

TORIC AND SEMITORIC SYMPLECTIC GEOMETRY: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

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The goal of this talk is to give an **overview, for non-specialists**, of finite dimensional integrable systems on symplectic manifolds, and then focus on two special types: toric and semitoric. I will mention quantum applications and open problems. There are three parts:

- **Integrable systems (15 minutes);**
- **Toric systems (30 minutes);**
- **Semitoric systems (15 minutes).**

PART 1: INTEGRABLE SYSTEMS

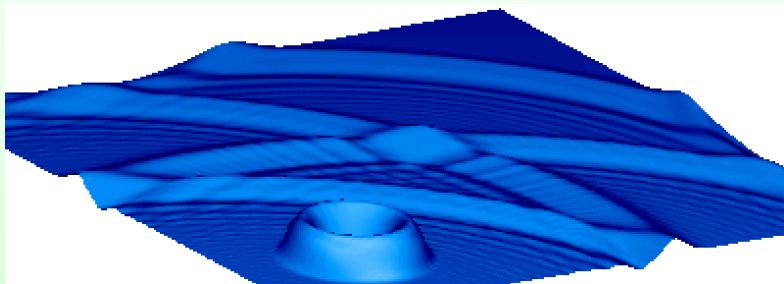
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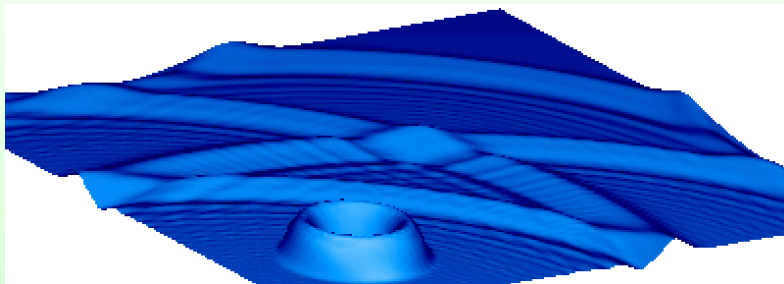


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Another example: **Spherical pendulum** (finite dimension).

Today I will focus on FINITE dimension.

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Integrable systems are studied from many viewpoints. A lot of authors have made pioneering contributions: **Vladimir Arnold**, **Hans Duistermaat**, **Lars H. Eliasson**, **Anatoly Fomenko**, **Victor Guillemin**, **Nigel Hitchin**, **Andréi Kolmogorov**, **Sofya Kovalévskaya**, **Robert Langlands**, **Jürgen Moser**, **Emmy Noether**, **Nicolai Reshetikhin**, **Karen Uhlenbeck** and **Alan Weinstein**, among many others.



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How are they defined?

We see it next.

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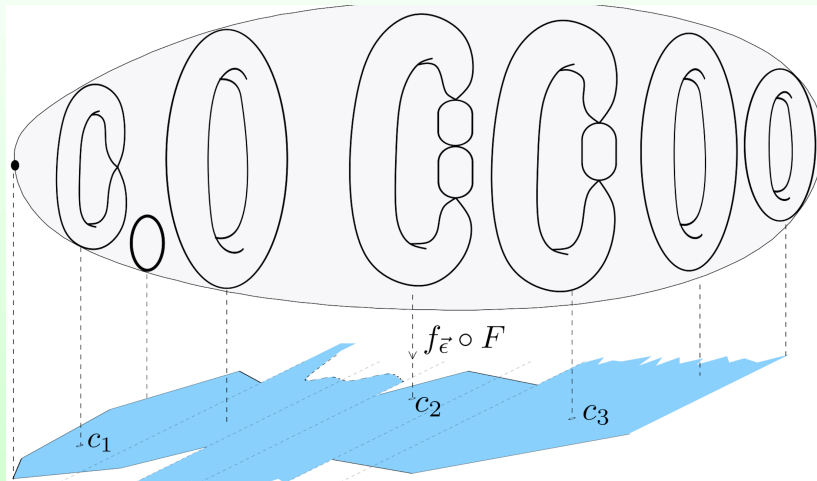
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What does a **typical integrable system** $F: M^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ look like?



Keep in mind this picture, we'll COME BACK TO IT later.

Next I am going to present four
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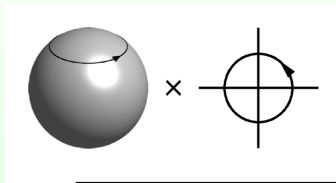
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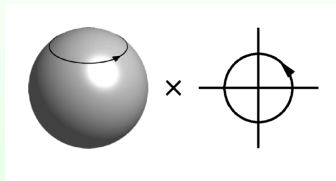
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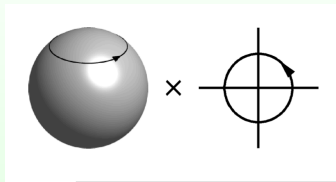


