

Using polytopes to understand quantization

**Groups in action**  
**A meeting in honour of Michèle Vergne's**  
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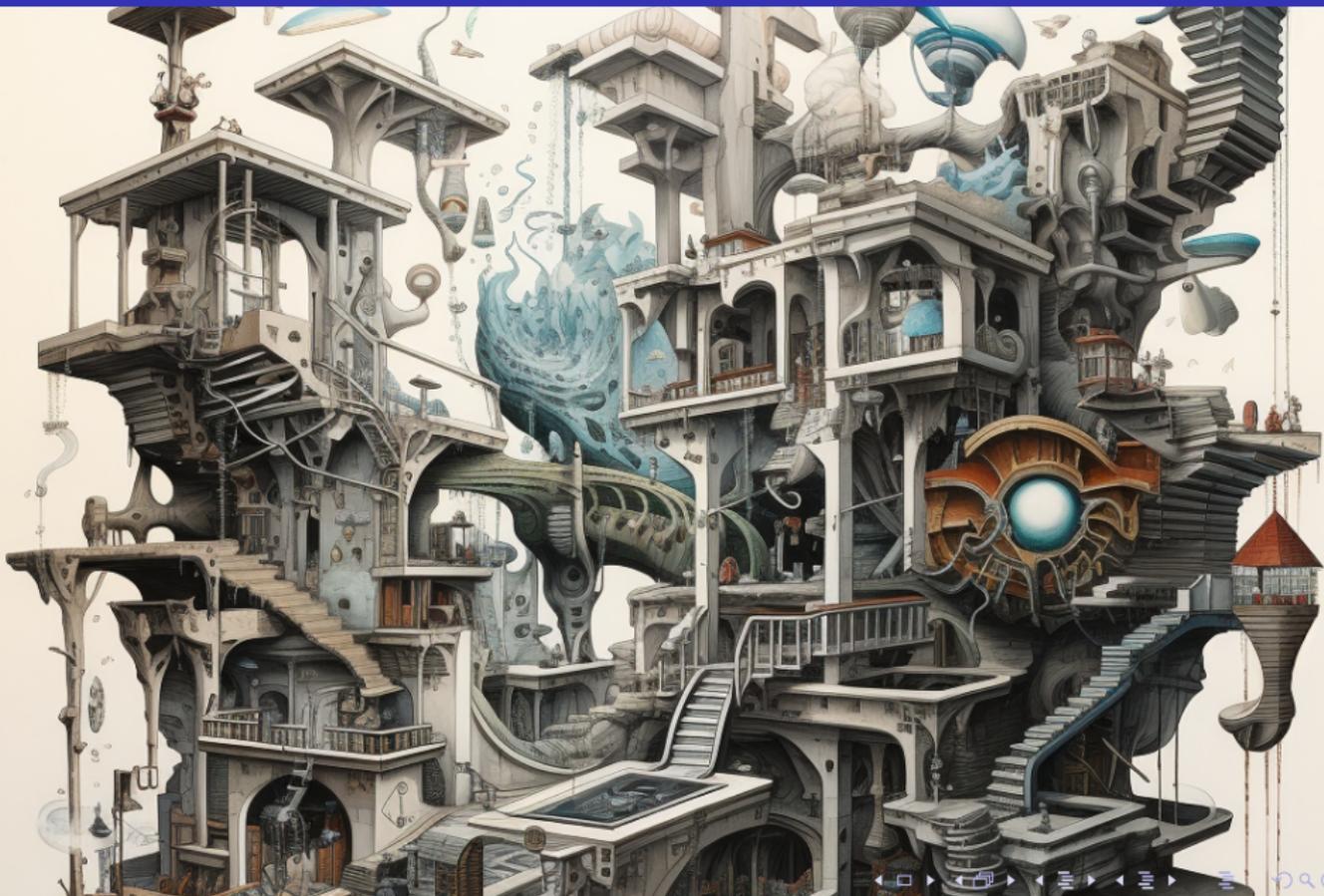
# Michèle in action



# Some of Michèle's playgrounds

- Cohomologies (in its different reincarnations).
- Toric manifolds.
- Counting integral points on polytopes.
- Quantization.

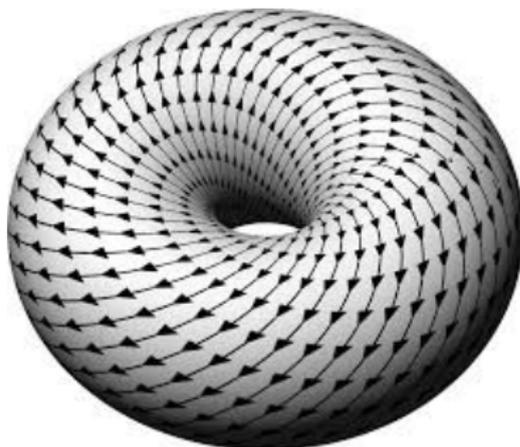
# Extending de Rham cohomology



# Singular forms

- A vector field  $v$  is a  **$b$ -vector field** if  $v_p \in T_p Z$  for all  $p \in Z$ . The  **$b$ -tangent bundle**  ${}^bTM$  is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, {}^bTM) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{b-vector fields} \\ \text{on } (U, U \cap Z) \end{array} \right\}$$



- The  **$b$ -cotangent bundle**  ${}^bT^*M$  is  $({}^bTM)^*$ . Sections of  $\Lambda^p({}^bT^*M)$  are  **$b$ -forms**,  ${}^b\Omega^p(M)$ . The standard differential extends to

$$d : {}^b\Omega^p(M) \rightarrow {}^b\Omega^{p+1}(M)$$

**Key point:** A  $b$ -form of degree  $k$  decomposes as:

$$\omega = \alpha \wedge \frac{dz}{z} + \beta, \quad \alpha \in \Omega^{k-1}(M), \beta \in \Omega^k(M) \quad d\omega := d\alpha \wedge \frac{dz}{z} + d\beta.$$

- This defines the  $b$ -cohomology groups. (**Mazzeo-Melrose**)

$${}^bH^*(M) \cong H^*(M) \oplus H^{*-1}(Z).$$

- A  **$b$ -symplectic form** is a closed, nondegenerate,  $b$ -form of degree 2. It is also a **Poisson structure!**
- This dual point of view, allows us to prove a  **$b$ -Darboux theorem and semilocal forms** via an adaptation of Moser's path methods.

