

# CONSTRUCTIONS OF COCOMPACT LATTICES IN CERTAIN HIGHER-RANK COMPLETE KAC–MOODY GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G$  be a complete Kac–Moody group of rank  $n \geq 2$  such that the Weyl group of  $G$  is a free product of cyclic groups of order 2. We construct new families of examples of cocompact lattices in  $G$ , many of which act transitively on the chambers of the building for  $G$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Our main result, Theorem 1 below, constructs new cocompact lattices in certain complete Kac–Moody groups  $G$  of rank  $n \geq 2$ . By definition, a complete Kac–Moody group is the completion with respect to some topology of a minimal Kac–Moody group  $\Lambda$  over a finite field. We use the completion in the “building topology” (see [CaprRe]). Complete Kac–Moody groups are locally compact, totally disconnected topological groups, which act transitively on the chambers of their associated building  $\Delta$ . For further background, see our earlier work [CapdTh], which considered complete Kac–Moody groups of rank  $n = 2$ .

We denote by  $B$  the standard Borel subgroup of  $G$ , which is the stabiliser in  $G$  of the standard chamber of  $\Delta$ , and by  $P_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the standard parabolics, which are the stabilisers in  $G$  of the panels of the standard chamber of  $\Delta$ . We denote by  $T$  a fixed maximal split torus of  $G$  with  $T \leq B = \cap_{i=1}^n P_i$ , and by  $Z(G)$  the centre of  $G$ , which is finite and is the kernel of the action of  $G$  on  $\Delta$  [CaprRe]. Each parabolic subgroup  $P_i$  has a Levi decomposition [CaprRe], with Levi complement denoted  $L_i$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $G$  be a complete Kac–Moody group of rank  $n \geq 2$  with generalised Cartan matrix  $A = (A_{ij})$ , defined over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of order  $q$  where  $q = p^a$  with  $p$  a prime. Assume that  $|A_{ij}| \geq 2$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .*

- (1) *If  $p = 2$ , then  $G$  admits a chamber-transitive cocompact lattice  $\Gamma$ .*
- (2) *If  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $G$  admits a chamber-transitive cocompact lattice  $\Gamma$  and a cocompact lattice  $\Gamma'$  which has two orbits of chambers.*
- (3) *If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then:*
  - (a)  *$G$  admits a cocompact lattice  $\Gamma'$  which has two orbits of chambers; and*
  - (b) *if in addition, for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  we have  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_2(q)$ , and for a non-split torus  $H_i$  of  $[L_i, L_i]$  chosen among all the non-split tori of  $[L_i, L_i]$  so that  $N_T(H_i)$  is as big as possible, we have that  $N_{T_0}(H_i) = N_{T_0}(H_j)$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  where  $T_0 \in \mathrm{Syl}_2(T)$ , then  $G$  admits a chamber-transitive cocompact lattice  $\Gamma$ .*

Notice that the lattices in (1), (2) and (3a) do not require any special additional conditions on the  $L_i$ , thus for all  $G$  as in Theorem 1 we have constructed at least one cocompact lattice in  $G$ . The technical conditions in (3b) are precisely those required for our construction, and can hold under various simpler assumptions, for example if  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_2(q)$  and  $Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , or for  $L_i$  as in [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1(3a)]. We will provide more explicit descriptions of the lattices  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  in our proofs in Section 4 below.

As discussed in [CapdTh], it is interesting that the groups  $G$  we consider admit any cocompact lattices. In rank  $n \geq 3$ , the only previous constructions of cocompact lattices in non-affine complete Kac–Moody groups  $G$  that are known to us are as follows.

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- Rémy–Ronan [RéRo, Section 4.B] constructed cocompact chamber-transitive lattices in certain groups defined using a twin root datum. In their construction, the finite ground fields were “mixed” (that is, of distinct characteristics). However under the additional conditions that all  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_2(q)$  and all  $Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$ , their construction can be carried out for fixed ground field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , and in this case some of the lattices we obtain in (1), (2) and (3b) above are equivalent to the lattices that can be obtained via the construction of [RéRo, Section 4.B]. We explain this further in Section 4.1 below.
- Gramlich–Horn–Mühlherr [GHM, Section 7.3] showed that for certain complete Kac–Moody groups  $G$  the fixed point set of a quasi-flip in  $G$  must be a cocompact lattice in  $G$ .
- Carbone–Cobbs [CarbCobb, Lemma 21] constructed a cocompact chamber-transitive lattice in  $G$  as in Theorem 1 in the case  $n = 3$  and  $p = q = 2$ . Their lattice, which has panel stabilisers cyclic of order three, is the same as one of the groups  $\Gamma$  in (1) above.<sup>1</sup>

