

# **Spectral Analysis of the Subelliptic Oblique Derivative Problem**

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# **Purpose of Talk**

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**This talk is devoted to a functional analytic approach to the **subelliptic oblique derivative problem** for the Laplacian with a complex parameter.**

## Main Results

We prove generation theorems of **analytic semigroups** for the subelliptic oblique derivative problem for the Laplacian in the  $L^p$  topology and in the **topology of uniform convergence**.

These rather **surprising results** (elliptic estimates for a degenerate problem) work, since we are considering the **homogeneous boundary condition**.

## My Works

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# Scheme of Talk (1)

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**(Agmon)**

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**(Boutet de Monvel)**

# Historical Background

**Due to Poincare, it is known that the oblique derivative problem arises naturally when determining the **gravitational field** of the moon, the earth and the other celestial bodies.**



# Henri Poincare

**Henri Poincare (1854-1912)**

**French Mathematician**

**H. Poincare:**

**Lecons de mecanique celeste, Tome III,  
Gauthier-Villars, Paris, 1910**

# **Motivation of Talk**

# Motivation of Talk (1)

In **physical geodesy**, investigations of the Earth's gravity field based on surface gravity data are usually associated with a **simultaneous determination** of the figure of the Earth.

## Motivation of Talk (2)

The precise 3D positioning by the **Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)** has brought new possibilities in gravity field modelling. Terrestrial gravimetric measurements located by precise satellite positioning yield **oblique derivative boundary conditions** in the form of surface gravity disturbances.

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**Journal of Geodesy** 71 (1997), 640-651.

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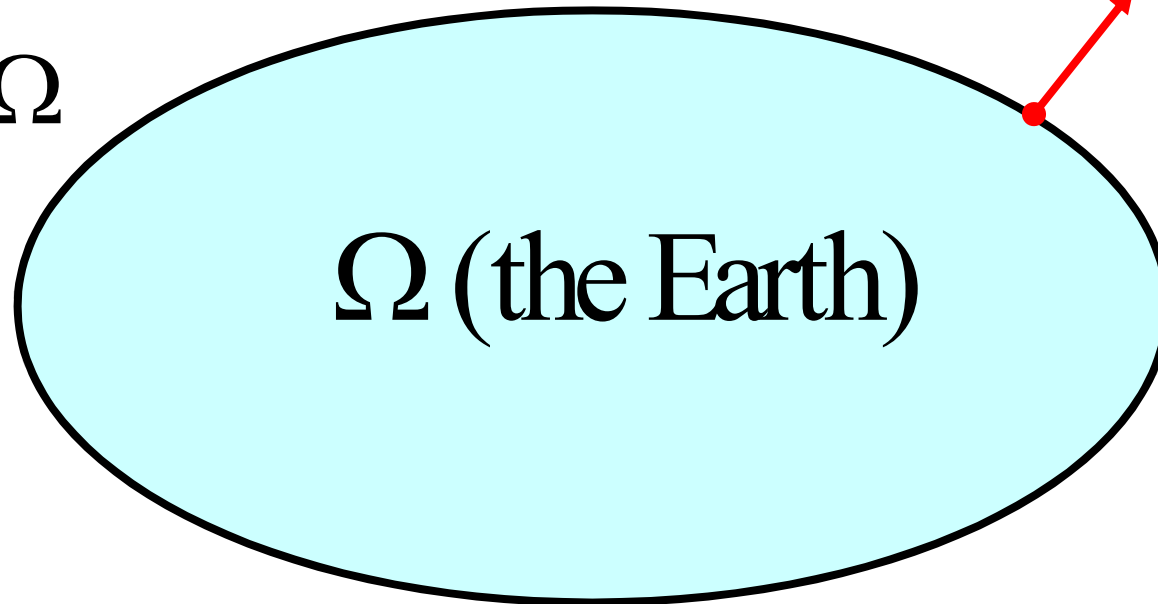
## Motivation of Talk (3)

Now the **shape of the Earth can be obtained** by geometric satellite triangulation and satellite altimetry over the oceans. In this way, the (linearized) fixed gravimetric boundary value problem in physical geodesy is **an oblique derivative problem** for the Laplace equation in the **Earth's exterior**.

# Bounded Domain

$\mathbf{R}^n, n \geq 3$

$\Gamma = \partial\Omega$



$\Omega$  (the Earth)



# Laplace Operator

$$\Delta u := \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_n^2}$$

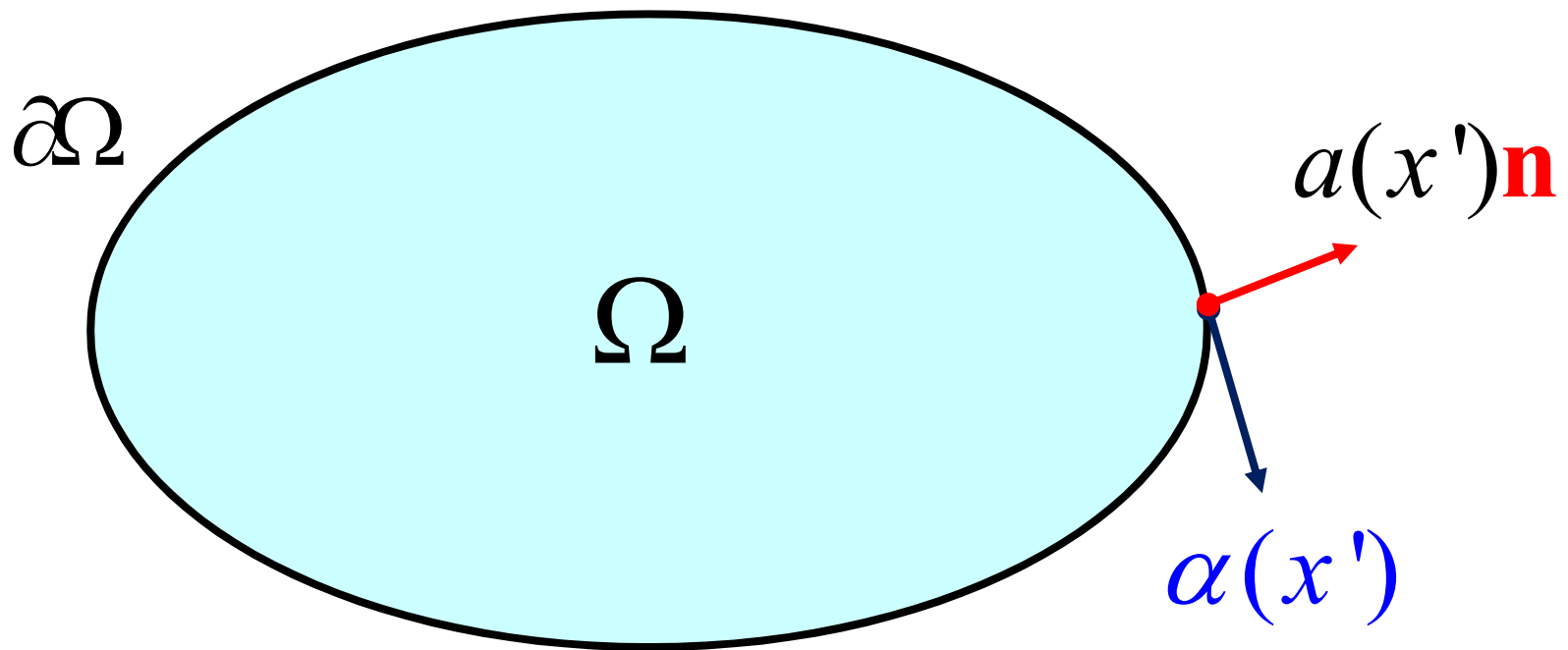
## Oblique Derivative Condition

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x') = a(x') \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \alpha(x') \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega$$

$\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n)$  : **unit outward normal**

$\alpha(x')$  : **tangent vector field**

# Oblique Derivative Condition



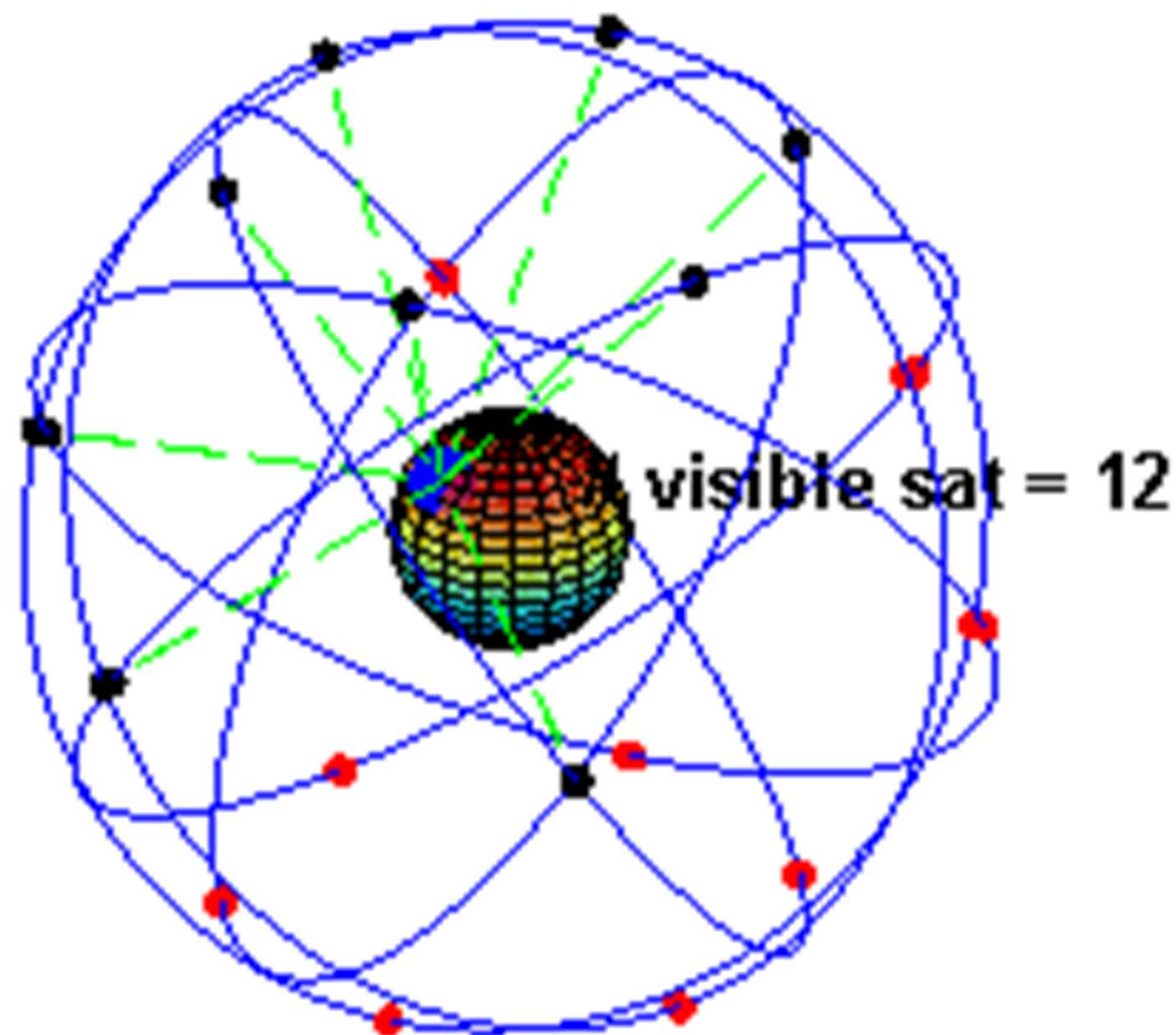
$$\nu(x') = a(x')\mathbf{n} + \alpha(x')$$

