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"Intersection forms of almost-flat 4-manifolds."

Abstract:

I will present an introduction to flat and almost flat manifolds. Then I will define a spinstructure on such objects and finally I will prove the following:

Let M be any almost-flat oriented 4-manifold different from the torus with intersection form Q_{M} . Then $Q_{M} = 0$ if the first Betti number $b_1(M) = 1$, $Q_{M} = H$ if $b_1(M) = 2$ and $Q_{M} = 2H$ if $b_1(M) = 3$. Here H is the hyperbolic form with intersection matrix [0,1 1,0] of rank 2.