It is also interesting that many of the lattices we construct are chamber-transitive, since for affine buildings of dimension  $\geq 2$  there exist very few chamber-transitive lattices [KLTi]. The chamber-transitive lattices we obtain in Theorem 1 above generalise many of the edge-transitive lattices in [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1].

To prove Theorem 1, we use the action of  $G$  on the  $(n, q+1)$ -biregular tree  $X$  which is the Davis geometric realisation of the building  $\Delta$  for  $G$ . We recall this realisation and  $G$ -action in Section 2 below. Since  $G$  acts on  $X$  cocompactly with compact vertex stabilisers, a subgroup  $\Gamma \leq G$  is a cocompact lattice in  $G$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  acts on  $X$  cocompactly with finite vertex stabilisers (see [BL]).

We construct the lattices in Theorem 1 as fundamental groups  $\Gamma$  or  $\Gamma'$  of finite graphs of finite groups with universal covering tree  $X$ . The theory of tree lattices then implies that  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are cocompact lattices in the full automorphism group  $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$  of  $X$ . Since  $\mathrm{Aut}(X)$  is much larger than the Kac–Moody group  $G$ , the key to proving Theorem 1 is to show that  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  embed in  $G$ . For this, we use covering theory for graphs of groups (see [B]). Specifically, we generalise and simplify our earlier embedding criterion for cocompact lattices [CapdTh, Proposition 3.1], in Section 3 below. Our assumptions on the generalised Cartan matrix for  $G$  then allow us in Section 4 to generalise results from [CapdTh] concerning the actions of the finite subgroups of  $G$  on  $X$ , and hence apply our embedding criterion.

## 2. THE DAVIS REALISATION OF THE BUILDING FOR $G$

Let  $G$  be as in Theorem 1 above. In this section we recall the construction of the Davis geometric realisation  $X$  of the building  $\Delta$  for  $G$ , and describe how the action of  $G$  on  $X$  induces a graph of groups  $\mathbb{G}$ . For background on graphs of groups, see for example [B, BL].

We denote by  $C_k$  the cyclic group of order  $k$ . Our assumptions on the generalised Cartan matrix for  $G$  imply that its Weyl group is  $W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \mid s_i^2 = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$ , that is, a free product of  $n$  copies of  $C_2$ . For the general construction of the Davis realisation  $X$  of a building, see [D]. In our case, each chamber  $K$  of  $X$  is the star graph obtained by coning on  $n$  vertices, one for each of the Coxeter generators  $s_i$ . We will say that the cone point of  $K$  has type 0 and is coloured red, and that the other  $n$  vertices of  $K$  have types  $1 \leq i \leq n$  respectively and are coloured blue.

The Davis realisation  $X$  is then the  $(n, q+1)$ -biregular tree with alternating red and blue vertices, each red vertex having valence  $n$  and each blue vertex valence  $(q+1)$ . More precisely, the tree  $X$  is a union of copies of  $K$  glued together along blue vertices, so that each blue vertex has a unique type  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and is

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<sup>1</sup>As acknowledged in [CarbCobb], the covering morphism used in the proof of [CarbCobb, Lemma 21] is due to Anne Thomas. However the claim in the statement of [CarbCobb, Lemma 21] that the resulting embedding is nondiscrete is incorrect, as we now explain. We recall in Section 2 that when  $n = 3$  there is a realisation of the building for  $G$  as a hyperbolic building with ideal vertices. In particular, the  $G$ -stabilisers of the ideal vertices may contain infinite discrete subgroups, which invalidates the reason given for nondiscreteness in the proof of [CarbCobb, Lemma 21]. Indeed in [CarbCobb, Section 7], the tree  $X$  which is naturally embedded in this hyperbolic building is used to construct an embedding into  $G$  of the abstract group  $\Gamma = C_3 * C_3 * C_3$  as a cocompact lattice. Although it is claimed in [CarbCobb] that a different embedding of  $\Gamma$  is obtained by using  $X$ , in fact the embedding of this abstract group in [CarbCobb, Section 7] the same as that in [CarbCobb, Lemma 21]. This shows that the embedding in [CarbCobb, Lemma 21] is discrete.

contained in exactly  $(q + 1)$  chambers (and each red vertex has type 0). We will sometimes refer to the blue vertices of  $X$  as its *panels*.

