

Singularity formation in Nonlinear Evolution Equations

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1 - Introduction

Singularity formation in Nonlinear PDEs - Motivations

■ Applied point of view:

- Understanding the physical limitation of mathematical models.

Can the equations always do their job?

What additional conditions of physical effects to have a proper model.

- Singularities are physically *relevant* in natural sciences: concentration of laser beam in media (blowup in NLS), concentration of energy to smaller scales in fluid mechanics, concentration of density of bacteria population, etc.

■ Mathematical point of view:

- The long-time dynamic of solutions to PDEs is of significant interest. However, solutions may develop singularities in finite time.

How to extend solutions beyond their singularities?

- The study of singularity formation requests *new tools* to handle many delicate problems such as stability of a family of special solutions, classification of all possible asymptotic behaviors , etc.
- The numerical study of singularities is challenging.
- ...

Model examples

- **Reaction-Diffusion equations:** Non-variational semilinear parabolic systems

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta u + v|v|^{p-1}, \\ \partial_t v = \mu \Delta v + u|u|^{q-1}, \end{cases} \quad \mu > 0, \quad p, q > 1. \quad (\text{RD})$$

Application: thermal reaction, chemical reaction, population dynamics, ...

- **Geometric evolution equations:** Harmonic heat flows and wave maps (σ -model):

$$\Phi(t) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^d,$$

$$\partial_t \Phi = \Delta \Phi + |\nabla \Phi|^2 \Phi, \quad (\text{HF})$$

$$\partial_t^2 \Phi = \Delta \Phi + (|\nabla \Phi|^2 - |\partial_t \Phi|^2) \Phi. \quad (\text{WM})$$

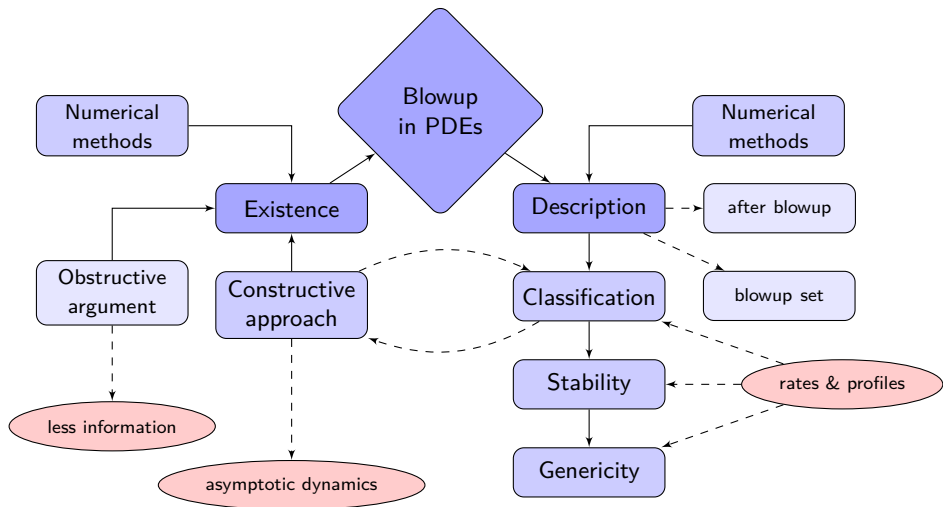
Application: geometry, topology, simplified model for Einstein's equation of general relativity, ...

- **Aggregation-Diffusion equations:** the 2D Keller-Segel system

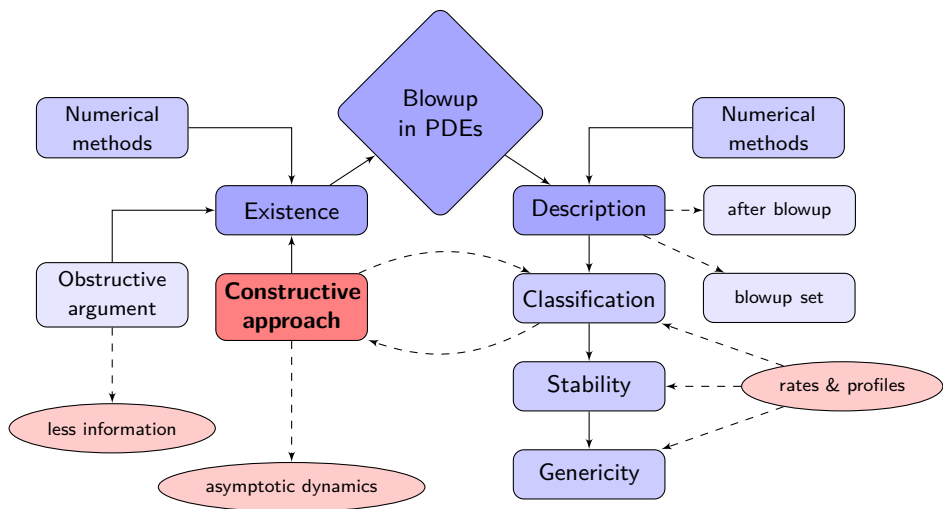
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla \Phi_u), \\ 0 = \Delta \Phi_u + u, \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2. \quad (\text{KS})$$

Application: biology (chemotaxis), interacting many-particle system, ...

Framework of studying singularities in PDEs



Framework of studying singularities in PDEs



2 - Constructive approach

Underlying problem

Existence and Stability of blowup solutions.

