

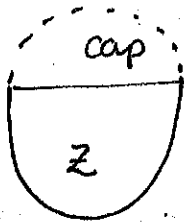
Emily - The structure of ruled & rational symplectic 4-manifolds  
(paper by McDuff).

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GOAL: Classify compact symplectic 4-manifolds containing a symplectically embedded  $S^2$ ,  $C$ , with nonnegative self intersection

Why we care?

If you want to classify fillings of  $Z$  of  $X$   
add a cap ~~cap~~   $X$  contact  
& now classify compact mfd's w/ such a cap.

Containing Cap  $\Rightarrow$  strong restrictions on  $V \Rightarrow$  strong restrictions on  $Z$ .

TERMINOLOGY:

$(V, \omega)$  compact <sup>smooth</sup> symplectic 4-manifold

$C$  rational curve =  $\wedge$  embedded  $S^2$   
symplectically

an exceptional curve is a rational curve  $C$  s.t.  
 $C \cdot C = -1$ .

$(V, C, \omega)$  minimal if  $V \setminus C$  contains no exceptional curves.

$V$  ruled = fibered by rational curves.

THM (McDuff '90)  $(V, C, \omega)$  minimal,  $\wedge$  and  $C \cdot C \geq 0$ , then

$(V, \omega)$  symplectomorphic to

(1)  $(\mathbb{C}P^2, \omega_{FS})$

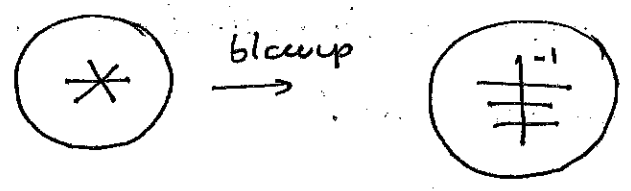
(2) symplectic  $S^2$ -bundle over compact  $M$ . Moreover  $C$

is taken to

- (i) complex line or quadric
- (ii) fibre or section of bundle

REMARK:  $e$  has positive self intersection.  
we are only classifying minimal pairs.

THM: Every  $(V, C, \omega)$  covers a minimal  $(\bar{V}, \bar{C}, \bar{\omega})$  obtained by blowing down a finite collection of exceptional  $\bar{C}$  in  $VIC$ . Given these  $\bar{\omega}$  unique up to isotopy.



is also  $M \# \mathbb{C}P^2$

Upshot: A classification problem boils down to minimal case.

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MAIN TOOL: adjunction formula

$S$  is a <sup>rational</sup> holomorphic ~~cur~~ embedded curve.

$$TV|_S = TS \oplus \nu S$$

$$c_1(TV|_S) = c_1(TS) + c_1(\nu S)$$

$$c_1(\nu) \cdot [S] = \chi(S) + [S] \cdot [S]$$

ADJUNCTION FORMULA

Mega lemma:  $\exists$  tame  $J$  s.t.  $[C]$  may be represented by a  $J$ -holomorphic cusp curve

$$S = S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_m \quad \text{where } [S_i] = A_i$$

is  $J$ -indecomposable and  $J$  is regular for all  $A_i$ -curves

Moreover, the  $S_i$  are distinct embedded curves with self intersection  $-1, 0$  or  $1$  and there is at least one component with

$$A_i \cdot A_i \geq 0.$$

$J$ -indecomposable:  $A_i$  can't be split up more.

Proposition 1: If  $F$  is a rational  $B$ -curve in  $(V, \omega)$  where  $B$  is simple &  $B \cdot B = 0$ , then  $\exists \pi: V \rightarrow M$  compatible with  $\omega$ , with  $F$  a fibre ( $\omega$  nondegenerate on fibres).

Proof: Take a tame almost complex structure,  $J$ , that splits near  $F$ . If  $f$  is a  $J$ -holomorphic parametrization of  $F$  then  $C_1(\sigma F) = 0$ . Automatic transversality tells us that  $(f, J)$  is regular.

