2) \cup \dots \cup (K_n, p_n).$$

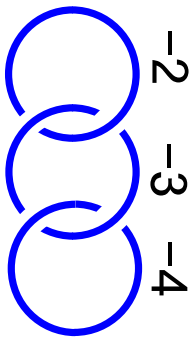
# Framed Links for Lens space $L(p, q)$

$$\frac{p}{q} = a_1 \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1} \dots \frac{1}{1} \quad (a_i > 1)$$

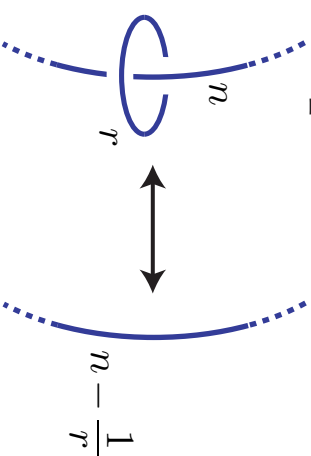


$L(18, 11)$  ( $= L(18, 5)$ )

$$\frac{18}{11} = 2 - \frac{1}{1}, \quad \frac{18}{5} = 4 - \frac{1}{3 - \frac{1}{2}}$$



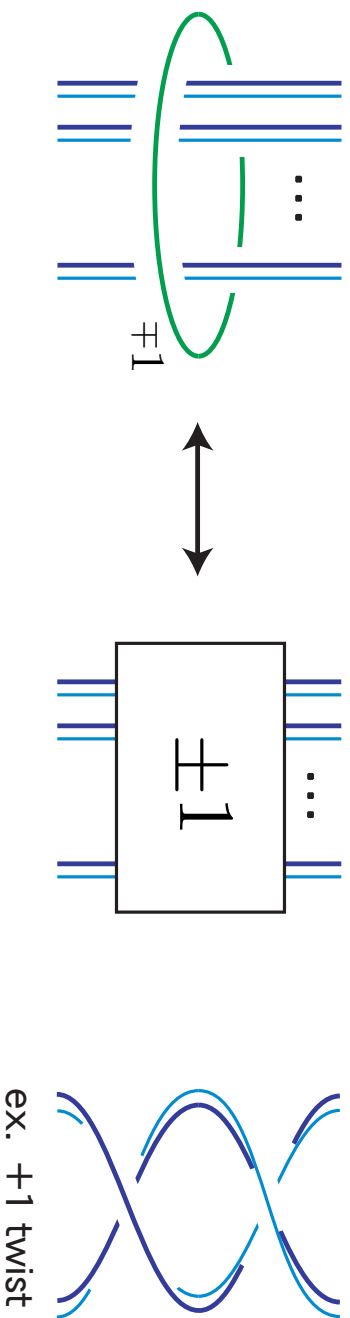
For  $n \in \mathbf{Z}, r \in \mathbf{Q}$



**Thm.** Kirby calculus ([Fenn-Rourke] ver.)

The 3-manifolds are homeo.  $(L; p) \cong (L'; p')$

$\Leftrightarrow$  framed links  $(L, p), (L', p')$  are moved to each other as below and isotopy:



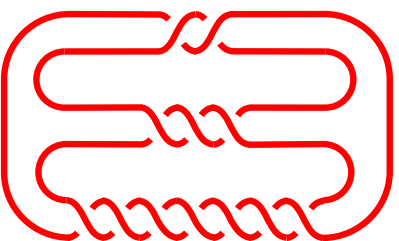
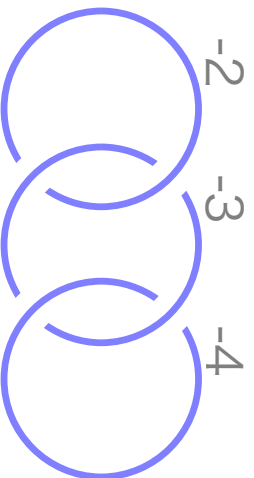
Note: This (with a suitable sign) is **blow-up/down**, related to resolution of the singularity.

The **green curve** is the exceptional curve.



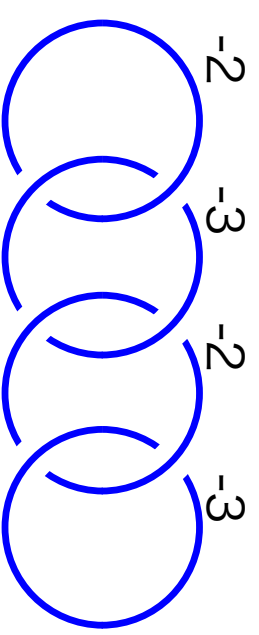
It is not easy to find/prove “unexpected” lens space surgery!

18-surgery is



$P(-2,3,7)$

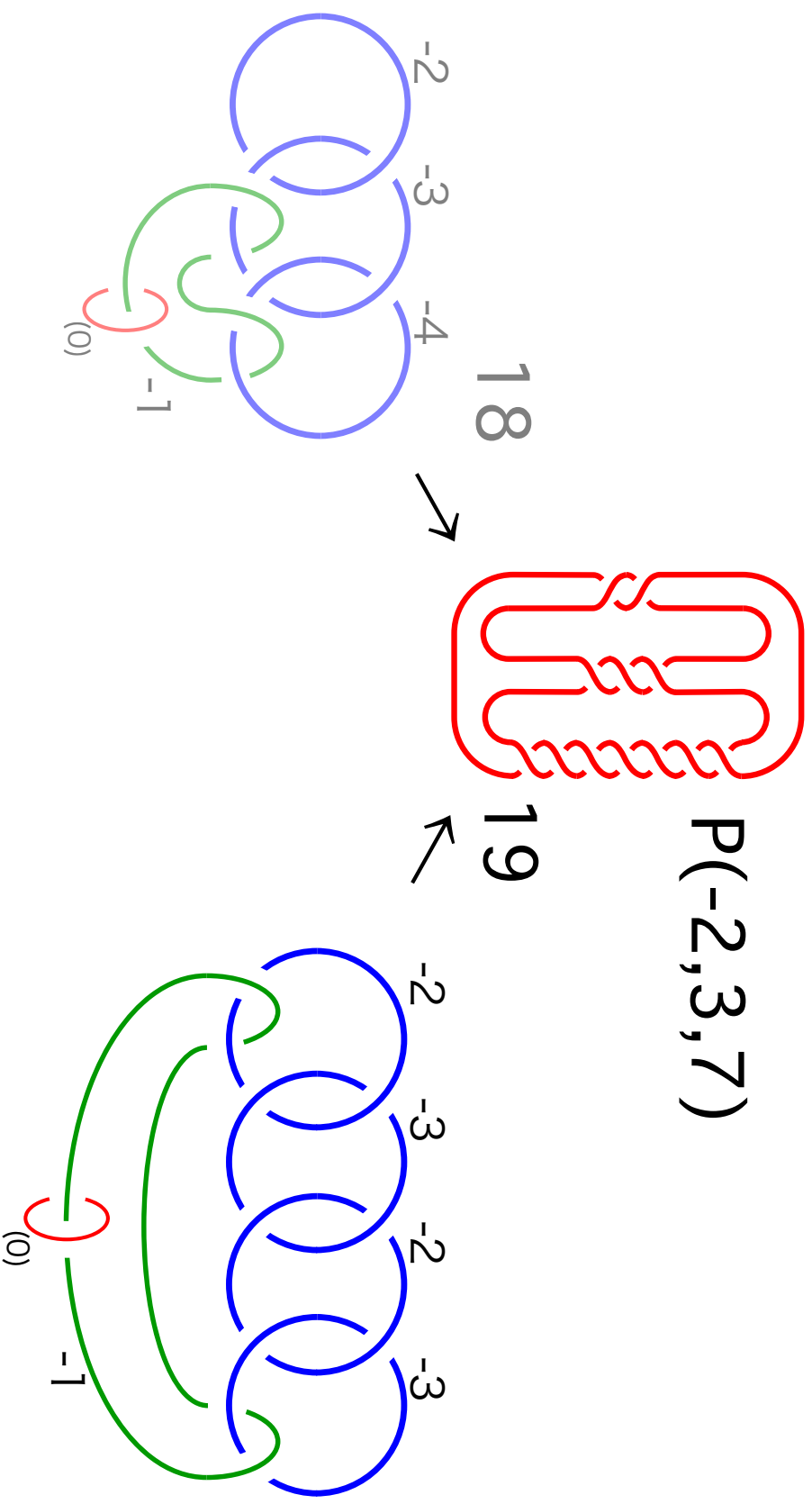
19-surgery is



Start of my research

What is *the best method* to prove it?

One answer ( $[Y]$ ):  
 blue  $\cup$  green =  $S^3$ , and red becomes the knot.

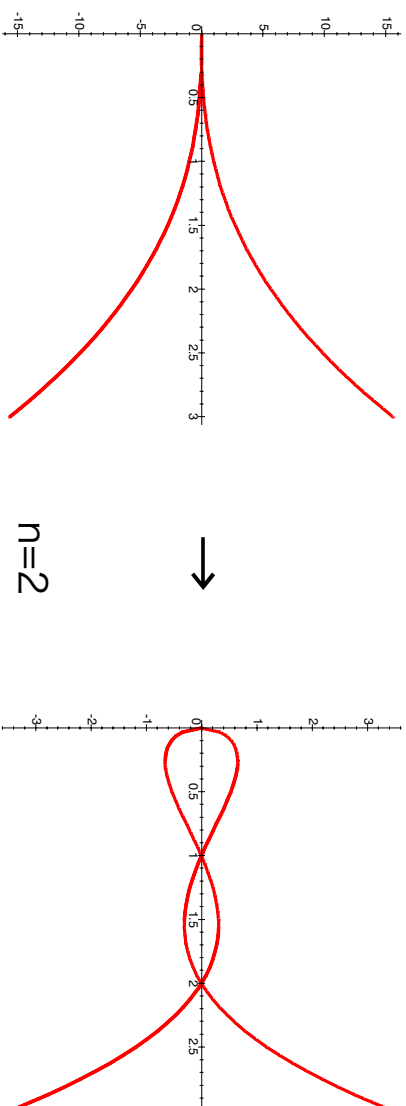


Only blow-downs (4 times)! ( $\Rightarrow$  Resolution of singularity).