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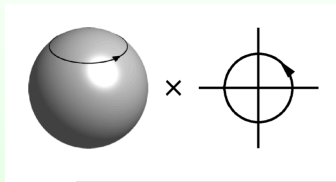
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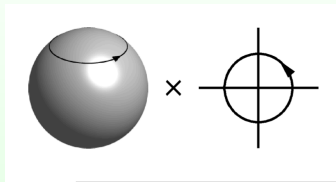
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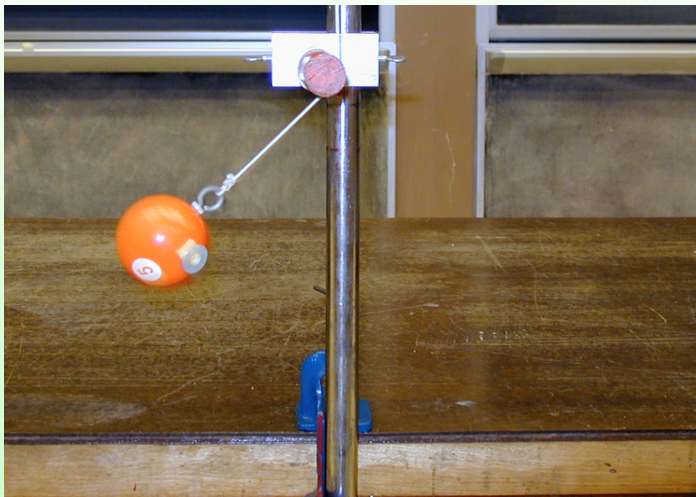
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- Being *isomorphic* means there is diffeomorphism of underlying manifolds which exchanges the systems and symplectic forms.
- *Invariant*: object/property that isomorphic systems share.

CHALLENGE

A great challenge for the XXI century is to:

CONSTRUCT INVARIANTS $\mathcal{I}_1, \dots, \mathcal{I}_k$

that classify integrable systems in terms of them.

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To address this challenge, it is necessary to understand integrable systems in:

- neighborhood of regular/singular point, and
- neighborhood of regular/singular orbit/fiber.

But ... we know little ... with the exception of a result by **Arnold and Mineur**.

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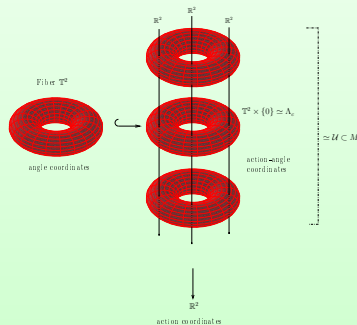
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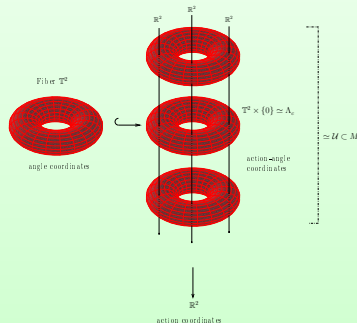


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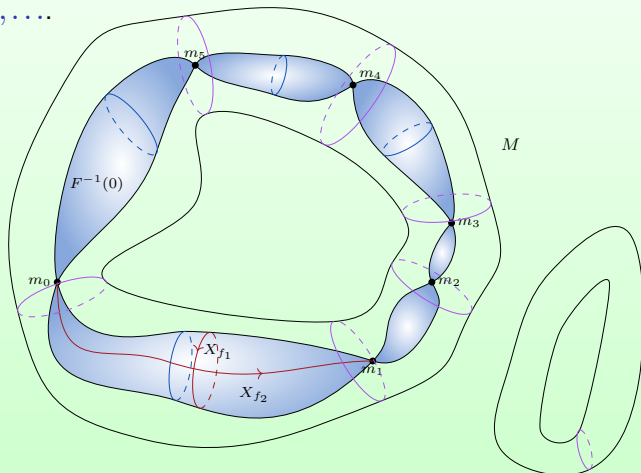
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Global version by Duistermaat (Comm. Pure Appl. Math 1980).

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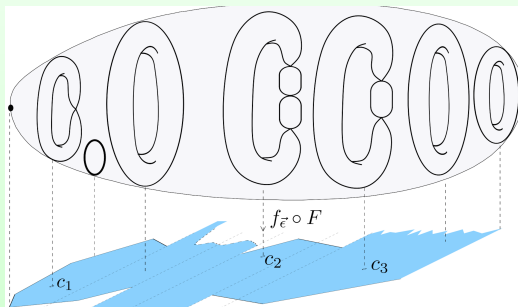
... But the **most important information** about an integrable system can be found in its *singularities*: the m where $X_{f_1}(m), \dots, X_{f_n}(m)$ are linearly dependent. For example $m_0, m_1, \dots$



[18 of 71] Remember this picture?

Remember our earlier figure of typical integrable system $F: (M^4, \omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$? It is singular Lagrangian fibration with:

- **Regular fibers**: 2-dimensional tori.
- **Fibers with singularities**: circles, points, pinched tori.



We do not understand (most of) their symplectic invariants **with exceptions**: so called **toric and semitoric cases** (in a moment).

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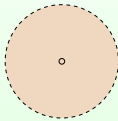
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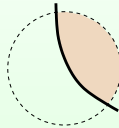
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There is version with hyperbolic singular points ($Q_i = x_i \xi_i$, only other possible model). Singularities: assumed non-degenerate.

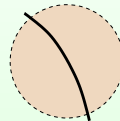
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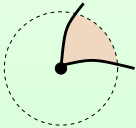
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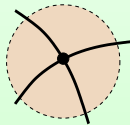
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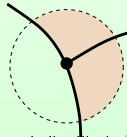
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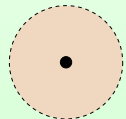
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This concludes PART I (Integrable Systems).

Recommended articles for this part:

- ① Hamiltonian and symplectic symmetries: an introduction, **Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society** 2017.
- ② Symplectic theory of completely integrable Hamiltonian systems (with S. Vũ Ngọc) **Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society** 2011.

