

# Numerical study of 2+1 dimensional nonlinear dispersive PDEs

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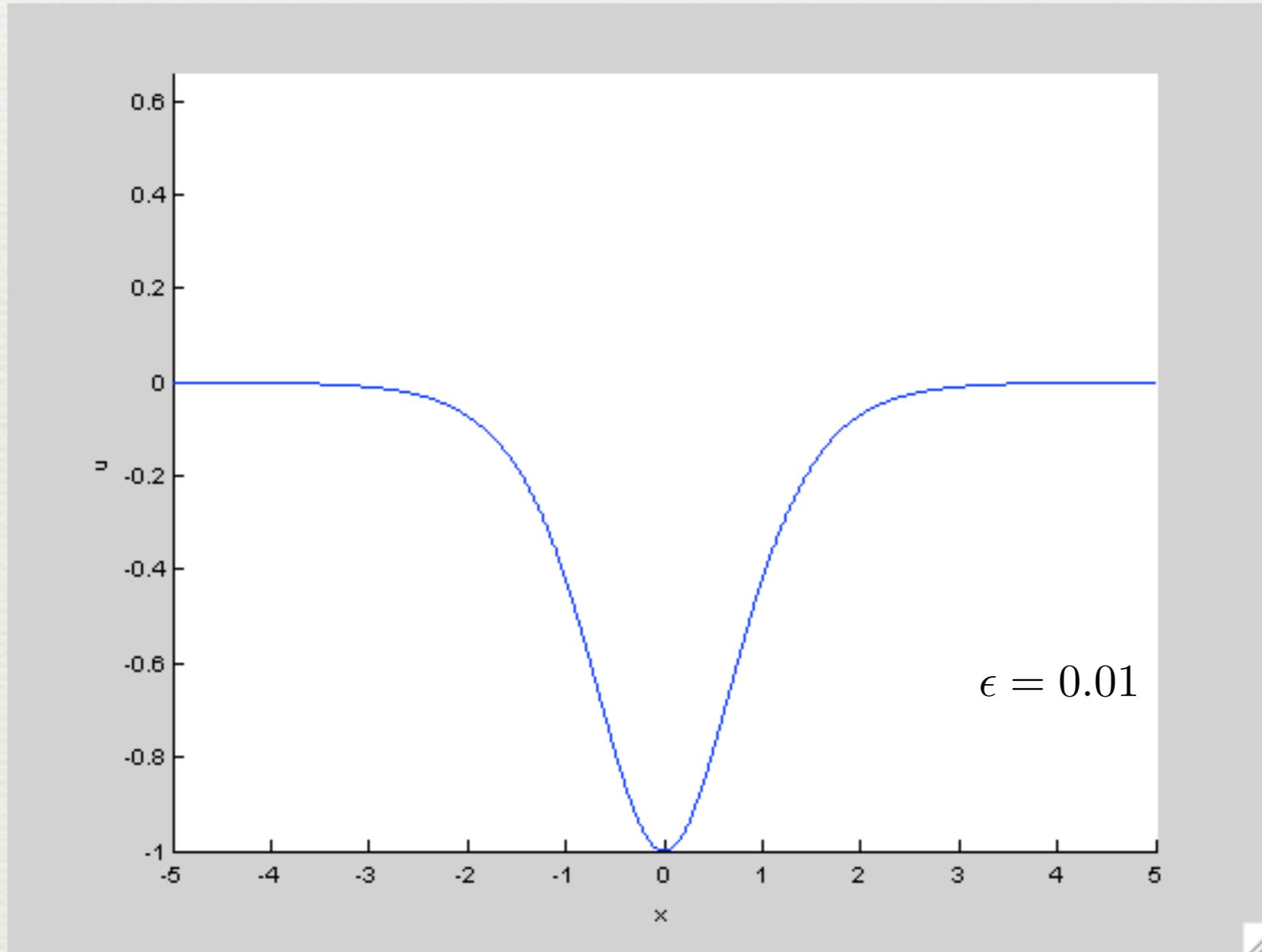
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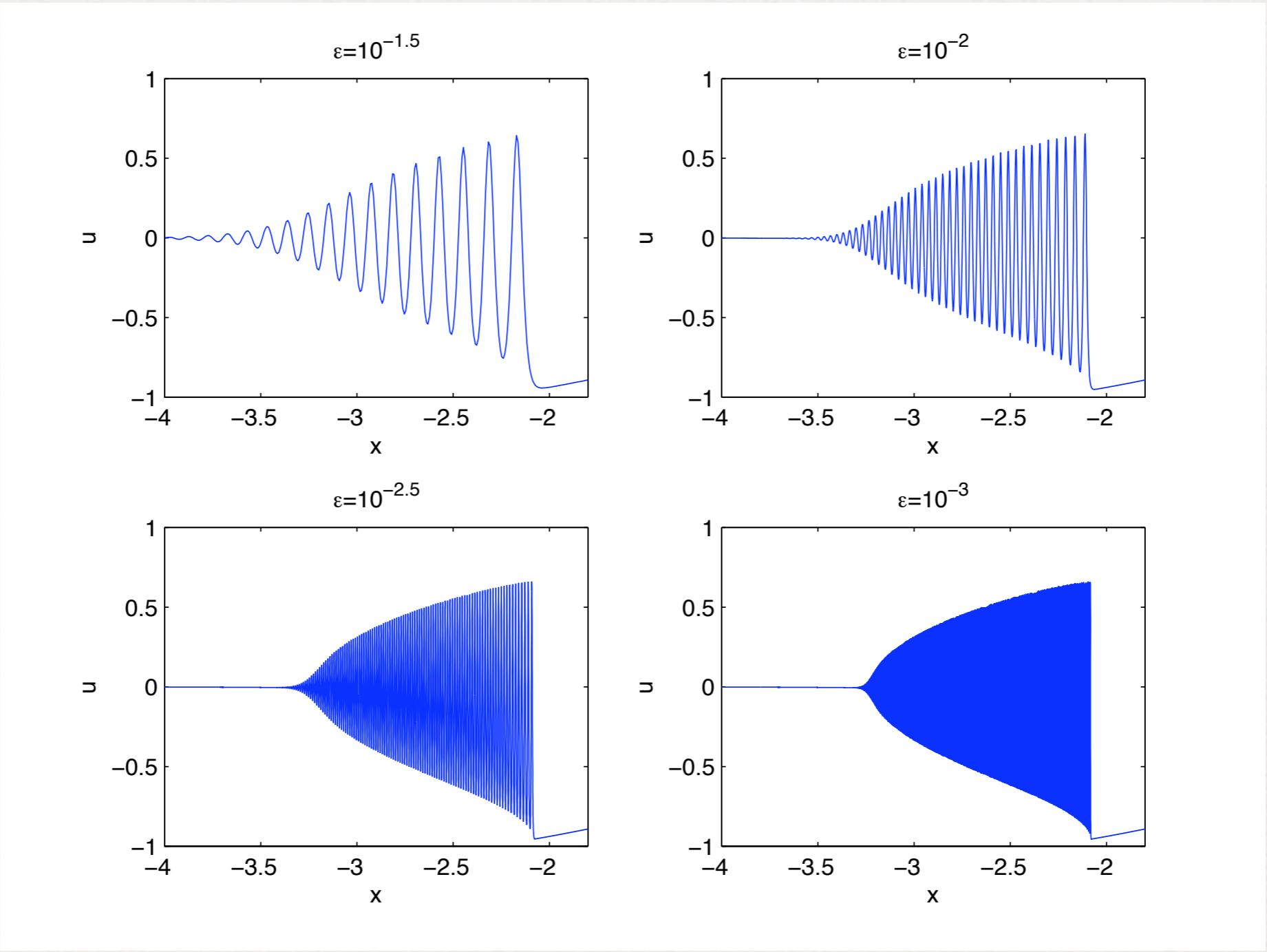
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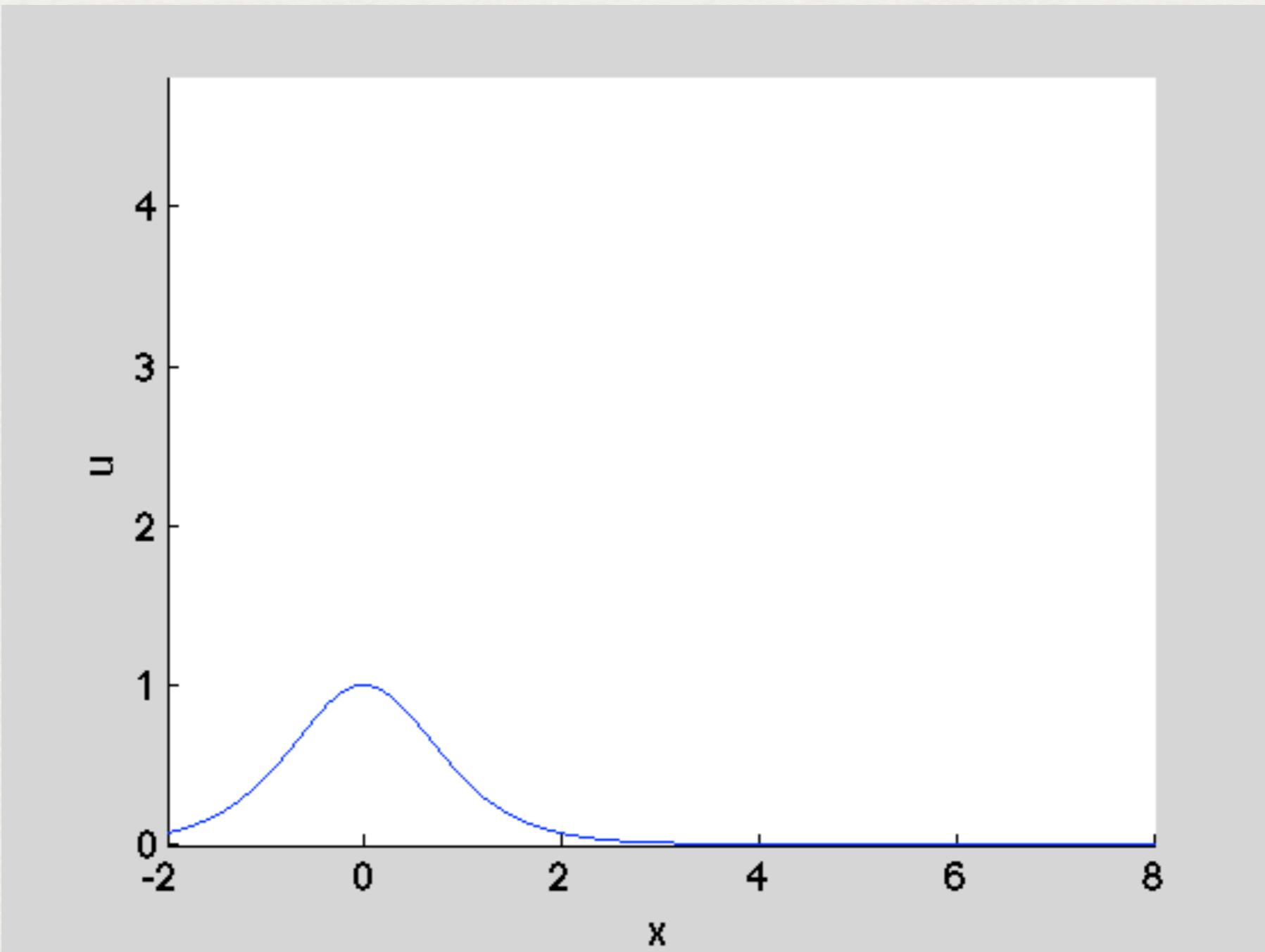
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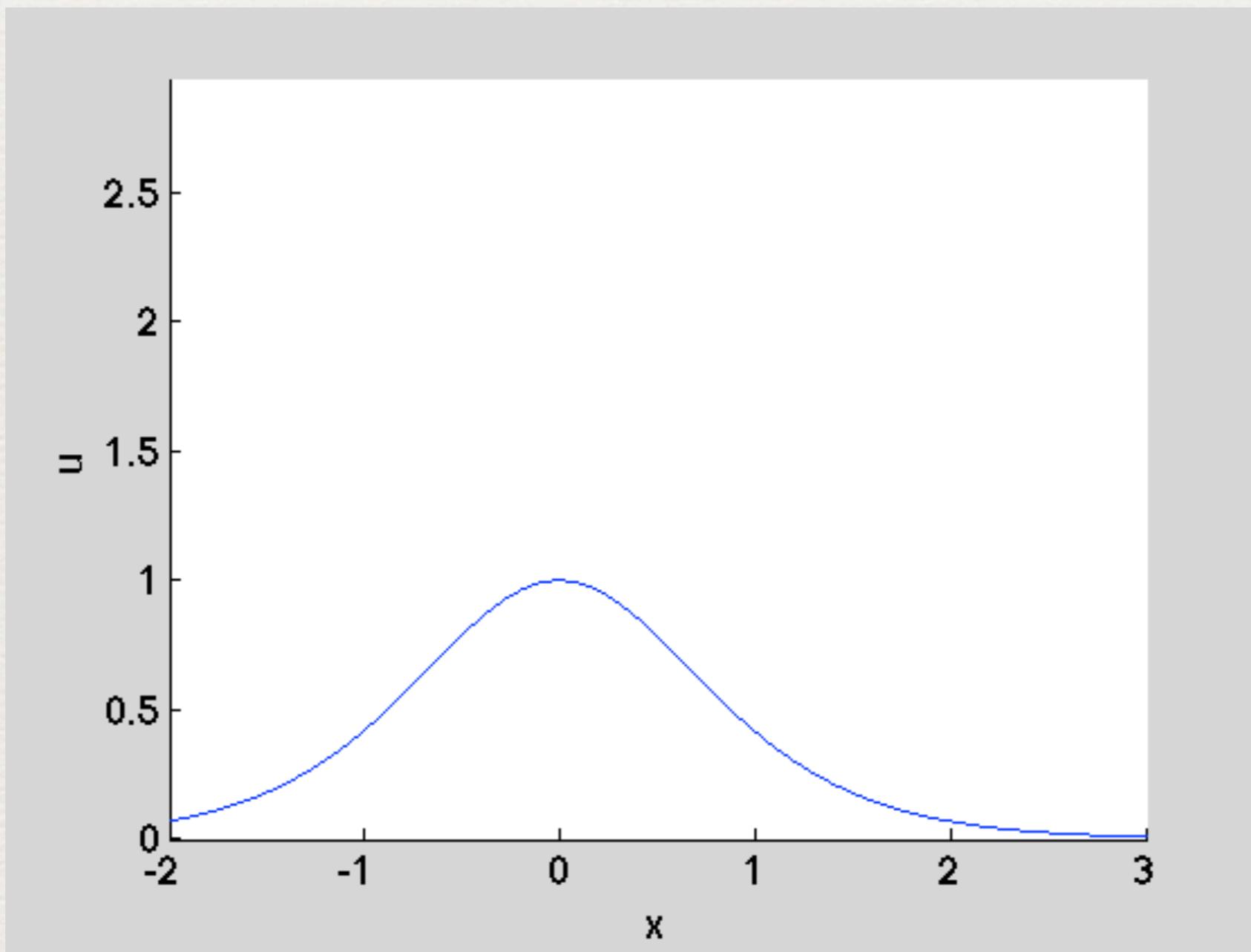