## Motivation of Talk (4)

Nowadays we only **pick up** the data sent from the satellites **not on the horizontal**.

We **neglect** the data sent from the satellites on the horizontal.

**(Elliptic case)**



## Conclusion (Subelliptic case)

- (1) We can make use of the data sent from the satellites **even on the horizontal**.
- (2) We can **economize** the number of satellites around the Earth.

**Example: The viewpoint of the first approximation to the weather forecast data.**

# **Formulation of the Problem**

In this talk we will deal with an **interior oblique derivative problem** in a bounded domain.

The analysis of harmonic functions in an **exterior domain** can be reduced to that of harmonic functions in a bounded domain by using the **Kelvin transform**.



# Brief History (1)

## (1) $L^2$ Theory

**Ju. V. Egorov and V. A. Kondratev:** The oblique derivative problem, Math. USSR Sb. 7 (1969), 139-169

## (2) Holder Space Theory

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## Brief History (2)

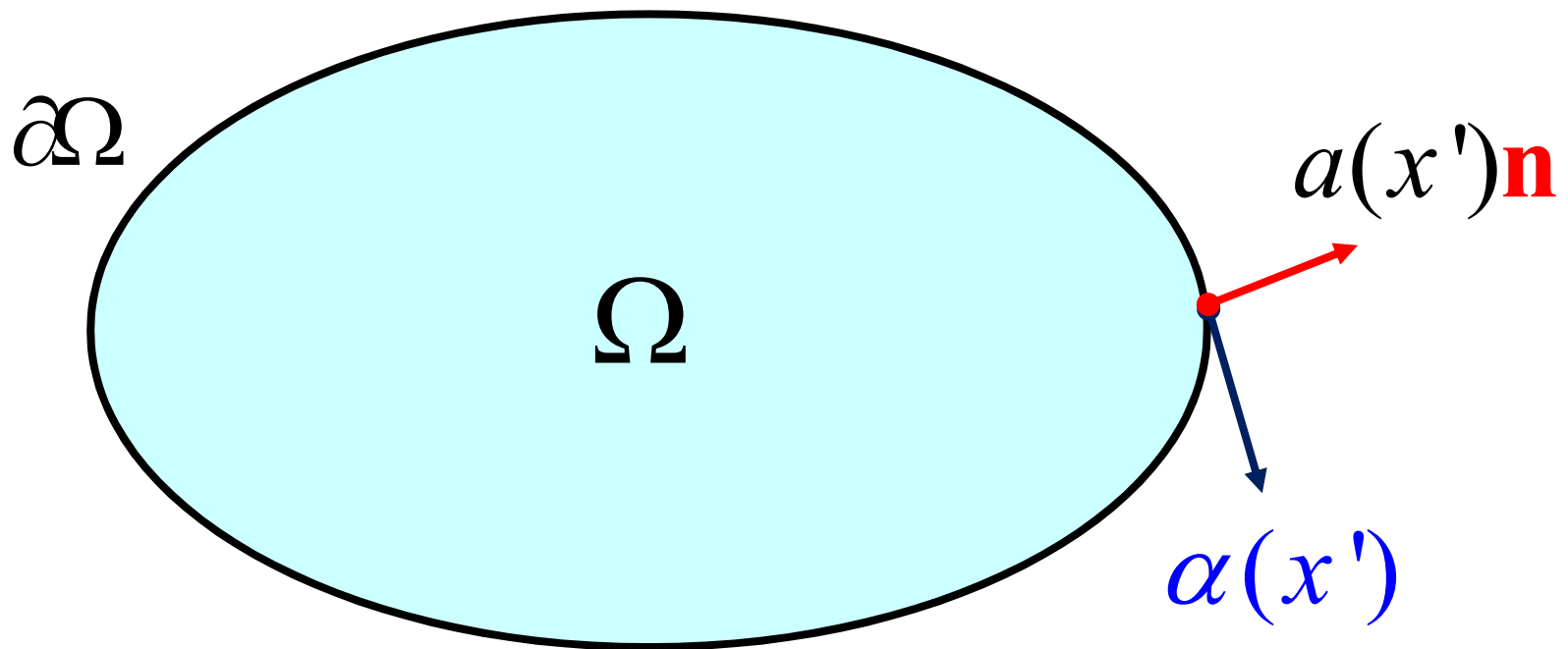
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**H. Smith:** The subelliptic oblique derivative problem, *Comm. Partial Differential Equations*, 15 (1990), 97-137

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# Subelliptic Case

# Oblique Derivative Condition



$$\nu(x') = a(x')\mathbf{n} + \alpha(x')$$

# Fundamental Condition (H)

(1) The vector field  $\alpha(x')$  is non-zero on the **set**

$\Gamma_0 = \{x' \in \Gamma : a(x') = 0\}$  **of tangency.**

(2) Along the integral curve  $x(t, x'_0)$  of  $\alpha(x')$

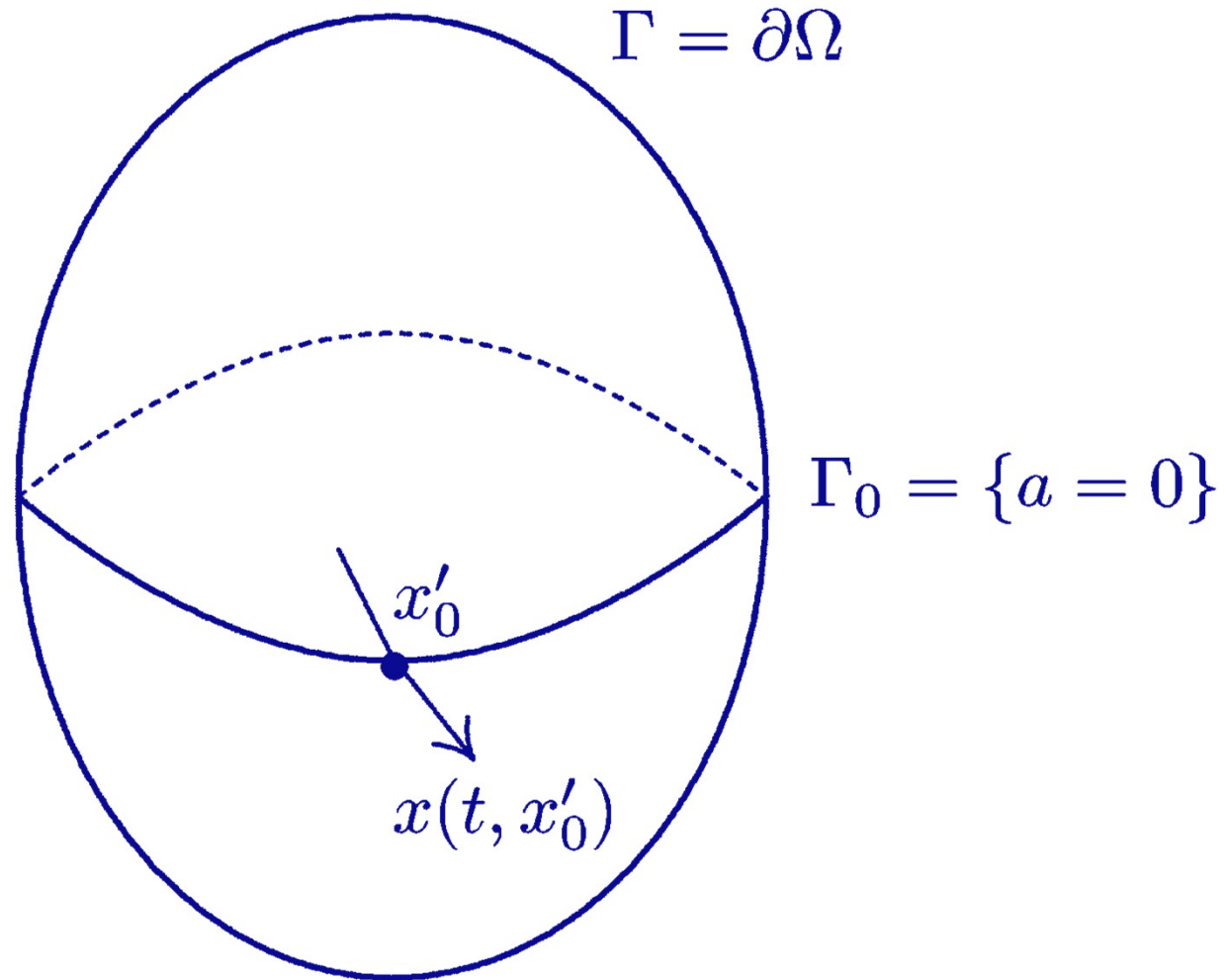
passing through  $x'_0 \in \Gamma_0$  at  $t = 0$ , the function

