

# Noncommutative Solitons and Integrable Systems

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# 1. Introduction

- NC spaces:  $[x^i, x^j] = i\theta^{ij}$
- NC gauge theories have been studied intensively.
- Distinguished features:
  - Resolution of singularities
    - New physical objects
  - Easy treatment
    - Various applications

NC solitons play central roles.

NC extension of soliton theories is worth studying.

# Soliton equations in diverse dimensions

4	Anti-Self-Dual Yang-Mills eq. $F_{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$
3	Bogomol'nyi eq.
2 (+1)	KP eq. BCS eq. AKNS system ...
1 (+1)	KdV eq. mKdV eq Boussinesq eq. NLS eq. Burgers eq. sine-Gordon eq. Sawada-Kotera eq. ...

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ASDYM eq.

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KdV eq.      Boussinesq eq.  
NLS eq.      mKdV eq.  
sine-Gordon eq.  
Burgers eq. ...  
(Almost all ! )

e.g. [Mason-Woodhouse]

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Successful

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**NC** Burgers eq. ...  
(Almost all !?)

Successful?

Sato's theory may answer

## 2. NC Gauge Theory

- NC gauge theories are equivalent to ordinary gauge theories in background of magnetic fields.
- They are obtained from ordinary commutative gauge theories by replacing products of fields with **star-products**.
- **The star product:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) * g(x) &:= f(x) \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \theta^{ij} \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \overrightarrow{\partial}_j\right) g(x) \\ &= f(x) g(x) + \frac{i}{2} \theta^{ij} \partial_i f(x) \partial_j g(x) + O(\theta^2) \end{aligned}$$

A deformed product

$$f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h \quad \text{Associative}$$

$$[x^i, x^j]_* := x^i * x^j - x^j * x^i = i\theta^{ij} \quad \text{NC !}$$

# (Ex.) 4-dim. (Euclidean) $G=U(N)$ Yang-Mills theory

- Action

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^4x \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \int d^4x \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}) \\ &= \int d^4x \text{Tr} \left[ (F_{\mu\nu} \mp \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu})^2 \pm 2F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Eq. Of Motion:

$$[D^\nu, [D_\nu, D_\mu]] = 0$$

- BPS eq. (= (A)SD eq.)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \pm \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \quad \rightarrow \text{instantons}$$



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 Yang-Mills theory  
 (All products are star products)

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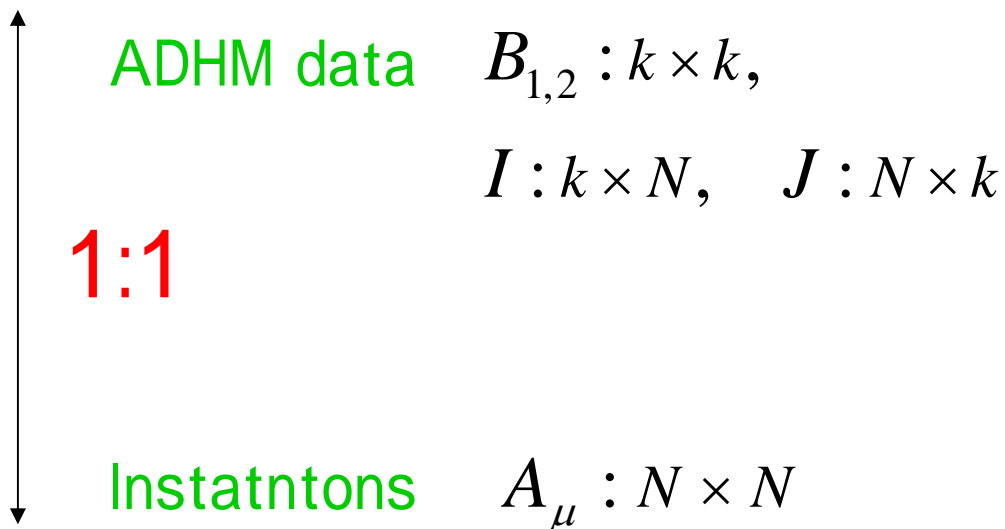


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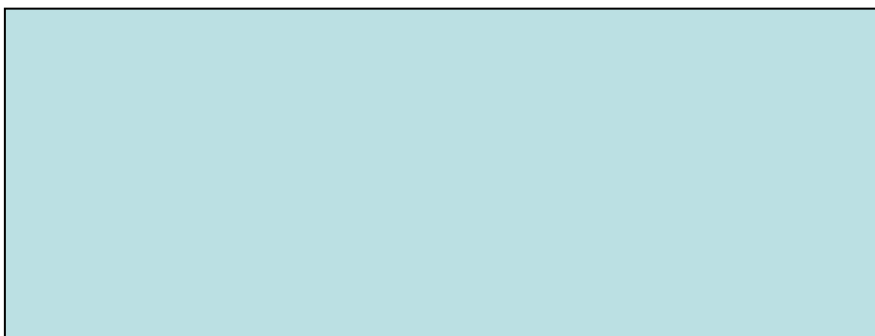


# ADHM construction of instantons

ADHM eq. ( $G=U(k)$ ):  $k$  times  $k$  matrix eq.