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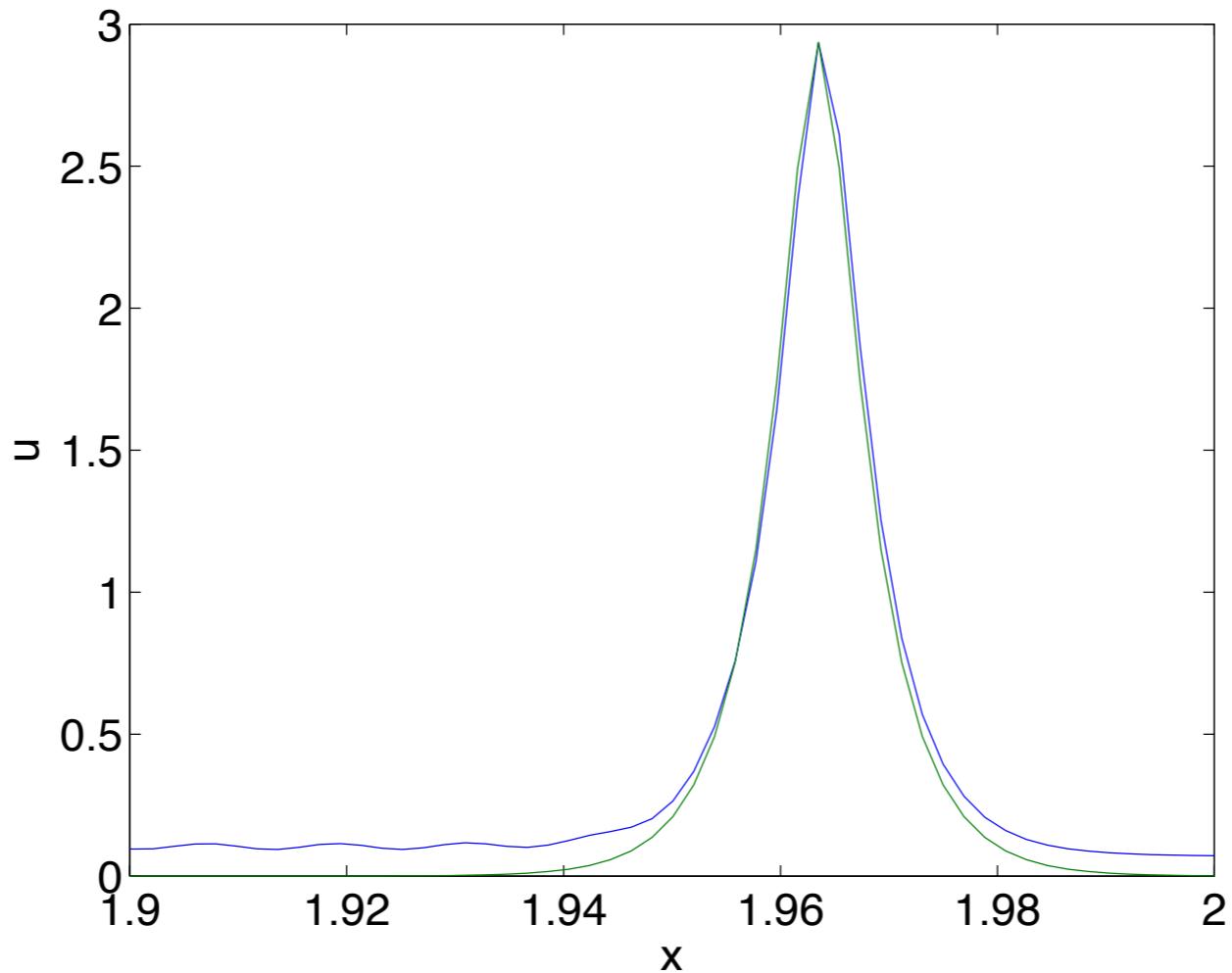
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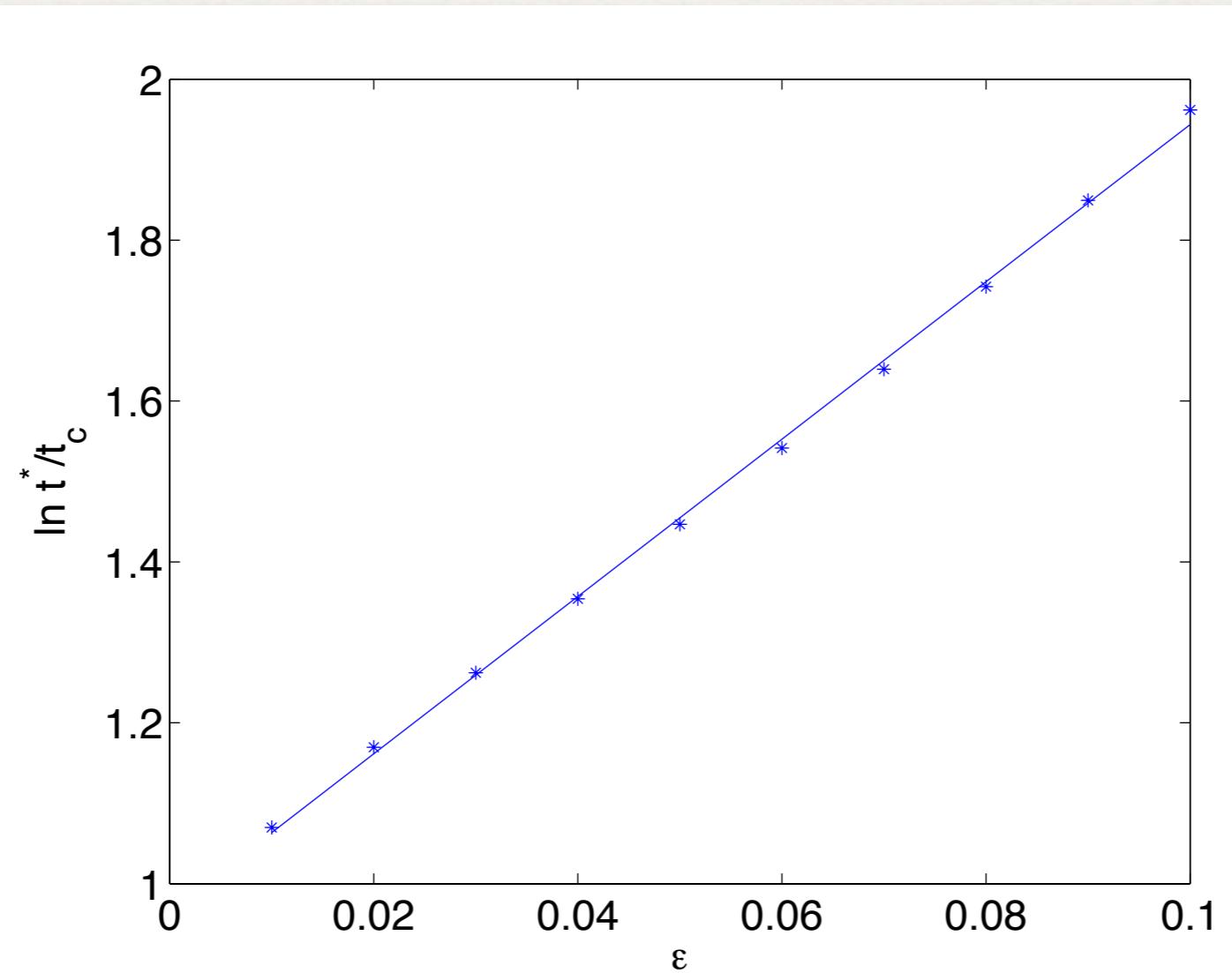
- ♦ Martel, Merle, Raphaël 2012: selfsimilar blow-up, blow-up profile dynamically rescaled soliton

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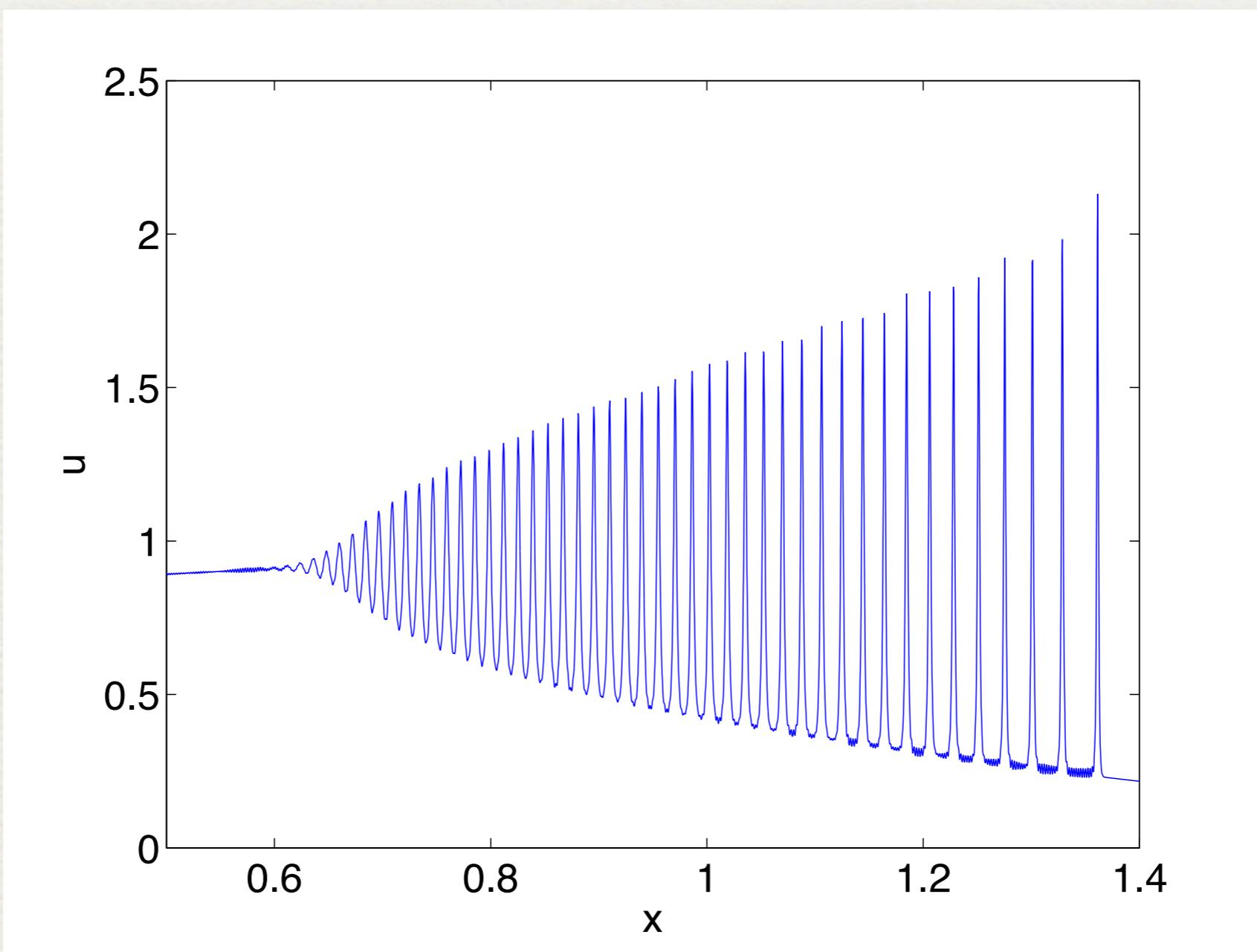
# Scaling

- blow-up time  $t^*$  always greater than critical time  $t_c$  of Hopf ( $\epsilon = 0$ )
- exponential dependence of blow-up time  $t^*$  on  $\epsilon$ , finite number of solitons appear before blow-up, fastest blows up
- universality?



