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# On Blow-Up Solutions for the Fourth-Order Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation with Mixed Dispersions

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we consider blow-up solutions for the fourth-order nonlinear Schrödinger equation with mixed dispersions. We study the dynamical properties of blow-up solutions for this equation, including the  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$ -concentration and limiting profiles, which extend and improve the existing results in the literature.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the nonlinear fourth-order Schrödinger equation with mixed dispersions

$$\begin{cases} i\psi_t - \Delta^2 \psi + \mu \Delta \psi + |\psi|^p \psi = 0, & (t, x) \in [0, T^*) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \psi(0, x) = \psi_0(x), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\psi : [0, T^*) \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a complex valued function,  $0 < T^* \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < p < 4^*$  (where  $4^* = +\infty$  if  $N = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $4^* = \frac{8}{N-4}$  if  $N \geq 5$ ). Karpman in [1] first introduced the fourth-order Schrödinger Equation (1) to stabilize soliton instabilities. Karpman and Shagalov in [2] also proposed a small fourth-order dispersion term to describe the propagation of intense laser beams in a bulk medium with Kerr nonlinearity. In recent years, there has been a great deal of interest in using higher-order operators to model physical phenomena (see [3–8]).

When  $\mu = 0$ , Equation (1) entails the scaling invariance

$$\psi_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(\lambda^4 t, \lambda x), \quad \lambda > 0.$$

This implies that if  $\psi$  solves (1) with  $\mu = 0$ , then  $\psi_\lambda$  solves the same equation with the initial data  $\psi_\lambda(0, x) = \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi_0(\lambda x)$ . A direct computation shows

$$\|\psi_\lambda(0)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma}} = \lambda^{\gamma + \frac{4}{p} - \frac{N}{2}} \|\psi_0\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma}}.$$

This implies that the Sobolev  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$ -norm and Lebesgue  $L^{p_c}$ -norm are invariant under the scaling  $\psi \mapsto \psi_\lambda$ , where

$$\gamma_c := \frac{N}{2} - \frac{4}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad p_c := \frac{2N}{N - 2\gamma_c} = \frac{Np}{4}.$$



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Although there is not any scaling invariance for Equation (1) with  $\mu \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma_c$  and  $p_c$  are referred to as the critical Sobolev and Lebesgue exponents of (1), respectively. When  $0 \leq \gamma_c \leq 2$ , i.e.,  $\frac{8}{N} \leq p \leq 4^*$ , Equation (1) is referred to as  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$ -critical. In particular, when  $\gamma_c = 0$  and  $\gamma_c = 2$ , Equation (1) is referred to as  $L^2$ -critical (or mass-critical) and  $\dot{H}^2$ -critical (or energy-critical), respectively.

If the initial data  $\psi_0 \in H^2$ , then Equation (1) reflects the mass and energy conservation laws:

$$\|\psi(t)\|_{L^2} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2}, \quad E(\psi(t)) = E(\psi_0),$$

where the energy  $E$  is defined by

$$E(\psi(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|\psi(t)\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2}. \quad (2)$$

If the initial data  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  with  $\gamma_c \leq 1$ , then the equation only assumes energy conservation. The conservation of mass is no longer available in this setting.

Recently, Equation (1) was investigated extensively in [9–18]. The local well-posedness in  $H^2$  was studied in [9,13,15]. The global well-posedness for (1) in  $H^2$  was studied by Fibich, Ilan, and Papanicolaou in [19]. The global properties, including the sharp threshold of scattering and blow-up, asymptotical behavior, and scattering were investigated in [12,15–18,20]. When  $0 < p < \frac{8}{N}$ , it follows that all the solutions of (1) exist globally using the mass conservation. Boulenger and Lenzmann in [21] proved the existence of radial blow-up solutions for (1) with  $\frac{8}{N} \leq p \leq 4^*$ . When  $\mu = 0$ , the dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions of (1) were investigated in [22–28]. However, when  $\mu \neq 0$ , the dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions of (1) have not yet been discussed.

The aim of this paper is to consider the dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions of (1) with  $\mu \neq 0$ . However, compared with the case  $\mu = 0$  considered in [25,26,28], there are two major difficulties in the analysis of the blow-up solutions of (1). One is the loss of mass conservation due to the initial data  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$ ; the other is the loss of scaling invariance to (1) with  $\mu \neq 0$ . Since there is no scaling invariance for  $\mu \neq 0$ , we choose the ground states of the equations

$$\Delta^2 Q + (-\Delta)^{\gamma_c} Q - |Q|^p Q = 0, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Delta^2 R + |R|^{p_c-2} R - |R|^p R = 0, \quad (4)$$

to describe some of the concentration properties and limiting profiles of the blow-up solutions to (1), respectively, where (3) and (4) arise in the study of the optimal constants of inequalities (12) and (14) (see [25]).

