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## Obtaining genus 2 Heegaard splittings from Dehn surgery

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Let $\mathrm{K}^{\prime}$ be a hyperbolic knot in $\mathrm{S}^{\wedge} 3$ and suppose that some Dehn surgery on $\mathrm{K}^{\prime}$ with distance at least 3 from the meridian yields a 3-manifold $M$ of Heegaard genus 2. We show that if $M$ does not contain an embedded Dyck's surface (the closed non-orientable surface of Euler characteristic -1), then the knot dual to the surgery is either 0-bridge or 1 -bridge with respect to a genus 2 Heegaard splitting of M. In the case M does contain an embedded Dyck's surface, we obtain similar results. As a corollary, if M does not contain an incompressible genus 2 surface, then the tunnel number of $\mathrm{K}^{\prime}$ is at most 2 .

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