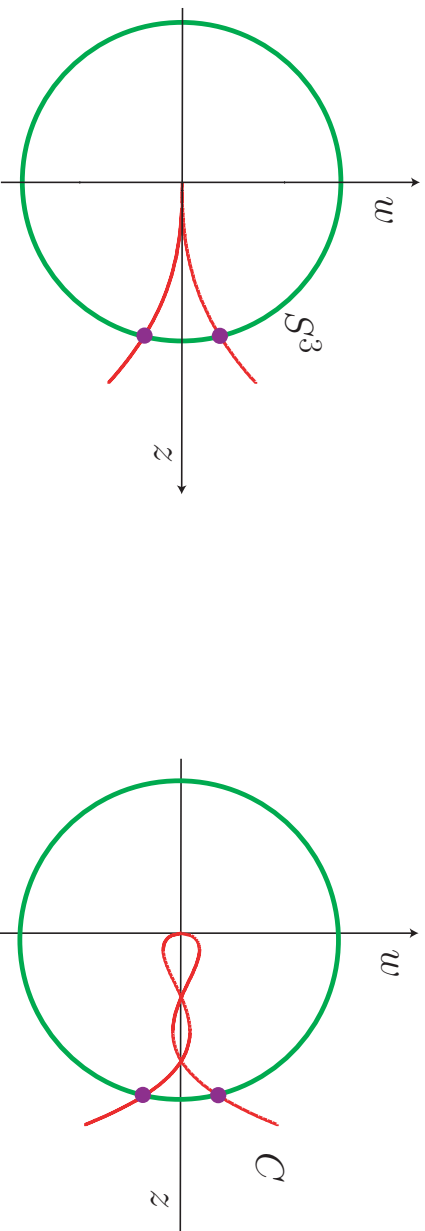
§2. A'Campo's divide knots, came from singularity theory.

In  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , purterb  $y^2 = x^{2n+1}$  (“ $A_{2n}$ -sing.”) and Draw the plane curve

$$C : y^2 = x(x - \epsilon)^2(x - 2\epsilon)^2 \cdots (x - n\epsilon)^2$$



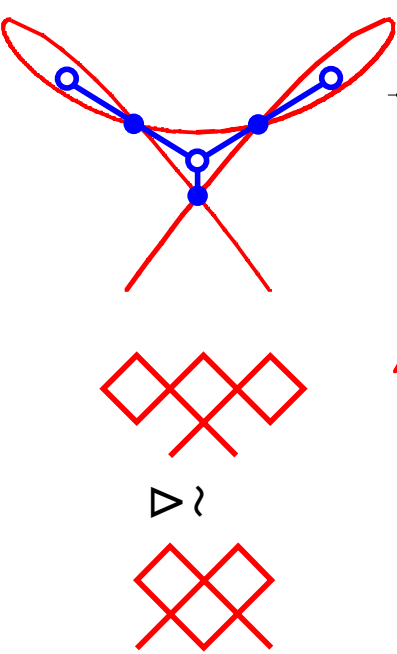
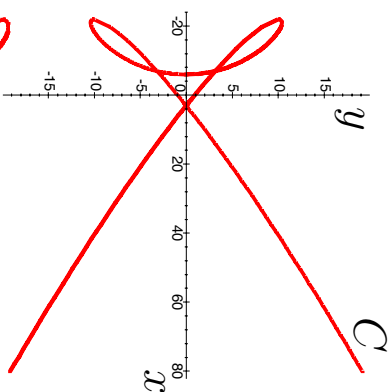
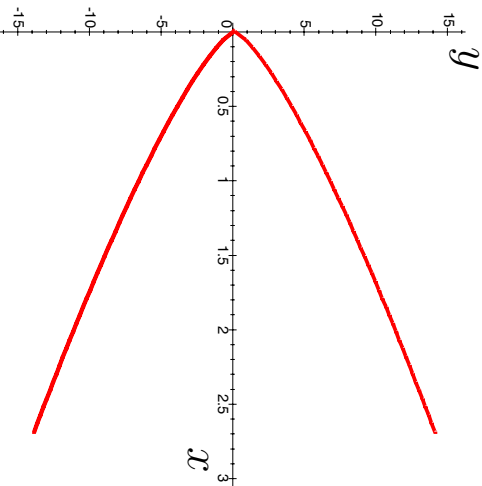
In  $\mathbf{C}^2$ ,  $C \cap S^3$  is a knot (or a link). For small  $\epsilon$ , it is  $T(2, 2n + 1)$ .



Another example [T. Urabe]

In  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , perturb  $y^4 = x^3$  (“ $E_6$ -sing.”) and Draw the plane curve

$$C : (y^2 + \epsilon(6x + 32\epsilon^2))^2 - (x + 7\epsilon^2)^2(x + 22\epsilon^2) = 0$$



The knot is  $T(4, 3)$ . We can see  $E_6$  Dynkin diagram.

A'Campo generalized the correspondence

[a generic plane Curve  \$P\$](#)   $\Rightarrow$  [a Link  \$L\(P\)\$  in  \$S^3\$](#)

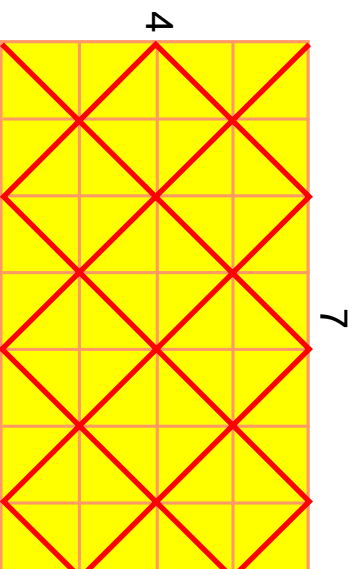
*A'Campo's divide knots*

**Ex. Torus links** [Goda-Hirasawa-Y, (Gusein-Zade, etc.)]

Rectangle curve  $p \times q \Rightarrow T(p, q)$

(PL line with slope  $\pm 1$  in the rectangle.)

ex.  $(p, q) = (7, 4)$



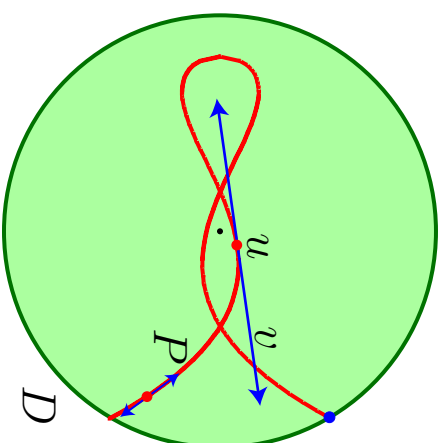
It has  $\frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{2}$  double points, in general.

A'Campo's *original* construction.

a generic plane Curve  $P \Rightarrow$  a Link  $L(P)$  in  $S^3$

A'Campo's divide knots

For “generic” (No self-tangency) proper curve  $P$  in the unit disk  $D$ ,



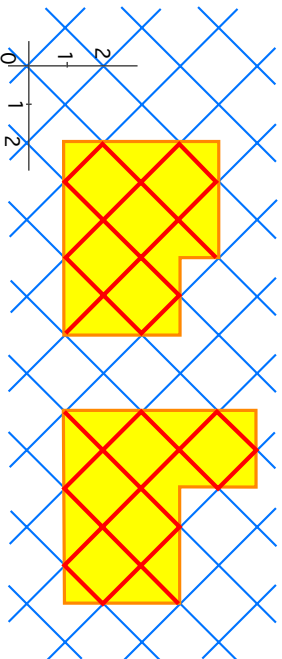
$$S^3 = \{(u, v) \in TD \mid u \in D, v \in T_u D, |u|^2 + |v|^2 = 1\}$$

$$L(P) := \{(u, v) \in TD \mid u \in P, v \in T_u P, |u|^2 + |v|^2 = 1\} \subset S^3.$$

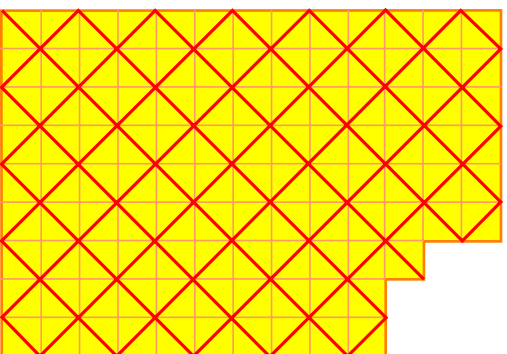
We use its visualization by [Hirasawa].

# Classification of curves

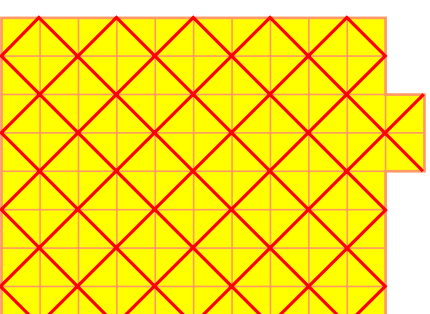
(1) L-shaped curve:



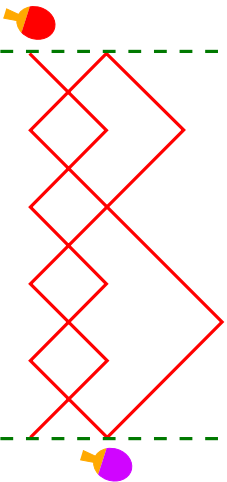
(2) generalized L-shaped curve,



(3) “凸” type curve

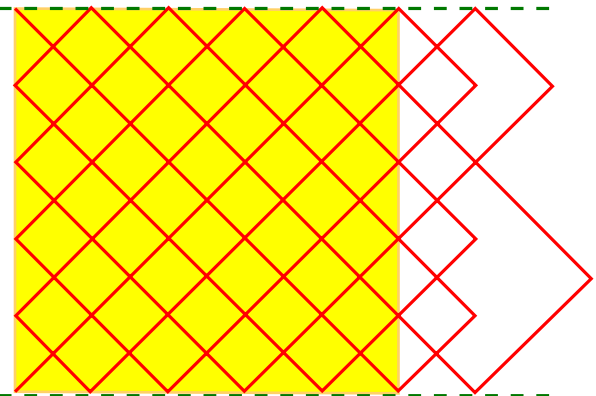


Assume: edges are vertical or horizontal, vertices are in  $\mathbf{Z}^2 \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ .



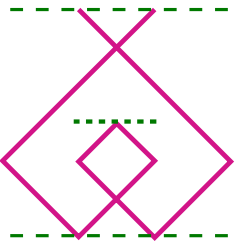
(4) “Pingpong type”

if (w.r.t at least one direction) max/min points are in the same level, up to isotopy.



⇐ This is an example of Non-pingpong curve.