$B$  simple  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g, k}(J, B)$  compact  
↑ genus    ↑ one marked point

$$f: S^2 \xrightarrow{p^e} V$$

$k = \#$  of marked points

Then  $\dim = 2n + 2c_1(c) + 2k - 6$   
↑  $\dim(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}))$   
 $= 4 + 2\Lambda(c) + 2[c] \cdot [c] + 2k - 6$   
 $= 4 + 2(2+0) + 2 \cdot 1 - 6 = 4$

Consider the evaluation map

$$ev: \mathcal{M}_{0,1}(J, B) \rightarrow V$$

$B \cdot B = 0 \Rightarrow$  there is at most one  $B$ -curve through each point in  $V$   
 $\Rightarrow$  degree of  $ev$  is  $\leq 1$   
 in a nhd of  $F$ , there is a family of such  $J$ -holomorphic curves

Then degree at least 1. (by regularity)

$\Rightarrow$  The degree is exactly one

$\Rightarrow$  There is exactly one  $J$ -holomorphic  $B$ -curve through every point of  $V$ .

These form fibres of continuous surjection

$$\pi: V \rightarrow M$$

Fibres are holomorphic  $\Rightarrow$  symplectic so compatible.

REMARK:  $\omega$  compatible  $\xrightarrow{\text{with } \pi} \Rightarrow \omega$  determined up to isotopy by its cohomology class  $[\omega] \in H^2(V)$ .

PROPOSITION 2:  $(V, C, \omega)$  are minimal and  $c \cdot c > 0$

(i) If  $S_i \cdot S_i = 1$  for some  $i \Rightarrow V = \mathbb{C}P^2$  and  $m = 1$  or  $2$

(ii) If  $S_i \cdot S_i = -1$  for some  $i \Rightarrow V \cong \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  and there is one such  $i$  and all other  $S_j$  are homologous with  $S_j \cdot S_j = 0$

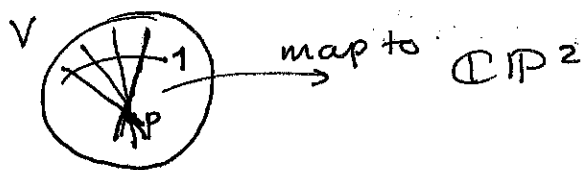
(iii) If  $S_i \cdot S_i = 0$  for all  $i \Rightarrow$  all  $S_i$  except maybe one are homologous and  $V$  is an  $S^2$ -bundle.

Comments on proof:

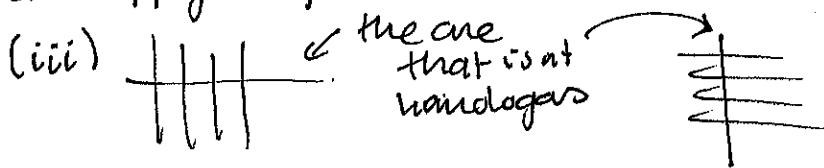
(i) Gromov showed this for  $m=1$ .

Consider  $ev: \mathcal{M}_{0,2}(J, A) \rightarrow V \times V$

show  $deg = 1 \Rightarrow \exists!$   $J$ -holomorphic curve thru each pair of points



(ii) apply adjunction to get a contradiction



By Propositions 1 & 2, <sup>we get</sup> the diffeomorphism types

& symplectomorphism type determined just by  $[w]$  up to isotopy.

COROLLARY: Diffeomorphism type is determined by  $p = C \cdot C \geq 0$  for  $p \neq 0$  or 4.

$p=0 \xrightarrow{\text{prop 1}} S^2\text{-bundle}$

$p=1 \xrightarrow{\text{Gromov}} \mathbb{C}P^2, C \text{ is sent to a line.}$

$p \geq 2 \Rightarrow p = C \cdot C = (A_1 + \dots + A_m)^2$   
 $= \sum_i A_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} 2 A_i \cdot A_j$