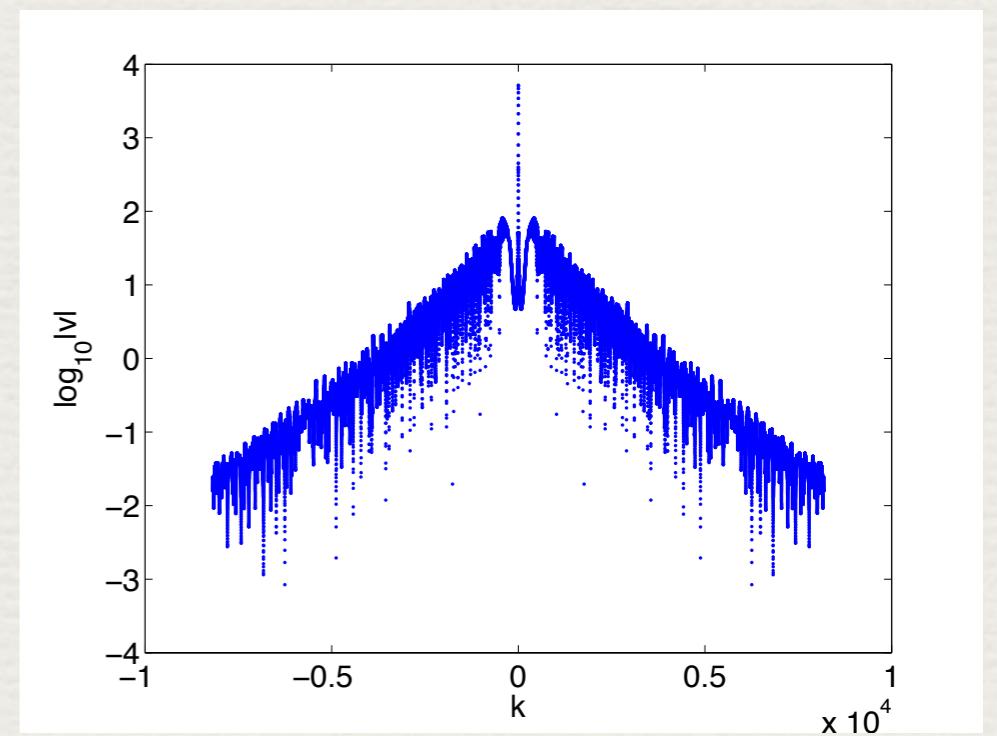
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# Numerical issues

- task: resolve rapid modulated oscillations, blow-up, high resolution in space and time needed
- spatial discretization: discrete Fourier series;  
advantage: excellent approximation properties for smooth functions, minimizes introduction of numerical viscosity
- stiff ODE system, exponential integrators (ETD)
- slowly decreasing dispersive oscillations, reenter the computational domain; lead to instabilities in the rescaled code, therefore tracing of the norms of the solution of the direct computation
- oscillations in the Fourier coefficients:  
poles in the complex plane at  $z_j = \alpha_j - i\delta_j$   
of the form  $u \sim (z - z_j)^{\mu_j}$ ,  
 $\hat{u} \sim \sqrt{2\pi} \mu_j^{\mu_j + \frac{1}{2}} e^{-\mu_j} \frac{(-i)^{\mu_j+1}}{k^{\mu_j+1}} e^{-ik\alpha_j - k\delta_j}$



# Generalized Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equations

- generalized Kadomtsev-Petviashvili (gKP) equation,  $\lambda = -1$  gKP I,  $\lambda = 1$  gKP II

$$u_t + u^n u_x + u_{xxx} + \lambda \partial_x^{-1} u_{yy} = 0$$

- nonlocal equation, algebraic decrease towards infinity of the solution even for rapidly decreasing initial data
- constraint

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_{yy} u(x, y, t) dx = 0, \quad \forall t > 0$$

if not satisfied by the initial condition, solution not regular in  $t$

- numerical study of blow-up by Wang, Ablowitz, Segur (1994)
- gKP I solitons (de Bouard, Saut 1997), unstable for  $n \geq 4/3$

$$-cQ_{zz} + \frac{1}{n+1} (Q^{n+1})_{zz} + Q_{zzzz} + \lambda Q_{yy} = 0$$

# Dynamic rescaling

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- coordinate change

$$\xi = \frac{x - x_m}{L}, \quad \eta = \frac{y - y_m}{L^2}, \quad \frac{d\tau}{dt} = \frac{1}{L^3}, \quad U = L^{2/n} u$$

$\|u\|_2$  invariant for  $n = 4/3$

- rescaled equation

$$U_\tau - a \left( \frac{2}{n} U + \xi U_\xi + 2\eta U_\eta \right) - v_\xi U_\xi - v_\eta U_\eta + U^n U_\xi + U_{\xi\xi\xi} + \lambda \int_{-\infty}^\xi U_{\eta\eta} d\xi = 0$$

- blow-up

$$-a^\infty \left( \frac{2}{n} U^\infty + \xi U_\xi^\infty + 2\eta U_\eta^\infty \right) - v_\xi^\infty U_\xi^\infty - v_\eta^\infty U_\eta^\infty + (U^\infty)^n U_\xi^\infty + \epsilon^2 U_{\xi\xi\xi}^\infty + \lambda \int_{-\infty}^\xi U_{\eta\eta}^\infty d\xi = 0$$

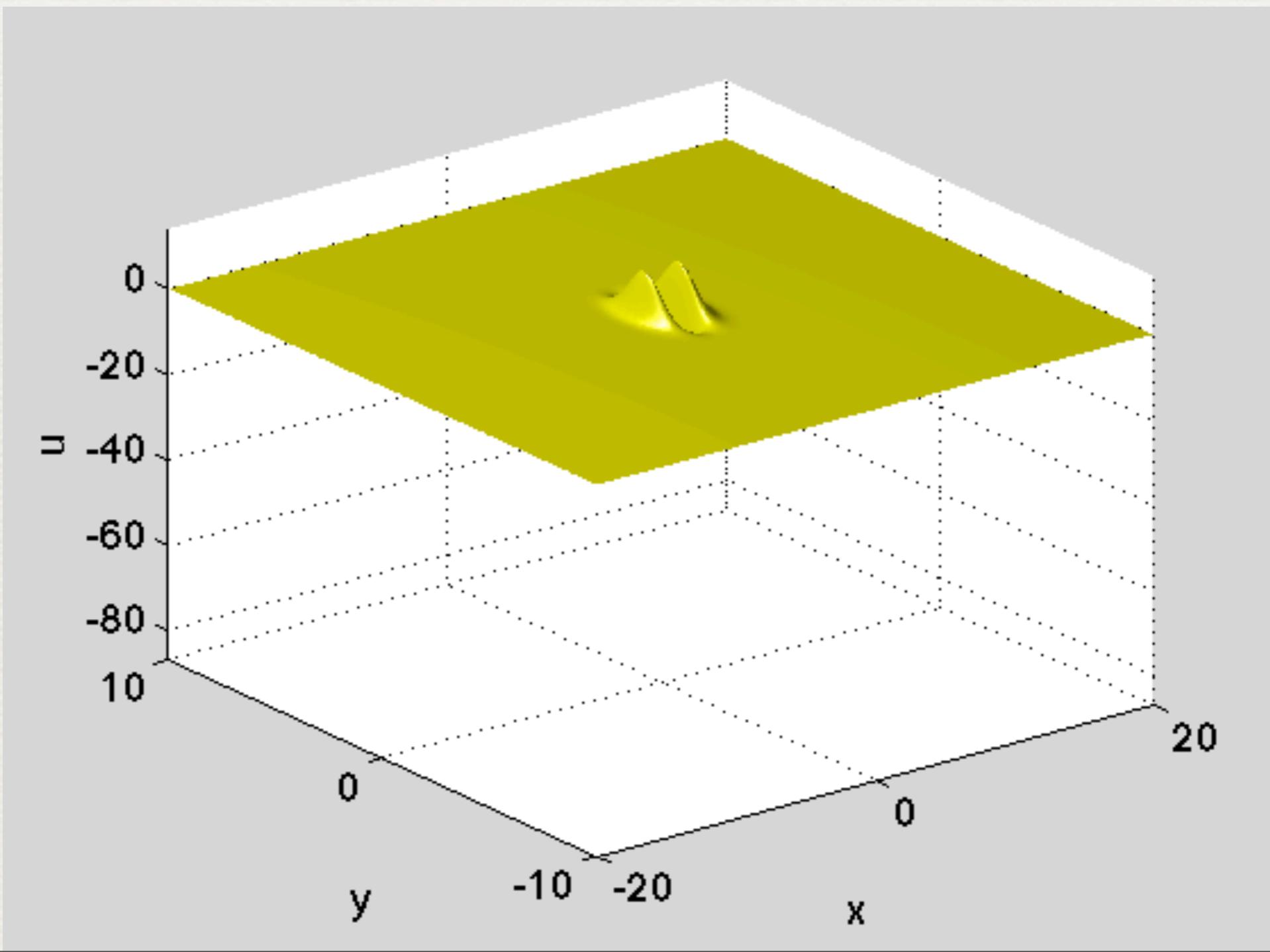
- numerical instabilities due to algebraic decay of the solutions

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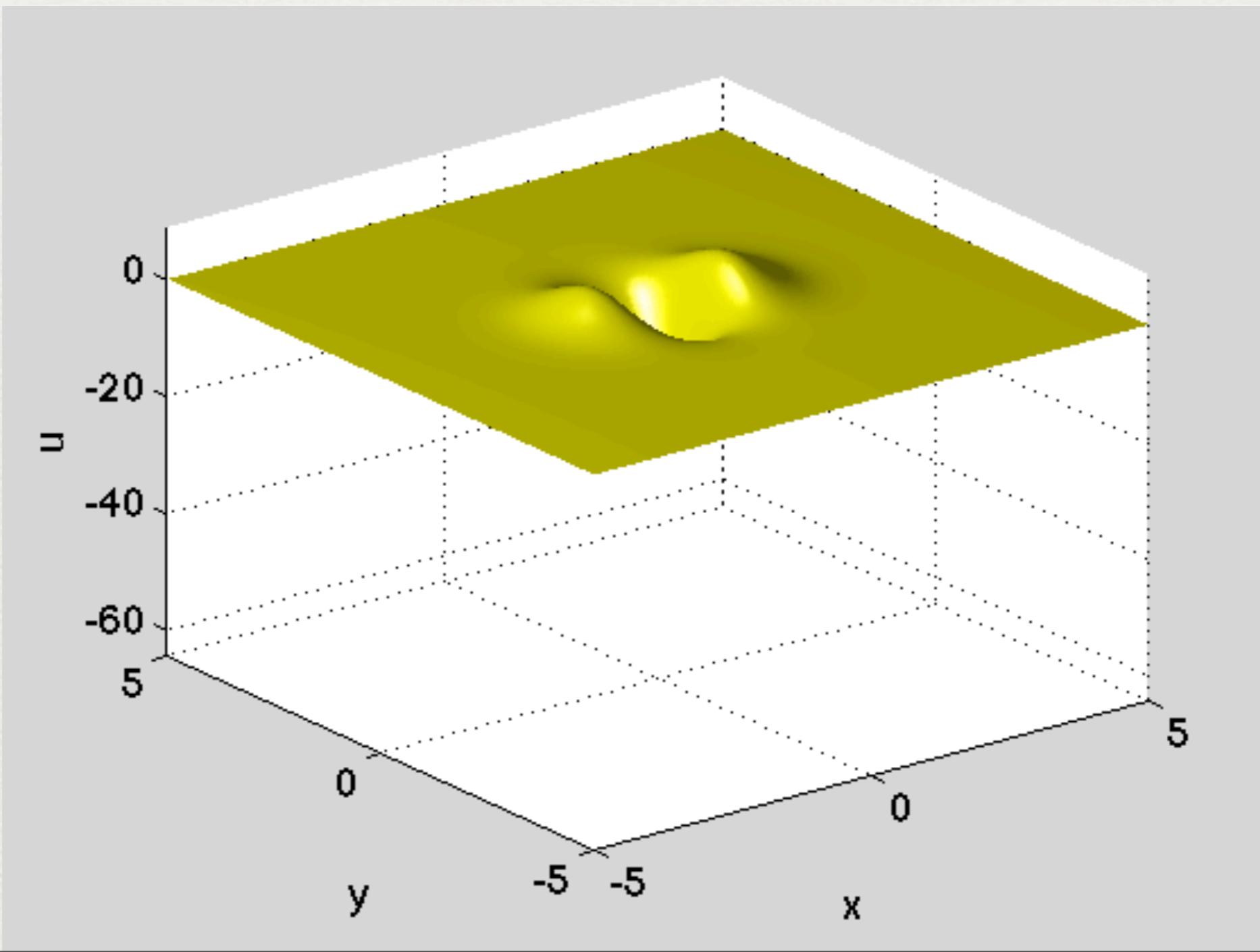


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# Conjecture

- for  $n < 4/3$ , the solution is smooth for all  $t$ .
- for gKP II, the solution is smooth for all  $t$  for  $n \leq 2$ .
- for gKP I with  $n = 4/3$ , initial data with sufficiently small energy and sufficiently large mass lead to blow-up at  $t^* < \infty$ ; asymptotically for  $t \sim t^*$ , the solution is given by a rescaled soliton where the scaling factor  $L \propto 1/\tau$  for  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies the blow-up is characterized by

$$\|u\|_\infty \propto \frac{1}{(t^* - t)^{3/4}}, \quad \|u_y\|_2 \propto \frac{1}{t^* - t}. \quad (1)$$

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$$\|u\|_\infty \propto \frac{1}{(t^* - t)^{2/(3n)}}, \quad \|u_y\|_2 \propto \frac{1}{(t^* - t)^{(1+4/n)/6}}. \quad (2)$$

# Semiclassical limit of NLS

$$i\epsilon\psi_t + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2}\psi_{xx} + V(|\psi|^2)\psi = 0.$$

Introducing the slow variables

$$u = |\psi|^2, \quad v = \frac{\epsilon}{2i} \left( \frac{\psi_x}{\psi} - \frac{\bar{\psi}_x}{\bar{\psi}} \right)$$

the NLS can be written in the form

$$u_t + (uv)_x = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$v_t + vv_x - \partial_x V(u) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} \left( \frac{u_x^2}{2u^2} - \frac{u_{xx}}{u} \right)_x = 0. \tag{2}$$

Riemann Invariants  $r_{\pm} = v \pm Q(u)$ ,  $Q'(u) = \sqrt{\frac{-V'(u)}{u}}$ ,

