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ON PROJECTIVE MODELS OF THURSTON GEOMETRIES,
SOME RELEVANT NOTES ON NIL ORBIFOLDS AND
MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. A unified method is given for describing 3-orbifolds and 3-manifolds in terms of a projective interpretation of Thurston geometries. As an application, a new characterization is given for Nil-orbifolds and manifolds arising as fiber spaces over Euclidean 2-orbifolds with prescribed fundamental groups. (Theorems 3.1-3.2, see also Figure 1).

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1. PROJECTIVE MODELS

The eight homogeneous Thurston 3-geometries

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{E}^3, \mathbf{S}^3, \mathbf{H}^3, \mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{H}^2 \times \mathbf{R}, \widetilde{\mathbf{SL}}_2\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{Nil}, \mathbf{Sol}$$

have a unified interpretation in the projective 3-sphere $\mathcal{PS}^3(\mathbf{V}^4, \mathbf{V}_4, \mathbb{R})$, where a symmetric projective polarity $(*)$ and scalar product \langle , \rangle

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & (*) : \mathbf{V}_4 \rightarrow \mathbf{V}^4, \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{u}; \\
 (2) \quad & \langle , \rangle : \mathbf{V}_4 \times \mathbf{V}_4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \\
 & \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = (\mathbf{u}_* \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{b}^i u_i, \mathbf{b}^j v_j \rangle := (u_i b^{ir} \mathbf{a}_r \mathbf{b}^j v_j) = u_i b^{ir} \delta_r^j v_j = u_i b^{ij} v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

are given by the Table below (with Einstein’s sum convention for the same upper and lower indices from $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$). See also [3] for more details. In (2), the dual basis pair $\{\mathbf{a}_r\} \subset \mathbf{V}^4$, $\{\mathbf{b}^j\} \subset \mathbf{V}_4$, where $\mathbf{a}_r \mathbf{b}^j = \delta_r^j$ is the Kronecker symbol, and the polarity matrix (b^{ij})

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{b}_*^i := b^{ir} \mathbf{a}_r \text{ with } b^{ir} = b^{ri} = \langle \mathbf{b}^i, \mathbf{b}^r \rangle$$

are defined up to projective freedom.

More precisely, $\mathbf{y} = c\mathbf{x}$ with $0 < c \in \mathbb{R}$ (or $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$) defines a point $(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{y})$ of \mathcal{PS}^3 (or that of the projective space \mathcal{P}^3 where opposite rays (\mathbf{x}) and $(-\mathbf{x})$ are identified). Also, $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \frac{1}{c}$ defines a plane $(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{v})$ of \mathcal{PS}^3 (or that of \mathcal{P}^3). Thus $0 = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{v}$ defines the incidence of the point $(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{y})$ and the plane $(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{v})$. In what follows, we denote it by $(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{u})$.

Analogously, the matrices (b^{ir}) and $(c \cdot b^{ir})$ with $0 < c \in \mathbb{R}$ (or with $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$) defines the same polarity and scalar product in \mathcal{PS}^3 (or in \mathcal{P}^3). The signature of the scalar product, i.e. the signs in the diagonal form of the quadratic form

$$(4) \quad u_i b^{ij} u_j \text{ with Einstein’s sum convention, } i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

and other invariant elements in the Table define the corresponding projective metric space \mathbf{X} with its transformation group \mathbf{G} . The later consists of linear transforms (collineations), leaving the polarity $(*)$ (or the scalar product \langle , \rangle) invariant.

Such a linear transform $\tau[\mathbf{T} \rightarrow (t_i^j); \mathbf{T} \rightarrow (T_s^r) = (t_i^j)^{-1}] \in \mathbf{G}$ acts on the points (vectors) by \mathbf{T} and on the planes (forms) by \mathbf{T} , as well:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad & \tau : \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{T}; \quad x^i \mathbf{a}_i \rightarrow y^j \mathbf{a}_j = x^i (t_i^j \mathbf{a}_j) = x^i t_i^j \mathbf{a}_j; \text{ i.e. } y^j = x^i t_i^j; \\
 & \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{u}; \quad \mathbf{b}^r u_r \rightarrow \mathbf{b}^s v_s = (\mathbf{T}\mathbf{b}^r) u_r = \mathbf{b}^s T_s^r u_r; \text{ i.e. } v_s = T_s^r u_r; \\
 & \text{so that } (\mathbf{y}\mathbf{v}) = (y^j \mathbf{a}_j \mathbf{b}^s v_s) = (x^i t_i^j \mathbf{a}_j \mathbf{b}^s T_s^r u_r) = (x^i t_i^j \delta_j^s T_s^r u_r) = \\
 & \quad = (x^i t_i^j T_j^r u_r) = (x^i \delta_i^r u_r) = (x^i u_i) = (\mathbf{x}\mathbf{u}).
 \end{aligned}$$

That means that the form value $(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{y}\mathbf{v})$ is unchanged under τ , especially the incidence $(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{u})$ implies the incidence of the τ -images: $(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{v})$.