ASD eq. ( $G=U(N), C_2=-k$ ):  $N$  times  $N$  PDE



# ADHM construction of BPST instantons (N=2,k=1)

ADHM eq. (G=U(1))



$$B_{1,2} = \alpha_{1,2}, \quad I = (\rho, 0), \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$$

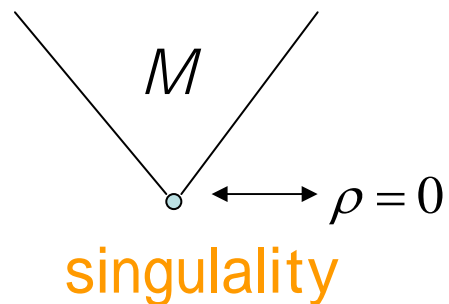
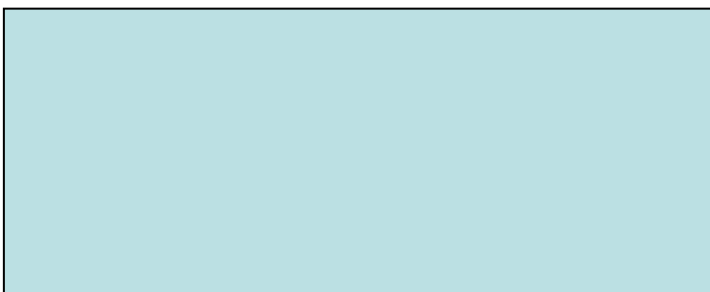
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$$A_\mu = \frac{i(x-b)^\nu \eta_{\mu\nu}^{(-)}}{(x-b)^2 + \rho^2}, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2i\rho^2}{((x-b)^2 + \rho^2)^2} \eta_{\mu\nu}^{(-)}$$

ASD eq. (G=U(2), C<sub>2</sub>=-1)

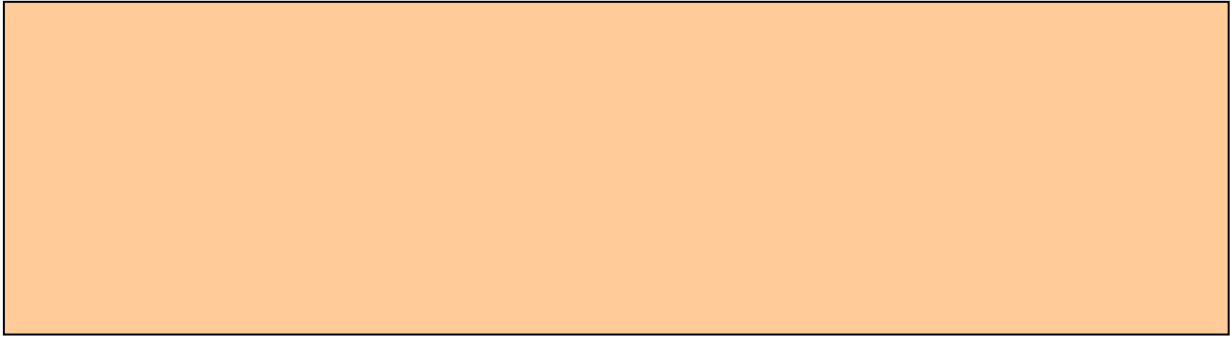
$\downarrow \rho \rightarrow 0$

singular



# ADHM construction of NC BPST instantons (N=2,k=1)

ADHM eq. ( $G=U(1)$ )



$$B_{1,2} = \alpha_{1,2}, \quad I = (\sqrt{\rho^2 + \zeta}, 0), \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$$



position

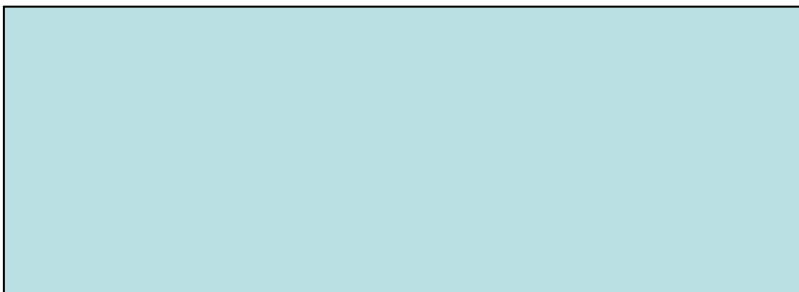


Size  $\rightarrow$  slightly fat?

