

Threshold for blowup in supercritical wave equations

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- ▶ Co-rotational maps:

$$u(t, r\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \psi(t, r)\omega \\ \cos \psi(t, r) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\partial_t^2 - \partial_r^2 - \frac{n-1}{r} \partial_r \right) \psi(t, r) + \frac{(n-1) \sin(2\psi(t, r))}{2r^2} = 0$$

Scaling $\psi_\lambda(t, r) = \psi(t/\lambda, r/\lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$

$$E(\psi)(t) = \int_0^\infty \left(|\partial_t \psi(t, r)|^2 + |\partial_r \psi(t, r)|^2 + \frac{(n-1) \sin^2(\psi(t, r))}{r^2} \right) r^{n-1} dr$$

$E(\psi_\lambda) = \lambda^{n-2} E(\psi) \Rightarrow$ energy supercritical in $n \geq 3$

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odd $n \geq 5$, local (Costin-Donninger-Głogić '17, Chatzikaleas-Donninger-Głogić '17)

global, $n = 3$ (Biernat-Donninger-S. '20)

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- ▶ **Toy model for co-rotational wave maps:** For $\psi = ru$

$$\left(\partial_t^2 - \partial_r^2 - \frac{n+1}{r}\partial_r\right)u(t, r) = u(t, r)^3 F(ru(t, r))$$

with F smooth, bounded and non-negative.

\Rightarrow Toy model: focusing cubic wave equation

The focusing non-linear wave equation

- ▶ Focusing cubic wave equation in $d \geq 5$

$$\left(\partial_t^2 - \partial_r^2 - \frac{d-1}{r} \partial_r \right) u(t, r) = u(t, r)^3$$

- ▶ Scale invariance:

$$u_\lambda(t, r) = \lambda^{-1} u(t/\lambda, r/\lambda), \quad \lambda > 0$$

- ▶ Self-similar blowup solutions:

$$u(t, x) = (T - t)^{-1} U\left(\frac{r}{T-t}\right), \quad T > 0$$

- ▶ Stable blowup behavior: ODE blowup

$$U_0(\rho) = \sqrt{2}$$

$d \geq 5$ odd: stable blowup in backward lightcone (Donninger-S. '17)

- ▶ Non-trivial self-similar blowup:

$d < 13$: Numerical experiments, $\{U_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ (Kycia '11)

$d \geq 13$: Non-self-similar blowup solutions (Collot '13)

Explicit self-similar solution for $d \geq 5$

$$u_T^*(t, r) = (T - t)^{-1} U^* \left(\frac{r}{T-t} \right), \quad U^*(\rho) = \frac{2\sqrt{2(d-1)(d-4)}}{d-4+3\rho^2}$$

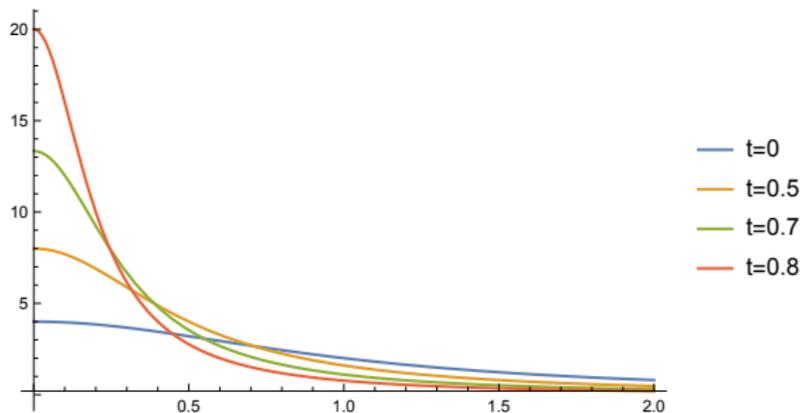


Figure: Blowup solution $u_1^*(t, r) = (1 - t)^{-1} U^* \left(\frac{r}{1-t} \right)$ for $d = 7$

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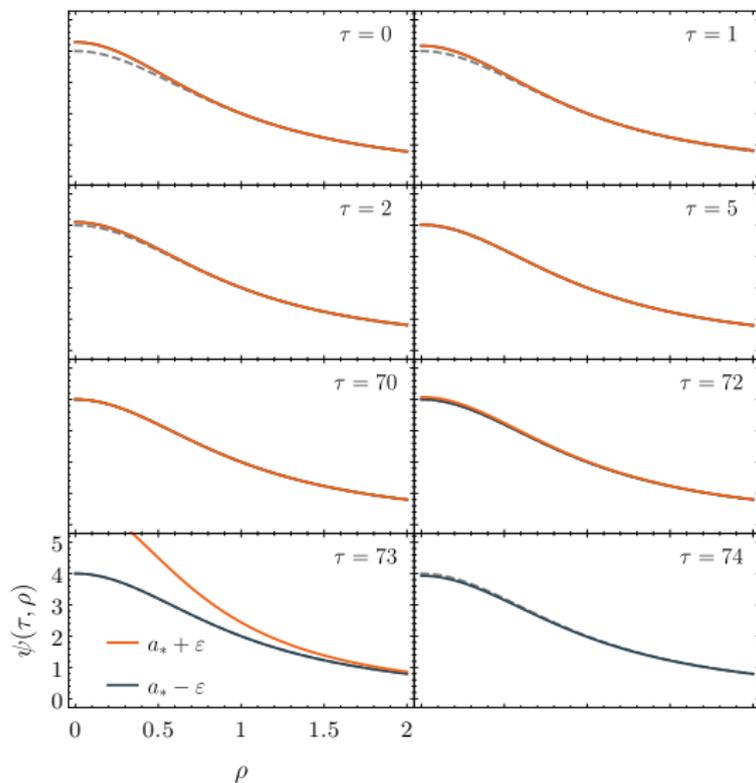
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Conjecture