We note that such a transform τ is a similarity (moreover, an isometry), if and only if it keeps the polarity $(*)$. Furthermore, it is a product of reflections, i.e. involutory transforms. The matrices $(t_i^j) \sim (c \cdot t_i^j)$ and $(T_s^r) \sim (T_s^r \cdot \frac{1}{c})$, again are determined up to projective freedom $0 < c \in \mathbb{R}$ for \mathcal{PS}^3 (or $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus 0$ for \mathcal{P}^3). For the sake of convenience, the identities $Det(t_i^j) = Det(T_s^r) = 1$ are assumed.

We emphasize advantages of using \mathcal{PS}^3 with the above mentioned polarity. Certain simply connected pieces of \mathcal{PS}^3 can be used to construct 3-manifolds and 3-orbifolds in all the eight Thurston geometries. The polarity $(*)$ defines the orthogonality of planes $(\mathbf{u}), (\mathbf{v})$ by $(\mathbf{u}_*)\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{v}) \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{u}_* \mathbf{v}) = 0 = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ even in degenerate cases, i.e. in \mathbf{E}^3 , $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{R}$, $\mathbf{H}^2 \times \mathbf{R}$, \mathbf{Nil} , \mathbf{Sol} .

2. A STRATEGY FOR EXPLICIT METRIC REALIZATION OF ORBIFOLDS AND MANIFOLDS

Now we suggest a strategy for an explicit geometric realization of 3-orbifolds and 3-manifolds given by an "adequate combinatorial way". This latter one means that our orbifold \mathcal{O} can be given in the projective 3-sphere \mathcal{PS}^3 by a coordinate simplex with a dual basis pair $\{\mathbf{a}_i\} \subset \mathbf{V}^4$, $\{\mathbf{b}^j\} \subset \mathbf{V}_4$ for simplex vertices $A_0A_1A_2A_3$ and opposite faces $\beta^0, \beta^1, \beta^2, \beta^3$. We assume that the orbifold fundamental group $\Gamma(\mathcal{O})$ is finitely generated and is given by some linear transforms γ_k (expressed in $\{\mathbf{a}_i\}$ and so in $\{\mathbf{b}^j\}$ on the base of piece-wise linear topology), pairing "bent" faces $\gamma_k : \gamma_k^{-1} \rightarrow \gamma_k$ of certain fundamental polyhedron $\mathcal{F}_\Gamma \sim \mathcal{O}$, ($k = 1, 2, \dots, g$ is numbering the generators of Γ). Following [4], we represent the barycentric simplex orbits of Γ in \mathcal{F}_Γ by D-symbols, or by a group-graph with coloured edges for generators of Γ .

We allowed that the generator matrices γ_k contain some unknown parameters depending on the geometry of \mathcal{F}_Γ , as well as of simplexes which fit \mathcal{F}_Γ in various way (see the concrete examples in [4, 3, 5, 6]). Some of these parameters will be expressed in terms of the other ones from certain matrix equations. These equations are consequences of the defining relations for the group Γ . Then, to every generator $\gamma_k[\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (c_i^j), \mathbf{C} \rightarrow (C_s^r) = (c_i^j)^{-1}]$ we look for an invariant polarity $(*)$ with a matrix (b^{ir}) in (1.3), the same for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, g$. As a result, we obtain a system of linear equations for (b^{ir})

$$(6) \quad C_s^r b^{st} C_t^u = c_k \cdot b^{ru}, \text{ or equivalently } c_i^j b^{iv} c_v^w = \bar{c}_k \cdot b^{jw}$$

with certain c_k and \bar{c}_k for γ_k depending on k .

In some particular cases the only possible solution for (b^{ir}) is zero matrix; then a splitting effect may occur along some spherical (\mathbf{S}^2) or Euclidean (\mathbf{E}^2) 2-dimensional suborbifolds. We note that the solution of the Thurston geometrical conjecture, given by G. Perelman ([10], [2]) is based of the another strategy (so called Ricci flow technique, initiated by R. Hamilton [9]).

