INTERSECTION BODIES AND L_p -SPACES.

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Abstract: In this talk we discuss a new connection between convex geometry and the theory of L_p -spaces. It appears that intersection bodies, one the main objects of convex geometry, are directly related to the concept of embedding of normed spaces in L_p with p < 0. This allows to get new geometric results by extending different facts about L_p -spaces to negative values of p. We present several applications of this approach. In particular, in joint work with N.Kalton, the factorization theorem of Maurey and Nikishin was extended to negative p, which implies that intersection bodies are isomorphically equivalent to subspaces of L_q for each 0 < q < 1.

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