# Symplectic manifolds with boundary

- Consider **formal deformation quantization** of manifolds with boundary à la **Fedosov**.
- These symplectic manifolds with boundary have local normal form of type ( $b$ -symplectic):

$$\omega = \frac{1}{x_1} dx_1 \wedge dy_1 + \sum_{i \geq 2} dx_i \wedge dy_i$$

## Theorem (Nest-Tsygan)

*Equivalence classes of star products on a  $b$ -symplectic manifold are in one-to-one correspondence with elements in*

$${}^b H^2(M, \mathbb{C}[\hbar]) \simeq H^2(M, \mathbb{C}[\hbar]) \oplus H^1(\partial M, \mathbb{C}[\hbar]).$$

# Deformation quantization of $E$ -manifolds

- The  $b$ -tangent bundle can be replaced by other algebroids ( $E$ -symplectic) known to Nest and Tsygan.
- An important class is that of  $b^m$ -tangent bundle defined as the bundle whose sections are given by vector which are tangent to an hypersurface to order  $m$ .
- Deformation quantization of  $E$ -manifolds:

## Theorem (Nest-Tsygan)

The set of isomorphism classes of  $E$ -deformations is in bijective correspondence with the space

$$\frac{1}{i\hbar}\omega + {}^E H^2(M, \mathcal{C}[[\hbar]])$$

# Example 1: Geodesics on pseudo-Riemannian manifolds

- Given a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the space of all oriented non-parametrized geodesics.
- $\mathcal{L}$  splits as  $\mathcal{L}_{\pm}$ , the space of **space-like** ( $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) > 0$ )- **and time-like** ( $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) < 0$ ) **geodesics**, and  $\mathcal{L}_0$ , the space of light-like geodesics ( $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = 0$ ).
- $\mathcal{L}_{\pm}$  is even dimensional and **symplectic**.
- $\mathcal{L}_0$  can be seen as the common boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_{\pm}$  and has an induced **contact** structure.
- In dimension 2, this structure is indeed  $b$ -symplectic.

## Example 2: The restricted 3-body problem

- Simplified version of the general 3-body problem. One of the bodies has **negligible mass**.
- The other two bodies move independently of it following **Kepler's laws** for the 2-body problem.

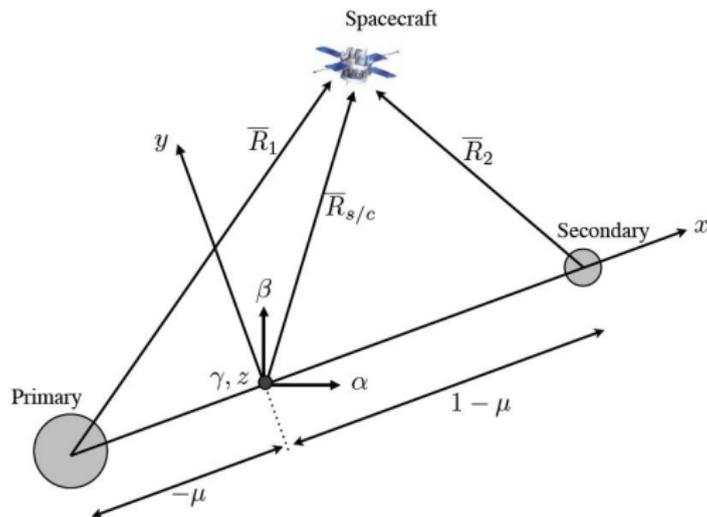


Figure: Circular 3-body problem

# Planar restricted 3-body problem

- The time-dependent self-potential of the small body is  $U(q, t) = \frac{1-\mu}{|q-q_1|} + \frac{\mu}{|q-q_2|}$ , with  $q_1 = q_1(t)$  the position of the planet with mass  $1 - \mu$  at time  $t$  and  $q_2 = q_2(t)$  the position of the one with mass  $\mu$ .
- The Hamiltonian of the system is  $H(q, p, t) = p^2/2 - U(q, t)$ ,  $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $p = \dot{q}$  is the momentum of the planet.
- Consider the canonical change  $(X, Y, P_X, P_Y) \mapsto (r, \alpha, P_r =: y, P_\alpha =: G)$ .
- Introduce **McGehee coordinates**  $(x, \alpha, y, G)$ , where  $r = \frac{2}{x^2}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , can be then extended to infinity ( $x = 0$ ).
- The symplectic structure becomes a singular object  $\omega = -\frac{4}{x^3} dx \wedge dy + d\alpha \wedge dG$ . for  $x > 0$

# Why singular?



- 1 The 2-dimensional space of geodesics on a pseudoriemannian surface is singular.
- 2 Some non-compact symplectic manifolds can be **compactified** as singular symplectic manifolds.
- 3 Singular forms appear after **regularization** transforms in celestial mechanics and sigma coordinates in Painlevé equations.
- 4 They model certain manifolds with **boundary**.
- 5 **Why not?**



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# Singular symplectic manifolds as Poisson manifolds

