Packings with horo- and hyperballs generated by simple frustum orthoschemes

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Abstract

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We construct in the 2- and 3-dimensional hyperbolic spaces hyp-hor packings that are generated by complete Coxeter tilings of degree 1 i.e. the fundamental domains of these tilings are simple frustum orthoschemes and we determine their densest packing configurations and their densities.

We prove that in the hyperbolic plane \((n = 2)\) the density of the above hyp-hor packings arbitrarily approximate the universal upper bound of the hypercycle or horocycle packing density \( \frac{3}{\pi} \) and in \( \mathbb{H}^3 \) the optimal configuration belongs to the \([7, 3, 6]\) Coxeter tiling with density \( \approx 0.83267 \).

Moreover, we study the hyp-hor packings in truncated orthoschemes \([p, 3, 6]\) \((6 < p < 7, \ p \in \mathbb{R})\) whose density function is attained its maximum for a parameter which lies in the interval \([6.05, 6.06]\) and the densities for parameters lying in this interval are larger that \( \approx 0.85397 \). That means that these locally optimal hyp-hor configurations provide larger densities that the Böröczky-Florian density upper bound \((\approx \)
0.85328) for ball and horoball packings but these hyp-hor packing configurations can not be extended to the entirety of hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$.

1 Introduction

The packing and covering problems with solely horo- or hyperballs (horo- or hypershapes) are intensively investigated in earlier works in the $n$-dimensional ($n \geq 2$) hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^n$.

1. On horoball packings

In the $n$-dimensional hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^n$ there are 3 kinds of the ”balls (spheres)” the balls (spheres), horoballs (horospheres) and hyperballs (hyperspheres).

The 2-dimensional case of circle and horocycle packings was settled by L. Fejes Tóth in \cite{6}.

The greatest possible density in hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$ is $\approx 0.85328$ which is not realized by packing regular balls. However, it is attained by a horoball packing of $\mathbb{H}^3$ where the ideal centers of horoballs lie on the absolute figure of $\mathbb{H}^3$. This ideal regular simplex tiling is given with Coxeter-Schl"afli symbol $[3, 3, 6]$ see e.g. \cite{1}, \cite{4}, \cite{3} and \cite{5}.

In the previous paper \cite{14} we proved that the above known optimal ball packing arrangement in $\mathbb{H}^3$ is not unique. We gave several new examples of horoball packing arrangements based on totally asymptotic Coxeter tilings that yield the Böröczky–Florian packing density upper bound \cite{4}. Furthermore, by admitting horoballs of different types at each vertex of a totally asymptotic simplex and generalizing the simplicial density function to $\mathbb{H}^n$ for ($n \geq 2$) we find the Böröczky type density upper bound is no longer valid for the fully asymptotic simplices in cases $n \geq 3$ \cite{21}, \cite{22}. For example, the density of such optimal, locally densest packing is $\approx 0.77038$ which is larger than the analogous Böröczky type density upper bound of $\approx 0.73046$ for $\mathbb{H}^4$. However these ball packing configurations are only locally optimal and cannot be extended to the entirety of the hyperbolic spaces $\mathbb{H}^n$.

In the paper \cite{15} we have continued our investigation of ball packings in hyperbolic 4-space using horoball packings, allowing horoballs of differ-
ent types. We have shown seven counterexamples (which are realized by allowing one-, two-, or three horoball types) to a conjecture of L. Fejes-Tóth about the densest ball packings in hyperbolic 4-space. The maximal density is \( \approx 0.71645 \).

In [31] we proved that the optimal horoball density related to the hyperbolic 24 cell in \( \mathbb{H}^4 \) is \( \approx 0.71645 \) as well.

2. On hyperball packings

In [25] and [26] we have studied the regular prism tilings and the corresponding optimal hyperball packings in \( \mathbb{H}^n \) \((n = 3, 4)\) and in the paper [27] we have extended the in former papers developed method to 5-dimensional hyperbolic space and construct to each investigated Coxeter tiling a regular prism tiling, have studied the corresponding optimal hyperball packings by congruent hyperballs, moreover, we have determined their metric data and their densities.

In hyperbolic plane \( \mathbb{H}^2 \) the universal upper bound of the hypercycle packing density is \( \frac{2}{3} \) proved by I. Vermes in [33] and recently, (to the author’s best knowledge) the candidates for the densest hyperball (hypersphere) packings in the 3, 4 and 5-dimensional hyperbolic space \( \mathbb{H}^n \) are derived by the regular prism tilings which are studied in papers [25], [26] and [27].

In \( \mathbb{H}^2 \) the universal lower bound of the hypercycle covering density is \( \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\pi} \) determined by I. Vermes in [34].

In the paper [28] we have studied the \( n \)-dimensional \((n \geq 3)\) hyperbolic regular prism honeycombs and the corresponding coverings by congruent hyperballs and we have determined their least dense covering densities. Moreover, we have formulated a conjecture for the candidate of the least dense hyperball covering by congruent hyperballs in the 3- and 5-dimensional hyperbolic space.

In [30] we studied the problem of hyperball (hypersphere) packings in the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space. We described to each saturated hyperball packing a procedure to get a decomposition of the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space \( \mathbb{H}^3 \) into truncated tetrahedra. Therefore, in order to get a density upper bound to hyperball packings it is sufficient to determine the density upper bound of hyperball packings in truncated simplices. We considered the hyperball packings in truncated simplices and proved that if the truncated tetrahedron is regular, then
the density of the densest packing is \( \approx 0.86338 \) which is larger than the Böröczky-Florian density upper bound, however these hyperball packing configurations are only locally optimal and cannot be extended to the entirety of the hyperbolic spaces \( \mathbb{H}^3 \).

In this paper we deal with the packings with horo- and hyperballs (briefly hyp-hor packings) in the \( n \)-dimensional hyperbolic spaces \( \mathbb{H}^n \) \((n = 2, 3)\) which form a new class of the classical packing problems.