Let's solve CHALLENGE in two
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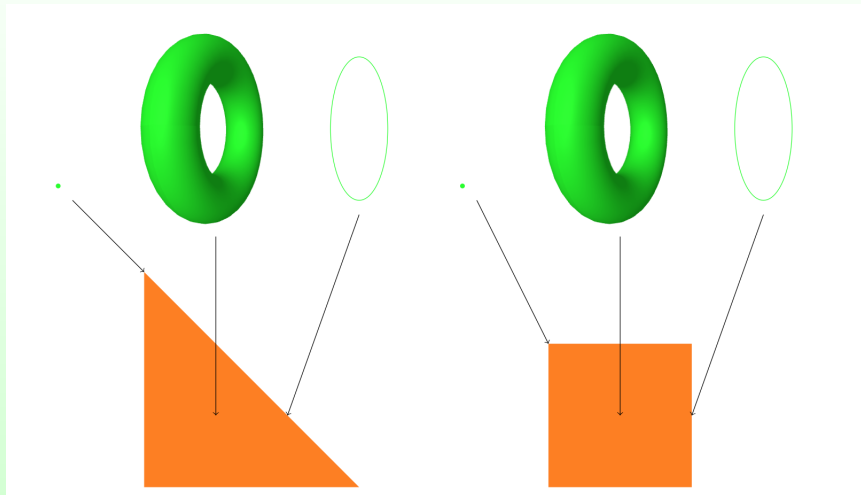
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We will also see related
results/challenges and applications
to Quantum Geometry.

PART 2: TORIC SYSTEMS

(approx. 30 minutes)

Image and fibers of typical toric system on compact symplectic 4-manifold, viewed as map $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$:



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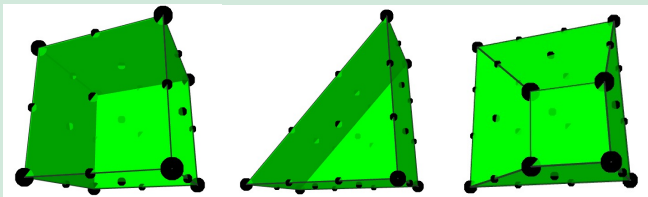
$$F([z_0 : z_1 : \dots : z_n]) = \left(\frac{|z_1|^2}{\sum_{i=0}^n |z_i|^2}, \dots, \frac{|z_n|^2}{\sum_{i=0}^n |z_i|^2} \right).$$

It is induced by the rotational torus action on $\mathbb{C}^{2n+1}$.

[21 of 71] TORIC SYSTEMS ARE CONNECTED TO POLYTOPES

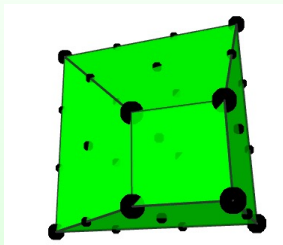
Theorem (Atiyah *Bulletin London Mathematical Society* 1982, Guillemin-Sternberg *Inventiones Mathematicae* 1982)

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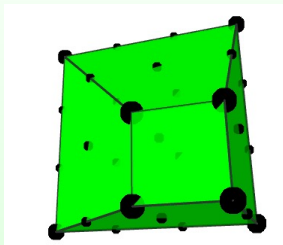


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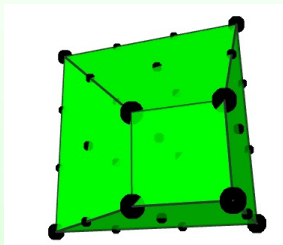


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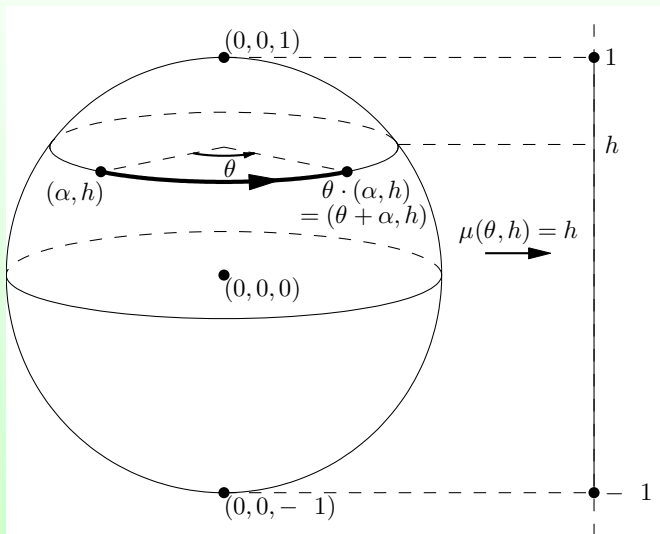
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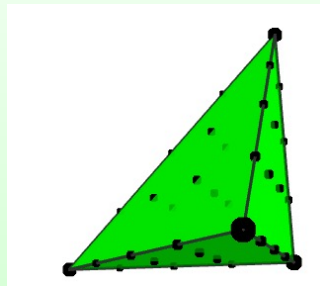
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[25 of 71] Bridge between two mathematical worlds!

Thanks to these impressive theorems,

PROBLEMS ABOUT TORIC SYSTEMS

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PROBLEMS ABOUT POLYTOPES.

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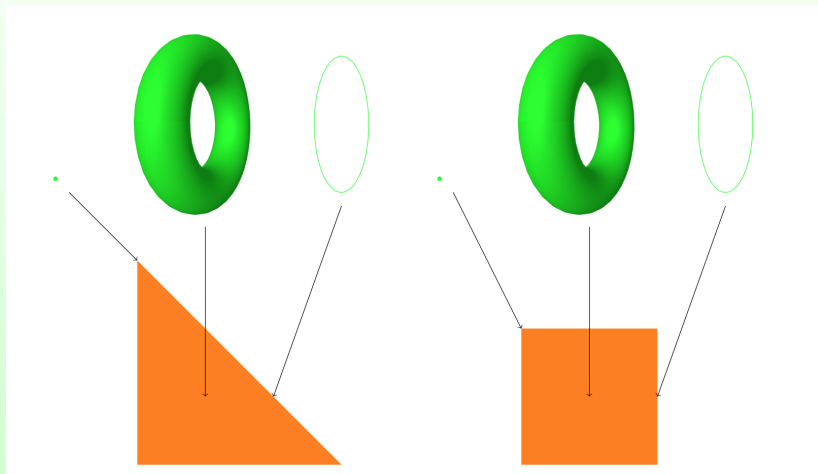
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[28 of 71] Fibers of toric systems

LEFT: Toric system on $\mathbb{C}P^2$.

