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## Realization of simply-connected 4-manifolds with a given boundary

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### Introduction

One of the nicest applications of Michael Freedman's work in 4-dimensional topology is his classification of closed, simply-connected, oriented 4-manifolds in terms of their intersection pairings and their Kirby–Siebenmann invariants (see §10.1 of [FQ]). A similar classification for compact, simply-connected, oriented 4-manifolds with connected boundary was begun in [B2]. The new features which arose were the relationship between the intersection pairing of the 4-manifold and

- (i) the torsion link pairing of the bounding 3-manifolds;
- (ii) the induced spin structure on the bounding 3-manifold when the intersection pairing was even.

The point of view in [B2] was to fix a closed, connected, oriented 3-manifold  $M$  and a symmetric, bilinear, integral pairing  $\mathcal{L}$  on a free abelian group  $E$ , and then to consider the oriented homeomorphism classes of 1-connected 4-manifolds with boundary  $M$  and intersection pairing isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}$ . Invariants were constructed which distinguished these classes and it was also shown that in many instances all the potential values of these invariants were realized by appropriate manifolds. One goal of this paper is to show that it is always the case that these invariants assume their full range of values. In doing this we shall recast some of the work of [B2]. The main interest in these classification results is the tools they provide for studying 4-manifolds. In particular they have been used to study the representation of 2-dimensional homology classes by topologically locally-flat surfaces ([B1], [S1], [S2]). In the final two sections of this article we apply our constructions to prove some existence and uniqueness results on such representations. We now describe more fully the contents of this paper. Precise definitions may be found in §1.

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Let  $M^3$  be a 3-manifold as described above and  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  a bilinear form space presenting  $H_*(M)$  (Definition (1.3)). The group  $A(M)$  of homological isometries of  $M$  (Definition (1.4)) acts transitively and effectively on the left of the set of all presentations of  $H_*(M)$  by  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ . When  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is an even pairing, each presentation  $P : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H_*(M)$  determines a distinguished set of spin structures  $\text{Spin}_P(M) \subseteq \text{Spin}(M)$ , which is an orbit of the natural action of  $I^1(M) = \text{image}(H^1(M) \rightarrow H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}/2))$  on  $\text{Spin}(M)$ . A *marked presentation*  $P_*$  of  $H_*(M)$  is a pair consisting of a presentation  $P : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H_*(M)$  and a *marking* of  $P$ , being

- (i) an element of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd;
- (ii) an element of  $\text{Spin}_P(M)$  when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even.

In the odd case, the group  $A(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  acts transitively and effectively on the left of the set of marked presentations. In the even case, there is an extension  $\hat{A}(M)$  of  $I^1(M)$  by  $A(M)$  which so acts (Definition (1.8)).

A *topological realization* of a given marked presentation of  $H_*(M)$  is a compact, simply-connected, oriented 4-manifold  $V$  with boundary  $M$  such that

- (i) there is an isometry  $A : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow (H_2(V), \cdot)$  such that with respect to the given presentations,  $\partial(A) = 1_{H_*(M)}$  (see §1);
- (ii) when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd, the Kirby–Siebenmann invariant  $ks(V)$  equals the marking of the presentation;
- (iii) when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even, the unique spin structure on  $M$  extending over  $V$  equals the marking of the presentation.

**THEOREM A.** *Each marked presentation of  $H_*(M)$  by a pairing  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is realized topologically. Any two realizations are homeomorphic by a homeomorphism extending the identity function on  $M$ .  $\square$*

Let  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  be the set of classes of compact, 1-connected, oriented 4-manifolds with boundary  $M$  and intersection pairing isomorphic to  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ , where two such manifolds are considered equivalent if they are homeomorphic by a homeomorphism restricting to  $1_M$ . Theorem A defines a function from the set of marked presentations of  $H_*(M)$  by  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  to  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$ . Now each 4-manifold  $V$  representing a class in  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  determines such a marked presentation, and thus the function is surjective. Further, two marked presentations have the same image if and only if they have the same markings and there is an isometry between the two presentations whose boundary is  $1_{H_*(M)}$ . As these conditions are preserved under the action of  $A(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd, and by  $\hat{A}(M)$  when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even, these actions will descend to transitive actions on  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$ . Hence we may identify  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  with the

left cosets of some subgroup of  $A(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  in the odd case, and with the left cosets of some subgroup of  $\hat{A}(M)$  in the even case. Explicitly, fix a 4-manifold  $V_0$  representing an element of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  and let  $P_*$  be a marked presentation realized by  $V_0$ . In the odd case, the stabilizer of the class of  $V$  is  $A_p(M)$ , the homological isometries of  $H_*(M)$  induced by isometries of  $P$  (Definition (1.6)). In the even case, the stabilizer of the class of  $V$  is  $\hat{A}_{P_*(M)}$ , consisting of those pairs  $(\alpha, \pi) \in \hat{A}(M)$  such that  $\alpha \in A_p(M)$  and  $\pi$  fixes the marking. The resulting bijection between  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  and the cosets may be described by the function

$$c_p^\circ : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow A(M)/A_p(M) \quad (\text{Definition (1.6)})$$

and, when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even, by the function

$$\hat{c}_{P_*}^\circ : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow \hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{P_*(M)} \quad (\text{after Lemma (1.10)}).$$

### THEOREM B.

- (a) *If  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd,  $c_p^\circ \times ks : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow A(M)/A_p(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  is a bijection;*
- (b) *If  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even,  $\hat{c}_{P_*}^\circ : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow \hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{P_*}(M)$  is a bijection.  $\square$*

If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere then  $I^1(M) = 0$ . In this case  $\hat{A}(M) = A(M)$  and  $\hat{A}_{P_*}(M) = A_p(M)$ . We deduce:

### COROLLARY C. *If $M$ is a $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere then*

- (a)  *$c_p^\circ \times ks : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow A(M)/A_p(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  is a bijection when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd;*
- (b)  *$c_p^\circ : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow A(M)/A_p(M)$  is a bijection when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even.  $\square$*

We remark that  $A(M)/A_p(M) \cong A'(M)/A'_p(M)$  where  $A'(M)$  is the group of link-pairing preserving isomorphisms of  $T_1(M)$  and  $A'_p(M)$  is the subgroup of  $A'(M)$  obtained by restricting the elements of  $A_p(M)$  to  $T_1(M)$  (see Theorem (1.7)). Similarly  $\hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{P_*}(M)$  is determined as a quotient  $\hat{A}'(M)/\hat{A}'_{P_*}(M)$  of a finite group  $\hat{A}'(M)$ .

If  $f$  is an orientation preserving homeomorphism of  $M$  and  $V$  represents a class in  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$ , then the 4-manifold  $V_f = M \times I \cup_{(x, 0)=f(x)} V$  does also. This determines a left action of  $\mathcal{H}_+(M)$ , the group of orientation preserving homeomorphisms of  $M$ , on  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$ . Now  $V'$  is in the class of  $V_f$  if and only if there is a homeomorphism  $F : V' \rightarrow V$  restricting to  $f$  on  $M$ . Thus, the orbits of this action correspond to  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}(M)$ , which denotes the orientation preserving homeomorphism classes of compact, 1-connected, oriented 4-manifolds with boundary  $M$  and intersection pairing isomorphic to  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ . Now under the identifications of Theorem B, the

action of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M)$  corresponds to the action of  $f_*^{-1} \times 1_{\mathbb{Z}/2}$  on  $A(M)/A_p(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  in the odd case, and to  $f_*^{-1} \times f_{\#}^{-1}$  on  $\hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{p_*}(M)$  in the even case (here,  $f_{\#}^{-1} : \text{Spin}(M) \rightarrow \text{Spin}(M)$  is the natural function induced by  $f^{-1}$ ). Thus if we set

- (i)  $H_+(M) = \{f_* \mid f \in \mathcal{H}_+(M)\}$  and  $B_p(M) = H_+(M) \backslash A(M)/A_p(M)$ ;
- (ii)  $\hat{H}_+(M) = \{(f_*, f_{\#}) \mid f \in \mathcal{H}_+(M)\}$  and  $\hat{B}_{p_*}(M) = \hat{H}_+(M) \backslash \hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{p_*}(M)$ ,

and let  $c_p$  and  $\hat{c}_{p_*}$  denote the reductions of  $c_p^\circ$  and  $\hat{c}_{p_*}^\circ$  we obtain

**THEOREM D.**

- (a) If  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd,  $c_p \times ks : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}(M) \rightarrow B_p(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  is a bijection;
- (b) If  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even,  $\hat{c}_{p_*} : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}(M) \rightarrow \hat{B}_{p_*}(M)$  is a bijection.  $\square$

**COROLLARY E.** *If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere*

- (a)  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}(M) \cong B_p(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is odd;
- (b)  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}(M) \cong B_p(M)$  when  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even.  $\square$

In the final two sections of the paper we apply the work above to prove certain existence and uniqueness theorems for representations of primitive homology classes in 1-connected, oriented 4-manifolds by closed surfaces. More precisely, let  $W$  be such a 4-manifold and  $\xi_0 \in H_2(M)$  a primitive homology class. Define  $\Theta(\xi_0) \in \mathbb{Z}/2$  to be the quantity

$$\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv \begin{cases} ks(W) + \frac{1}{8}[\text{signature}(W) - \xi_0 \cdot \xi_0] & \text{if } \xi_0 \text{ is characteristic,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We say that an oriented surface  $F \subseteq W$  gives a *simple representation* of  $\xi_0$  if  $F$  is locally-flat in  $W$  with 1-connected complement and the fundamental class of  $F$  represents  $\xi_0$ .

**THEOREM F.** *If  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0$ , then for each  $g \geq 0$  there is a surface of genus  $g$  in  $W$  giving a simple representation of  $\xi_0$ . Further, such a surface is unique up to ambient isotopy in  $W$ .*

*If  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 1$ , then the same result holds for each  $g \geq 1$ .  $\square$*

When  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0$ , the existence part of Theorem F is due to Lee and Wilczynski. They also prove some uniqueness results when  $g = 0$ . Their method is to apply 4-dimensional surgery theory and is completely different from those we use here. See [LW] for more details.

The necessity of the condition  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  for the realization of  $\xi_0$  by a locally flat 2-sphere originates in the work of Kervaire and Milnor [KM]. For nonprimitive classes, other necessary conditions arise out of the  $G$ -signature theorem (see [Tr], [R] and [HS]). Lee and Wilczynski [LW] have shown that in quite general circumstances, these conditions are also sufficient to represent a homology class by a locally flat 2-sphere.