We construct in the 2– and 3–dimensional hyperbolic spaces hyp-hor packings that are generated by complete Coxeter tilings of degree 1 i.e. the fundamental domains of these tilings are simple frustum orthoschemes with a principal vertex lying on the absolute quadric \( Q \) and the other principal vertex is outer point. We determine their densest packing configurations and their densities. These Coxeter tilings exist in the 2–, 3– and 5–dimensional hyperbolic spaces (see [10]) and have given by their Coxeter-Schläfli graph in Fig. 1. We prove that in the hyperbolic plane \( n = 2 \) the density of the above hyp-hor packings arbitrarily approximate the universal upper bound of the hypercycle or horocycle packing density \( \frac{3}{\pi} \) and in \( \mathbb{H}^3 \) the optimal configuration belongs to the [7, 3, 6] Coxeter tiling with density \( \approx 0.83267 \).

Moreover, we consider the hyp-hor packings in truncated orthoschemes \([p, 3, 6]\) \((6 < p < 7, \ p \in \mathbb{R})\). Its density function is attained its maximum for a parameter which lies in the interval \([6.05, 6.06]\) and the densities for parameters lying in this interval are larger that \( \approx 0.85397 \). That means that these locally optimal hyp-hor configurations provide larger densities that the Böröczky-Florian density upper bound (\( \approx 0.85328 \)) for ball and horoball packings but these hyp-hor packing configurations can not be extended to the entirety of hyperbolic space \( \mathbb{H}^3 \).

Figure 1: Coxeter-Schläfli graph of Coxeter tilings of degree 1.
2 The projective model and the complete orthoschemes

For $\mathbb{H}^n$ we use the projective model in the Lorentz space $\mathbb{E}^{1,n}$ of signature $(1, n)$, i.e. $\mathbb{E}^{1,n}$ denotes the real vector space $\mathbb{V}^{n+1}$ equipped with the bilinear form of signature $(1, n)$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = -x^0y^0 + x^1y^1 + \cdots + x^ny^n$$

where the non-zero vectors $x = (x^0, x^1, \ldots, x^n) \in \mathbb{V}^{n+1}$ and $y = (y^0, y^1, \ldots, y^n) \in \mathbb{V}^{n+1}$, are determined up to real factors, for representing points of $P^n(\mathbb{R})$. Then $H^n$ can be interpreted as the interior of the quadric $Q = \{[x] \in P^n|\langle x, x \rangle = 0\} =: \partial \mathbb{H}^n$ in the real projective space $P^n(\mathbb{V}^{n+1}, \mathbb{V}^{n+1})$.

The points of the boundary $\partial \mathbb{H}^n$ in $P^n$ are called points at infinity of $H^n$, the points lying outside $\partial \mathbb{H}^n$ are said to be outer points of $H^n$ relative to $Q$.

Let $P([x]) \in P^n$, a point $[y] \in P^n$ is said to be conjugate to $[x]$ relative to $Q$ if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ holds. The set of all points which are conjugate to $P([x])$ form a projective (polar) hyperplane $pol(P) := \{[y] \in P^n|\langle x, y \rangle = 0\}$. Thus the quadric $Q$ induces a bijection (linear polarity $\mathbb{V}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{V}^{n+1}$) from the points of $P^n$ onto its hyperplanes.

The point $X[x]$ and the hyperplane $\alpha[a]$ are called incident if $xa = 0$ ($x \in \mathbb{V}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$, $a \in \mathbb{V}_{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$).

**Definition 2.1** An orthoscheme $S$ in $\mathbb{H}^n$ ($2 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$) is a simplex bounded by $n + 1$ hyperplanes $H^0, \ldots, H^n$ such that (see $[2] [11]$) $H^i \perp H^j$, for $j \neq i - 1, i, i + 1$.

The orthoschemes of degree $d$ in $\mathbb{H}^n$ are bounded by $n + d + 1$ hyperplanes $H^0, H^1, \ldots, H^{n+d}$ such that $H^i \perp H^j$ for $j \neq i - 1, i, i + 1$, where, for $d = 2$, indices are taken modulo $n + 3$. For a usual orthoscheme we denote the $(n + 1)$-hyperface opposite to the vertex $A_i$ by $H^i$ ($0 \leq i \leq n$). An orthoscheme $S$ has $n$ dihedral angles which are not right angles. Let $\alpha^{ij}$ denote the dihedral angle of $S$ between the faces $H^i$ and $H^j$. Then we have $\alpha^{ij} = \frac{\pi}{2}$, if $0 \leq i < j - 1 \leq n$. The $n$ remaining dihedral angles $\alpha^{i,i+1}$, ($0 \leq i \leq n - 1$) are called the essential angles of $S$. Geometrically, complete orthoschemes of degree $d$ can be described as follows:

1. For $d = 0$, they coincide with the class of classical orthoschemes introduced by Schl"afi (see Definitions 2.1). The initial and final vertices, $A_0$ and $A_n$ of the orthogonal edge-path $A_iA_{i+1}$, $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$, are called principal vertices of the orthoscheme.
2. A complete orthoscheme of degree \( d = 1 \) can be interpreted as an orthoscheme with one outer principal vertex, say \( A_n \), which is truncated by its polar plane \( \text{pol}(A_n) \) (see Fig. 1 and 3). In this case the orthoscheme is called simply truncated with outer vertex \( A_n \).

3. A complete orthoscheme of degree \( d = 2 \) can be interpreted as an orthoscheme with two outer principal vertices, \( A_0, A_n \), which is truncated by its polar hyperplanes \( \text{pol}(A_0) \) and \( \text{pol}(A_n) \). In this case the orthoscheme is called doubly truncated. We distinguish two different types of orthoschemes but I will not enter into the details (see \([?]\)).

A \( n \)-dimensional tiling \( \mathcal{P} \) (or solid tessellation, honeycomb) is an infinite set of congruent polyhedra (polytopes) that fit together to fill all space \((\mathbb{H}^n (n \geq 2))\) exactly once, so that every face of each polyhedron (polytope) belongs to another polyhedron as well. At present the cells are congruent orthoschemes. A tiling with orthoschemes exists if and only if each dihedral angle of a tile is submultiple of \( 2\pi \) (in the hyperbolic plane the zero angle is also possible).

