A topographic map with contour lines, elevation markers, and place names like 'Weaver Hollow', 'Riley River', 'Blackfish Ch.', 'Garfield', and 'Dark Green Ch.'. The map is the background for the entire slide.

# An Update on the Theory of Rotational Energy Surfaces

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# Overview

- Semiclassical Basics
- The Asymmetric Top
- Harter's R.E.S. Theory
- A Few Elliptic Integrals
- New Results Showcase
- Summary & Prospectus

Find Mathematica source code for  
**HEllipticPFDE** and **DiHedralPFDE**  
at Wolfram Demonstrations Project.

( cf. [!] )

## (HElliptic|DiHedral)PFDE

### Input:

Hamiltonian Surface

### Throughput:

Equations of Motion

Period Integrands

$dt(E), dt(E)', dt(E)'' \dots$

Degree Bounds

Hermite Reduction Matrices

### Output:

An O.D.E. for  $T(E)$ . w/  
certificate function  $G$ .

( cf. [CreativeTelescoping] )



# Semiclassical Basics

## Quantization & Tunnel Splitting:

$$S(E_n) = (n + \delta)h$$

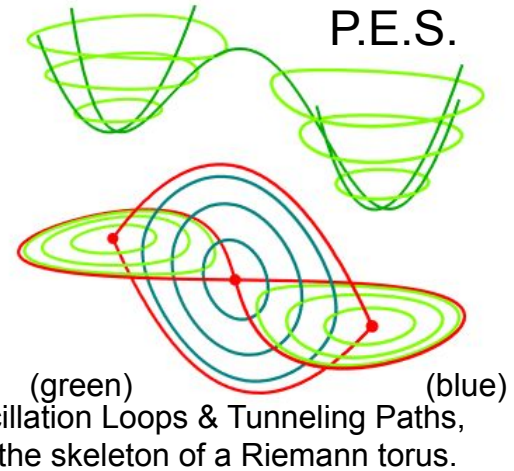
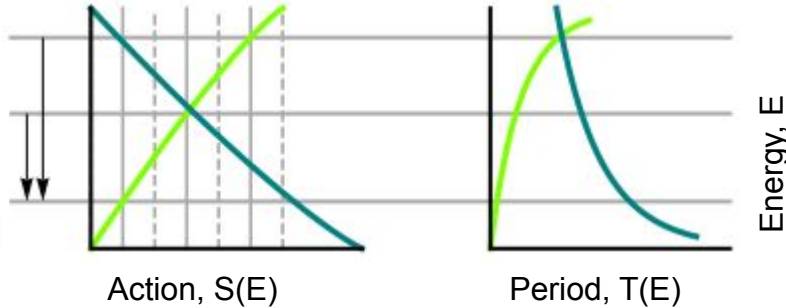
$$n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \delta = 1/2$$

$$\Delta_n = \left( T(E_n) e^{\frac{1}{2} \tilde{S}(E_n)} \right)^{-1}$$

( cf. [S.C.] )

$$\text{HEllipticPFDE} \left[ p^2 + q^2 - \frac{1}{4} q^4 \right] \implies 3T + \partial_E (16E(E-1) \partial_E T) = 0$$

$$T = \partial_E S = \pi {}_2F_1(1/4, 3/4, 1, E), \quad \tilde{T} = \partial_E \tilde{S} = (\sqrt{2}/2) \pi {}_2F_1(1/4, 3/4, 1, 1-E)$$

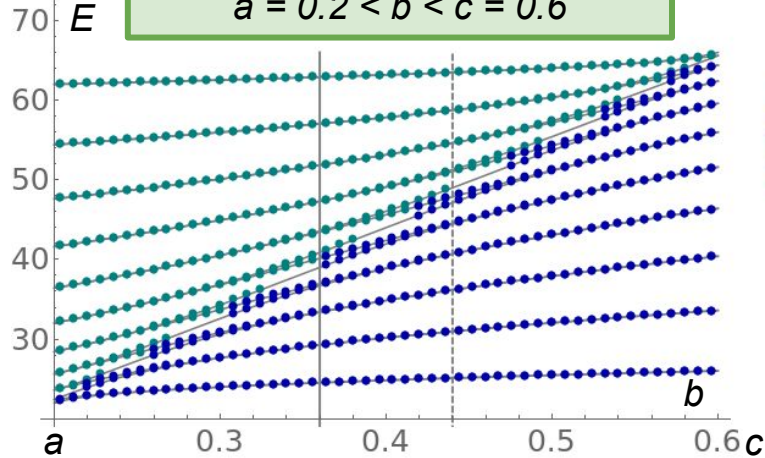


- Born-Oppenheimer: potential theory works for molecules, vibrations and rotations occur semi-classically.
- Schrödinger Eq. + W.K.B. approx. + topology determines: quantization, energy levels, tunnel splittings.

