

Cavitation and Concentration in the Solutions of the Compressible Euler Equations and Related Nonlinear PDEs in Fluid Dynamics

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Compressible Euler Equations in Fluid Mechanics

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \\ (\rho \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P = 0 \end{cases}$$

$U = (\rho, \rho \mathbf{v})^\top$ ρ — Density, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ — Velocity
 $P = P(\rho) = \rho^2 e'(\rho)$ — Pressure with internal energy $e(\rho)$
 $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} = (\partial_{x_1}, \dots, \partial_{x_d})$

For a polytropic perfect gas: $P(\rho) = a \rho^\gamma$, $e(\rho) = \frac{a}{\gamma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1}$, $\gamma > 1$

Paradigm: Nonlinear Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

$$\partial_t U + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{F}(U) = 0, \quad U = (u_1, \dots, u_m)^\top$$

$\mathbf{F} = (F_1, \dots, F_d) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m)^d$ is a nonlinear mapping.

Hyperbolicity in \mathcal{D} : For any $\boldsymbol{\omega} \in S^{d-1}$, $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$(\nabla_U \mathbf{F}(U) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})_{m \times m} \mathbf{r}_j(U, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \lambda_j(U, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \mathbf{r}_j(U, \boldsymbol{\omega}), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m$$

$\lambda_j(U, \boldsymbol{\omega})$ are real

Challenges and Entropy Solutions: Euler Equations

$$\partial_t U + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{F}(U) = 0$$

Challenges: Singularities \rightarrow Discontinuous/Wild/Singular Solutions

- Shock Waves, Vortex Sheets, Vorticity Waves, Entropy Waves, ...
- Compactness & Oscillation \iff Weak Continuity & Uniqueness ??
- *Cavitation/Decavitation \implies Degeneracy, ...
- *Concentration/Deconcentration \implies ∞ -Propagation Speed, ...
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Analysis of Entropy Solutions:

(i) $U(t, \mathbf{x}) \in BV, L^\infty, L^p, \mathcal{M}, \dots$.

(ii) For any convex entropy pair (η, \mathbf{q}) , $\partial_t \eta(U) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{q}(U) \leq 0$ \mathcal{D}'
as long as $(\eta(U(t, \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{q}(U(t, \mathbf{x}))) \in \mathcal{D}'$, for $(\eta, \mathbf{q}) := (\eta, q_1, \dots, q_d)$ that satisfies $\nabla^2 \eta(U) \geq 0$ and is a solution of

$$\nabla q_k(U) = \nabla \eta(U) \nabla \mathbf{F}_k(U) \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, d$$

Posed Classes of Entropy Solutions in $BV, L^\infty, L^p, \mathcal{M}, \dots$??

Nonlinear Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

Scalar Conservation Laws: L^∞ initial data

Maximum principle \Rightarrow **Uniform bounded in L^∞** \Rightarrow **Deconcentration**

1-D Strictly Hyperbolic Systems: BV initial data of small oscillation

BV -estimates (Glimm 1965): **Decavitation & Deconcentration**

- Glimm Scheme, Wave-Front Tracking Methods, ...
- Artificial Viscosity Methods, ...

See recent books: D. Serre: Cambridge University Press, 1999-2000
A. Bressan: Oxford University Press, 2000
C. M. Dafermos: Springer-Verlag, 2016 (4th Edition)
.....

Further Fundamental Issues:

- Large initial data without total variation ??
- Nonstrictly hyperbolic cases ??
- Multidimensional cases ??
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1-D Isentropic Euler Equations: Cavitation/Concentration

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_x = 0, & (m = \rho v) \\ m_t + \left(\frac{m^2}{\rho} + P(\rho)\right)_x = 0. \end{cases}$$

ρ — density, m — momentum, $v = \frac{m}{\rho}$ — velocity when $\rho > 0$

Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1(\rho, m) = v - \sqrt{P'(\rho)}$, $\lambda_2(\rho, m) = v + \sqrt{P'(\rho)}$

Cavitation $V \equiv \{\rho(t, x) = 0\}$: $(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)(\rho(t, x), m(t, x)) = 0$ for $(t, x) \in V$
 \implies strict hyperbolicity fails.

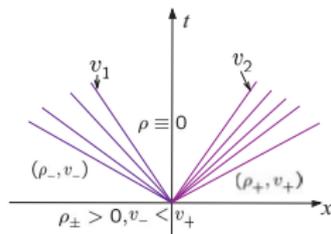
Concentration $S \equiv \{\rho(t, x) \sim \sum \alpha_j \delta_{S_j} + \rho_{\text{nonatomic}}(t, x)\}$

\implies Infinite/ill-defined pressure, if it would occur

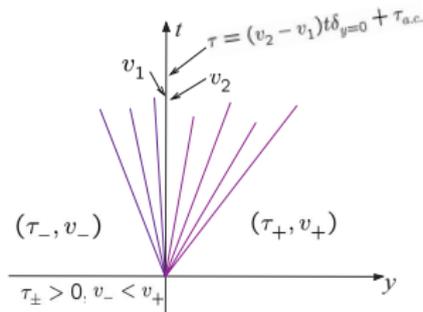
$\implies \infty$ -propagation speed, if it would occur

Cavitation & Concentration: Pressure $P(\rho) = a\rho^\gamma, \gamma > 1$

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \quad \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + P(\rho)) = 0$$



$$(t, x) \rightarrow (t, y) : y_t = \rho(t, x), \quad y_x = -(\rho v)(t, x); \quad \tau(t, y) = 1/\rho(t, x)$$



$$\partial_t \tau - \partial_y v = 0, \quad \partial_t v + \partial_y P(1/\tau) = 0$$

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Theorem (Global Existence Theory of Entropy Solutions)

Let the Cauchy initial data satisfy

$$0 \leq \rho_0(x) \leq C_0, \quad |m_0(x)| \leq C_0 \rho_0(x)$$

for some $C_0 > 0$. Then there exists a global entropy solution $(\rho, m)(t, x) = (\rho, \rho v)(t, x)$ of the Cauchy problem such that

$$0 \leq \rho(t, x) \leq C, \quad |m(t, x)| \leq C\rho(t, x),$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on $\gamma > 1$, $a > 0$, and $C_0 > 0$.