- Obstructive argument (Virial law): Existence, **no** blowup dynamics.
- **Constructive approach:** Existence + blowup dynamics.
 - Kenig (Chicago), Rodnianski (Princeton), Merle (Cergy Pontoise & IHES), Raphaël (Cambridge), Martel (École Polytechnique), Collot (CNRS & Cergy Pontoise), ...
 - del Pino (Bath), Musso (Bath), Wei (UBC), Davila (Bath), ...
 - Krieger (EPFL), Schlag (Yale), Tataru (Berkeley), ...
 - Herrero(UCM), Velázquez (Bonn), Zaag (CNRS & Paris Nord), ...

Architecture of the constructive approach

- Constructing a good approximate solution;
- Reduction of the linearized problem to a finite dimensional one:
 - **Modulation technique**: Kenig, Merle, Raphaël, Martel, ... \rightsquigarrow **existence/stability**;
 - **Inner-outer gluing method**: del Pino, Wei, Musso, Davila, ... \rightsquigarrow **existence/stability**;
 - **Iterative technique**: Krieger, Schlag, Tataru, ... \rightsquigarrow **existence**;
 - **Spectral analysis** \rightsquigarrow **existence/stability** + **classification**;
 - ...
- Solving the finite dimensional problem (if necessary).

3 - Results: The non-variational semilinear parabolic system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta u + v|v|^{p-1}, \\ \partial_t v = \mu \Delta v + u|u|^{q-1}, \end{cases} \quad \mu > 0, \quad p, q > 1. \quad (\text{RD})$$

Mathematical analysis:

- No variational structure \rightsquigarrow Energy-type methods break down;
- $\mu \neq 1 \rightsquigarrow$ breaks any symmetry of the problem;
- The linearized operator is not self-adjoint even for the case $\mu = 1$.

Literature: Andreucci-Herrero-Velázquez '97, Souplet '09, Zaag '98 & '01, Mahmoudi-Souplet-Tayachi '15, ...

Type I (ODE-type) blowup solutions for (RD) via spectral analysis

- Type I blowup: " ∂_t dominates Δ " \rightsquigarrow the blowup rate, **unknown blowup profiles**.

$$\begin{cases} \bar{u}' = \bar{v}^p, \\ \bar{v}' = \bar{u}^q \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma(T-t)^{-\alpha} \\ \gamma(T-t)^{-\beta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha = \frac{p+1}{pq-1}, \quad \beta = \frac{q+1}{pq-1}.$$

Theorem 1 (Ghoul-Ng.-Zaag '18).

- $\exists (u_0, v_0) \in L^\infty \times L^\infty$ such that the solution (u, v) to System (RD) blows up in finite time T and admits the asymptotic dynamic

$$(T-t)^\alpha u(x, t) - \Phi_0(\xi) \rightarrow 0, \quad (T-t)^\beta v(x, t) - \Psi_0(\xi) \rightarrow 0,$$

as $t \rightarrow T$ in L^∞ , where

- (blowup variable) $\xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(T-t)|\ln(T-t)|}}$;
- (profiles) $\Phi_0(\xi) = \Gamma(1 + b|\xi|^2)^{-\alpha}$, $\Psi_0(\xi) = \gamma(1 + b|\xi|^2)^{-\beta}$ with $b > 0$.
- The constructed solution is **stable** under perturbation of initial data.

- Remark:**
- Other profiles are possible, but they are suspected to be unstable.
 - The existence of Type II blowup solutions remains unknown.

Constructive proof for (RD): approximate blowup solution

■ **Self-similar variables:** $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{T-t}}, s = -\ln(T-t), \quad \begin{cases} \phi(y, s) = (T-t)^\alpha u(x, t) \\ \psi(y, s) = (T-t)^\beta v(x, t) \end{cases},$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_s \phi + \frac{1}{2} y \cdot \nabla \phi + \alpha \phi = \Delta \phi + |\psi|^{p-1} \psi, \\ \partial_s \psi + \frac{1}{2} y \cdot \nabla \psi + \beta \psi = \mu \Delta \psi + |\phi|^{q-1} \phi, \end{cases}$$

- Nonzero constant solutions: (Γ, γ)

$$\alpha \Gamma = \gamma^p, \quad \beta \gamma = \Gamma^q.$$

■ **Linearizing:** $(\phi, \psi) = (\Gamma, \gamma) + (\bar{\phi}, \bar{\psi}),$

$$\partial_s \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix} = (\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M}) \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix} + \text{"nonlinear quadratic term"};$$

where $\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M}$ has two positive eigenvalues 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$, a zero eigenvalue and an infinite many discrete negative spectrum.

Constructive proof for (RD): approximate blowup solution

■ **Null mode is dominant:** $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\phi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix}(y, s) = \theta_2(s) \begin{pmatrix} f_2 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} f_2 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} y^2 + \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix},$
 $\theta_2' = \bar{c}\theta_2^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\theta_2|^3), \quad \bar{c} > 0, \quad \rightsquigarrow \theta_2 \sim -\frac{1}{\bar{c}s}.$

■ **Inner approximation:** for $|y| \leq C$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}(y, s) \sim \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} - \frac{|y|^2}{s} \begin{pmatrix} a_2' \\ b_2' \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \xi = \frac{|y|}{\sqrt{s}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(T-t)|\ln(T-t)|}}$$

Constructive proof for (RD): approximate blowup solution

■ Shape of profiles:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}(y, s) = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_0 \\ \Psi_0 \end{pmatrix}(\xi) + \frac{1}{s} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Psi_1 \end{pmatrix}(\xi) + \dots, \quad \xi = \frac{|y|}{\sqrt{s}},$$

where

$$-\frac{\xi}{2}\Phi_0' - \alpha\Phi_0 + \Psi_0^p = 0, \quad -\frac{\xi}{2}\Psi_0' - \beta\Psi_0 + \Phi_0^q = 0.$$

