

# Hamiltonization in nonholonomic Mechanics

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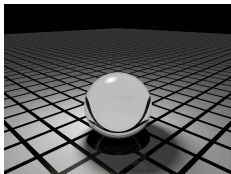
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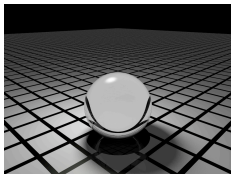
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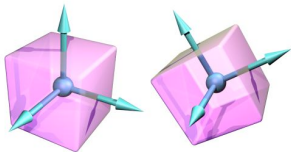


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- Hamiltonization for  $\dim S \geq 3$  is much harder. Non-standard almost symplectic structures should be considered.
- Open problems:
  - ▶ Find high dimensional Hamiltonizable systems.
  - ▶ Provide an explanation for the presence of particular magnetic term.

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