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CURVES, SURFACES AND THREE-MANIFOLDS

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<u>Abstract:</u> Much of the theory of three-dimensional manifolds involves lower dimensional objects, that is, curves and surfaces. I'll explain and illustrate some of these objects, including Dehn twists, foliations, pseudo-Anosov surface mappings, and surface bundles over the circle. Then I'll show how these ideas are used in proving the following result:

Theorem: There is no upper bound on the number of cusps in a finite-volume hyperbolic three-manifold whose isometry group induces a two-transitive action on the cusp set.

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