Protocorks and exotic 4-manifolds

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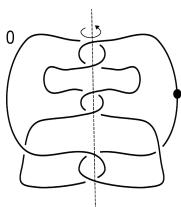
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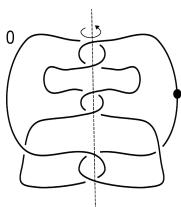
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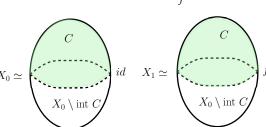
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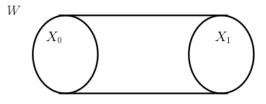
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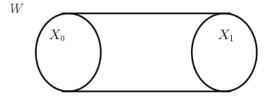
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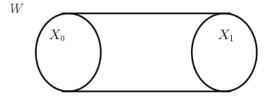


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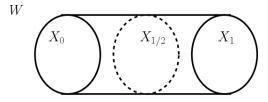
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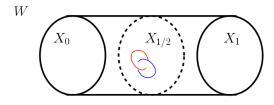


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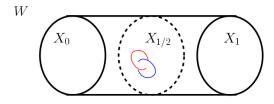
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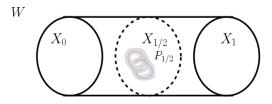
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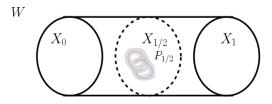
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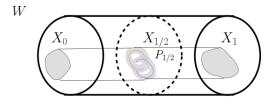
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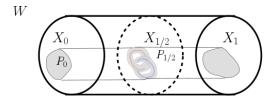
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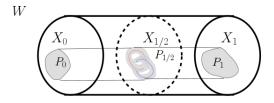
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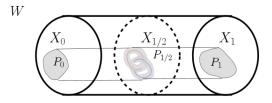
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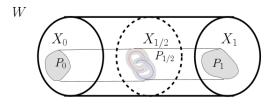
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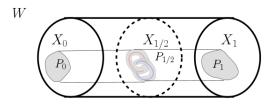
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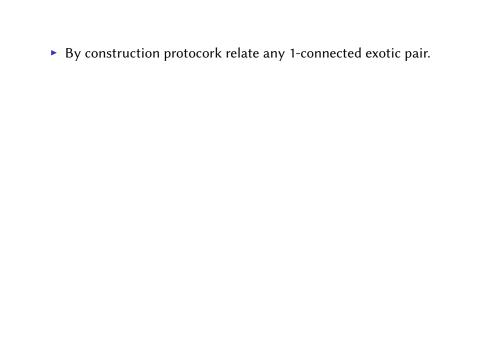
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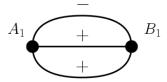


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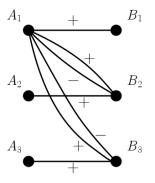


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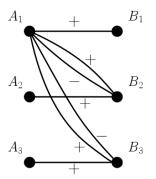
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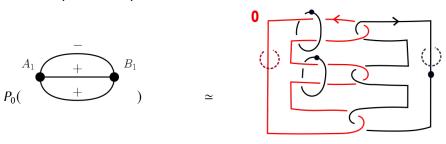


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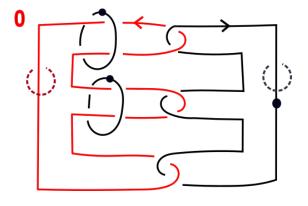


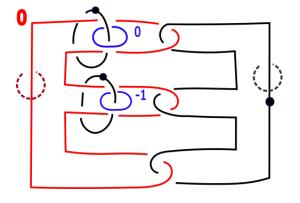
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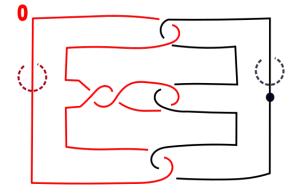
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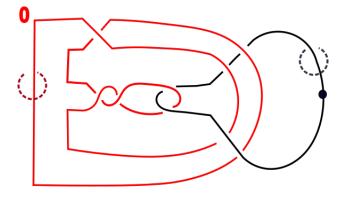


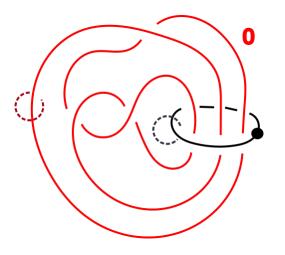
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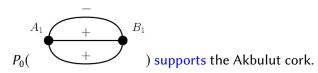


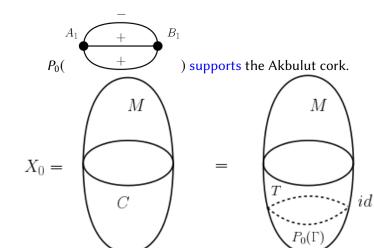


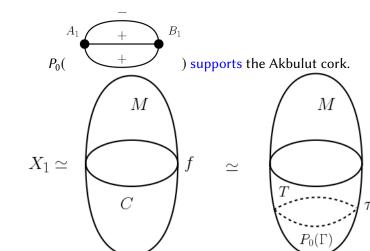


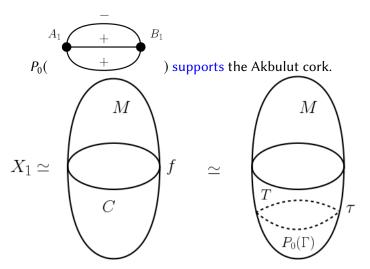












Prop. Any cork (C, f) admits a supporting protocork.

Problem: does a protocork twist change the Seiberg-Witten invariants?

To analyse this we use Monopole Floer homology (Kronheimer-Mrowka '07). Recap:

▶ To Y^3 oriented, closed 3-manifold we associate $\mathbb{Z}[[U]]$ -modules

$$\widecheck{HM}_{\bullet}(Y)$$
, $\widehat{HM}_{\bullet}(Y)$, $\overline{HM}_{\bullet}(Y)$

- $\blacktriangleright \text{ Ex. } \widehat{HM}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{S}^3) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[[U]], \ \widecheck{HM}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{S}^3) \simeq \frac{\mathbb{Z}[U^{-1}, U]]}{U \cdot \mathbb{Z}[[U]]},$
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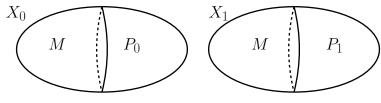
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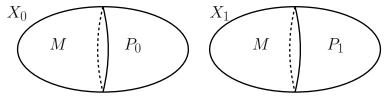
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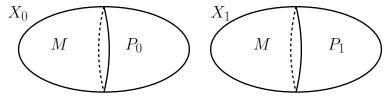
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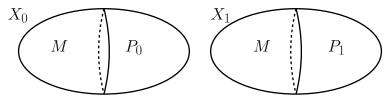


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