

Intersections of quadrics and Hamiltonian-minimal Lagrangian submanifolds

based on joint work with Andrey Mironov

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Inspired by some progress related to these conjectures in the early 1990s, Y.-G. Oh initiated the study of the stability properties of Lagrangian submanifolds under Hamiltonian deformations in Kähler manifolds. This led to the notion of **Hamiltonian minimality** (**H-minimality**), the symplectic analogue of the minimality in Riemannian geometry.

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A Lagrangian immersion $i: N \looparrowright M$ is **Hamiltonian minimal** (**H-minimal**) if the variations of the volume of $i(N)$ along all Hamiltonian vector fields with compact support are zero, i.e.

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \text{vol}(i_t(N)) \right|_{t=0} = 0,$$

where $i_t(N)$ is a Hamiltonian deformation of $i(N) = i_0(N)$.

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Here we combine Mironov's construction with the methods of toric topology to produce new examples of H-minimal Lagrangian **embeddings** with interesting and complicated topology.

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Then i_P is monomorphic, and $i_P(P) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is the intersection of an n -plane with $\mathbb{R}_{\geq}^m = \{ \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m) : y_i \geq 0 \}$.

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Write $i_P(\mathbb{R}^n)$ by $m - n$ linear equations in $(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Replace y_k by $|z_k|^2$ to obtain a presentation of \mathcal{Z}_P by quadrics. □

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(a 2-simplex). Then

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Theorem (Mironov)

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