The local model

$$\omega = \frac{1}{x_1^m} dx_1 \wedge dy_1 + \sum_{i \geq 2} dx_i \wedge dy_i$$

does not define a smooth form but its dual defines a smooth Poisson structure!

$$\Pi = x_1^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sum_{i \geq 2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

The structure  $\Pi$  is a bivector field which satisfies the integrability equation  $[\Pi, \Pi] = 0$ . The Poisson bracket associated to  $\Pi$  is given by the equation

$$\{f, g\} := \Pi(df, dg)$$

# The local Poisson case. Splitting Theorem.

The local structure for Poisson manifolds is given by the following:

## Theorem (Weinstein)

Let  $(M^n, \Pi)$  be a smooth Poisson manifold and let  $p$  be a point of  $M$  of rank  $2k$ , then there is a smooth local coordinate system  $(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_1, \dots, z_{n-2k})$  near  $p$ , in which the Poisson structure  $\Pi$  can be written as

$$\Pi = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} + \sum_{ij} f_{ij}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j},$$

where  $f_{ij}$  vanish at the origin.

# $b$ -Poisson structures

## Definition

Let  $(M^{2n}, \Pi)$  be an (oriented) Poisson manifold such that the map

$$p \in M \mapsto (\Pi(p))^n \in \Lambda^{2n}(TM)$$

is transverse to the zero section, then  $Z = \{p \in M \mid (\Pi(p))^n = 0\}$  is a hypersurface called *the critical hypersurface* and we say that  $\Pi$  is a  **$b$ -Poisson structure** on  $(M, Z)$ .

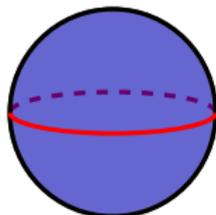
## Theorem

For all  $p \in Z$ , there exists a Darboux coordinate system  $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$  centered at  $p$  such that  $Z$  is defined by  $x_1 = 0$  and

$$\Pi = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

$b$ -Poisson structures are dual to  $b$ -symplectic forms

- A Radko surface.



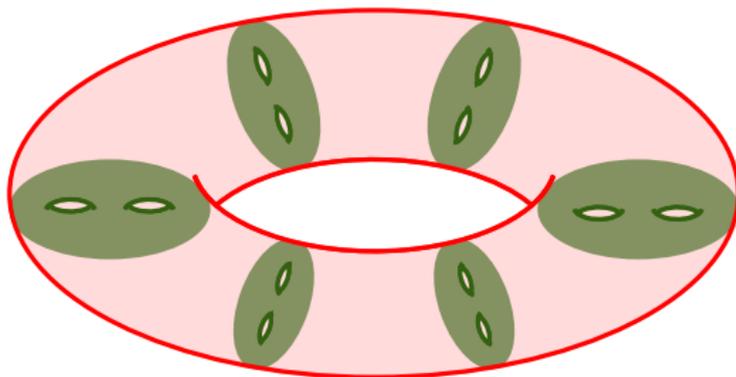
- The product of  $(R, \pi_R)$  a Radko compact surface with a compact symplectic manifold  $(S, \omega)$  is a  $b$ -Poisson manifold.
- corank 1 Poisson manifold  $(N, \pi)$  and  $X$  Poisson vector field  $\Rightarrow (S^1 \times N, f(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \wedge X + \pi)$  is a  $b$ -Poisson manifold if,
  - 1  $f$  vanishes linearly.
  - 2  $X$  is transverse to the symplectic leaves of  $N$ .

We then have as many copies of  $N$  as zeroes of  $f$ .

# Poisson Geometry of the critical hypersurface

This last example is semilocally the *canonical* picture of a  $b$ -Poisson structure .

- 1 The critical hypersurface  $Z$  has an **induced regular Poisson** structure of corank 1.
- 2 There exists a **Poisson vector field  $v$**  transverse to the symplectic foliation induced on  $Z$  (**modular vector field**).
- 3 (Guillemin-M. Pires)  $Z$  is a mapping torus with glueing diffeomorphism the flow of  $v$ .



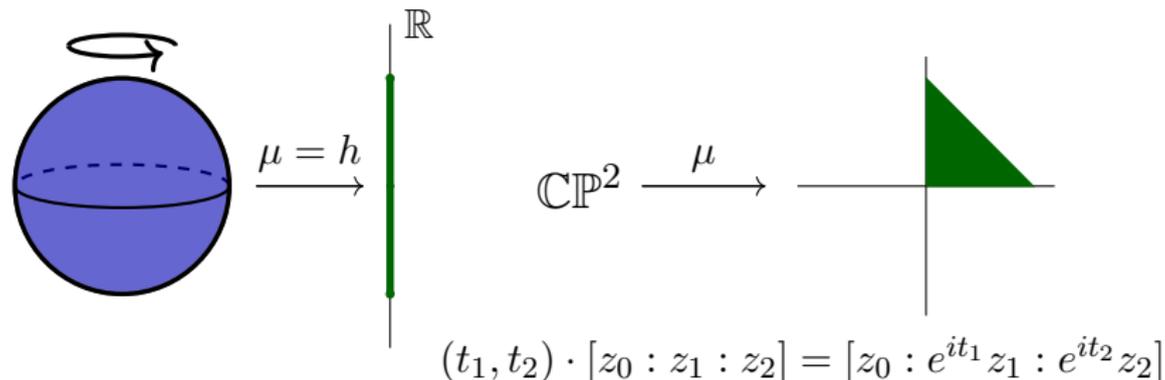
# Toric manifolds



## Theorem (Delzant)

*Toric manifolds are classified by Delzant's polytopes and the bijective correspondence is given by the image of the moment map:*