u_T^* describes a threshold for singularity formation

Threshold behavior

$d = 7$: Evolution for near critical data in self-similar variables (τ, ρ)



Co-dimension 1 stable blowup (radial case)

- ▶ Study small perturbations of blowup data: Fix $T = 1$ and study evolution for

$$u(0, \cdot) = u_1^*(0, \cdot) + f, \quad \partial_t u(0, \cdot) = \partial_t u_1^*(0, \cdot) + g$$

- ▶ Restriction to backward lightcone

$$\mathcal{C}_T = \{(t, r) : 0 \leq r \leq T - t, \quad t \in [0, T]\}$$

- ▶ Similarity coordinates

$$\rho = \frac{r}{T-t}, \quad \tau = -\log(T-t) + \log T$$

Set $u(t, r) = (T-t)^{-1} v(-\log(T-t) + \log T, \frac{r}{T-t})$

- ▶ Transformation of blowup solution: $u_T^*(t, r) \mapsto$ static solution $U^*(\rho)$
- ▶ Ansatz: $v(\tau, \rho) = U^*(\rho) + \varphi(\tau, \rho)$

$$(\partial_\tau^2 + 3\partial_\tau + 2\rho\partial_\rho\partial_\tau - \Delta_\rho + \rho^2\partial_\rho^2 + 4\rho\partial_\rho + 2 - V(\rho)) \varphi(\tau, \rho) = N(\varphi(\tau, \rho))$$

$$V(\rho) = 3U^*(\rho)^2 \text{ and } N(\varphi) = (U^* + \varphi)^3 - 3U^{*2}\varphi$$

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- ▶ Function space:

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- ▶ **Bounds for linearized evolution:** Spectral projections $\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{P}_1$.

$$\mathbf{S}(\tau)\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{u} = e^\tau\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{S}(\tau)\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{u} = e^{3\tau}\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{u}$$

$$\|\mathbf{S}(\tau)[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_0 - \mathbf{P}_1]\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathcal{H}} \lesssim e^{-\omega\tau} \|[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_0 - \mathbf{P}_1]\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

- ▶ **Nonlinear problem:**

$$\Phi(\tau) = \mathbf{S}(\tau)\mathbf{U}((f, g), T) + \int_0^\tau \mathbf{S}(\tau - s)\mathbf{N}(\Phi(s))ds$$

in \mathcal{X}_δ defined s.t. $\|\Phi(\tau)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \delta e^{-\omega\tau}$ **Control of unstable behavior:**

$\lambda_0 = 1$: Variation of blowup time $T > 0$

$\lambda_1 = 3$: Correction of the initial data along unstable direction \mathbf{h}_1

$$(f, g) + \alpha (f_1, g_1), \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Theorem (Glogić-S. (radial version))

Let $d = 7$ and

$$f_1(r) = (1 + r^2)^{-2}, \quad g_1(r) = 4(1 + r^2)^{-3}.$$

There are $\omega, \delta, c > 0$ s.t. for all smooth, radial (f, g) with

$$\|(f, g)\|_{H^4 \times H^3(\mathbb{B}_2^7)} \leq \frac{\delta}{c}$$

the following holds: There are $\alpha \in [-\delta, \delta]$ and $T \in [1 - \delta, 1 + \delta]$ depending Lipschitz continuously on (f, g) such that for initial data

$$u(0, \cdot) = u_1^*(0, \cdot) + f + \alpha f_1, \quad \partial_t u(0, \cdot) = \partial_t u_1^*(0, \cdot) + g + \alpha g_2$$

there is a unique solution u in the backward light cone \mathcal{C}_T blowing up at $t = T$ and converging to u_T^* according to

$$(T - t)^{k - s_c} \|u(t, \cdot) - u_T^*(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^k(\mathbb{B}_{T-t}^7)} \lesssim (T - t)^\omega$$

$$(T - t)^{k - s_c} \|\partial_t u(t, \cdot) - \partial_t u_T^*(t, \cdot)\|_{\dot{H}^{k-1}(\mathbb{B}_{T-t}^7)} \lesssim (T - t)^\omega$$

for $k = 1, 2, 3$

- ▶ Yang-Mills equations: $A_\mu : \mathbb{R}^{1,n} \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}(n)$, $\mu = 0, \dots, d$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}(t, x) + [A_\mu(t, x), F^{\mu\nu}(t, x)] = 0$$

where $F_{\mu\nu} := \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + [A_\mu, A_\nu]$

- ▶ Symmetry assumption: $A_\mu(t, x) = u(t, |x|) (\delta_\mu^k x^i - \delta_\mu^i x^k)$

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Energy supercritical in $n \geq 5$

- ▶ Self-similar profiles: $n = 5$, $\{U_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ (Bizoń '02)
- ▶ Stable self-similar blowup $n = 5$
(Donninger '14, Costin-Donninger-Glogić-Huang '16)
- ▶ Numerical experiments: Threshold for blowup described by U_1

Thank you for your attention!

