

Laplacian Growth:

Random Matrices and singularities of growing patterns

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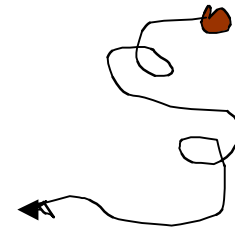
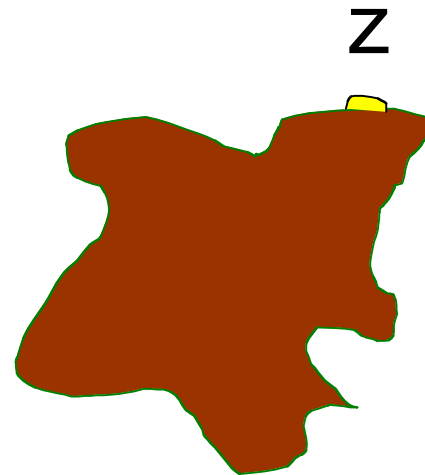
Laplacian growth -

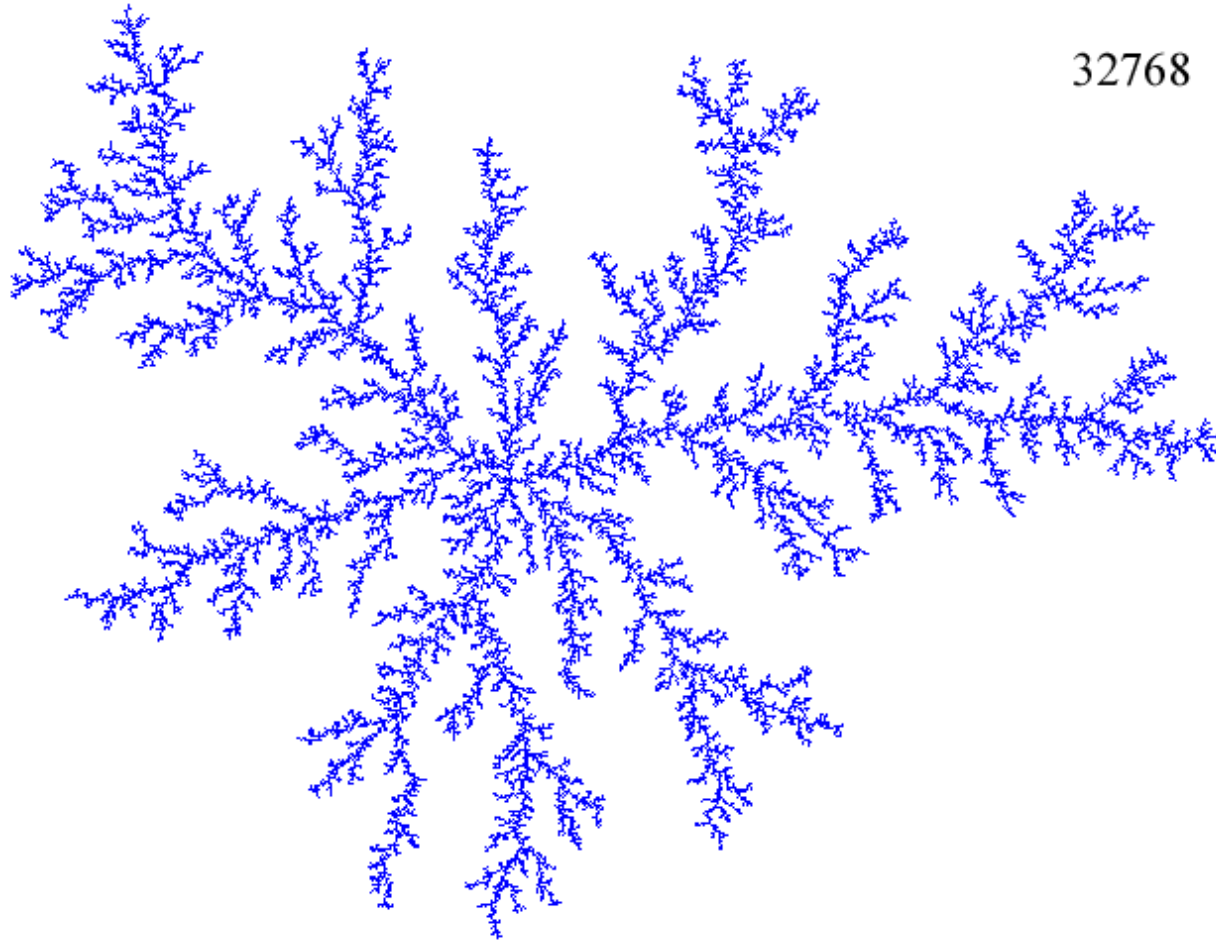
velocity of a moving planar interface =
= a **gradient of a harmonic field**

Laplacian growth - velocity of moving planar interface

is a gradient of a harmonic field

A probability of a Brownian mover to arrive and join the aggregate at a point z is a *harmonic measure* of the domain





Stochastic Geometry:
statistical ensemble of
fractal shapes

Diffusion-Limited Aggregation, or DLA,

is an extraordinarily simple computer simulation of the formation of clusters by particles diffusing through a medium that jostles the particles as they move.

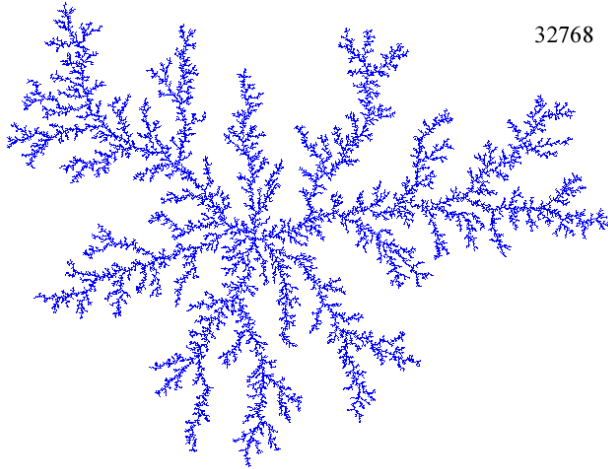
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- Random matrix theory; ✓
- Topological Field Theory;
- Quantum Gravity;
- Non-linear waves and soliton theory;
- Whitham universal hierarchies;
- Integrable hierarchies and Painleve transcendents
- Isomonodromic deformation theory;
- Asymptotes of orthogonal polynomials ✓
- Non-Abelian Riemann Hilbert problem;
- Stochastic Loewner Evolution (anticipated)

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Hypothesis:

The pattern is related to asymptotes of distribution of
zeros of real Orthogonal Polynomials.

