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**Alim Sukhtayev\*** (sukhtaa@miamioh.edu), 123 Bachelor Hall, 301 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford, OH 45056, and **Margaret Beck, Graham Cox, Chris Jones** and **Yuri Latushkin**. *A dynamical approach to semilinear elliptic equations.*

We describe a procedure for reducing a semilinear elliptic PDE to an (infinite-dimensional) dynamical system on the boundary of some fixed bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Suppose  $u$  satisfies the equation  $\Delta u + F(x, u) = 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . When the domain is deformed through a one-parameter family  $\{\Omega_t\}$ , it is shown that the Cauchy data of  $u$  on  $\partial\Omega_t$  satisfies a Hamiltonian evolution equation. If  $\Omega$  is deformed smoothly to a point, this equation admits an exponential dichotomy, with the unstable subspace at time  $t$  corresponding to the Cauchy data of weak solutions to the PDE on  $\Omega_t$ . (Received February 09, 2018)