

# Invariant Manifolds and dispersive Hamiltonian Evolution Equations

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# Old-fashioned string theory

## How does a guitar string evolve in time?

- **Ancient Greece:** observed that musical intervals such as an octave, a fifth etc. were based on integer ratios.
- **Post Newton:** mechanistic model, use calculus and  $F = ma$ .
- Assume displacement  $u = u(t, x)$  is **small**. Force proportional to curvature:  $F = ku_{xx}$ .

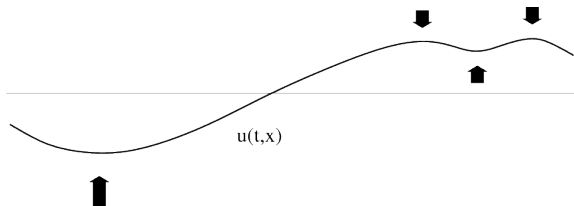


Figure: Forces acting on pieces of string

- Dynamical law  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ . Write as  $\square u = 0$ .
- **This is an idealization, or model!**

# Solving for the string

Cauchy problem:

$$\square u = 0, u(0) = f, \partial_t u(0) = g$$

d'Alembert solution:

$$(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)u = (\partial_t - c\partial_x)(\partial_t + c\partial_x)u = 0$$

Reduction to first order, transport equations

$$u_t + cu_x = 0 \Leftrightarrow u(t, x) = \varphi(x - ct)$$

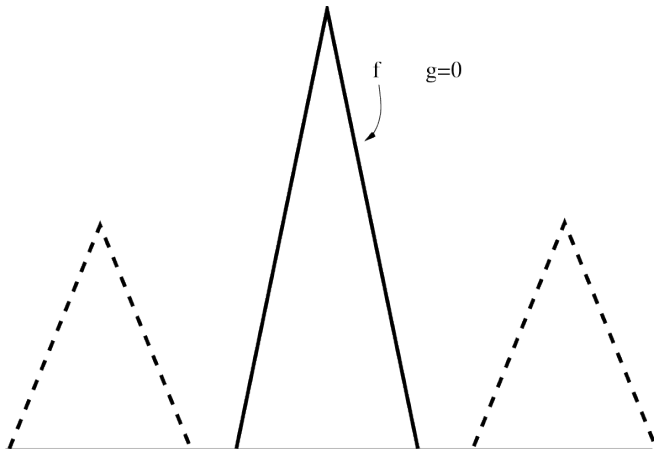
$$u_t - cu_x = 0 \Leftrightarrow u(t, x) = \psi(x + ct)$$

Adjust for initial conditions, gives d'Alembert formula:

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x - ct) + f(x + ct)) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(y) dy$$

If  $g = 0$ , the initial position  $f$  splits into left- and right-moving waves.

# d'Alembert solution



# Standing waves

**Clamped string:**  $u(t, 0) = u(t, L) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\square u = 0$ .

**Special solutions** (with  $c = 1$ ) with  $n \geq 1$  an integer

$$u_n(t, x) = \sin(\pi n x / L) \left[ a_n \sin(\pi n t / L) + b_n \cos(\pi n t / L) \right]$$

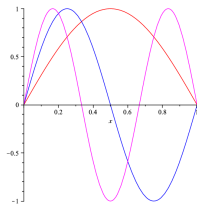
**Fourier's claim:** All solutions are superpositions of these!

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded domain, or compact manifold. Let

$-\Delta_{\Omega} \varphi_n = \lambda_n^2 \varphi_n$ , with Dirichlet boundary condition in the former case. Then

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0, \pm} c_{n, \pm} e^{\pm i \lambda_n t} \varphi_n(x)$$

solves  $\square u = 0$  (with boundary condition).



# Drum membranes

Two-dimensional waves on a drum:  $u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0$  with  $u = 0$  on the boundary.



Figure: Four basic harmonics of the drum

First, third pictures  $u(t, r) = \cos(t\lambda)J_0(\lambda r)$ , where  $J_0(\lambda) = 0$ .

Second, fourth pictures  $u(t, r) = \cos(t\mu)J_m(\mu r) \cos(m\theta)$ , where  $J_m(\mu) = 0$ . The  $J_m$  are Bessel functions.

# Electrification of waves

Maxwell's equations:  $\mathbf{E}(t, x)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(t, x)$  vector fields

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} &= \varepsilon_0^{-1} \rho, & \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E} + \partial_t \mathbf{B} &= 0, & \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{B} - \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \partial_t \mathbf{E} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J}\end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon_0$  electric constant,  $\mu_0$  magnetic constant,  $\rho$  charge density,  $\mathbf{J}$  current density.

In vacuum  $\rho = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{J} = 0$ . Differentiate fourth equation in time:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{B}_t - \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{tt} &= 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{curl} (\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E}) + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{tt} = 0 \\ \nabla (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E}) - \Delta \mathbf{E} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{tt} &= 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{tt} - c^2 \Delta \mathbf{E} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\mathbf{B}_{tt} - c^2 \Delta \mathbf{B} = 0$ .