(w.r.t horizontal nor vertical direction)

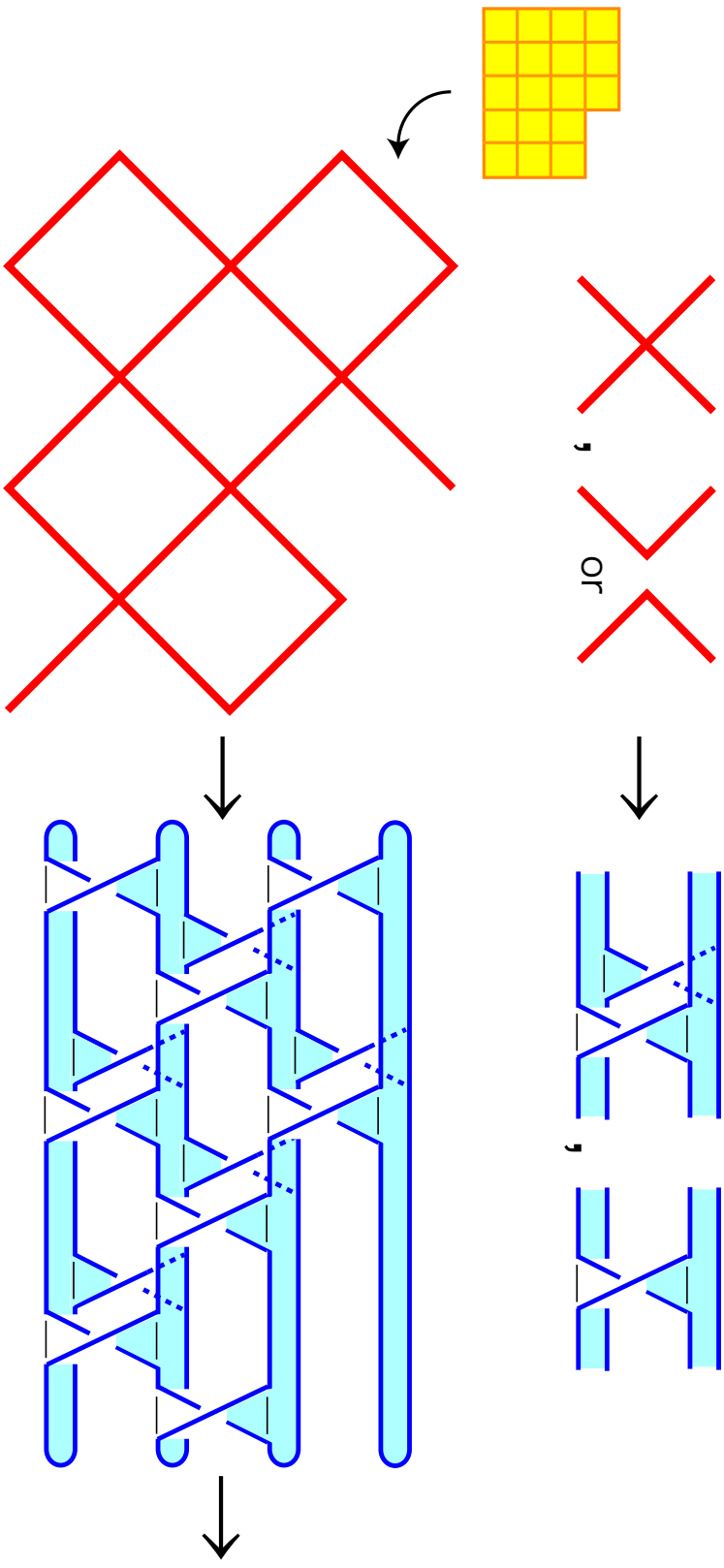


generalized L-shaped, -type curves are pingpong type.



**Curve P** **Knot L(P)**. We get the braid presentation.

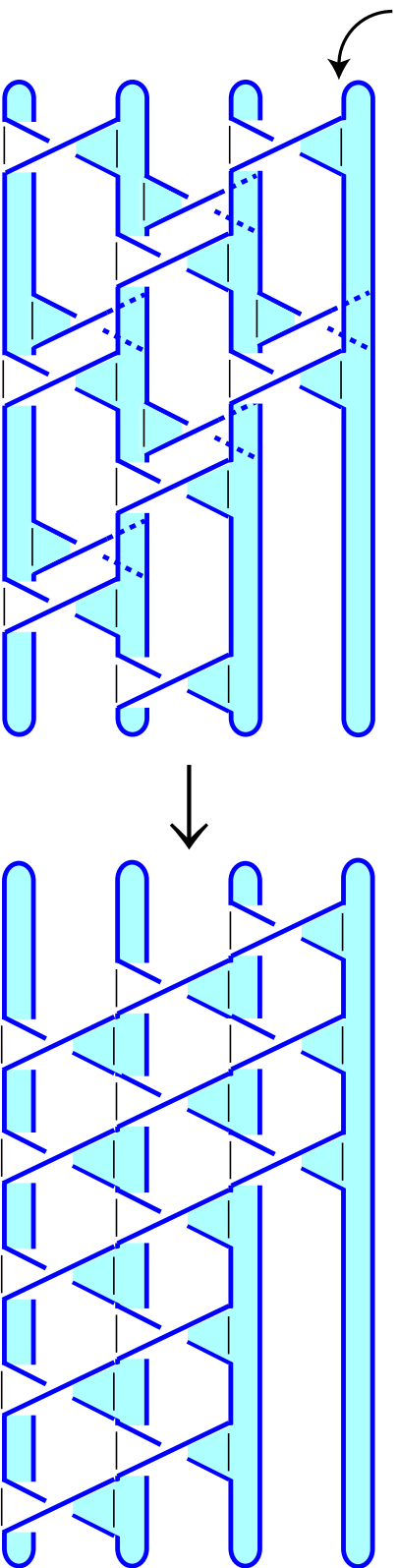
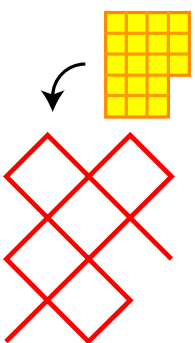
[Couture-Perron] only for pingpong curves ([Hirasawa] extends it)



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The closure is  $P(-2, 3, 7)$ , genus = 5.

and the fiber surface.



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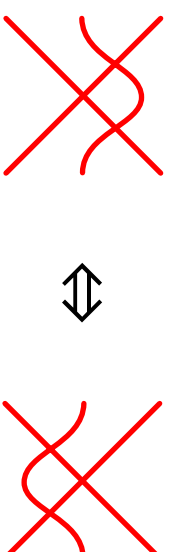
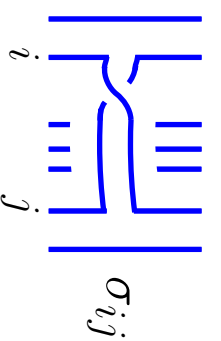
We define a braid

$$W_n := \sigma_{n-1}\sigma_{n-2} \cdots \sigma_2\sigma_1, \quad \text{“}1/n \text{ twist”}$$

$P(-2, 3, 7)$  is presented by  $W_4^3 W_3^2$ .

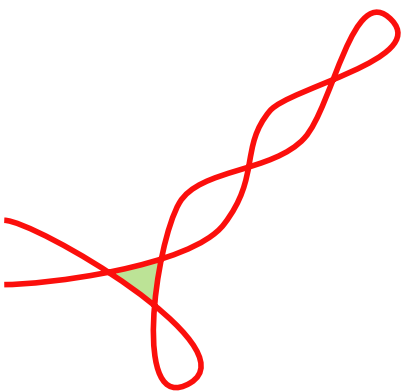
## Basics on Divide knots [N.A'Campo, L.Rudolph,..]

- (0)  $L(P)$  is a knot ( $\#L(P) = 1$ )  $\Leftrightarrow P$  is an immersed arc.
- (1) The genus of knot  $L(P) = \#$  double points of  $P$ .
- (2)  $lk(L(P_1), L(P_2)) = \#(P_1 \cap P_2)$ .
- (3) Every divide knot  $L(P)$  is *fibred*.
- (4) Any divide knot is a closure of *strongly quasi-positive* braid.  
i.e., product of some  $\sigma_{ij}$ .
- (5)  $P_1 \sim P_2$  by  $\Delta$ -move  $\Rightarrow L(P_1) = L(P_2)$ .  $L$  is *not injective*.

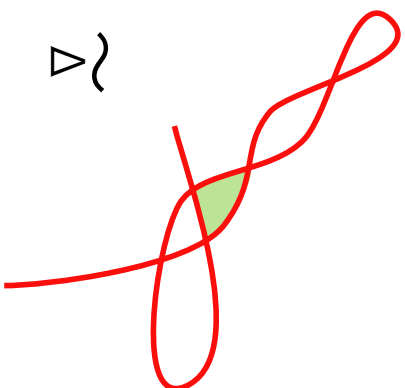


$\Delta$ -move on plane curves

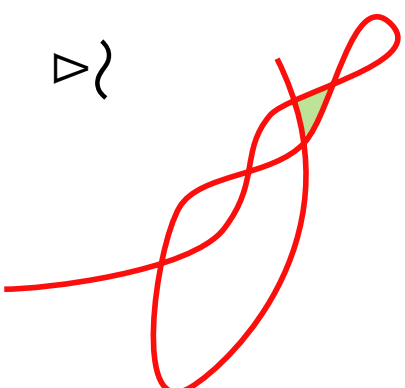
These curves present the same knot  $P(-2, 3, 7)$   
(Thanks to Hirasawa)