The uniqueness statements in Theorem F may be elaborated on. Let  $F$  be a surface of genus  $g \geq 0$  and let  $\mathcal{I}_g$  denote the collection of ambient isotopy classes of embeddings in  $W$  of  $F$  which give simple representations of  $\xi_0$ . Next set  $r = \xi_0 \cdot \xi_0$  and let  $D(F, r)$  be the 2-disc bundle of euler class  $r$  over  $F$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_g$  denote the collection of flat embeddings of  $D(F, r)$  in  $W$  which, when restricted to  $F$ , give simple representations of  $\xi_0$ . Finally let  $E = \{\xi \in H_2(W) \mid \xi \cdot \xi_0 = 0\}$  and denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the restriction of the intersection pairing on  $H_2(W)$  to  $E$ .

### THEOREM G.

- (a) *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd, both  $\mathcal{I}_g$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_g$  are singletons;*
- (b) *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is even but  $\xi_0$  is not characteristic (i.e.  $W$  is spin), then  $\mathcal{I}_g$  is a singleton but  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_g$  has  $2^{2g}$  elements;*
- (c) *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is even and  $\xi_0$  is characteristic, then both  $\mathcal{I}_g$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_g$  have  $[2^g + (-1)^{\Theta(\xi_0)} 2^{g-1}]$  elements, where  $[\cdot]$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to function.  $\square$*

The paper is organized as follows. Section 1 contains definitions and conventions. Section 2 contains the proof of Theorem A. Section 3 contains the proof of the existence part of Theorem F and finally in Section 4 we complete the proof of Theorem F and prove Theorem G.

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## §1. Notations and Terminology

We shall assume throughout this article that all manifolds are compact and oriented. Further all homeomorphisms will be assumed to preserve orientations. Boundaries of manifolds will have the orientation corresponding to the boundary of the fundamental class of the manifold they bound. As in the introduction,  $M$  will denote a closed, connected 3-manifold and  $T_1(M)$  the torsion subgroup of  $H_1(M)$ . The free part of  $H_1(M)$  is the quotient  $F_1(M) = H_1(M)/T_1(M)$ .

If  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are disjoint 1-cycles in  $M$  representing classes  $[C_1]$  and  $[C_2]$  in  $T_1(M)$ , there is a rational value linking number  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(C_1, C_2) \in \mathbb{Q}$  ([ST], §77). The torsion pairing

$$\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}} : T_1(M) \times T_1(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

is just the (mod  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) reduction  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}$ :

$$\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}([C_1], [C_2]) \equiv \ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(C_1, C_2) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

We shall assume that all links  $L$  in  $M$  are tame.  $T(L)$  will denote a closed tubular neighbourhood of  $L$ . Given a knot  $K$  in  $M$ , let  $\mu$  be its meridian. More precisely, let  $D$  be a small 2-disc fibre of  $T(K)$  oriented so that it intersects  $K$  positively. Then  $\mu$  will be the boundary of  $D$ .

When  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere there is a canonical isomorphism  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K, \cdot) : H_1(M \setminus K; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  determined by the requirement that  $[\mu] \mapsto 1$ .

(1.1) DEFINITION. The *longitude* of a knot  $K$  in a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere  $M$  is the unique class  $\lambda \in H_1(\partial T(K); \mathbb{Q})$  satisfying (i)  $\mu \cdot \lambda = 1$  in  $H_1(\partial T(K); \mathbb{Q})$ , and (ii) the image of  $\lambda$  in  $H_1(M \setminus K; \mathbb{Q})$  is zero.

Note that the first condition is equivalent to  $\lambda$  being rationally homologous to  $K$  in  $T(K)$  while the second is equivalent to  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K, \lambda) = 0$ .

It is shown in [BL2] that when  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere, a class  $p\mu + q\lambda \in H_1(\partial T(K); \mathbb{Q})$  is represented by an essential simple closed curve on  $\partial T(K)$  if and only if  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  and there is a  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  coprime with  $q$  such that  $p \equiv c - q\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(K, K) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Oriented Dehn surgeries along  $K$  are classified by such pairs  $(p, q)$  (see §1 of [BL2]).

(1.2) DEFINITION. An *integral framing* of a knot  $K$  in a 3-manifold  $M$  is one for which the framing curve is isotopic to  $\pm K$  in  $T(K)$ . An *integrally framed link*  $\mathbb{L}$  in  $M$  is a framed link for which each framing curve is integral.

Denote by  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  the manifold obtained by performing the surgery prescribed by  $\mathbb{L}$ .  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  has the orientation extending that of  $M \setminus \mathring{T}(L)$ .

Note that when  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere, we may express an integrally framed link  $\mathbb{L}$  as  $\mathbb{L} = K_1^{(p_1, \varepsilon_1)} \cup \cdots \cup K_n^{(p_n, \varepsilon_n)}$  where  $\varepsilon_i \in \{\pm 1\}$  and  $p_i \equiv \varepsilon_i \ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(K_i, K_i) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . In this case set

$$\ell_{ij} = \ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K_i, K_j) \quad i \neq j,$$

and define the framing matrix of  $\mathbb{L}$  as

$$B_{\mathbb{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & & & & & \\ & p_2 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & \varepsilon_j \ell_{ij} & & & & \\ & & & & & p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

It is shown in [BL2] that

$$|B_{\mathbb{L}}| = \pm |H_1(\chi(\mathbb{L}))| / |H_1(M)|.$$

A *bilinear form space* is a pair  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  where  $E$  is a finitely generated free abelian group and  $\mathcal{L} : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a symmetric bilinear pairing. For instance if  $V$  is a 1-connected 4-manifold, the intersection pairing  $(H_2(V), \cdot)$  is such a pairing.

A form  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is called *even* if  $\mathcal{L}(\xi, \xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  for each  $\xi \in E$  and is called *odd* otherwise.

An *isometry* of  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is an isomorphism of  $E$  which preserves  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Denote by  $E^*$  the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dual of  $E : E^* = \text{Hom}(E, \mathbb{Z})$ .

(1.3) DEFINITION. A *presentation* of  $H_*(M)$  by a bilinear form space  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H_2(M) \xrightarrow{h} E \xrightarrow{ad(\mathcal{L})} E^* \xrightarrow{\partial} H_1(M) \longrightarrow 0$$

such that

- (i) if  $ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi_i) = m_i \eta_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) where  $m_1 m_2 \neq 0$ , then  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(\partial \eta_1, \partial \eta_2) \equiv -(m_1 m_2)^{-1} \mathcal{L}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\beta \in H_2(M)$  and  $\eta \in E^*$  then  $(\partial \eta) \cdot \beta = \eta(h(\beta))$ .

For instance if  $M$  is the boundary of a 4-manifold  $V$  then it is well known that  $(H_2(V), \cdot)$  determines a presentation  $P_V$  of  $H_*(M)$  (see §3 of [GL]).

(1.4) DEFINITION. A *homological isometry* between two closed 3-manifolds  $M$  and  $M'$  is a pair of isomorphisms  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  where  $\alpha_i : H_i(M) \rightarrow H_i(M')$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) which satisfy

- (i) if  $v_1, v_2 \in T_1(M)$  then  $\ell'_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(\alpha_1(v_1), \alpha_1(v_2)) \equiv \ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(v_1, v_2)$ ;
- (ii) if  $v \in H_1(M)$  and  $\beta \in H_2(M)$  then  $\alpha_1(v) \cdot \alpha_2(\beta) = v \cdot \beta$ .

When  $M = M'$  we call  $\alpha$  an *automorphism*.  $A(M)$  will denote the group of all such automorphisms.

Let  $P$  be a presentation of  $H_*(M)$ , as in Definition (1.3), and let  $\alpha \in A(M)$ . We can define a new presentation of  $H_*(M)$ ,  $\alpha(P)$ , by replacing  $\partial$  by  $\alpha_1 \circ \partial$  and  $h$  by  $h \circ \alpha_2^{-1}$ . It is an easy exercise to verify that this defines a transitive, effective, left action of  $A(M)$  on the set of presentations of  $H_*(M)$  by a bilinear form space  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ .

(1.5) LEMMA. *If  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is an odd form presenting  $H_*(M)$ , then the action of  $A(M) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  on the set of marked presentations of  $H_*(M)$  given by*

$$(\alpha, m) \cdot (P, n) = (\alpha(P), m + n),$$

*is both transitive and effective.  $\square$*

Any orientation preserving homeomorphism  $f$  of  $M$ , induces an element  $f_* \in A(M)$  and we let  $H_+(M)$  be the subgroup of  $A(M)$  consisting of all such automorphisms.

An isometry between presentations  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  of  $H_*(M)$  and  $(E', \mathcal{L}')$  of  $H_*(M')$  is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H_2(M) & \xrightarrow{h} & E & \xrightarrow{ad(\mathcal{L})} & E^* & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_1(M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \alpha_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \Lambda & & \uparrow \Lambda^* & & \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H_2(M') & \xrightarrow{h'} & E' & \xrightarrow{ad(\mathcal{L}')} & (E')^* & \xrightarrow{\partial'} & H_1(M') & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where  $\Lambda$  is an isometry of the pairings. Note that  $\Lambda$  determines completely the isometry and so in particular we shall write (somewhat ambiguously)  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \partial(\Lambda)$ . As  $\Lambda$  is an isometry it follows that  $\partial(\Lambda)$  is a homological isometry between  $M$  and  $M'$ .

(1.6) DEFINITION. Given a presentation  $P : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H_*(M)$ , let  $A_P(M)$  be the subgroup of  $A(M)$  defined by

$$A_P(M) = \{\partial(\Lambda) \mid \Lambda \text{ is an isometry of } P\}$$

The function  $c_{\mathcal{L}}^{\circ} : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^0(M) \rightarrow A(M)/A_P(M)$  given by  $c_{\mathcal{L}}^{\circ} = \partial(\Lambda)A_P(M)$ , where  $\Lambda : P \rightarrow P_{\mathcal{L}}$  is an isometry, is easily seen to be well-defined.

Define

$$B_P(M) = H_+(M) \backslash A(M) / A_P(M).$$

It was shown in [B2] that the quotients  $A(M)/A_P(M)$  and  $B_P(M)$  depend only on torsion information. To describe this let

- (i)  $A'(M)$  be the set of  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}$ -preserving isomorphisms of  $T_1(M)$ ;
- (ii)  $A'_P(M)$  be the subgroup of  $A'(M)$  consisting of those  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}$ -preserving isomorphisms induced from isometries of  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ ;
- (iii)  $H'_+(M) = \{f_* : T_1(M) \rightarrow T_1(M) \mid f \in \mathcal{H}_+(M)\}$ ;
- (iv)  $B'_P(M) = H'_+(M) \setminus A'(M) / A'_P(M)$ .

Note that  $F_1(M)$  and  $H_1(M)$  are dually paired by the intersection pairing and thus the restriction homomorphism  $A(M) \rightarrow A'(M)$  is surjective. Evidently this homomorphism takes  $A_P(M)$  onto  $A'_P(M)$  and  $H_+(M)$  onto  $H'_+(M)$ . The following theorem is a combination of results from §1 of [B2]. For  $\alpha \in A(M)$  let  $\alpha' \in A'(M)$  be its restriction.