In 1861 Maxwell noted that  $c$  is the speed of light, and concluded that light should be an electromagnetic wave! Wave equation appears as a fundamental equation! Loss of Galilei invariance!

# Visualization of EM fields

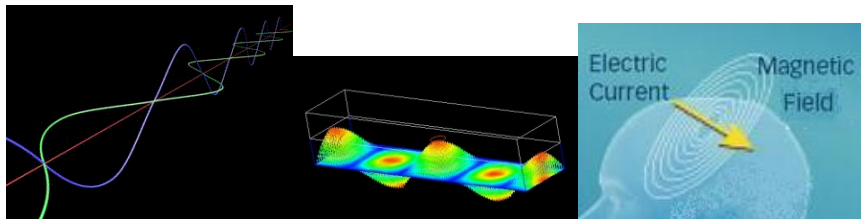


Figure:  $E$ & $B$  fields



# Least action

**Principle of Least Action:** Paths  $(x(t), \dot{x}(t))$ , for  $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$  with endpoints  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , and  $x(t_1) = x_1$  fixed. The **physical path** determined by **kinetic energy**  $K(x, \dot{x})$  and **potential energy**  $P(x, \dot{x})$  **minimizes the action**:

$$S := \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (K - P)(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} L(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) dt$$

with  $L$  the **Lagrangian**.

**In fact:** equations of motion equal **Euler-Lagrange equation**

$$-\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0$$

and the **physical trajectories** are the **critical points** of  $S$ .

For  $L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - U(x)$ , we obtain  $m\ddot{x}(t) = -U'(x(t))$ , which is Newton's  $F = ma$ .

# Waves from a Lagrangian

Let

$$\mathcal{L}(u, \partial_t u) := \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d}} \frac{1}{2} (-u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2)(t, x) dt dx \quad (1)$$

Substitute  $u = u_0 + \varepsilon v$ . Then

$$\mathcal{L}(u, \partial_t u) = \mathcal{L}_0 + \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d}} (\square u_0)(t, x) v(t, x) dt dx + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

where  $\square = \partial_{tt} - \Delta$ . In other words,  $u_0$  is a critical point of  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if  $\square u_0 = 0$ .

Significance:

- Underlying symmetries  $\Rightarrow$  invariances  $\Rightarrow$  Conservation laws  
Conservation of energy, momentum, angular momentum
- Lagrangian formulation has a universal character, and is flexible, versatile.

# Wave maps

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold, and  $u : \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d} \rightarrow M$  smooth.  
What is a wave into  $M$ ? Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(u, \partial_t u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d}} \frac{1}{2} (|\partial_t u|_g^2 + \sum_{j=1}^d |\partial_j u|_g^2) dt dx$$

Critical points  $\mathcal{L}'(u, \partial_t u) = 0$  satisfy “manifold-valued wave equation”.  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  imbedded, this equation is  $\square u \perp T_u M$  or  $\square u = A(u)(\partial u, \partial u)$ ,  $A$  being the second fundamental form. For example,  $M = S^{n-1}$ , then

$$\square u = u(-|\partial_t u|^2 + |\nabla u|^2)$$

Note: Nonlinear wave equation, null-form! Harmonic maps are solutions. Intrinsic formulation:  $D^\alpha \partial_\alpha u = \eta^{\alpha\beta} D_\beta \partial_\alpha u = 0$ , in coordinates

$$-u_{tt}^i + \Delta u^i + \Gamma_{jk}^i(u) \partial_\alpha u^j \partial^\alpha u^k = 0$$

$\eta = (-1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$  Minkowski metric



# Maxwell from Lagrangian

To formulate **electro-magnetism** in a **Lagrangian frame work**, introduce **vector potential**:  $A = (A_0, \mathbf{A})$  with

$$\mathbf{B} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{E} = \nabla A_0 - \partial_t \mathbf{A}$$

Define **curvature tensor**  $F_{\alpha\beta} := \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha$

Maxwell's equations:  $\partial^\alpha F_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ . Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3}} \frac{1}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} dt dx$$

**Lorentz invariance**: Minkowski metric

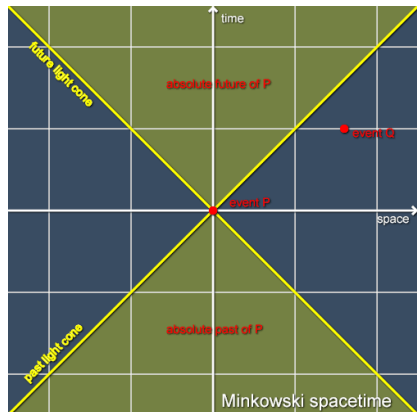
$$[x, y] := \eta^{\alpha\beta} x_\alpha y_\beta = -x_0 y_0 + \sum_{j=1}^3 x_j y_j$$

Linear maps  $S : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  with  $[Sx, y] = [x, y]$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3}$  are called **Lorentz transforms**. Note:  $\square u = 0 \Leftrightarrow \square(u \circ S) = 0$ .

