

# Hamiltonian Dynamics, Hierarchies and Liouville's equation: A statistical point of view

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  - ▶ Application to the study of QFT. In particular, the following examples:
    - ▶ Many-Body theory (N-body Schrödinger operators)
    - ▶ Relativistic Quantum field theory ( $(\varphi)_2^4, P(\varphi)_2$  models)
    - ▶ Non-relativistic Quantum field theory (Nelson model)
    - ▶ Quantum electrodynamics (Pauli-Fierz models)

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# Well-posedness

We say that the initial value problem (3) is locally well posed (LWP) in  $\mathcal{X}_1$  if:

- (i) Weak uniqueness: Any two weak solutions of (3), defined on the same open interval  $I$  and satisfying the same initial condition, coincide.
- (ii) Strong existence: For any  $x \in \mathcal{X}_1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a non-empty open interval  $I$  containing  $s$  such that a strong solution of (3) defined on  $I$  exists.
- (iii) Blowup alternative: Let  $(T_{min}(x, s), T_{max}(x, s))$  be the maximal interval of existence of a strong solution of (3). If

$T_f = T_{max}(x, s) < +\infty$  (resp.  $T_i = T_{min}(x, s) > -\infty$ ) then,

$$\lim_{t \uparrow T_f} \|\gamma(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}_1} = +\infty, \quad (\text{resp. } \lim_{t \downarrow T_i} \|\gamma(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}_1} = +\infty).$$

- (iv) Continuous dependence on initial data: If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $\mathcal{X}_1$  and  $J \subset (T_{min}(x, s), T_{max}(x, s))$  is a closed interval, then for  $n$  large enough the strong solutions  $\gamma_n$  of (3) provided by (ii) with  $\gamma_n(s) = x_n$  are defined on  $J$  and satisfy  $\gamma_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma$  in  $C(J, \mathcal{X}_1)$ .

If  $I = \mathbb{R}$  in (ii) for any  $x \in \mathcal{X}_1$  and any  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say that the initial value problem is globally well-posed (GWP).

## Projective setting

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a complex **separable** Hilbert space endowed with its euclidian structure  $\operatorname{Re}\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{L}}$ , denoted for shortness by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{L}, \mathbb{R}}$ . Consider  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}} := \mathcal{L}$  as a real Hilbert space and let  $\Pi_n(\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}})$  be the set of all projections  $\pi : \mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$\pi(x) = (\langle x, e_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{L}, \mathbb{R}}, \dots, \langle x, e_n \rangle_{\mathcal{L}, \mathbb{R}}), \quad (4)$$

where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is any orthonormal family of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{0, \text{cyl}}^{\infty}(\mathcal{L})$  the space of functions  $\varphi = \psi \circ \pi$  with  $\pi \in \Pi_n(\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}})$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In particular, one can check that the gradient (or the  $\mathbb{R}$ -differential) of  $\varphi$  is equal to

$$\nabla \varphi = \pi^T \circ \nabla \psi \circ \pi,$$

where  $\pi^T$  denotes the transpose map of  $\pi$ . We equally define, for any open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , the space  $\mathcal{C}_{0, \text{cyl}}^{\infty}(I \times \mathcal{L})$  as the set of functions  $\varphi(t, x) = \psi(t, \pi(x))$  with  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$  and  $\pi \in \Pi_n(\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{R}})$ .



## Liouville equation in infinite dim

Let  $v : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{Z}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_1'$  a continuous vector field. We consider the following Liouville's equation defined in a bounded open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\partial_t \mu_t + \nabla^T(v \cdot \mu_t) = 0,$$

understood, in a weak sense, as the integral equation:

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{C}_{0,cyl}^\infty(I \times \mathcal{Z}_1'),$$

$$\int_I \int_{\mathcal{Z}_1'} \partial_t \varphi(t, x) + \operatorname{Re} \langle v(t, x), \nabla \varphi(t, x) \rangle_{\mathcal{Z}_1'} d\mu_t(x) dt = 0. \quad (5)$$

In order that the above problem makes sense we assume that  $\mu_t \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}_1)$  for all  $t \in I$ . So the integration with respect to  $\mu_t$  is taken on the set  $\mathcal{Z}_1$  where the integrand is well defined. We also assume two more conditions on  $t \rightarrow \mu_t$ , namely we require that

$$\int_I \int_{\mathcal{Z}_1} \|v(t, x)\|_{\mathcal{Z}_1'} d\mu_t(x) dt < \infty, \quad (6)$$

the curve  $I \ni t \rightarrow \mu_t$  is weakly narrowly continuous in  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}_1')$

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- (i) There exists a ball  $B$  of  $\mathcal{Z}_1$  such that  $\mu_t(B) = 1$  for all  $t \in I$ .
- (ii) The initial value problem (3) is (LWP) in  $\mathcal{Z}_1$ .