- Solving ODEs: $\Phi_0(0) = \Gamma$, $\Psi_0(0) = \gamma$,

$$\Phi_0(\xi) = \Gamma(1 + b|\xi|^2)^{-\alpha}, \quad \Psi_0(\xi) = \gamma(1 + b|\xi|^2)^{-\beta}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

■ Matching asymptotic expansions: \rightsquigarrow value of $b = b(p, q, \mu) > 0$. □

Constructive proof for **(RD)**: Control of the remainder

- **Linearized problem:** $(\phi, \psi) = (\Phi_0, \Psi_0) + (\Lambda, \Upsilon)$,

$$\partial_s \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{pmatrix} = (\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M} + \mathcal{V}) \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} + \text{"quadratic term"}. \quad (\star)$$

- Constructing for (\star) a global in time solution (Λ, Υ) such that

$$\|\Lambda(s)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\Upsilon(s)\|_{L^\infty} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Constructive proof for (RD): Control of the remainder

■ Spectral properties of the linear part: for $K \gg 1$,

- For $|y| \geq K\sqrt{s}$: $\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M} + \mathcal{V}$ has a negative spectrum. \rightsquigarrow *Control of $\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{pmatrix}$ is simple.*
- For $|y| \leq K\sqrt{s}$: the potential \mathcal{V} is regarded as a perturbation of $\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M}$. We decompose

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{n=0}^2 \theta_n \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ g_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_- \\ \Upsilon_- \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_- \\ \Upsilon_- \end{pmatrix} = \Pi_- \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{pmatrix}$ with Π_- being the projection on the subspace associated to the negative eigenvalues of $\mathcal{H} + \mathcal{M}$. \rightsquigarrow *$\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_- \\ \Upsilon_- \end{pmatrix}$ is controllable to zero.*

Constructive proof for (RD): finite dimensional reduction

- **Control of θ_2 is delicate:** We need to refine the potential term $\mathcal{V}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{smallmatrix}\right)$,

$$\frac{d\theta_2(s)}{ds} + \frac{2}{s}\theta_2(s) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^3}\right) \xrightarrow{\tau=\ln s} \frac{d\theta_2(\tau)}{d\tau} = -2\theta_2(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\tau}),$$

which shows a negative eigenvalue $\rightsquigarrow \theta_2$ is controllable to zero.

- **Control θ_0 and θ_1 (reduction to a finite dimensional problem):** Consider the initial data depending on $(d_0, d_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$:

$$\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Upsilon \end{smallmatrix}\right)(y, s_0) = \frac{A}{s_0^2} \left[d_0 \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ g_0 \end{pmatrix} + d_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ g_1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \chi(y, s_0).$$

\implies A contradiction argument yields the existence a particular value $(d_0, d_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$ such that $\theta_0(s)$ and $\theta_1(s)$ converge to zero as $s \rightarrow +\infty$. \square

Idea of the stability proof for (RD)

- **Idea of the stability proof:** the stability directly follows from the existence proof.
 - Space-time translation invariance \rightsquigarrow control of θ_0, θ_1 ;
 - Other directions are always controllable to zero.
- **Flexibility:** The complex Ginzburg-Landau equation by [Nouali-Zaag '18, Masmoudi-Zaag '08], other nonlinearities by [Ghoul-Ng.-Zaag '18], ...

3 - Results: Harmonic heat flow & Wave maps

$$\partial_t \Phi = \Delta \Phi + |\nabla \Phi|^2 \Phi, \quad (\text{HF})$$

$$\partial_t^2 \Phi = \Delta \Phi + (|\nabla \Phi|^2 - |\partial_t \Phi|^2) \Phi, \quad (\text{WM})$$

where $\Phi(t) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^d$.

Harmonic map Heat Flow and Wave map problems

$\Phi(t) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^d$	
Harmonic heat flow (HF)	Wave Map (WM)
$\partial_t \Phi = \Delta \Phi + \nabla \Phi ^2 \Phi$	$\partial_t^2 \Phi = \Delta \Phi + (\nabla \Phi ^2 - \partial_t \Phi ^2) \Phi$
$\Phi(x, t) = \left[\cos(u(x , t)), \frac{x}{ x } \sin(u(x , t)) \right]^T$	
$\partial_t u = \Delta_{d,r} u - \frac{(d-1)}{2r^2} \sin(2u)$	$\partial_t^2 u = \Delta_{d,r} u - \frac{(d-1)}{2r^2} \sin(2u)$
$u_\lambda(r, t) = u\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}, \frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right)$	$u_\lambda(r, t) = u\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}, \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)$
LW-P in H^s with $s > \frac{d}{2}$ [Ref 1]	LW-P in $H^s \times H^{s-1}$ with $s > \frac{d}{2}$ [Ref 2]
Develop singularities [Ref 3]	

[Ref 1]: [Struwe, JDG'88], [Wang, ARMA'08]

[Ref 2]: [Klainerman-Selberg, CPDE'97], [Tataru, CPDE'98], [Shatah-Struwe, IMRN'02]

[Ref 3]: [Coron-Ghidaglia, CRASP'89], [Chen-Ding, IM'90], [Chang-Ding-Ye, JDG'92], [Shatah, CPAM'88].

