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998-53-254 Laurent Meersseman and Alberto Verjosvky* (alberto@matcuer.unam.mx). Two results about the moduli space of smooth Levi-flat, integrable, CR-structures on the 5-sphere.

In the talk, which presents joint work with Laurent Meersseman, we will describe the moduli space of the smooth, codimension-one, foliation by complex surfaces on the 5-sphere constructed in [2], i.e., an integrable and Levi-flat codimension one CR-structure on \mathbb{S}^5 . The underlying smooth foliation is a variation of that given by Blaine Lawson in [1], however ours is topologically different. Using the same ideas we have shown that the standard Lawson foliation on the 5-sphere cannot be endowed with an integrable CR-structure.

References

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