A non-zero matrix (b^{ir}) with an "isometry group" $\Gamma(\gamma_k)$, satisfying all defining relations, will determine a 3-geometry above, realizing our orbifold \mathcal{O} started with.

For some delicate phenomena and precisions see e.g. [4, 6]. For instance, for non-compact orbifolds and manifolds the above mentioned approach holds for the interior of \mathcal{O} . In this case, certain lower dimensional topological changes can be done on the "boundary" of \mathcal{O} . Sometimes, a boundary point can be changed by a boundary segment, or a plane with a distinguished point of segment.

3. ON THE PROJECTIVE INTERPRETATION OF NIL ORBIFOLDS AND MANIFOLDS

The Nil geometry of the Heisenberg group can be projectively (affinely) interpreted [5, 7] by the "right translations" on the points

$$(7) \quad (1; a, b, c) \rightarrow (1; a, b, c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & y & z \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1; x + a, y + b, z + bx + c).$$

Table for the eight homogeneous geometries

Space \mathbf{X}	Signature of polarity $\Pi(\cdot)$ or scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ in V_4	Domain of proper points of \mathbf{X} in $\mathcal{P}S^3(V^4(\mathbf{R}), V_4)$	The group $G = \text{Isom } \mathbf{X}$ as a special transformation group of $\mathcal{P}S^3$
\mathbf{S}^3	(+ + + +)	$\mathcal{P}S^3$	Coll. $\mathcal{P}S^3$ preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$
\mathbf{H}^3	(- + + +)	$\{(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{P}^3 : \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle < 0\}$	Coll. \mathcal{P}^3 preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$
$\widetilde{\mathbf{SL}}_2\mathbf{R}$	(- - + +) with skew line fibering	Universal covering of $\mathcal{H} := \{[\mathbf{x}] \in \mathcal{P}S^3 : \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle < 0\}$ by fibering transformations	Coll. $\mathcal{P}S^3$ preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$ and fibres
\mathbf{E}^3	(0 + + +)	$\mathcal{A}^3 = \mathcal{P}^3 \setminus \{\omega^\infty\}$ where $\omega^\infty := (\mathbf{b}^0)$, $\mathbf{b}^0 = \mathbf{0}$	Coll. \mathcal{P}^3 preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$ generated by plane reflections
$\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{R}$	(0 + + +) with O -line bundle fibering	$\mathcal{A}^3 \setminus \{O\}$ O is a fixed origin	G is generated by plane reflections and sphere inversions, leaving invariant the O -concentric 2-spheres of $\Pi(\cdot)$
$\mathbf{H}^2 \times \mathbf{R}$	(0 - + +) with O -line bundle fibering	$\overline{C^+} = \{X \in \mathcal{A}^3 : \langle \overrightarrow{OX}, \overrightarrow{OX} \rangle < 0, \text{ half cone}\}$ by fibering	G is generated by plane reflections and hyperboloid inversions, leaving invariant the O concentric half-hyperboloids in the half cone C^+ by $\Pi(\cdot)$
\mathbf{Sol}	(0 - + +) with parallel plane fibering	\mathcal{A}^3 with parallel plane fibering	Coll. \mathcal{P}^3 preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$ and the parallel plane fibering
\mathbf{Nil}	(0 0 \pm 0 +) with parallel line bundle fibering	\mathcal{A}^3 with a distinguished parallel plane pencil along each fibre line	Coll. of \mathcal{P}^3 (\bullet) preserving $\Pi(\cdot)$ and the line bundle with the plane pencil along each fibre line

(\bullet) more precisely: these are conjugate to quadratic mappings by a fixed transform $x' = x, y' = y, z' = z - \frac{1}{2}xy$

The set \mathbf{L} of translations is non-commutative. The matrices with $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ belong to the center $\mathbf{K}(z)$ of \mathbf{L} .

Here the Cartesian homogeneous coordinate simplex $E_0(\mathbf{e}_0), E_1^\infty(\mathbf{e}_1), E_2^\infty(\mathbf{e}_2), E_3^\infty(\mathbf{e}_3)$ is distinguished by an origin E_0 and by the ideal points of coordinate axes, respectively. The dual system $\{(e^i)\}$ describes the simplex planes, especially the plane at infinity $(e^0) = E_1^\infty E_2^\infty E_3^\infty$. Thus \mathbf{Nil} can be visualized in the affine 3-space \mathbf{A}^3 (so in \mathbf{E}^3) as well [5], [12].