(1.7) THEOREM. *An automorphism  $\alpha$  lies in  $A_P(M)$  if and only if  $\alpha'$  lies in  $A'_P(M)$ . As a consequence, the restriction induces bijections*

$$A(M)/A_P(M) \rightarrow A'(M)/A'_P(M) \quad \text{and} \quad B_P(M) \rightarrow B'_P(M). \quad \square$$

To deal with the case where  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  is even, we need to enrich  $A(M)$ . For a spin structure  $\sigma$  on  $M$ , let  $q_\sigma : T_1(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  be the associated quadratic enhancement of  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}$  (see [T] for instance). If  $P$  is a presentation of  $H_*(M)$ , as in Definition (1.3), by an even pairing  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ , then  $P$  determines a quadratic enhancement  $q_P$  of  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}$ : for  $\xi \in E$  such that  $ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi) = m\eta$  where  $m \neq 0$ , then the reduction of  $(-1/2m^2)\mathcal{L}(\xi, \xi) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$  defines  $q_P(\partial\eta)$ . The set  $\text{Spin}_P(M)$  of spin structures  $\sigma$  on  $M$  with  $q_\sigma = q_P$  is precisely an  $I^1(M)$ -orbit where  $I^1(M) = \text{image}(H^1(M) \rightarrow H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)) \subseteq H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ . If  $M$  is the boundary of a compact, 1-connected, spin 4-manifold  $V$ , and  $P_V$  is the presentation of  $H_*(M)$  from the homology sequence of  $(V, M)$ , the spin structure on  $V$  restricts to an element  $\sigma_V$  of  $\text{Spin}_P(M)$ .

Let  $\alpha \in A(M)$  and suppose that  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $\text{Spin}(M)$ . We shall say that  $\pi$  is  $\alpha$ -adapted if

- (i)  $\pi(\alpha_1^*(x) \cdot \sigma) = x \cdot \pi(\sigma)$  for each  $x \in H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(M)$ ;
- (ii)  $q_{\pi(\sigma)}(\alpha_1(z)) = q_\sigma(z)$  for each  $z \in T_1(M)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(M)$ .

(1.8) DEFINITION. Let  $\hat{A}(M)$  be the set of all pairs  $(\alpha, \pi)$  where  $\alpha \in A(M)$  and  $\pi$  is  $\alpha$ -adapted.



Note that  $\hat{A}(M)$  is a group under coordinate-wise composition. It is shown in [B2] (Lemma (3.3)) that there is an exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow I^1(M) \longrightarrow \hat{A}(M) \xrightarrow{p} A(M) \longrightarrow 1 \quad (1.9)$$

where  $p$  is the natural projection.  $I^1(M)$  includes in  $\hat{A}(M)$  owing to the fact that a permutation adapted to the identity is just the translation in  $\text{Spin}(M)$  by an element of  $I^1(M)$  (see §3 of [B2]).

It is relatively straightforward to verify that the formula  $(\alpha, \pi) \cdot (P, \sigma) = (\alpha(P), \pi(\sigma))$  defines a left action of  $\hat{A}(M)$  on the set of marked presentations of  $H_*(M)$  by an even form  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ . Indeed we have the following,

(1.10) LEMMA. *The action  $(\alpha, \pi) \cdot (P, \sigma) = (\alpha(P), \pi(\sigma))$  defines an effective, and transitive action of  $\hat{A}(M)$  on the set of marked presentations of  $H_*(M)$  by an even form  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ .  $\square$*

Suppose that  $P_*$  is a marked presentation of  $H_*(M)$  by an even form  $(E, \mathcal{L})$ , say  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_P(M)$  is the marking. For each isometry  $\Lambda$  of  $P$ , let  $\pi_\Lambda$  be the  $\partial(\Lambda)$ -adapted permutation of  $\text{Spin}(M)$  determined by  $\pi_\Lambda(\sigma) = \sigma$ . There is a subgroup of  $\hat{A}(M)$

$$\hat{A}_{P_*}(M) = \{(\partial(\Lambda), \pi_\Lambda) \mid \Lambda \text{ is an isometry of } P\}.$$

The function  $\hat{c}_{P_*}^\circ : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{L}}^\circ(M) \rightarrow \hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{P_*}(M)$  given by  $\hat{c}_{P_*}^\circ(V) = (\partial(\Lambda), \pi_\Lambda)$ , where  $\Lambda : P \rightarrow P$  is an isometry, is easily seen to be well-defined. Further, each  $f \in H_+(M)$  determines an  $f_*$ -adapted permutation  $f_\#$  of  $\text{Spin}(M)$ . Thus there is another natural subgroup of  $\hat{A}(M)$

$$\hat{H}_+(M) = \{(f_*, f_\#) \mid f \in H_+(M)\}.$$

Define

$$\hat{B}_{P_*}(M) = \hat{H}_+(M) \backslash \hat{A}(M) / \hat{A}_{P_*}(M).$$

We remark that as in Theorem (1.6), the quotients  $\hat{A}(M)/\hat{A}_{P_*}(M)$  and  $\hat{B}_{P_*}(M)$  are determined by torsion information. The reader is directed to [B2] for the details.

## §2. Realization of simply-connected 4-manifolds

In this section we shall prove Theorem A. We shall divide the proof of existence into two cases according to whether  $H_1(M)$  is finite or not.

Case 1 ( $H_1(M; \mathbb{Q}) \cong 0$ ). Let  $P : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H_*(M)$  be a presentation, say

$$0 \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{ad(\mathcal{L})} E^* \xrightarrow{\partial} H_1(M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

As  $ad(\mathcal{L})(E)$  has finite index in  $E^*$ , the pairing  $(ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi_1), ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi_2)) = \mathcal{L}(\xi_1, \xi_2)$  extends uniquely to a symmetric rational valued pairing  $\mathcal{L}^*$  on  $E^*$ . Explicitly, if  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in E^*$  and  $m_1, m_2 > 0$  are chosen so that  $m_1\eta_1, m_2\eta_2 \in ad(\mathcal{L})(E)$ , then we set

$$\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2} \mathcal{L}(ad(\mathcal{L})^{-1}(m_1\eta_1), ad(\mathcal{L})^{-1}(m_2\eta_2)).$$

Note that the following identities hold:

$$\mathcal{L}^*(\eta, ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi)) = \eta(\xi) \quad \forall \xi \in E \text{ and } \eta \in E^*. \quad (2.1)$$

$$\ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}(\partial\eta_1, \partial\eta_2) \equiv -\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_1, \eta_2) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} \quad \forall \eta_1, \eta_2 \in E^*. \quad (2.2)$$

Fix a basis  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$  for  $E$  and let  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n$  be the dual basis for  $E^*$ :  $\eta_i(\xi_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

(2.3) LEMMA. *The matrix of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  with respect to the basis  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n$  of  $E^*$  is the inverse of the matrix of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to the basis  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$ .*

*Proof.* First note that the matrix of  $ad(\mathcal{L})$  with respect to the given bases is  $(\mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_j))^{n \times n}$ .

Extend  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $E \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  in the obvious way. Then we may consider  $ad(\mathcal{L})$  as an isomorphism  $ad(\mathcal{L}) : E \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (E^*) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . Note that identity (2.1) continues to hold. Let  $(a_{ij})^{n \times n}$  be the  $n \times n$  rational matrix which is inverse to the matrix of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to the given basis. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_j) &= \eta_i(ad(\mathcal{L})^{-1}(\eta_j)) \quad \text{by (2.1)} \\ &= \eta_i \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} \xi_k \right) \\ &= a_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Let  $L = K_1 \cup \dots \cup K_n$  be an oriented link in  $M$  such that  $[K_i]$ , the class of  $K_i$  in  $H_1(M)$ , equals  $\partial\eta_i$ . According to identity (2.2) we have for  $i \neq j$

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_j) &\equiv \ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}([K_i], [K_j]) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} \\ &\equiv \ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K_i, K_j) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now passing a strand of  $K_i$  across a strand of  $K_j$  alters  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K_i, K_j)$  by  $\pm 1$ . Hence after a finite number of such isotopies we may suppose that  $L$  was chosen to satisfy

$$\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K_i, K_j) = -\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_j) \quad i \neq j.$$

Next we determine preferred integral framings for the components of  $L$ . To do this we observe that

$$-\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_i) \equiv \ell_{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}([K_i], [K_i]) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

and thus the class

$$-\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_i)\mu_i + \lambda_i$$

represents a parallel to  $K_i$  (see §1). It therefore determines an integral framing of  $K_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be the associated framed link. By construction, the framing matrix of  $\mathbb{L}$  is given by

$$B_{\mathbb{L}} = -(\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_i))^{n \times n} = -(\mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_j))^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{|H_1(\chi(\mathbb{L}))|}{|H_1(M)|} = \pm |B_{\mathbb{L}}| = \pm \frac{1}{|\mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_j)|} = \frac{\pm 1}{|H_1(M)|}.$$

It follows that  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 3-sphere. Define a compact 4-manifold  $V$ ,

$$V = M \times I \cup [H_1^{(2)} \cup \cdots \cup H_n^{(2)}] \cup_{\chi(\mathbb{L})} W$$

where  $H_i^{(2)}$  is a 2-handle attached to  $M \times \{0\}$  according to the framing on  $K_i$  and  $W$  is the contractible 4-manifold with boundary  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  (see [F]). Turning the handles upside-down we see that  $V$  is just  $W$  with  $n$  2-handles attached. Hence  $V \simeq \bigvee_{i=1}^n S^2$  and so in particular  $\pi_1(V) \cong 1$  and  $H_2(V) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

Next we describe a natural isometry  $\Lambda : (E, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow (H_2(V), \cdot)$ . Consider the basis  $\{\eta'_1, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\}$  of  $H_2(V, M)$  where  $\eta'_i$  is represented by a core of the  $i$ th 2-handle  $H_i^{(2)}$  in  $V$ . Define an isomorphism  $\Lambda^* : H_2(V, M) \rightarrow E^*$  by setting  $\Lambda^*(\eta'_i) = \eta_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Finally let  $\Lambda : E \rightarrow H_2(V)$  be the isomorphism dual to  $\Lambda^*$ .

(2.4) LEMMA.  $\Lambda : (\mathbb{E}, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow (H_2(V), \cdot)$  is an isometry.

*Proof.* We describe more precisely the isomorphism  $\Lambda$ .

