

# The Geometry of Monopoles: New and Old I

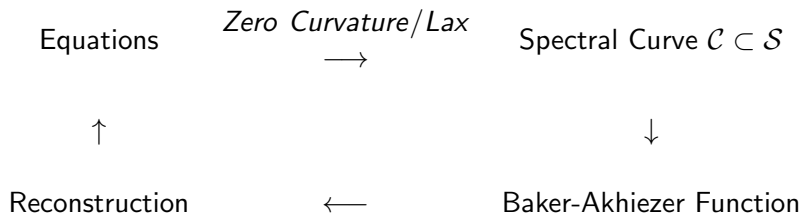
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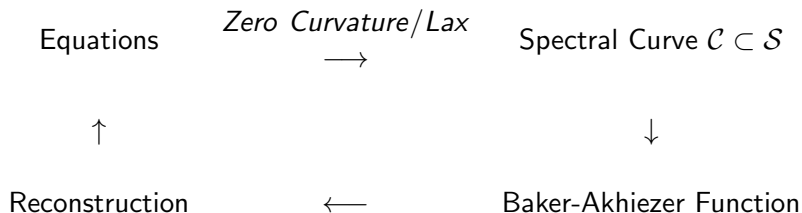
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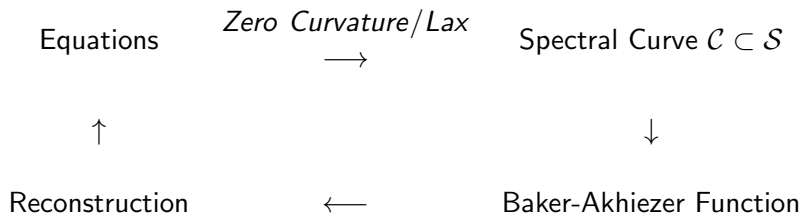
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- ▶ Reduction of  $F = *F$  (or static  $V(\Phi) = 0$  with PS BC's)

$$L = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{ij} F^{ij} + \text{Tr} D_i \Phi D^i \Phi + V(\Phi)$$

- ▶  $B_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} F^{jk} = D_i \Phi$

- ▶ A *monopole* of charge  $n$

$$\sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \Phi(r)^2} \Big|_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sim 1 - \frac{n}{2r} + O(r^{-2}), \quad r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$$

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▶ Solve Weyl equation (charge  $n$   $SU(2)$  monopoles)  $\mathbf{V}_{2n \times 2n}$

$$\Delta^\dagger \mathbf{V} = \left( 1_{2n} \frac{d}{ds} + i \sum_{j=1}^3 T_j(s) \otimes \sigma_j - \sum_{j=1}^3 x_j 1_n \otimes \sigma_j \right) \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, s) = 0$$

▶ Reconstruction  $\mathbf{V}\mu = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ ,  $\int_0^2 \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds = \delta_{ab}$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x})_{ab} = i \int_0^2 s \mathbf{v}_a^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, s) \mathbf{v}_b(\mathbf{x}, s) ds, \quad a, b = 1, 2$$

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# Baker-Akhiezer Function

Existence: Krichever's Theorem (1977)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth algebraic curve of genus  $g_{\mathcal{C}}$  with  $n \geq 1$  punctures  $P_j, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then for each set of  $g_{\mathcal{C}} + n - 1$  points  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{g_{\mathcal{C}}+n-1}$  in general position, there exists a unique function  $\Psi_j(t, P)$  and local coordinates  $w_j(P)$  for which  $w_j(P_j) = 0$ , such that

1. The function  $\Psi_j$  of  $P \in \mathcal{C}$  is meromorphic outside the punctures and has at most simple poles at  $\delta_r$  (if all of them are distinct);
2. In the neighbourhood of the puncture  $P_l$  the function  $\Psi_j$  has the form (for  $i \in \mathbb{N}^+, w_l = w_l(P)$ )

$$\Psi_j(s, P) = e^{s w_l^{-i}} \left( \delta_{jl} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{jl}^k(s) w_l^k \right)$$

Meromorphic differential describe flows

$$w_j(P_j) = 0 \quad d\Omega^{(i)} = d \left( w_j^{-i} + o(w_j) \right) \quad \oint_{\alpha_k} d\Omega^{(i)} = 0$$





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$$\text{as } P \rightarrow \infty_j, \quad \oint_{a_k} \gamma_\infty(P) = 0, \quad \mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{\mathbf{b}} \gamma_\infty$$

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- ▶ Clebsch and Gordan (1886). Let  $\Omega_{P_+, P_-}$  meromorphic differentials of the third kind with simple poles at  $P_{\pm}$  and having residues  $\pm 1$ . Suppose  $X_1, Y_1, \dots, X_s, Y_s$  are distinct pairs of points on  $\mathcal{C}$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, s$  we may solve

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- ▶ Braden and Fedorov

$$\int_{P_0}^{P_1} \omega + \dots + \int_{P_0}^{P_{g+n-1}} \omega = \mathbf{z}, \quad \int_{P_0}^{P_1} \Omega_{j1} + \dots + \int_{P_0}^{P_{g+n-1}} \Omega_{j1} = Z_j$$

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# Harmonic maps

## Spectral Curves

Hitchin: bijective correspondence between harmonic maps  $T^2 \rightarrow S^3$  and hyperelliptic curves  $\mathcal{C}: \eta^2 = f(\lambda)$  such that

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where  $\sigma$  is the hyperelliptic involution  $(\lambda, \eta) \mapsto (\lambda, -\eta)$  and  $\rho$  is the real structure induced from  $\lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}^{-1}$ .

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- ▶  $g \in SU(2) \Rightarrow j^\dagger = -j \Rightarrow \Omega(x, \tau, \sigma) = \Omega(\bar{x}, \tau, \sigma)^{-1}$

$\mathcal{C}$  real structure  $\Rightarrow$  BP's in complex conjugate pairs or real.

- ▶ Flows  $J(x)$  poles at  $x = \pm 1$ :  $0 = \oint_{a_i} dp, \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{b_i} dp = n_i \in \Lambda$

$$dp(x^\pm) = \begin{cases} \mp d \left( \frac{\pi \kappa}{x-1} \right) + O((x-1)^0) & \text{as } x \rightarrow +1, \\ \mp d \left( \frac{\pi \kappa}{x+1} \right) + O((x+1)^0) & \text{as } x \rightarrow -1. \end{cases}$$

$$dp =_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi q_R}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{dx}{x^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right), \quad dp =_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\pi q_L}{\sqrt{\lambda}} dx + O(x)$$