Characteristic velocity:  $\lambda_{\pm} = v \pm \sqrt{-V'(u)u}$

# Defocusing NLS

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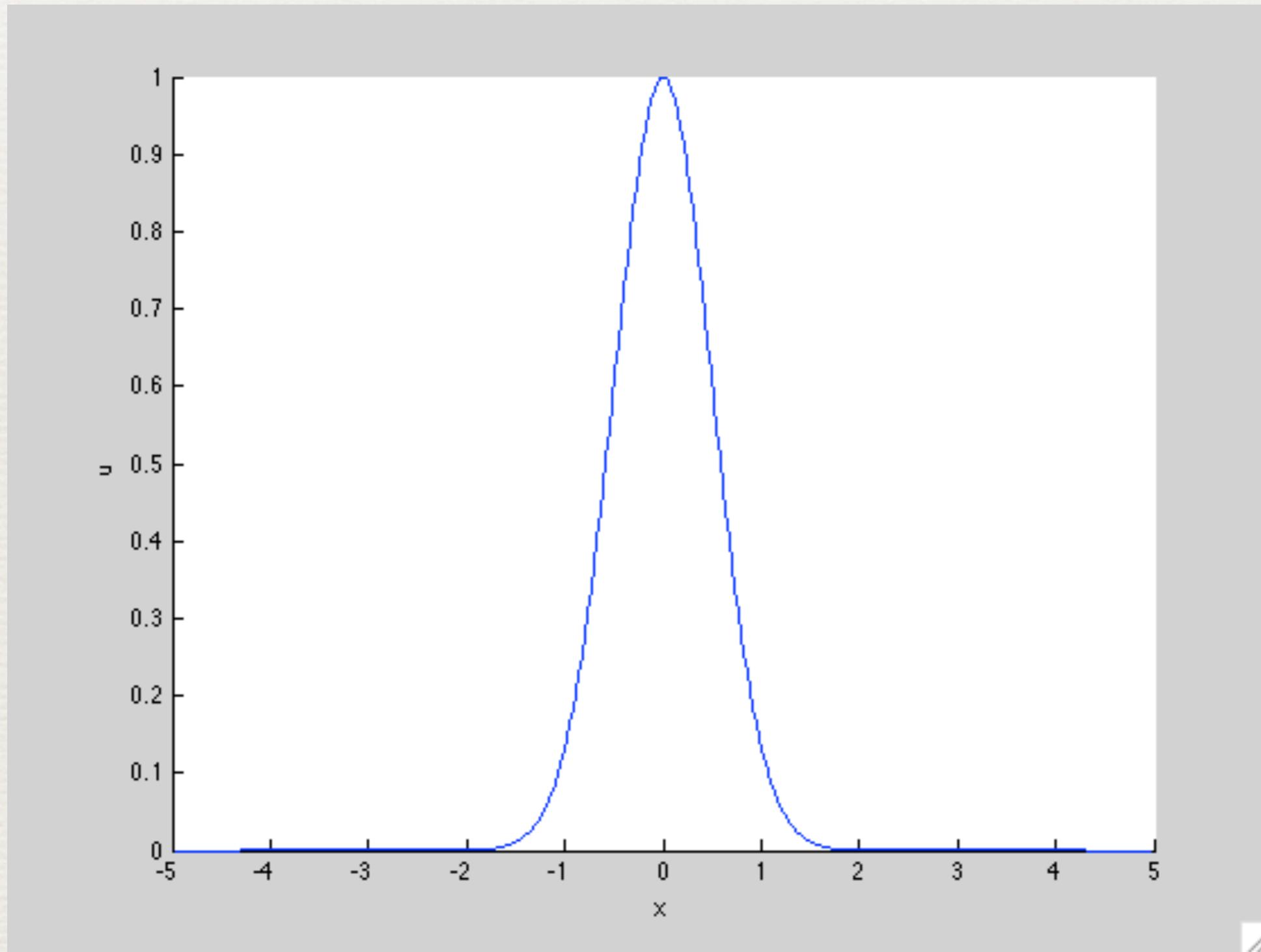
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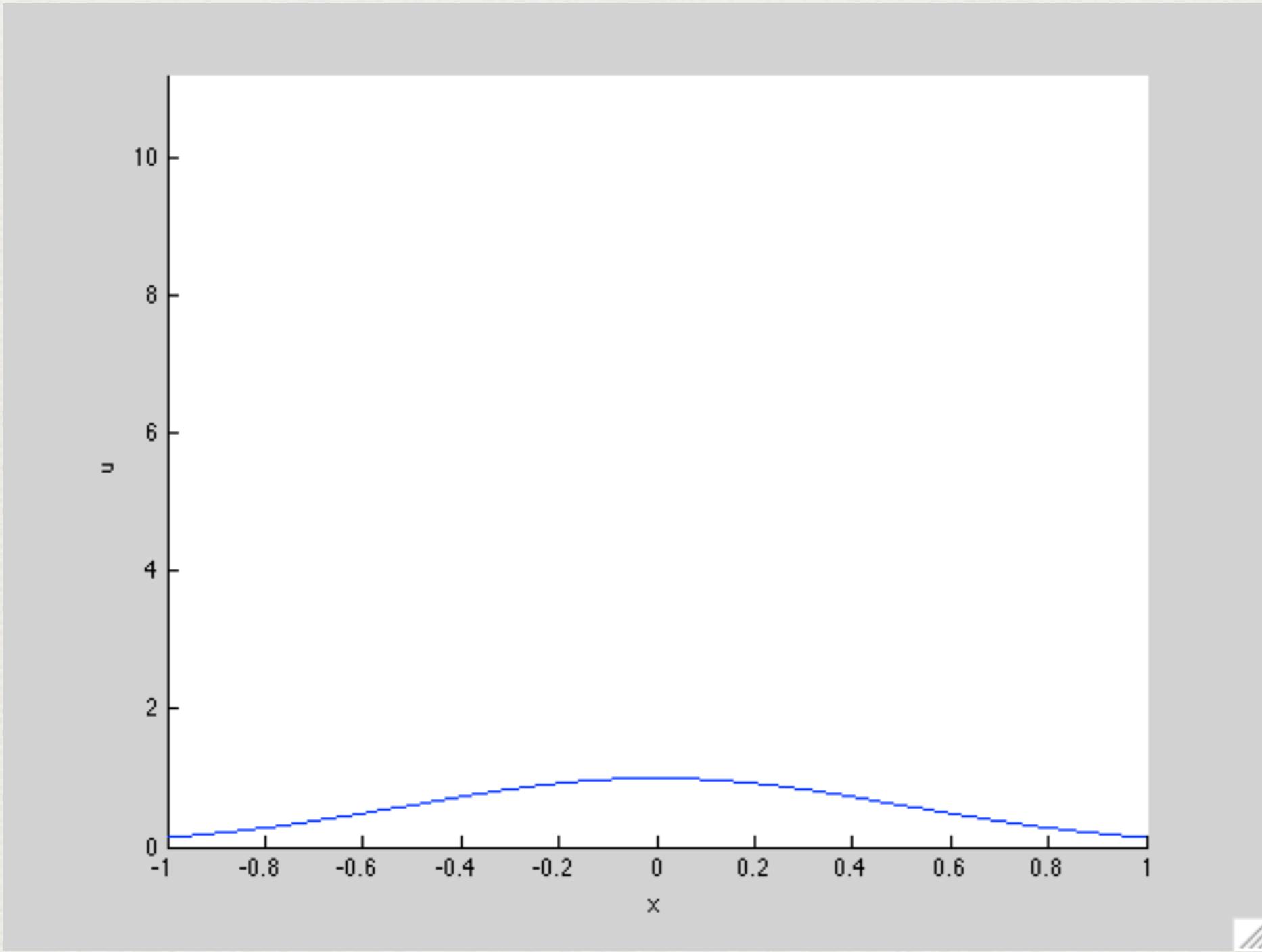
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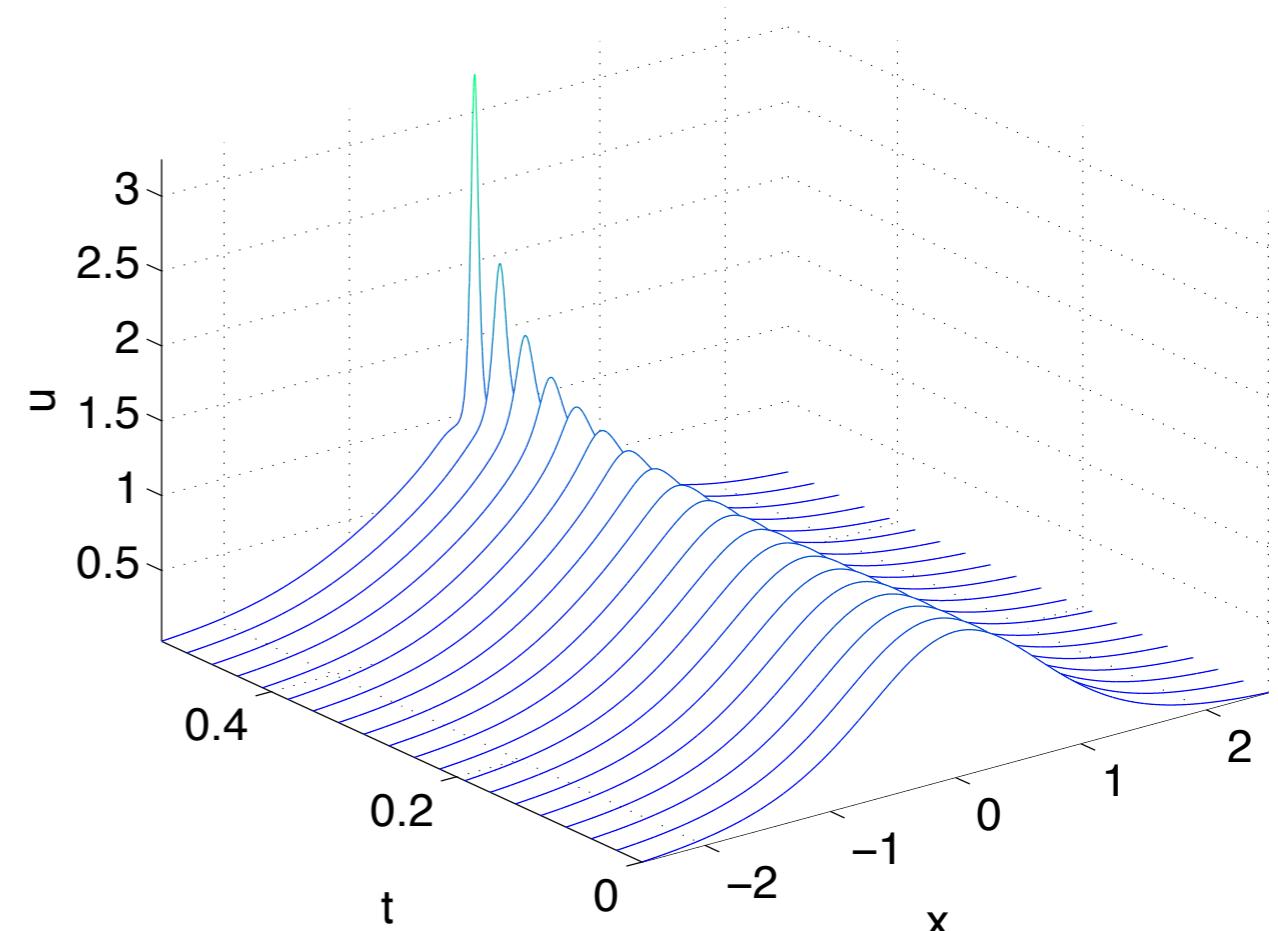
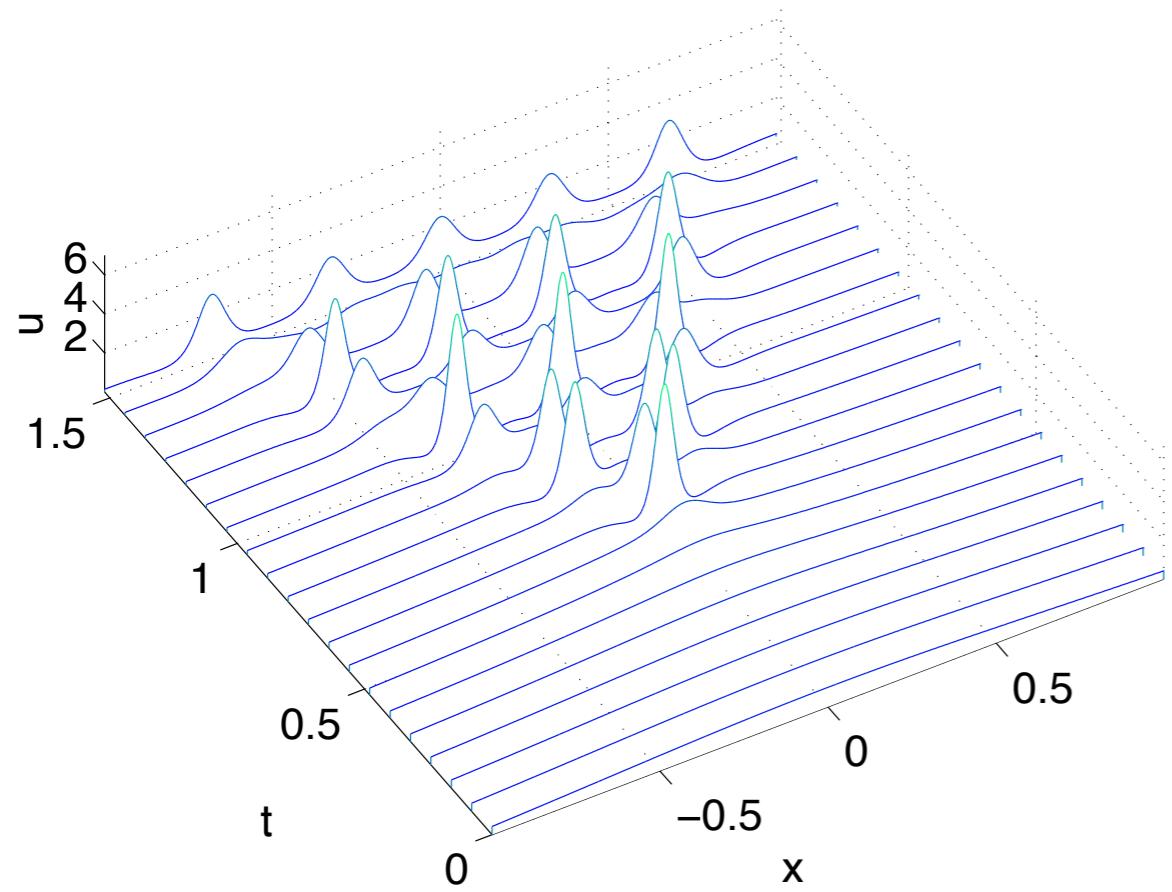
# Blow-up

- unstable blow-up:  $\|\Psi\|_\infty \propto 1/(t^* - t)$ , stable blow-up:  $\|\Psi\|_\infty \propto 1/\sqrt{t^* - t}$
- $t^* - t^c = O(\epsilon^{4/5})$
- pole for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  given by pole of tritronquée solution

cubic NLS

$$\psi_0 = \operatorname{sech} x$$

quintic NLS



# Davey-Stewartson equation

C. Klein and K. Roidot, *Numerical Study of the semiclassical limit of the Davey-Stewartson II equations*, Nonlinearity 27, 2177-2214 (2014).

$$\begin{aligned} i\epsilon u_t + \epsilon^2 u_{xx} - \alpha \epsilon^2 u_{yy} + 2\rho \left( \Phi + |u|^2 \right) u &= 0 \\ \Phi_{xx} + \alpha \Phi_{yy} + 2|u|_{xx}^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- integrable cases:  $\alpha = \pm 1, \rho = \pm 1$ 
  - DS I,  $\alpha = -1$
  - DS II, hyperbolic-elliptic,  $\alpha = 1$
- $y$ -independent potential plus boundary condition at infinity: reduction to NLS
- first numerical studies: White-Weideman (1994), Besse, Mauser, Stimming (2004), McConnell, Fokas, Pelloni (2005)

# DS II

- mean field  $\Phi$ : defocusing ( $\rho = -1$ ) and focusing case ( $\rho = 1$ ) different
- elliptic operator for  $\Phi$  can be inverted with periodic boundary conditions
- Sung 1995: initial data  $\psi_0 \in L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < 2$  with Fourier transform  $\hat{\psi}_0 \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$ , smallness condition

$$\|\hat{\psi}_0\|_{L^1} \|\hat{\psi}_0\|_{L^\infty} < \frac{\pi^3}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^2$$

no condition for defocusing case

- initial data  $u_0 = \exp(-x^2 - \eta y^2)$ : Sung condition

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^2 \eta} \leq \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^2 \sim 0.0477.$$