The action of  $G$  on  $X$  is chamber-transitive and preserves the types of panels. The stabiliser of the standard chamber is  $B$  and for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , the stabiliser in  $G$  of the panel of type  $i$  of the standard chamber is the standard parabolic  $P_i = B \sqcup Bs_iB$ . We may thus describe  $G$  as the fundamental group of a graph of groups  $\mathbb{G}$  over the star graph  $K$ , with the red vertex group and all edge groups being  $B$ , the blue vertex group of type  $i$  being  $P_i$  and all monomorphisms the natural inclusions.

In the case  $n = 2$ , the red vertices of the tree  $X$  may be omitted, so that the chamber  $K$  is a single edge,  $X$  is a  $(q + 1)$ -regular tree with two types of (blue) vertices and  $G = P_1 *_B P_2$  is the fundamental group of an edge of groups. In the case  $n = 3$ , the building for  $G$  may be realised as a hyperbolic building with chambers ideal hyperbolic triangles. The stabilisers in  $G$  of the (ideal) vertices of the standard chamber of this hyperbolic building are the amalgamated free products  $P_i *_B P_j$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$ , which are noncompact and so may contain infinite discrete subgroups. For all  $n \geq 3$ , the building  $\Delta$  for  $G$  may be realised as a simplicial complex with chambers simplices on  $n$  vertices, so that the  $G$ -stabilisers of the vertices of  $\Delta$  are noncompact and the Davis realisation  $X$  embeds naturally in the barycentric subdivision of  $\Delta$ . The reason we consider the action of  $G$  on  $X$  rather than on  $\Delta$  is that, as explained in the introduction, actions on  $X$  provide a straightforward characterisation of cocompact lattices in  $G$ .

### 3. EMBEDDING CRITERION

In this section we establish our embedding criterion, Proposition 2 below. The definitions and results from covering theory for graphs of groups that we will need are recalled in [CapdTh, Section 2.2].

We continue all assumptions and notation from Section 2 above. In addition, we denote by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  the (blue) vertices of  $X$  which have stabilisers  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  respectively, and by  $x_0$  the (red) vertex of  $X$  which has stabiliser  $B$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq n$  let  $f_i$  be the oriented edge of  $X$  with initial vertex  $x_i$  and terminal vertex  $x_0$ , so that  $\bar{f}_i$  is the edge of  $X$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_i$ . Given a vertex  $x$  of  $X$ , we denote by  $E_X(x)$  the set of oriented edges of  $X$  with initial vertex  $x$ . We let  $K_{m,n}$  be the complete bipartite graph with  $m$  red vertices and  $n$  blue vertices. The case  $m = 1$  is the chamber  $K$ , that is, a star graph on  $n$  vertices. We denote the  $n$  blue vertices of  $K_{m,n}$  by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and the  $m$  red vertices by  $b_1, \dots, b_m$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , the oriented edge of  $K_{m,n}$  from  $a_i$  to  $b_k$  will be denoted by  $e_{i,k}$ , and that from  $b_k$  to  $a_i$  by  $\bar{e}_{i,k}$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $m \geq 1$  be an integer. Suppose that for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  there are finite groups  $A_i \leq P_i$  such that:*

- (1) *the group  $A_i$  has  $m$  orbits of equal size on  $E_X(x_i)$ ;*
- (2) *for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  with  $i \neq j$ , we have  $A_i \cap A_j = A_0 := \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ ;*
- (3) *there are representatives  $f_{i,1} = f_i, f_{i,2}, \dots, f_{i,m}$  of the orbits of  $A_i$  on  $E_X(x_i)$  and elements  $g_{i,1} = 1, g_{i,2}, \dots, g_{i,m} \in P_i$  such that for all  $1 \leq k \leq m$ :*
  - (a)  $g_{i,k} \cdot f_{i,1} = f_{i,k}$ ; and
  - (b)  $A_i \cap B^{g_{i,k}} = A_0^{g_{i,k}}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be the graph of groups over  $K_{m,n}$  with:

- blue vertex groups  $\mathcal{A}_{a_i} = A_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and red vertex groups and edge groups  $A_0$ ;
- the monomorphism  $\alpha_{e_{i,k}}$  from the edge group  $\mathcal{A}_{e_{i,k}} = A_0$  into  $A_i$  inclusion composed with  $\text{ad}(g_{i,k})$ , and all other monomorphisms inclusions.