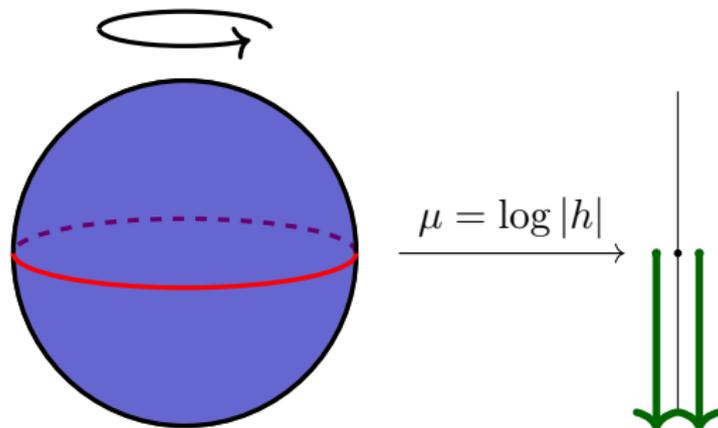
$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{toric manifolds}\} &\longrightarrow \{\text{Delzant polytopes}\} \\ (M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}^n, F) &\longrightarrow F(M) \end{aligned}$$



# Radko surfaces and their symmetries

$$(S^2, \frac{1}{h} dh \wedge d\theta) \longleftrightarrow (S^2, h \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}).$$

We want to study generalizations of rotations on a sphere.



# $b$ -Hamiltonian actions

- Denote by  ${}^bC^\infty(M)$  the space of functions which are  $C^\infty$  on  $M \setminus Z$  and near each  $Z_i$  can be written as a sum,

$$c_i \log |f| + g \tag{1}$$

with  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $g \in C^\infty(M)$ .

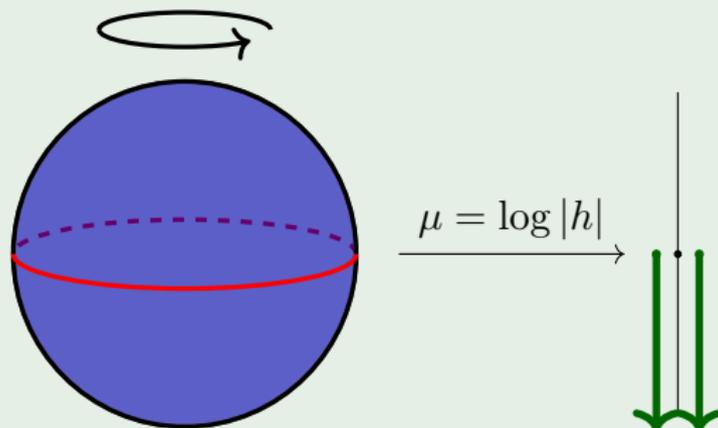
- let  $T$  be a torus and  $T \times M \rightarrow M$  an action of  $T$  on  $M$ . We will say that this action is  *$b$ -Hamiltonian* if the elements,  $X \in \mathfrak{t}$  of the Lie algebra of  $T$  satisfy

$$\iota(X^M)\omega = d\phi, \phi \in {}^bC(M), \tag{2}$$

# The $S^1$ - $b$ -sphere

## Example

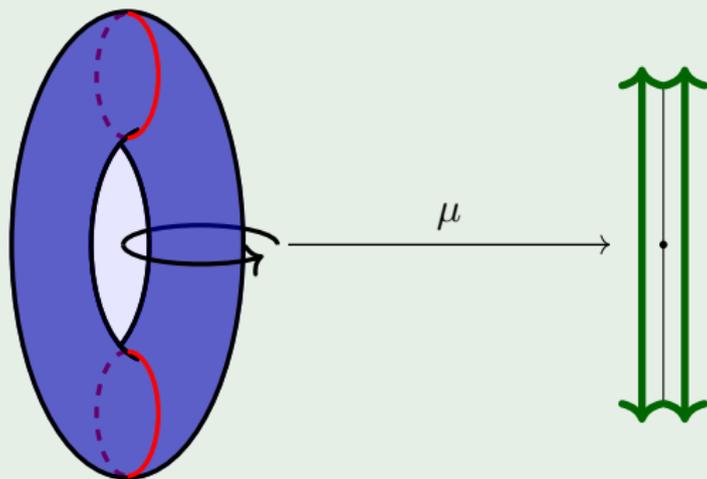
$(\mathbb{S}^2, \omega = \frac{dh}{h} \wedge d\theta)$ , with coordinates  $h \in [-1, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ . The critical hypersurface  $Z$  is the equator, given by  $h = 0$ . For the  $\mathbb{S}^1$ -action by rotations, the moment map is  $\mu(h, \theta) = \log |h|$ .



# The $S^1$ - $b$ -torus

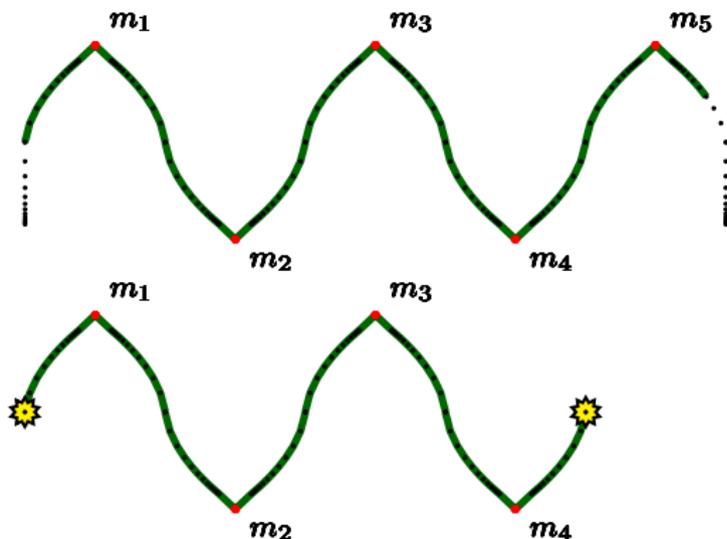
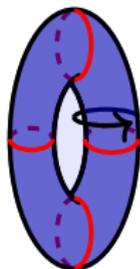
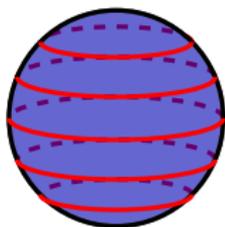
## Example