Orthogonal polynomials

$$\psi_n(z) = P_n(z)e^{-\frac{1}{2\hbar}V(z)}$$

Szego theorem: $\int \psi_n(z)\psi_m(z)dz = \delta_{mn}$

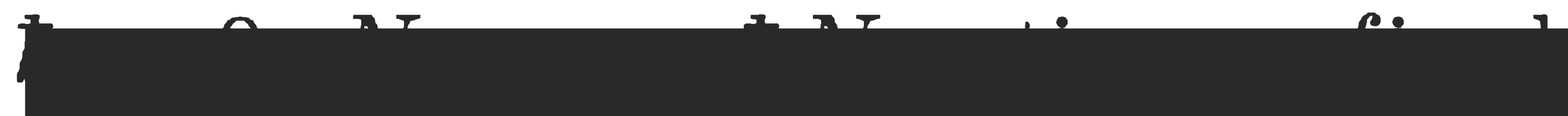
If $V(x)$ real (real orthogonal polynomials)



real axis

1) zeros of are distributed along a

Asymptotes:



2) Zeros form dense segments of the real axis,



3) Asymptotes at the edges is of Airy type

Bi-Orthogonal polynomials

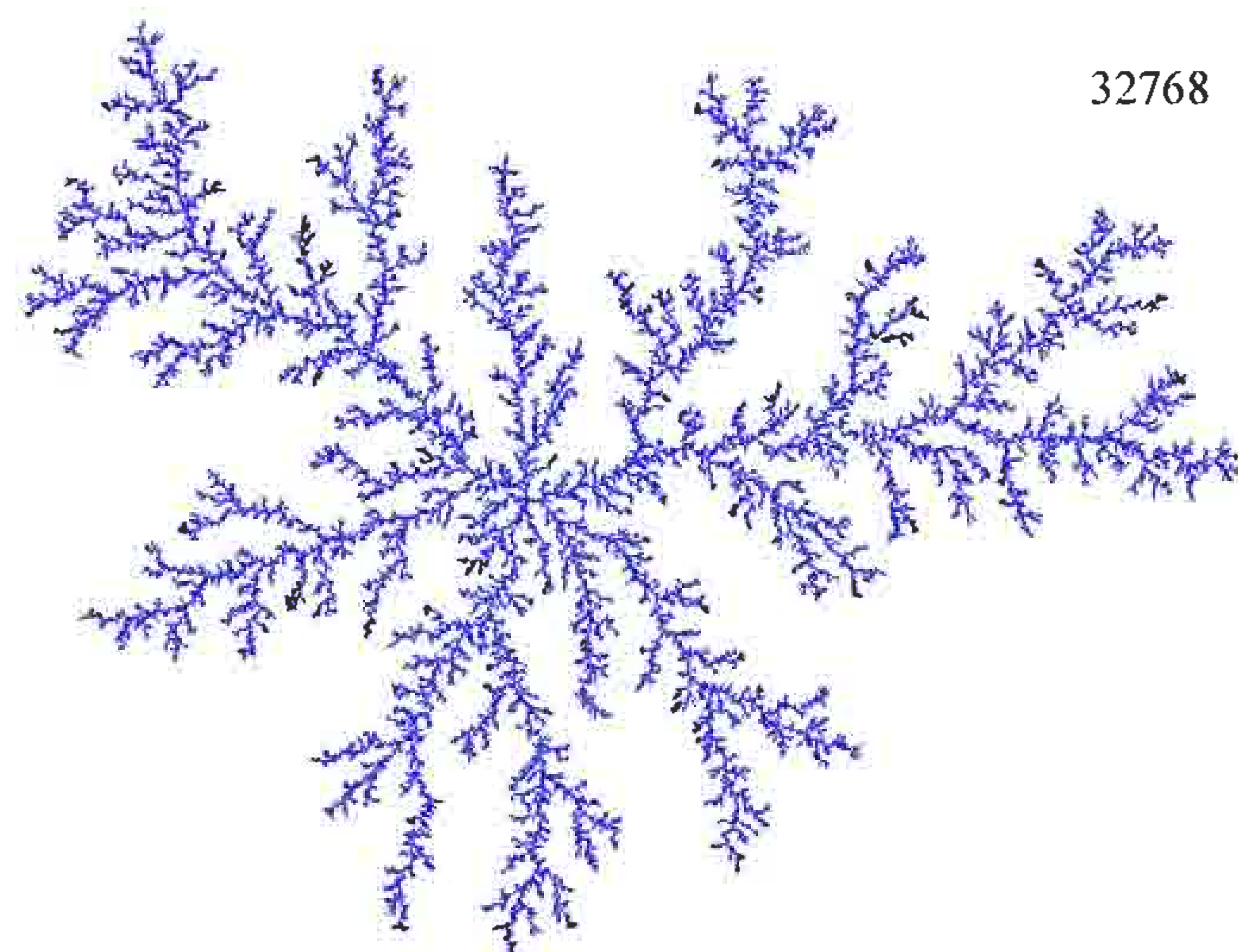
$$\psi_n(z) = P_n(z) e^{-\frac{1}{2\hbar} V(z)}$$

$$\int \psi_n \overline{\psi_m} e^{-\frac{1}{2\hbar} |z|^2} dz d\bar{z} = \delta_{mn}$$

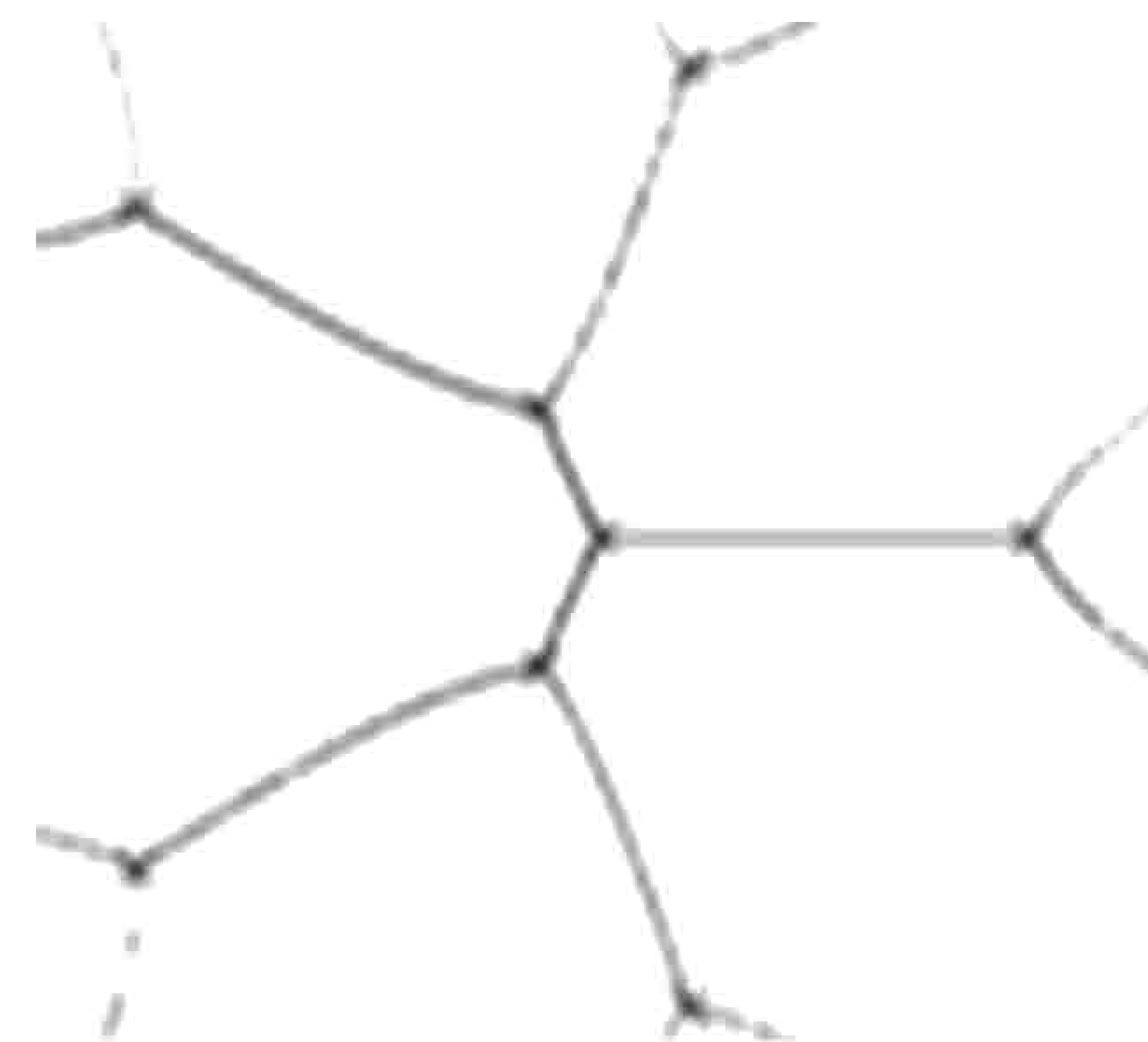
⇒ Asymptotes: $\hbar \rightarrow 0$, $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\hbar N = \text{time} = \text{fixed}$