$A_\mu, F_{\mu\nu}$  : something smooth

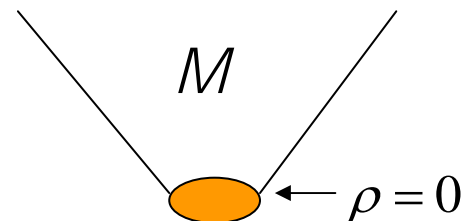


ASD eq. ( $G=U(2), C_2=-1$ )



$\downarrow \rho \rightarrow 0$

Regular!  
(U(1) instanton!)



Resolution of singularity

# 3. NC Sato's Theory

- Sato's Theory : one of the most beautiful theory of solitons
  - Based on the existence of hierarchies and tau-functions
- Sato's theory reveals essential aspects of solitons:
  - Construction of exact solutions
  - Structure of solution spaces
  - Infinite conserved quantities
  - Hidden infinite-dim. symmetry

Is it possible to extend it

to NC spaces ? → **YES!**

# NC (KP) Hierarchy:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^m} = [B_m, L]_*$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \partial_m u_2 \partial_x^{-1} + & F_{m2}(u) \partial_x^{-1} + \\ \partial_m u_3 \partial_x^{-2} + & F_{m3}(u) \partial_x^{-2} + \\ \partial_m u_4 \partial_x^{-3} + \dots & F_{m4}(u) \partial_x^{-3} + \dots \end{array}$$

Huge amount of ``NC evolution equations``

$$L := \partial_x + u_2 \partial_x^{-1} + u_3 \partial_x^{-2} + u_4 \partial_x^{-3} + \dots$$

$$B_m := (L * \dots * L)_{\geq 0} \quad m \text{ times}$$

$$B_1 = \partial_x$$

$$B_2 = \partial_x^2 + 2u_2$$

$$B_3 = \partial_x^3 + 3u_2 \partial_x + 3(u_3 + u_2')$$

$$u_k = u_k(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots) \quad [x^i, x^j] = i\theta^{ij}$$

Noncommutativity is introduced here

# Negative powers of differential operators

$$\partial_x^n \circ f := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{j} (\partial_x^j f) \partial_x^{n-j}$$
$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-(j-1))}{j(j-1)(j-2)\cdots 1}$$

$$\partial_x^3 \circ f = f\partial_x^3 + 3f\partial_x^2 + 3f''\partial_x + f'''$$

$$\partial_x^2 \circ f = f\partial_x^2 + 2f\partial_x + f''$$

$$\partial_x^{-1} \circ f = f\partial_x^{-1} - f\partial_x^{-2} + f''\partial_x^{-3} - \dots$$

$$\partial_x^{-2} \circ f = f\partial_x^{-2} - 2f\partial_x^{-3} + 3f''\partial_x^{-4} - \dots$$

## Star product

$$f(x) * g(x) := f(x) \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \theta^{ij} \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \overrightarrow{\partial}_j\right) g(x)$$

which makes theories "noncommutative":

$$[x^i, x^j]_* := x^i * x^j - x^j * x^i = i\theta^{ij}$$

# Closer look at NC (KP) hierarchy

For  $m=2$

$$\partial_x^{-1}) \quad \partial_2 u_2 = \underline{2u'_3} + u''_2$$

$$\partial_x^{-2}) \quad \partial_2 u_3 = \underline{2u'_4} + u''_3 + 2u_2 * u'_2 + 2[u_2, u_3]_*$$

$$\partial_x^{-3}) \quad \partial_2 u_4 = \underline{2u'_5} + u''_4 + 4u_3 * u'_2 - 2u_2 * u''_2 + 2[u_2, u_4]_*$$

⋮

Infinite kind of fields are represented  
in terms of one kind of field  $u_2 \equiv u$

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For  $m=3$

$$\partial_x^{-1}) \quad \partial_3 u_2 = u'''_2 + 3u''_3 + 3u''_4 + 3u'_2 * u_2 + 3u_2 * u'_2$$

⋮



$$u_t = \frac{1}{4} u_{xxx} + \frac{3}{4} (u * u)_x + \frac{3}{4} \partial_x^{-1} u_{yy} + \frac{3}{4} [u, \partial_x^{-1} u_{yy}]_*$$

NC KP equation

$$u_x := \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\partial_x^{-1} := \int^x dx' \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$u = u(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots)$$

$\begin{matrix} \updownarrow & \updownarrow & \updownarrow \\ x & y & t \end{matrix}$

(KP hie.)  $\rightarrow$  (various hies.)