Type I and Type II singularities

Harmonic heat flow (HF)	Wave Map (WM)
$\limsup_{t \rightarrow T} \sqrt{T-t} \ \nabla u(t)\ _{L^\infty} < \infty$	$\limsup_{t \rightarrow T} (T-t) \ \nabla u(t)\ _{L^\infty} < \infty$
Otherwise, the singularity (or blowup) is of Type II	
$d \geq 2$: Type I $\approx \phi\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{T-t}}\right)$ [Ref 1]	$d = 2$: Blowup $\not\approx \varphi\left(\frac{r}{T-t}\right)$ [Ref 2]
$3 \leq d \leq 6$: $\exists \phi_n, \mathcal{Z}_{(0,\infty)}(\phi_n - \frac{\pi}{2}) = n$ [Ref 3]	$3 \leq d \leq 6$: $\exists \varphi_n, \mathcal{Z}_{(0,1)}(\varphi'_n) = n$ [Ref 4]
$d \geq 7$: No self-similar \rightarrow No Type I [Ref 5]	$d \geq 3$: $\varphi(y) = 2 \arctan\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{d-2}}\right)$ [Ref 6]

[Ref 1]: [Struwe, JDG'88]; [Ref 2]: [Struwe, CPAM'03]; [Ref 3]: [Fan, SCSA'99];

[Ref 4]: [Biernat-Bizoń-Maliborski, Nonl'17]; [Ref 5]: [Bizoń-Wasserman, IMRN'15];

[Ref 6]: [Bizon-Biernat, CMP'15].

(Non)Existence of Type I and Type II singularities

Dimension	Heat flow	Wave Map	Type
$d = 2$	NO	NO	I
	YES	YES	II
$3 \leq d \leq 6$	YES	YES	I
	Unknown?	Unknown?	II
$d \geq 7$	NO	YES	I
	YES	YES	II

- [Topping, MZ'04]; [Struwe, CPAM'03];
- [Van de Berg-Hulshof-King, SIAM'03], [Schweyer-Raphael, CPAM'13 -APDE'14], [Davila-del Pino-Wei, IM'19]; [Krieger-Schlag-Tataru, IM'08], [Carstea, CMP'10], [Rodniaski-Sterbenz, AM'10], [Raphael-Rodnianski, IHES'12];
- [Fan, SCSA'99]; [Bizon-Biernat, CMP'15], [Biernat-Bizon-Maliborski, Nonl'17];
- [Bizon-Wasserman, IMRN'15]; [Bizon-Biernat, CMP'15];

Energy identities and the stationary solution

■ Energy identities:

$$\mathcal{E}_{(HF)}(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(|\partial_r u|^2 + \frac{(d-1)}{r^2} \sin^2(u) \right), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{(HF)}(u) = -2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\partial_t u|^2 \leq 0.$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{(WM)}(u, \partial_t u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(|\partial_t u|^2 + |\partial_r u|^2 + \frac{(d-1)}{r^2} \sin^2(u) \right), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{(WM)}(u, \partial_t u) = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{(HF)}(u_\lambda) = \lambda^{d-2} \mathcal{E}_{(HF)}(u) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}_{(WM)}(u_\lambda, \partial_t u_\lambda) = \lambda^{d-2} \mathcal{E}_{(WM)}(u, \partial_t u).$$

$\implies d = 2$ energy-critical, $d \geq 3$ energy-supercritical.

■ Stationary solution: $Q(r) = 2 \arctan(r)$ for $d = 2$;

$$d \geq 7, \quad Q(r) \sim \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{a_0}{r^\gamma} \quad \text{for } r \gg 1,$$

with $a_0 > 0$, $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}(d - 2 - \sqrt{d^2 - 8d + 8}) \in (1, 2]$.

Type II singularity for (HF)

- Type II blowup: " Δ dominates ∂_t " \rightsquigarrow profile, **unknown blowup rates**.

Theorem 2 (Ghoul-Ibrahim-Ng. '19).

- Let $d \geq 7$, $\ell \in \mathbb{N}^*$ with $2\ell > \gamma$ and $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}(\ell) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $\ell \rightarrow +\infty$. There exists a smooth radially symmetric initial data $u_0 \in \mathcal{U} \subset H^{\mathfrak{s}}$ such that the solution to (HF) is of the form

$$u(r, t) = Q\left(\frac{r}{\lambda(t)}\right) + q\left(\frac{r}{\lambda(t)}, t\right),$$

where

$$\lambda(t) \sim c(u_0)(T-t)^{\frac{\ell}{\gamma}} \ll (T-t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow T,$$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \|q(t)\|_{\dot{H}^\sigma} = 0, \quad \forall \sigma \in (d/2, \mathfrak{s}]$.

- The constructed solution is $(\ell - 1)$ codimension stable.

Remark: Type II blowup for $d = 2$ constructed by [Raphaël-Schweyer APDE'14 & CPAM'13], and [Davila-del Pino-Wei IM'19].

Type II Singularity for (WM)

- Type II blowup: " Δ dominates ∂_t^2 " \rightsquigarrow profile, **unknown blowup rates**.

Theorem 3 (Ghoul-Ibrahim-Ng. '19).

- Let $d \geq 7$, $\ell \in \mathbb{N}^*$ with $\ell > \gamma$ and $s \in \mathbb{N}$ with $s \gg 1$. There exists $(u_0, u_1) \in H^s \times H^{s-1}$ such that the solution to (WM) is of the form

$$u(r, t) = Q\left(\frac{r}{\lambda(t)}\right) + \varepsilon\left(\frac{r}{\lambda(t)}, t\right),$$

where

$$\lambda(t) \sim c(u_0)(T - t)^{\frac{\ell}{\gamma}}, \quad (\text{"Type II blowup"})$$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \|\tilde{\varepsilon}(t)\|_{\dot{H}^\sigma \times \dot{H}^{\sigma-1}} = 0$ for all $\sigma \in (d/2, s]$.