Then the fundamental group of the graph of groups  $\mathbb{A}$  is a cocompact lattice in  $G$ , with quotient  $K_{m,n}$ .

Note that when  $m = 1$ , so that each  $A_i$  acts transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$ , Condition (3) reduces to the requirement that  $A_i \cap B = A_0$ .

*Proof.* We construct a covering of graphs of groups  $\Phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$ , where  $\mathbb{G}$  is the graph of groups for  $G$  constructed in Section 2 above. Since  $K_{m,n}$  is a finite graph and  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n$  are finite, the result follows.

Let  $\theta : K_{m,n} \rightarrow K$  be the graph morphism given by  $\theta(a_i) = x_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\theta(b_k) = x_0$  for  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $\theta(e_{i,k}) = f_i$  and  $\theta(\bar{e}_{i,k}) = \bar{f}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq m$ . We construct a morphism of graphs of groups  $\Phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$  over  $\theta$  as follows. All of the local maps  $\phi_{a_i} : A_i \rightarrow P_i$ ,  $\phi_{b_k} : A_0 \rightarrow B$  and  $\phi_{e_{i,k}} : A_0 \rightarrow B$

are natural inclusions. We put  $\phi(e_{i,k}) = g_{i,k}$  and  $\phi(\overline{e_{i,k}}) = 1$ . Then it is easy to check that  $\Phi$  is a morphism of graphs of groups.

To show that  $\Phi$  is a covering, we first show that for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the map

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{A}_i/e_{i,k}} : \prod_{k=1}^m \mathcal{A}_i / \alpha_{e_{i,k}}(\mathcal{A}_{e_{i,k}}) \rightarrow P_i/B$$

induced by  $g \mapsto \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i}(g)\phi(e_{i,k}) = gg_{i,k}$ , for  $g$  representing a coset of  $\alpha_{e_{i,k}}(\mathcal{A}_{e_{i,k}}) = A_0^{g_{i,k}}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_i = A_i$ , is a bijection. For this, we note that since the edges  $f_{i,k} = g_{i,k} \cdot f_{i,1} = g_{i,k} \cdot f_i$  represent pairwise distinct  $A_i$ -orbits on  $E_X(x_i)$ , for all  $g, h \in A_i$  and all  $1 \leq k \neq k' \leq m$  the cosets  $gg_{i,k}B$  and  $hg_{i,k'}B$  are pairwise distinct. The conclusion that  $\Phi_{\mathcal{A}_i/e_{i,k}}$  is a bijection then follows from the hypothesis that  $A_i \cap B^{g_{i,k}} = A_0^{g_{i,k}}$ .

It remains to show that for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq m$  the map

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{B}_k/\overline{e_{i,k}}} : \mathcal{B}_k / \alpha_{\overline{e_{i,k}}}(\mathcal{A}_{\overline{e_{i,k}}}) \rightarrow B/B$$

is a bijection, which is immediate since this is a map  $A_0/A_0 \rightarrow B/B$ . We conclude that  $\Phi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$  is a covering of graphs of groups, as desired.  $\square$

#### 4. CONSTRUCTIONS OF LATTICES

We now complete the proof of Theorem 1, by applying Proposition 2 above to construct the chamber-transitive lattices  $\Gamma$  in Section 4.1 and the lattices  $\Gamma'$  which have two orbits of chambers in Section 4.2. Recall that for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , the Levi complement  $L_i$  factors as  $L_i = M_i T$ , where  $M_i \cong A_1(q)$  is normalised by  $T$ . We denote by  $H_i$  a non-split torus of  $M_i$  such that  $N_T(H_i)$  is as big as possible.