⇒ Zeros are distributed along a branching graph

⇒ Asymptotes at the edges are Painleve transcendents



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Asymptotes of Orthogonal Polynomials:

Inspired by physics literature on Random Matrix Theory

Harnad-Bertola-Eynard,

Deift-Zhou-McLaughlin-Kriecherbauer-Venakides-Its, and many others

its relation with Laplacian growth:

Lee-Teodorescu-Zabrodin-Bettelheim-Agam-P.W.

Continuous problem: a size of particles



Continuum version

Laplacian growth is an evolution of a **plane interface** between two immiscible phases, driven by a **gradient of a harmonic field**

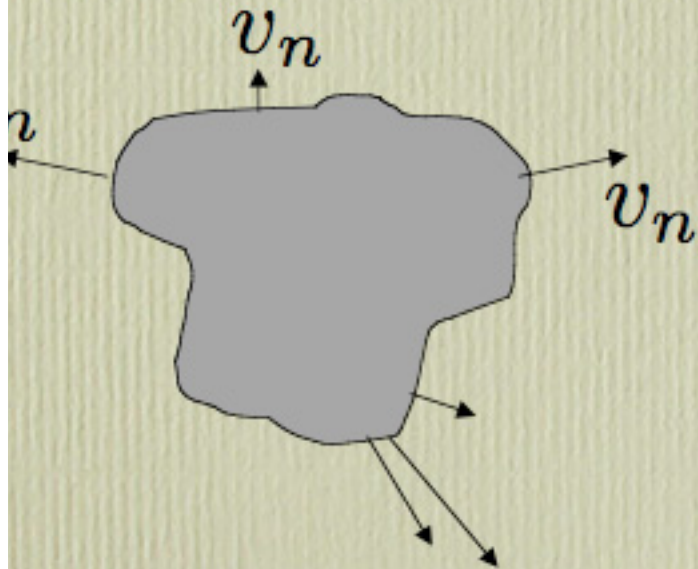
continuous problem

$$\vec{v}_n = \vec{\nabla} p$$

$$\Delta p = 0$$

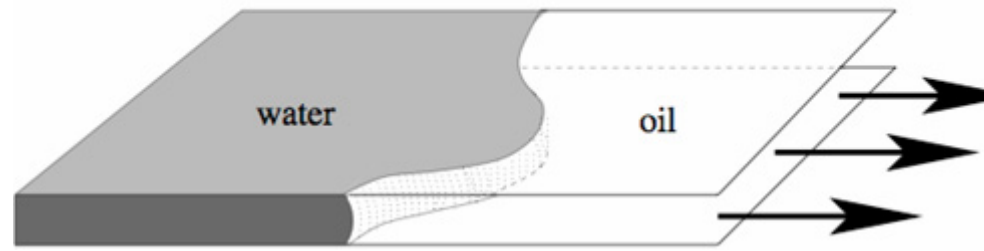
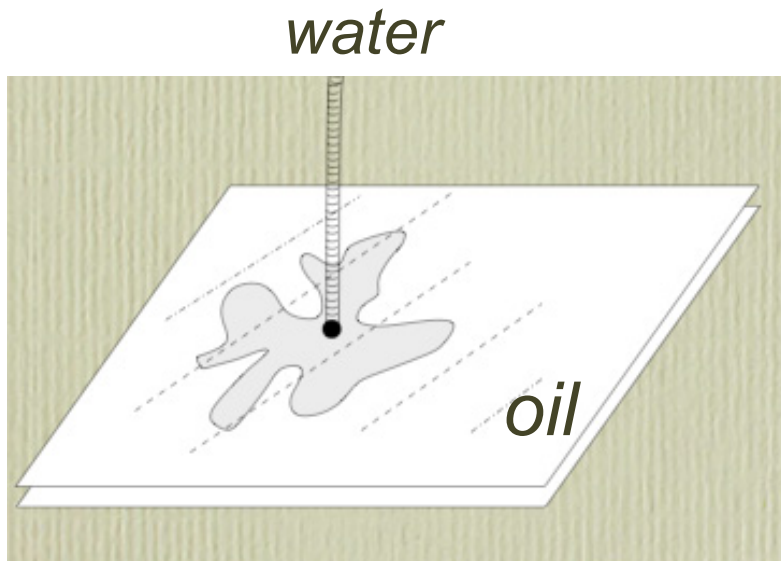
$$p \rightarrow \log |z|, \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty$$

$$p = 0 \quad \text{on the boundary}$$



normal velocity = gradient of harmonic field

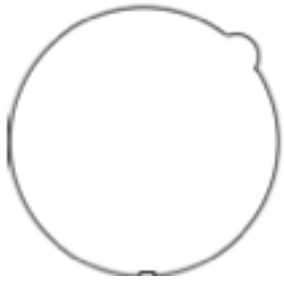
Hele-Shaw cell (1894)



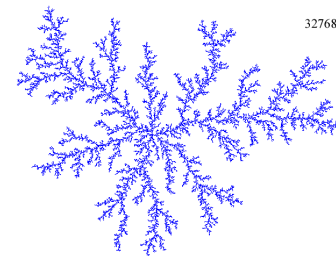
Oil (exterior)-incompressible liquid with high viscosity

Water (interior) - incompressible liquid with low viscosity

Fingering Instability



Any almost all fronts are unstable - an arbitrary small deviation from a plane front causes a complex set of fingers growing out of control

