

# Computing complete hyperbolic structures on cusped 3-manifolds

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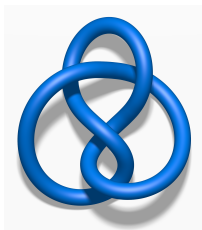


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## Ambient isotopy

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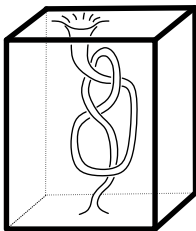
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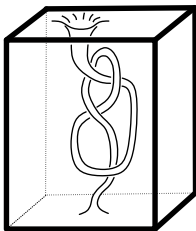
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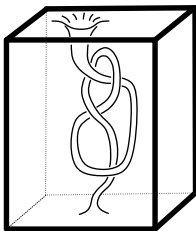


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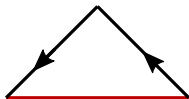


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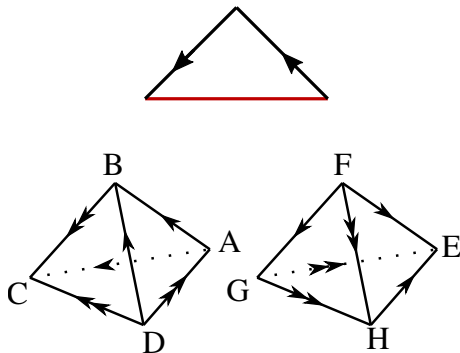
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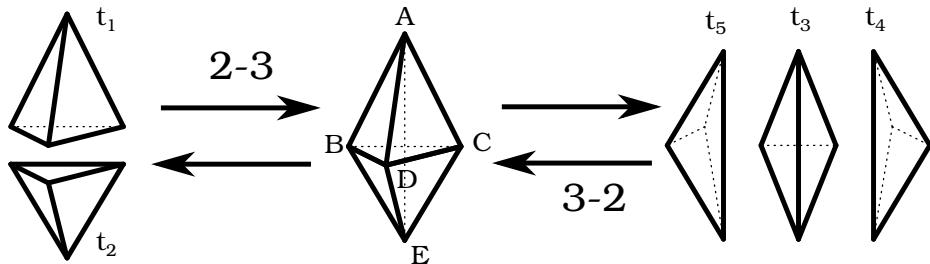
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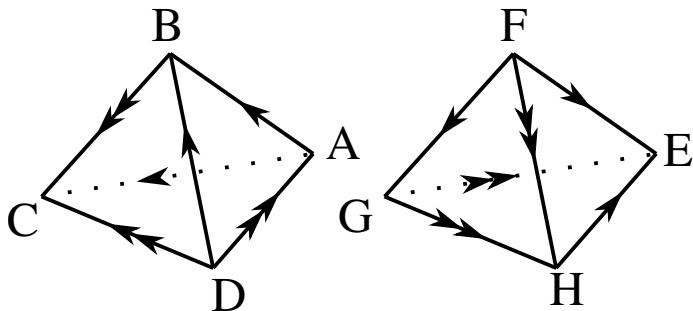
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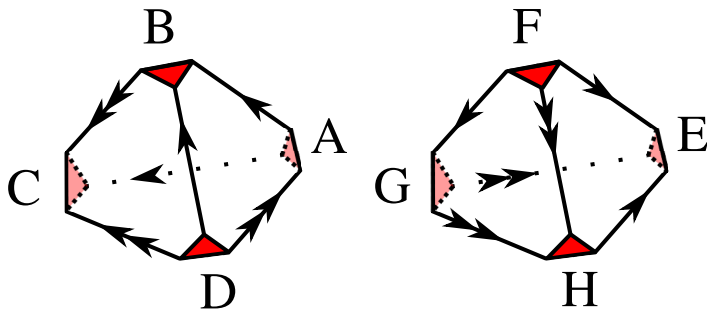
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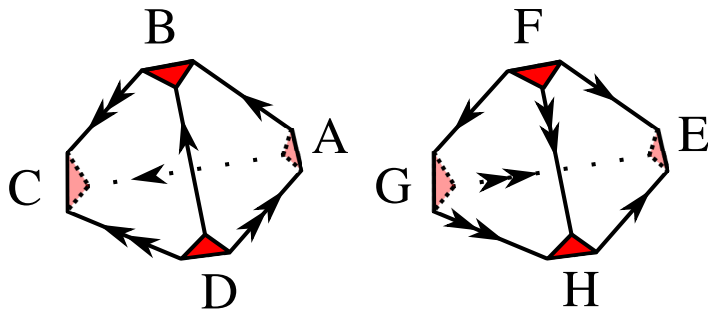
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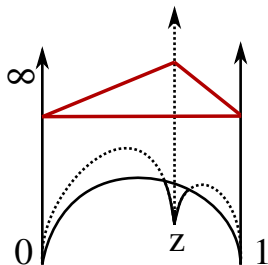
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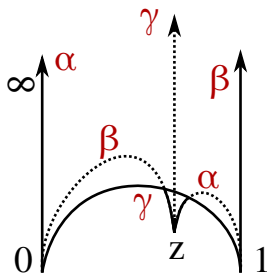
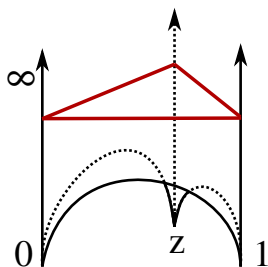
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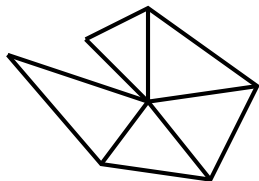
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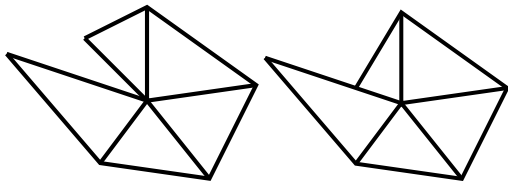
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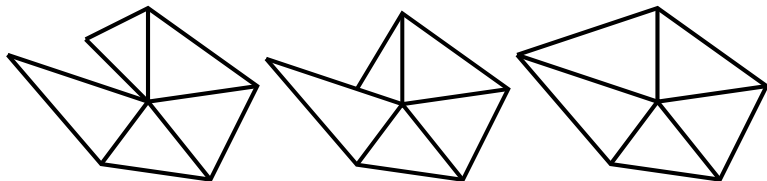
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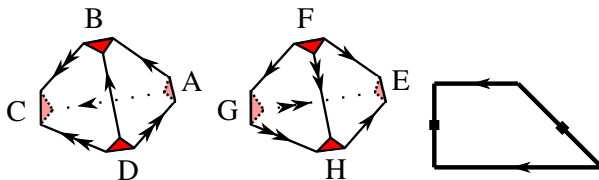