RIGHT: On $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^1$.



[29 of 71] More classifications of toric systems

The previous theorems have extensions to a variety of cases, **where the symplectic manifold is replaced by a more general or complicated space**. For example, see following works (and references therein) about:

- 1 *Toric systems on **LOG-SYMPLECTIC** manifolds* (*Poisson manifolds with symplectic structure away from hypersurfaces with certain configurations*):

Li-Gualtieri-Pelayo-Ratiu, *Math. Annalen* 2017.

- 2 *Toric systems on **NON COMPACT** manifolds:*

Karshon-Lerman, *SIGMA* 2015.

- 3 *Toric systems on **ORBIFOLDS**:*

Lerman-Tolman, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 1997.

Toric integrable systems provide useful examples, and many problems about them are still open, including famous conjectures.

What are some of these problems?

We see next a small sample ...

A Natural Question:

What is the structure (geometric, topological etc) of the set

$$\mathcal{M}(2n)$$

of isomorphism classes of (compact connected) toric integrable systems?

**THIS CAN BE ANSWERED
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**What happens with blow-ups of
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**THIS CAN ALSO BE
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POLYTOPES.**

How? We see it next.

[32 of 71] Reflexive polytopes

Lattice polytope: polytope with integer vertices.

Definition (**REFLEXIVE POLYTOPE**)

A **reflexive polytope** is a lattice polytope such that every facet-supporting hyperplane is of the form

$$u_F \cdot x = 1,$$

where u_F is the primitive vector normal to the facet.

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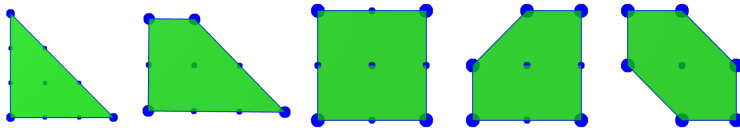
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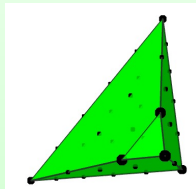
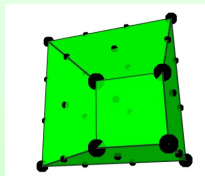
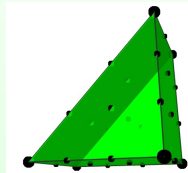
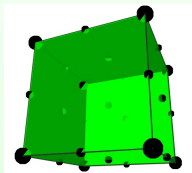
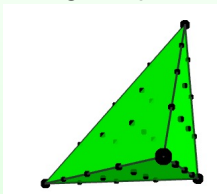
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[37 of 71] Monotone polytopes in dimension three

These are the five **maximal** monotone 3-polytopes: simplex, cube, triangular prism, slanted cube, and slanted prism.



Maximal is with respect to inclusion. In dimension 3 they coincide with those that cannot be obtained as blow-up of another monotone polytope.

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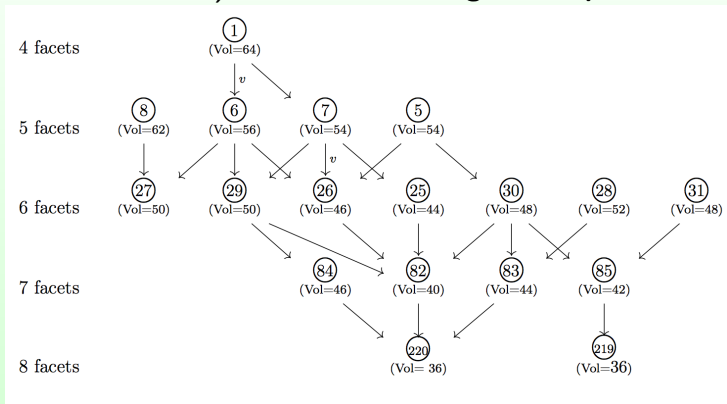
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So if $n \geq 4$, the monotone n -simplex admits two disjoint monotone blow-ups at faces of codimensions > 2 .

[39 of 71] Blow-ups among monotone 3-polytopes.

THE 18 MONOTONE 3-POLYTOPES (arranged in rows according to number of 2-faces) and relations through blow-ups:



- Arrows represent monotone blow-ups.
- Arrows with **v**: only two blow-ups at vertices.
- Each blow-up adds **1** to number of facets.

The previous results concern

POLYTOPES,

but what do they tell us about

TORIC SYSTEMS?

[40 of 71] TORIC SYSTEMS = Symplectic toric manifolds

In symplectic and algebraic geometry,

TORIC SYSTEMS

$$F = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : (M^{2n}, \omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

are usually called

SYMPLECTIC TORIC MANIFOLDS

$$(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}^n)$$

to emphasize: **F induces Hamiltonian n -torus action**
 on (M^{2n}, ω) , by concatenation of Hamiltonian flows
 of $f_1, \dots, f_n$. Depending on context I use both names.

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There is a famous conjecture from
the 1980s by Günter Ewald

concerning monotone geometry,

and a generalization by Benjamin
Nill from 2009. In fact, these ideas

have symplectic implications!

