

# The NLSE and the SPE as approximations to a nonlinear wave equation

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# A nonlinear wave equation

- From Maxwell's equations:

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) E = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \int \chi^{(1)}(t - \tau) E(x, \tau) d\tau + \chi^{(3)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E^3$$

- Neglects frequency dependence of radial modes
- Neglects retardation of nonlinear response
- Good model to study approximations of Maxwell's equations from theoretical point of view
- Numerics can be easily realized



# Derivation of the NLSE

- Multiple scales  $x_n = \epsilon^n x$  and  $t_0 = t$ ,  $t_1 = \epsilon t$ .

$$E(x, t) = \epsilon A_0(x_1, x_2, \dots; t_1) e^{i(\tilde{\beta} x_0 - \tilde{\omega} t_0)} + \text{c.c.}$$

- Linear equation easy:

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0^2} + \omega^2 \right) \hat{E}_0 = -\omega^2 \hat{\chi}^{(1)} \hat{E}_0$$

- Solution is a wavepacket

$$\hat{E}_0 = \epsilon \hat{A}_0(x, \omega - \tilde{\omega}) e^{i\tilde{\beta} x_0}, \quad \beta(\omega)^2 = (1 + \hat{\chi}^{(1)}(\omega)) \omega^2$$



# Solvability Conditions

- Order by order

$$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) : \quad \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x_1} + \tilde{\beta}' \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial t_1} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) : \quad i \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\tilde{\beta}''}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_0}{\partial t_1^2} + \frac{3\tilde{\omega}^2}{2\tilde{\beta}} |A_0|^2 A_0 = 0$$

- Next order often important, in particular for short pulses
- Generalized NLS with higher-order terms: Higher-order dispersion, Raman- and self-steepening terms



## A particular susceptibility

- Particular approximation of the susceptibility

$$\hat{\chi}^{(1)} = \hat{\chi}_0^{(1)} - \frac{\hat{\chi}_2^{(1)}}{\omega^2}$$

- Linear part in Fourier domain

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \omega^2 \right) \hat{E} = -\omega^2 \left( \hat{\chi}_0^{(1)} - \frac{\hat{\chi}_2^{(1)}}{\omega^2} \right) \hat{E}$$

- Back in Time domain and after rescaling

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) E = \alpha E + \gamma \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (E^3)$$



# Short-Pulse Equation

- Short pulses

$$E = \epsilon A_0 \left( \phi = \frac{x-t}{\epsilon}, x_1 = \epsilon X, \dots \right) + \epsilon^2 A_1 + \dots$$

$$E_{xx} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} A_{0\phi\phi} + \epsilon A_{1\phi\phi} + 2\epsilon A_{0x_1\phi} + \dots$$

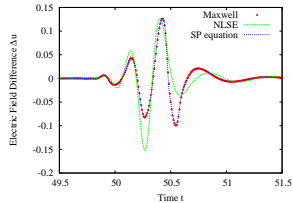
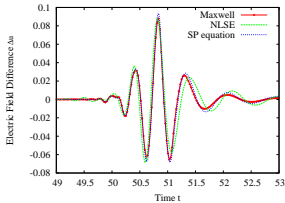
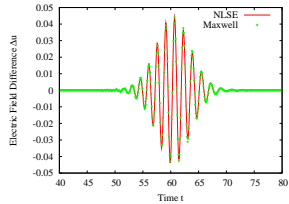
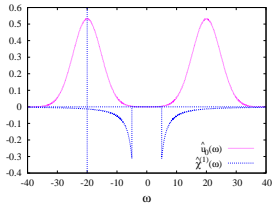
$$E_{tt} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} A_{0\phi\phi} + \epsilon A_{1\phi\phi} + \dots$$

- Short pulse equation (S. and Wayne 2004)

$$2\partial_{x_1}\partial_{\phi}A_0 = \alpha A_0 + \gamma\partial_{\phi\phi}A_0^3$$