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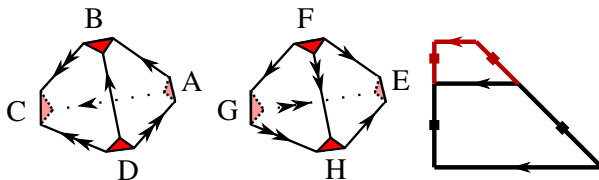


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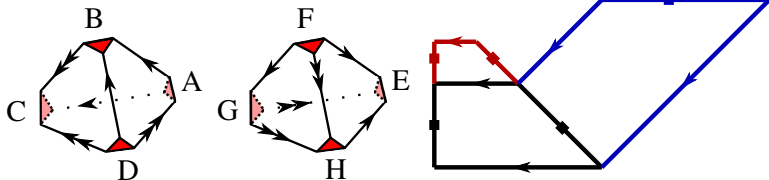




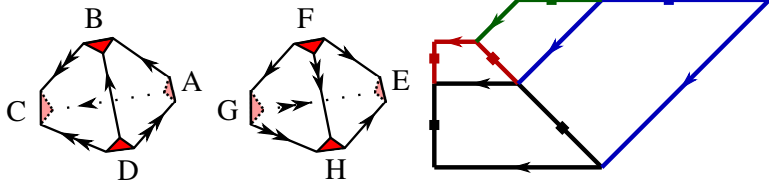
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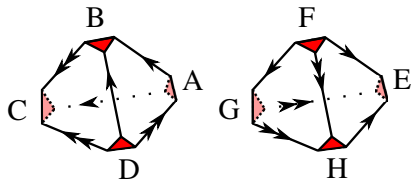
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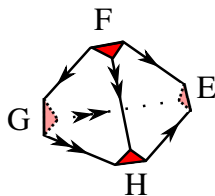
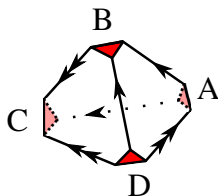
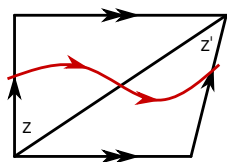


## Theorem

The hyperbolic metric of the 3-manifold is complete if and only if the euclidean metric on the boundary torus is complete.

## Normal curve

A sequence of segments cutting the triangles only by their edges.



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- Output: complete hyperbolic structure on  $\tau$ .