Let's see what we can say ...

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Nil (2009) asked if this generalization might hold:

General Ewald's Conjecture 2009

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This is all very interesting, but many of you are probably wondering

Does Ewald's Conjecture have applications in symplectic geometry?

The answer is **YES**. I learned of the connection in work of Dusa McDuff.

[45 of 71] Why do symplectic geometers care about Ewald's Conjecture?

Ewald's Conjecture is connected with the problem of when fibers of monotone symplectic toric manifolds:

$$F^{-1}(c), \quad c \in F(M^{2n}),$$

are displaceable by Hamiltonian isotopy:

Biran-Entov-Polterovich, Comm. Contemp. Math. 2004,

Cho, IMRN 2004,

McDuff, Geom. Top. 2011.

Being displaceable at **manifold** level can be studied with **polytopes** via ideas related to the conjecture.

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Ewald's Conjecture is a challenge.

**It has symplectic implications.
Some symplectic problems can be
solved as problems about
polytopes. What are key problems
about polytopes which can be
solved as symplectic problems?**

I conclude PART 2 speaking about
quantum integrable systems.

The hope is that from

Quantum (Spectral) Information

we can extract a lot of

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First let's see what we mean by

Quantum Integrable System

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To make these notions (quantization, principal symbol) precise is technical, depends on context (compactness etc) and is beyond the scope of talk. For introduction:

- **my 2024 entry speech at Royal Spanish Academy of Sciences (video, in Spanish);**
- **my 2023 BBVA Foundation Project Opening Lecture in Madrid (video, in English).**
- **My paper in Bull. Belgian Math. Soc. 2023 and papers with Charles, Vũ Ngọc A.E.N.S 2023 and with Polterovich, Vũ Ngọc, Proc. LMS 2014.**

[50 of 71] Idea of previous concepts: quantization/symbol

Very roughly (if M^{2n} is compact and connected):

$$\mathcal{H}_{\hbar} := H^0(M^{2n}, \mathcal{L}^k), \quad \hbar = \frac{1}{k},$$

is *space of holomorphic sections of tensor powers* $\mathcal{L}^k$ of certain line bundle over M^{2n} and our semiclassical (Berezin-Toeplitz) operators are sequences

$$T := (T_{\hbar} := \Pi_{\hbar} f(\cdot, k) : \mathcal{H}_{\hbar} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\hbar})_{\hbar=1/k, k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$$

where multiplication operator $f(\cdot, k)$ has expansion

$$f_0 + k^{-1}f_1 + k^{-2}f_2 + \dots$$

for C^∞ topology ($\Pi_{\hbar}$ surjective orthogonal projector) and f_0 is *principal symbol* of T .

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classical system **of principal symbols**

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There is a general principle in
quantum mechanics which says
something very interesting about the
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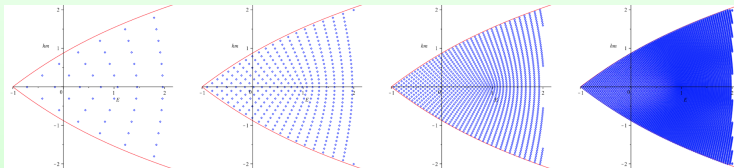
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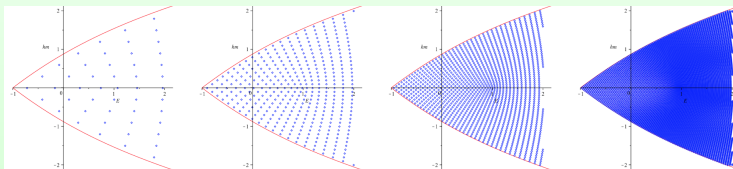
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So we can in principle recover $F(M)$ of classical system from quantum spectrum! We saw, for **TORIC SYSTEMS**: this image (a polytope) is only invariant. So if we verify convergence we are done.

How about for general integrable systems?

The spectrum is unlikely to contain all symplectic information of the principal symbols. But since we understand very well **SEMITORIC SYSTEMS** ...

We see what happens with these two cases next.

Using **Symplectic Geometry**...

... next we solve the inverse quantum
problem by Weyl, Bochner and
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[53 de 71] Quantum toric systems

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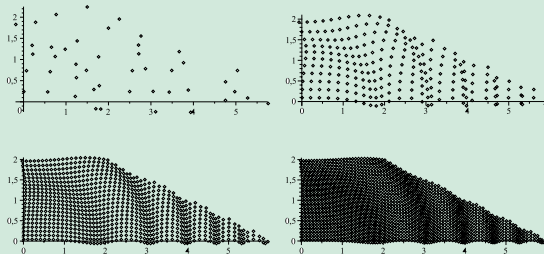
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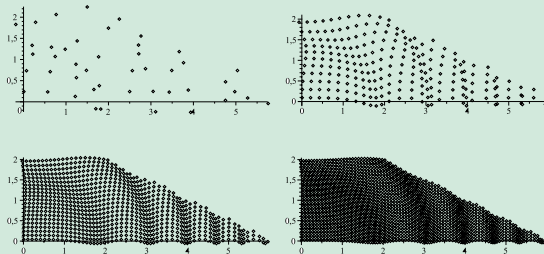


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Hence, challenge solved in compact toric case! Same paper shows: toric systems on compact manifolds can be quantized.

This concludes PART II (Toric Systems).