Let  $\mathbb{L}'$  be the framed link in  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  inverse to  $\mathbb{L}$ . The  $i$ th component of  $\mathbb{L}'$ ,  $K'_i$  say, is the boundary of the cocore of  $H_i^{(2)}$  and is oriented so that its meridian represents the class  $-\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_i)\mu_i + \lambda_i \in H_1(\partial T(K_i); \mathbb{Q}) = H_1(\partial T(K'_i); \mathbb{Q})$ . Denote by  $\{\xi'_1, \xi'_2, \dots, \xi'_n\}$  the basis of  $H_2(V)$  where  $\xi'_i$  is represented by a cycle consisting of a Seifert surface in  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  for  $K'_i$  and a cocore of  $H_i^{(2)}$ . Evidently this basis is dual to  $\{\eta'_1, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\}$  and hence  $\Lambda(\xi_i) = \xi'_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Now it is well known that for  $i \neq j$ ,  $\xi'_i \cdot \xi'_j = \ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K'_i, K'_j)$ . On the other hand, Lemma (1.5) of [BL2] shows  $\ell_{\mathbb{Q}}(K'_i, K'_j) = -(B_{\mathbb{L}^{-1}})_{ij}$ , and thus by Lemma (2.3),  $\xi'_i \cdot \xi'_j = \mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_j)$  for  $i \neq j$ . Finally  $\xi'_i \cdot \xi'_i$  is determined by the framing on  $K'_i$ , and one may use the results of §1 of [BL2] to deduce  $\xi'_i \cdot \xi'_i = \mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence  $\Lambda$  is an isometry.  $\square$

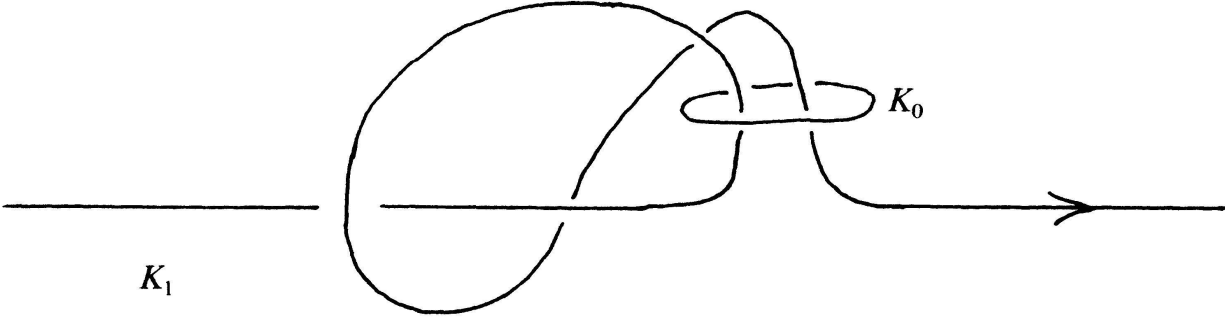
Now it is clear from the construction that with respect to the presentations  $P$  and  $P_V$ ,  $\partial(\Lambda) = 1_{H^*(M)}$ . Thus to complete the existence part of Theorem A, it suffices to show how to vary the  $ks$ -invariant of  $V$  when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd and how to realize an arbitrary  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_p(M)$  when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even. But in the latter case, the hypothesis  $H_1(M; \mathbb{Q}) = 0$  implies  $I^1(M) = 0$ . Hence there is a unique marking in  $\text{Spin}_p(M)$  and this must equal the restriction of the spin structure on  $V$ . Thus this case holds.

Suppose now that  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd. Refer back to the definition of  $V$ . It is clear that  $ks(V) \equiv ks(W) \equiv 1/8\mu(\chi(\mathbb{L})) \pmod{2}$ . It will therefore suffice to show how to alter  $\mathbb{L}$  giving  $\mathbb{L}'$  say, so that  $\mu(\chi(\mathbb{L}')) \not\equiv \mu(\chi(\mathbb{L}))$ . To that end we use the assumption that  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd to choose an index  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for which  $\mathcal{L}(\xi_i, \xi_i) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . To simplify the notation below, we assume that  $i = 1$ . Consider the three auxiliary framed links described as follows,

- (1)  $\mathbb{L}_0 = K_2^{(p_2, 1)} \cup K_3^{(p_3, 1)} \cup \dots \cup K_n^{(p_n, 1)}$  where  $p_i = -\mathcal{L}^*(\eta_i, \eta_i)$ .
- (2)  $\mathbb{L}' = K_1^{(p_1, 1)} \cup \mathbb{L}_0$  where  $K'_1$  differs from  $K_1$  only through the addition of a small trefoil:



(3)  $\mathbb{L}'' = K_0^{(1,1)} \cup \mathbb{L}$  where  $K_0$  is positioned as indicated below:



Now by blowing down  $K_0^{(1,1)}$  it is clear  $\chi(\mathbb{L}') = \chi(\mathbb{L}'') = \chi(K_0^{(1,1)} \cup \mathbb{L}) = \chi(C^{(1,1)})$  where  $C$  is the knot in  $\chi(\mathbb{L})$  corresponding to the image of  $K_0$ . Hence

$$\mu(\chi(\mathbb{L}')) \equiv \mu(\chi(C^{(1,1)})) \equiv \mu(\chi(\mathbb{L})) + 8arf(C) \pmod{16}.$$

The proof will be finished when we show  $arf(C) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Now  $arf(C)$  is congruent  $\pmod{2}$  to the coefficient of  $z^2$  in the Conway polynomial of  $C$  (see [Ka]). This latter quantity was calculated in Lemma (1.4) of [BL1] in the case where  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 3-sphere. Switching to rational homology in that calculation, we see that the same argument works for  $M$  a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere. The result is that

$$arf(C) \equiv |B_{\mathbb{L}}^*| / |B_{\mathbb{L}}| \pmod{2}$$

where

$$B_{\mathbb{L}}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \ell_{12} & \ell_{13} & \cdots & \ell_{1n} \\ 0 & & & & \\ 0 & & B_{\mathbb{L}_0} & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence  $|B_{\mathbb{L}}^*| = |B_{\mathbb{L}_0}| = \pm |H_1(\chi(\mathbb{L}_0))| / |H_1(M)|$ . We have already noted that  $|B_{\mathbb{L}}| = \pm 1 / |H_1(M)|$  and thus  $arf(C) \equiv |H_1(\chi(\mathbb{L}_0))| \pmod{2}$ . In the proof of Lemma (2.4), we proved that the framing curve for  $K'_1$  was the  $(\mathcal{L}(\xi_1, \xi_1), 1)$  curve. Thus

$$\chi(\mathbb{L}_0) = \chi((K'_1)^{\mathcal{L}(\xi_1, \xi_1), 1}).$$

Then  $\text{arf}(C) \equiv L(\xi_1, \xi_1) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and this part of the proof of Theorem A is complete.

*Case 2* ( $M$  arbitrary). Let  $L = K_1 \cup K_2 \cup \cdots \cup K_m$  be an oriented link in  $M$  for which the classes  $[K_1], [K_2], \dots, [K_m]$  form a basis of  $F_1(M) = H_1(M)/T_1(M)$ . As  $F_1(M)$  is dual to  $H_2(M)$  via the intersection pairing, there are classes  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m \in H_2(M)$  satisfying  $[K_i] \cdot \beta_j = \delta_{ij}$ . It is well-known that each  $\beta_j$  may be represented by a flat surface  $S_j$  in  $M$  transverse to  $L$ . Hence, after tubing away pairs of oppositely signed intersection points between  $K_i$  and  $S_j$ , we may assume that  $K_i$  is transverse to  $S_j$  and further that

$$K_i \cap S_j = \begin{cases} \emptyset & i \neq j \\ x_i & i = j \end{cases}.$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ . Removing a small disc neighbourhood of  $x_i$  in  $S_i$  shows that the meridian of  $K_i$ ,  $\mu_i$  say, is null-homologous in  $M_0$ , the exterior of  $L$ .

(2.5) LEMMA. *An integral surgery along  $L$  produces a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere  $M_1$  as long as none of the surgeries is trivial, that is, none of the framing curves are meridians. Further  $H_1(M_1)$  is naturally identified with  $T_1(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the homology sequence of the pair  $(M, M_0)$ ,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H_2(M, M_0) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_1(M_0) \longrightarrow H_1(M) \longrightarrow H_1(M, M_0) \longrightarrow \cdots.$$

The excision theorem implies that  $H_1(M, M_0) = 0$  and that the image of  $\partial$  is generated by the meridians of  $L$ . We have shown these curves to be null in  $H_1(M_0)$  and therefore the homomorphism  $H_1(M_0) \rightarrow H_1(M)$  is an isomorphism. This means that any collection of parallels to the components of  $L$  generate  $F_1(M_0)$  while  $T_1(M_0) = T_1(M)$ . It follows that any non trivial integral surgery of  $M$  along  $L$  results in a 3-manifold  $M_1$  with  $H_1(M_1) = T_1(M_0) = T_1(M)$ .  $\square$

Let  $K(\mathcal{L}) = \ker(ad(\mathcal{L}))$ . The presentation  $P$  determines a naturally defined non singular bilinear form space  $(E/K(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}')$  and presentation  $P' : (E/K(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}') \rightarrow H_*(M_1)$  (see §1 of [B2]).  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  splits as an orthogonal sum  $(E/K(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}') \oplus (K(\mathcal{L}), 0)$ . Denote by  $T$  the trace of an integral surgery as described in Lemma (2.5). Form a 4-manifold  $V = T \cup_{M_1} V_1$  where  $V_1$  is one of the spaces constructed in Case (1) which realizes  $P'$  and has boundary  $M_1$ . The calculations in the proof of Lemma (2.5) show that the inclusion  $M_1 \rightarrow T$  induces an isomorphism  $H_1(M_1) \rightarrow H_1(T)$ . Hence, referring to the Mayer–Vietoris sequence stemming from

the union  $V = T \cup_{M_1} V_1$ , we may conclude that  $H_2(V) \cong H_2(T) \oplus H_2(V_1)$ . The intersection pairing on  $V$  also follows this splitting and thus there is a canonical isomorphism

$$(H_2(V), \cdot) \cong (H_2(T), \cdot) \oplus (E/K(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}').$$

Now examination of the constructions of  $T$  and  $V_1$  reveals that  $V$  may be expressed as the union of  $M \times I$  with  $n$  2-handles and a contractible manifold. Hence  $H_2(V) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ . On the other hand,  $H_2(M) \cong F_1(M)$  and so the intersection form on  $H_2(V)$  has a summand of the form  $(\mathbb{Z}^m, 0)$ . As  $(E/K(\mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}')$  is non-singular, we conclude  $(H_2(T), \cdot) \cong (\mathbb{Z}^m, 0)$ . Clearly then  $(H_2(V), \cdot) \cong (E, \mathcal{L})$ . Further, we can produce an isometry  $\Lambda : E \rightarrow H_2(V)$  with  $\partial(\Lambda) = 1_{H_*(M)}$ , just as in Case 1.