On  $(\mathbb{T}^2, \omega = \frac{d\theta_1}{\sin\theta_1} \wedge d\theta_2)$ , with coordinates:  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, 2\pi]$ . The critical hypersurface  $Z$  is the union of two disjoint circles, given by  $\theta_1 = 0$  and  $\theta_1 = \pi$ . Consider rotations in  $\theta_2$  the moment map is  $\mu : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is given by  $\mu(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \log \left| \frac{1 + \cos(\theta_1)}{\sin(\theta_1)} \right|$ .



# $b$ -surfaces and their moment map

A toric  $b$ -surface is defined by a smooth map  $f : S \rightarrow {}^b\mathbb{R}$  or  $f : S \rightarrow {}^b\mathbb{S}^1$  (a posteriori **the moment map**).



# Classification of toric $b$ -surfaces

## Theorem (Guillemin, M., Pires, Scott)

*A toric  $b$ -symplectic surface is equivariantly  $b$ -symplectomorphic to either  $(\mathbb{S}^2, Z)$  or  $(\mathbb{T}^2, Z)$ , where  $Z$  is a collection of latitude circles.*

*The action is the standard rotation, and the  $b$ -symplectic form is determined by **the modular periods of the critical curves** and the **regularized Liouville volume**.*

The weights  $w(a)$  of the codomain of the moment map are given by the modular periods of the connected components of the critical hypersurface.

# The semilocal model

Fix  ${}^b\mathfrak{t}^*$  with  $wt(1) = c$ .

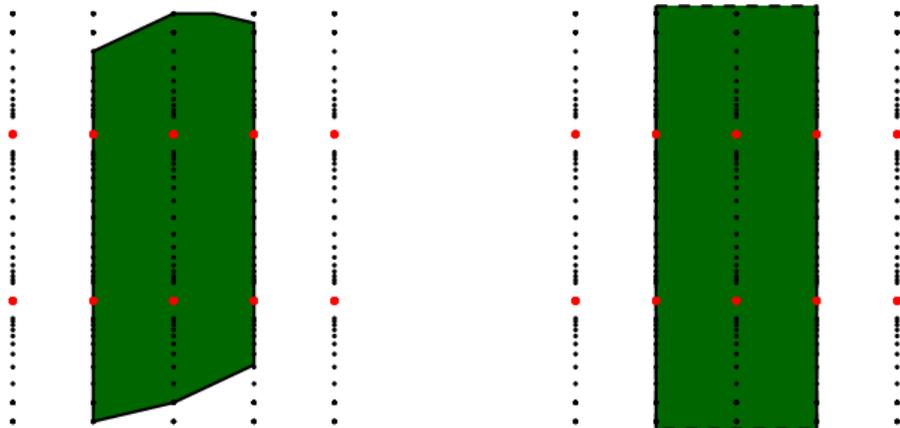
For any Delzant polytope  $\Delta \subseteq \mathfrak{t}_Z^*$  with corresponding symplectic toric manifold  $(X_\Delta, \omega_\Delta, \mu_\Delta)$ , the **semilocal model** of the  $b$ -symplectic manifold is

$$M_{\text{lm}} = X_\Delta \times \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R} \quad \omega_{\text{lm}} = \omega_\Delta + c \frac{dt}{t} \wedge d\theta$$

where  $\theta$  and  $t$  are the coordinates on  $\mathbb{S}^1$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  respectively. The  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{T}_Z$  action on  $M_{\text{lm}}$  given by  $(\rho, g) \cdot (x, \theta, t) = (g \cdot x, \theta + \rho, t)$  has moment map  $\mu_{\text{lm}}(x, \theta, t) = (y_0 = t, \mu_\Delta(x))$ .

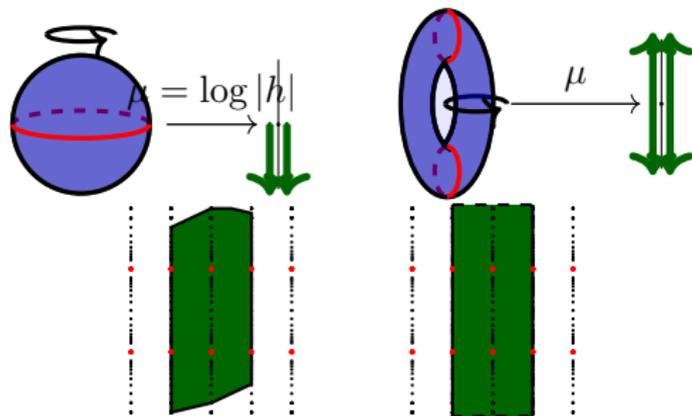
# From local to global....

We can reconstruct the  $b$ -Delzant polytope from the Delzant polytope on a mapping torus via *symplectic cutting* in a neighbourhood of the critical hypersurface.



This information can be recovered by doing **reduction in stages**: Hamiltonian reduction of an action of  $\mathbb{T}_Z^{n-1}$  and the classification of **toric  $b$ -surfaces**.