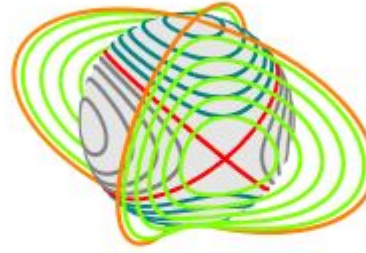
**Wick Rotation:**  
 $p \rightarrow i p$   
*permutes real & complex periods.*

# Integrating the Asymmetric Top

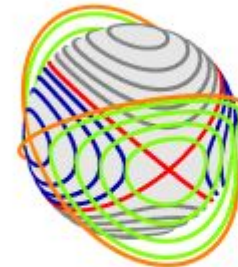
Asymmetric Top E. Levels  
 $a = 0.2 < b < c = 0.6$



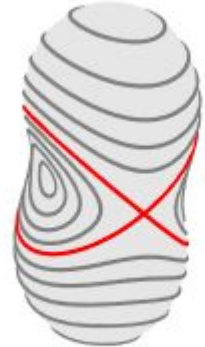
High Energy



Low Energy



R.E.S.



$$\text{DihedralPFDE} \left[ a J_x^2 + b J_y^2 + c J_z^2 \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$(a + b + c - 3E)T + \partial_E(4(a - E)(b - E)(c - E)\partial_E T) = 0$$

- Precession period first derivative of action. Actions are solid angles.
- According to O.D.E.: only two period integrals, similar to quartic example.
- Semi-classical formulas are the same, up to a few minor amendments.
- **How can we adapt theory to account for centrifugal distortion?**

Try:  
 $J_z \rightarrow i J_z$   
 or  
 $J_x \rightarrow i J_x$

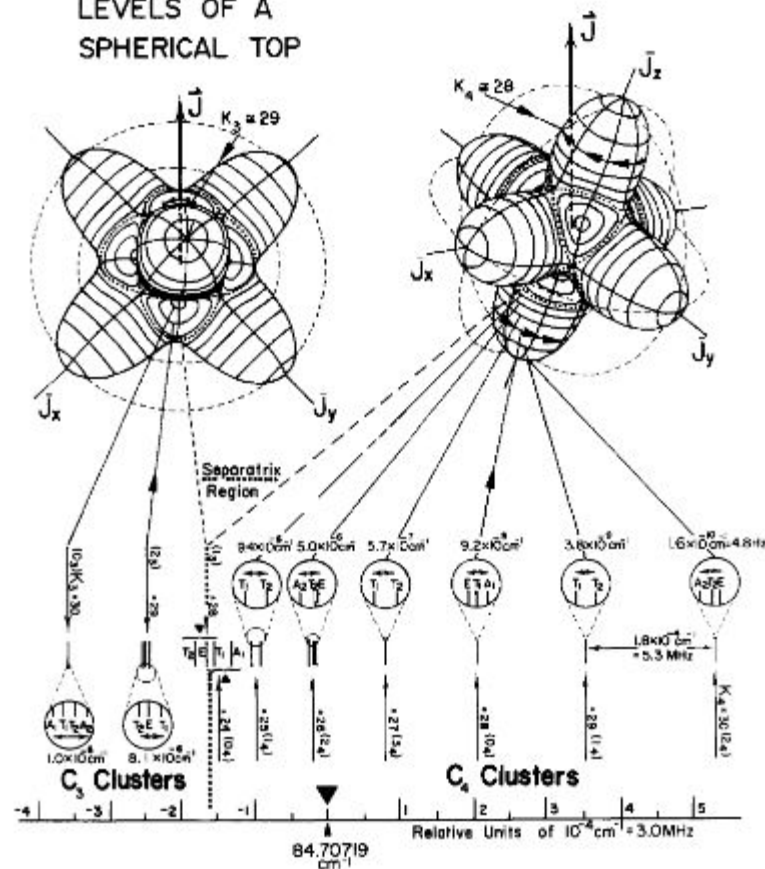


# W.G. Harter's R.E.S. Theory

- Starts with Hamiltonian for rigid body rotation + centrifugal distortion.
- " $p dq$ " becomes " $J_z d\phi$ " and action integrals **do not** have turning points.
- Complex topology allows more tunneling, implies a larger splitting matrix.
- Even a "two integral model" allows non-trivial spectra.
- **Period integrals not entirely characterized.**
- **Tunneling prescription ignores homology.**