For  $\mathcal{L} : \xi = (t, x) \mapsto \eta = (s, y)$ ,  $F_{\alpha\beta} \mapsto \tilde{F}_{\alpha'\beta'} = F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial \xi^\alpha}{\partial \eta^{\alpha'}} \frac{\partial \xi^\beta}{\partial \eta^{\beta'}}$ .

# Lorentz transformations 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} t' \\ x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \alpha & \sinh \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \alpha & \cosh \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Lorentz transformations 2

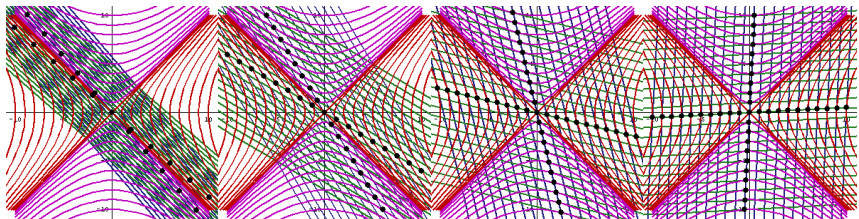


Figure: Snapshots of Lorentz transforms

Lorentz transforms (hyperbolic rotations) are for the d'Alembertian what Euclidean rotations are for the Laplacian.

# Gauge invariance

We obtain **the same**  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}$  fields after  $A \mapsto A + (\phi_t, \nabla\phi)$ .

$$\mathbf{B} = \text{curl}(\mathbf{A} + \nabla\phi) = \text{curl}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \nabla(A_0 + \phi_t) - \partial_t(\mathbf{A} + \nabla\phi) = \nabla A_0 - \partial_t\mathbf{A}$$

Curvature  $F_{\alpha\beta}$  **invariant** under such **gauge transforms**.

**Impose a gauge:**  $\partial^\alpha A_\alpha = 0$  (Lorentz),  $\text{div} \mathbf{A} = 0$  (Coulomb). These pick out a **unique representative** in the **equivalence class of vector potentials**.

Make Klein-Gordon equation  $\square u - m^2 u = \partial_\alpha \partial^\alpha u - m^2 u = 0$  **gauge invariant:**  $u \mapsto e^{i\varphi} u$  with  $\varphi = \varphi(t, x)$  does not leave solutions invariant. **How to modify?** KG-Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}_0 := \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3}} \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\alpha u \overline{\partial^\alpha u} + m^2 |u|^2) dt dx$$

Need to replace  $\partial_\alpha$  with  $D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha - iA_\alpha$ . **Bad choice:**

$$\mathcal{L}_1 := \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3}} \frac{1}{2} (D_\alpha u \overline{D^\alpha u} + m^2 |u|^2) dt dx$$

# Maxwell-Klein-Gordon system

How is  $A_\alpha$  determined? Need to add a piece to the Lagrangian to rectify that: a “simple” and natural choice is the **Maxwell Lagrangian**. So obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_{MKG} := \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3}} \left( \frac{1}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} D_\alpha u \overline{D^\alpha u} + \frac{m^2}{2} |u|^2 \right) dt dx$$

Dynamical equations, as Euler-Lagrange equation of  $\mathcal{L}_{MKG}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^\alpha F_{\alpha\beta} &= \operatorname{Im}(\phi \overline{D_\beta \phi}) \\ D^\alpha D_\alpha \phi - m^2 \phi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Coupled system, Maxwell with current  $J_\beta = \operatorname{Im}(\phi \overline{D_\beta \phi})$  which is determined by scalar field  $\phi$ . Lorentz and  $U(1)$  gauge invariant. **Maxwell-Klein-Gordon system.**



# Noncommutative gauge theory, Yang-Mills

Nonabelian gauge theory:  $\mathcal{G}$  Lie (matrix) group, Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Connection 1-form:  $A = A_\alpha dx^\alpha$  with  $A_\alpha : \mathbb{R}^{1+d} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ .

Covariant differentiation:  $D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha + A_\alpha$ .

Gauge transform:  $\tilde{A}_\alpha = GA_\alpha G^{-1} - (\partial_\alpha G)G^{-1}$ .

Curvature is gauge invariant:

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha + [A_\alpha, A_\beta] = D_\alpha D_\beta - D_\beta D_\alpha - D_{[\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta]}$$

Yang-Mills equation (nonlinear!):

$$\mathcal{L} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+d}} \frac{1}{4} \text{trace}(F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}) dt dx, \quad D^\alpha F_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

In Lorentz gauge  $-\partial_t A_0 + \sum_{j=1}^3 \partial_j A_j = 0$  one has schematically

$$\square A = [A, \nabla A] + [A, [A, A]]$$

Eardley-Moncrief: global existence, Klainerman-Machedon: same in energy topology, null-forms!