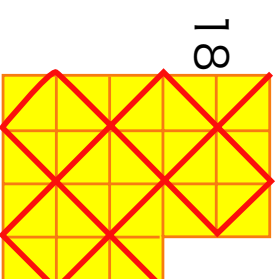
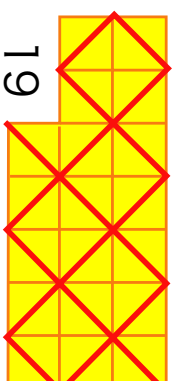
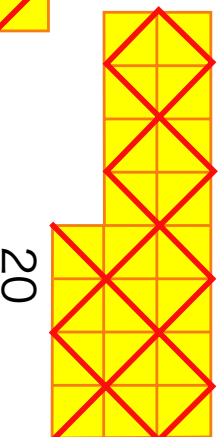
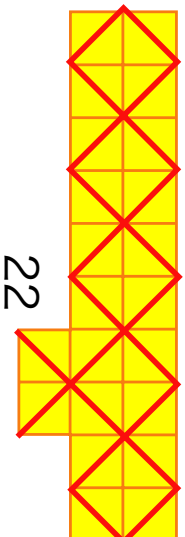
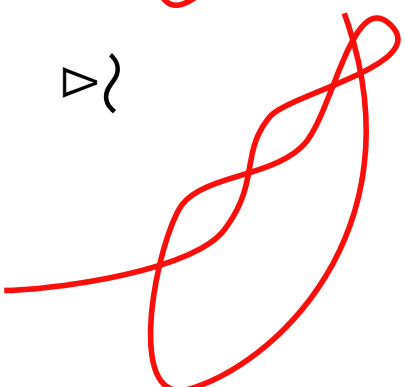
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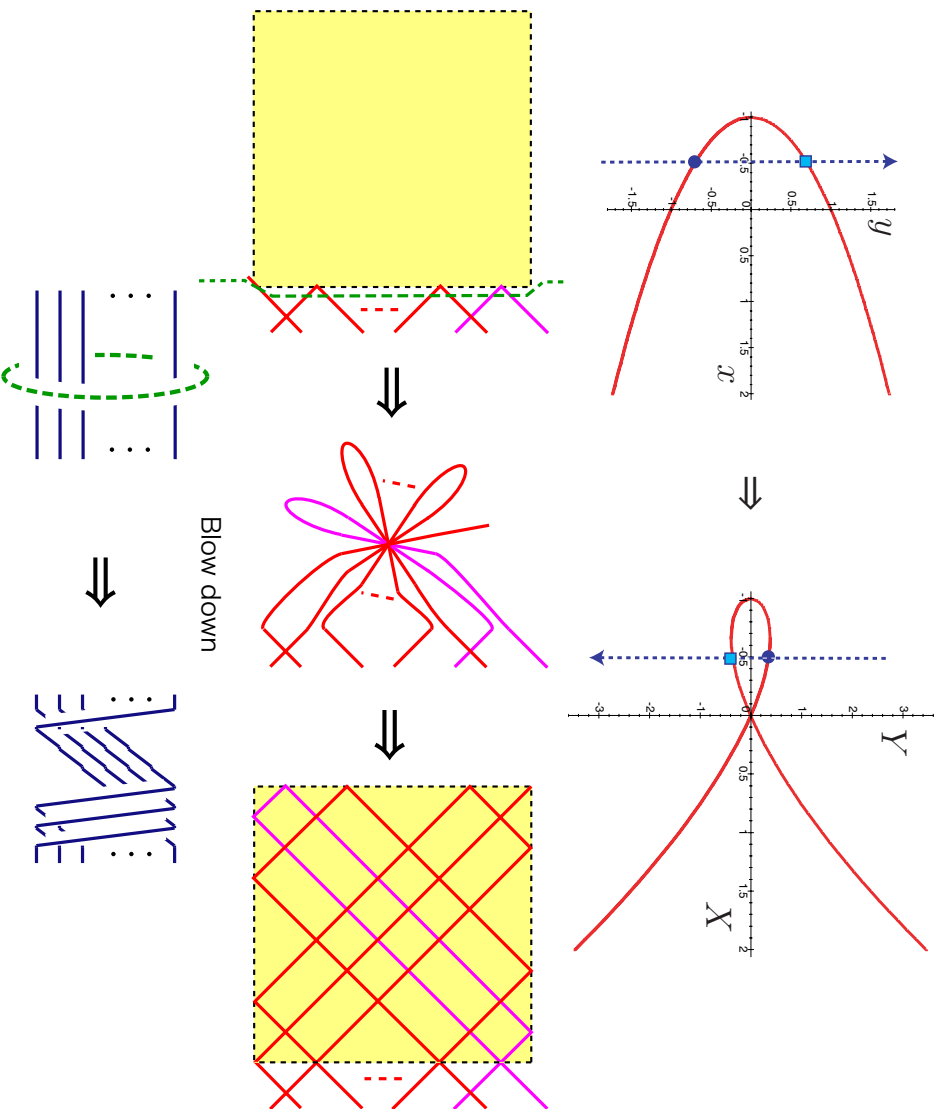


**Lemma.** [Y]

“Adding a square” corresponds to a right-handed **full-twist**

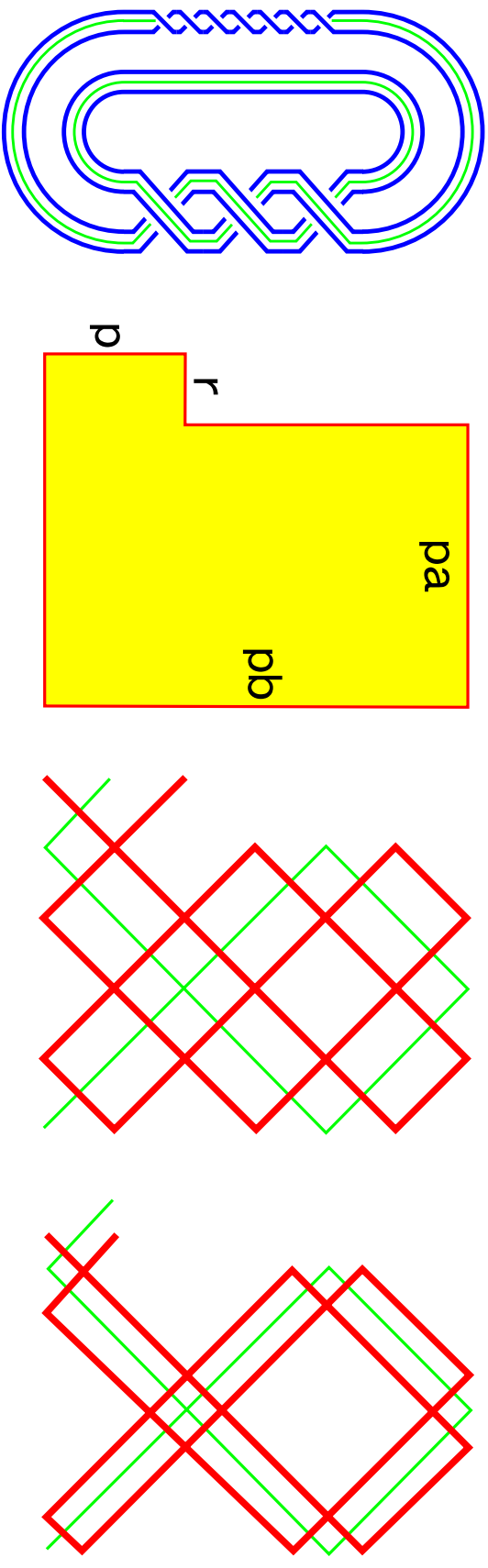
= **blow-down** = coord. transform:  $(x, y) = (X, Y/X)$ .

(ex.  $y^2 = x + \epsilon$  becomes  $Y^2 = X^2(X + \epsilon)$ )



## Cable knots of torus knots

$C(T(a, b); p, pab + r)$  is represented, (ex.  $C(T(2, 3); 2, 13)$ )



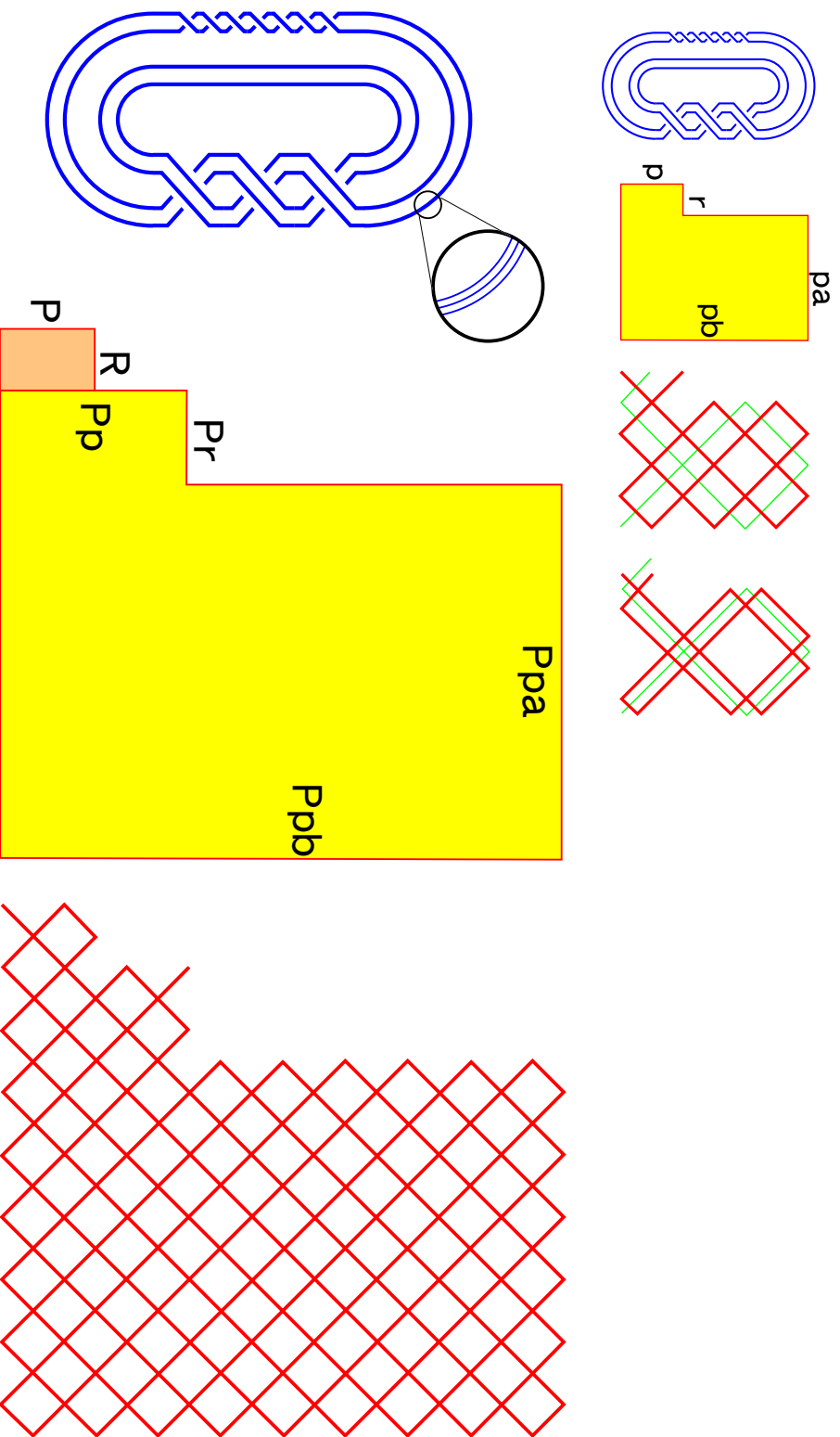
It is algebraic: From  $T(a, b) = \begin{cases} x = t^a \\ y = t^b \end{cases}$  to  $\begin{cases} x = t^{ap} \\ y = t^{bp} + t^{bp+r}, \text{ OR} \end{cases}$

$$y = x^{\frac{b}{a}} \left( 1 + x^{\frac{r}{ap}} \right)$$

Puiseux pair is  $\{(b, a), (bp + r, p)\}$ .