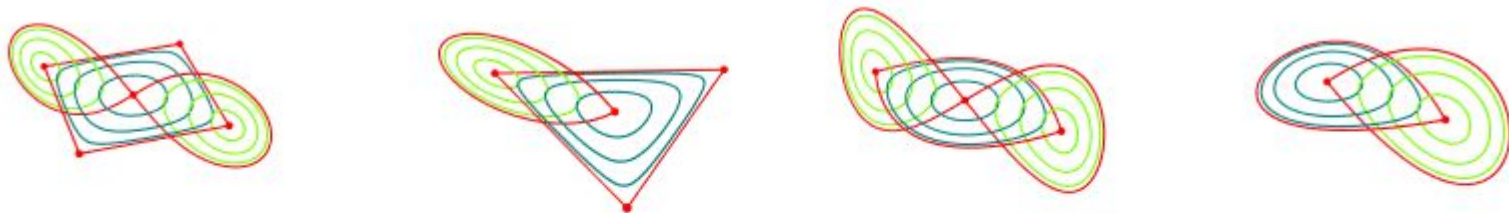
VISUALIZING THE  $J=30$   
LEVELS OF A  
SPHERICAL TOP

From Ref. [\*]

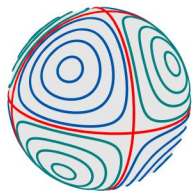


# Curves with Hypergeometric $T(E)$

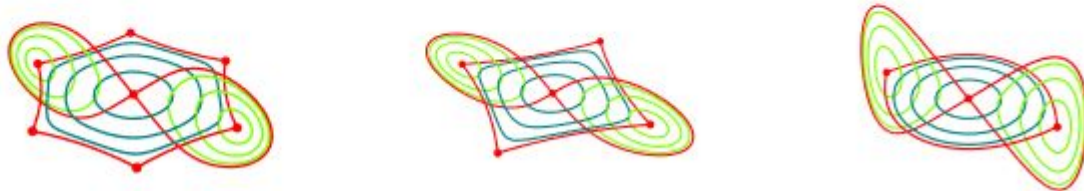
See also, S. Ramanujan: "Modular Equations and Approximations to  $\pi$ ".



$$(k-1)T + \partial_E(k^2 E(E-1)\partial_E T) = 0, \quad k = 2, 3, 4, 6.$$



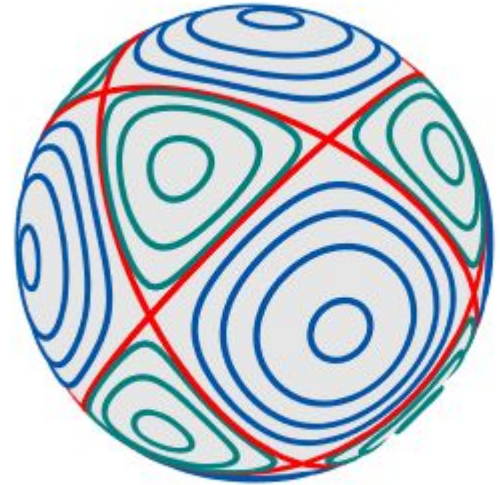
$\approx$



$$4(k-1)E T + \partial_E(k^2 E(E^2-1)\partial_E T) = 0, \quad k = 3, 4, 6.$$



# Analyzing the Goursat Sphere Curves



$$\text{DihedralPFDE} \left[ 4 \left( (J_x J_y)^2 + (J_y J_z)^2 + (J_z J_x)^2 \right) \right] \implies 9(5E-4) T + \partial_E(16E(E-1)(3E-4)\partial_E T) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{octahedral}$$

$$\text{DihedralPFDE} \left[ J_z^6 - 5(J_x^2 + J_y^2)J_z^4 + 5(J_x^2 + J_y^2)^2 J_z^2 - 2(J_x^4 - 10J_x^2 J_y^2 + 5J_y^4)J_x J_z \right] \implies 5(21E-5) T + \partial_E(4E(E-1)(27E+5)\partial_E T) = 0$$