Another approach to describing tilings involves the analysis of their symmetry groups. If \( \mathcal{P} \) is such a simplex tiling, then any motion taking one cell into another maps the entire tiling onto itself. The symmetry group of this tiling is denoted by \( \text{Sym}\mathcal{P} \). Therefore the simplex is a fundamental domain of the group \( \text{Sym}\mathcal{P} \) generated by reflections in its \((n-1)\)-dimensional hyperfaces.

The scheme of an orthoscheme \( S \) is a weighted graph (characterizing \( S \subset \mathbb{H}^n \) up to congruence) in which the nodes, numbered by \( 0, 1, \ldots, n \) correspond to the bounding hyperplanes of \( S \). Two nodes are joined by an edge if the corresponding hyperplanes are not orthogonal. For the schemes of complete Coxeter orthoschemes \( S \subset \mathbb{H}^n \) we adopt the usual conventions and sometimes even use them in the Coxeter case: If two nodes are related by the weight \( \cos \frac{\pi}{p} \) then they are joined by a \((p-2)\)-fold line for \( p = 3, 4 \) and by a single line marked \( p \) for \( p \geq 5 \). In the hyperbolic case if two bounding hyperplanes of \( S \) are parallel, then the corresponding nodes are joined by a line marked \( \infty \). If they are divergent then their nodes are joined by a dotted line.

The ordered set \([k_1, \ldots, k_{n-1}, k_n]\) is said to be the Coxeter-Schläfli symbol of the simplex tiling \( \mathcal{P} \) generated by \( S \). To every scheme there is a corre-
sponding symmetric matrix \((c_{ij})\) of size \((n + 1) \times (n + 1)\) where \(c_{ii} = 1\) and, for \(i \neq j \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, n\}\), \(c_{ij}\) equals \(-\cos \frac{\pi}{k_{ij}}\) with all angles between the facets \(i, j\) of \(S\).

For example, \((c_{ij})\) below is the so called Coxeter-Schlæfi matrix of the orthoscheme \(S\) in 3-dimensional hyperbolic space \(\mathbb{H}^3\) with parameters (nodes) \(k_1 = p, k_2 = q, k_3 = r\):

\[
(c_{ij}) := \begin{pmatrix}
1 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{p} & 0 & 0 \\
-\cos \frac{\pi}{p} & 1 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{q} & 0 \\
0 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{q} & 1 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{r} \\
0 & 0 & -\cos \frac{\pi}{r} & 1
\end{pmatrix}.
\] (2.4)

3 Basic notions and formulas

3.1 Coxeter tilings generated by simply frustum orthoschemes

In general, the complete Coxeter orthoschemes were classified by Im Hof in [9] by generalizing the method of Coxeter and Böhm, who showed that they exist only for dimensions \(\leq 9\). From this classification it follows, that the complete orthoschemes of degree \(d = 1\) exist up to 5 dimensions.

In this paper we consider the orthoschemes of degree 1 where the initial vertex \(A_0\) lies on the absolute quadric \(Q\). These orthoschemes and the corresponding Coxeter tilings exist in the 2-, 3- and 5-dimensional hyperbolic spaces and are characterized by their Coxeter-Schlæfi symbols and graphs (see Fig. 1).

In \(n\)-dimensional hyperbolic space \(\mathbb{H}^n\) \((n \geq 2)\) it can be seen that if \(S = A_0A_1A_2\ldots A_n P_0P_1P_2\ldots P_n\) is a complete orthoscheme with degree \(d = 1\) (a simply frustum orthoscheme) where \(A_n\) is a outer vertex of \(\mathbb{H}^n\) then the points \(P_0, P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_{n-1}\) lie on the polar hyperplane \(\pi\) of \(A_n\) (see Fig. 2 in \(\mathbb{H}^3\)). We consider the images of \(S\) under reflections on its side facets. The union of these \(n\)-dimensional orthoschemes (having the common \(\pi\) hyperplane) forms an infinite polyhedron denoted by \(G\). \(G\) and its images under reflections on its „cover facets“ fill hyperbolic space \(\mathbb{H}^n\) without overlap and generate \(n\)-dimensional tilings \(T\).

The constant \(k = \sqrt{\frac{1}{K}}\) is the natural length unit in \(\mathbb{H}^n\). \(K\) will be the constant negative sectional curvature. In the following we assume that \(k = 1\).
3.2 Volumes of the $n$-dimensional Coxeter orthoschemes

1. 2-dimensional hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^2$

   In the hyperbolic plane a simple frustum orthoscheme is a Lambert quadrilateral with exactly three right angles and its fourth angle is acute $\frac{\pi}{q}$ ($q \geq 3$) (see Fig. 1). In our case the Lambert quadrilateral has a vertex at the infinity i.e. the angle at this vertex is 0. Its area can be determined by the well-known defect formula of hyperbolic triangles (see [7]):

   $$Vol_2(\mathcal{S}) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.1)

2. 3-dimensional hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$:

   Our polyhedron $A_0A_1A_2P_0P_1P_2$ is a simple frustum orthoscheme with outer vertex $A_3$ (see Fig. 1) whose volume can be calculated by the following theorem of R. Kellerhals [11]:

   **Theorem 3.1** *The volume of a three-dimensional hyperbolic complete orthoscheme (except Lambert cube cases) $\mathcal{S}$ is expressed with the essential angles $\alpha_{01}, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{23}$, ($0 \leq \alpha_{ij} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$) (Fig. 1) in the following form:*
\[ Vol_3(S) = \frac{1}{4} \{ L(\alpha_{01} + \theta) - L(\alpha_{01} - \theta) + L\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha_{12} - \theta\right) + \]
\[ + L\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha_{12} - \theta\right) + L(\alpha_{23} + \theta) - L(\alpha_{23} - \theta) + 2L\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \}, \quad (3.2) \]

where \( \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \) is defined by the following formula:
\[ \tan(\theta) = \sqrt{\cos^2 \alpha_{12} - \sin^2 \alpha_{01} \sin^2 \alpha_{23}} \]
\[ \cos \alpha_{01} \cos \alpha_{23} \]

and where \( L(x) := -\int_0^x \log |2 \sin t| dt \) denotes the Lobachevsky function.

For our prism tilings \( T_{pqr} \) we have: \( \alpha_{01} = \frac{\pi}{p}, \quad \alpha_{12} = \frac{\pi}{q}, \quad \alpha_{23} = \frac{\pi}{r} \).