# Comparison to Maxwell's equations



(Chung, Jones, S., Wayne 2005)



## Soliton solutions of the SPE

- Sakovich and Sakovich were able to prove integrability and to construct solitary solutions to the SPE

$$u = 4mn \frac{m \sin \psi \sinh \phi + n \cos \psi \cosh \phi}{m^2 \sin^2 \psi + n^2 \cosh^2 \phi}$$

$$x = y + 2mn \frac{m \sin 2\psi - n \sinh 2\phi}{m^2 \sin^2 \psi + n^2 \cosh^2 \phi}$$

$$\phi = m(y + t), \psi = n(y - t), n = \sqrt{1 - m^2}$$

- Conditions for nonsingular pulse:  $m < m_{\text{cr}} = \sin \pi/8$ , for small  $m$  NLS-soliton-like pulse:

$$u(x, t) \approx 4m \cos(x - t) \operatorname{sech}(m(x + t))$$

The shortest solitary wave is about three cycles.





## Higher-order SPE

- As for the NLSE, we can derive higher-order corrections
- Result: Higher-order SPE: (Chung, Kurt, S., in progress)

$$\begin{aligned} A_X = & \frac{\alpha}{2} \int A + \frac{\gamma}{2} (A^3)_\phi \\ & - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{4} \int \int \int A + \frac{\alpha\gamma}{4} \int A^3 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{3\alpha\gamma}{4} A^2 \int A + \frac{3\gamma^2}{4} A^2 (A^3)_\phi \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Numerics: Dispersive term seems dominant for Sakovich soliton.



# Nonlocal multiple scales

- Leading order:

$$\hat{E}_0(x_0, x_1, \omega) = \hat{A}_0(x_1, \omega)e^{i\omega x} + \hat{B}_0(x_1, \omega)e^{-i\omega x}$$

- First order:

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0^2} + \omega^2 \right) \hat{E}_1 = -2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \hat{E}_0 - \omega^2 \hat{\chi}^{(1)}(\omega) \hat{E}_0 - \frac{\omega^2}{(2\pi)^2} \mathcal{N}(E_0).$$

- Fundamental solutions of l.h.s:  $\{\exp(i\omega x_0), \exp(-i\omega x_0)\}$
- Fredholm alternative: account for all possible frequency combinations in the nonlocal term that create resonances.
- Result: nonlocal equations for  $\hat{A}_0$  and  $\hat{B}_0$ .



## A pair of nonlocal equations

- Here they are: (Chung, S., 2007)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} A_0 &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( A_0^3 + 3B_{\text{zero}} A_0^2 + 3B_{\text{int}} A_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int \chi^{(1)}(t - \tau) A_0(x_1, \tau) d\tau \right) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} B_0 &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( B_0^3 + 3A_{\text{zero}} B_0^2 + 3A_{\text{int}} B_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int \chi^{(1)}(t - \tau) B_0(x_1, \tau) d\tau \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{\text{zero}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{A}_0(0), \quad A_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \hat{A}_0(\omega_1) \hat{A}_0(-\omega_1) d\omega_1$$

- $A_0$  and  $B_0$  are coupled very *weakly*.



# Pulse stabilization

- Nonlinearity and nonlocality are preserved:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} A_0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( A_0^3 + \int \chi^{(1)}(t - \tau) A_0(x_1, \tau) d\tau \right) = 0$$

- We can try to balance them to solve  $\partial A_0 / \partial x_1 = 0$

$$A_0^3 + \int \chi^{(1)}(t - \tau) A_0(x_1, \tau) d\tau = 0.$$

- Example: Lorentz profile

$$A_0(t) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\beta t)^2},$$
$$\hat{\chi}^{(1)}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{8} \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2} (\omega^2 + 3\beta |\omega| + 3\beta^2).$$



## A stochastic term in the susceptibility

- Stochastic wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = (\alpha + \nu \xi(x))E(x, t) + \chi^{(3)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E(x, t)^3.$$

- Stochastic linear susceptibility modeled as white noise

$$\langle \xi(x) \xi(x') \rangle = \delta(x - x')$$

- How can we derive an averaged equation?