**4.1. Chamber-transitive case.** We will apply Proposition 2 with  $m = 1$ .

We first consider the case  $p = 2$ . As explained in [CapdTh, Section 3.2.1], in this case  $H_i \cong C_{q+1}$ . The edges  $E_X(x_i)$  may be identified with the cosets of  $B$  in  $P_i$ , and then the same proof as for [CapdTh, Lemma 3.2] shows that  $H_i$  acts simply transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$ . Let  $A_0$  be any subgroup of  $Z(G)$  and for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  put  $A_i := A_0 \times H_i$ . The conditions of Proposition 2 are then easily verified, using the fact that  $H_i \cap B$  is trivial. Thus we have constructed a cocompact lattice  $\Gamma \leq G$  which acts on  $X$  with quotient the standard chamber  $K$ , that is, a chamber-transitive lattice  $\Gamma \leq G$ .

If in the case  $p = 2$ , we have in addition that  $Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then the lattice  $\Gamma$  just constructed would be the lattice obtained via the construction of Rémy–Ronan [RéRo, Section 4.B].

Suppose now that  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $T_0 \in \text{Syl}_2(T)$ . For each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , consider the group  $N_{L_i}(H_i)$ . If  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \text{PSL}_2(q)$ , then  $N_{L_i}(H_i) = N_{M_i}(H_i)C_T(L_i)$  where  $C_T(L_i) \cap N_{M_i}(H_i) = Z(M_i)$  and  $[C_T(L_i), N_{M_i}(H_i)] = 1$ . In this case put  $A_i := N_{M_i}(H_i)T_0Z_0$  where  $Z_0$  is any subgroup of  $Z(G)$ . By the same proof as for [CapdTh, Lemma 3.3], the group  $N_{M_i}(H_i)$  acts transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$ , and therefore so does  $A_i$ . Moreover,  $A_i \cap T = T_0Z_0$ . If on the other hand  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \text{PGL}_2(q)$ , then  $N_{L_i}(H_i) = H_iQ'_iT_0C_T(L_i)$  where  $Q'_i \in \text{Syl}_2(C_{L_i}(H_i))$ ,  $C_T(L_i) \cap H_iQ'_iT_0 = C_{T_0}(L_i)$  and  $[C_T(L_i), H_iQ'_iT_0] = 1$ . This time put  $A_i := H_iQ'_iT_0Z_0$  where  $Z_0$  is again any subgroup of  $Z(G)$ . By the same proof as for [CapdTh, Lemma 3.4], it follows that the group  $A_i := H_iQ'_iT_0Z_0$  acts transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$ . Moreover,  $A_i \cap T = T_0Z_0$ . If we now fix a subgroup  $Z_0 \leq Z(G)$ , then independently of whether each  $L_i/Z(L_i)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{PSL}_2(q)$  or to  $\text{PGL}_2(q)$ , we obtain that  $A_i \cap A_j = T_0Z_0$  for all  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ . It follows that if  $A_0 := T_0Z_0$  then  $A_i \cap B = A_i \cap T = T_0Z_0 = A_0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The existence of a chamber-transitive lattice  $\Gamma \leq G$  in this case then follows from Proposition 2.

Notice that if  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \text{PGL}_2(q)$  and  $Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we could simply take  $A_i := H_iQ'_iZ_0$ , since  $H_iQ'_i$  acts transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$  as explained in [CapdTh, Lemma 3.4], and  $A_i \cap B = H_iQ'_iZ_0 \cap T \leq Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$ . This would generalise (3)(b)(ii) of [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1] to construct another chamber-transitive lattice  $\Gamma$  in  $G$ . This would also be the lattice obtained by the construction of [RéRo, Section 4.B].

Finally, suppose that  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , that  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \text{PGL}_2(q)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and that  $N_{T_0}(H_i) = N_{T_0}(H_j)$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  where  $T_0 \in \text{Syl}_2(T)$ . Take any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Notice that  $H_i \cap T = Z(M_i)$  and  $H_i = H'_i \times Z(M_i)$  with  $H'_i \cong C_{\frac{q+1}{2}}$ . Let  $Q'_i \in \text{Syl}_2(C_{L_i}(H_i))$ . Then  $|Q'_i : Q'_i \cap T| = |Q'_i : Q'_i \cap T_0| = 2$ ,  $Q'_i \cap T = C_{T_0}(H_i)$  and by the same proof as for [CapdTh, Lemma 3.5], it follows that the group  $H_iQ'_i$  acts

transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$ . Take  $A_i := H_i Q'_i N_{T_0}(H_i)$ . Then  $A_i$  acts transitively on  $E_X(x_i)$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = N_{T_0}(H_i) = N_{T_0}(H_j)$ . Putting  $A_0 := N_{T_0}(H_i)$  for any  $i$ , we then have  $A_i \cap B = A_i \cap T = N_{T_0}(H_i) = A_0$  for all  $i$ . The existence of a chamber-transitive lattice  $\Gamma \leq G$  in this case then follows from Proposition 2.