The structure of this paper is as follows: In Section 2, we provide some preliminary information, including the local well-posedness of (1), the profile decomposition of the bounded sequences in  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$ , and the localized virial to (1). In Section 3, we investigate the dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions of (1) with  $\mu \neq 0$  in the  $L^2$ -critical and  $L^2$ -supercritical cases, including the concentration properties and limiting profiles.

## 2. Preliminaries

First, we recall the local well-posedness for the Cauchy problem (1).

**Lemma 1** ([14]). *Let  $0 < p < 4^*$  and  $\psi_0 \in H^2$ . Then, there exists  $T = T(\|\psi_0\|_{H^2})$ , such that (1) admits a unique solution  $\psi \in C([0, T), H^2)$ . If  $T^* < \infty$ , then  $\|\Delta \psi(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \uparrow T^*$ , where*

$T^*$  is the maximal existence time of solution  $\psi(t)$ . Moreover, for all  $[0, T^*)$ , the following mass and energy conservation laws follow:

$$M(\psi(t)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx = M(\psi_0), \quad (5)$$

$$E(\psi(t)) = E(\psi_0), \quad (6)$$

where  $E(\psi(t))$  is defined by (2).

Next, in order to study the existence of the blow-up solutions, we recall the localized virial to (1) established in [21]. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a radial function which satisfies  $\nabla^j \varphi \in L^\infty$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq 6$ ,

$$\varphi(r) := \begin{cases} \frac{r^2}{2} & \text{for } r \leq 1 \\ \text{const.} & \text{for } r \geq 10, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \varphi''(r) \leq 1, \text{ for } r \geq 0.$$

For  $R > 0$ , we define  $\varphi_R(r) := R^2 \varphi(\frac{r}{R})$ . When  $\psi \in C([0, T^*]; H^2)$ , we define the localized virial of  $\psi(t)$  by

$$M_{\varphi_R}(\psi(t)) := 2 \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \overline{\psi}(t, x) \nabla \varphi_R(x) \nabla \psi(t, x) dx. \quad (7)$$

Boulenger and Lenzmann in [21] obtained the following time evolution of  $M_{\varphi_R}(\psi(t))$ .

**Lemma 2** ([21], Lemma 3.1). *Let  $0 < p < 4^*$  and  $R > 0$ . Let  $\psi \in C([0, T^*]; H^2)$  be a radial solution to (1), then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} M_{\varphi_R}(\psi(t)) &\leq 2NpE(\psi(t)) - (Np - 8) \|\Delta \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - (Np - 4) \mu \|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + X_\mu[\psi(t)] \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{R^4} + \frac{\|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2}{R^2} + \frac{\|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^{p/2}}{R^{\frac{(N-1)p}{2}}} + \frac{|\mu|}{R^2} \right) \\ &= 4Q(\psi(t)) + X_\mu[\psi(t)] + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{R^4} + \frac{\|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2}{R^2} + \frac{\|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^{p/2}}{R^{\frac{(N-1)p}{2}}} + \frac{|\mu|}{R^2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $t \in [0, T^*)$ , where

$$X_\mu[\psi(t)] \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \mu \leq 0, \\ A_0 |\mu| \|\nabla \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 & \text{for } \mu < 0, \end{cases}$$

with some constant  $A_0 > 0$ .

**Lemma 3** ([29], Proposition 1.32). *Let  $s_0 \leq s \leq s_1$ . Then,  $\dot{H}^{s_0} \cap \dot{H}^{s_1}$  is included in  $\dot{H}^s$ , and*

$$\|v\|_{\dot{H}^s} \leq \|v\|_{\dot{H}^{s_0}}^{1-\theta} \|v\|_{\dot{H}^{s_1}}^\theta, \quad \text{for all } v \in \dot{H}^{s_0} \cap \dot{H}^{s_1}, \quad (8)$$

where  $s = (1 - \theta)s_0 + \theta s_1$ .