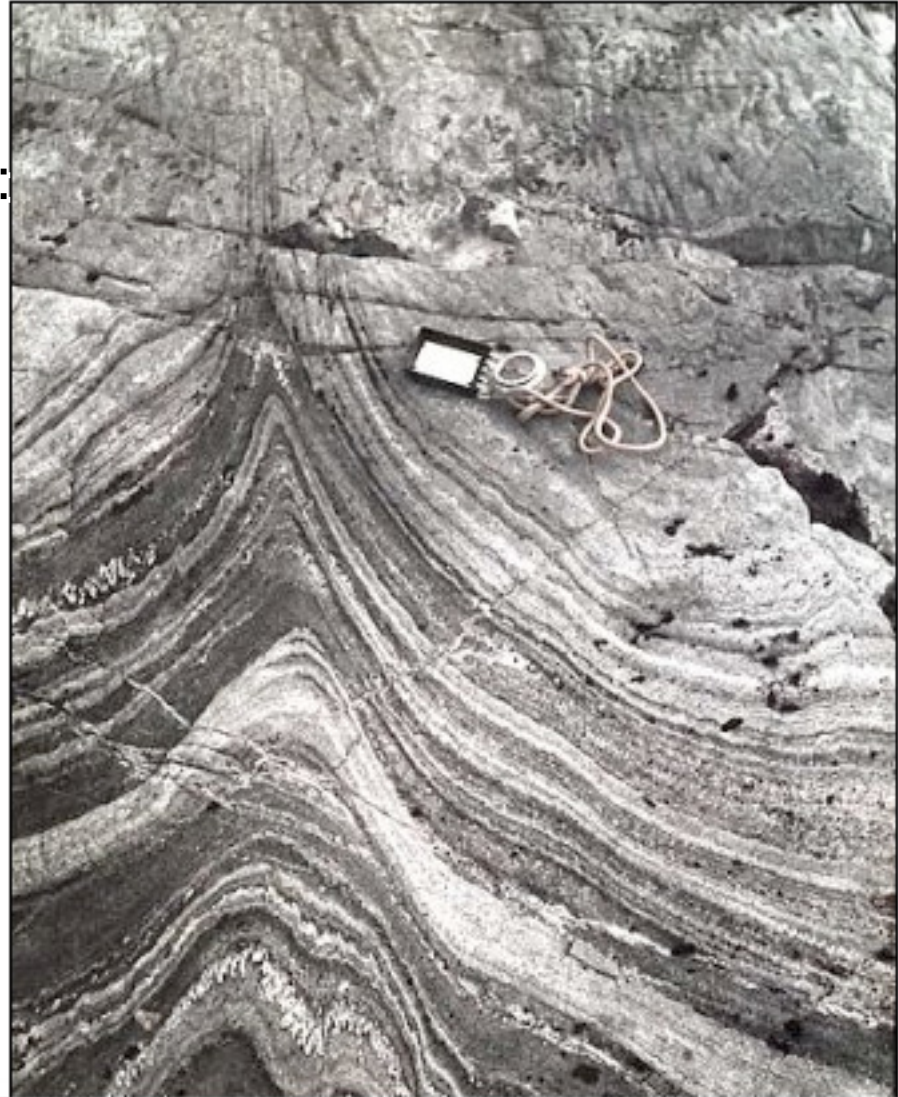


Finite time singularities:

any but plain algebraic domain lead to cusp like singularities which occur at a finite time (the area of the domain)

Universal character of singularities:

Cusp-like singularities:



Evolution of elliptic curves

Hydrodynamic problem is ill defined

$$v = -\nabla p, \quad v \in C/D, \quad p|_{\partial D} = 0, \quad p|_{z_0} \sim \log |z - z_0|$$

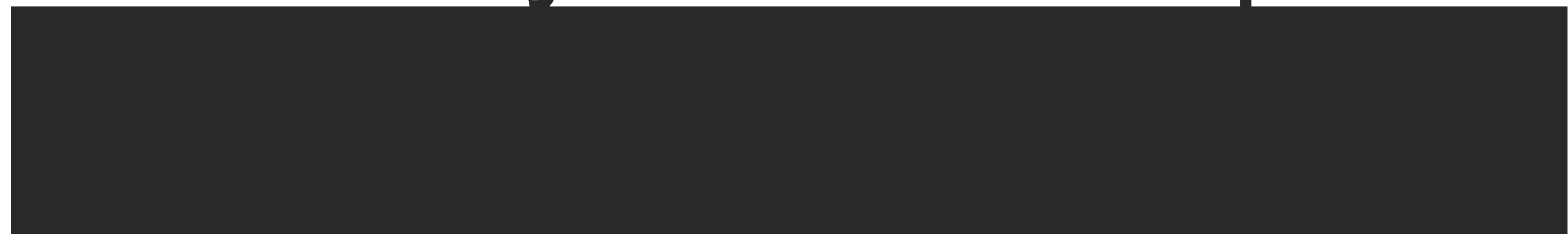
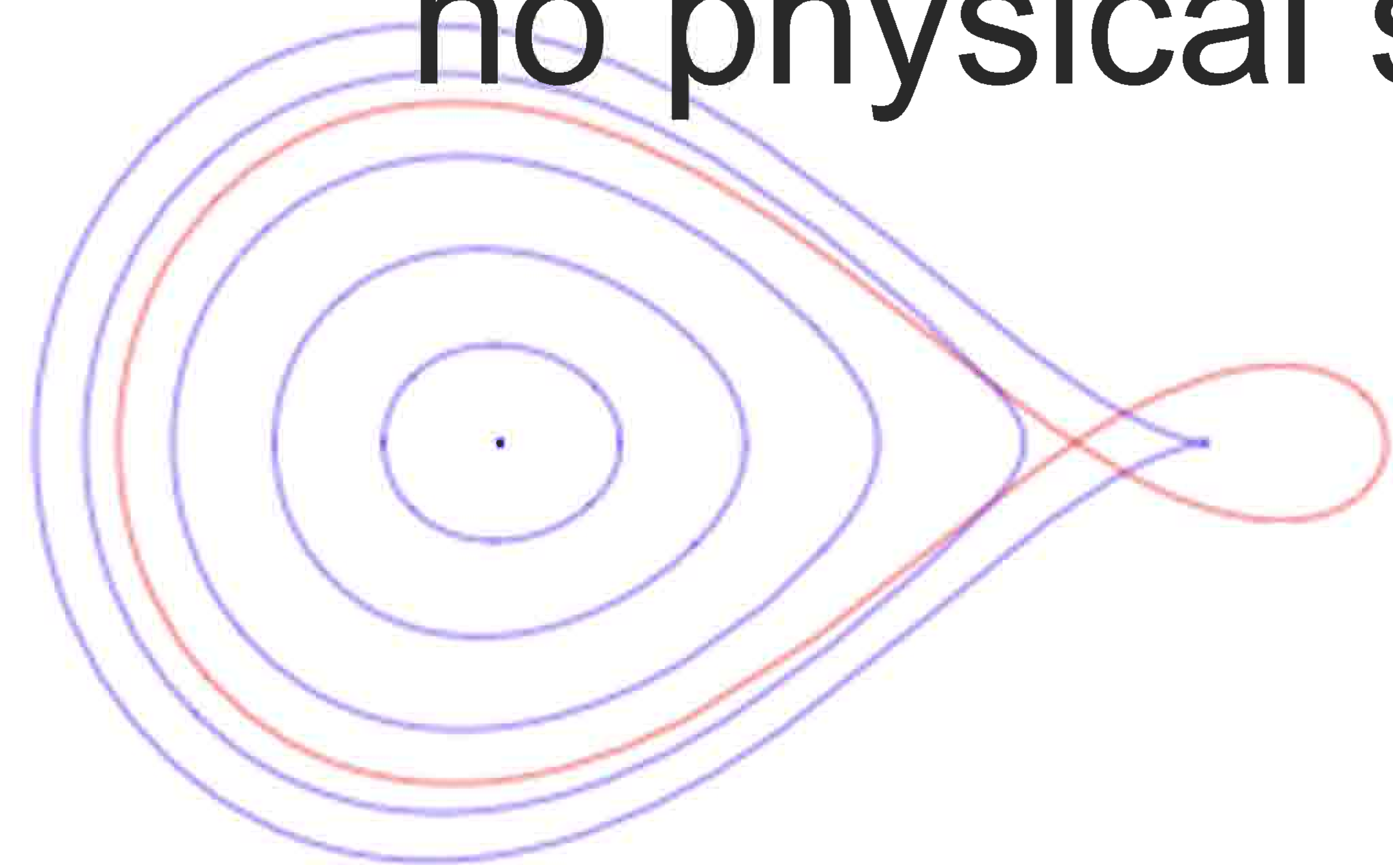
$$\Delta p = 0$$