### 3.3 On hyperballs

The equidistant surface (or hypersphere) is a quadratic surface that lies at a constant distance from a plane in both halfspaces. The infinite body of the hypersphere is called a hyperball. The \( n \)-dimensional half-hypersphere (\( n = 2, 3 \)) with distance \( h \) to a hyperplane \( \pi \) is denoted by \( H^h_n \). The volume of a bounded hyperball piece \( H^h_n(A_{n-1}) \) bounded by a \((n-1)\)-polytope \( A_{n-1} \subset \pi, H^h_n \) and by hyperplanes orthogonal to \( \pi \) derived from the facets of \( A_{n-1} \) can be determined by the formulas (3.3) and (3.4) that follow from the suitable extension of the classical method of J. Bolyai:
\[ Vol_2(H^h_2(A_1)) = Vol_1(A_1) \sinh (h), \quad (3.3) \]
\[ Vol_3(H^h_3(A_2)) = \frac{1}{4} Vol_2(A_2) [\sinh (2h) + 2h], \quad (3.4) \]

where the volume of the hyperbolic \((n-1)\)-polytope \( A_{n-1} \) lying in the plane \( \pi \) is \( Vol_{n-1}(A_{n-1}) \).

### 3.4 On horoballs

A horosphere in \( \mathbb{H}^n (n \geq 2) \) is a hyperbolic \( n \)-sphere with infinite radius centered at an ideal point on \( \partial \mathbb{H}^n \). Equivalently, a horosphere is an \((n-1)\)-surface orthogonal to the set of parallel straight lines passing through a point
of the absolute quadratic surface. A horoball is a horosphere together with its interior.

We consider the usual Beltrami-Cayley-Klein ball model of $\mathbb{H}^n$ centered at $O(1, 0, 0, \ldots, 0)$ with a given vector basis $e_i \ (i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, n)$ and set an arbitrary point at infinity to lie at $T_0 = (1, 0, \ldots, 0, 1)$. The equation of a horosphere with center $T_0 = (1, 0, \ldots, s)$ passing through point $S = (1, 0, \ldots, s)$ is derived from the equation of the absolute sphere $-x^0 x^0 + x^1 x^1 + x^2 x^2 + \cdots + x^n x^n = 0$, and the plane $x^0 - x^n = 0$ tangent to the absolute sphere at $T_0$. The general equation of the horosphere is in projective coordinates ($s \neq \pm 1$):

$$
(s - 1) \left(-x^0 x^0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x^i)^2\right) - (1 + s)(x^0 - x^n)^2 = 0,
$$

and in cartesian coordinates setting $h_i = \frac{x^i}{x^n}$ it becomes

$$
\frac{2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i^2\right)}{1 - s} + \frac{4 \left(h_n - \frac{s+1}{2}\right)^2}{(1 - s)^2} = 1.
$$

In $n$-dimensional hyperbolic space any two horoballs are congruent in the classical sense. However, it is often useful to distinguish between certain horoballs of a packing. We use the notion of horoball type with respect to the packing as introduced in [22].

In order to compute volumes of horoball pieces, we use János Bolyai’s classical formulas from the mid 19-th century:

1. The hyperbolic length $L(x)$ of a horospheric arc that belongs to a chord segment of length $x$ is

$$
L(x) = 2 \sinh \left(\frac{x}{2}\right).
$$

2. The intrinsic geometry of a horosphere is Euclidean, so the $(n - 1)$-dimensional volume $A$ of a polyhedron $A$ on the surface of the horosphere can be calculated as in $\mathbb{E}^{n-1}$. The volume of the horoball piece $\mathcal{H}(A)$ determined by $A$ and the aggregate of axes drawn from $A$ to the center of the horoball is

$$
\text{Vol}(\mathcal{H}(A)) = \frac{1}{n-1} A.
$$
4 Hyp-hor packings in hyperbolic plane

We consider the previously described 2-dimensional Coxeter tilings given by the Coxeter symbol \[ \infty \] (see Fig. 1), which are denoted by \( \mathcal{T}_a \). The fundamental domain of \( \mathcal{T}_a \) is a Lambert quadrilateral \( A_0A_1P_1P_0 \) (see Fig. 3) that is denoted by \( \mathcal{F}_a \). It is derived by the truncation of the orthoscheme \( A_0A_1A_2 \) by the polar line \( \pi \) of vertex \( A_2 \) where the initial principal vertex of the orthoschemes \( A_0 \) is lying on the absolute quadric \( Q \) and its other principal vertex \( A_2 \) is an outer point of the model.

Its images under reflections on its sides fill hyperbolic plane \( \mathbb{H}^2 \) without overlap. The tilings \( \mathcal{T}_a \) contain a free parameter \( 0 < a < 1 \), \( a \in \mathbb{R} \). The polar straight line of \( A_2 \) is \( \pi \) and \( \pi \cap A_0A_2 = P_0 \), \( \pi \cap A_1A_2 = P_1 \).

We consider the usual Beltrami-Cayley-Klein ball model of \( \mathbb{H}^2 \) centered at \( O(1, 0, 0) \) with a given vector basis \( e_i \ (i = 0, 1, 2) \) and set the above Lambert quadrilateral \( A_0A_1P_1P_0 \) in this coordinate system with coordinates

\[
A_0(1, 0, 1); \ A_1(1, 0, 0); \ P_1(1, a, 0); \ P_0(1, a, 1 - a^2); \ (0 < a < 1).
\]

The polar line \( u_2(1, -\frac{1}{a}, 0)^T \) of the outer vertex \( A_2(1, \frac{1}{a}, 0) \) is \( \pi \) which contains the points \( P_0 \) and \( P_1 \) (see Fig. 3).

We construct hyp-hor packings to \( \mathcal{T}_a \) tilings therefore the hyper- and horocycles have to satisfy the following requirements:

1. The centre of the horocycle can only be the vertex \( A_0 \) and the corresponding horocycle \( \mathcal{H}_a(y_1) \) has not common points with inner of segments \( A_1P_1 \) and \( P_0P_1 \). These horocycle types depend on parameter \( a \) of the considered tiling \( \mathcal{T}_a \) and passing through the point \( T(1, 0, y_1) \) \((0 < a, \ y_1 < 1) \) (see Fig. 4).