- The constructed solution is $(\ell - 1)$ codimension stable.

Remark: - Type I blowup: $u(r, t) = 2 \arctan\left(\frac{r}{(T-t)\sqrt{d-2}}\right)$ for $d \geq 3$, [Bizon-Biernat '15].

Type II blowup for $d = 2$: [Krieger-Schlag-Tataru IM'08, Raphaël-Rodnianski IHES'12].

▶ (KS)

Constructive proof for (WM): computing an approximate solution

- Renormalized variables: $\vec{w}(y, s) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \lambda u_2 \end{pmatrix}(r, t)$, $y = \frac{r}{\lambda(t)}$, $\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{1}{\lambda(t)}$,

$$\partial_s \vec{w} + b_1 \Lambda \vec{w} = \vec{F}(\vec{w}),$$

$$b_1 = -\frac{\lambda_s}{\lambda}, \quad \Lambda \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} y \partial_y w_1 \\ w_2 + y \partial_y w_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{F}(\vec{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{r,d} u_1 - \frac{u_2}{2r^2} \sin(2u_1) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The approximate solution: Let $L \gg 1$, $b = (b_1, \dots, b_L)$, $\vec{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$\vec{Q}_{b(s)}(y) = \vec{Q}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^L b_i \vec{T}_i(y) + \sum_{i=2}^{L+2} \vec{S}_i(y, b),$$

where

- $\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \mathcal{L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta_{r,d} + \frac{d-1}{r^2} \cos(2Q)$;
- $\mathcal{H} \vec{T}_{k+1} = -\vec{T}_k$, $\vec{T}_0 = \Lambda \vec{Q}$, $\rightsquigarrow |\vec{T}_k(y)| \sim c_k y^{k-\gamma}$ for $y \gg 1$.

$\implies \vec{S}_i$ has a better behavior than \vec{T}_i in the blowup zone $\frac{1}{\sqrt{b_1}}$.

Constructive proof for **(WM)**: formal law of λ

■ The leading dynamical system driving the law:

$$\boxed{(b_k)_s + (k - \gamma)b_1 b_k - b_{k+1} = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq L} \quad (b_{L+1} = 0) \quad (\text{Sys-b})$$

■ The explicit solution: Fix $\ell \in \mathbb{N}^*$ with $\ell > \gamma$,

$$\bar{b}_k \Big|_{1 \leq k \leq \ell} = \frac{c_k}{s^k}, \quad \bar{b}_k \Big|_{k \geq \ell+1} = 0, \quad c_1 = \frac{\ell}{\ell - \gamma}.$$

$$\boxed{b_1 \sim -\frac{\lambda_s}{\lambda} = -\lambda_t \rightsquigarrow \lambda(t) \sim (T - t)^{\frac{\ell}{\gamma}}.}$$

■ Linearizing (Sys-b) around \bar{b} displays $(\ell - 1)$ unstable directions:

$$b_k = \bar{b}_k + \frac{\beta_k}{s^k} \implies s\beta_s = A_\ell \beta + \mathcal{O}(|\beta|^2) \xrightarrow{(\tau = \ln s)} \beta_\tau = A_\ell \beta + \mathcal{O}(|\beta|^2),$$

$$A_\ell = P_\ell^{-1} D_\ell P_\ell, \quad D_\ell = \text{diag} \left\{ -1, \frac{2\gamma}{\ell - \gamma}, \dots, \frac{\ell\gamma}{\ell - \gamma} \right\}.$$

Constructive proof for (WM): modulation equations

■ **The linearized problem:** $\vec{w}(y, s) = \vec{Q}_b(y) + \vec{q}(y, s),$

$$\partial_s \vec{q} + b_1 \wedge \vec{q} + \mathcal{H} \vec{q} = -\vec{E}_b + \vec{\text{Mod}} + L(\vec{q}) + N(\vec{q}),$$

where $\vec{\text{Mod}} \approx \sum_{k=1}^L [(b_k)_s + (k - \gamma)b_1 b_k - b_{k+1}] \vec{T}_k.$

■ **The modulation equations:** Projecting onto suitable directions yields

$$\sum_{k=1}^L |(b_k)_s + (k - \gamma)b_1 b_k - b_{k+1}| \lesssim \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_k} + b_1^{L+1+\nu}$$

where $\mathbb{k} = L + 1 + \hbar$, $\hbar = \hbar(d) \geq 0$, $\nu \in (0, 1)$,

$$\mathcal{E}_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (q_1 \mathcal{L}^k q_1 + q_2 \mathcal{L}^{k-1} q_2) \gtrsim \|\vec{q}\|_{\dot{H}^k \times \dot{H}^{k-1}}^2.$$

under suitable orthogonality conditions.

