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Given  $n$  distinct points on  $S^1$ , we construct a graph with  $n$  leaves by using hyperbolic geometry of  $D^2$  and show that if the extension of a hyperbolic isometry on  $D^2$  to  $S^1$  changes the  $n$  points, the corresponding graph does not change. Moreover the graph (that we call the Steiner graph of the configuration) has no vertex of degree 2 and can be realized as a geometric object inside  $D^2$ . We present some open problems in the area as well. (Received August 03, 2006)