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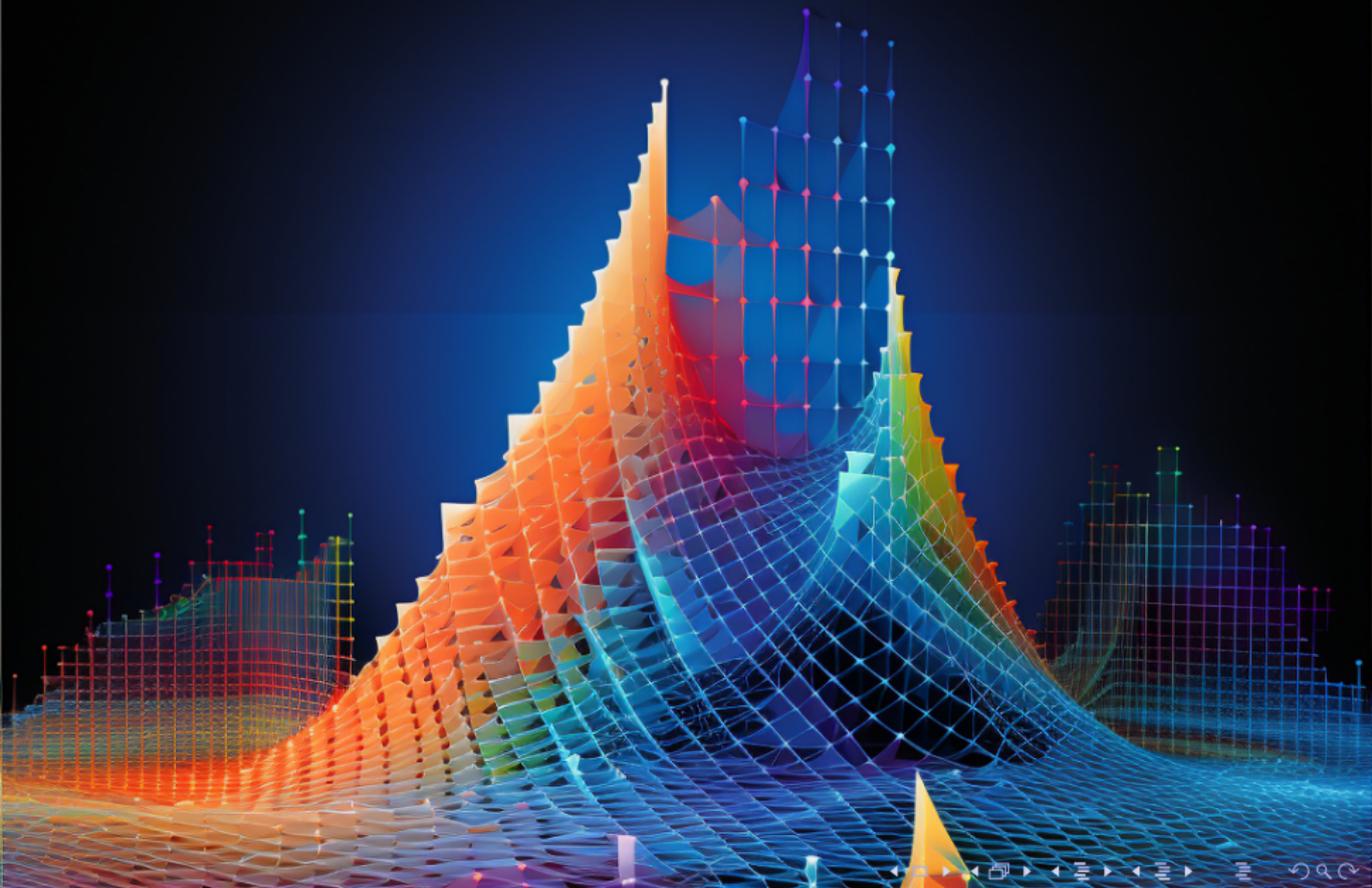


## Guillemin-M.-Pires-Scott

There is a one-to-one correspondence between  $b$ -toric manifolds and  $b$ -Delzant polytopes and toric  $b$ -manifolds are either:

- ${}^b\mathbb{T}^2 \times X$  ( $X$  a toric symplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n - 2)$ ).
- obtained from  ${}^b\mathbb{S}^2 \times X$  via symplectic cutting.

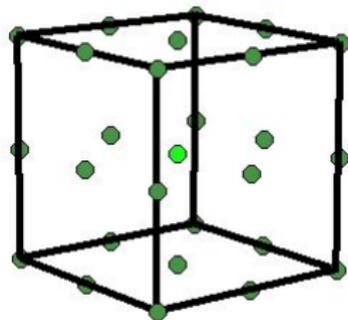
# Counting integral points on polytopes and quantization



# Geometric quantization of toric manifolds

In symplectic geometry we can quantize counting Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves  
(Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization).

BS leaves of the polarization correspond to the **integer points in the interior of the Delzant polytope (Guillemin-Sternberg)**.



Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves are the integer points in the Delzant polytope.

# What about Geometric quantization of Poisson manifolds?

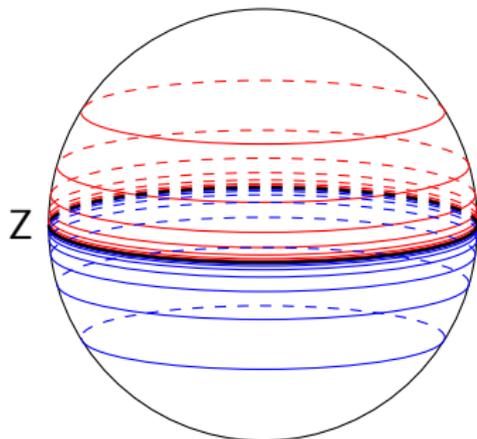
What is a polarization?