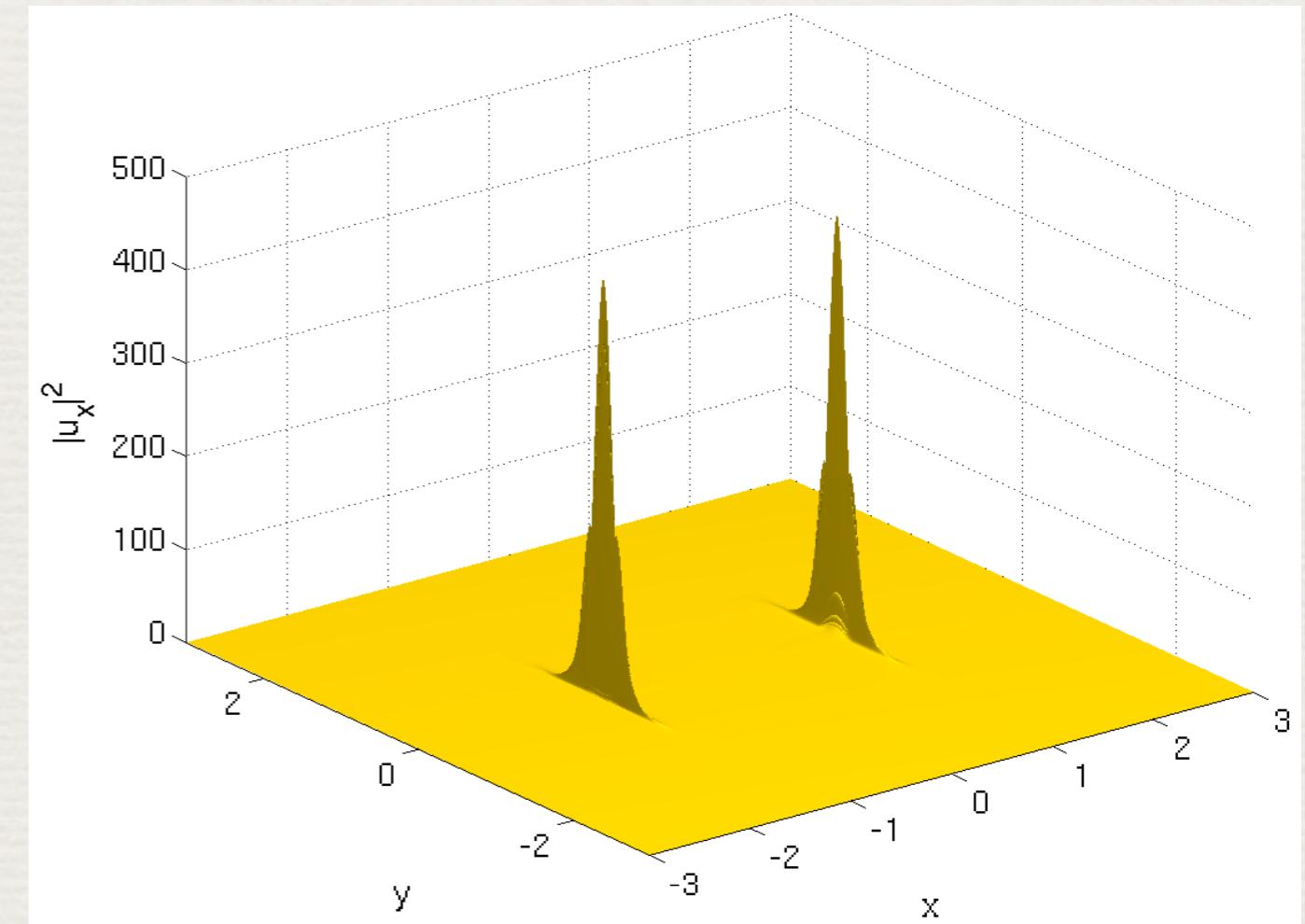
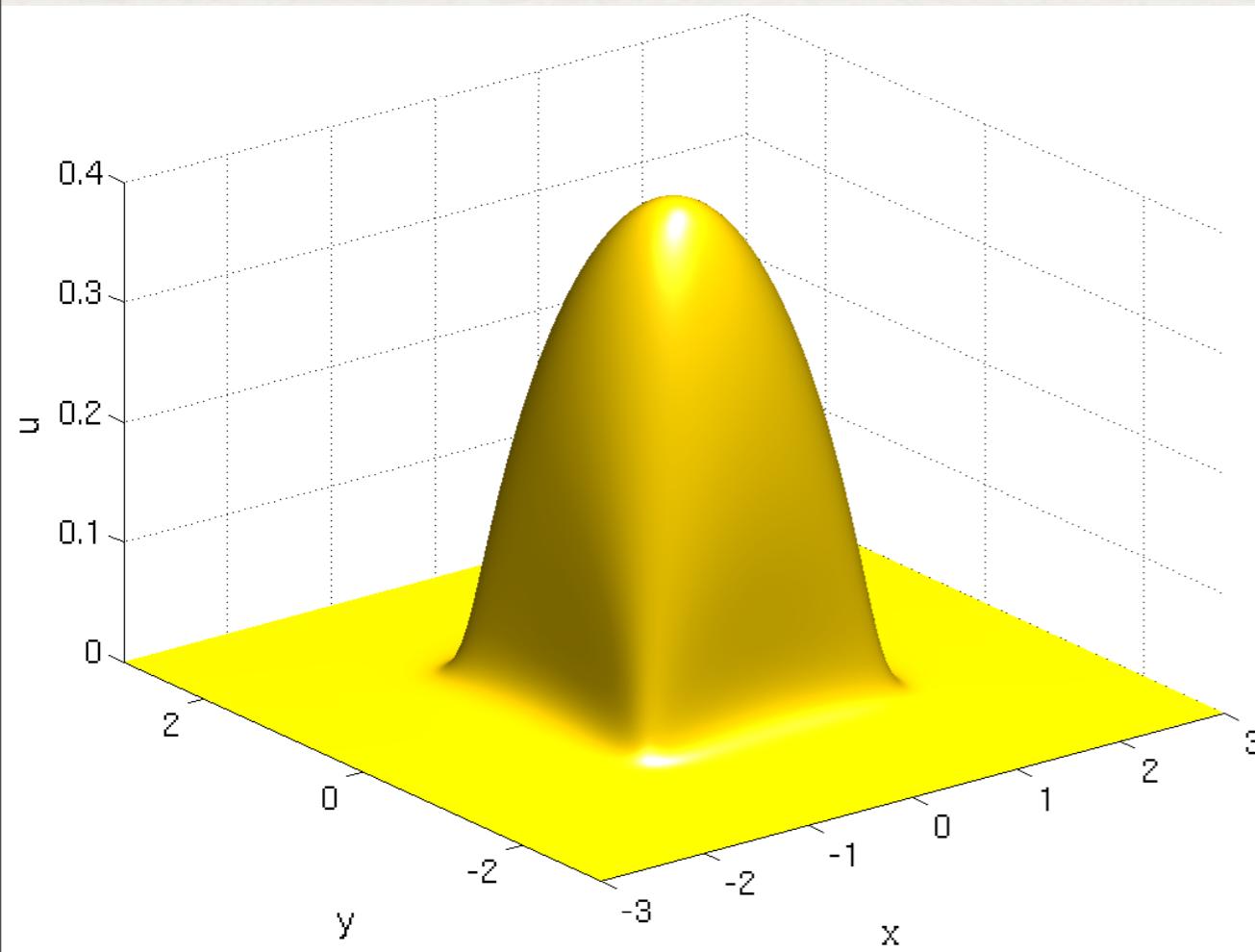
- Ozawa 1992: exact blowup solution for lump-like initial data

# Semiclassical limit

- semiclassical limit ( $\Psi = \sqrt{u}e^{iS/\epsilon}$ ,  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{\pm} = \partial_x^2 \pm \partial_y^2$ )

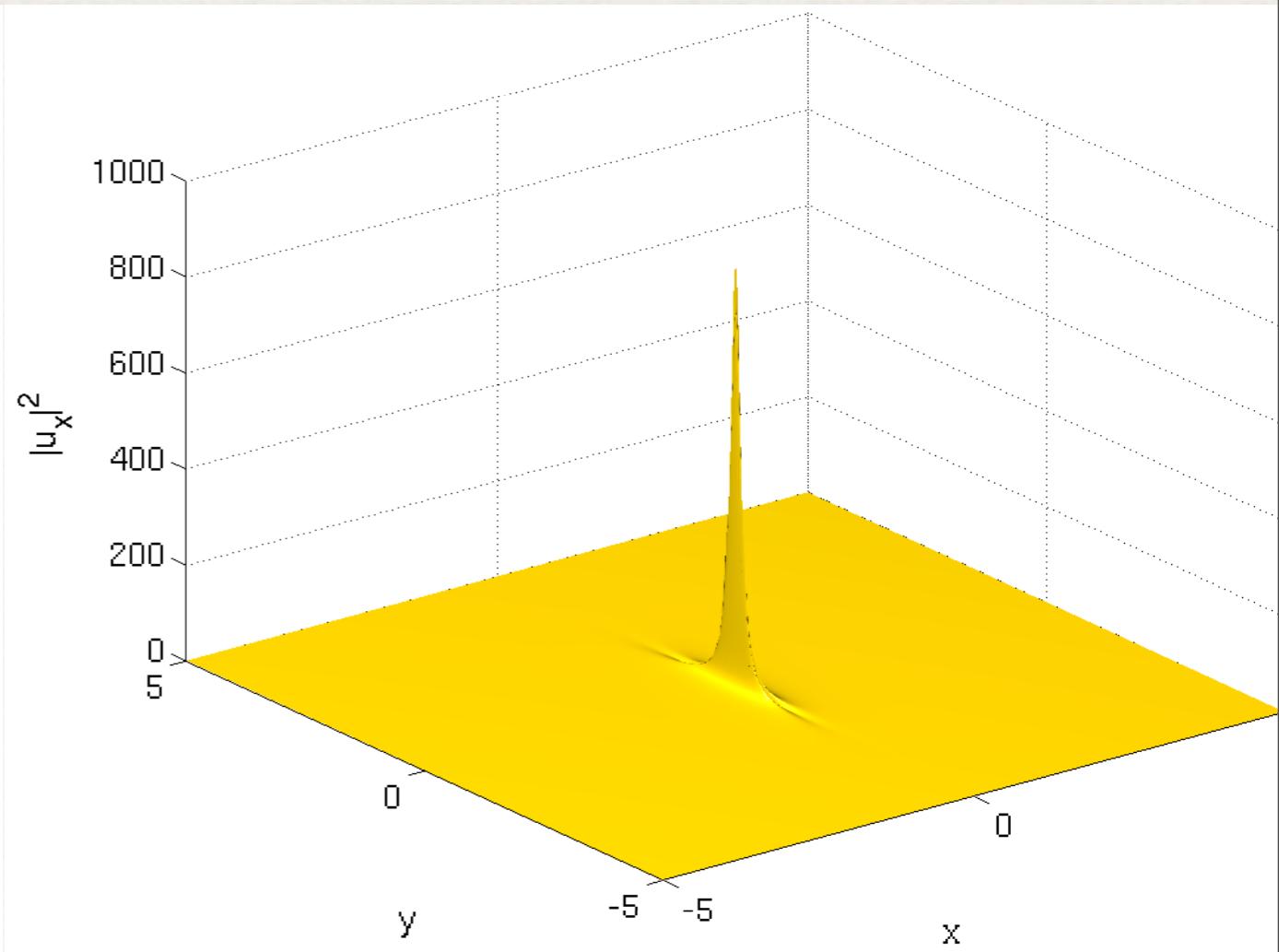
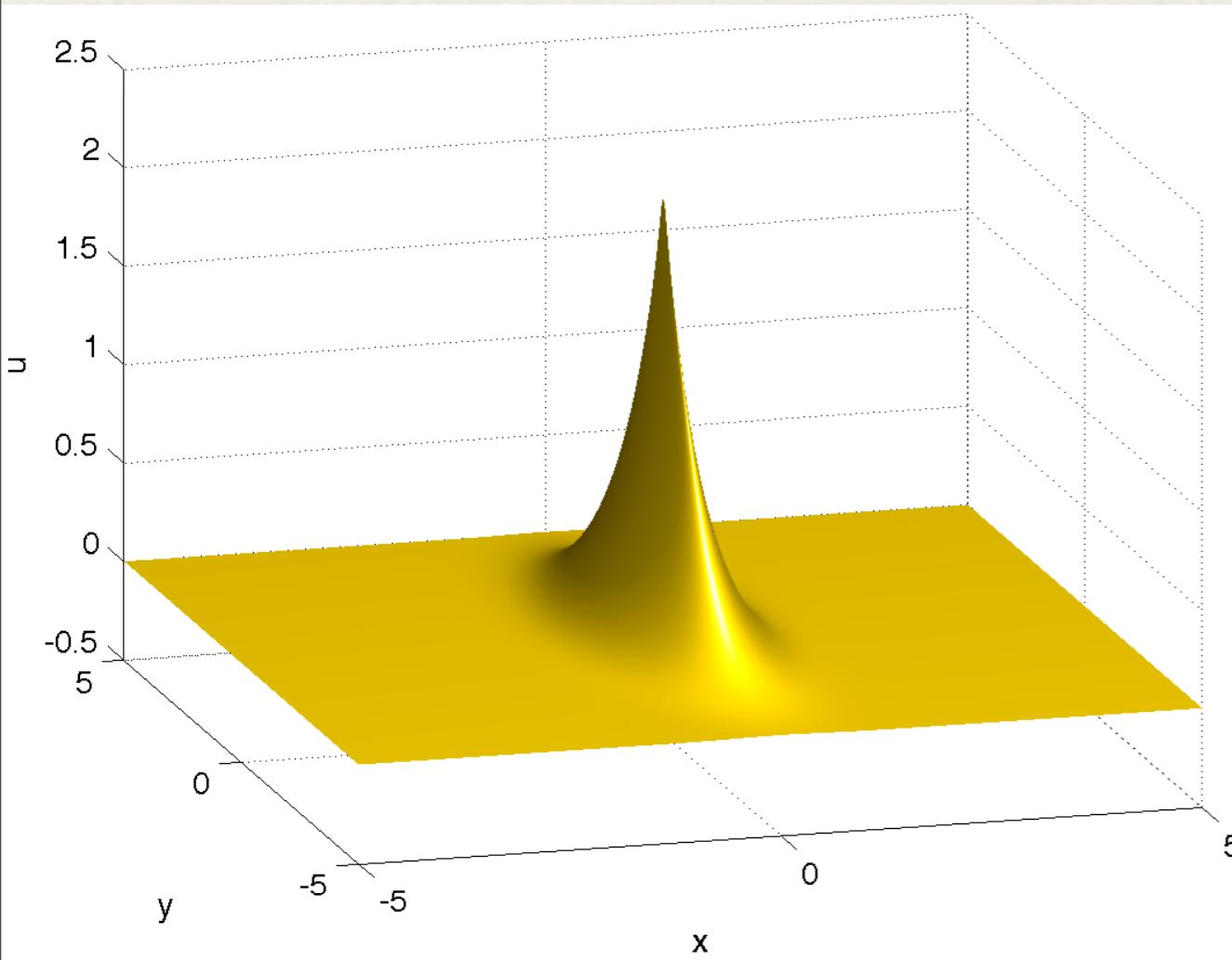
$$\begin{cases} S_t + S_x^2 - S_y^2 + 2\rho \mathcal{D}_+^{-1} \mathcal{D}_-(u) &= \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \left( \frac{u_x x}{u} - \frac{u_x^2}{u^2} - \frac{u_y y}{u} + \frac{u_y^2}{u} \right) \\ u_t + 2(S_x u)_x - 2(S_y u)_y &= 0 \end{cases},$$

