

Symplectic 4-Manifolds on the Noether Line and between the Noether and Half Noether Lines

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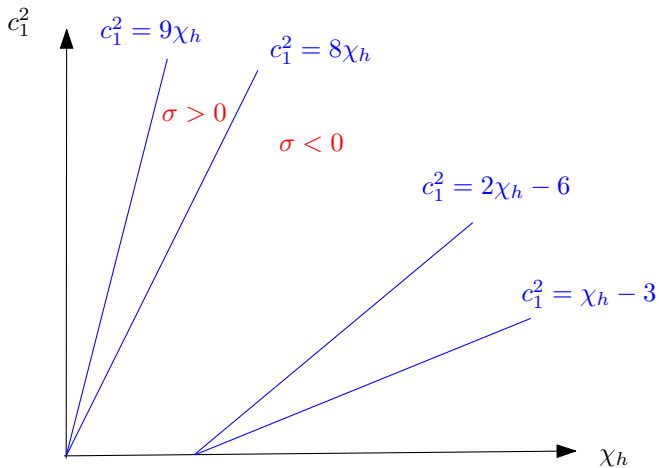
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(Recall: For minimal complex surfaces S of general type, the BMY and Noether inequalities $9\chi_h(S) \geq c_1^2(S) \geq 2\chi_h(S) - 6$ hold.)

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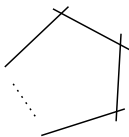


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Recall that a simply connected smooth 4-manifold X is said to be of *simple type* if each basic class K satisfies the equation $K^2 = c_1^2(X) = 3\sigma(X) + 2e(X)$.

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where f is the homology class of the fiber of $E(n)$ and PD means taking the Poincaré dual of the homology class.

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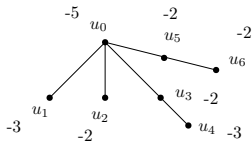


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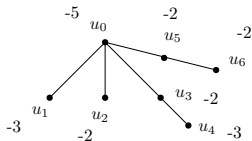


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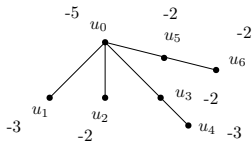


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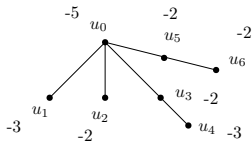


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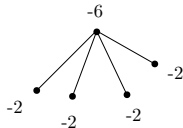


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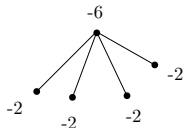


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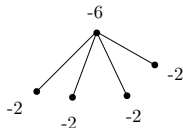


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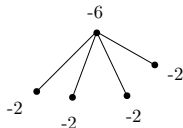


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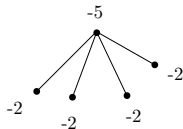


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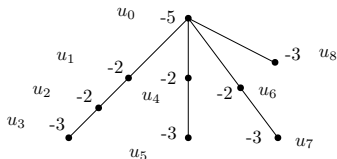


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The symplectic filling \mathcal{V} is a particular symplectic 4-manifold with $e(\mathcal{V}) = 3$, $\sigma(\mathcal{V}) = -2$.

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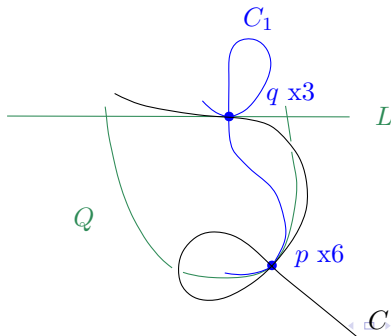
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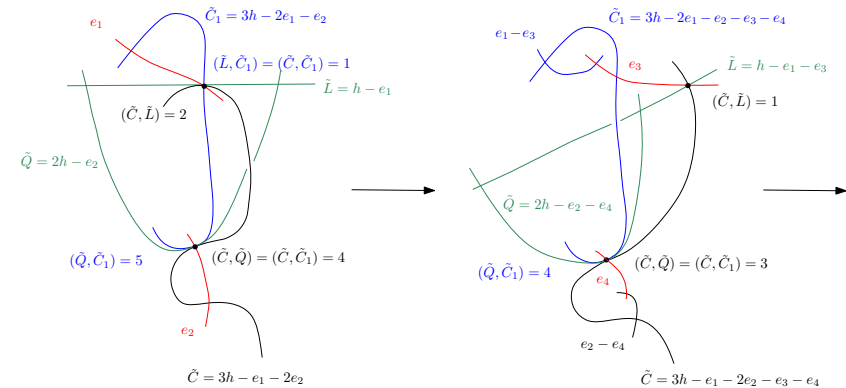