Problem of regularization

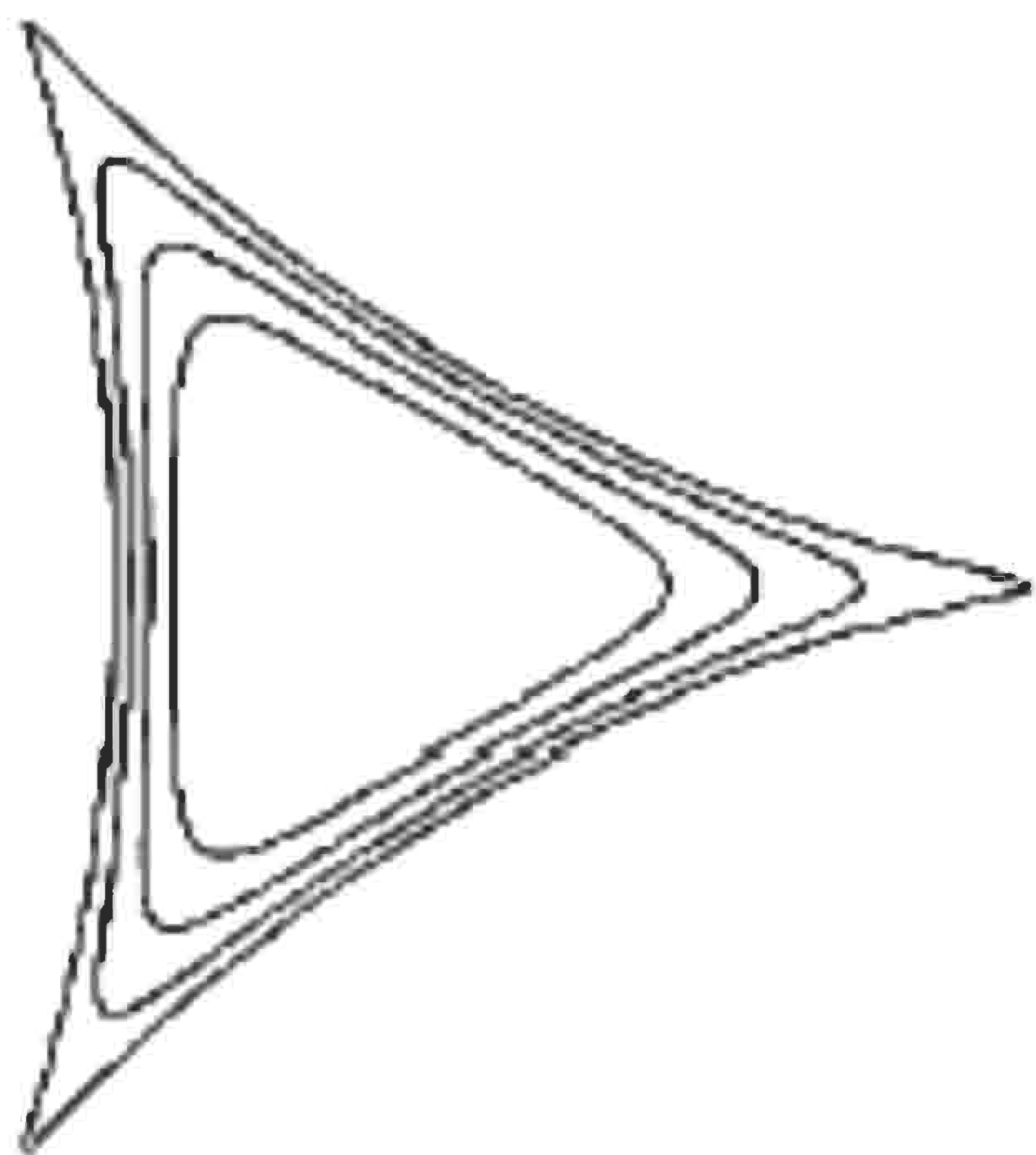
hydrodynamic singularities

Gradient Catastrophe:

no physical solution beyond the cusp



Hypotrochoid:
$$z(w) = rw + \frac{u}{w^2}$$



Hypotrochoid grows until it reaches a critical point.

Hydrodynamic problem is ill defined

Singular limit of non-linear waves

$$\dot{u} + \partial_x F(u) = \epsilon f(u_{xx}, u_{xxx})$$

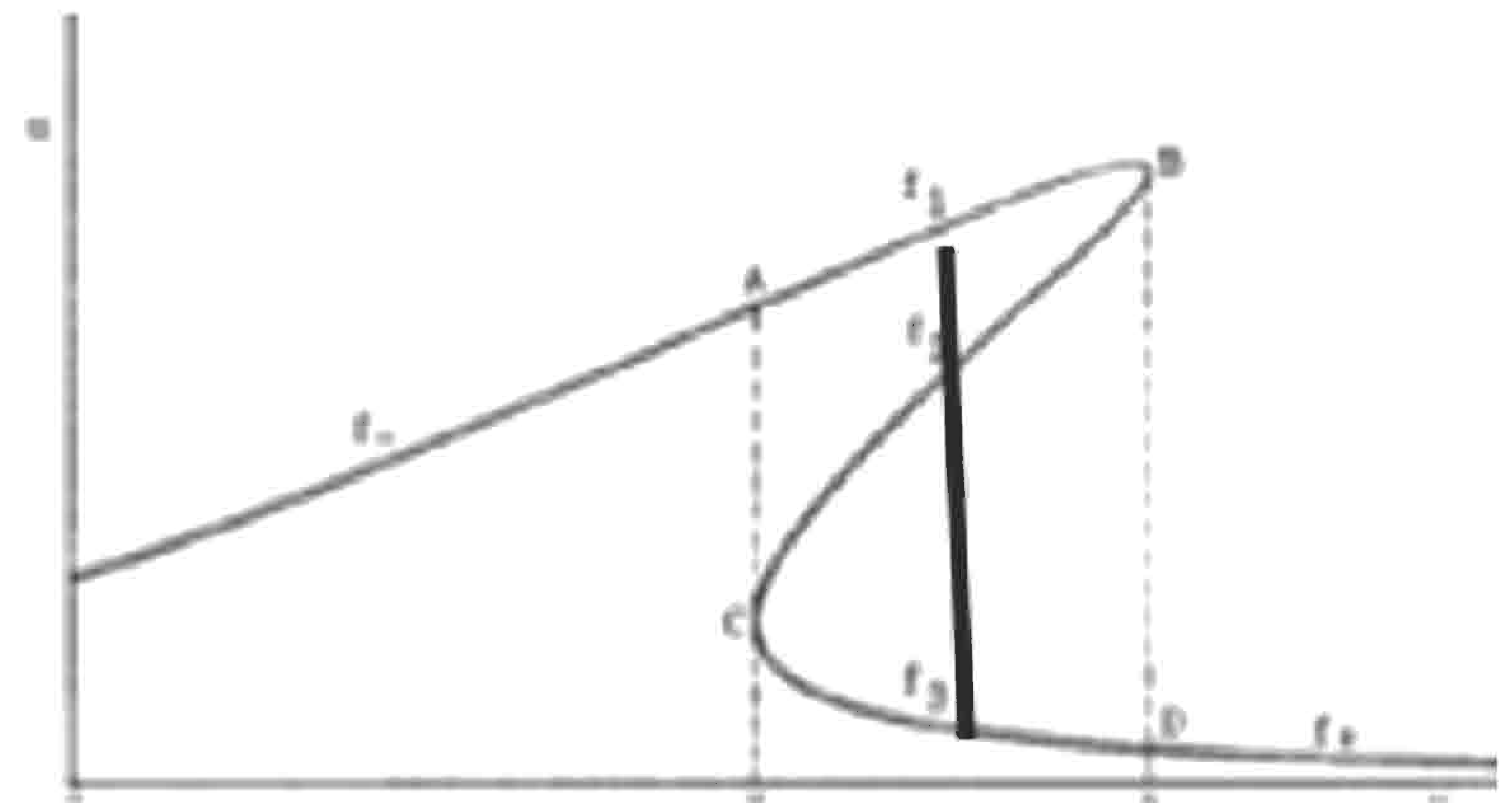
Riemann Equation $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