DiPerna: $\gamma = \frac{N+2}{N}$, $N \geq 5$ odd,

Ding-Luo & Chen: $\gamma \in (1, \frac{5}{3}]$,

Lions-Perthame-Tadmor: $\gamma \geq 3$,

Lions-Perthame-Souganidis: $\gamma \in (\frac{5}{3}, 3)$,

Chen-LeFloch: **General pressure laws**

***Entropy Analysis for the measure-valued solution (Young measure)
with compact support**

Cavitation and Entropy Analysis

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x m = 0, \quad \partial_t m + \partial_x (m^2 / \rho + P(\rho)) = 0$$

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$$0 \leq \rho(t, x) \leq C, \quad |m(t, x)| \leq C \rho(t, x),$$

for some constant $C > 0$ depending only on $\gamma > 1$, and C_0 , and

$$\partial_t \eta(\rho, m) + \partial_x q(\rho, m) \leq 0$$

in the sense of distributions for any convex *weak entropy pair* (η, q) .

γ -pressure laws ($\gamma > 1$): DiPerna, Ding-Luo & Chen, Lions-Perthame-Tadmor, Lions-Perthame-Souganidis, ...

General pressure laws: Chen-LeFloch, ...

Uniqueness in this class of entropy solutions: **Open problem!!**

Stability of Vacuum States and Plane Rarefaction Waves even for the M-D Euler Equations via a Single Entropy Inequality

$$\rho_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad (\rho \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P(\rho) = 0.$$

Theorem (Chen: MAA 2000, Chen & Jun Chen: JHDE 2007)

- $R\left(\frac{x_1}{t}\right)$ is a plane Riemann solution consisting of vacuum states, rarefaction waves, and constant states.
- U is an weak solution satisfying the local mechanical energy inequality for $\eta_*(U) = \frac{1}{2}\rho|\mathbf{v}|^2 + \rho e(\rho)$.

$$\implies \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq L} \tilde{\eta}_*(U, R)(t, \mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \leq \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq L+Mt} \tilde{\eta}_*(U_0, R_0)(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x},$$

for any $L > 0$, where $M > 0$ depends only on the bounds of (U, R) and

$$\tilde{\eta}_*(U, R) = (U - R)^T \left(\int_0^1 \nabla_U^2 \eta_*(R + r(U - R)) \, dr \right) (U - R).$$

*Riemann solutions with shocks/vortex sheets $\implies \infty$ -many wild solutions.

Chiodaroli-De Lellis-Kreml 2015, Klingenberg-Kreml-Mách-Markfelder 2020, ...
based on **Convex Integration**: De Lellis & Székelyhidi Jr., ...

*Uniqueness and weak-BV stability for 2×2 conservation laws:

Geng Chen-Krupa-Vasseur 2022, ...

Isentropic Euler Equations: Vanishing Pressure Limit

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \quad \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + \varepsilon P(\rho)) = 0.$$

Riemann Problem: $\rho_{\pm} > 0$

$$(\rho, v)|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (\rho_-, v_-) & \text{for } x < 0, \\ (\rho_+, v_+) & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Consider the following **two distinguished cases**:

Two-rarefaction wave Riemann solution with $v_- < v_+$ and $\rho_{\pm} > 0$:

$$(\rho, v)\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = \begin{cases} (\rho_-, v_-) & \text{for } x < v_- t, \\ \text{1-rarefaction wave} & \text{for } v_- t < x < v_*^\varepsilon t, \\ (\rho_*^\varepsilon, v_*^\varepsilon) & \text{for } v_- t < x < v_*^\varepsilon t, \\ \text{2-rarefaction wave} & \text{for } v_*^\varepsilon t < x < v_+ t, \\ (\rho_+, v_+) & \text{for } x > v_+ t. \end{cases}$$

Two-shock Riemann solution with $v_- > v_+$ and $\rho_{\pm} > 0$:

$$(\rho, v)\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = \begin{cases} (\rho_-, v_-) & \text{for } x < \sigma_1^\varepsilon t, \\ (\rho_*^\varepsilon, v_*^\varepsilon) & \text{for } \sigma_1^\varepsilon t < x < \sigma_2^\varepsilon t, \\ (\rho_+, v_+) & \text{for } x > \sigma_2^\varepsilon t. \end{cases}$$

Vanishing Pressure Limit: Cavitation

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \quad \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + \varepsilon P(\rho)) = 0$$

When $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, the two-rarefaction wave Riemann solution with $v_- < v_+$ and $\rho_{\pm} > 0$:

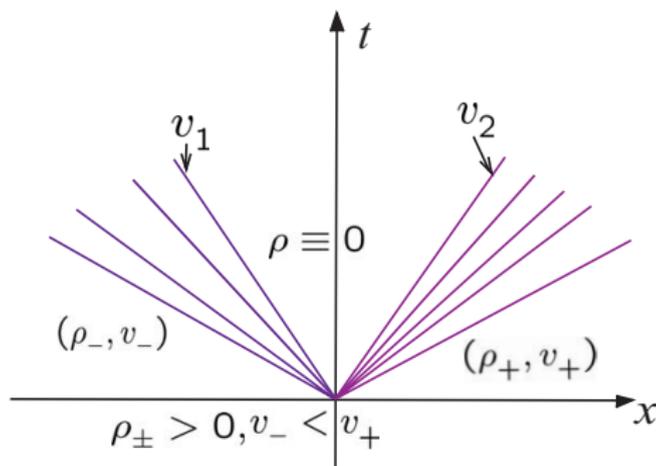
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converges to a solution of the pressureless Euler equations containing a vacuum state that fills up the region formed by the two contact discontinuities $x = v_{\pm} t$:

$$(\rho, v)\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = \begin{cases} (\rho_-, v_-) & \text{for } x < v_- t, \\ (0, \frac{x}{t}) & \text{for } v_- t < x < v_+ t, \\ (\rho_+, v_+) & \text{for } x > v_+ t. \end{cases}$$

Formation Process of Cavitation as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + \varepsilon P(\rho)) = 0. \end{cases}$$



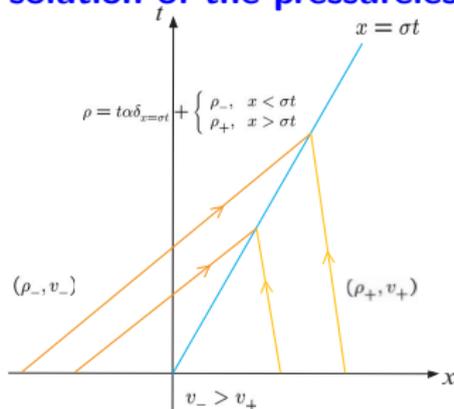
Vanishing Pressure Limit: Concentration

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \quad \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + \varepsilon P(\rho)) = 0.$$

When $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, the two-shock Riemann solution with $v_- > v_+$ and $\rho_{\pm} > 0$:

$$(\rho, v)\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = \begin{cases} (\rho_-, v_-) & \text{for } x < \sigma_1^\varepsilon t, \\ (\rho_*^\varepsilon, v_*^\varepsilon) & \text{for } \sigma_1^\varepsilon t < x < \sigma_2^\varepsilon t, \\ (\rho_+, v_+) & \text{for } x > \sigma_2^\varepsilon t \end{cases}$$