2. We can choose the base straight line of the hypercycle \( \mathcal{H}_a(y_2) \) between the lines \( P_0P_1 \) and \( A_1P_1 \), the role of these lines is symmetrical regarding the packings. We consider the \( A_1P_1 \) line as base line of hypercycles to construct hyp-hor packings. Furthermore, \( \mathcal{H}_a(y_2) \) has not common points with inner of segments \( A_0P_0 \). These hypercycle types depend on the parameter parameter \( a \) of the considered tiling \( \mathcal{T}_a \) and passing through the points \( T(1, 0, y_2) \) \((0 < a, \ y_2 < 1) \) (see Fig. 4).

3. \( \text{card}\{\text{int}(\mathcal{H}_a(y_1)) \cap \text{int}(\mathcal{H}_a(y_2))\} = 0 \).
If the hyper-and horocycles hold the above requirements then we obtain hyp-hor packings $T_a$ in the hyperbolic plane derived by the structure of the considered Coxeter simplex tilings.

Figure 3: The fundamental domain of $T_a$ is a Lambert quadrilateral $A_0A_1P_0P_1$, at present $a = 0.5$.

**Definition 4.1** The density of the above hyp-hor packings $P_a(y_1, y_2)$ is

$$\delta(P_a(y_1, y_2)) = \frac{Vol(F_a \cap (S_a(y_1) \cup H_a(y_2)))}{Vol(F_a)}.$$ 

It is well known that a packing is locally optimal (i.e. its density is locally maximal), then it is locally stable i.e. each ball is fixed by the other ones so that no ball of packing can be moved alone without overlapping another ball of the given ball packing or by other requirements of the corresponding tiling. Therefore, we can assume that the horocycle $S_a(y_1)$ and the hypercycle $H_a(y_2)$ touch each other at the point $T(1, 0, y)$ where $0 < y < 1$. The possible values of $y = y_1 = y_2$ may depend on parameter $a$ (see Fig. 4).

### 4.1 Main types of hyp-hor packings

We distinguish two main types of hyp-hor packings:
Figure 4: a. The hyp-hor packing $P^1_a$ of type 1, at present $a = 0.7$. b. The hyp-hor packing $P^2_a$ of type 2, at present $a = 0.4$.

1. The hypercycle $H_a(y)$ contains the point $P_0$ and the horocycle $S_a(y)$ touches it at $T(1,0,y)$. These configuration can be realized for all possible parameters $0 < a < 1$. These packings are denoted by $P^1_a(y)$ (see Fig 4.a).

2. The horocycle $S_a(y)$ passes through the point $P_0$ and the hypercycle $H_a(y)$ touches it at $T(1,0,y)$. These configurations exist if $0 < a \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. If $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ then $y = 0$ i.e. $S_a(0)$ touches the line $A_1P_1$ at $A_1$, (the height of the hypersphere is 0). If $a > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ then these configurations do not satisfy the requirements of the hyp-hor packings. These packings are denoted by $P^2_a(y)$ (see Fig. 4.b).

4.1.1 The densities of packings $P^1_a(y)$

In this case the coordinates of touching point $T(1,0,y)$ can be easily expressed as the function of parameter $a$: $y = \sqrt{1-a^2}$. We obtain by the formulas (3.1), (3.3), (3.6), (3.7), (3.8) and by Definition 4.1 that the density
of the packings $\mathcal{P}_a^1(y)$ of type 1 can be calculated by the following formula:

$$\delta(\mathcal{P}_a^1(y)) = \delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a)) = \left(4 \sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \arccosh \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2 \sqrt{1 - a^2 - a^2 + 2a^4}\right)\right) + 2 \sqrt{1 - a^2}\right) / \pi$$

(4.1)

where $0 < a < 1$.

**Lemma 4.2** Analysing the above density formula we obtain that

$$\lim_{a \to 0} \left[\delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a))\right] = \frac{3}{\pi}, \quad \lim_{a \to 1} \left[\delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a))\right] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

and $\frac{2}{\pi} < \delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a)) < \frac{3}{\pi}$ for parameters $0 < a < 1$ (see Fig. 5.a).

**Corollary 4.3** In the hyperbolic plane $\mathbb{H}^2$ the universal upper bound density of ball packings can be arbitrarily accurate approximate with the densities $\delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a))$ of hyp-hor packings of type 1.

### 4.1.2 The densities of packings $\mathcal{P}_a^2(y)$

Similarly to the previous section the coordinates of touching point $T(1,0,y)$ can be expressed as the function of parameter $a$: $y = 1 - 2a^2$. We obtain by the formulas (3.1), (3.3), (3.6), (3.7), (3.8) and by Definition 4.1 that the density of the packings $\mathcal{P}_a^2(y)$ of type 2 can be calculated by the following formula:

$$\delta(\mathcal{P}_a^2(x)) = \delta(\mathcal{P}_2(a)) = \left(4 \sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \arccosh \left(-\frac{1}{2} - 3 + 2a^2\right)\right) - \frac{-1 + 2a^2}{\sqrt{1 - a^2}}\right) / \pi$$

(4.2)

where $0 < a < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

**Lemma 4.4** Analysing the above density formula we obtain that

$$\lim_{a \to 0} \left[\delta(\mathcal{P}_2(a))\right] = \frac{3}{\pi}, \quad \lim_{a \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \left[\delta(\mathcal{P}_2(a))\right] = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}$$

and $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} < \delta(\mathcal{P}_1(a)) < \frac{3}{\pi}$ for parameters $0 < a < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (see Fig. 5.b).

**Corollary 4.5** In the hyperbolic plane $\mathbb{H}^2$ the universal upper bound density of ball packings can be arbitrarily accurate approximate with the densities $\delta(\mathcal{P}_2(a))$ of hyp-hor packings of type 2.
4.2 The general cases

1. First we consider the hyp-hor packings $\mathcal{P}_a(y)$ where the configurations are ”between the two main cases"; i.e. the inequalities $0 < a \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $1 - 2a^2 < y \leq \sqrt{1 - a^2}$ hold.