Weak solutions: discontinuities - shocks

Diffusive regularization:

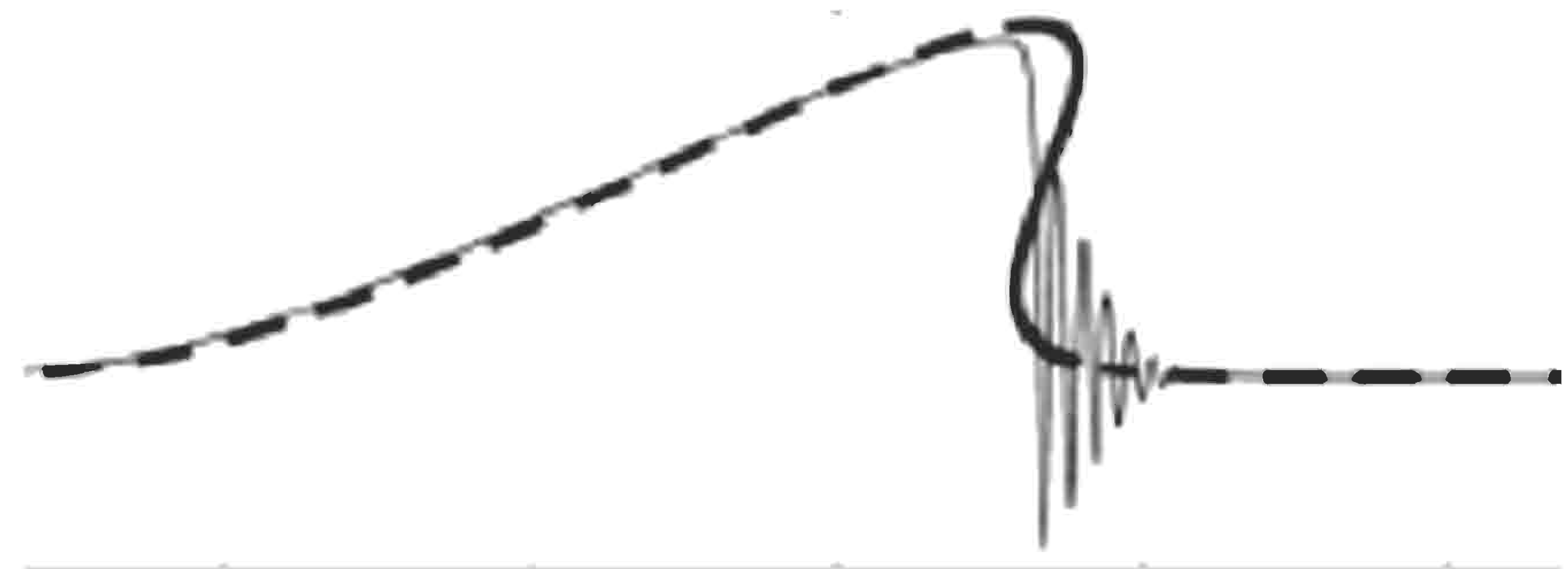
$$\dot{u} + u \cdot u_x + \epsilon u_{xx} = 0$$

Burgers equation



Hamiltonian or dispersive regularization

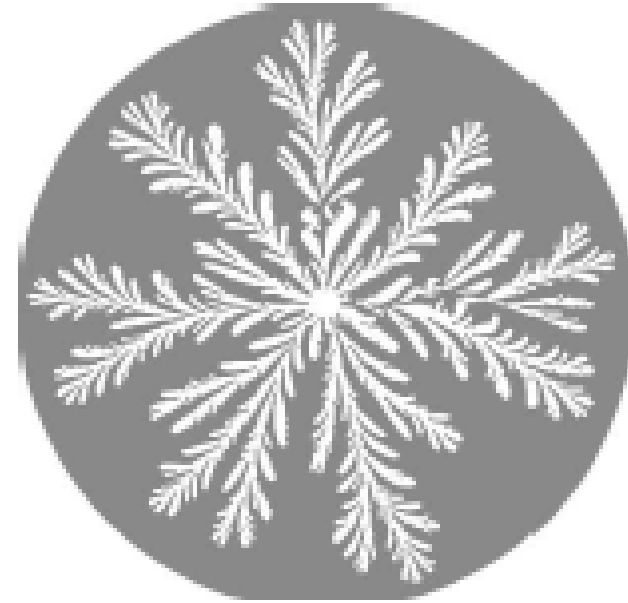
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Korteweg de Vries equation

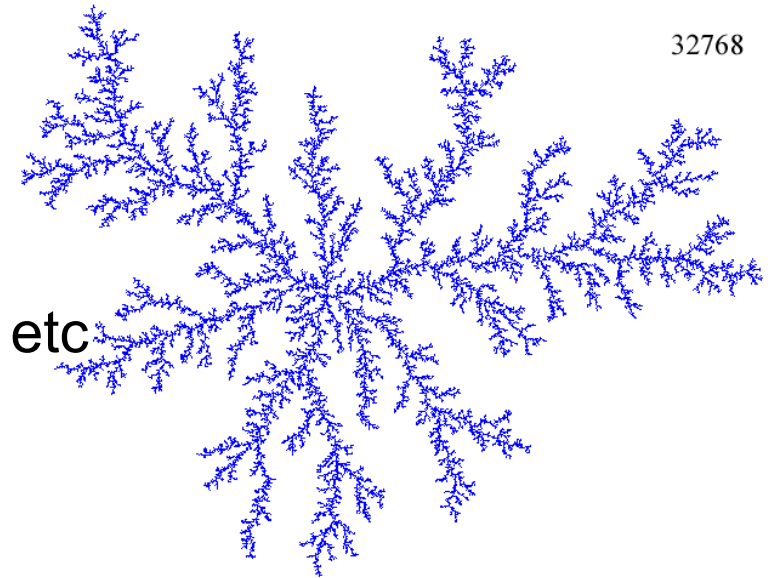
Idealized Hydrodynamics fails after a singularity is reached

Evolution continues beyond singularities



Fluid dynamics:
surface tension, etc.