Numerical experiments (Maliborski-Glogić-S. 2019)
based on methods developed in [Bizoń-Biernat-Maliborski 2017]

- ▶ Dynamically rescaled coordinates (y, s)

$$r = e^{-s}y, \quad \frac{dt}{ds} = e^{-s}h(s)$$

- ▶ Rescaled variables

$$e^s V(s, y) = u(t, r), \quad e^{2s} P(s, y) = \partial_t u(t, r).$$

- ▶ For $h(s) = 1/P(s, 0)$,

$$V(s, 0) = 1 + ce^{-s}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$P(s, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{in case of dispersion,} \\ 1/f(0), & \text{in case of blowup via self-similar profile } f, \end{cases}$$

Study evolution for radial families of data depending on parameter A

- ▶ Small $A \Rightarrow$ dispersion, $P(s, 0) \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Large $A \Rightarrow$ blowup, $P(s, 0) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- ▶ Bisection \Rightarrow fine-tune to critical A_*
- ▶ Intermediate attractor $P(s, 0) \rightarrow \frac{1}{f^*(0)}$

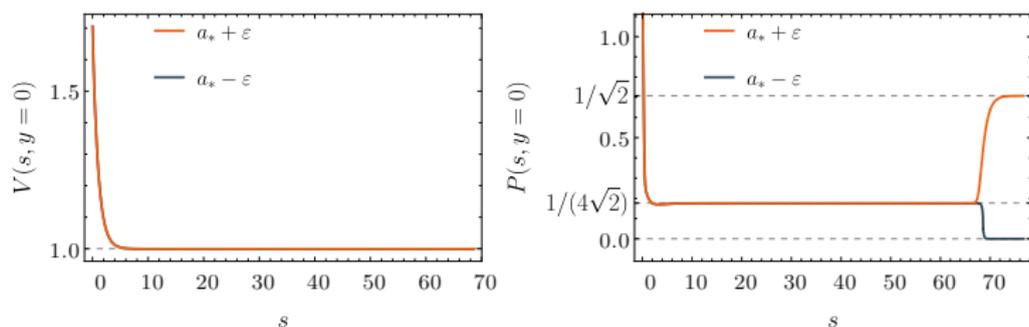
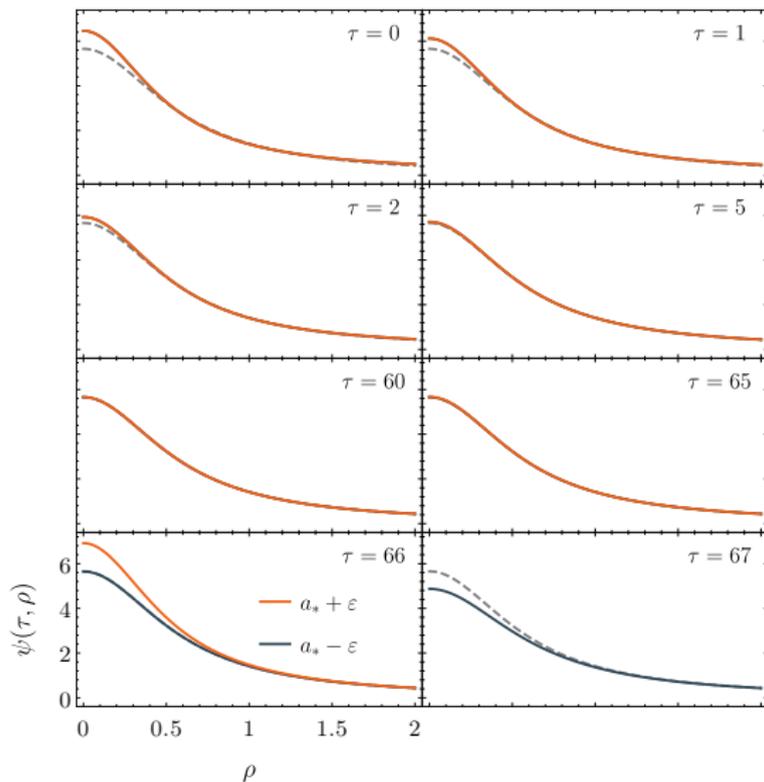


Figure: The evolution of marginally sub- (blue line) and supercritical (orange line) evolutions in $d = 5$ in computational variables

Threshold behavior

$d = 5$: Evolution for near critical data in self-similar variables (τ, ρ)



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$d = 7$: Evolution for near critical data in self-similar variables (τ, ρ)