**Lemma 4** ([26], Theorem 1.1). *If  $0 < p < 4^*$ , then*

$$\|v\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \leq \frac{4(p+2)}{4(p+2) - Np} \left( \frac{4(p+2) - Np}{Np} \right)^{\frac{Np}{8}} \frac{1}{\|R\|_{L^2}^p} \|v\|_{L^2}^{\frac{4(p+2) - Np}{4}} \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^{\frac{Np}{4}}, \quad (9)$$

for all  $v \in H^2$ , where  $R \in H^2$  is a ground state of the equation

$$\Delta^2 R + R - |R|^p R = 0. \quad (10)$$

Moreover, the following Pohozaev's identities follow.

$$\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{Np}{4(p+2)} \|R\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \frac{Np}{8-p(N-4)} \|R\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (11)$$

**Lemma 5** ([25], Proposition 3.2). Let  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ . Then, for all  $v \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$

$$\|v\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \leq \frac{p+2}{2} \frac{1}{\|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^p} \|v\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^p \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2, \quad (12)$$

where  $Q \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  is a ground state of (3). Moreover, the following Pohozaev's identities follow.

$$\|Q\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 = \frac{2}{p+2} \|Q\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \frac{2}{p} \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^2. \quad (13)$$

**Lemma 6** ([25], Proposition 3.2). Let  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ . Then, for all  $v \in L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$

$$\|v\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \leq \frac{p+2}{2} \frac{1}{\|R\|_{L^{p_c}}^p} \|v\|_{L^{p_c}}^p \|\Delta v\|_{L^2}^2, \quad (14)$$

where  $R \in L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  is a ground state solution of the elliptic Equation (4). Moreover, the following Pohozaev's identities hold true:

$$\|R\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 = \frac{2}{p+2} \|R\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \frac{2}{p} \|R\|_{L^{p_c}}^2. \quad (15)$$

Since the uniqueness of the ground state solutions to (10), (3) and (4) is still unknown, to study the dynamical properties of blow-up solutions, we introduce the notions of Sobolev and Lebesgue ground states. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(u) &:= \|u\|_{L^{\frac{8}{N}+2}}^{\frac{8}{N}+2} \div \left[ \|u\|_{L^2}^{\frac{8}{N}} \|\Delta u\|_{L^2}^2 \right], \quad u \in H^2, \\ G(u) &:= \|u\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \div \left[ \|u\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^p \|\Delta u\|_{L^2}^2 \right], \quad u \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2, \\ K(u) &:= \|u\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \div \left[ \|u\|_{L^{p_c}}^p \|\Delta u\|_{L^2}^2 \right], \quad u \in L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1** (Ground states).

- 1 We call the **Sobolev ground states** the maximizers of  $G_0$  and  $G$ , which are solutions to (10) and (3), respectively. We denote the set of Sobolev ground states of  $G_0$  and  $G$  by  $\mathcal{G}_0$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively.
- 2 We call the **Lebesgue ground states** the maximizers of  $K$ , which are solutions to (4). We denote the set of Lebesgue ground states by  $\mathcal{K}$ .

It follows from the optimal constants in (9), (12), and (14) that all the Sobolev ground states have the same  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$ -norm and all the Lebesgue ground states have the same  $L^{p_c}$ -norm. We thus denote

$$G_0 := \|Q\|_{L^2}, \quad \forall Q \in \mathcal{G}_0, \quad G_1 := \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}, \quad \forall Q \in \mathcal{G}, \quad G_2 := \|R\|_{L^{p_c}}, \quad \forall R \in \mathcal{K}. \quad (16)$$

Finally, we recall the following two compactness lemmas:

**Lemma 7** ([28], Compactness lemma I). Suppose that  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a bounded sequence in  $H^2$  and satisfies

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Delta u_n\|_{L^2} \leq M, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n\|_{L^{\frac{8}{N}+2}} \geq m > 0.$$

Then, there exist  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $V \in H^2$ , such that, up to a subsequence,

$$u_n(\cdot + x_n) \rightharpoonup V \text{ weakly in } H^2$$

with

$$\|V\|_{L^2}^p \geq \frac{2}{p+2} \frac{m^{p+2}}{M^2} G_0^p.$$

**Lemma 8** ([25], Compactness lemma II). Let  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ . Let  $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a bounded sequence in  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$ , such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^2} \leq M, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{L^{p+2}} \geq m.$$

- Then, there exist  $V \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  and a sequence  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , such that up to a subsequence,

$$v_n(\cdot + y_n) \rightharpoonup V \text{ weakly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

with

$$\|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^p \geq \frac{2}{p+2} \frac{m^{p+2}}{M^2} G_1^p. \quad (17)$$

- Then, there exist  $W \in L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  and a sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , such that up to a subsequence,

$$v_n(\cdot + z_n) \rightharpoonup W \text{ weakly in } L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

with

$$\|W\|_{L^{p_c}}^p \geq \frac{2}{p+2} \frac{m^{p+2}}{M^2} G_2^p. \quad (18)$$

**Remark 1.** The lower bounds (17) and (18) are optimal. Indeed, taking  $v_n = Q$  in the first case and  $v_n = R$  in the second case where  $Q \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $R \in \mathcal{K}$ , we obtain the equalities.