Constructive proof for **(WM)**: finite dimensional reduction

- **Control \mathcal{E}_k** : Local Morawetz control + Coercivity of \mathcal{L}^k ,

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}_k}{\lambda^{2k-d}} \right) \lesssim \frac{b_1}{\lambda^{2k-d}} (b_1^{L+\nu} \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_k} + b_1^{2L+2\nu}) \implies \mathcal{E}_k(s) \lesssim b_1^{2L+2\nu}.$$

- **A technical issue** (sharp control for b_L):

$$\left| (b_L)_s + (L - \gamma)b_L b_1 + \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{(\mathcal{L}^L \vec{q}, \chi_{B_0} \Lambda \vec{Q})}{(\Lambda \vec{Q}, \chi_{B_0} \Lambda \vec{Q})} \right) \right| \lesssim \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_k}}{B_0^{2\nu}} + b_1^{L+1+\nu}.$$

- **Finite dimensional reduction**: Control unstable directions $(P_\ell \beta)_k$ for $2 \leq k \leq \ell$ by a contradiction argument. \rightsquigarrow The constructed solution is $(\ell - 1)$ -codimension stable.

3 - Results: The 2D Keller-Segel system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla \Phi_u), \\ 0 = \Delta \Phi_u + u. \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Modeling features:

- Describing the *chemotaxis* in biology, [Patlak '53], [Keller-Segel '70], [Nanjundiah '73], [Hillen-Painter '09]; interacting stochastic many-particles system, [Othmer-Stevens '90], [Stevens '00]), [Chavanis '08], [Hillen-Painter '08]; as a diffusion limit of a kinetic model [Chalub-Markowich-Perthame-Schmeiser '04];
- Competition between dispersion of cells (diffusion) and aggregation;
- Rich model from mathematical point of view, [Horstman '03 & '04];

Basis features

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

The 2D Keller-Segel equation:

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (u \nabla (\ln u - \Phi_u)), \quad \Phi_u = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \log |x - y| u(y) dy.$$

- mass conservation: $M = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u_0(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u(x, t) dx$;
- L^1 -scaling invariance: $\forall \gamma > 0, u_\gamma(x, t) = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} u\left(\frac{x}{\gamma}, \frac{t}{\gamma^2}\right), \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u_\gamma = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u$;
- free energy functional: $\mathcal{F}(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u \left(\ln u - \frac{1}{2} \Phi_u \right), \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}(u) \leq 0$;
- stationary solution: $Q_{\gamma, a}(x) = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} Q\left(\frac{x-a}{\gamma}\right)$, where

$$Q(x) = \frac{8}{(1 + |x|^2)^2}, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} Q = 8\pi.$$

Diffusion vs. Aggregation

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

- If $M < 8\pi$: global existence + spreading, [Blanchet-Dolbeault-Perthame '06]. The proof mainly relies on the free energy functional $\mathcal{F}(u)$ and the Log HLS inequality.
- If $M = 8\pi$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |x|^2 u < +\infty$: **blowup in infinite time**, [Blanchet-Carrillo-Masmoudi '08]. Constructive approaches by [Ghoul-Masmoudi '18] (radial), [Davila-del Pino-Dolbeault-Musso-Wei '20] (full nonradial):

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \sim c_0 \log t \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

- If $M > 8\pi$: **blowup in finite time**, [Childress-Percus '81], [Jager-Luckhaus '92], [Nagai-Senba '98], [Senba-Suzuki '03]:

$$\text{(virial identity)} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |x|^2 u(x, t) dx = \frac{M}{2\pi} (8\pi - M).$$

Constructive approaches in the radial setting by [Herrero-Velázquez '96], [Raphaël-Schweyer '14]:

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \sim C_0 \frac{e^{\sqrt{2|\log(T-t)|}}}{T-t} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow T.$$

A numerical simulation of finite time singularity

A numerical simulation of blowup for the 2D Keller-Segel system

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla \Phi_u), \quad -\Delta \Phi_u = u.$$

Finite time blowup for the 2DKS

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

- Type I does not exist, [Senba-Suzuki '11]: $\partial_t u = \Delta u - \nabla u \cdot \nabla \Phi_u + u^2$.
- Type II: " Δ dominates ∂_t " \rightsquigarrow profile, **unknown blowup rates**.

Theorem 4 ([Collot-Ghoul-Masmoudi-Ng., 2020]).

- There exists a set $\mathcal{O} \subset L^1 \cap \mathcal{E}$, where $\mathcal{E} = \{u : \sum_{k=0}^2 \|\langle x \rangle^k \nabla^k u\|_{L^2} < +\infty\}$, of initial data u_0 (not necessary radially symmetric) such that

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2(t)} \left[Q \left(\frac{x - a(t)}{\lambda(t)} \right) + \varepsilon(x, t) \right],$$

where $a(t) \rightarrow \bar{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\sum_{k=0}^1 \|\langle y \rangle^k \nabla^k \varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow T$, and λ is given by either

$$\lambda(t) \sim 2e^{-\frac{\gamma+2}{2}} \sqrt{T-t} \exp \left(-\frac{\sqrt{|\log(T-t)|}}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \quad (\mathbf{C1})$$

or

$$\lambda(t) \sim c(u_0)(T-t)^{\frac{\ell}{2}} |\log(T-t)|^{-\frac{\ell+1}{2(\ell-1)}}, \quad \ell \geq 2 \text{ integer.} \quad (\mathbf{C2})$$

- Case **(C1)** is **stable** and Case **(C2)** is $(\ell - 1)$ -codimension **stable**.

Comments

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

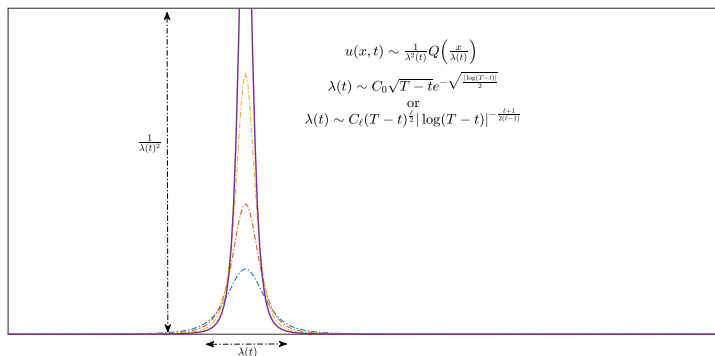


Fig 1: The form of single-point finite time blowup solutions.

