

# Reflectionless measures

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## What are we trying to accomplish?

We would like to understand the geometric conditions that are imposed upon a non-atomic measure  $\mu$  from the  $L^2(\mu)$  boundedness of an associated Calderón-Zygmund operator.

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We say that a CZO (with CZ kernel  $K$ ) is bounded in  $L^2(\mu)$  if

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B(x, \varepsilon)} K(x - y) f(y) d\mu(y) \right|^2 d\mu(x) \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2$$

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## Theorem (Jaye-Nazarov-Reguera-Tolsa, '16)

Fix  $s \in (d - 1, d)$ . Suppose that the  $s$ -Riesz transform (the CZO with kernel  $K(x) = \frac{x}{|x|^{s+1}}$ ) is bounded in  $L^2(\mu)$ , then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\int_Q \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{\mu(B(x, r) \cap Q)}{r^s} \right)^2 \frac{dr}{r} d\mu(x) \leq C\mu(Q)$$

for every cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .

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- We shall present a result in the opposite direction.

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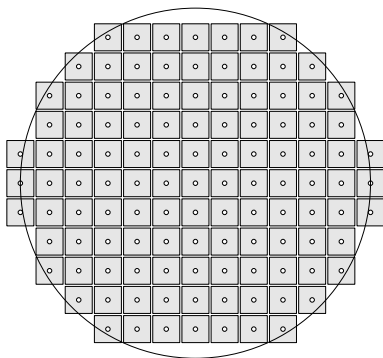
Compare to **David-Leger:** If the Cauchy transform of a 1-dimensional non-atomic measure  $\mu$  is bounded in  $L^2(\mu)$ , then the support of  $\mu$  is rectifiable. This result was generalized by **Chousionis, Mateu, Prat, Tolsa** to other kernels.

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For our dust  $K$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^1(K \cap \Gamma) = 0$  for any rectifiable curve  $\Gamma$  (just density considerations).

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**Open Problem 1.** Does there exist an AD-regular measure  $\mu$  (this should satisfy, for some constant  $C > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{C}r \leq \mu(B(x, r)) \leq Cr$  for all  $x \in \text{supp}(\mu)$  and small  $r > 0$ ) supported on an unrectifiable set  $K$  for which the three revolutions singular integral operator is bounded in  $L^2(\mu)$ ?

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