### 3. Dynamic of Blow-Up Solutions in the $L^2$ -Critical and $L^2$ -Supercritical Cases

In this section, we study the dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions for (1) in the  $L^2$ -critical and  $L^2$ -supercritical cases.

#### 3.1. The Sharp Threshold Mass of Blow-Up and Global Existence

It easily follows from the local well-posedness that the solution of (1) with small initial data exists globally, and the solution may blow up in finite time for some large initial data. Therefore, whether there is a sharp threshold of global existence and blow-up for (1) is of particular interest. Next, we obtain the sharp threshold mass of global existence and blow-up for (1) by using the scaling argument and the inequality (9).

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\psi_0 \in H^2$ ,  $\mu > 0$ ,  $p = \frac{8}{N}$ . Then, we obtain the following sharp threshold mass of the global existence and blow-up :

- (i) If  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} \leq G_0$ , then all solutions of (1) exist globally.
- (ii) For any  $\rho > G_0$ , there exist initial data  $\psi_0$ , such that  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = \rho$  and the corresponding solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) blows up in finite time.

**Remark 2.** When  $\mu = 0$ , Fibich, Ilan, and Papanicolaou in [19] proved that all solutions of (1) with initial data  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} < G_0$  exist globally. When  $\mu > 0$ , we prove that all solutions of (1) with initial data  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} \leq G_0$  exist globally. This suggest that the defocusing second-order dispersion term may prevent the occurrence blow-up.

**Proof.** (i) When  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} < G_0$ , we deduce from (2) and (9) that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\psi_0) &= E(\psi(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|\psi(t)\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \\ &\geq \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\|\psi_0\|_{L^2}^p}{2G_0^p} \right) \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Due to  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} < G_0$ , we have that  $\|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2}$  is uniformly bounded for all times  $t$ . Therefore, (i) follows from the conservation of mass and Lemma 1.

When  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = G_0$ , we prove this result by contradiction. If the solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) blows up in finite time, then there exists  $T^* > 0$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2} = \infty$ . Set

$$\rho^2(t) = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2} / \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2} \text{ and } v(t, x) = \rho(t)^{N/2} \psi(t, \rho(t)x).$$

Let  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be any time sequence, such that  $t_n \rightarrow T^*$ ,  $\rho_n := \rho(t_n)$  and  $v_n(x) := v(t_n, x)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{v_n\}$  satisfies

$$\|v_n\|_{L^2} = \|\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = G_0, \quad \|\Delta v_n\|_{L^2} = \rho_n^2 \|\Delta\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}. \quad (19)$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta v_n\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|v_n\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \rho_n^4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|\psi(t_n)\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \right) \\ &= \rho_n^4 \left( E(\psi_0) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \\ &\leq \rho_n^4 E(\psi_0) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \frac{p+2}{2} \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Thus, we deduce from (19) that there exist subsequences, still denoted by  $\{v_n\}$  and  $u \in H^2 \setminus \{0\}$ , such that

$$u_n := \tau_{x_n} v_n \rightharpoonup u \neq 0 \text{ weakly in } H^2,$$

for some  $\{x_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ . This implies that there exists  $C_0 > 0$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla v_n\|_{L^2}^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla u_n\|_{L^2}^2 \geq C_0 > 0. \quad (21)$$

On the other hand, we deduce from (9) and  $\|\psi(t)\|_{L^2} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = \|R\|_{L^2}$  that

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|\psi(t)\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \geq 0,$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . This implies that

$$\frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq E(\psi_0),$$

for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . We consequently obtain that

$$\|\nabla v_n\|_{L^2}^2 = \rho_n^2 \|\nabla\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \frac{2\rho_n^2}{\mu} E(\psi_0) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is a contradiction with (21). Thus, the solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) exists globally.