The coordinate differentials $d\bar{x}, d\bar{y}, d\bar{z}$ at the origin $(1; 0, 0, 0)$ can be "pull back" to an arbitrary point $(1; x, y, z)$ of \mathbf{Nil} by the inverse matrix of (7). Thus, the

transform

$$(8) \quad (0; d\bar{x}, d\bar{y}, d\bar{z}) = (0; dx, dy, dz) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x & -y & -z + xy \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $(ds)^2 = (d\bar{x})^2 + (d\bar{y})^2 + (d\bar{z})^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 + (-dy \cdot x + dz)^2$

is an infinitesimal arclength-square transform. That is, the Riemann metric in **Nil** can be defined as usual [11, 13, 12].

It is an important observation [11] that a rotation through angle ω about the z -axis in the origin, as isometry of **Nil**, keeping invariant the Riemann metric everywhere, will be a quadratic mapping in x, y to z -image \bar{z} as follows:

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}(O, \omega) : (1; x, y, z) &\rightarrow (1; \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}); \\ \bar{x} &= x \cos \omega - y \sin \omega, \quad \bar{y} = x \sin \omega - y \cos \omega, \\ \bar{z} &= z - \frac{1}{2}xy + \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - y^2) \sin 2\omega + \frac{1}{2}xy \cos 2\omega. \end{aligned}$$

This rotation formula, however, is conjugate by the quadratic mapping

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} x \rightarrow x' = x, \quad y \rightarrow y' = y, \quad z \rightarrow z' = z - \frac{1}{2}xy \quad \text{to} \\ (1; x', y', z') \rightarrow (1; x', y', z') \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \omega & \sin \omega & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \omega & \cos \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1; x'', y'', z''), \\ \text{with } x'' \rightarrow \bar{x} = x'', \quad y'' \rightarrow \bar{y} = y'', \quad z'' \rightarrow \bar{z} = z'' + \frac{1}{2}x''y'', \end{aligned}$$

i.e. to the linear rotation formula. This quadratic conjugacy modifies Nil-translations in (7), as well. Thus we have verified the essential part of the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1 (Classification). **1.** Any group of Nil isometries, containing a 3-dimensional translation lattice, is conjugate by the quadratic mapping in (10) to an affine group of the affine space \mathbf{A}^3 whose projection onto the (x, y) plane is an isometry group of \mathbf{E}^2 . Such an affine group preserves a plane - point polarity of signature $(0, 0, \pm 0, +)$.

2. The reflection across the y axis

$$(11) \quad (1; x, y, z) \rightarrow (1; -x, y, -z),$$

preserve the Riemann metric in (8), and its conjugates by the the same isometries as in **1.** are also **Nil**-isometries. There does not exist an orientation reversing **Nil**-isometry given by (8).

The following result can be obtained by an explicit algorithmic procedure given in section 2. Compare with ([1], [11], [13]).

Theorem 3.2. For an arbitrary plane crystallographic group of \mathbf{E}^2 there exist infinitely many different **Nil**-orbifolds with fundamental groups whose projections coincide with the starting plane group.

As illustration, let the \mathbf{E}^2 -group $\mathbf{244} = \mathbf{p4}$ be sketched here [7]. For the 4-rotations \bar{s}_1 (about $(0, 0)$) and \bar{s}_2 (about $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$) of $\mathbf{244}$ we get

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}_1 &: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & \overline{0} & \overline{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{-1} & \overline{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{s}_2 &: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & \overline{0} & \overline{1} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \overline{-1} & \overline{0} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_1\mathbf{s}_2 &: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & b+a \\ 0 & \overline{-1} & \overline{0} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \overline{0} & \overline{-1} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

as Nil-extensions. The "screw motion" \mathbf{s}_1 maps the screw axis $(1; 0, 0, z)$ to $(1; 0, 0, a+z)$. Similarly, \mathbf{s}_2 maps $(1; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z)$ to $(1; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, b+z)$. Their product $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_1\mathbf{s}_2$ maps $(1; \frac{1}{2}, 0, z)$ to $(1; \frac{1}{2}, 0, b+a - \frac{1}{4} + z)$. Thus $\bar{\mathbf{s}}$ is a half-turn in \mathbf{E}^2 about $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$, but the screw component of \mathbf{s} in Nil is not additive, as expected for.

