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*Towards a global study of area preserving maps.  
Applications to unfoldings*

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**Abstract**

We present a phenomenological study of Area Preserving Maps, with emphasis on simple models. Paradigmatic models like the standard map, the separatrix map and a new model, the biseparatrix map, are useful to understand the dynamics.

These paradigms can be analysed in a reasonable way. They allow to explain the main features of the dynamics. As test example the conservative Hénon map will be used.

Main points of interest are the escape of points from a given region when they are not surrounded by invariant rotational curves and the measure of the set on non-escaping points. Different rates of escape have been found.

The existence of regions where the dynamics is close to a diffusion, separated by cantori which are difficult to cross, having noble numbers as rotation number, are illustrated.

Applications are also made to conservative unfoldings of the Hopf-saddle-node bifurcation.

The talk will be closed by several open questions.