(ii) Let  $R \in \mathcal{G}_0$  be radial. We define the initial data  $\psi_0(x) = c\lambda^{\frac{N}{2}}R(\lambda x)$  with  $c = \frac{\rho}{G_0}$  and some  $\lambda > 1$ . Then,  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = \rho$ . Applying the Pohožaev identity for the following equation:

$$\Delta^2 R + R - |R|^p R = 0, \quad (22)$$

i.e.,  $\frac{1}{2}\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{1}{p+2}\|R\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2}$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\psi_0) &= \frac{|c|^2\lambda^4}{2}\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu|c|^2\lambda^2}{2}\|\nabla R\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{|c|^{p+2}\lambda^{\frac{Np}{2}}}{p+2}\|R\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \\ &= -\frac{|c|^2\lambda^4}{2}(|c|^p - 1)\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\mu|c|^2\lambda^2}{2}\|\nabla R\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Now, taking  $\lambda$ , such that

$$\frac{\mu\|\nabla R\|_{L^2}^2}{(|c|^p - 1)\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2} < \lambda^2.$$

This implies  $E(\psi_0) < 0$ . Thus, the solution  $\psi$  of (1) with initial data  $\psi_0$  blows up by applying the same method as that of Theorem 3 in [21].  $\square$

### 3.2. The $L^2$ -Critical Case

In this subsection, we investigate some dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions for (1) with  $\mu \neq 0$  in the  $L^2$ -critical case.

**Theorem 2.** ( $L^2$ -concentration) Let  $\psi_0 \in H^2$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ ,  $p = \frac{8}{N}$ . If the solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) blows up in finite time  $T^* > 0$ . Let  $a(t)$  be a real-valued non-negative function defined on  $[0, T^*)$  satisfying  $a(t)\|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow T^*$ . Then, there exists  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T^*} \int_{|x-x(t)| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx \geq G_0^2, \quad (24)$$

where  $G_0$  is defined by (16).

**Remark 3.** By a similar analysis as that in Remark 2, this theorem gives the  $L^2$ -concentration and rate of  $L^2$ -concentration of the blow-up solutions of (1).

**Proof.** Let  $R \in \mathcal{G}_0$ ; we set

$$\rho^2(t) = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2} / \|\Delta\psi(t)\|_{L^2} \text{ and } v(t, x) = \rho^{\frac{N}{2}}(t)\psi(t, \rho(t)x).$$

Let  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be any time sequence, such that  $t_n \rightarrow T^*$ ,  $\rho_n := \rho(t_n)$  and  $v_n(x) := v(t_n, x)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{v_n\}$  satisfies

$$\|v_n\|_{L^2} = \|\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2}, \quad \|\Delta v_n\|_{L^2} = \rho_n^2 \|\Delta\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}. \quad (25)$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |E_0(v_n)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta v_n(x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |v_n(x)|^{p+2} dx \right| \\ &= \rho_n^4 \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\psi(t_n, x)|^{p+2} dx \right| \\ &\leq \rho_n^4 \left| E(\psi_0) + \frac{|\mu|}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Thus, applying the inequality (8), we deduce that  $E_0(v_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |v_n(x)|^{p+2} dx \rightarrow \frac{p+2}{2} \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2$ .

Set  $m^{p+2} = \frac{p+2}{2} \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^2$  and  $M = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}$ . Then, it follows from Lemma 7 that there exist  $V \in H^2$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that, up to a subsequence,

$$v_n(\cdot + x_n) = \rho_n^{N/2} \psi(t_n, \rho_n(\cdot + x_n)) \rightharpoonup V \text{ weakly in } H^2 \quad (27)$$

with

$$\|V\|_{L^2} \geq G_0. \quad (28)$$

Note that

$$\frac{a(t_n)}{\rho_n} = \frac{a(t_n) \|\Delta \psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^{1/2}}{\|\Delta R\|_{L^2}^{1/2}} \rightarrow \infty, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then, for every  $r > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 > 0$ , such that for every  $n > n_0$ ,  $r\rho_n < a(t_n)$ . Therefore, using (27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t_n)} |\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx &\geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq r\rho_n} |\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \\ &\geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x-x_n| \leq r\rho_n} |\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| \leq r} \rho_n^N |\psi(t_n, \rho_n(x + x_n))|^2 dx \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| \leq r} |v(t_n, x + x_n)|^2 dx \\ &\geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| \leq r} |V(x)|^2 dx, \text{ for every } r > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t_n)} |\psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |V(x)|^2 dx.$$

Since the sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is arbitrary, we obtain

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T^*} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |R(x)|^2 dx. \quad (29)$$

Observe that for every  $t \in [0, T^*)$ , the function  $g(y) := \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx$  is continuous on  $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $g(y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|y| \rightarrow \infty$ . So, there exists a function  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that for every  $t \in [0, T^*)$

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx = \int_{|x-x(t)| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^2 dx.$$