2. We get the second case if the inequalities $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < a < 1$ and $0 \leq y < \sqrt{1 - a^2}$ hold.

In both cases the densities of packings $\mathcal{P}_a(y)$ are denoted by $\delta(\mathcal{P}_a(y))$ which can be determined by the formulas (3.1), (3.3), (3.6), (3.7), (3.8) and by Definition 4.1:

$$\delta(\mathcal{P}_a(y)) = \left(4 \sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{arccosh} \left(\frac{-1 + 2y - 2a^2 + 2a^2y^2 - y^2}{a^2(1 - y^2)}\right)\right)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{1 - y^2}}$$

Analyzing the above density function we obtain that the maximal densities can be attained at the ”main cases" described in subsections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2. Therefore we get the following
Theorem 4.6 In the hyperbolic plane $\mathbb{H}^2$ the densest packing configurations with horo- and hyperballs generated by simple frustum orthoschemes with Schlafli symbol $[\infty]$ provide the $P^i(y)$ ($i = 1, 2$) packings (described in subsection 4.1.1 and 4.1.2) if their parameter $a \to 0$. Their densities $\delta(P^i(a))$ are arbitrarily accurate approximate the universal upper bound density $\frac{3}{\pi}$ of ball packings of $\mathbb{H}^2$.

Remark 4.7 If $y = 0$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq a < 1$ then we obtain ball packings $P_a(0)$ which contain purely horocycles (see Fig. 6.a). Their densities can be computed also by the formula (4.3) and its graph is illustrated in Fig. 7. The maximal density is 0.90032 belonging to $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

5 Hyp-hor packings in hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$

In the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space there are 3 infinite series of the simple frustum Coxeter orthoschemes with vertex at the infinity listed in Fig. 1 and characterized in Sections 2-3. The considered tilings with Schlafli symbol $[p, q, r], (q, r) = (3, 6), (4, 4), (6, 3)$ are denoted by $T_p^{(i,j)}$ where $p$ is an integer parameter and $p \geq 7$ if $(q, r) = (3, 6), p \geq 5$ if $(q, r) = (4, 4), p \geq 4$ if $(q, r) = \ldots
(6, 3). The fundamental domain of $\mathcal{F}_p^{(q,r)}$ is a simple frustum orthoscheme $A_0A_1A_2P_0P_1P_2$ (see Fig. 2) that is denoted by $\mathcal{F}_p^{(q,r)}$. It is derived by the truncation of the orthoscheme $A_0A_1A_2A_3$ by the polar hyperplane $\pi$ of vertex $A_3$ where the initial principal vertex of the orthoschemes $A_0$ is lying on the absolute quadric $Q$ and its other principal vertex $A_3$ is an outer point of the model.

Its images under reflections on its faces fill hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$ without overlap. The polar plane of $A_3$ is $\pi$ and $\pi \cap A_iA_3 = P_i, \ (i = 0, 1, 2)$ (see Fig. 2).

We consider the usual Beltrami-Cayley-Klein ball model of $\mathbb{H}^3$ centered at $O(1, 0, 0, 0)$ with a given vector basis $e_i \ (i = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ and set the above simple frustum orthoscheme $\mathcal{F}_p^{(q,r)}$ in this usual coordinate system (see Fig. 7.a-b).

\[ P_0(1, 0, 0, 0); \ P_1(1, 0, y, 0); \ P_2(1, x, y, 0) \] where

\[ x = \sqrt{\frac{\tan^2 \frac{\pi}{q} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{p} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{q}}{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{p} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{q}}}, \quad y = \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{p} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{q}}{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{p}}}, \quad (5.1) \]

and $A_0(1, 0, 0, 1); \ A_1(1, 0, y, z_1); \ A_2(1, x, y, z_2), \ \text{where}$ the 4th coordinates of the points $A_1$ and $A_2$ can be derived by the following procedure described in general for $n$-dimensional hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^n$:

1. The points $P_k[p_k]$ and $A_k[a_k] \ (k = 1, 2)$ are proper points of hyperbolic $n$-space and $P_k$ lies on the polar hyperplane $\text{pol}(A_n)[a^n]$ of the outer point $A_n$ thus

\[ p_k \sim c \cdot a_n + a_k \in a^n \Leftrightarrow c \cdot a_n a^n + a_k a^n = 0 \Leftrightarrow c = -\frac{a_k a^n}{a_n a^n} \Rightarrow \]

\[ p_k \sim -\frac{a_k a^n}{a_n a^n} a_n + a_k \sim a_k(a_n a^n) - a_n(a_k a^n) = a_k h_{nn} - a_n h_{kn}, \quad (5.2) \]

where $h_{ij}$ is the inverse of the Coxeter-Schl"afli matrix $c^{ij}$ (e.g. see (2.4) in $\mathbb{H}^3$) of the considered orthoscheme.

2. The hyperbolic distance $P_k A_k$ can be calculated by the following formula:

\[ \cosh P_k A_k = \cosh h = \frac{-\langle p_k, a_k \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle p_k, p_k \rangle \langle a_k, a_k \rangle}} = \]

\[ = \frac{h_{nn}^2 - h_{kk}h_{nn}}{\sqrt{h_{kk} h_{nn}} \langle p_k, p_k \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{h_{kk} h_{nn} - h_{kn}^2}{h_{kk} h_{nn}}}. \quad (5.3) \]
3. The coordinates \( z_k \) \( (k = 1, 2) \) can be derived by the following equations (see Fig. 7.a-b):

\[
\cosh P_1A_1 = \sqrt{\frac{h_{11} h_{33} - h_{13}^2}{h_{11} h_{33}}} = \frac{-1 + x^2}{\sqrt{(-1 + x^2)(-1 + x^2 + z_1^2)}},
\]

\[
\cosh P_2A_2 = \sqrt{\frac{h_{22} h_{33} - h_{23}^2}{h_{22} h_{33}}} = \frac{-1 + x^2 + y^2}{\sqrt{(-1 + x^2 + y^2)(-1 + x^2 + y^2 + z_2^2)}},
\]

(5.4)

