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On not-so-ordinary approach

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Abstract

In an ordinary approach a professor use to devote his life to science. In an not-so-ordinary approach professors devote their lives to science and communications to other people. In the ordinary approach, the professor use to cover one, two or maybe three areas of, in some sense, complementary research, preferring not to pay attention to real data. In the not-so-ordinary approach professors go across barriers to communication between scientific disciplines and do not hesitate to get into new ones in order to tackle real problems. Finally, in the ordinary one, W. Noll's essay on the role of the professor is followed, however in the other one, some professors go beyond it and prefer permanent changes in order to remain the same, (what was attributed to W. Shakespeare).

Starting from the present state and looking back to 1969, there is no doubt that work and life of Professor Teodor M. Atanackovic, can serve as a very good example how does what was declared as this not-so-ordinary approach look like. He is both teacher and friend to many. Being his student too, the author will give a personal view on both results of Professor Atanackovic in the area of Mechanics and his ability to shear knowledge.