Energy Levels:  $H = 2(J_x^4 + J_y^4 + J_z^4)$ ,  $J = 30$

$n_4$	$E(QM)$	$E(SC)$	$\Delta(QM)$	$\Delta(SC)$
30	1.879	1.875	$3.370 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.189 \times 10^{-8}$
29	1.653	1.649	$1.221 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.220 \times 10^{-6}$
28	1.461	1.459	$1.955 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.992 \times 10^{-5}$
27	1.303	1.300	$1.810 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.870 \times 10^{-4}$
26	1.174	1.172	$1.047 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.103 \times 10^{-3}$
25	1.076	1.072	$2.989 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.076 \times 10^{-3}$
24	1.001	1.004	$6.449 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.969 \times 10^{-3}$
$n_3$	$E(QM)$	$E(SC)$	$\Delta(QM)$	$\Delta(SC)$
30	0.744	0.749	$2.232 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.156 \times 10^{-4}$
29	0.883	0.889	$2.580 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.767 \times 10^{-3}$
28	0.985	0.989	$8.425 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.504 \times 10^{-3}$

Scale:  $2/3 < E(n_3) < 1$ ,  $1 < E(n_4) < 2$

$$S_4(E) = \frac{\pi}{4} \left( E + \frac{9}{32} E^2 + \frac{135}{1024} E^3 + \frac{4941}{65536} E^4 + \frac{201933}{4194304} E^5 + \dots \right)$$

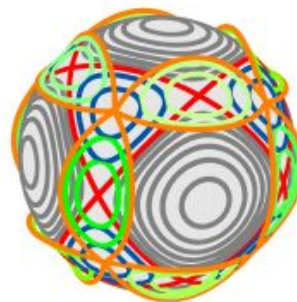
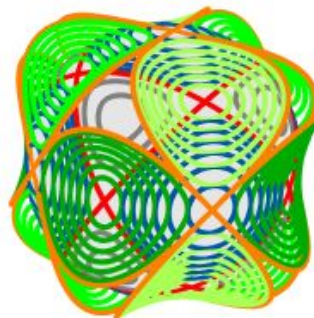
$$\tilde{S}_4(E) = s_0 + s_1 \frac{4}{\pi} S_4(E) + s_2 \left( \ln(E) \frac{4}{\pi} S_4(E) - E + \frac{11}{64} E^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$S_3(E) = \frac{3\pi}{8} \left( E + \frac{9}{16} E^2 + \frac{81}{128} E^3 + \frac{3969}{4096} E^4 + \frac{57591}{32768} E^5 + \dots \right)$$

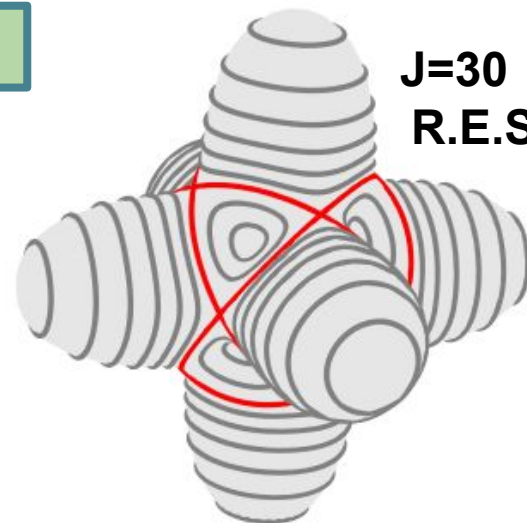
$$\tilde{S}_3(E) = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{3} - E \right) + \frac{9}{32} \left( \frac{1}{3} - E \right)^2 + \frac{459}{1024} \left( \frac{1}{3} - E \right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$s_0 \approx 1.09861, \quad s_1 \approx -0.62774, \quad s_2 \approx 0.25000.$$

High-E Tunneling



Low-E Tunneling



**J=30**  
**R.E.S.**

**S.C. Algorithm**

**-DihedralPFDE** **0.1s**  
**-Build all S(E)** **1.6s**  
**-Root Solve:**  $E_n$  **0.3s**  
**-Evaluate:  $\Delta n$**   
**TOTAL TIME 2.0s**





# Summary and Prospectus

- R.E.S Theory now working with periods from O.D.E.s.
- Some Octahedral and Icosahedral calculations are trivially easy.
- Possibilities of **DihedralPFDE** not yet exhausted, more soon.
- New algorithms fast enough for parameter extraction.
- Tunneling integrals increasingly well understood via geometry.