For example for tiling \( T_7^{(3,6)} \) the above coordinates are the following (see Fig. 7.a-b):

\[
x = \frac{1}{18} \sqrt{3} \sqrt{108 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) - 81} \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) \approx 0.27580,
\]

\[
y = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} \sqrt{-3 + 4 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right)} \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) \approx 0.47770,
\]

\[
z_1 = 12 \sqrt{2} \sqrt{-566 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) + 318 + 157 \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right)} \approx 0.92394,
\]

\[
z_2 = 12 \left( -1 + 2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) - \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) \right) \sqrt{18 - 31 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right) + 8 \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{7} \right)} \approx 0.69574.
\]

We construct hyp-hor packings to \( T_p^{(q,r)} \) tilings therefore the hyper- and horocycles have to satisfy the following requirements:

1. The centre of the horoball can only be the vertex \( A_0 \) and the corresponding horoball (horosphere) \( S_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p)) \) has not common points with inner of side faces \( P_0P_1P_2 \) and \( P_1P_2A_1A_2 \) of the simple frustum orthoschem \( F_p^{(q,r)} = P_0P_1P_2A_0A_1A_2 \) (see Fig. 7.a-b). These horoball types depend on the metric data of the considered tiling \( T_p^{(q,r)} \) and it is passing through the point \( T_1(1, 0, 0, \gamma_1(p)) \) where (see (5.3) and (5.4)) \( 0 \leq \gamma_1(p) < 1 \).

2. The base plane of the hyperball (hypersphere) \( H_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_2(p)) \) is \( P_1P_2P_3 \) plane. Furthermore, the above hyperball has not common points with inner of side faces \( A_0A_1A_2 \). These hyperball types depend on the metric data of the considered tiling \( T_p^{(q,r)} \) and it is passing through the point \( T_2(1, 0, 0, \gamma_2(p)) \) where \( 0 \leq \gamma_1(p) \leq \tanh(\text{arcosh}(P_2A_2)) < 1 \) (see (5.3) and (5.4)) (in some cases the points \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) can coincide i.e. the corresponding horoball and hyperball touch each other).
Figure 7: The simple frustum orthoscheme with Schl"affi symbol $[7, 3, 6]$ in Beltrami-Cayley-Klein model.

3. $\text{card}\{\text{int}(\mathcal{H}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p))) \cap \text{int}(\mathcal{H}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_2(p)))\} = 0$.

If the hyper- and horocycles hold the above requirements then we obtain hyp-hor packings $\mathcal{P}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p), \gamma_2(p))$ in the hyperbolic plane derived by the structure of the considered Coxeter simplex tilings.

Definition 5.1 The density of the above hyp-hor packings $\mathcal{P}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p), \gamma_2(p))$ is

$$\delta(\mathcal{P}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p), \gamma_2(p))) = \frac{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p)) \cap (\mathcal{H}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_1(p))) \cup \mathcal{H}_p^{(q,r)}(\gamma_2(p)))}{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(q,r)})}.$$

5.1 Hyp-hor packings to $\mathcal{T}_p^{(4,4)}$ and $\mathcal{T}_p^{(6,3)}$ tilings

5.1.1 On $\mathcal{T}_p^{(4,4)}$ tilings

It is well known that a packing is locally optimal (i.e. its density is locally maximal), then it is locally stable i.e. each ball is fixed by the other ones so that no ball of packing can be moved alone without overlapping another ball of the given ball packing or by other requirements of the corresponding tiling. Therefore, first we consider the largest possible horo- and hyperballs to the considered tiling.
The largest possible horoball centered at \( A_0 \) is passing through the vertex \( A_1 \) and the largest possible hyperball contains the vertex \( A_2 \). We get by easy calculations, that these "maximal large balls" have common inner points for any permissible parameters \( p \). Thus, the optimal arrangement can be achieved if the horo- and hyperballs touch each other i.e. holds the \( z(p) = \gamma_1(p) = \gamma_2(p) \) equation and its density of the hyp-hor packing \( P_p^{(4,4)}(z(p)) \) depends on parameter \( z(p) \) where \( 0 \leq z(p) \leq \tanh(\text{arcosh}(P_2A_2)) < 1 \) (see ((5.3) and (5.4)). The volumes of \( \text{Vol}(F_p^{(4,4)} \cap S_p^{(4,4)}(z(p)) \cap H_p^{(4,4)})) \) can be calculated by the formulas (3.2), (3.4), (3.6), (3.7), (3.8), (5.3), (5.4) for any parameters \( R \ni p > 4 \) but only to parameters \( Z \ni p \geq 5 \) belong tilings and so hyp-hor packings in \( \mathbb{H}^3 \). The largest possible horoball is denoted by \( S_p^{(4,4)}(z_{\text{max}}(p)) \) passes through the point \( T_1 = T_2(1,0,0,z_{\text{max}}(p)) \) which is the common point with the hypersphere \( H_p^{(4,4)}(z_{\text{max}}(p)) \). We blow up this hypersphere keeping the horoball \( S_p^{(4,4)}(z_{\text{max}}(p)) \) tangent to it upto this hypersphere touches the faces \( A_1A_2A_3 \) at vertex \( A_2 \). During this process we can compute the densities of considered packings as the function of \( 0 \leq \zeta(p) \leq \text{arcosh}(P_2A_2) - \text{artanh}(z_{\text{max}}(p)) \) (see (5.4)) by the following equation

\[
\delta(P_p^{(4,4)}(\zeta(p))) = \frac{\text{Vol}(F_p^{(4,4)} \cap (S_p^{(4,4)}(\zeta(p)) \cup H_p^{(4,4)}(\zeta(p))))}{\text{Vol}(F_p^{(4,4)})},
\]

\[
\text{artanh}(z(p)) = \text{artanh}(z_{\text{max}}(p)) + \zeta(p).
\]

For example, if \( p = 5 \) then \( 0 \leq \zeta(5) \leq \tanh(\text{arcosh}(P_2A_2)) - z_{\text{max}}(5) \approx 0.33419 \) and the graph of \( \delta(P_p^{(4,4)}(\zeta(5))) \) is described in Fig. 8.a. Analyzing the above density function we get that the maximal density is achieved at the endpoint of the above interval with density 0.81296 (see Table 1). Similarly to the above \( p = 5 \) parameter we can compute the optimal densities for all possible other parameters \( p \). The results for some parameters are summarized in Table 1.