# Techniques for coarse-graining noise

- Deterministic case: Use multi-scale expansion.
- Stochastic case: We have to find a way to combine multi-scale techniques and randomness.
- Three methods:
  - 1 Random solvability conditions
  - 2 Asymptotic expansion of the Fokker-Planck equation
  - 3 Path integrals
- (S., Moore, 2011)



## A simple toy problem

- A linear SDE with a periodic coefficient

$$\dot{x} = d(t)x + \nu g(x(t)) + \sigma \xi(t), \quad x(0) = a,$$

- Scales:  $\sigma^2 \sim \nu \sim \epsilon$  and  $T \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ .
- Both nonlinearity and randomness will come into play for times on the scale of  $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon)$ .
- First method: Random solvability conditions
- Multi-scale expansion of the SDE using  $t_k = \epsilon^k t$ .

$$x(t) = x_0(t_0, t_1) + \epsilon x_1(t_0, t_1) + \dots$$

- Leading order  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ :

$$x_0(t_0, t_1) = \tilde{x}(t_1) e^{R(t_0)}, \quad R'(t_0) = d(t_0)$$



## Random Solvability Conditions

- Next order can be written as

$$Lx_1 = x_{1t_0} - d(t_0)x_1 = -x_{0t_1} + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}\xi(t_0) + \frac{\nu}{\epsilon}g(x_0(t_0, t_1)).$$

- $\text{Ker}(L^+)$  is generated by  $\exp(-R(t_0))$
- Fredholm alternative yields

$$\tilde{x}' = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \xi(t_0) e^{-R(t_0)} dt_0 + \frac{\nu}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-R(t_0)} g(\tilde{x}(t_1) e^{R(t_0)}) dt_0$$

- First term: *Slow noise* on the  $t_1$ -scale:

$$\tilde{x}' = \tilde{g}(\tilde{x}(t_1)) + \tilde{\sigma}\Xi(t_1).$$





## Asymptotic expansion of the FPE

- Can we obtain the same result by borrowing tools from the PDE world? Yes!
- Fokker-Planck equation:

$$p_t = -\partial_x [(d(t)x + \nu g(x))p] + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx} p, \quad p(0, x) = \delta(x-a).$$

- Multi-scale expansion:

$$p(t, x) = p_0(t_0, t_1, x) + \epsilon p_1(t_0, t_1, x) + \dots$$

- Leading order is solved by characteristics:

$$p_0(t_1, t_0, x) = e^{-R(t_0)} \tilde{p}(t_1, e^{-R(t_0)} x)$$

- $\text{Ker}(L^+)$  is generated by  $\phi(x, t_0) = \psi(xe^{-R(t_0)})$



# Fredholm Alternative

- Solvability condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int_0^T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(xe^{-R(t_0)}) \left( -e^{-R(t_0)} \tilde{p}_{t_1} \left( t_1, xe^{-R(t_0)} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad - \frac{\nu}{\epsilon} \left( g'(x)e^{-R(t_0)} \tilde{p} \left( t_1, xe^{-R(t_0)} \right) + g(x)e^{-2R(t_0)} \tilde{p}_x \left( t_1, xe^{-R(t_0)} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon} e^{-3R(t_0)} \tilde{p}_{xx} \left( t_1, xe^{-R(t_0)} \right) \right) dx dt_0
 \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\psi$  is an arbitrary function, this leads to an explicit equation for  $\tilde{p}_1$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{p}_{t_1} &= -\frac{\nu}{\epsilon T} \int_0^T g' \left( xe^{R(t_0)} \right) \tilde{p} + g \left( xe^{R(t_0)} \right) e^{-R(t_0)} \tilde{p}_x dt_0 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon T} \int_0^T e^{-2R(t_0)} dt_0 \right) \tilde{p}_{xx}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Path integrals