# Invariances and conservation laws: Noether's theorem

Scalar field  $\varphi$ , Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} := \int_{\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d}} L(\varphi, d\varphi) dt dx$$

1-parameter groups of symmetries  $\Rightarrow$  conservation laws

$\Psi_\varepsilon(t, x) = (t', x')$ ,  $\varphi'(t', x') = \varphi(t, x)$ , and for all regions  $V$

$$\int_{V'} L(\varphi', d'\varphi') dt' dx' = \int_V L(\varphi, d\varphi) dt dx \quad \forall |\varepsilon| \ll 1$$

Then stress-energy tensor  $\Theta_\alpha^\beta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\beta \varphi)} \partial_\alpha \varphi - \delta_\alpha^\beta L$  satisfies

$$\partial_\beta \mathcal{J}^\beta = 0, \quad \mathcal{J}^\beta = \Theta_\alpha^\beta \xi^\alpha, \quad \xi^\alpha = \partial_\varepsilon \Psi_\varepsilon^\alpha \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}$$

provided  $\mathcal{L}'(\varphi) = 0$

For example:  $(t, x) \mapsto (t + \varepsilon, x)$ , gives  $\partial_t \Theta_0^0 = \partial_j \Theta_0^j$

Energy conservation!  $\partial_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Theta_0^0 dx = 0$ .

spatial translations:  $(t, x) \mapsto (t, x + \varepsilon e_j)$ , one has  $\partial_t \Theta_j^0 = \partial_k \Theta_j^k$

**Momentum conservation!**  $\partial_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Theta_j^0 dx = 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq d$ .

Energy conservation for specific Lagrangians:

- $\square u - m^2 u = 0$ ,  $\Theta_0^0 = \frac{1}{2}(|\partial_t u|^2 + |\nabla u|^2)$
- Wave maps,  $\Theta_0^0 = \frac{1}{2}(|\partial_t u|_g^2 + |\nabla u|_g^2)$
- Maxwell equations,  $\Theta_0^0 = \frac{1}{2}(|E|^2 + |B|^2)$
- MKG,  $\Theta_0^0 = \frac{1}{2}(|E|^2 + |B|^2 + \sum_{\alpha=0}^d |D_\alpha^{(A)} u|^2 + m^2 |u|^2)$

**Hamiltonian equations** refers to the existence of a conserved energy (in contrast to **dissipative systems**).

**Momentum conservation for KG:**  $\partial_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u_t \nabla u dx = 0$

# Basic mathematical questions (for nonlinear problems)

- **Wellposedness:** Existence, uniqueness, continuous dependence on the data, persistence of regularity. At first, one needs to understand this **locally in time**.
- **Global behavior:** Finite time break down (some norm, such as  $L^\infty$ , becomes unbounded in finite time)? Or **global existence:** smooth solutions for all times if the data are smooth?
- **Blow up dynamics:** If the solution breaks down in finite time, can one **describe the mechanism** by which it does so? For example, via energy concentration at the tip of a light cone? Often, symmetries (in a wider sense) play a crucial role here.
- **Scattering to a free wave:** If the solutions exists for all  $t \geq 0$ , **does it approach a free wave?**  $\square u = N(u)$ , then  $\exists v$  with  $\square v = 0$  and  $(\vec{u} - \vec{v})(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  in a suitable norm? Here  $\vec{u} = (u, \partial_t u)$ . If scattering occurs, then we have **local energy decay**.

## Basic questions 2

- **Special solutions:** If the solution does not approach a free wave, does it scatter to something else? A **stationary nonzero solution**, for example? Some physical equations exhibit **nonlinear bound states**, which represent elementary particles.
- **Stability theory:** If special solutions exist such as **stationary or time-periodic ones**, are they **orbitally stable**? Are they **asymptotically stable**?
- **Multi-bump solutions:** Is it possible to construct solutions which **asymptotically split into moving “solitons” plus radiation**? Lorentz invariance dictates the dynamics of the single solitons.
- **Resolution into multi-bumps:** Do all solutions **decompose in this fashion**? Suppose solutions  $\exists$  for all  $t \geq 0$ : either **scatter to a free wave**, or the **energy collects in “pockets”** formed by such **“solitons”**? **Quantization of energy**.

# The wave map system 1

$u : \mathbb{R}^{1+d} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^{N-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , smooth, solves

$$\square u = u(-|\partial_t u|^2 + |\nabla u|^2), \quad u(0) = u_0, \quad \partial_t u(0) = u_1$$

How to solve Cauchy problem? Data in  $X := H^\sigma \times H^{\sigma-1}$ ,

$$u(t) = S_0(t)(u_0, u_1) + \int_0^t S_0(t-s)A(u)(\partial u, \partial u)(s) ds$$

$$S_0(t)(u_0, u_1) = \cos(t|\nabla|)u_0 + \frac{\sin(t|\nabla|)}{|\nabla|}u_1$$

Energy estimate: provided  $\sigma > \frac{d}{2} + 1$ , via Sobolev embedding,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{u}(t)\|_X &\leq C(\|\vec{u}(0)\|_X + \int_0^t \|A(u)(\partial u, \partial u)(s)\|_{H^{\sigma-1}} ds) \\ &\leq C(\|\vec{u}(0)\|_X + \int_0^t \|\vec{u}(s)\|_X^3 ds) \end{aligned}$$

Small time well-posedness

# The wave map system 2

What can we say about all times  $t \geq 0$ ? The energy method is very weak, does not allow for global solutions of small energy.