- defocusing case,  $u_0 = \exp(-2(x^2 + y^2))$ ,  $S_0 = 0$

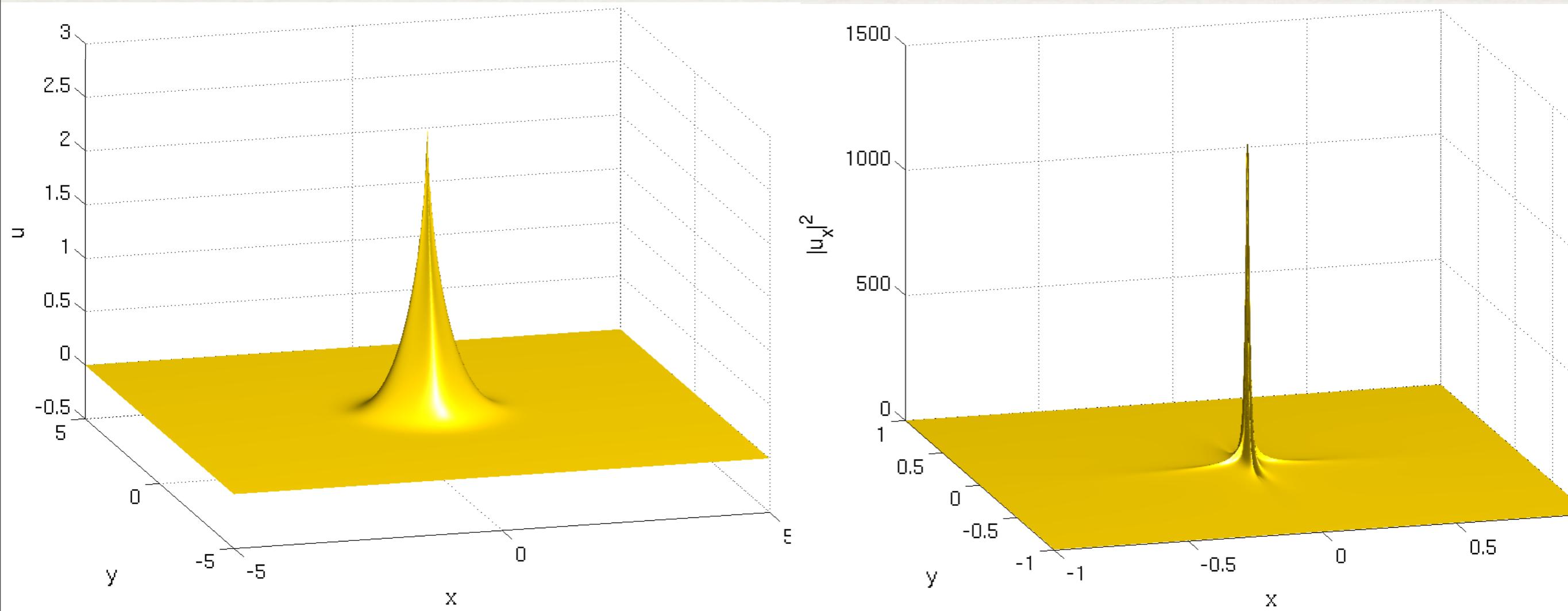


# Focusing semiclassical DS II system

- $u_0 = \exp(-2(x^2 + 0.1y^2)), S_0 = 0$



# Symmetric initial data



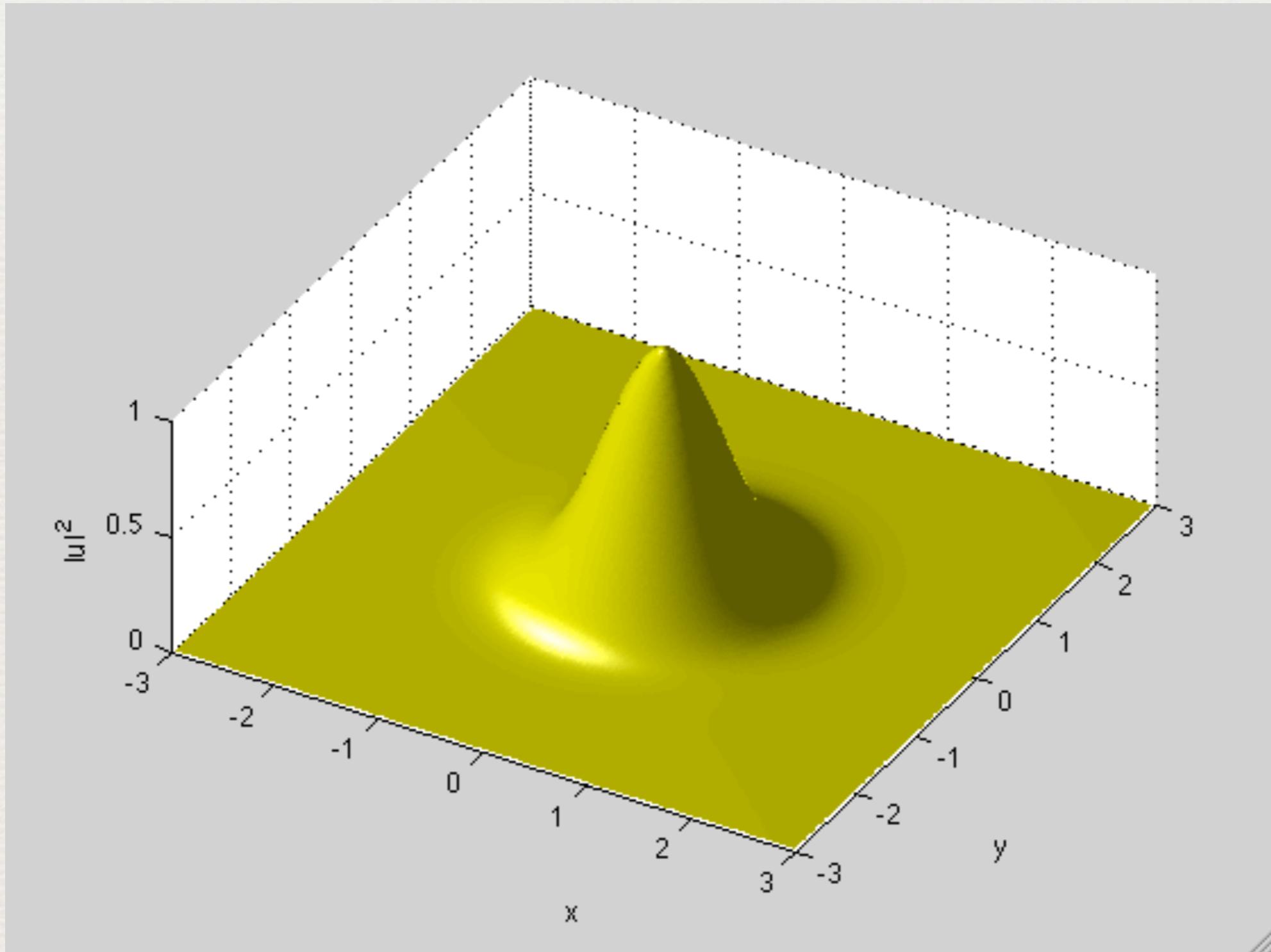
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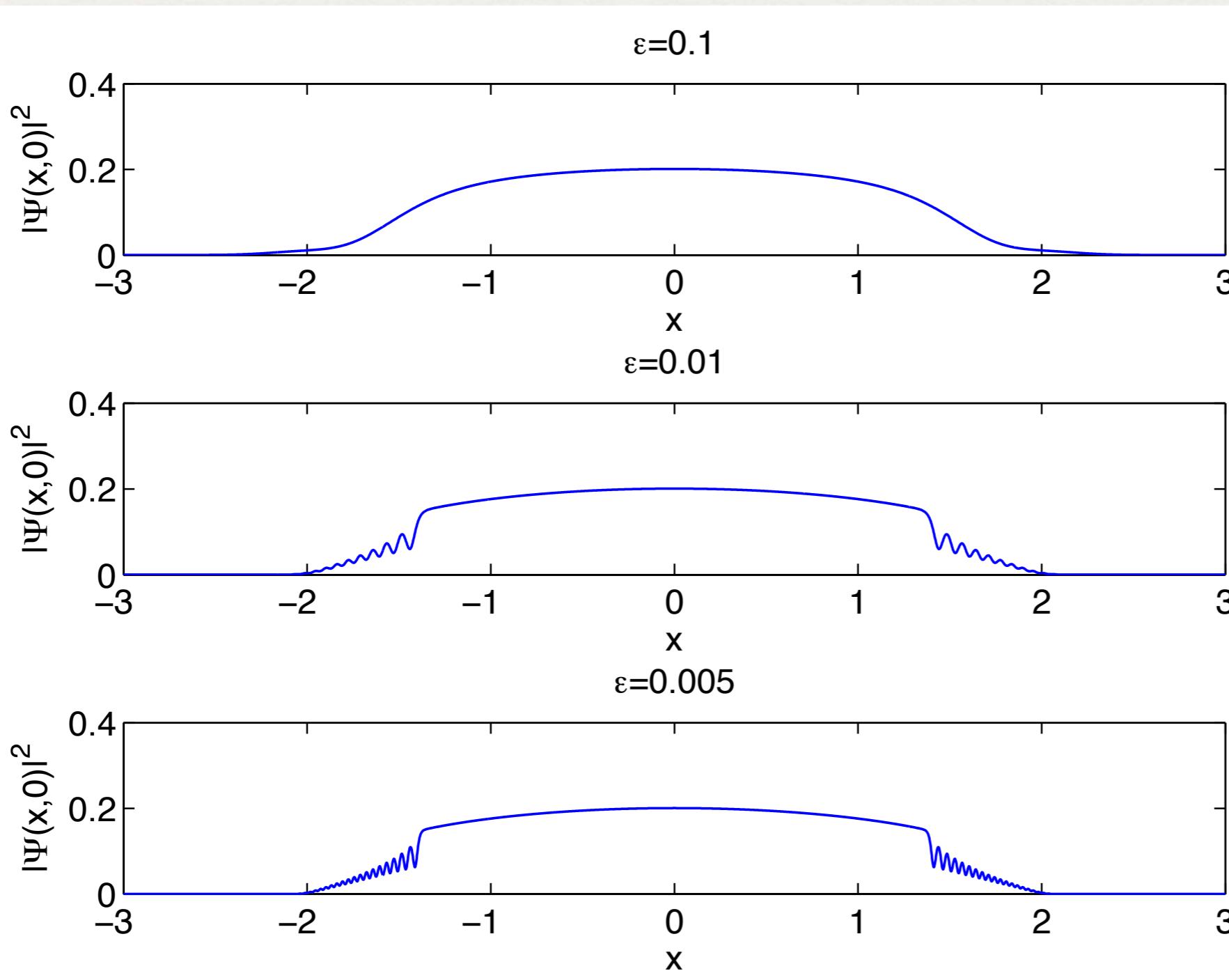
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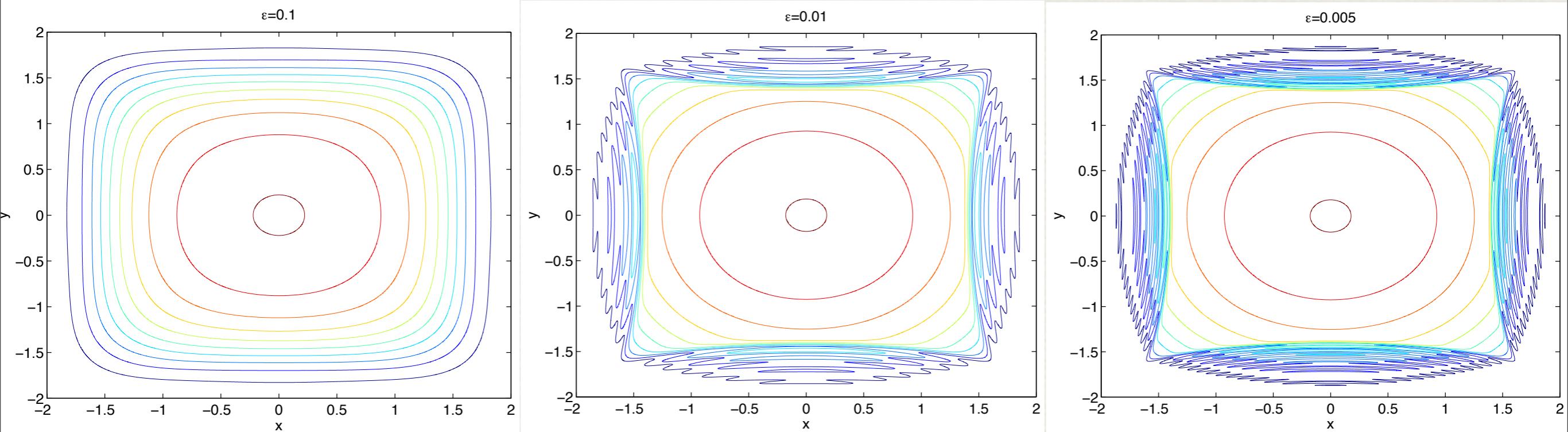
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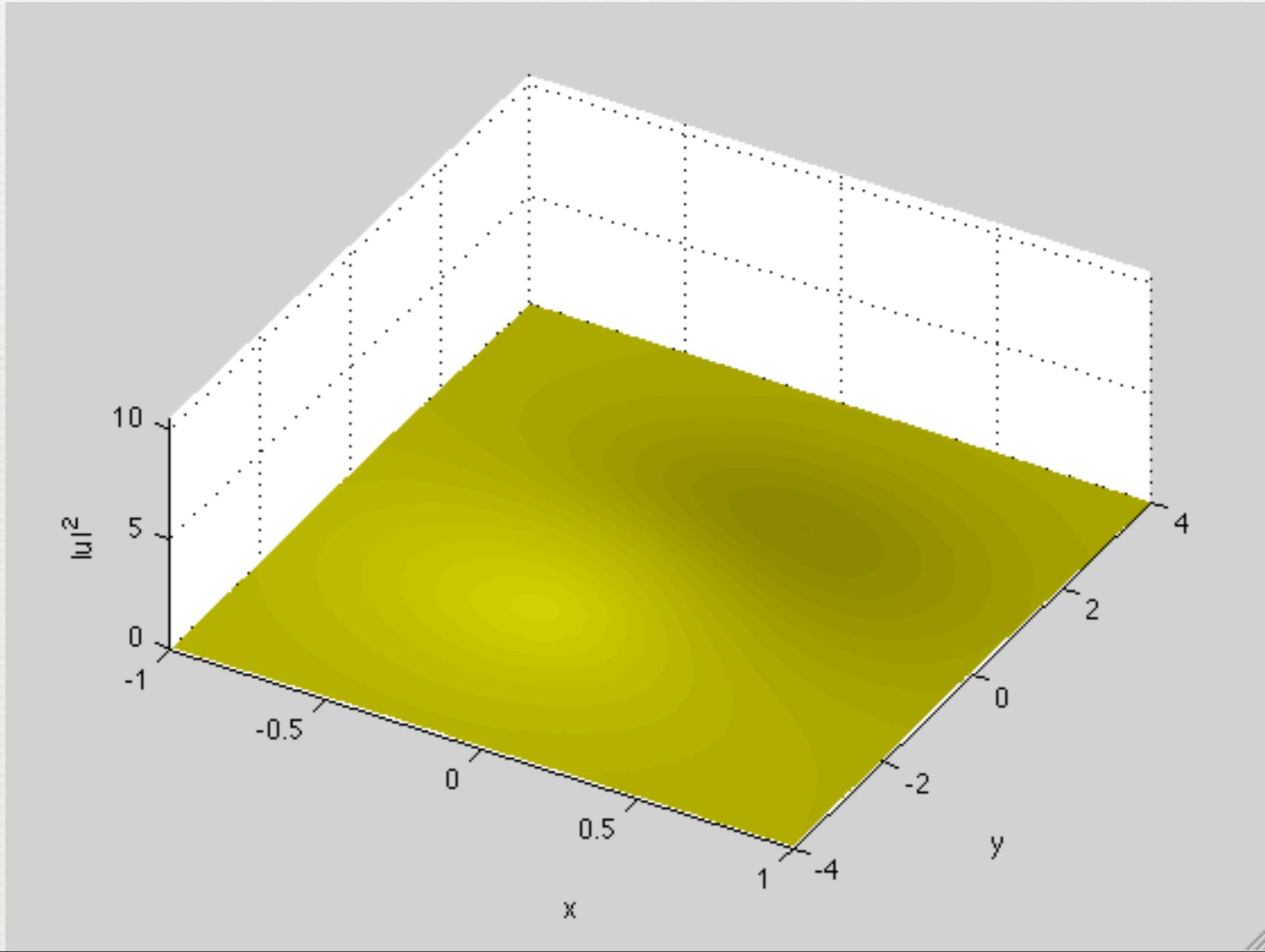
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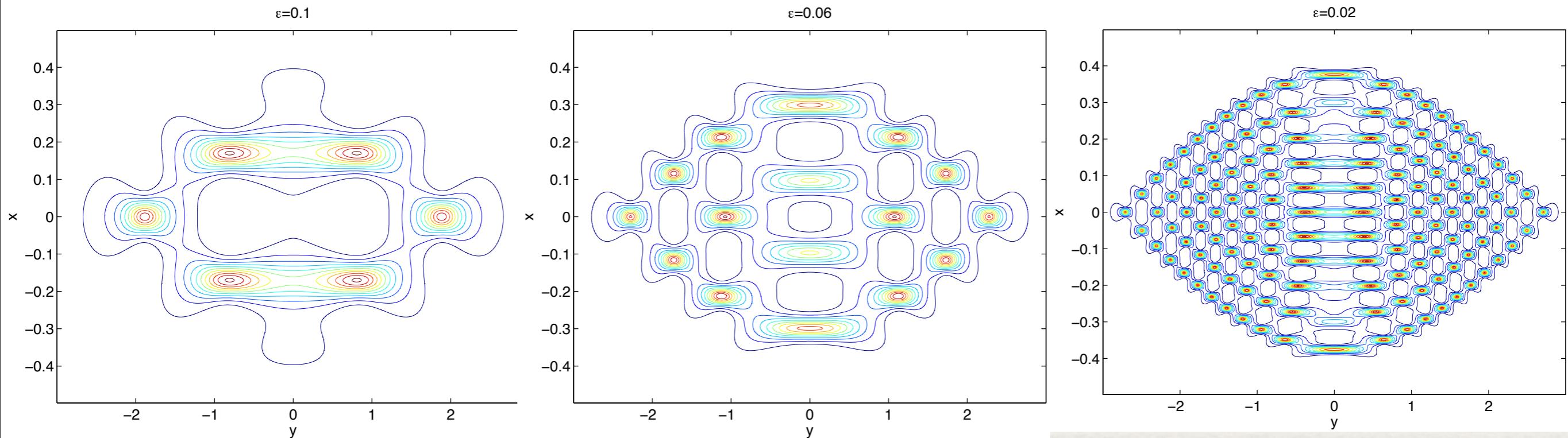
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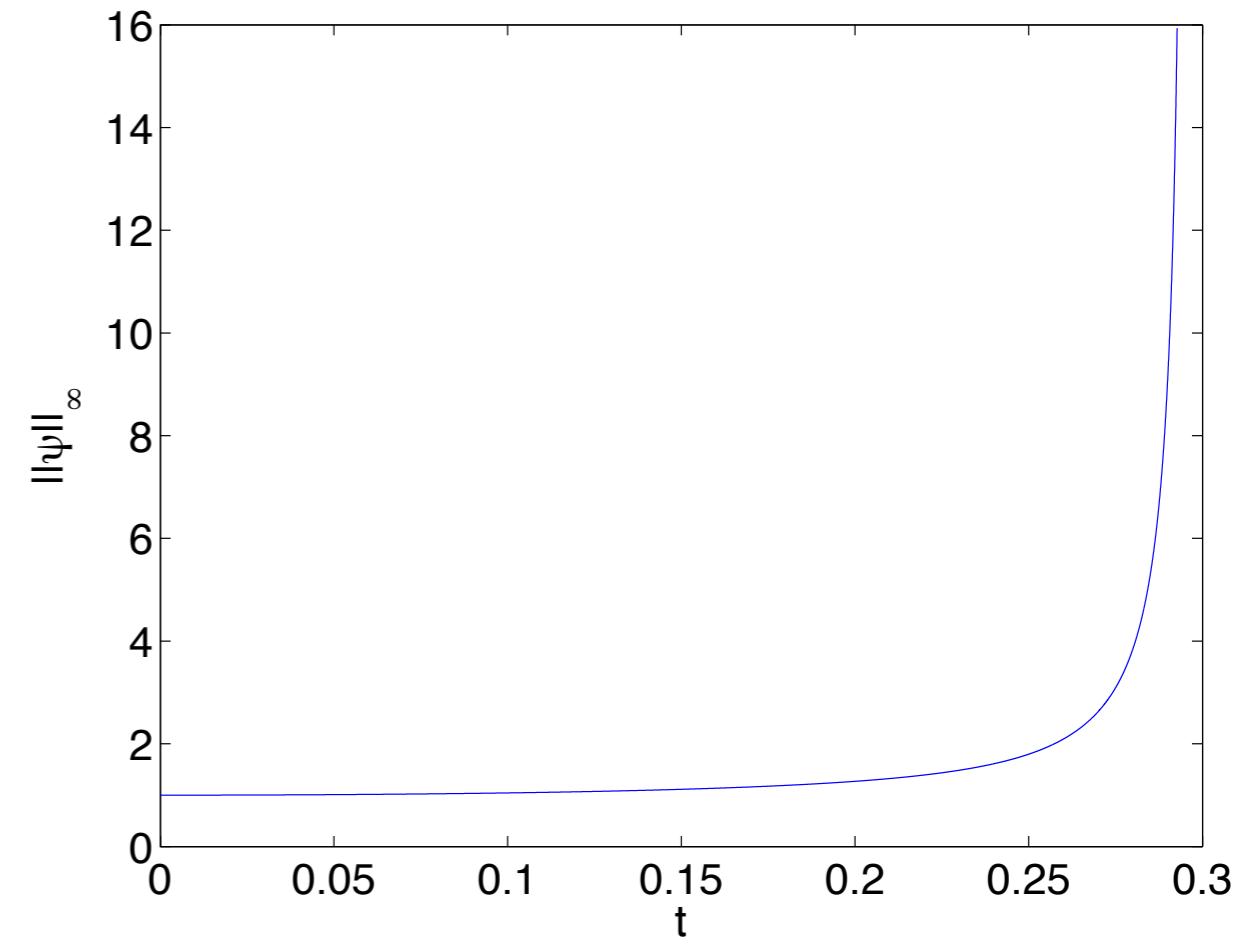
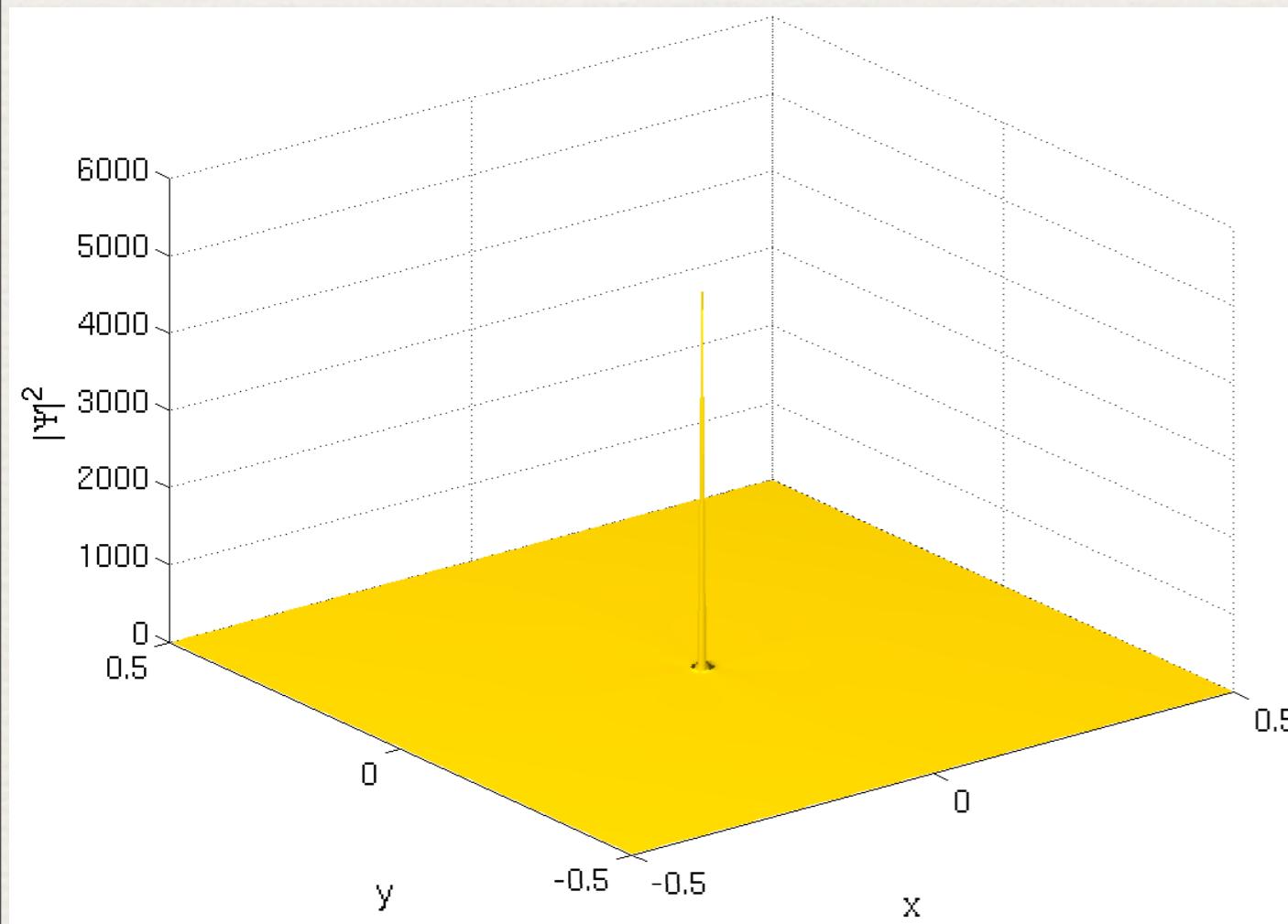
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- $t = t_c$ : scaling of the difference between semiclassical and DS II solution proportional to  $\epsilon^{2/5}$
- $t \gg t_c$ : dispersive shock for non-symmetric initial data



# Blow-up

- finite time blow-up for symmetric initial data
- not as in Ozawa ( $\|\Psi\|_\infty \propto 1/(t^* - t)$ , but as in the stable blow-up for NLS ( $\|\Psi\|_\infty \propto 1/\sqrt{t^* - t}$ )
- $t^* - t^c = 0(\epsilon)$



# Novikov-Veselov equation

- generalization of KdV, no application known yet

$$\partial_t v = 4\Re(4\partial_z^3 v + \partial_z(vw) - E\partial_z w),$$

$\partial_{\bar{z}} w = -3\partial_z v, \quad v = \bar{v}$ , i.e.  $v$  is a real-valued function,  $E \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$v = v(x, y, t)$ ,  $w = w(x, y, t)$ ,  $z = x + iy$ ,  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- nonlocal equation:

$$\hat{w}_1(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2)}{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2} \hat{v}(\xi_1, \xi_2), \quad \hat{w}_2(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{6\xi_1\xi_2}{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2} \hat{v}(\xi_1, \xi_2),$$

where  $\hat{w}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  (or  $\mathcal{F}w_i$ ) denotes the two-dimensional Fourier transform of  $w_i$ , and where  $(\xi_1, \xi_2)$  are the dual variables of  $(x, y)$ .