- Stratonovich SDE:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, t; \epsilon) + \sqrt{\epsilon} g(x, t) \xi(t), \quad x(0) = a$$

- Path integral representation:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, t) &= \int_{\mathcal{C}(x, t | a, 0)} \mathcal{D}x(\tau) e^{-\int_0^t L(x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau), \tau) d\tau} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{C}(x, t | a, 0)} \mathcal{D}x(\tau) \mathcal{P}(x(\tau)) \end{aligned}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ik}^2 \left( \dot{x}_k - \left( f_k + \epsilon s \frac{\partial g_{kj}}{\partial x_l} g_{lj} \right) \right)^2.$$

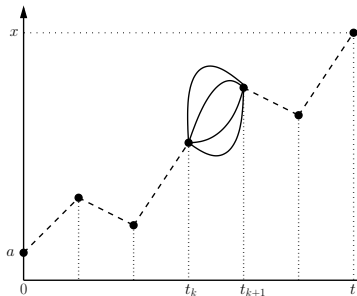


# Decomposition of paths

- Introduce two time scales

$$p(x, t|a, 0) = \int \left( \prod_{k=0}^M p(x_{k+1}, t_{k+1}|x_k, t_k) \right) dx_1 \dots dx_M$$

- Decomposition of paths:  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{C}(x, t|a, 0)$  can be written as  $\Gamma = \sum_{k=0}^M \Gamma_k$ ,  $\Gamma_k \in \mathcal{C}(x_{k+1}, t_{k+1}|x_k, t_k)$ .



# Path integral hierarchy

- Evolution within one period: 1-period propagator

$$p(x_{k+1}, t_{k+1} | x_k, t_k) = \int_{\mathcal{C}(x_{k+1}, t_{k+1} | x_k, t_k)} \mathcal{P}(X(\tau)) \mathcal{D}X(\tau)$$

- Continuum limit:

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty, \delta \rightarrow 0} \left( \prod_{k=1}^M \bar{p}(X_{k+1}, t_{(k+1)} | X_k, t_{(k)}) \right) = \bar{\mathcal{P}}(X(t_1)).$$

- Path integral hierarchy

$$p(x, t | a, 0) = \int \left( \lim \prod \int \mathcal{P}(X(\tau_0)) \mathcal{D}X(\tau_0) \right) \mathcal{D}X(\tau_1)$$



## Application to toy problem

- 1-period propagator

$$\mathcal{P}(x(s)) = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (\dot{x}(s) - d(s)x(s) - \nu g(x(t)))^2 ds \right)$$

- multi-scale expansion:  $x(t) = x_0(\tau_0, \tau_1) + \epsilon x_1(\tau_0, \tau_1) + \dots$
- Scale separation in the Lagrangian:

$$L = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( \epsilon X'(\tau_1) e^{R(s)} + \epsilon (x_{1s} - d(s)x_1) - \nu g \left( X(\tau_1) e^{R(s)} \right) \right)^2$$

- Use semi-classical method to calculate 1-period propagator

$$\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} L(x_{1c}, \dot{x}_{1c}, s) ds = \frac{1}{2\bar{\sigma}^2} (X' - \tilde{g}(X))^2$$



## Back to the stochastic wave equation:

- Use a coordinate transform for appropriate short-pulse scaling

$$E(x, t) = A\left(\phi \equiv \frac{t - x}{\epsilon}, x\right)$$

$$-\frac{2}{\epsilon}A_{\phi x} = (\alpha + \nu\xi(x))A - A_{xx} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\chi^{(3)}(A^3)_{\phi\phi}$$

- Use now a multi-scale expansion of the form

$$A(\phi, x) = \epsilon M_0(\phi, x_0, x_1, \dots) + \epsilon^2 M_1(\phi, x_0, x_1, \dots), \quad x_n = \epsilon^n x$$