Suppose now that  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd. By varying the  $ks$ -invariant of  $V_1$ , we vary the  $ks$ -invariant of  $V$ . This proves the existence part of Theorem A when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd.

Assume now that  $\mathcal{L}$  is even. We must show how to vary the spin structure on  $V$  over the elements of  $\text{Spin}_p(M)$ . To that end fix a nontrivial integral framing  $\mathcal{F}_0$  on  $L$  as described in Lemma (2.5). Let  $M_1$  be the associated  $\mathbb{Q}$ -homology 3-sphere and let  $T_0$  denote the trace of this surgery. Let  $V_1$  be chosen as before. For each  $b \in \{0, 1\}^m$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_b$  be a nontrivial integral framing of  $L$  which agrees with  $\mathcal{F}_0$  on  $K_i$  when  $b_i = 0$  and differs from it by a meridional twist otherwise. For each  $b$  let  $T_b$  denote the trace of the surgery prescribed by  $\mathcal{F}_b$ . Define  $V_b = T_b \cup_{M_1} V_1$ ,  $b \in \{0, 1\}^m$ , and note that if  $\sigma_b$  denotes the unique element of  $\text{Spin}(M)$  extending over  $V_b$ , then these spin structures are distinct. Indeed if  $b' \neq b_i$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_b$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{b'}$  differ by meridional twist along  $K_i$  and thus  $\sigma_b$ , which extends over the  $i$ th 2-handle of  $T_b$ , does not extend over the  $i$ th 2-handle  $T_{b'}$ . Alternatively, we may argue that as the components of  $L$  represent a basis for  $F_1(M)$ , then  $\{\sigma_b \mid b \in \{0, 1\}^m\}$  is the orbit  $I^1(M) \cdot \sigma_0$ . Clearly then, each marking of the presentation  $P$  is realized. This completes the proof of the existence part of Theorem A when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even.

*Proof of uniqueness in Theorem A.* Given two manifolds  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  realizing a marked presentation of  $H_*(M)$ , there is a morphism  $(1_M, \Lambda) : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  (see [B2]). If  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd, this may be replaced by a morphism  $(1_M, \Lambda') : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  with  $\theta(1_M, \Lambda') = 0$  (Proposition (0.8) (ii) of [B2]). As  $ks(V_1) \equiv ks(V_2)$ , this implies there is a homeomorphism  $F : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  extending  $1_M$  (see Theorem (0.7) of [B2]). If  $\mathcal{L}$  is even, the spin structure on  $M$  from  $V_1$  equals that from  $V_2$  and thus  $\theta(1_M, \Lambda) \equiv 0$  (Proposition (4.1) (v) of [B2]). As before, this suffices to prove uniqueness.

### §3. Realization of homology classes

We prove the existence part of Theorem F in this section. Throughout,  $W$  will denote a closed, 1-connected 4-manifold,  $\xi_0 \in H_2(W)$  a primitive class and  $v \in H_2(W)$  a class satisfying  $v \cdot \xi_0 = 1$ .

Let  $E = \{\xi \in H_2(W) \mid \xi \cdot \xi_0 = 0\}$  and define  $\mathcal{L}$  to be the restriction of the intersection pairing to  $E$ . Set  $r = \xi_0 \cdot \xi_0$ .

(3.1) LEMMA.  $(E, \mathcal{L})$  presents  $H_*(-L(r, 1))$  in a canonical fashion.

*Proof.* Now  $v$  defines an element of  $E^*$  in an obvious way:  $v_E(\xi) = v \cdot \xi$ . We shall show that

- (i)  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L})) \cong \mathbb{Z}/r$  generated by  $v_E$ ;
- (ii) if  $r > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^*(v_E, v_E) = -1/r \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

Assuming these two claims have been demonstrated, we may readily define the desired presentation

$$0 \longrightarrow H_2(-L(r, 1)) \xrightarrow{h} E \xrightarrow{ad(\mathcal{L})} E^* \xrightarrow{\partial} H_1(-L(r, 1)) \longrightarrow 0$$

as follows. Let  $D(S^2, r)$  be the 2-disk bundle over  $S^2$  with euler number  $r$ . It is well-known that  $\partial D(S^2, r) = L(r, 1)$  thus giving  $L(r, 1)$  the structure of an  $S^1$ -bundle over  $S^2$  and further, that any two such fibrings of  $L(r, 1)$  are isotopic. Thus we may define a natural isomorphism  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L})) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_1(-L(r, 1))$  by sending the class of  $v_E$  in  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L}))$  to the negative of the class in  $H_1(-L(r, 1))$  carried by a circle fibre. Note that this isomorphism is independent of the choice of  $v$ . Let  $\partial : E^* \rightarrow H_1(-L(r, 1))$  be the composition

$$E^* \longrightarrow E^*/ad(\mathcal{L})(E) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_1(-L(r, 1)).$$

Now we define  $h : H_2(-L(r, 1)) \rightarrow E$ . When  $r \neq 0$ ,  $H_2(-L(r, 1)) = 0$  and so we take  $h = 0$ . When  $r = 0$  we note that  $\xi_0 \in E$  and we define  $h(\beta) = \xi_0$  where  $\beta \in H_2(-L(0, 1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is the generator satisfying  $\beta \cdot \partial(v_E) = 1$ . It is an easy exercise to verify that these definitions determine a presentation of  $H_*(-L(r, 1))$ .

Now we justify the two claims. First we show that  $v_E$  generates  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L}))$ . To that end let  $\rho \in E^*$ . As  $E$  is a summand of  $H_2(W)$ ,  $\rho$  extends to an element of  $H_2(W)^*$ . By duality we can find a class  $\gamma \in H_2(W)$  such that  $\gamma \cdot \xi = \rho(\xi)$  for each  $\xi \in E$ . But then since  $\gamma - (\gamma \cdot \xi_0)v$  is an element of  $E$ , we see

$$\rho = (\gamma \cdot \xi_0)v_E + ad(\mathcal{L})(\gamma - (\gamma \cdot \xi_0)v).$$



Hence  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L}))$  is generated by  $v_E$ . To see that  $v_E$  has order  $r$  in  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L}))$ , first observe that for each  $\xi \in E$ ,  $(rv) \cdot \xi = ad(\mathcal{L})(rv - \xi_0)(\xi)$ . Hence  $rv_E \in ad(\mathcal{L})(E)$ . On the other hand, if  $0 < m < |r|$  and  $mv_E = ad(\mathcal{L})(\xi)$  for some  $\xi \in E$  then  $m \equiv (mv) \cdot (\xi_0 - rv) \equiv \xi \cdot (\xi_0 - rv) \equiv 0 \pmod{r}$ , a contradiction. Hence  $v_E$  has order precisely  $|r|$  in  $\text{coker}(ad(\mathcal{L}))$ .

Finally suppose  $r \neq 0$ . We have just observed that  $rv_E = ad(\mathcal{L})(rv - \xi_0)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^*(v_E, v_E) &= \left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) \mathcal{L}(rv - \xi_0, rv - \xi_0) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) (r^2v \cdot v - 2r + r) \\ &= -\frac{1}{r} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma (3.1).  $\square$

If  $T_0$  is an unknotted torus in  $S^4$ , say a torus coming from a Heegard splitting of  $S^3 \subseteq S^4$ , and if  $F$  is a surface in  $W$  with 1-connected complement which represents  $\xi_0 \in H_2(W)$ , then  $F \# T_0 \subseteq W \# S^4 = W$  also has a 1-connected complement and represents  $\xi_0$ . Hence, for the existence part of Theorem  $F$ , it suffices to do the case  $g = 0$  when  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and the case  $g = 1$  when  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

*Existence when  $\mathcal{L}$  is an odd pairing.* Mark the presentation of  $H_*(-L(r, 1))$  with  $ks(W) \in \mathbb{Z}/2$ . According to Theorem A, this marked presentation is realized by a compact, 1-connected 4-manifold  $V$ . Define a closed 1-connected 4-manifold  $W'$  by  $W' = V \cup_f D(S^2, r)$  where the gluing homeomorphism  $f: \partial V \rightarrow D(S^2, r)$  is just the identity of  $L(r, 1)$  when  $r \neq 0$ . When  $r = 0$ ,  $f$  will be either the identity or the homeomorphism which fixes the  $S^1$ -fibre and acts as the identity on  $H_*(L(0, 1))$ , but which switches the two spin structures on  $L(0, 1)$ . We shall specify which below.

Our goal now is to show that  $W'$  is homeomorphic to  $W$  by a homeomorphism sending the class  $\xi'_0$ , carried by the base  $S^2 \subseteq D(S^2, r) \subseteq W'$ , to  $\xi_0$ . This will complete the proof of existence when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd. Now  $ks(W') \equiv ks(V) \equiv ks(W)$  and so according to Theorem (1.5) of [F] and its addendum, it suffices to produce an isometry  $\Gamma: (H_2(W), \cdot) \rightarrow (H_2(W'), \cdot)$  such that  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \xi'_0$ .

As  $V$  realizes the given presentation, there is an isometry  $\Lambda: P \rightarrow P_V$  such that  $\partial(\Lambda) = 1_{H_*}(-L(r, 1))$ . Continuing with the notation from Lemma (3.1), let  $\eta = (\Lambda^*)^{-1}(v_E) \in H_2(V, \partial V)$ . Then  $\partial\eta = \partial v_E \in H_1(-L(r, 1))$  is, by construction, represented by a negatively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre. Hence there is a 2-chain in  $V$  representing  $\eta$  whose boundary is this  $S^1$ -fibre. Define  $v' \in H_2(W')$  as the class

obtained from the sum of this 2-chain with an appropriate  $D^2$ -fibre in  $D(S^2, r)$ . In the case that  $r = 0$  we must take more care. First we choose the gluing map  $f$  in the definition of  $W'$  so that  $v' \cdot v' \equiv v \cdot v \pmod{2}$ . Next we replace  $v'$  by  $v' + \frac{1}{2}(v \cdot v - v' \cdot v')\xi_0$  so that now  $v' \cdot v' = v \cdot v$ . These choices will be assumed below. Note that in any event  $v' \cdot \xi'_0 = 1$ .