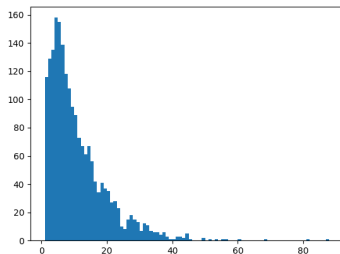


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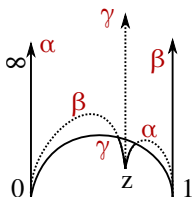
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- No guarantees on the convergence speed.
- No studies of the failures cases.
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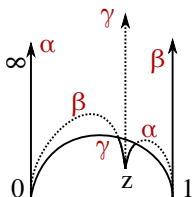
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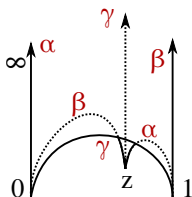
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**Lemma (Neumann, 1992)**

With  $\tau$  the triangulation and  $\mathcal{A}(\tau)$  the polytope of angle structures:

$$\dim \mathcal{A}(\tau) = |\tau| + |\partial M|$$

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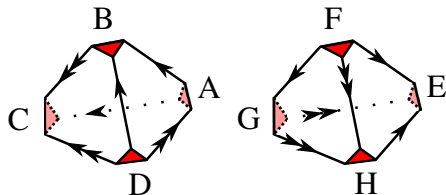
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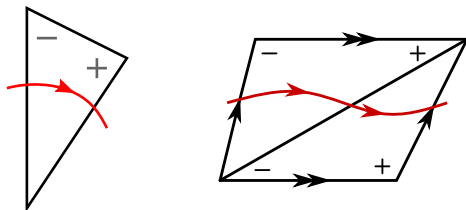
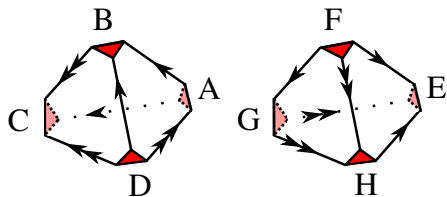
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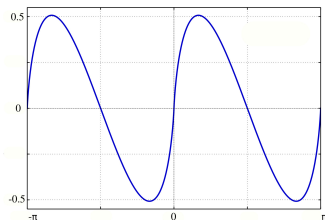
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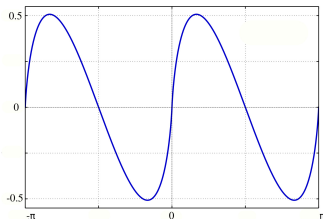
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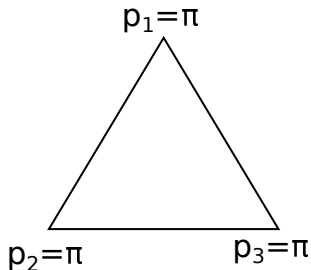
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- Let  $w$  a linear transformation over the angles of  $T$ , with coefficients  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_3$  such that  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = 0$ .

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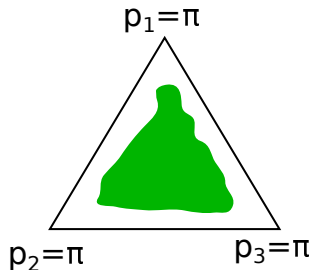
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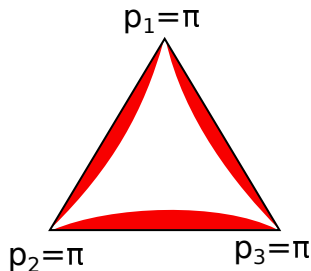
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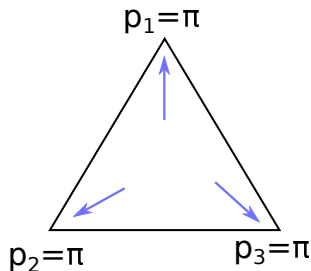
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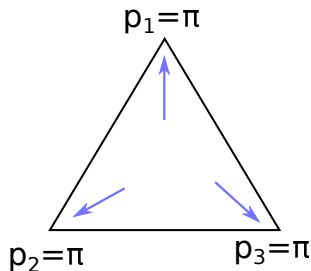
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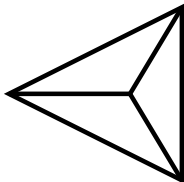
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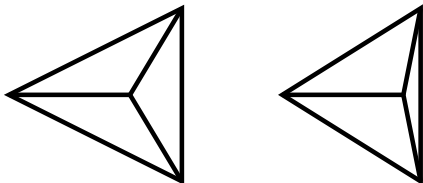
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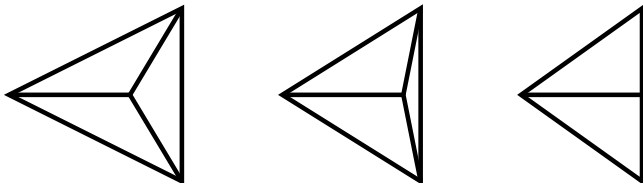