# Geometric quantization of $b$ -manifolds?

- By extending the admissible Hamiltonian functions with  $b$ -functions, we can consider toric actions on  $b$ -symplectic manifolds with  $n$ -dimensional orbits (also along the critical set).
- Their orbits would be an example of "*Lagrangian*" submanifold  $\rightsquigarrow$  **polarization**.
- There is an analogue of Delzant theorem for  $b$ -toric actions.
- Lagrangian orbits (*polarization*) can be read as points on the image polytope.

We can use the polytopes to quantize in the  $b$ -case too!

$$({}^bS^2, Z = \{h = 0\}, \omega = \frac{1}{\hbar} dh \wedge d\theta, \mu = -\log|h|)$$



The  $b$ -sphere contains as many Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves on the northern hemisphere (in red) as on the southern hemisphere (in blue).

# Formal quantization (Meinrenken, Paradan, Vergne, Weitsman)

- 1  $(M, \omega)$  compact symplectic manifold and  $(\mathbb{L}, \nabla)$  line bundle with connection of curvature  $\omega$ .
- 2 By twisting the spin- $\mathbb{C}$  Dirac operator on  $M$  by  $\mathbb{L}$  we obtain an elliptic operator  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}}$ .

Since  $M$  is compact,  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}}$  is Fredholm, and we define the geometric quantization  $Q(M)$  by

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}})$$

as a virtual vector space.

What if  $M$  is non-compact?

- Describe a method for quantizing non-compact prequantizable Hamiltonian T-manifolds based upon the "quantization commutes with reduction" principle.
- Important assumption: The moment map  $\phi$  is proper.
- Apply this method to  $b$ -symplectic manifolds.

Assume  $M$  is non-compact but  $\phi$  proper:

- Let  $\mathbb{Z}_T \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  be the weight lattice of  $T$  and  $\alpha$  a regular value of the moment map.
- Let  $V$  be an infinite-dimensional virtual  $T$ -module with finite multiplicities. We say  $V = Q(M)$ , **formal quantization** if for any compact Hamiltonian  $T$ -space  $N$  with integral symplectic form, we have

$$(V \otimes Q(N))^T = Q((M \times N)//_0 T). \quad (3)$$

In other words, denote by  $M_\alpha = \phi^{-1}(\alpha)/T$  the reduced space,  $[Q, R] = 0$  implies  $Q(M)_\alpha = Q(M_\alpha)$  where  $Q(M)_\alpha$  is the  $\alpha$ -weight space of  $Q(M) \rightsquigarrow Q(M) = \bigoplus_\alpha Q(M_\alpha)\alpha$

## Theorem (Braverman-Paradan)

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(\bar{\partial})$$

# Formal quantization of $b$ -symplectic manifolds

A  $b$ -symplectic manifold is prequantizable if:

- $M \setminus Z$  is prequantizable
- The cohomology classes given under the Mazzeo-Melrose isomorphism applied to  $[\omega]$  are integral.

## Theorem (Guillemin-M.-Weitsman)

- $Q(M)$  exists.
- $Q(M)$  is *finite-dimensional*.

Idea of proof

$$Q(M) = Q(M_+) \oplus Q(M_-)$$

and an  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $Z$  **does not contribute to quantization**.

## Braverman, Loizides, and Song

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(D_{APS})$$

with  $D_{APS}$  the Dolbeault-Dirac operator endowed with the Atiyah-Patodi-Singer boundary conditions.

# Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves and formal geometric quantization

Assume that there is a  $T$ -action with non-vanishing modular weight,

$$Q(M) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} Q(M//_{\alpha}T) \alpha,$$

For the toric case, the quotient  $M//_{\alpha}T$  is a point. This proves,

## Theorem (Mir, M., Weitsman)

*Let  $(M^{2n}, Z, \omega, \mu)$  be a  $b$ -symplectic toric manifold. Then, the formal geometric quantization of  $M$  coincides with **the count of its Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves with sign** (Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization).*

Geometric quantization  
of symplectic toric manifolds



Count of the  
integer points in the  
image of the moment map



Formal geometric quantization  
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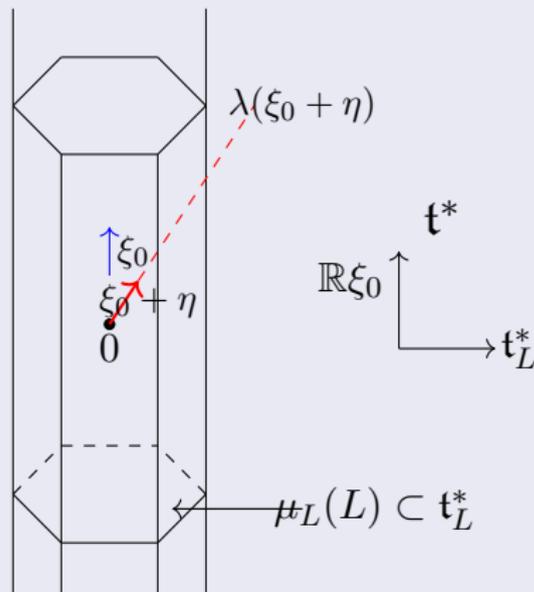
# What about quantization of $b^m$ -symplectic manifolds?

## Theorem (Guillemin, M., Weitsman)

- 1 If  $m$  is odd,  $Q(M)$  is a finite dimensional virtual  $T$ -module.
- 2 If  $m$  is even, there exists a weight  $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ , integers  $c_{\pm}$ , and  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that if  $\lambda > \lambda_0$ , and  $\eta \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  is a weight of  $T$ ,

$$\dim Q(M)^{\lambda\eta} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \eta \neq \pm\xi \\ c_{\pm} & \text{if } \eta = \pm\xi \end{cases}$$

(In fact,  $c_{\pm} = \epsilon_{\pm} \dim Q(M)^{\pm\lambda\xi}$ , where  $\epsilon_{\pm} \in \{\pm 1\}$ , for any  $\lambda$  sufficiently large.)