- ① Reduced phase space and toric variety [...] of Delzant spaces (with J.J. Duistermaat), **Math. Proc. Cambr. Phil. Soc.** 2009.
- ② Isospectrality for quantum toric integrable systems (with L. Charles, S. Vũ Ngọc), **Ann. Sci. l'École Norm. Sup.** 2013.
- ③ Semiclassical quantization and spectral limits of h -pseudodifferential and Berezin-Toeplitz operators (with L. Polterovich, S. Vũ Ngọc), **Proc. London Math. Soc.** 2014.
- ④ The tropical momentum map: a classification of toric log symplectic manifolds (with M. Gualtieri, S. Li, T. Ratiu), **Math. Ann.** 2017.
- ⑤ Ewald's Conjecture and integer points in algebraic and symplectic toric geometry (with L. Crespo, F. Santos), **2023**.
arxiv:2310.10366.
- ⑥ The structure of monotone blow-ups in symplectic toric geometry and a question of McDuff (with F. Santos), **2023**.
arxiv:2308.03085.
- ⑦ Moduli spaces of Delzant polytopes and symplectic toric manifolds (with F. Santos), **2023**. **arxiv:2303.02369.**

Toric systems are very interesting,
however they are rare in physical
world. The periodicity of all flows is
too restrictive ... what IF

**some flow is not periodic? They
are semitoric and there are many.**

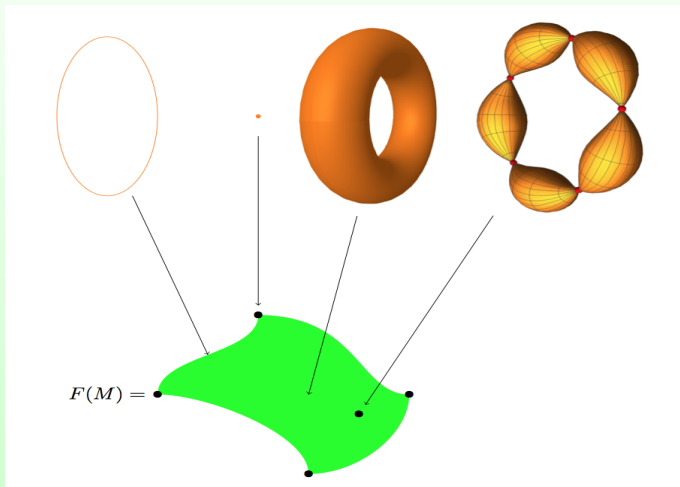
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angular momenta ... let's see it!

PART 3: SEMITORIC SYSTEMS

(approx. 15 minutes)

[55 of 71] Picture to keep in mind

Image and fibers of a typical semitoric system on a compact symplectic 4-manifold, viewed as a map $M^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$:



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In addition, M^4 **may not be compact** but in order to prove things, for the moment we also require that they satisfy:

- F has no local hyperbolic models;
- preimages of compact sets by f_1 are compact;
- **Simple:** each fiber of f_1 has at most one focus-focus point.

The term semitoric is discussed in my paper **Top. App. 2023** in special volumen in honor of my college geometry teacher Prof. J.M.R. Sanjurjo.

In contrast with toric case,
many physical models are
semitoric, like the ones we
 saw earlier; let's recall them ...

[57 of 71] Two crucial examples we saw earlier

Among the most important **semitoric** integrable systems are:

COUPLED ANGULAR MOMENTA by Sadovskii-Zhilinskii

Let $R_2 > R_1 > 0$. On $M^4 = S^2 \times S^2$ with $(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)$:

$$\begin{cases} f_1 := R_1 z_1 + R_2 z_2 \\ f_{2,t} := (1-t)z_1 + t(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2) \end{cases} \quad \forall t \in [0, 1],$$

with symplectic form $-(R_1 \omega_{S^2} \oplus R_2 \omega_{S^2})$.

COUPLED SPIN-OSCILLATOR i.e JAYNES-CUMMINGS MODEL

On $M^4 = S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$, $(x, y, z) \sim (\theta, h)$ coordinates on S^2 , (u, v) on $\mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x, y, z, u, v) = \frac{u^2 + v^2}{2} + z \\ f_2(x, y, z, u, v) = \frac{ux + vy}{2} \end{cases}$$

endowed with $d\theta \wedge dh + du \wedge dv$.

In essence: a semitoric system is like a toric system but **in addition it has very complicated singularities** (of focus-focus type).

How is this reflected in list of invariants?

Before (toric) there was a polygon, now there is a polygon and labels. We see it next.

[58 of 71] Symplectic invariants of semitoric systems

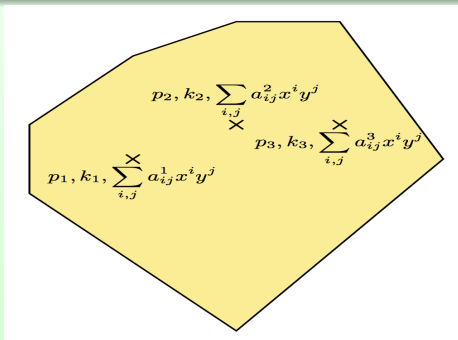
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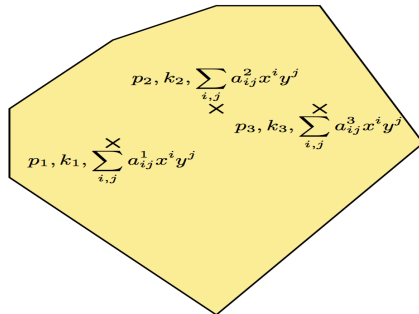
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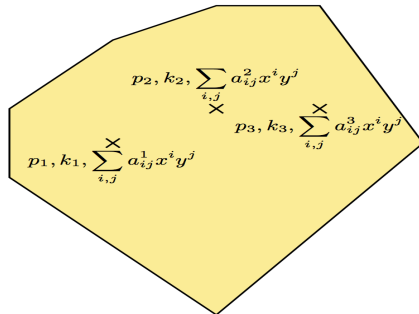


