

Instanton sheaves of low charge on Fano threefolds

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Let X be a Fano threefold of Picard number one and of index $2 + h$, $h = 0, 1$. An *instanton sheaf of charge k on X* is defined as a semi-stable rank 2 torsion free sheaf F with Chern classes $c_1 = -h$, $c_2 = k$, $c_3 = 0$ and such that $F(-1)$ has no cohomology. Locally free instantons, originally defined on the projective space and later generalised on other Fano threefolds X , had been largely studied from several authors in the past years; their moduli spaces present an extremely rich geometry and useful applications to the study of curves on X . In this talk I will illustrate several features of non-locally free instantons of low charge on 3 dimensional quadrics and cubics. I will focus in particular on the role that they play in the study of the Gieseker-Maruyama moduli space $M_X(2; -h, k, 0)$ and describe how we can still relate these sheaves to curves on X .