Then for any  $s \in I$ , the maximal existence interval

$$(T_{\min}(x, s), T_{\max}(x, s)) \supseteq I \quad \text{for } \mu_s - \text{a.e. } x \in \mathcal{Z}_1.$$

Moreover,

$$\mu_t = \Phi(t, s)_{\#} \mu_s, \quad \text{for all } t \in I$$

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Additionally, if the curve  $t \rightarrow \mu_t$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  and the above assumptions still satisfied for any arbitrary bounded open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\mu_t = \Phi(t, s)_{\#} \mu_s$  for all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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$$\|v(t, x) - v(t, y)\|_{\mathcal{Z}_0} \leq C(M, J) (\|x\|_{\mathcal{Z}_1}^2 + \|y\|_{\mathcal{Z}_1}^2) \|x - y\|_{\mathcal{Z}_0}, \quad (7)$$

for all  $t \in J$  and  $x, y \in \mathcal{Z}_1$  such that  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{Z}_0}, \|y\|_{\mathcal{Z}_0} \leq M$ . Let  $t \in I \rightarrow \mu_t \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}_1)$  be a weakly narrowly continuous solution in  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}_1')$  of the Liouville equation (5) defined on an open bounded interval  $I$ .

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- (iii) For  $s \in I$  and any  $x \in \mathcal{Z}_1 \cap B$  there exists a strong solution of (3) defined on  $\bar{I}$  with (LWP-iv) satisfied.

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## Application to Hamiltonian PDEs

Consider a Hamiltonian PDE with a real-valued energy functional,

$$h(z, \bar{z}) = \langle z, Az \rangle_{\mathcal{Z}_0} + h_I(z, \bar{z}), \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}_0$  is a complex separable Hilbert space,  $A$  is a non-negative self-adjoint operator. Take  $\mathcal{Z}_1 = D(A^{1/2})$  the energy space and  $\mathcal{Z}'_1$  its dual. Assume that the energy (8) is well-defined on  $\mathcal{Z}_1$  and that  $h$  admits directional derivatives,

$$\partial_{\bar{z}} h(x, \bar{x})[u] := \frac{d}{d\lambda} h(x + \lambda u, \overline{x + \lambda u})|_{\lambda=0},$$

such that the map  $x \in \mathcal{Z}_1 \rightarrow \partial_{\bar{z}} h(x, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{Z}'_1$  is continuous and bounded on bounded sets. The Hamiltonian equation reads,

$$i\partial_t u = \partial_{\bar{z}} h(u, \bar{u}). \quad (9)$$

Thus, Theorem 1 can be applied to the Hamiltonian equation (9) if either (LWP) or (GWP) holds true in the energy space  $\mathcal{Z}_1$ .

## Nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

Consider the NLS equation in dimension  $d$  with energy functional,

$$h(z, \bar{z}) = \langle z, -\Delta_x z \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \frac{2\lambda}{2 + \alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |z(x)|^{\alpha+2} dx, \quad (10)$$

such that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and

$$2 \leq \alpha < \frac{4}{d-2} \quad (2 \leq \alpha < \infty \text{ if } d = 1, 2).$$

The related initial value problem is (LWP) in  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Hence, Theorem 1 applies to this case. The derivation of such equation from quantum many-body dynamics, for  $\alpha = 2$ , is proved for instance in Erdős-Schlein-Yau and [ABGT04, AB12].