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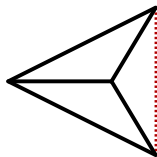
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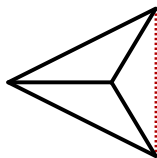
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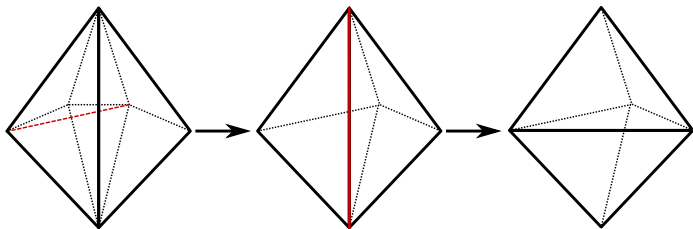
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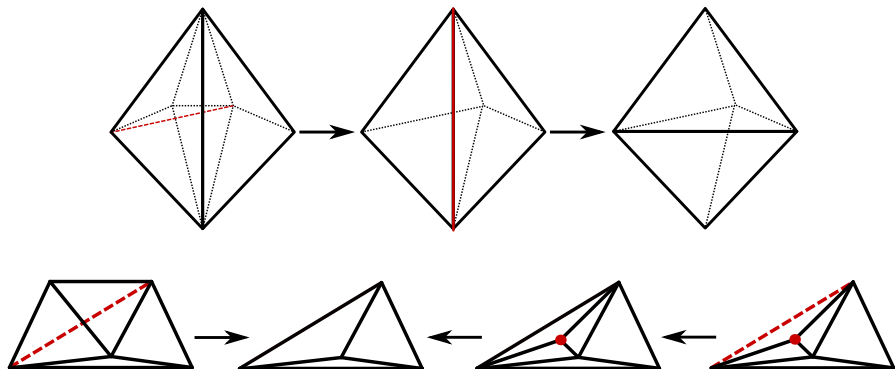
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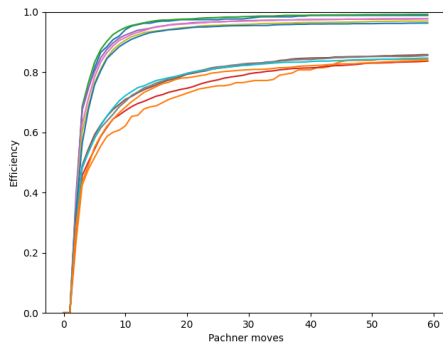


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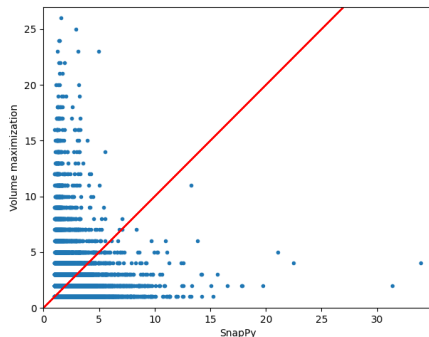
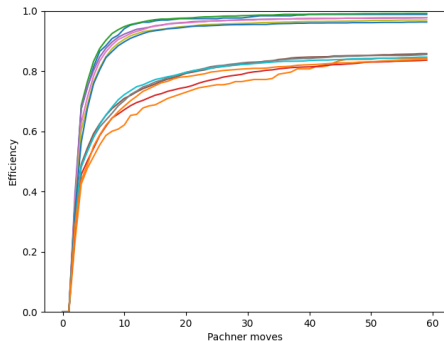






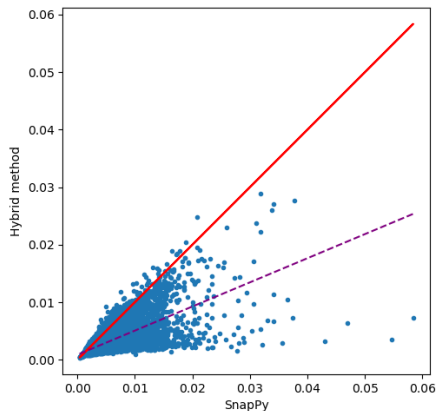
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## Results 2



Time required to compute a complete hyperbolic structure in seconds, SnapPy compared to hybrid method.

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