

Heegaard splittings and annulus swaps

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Abstract. The notions of *annulus swap* and *padded* Heegaard splittings are defined. The questions of when Heegaard genus of a knot manifold reduces and when two different Heegaard surfaces become isotopic after a Dehn filling are discussed with examples in Seifert fibered spaces.