$t \mapsto a(x(t, x'_0))$

**has zeros of even order  $\leq 2k$ .**

$$\nu(x') = a(x')\mathbf{n} + \alpha(x')$$

# Fundamental Condition (H)



## Typical Examples

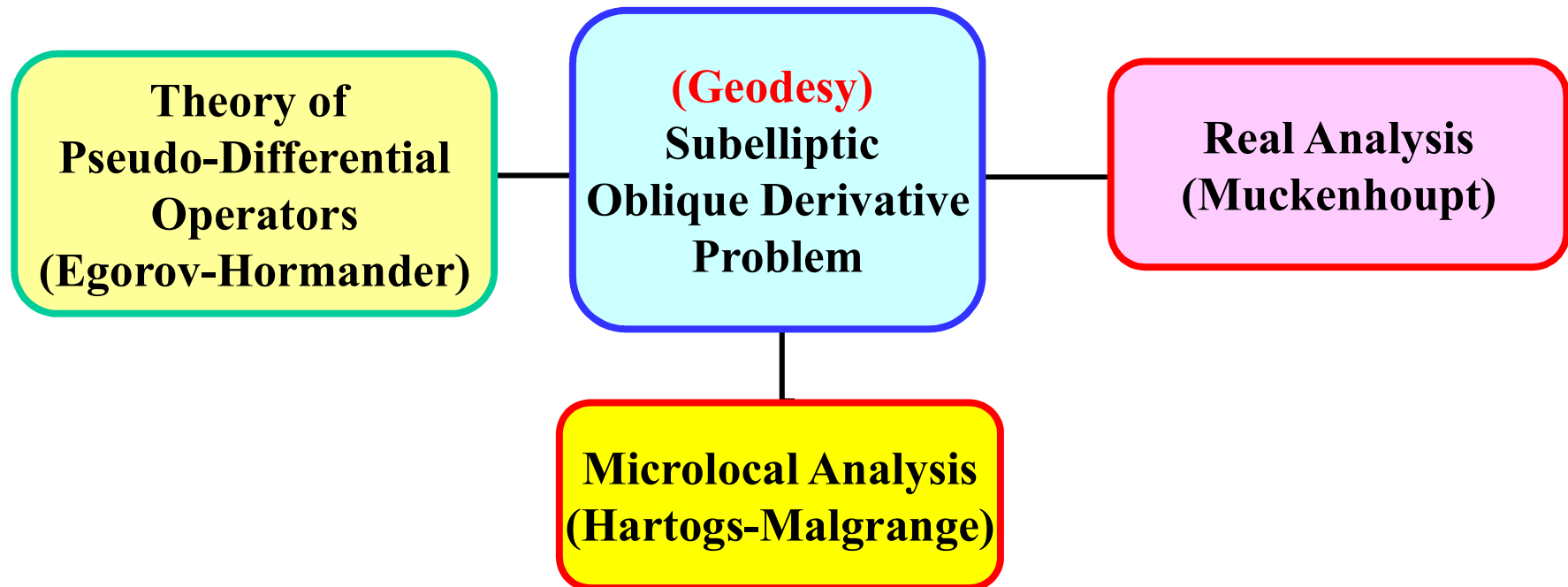
$$a(x(t, x'_0)) = t^{2k} : \quad \text{YES}$$

$$a(x(t, x'_0)) = e^{-1/t^2} : \quad \text{NO}$$

# Bird's-Eye View



# Functional analytic approach to the subelliptic oblique derivative problem



# Mathematical Background

<b>Field</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Mathematicians</b>
<b>Pseudo-Differential Operators</b>	<b>Subellipticity</b>	<b>Egorov-Hormander Smith</b>
<b>Microlocal Analysis</b>	<b>Hartogs' Theorem</b>	<b>Malgrange Guan</b>
<b>Real Analysis</b>	<b>Boundedness of Maximal Operators</b>	<b>Hardy-Littlewood Muckenhoupt Sawyer</b>

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English translation: Russian Math. Surveys 30:2 (1975), 59-118, 30:3 (1975), 55--105.

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# Main Results

# Regularity Theorem

## My Work (1981)

$$u \in L^2(\Omega) \quad \boxed{p = 2}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta u = f \in H^s(\Omega) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\Gamma} = \varphi \in H^{s+1/2}(\Gamma) \end{array} \right.$$
$$\Rightarrow$$
$$u \in H^{s+2-\delta}(\Omega)$$

**Loss** of  $\delta$ -derivatives



$$0 \leq \delta = \frac{2k}{2k+1} < 1$$

$$k = 0 \text{ (Elliptic case)} \Leftrightarrow \delta = 0$$

$$k = \infty \Leftrightarrow \delta = 1$$

## Sharp Regularity Theorem (Smith, 1990)

$$u \in L^p(\Omega), \quad 1 < p < \infty,$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta u = f \in W^{s,p}(\Omega) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\Gamma} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$u \in W^{s+2,p}(\Omega).$$

**Elliptic gain of 2 - derivatives from  $f$**

## Remarkable Fact

**The degeneracy occurs only for the boundary data.**

# **Generation Theorem of Analytic Semigroups**

## Homogeneous Case

We define a **densely defined, closed operator**

$$\mathfrak{A}_p : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega) \quad (1 < p < \infty)$$

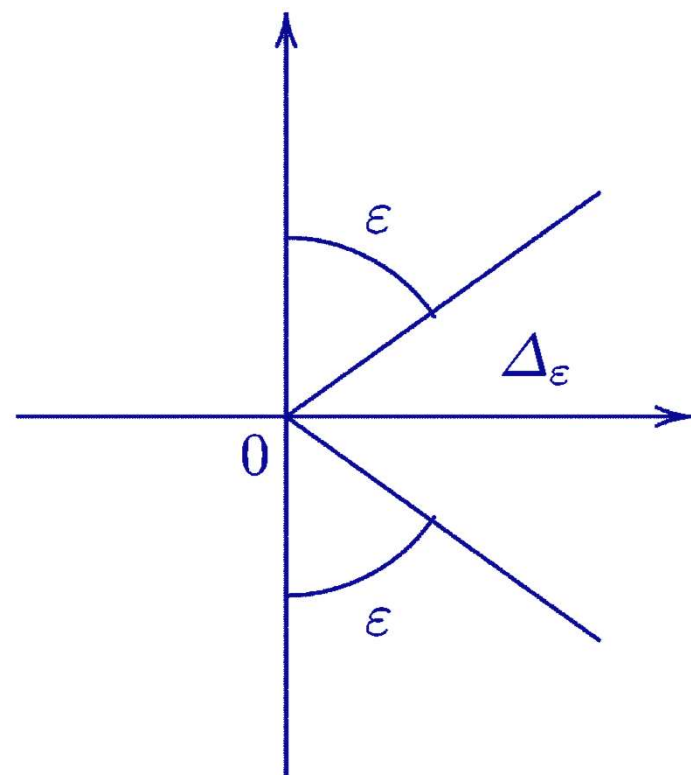
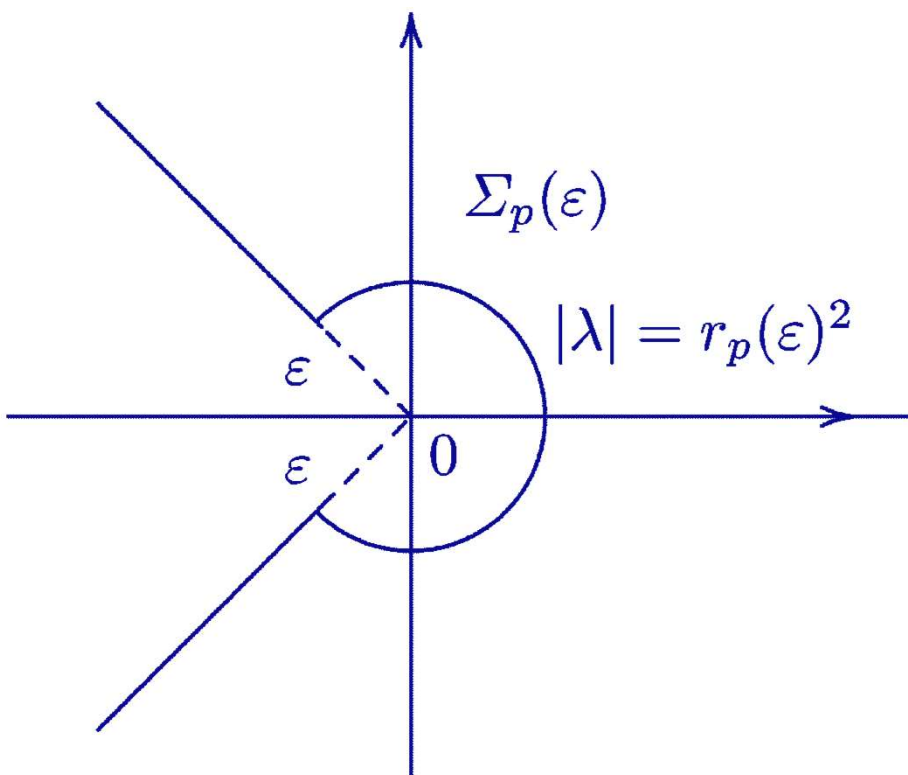
as follows :

$$(a) D(\mathfrak{A}_p) = \left\{ u \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) : \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \end{array}} \right\}$$

$$(b) \mathfrak{A}_p u = \Delta u, \quad \forall u \in D(\mathfrak{A}_p)$$

Then  $\mathfrak{A}_p$  generates an **analytic semigroup**

$$e^{z\mathfrak{A}_p} \text{ on } L^p(\Omega)$$



$$\lambda = r^2 e^{i\theta}$$

$$-\pi + \varepsilon \leq \theta \leq \pi - \varepsilon$$

$$e^{z \mathfrak{A}_p} \quad (z \in \Delta_\varepsilon)$$

# Minimal Growth of the Resolvent

$$\left\| \left( \mathfrak{A}_p - \lambda I \right)^{-1} f \right\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda|} \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

$$\forall f \in L^p(\Omega)$$

$$1 < p < \infty$$

# **Spectral Properties of the Subelliptic Oblique Derivative Problem**



We define a **densely defined, closed** operator

$$\mathfrak{A}_2 : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega) \quad \boxed{p=2}$$

as follows:

$$(a) D(\mathfrak{A}_2) = \left\{ u \in H^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \right\}$$

$$(b) \mathfrak{A}_2 u = \Delta u, \quad \forall u \in D(\mathfrak{A}_2)$$

Then the operator  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  enjoys the following four spectral properties:

# Asymptotic Eigenvalue Distribution (1)

- (1) The spectrum of  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  is **discrete** and the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  of  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  have **finite multiplicities**.
- (2) All rays different from the **negative axis** are rays of minimal growth of the resolvent  $(\mathfrak{A}_2 - \lambda I)^{-1}$ .
- (3) The negative axis is a **direction of condensation** of eigenvalues of  $\mathfrak{A}_2$ .

## Asymptotic Eigenvalue Distribution (2)

(4) Let

$$N(t) := \sum_{\operatorname{Re}\lambda_j \geq -t} 1 \quad \boxed{\text{the counting function}}$$

where each  $\lambda_j$  is repeated according to its multiplicity.

Then the **asymptotic eigenvalue distribution** formula

$$\boxed{N(t) = \frac{|\Omega|}{2^n \pi^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2 + 1)} \cdot t^{n/2} + o(t^{n/2}) \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty}$$

holds true. Here  $|\Omega|$  denotes the volume of  $\Omega$

# Conclusion

- (1) We can make use of the data sent from the satellites **even on the horizontal.**
- (2) We can **economize** the number of satellites around the Earth.

The viewpoint of the **first approximation** to the weather forecast data.

**My theorem should be tested by**  
**Numerical Analysis of**  
**the linear fixed altimetry-gravimetry**  
**boundary value problem**

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# **Special Reduction** **to the Boundary**

## The First Idea of Approach

We make use the **Dirichlet-Neumann** operator in the **exterior domain** in reducing the oblique derivative problem to the study of a **pseudo-differential operator on the boundary.**



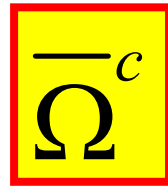
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**Exterior**

**Dirichlet Problem**

# Exterior Domain



$\Omega$  (the Earth)

# Model Case

# Model Case (1)

$$\Omega = \mathbf{R}_+^n \quad (\text{upper - half space})$$

$$\Gamma = \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

$$\overline{\Omega}^c = \mathbf{R}_-^n \quad (\text{lower - half space})$$

$$x = (x', x_n)$$

$$x' = (x'', t) \quad (\text{tangential variables})$$

## Model Case (2)

$$\alpha(x') = \alpha(x'', t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad (\text{tangent vector field})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \quad (\text{outward normal derivative})$$

$$a(x'', t) = a(t)$$

## Model Case (3)

$$\gamma_1 = \alpha(x') + a(x'', t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - a(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$$

# Zero Extension Operator

$$f_0(x) := \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}_+^n, \\ 0 & \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}_-^n \end{cases},$$



# Newtonian Potential (1)

$$\begin{aligned} & (N * f_0)(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega_n} \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^n} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{n-2}} dy \end{aligned}$$

# Transmission Property of the Newtonian Potential

$$\left( r^+ N \right) f := \left( N * f_0 \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}_+^n}$$

$$r^+ N : W^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n) \rightarrow W^{s+2,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n)$$

## Newtonian Potential (2)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W^{s+2,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n) & \xrightarrow{r^+ \Delta = \Delta} & W^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n) \\ W^{s+2,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n) & \xleftarrow{r^+ N} & W^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n) \end{array}$$

$$(r^+ \Delta)(r^+ N) = I$$

# Poisson Kernel

$$\Delta (P\varphi) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbf{R}_+^n,$$

$$\gamma_0 (P\varphi) = P\varphi \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} = \varphi \text{ on } \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

$$P : B^{s-1/p,p}(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}) \rightarrow W^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}_+^n)$$

# Poisson Kernel in the Half-Space

$$P\varphi(x', x_n) = \frac{2}{\omega_n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \frac{x_n \varphi(y')}{\left(|x' - y'|^2 + x_n^2\right)^{n/2}} dy'$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2)}$$

# Fourier Transform Version

$$P\varphi(x', x_n) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} e^{ix'\xi'} e^{-x_n|\xi'|} \hat{\varphi}(\xi') d\xi'$$

# Reduction to the Boundary (1)

$$\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}_+^n,$$

$$\gamma_1 u = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\Delta (r^+ Nf - u) = f - f = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}_+^n$$

## Reduction to the Boundary (2)

$$r^+ Nf - u = P\psi$$

$$\psi = \left( r^+ Nf - u \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}}$$



## Reduction to the Boundary (3)

$$\Delta u = f$$

$$\gamma_1 u = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\gamma_1 (P\psi) = \gamma_1 (r^+ Nf) \text{ on } \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

# Fredholm Integral Equation

$$T\psi := \gamma_1(P\psi) = a(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} (P\psi) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} + \alpha(x') \cdot \psi$$

$$= a(x') \Pi \psi + \alpha(x') \cdot \psi$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$T\psi = a(x') \Pi \psi + \alpha(x') \cdot \psi = \gamma_1(r^+ Nf) \text{ on } \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

# Dirichlet-Neumann Operator

$$\Pi \psi = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} (P\psi) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \quad \forall \psi \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n-1})$$

$$\Pi \in L_{c1}^1(\mathbf{R}^{n-1})$$

## Dirichlet-Neumann Operator in the Half-Space

$$\Pi \varphi(x') = -\frac{\Gamma(n/2)}{\pi^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \frac{\varphi(y')}{|x' - y'|^n} dy'$$

## Fourier Transform Version in the Half-Space

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pi \varphi(x') \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} e^{ix'\xi'} |\xi'| \hat{\varphi}(\xi') d\xi' \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi = \sqrt{-\Delta_{x'}}$$

# Poisson Kernel for the Exterior Domain (Kelvin)

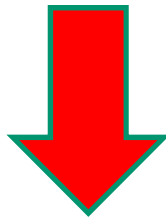
$$\Delta \left( P^{\text{ext}} \varphi \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}_-^n$$

$$\gamma_0 \left( P^{\text{ext}} \varphi \right) = P^{\text{ext}} \varphi \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} = \varphi \quad \text{on } \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$$

# Poisson Kernel for the Exterior Domain

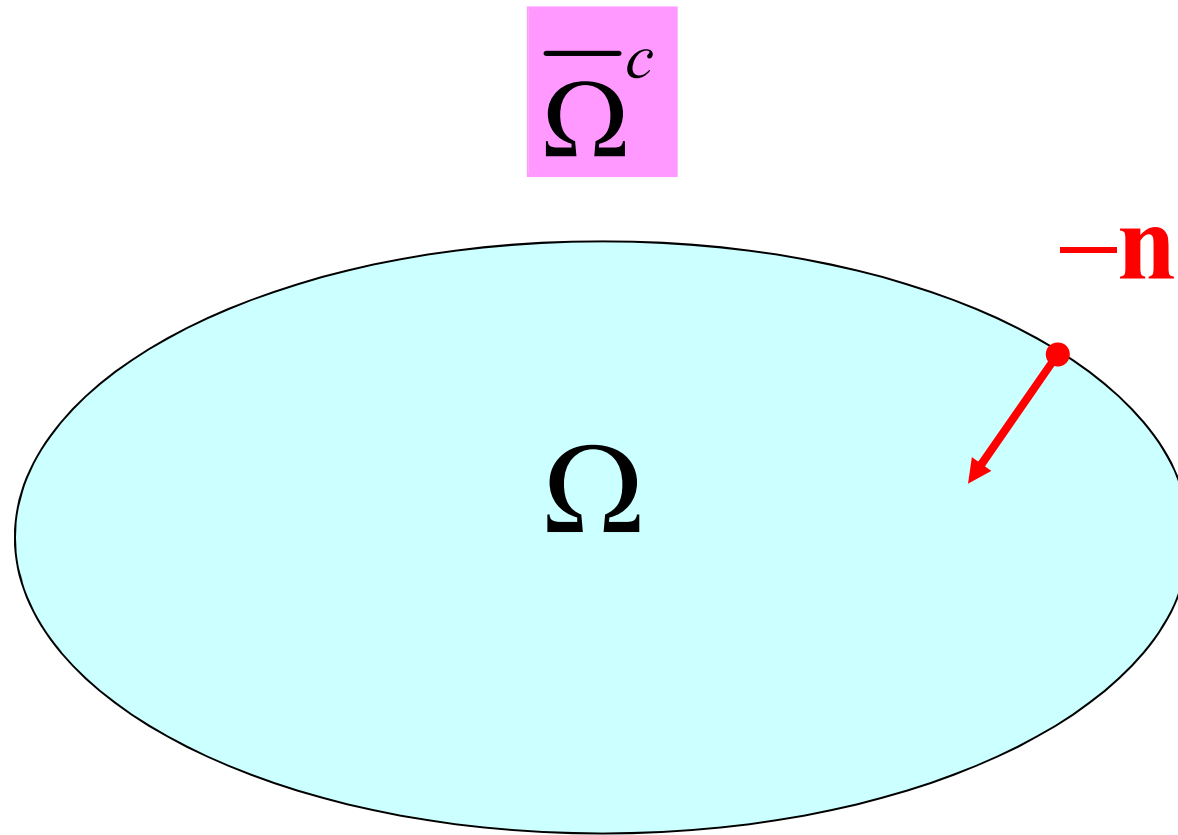
$$\Delta (N * f_0) = f_0 = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}_-^n$$

$$(N * f_0) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \in B^{s+2-1/p, p} \left( \mathbf{R}^{n-1} \right)$$



$$N * f_0 = P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}_-^n$$

Outward Normal for the Exterior  
Domain





# Reduction to the Boundary

$$N * f_0 = P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^n$$



$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(N * f_0) &= \gamma_1 \left( P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \left( P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \right) \\ &= a(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \left( P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\Gamma} \right) \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} + \alpha(x') \cdot \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \\ &= -a(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial (-\mathbf{n})} \left( P^{\text{ext}} \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\Gamma} \right) \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} + \alpha(x') \cdot \left( N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Dirichlet-Neumann Operator for the Exterior Domain

$$\Pi^{\text{ext}} \psi = \frac{\partial}{\partial(-\mathbf{n})} \left( P^{\text{ext}} \psi \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}}, \quad \forall \psi \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n-1})$$