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[59 of 71] Proof in Inventiones Mathematicae 2009

The proof of this theorem:

- ① **uses ideas or techniques of** Arnold, Atiyah, Delzant, Dufour, Duistermaat, Eliasson, Guillemin, Miranda, Molino, Sternberg, Toutlet, Zung and others.
- ② **is inspired by** theory of toric integrables systems by Atiyah, Guillemin, Delzant, Kostant, Sternberg, and **the classifications of the Fomenko School** (Bolsinov, Fomenko, Matveev, Oshemkov, Tabachnikov, Zung, ...).
- ③ **is related to** classification of almost-toric systems (Symington 2002, Leung-Symington 2010, Hohloch-Sabatini-Sepe-Symington 2017).

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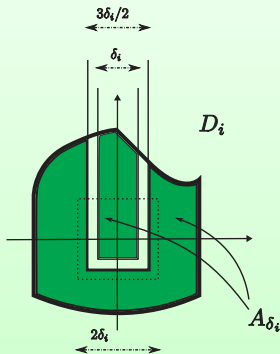
This result is **ANOTHER BRIDGE** between ON ONE END:

- **Symplectic Geometry** (of Integrable Systems) and on the other
 - a mixture of **Combinatorics** (polygon Δ), **Analysis** (Taylor series) and **Topology** (the k).

[61 of 71] Idea of proof, Acta Mathematica 2011

*The proof is based on **new cut and paste techniques**.*

One **cuts** Δ into pieces over which there are action-angle variables. **Paste** together pieces and obtain "continuous" system F , to which we have to **glue/attach** fibers of focus-focus models given by Taylor series. We obtain "system", extremely singular on overlaps:



Hardest part: modify the system to make it C^∞ -smooth ($\varepsilon - \delta$).

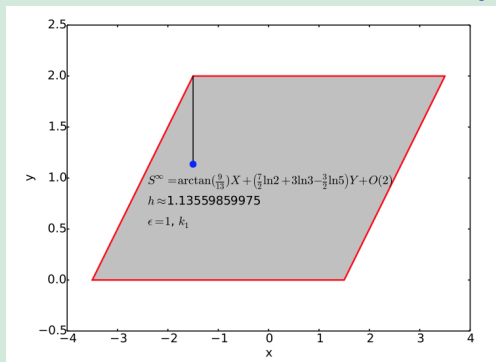
An indication of good health for a subject is that there are many people working on it from different angles. We conclude this part mentioning a few active avenues of research in the "toric/semitoric" worlds:

- ① **COMPUTATIONS OF INVARIANTS,**
- ② **EXTENSIONS OF THEORY,**
- ③ **MODULI SPACES.**

[62 of 71] Example of computation of invariants

Theorem (Le Floch-Pelayo, *J. Nonlinear Science* 2019)

If $t = 1/2$, $R_1 = 1$, $R_2 = 5/2$, the invariants of the semitoric system $F_t: S^2 \times S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ of **coupled angular momenta** are: polygon Δ , one point $p_1 \in \Delta$ with labels $k_1 = 0$ and Taylor series $S^\infty = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} x^i y^j$:



Note: Calculations can be done for arbitrary R_1, R_2 . If $\Theta = \frac{R_2}{R_1}$,

$$h = \frac{2R_1}{\pi} \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\Theta}}\right) + \frac{R_1}{\pi} \sqrt{4\Theta - 1} - \frac{2R_1(\Theta - 1)}{\pi} \arctan(2\Theta - 1) + \frac{2R_1(\Theta - 1)}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{(2\Theta^2 - 2\Theta + 1)\sqrt{4\Theta - 1} - 2\Theta^2}{(2\Theta - 1)^2}\right).$$

[63 of 71] Works about computations of invariants

Symplectic invariants of semitoric systems are computed in:

- ① **Jaynes-Cummings Model/Coupled spin-oscillator:**
Pelayo-Vũ Ngọc **Comm. Math. Physics** 2012.
- ② **Spherical Pendulum:** Dullin **Journal of Differential Equations** 2013.
- ③ **Coupled Angular Momenta:** Le Floch-Pelayo **Journal of Nonlinear Science** 2019.
- ④ **Symplectic classification of coupled spin-oscillators:**
Alonso-Dullin-Hohloch **Journal of Geometry and Physics** 2019.
- ⑤ **Symplectic classification of coupled angular-momenta:**
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- ⑥ **Families with two focus-focus singularities:**
Alonso-Hohloch **Journal of Nonlinear Science** 2021.
- ⑦ **New interpretations/computations of invariants:**
Alonso-Hohloch-Palmer **arxiv:2309.16614**, 2023.

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Invariant k_s is more complicated. There are several series per p_s (when there is one pinched point in fiber, series due to **Vũ Ngọc**, **Topology 2003**, general case **Pelayo-Tang, J. Fixed Point Theory Appl. 2024**).

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The results about moduli spaces of integrable systems **are technical and we do not discuss them here**. I recommend:

- 1 Pelayo (**Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 2007**) studies moduli space of toric symplectic ball embeddings.
- 2 Figalli-Pelayo (**Adv. Geom. 2016**) studies further problem above.
- 3 Palmer (**J. Geom. Physics 2017**) studies moduli spaces of semitoric systems.
- 4 Figalli-Palmer-Pelayo (**Ann. SNS. Pisa 2018**) continuity of equivariant capacities on these moduli spaces.
- 5 (Previously mentioned papers) Pelayo-Pires-Sabatini-Ratiu (**Geom. Dedicata 2014**) by Pelayo-Santos (**arxiv 2023**).