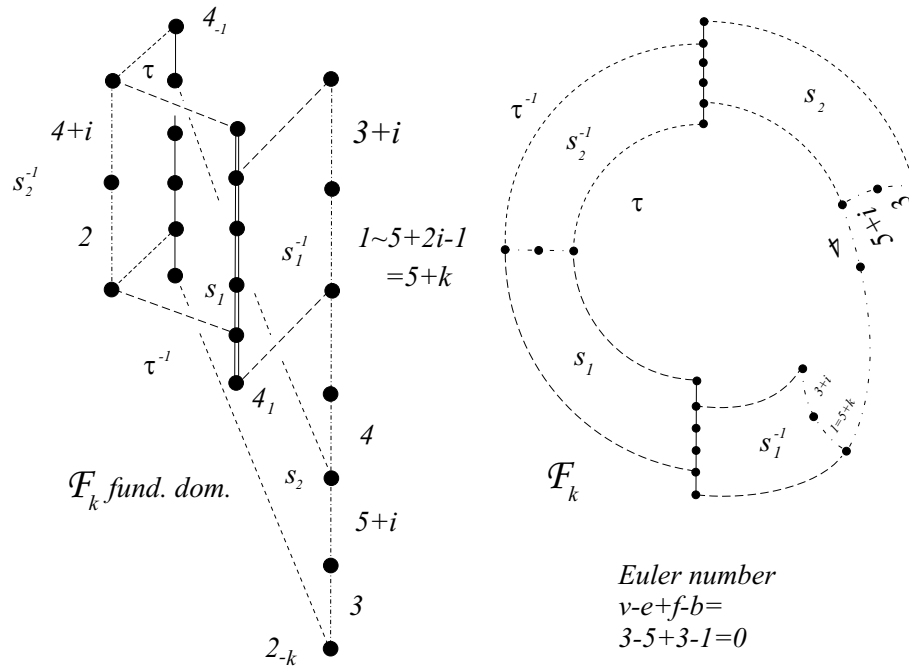


FIGURE 1. An infinite series of Nil manifolds $\mathbf{2}_k\mathbf{4}_{-1}\mathbf{4}_1 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{2}_{-k}\mathbf{4}_1\mathbf{4}_{-1}$ ($k = 1, 3, 5, 7 \dots$) fibred over \mathbf{E}^2 plane group $\mathbf{p4} = \mathbf{244}$ by Schlegel diagrams of their fundamental domains.

Considering $\mathbf{s}_1^4, \mathbf{s}_2^4, \mathbf{s}^2$ from formula (12), we get

$$(13) \quad 4a \equiv 4b \equiv 2b + 2a - \frac{1}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\tau}$$

as Frobenius-type congruences to the fibre translation generator $\tau(\tau)$ in the z -direction. Expressed otherwise:

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} a &= \frac{\tau}{4} \cdot a', \quad b = \frac{\tau}{4} \cdot b' \Rightarrow \frac{\tau}{4} \cdot (a' + b') - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\tau}{2} \cdot \lambda \\ &\Leftrightarrow \tau(a' + b' - 2\lambda) = 1 \text{ with integers } \lambda, a', b' \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\text{for } \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \text{ and } \mathbf{s} \text{ and with (rational now) } \tau \in \mathbb{Q}. \end{aligned}$$

Of course, some solutions lead to geometrically equivalent (equivariant) orbifolds and manifolds. See [7] for corresponding examples. We extract some special cases.

We start with the case $(\lambda, a', b') = (0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)$ having no solutions for (14). These leads to \mathbf{E}^3 space groups $\Gamma = \mathbf{p4}, \mathbf{p4}_1$, orbifold and manifold, respectively.

The group for $(\lambda, a', b') = (1, 0, 0), \tau = -\frac{1}{2}$ can be denoted by $\mathbf{2}_1\mathbf{44}$ and $\mathcal{O} = \mathbf{Nil}/\mathbf{2}_1\mathbf{44}$. The solution $(-1, 0, 0), \tau = \frac{1}{2}$ will be equivariant to this.

The case $(2\mu, 0, 0), \tau = -\frac{1}{2\mu}, \mu \in \mathbb{N}$ (natural numbers) lead to infinitely many non-equivariant orbifolds. Dunbar's paper [1] counts only one (for $\mu = 1$ with simply linked $2-, 4-, 4-$ circles).

And, finally the case $(-k, 1, -1), \tau = \frac{1}{2k}, k = 2i - 1 (i = 1, 2, \dots)$ lead to infinitely many (non-homeomorphic) compact **Nil**-manifolds whose fundamental groups can be denoted by $\mathbf{2}_{-k}\mathbf{4}_1\mathbf{4}_{-1}$ (or equivalently by $\mathbf{2}_k\mathbf{4}_{-1}\mathbf{4}_1$) with first homology group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{8k}$ (see Figure 1).

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