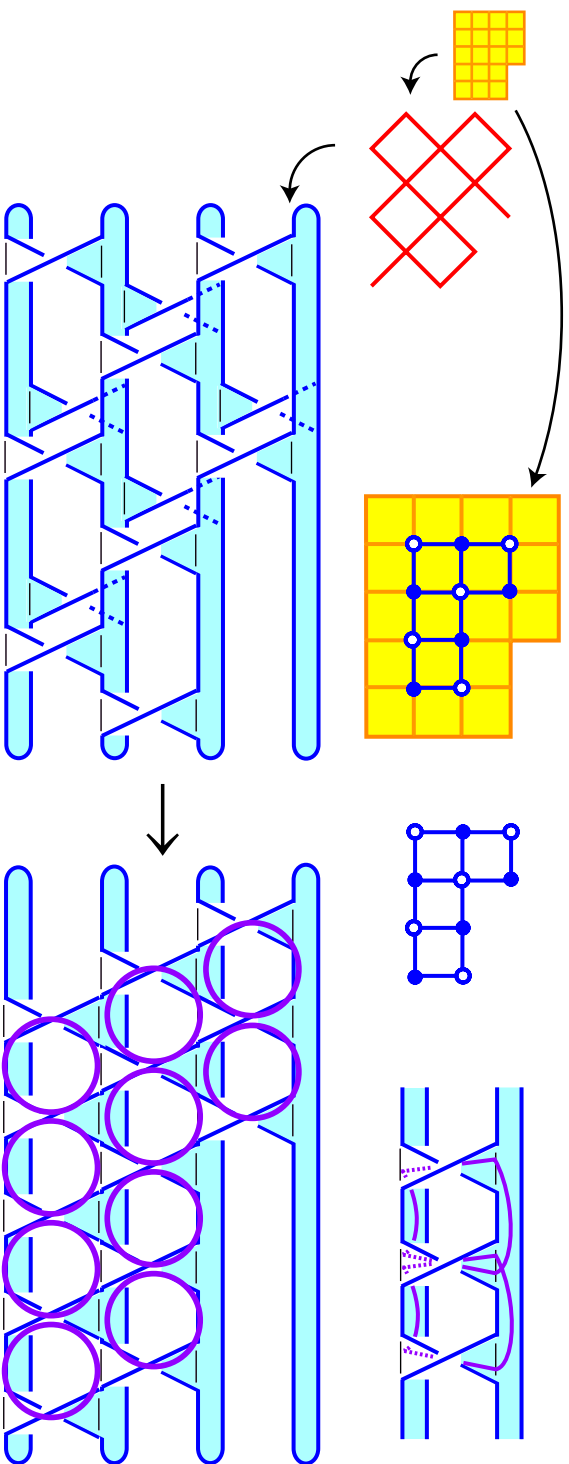
**More iterated cables** ( $\Rightarrow$  generalized L-shaped)

$C(C(T(a, b); p, pab + r); P, Pp(pab + r) + R)$  is represented,  
(ex.  $C(C(T(2, 3); 2, 13); 3, 80)$ ),  $y = x_a^b \left( 1 + x_{ap}^r \left( 1 + x_{app}^R \right) \right)$ .



**Lemma.** Decomposition of monodromy

For an (generalized) L-shaped divide  $P$ , The monodromy  $\varphi$  of the fiber surface of  $L(P)$  can be decomposed as a product of some positive Dehn twists along the “grapes” of  $P$ .



Middle disks are Murasugi-disks. Each floor is obtained by plumbings. Thus the monodromy is the product (from the bottom and the left).

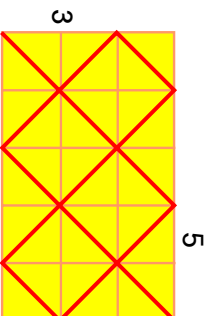


### §3. Lens space surgery “Which $(K; p)$ is a lens space?”

**ex.1** [’71 L. Moser] **Torus knots.**

$$p = ab \pm 1 \Rightarrow (T(a, b); p) \cong L(p, -b^2).$$

$K := T(3, 5)$ , then  $(K; 16) = L(16, 7)$  and  $(K; 14) = L(14, 5)$ .



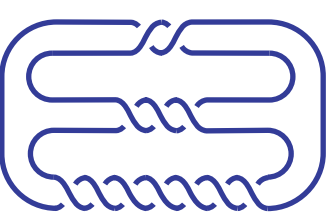
**ex.2** [’77 J. Bailey, D. Rolfsen] **2 Cables of Torus knots**

— Shown in §2. —

**ex.3** [’80 R. Fintushel, R. Stern] **Hyperbolic knot!**

$K := P(-2, 3, 7)$ , then  $(K; 19) = -L(19, 7)$ .

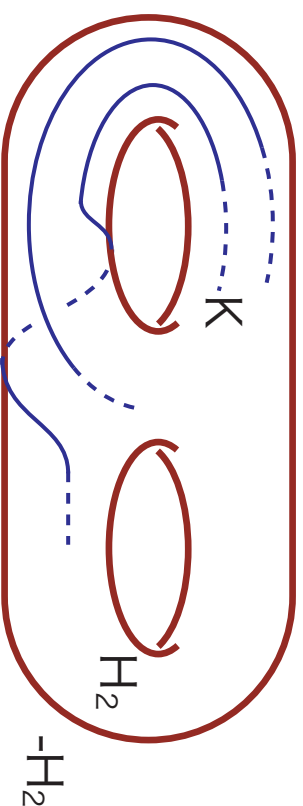
$(K; 18) = -L(18, 7)$ .



## Berge's doubly-primitive knots [90]

A knot  $K$  in the Heegaard surface  $\Sigma_2$  is *doubly-primitive* iff

$K_{\#}$  (as in  $\pi_1$ ) is a generator in both  $\pi_1(H_2)$  and  $\pi_1(-H_2)$ .

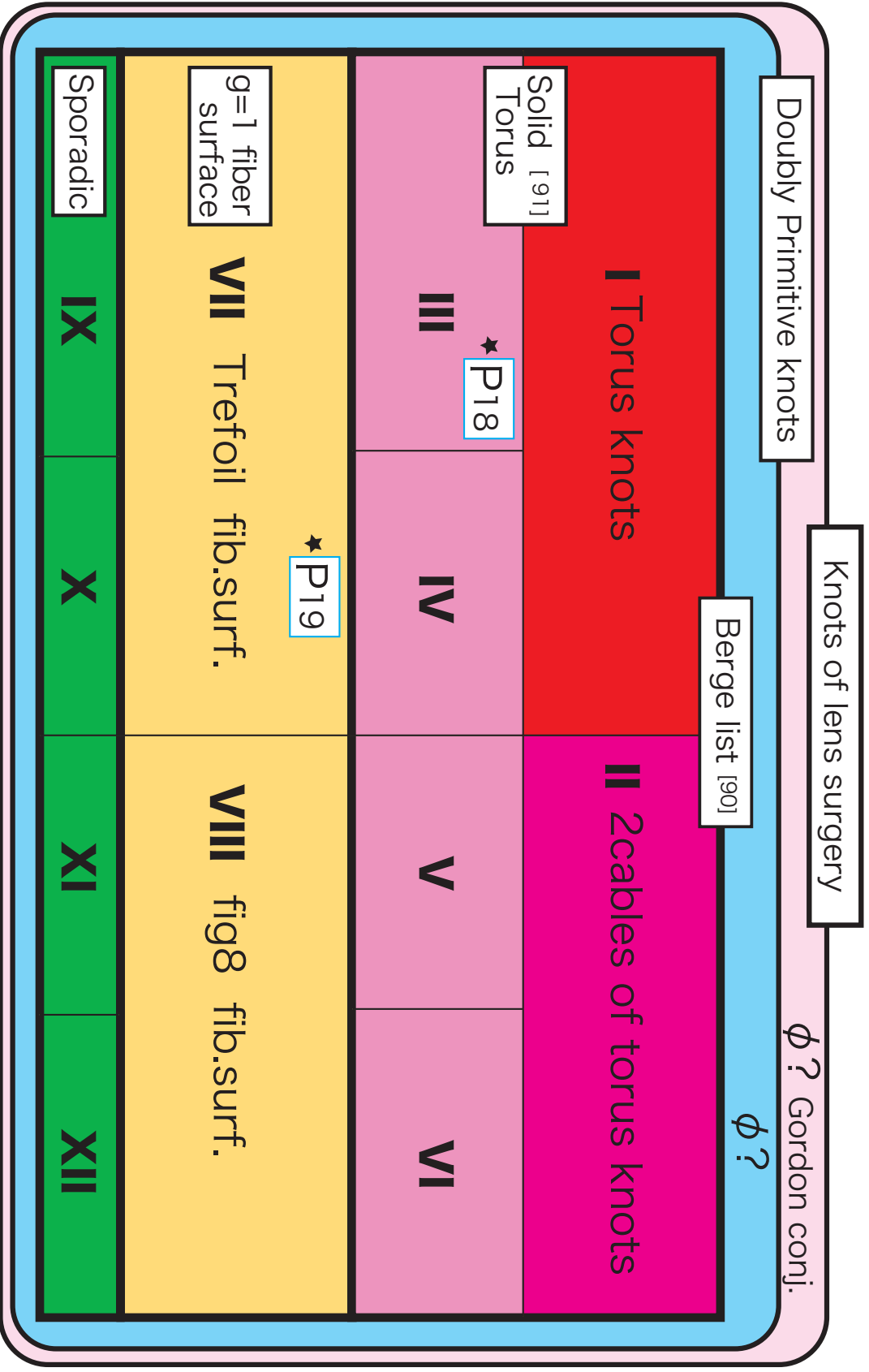


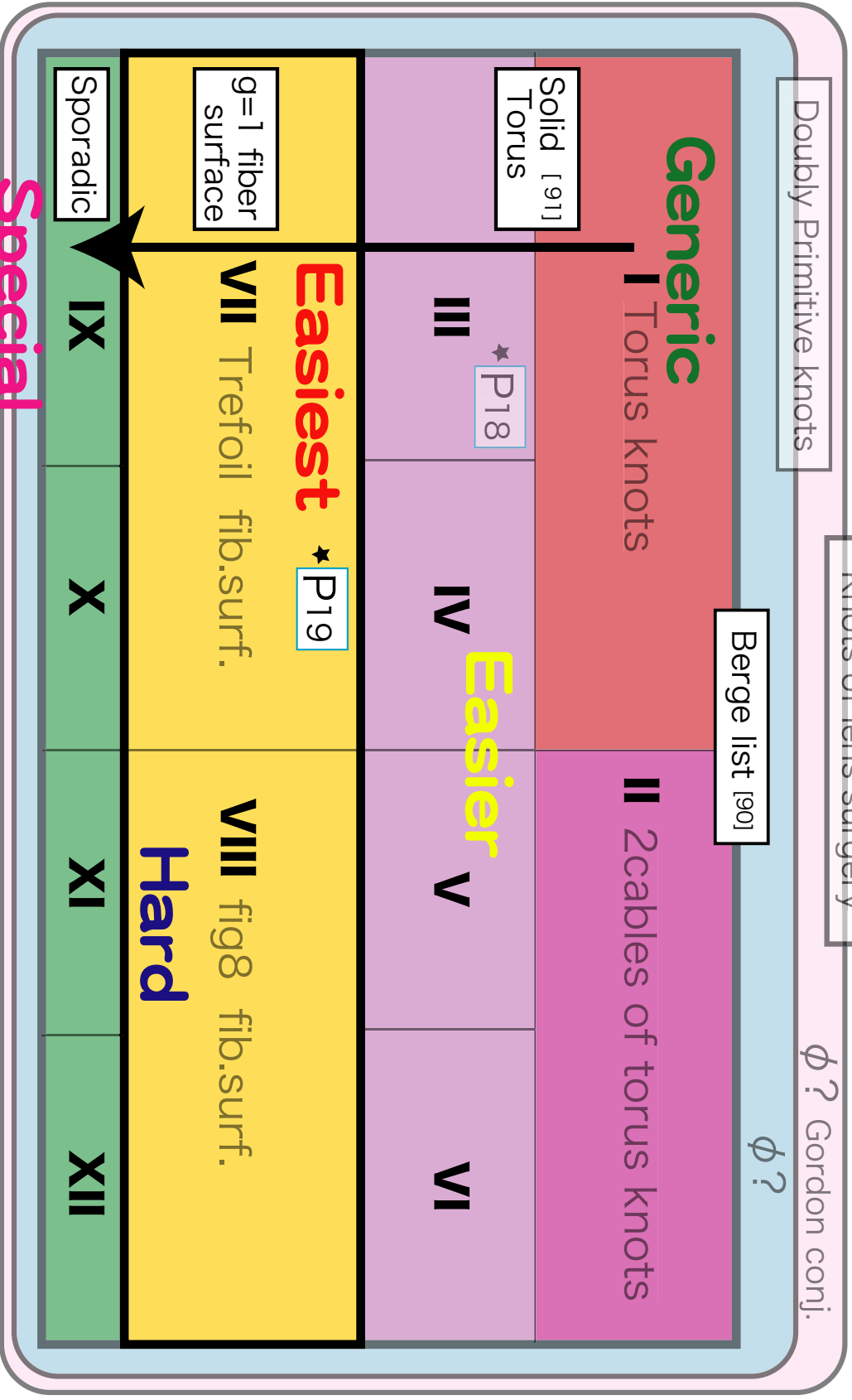
Such a knot  $K$  with the surface slope (coeff.) always yields a lens space. ■

