

**On a family of surfaces with  $p_g = q = 2$  and  $K^2 = 7$**

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In this talk we shall study a family of surfaces of general type with  $p_g = q = 2$  and  $K^2 = 7$ , originally constructed by C. Rito. We provide an alternative construction of these surfaces, that allows us to describe their Albanese map and the corresponding locus  $\mathcal{M}$  in the moduli space of the surfaces of general type. In particular we prove that  $\mathcal{M}$  is an irreducible component, two dimensional and generically smooth.