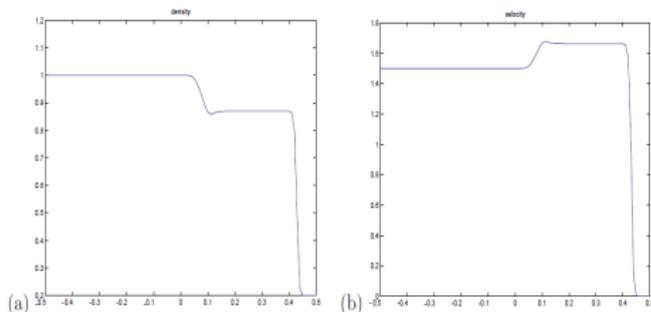
converges to a δ -shock solution of the pressureless Euler equations:



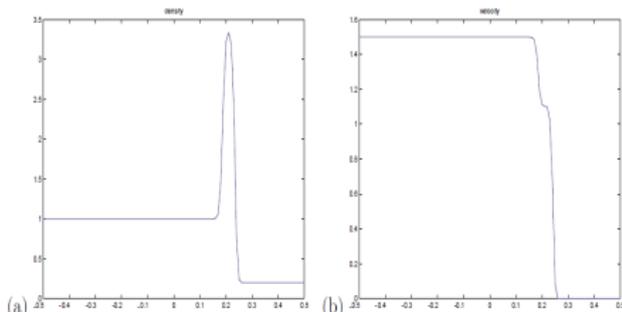
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \sigma^2}}(\sigma[\rho] - [\rho v]) > 0, \quad \sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_+ v_+} + \sqrt{\rho_- v_-}}{\sqrt{\rho_+} + \sqrt{\rho_-}} \in (v_+, v_-)$$

G.-Q. Chen & H. Liu: SIAM J. Math. Anal. 34 (2003), 925–938

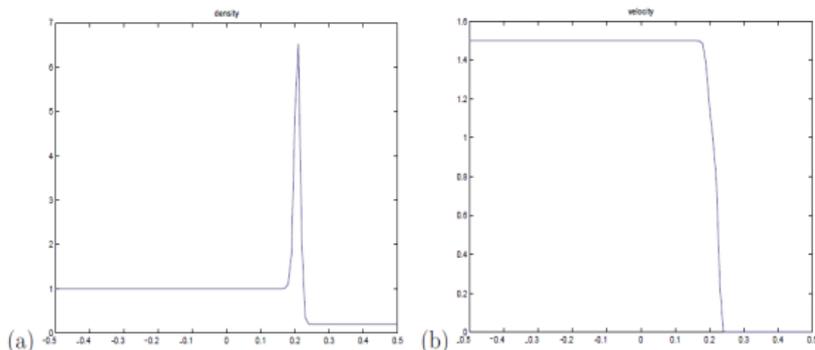
Formation Process of Concentration: δ -Shocks



Density and velocity for $\epsilon = 1.4$.



Density and velocity for $\epsilon = 0.07$.

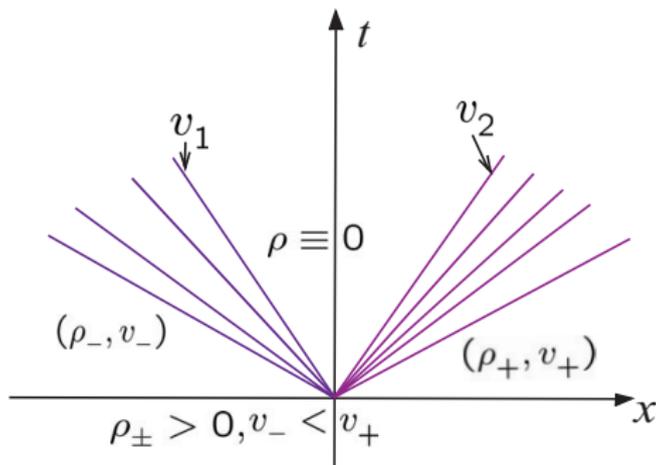


Density and velocity for $\epsilon = 0.0014$.

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Isothermal Limit: Process of Decavitation as $\gamma \rightarrow 1$

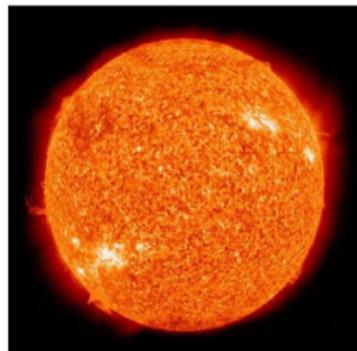
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + P_\gamma(\rho)) = 0, \end{cases} \quad P_\gamma(\rho) = a\rho^\gamma.$$



*G.-Q. Chen, F. Huang & T.-Y. Wang: Isothermal Limit of Entropy Solutions of the Euler Equations for Isentropic Gas Dynamics, arXiv:2202.02235, 2023.

Spherically Symmetric Solutions

- The study of spherically symmetric solutions can date back to the 1950s and has been motivated by many important physical problems such as **stellar dynamics including gaseous stars and supernova formation**.
- **Open Question:** **Could concentration (or cavitation) be formed at the origin, *i.e.*, the density becomes a Dirac Measure (or zero) at the origin, especially when a focusing (defocusing) spherical shock is moving inward (outward) the origin?**



Multidimensional Isentropic Euler Equations

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \\ (\rho \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P = 0. \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}$ — Gradient w.r.t. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 ρ — Density, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ — Velocity,
 $P = P(\rho) = \rho^2 e'(\rho)$ — Pressure with internal energy $e(\rho)$

For a polytropic perfect gas: $P(\rho) = a \rho^\gamma$, $e(\rho) = \frac{a}{\gamma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1}$, $\gamma > 1$

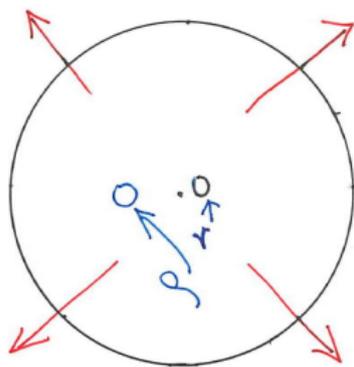
Spherically Symmetric Solutions:

$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \rho(t, r), \quad \mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{x}) = v(t, r) \frac{\mathbf{x}}{r}, \quad r = |\mathbf{x}|.$$

Then the functions $(\rho, m) = (\rho, \rho v)$ are governed by

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_r + \frac{d-1}{r} m = 0, \\ m_t + \left(\frac{m^2}{\rho} + P(\rho) \right)_r + \frac{d-1}{r} \frac{m^2}{\rho} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Defocusing: Expanding Spherically Symmetric Solutions



G.-Q. Chen: Proc. Royal Soc. Edinburgh, 127A (1997), 243–259.