Now it is not hard to see that the inclusions induce isomorphisms  $\psi : E \oplus \mathbb{Z}v \rightarrow H_2(W)$  and  $\psi' : H_2(V) \oplus \mathbb{Z}v' \rightarrow H_2(W')$ . Further there is an obvious isomorphism  $\varnothing : E \oplus \mathbb{Z}v \rightarrow H_2(V) \oplus \mathbb{Z}v'$  which restricts to  $\Lambda$  on  $E$  and sends  $v$  to  $v'$ . Set  $\Gamma = \psi' \cdot \varnothing \cdot \psi^{-1} : H_2(W) \rightarrow H_2(W')$ . Clearly  $\Gamma(\xi_1) \cdot \Gamma(\xi_2) = \xi_1 \cdot \xi_2$  for each  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in E$ . We also have that when  $\xi \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(v) \cdot \Gamma(\xi) &= v' \cdot \Gamma(\xi) \\ &= \eta \cdot \Lambda(\xi) \quad \text{by construction} \\ &= \Lambda^*(\eta) \cdot \xi \\ &= v \cdot \xi \quad \text{by definition of } \eta. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\Gamma(\kappa) \cdot \Gamma(\xi) = \kappa \cdot \xi \tag{3.2}$$

for each  $\kappa \in H_2(W)$  and each  $\xi \in E$ . We will be finished when we indicate why  $v' \cdot v' = v \cdot v$  (implying  $\Gamma$  is an isometry) and why  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \xi'_0$ . To prove the latter, we use (3.2) to deduce that if  $\xi' \in H_2(V)$ ,  $\Gamma(\xi_0) \cdot \xi' = \xi_0 \cdot \Gamma^{-1}(\xi')$ . But  $\Gamma^{-1}(\xi') \in E$  and thus  $\Gamma(\xi_0) \cdot \xi' = 0$  for each  $\xi' \in H_2(V)$ . It can be shown that a class in  $H_2(W')$  which kills  $H_2(V)$ ,  $\Gamma(\xi_0)$  for instance, must be a multiple of  $\xi'_0$ . We also know that  $\xi_0$ , and thus  $\Gamma(\xi_0)$ , is primitive. Hence  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \pm \xi'_0$ . To show the sign is  $+1$  we consider, first of all, the case  $r = 0$ . Then  $\xi_0 \in E$  and so by (3.2),  $v' \cdot \Gamma(\xi_0) = \Gamma(v) \cdot \Gamma(\xi_0) = v \cdot \xi_0 = 1$ . But  $v' \cdot \xi'_0 = 1$  by construction and therefore  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \xi'_0$ . If  $r \neq 0$ , recall  $\xi_0 - rv \in E$ . Then  $\Gamma(\xi_0 - rv) \in H_2(V)$  implies  $0 = \xi'_0 \cdot \Gamma(\xi_0 - rv) = \xi'_0 \cdot \Gamma(\xi_0) - r$ . Hence  $\xi'_0 \cdot \Gamma(\xi_0) = r$  and again we must have  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \xi'_0$ .

We may now complete the case where  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd by explaining why  $v' \cdot v' = v \cdot v$ . When  $r = 0$  this was by construction. Assume then that  $r \neq 0$ . Now  $H_1(-L(r, 1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/r$  and thus it can be shown  $rv = \xi_0 + \xi$  for some  $\xi \in E$ . Then  $rv' = \Gamma(rv) = \xi'_0 + \Lambda(\xi)$ . Hence

$$r^2v' \cdot v' = \xi'_0 \cdot \xi'_0 + \Lambda(\xi) \cdot \Lambda(\xi) = \xi_0 \cdot \xi_0 + \xi \cdot \xi = r^2v \cdot v,$$

and we obtain the desired identity.

*Remark.* With a little more work, one can arrange for the gluing map to be the identity in the  $r = 0$  case. For if  $v' \cdot v' \not\equiv v \cdot v \pmod{2}$ , we use Proposition (0.8) (ii) of [B2] to select a morphism  $(1_{\partial V}, A_1)$  of  $V$  such that the obstruction class  $\theta(1_{\partial V}, A_1)$  evaluates nontrivially on an  $S^1$ -fibre. If we now replace  $A$  by  $A_1 \circ A$  and construct  $v'$  with respect to the new  $A$ , we shall have  $v' \cdot v' \equiv v \cdot v \pmod{2}$ .

*Existence when  $\mathcal{L}$  is an even pairing and  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0$ .* Let  $P$  be the presentation of  $H_*(-L(r, 1))$  determined by Lemma (3.1). If  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Spin}_P(-L(r, 1))$  has a unique element  $\sigma$  and we mark  $P$  with it. If  $r = 0$ ,  $\text{Spin}_P(-L(r, 1)) = \text{Spin}(-L(r, 1))$  has two elements. Mark  $P$  with the unique spin structure extending over  $D(S^2, 0)$  if  $W$  is even and the other one if  $W$  is odd.

Realize this marked presentation by a compact, 1-connected 4-manifold  $V$  and construct  $W'$  as before, though now we shall take the identity as our gluing map in all cases. The previous argument produces an isometry  $\Gamma : (H_2(W), \cdot) \rightarrow (H_2(W'), \cdot)$  with  $\Gamma(\xi_0) = \xi'_0$ . The only point to verify is that when  $r = 0$ , the congruency  $v' \cdot v' \equiv v \cdot v \pmod{2}$  holds. But as  $\mathcal{L}$  is even,  $W$  (respectively  $W'$ ) is spin if and only if  $v \cdot v$  (respectively  $v' \cdot v'$ )  $\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Now  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_P(-L(0, 1))$  was selected so that  $W$  is spin if and only if  $W'$  is. Hence  $v' \cdot v' \equiv v \cdot v \pmod{2}$ .

If  $(H_2(W), \cdot)$  is even, the existence of  $\Gamma$  is enough to deduce the existence of a homeomorphism  $f : W' \rightarrow W$  with  $f_*(\xi'_0) = \xi_0$  and so we are done in this case. The final case for consideration is when  $(H_2(W), \cdot)$  is odd. This is precisely the case where  $\xi_0$  is characteristic and so by the hypothesis  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} ks(W) &\equiv \frac{1}{8}[\text{signature}(W) - \xi_0 \cdot \xi_0] \pmod{2} \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{8}[\text{signature}(W) - r]. \pmod{2} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} ks(W') &\equiv ks(V) \pmod{2} \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{8}[\text{signature}(V) - \mu(-L(r, 1); \sigma)] \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now Novikov additivity shows  $\text{signature}(V) = \text{signature}(W) - \text{sign}(r)$ . We also know that as  $(H_2(W'), \cdot)$  is odd, the spin structure  $\sigma$  does not extend over  $D(S^2, r)$ . This determines  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(-L(r, 1))$  and it may be shown  $\mu(-L(r, 1); \sigma) = \text{sign}(r) - r$  (Theorem (6.5) of [KT]). Hence

$$ks(W') \equiv \frac{1}{8}[\text{signature}(W) - r] \equiv ks(W).$$

We conclude that  $\Gamma$  is realized by a homeomorphism.

*Existence when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even and  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv 1$ .* Let  $T = S^1 \times S^1$  and denote by  $D(T, r)$  the 2-disk bundle over  $T$  with euler number  $r$ . Set  $M_r = -\partial D(T, r)$ . Consider the bilinear pairing  $(\hat{E}, \hat{\mathcal{L}}) = (E, \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}^2, 0)$ . Using Lemma (3.1), it is not hard to see that  $(\hat{E}, \hat{\mathcal{L}})$  presents  $H_*(M_r)$  in such a way that if  $v_E$  is the extension, by zero, of  $v_E$  to  $\hat{E}$ , then  $\partial v_E \in H_1(M_r)$  corresponds to a negatively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre in  $M_r$ . Fix such a presentation  $P$  and mark it with  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_P(M_r)$  satisfying

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } ks(W) \equiv \frac{1}{8} [\text{signature}(\mathcal{L}) - \mu(M_r; \sigma)] \pmod{2}; \\ \text{(ii) } \sigma \text{ does not extend across } D(T, r). \end{array} \right. \quad (3.3)$$

It is not obvious at first glance that there are such spin structures. We shall prove this in a moment. Assuming it, realize  $(P, \sigma)$  by  $V$  and form  $W' = V \cup D(T, r)$ , glued with the identity function. As  $\mathcal{L}$  is even but  $W$  is odd,  $v \cdot v \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . The choice of  $\sigma$  shows that  $W'$  is also odd and so  $v' \cdot v' \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  also. The construction of an isometry  $\Gamma : H_2(W) \rightarrow H_2(W')$  may now proceed as before. Finally, condition (i) on  $\sigma$  shows

$$\begin{aligned} ks(W') &\equiv ks(V) \equiv \frac{1}{8} [\text{signature}(\mathcal{L}) - \mu(M_r; \sigma)] \\ &\equiv ks(W) \quad \text{by (3.3) (i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\Gamma$  is realised by a homeomorphism and this final case of existence for Theorem F will be done when we explain how to find  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_P(M_r)$  satisfying (i) and (ii) above.

Let  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  denote the collection of spin structures on  $M_r$  which do not extend over  $D(T, r)$ . It is not hard to see that  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  has four elements, each pair differing by an element  $p^*(H^1(T; \mathbb{Z}/2)) \subseteq I^1(M_r)$ , where  $p : M_r \rightarrow T$  is the projection.

(3.4) LEMMA. *If  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r) = \text{Spin}_P(M_r)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $r$  is odd, both sets equal  $\text{Spin}(M_r)$ , so we may assume  $r$  is even.

Now  $\text{Spin}_P(M_r)$  is the  $I^1(M_r)$ -orbit in  $\text{Spin}(M_r)$  of spin structures whose associated quadratic enhancement of the link pairing equals  $q_P$ , the one defined by the presentation  $P$  (see Proposition (2.11) of [B2] for instance). A calculation similar to that of  $\mathcal{L}^*(v_E, v_E)$  in Lemma (3.1) shows  $q_P(\partial v_E) \equiv (2r)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ . On the other hand, using the fact that  $r \neq 0$ , the remarks prior to this lemma imply that  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  is an  $I^1(M_r)$  orbit, whose complement consist of those spin structures extending over  $D(T, r)$ . Now  $H_1(D(T, r))$  is free and so the quadratic enhancement,  $q$  say, of a spin structure extending over  $D(T, r)$  may be calculated from the homology sequence of the pair  $(D(T, r), M_r)$ . In particular we have  $q(\partial v_E) \equiv (2r)^{-1} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Thus  $q \neq q_P$ . The lemma now follows.  $\square$

As  $\text{Spin}_p(M_r) = \text{Spin}(M_r)$  when  $r = 0$ ,  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r) \subseteq \text{Spin}_p(M_r)$  always. We need to produce an element  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  satisfying (i). To do this, let  $\chi : \text{Spin}^0(M_r) \rightarrow \text{Spin}(T)$  be the function of Lemma (6.2) of [KT]. It satisfies  $\chi(p^*(x) \cdot \sigma) = x \cdot \chi(\sigma)$  for each  $x \in H^1(T; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ . Let  $\beta : \Omega_2^{\text{Spin}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$  be the isomorphism. Now  $T$  admits four spin structures, precisely three of which are nullcobordant. Hence, using Theorem (6.5) of [KT], if  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  there is an  $x \in H^1(T; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(M_r; p^*(x) \cdot \sigma) - \mu(M_r; \sigma) &\equiv 8 \cdot \beta(T^{x \cdot \chi(\sigma)}) - 8 \cdot \beta(T^{\chi(\sigma)}) \\ &\equiv 8 \pmod{16}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sigma$  does not satisfy (i), then  $p^*(x) \cdot \sigma \in \text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  will. This completes the proof of the existence part of Theorem F.