This and (29) yield (24).  $\square$

Next, we study the limiting profile of the blow-up  $H^2$ -solutions with critical norms. To do so, we recall the following characterization of the ground states:

**Lemma 9** (Characterization of ground states [28]). *Let  $p = \frac{8}{N}$ . If  $u \in H^2$  is such that  $\|u\|_{L^2} = G_0$  and*

$$E_0(u) := \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{H^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|u\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = 0,$$



then there exists  $R \in \mathcal{G}_0$ , such that  $u$  is of the form

$$u(x) = e^{i\theta} \lambda^{\frac{N}{2}} R(\lambda x + x_0),$$

for  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N, \lambda > 0$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\psi_0 \in H^2, \mu < 0, p = \frac{8}{N}$ . Assume  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = G_0$  and the corresponding solution  $\psi$  of (1) blows up in finite time  $T^* > 0$ , then there exist  $R_1 \in \mathcal{G}_0, \rho(t) > 0, x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $\theta(t) \in [0, 2\pi)$ , such that

$$\rho^{N/2}(t) \psi(t, \rho(t)(\cdot + x(t))) e^{i\theta(t)} \rightarrow R_1 \text{ strongly in } H^2, \text{ as } t \rightarrow T^*. \quad (30)$$

**Proof.** We use the notations in the proof of Theorem 2. Assume that  $\|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = G_0$ . Recall that we have verified that  $\|V\|_{L^2} \geq G_0$  in the proof of Theorem 2. Whence

$$G_0 \leq \|V\|_{L^2} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{L^2} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2} = G_0,$$

and then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{L^2} = \|V\|_{L^2} = G_0, \quad (31)$$

which implies

$$v_n(\cdot + x_n) \rightarrow V \text{ strongly in } L^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We infer from the inequality (8) that

$$\|\nabla(v_n(\cdot + x_n) - V)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C \|v_n(\cdot + x_n) - V\|_{L^2} \|\Delta(v_n(\cdot + x_n) - V)\|_{L^2}.$$

From  $\|\Delta v_n(\cdot + x_n)\|_{L^2} \leq C$ , we obtain

$$\nabla v_n(\cdot + x_n) \rightarrow \nabla V \text{ in } L^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Next, we will prove that  $v_n(\cdot + x_n)$  converges to  $V$  strongly in  $H^2$ . For this purpose, we estimate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |E_0(v_n)| = \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta R(x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |v_n(x)|^{p+2} dx \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta R(x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |V(x)|^{p+2} dx \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Thus, we infer from the inequality (9) that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta R(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |V(x)|^{p+2} dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|V\|_{L^2}^p}{G_0^p} \|\Delta V\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta V\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (33)$$

On the other hand, we deduce from (25) that  $\|\Delta V\|_{L^2} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Delta v_n(\cdot + x_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\Delta R\|_{L^2}$ . Hence, we have  $\|Q\|_{H^2} = \|V\|_{H^2}$  and

$$v_n(\cdot + x_n) \rightarrow V \text{ strongly in } H^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (34)$$

This and (33) imply that

$$E_0(V) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta V(x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |V(x)|^{p+2} dx = 0.$$

Up to now, we have verified that

$$\|V\|_{L^2} = G_0 \text{ and } E_0(V) = 0.$$

Applying Lemma 9, there exists  $R_1 \in \mathcal{G}_0$ , such that

$$V(x) = e^{i\theta} R_1(x + x_0) \text{ for some } \theta \in [0, 2\pi), x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

and

$$\rho_n^{N/2} \psi(t_n, \rho_n(\cdot + x_0)) \rightarrow e^{i\theta} R_1(\cdot + x_0) \text{ strongly in } H^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since the sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is arbitrary, we infer that there are two functions  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $\theta(t) \in [0, 2\pi)$ , such that

$$\rho^{N/2}(t) e^{i\theta(t)} \psi(t, \rho(t)(x + x(t))) \rightarrow R_1 \text{ strongly in } H^2 \text{ as } t \rightarrow T^*.$$

□

### 3.3. The $L^2$ -Supercritical Case

In this subsection, we investigate some dynamical properties of the blow-up solutions for (1) with  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  in the  $L^2$ -supercritical case. The main difficulty in this consideration is the lack of conservation of mass.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ ,  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^{\gamma} \cap \dot{H}^2$  with  $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_c, 1\}$ . If the solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) blows up in finite time  $T^* > 0$  and satisfies

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} < \infty \text{ if } \gamma_c \leq 1, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^1} < \infty \text{ if } 1 < \gamma_c < 2. \quad (35)$$