Problems: Sobolev spaces  $H^\sigma$  defined via the Laplacian  $\Delta$ , so they are elliptic objects. We need to invoke dispersion. This refers to property of waves in higher dimensions to spread.

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\square u = 0$ ,  $u(0) = 0$ ,  $\partial_t u(0) = g$ ,

$$u(t, x) = t \int_{tS^2} g(x + y) \sigma(dy)$$

If  $g$  supported on  $B(0, 1)$ , then  $u(t, x)$  supported on  $||t| - |x|| \leq 1$ . Huygens' principle.

Decay of the wave:  $\|u(t, \cdot)\|_\infty \leq Ct^{-1} \|Dg\|_1$  In general dimensions the decay is  $t^{-\frac{d-1}{2}}$ .

To invoke this dispersion, we introduce hyperbolic Sobolev spaces, called  $X^{\sigma, b}$  spaces (Beals, Bourgain, Klainerman-Machedon).

# Domain of influence

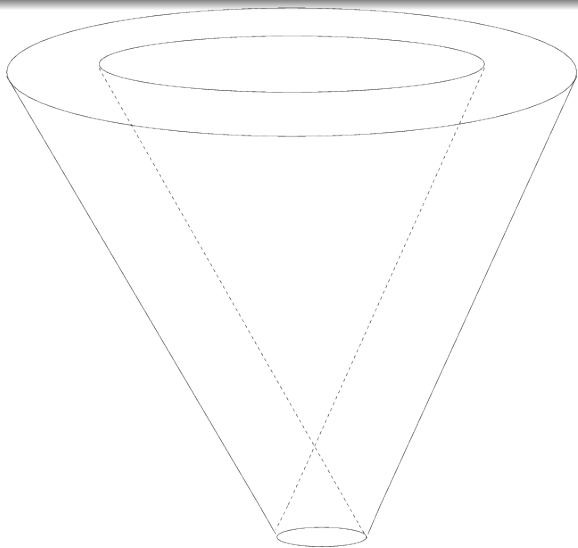


Figure: Huygens principle



# The wave map system 3

**Idea:** To solve  $\Delta u = f$  write  $u = \Delta^{-1} f$ . To solve  $\square u = F$  write  $u = \square^{-1} F$ .

**Characteristic variety** of  $\Delta$  is  $\xi = 0$ , but of  $\square$  is  $|\tau| - |\xi| = 0$ .

This leads to the norm

$$\|F\|_{X^{\sigma,b}} = \left\| \langle \xi \rangle^\sigma \langle |\tau| - |\xi| \rangle^b \hat{F} \right\|_{L^2_{\tau,\xi}}$$

where  $\langle \xi \rangle = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Using  $X^{\sigma,b}$  and **null forms**, Klainerman-Machedon around 1993 were able to show **local wellposedness of WM** in  $H^\sigma \times H^{\sigma-1}$  with  $\sigma > \frac{d}{2}$ . Nonlinearity is special: **annihilates self-interactions of waves**.

**Scaling critical exponent**  $\sigma_c = \frac{d}{2}$ . Rescaling  $u(t, x) \rightsquigarrow u(\lambda t, \lambda x)$  preserves solutions. The Sobolev space which is **invariant under this scaling** is  $\dot{H}^{\frac{d}{2}} \times \dot{H}^{\frac{d}{2}-1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

**So what?** Any local existence result in this space is **automatically global!** **Just rescale**. Hence the hunt for a **low-regularity solution theory**.

# The wave map system 4

Tataru, Tao around 2000: Showed that smooth data of **small**  $(\dot{H}^{\frac{d}{2}} \times \dot{H}^{\frac{d}{2}-1})(\mathbb{R}^d)$  **norm** lead to **global smooth solutions**. Low dimensions, especially  $d = 2$  are particularly difficult due to the **slow dispersion**. Shatah-Struwe 2004 found much simplified argument for  $d \geq 4$  using **moving frames in Coulomb gauge**. Large data: **Conserved energy** gives  $\dot{H}^1 \times L^2$  a priori control:

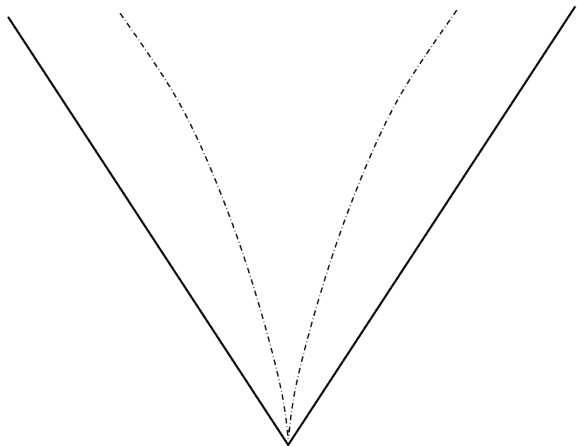
$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} (|\partial_t u|_g^2 + |\nabla u|_g^2) dx$$

So  $d = 2$  is **energy critical**,  $d \geq 3$  **energy super critical**.