- Leading order implies  $M_0 = M_0(\phi, x_1, x_2, \dots)$  as

$$-2M_{0\phi x_0} = 0$$



# Stochastic Short Pulse Equation

- First nontrivial order:

$$-2M_{1\phi x_0} = 2M_{0\phi x_1} + (\alpha + \nu\xi(x_0))M_0 + \chi^{(3)}(M_0^3)_{\phi\phi}$$

- Solvability condition for  $M_1$ :

$$-2M_{0\phi x_1} = (\alpha + \nu\Xi(x_1))M_0 + \chi^{(3)}(M_0^3)_{\phi\phi}$$

- Slow noise: (remember  $x_1 = \epsilon x$ )

$$\Xi(x_1) = \sqrt{\epsilon} \int_0^1 \xi(x) dx$$

- Result: *Stochastic Short Pulse Equation* (Kurt, S., preprint 2011)
- For NLSE: Difficult (need higher order)





# Stochastic Hamiltonian Systems

- Hamiltonian Dynamics and Noise:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \sigma \xi_1(t) \\ \dot{y} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \sigma \xi_2(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Conditional Probability Density

$$c(x, y, t) = \mathcal{P}((x, y, t)|(x_0, y_0, t_0))$$

- Fokker-Planck Equation

$$c_t + u_1 c_x + u_2 c_y = \kappa \Delta c, \quad \kappa = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$



## Advection-Diffusion Equation

- Advection-Diffusion equation with time-dependent velocity field:

$$c_t + (u \cdot \nabla) c - \kappa \nabla^2 c = 0.$$

- Specific form of the stream function:

$$\Psi(\xi, t) = \bar{\Psi}(\xi) f(t)$$

- equations of stream lines reduce to

$$\frac{d\xi}{dF} = \nabla^\perp \bar{\Psi}(\xi) \quad F(t) = \int_0^t f(t') dt'$$

- integrability  $\rightarrow$  action-angle variables

$$c_t - f(t)\omega(J)c_\theta - \kappa (\Gamma : \nabla \nabla + \delta \cdot \nabla) c = 0$$

- (S., Poje, Vukadinovic, 2010)



## A modulated vortex

- Example: A modulated vortex:

$$\psi(t, x, y) = \ln \left( \sqrt{a^2 + x^2 + y^2} \right) f(t)$$

- After averaging:

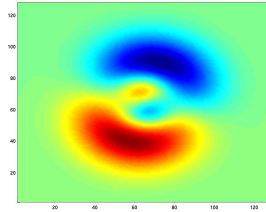
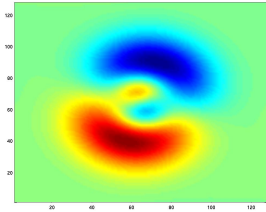
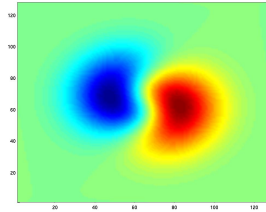
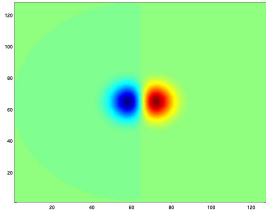
$$V_\tau + (\tilde{u} \cdot \nabla) V = \tilde{K} : \nabla \nabla V$$

- Advection:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}_1(x, y) &= \langle F \rangle \left( \left( \frac{\omega'}{r} + \omega'' \right) + 2 \frac{\omega'}{r} \right) y + 2 \langle F^2 \rangle (\omega')^2 x \\ \tilde{u}_2(x, y) &= -\langle F \rangle \left( \left( \frac{\omega'}{r} + \omega'' \right) + 2 \frac{\omega'}{r} \right) x + 2 \langle F^2 \rangle (\omega')^2 y\end{aligned}$$