# (Singular) symplectic manifolds

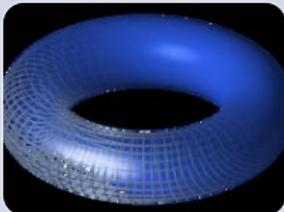
$b^m$ -Symplectic

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# (Singular) symplectic manifolds





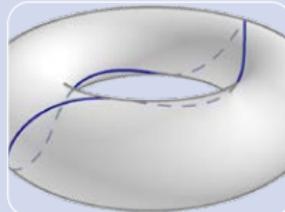
## Symplectic manifolds

- Darboux theorem
- Delzant and convexity theorems
- Action-Angle coordinates



## b-Symplectic manifolds

- Darboux theorem
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## Folded symplectic manifolds

- Darboux theorem (Martinet)
- Delzant-type theorems (Cannas da Silva-Guillemin-Pires)
- Action-angle theorem (M-Cardona)

# Examples

## Orientable Surface

- Is symplectic
- Is folded symplectic
- (orientable or not) is b-symplectic

## $CP^2$

- Is symplectic
- Is folded symplectic
- Is **not** b-symplectic

## $S^4$

- Is **not** symplectic
- Is **not** b-symplectic
- Is folded-symplectic



# Desingularizing $b^m$ -symplectic structures

## Theorem (Guillemin-M.-Weitsman)

Given a  $b^m$ -symplectic structure  $\omega$  on a compact manifold  $(M^{2n}, Z)$ :

- If  $m = 2k$ , there exists a family of **symplectic forms**  $\omega_\epsilon$  which coincide with the  $b^m$ -symplectic form  $\omega$  outside an  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $Z$  and for which the family of bivector fields  $(\omega_\epsilon)^{-1}$  **converges** in the  $C^{2k-1}$ -topology to the Poisson structure  $\omega^{-1}$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .
- If  $m = 2k + 1$ , there exists a family of **folded symplectic forms**  $\omega_\epsilon$  which coincide with the  $b^m$ -symplectic form  $\omega$  outside an  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $Z$ .

In particular:

- Any  $b^{2k}$ -symplectic manifold admits a symplectic structure.
- Any  $b^{2k+1}$ -symplectic manifold admits a folded symplectic structure.
- The converse is not true:  $S^4$  admits a folded symplectic structure but no  $b$ -symplectic structure.



## Theorem (M.-Weitsman)

*For any  $b^m$ -manifold endowed with a  $T$ -action with non-vanishing modular weight,*

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(D).$$

# Outside the *b*-box



## Work in progress, M-Nest

Semisimple linearizable Poisson structures have associated  $E$ -symplectic manifolds.

This association is done via a *desingularization process* gives a hierarchy of  $E$ -symplectic manifolds.

What comes next? •

- Understand Poisson Geometry **through  $E$ -glasses**.
- Compare Deformation quantization of  $E$ -symplectic manifolds and Poisson manifolds through the desingularization scheme.
- **Dream:** Understand Geometric Quantization of Poisson manifolds.

# Stratification by coadjoint orbits

- $M = \mathfrak{g}^*$  - Poisson manifold,  $\mathfrak{g}$ -real Lie algebra of compact type, with Lie group  $G$ .

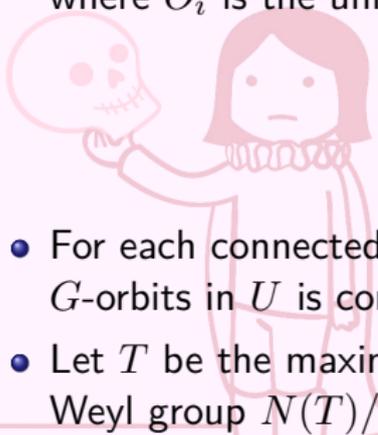
$M$  has a stratification of the form

$$M = \cup O_i$$

where  $O_i$  is the union of orbits of codimension  $i$ . Moreover,

$$\partial \overline{O_i} = \cup_{k>i} O_k.$$

- For each connected component  $U \subset O_i$ , the diffeomorphism class of  $G$ -orbits in  $U$  is constant, say  $G/G_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in U$  fixed.
- Let  $T$  be the maximal torus in  $G$ ,  $\mathfrak{t}$  its Lie algebra. Denote by  $W$  the Weyl group  $N(T)/T$ .



# A Hironaka desingularization for $\mathfrak{g}^*$

- (Bott) Each orbit of the coadjoint action of  $G$  intersects  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  precisely in an orbit of  $W$ .
- The restriction map

$$M = \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^* = V$$

intertwines the  $G$ -action on  $M$  and  $W$ -action on  $V$ .

- Let  $\lambda \in V$  be a generic element (in the top stratum) and  $O_\lambda = G/G_\lambda$  the associated symplectic orbit.

## Theorem

*A resolution of the action has the form of a Poisson map*

$$(V \times O_\lambda)^W \rightarrow M.$$

# A simple example $SU(2)$

- For  $SU(2)$  the generic orbit is:  $\mathcal{O} = \frac{SU(2)}{U(1)} \simeq \mathbb{C}P^1$ .
- And the desingularization

$$(\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{O}_\lambda)^W \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)^*$$

- In this case the desingularization yields the regular symplectic foliation  $\mathbb{R} \times S^2$  and the desingularization transformation is given by *spherical coordinates*. The symplectic form  $\omega$  on the regular symplectic foliation projects to  $\frac{\omega}{r}$  on each generic sphere (coadjoint orbit).