Assume that  $a(t) > 0$ , such that

$$a(t) \|\Delta \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2-\gamma_c}} \rightarrow \infty, \quad (36)$$

as  $t \rightarrow T^*$ . Then, there exist  $x_1(t), x_2(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T^*} \int_{|x-x_1(t)| \leq a(t)} |(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} \psi(t, x)|^2 dx \geq G_1^2, \quad (37)$$

and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T^*} \int_{|x-x_2(t)| \leq a(t)} |\psi(t, x)|^{p_c} dx \geq G_2^{p_c}. \quad (38)$$

**Remark 4.** The assumption  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^{\gamma} \cap \dot{H}^2$  with  $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_c, 1\}$  guarantees that the energy  $E(\psi)$  is well-defined.

**Proof.** Let  $Q \in \mathcal{G}$ ; we set

$$\rho(t) = \|\Delta Q\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2-\gamma_c}} / \|\Delta \psi(t)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2-\gamma_c}} \text{ and } v(t, x) = \rho^{\frac{4}{p}}(t) \psi(t, \rho(t)x).$$

Let  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be an any time sequence, such that  $t_n \rightarrow T^*$ ,  $\rho_n = \rho(t_n)$  and  $v_n(x) = v(t_n, x)$ . Then, it follows from assumption (35) that  $v_n$  satisfies  $\|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = \|\psi(t_n)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} < \infty$  uniformly in  $n$ . Moreover, by some direct computations, we obtain

$$\|\Delta v_n\|_{L^2} = \rho_n^{2-\gamma_c} \|\Delta \psi(t_n)\|_{L^2} = \|\Delta Q\|_{L^2},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|E_0(v_n)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta v_n(x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |v_n(x)|^{p+2} dx \right| \\
&= \rho_n^{2(2-\gamma_c)} \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta \psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\psi(t_n, x)|^{p+2} dx \right| \\
&= \rho_n^{2(2-\gamma_c)} \left| E(\psi(t_n)) - \frac{\mu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla \psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \right| \\
&= \frac{\|\Delta Q\|_{L^2}^2}{\|\Delta \psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^2} \left| E(\psi_0) - \frac{\mu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla \psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx \right|. \tag{39}
\end{aligned}$$

When  $0 < \gamma_c < 1$ , applying the inequality (8), that is

$$\|\nabla \psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|\Delta \psi(t_n)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2(1-\gamma_c)}{2-\gamma_c}} \|\psi(t_n)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}^{\frac{2}{2-\gamma_c}}, \tag{40}$$

we have  $E_0(v_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . When  $1 \leq \gamma_c < 2$ , it follows from (35) that  $E_0(v_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . These imply that  $\|v_n\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \rightarrow \frac{p+2}{2} \|\Delta Q\|_{L^2}^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Set  $m^{p+2} = \frac{p+2}{2} \|\Delta Q\|_{L^2}^2$  and  $M = \|\Delta Q\|_{L^2}$ . Then, it follows from Lemma 8 that there exist  $V \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that up to a subsequence,

$$v_n(\cdot + x_n) = \rho_n^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(t_n, \rho_n \cdot + x_n) \rightharpoonup V \text{ weakly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$$

with

$$\|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} \geq G_1. \tag{41}$$

By the definition of  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$ , we have

$$(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} \rho_n^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(t_n, \rho_n \cdot + x_n) \rightharpoonup (-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} V \text{ weakly in } L^2.$$

Thus, for any  $R > 0$ ,

$$\int_{|x| \leq R} |(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} V(x)|^2 dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x-x_n| \leq \rho_n R} |(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} \psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx.$$

In view of the assumption  $a(t_n)/\rho_n \rightarrow \infty$ , this implies immediately

$$\int_{|x| \leq R} |(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} V|^2 dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \int_{|x-y| \leq a(t_n)} |(-\Delta)^{\frac{\gamma_c}{2}} \psi(t_n, x)|^2 dx.$$

Then, we can prove this theorem by a similar argument as that in Theorem 3. The proof of (38) is similar, so we omit it. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Let us now study the limiting profile of the blow-up  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  solutions with critical norms. To do so, we recall the following characterization of the ground states.