$-\mathbf{n}$  : unit **outward** normal to  $\overline{\Omega}^c = \mathbf{R}_-^n$

# Model Case (1)

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$$x = (x', x_n)$$

$$x' = (x'', t) \quad (\text{tangential variables})$$

## Model Case (2)

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \quad (\text{outward normal derivative})$$

$$a(x'', t) = a(t)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\gamma_1 = \alpha(x') + a(x'', t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - a(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$$

## Model Case (3)

$$T = \gamma_1 P = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

$$T' = \gamma_1 P^{\text{ext}}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

# Fredholm Integral Equation

$$T \mu = T' \nu$$

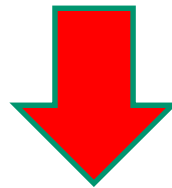
$$\nu = N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}},$$

$$\mu = \left( u - N * f_0 \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}}$$

# **Microlocal Analysis**

# Reduction of the Pseudo-Differential Operators (Microlocal Analysis)

$$T = \gamma_1 P = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}}$$



$$L = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a_1(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}$$

$$a_1(t) := \frac{a(t)}{\sqrt{1 + a(t)^2}} \approx a(t)$$



## The Second Idea of Approach

We make use of **Hartog's theorem** in applying a precise version of **Malgrange's preparation theorem** in micro local analysis.

# Microlocal Analysis (1)

$$a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} + \sqrt{-1} \tau$$

$$= \frac{a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} + \sqrt{-1} \tau}{a_1(t) |\xi''| + \sqrt{-1} \tau}$$

$$\times \left( a_1(t) |\xi''| + \sqrt{-1} \tau \right)$$

## Characteristic Set

$$t_1(x'', t, \xi'', \tau) = a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} + \sqrt{-1} \tau$$

$$t'_1(x'', t, \xi'', \tau) = a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} - \sqrt{-1} \tau$$

$$\Sigma = \{a(t) = 0, \xi'' \neq 0, \tau = 0\}$$

## Microlocal Analysis (2)

$$|\tau| \leq |\xi''|, \quad s := \tau / |\xi''|$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} + \sqrt{-1} \tau}{a_1(t) |\xi''| + \sqrt{-1} \tau}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{-1} s + a(t) \sqrt{1 + s^2}}{\sqrt{-1} s + \frac{a(t)}{\sqrt{1 + a(t)^2}}}$$

# Hartogs' Theorem

$$h(s, a) := \frac{\sqrt{-1} s + a \sqrt{1 + s^2}}{\sqrt{-1} s + \frac{a}{\sqrt{1 + a^2}}}$$

is **holomorphic** in the **unit polydisk**

$$\{(s, a) : |s| \leq 1, |a| \leq 1\}$$

$(s, a) = (0, 0)$  **removable singularity**

# Friedrich Hartogs

**Friedrich Hartogs (1874-1943)**  
**German Mathematician**

## Micolocal Analysis (3)

$$a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} + \sqrt{-1} \tau$$

= **A B o u n d e d S y m b o l (H a r t o g s)**

$$\times \left[ a_1(t) |\xi''| + \sqrt{-1} \tau \right]$$

$$a(t) \sqrt{|\xi''|^2 + \tau^2} - \sqrt{-1} \tau$$

= **A B o u n d e d S y m b o l (H a r t o g s)**

$$\times \left[ a_1(t) |\xi''| - \sqrt{-1} \tau \right]$$

## Model Case (1)

$$T = \gamma_1 P = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T' &= \gamma_1 P^{\text{ext}} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$



## Model Case (2)

$$L_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a_1(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}, \quad x' = (x'', t)$$

$$L_1' = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a_1(t) \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}, \quad x' = (x'', t)$$

**The separation of variables form**

# Special Reduction of the Fredholm Integral Equation

$$L_1 \mu = L_1 v$$

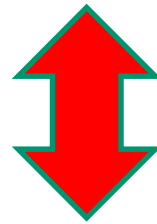
$$v = N * f_0 \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}},$$

$$\mu = \left( u - N * f_0 \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}}$$

# Real Analysis

# Solution of the Fredholm Pseudo-Differential Equation (1)

$$L_1 \mu = L_1 v$$



$$\mu(x'', t) = -v(x'', t)$$

$$+2 \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-2}} e^{ix'' \xi''} \left( \int_{-1}^t a_1(t') |\xi''| e^{-|\xi''| \int_{t'}^t a_1(\theta) d\theta} \tilde{v}(\xi'', t') dt' \right) d\xi''$$

# Pseudo-Differential Operator with Parameter (Treves)

$$K\left(a_1\sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}\right)v(x'',t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-2}} e^{ix''\xi''} \left( \int_{-1}^t a_1(t') |\xi''| e^{-|\xi''| \int_{t'}^t a_1(\theta) d\theta} \tilde{v}(\xi'', t') dt' \right) d\xi''$$

**Pseudo - differential operator in  $x''$**

**parametrized by  $t$ .**

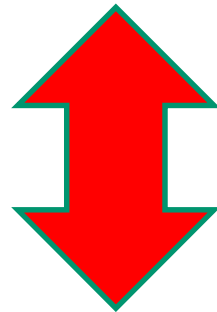
$$x' = (x'', t)$$

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## Solution of the Fredholm Pseudo-Differential Equation (2)

$$L_1 \mu = L_1 v$$

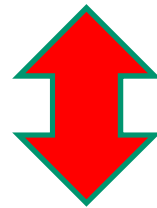


$$\mu(x'', t) = -v(x'', t) + K \left( a_1 \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}} \right) v(x'', t)$$

# Regularity Theorem

$$\mu(x'', t) = -\nu(x'', t) + 2K \left( a_1 \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}} \right) \nu(x'', t)$$

$\mu(x'', t)$  gains **0-derivatives** from  $\nu(x'', t)$



$$K \left( a_1 \sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}} \right) : B^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}^{n-2} \times I) \rightarrow B^{s,p}(\mathbf{R}^{n-2} \times I)$$

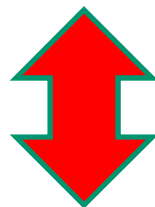
**bounded for  $s > -1/2$**



## Boundedness Theorem (Guan-Sawyer)

$$K\left(a_1\sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}\right): B^{s,p}\left(\mathbf{R}_{x''}^{n-2} \times I_t\right) \rightarrow B^{s,p}\left(\mathbf{R}_{x''}^{n-2} \times I_t\right)$$

**bounded for  $s > -1/2$**



$$\left( \frac{1}{\int_s^t a_1(\theta) d\theta} \int_s^t a_1(\theta)^{p'} d\theta \right)^{p-1}$$

$$\leq C \frac{1}{u-t} \int_t^u a_1(\theta) d\theta$$

**$A_p$  - condition**

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**(1) B. Muckenhoupt:** Hardy's inequality with weights, *Studia Math.* 44 (1972), 31-38

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## Weighted Spaces (Muckenhoupt)

$$L^2(I, w) = \left\{ \tilde{h} : \int_{-1}^1 |\tilde{h}(s)|^2 w(s) ds < \infty \right\}$$

$$I = (-1, 1)$$

$$s = A(t) = \int_0^t a_1(\theta) d\theta$$

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{a_1(A^{-1}(s))}$$

# Example

$$a(\theta) = \theta^{2k}$$

$$s = \frac{t^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$$

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{(2k+1)^{2k/(2k+1)}} \frac{1}{s^{2k/(2k+1)}}$$

# One-sided Hardy-Littlewood Maximal Operator

$$M^- : L^p((0,1), w) \rightarrow L^p((0,1), w)$$

**bounded**

$$M^- \tilde{h}(s) = \sup_{0 < \delta < s < 1} \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{s-\delta}^s \tilde{h}(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\tilde{h}(s) = h(A^{-1}(s))$$

# One-Sided Version of $A_p$ Condition

$$\left( \frac{1}{\delta} \int_t^{t+\delta} w(s) ds \right) \left( \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{t-\delta}^t w(s)^{1-p'} ds \right)^{p-1} \leq C$$

$$0 < \delta < t < 1$$

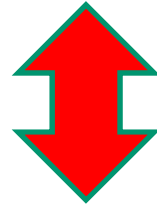
$$s = A(t) = \int_0^t a_1(\theta) d\theta$$

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{a_1(A^{-1}(s))}$$

## Conclusion (Guan-Sawyer)

$$K\left(a_1\sqrt{-\Delta_{x''}}\right): B^{s,p}\left(\mathbf{R}_{x''}^{n-2} \times I_t\right) \rightarrow B^{s,p}\left(\mathbf{R}_{x''}^{n-2} \times I_t\right)$$

**bounded for  $s > -1/2$**



$$\left( \frac{1}{\int_s^t a_1(\theta) d\theta} \int_s^t a_1(\theta)^{p'} d\theta \right)^{p-1}$$

$$\leq C \frac{1}{u-t} \int_t^u a_1(\theta) d\theta$$

**$A_p$  - condition**

# Examples

$$\left( \frac{1}{\int_s^t a_1(\theta) d\theta} \int_s^t a_1(\theta)^{p'} d\theta \right)^{p-1} \leq C \frac{1}{u-t} \int_t^u a_1(\theta) d\theta, \quad \boxed{-1 < s < t < u < 1}$$

$$a(\theta) = \theta^{2k} : \quad \text{YES}$$

$$a(\theta) = e^{-1/\theta^2} : \quad \text{NO}$$



# Agmon's Method

# Shmuel Agmon

**Shmuel Agmon (1922-)  
Israel Mathematician**

## The Third Idea of Approach

We make use of **Agmon's technique** of treating a **spectral parameter** as a second-order elliptic differential operator of an **extra variable** on the unit circle and relating the old problem to a new one with the additional variable.