- KdV hierarchy

Reduction condition

$$L^2 = B_2 (=:\partial_x^2 + u) \quad : \text{2-reduction}$$

gives rise to NC KdV hierarchy

which includes NC KdV eq.:

$$u_t = \frac{1}{4}u_{xxx} + \frac{3}{4}(u * u)_x$$

Note

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{2l}} = 0 \quad : \text{dimensional reduction}$$

/-reduction yields other NC hierarchies  
which include NC Boussinesq, coupled KdV  
Sawada-Kotera, mKdV hierarchies and so on.



# NC Burgers hierarchy

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- NC (1+1)-dim. Burgers equation:

$$\dot{u} = u'' + 2u * u' \quad : \text{Non-linear \&}$$

Infinite order diff. eq. w.r.t. time !

NC Cole-Hopf transformation

$$u = \tau^{-1} * \tau'$$

$$\dot{\tau} = \tau'' \quad : \text{Linear \&}$$

first order diff. eq. w.r.t. time

## Integrable !

NC Burgers eq. can be derived from  
G=U(1) NC ASDYM eq. (One example of  
NC Ward conjecture)

# 4. Conserved Quantities

- We have obtained wide class of NC hierarchies and NC (soliton) equations.
- Are they **integrable** or **special** from viewpoints of soliton theories? → **YES !**

Now we show **the existence of infinite number of conserved quantities** which suggests a hidden infinite-dimensional symmetry.

# Conservation Laws

- Conservation laws:

$$\partial_t \sigma = \partial_i J^i \quad \sigma : \text{Conserved density}$$

Then  $Q := \int_{space} dx \sigma$  is a conserved quantity.

$$\because \partial_t Q = \int_{space} dx \partial_t \sigma = \int_{spatial} dS_i J^i = 0$$

## Conservation laws for hierarchies

Following G.Wilson's approach, we have:

$$\partial_m res_{-1} L^n = \partial_x J + \underbrace{[A, B]_*}_{\text{troublesome}} = \partial_x J + \underbrace{\theta^{ij} \partial_j \Xi_i}_{\uparrow}$$

troublesome

We have succeeded in the explicit evaluation !

Noncommutativity should be introduced in space-time directions only.

$res_{-r} L^n$  : coefficient of  $\partial_x^{-r}$  in  $L^n$

# Main Results

## Conserved densities for NC hierarchies ( $n=1,2,\dots$ )

$$\sigma = \text{res}_{-1} L^n + \theta^{mi} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=n+1}^{n+1+m-k} (-1)^{m+n-k-l} \binom{m-k}{l-n-1} \times a_{n-l} \diamond \partial_i b_{m-k}^{(m+n-k-l+1)}$$

$$t \equiv x^m$$

$$L^n = \partial_x^n + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_{n-l} \partial_x^{n-l}$$

$$B_m = \partial_x^m + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{m-k} \partial_x^{m-k}$$

$\diamond$  : Strachan's product

$$f(x) \diamond g(x) := f(x) \left( \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{(2s+1)!} \left( \frac{1}{2} \theta^{ij} \bar{\partial}_i \bar{\partial}_j \right)^{2s} \right) g(x)$$

Example: NC KP and KdV hierarchies ( $[t, x] = i\theta$ )

$$\sigma = \text{res}_{-1} L^n - 3\theta((\text{res}_{-1} L^n) \diamond u'_3 + (\text{res}_{-2} L^n) \diamond u'_2)$$

# 5. Conclusion and Discussion

- We proved the existence of infinite conserved quantities for wide class of NC hierarchies, which is one of the definitions of integrabilities of field equations, and gave the infinite conserved densities explicitly.
- Our results strongly suggest that infinite-dim. symmetry would be hidden in NC (soliton) equations.
  - theories of tau-functions  
(Hirota's bilinearization)
  - the completion of NC Sato's theory
- The interpretation of space-time noncommutativity should be clarified.

The interplay between  
mathematics and physics  
is important and fruitful.  
(NLYH is wonderful!)

- Mirror symmetry
- Seiberg-Witten's theory  
(Nekrasov's conjecture)
- The next is ...

Noncommutative Solitons !?