# Numerical Simulations



# Understanding Advection and Diffusion

- Cole-Hopf transform for Burger's equation

$$c_t + cc_x = \kappa c_{xx}$$

- Gaussian initial condition:  $\kappa > 0$ : no singularity
- Transformation to heat equation

$$c = -2\kappa \frac{v_x}{v} \rightarrow v_t = \kappa v_{xx}$$

- Transformation is singular

$$v = e^{-\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int_{-\infty}^x c(x',t) dx'}$$



# 1-d parabolic equations

- Symmetrization of 1-d parabolic equations

$$c_t + u(x, t)c_x = \kappa c_{xx}$$

- Can we 'remove' the advection term?
- Let's use a simple point transform:

$$\begin{aligned}c(x, t) &= e^{\phi(x, t)} v(x, t) \\c_t &= \phi_t e^{\phi} v + e^{\phi} v_t \\c_x &= \phi_x e^{\phi} v + e^{\phi} v_x\end{aligned}$$

- Result:

$$v_t + (u - 2\kappa\phi_x)v_x = \left( -\phi_t - u\phi_x + \kappa(\phi_{xx} + \phi_x^2) \right) v + \kappa v_{xx}$$



## The point transform is singular

- Hence the 'correct' choice for  $\phi$  is simply

$$\phi_x = \frac{1}{2\kappa} u, \quad \phi = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int_{-\infty}^x u(x', t) dx'$$

- And the transformation is somewhat similar to Cole-Hopf:

$$v = e^{-\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int_{-\infty}^x u(x', t) dx'} c$$

- Can we do something similar to the Fokker-Planck equation?
- Let's try it out:

$$c_t + 2u_1 c_x + 2u_2 c_y = \kappa \Delta c, \quad c = e^{\phi/\kappa} v$$



## Point Transform yields...

- As equation for  $v$  we find

$$\begin{aligned}v_t + Bv &= \frac{1}{\kappa}fv + \kappa\Delta v \\f &= |\nabla\phi|^2 - 2u \cdot \nabla\phi \\B &= 2(u - \nabla\phi) \cdot \nabla - \Delta\phi\end{aligned}$$

- Note:  $B^+ = -B$ , and  $B = 0$  if  $u$  has a potential.
- For 'real' fluids we need to do more.
- Idea: Use a Lie transform

$$v = e^{\kappa L}w, \quad L^+ = L$$

- As  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ , we can expand the result in powers of  $\kappa$ .





## Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff...

- Transformed equation for  $w$ :

$$w_t + Bw + \kappa[B, L]w = \left( \frac{1}{\kappa}f + [f, L] + \frac{\kappa}{2} [[f, L], L] \right) w$$

- Killing skew-symmetric terms:

$$B = [f, L]$$

- What shall we choose for  $L$ ? There are a lot of choices...
- Maybe a symmetric second-order differential operator?

$$\begin{aligned} L &= c_{11}\partial_x^2 + 2c_{12}\partial_x\partial_y + c_{22}\partial_y^2 + b_1\partial_x + b_2\partial_y \\ b_1 &= c_{11x} + c_{12y} \\ b_2 &= c_{12x} + c_{22y} \end{aligned}$$



# Balance Equations

- Result: Conditions for  $L$  and  $\phi$ :

$$c_{11}f_x + c_{12}f_y = \phi_x - u_1$$

$$c_{12}f_x + c_{22}f_y = \phi_y - u_2$$

- Evolution equation for  $w$ :

$$w_t = \kappa A w$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}[B, L] + \Delta + \frac{1}{\kappa^2}f$$

- (S., Poje, Vukadinovic, preprint)



## Summary & Acknowledgment

- NLSE and SPE approximate Maxwell's equations over a wide range. 'Overlap' when incorporating higher order terms?
- Non-local solitons as alternative approach for engineered susceptibilities.
- Variety of methods to coarse-grain noise in multi-scale systems.
- Stochastic SPE has been derived, stochastic NLSE requires higher-order expansion.
- New idea to use a combination of a point transform and a Lie transform to transform the Fokker-Planck to a new, symmetric equation.
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