Asymptotic profiles of blow-up solutions
of the nonlinear Schrödinger equation
with critical power nonlinearity

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1. Introduction.

We shall consider the blow-up problem for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$C(p) \quad \begin{cases} \text{(NS)} \quad 2i\dfrac{\partial u}{\partial t}+\Delta u+|u|^{p-1}u = 0 \quad (t,\,x)\in R_+\times R^N\,, \\[2mm] \text{(IV)} \quad u(0,\,x) = u_0(x)\,, \qquad\qquad x\in R^N\,. \end{cases}$$

Here $i=\sqrt{-1}$, $u_0\in H^1(R^N)$ and Δ is the Laplace operator on R^N. The nonlinear Schrödinger equation of the form (NS) arises in various domains of physics, e.g., fluids, plasmas and optics. The equation (NS) also derived from a field equation for a quantum mechanical nonrelativistic many body system in the semi-classical limit.

The unique local existence of solutions of $C(p)$ is well known for $1 < p < 2^*-1$ ($2^*=2N/(N-2)$ if $N\geq 3$, $=\infty$ if $N=1,\,2$): For any $u_0\in H^1(R^N)$, there exists a unique solution $u(t,\,x)$ of $C(p)$ in $C([0,\,T_m)\,;\,H^1(R^N))$ for some $T_m\in (0,\,\infty]$ (maximal existence time), and $u(t)$ satisfies the following two conservation laws of L^2 and the energy:

$$(1.1) \qquad\qquad \|u(t)\| = \|u_0\|\,,$$

$$(1.2) \qquad E_{p+1}(u(t)) \equiv \|\nabla u(t)\|^2 - \frac{2}{p+1}\|u(t)\|_{p+1}^{p+1} = E_{p+1}(u_0)\,,$$

for $t\in[0,\,T_m)$, where $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_{p+1}$ denotes the L^2 norm and L^{p+1} norm respectively. Furthermore $T_m=\infty$ or $T_m<\infty$ and $\lim_{t\to T_m}\|\nabla u(t)\|=\infty$. For details, see e.g., [11, 12, 14].