SO we understand now classical
semitoric systems.

**Does this mean we know how to
solve the Weyl-Bochner-Moser
theorem for them?**

In fact **YES**, let's see how.

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In 2021 Le Floch-Vũ Ngọc (**arXiv:2104.06704**) proved k is determined.

Together with theorem, **challenge solved for semitoric systems!**

That is, spectrum of quantum system determines classical system.

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Once we have invariants, **DONE**, by previous theorems!

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between **Symplectic Geometry** on
the one hand and **Combinatorics,**
Analysis and Topology

on the other hand, in order to
classify classical integrable systems
and then solve the quantum inverse
problem of **Weyl, Bochner, Moser**
in the toric/semitoric case. Still, A
LOT LEFT TO DO...

... INDEED, it is a challenge to obtain symplectic classifications of integrable systems in dimensions 6 or higher (beyond toric). Even in semitoric case. There is too much freedom in singularities/singular fibers. **So it is also a challenge to solve their Weyl-Bochner-Moser inverse spectral problem.**

Progress on the symplectic geometry of integrable systems in the past 20 years has been remarkable.

Despite of this, current methods do not seem powerful enough to break the dimension barrier (more than two degrees of freedom) or deal with general systems. The field can benefit from incorporating techniques from other areas. The recent work on Ewald's Conjecture (which uses polytope theory) is an example.

In a recent (2023) special volume in honor of my college geometry teacher JMR Sanjurjo, I listed open problems. Solving them may require "outside" techniques, next I mention a few.

[69 of 71] Open problems

Thanks to L. Polterovich for explanations about the following.

By Floer theory we get non-trivial measure (**Entov-Polterovich, CMH 2006**) on image of integrable system $F: M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ which helps detecting its non-displaceable fibers (**Polterovich-Rosen, CRM Monograph 2014** and **Polterovich, ECM 2016**).

Dickstein-Ganor-Polterovich-Zapolsky (2021), [arXiv:2107.10012](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.10012), develop categorification of quasi-states: the image of $F: M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ contains a structure called IVM (ideal-valued measure).

PROBLEM. Can these or similar techniques be used to construct invariants of integrable systems (eg. foliations replacing polytope)?

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In 2015, Voevodsky, Warren and I published paper taking first steps in p -adic geometry of integrable systems. Can one carry out the symplectic/quantum geometry I just discussed over p -adics? **I believe so, and this is a great challenge.**

Papers on p -adic (symplectic) integrable systems

The paper I just mentioned by:

Pelayo-Voevodsky-Warren (Mathematical Structures in Computer Science 2015)

sketches basic ideas of p -adic integrable systems.

Papers on p -adic (symplectic) integrable systems

The paper I just mentioned by:

Pelayo-Voevodsky-Warren (Mathematical Structures in Computer Science 2015)

sketches basic ideas of p -adic integrable systems.

Luis Crespo (Cantabria) and I have been working on

p -ADIC JAYNES-CUMMINGS MODEL.

The basic "real" theory (image of system, fibers, etc) is simple compared to " p -adic" theory, which involves long calculations, often depending on value of p .

Further contributions to integrable systems

The literature on integrable systems is extensive. The work I have presented today has been influenced by ideas of my teachers, students, mentors, collaborators, and many other authors, including:

- **Hamiltonian dynamics, symplectic dynamics, analytic methods:** Hofer, Mather, Zehnder (1970s-).
- **Direct/inverse spectral problems:** Charles, Guillemin, Moser, Polterovich, Sarnak, Sjöstrand, Uhlmann, Weinstein, Zelditch, Zworski (1970s-).
- **Fourier integral operators, spectral theory:** Colin de Verdière, Duistermaat, Guillemin, Hörmander, Weinstein (1970s).
- **Global action-angle coordinates:** Duistermaat (1980).
- **Convexity of toric systems, equivariant theory:** Atiyah, Bott, Guillemin, Heckman, Sternberg (1982, 1988).
- **Stable bundles and integrable systems:** Hitchin (1987).
- **Singularities:** Eliasson, Rüssmann, Vey (1960s-1990s).
- **Affine, complex geometry, Lagrangian fibrations:** Auroux, Gross-Siebert, Gualtieri, Seidel (2003-).

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This concludes PART III (Semitoric Systems).

Recommended articles for this part:

- ① Semitoric integrable systems on symplectic 4-manifolds (with S. Vũ Ngọc), **Inventiones Mathematicae** 2009.
- ② Constructing integrable systems of semitoric type (with S. Vũ Ngọc), **Acta Mathematica** 2011.
- ③ Hamiltonian dynamics and spectral theory for spin-oscillators (with S. Vũ Ngọc), **Comm. Math. Phys.** 2012.
- ④ Semiclassical inverse spectral theory for singularities of focus-focus type (with S. Vũ Ngọc), **Comm. Math. Phys.** 2014.
- ⑤ Inverse spectral theory for semiclassical Jaynes-Cummings systems (with Y. Le Floch, S. Vũ Ngọc), **Math. Ann.** 2016.
- ⑥ Symplectic G -capacities and integrable systems (with A. Figalli and J. Palmer), **Ann. Scuola Norm. Sup. Pisa** 2018.
- ⑦ Semitoric systems of non-simple type (with J. Palmer and X. Tang), **Preprint 2019, revised 2023. arXiv:1909.03501.**
- ⑧ Vũ Ngọc's Conjecture on focus-focus singular fibers with multiple pinched points (with X. Tang), **J. Fixed Point Theory App.** 2024.

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