Comments

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

- Existing results: formal level (numerical observation, formal matching asymptotic expansions) and in the radial setting to remove the nonlocal structure difficulty, i.e. $u(x, t) = u(r, t)$,

$$m(r) = \int_0^r u(\zeta) \zeta d\zeta, \quad u(r) = \frac{\partial_r m(r)}{r}, \quad \partial_r \Phi_u(r) = -\frac{m(r)}{r}, \quad r = |x|,$$

$$\partial_t u = \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r u - r u \partial_r \Phi_u) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \partial_t m = \partial_r^2 m - \frac{\partial_r m}{r} + \frac{\partial_r m^2}{2r}$$

Refs: [Herrero-Velazquez '96 & '97], [Velazquez '02], [Schweyer-Raphael '14], [Dyachenko-Lushnikov-Vladimirova '13], ...

- The new result: full nonradial setting, refined description of the stable blowup mechanism, new (unstable) blowup dynamics, a nature approach via spectral analysis/robust energy-type method.

Strategy of the new constructive proof

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u - u \nabla \Phi_u)$$

- Self-similar variables:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{T-t} w(z, \tau), \quad z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{T-t}}, \quad \tau = -\log(T-t),$$

$$\partial_\tau w = \nabla \cdot (\nabla w - w \nabla \Phi_w) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (zw)$$

- Linearized problem: $w(z, \tau) = Q_\nu(z) + \eta(z, \tau)$, where $Q_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{\nu^2} Q\left(\frac{z}{\nu}\right)$ and η solves

$$\partial_\tau \eta = \mathcal{L}^\nu \eta + \left(\frac{\nu\tau}{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \nabla \cdot (zQ_\nu) - \nabla \cdot (\eta \Phi_\eta), \quad \nu \rightarrow 0 \text{ unknown,}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^\nu \eta = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \eta - \eta \nabla \Phi_{Q_\nu} - Q_\nu \nabla \Phi_\eta)}_{\equiv \mathcal{L}_0^\nu \eta} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (z\eta)$$

- Structure of \mathcal{L}_0^ν :

$$\mathcal{L}_0^\nu \eta = \nabla \cdot (Q_\nu \nabla \mathcal{M}^\nu \eta), \quad \mathcal{M}^\nu \eta = \frac{\eta}{Q_\nu} - \Phi_\eta.$$

(\mathcal{M}^ν comes from the linearization of the energy functional \mathcal{F} around Q_ν).

Properties of the linearized operator $\mathcal{L}^\nu = \nabla \cdot (Q_\nu \nabla \mathcal{M}^\nu \cdot) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (z \cdot)$

- In the radial sector, the (nonlocal) operator \mathcal{L}^ν becomes a local operator through the partial mass setting, i.e. $\zeta = |z|$, $m_f(\zeta) = \int_0^\zeta f(r) r dr$,

$$\mathcal{L}^\nu f = \frac{1}{\zeta} \partial_\zeta (\mathcal{A}^\nu m_f), \quad \boxed{\mathcal{A}^\nu \phi = \zeta \partial_\zeta \left(\frac{\partial_\zeta \phi}{\zeta} \right) - \frac{\partial_\zeta (m_{Q_\nu} \phi)}{\zeta} - \frac{1}{2} \zeta \partial_\zeta \phi} \equiv \mathcal{A}_0^\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} \zeta \partial_\zeta \phi.$$

- [Collot-Ghoul-Masmoudi-Ng., '20]: \mathcal{A}^ν is self-adjoint in $L^2_{\omega_\nu}$, its eigenvalues are

$$\boxed{\text{spec}(\mathcal{A}^\nu) = \left\{ \alpha_{n,\nu} = 1 - n + \frac{1}{2 \ln \nu} + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{|\ln \nu|^2} \right), n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}} \quad \omega_\nu = \frac{e^{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4}}}{Q_\nu}.$$

The eigenfunction $\phi_{n,\nu}$ solving $\mathcal{A}^\nu \phi_{n,\nu} = \alpha_{n,\nu} \phi_{n,\nu}$ is defined by

$$\phi_{n,\nu}(\zeta) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_{n,j} \nu^{2j-2} T_j \left(\frac{\zeta}{\nu} \right) + \text{lot}, \quad \mathcal{A}_0^\nu T_{j+1} = -T_j, \quad T_0 = \xi \partial_\xi m_Q.$$

Proof: Schrödinger type operator \rightsquigarrow *discreteness*, Sturm comparison principle \rightsquigarrow *uniqueness*, matching asymptotic expansions + implicit function theorem \rightsquigarrow $(\alpha_{n,\nu}, \phi_{n,\nu})$.