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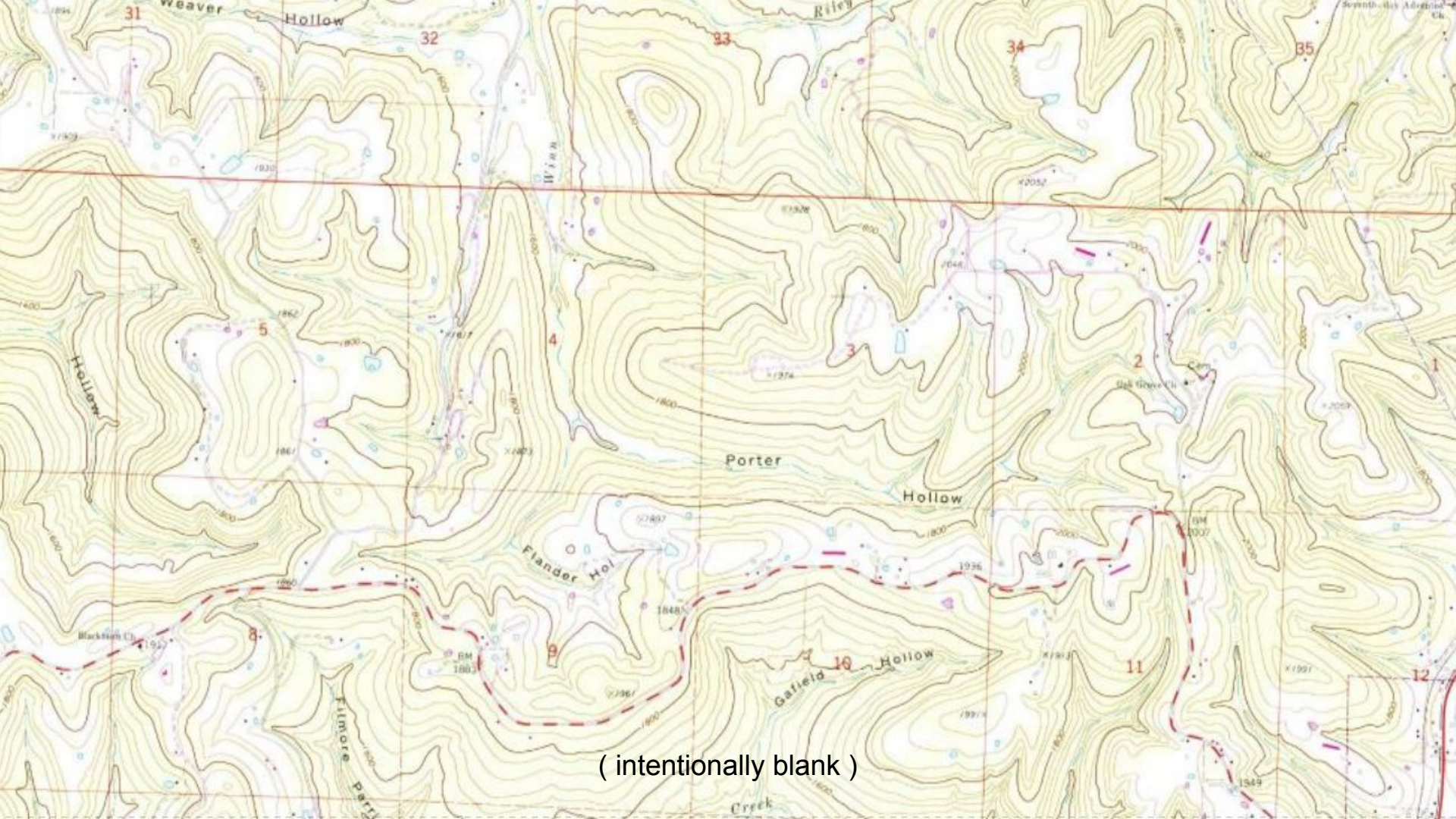
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