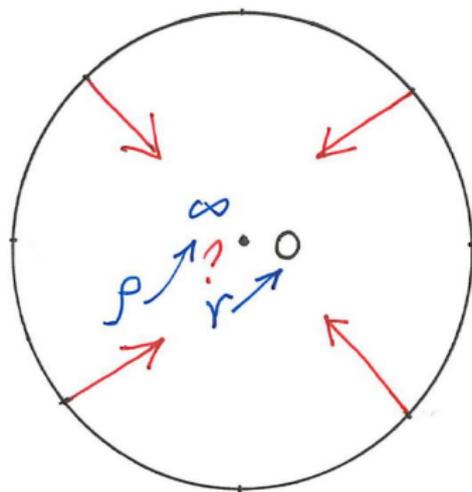
$$0 \leq \int_0^{\rho_0(r)} \frac{\sqrt{P'(s)}}{s} ds \leq v_0(r) \leq C < \infty$$

⇒ **Formation of Cavitation near the origin
via Finite Difference Scheme....**

* M. Slemrod: PRSE, 1996: Spherical Self-Similar Piston Problem

* F. Huang, T.-H. Li & D. Yuan 2019,

Focusing: Imploding Spherically Symmetric Solutions



Guderley 1942, Courant-Friedrichs 1945, ...

Merle-Raphaël-Ronianski-Szeftel 2022: Singularity of Self-Similar Solutions

Rauch 1986: No BV or L^∞ Bounds

Longstanding Problem: Does the concentration occur generically?

\iff Does the density develop into a measure at the origin generically?

Spherically Symmetric Solutions for the Euler Equations via Navier-Stokes Viscosity Limits

Theorem (Chen-Wang: ARMA 2022, Chen-Schrecker: ARMA 2018
Chen-Perepelitsa: CMP 2015)

Let the initial functions (ρ_0, m_0) satisfy the relative finite-energy conditions with $\bar{\rho} := \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_0(r) \geq 0$.

\Rightarrow There exists a sequence of Navier-Stokes-type approximate solutions $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)$, $m^\varepsilon = \rho^\varepsilon v^\varepsilon$, for $\varepsilon > 0$ such that, when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, there exists a subsequence of $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)$ that converges strongly almost everywhere to a finite-energy spherically symmetric entropy solution (ρ, m) with

$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \rho(t, |\mathbf{x}|), \quad (\rho \mathbf{v})(t, \mathbf{x}) = m(t, |\mathbf{x}|) \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|} \quad \text{for all } \gamma > 1.$$

***There EXIST entropy solutions (as zero viscosity limits) even $\bar{\rho} > 0$ with ∞ -propagation speed, but without concentration at the origin!!**

Entropy Analysis I

$$\partial_t U + \partial_r F(U) = G(U, r), \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Entropy-Entropy Flux Pair (η, q) if they satisfy the 2×2 hyperbolic system:

$$\nabla q(U) = \nabla \eta(U) \nabla F(U).$$

For smooth solution U , $\partial_t \eta(U) + \partial_r q(U) = \nabla \eta(U) G(U, r)$.

If the system is endowed with globally defined Riemann invariants $w_i(U)$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$, satisfying $\nabla w_i(U) \cdot \nabla F(U) = \lambda_i(U) \nabla w_i(U)$ so that

$$q_{w_i} = \lambda_i \eta_{w_i}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

That is, the entropy function η is determined by

$$\eta_{w_1 w_2} + \frac{\lambda_{2w_1}}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \eta_{w_2} - \frac{\lambda_{1w_2}}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \eta_{w_1} = 0.$$

For the Euler system, η is determined by the **Euler-Poisson-Darboux equation**:

$$\eta_{w_1 w_2} + \frac{\alpha}{w_2 - w_1} (\eta_{w_2} - \eta_{w_1}) = 0, \quad \alpha = \frac{3 - \gamma}{2(\gamma - 1)}.$$

Entropy Analysis - II

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_r = -\frac{d-1}{r} m, & (m = \rho v) \\ m_t + \left(\frac{m^2}{\rho} + P(\rho)\right)_r = -\frac{d-1}{r} \frac{m^2}{\rho}. \end{cases}$$

Strict Hyperbolicity – fails: $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 = 2\sqrt{P'(\rho)} \rightarrow 0$ when $\rho \rightarrow 0$ (vacuum)

Entropy Pair (η, q) : $\nabla q(U) = \nabla \eta(U) \nabla F(U)$ for $U = (\rho, m)^\top$

Convex Entropy: $\nabla^2 \eta(U) > 0$ **Weak Entropy**: $\eta(\rho, \rho v)|_{\rho=0} = 0$

Weak entropy pairs are represented as

$$\eta^\psi(\rho, \rho v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi(s) \psi(s) ds, \quad q^\psi(\rho, \rho v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\theta s + (1 - \theta)v) \chi(s) \psi(s) ds$$

by C^2 -functions $\psi(s)$, where $\chi(s)$ is the weak entropy kernel:

$$\chi(s) := [\rho^{2\theta} - (v - s)^2]_+^\alpha, \quad \theta = \frac{\gamma - 1}{2}, \alpha = \frac{3 - \gamma}{2(\gamma - 1)}$$

Physical Convex Entropy: Mechanical energy-energy flux pair (η_*, q_*) :

$$\eta_*(\rho, m) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{\rho} + \rho e(\rho), \quad q_*(\rho, m) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^3}{\rho^2} + m(e(\rho) + \frac{P}{\rho})$$

Entropy Analysis - III: L^p -Compactness Framework

Theorem (L^p -Compensated Compactness Framework)

Let a function sequence $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r)$ defined on a compact domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfy

- There exists a constant $C > 0$, independent of $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$\|\rho^\varepsilon\|_{L^{\max\{\gamma+1, \gamma+\theta\}}(\Omega)} + \left\| \frac{(m^\varepsilon)^3}{(\rho^\varepsilon)^2} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq C \quad \text{for } \theta = \frac{\gamma-1}{2}.$$

- For any weak entropy pair generated by **compactly supported test function** $\psi \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that the corresponding sequence of entropy dissipation measures

$$\partial_t \eta^\psi(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon) + \partial_r q^\psi(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon) \quad \text{is compact in } H^{-1}(\Omega).$$

Then there exist both a subsequence (still denoted) $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r)$ and a measurable vector function $(\rho, m)(t, r)$ such that

$$(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r) \rightarrow (\rho, m)(t, r) \quad \text{a.e. as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

L^p -Framework for General $\gamma > 1$: Chen-Perepelitsa, CPAM 2010

* DiPerna, Ding-Luo-Chen, Lions-Perthame-Souganidis-Tadmor,
Chen-LeFloch, LeFloch-Westdickenberg, ...