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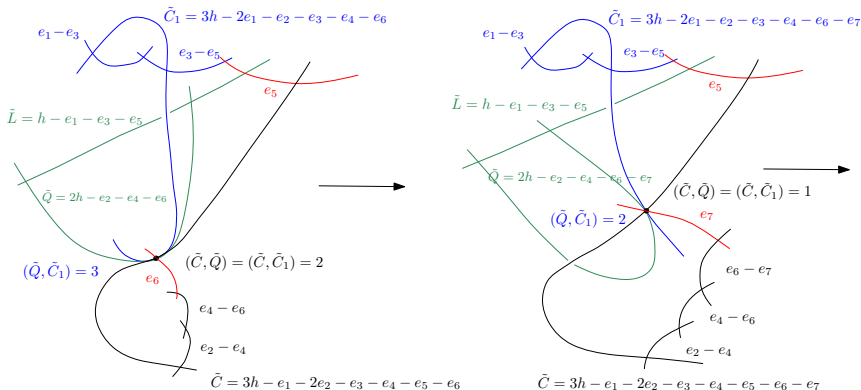


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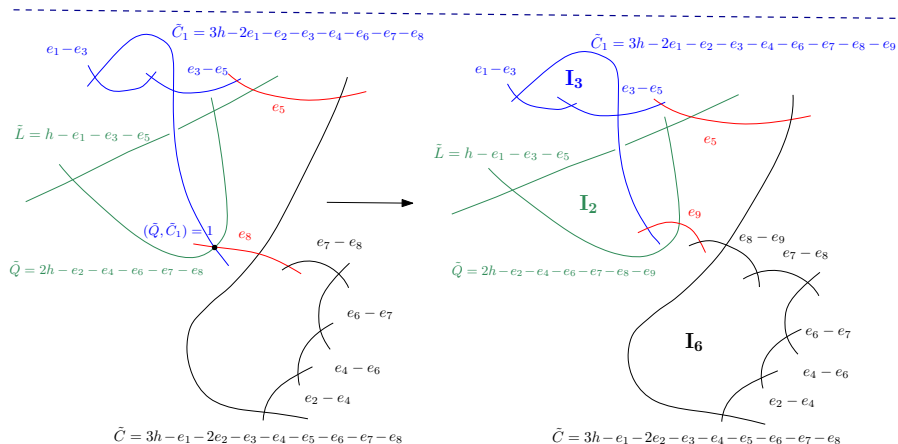
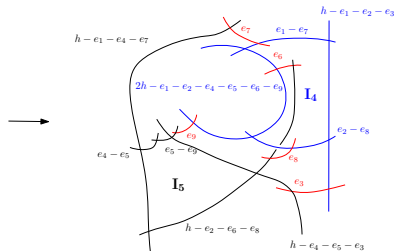
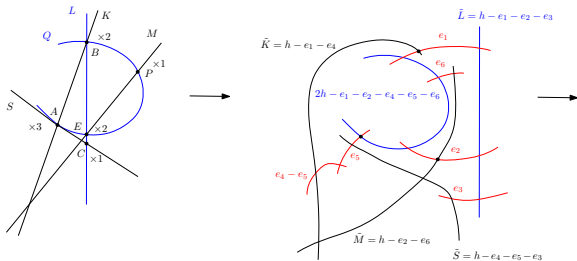


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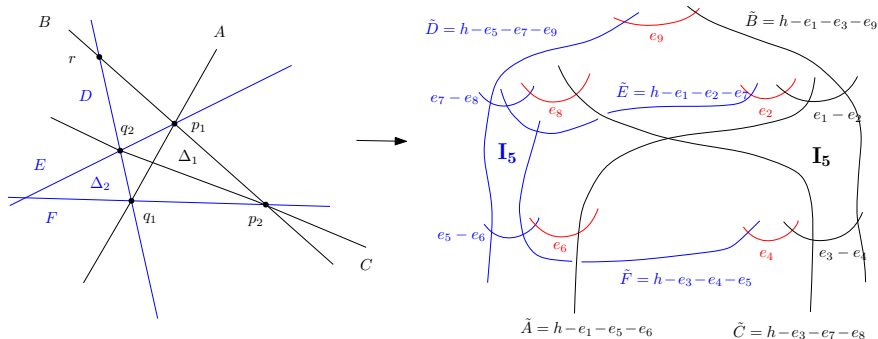


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Z is an exotic copy of $9\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 46\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$.

A simply connected, minimal, symplectic and exotic 4-manifold above the Noether line

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There exists a simply connected, minimal, symplectic 4-manifold M with an exotic smooth structure, and with one SW basic class up to sign, lying above the Noether line and obtained by the $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$ -star surgery.

M is an exotic copy of $3\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 17\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$.