**Lemma 10** (Characterization of ground states [25]). *Let  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ .*

1. *If  $u \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  is such that  $\|u\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = G_1$  and*

$$E_0(u) := \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|u\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = 0,$$

*then,  $u$  is of the form*

$$u(x) = e^{i\theta} \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}} Q(\lambda x + x_0),$$

*for some  $Q \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .*

2. If  $u \in L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  is such that  $\|u\|_{L^{p_c}} = G_2$  and

$$H(u) := \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 - \frac{1}{p+2} \|u\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = 0,$$

then,  $u$  is of the form

$$u(y) = e^{i\vartheta} \rho^{\frac{4}{p}} R(\rho y + y_0),$$

for some  $R \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\rho > 0$  and  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

**Proposition 1** (Limiting profile with critical norms). Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\frac{8}{N} < p < 4^*$ ,  $\psi_0 \in \dot{H}^\gamma \cap \dot{H}^2$  with  $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_c, 1\}$ , and the corresponding solution  $\psi(t)$  of (1) blows up in the finite time  $T^* > 0$ .

1. Assume that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = G_1. \quad (42)$$

If  $1 < \gamma_c < 2$ , assume further that  $\sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^1} < \infty$ . Then, there exists  $Q_1 \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\theta(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda(t) > 0$  and  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that

$$e^{i\theta(t)} \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}}(t) \psi(t, \lambda(t) \cdot + y(t)) \rightarrow Q_1 \text{ strongly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

as  $t \uparrow T^*$ .

2. Assume that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} < \infty, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{L^{p_c}} = G_2. \quad (43)$$

If  $1 < \gamma_c < 2$ , assume further that  $\sup_{t \in [0, T^*)} \|\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}^1} < \infty$ . Then, there exist  $Q_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\vartheta(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho(t) > 0$  and  $z(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that

$$e^{i\vartheta(t)} \rho^{\frac{4}{p}}(t) \psi(t, \rho(t) \cdot + z(t)) \rightarrow Q_2 \text{ strongly in } L^{p_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

as  $t \uparrow T^*$ .

**Proof.** We only treat the first term, the second one is similar. It is enough to show that for any  $(t_n)_{n \geq 1}$  satisfying  $t_n \uparrow T^*$ , there exists a subsequence still denoted by  $(t_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $Q_1 \in \mathcal{G}$ , sequences  $\theta_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda_n > 0$  and  $y_n \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , such that

$$e^{i\theta_n} \lambda_n^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(t_n, \lambda_n \cdot + y_n) \rightarrow Q_1 \text{ strongly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2, \quad (44)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Using the notation given in the proof of Theorem 4, we have

$$v_n(\cdot + y_n) = \lambda_n^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(t_n, \lambda_n \cdot + y_n) \rightharpoonup V \text{ weakly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} \geq G_1$ . By the semi-continuity of weak convergence, (41) and (42), we have

$$G_1 \leq \|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi(t_n)\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} \leq G_1.$$

We thus obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = \|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = G_1. \quad (45)$$

This shows that  $v_n(\cdot + y_n) \rightarrow V$  strongly in  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Using the sharp Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality (12), we have

$$v_n(\cdot + y_n) \rightarrow V \text{ strongly in } L^{p+2},$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Using (39) and (45), the sharp Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality (12) yields

$$\|Q\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 = \frac{2}{p+2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} = \frac{2}{p+2} \|V\|_{L^{p+2}}^{p+2} \leq \left( \frac{\|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}}}{G_1} \right)^p \|V\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2 = \|V\|_{\dot{H}^2}^2.$$

This combined with

$$\|V\|_{\dot{H}^2} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^2} = \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^2}$$

shows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{\dot{H}^2} = \|V\|_{\dot{H}^2} = \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^2}. \quad (46)$$

Combining (45), (46) and the fact  $v(\cdot + y_n) \rightharpoonup V$  weakly in  $\dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$ , we conclude that

$$v_n(\cdot + y_n) \rightarrow V \text{ strongly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In particular, we have

$$E_0(V) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_0(v_n) = 0.$$

Therefore, we have proved that  $V \in \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2$  and satisfies

$$\|V\|_{\dot{H}^{\gamma_c}} = G_1, \quad E_0(V) = 0.$$

Applying Lemma 10, there exists  $Q_1 \in \mathcal{G}$ , such that  $V(y) = e^{i\theta} \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}} Q_1(\lambda y + y_0)$  for some  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ . We thus obtain

$$v_n(\cdot + y_n) = \lambda_n^{\frac{4}{p}} \psi(t_n, \lambda_n \cdot + y_n) \rightarrow V = e^{i\theta} \lambda^{\frac{4}{p}} Q_1(\lambda \cdot + y_0) \text{ strongly in } \dot{H}^{\gamma_c} \cap \dot{H}^2,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Redefining variables, we prove (44). The proof is complete.  $\square$

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