

# On stability properties of type II solutions

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$$\square u = -(-|u_t|^2 + |\nabla_x u|^2)u$$

If  $W$  denotes for example the ground state harmonic map  $W : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2$ , then bubbling off solutions of the form

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with infinitely many different scaling laws  $\lambda(t)$  are known to exist.

# Models with bubbling off blow ups II

- Yang Mills equations in  $4 + 1$  dimensions (energy critical) under a symmetry reduction, leading to a radial problem in  $2 + 1$ -dimensions

$$\square u = \frac{2}{r^2}(1 - u^2), \quad r = |x|$$

Here  $W(x) = \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2}$ , and bubbling off solutions of the form

$$W_{\lambda(t)}(x) \sim \frac{1 - \lambda^2(t)r^2}{1 + \lambda^2(t)r^2}$$

Again if one works in energy space, infinitely many different  $\lambda(t)$ 's possible.

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- All of these solutions were obtained by implementing **symmetry reduction** of the original problem. For example, for critical Wave Maps, one obtains an equation of the form

$$-u_{tt} + u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r = \frac{\sin(2u)}{2r^2}.$$

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- Such results along sequences of times have been proved by Struwe for the harmonic map heat flow in the late eighties.

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- The Merle-Raphael approach gives also stability of solutions obtained, while this information was missing for the solutions by K.-Schlag-Tataru. The latter do not have fixed blow up rate, but a continuum of rates, while the former tend to come with a fixed blow up rate. Also, the solutions differ in terms of their smoothness.

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- In a nutshell, one uses virial type identities obtained by differentiating in time certain energy type functionals.

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$$u_e(t, x) = W_{\lambda(t)}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N v_i$$

This  $u_e$  is roughly analogous to the  $Q_b$  of the Merle-Raphael solution, but in fact here one may construct arbitrarily many (but finitely many!) corrections  $v_i$ , resulting in an error of size  $O(t^N)$ .

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- The point of this talk is to disprove this last point, and to explain a novel way to think about the stability problem of special bubbling off blow ups. We do this in the context of the critical focussing NLW, which is somehow the simplest model to analyse. Method should have much broader applicability.

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- The static solution  $W(x) = \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{|x|^2}{3})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  may be perturbed to result in bubbling off blow up solutions of the form

$$u(t, x) = W_{\lambda(t)}(x) + \epsilon(t, x), \lambda(t) = t^{-1-\nu}, \nu > 0.$$

By contrast to s.s. blow up, this one has bounded  $H^1$ -norm (of type II) (KST '09, KS '12).

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- The method of Merle-Raphael has apparently not yet been implemented for this model. However, there is a result due to Hillairet-Raphael('10) which produces solutions of the form

$$u(t, x) \sim W_{\lambda(t)}(x), \quad \lambda(t) = t^{-1} e^{\sqrt{|\log t|}}$$

for the  $4 + 1$ -dimensional analogue, with  $C^\infty$ -data. They assert that these are stable for data perturbations along a **co-dimension one** Lipschitz manifold. This is natural as we will explain shortly.

# General Facts about stability of type II solutions

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- The co-dimension one results from an unstable mode for the linear operator  $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta - 5W^4$  arising upon linearising around  $W$ .

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- **Theorem**(Burzio-K. '17) Let  $\nu > 0$  be sufficiently small. Then the KST blow up solutions

$$u(t, x) = W_{\lambda(t)}(x) + \epsilon(t, x), \lambda(t) = t^{-1-\nu}$$

are stable along a co-dimension one Lipschitz hyper surface of radial data perturbations in a suitable topology.

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- This is in stark contrast to **parabolic problems**, such as heat flow for harmonic maps, where it seems that there is only one stable blow up rate. Shows that the finite time blow ups by KST are a truly hyperbolic phenomenon.

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- The preceding will result in a certain vanishing condition for data. Then use the freedom in 'modulating'  $\lambda(t)$  to satisfy the vanishing condition.

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- This is translated to Fourier side. Complication since

$$R\partial_R\phi(R, \xi) \neq \xi\partial_\xi\phi(R, \xi).$$

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- The idea is to solve the  $x$ -equation via a suitable iteration scheme, obtaining convergence by imposing suitable vanishing conditions on the initial data

$$(\underline{x}(\tau_0), \mathcal{D}_\tau \underline{x}(\tau_0)).$$

# The iteration scheme ; zeroth iterate

- To begin with, we start with the zeroth iterate, which solves the free transport equation

$$(\mathcal{D}_\tau^2 + \beta_\nu(\tau)\mathcal{D}_\tau + \underline{\xi})\underline{x}(\tau, \xi) = 0.$$

This equation can be solved completely explicitly for the continuous spectral part :

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- It turns out that imposing simple vanishing relations on  $x_0, x_1$ , one can achieve only linear growth on  $c(\tau)$ .

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- This growth turns out to be manageable in the nonlinear terms, provided  $\nu > 0$  is sufficiently small.

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- Thus we are forced to add a small correction to achieve the required vanishing conditions. This means replacing the pure Duhamel term

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Here the data  $\Delta \tilde{\tilde{x}}_0^{(1)}, \Delta \tilde{\tilde{x}}_1^{(1)}$  are the Fourier transforms of suitable multiples of truncated resonance.

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- The fact that this iteration scheme actually converges relies on a somewhat delicate re-iteration procedure, exploiting eventual gains over many repetitions of the iterative step.

# Intermediate stability result

- The preceding scheme can be shown to converge in suitable norm topology, leading to **Intermediate theorem** : there is a co-dimension two Lipschitz manifold of initial data perturbations  $(\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1)$  such that the perturbed data

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is the original type II blow up as in KST '09, KS'12 that we perturb around.

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- At this point, one can re-iterate the whole process leading to the intermediate stability result, replacing  $\lambda(t)$  by  $\lambda_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2}(t)$ , to infer the optimal co-dimension one stability result.