Berge (tried to) classified and made a list of such knots.

His list consists of **3** Families, and of **12** “Type”s.

Type I, II, III, ..., VI | VII, VIII | IX, ..., XII.





Doubly Primitive knots

Knots of lens surgery

$\phi ?$  Gordon conj.

Berge list [901]

**Generic**

I Torus knots

II 2cables of torus knots

Solid [911]  
Torus

★ P18

**Easier**  
IV V

VI

III

$g=1$  fiber  
surface

**Easiest** ★ P19

VII Trefoil fib. surf.

VIII fig8 fib. surf.  
**Hard**

Sporadic

IX

X

XI

XII

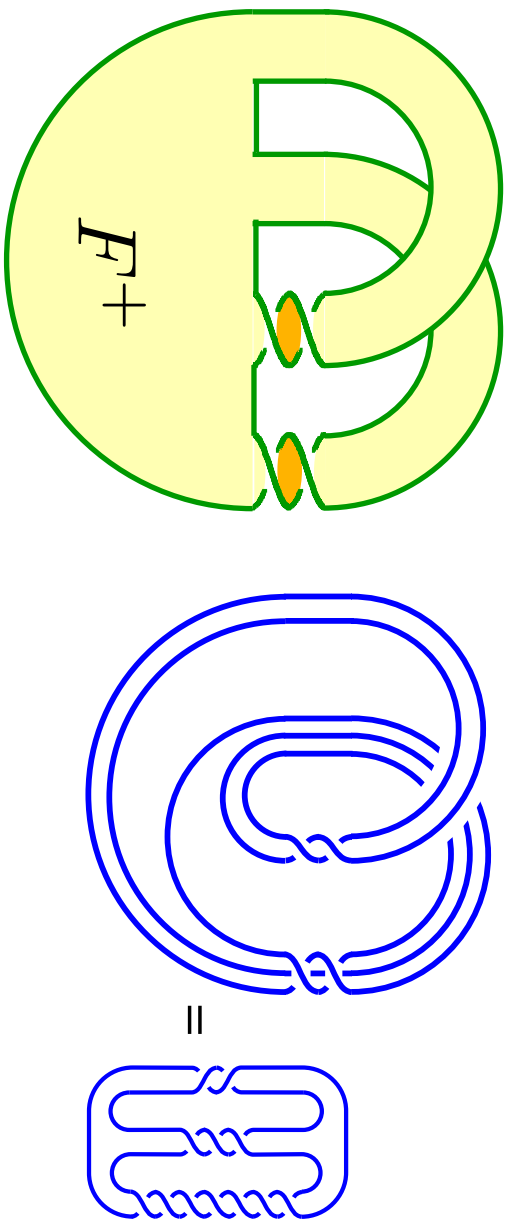
**Special**

**Type VII** ([Berge], see also [Y]) Let  $(a, b)$  be coprime (positive).

Let  $F^+$  be the fiber surface of the left-handed trefoil.

A knot  $k^+(a, b)$  is defined as below:  $p$ -surgery is  $L(p, q)$ .

$$(p = a^2 + ab + b^2, q = -(a/b)^2 \pmod{p})$$



- $k^+(2, 3)$  is  $P(-2, 3, 7)$ .  $2^2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 = 19$ .

$k^+(a, b)$  is obtained from  $T(a, b)$  by  $+$  full-twist twice.

## §4. Results (old and new)

### Theorem A. (**L-shaped**) ([Y'06-'07])

- Every knot (up to mirror image) in Type **I**, **II**, **III** ... **VI**,
- is a *divide knot*,
  - is presented by an *L-shaped plane curve* s.t.

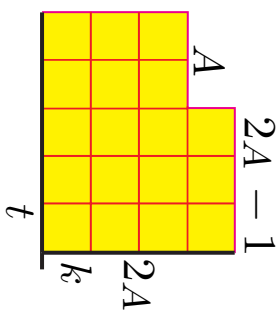
$$\text{Area}(L) - \text{coeff.} = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Let  $(a, b)$  (positive) coprime.

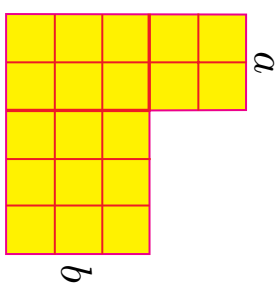
Every knot  $k(a, b)$  in **VII** is presented by an *L-shaped plane curve* s.t.  $\text{Area}(L) = \text{coeff.}$  ■

Families of lens surgery including  $K := P(-2, 3, 7)$  ( $K, 18$ ) and ( $K, 19$ ) belongs to different family.

Type **III** ( $\ni (K; 18)$ )



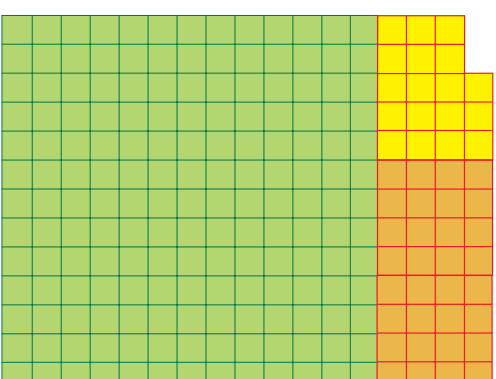
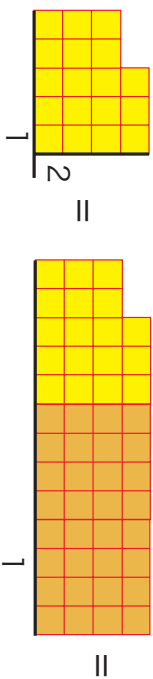
Type **VII** ( $\ni (K; 19)$ )



( $A = 2, k = t = 0$ )

(( $a, b$ ) = (2, 3))

Notation:

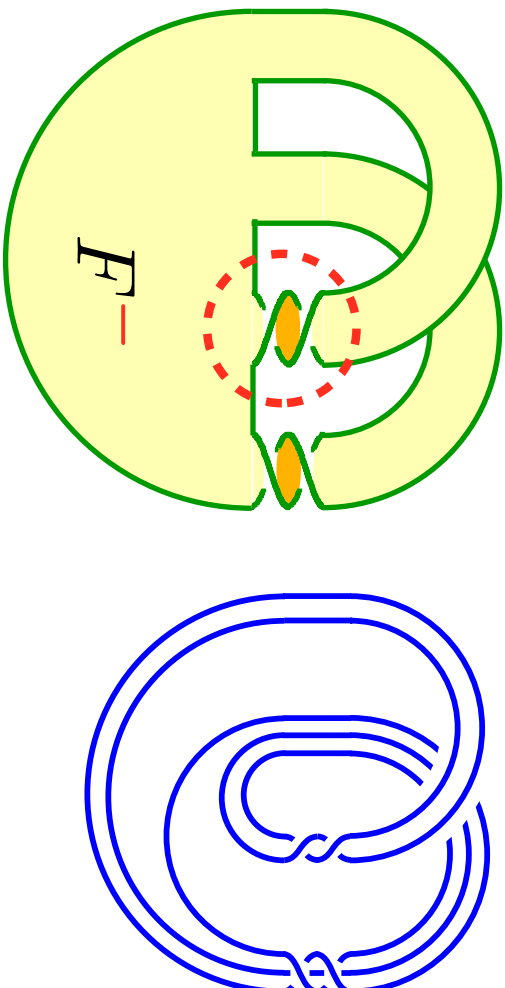


**Type VIII** ([Berge]) – The most difficult Type –

Let  $F$  be the fiber surface of Fig8 knot.

A knot  $k^-(a, b)$  is defined as below:  $p$ -surgery is  $L(p, q)$ .

$$(p = -a^2 + ab + b^2, q = -(a/b)^2 \pmod p)$$



- $k^-(2, 3)$  is  $T(3, 4)$  (unfortunately).  $-2^2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 = 11$ .

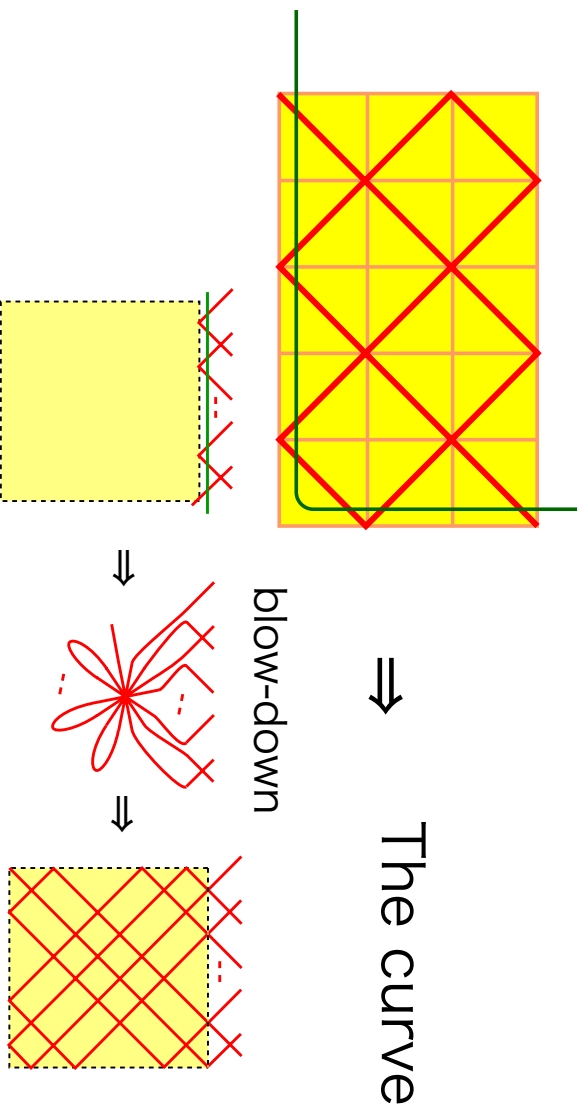
$k^-(a, b)$  is obtained from  $T(a, b)$  by full-twist twice, + and - .