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**(1) S. Agmon:** Lectures on elliptic boundary value problems. Van Nostrand, Princeton, New Jersey, 1965.

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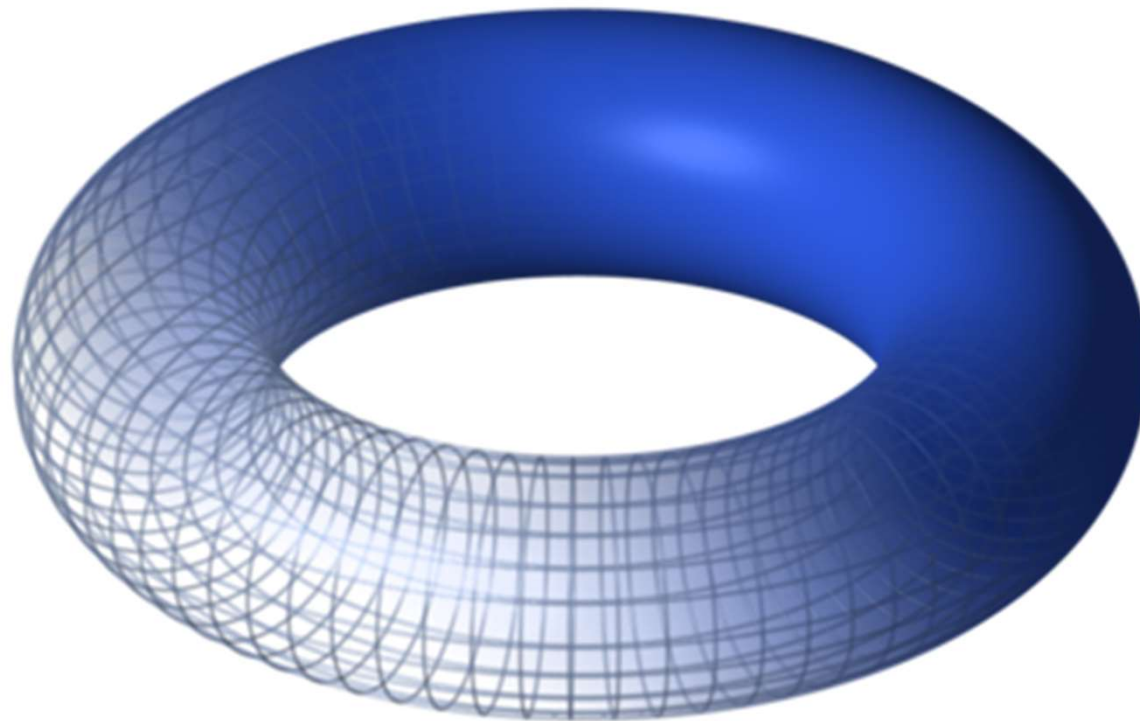
# Differential Operator with a Complex Parameter

$$\Delta u - \lambda I = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} - \lambda I$$

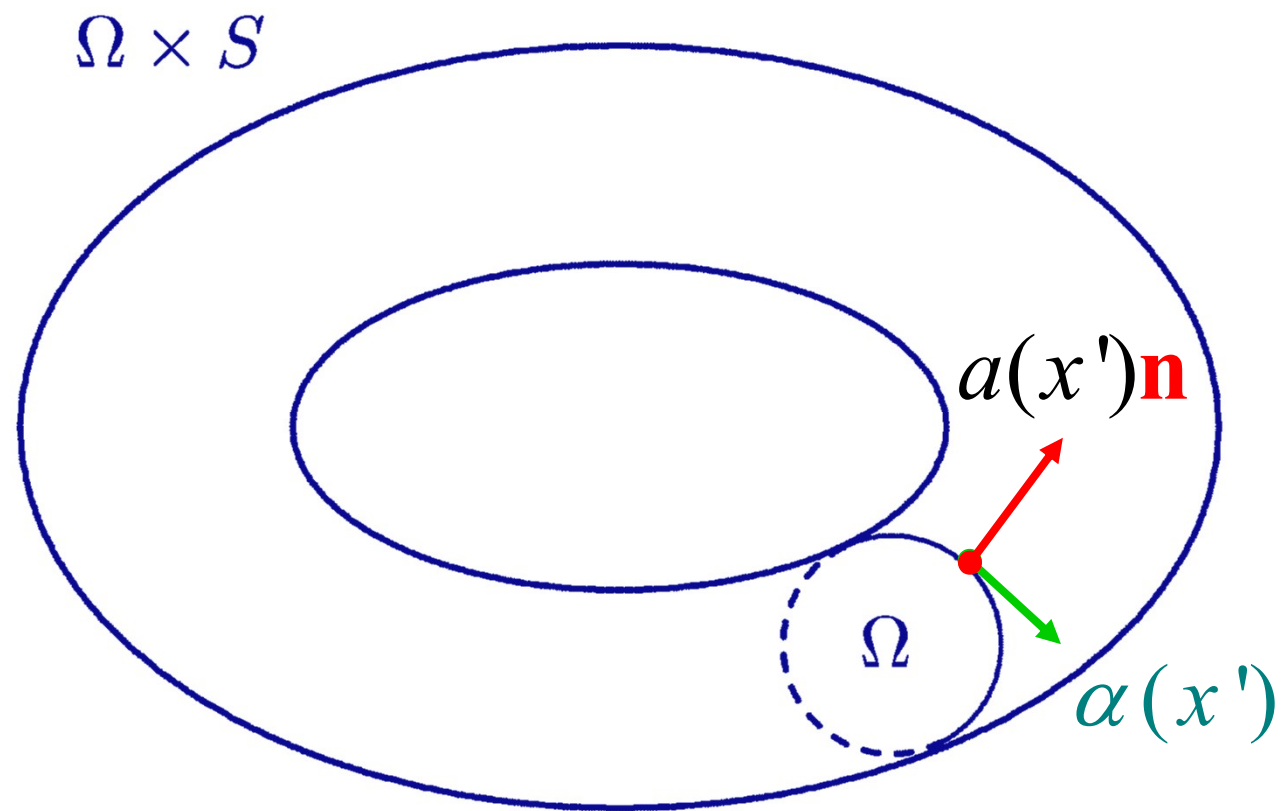
$$\lambda = r^2 e^{i\theta}$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$

# Product Domain



# Product Domain



# Augmented Strongly Uniform Elliptic Differential Operator

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Lambda}(\theta) &= \Delta u + e^{i\theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} + e^{i\theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$



# Augmented Oblique Derivative Condition

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \nu} := a(x') \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \alpha(x') \cdot \tilde{u} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times S$$

$$\nu(x') = a(x') \mathbf{n} + \alpha(x')$$

# Indices of the Operators

# Closed Realization

We define a **densely defined, closed** operator

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta) : L^p(\Omega \times S) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega \times S) \quad (1 < p < \infty)$$

as follows:

$$(a) \ D(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta)) = \left\{ \tilde{u} \in W^{2,p}(\Omega \times S) : \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \nu} = 0 \right\}$$

$$(b) \ \tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta)\tilde{u} = \tilde{\Lambda}(\theta)\tilde{u}, \quad \forall \tilde{u} \in D(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta))$$

Then  $\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta)$  is a **Fredholm operator**.

# Fundamental Relationship for Indices (1981)

$$\text{ind } \widetilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta) < \infty$$

$$p = 2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$\exists K = I \cup J$  : **finite set** of  $\mathbf{Z}$  :

$$\dim N(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I) = 0 \quad \forall \ell \notin K,$$

$$\text{codim } R(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I) = 0 \quad \forall \ell \notin K$$

# Fundamental Relationship for Kernels (1)

$$N\left(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2(\theta)\right) = \bigoplus_{\ell \in \mathbf{Z}} N\left(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I\right) \otimes e^{i\ell y}$$

$$\lambda = \ell^2 e^{i\theta}, \quad \ell \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad -\pi < \theta < \pi$$

$$p = 2$$

# Fundamental Relationship for Kernels (2)

$$N \left( \tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta) \right) = \bigoplus_{\ell \in I} N \left( \Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I \right) \otimes e^{i\ell y}$$

$$\dim N \left( \tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta) \right) < \infty$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\exists I$  **finite set** of  $\mathbf{Z}$  :

$$\dim N \left( \Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I \right) = 0, \quad \forall \ell \notin I$$

# Fundamental Relationship

## Cokernels (1)

$$N\left(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta)^*\right) = \bigoplus_{\ell \in \mathbf{Z}} N\left(\left(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I\right)^*\right) \otimes e^{i\ell y}$$

$$\lambda = \ell^2 e^{i\theta}, \quad \ell \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad -\pi < \theta < \pi$$

$$p = 2$$

# Fundamental Relationship

## Cokernels (2)

$$N\left(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta)^*\right) = \bigoplus_{\ell \in J} N\left(\left(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I\right)^*\right) \otimes e^{i\ell y}$$

$$\text{codim } R\left(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta)\right) < \infty$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\exists J$  : **finite set** of  $\mathbf{Z}$  :

$$\text{codim } R\left(\Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I\right) = 0, \quad \forall \ell \notin J$$