Shatah 1987:  $\exists$  self-similar blowup solution  $u(t, r, \phi) = (\phi, q(r/t))$  for  $d \geq 3$  (sphere as target).

Struwe 2000: for  $d = 2$  equivariant wave maps, **if blowup happens, then it must be via a rescaling of a harmonic map**. **Self-similar excluded**, follows from a fundamental estimate of Christodoulou, Tahvildar-Zadeh. **Cuspidal rescaling**.

# Cuspidal energy concentration



# The wave map system 5

Krieger-S-Tataru 2006: There **exist** equivariant blowup solutions  $Q(rt^{-\nu}) + o(1)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$  for  $\nu > \frac{3}{2}$  and  $Q(r) = 2 \arctan r$ .

Rodnianski-Sterbenz, Raphael-Rodnianski also constructed blowup, but of a completely different nature, closer to the  $t^{-1}$  rate.

For **negatively curved targets** one has something completely different: Cauchy problem for wave maps  $\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$ , has **global smooth solutions for smooth data**, and energy disperses to infinity (“scattering”). Krieger-S 2009, based on Kenig-Merle approach to global regularity problem for energy critical equations, to appear as a book with EMS. Tao 2009, similar result, arxiv.

Sterbenz-Tataru theorem, *Comm. Math. Physics*: Cauchy problem for wave maps  $\mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+2} \rightarrow M$  with data of energy  $E < E_0$  which is the **smallest energy attained by a non-constant harmonic map**  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M$ . Then **global smooth solutions exist**.

# Semilinear focusing equations

Energy subcritical equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \square u + u &= |u|^{p-1} u \text{ in } \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+1} \text{ (even)}, \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3} \\ i\partial_t u + \Delta u &= |u|^2 u \text{ in radial } \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+3} \end{aligned}$$

Energy critical case:

$$\square u = |u|^{2^*-2} u \text{ in radial } \mathbb{R}_{t,x}^{1+d} \quad (2)$$

For  $d = 3$  one has  $2^* = 6$ .

**Goals:** Describe transition between blowup/global existence and scattering, “Soliton resolution conjecture”. Results apply only to the case where the energy is at most slightly larger than the energy of the “ground state soliton”.

# Basic well-posedness, focusing cubic NLKG in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$\forall u[0] \in \mathcal{H}$  there  $\exists!$  **strong solution**  $u \in C([0, T]; H^1)$ ,  
 $\dot{u} \in C^1([0, T]; L^2)$  for some  $T \geq T_0(\|u[0]\|_{\mathcal{H}}) > 0$ . **Properties:**  
continuous dependence on data; persistence of regularity; **energy conservation:**

$$E(u, \dot{u}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\dot{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |u|^2 - \frac{1}{4} |u|^4 \right) dx$$

If  $\|u[0]\|_{\mathcal{H}} \ll 1$ , then **global existence**; let  $T^* > 0$  be **maximal forward time** of existence:  $T^* < \infty \implies \|u\|_{L^3([0, T^*), L^6(\mathbb{R}^3))} = \infty$ . If  $T^* = \infty$  and  $\|u\|_{L^3([0, T^*), L^6(\mathbb{R}^3))} < \infty$ , then  $u$  scatters:  $\exists (\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in \mathcal{H}$  s.t. for  $v(t) = S_0(t)(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1)$  one has

$$(u(t), \dot{u}(t)) = (v(t), \dot{v}(t)) + o_{\mathcal{H}}(1) \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

$S_0(t)$  free KG evol. If  $u$  scatters, then  $\|u\|_{L^3([0, \infty), L^6(\mathbb{R}^3))} < \infty$ .

**Finite prop.-speed:** if  $\vec{u} = 0$  on  $\{|x - x_0| < R\}$ , then  $u(t, x) = 0$  on  $\{|x - x_0| < R - t, 0 < t < \min(T^*, R)\}$ .

# Finite time blowup, forward scattering set

$T > 0$ , **exact solution** to cubic NLKG

$$\varphi_T(t) \sim c(T-t)^{-\alpha} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow T_+$$

$$\alpha = 1, c = \sqrt{2}.$$

Use **finite prop-speed** to cut off smoothly to neighborhood of cone  $|x| < T - t$ . **Gives smooth solution to NLKG, blows up at  $t = T$  or before.**

**Small data:** global existence and scattering. **Large data:** can have finite time blowup.

Is there a **criterion to decide** finite time blowup/global existence?

**Forward scattering set:**  $S(t)$  = nonlinear evolution

$$\mathcal{S}_+ := \left\{ (u_0, u_1) \in \mathcal{H} := H^1 \times L^2 \mid u(t) := S(t)(u_0, u_1) \exists \forall \text{ time} \right. \\ \left. \text{and scatters to zero, i.e., } \|u\|_{L^3([0, \infty); L^6)} < \infty \right\}$$

$\mathcal{S}_+$  satisfies the following properties:

- $\mathcal{S}_+ \supset B_\delta(0)$ , a small ball in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- $\mathcal{S}_+ \neq \mathcal{H}$ ,
- $\mathcal{S}_+$  is an open set in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
- $\mathcal{S}_+$  is path-connected.