Note that  $k^-(a, b) = k^-(b - a, b)$ .



**Main Theorem** ([Y'08]) Let  $(a, b)$  coprime (and  $0 < a < b$  here). Every **Type VIII** knot  $k^-(a, b)$  is a *divide knot*. The plane curve is obtained by a *blow-down* from the rectangle curve  $a \times (b - a)$ , as follows:

ex.  $k^-(3, 8)$

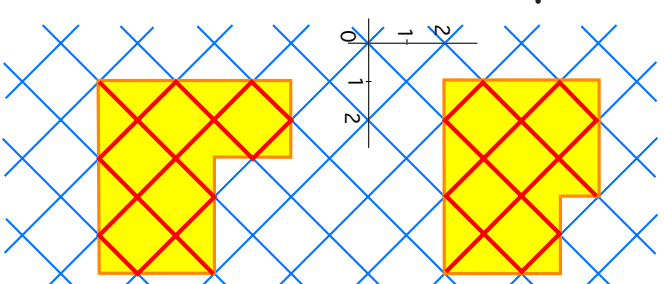


⇒ The curve

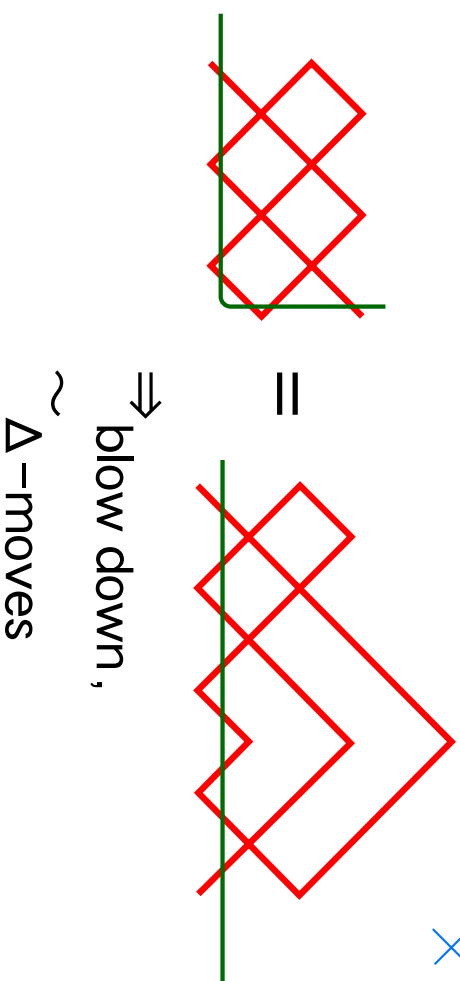


**Next Question:** Which (type) is the curve?

I want to deform the curves as good as possible.  
 I hoped it is L-shaped curve.

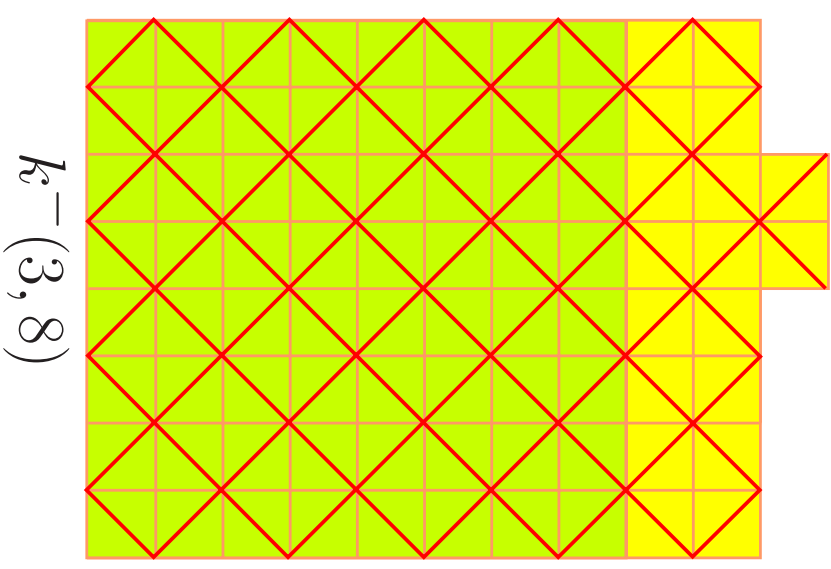
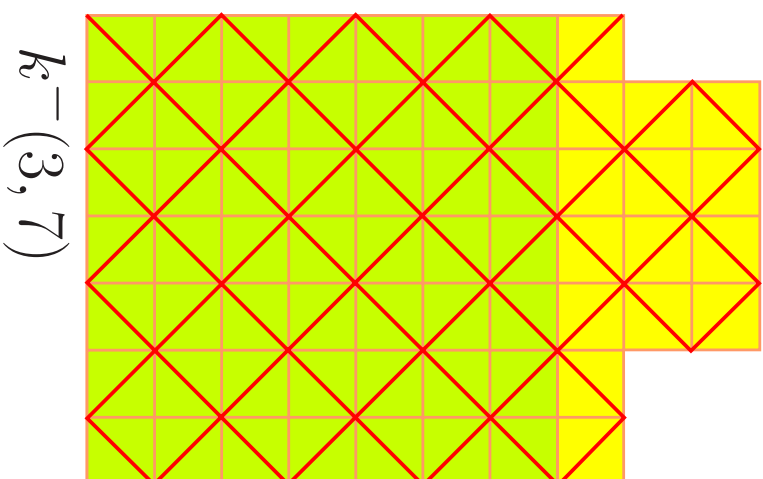
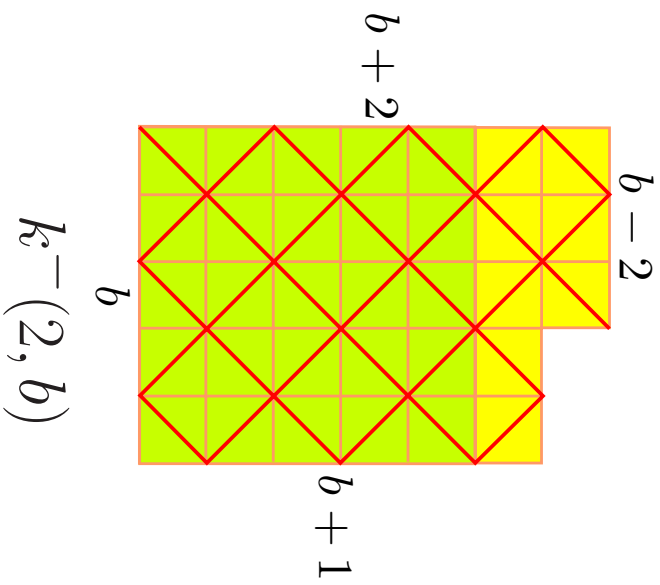


We can use  $\Delta$ -moves.



The curve is, at least, pingpong type.