Notice that for  $n = 2$ , under the technical conditions on  $G$  listed in (3)(a)(i) of [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1], the conclusion of (3)(a)(i) of [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1] coincides with our current conclusion. We could describe analogous conditions for larger  $n$ , but have omitted them since they would be tedious.

Finally, if  $L_i/Z(L_i) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_2(q)$  and  $Z(L_i) \leq Z(G)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we could also generalise (3)(a)(ii) of [CapdTh, Theorem 1.1] to construct another chamber-transitive lattice  $\Gamma$  in  $G$ , which would be the lattice that can be obtained in this case via the construction of [RéRo, Section 4.B].

**4.2. Construction of  $\Gamma'$ .** We will apply Proposition 2 with  $m = 2$ .

Suppose first that  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $q + 1 = 2r$  where  $r$  is odd and  $H_i \cong C_2 \times C_r$ . Take  $A_i \leq H_i$  such that  $A_i \cong C_r$ . That is,  $A_i$  is the unique subgroup of  $H_i$  of index 2 and  $|A_i| = \frac{q+1}{2}$  is odd. By the same arguments as in [CapdTh, Section 3.3.2], each  $A_i$  has 2 orbits of equal size  $\frac{1}{2}(q + 1)$  on  $E_X(x_i)$ , and we may choose an edge  $f_{i,2} \in E_X(x_i)$  so that  $f_i$  and  $f_{i,2}$  represent these two orbits (notice that these orbits are exactly the same as the orbits of  $N_i$  from [CapdTh, Section 3.3.2]). Since  $L_i$  acts transitively on the set  $E_X(x_i)$ , we may choose an element  $g_{i,2} \in L_i$  such that  $f_{i,2} = g_{i,2} \cdot f_i$ . As  $A_i \cap A_j = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ , let  $A_0$  be the trivial group. Since  $(|A_i|, |T|) = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have  $A_i \cap T^g = 1$  for all  $g \in G$ , and so  $A_i \cap B = 1 = A_0$  and  $A_i \cap B^{g_{i,2}} = 1 = A_0^{g_{i,2}}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We may now apply Proposition 2 to obtain a cocompact lattice  $\Gamma' \leq G$  which acts with two orbits of chambers.

Finally suppose  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Notice that if  $T_0 \in \mathrm{Syl}_2(T)$ , then  $T_0$  is a group of exponent 2 and  $T_0$  normalises  $H_i$ . Take  $A_i := H_i T_0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and put  $A_0 := T_0$ . Since  $A_i$  intersects every Borel subgroup of  $L_i$  in  $T_0$ , by the same arguments as in [CapdTh, Section 3.3.2], each  $A_i$  has 2 orbits of equal size  $\frac{q+1}{2}$  on  $E_X(x_i)$ . Moreover, we may choose an edge  $f_{i,2} \in E_X(x_i)$  so that  $f_i$  and  $f_{i,2}$  represent these two orbits and moreover  $f_i$  and  $f_{i,2}$  are the only two edges of  $E_X(x_i)$  which are fixed by  $T$ . Since  $A_0 \neq 1$ , this time we must choose the element  $g_{i,2}$  a bit more carefully. Take  $g_{i,2}$  to be an element of  $N_{P_i}(T)$  which represents the Weyl group generator  $s_i$ . It then follows that  $f_{i,2} = g_{i,2} \cdot f_i$ . We also have  $A_i \cap B = T_0 = A_0$  and, as  $T_0$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $T$ ,  $A_i \cap B^{g_{i,2}} = T_0 = A_0 = A_0^{g_{i,2}}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We may now again apply Proposition 2 to obtain a cocompact lattice  $\Gamma' \leq G$  which acts with two orbits of chambers.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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