**Banach's closed range theorem**



# Fundamental Relationship for Indices

$$\text{ind } \widetilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta)$$

$$= \dim N \left( \widetilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta) \right) - \text{codim } R \left( \widetilde{\mathfrak{A}}_2(\theta) \right) < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow$

$\exists K = I \cup J$  : **finite set** of  $\mathbf{Z}$  :

$$\begin{cases} \dim N \left( \Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I \right) = 0 & \forall \ell \notin K, \\ \text{codim } R \left( \Delta - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I \right) = 0 & \forall \ell \notin K \end{cases}$$

# Index Formula (1)

$\forall \ell \notin K = I \cup J$  : **finite set of  $Z$  :**

$$\text{ind} \left( \mathcal{A}_2 - \ell^2 e^{i\theta} I \right) = 0$$

$$p = 2$$

# Rellich-Kondrachov Theorem

**The injection**

$$W^{2,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega)$$

**is compact.**

**Compact perturbation**

## Index Formula (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{ind} \left( \mathcal{A}_p - \lambda I \right) &= \operatorname{ind} \left( \mathcal{A}_2 - \lambda I \right) \\ &= 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbf{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 < p < \infty$$

# Closed Realization

We define a **densely defined, closed** operator

$$\mathfrak{A}_p : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega) \quad (1 < p < \infty)$$

as follows:

$$(a) \ D(\mathfrak{A}_p) = \left\{ u \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) : \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \right\}$$

$$(b) \ \mathfrak{A}_p u = \Delta u, \quad \forall u \in D(\mathfrak{A}_p)$$

Then  $\mathfrak{A}_p - \lambda I$  is a **Fredholm operator**

with **index zero** for  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

*A priori* Estimates  
for the Subelliptic Oblique  
Derivative Problem

## *A priori Estimate (1)*

$$\left\| \tilde{u} \right\|_{W^{2,p}(\Omega \times S)} \leq \tilde{C}(\theta) \left( \left\| \tilde{\Lambda}(\theta) \tilde{u} \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} + \left\| \tilde{u} \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} \right)$$
$$\forall \tilde{u} \in D(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_p(\theta))$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}(\theta) = \Delta u + e^{i\theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

# Domains of Definition

$$D(\mathfrak{A}_p) = \left\{ u \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) : \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \right\}$$

$$D(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta)) = \left\{ \tilde{u} \in W^{2,p}(\Omega \times S) : \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \nu} = 0 \right\}$$



# Localization Function

$$(1) \zeta(y) \in C^\infty(S)$$

$$(2) \operatorname{supp} \zeta \subset \left[ \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3} \right]$$

$$(3) \zeta(y) = 1, \quad \forall y \in \left[ \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \right]$$

# Product Functions

$$\tilde{v}_\eta(x, y) = u(x) \otimes \zeta(y) e^{i\eta y}$$

$$u \in D(\mathfrak{A}_p), \eta \geq 0$$

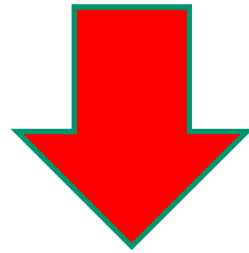
$\Rightarrow$

$$\tilde{v}_\eta(x, y) \in H^{2,p}(\Omega \times S)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \left( \tilde{v}_\eta(x, y) \right) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x) \otimes \zeta(y) e^{i\eta y} = 0$$

## *A priori* Estimates (2)

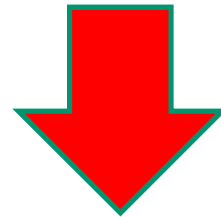
$$\tilde{v}_\eta(x, y) = u(x) \otimes \zeta(y) e^{i\eta y} \in D(\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}_p(\theta))$$



$$\left\| \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{W^{2,p}(\Omega \times S)} \leq \tilde{C}(\theta) \left( \left\| \tilde{\Lambda}(\theta) \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} + \left\| \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} \right)$$

## *A priori* Estimates (3)

$$\left\| \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{W^{2,p}(\Omega \times S)} \leq \tilde{C}(\theta) \left( \left\| \tilde{\Lambda}(\theta) \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} + \left\| \tilde{v}_\eta \right\|_{L^p(\Omega \times S)} \right)$$



$$\|u\|_{2,p} + \sqrt{|\lambda|} \|u\|_{1,p} + |\lambda| \|u\|_p \leq \tilde{C}'(\theta) \|(\Delta - \lambda)u\|_p$$

$$\lambda = \eta^2 e^{i\theta}$$

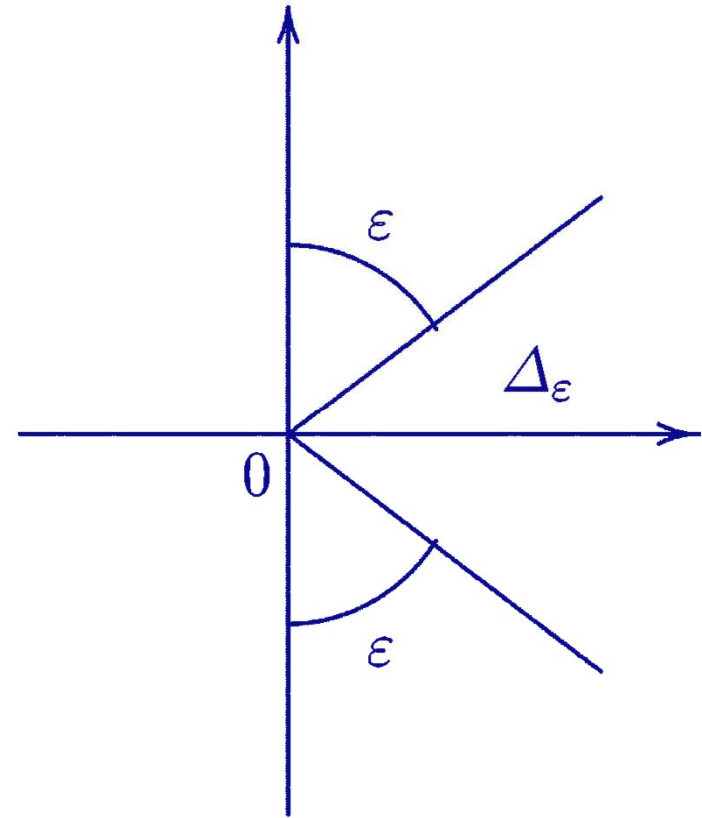
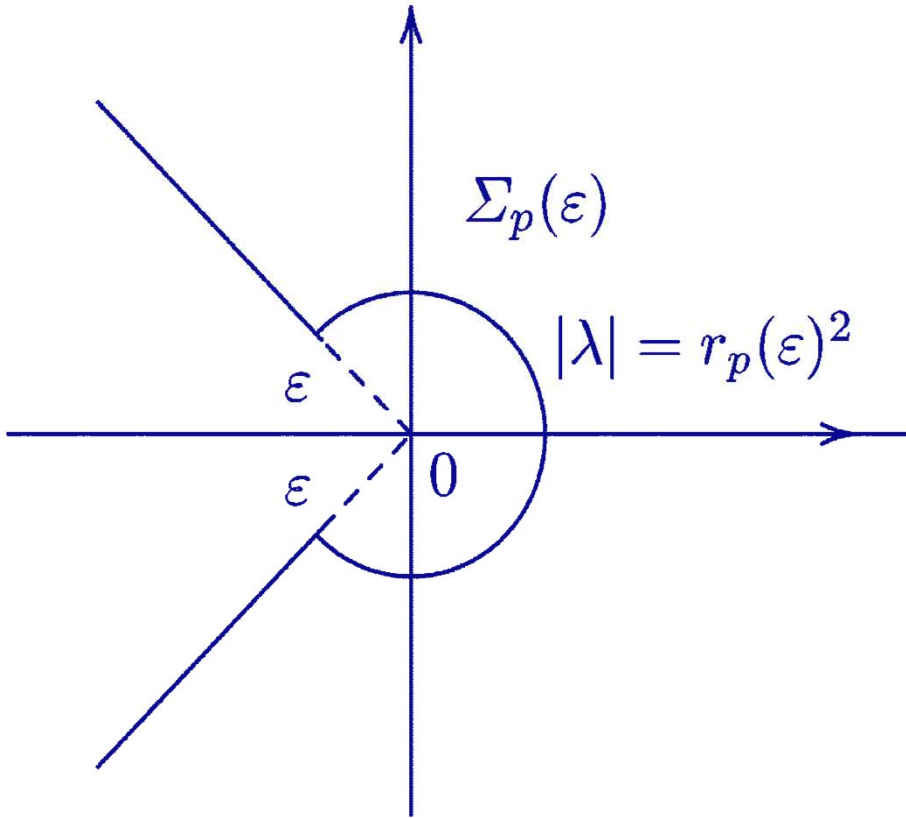
# Resolvent Estimates

$$\left\| \left( \mathfrak{A}_p - \lambda I \right)^{-1} f \right\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda|} \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

$$\forall f \in L^p(\Omega)$$



$$\text{ind } \mathfrak{A}_p = \text{ind } \mathfrak{A}_2 = 0$$



$$\lambda = r^2 e^{i\theta}$$

$$-\pi + \varepsilon \leq \theta \leq \pi - \varepsilon$$

$$e^{z \mathfrak{A}_p} \quad (z \in \Delta_\varepsilon)$$

**Main Idea**  
**via**  
**the Resolvent**

## Essential Points

(1) The **subelliptic** case:

We cannot use **Green's formula** in order to characterize the **adjoint operator**  $\mathcal{A}_2^*$ .

(2) We shift our attention to

the **resolvent**  $\mathcal{A}_2^{*-1}$ , instead of  $\mathcal{A}_2^*$ .