# Non-relativistic Hartree equation

The energy functional of the Hartree equation is

$$h(z, \bar{z}) = \langle z, -\Delta_x + V(x)z \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \iint_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |z(x)| |z(y)|^2 W(x-y) dx dy, \quad (11)$$

where  $W : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an even measurable function and  $V$  is a real-valued potential both satisfying the following assumptions,

$$V \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad p \geq 1, \quad p > \frac{d}{2},$$

$$W \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad q \geq 1, \quad q \geq \frac{d}{2} \text{ (and } q > 1 \text{ if } d = 2).$$

The vector field  $v(t, z) := W * |z|^2 z : D(A^{1/2}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  verifies the estimate (7). The global well-posedness on  $D(A^{1/2})$ , conservation of energy and charge of the Hartree equation

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t z = -\Delta z + Vz + W * |z|^2 z \\ z_{t=0} = z_0, \end{cases}$$

are proved in [Caz03]. Therefore, Theorem 2 applies here and we can take  $W = \frac{\lambda}{|x|^\alpha}$  with  $\alpha < 2$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $d = 3$ .

## Klein-Gordon equation

Consider the classical Klein-Gordon energy functional

$$\mathcal{H}(\varphi, \pi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi, -\Delta + m^2 \varphi \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\pi(x)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \varphi^4(x) dx \quad (12)$$

where  $\varphi, \pi$  are the real fields and  $m > 0$ . Writing the above system with the complex fields  $(z(\cdot), \bar{z}(\cdot))$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\bar{z}(k)e^{-ikx} + z(k)e^{-ikx}) \frac{dk}{\sqrt{2\omega(k)}}, \\ \pi(x) &= \frac{i}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\bar{z}(k)e^{-ikx} - z(k)e^{-ikx}) \sqrt{\frac{\omega(k)}{2}} dk, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the equivalent PDE,

$$i\partial_t z = \omega(k)z + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega(k)}} \mathcal{F}(\varphi^3), \quad (13)$$

We know that the Klein-Gordon equation (13) is (GWP) in  $\mathcal{L}_1 = D(\sqrt{\omega})$  according to Ginibre-Velo. Hence, Theorem 1 is applicable. The derivation of a Klein-Gordon equation with nonlocal nonlinearity from the  $P(\varphi)_2$  quantum field theory is established in [AZ12, Hep74].

We denote by  $\Gamma_I(E)$  the space of all continuous curves from  $\bar{I}$  into  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  endowed with the sup norm,

$$\|\gamma\|_{\Gamma_I(E)} = \sup_{t \in \bar{I}} \|\gamma(t)\|_E.$$

and define the metric space

$$\mathfrak{X} = (\mathcal{Z}'_1 \times \Gamma_I(\mathcal{Z}'_1), \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Z}'_{1,w}} + \|\cdot\|_{\Gamma_I(\mathcal{Z}'_{1,w})}) \quad (14)$$

## Proposition

Let  $v : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{Z}'_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}'_1$  be a (non-autonomous) Borel vector field such that  $v$  is bounded on bounded sets. Let  $t \in I \rightarrow \mu_t \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}'_1)$  be a weakly narrowly continuous solution in  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathcal{Z}'_1)$  of the Liouville equation (5) defined on an open bounded interval  $I$  with a vector field satisfying the scalar velocity estimate (6). Then there exists a Borel probability measure  $\eta$ , on the space  $\mathfrak{X}$  given in (14), satisfying:

1.  $\eta$  is concentrated on the set of  $(x, \gamma) \in \mathcal{Z}'_1 \times \Gamma_I(\mathcal{Z}'_1)$  such that the curves  $\gamma \in W^{1,1}(I, \mathcal{Z}'_1)$  are solutions of the initial value problem  $\dot{\gamma}(t) = v(t, \gamma(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in I$  and  $\gamma(t) \in \mathcal{Z}'_1$  for a.e.  $t \in I$  with  $\gamma(s) = x \in \mathcal{Z}'_1$  for some fixed  $s \in I$ .
2.  $\mu_t = (e_t)_\# \eta$  for any  $t \in I$ .



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- ▶ Uniqueness results for Liouville equation (Thm. 1) imply uniqueness results for the Gross-Pitaevskii hierarchy. The main point is a conservation law with respect to the gauge group  $U(1)$ .
- ▶ Existence of stationary solutions of the Liouville equation and application of Poincaré recurrence lemma.
- ▶ Study of non-conservative dynamical systems: observability and controlability.
- ▶ Use Thm. 1 as a globalization tool for local solutions almost everywhere with respect to a stationary solution.

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## Theorem (Am.-Liard-Rouffort)

*There is equivalence between the GP hierarchy and Liouville's equation*



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