**Trial**(up to now):

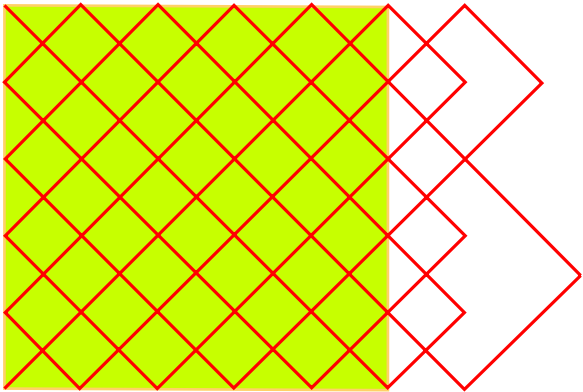


Area  $b^2 + 2b - 2$   
 Coeff.  $b^2 + 2b - 4$

64  
 61

82  
 79

**Trial**(up to now):

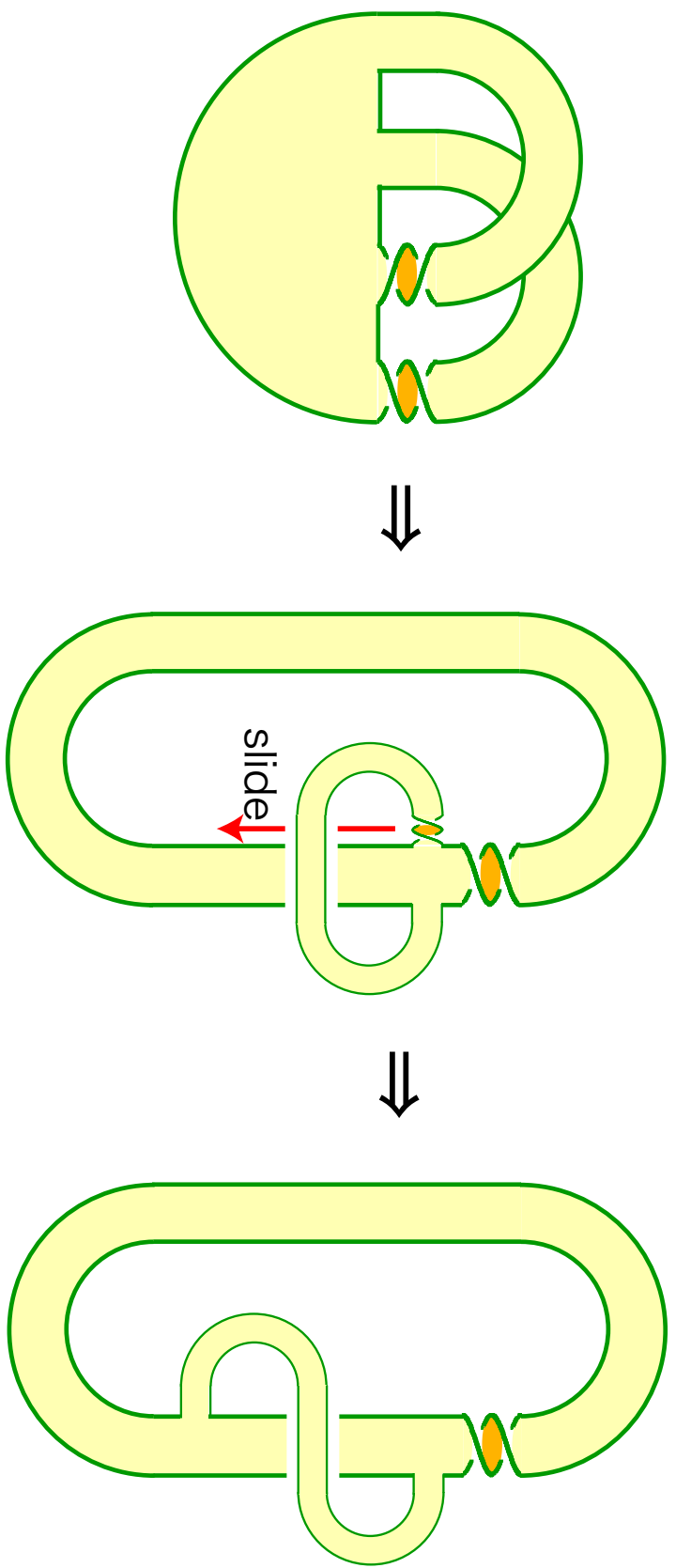


$k^-(3, 10)$

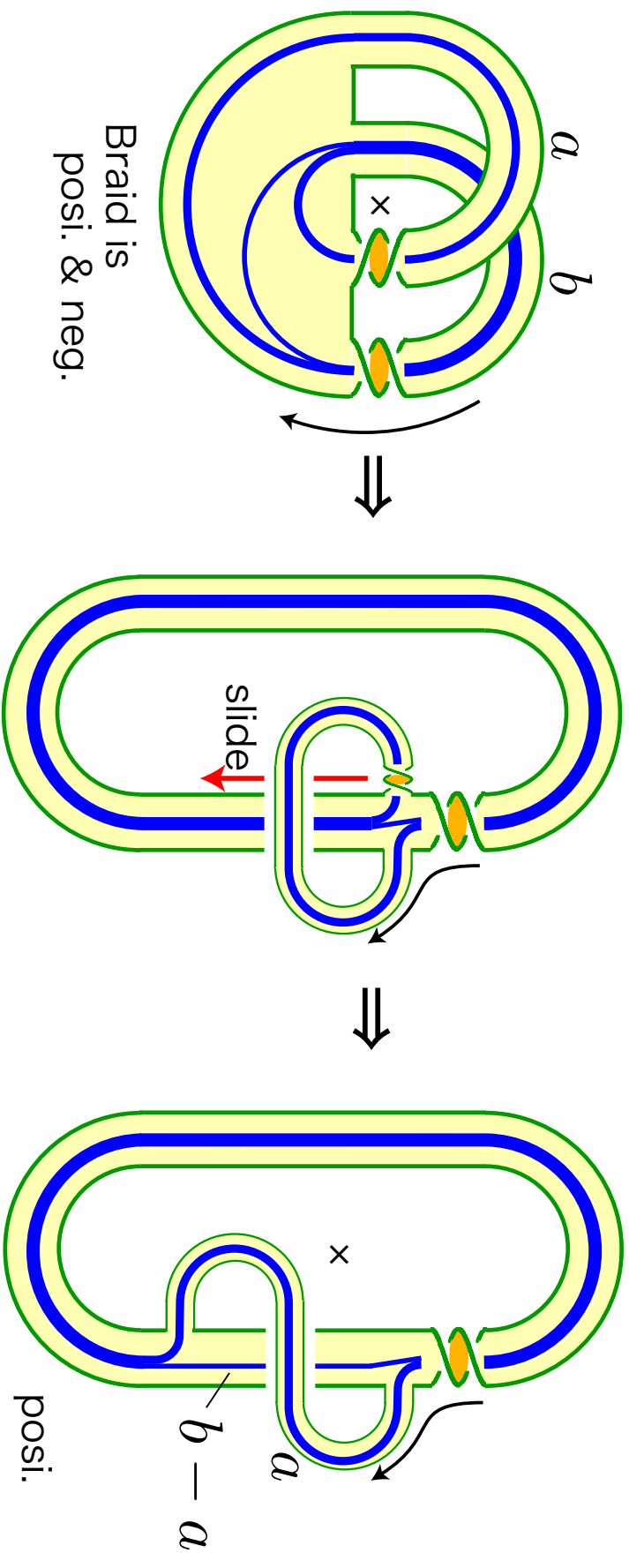
The curves (for TypeVIII) are at least pingpong type.

# Proof of Main Thm.

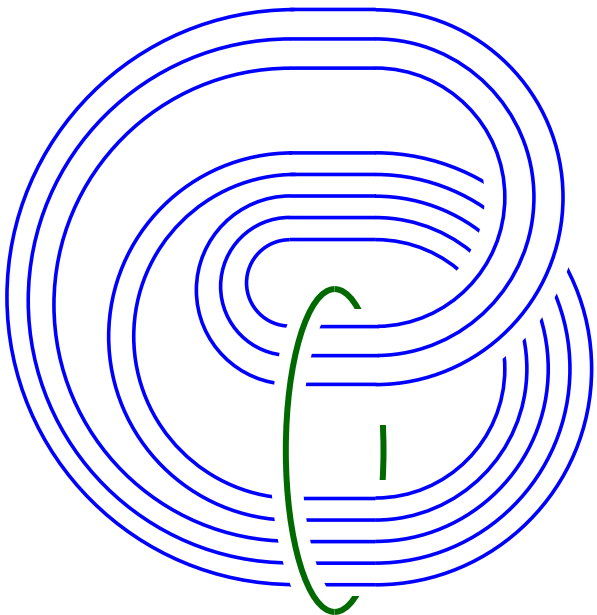
Use Baker's deformation of the surface  $F^{-1}$



The curve  $k^-(a, b)$  in  $F^{-1}$  becomes a positive braid of index  $b$



It shows that  $k^-(a, b)$  is obtained by  $+1$  full-twist from  $T(a, b - a)$



ex.  $k^-(3, 8)$  is from  $\mathcal{T}(3, 5)$

Find the curve presenting this braid and the axis. □

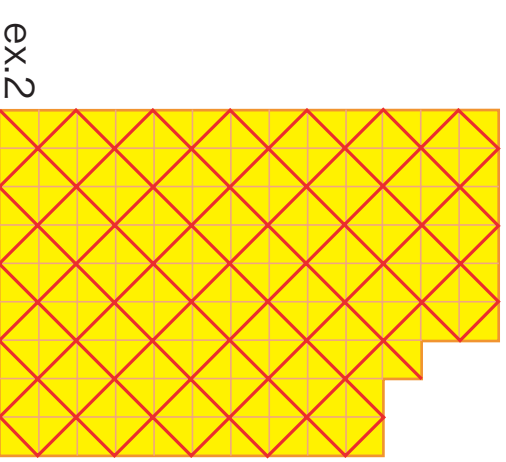
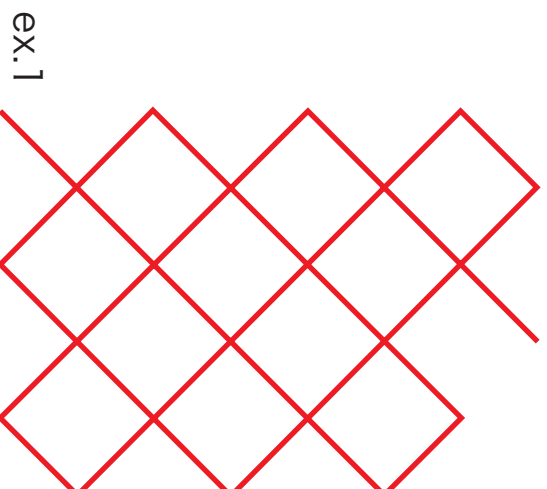
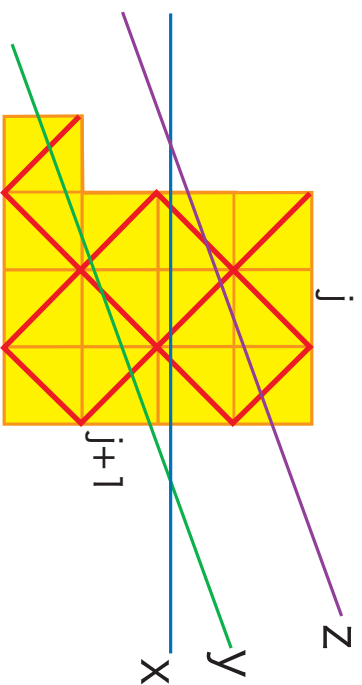
**Remark:** 4-dim. Topology ([Y])

This diagram is J.Park's rational homology 4-ball  $(B_{p,q})$ , used in the *generalized rational blow-down*, whose boundary is a lens space  $L(p^2, pq - 1)$ .

## Trial to **Spradic examples** (the most special family)

Type **IX**: blow-down in order  $x, z, y$  ( $p = 22j^2 + 9j + 1$ )

Type **X**: blow-down in order  $x, z, y$  ( $p = 22j^2 + 13j + 2$ )



**ex.1** (**IX**  $j = 1$ ) L-shaped,  $p = 32$ , Area=33.

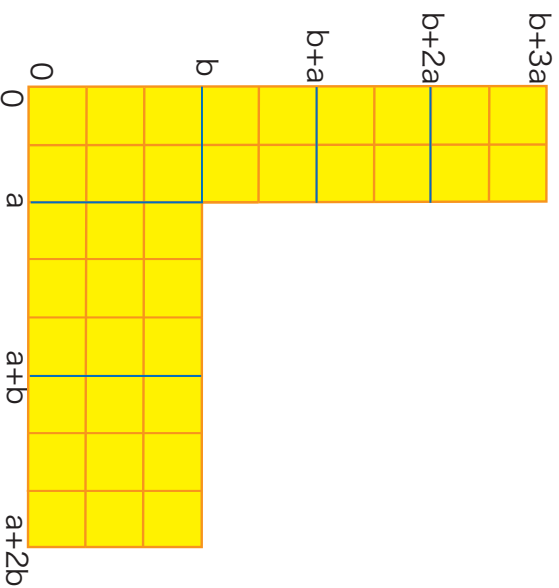
**ex.2** (**IX**  $j = 2$ ) generalized L-shaped,  $p = 107$ , Area=109.



**By the way** [Y'05]

$\exists$  L-shaped curve that represents a knot whose

- Area-surgery is not lens,      • does not admit a lens space surgery.



This family contains  $P(-2, 3, 2n + 5)$  with  $n > 2$  [Bleiler-Hodgson], which are known *not* to admit lens space surgeries, but Seifert surgery.

(L-shaped) Curves still tends to present interesting Dehn surgery.

*Thank you very much!*