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Dispersionless Integrability in dimension five Joint work with Omid Makhmali

$$F \in C^\infty(J^l M) \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} \mathcal{E} = \{F=0\} = J^l M \xrightarrow{\text{proj}} \mathcal{E}_\infty = \{D_\alpha F=0\} \subset J^\infty M$$

Symbol 
$$\sigma_F = \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_\alpha} \partial_\alpha \in \Gamma(\pi_\infty^* S^l T M_u)$$

For 2<sup>nd</sup> ord operator:

$$\sigma_F = \sum_{i \leq j} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_{ij}} \partial_i \partial_j = \sum_{i,j} \sigma^{ij}(u) \partial_i \partial_j$$

$$\text{Char}(\mathcal{E}) = \left\{ \sigma_F(p) = \sum_{i,j} \sigma^{ij}(u) p_i p_j = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{P}T^* M_u$$

quadratic characteristic variety

If the symbol (or Char) is nondegenerate i.e.  $\det[\sigma^{ij}(u)] \neq 0$  then  $g_F = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}(u) dx^i dx^j$ ,  $(g_{ij}(u)) = (\sigma^{ij}(u))^{-1}$ , is a metric.

The conformal structure  $C_\mathcal{E} = [g_F]$  on  $M_u$  depends only on  $\mathcal{E}$ .  
[E.Ferapontov-BK]

Example: dKP

$$F = u_{tx} - (uu_x)_x - u_{yy} \rightarrow \sigma_F = \partial_t \partial_x - u \partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2$$

$$(\sigma^{ij}(u)) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4u & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Char} = \{ P_t P_x - u P_x^2 - P_y^2 = 0 \}$$

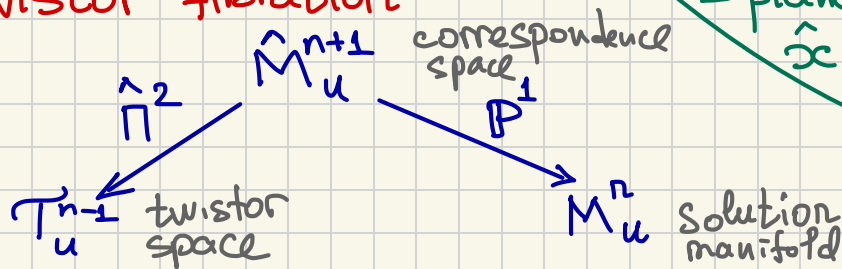
$$g = 4u dt^2 + 4 dt dx - dy^2$$

Definition: dlp **Dispersionless Lax pair** of ord =  $\kappa$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -fiber

Bundle  $\hat{\pi}: \hat{M}_u \rightarrow M_u$  and rank 2 distribution  $\hat{\Pi} \subset T\hat{M}_u$  such that

- $\forall \hat{x} \in \hat{M}_u$   $\hat{\Pi}(\hat{x})$  depends only on  $j_x^\kappa u$
- $\hat{\Pi} = \langle \hat{X} = X + m \partial_x, \hat{Y} = Y + n \partial_x \rangle \cap \hat{\pi}_*^{-1}(\cdot) = \langle \partial_x \rangle$
- Frob.  $\int: [\hat{\Pi}, \hat{\Pi}] = \hat{\Pi} \text{ mod } \mathcal{E}$

**Twistor fibration**



2 plane congruence  $\Pi(\hat{x}) = d\hat{\pi}_{\hat{x}}(\hat{\Pi}) \subset T_x M$ ,  
 $\hat{x} = (x, \lambda)$ , is parametrized by the spectral parameter  $\lambda$

Theorem (D. Calderbank, BK) dLp  $\hat{\Pi}$  is **characteristic** i.e.  $\forall u \in \text{Sol}(\mathcal{E})$   
 $\forall \hat{x} \in \hat{M}_u \quad \forall p \in \text{Ann } \Pi(\hat{x}) \subset T_x^* M_u : \sigma_F(p) = 0 \Leftrightarrow [p] \in \text{Char}(\mathcal{E})$

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This means that  $\Pi(\hat{x})$  is coisotropic 2-plane for  $C_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

Such planes exist only for  $2 \leq n \leq 4$  and in  $T_x M_u$  they

$\boxed{n=2}$  everything     $\boxed{n=3}$  rational conic  $\mathbb{P}^1$      $\boxed{n=4}$  two disj. rat. curves  
 $\mathbb{P}_\alpha^1 \sqcup \mathbb{P}_\beta^1$

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Corollary For  $n > 4$  PDEs  $\mathcal{E} = \{F=0\}$  with nondegenerate quadratic  $\text{Char}(\mathcal{E})$  are not integrable via dLp.