Diffusion limited aggregation:
geometrical growth, no surface tension, etc



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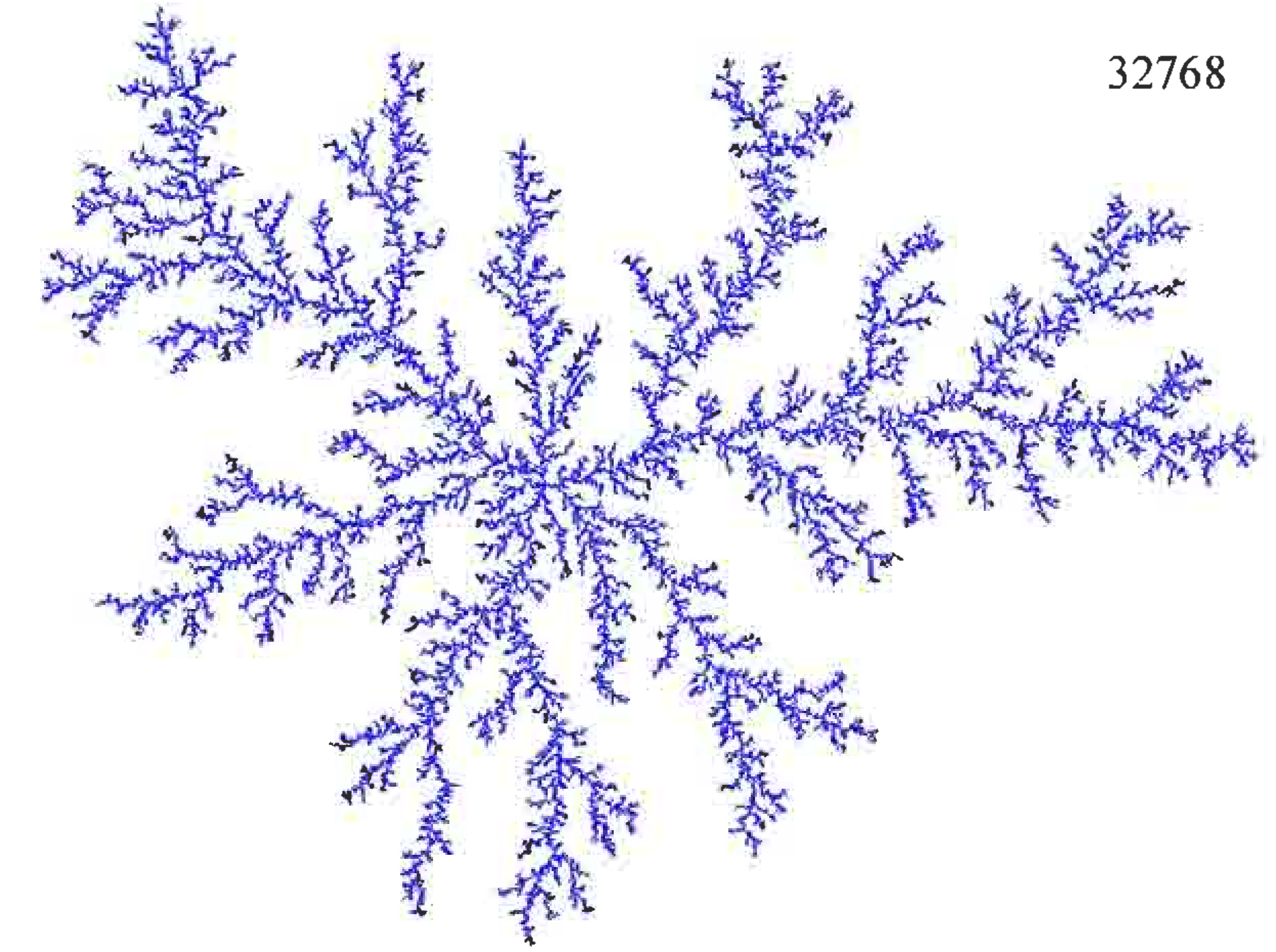
Integrability of continuum problem (fluid mechanics)

A. Zabrodin and P.W.
(2001)

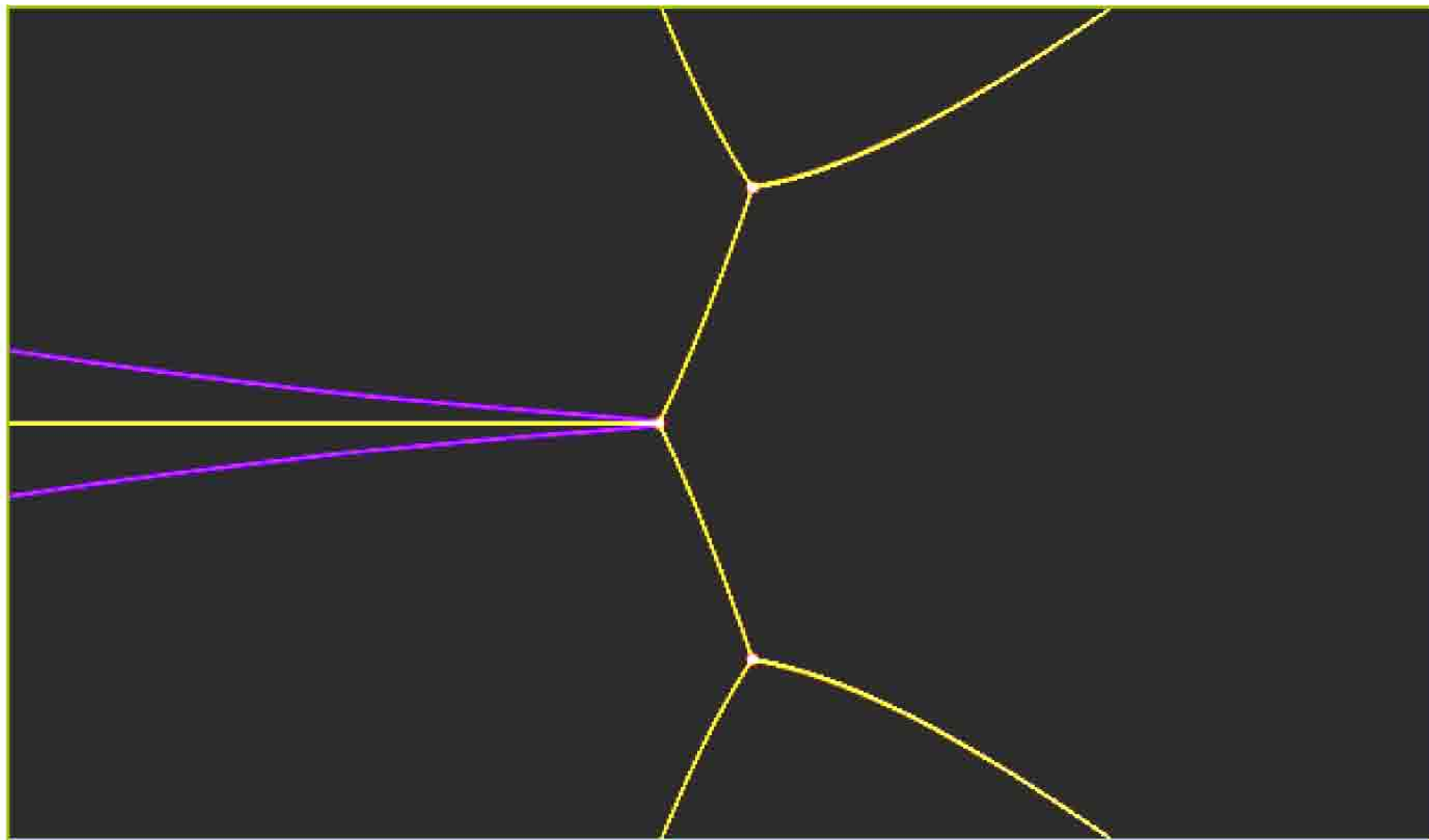
Search for a regularization which preserves the algebraic structure (i.e. integrable structure) of the of the curve.