(3.5) *Remark.* Suppose  $\xi_0$  is characteristic and let  $F$  be a surface of genus  $g \geq 1$ . We can use the method above to construct directly a locally-flat embedding of  $F$  in  $W$  with 1-connected complement which realizes  $\xi_0$ . We let  $D(F, r)$  denote the 2-disk bundle over  $F$  of euler number  $r$  and set  $M_r = -\partial D(F, r)$ . Then we show  $(\hat{E}, \hat{\mathcal{L}}) = (E, \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}^{2g}, 0)$  presents  $H_*(M_r)$  appropriately, say by a presentation  $P$ . Now  $P$  must be marked by a spin structure  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}_p(M_r)$  satisfying the conditions (3.3). As  $g \geq 1$ , this can always be done. Indeed there will be  $2^g + (-1)^{\Theta(\xi_0)} 2^{g-1}$  such markings. To see this let  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  be those spin structures on  $M_r$  not extending across  $D(F, r)$ . As before,  $\text{Spin}^0(M_r) \subseteq \text{Spin}_p(M_r)$ . Lemma (6.2) of [KT] produces a bijection  $\chi : \text{Spin}^0(M_r) \rightarrow \text{Spin}(F)$  and using Theorem (6.5) of that paper we can show that for  $\sigma \in \text{Spin}^0(M_r)$  condition (3.3) (i) is satisfied if and only if  $\Theta(\xi_0) \equiv \beta(F^{\chi(\sigma)}) \pmod{2}$ . Now there are  $2^g + 2^{g-1}$  nullcobordant spin structures on  $F$  and  $2^g - 2^{g-1}$  non-nullcobordant ones. The result follows.

#### §4. Uniqueness

In this section we complete the proof of Theorem F and prove Theorem G.

Suppose  $F_1$ , and  $F_2$  are two locally flat surfaces of genus  $g$  in  $W$  with 1-connected complements which represent  $\xi_0$ . Let  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  be a homeomorphism. According to §9.3 of [FQ], each has a 2-disc bundle tubular neighbourhood, say  $D(F_1)$  and  $D(F_2)$ . As the euler number of these bundles are each equal to  $\xi_0 \cdot \xi_0 = r$ , there is a homeomorphism  $H : D(F_1) \rightarrow D(F_2)$  extending  $h$ . We would like to extend  $H$  to a homeomorphism  $\hat{H} : W \rightarrow W$  isotopic to the identity. We shall see that this is always possible as long as  $\xi_0$  is not characteristic. If  $\xi_0$  is characteristic, there will

be an obstruction, but it may be nullified by appropriately replacing the homeomorphism  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ . Now the details.

Let  $M_1 = -\partial D(F_1)$  and  $M_2 = -\partial D(F_2)$ . Consider the exteriors of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ :  $V_1 = W \setminus \mathring{D}(F_1)$  and  $V_2 = W \setminus \mathring{D}(F_2)$ . By hypothesis these are compact, 1-connected 4-manifolds whose boundaries are homeomorphic via  $f = H \mid M_1 : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . Note that  $f$  takes a positively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre in  $M_1$  to a positively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre in  $M_2$ .

Denote by  $\varphi_j : H_2(V_j) \rightarrow H_2(W)$  the homomorphism induced by the inclusion ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Recall  $E = \{\xi \in H_2(W) \mid \xi \cdot \xi_0 = 0\}$ .

(4.1) LEMMA. Image  $(\varphi_j) = E$  for  $j = 1, 2$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $j$ . From the Thom isomorphism theorem, the natural homomorphism  $H_2(W) \rightarrow H_2(W, V_j) \cong H_2(D(F_j), M_j) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  sends a class  $\xi \in H_2(W)$  to  $\xi \cdot \xi_0$ . Hence its kernel is  $E$ . But this kernel is clearly image  $(\varphi_j)$ .  $\square$

It follows from Lemma (4.1) that for each  $j$ , there is a sequence  $0 \rightarrow H_3(W, V_j) \rightarrow H_2(V_j) \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$ . As  $E$  is free abelian, these sequences split, and thus there is an isomorphism  $\Lambda : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  making the following diagram commute,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & H_3(W, V_1) & \longrightarrow & H_2(V_1) & \longrightarrow & E \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \cong \uparrow & & \nearrow h_1 & & \downarrow \\
 & & H_3(D(F_1), M_1) & \longrightarrow & H_2(M_1) & & \\
 & & \downarrow H_* & & \downarrow f_* & \Lambda & \downarrow \iota_E \\
 & & H_3(D(F_2), M_2) & \longrightarrow & H_2(M_2) & & \\
 & & \cong \downarrow & & \searrow h_2 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & H_3(W, V_2) & \longrightarrow & H_2(V_2) & \longrightarrow & E \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array} \tag{4.2}$$

It is not hard to verify that any such isomorphism  $\Lambda$  is an isometry. Our next goal is to show that  $\Lambda$  may be chosen so that  $\partial(\Lambda) = f_*$  with respect to the presentations  $P_{V_1}$  and  $P_{V_2}$ .

For each  $j = 1, 2$ , let  $\kappa_j : H_2(W) \rightarrow H_2(V_j, M_j)$  be the composite  $H_2(W) \rightarrow H_2(W, D(F_j)) \cong H_2(V_j, M_j)$ .

(4.3) LEMMA. *The following diagram commutes*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_2(V_1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_2(V_1, M_1) & & \\
 \downarrow \Lambda & \searrow \varphi_1 & \nearrow \kappa_1 & & \uparrow \Lambda^* \\
 & & H_2(W) & & \\
 & \nearrow \varphi_2 & \searrow \kappa_2 & & \\
 H_2(V_2) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_2(V_2, M_2) & & 
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* We only need to verify that  $\kappa_1 = \Lambda^* \circ \kappa_2$ . To see that let  $\mu \in H_2(W)$  and  $\xi \in H_2(V_1)$  be arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda^*(\kappa_2(\mu)) \cdot \xi &= \kappa_2(\mu) \cdot \Lambda(\xi) \\
 &= \mu \cdot \varphi_2(\Lambda(\xi)) \\
 &= \mu \cdot \varphi_1(\xi) \\
 &= \kappa_1(\mu) \cdot \xi.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\Lambda^* \circ \kappa_2 = \kappa_1$ .  $\square$

(4.4) LEMMA. *There is an isometry  $\Lambda : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  making diagram (4.2) commute such that  $\partial(\Lambda) = f_*$ .*

*Proof.* Examination of diagram (4.2) shows that  $\partial(\Lambda)_2 = f_* : H_2(M_1) \rightarrow H_2(M_2)$ . Now both  $\partial(\Lambda)$  and  $f_*$  preserve the intersection pairings  $H_1(M_j) \times H_2(M_j) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . By the nonsingularity of these pairings (at least after dividing  $H_1(M_j)$  by its torsion subgroup) we see that  $\partial(\Lambda)_1$  and  $f_* : H_1(M_1) \rightarrow H_1(M_2)$  are equal up to torsion. When  $r = 0$ , both  $H_1(M_1)$  and  $H_1(M_2)$  are free and so  $\partial(\Lambda) = f_*$ .

Assume now that  $r \neq 0$ . Recall  $v \in H_2(W)$  satisfies  $v \cdot \xi_0 = 1$ . Then if  $\partial_j : H_2(V_j, M_j) \rightarrow H_1(M_j)$  is the boundary homomorphism,  $(\partial_j \circ \kappa_j)(v) \in H_1(M_j)$  is represented by a negatively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre in  $M_j$ . Hence, by construction of  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_*(\partial_1(\kappa_1(v))) &= \partial_2(\kappa_2(v)) = \partial_2 \circ (\Lambda^*)^{-1}(\kappa_1(v)) \quad \text{by (4.3)} \\
 &= \partial(\Lambda)_1(\partial_1(\kappa_1(v))).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now as  $r \neq 0$ ,  $T_1(M_j) \cong \mathbb{Z}/r$  and is generated by  $\partial_j(\kappa_j(v))$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Hence we have shown  $\partial(\Lambda)_1 \mid T_1(M) = f_* \mid T_1(M_1)$ . But we observed that  $f_*$  and  $\partial(\Lambda)_1$  differ by

torsion elements of  $H_1(M_2)$ . It follows that  $\partial(\Lambda)_1 = f_* | H_1(M) + \psi$  for some homomorphism  $\psi : (H_1(M_1), T_1(M_1)) \rightarrow (T_1(M_2), 0)$ . We now proceed as in the proof of Proposition (1.6) of [B2] to show how  $\Lambda$  may be altered to satisfy  $\partial(\Lambda) = f_*$  and to make diagram (4.2) commute (see pages 338–339 of [B2]).  $\square$

If  $\Lambda : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  is chosen to satisfy the conclusion of Lemma (4.4) then  $(f, \Lambda) : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is a morphism. Recall  $\theta(f, \Lambda)$  the associated obstruction class in  $I^1(M_2)$  ([B2]).

(4.5) LEMMA. *If  $\theta(f, \Lambda) = 0$ , then  $H$  extends to a homeomorphism  $\hat{H} : W \rightarrow W$  which is isotopic to the identity. In particular, the inclusion  $K : D(F_1) \subseteq W$  is ambient isotopic to  $H \circ K$ .*

*Proof.* Now  $ks(V_1) \equiv ks(W) \equiv ks(V_2)$  and so the hypothesis  $\theta(f, \Lambda) = 0$  implies that  $f$  extends to a homeomorphism  $H' = V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  with  $H'_* = \Lambda$  (see Theorem (0.7) of [B2]). Let  $\hat{H} = H \cup H' : W = D(F_1) \cup V_1 \rightarrow W = D(F_2) \cup V_2$ . Then  $\hat{H}$  is clearly a homeomorphism for which  $\hat{H}_*(\xi_0) = \xi_0$ . From diagram (4.2) we see that if  $\xi \in H_2(V_1)$  then

$$\hat{H}_*(\varphi_1(\xi)) = \varphi_2(H'_*(\xi)) = \varphi_2(\Lambda(\xi)) = \varphi_1(\xi).$$

Hence  $\hat{H}_* | E = 1_E$ . Now if  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\xi_0$  and  $E$  span  $H_2(W)$  rationally. Thus in this case,  $\hat{H}_* = 1_{H_2(W)}$ . According to [Q],  $\hat{H}$  is isotopic to the identity.