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Ex: Let  $F_0$  be an integrable ndg diff op in 3D or 4D.

Extension  $F[u] = F_0[u] + \Delta u$  is not integrable.

For instance, this is the case dKP  $\leadsto$  KZ  $n \geq 4$ .

IBG in 3D | Einstein-Weyl structure is a triple  $(g, \omega, D)$

$$Dg = \omega \otimes g, \quad \text{Ric}_D^{\text{sym}} = \Lambda g$$

for some  $\Lambda \in C^\infty(M)$

Conf. str.  $\nearrow$   
 $\nwarrow$  1-form (Weyl poten)  $\nearrow$  Sym conn

Ex: EW from dKP  $u_{tx} = (uu_x)_x + u_{yy}$   $\hat{M}_u \approx \mathbb{R}^4(x, y, t, \lambda)$

$$g = 4dxdt - dy^2 + 4u dt^2, \quad \omega = -4u_x dt, \quad \hat{\Pi} = \langle \hat{X}, \hat{Y} \rangle$$

$$\hat{X} = \partial_y - \lambda \partial_x + u_x \partial_\lambda, \quad \hat{Y} = \partial_t - (\lambda^2 + u) \partial_x + (u_x \lambda + u_y) \partial_\lambda$$

IBG in 4D | Weyl tensor of neutral sign conf. str  $[g]$  splits  $W = \bar{W}_+ + \bar{W}_-$  where  $*\bar{W}_\pm = \pm \bar{W}_\pm$ .  $[g]$  is SD/ASD if  $W_+ = 0 / W_- = 0$ .

Ex: self-dual gravity The second Plebanski eqn

$$u_{xz} + u_{yt} + u_{xx} u_{yy} - u_{xy}^2 = 0 \text{ has SD str on sol } M_u \approx \mathbb{R}^4(x, y, z, t)$$

$$g = dx dz + dy dt - u_{yy} dz^2 + 2u_{xy} dz dt - u_{xx} dt^2$$

$$\hat{X} = \partial_t + u_{xx} \partial_y - (u_{xy} - \lambda) \partial_x, \quad \hat{Y} = \partial_z - (u_{xy} + \lambda) \partial_y + u_{yy} \partial_x$$

For integrable PDEs with quadratic Char( $\mathcal{E}$ ) the maximal rank of  $\sigma_F \in S^2 TM_u$  is 4 i.e. the distribution

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{E}} = \langle \sigma_F, T^*M_u \rangle \subset TM_u$$

(obtained by contraction) has (max) rank 4.

In general  $\Delta_{\mathcal{E}}$  is nonholonomic distribution for generic  $u \in \text{Sol}(\mathcal{E})$ . The symm bivector  $\sigma_F \in S^2 \Delta_{\mathcal{E}}$  is nondegenerate. Its inverse  $g_F = \sigma_F^{-1}$  defines canonical subconformal structure  $C_{\mathcal{E}} = [g_F]$  on  $\Delta_{\mathcal{E}}$

Nonholonomic distributions can have various weak derived flags and symbols but most of them are incompatible with the requirements of **IBG**.

In what follows we restrict to contact 5D  $(M_u, \Delta_{\mathcal{E}})$ .

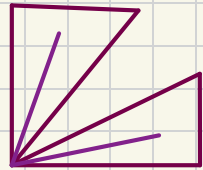
Data:  $(M, \Delta)$  contact 5-manif,  $g \in \Gamma(S^2 \Delta^*)$  conf. metric of neutral sign,  $\Omega \in \Gamma(\Lambda^2 \Delta^*)$  conf. sympl form, + orientation

$J = g^{-1} \Omega$  endomorphism of  $\Delta$  normalized by  $\|J\| = 1$ .

Subconf. str  $(M, \Delta, [g])$  is compatible if  $\alpha$  (self-dual) family consist of  $g$ -null  $\Omega$ -Lagrangian planes  $(\mathbb{P}^1_\alpha)$ .  
(Then  $\beta$ -family contains  $2 \vee 0$  such planes.)

$$g(Jv, w) + g(v, Jw) = 0 \quad \forall v, w \in \Delta$$

$$J^2 = \delta \cdot \mathbb{1}, \quad \delta = \pm 1, \quad \text{Tr}(J) = 0$$



$\delta = +1$   $g$ -null  $\Omega$ -Lagrangian planes are either eigenspaces  $L_\pm = E_J(\pm 1)$  or family  $\Pi = \langle l_-, l_+ \rangle$ ,  $l_\pm \in L_\pm$ ,  $l_- \perp l_+$