Multidimensional Euler-Poisson Equations

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \nabla \cdot \mathcal{M} = 0, \\ \mathcal{M}_t + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{M}}{\rho} \right) + \nabla P + \rho \nabla \Phi = 0, \\ \Delta \Phi = \kappa \rho, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases}$$

ρ – Density, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ – Velocity, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}$ – Gradient w.r.t. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 Φ – Gravitational potential of gaseous stars if $\kappa = 4\pi g > 0$ when $d = 3$
& plasma electric field potential if $\kappa < 0$

Spherically Symmetric Solutions:

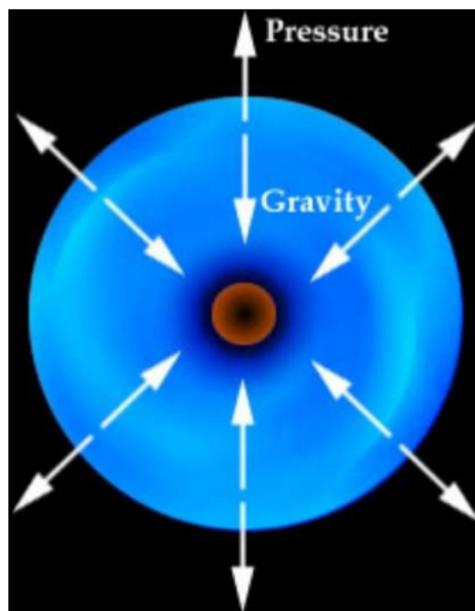
$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \rho(t, r), \quad \mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{x}) = v(t, r) \frac{\mathbf{x}}{r}, \quad \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Phi(t, r), \quad r = |\mathbf{x}|.$$

Then the functions $(\rho, m) = (\rho, \rho v)$ are governed by

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_r = -\frac{d-1}{r} m, \\ m_t + \left(\frac{m^2}{\rho} + P(\rho) \right)_r = -\rho \Phi_r - \frac{d-1}{r} \frac{m^2}{\rho}, \\ \Phi_{rr} + \frac{d-1}{r} \Phi_r = \kappa \rho. \end{cases}$$

The Compressible Euler-Poisson Equations for Self-Gravitating Newtonian Gaseous Stars

A gaseous star is modeled as a compactly supported gaseous fluid surrounded by vacuum, subject to self-gravitation.



Euler-Poisson Equations with $\kappa > 0$

Self-Gravitational Gaseous Stars: Smooth Solutions

- Chandrasekhar 1938:
 - $\gamma > \frac{2d}{d+2}$ (e.g. $\gamma > \frac{6}{5}$ for $d = 3$) is necessary to ensure the global existence of finite-energy solutions with finite mass, which corresponding to the one for the **Lane-Emden solutions**.
 - There no exist steady **white dwarf star** with total mass larger than the **Chandrasekhar limit** M_{ch} when $\gamma \in (\frac{6}{5}, \frac{4}{3}]$ for $d = 3$.
- Goldreich-Webber 1980 (see also Deng-Xiang-Yang 2003, Fu-Lin 1998, Makino 1992): **There exist homologous self-similar collapsing solutions** when $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ for $d = 3$.
- **Guo-Hadzic-Jang** (ARMA 2021): $\exists \infty$ -**D family of collapsing solutions**.
 $\gamma \in (1, \frac{4}{3})$ (mass supercritical) & Mach number $\gg 1 \implies$ **Concentration**
Lei-Gu 2016, Luo-Xin-Zeng 2014, Makino 1986,

Open Problem: $?\exists$ **Global Weak Entropy Solutions including the Origin?**
Even under Self-Gravitation?

Stationary Self-Gravitating Gaseous Stars $\Omega: \kappa > 0$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla P(\rho) = -\rho \nabla \Phi, & \Delta \Phi = \kappa \rho & \text{in } \Omega \\ \rho|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then $Q(\rho) = \rho^{\gamma-1}$ is determined by the elliptic problem:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta Q = -AQ^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}, \\ Q|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \end{cases} \quad A = \frac{(\gamma-1)\kappa}{\gamma a} > 0, \gamma > 1.$$

Theorem (Deng-Liu-Yang-Yao: ARMA 2002)

- $\frac{6}{5} < \gamma < 2$: *There is a positive solution on Ω*
- $1 < \gamma \leq \frac{6}{5}$ and Ω is a ball: *There is no positive solution*

The total energy: $E = \frac{4-3\gamma}{\gamma-1} \int_{\Omega} P(\rho) \, dx$ (lighter & heavier particles)

- $\gamma > \frac{4}{3}$: the gas may expand to infinity and become a gas cloud.
- $\gamma \leq \frac{4}{3}$: the gas may collapse into a single point in finite time and may eventually become a black hole.

Finite Initial Total-Energy and Total-Mass

Initial Condition:

$$(\rho, \mathcal{M})|_{t=0} = (\rho_0(\mathbf{x}), \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{x})) = (\rho_0(|\mathbf{x}|), m_0(|\mathbf{x}|) \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|}) \longrightarrow (0, \mathbf{0}) \text{ as } |\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Asymptotic Condition:

$$\Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Phi(t, |\mathbf{x}|) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } |\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Finite initial total-energy:

$$E_0 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\mathcal{M}_0}{\sqrt{\rho_0}} \right|^2 + \rho_0 e(\rho_0) \right) (\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} < \infty \quad \text{for } \kappa > 0.$$

Finite initial total-mass:

$$M := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_0(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \omega_d \int_0^\infty \rho_0(r) r^{d-1} dr < \infty.$$

$e(\rho) := \frac{a}{\gamma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1}$ — internal energy

$\omega_d := \frac{2\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$ — surface area of the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^d

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$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \rho(t, |\mathbf{x}|), \quad \mathcal{M}(t, \mathbf{x}) = m(t, |\mathbf{x}|) \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|}, \quad \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Phi(t, |\mathbf{x}|)$$

for $\kappa > 0$ when $\gamma > \frac{2(d-1)}{d}$

or $\gamma \in (\frac{2d}{d+2}, \frac{2(d-1)}{d}]$ with the critical mass $M_c(\gamma)$

*There exist entropy solutions (as inviscid Navier-Stokes limits) with ∞ -propagation speed, but without concentration, at the origin even under self-gravitation!!

