

Inelastic Interaction of Solitons for the Quartic gKdV Equation

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The main objective of the course is to present recent work by Yvan Martel and Frank Merle on collision of two solitons for the generalized Korteweg-de Vries equations, and in particular the quartic KdV equation. It is a non-integrable equation and no explicit multi-soliton solutions can be found in this case. However, we are able to describe accurately the interaction of two solitons in two distinct situations: first, the case where the size of one soliton is small with respect to the other soliton, and second, the case where the two solitons have almost the same size.

Prerequisites. Only basic PDE theory.

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