Some natural questions:

- 1 Is  $\mathcal{S}_+$  bounded in  $\mathcal{H}$ ?
- 2 Is  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$  a smooth manifold or rough?
- 3 If  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$  is a smooth mfl, does it separate regions of FTB/GE?
- 4 Dynamics starting from  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$ ? Any special solutions on  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$ ?



# Stationary solutions, ground state

*Stationary solution*  $u(t, x) = \varphi(x)$  of NLKG, weak solution of

$$-\Delta\varphi + \varphi = \varphi^3 \quad (3)$$

Minimization problem

$$\inf \{ \|\varphi\|_{H^1}^2 \mid \varphi \in H^1, \|\varphi\|_4 = 1 \}$$

has **radial solution**  $\varphi_\infty > 0$ , decays exponentially,  $\varphi = \lambda\varphi_\infty$  satisfies (3) for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

Coffman: **unique ground state**  $Q$ .

*Minimizes the stationary energy (or action)*

$$J(\varphi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\nabla\varphi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\varphi|^2 - \frac{1}{4} |\varphi|^4 \right) dx$$

amongst **all nonzero solutions** of (3).

**Payne-Sattinger dilation functional**

$$K_0(\varphi) = \langle J'(\varphi) | \varphi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|\nabla\varphi|^2 + |\varphi|^2 - |\varphi|^4)(x) dx$$

## Theorem (Nakanishi-S)

Let  $E(u_0, u_1) < E(Q, 0) + \varepsilon^2$ ,  $(u_0, u_1) \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{rad}}$ . In  $t \geq 0$  for NLKG:

- 1 finite time blowup
- 2 global existence and scattering to 0
- 3 global existence and scattering to  $Q$ :  
 $u(t) = Q + v(t) + O_{H^1}(1)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\dot{u}(t) = \dot{v}(t) + O_{L^2}(1)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\square v + v = 0$ ,  $(v, \dot{v}) \in \mathcal{H}$ .

All 9 combinations of this trichotomy allowed as  $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

- Applies to  $\dim = 3$ , cubic power, or  $\dim = 1$ , all  $p > 5$ .
- Under *energy assumption* (EA)  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$  is **connected, smooth mfld**, which gives (3), **separating** regions (1) and (2).  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$  contains  $(\pm Q, 0)$ .  $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$  forms the **center stable manifold** associated with  $(\pm Q, 0)$ .
- $\exists$  1-dimensional **stable, unstable mflds** at  $(\pm Q, 0)$ . **Stable mfld**: Duyckaerts-Merle, Duyckaerts-Holmer-Roudenko

# The invariant manifolds

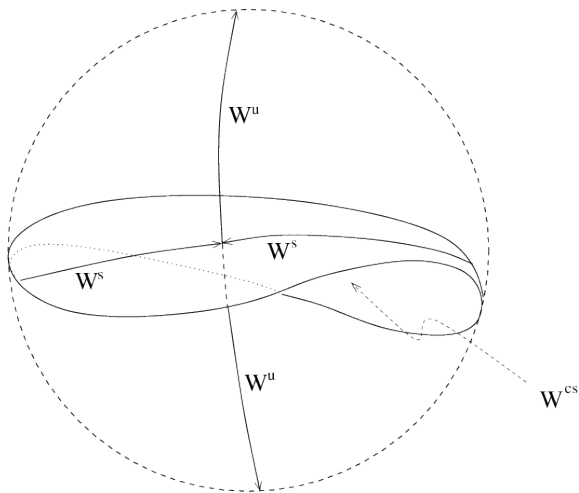


Figure: Stable, unstable, center-stable manifolds

# Hyperbolic dynamics

$$\dot{x} = Ax + f(x), f(0) = 0, Df(0) = 0, \mathbb{R}^n = X_s + X_u + X_c,$$

$A$ -invariant spaces,  $A \upharpoonright X_s$  has evals in  $\operatorname{Re} z < 0$ ,  $A \upharpoonright X_u$  has evals in  $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$ ,  $A \upharpoonright X_c$  has evals in  $i\mathbb{R}$ .

If  $X_c = \{0\}$ , **Hartmann-Grobman theorem**: conjugation to  $e^{tA}$ .

If  $X_c \neq \{0\}$ , **Center Manifold Theorem**:  $\exists$  local invariant mflds  $M_u, M_s, M_c$  around  $x = 0$ , tangent to  $X_u, X_s, X_c$ , respectively.

$$M_s = \{|x_0| < \varepsilon \mid x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ exponentially as } t \rightarrow \infty\}$$

$$M_u = \{|x_0| < \varepsilon \mid x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ exponentially as } t \rightarrow -\infty\}$$

Example:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + O(|x|^2)$$

$$\operatorname{spec}(A) = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$$

# Hyperbolic dynamics near $\pm Q$

Linearized operator  $L_+ = -\Delta + 1 - 3Q^2$ .