Main Strategies

- Design an appropriate free boundary problem with
 - appropriate approximate initial data
 - stress-free boundary conditionto construct the approximate solutions (involving the initial location $b > 0$ of the free boundary – a large parameter, besides the small parameter $\varepsilon > 0$) for CNSPEs.
- Obtain the trace estimates in the energy estimates & adopt the Bresch-Desjardins entropy to make uniform estimates of the approximate solutions, independent of $\varepsilon > 0$ and $b > 0$.
- Prove that the Navier-Stokes-Poisson viscosity solutions satisfy the L^p -compensated compactness framework after first taking $b \rightarrow \infty$, which then ensures the strong convergence of the viscosity solutions as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- Verify that the strong limit functions are finite-energy global solutions of the compressible Euler-Poisson equations with large initial data of spherical symmetry.

Navier-Stokes-Poisson Approximate Solutions

Consider the following approximate free boundary problem for CNSPEs:

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + (\rho v)_r + \frac{d-1}{r} \rho v = 0, \\ (\rho v)_t + (\rho v^2 + P)_r + \frac{d-1}{r} \rho v^2 + \frac{\kappa \rho}{r^{d-1}} \int_{b^{-1}}^r \rho(t, y) y^{d-1} dy \\ = \varepsilon \left(\rho(v_r + \frac{d-1}{r} v) \right)_r - \varepsilon \frac{d-1}{r} v \rho_r, \end{cases}$$

for $(t, r) \in \Omega_T := \{(t, r) : b^{-1} \leq r \leq b(t), 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ (moving domain),
with $b \gg 1$ and $\{r = b(t) : 0 < t \leq T\}$ as a free boundary:

$$b'(t) = v(t, b(t)) \text{ for } t > 0, \quad b(0) = b \gg 1.$$

- On the free boundary $r = b(t)$, the stress-free boundary condition:

$$\left(P(\rho) - \varepsilon \rho \left(v_r + \frac{d-1}{r} v \right) \right) (t, b(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$

- On the fixed boundary $r = b^{-1}$, the Dirichlet boundary condition:

$$v|_{r=b^{-1}} = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$

- The initial condition: $(\rho, \rho v)|_{t=0} = (\rho_0^{\varepsilon, b}, \rho_0^{\varepsilon, b} v_0^{\varepsilon, b})(r)$ for $r \in [b^{-1}, b]$.
 $(\rho_0^{\varepsilon, b}, v_0^{\varepsilon, b})(r)$ are smooth/compatible and $0 < C_{\varepsilon, b}^{-1} \leq \rho_0^{\varepsilon, b}(r) \leq C_{\varepsilon, b} < \infty$.

*Duan-Li, JDE 2015: $\kappa > 0$ with $\gamma \in (\frac{6}{5}, \frac{4}{3}] \implies$ General as needed for $d \geq 2$.

Basic Energy Estimates for the Approximate Solutions: $\kappa > 0$

The approximate solution $(\rho, v)(t, r) := (\rho^{\epsilon, b}, v^{\epsilon, b})(t, r)$ satisfies the following energy identity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{b^{-1}}^{b(t)} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho e(\rho) \right) (t, r) r^{d-1} dr - \frac{\kappa}{2} \int_{b^{-1}}^{b(t)} \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \left(\int_{b^{-1}}^r \rho(t, y) y^{d-1} dy \right)^2 dr \\ & + \epsilon \int_0^t \int_{b^{-1}}^{b(s)} \left(\rho v_r^2 + (d-1) \rho \frac{v^2}{r^2} \right) (t, r) r^{d-1} dr ds \\ & + (d-1) \epsilon \int_0^t (\rho v^2)(s, b(s)) b(s)^{d-2} ds \\ & = \int_{b^{-1}}^b \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho_0 v_0^2 + \rho_0 e(\rho_0) \right) (r) - \frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{1}{r^{2(d-1)}} \left(\int_{b^{-1}}^r \rho_0(t, y) y^{d-1} dy \right)^2 \right) r^{d-1} dr. \end{aligned}$$

where $\rho(t, r)$ is understood to be 0 for $r \in [0, b^{-1}] \cup (b, \infty)$ in the 2nd term of the right-hand side and the 2nd term of the left-hand side.

There are the **two cases**: (i) $\gamma > \frac{2(d-1)}{d}$; (ii) $\gamma \in \left(\frac{2d}{d+2}, \frac{2(d-1)}{d} \right]$.

BD-Type Entropy Estimate

Given any fixed $T > 0$, then, for all $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon^2 \int_{b^{-1}}^{b(t)} \frac{|\rho(t, r)_r|^2}{\rho(t, r)} r^{d-1} dr + \epsilon \int_0^t \int_{b^{-1}}^{b(s)} |(\rho^{\frac{\gamma}{2}})_r|^2 r^{d-1} dr ds \\ & + P(\rho(t, b(t))) b^d(t) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^t P(\rho(s, b(s))) P'(\rho(s, b(s))) b^d(s) ds \\ & \leq C(E_0, M, T). \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the derivative estimate of the density, we use the entropy identified by D. Bresch and B. Desjardins (2007).

To close the bound, we need to control the boundary term $P(\rho_0(b))b^d$ for the approximate initial data.

To resolve this issue, we construct the approximate initial data $(\rho_0^{\epsilon, b}, u_0^{\epsilon, b})$ so that $P(\rho_0^{\epsilon, b}(b))b^d$ are uniformly bounded.

Expanding of Domain Ω_T with Free Boundary

Given $T > 0$ and $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0]$, there exists a positive constant $B(M, E_0, T, \epsilon) > 0$ such that, if $b \geq B(M, E_0, T, \epsilon)$,

$$b(t) \geq \frac{b}{2} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T]. \quad (**)$$

* For the free boundary problem, a follow-up point is whether the free boundary domain Ω_T will expand to the whole space as $b \rightarrow \infty$; otherwise, it would not be a good approximation to the original Cauchy problem.

* We solve this difficulty by proving (**), provided $b \gg 1$.