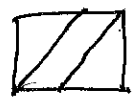
In case (ii)  $p = -1 + \sum_{i < j} 2 A_i \cdot A_j \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$

case (iii)  $p = 0 + \sum_{i < j} 2 A_i \cdot A_j \in 2\mathbb{Z}$

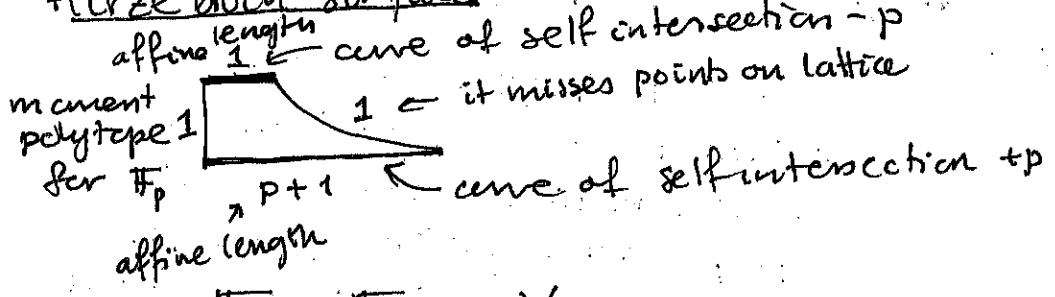
If  $p$  is odd  $\Rightarrow V \simeq \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  (diffeo)

If  $p$  is even  $\Rightarrow V \simeq S^2 \times S^2$

&  $p \geq 2$  If  $p=4 \Rightarrow V \simeq S^2 \times S^2$  with  $C \mapsto \Gamma_2$



Hirzebruch surface

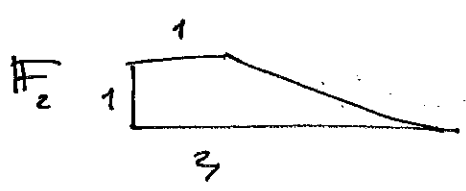
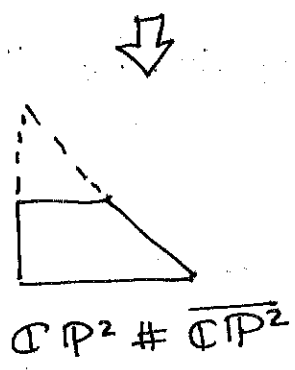
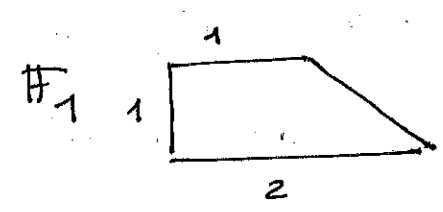
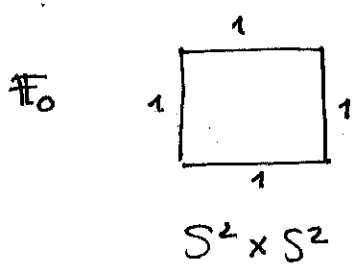


$F_p \simeq F_{p+2} \forall p.$

OR  $V \simeq \mathbb{C}P^2$ ,  ~~$p=0$~~  with  $C \mapsto Q$



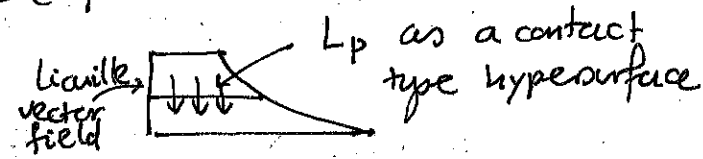
no two are symplectomorphic



Implication on fillings:

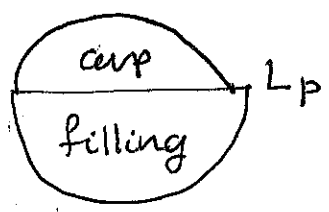
Get  $\mathbb{F}_p$  by gluing  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  to  $\mathcal{O}(-p)$

CLAIM:  $\partial(\mathcal{O}(p)) = L_p = L(p, 1)$



$\partial(\mathcal{O}(-p)) = L_p$  (opposite orientation)

Pinchline:



$\text{cap} = \mathcal{O}(p)$

$\Rightarrow$  it contains curve w/ self intersection  $p$

$\Rightarrow$  McDuff shows that minimal such compact mfd's are determined uniquely up to symplectomorphism if we fix  $[w]$  and up to diffeo for  $p \neq 0, 4$

$\Rightarrow L_p$  have minimal symplectic fillings for  $p \neq 4$ . these are unique up to diffeo. If fix  $[w]$  unique up to symplecto ( $L_4$  has exactly 2 nondiffeo fillings).