Assume now that  $r = 0$  and recall  $v \in H_2(W)$  satisfies  $v \cdot \xi_0 = 1$ . As noted above,  $\hat{H}_* | E = 1_E$  and thus  $\hat{H}_*(\xi) \cdot v = \xi \cdot v$  for each  $\xi \in E$ . This means that  $\hat{H}_*(v) = v + m\xi_0$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $v \cdot v = \hat{H}_*(v) \cdot \hat{H}_*(v) = v \cdot v + 2m$ . Then  $m = 0$  and so  $\hat{H}_*(v) = v$ . As  $v$  and  $E$  span  $H_2(W)$ , we conclude  $\hat{H}_* = 1_{H_2(W)}$  in the case  $r = 0$  also. As above, this means  $\hat{H}$  is isotopic to the identity.  $\square$

(4.6) Remark. We note the following consequence of the last lemma. Suppose  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are two locally flat surfaces in  $W$  with 1-connected complements which represent  $\xi_0$ . Let  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \subseteq W$  be a homeomorphism. Then  $h$  is isotopic to the inclusion  $F_1 \subseteq W$  if and only if for the restriction  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  of some homeomorphism  $H : D(F_1) \rightarrow D(F_2)$  extending  $h$ , there is a morphism  $(f, \Lambda) : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  such that  $\Lambda$  makes diagram (4.2) commute and  $\theta(f, \Lambda) = 0$ .

Recall from the proof of Lemma (4.4) that the class  $\partial_2(\kappa_2(v))$  is represented by a negatively oriented  $S^1$ -fibre in  $M_2$ .

(4.7) LEMMA. *For any isometry  $\Lambda : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  making diagram (4.2) commute and with  $\partial(\Lambda) = f_*$ ,  $\theta(f, \Lambda)(\partial_2(\kappa_2(v))) = 0$ .*



*Proof.* When  $r$  is odd,  $\partial_2(\kappa_2(v))$  has odd order and so the result is clear. Suppose then that  $r$  is even. Fix a spin structure  $\sigma_1 \in \text{Spin}(M_1)$  extending over  $D_1(F_1)$ . If  $\sigma_2 = f_{\#}(\sigma_1)$ , it is clear  $\sigma_2$  extends over  $D(F_2)$ . Then by Proposition (4.1) of [B2],

$$\begin{aligned}
& \theta(f, \Lambda)(\partial_2(\kappa_2(v))) \\
& \equiv w_2(V_2, M_2; f_{\#}(\sigma_1))(\kappa_2(v)) - w_2(V_2, M_2; \pi_{\Lambda}(\sigma_1))(\kappa_2(v)) \\
& \equiv w_2(V_2, M_2; \sigma_2)(\kappa_2(v)) - w_2(V_1, M_1, \sigma_1)(\Lambda^*(\kappa_2(v))) \\
& \equiv w_2(V_2, M_2; \sigma_2)(\kappa_2(v)) - w_2(V_1, M_1, \sigma_1)(\kappa_1(v)) \quad \text{by Lemma (4.3)} \\
& \equiv \langle \omega_2(W), v \rangle - \langle \omega_2(W), v \rangle \\
& \equiv 0 \pmod{2}
\end{aligned}$$

as  $\sigma_1$  extends over  $D(F_1)$  and  $\sigma_2$  extends over  $D(F_2)$ . Evidently this completes the proof.  $\square$

*Proof of uniqueness when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd.* Let  $\Lambda : H_2(V_1) \rightarrow H_2(V_2)$  be an isometry as guaranteed by Lemma (4.4). According to Proposition (0.8) (ii) of [B2], there is a morphism  $(f, \Lambda') : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  with  $\theta(f, \Lambda') = 0$ . Now  $\Lambda'$  can be chosen so that diagram (4.2) still commutes. This is because  $\Lambda'$  may be expressed as  $\Lambda' = \Lambda + h_2 \circ \psi \circ \text{ad}(\mathcal{L}_1)$  where  $\psi : H_2(V_1, M_1) \rightarrow H_2(M_2)$  is a certain homomorphism with image generated by a class  $\beta \in H_2(M_2)$  whose dual in  $H^1(M_2)$  reduces (mod 2) to  $\theta(f, \Lambda)$ . When  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\varphi_2 \circ h_2 = 0$  and so  $\varphi_2 \circ \Lambda' = \varphi_2 \circ \Lambda = \varphi_1$ , which is what we wanted. When  $r = 0$ , we can use Lemma (4.7) to choose an appropriate  $\beta$  with  $\varphi_2(h_2(\beta)) = 0$ . Again we shall have  $\varphi_2 \circ \Lambda' = \varphi_1$ .

In all cases then, we can arrange for the hypotheses of Lemma (4.5) to hold. Hence the inclusion  $K : D(F_1) \rightarrow W$  is ambient isotopic to  $H \circ K$ . As the homeomorphism  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  and its extension  $H : D(F_1) \rightarrow D(F_2)$  were chosen arbitrarily, the uniqueness statement in Theorem F and part (i) of Theorem G hold when  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd.

*Proof of uniqueness when  $\mathcal{L}$  is even.* Let  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be the unique spin structures on  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  extending over  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . According to Proposition (4.1) (v) of [B2], if  $(f, \Lambda) : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is any morphism, then  $\theta(f, \Lambda)$  is determined by the identity  $f_{\#}(\sigma_1) = \theta(f, \Lambda) \cdot \sigma_2$ . We must therefore arrange for  $f_{\#}(\sigma_1) = \sigma_2$ , if possible.

Consider, first of all, the case where  $W$  is spin. Then  $\sigma_j$  extends uniquely to a spin structure  $\tilde{\sigma}_j$  on  $D(F_j)$ . Now it may be that  $H_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1) \neq \tilde{\sigma}_2$ , but this may be corrected without altering  $h$  as follows. Let  $p : D(F_2) \rightarrow F_2$  be the projection and fix a class  $x \in H^1(F_2; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  such that  $H_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = p^*(x) \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_2$ . Choose any  $\tilde{x} \in H^1(F_2)$  reducing to  $x$  and represent  $\tilde{x}$  by a function  $\gamma : F_2 \rightarrow S^1$ . Now  $S^1$  acts on  $D(F_2)$  by rotation of the  $D^2$ -fibres. In particular we may define a homeomorphism  $R : (D(F_2), F_2) \rightarrow (D(F_2), F_2)$  by  $R(z) = \gamma(p(z))(z)$ . Clearly  $R|_{F_2} = 1_{F_2}$ . If we replace

$H$  by  $R \circ H$ , then we still have an extension of  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ , but now  $H_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = \tilde{\sigma}_2$ . Restricting to  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  gives  $f_{\#}(\sigma_1) = \sigma_2$ . Thus, as in the case when  $\mathcal{L}$  was odd, no matter which homeomorphism  $h : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  was chosen, the inclusion  $k : F_1 \rightarrow W$  is ambient isotopic to  $h \circ k$ . This gives the uniqueness part of Theorem F when  $W$  is spin as well as the portion of Theorem G (ii) referring to  $\mathcal{J}$ . To complete the proof of Theorem G (ii), we must show that  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$  has  $2^{2g}$  elements. But our arguments show that when  $W$  is spin,

- (i) two homeomorphisms  $H_1, H_2 : (D(F_1), F_1) \rightarrow (D(F_2), F_2)$  are ambiently isotopic if and only if  $(H_1)_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = (H_2)_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1)$ ;
- (ii) for each  $x \in H^1(F_2; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ , there is a homeomorphism  $H_x : (D(F_1), F_1) \rightarrow (D(F_2), F_2)$  such that  $(H_x)_{\#}(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = p^*(x) \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_2$ .

As  $D(F_2)$  admits  $2^{2g}$  spin structures, it follows that  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}$  has  $2^{2g}$  elements.

The final case for consideration is when  $W$  is odd and  $\mathcal{L}$  is even. This is precisely the case where  $\xi_0$  is characteristic. We shall see that it may not be possible to isotope the inclusion  $k : F_1 \rightarrow W$  to  $h \circ k$ , but that there is a homeomorphism  $h_1 : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  such that  $k$  is isotopic to  $h_1 \circ k$ .

Let  $P_j$  denote the presentation of  $H_*(M_j)$  arising from the homology sequence of  $(V_j, M_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Let  $\text{Spin}^0(M_j)$  be the collection of spin structures on  $M_j$  not extending over  $D(F_j)$ . Then  $\text{Spin}^0(M_j)$  has  $2^{2g}$  elements and arguing as in Lemma (3.4) it can be shown that  $\text{Spin}^0(M_j) = \text{Spin}_{P_j}(M_j)$  if  $r \neq 0$  and that  $\text{Spin}^0(M_j)$  is exactly one half of  $\text{Spin}_{P_j}(M_j) = \text{Spin}(M_j)$  when  $r = 0$ . Lemma (6.2) of [KT] constructs a bijection  $\chi_j : \text{Spin}^0(M_j) \rightarrow \text{Spin}(F_j)$  for which it may be shown that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spin}^0(M_1) & \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} & \text{Spin}^0(M_2) \\ \chi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi_2 \\ \text{Spin}(F_1) & \xrightarrow{h_{\#}} & \text{Spin}(F_2). \end{array}$$

Thus  $f_{\#}(\sigma_1)$  depends only on  $h$  and further the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) the inclusion  $K : D(F_1) \subseteq W$  is ambiently isotopic to  $H \circ K$ ;
- (ii) the inclusion  $k : F_1 \subseteq W$  is ambiently isotopic to  $h \circ k$ ;
- (iii)  $f_{\#}(\sigma_1) = \sigma_2$ ;
- (iv)  $h_{\#}(\chi_1(\sigma_1)) = \chi_2(\sigma_2)$ .

Thus the natural restriction map  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$  is bijective when  $\xi_0$  is characteristic. We remark further that  $h_{\#}(\chi_1(\sigma_1))$  is spin cobordant to  $\chi_2(\sigma_2)$ . This follows from the fact that if  $\beta : \Omega_2^{\text{Spin}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$  is the isomorphism, then

$$\beta(F_2^{h_{\#}(\chi_1(\sigma_1))}) \equiv \beta(F_1^{\chi_1(\sigma_1)}) \equiv \Theta(\xi_0) \equiv \beta(F_2^{\chi_2(\sigma_2)}) \quad (4.8)$$

(see Remark (3.5)). Now there are exactly  $[2^g + (-1)^{\Theta(\xi_0)} 2^{g-1}]$  spin structures on  $F_2$  satisfying (4.8) and they form an orbit in  $\text{Spin}(F_2)$  of the  $\text{Homeo}^+(F_2)$  action.

Thus, considering the compositions  $h' \circ h$  where  $h' \in \text{Homeo}^+(F_2)$ , shows that both  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  have  $[2^g + (-1)^{\Theta(\xi_0)} 2^{g-1}]$  elements and further that there is a homeomorphism  $h_1 : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  such that  $h_1 \circ k$  is ambiently isotopic to  $k$ . This completes the proofs of Theorem F and Theorem G.

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