* **Uniform higher integrability:** For any $K \in [b^{-1}, b(t)]$ and $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\|\rho^{b,\epsilon}\|_{L^{\max\{\gamma+1, \gamma+\theta\}}([0, T] \times K)} + \|\rho^{b,\epsilon} (v^{b,\epsilon})^3\|_{L^1([0, T] \times K)} \leq C(K, M, E_0, T).$$

Existence of Global Weak Solutions of CNSPEs

- Similar to the compactness arguments of Mellet-Vasseur (CPDE, 2007), based on these uniform estimates just presented, we take the limit, $b \rightarrow \infty$, to obtain the global weak viscosity solutions of CNSPEs.
- Let (η, q) be a weak entropy pair for any smooth compact supported function $\psi(s)$ on \mathbb{R} . Then, for $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0]$, the Navier-Stokes-Poisson viscosity solutions $(\rho^\epsilon, m^\epsilon)$ satisfy that

$$\partial_t \eta(\rho^\epsilon, m^\epsilon) + \partial_r q(\rho^\epsilon, m^\epsilon) \quad \text{is compact in } H_{\text{loc}}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_+^2).$$

- Given any $T \in (0, \infty)$, the following uniform bounds hold for all $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \rho^\epsilon(t, r) r^{d-1} dr &= \int_0^\infty \rho_0^\epsilon(r) r^{d-1} dr = M, \\ \int_0^\infty \eta^*(\rho^\epsilon, m^\epsilon)(t, r) r^{d-1} dr &+ \epsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{(m^\epsilon)^2(t, r)}{\rho^\epsilon(t, r)} r^{d-3} dr dt + \|\Phi^\epsilon(t)\|_{L^{\frac{2d}{d-2}}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^r \rho^\epsilon(t, y) y^{d-1} dz \right) \rho^\epsilon(t, r) r dr + \|\nabla \Phi^\epsilon(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C(M, E_0), \\ \epsilon^2 \int_0^\infty |(\sqrt{\rho^\epsilon(t, r)})_r|^2 r^{d-1} dr &+ \epsilon \int_0^T \int_0^\infty |((\rho^\epsilon)^{\frac{\gamma}{2}})_r|^2 r^{d-1} dr dt \leq C(M, E_0, T), \\ \|\rho^\epsilon\|_{L^{\max\{\gamma+1, \gamma+\theta\}}([0, T] \times K)} &+ \left\| \frac{(m^\epsilon)^3}{(\rho^\epsilon)^2} \right\|_{L^1([0, T] \times K)} \leq C(K, M, E_0, T) \quad \text{for all } K \Subset (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

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M-D Euler-Poisson Equations for White Dwarf Stars

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ρ – Density, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ – Velocity

Φ – Self-consistent electric field potential, $\kappa > 0$.

$P = P(\rho) = \rho^2 e'(\rho)$ – General pressure with internal energy $e(\rho)$

For a white dwarf star (Chandrasekhar 1938),

$$P(\rho) = A \int_0^{B\rho^{\frac{1}{3}}} \frac{\sigma^4}{\sqrt{D + \sigma^2}} d\sigma \quad \text{for } \rho > 0,$$

where A, B and D are positive constants.

$$\implies P(\rho) \cong \rho^{\frac{5}{3}} \text{ as } \rho \rightarrow 0, \quad P(\rho) \cong \rho^{\frac{4}{3}} \text{ as } \rho \rightarrow \infty.$$

*G.-Q. Chen, F. Huang, T.-H. Li, W. Wang, and Y. Wang:

Global Finite-Energy Solutions of the Compressible Euler-Poisson Equations with Spherical Symmetry for White Dwarf Stars, Preprint 2023.

L^p -Compactness Framework for General Pressure Laws I: $P(\rho)$

- (i) $P(\rho) \in C^1([0, \infty)) \cap C^4(\mathbb{R}_+)$ and satisfies the hyperbolic and genuinely nonlinear conditions:

$$P'(\rho) > 0, \quad 2P'(\rho) + \rho P''(\rho) > 0 \quad \text{for } \rho > 0.$$

- (ii) There exist constants $\gamma_1 \in (1, 3)$ and $\kappa_1 > 0$ such that

$$P(\rho) \sim \kappa_1 \rho^{\gamma_1} \quad \text{as } \rho \sim 0.$$

- (iii) There exist constants $\gamma_2 \in (\frac{6}{5}, \gamma_1]$ and $\kappa_2 > 0$ such that

$$P(\rho) \sim \kappa_2 \rho^{\gamma_2} \quad \text{as } \rho \sim \infty.$$

***Examples:** White dwarf stars, \dots

L^p -Compactness Framework for General Pressure Laws II: $P(\rho)$

Theorem (L^p -Compensated Compactness Framework)

Let a function sequence $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r)$ defined on a compact domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfy

- There exists a constant $C > 0$, independent of $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$\|\rho^\varepsilon\|_{L^{\gamma_2+1}(\Omega)} + \left\| \frac{(m^\varepsilon)^3}{(\rho^\varepsilon)^2} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq C \quad \text{for } \theta = \frac{\gamma-1}{2}.$$

- For any weak entropy pair generated by *compactly supported test function* $\psi \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that the corresponding sequence of entropy dissipation measures

$$\partial_t \eta^\psi(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon) + \partial_r q^\psi(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon) \quad \text{is compact in } W^{-1,1}(\Omega).$$

Then there exist both a subsequence (still denoted) $(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r)$ and a measurable vector function $(\rho, m)(t, r)$ such that

$$(\rho^\varepsilon, m^\varepsilon)(t, r) \rightarrow (\rho, m)(t, r) \quad \text{a.e. as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

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Multidimensional Euler-Poisson Equations with Doping Profile for Plasma

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \\ (\rho \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) + \nabla P + \rho \nabla \Phi = 0, \\ \Delta \Phi = \kappa(\rho - b(\mathbf{x})). \end{cases}$$

$\nabla = (\partial_{x_1}, \dots, \partial_{x_d})$ — Gradient with respect to $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\Delta = \partial_{x_1}^2 + \dots + \partial_{x_d}^2$ — Laplace operator with respect to $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

ρ — Density, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ — Velocity

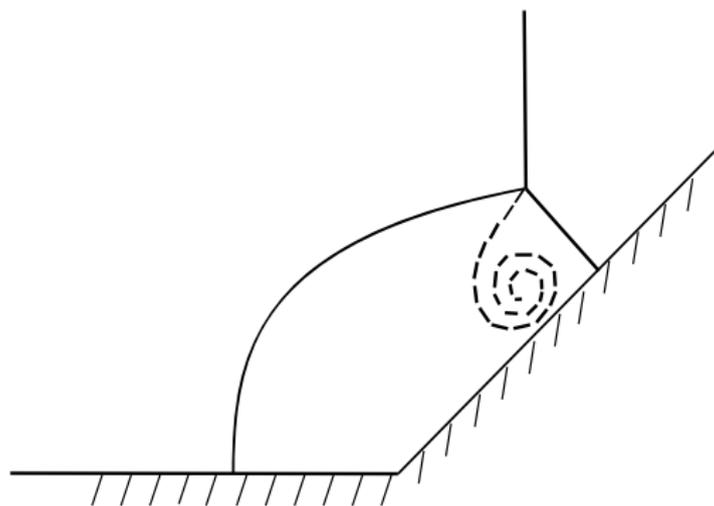
$P = P(\rho) = \rho^2 e'(\rho)$ — Pressure with internal energy $e(\rho)$

Φ — Self-consistent electric field potential

$b(\mathbf{x})$ — Doping profile with $\lim_{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty} b(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_* > 0$.