# Boutet de Monvel

# Calculus

# Louis Boutet de Monvel

◆ **Louis Boutet de Monvel (1941-2014)**  
**French Mathematician**

## Boutet de Monvel Calculus (General form)

$$\mathfrak{A} = \begin{pmatrix} P + G & K \\ T & Q \end{pmatrix}$$

# Representation Formula of the Resolvent

# Representation of the Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \Delta)u &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$u = (I - \mathcal{A}_2)^{-1} f$$

$$= r^+ G_2 f$$

$$- P_2 \left( S \left( \alpha(x') - a(x') \Pi_2^{\text{ext}} \right) \left( r^+ G_2 f \Big|_{\Gamma} \right) \right)$$

# Representation of the Resolvent

$$\begin{aligned} u &= r^+ G_2 f - P_2 \left( S \left( \alpha(x') - a(x') \Pi_2^{\text{ext}} \right) \left( r^+ G_2 f \Big|_{\Gamma} \right) \right) \\ &= r^+ G_2 f - P_2 \left( R \left( r^+ G_2 f \Big|_{\Gamma} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$S : \text{Inverse of } T_2 = \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial v}$$

$$R = S \left( \alpha(x') - a(x') \Pi_2^{\text{ext}} \right)$$

## Boutet de Monvel Calculus (1)

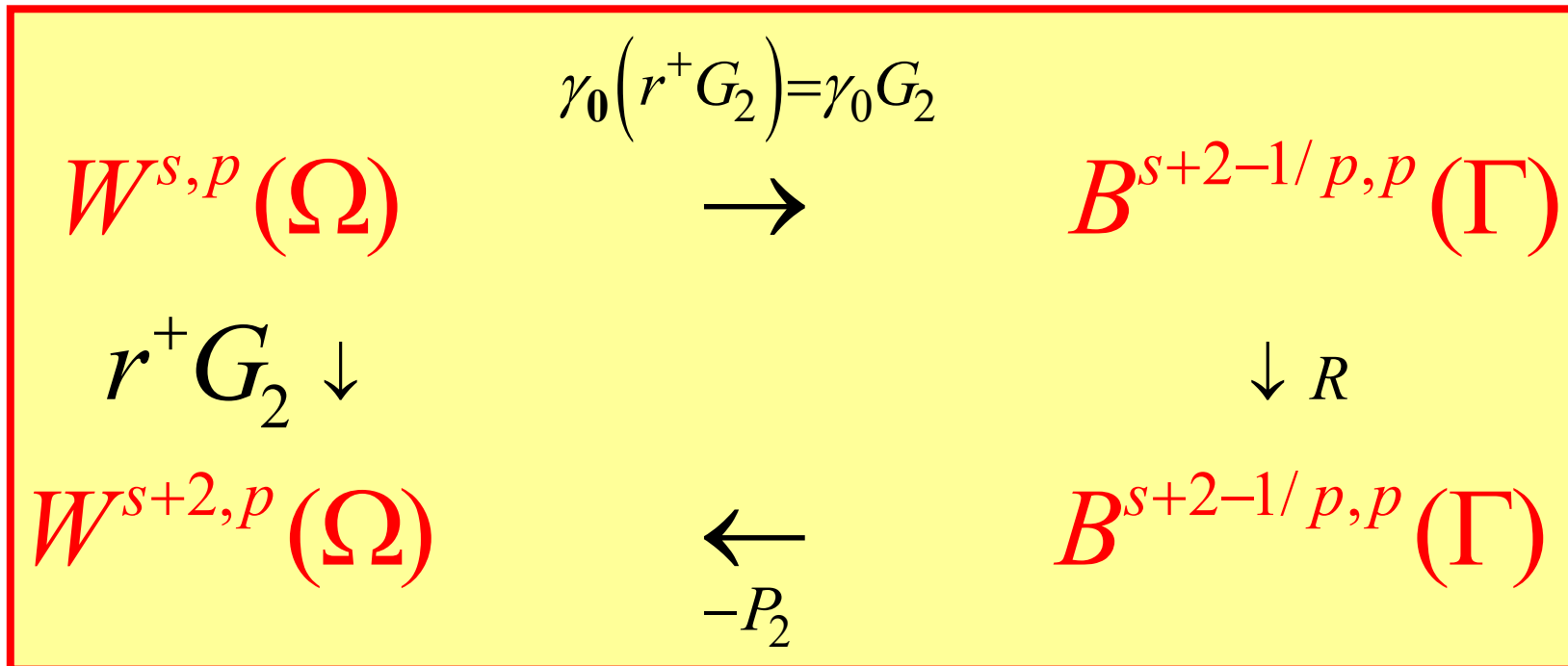
$$\mathfrak{A} = \begin{pmatrix} r^+ G_2 & -P_2 \\ \gamma_0(r^+ G_2) & R \end{pmatrix}$$

## Boutet de Monvel Calculus (2)

$$\mathcal{A}: \begin{array}{ccc} W^{s,p}(\Omega) & & W^{s+2,p}(\Omega) \\ \oplus & \longrightarrow & \oplus \\ B^{s+2-1/p,p}(\Gamma) & & B^{s+2-1/p,p}(\Gamma) \end{array}$$

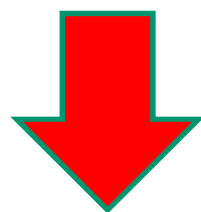


# Bird's-Eye View



# Regularity of the Resolvent

$$\left(I - \mathfrak{A}_2\right)^{-1} : W^{s,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{s+2,p}(\Omega)$$



$$\left(I - \mathfrak{A}_2\right)^{-k} : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{2k,p}(\Omega), \quad \forall k \in \mathbf{N}$$

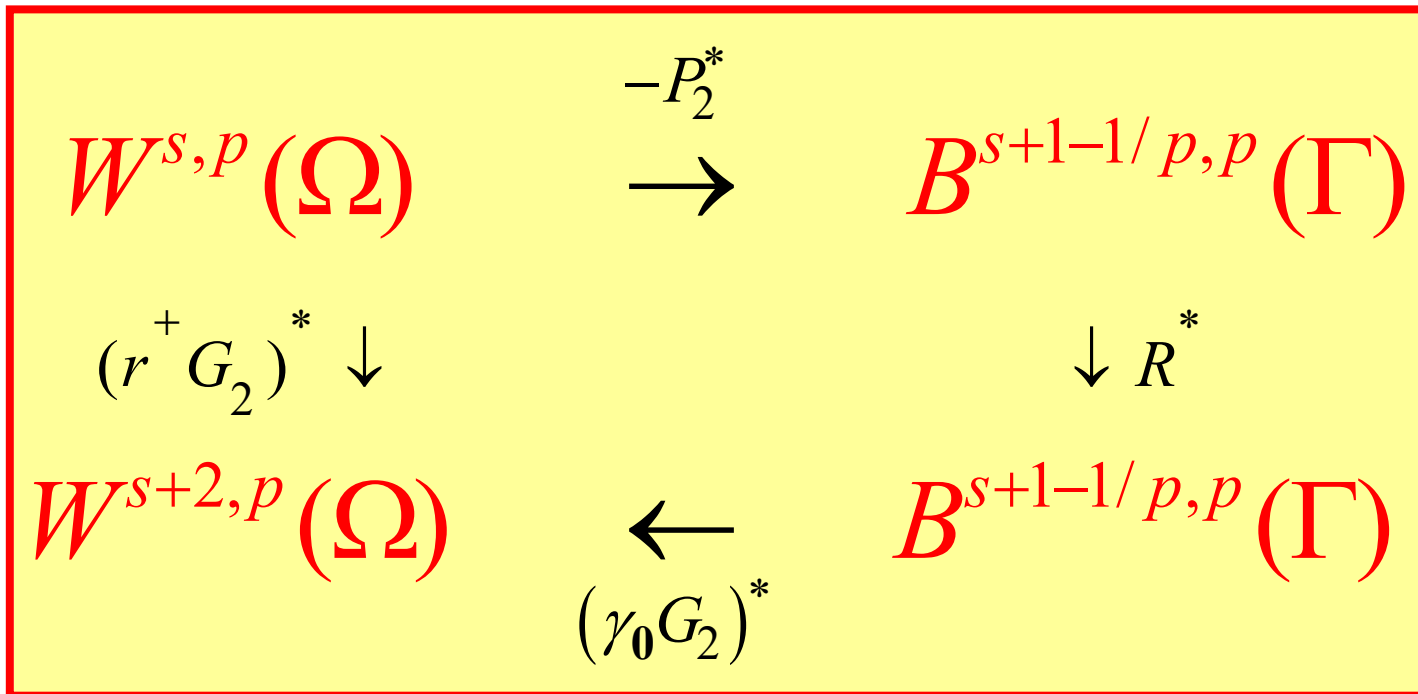
## Boutet de Monvel Calculus (3)

$$\mathcal{A}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \left(r^+ G_2\right)^* & \left(\gamma_0 \left(r^+ G_2\right)\right)^* \\ -P_2^* & R^* \end{pmatrix}$$

## Boutet de Monvel Calculus (4)

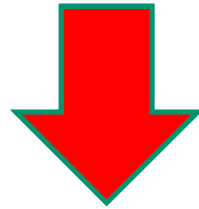
$$\mathcal{A}^* : \begin{array}{ccc} W^{s,p}(\Omega) & & W^{s+2,p}(\Omega) \\ \oplus & \longrightarrow & \oplus \\ B^{s+1-1/p,p}(\Gamma) & & B^{s+1-1/p,p}(\Gamma) \end{array}$$

# Bird's-Eye View



# Regularity of the Adjoint of the Resolvent

$$\left(I - \mathfrak{A}_2^*\right)^{-1} : W^{s,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{s+2,p}(\Omega)$$



$$\left(I - \mathfrak{A}_2^*\right)^{-k} : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{2k,p}(\Omega), \quad \forall k \in \mathbf{N}$$

END