The densest hyp-hor configuration among the considered "realizable" packings belongs to packing \( P_5^{(4,4)} \) with density \( \approx 0.812956 \).

\[
\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline
p & \text{Vol}(F_p^{(4,4)}) & \text{Vol}(F_p^{(4,4)} \cap (S_p^{(4,4)} \cup H_p^{(4,4)})) & \delta(P_p^{(4,4)}) \\
\hline
5 & 0.34084197 & 0.27709010 & 0.81295769 \\
6 & 0.38165233 & 0.30003810 & 0.78615566 \\
7 & 0.40369221 & 0.30777518 & 0.76240058 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]
Figure 8: The graphs of density functions $\delta(P(4,4) \cup H(5))$ and $\delta(P(4,4) \cup H(6))$.

5.1.2 On $T_p^{(6,3)}$ tilings

The determination of the optimal hyp-hor packing configurations of packings $T_p^{(6,3)}$ ($Z \ni p \geq 4$) is similar to the above tilings therefore here we only summarize the results in Table 2.

The densest hyp-hor configuration among the considered packings belongs to packing $P_5^{(4,4)}$ with density $\approx 0.81209$.

| $p$ | $Vol(F_p^{(6,3)})$ | $Vol(F_p^{(6,3)} \cap (5_p^{(6,3)} \cup H_p^{(6,3)}))$ | $\delta(P_p^{(6,3)})$ |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4   | 0.31716925         | 0.25756985                                      | 0.81208961         |
| 5   | 0.35991902         | 0.27187731                                      | 0.75538469         |
| 6   | 0.38060310         | 0.27009741                                      | 0.70965634         |

5.2 Hyp-hor packings to $T_p^{(3,6)}$ tilings

The investigations of these tilings are a little different from the above tilings.

First we consider the largest possible horo- and hyperballs to the considered tiling.

The largest possible horoball centered at $A_0$ is passing through the vertex $A_1$ and the largest possible hyperball contains the vertex $A_2$. Contrary to the above $T_p^{(4,4)}$ tilings here we get by easy calculations, that these ”maximal
large balls” have not common points for any permissible parameters $p$.

The volumes of $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(3,6)} \cap \mathcal{H}_p^{(3,6)})(\gamma_1(p))$ and $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(3,6)} \cap \mathcal{H}_p^{(3,6)})(\gamma_2(p))$ can be calculated by the formulas (3.2), (3.4), (3.6), (3.7), (3.8), (5.3) and (5.4) for any parameters $R \ni p > 6$.

**Remark 5.2** We note here, that only the parameters $Z \ni p \geq 7$ provide tilings and hyp-hor ball packing configurations in the hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$. The other parameters provide locally optimal density as well but these hyp-hor packing configurations can not be extended to the entirety of hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}^3$.

We can compute the densities for all possible parameters $p$ of hyp-hor packings. The results for some parameters are summarized in Table 1.

The densest hyp-hor configuration among the considered ”realizable” packings belongs to packing $\mathcal{P}_7^{(3,6)}$ with density $\approx 0.83267$.

| $p$  | $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(3,6)})$ | $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{F}_p^{(3,6)} \cap (\mathcal{H}_p^{(3,6)} \cup \mathcal{H}_p^{(3,6)}))$ | $\delta(\mathcal{P}_p^{(3,6)})$ |
|-----|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 7   | 0.31781165                      | 0.26463185                       | 0.83266882           |
| 8   | 0.34695830                      | 0.27901923                       | 0.80418664           |
| 9   | 0.36482363                      | 0.28351212                       | 0.77712105           |

Finally, we obtain by careful computations and investigations from the above method and results the following

**Theorem 5.3** The $\mathcal{P}_7^{(3,6)}$ packing configuration (see Section 5.2) provides the maximal density $\approx 0.83267$ of hyp-hor packings $\mathcal{P}_p^{(q,r)}$ ($(q, r) = (4, 4), (6, 3), (3, 6)$ and $p$ is suitable integer parameter (see Fig. 1)) which are derived by the Coxeter tilings generated by complete orthoschemes of degree 1 (simple frustum orthoschemes).

**5.2.1 On non-extendable hyp-hor packings** $\mathcal{P}_p^{(3,6)}$ ($6 < p < 7$, $p \in \mathbb{R}$)

The computation method described in the former sections is suitable to determine the densities of hyp-hor packings for parameters ($6 < p < 7$, $p \in \mathbb{R}$) as well. To any parameter belongs a simple frustum orthoscheme and therefore we can determine similarly to the above cases the corresponding density of its optimal hyp-hor packing. But these packings can not be extended to the 3-dimensional space. Analyzing these non-extendable packings for parameters ($6 < p < 7$, $p \in \mathbb{R}$) we obtain the following
Figure 9: The optimal hyp-hor packing configuration to Coxeter tiling [7, 3, 6].

**Theorem 5.4** The function $\delta({\mathcal{P}}^{(3,6)}_p)$, $(6 < p < 7, \ p \in \mathbb{R})$ is attained its maximum for the parameter $p_{opt}$ which lies in the interval $[6.05, 6.06]$ and the densities for parameters lying in this interval are larger that $\approx 0.85397$. That means that these locally optimal hyp-hor configurations provide larger densities that the Böröczky-Florian density upper bound $(\approx 0.85328)$ for ball and horoball packings (4).

**Remark 5.5** We note here, that the 5-dimensional analogous periodic hyp-hor packing will be investigated in a forthcoming paper.

The question of finding the densest hyp-hor packing without any symmetry assumption in the $n$-dimensional hyperbolic space is open. Similarly to it, the discussion of the densest horoball and hyperball packings in the $n$-dimensional hyperbolic space $n \geq 3$ with horoballs of different types and congruent hyperballs has not been settled yet (see [14], [15], [21], [22]).

Moreover, optimal sphere packings in other homogeneous Thurston geometries represent another huge class of open mathematical problems. For these non-Euclidean geometries only very few results are known (e.g. [19], [20], [24], [29]). By the above these we can say that the revisited Kepler problem keep several interesting open questions.
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