*G.-Q. Chen, L. He, Y. Wang, and D. Yuan: Global Solutions of the Compressible Euler-Poisson Equations with Doping Profile and Large Data of Spherical Symmetry for Plasma Dynamics, Preprint 2023.

Shock Reflection-Diffraction: Mach Reflection



- ? Does cavitation/concentration form at the center of vorticity wave?
- ? Right space for vorticity ω ?
- ? Chord-arc $z(s) = z_0 + \int_0^s e^{ib(s)} ds$, $b \in BMO$?

*Chen-Feldman 2018 (**Research Monograph**): **The Mathematics of Shock Reflection-Diffraction and von Neumann's Conjectures**, **832 pages**, **Annals of Mathematics Studies, 197, Princeton University Press, 2018**

Classification of 2-D Riemann Problems for the Euler Eqs.

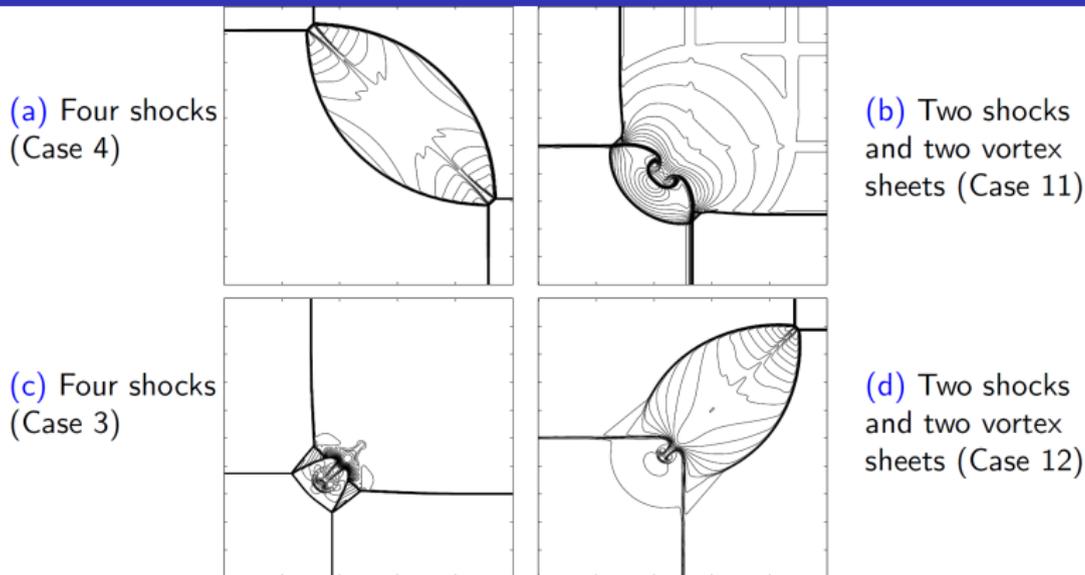


Figure: Numerical solutions to four (of nineteen) distinct cases of the 2D Riemann problem. Figures reproduced from Lax–Liu 1998.

- **Classification:** Zhang-Zheng 1990, Chang-Chen-Yang 1995,2000, Lax-Liu 1998.
- **Rigorous Analysis for Solvability:** **Wide Open!**

*G.-Q. Chen: Two-Dimensional Riemann Problems: Transonic Shock Waves and Free Boundary Problems, Communications on Applied Mathematics & Computation, 2023.

Challenges and Entropy Solutions: Euler Equations

$$\partial_t U + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{F}(U) = 0$$

Challenges: Singularities \rightarrow Discontinuous/Wild/Singular Solutions

- Shock Waves, Vortex Sheets, Vorticity Waves, Entropy Waves, ...
- Compactness & Oscillation \iff Weak Continuity & Uniqueness ??
- *Cavitation/Decavitation \implies Degeneracy, ...
- *Concentration/Deconcentration $\implies \infty$ -Propagation Speed, ...
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Analysis of Entropy Solutions:

(i) $U(t, \mathbf{x}) \in L^\infty, L^p, \mathcal{M}, \dots$.

(ii) For any convex entropy pair (η, \mathbf{q}) , $\partial_t \eta(U) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{q}(U) \leq 0$ \mathcal{D}'
as long as $(\eta(U(t, \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{q}(U(t, \mathbf{x}))) \in \mathcal{D}'$, for $(\eta, \mathbf{q}) := (\eta, q_1, \dots, q_d)$ that
satisfies $\nabla^2 \eta(U) \geq 0$ and is a solution of

$$\nabla q_k(U) = \nabla \eta(U) \nabla \mathbf{F}_k(U) \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, d$$

Posed Classes of Entropy Solutions in $L^\infty, L^p, \mathcal{M}, \dots??$

Entropy Methods for the Analysis of Entropy Solutions of Multidimensional Conservation Laws?

A general mathematical framework may be derived from the [theory of divergence-measure fields](#) via the [entropy methods](#), which are based on the

Entropy Solutions:

- (i) $U(t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{M}, L^\infty, L^p$, plus additional features when available;
- (ii) For any convex entropy pair (η, \mathbf{q}) , $\partial_t \eta(U) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{q}(U) \leq 0$ in \mathcal{D}' as long as $(\eta(U(t, \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{q}(U(t, \mathbf{x}))) \in \mathcal{D}'$.

$$\implies \operatorname{div}_{(t, \mathbf{x})}(\eta(U(t, \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{q}(U(t, \mathbf{x}))) \in \mathcal{M}$$

$$\implies (\eta(U(t, \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{q}(U(t, \mathbf{x}))) \in \mathcal{DM}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d) \text{ (divergence-measure field)}$$

\implies Integration by parts, normal traces,

\implies Properties of entropy solutions,

via **Entropy Methods and Theory of Divergence-Measure Fields**

*Chen-Frid: ARMA 147 (1999), 308–357; CMP 236 (2003), 251–280

*Chen-Torres-Ziemer, Frid, Chen-Comi-Torres,

*Chen-Torres: Notices Amer. Math. Soc. 171(2) (2021), 1282–1290

* Compensated Integrability: Serre (CRMAS 2022, JMPA 2019, AIHP 2018, ...), ...

* Strong Traces & Kinetic Formulations: Vasseur, De Lellis-Otto-Westdickenberg, C-Perthame...