- $\langle L_+ Q | Q \rangle = -2\|Q\|_4^4 < 0$
- $L_+ \rho = -k^2 \rho$  **unique negative eigenvalue**, no kernel over radial functions
- **Gap property**:  $L_+$  has **no eigenvalues** in  $(0, 1]$ , no **threshold resonance** (delicate! Costin-Huang-S, 2011)

Plug  $u = Q + v$  into cubic NLKG:

$$\ddot{v} + L_+ v = N(Q, v) = 3Qv^2 + v^3$$

Rewrite as a **Hamiltonian system**:

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -L_+ & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ N(Q, v) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\text{spec}(A) = \{k, -k\} \cup i[1, \infty) \cup i(-\infty, -1]$  with  $\pm k$  simple evals.  
Formally:  $X_s = P_1 L^2$ ,  $X_u = P_{-1} L^2$ .  $X_c$  is the rest.

# Schematic depiction of $J, K_0$

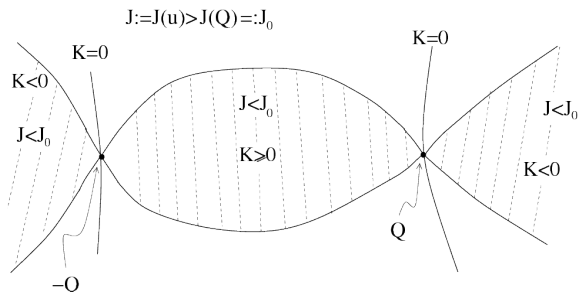


Figure: The splitting of  $J(u) < J(Q)$  by the sign of  $K = K_0$

- Energy near  $\pm Q$  a “saddle surface”:  $x^2 - y^2 \leq 0$
- Explains mechanism of Payne-Sattinger theorem, 1975
- Similar picture for  $E(u, \dot{u}) < J(Q)$ . Solution trapped by  $K \geq 0$ ,  $K < 0$  in that set.



# Numerical 2-dim section through $\partial\mathcal{S}_+$ (with R. Donninger)

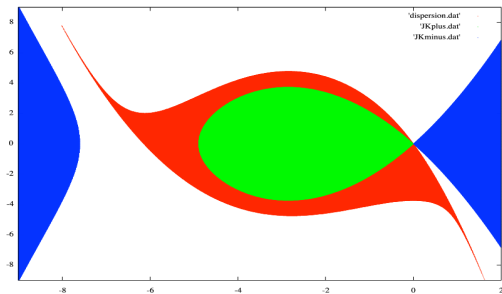


Figure:  $(Q + Ae^{-r^2}, Be^{-r^2})$

- soliton at  $(A, B) = (0, 0)$ ,  $(A, B)$  vary in  $[-9, 2] \times [-9, 9]$
- **RED**: global existence, **WHITE**: finite time blowup, **GREEN**:  $\mathcal{PS}_-$ , **BLUE**:  $\mathcal{PS}_+$
- Our results apply to a neighborhood of  $(Q, 0)$ , boundary of the red region looks smooth (caution!)



# One-pass theorem I

**Crucial no-return property:** Trajectory does **not return to balls around**  $(\pm Q, 0)$ . Use *virial identity*,  $A = \frac{1}{2}(x\nabla + \nabla x)$ ,

$$\partial_t \langle w \dot{u} | Au \rangle = -K_2(u(t)) + \text{error}, \quad K_2(u) = \int (|\nabla u|^2 - \frac{3}{4}|u|^4) dx \quad (4)$$

where  $w = w(t, x)$  is a **space-time cutoff** that lives on a **rhombus**, and the “error” is controlled by the **external energy**.

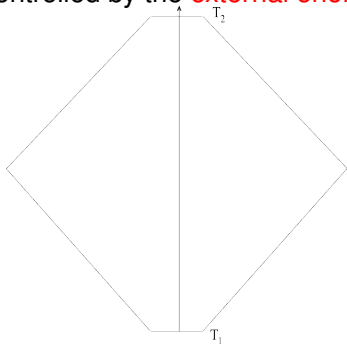


Figure: Space-time cutoff for the virial identity

# One-pass theorem II

Finite propagation speed  $\Rightarrow$  error controlled by **free energy outside large balls** at times  $T_1, T_2$ .

Integrating between  $T_1, T_2$  gives **contradiction**; the **bulk** of the integral of  $K_2(u(t))$  here comes from **exponential ejection mechanism** near  $(\pm Q, 0)$ .

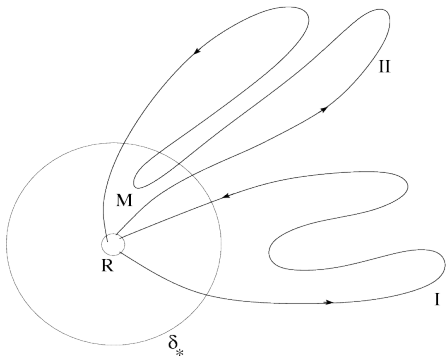


Figure: Possible returning trajectories

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