- completely integrable, lump solutions known
- KP limit:  $E = \pm\kappa^2$ ,  $y = \kappa Y$ ,  $\nu(x, Y, t) = v(x, \kappa Y, t)$ ,  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ :  $u(x, y, t) = -\nu(-x, 2y, \frac{1}{2}t)$  satisfies KP I (+) or KP II (-)
- intermediate values of  $|E|$ , blow-up possible, exact blow-up solutions known

# Dynamic rescaling

- exact symmetry for constant  $L$  and  $z_m$ :

$$\zeta = \frac{z - z_m}{L}, \quad \xi = \frac{x - x_m}{L}, \quad \eta = \frac{y - y_m}{L}, \quad \frac{d\tau}{dt} = \frac{1}{L^3}, \quad V = L^2 v, \quad W = L^2 w$$

where  $z_m(t) = x_m(t) + iy_m(t)$

- dynamically rescaled NV equation

$$\partial_\tau V = a (2V + \xi \partial_\xi V + \eta \partial_\eta V) + 2\Re(c \partial_\zeta V) + 4\Re(4\partial_\zeta^3 V + \partial_\zeta(VW) - EL^2 \partial_\zeta W),$$

with

$$a = \partial_\tau(\ln L), \quad c = \frac{\partial_\tau z_m}{L}.$$

- blow-up:  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $L \rightarrow 0$ ,  $V$ ,  $W$ ,  $a$ ,  $c$  assumed independent of  $\tau$  in the limit

$$0 = a^\infty (2V^\infty + \xi \partial_\xi V^\infty + \eta \partial_\eta V^\infty) + 2\Re(c^\infty \partial_\zeta V^\infty) + 4\Re(4\partial_\zeta^3 V^\infty + \partial_\zeta(V^\infty W^\infty))$$

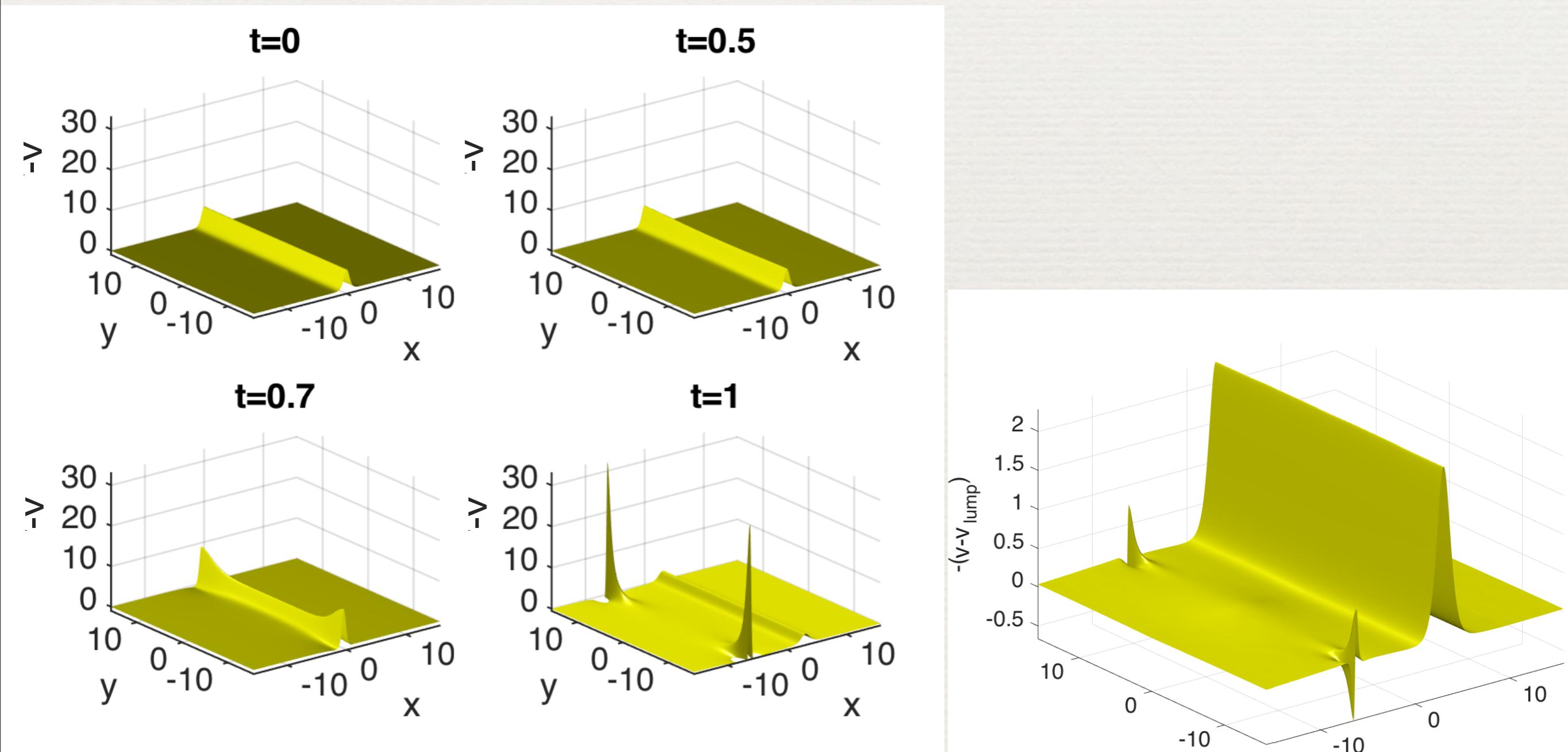
- if  $L(\tau) = C_1 \tau$  with constant  $C_1$ , and thus  $a^\infty = 0$ :

$$L(t) \propto (t^* - t)^{1/2}$$

exact blow-up solutions:  $L(t) \propto (t^* - t)^{1/3}$

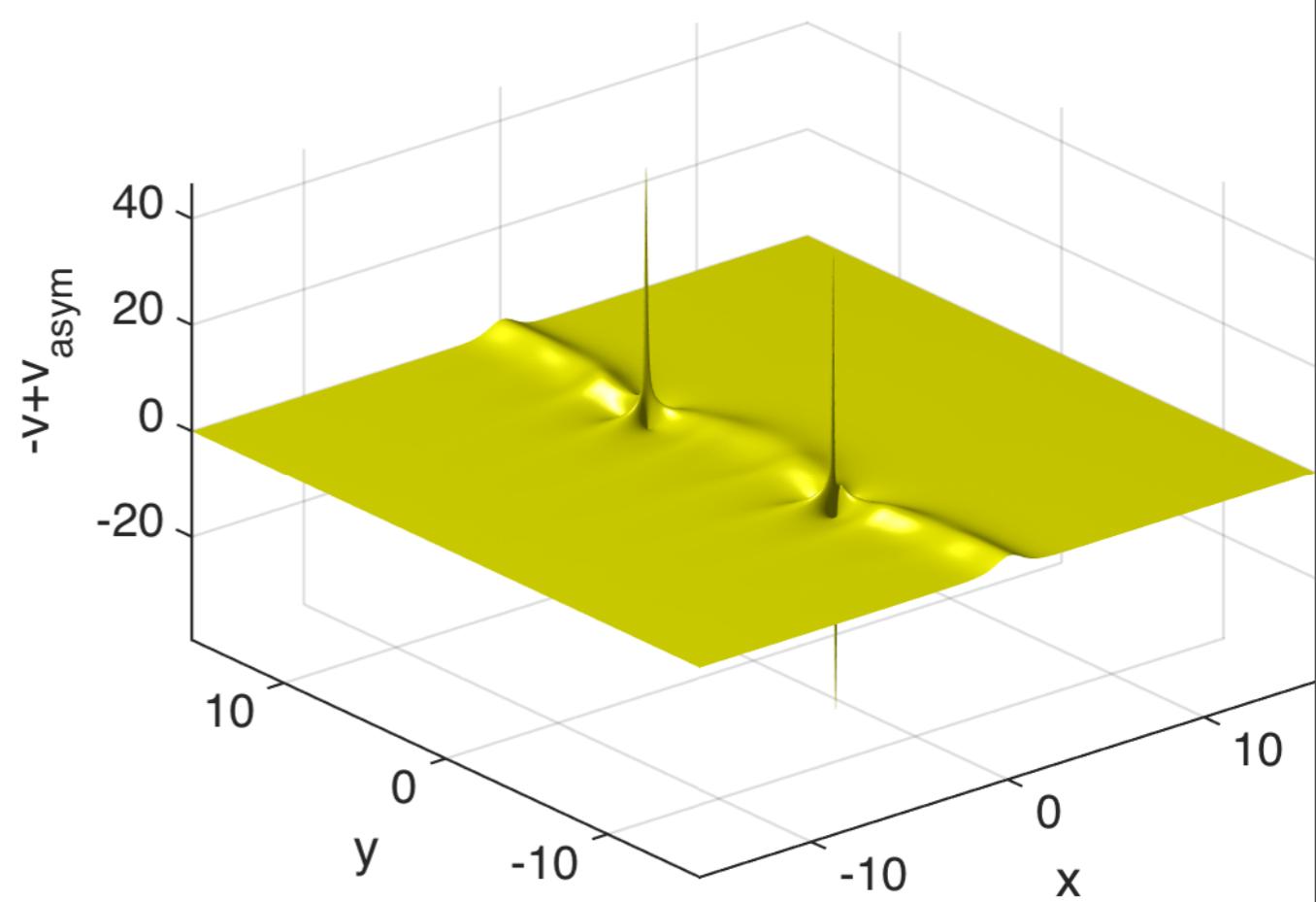
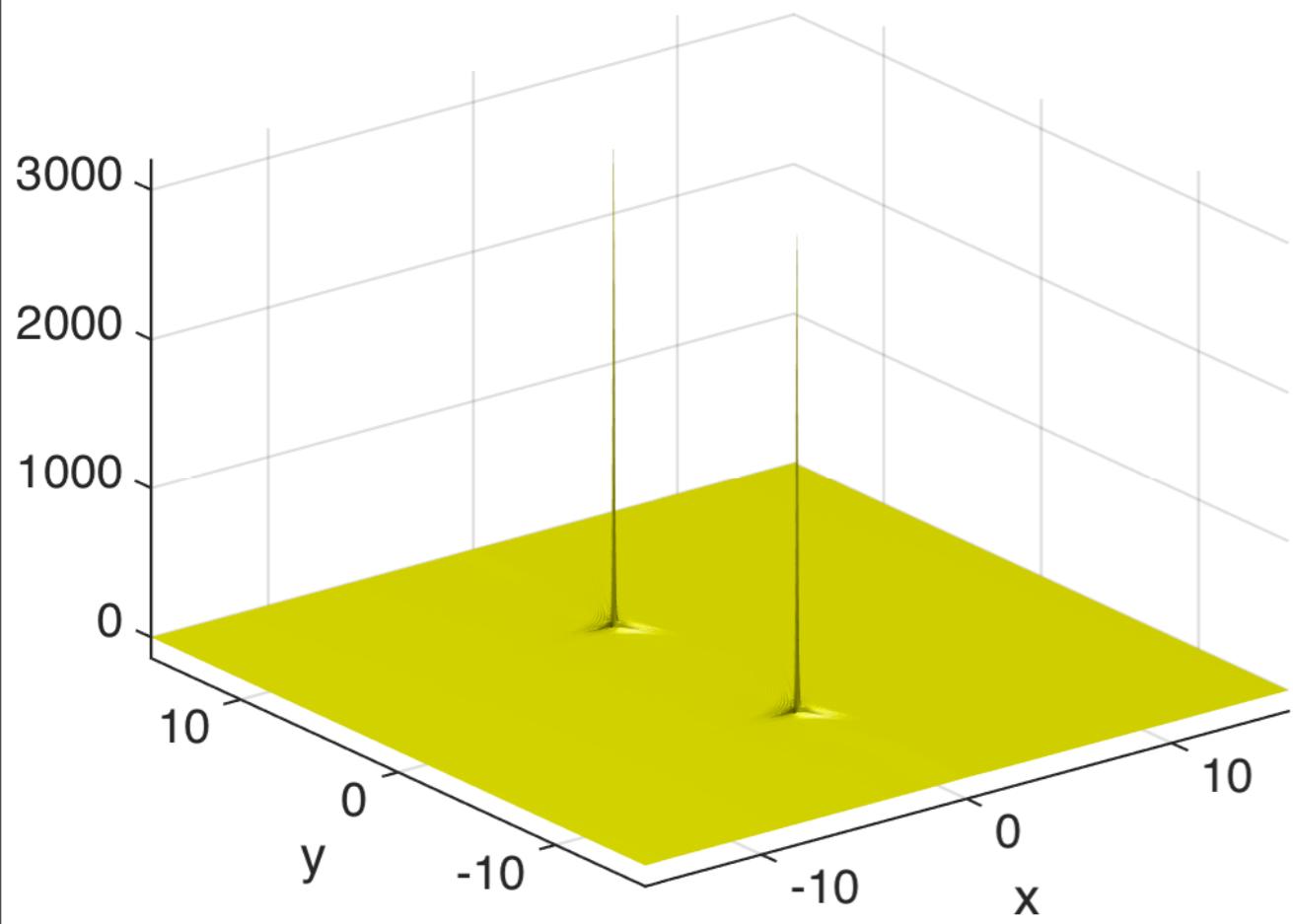
# KdV soliton stability

- KP II limit  $E \ll -1$ : stable
- KP I limit  $E \gg 1$ : large solitons unstable against lump formation



- intermediate values of  $E$  ( $E = 0$ )

fitted lump



# Conjecture

- Let  $|E| \ll 10$ .
  - The KdV soliton for small  $a$  is stable under NV dynamics.
  - The KdV soliton for large  $a$  is unstable under NV dynamics against an  $L^\infty$  blow-up in finite time.
  - NV solutions corresponding to localized initial data of sufficiently small  $L^2$  norm are global in time. Localized initial data of sufficiently large  $L^2$  norm will blow-up in finite time.
  - A blow-up at time  $t^*$  is self similar according to the scaling for  $t \sim t^*$ ,

$$v \sim \frac{1}{L^2} Q \left( \frac{z - z^*}{L} \right), \quad L = \sqrt{t^* - t},$$

where  $z^*$  is the location of the blow-up which appears to be finite, and where  $Q$  is the lump.