Properties of the linearized operator $\mathcal{L}^\nu = \nabla \cdot (Q_\nu \nabla \mathcal{M}^\nu \cdot) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (z \cdot)$

■ First expression:

$$\mathcal{L}^\nu f = \mathcal{L}_0^\nu f - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (zf) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{L}_0^\nu f = \nabla \cdot (Q_\nu \nabla \mathcal{M}^\nu f) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}^\nu f = \frac{f}{Q_\nu} - \Phi_f,$$

The operator \mathcal{L}_0^ν is self-adjoint in L^2 with respect to the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{M}^\nu} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f \mathcal{M}^\nu g \, dz, \quad (\text{positivity}) \quad \langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{M}^\nu} \sim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{f^2}{Q_\nu} \, dz.$$

■ Second expression:

$$\mathcal{L}^\nu f = \mathcal{H}^\nu f - \nabla Q_\nu \cdot \nabla \Phi_f \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{H}^\nu f = \frac{1}{\omega_\nu} \nabla \cdot (\omega_\nu \nabla f) + (2Q_\nu - 2)f.$$

The operator \mathcal{H}^ν is self-adjoint in $L_{\omega_\nu}^2$ with $\omega_\nu = \frac{e^{-\frac{|z|^2}{4}}}{Q_\nu}$.

■ The well-adapted scalar product and coercivity:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathcal{L}^\nu (f \sqrt{\rho}) \mathcal{M}^\nu (f \sqrt{\rho}) \leq -c \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\nabla f|^2}{Q_\nu} \rho \, dz \quad \rho = e^{-\frac{|z|^2}{4}}.$$

Approximate solution

$$\partial_\tau w = \nabla \cdot (\nabla w - w \nabla \Phi_w) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (zw)$$

■ The approximate solution: for $\ell \geq 1$ integer,

$$w^{app}(z, \tau) = Q_\nu(z) + \underbrace{a_\ell(\tau) [\varphi_{\ell, \nu}(|z|) - \varphi_{0, \nu}(|z|)]}_{\text{modification driving the law of blowup}} \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi_{n, \nu} = \frac{\partial_\zeta \phi_{n, \nu}}{\zeta}.$$

A suitable projection onto $\varphi_{\ell, \nu}$ and compatibility condition, we obtain the leading ODE

$$(\ell = 1, \text{ stable}) \quad \frac{\nu_\tau}{\nu} = \frac{1}{4 \ln \nu} + \frac{e_2}{|\ln \nu|^2} \implies \boxed{\nu = C_0 e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2}}}}$$

$$(\ell \geq 2, \text{ unstable}) \quad \frac{\nu_\tau}{\nu} = \frac{1 - \ell}{2} + \frac{\ell + 1}{4 \ln \nu} \implies \boxed{\nu = C_\ell e^{\frac{(1-\ell)\tau}{2}} \tau^{\frac{1+\ell}{2(1-\ell)}}$$

■ The linearized equation: $\varepsilon = w - w^{app}$,

$$\partial_\tau \varepsilon = \mathcal{L}^\nu \varepsilon + \text{Error} + \text{SmallLinear} + \text{Nonlinear}.$$

Control of the remainder

$$\partial_\tau \varepsilon = \mathcal{L}^\nu \varepsilon + \text{Error} + \dots$$

- Decomposition: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^0 + \varepsilon^\perp$, $\varepsilon^0(\zeta) = \frac{\partial_\zeta m_\varepsilon}{\zeta}$,

$$\partial_\tau m_\varepsilon = \mathcal{A}^\nu m_\varepsilon + m_E + \dots, \quad \partial_\tau \varepsilon^\perp = \mathcal{L}^\nu \varepsilon^\perp + \dots.$$

- For the radial part, we use the spectral gap

$$\langle m_\varepsilon, \mathcal{A}^\nu m_\varepsilon \rangle_{L^2_{\frac{\omega_\nu}{\zeta}}} \leq \alpha_{N+1, \nu} \|m_\varepsilon\|_{L^2_{\frac{\omega_\nu}{\zeta}}}^2 \quad \text{for } m_\varepsilon \perp \phi_{n, \nu}, \quad n = 0, \dots, N.$$

$$\implies \boxed{\frac{d}{d\tau} \|m_\varepsilon\|_{L^2_{\frac{\omega_\nu}{\zeta}}}^2 \leq -\|m_\varepsilon\|_{L^2_{\frac{\omega_\nu}{\zeta}}}^2 + C \frac{\nu^2}{|\ln \nu|^2}}$$

- For the nonradial part, we use the coercivity of \mathcal{L}^ν and the well-adapted norm

$$\|\varepsilon^\perp\|_0^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varepsilon^\perp \sqrt{\rho} \mathcal{M}^\nu(\varepsilon^\perp \sqrt{\rho}) dz \sim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\varepsilon^\perp|^2}{Q_\nu} \rho dz.$$

$$\implies \boxed{\frac{d}{d\tau} \|\varepsilon^\perp\|_0^2 \leq -c \|\varepsilon^\perp\|_0^2 + C e^{-2\kappa\tau}} \quad 0 < \kappa \ll 1.$$

- Nonlinear analysis: ...

4 - Conclusion & Perspectives

Conclusion and Perspectives

- **Existence/Stability** of blowup solutions via constructive approaches:
 - **Spectral analysis**: (non)-variational problems whose spectrum of the linearized operator is fairly understood. \rightsquigarrow **Classification** of blowup dynamics.
 - **Energy methods**: *robust* for various problems (parabolic/hyperbolic) with variational structures, but gives **no** answers to the **classification** question.
 - A combination of the two methods is effective for complicated problems.
- **Adaptability** and **Flexibility** for studying singularity formation, asymptotic stability, dynamical classification, stability and instability of steady states, long-time asymptotic, ...
- Interesting problems:
 - multiple-collapse phenomena/ interaction-collision of multi-solitons;
 - **classification** of blowup dynamics (rates & profiles);

Multiple collapse phenomena

A multiple-collapse phenomenon in the 2D Keller-Segel system