$\delta = -1$   $g$ -null  $\Omega$ -Lagrangian planes form 1-parameter family  $\Pi$  of  $J$ -inv null planes

$SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  reparameter.  $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1$

Compatible subconformal geom with  $\delta = +1$  is a Lagrangian contact geometry  $\Delta = L_- \oplus L_+$  and is a parabolic geom of type  $(SL(4, \mathbb{R}), P_{13})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & +1 & +1 & +2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & +1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & +1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This Cartan geometry has harmonic curv:

$$\kappa_H = \tau_- + \tau_+ + W$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 torsions      curvature

$$\tau_{\pm} \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 L_{\mp}^* \otimes L_{\pm}) \quad W \in \Gamma((S^4 L_-^* \otimes (\wedge^2 L_-^*)^{-2} + S^4 L_+^* \otimes (\wedge^2 L_+^*)^{-2}) \otimes \Delta^1)$$

$\uparrow$  2 components each       $\uparrow$  5 components

Similarly  $\delta = -1$  yields almost CR hypers type geom  $\Delta = L \otimes \mathbb{C}$  i.e. a parabolic geom of type  $(SU(2,2), P_{13})$

$$\kappa_H = \tau_{\mathbb{C}} + W$$

## Integrability via Geometry

3D + 4D

E. Ferapontov + BK  
D. Calderbank + BK

Exist  
of dLP



Int via  
hydrodyn. reduct



IBG on Sol  
(EW, SD)

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5D

BK + O. Makhmali

The integrability of  $\mathcal{E}$  via dLP  
is equivalent to the zero-curvature  
 $W=0 \quad \forall u \in \text{Sol}(\mathcal{E})$ .

Note that  $W$  (similar to  $W_+$  and  $W_-$  in 4D) is quartic

$$W = W_0 + W_1 \lambda + W_2 \lambda^2 + W_3 \lambda^3 + W_4 \lambda^4$$



Example: 5D version of the Plebansky eqn

$$F = u_{15} + u_{13} u_{24} - u_{14} u_{23}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_F = \partial_1 \partial_5 + u_{13} \partial_2 \partial_4 + u_{24} \partial_1 \partial_3 - u_{14} \partial_2 \partial_3 - u_{23} \partial_1 \partial_4$$

$$\sigma_F = V_1 \cdot V_3 + V_2 \cdot V_4 \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{aligned} V_1 &= \partial_1 & V_3 &= \partial_5 - u_{23} \partial_4 + u_{24} \partial_3 \\ V_2 &= \partial_2 & V_4 &= u_{13} \partial_4 - u_{14} \partial_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = \langle V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4 \rangle = \text{Ann}(\omega^0)$$

$$\omega^0 = dx^3 + \frac{u_{14}}{u_{13}} dx^4 + \frac{u_{15}}{u_{13}} dx^5$$

$$g = \sigma_F^{-1} = \omega^1 \omega^3 + \omega^2 \omega^4$$

$$\omega^1 = dx^1$$

$$\omega^3 = dx^5$$

$$\omega^2 = dx^2$$

$$\omega^4 = \frac{1}{u_{13}} dx^4 + \frac{u_{23}}{u_{13}} dx^5$$

$\alpha$ -planes

$$\{\omega^1 = -\lambda \omega^4, \omega^2 = \lambda \omega^3\} = \langle V_4 - \lambda V_1, V_3 + \lambda V_2 \rangle$$

$$\hat{\Pi} = \langle \partial_5 - u_{23} \partial_4 + u_{24} \partial_3 + \lambda \partial_2, u_{13} \partial_4 - u_{14} \partial_3 - \lambda \partial_1 \rangle$$

## Master equation for integrable systems in 5D

General **zero-curvature subconformal structures** on contact distributions in 5D are locally:

$$\underline{w^0 = dr - p dx - q dy}$$

$$q = (dx + (u+v)dy).$$

$$(dq - (u-v)dp + w dx + (z - w(u-v))dy)$$

$$+ (dx + (u-v)dy).$$

$$(dq - (u+v)dp + w dx + (z - w(u+v))dy)$$

These must satisfy 4 second ord PDEs

$$W_0 = W_1 = W_2 = W_3 = 0$$

3D | 4 funct 2 arg

4D | 6 funct 3 arg

5D | 8 funct 4 arg

$x, y, p, q, r$ : indep. var

$u, v, w, z$ : dep. var

$$\Rightarrow \overline{W}_4 = 0$$