Weak solution of hydrodynamics:

preserving the algebraic structure of
the curve (i.e. integrable structure)



$$v = -\nabla p, \quad v \in C/D, \quad p|_{\partial D} = 0, \quad p|_{z_0} \sim \log |z - z_0|$$



$$\Delta p = 0$$

Pressure is harmonic everywhere
except moving lines of
discontinuities - shocks

Shocks are uniquely determined by integrability

Physical conditions of the weak solution:

- 1) Fluid is compressible on shock lines;
- 2) Fluids remains irrotational;

Mathematical conditions of the weak solution:

Boundary is an admissible Boutroux curve;

Schwarz function:



$$f(z, \bar{z}) = 0 \quad \bar{z} = S(z)$$

$$d\Omega(z) = S(z)dz$$

$$d\Omega_{-1}(z) = t \frac{dz}{z}$$

$$d\Omega_{+}(z) = \sum_{k>0} kt_k z^{k-1} dz$$

\Rightarrow conserve
d

Harmonic moments



Boutroux curve : all cycles $\oint d\Omega = \text{imaginary}$

Global formulation of the Laplacian Growth

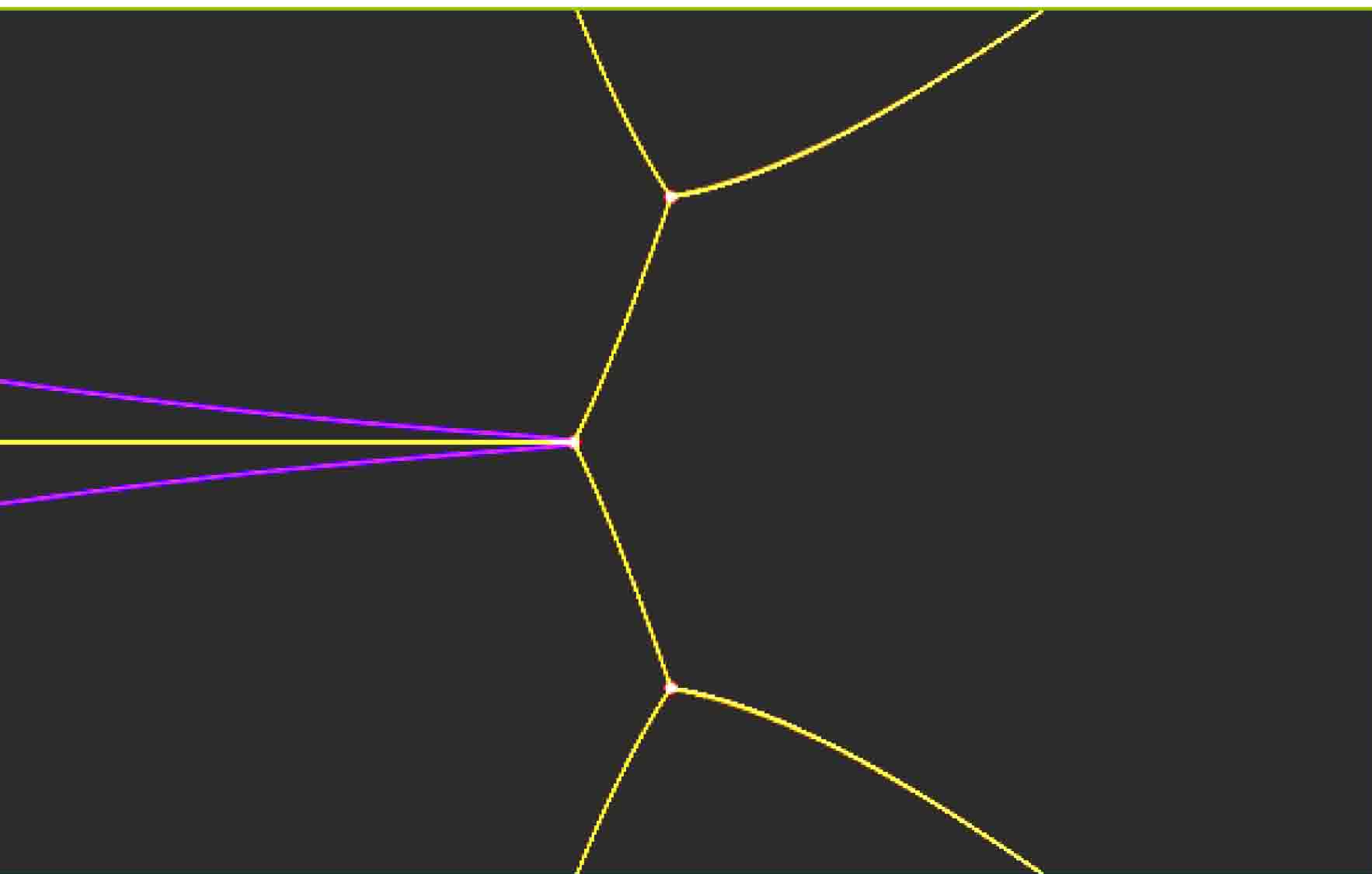
⇒ $d\Omega_+(z)$ a given time independent differential

⇒ $d\Omega_{-1}(z) = t \frac{dz}{z}$

Boutroux curve : all cycles $\oint d\Omega = \text{imaginary}$

Find an evolution of Boutroux curve under with respect to its residue under condition that the principal part is constant.

weak solution of Hele-Shaw flow



Elliptic curve Boutroux self-similar curve - an elementary fork

$$(e_1, e_2, e_3) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{h^2 - \frac{3}{4}}} \left(-1, \frac{1}{2} + ih, \frac{1}{2} - ih\right) \sqrt{t} \quad h \approx 3.246382253744278875676.$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + h^2}} \quad (16m^2 - 16m + 1)E(m) = (8m^2 - 9m + 1)K(m).$$

Random matrices

- *Normal* matrices satisfy $M^*M = MM^*$. They have complex eigenvalues: how are they distributed if M is random?
- Answer: in a domain D which, after scaling with \sqrt{N} , to leading order grows like a Hele-Shaw bubble (Wiegmann & Zabrodin 2002).




Eigenvalues distribution of Norman Random Matrix ensemble

$$e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \text{tr}(MM^\dagger + V(M) + \bar{V}(M^\dagger))} dM dM^\dagger$$

$$M = U^{-1} \text{diag}(z_1, \dots, z_N) U$$

$$\mathcal{P}(z_1, \dots, z_N) d^2 z_1 \dots d^2 z_N$$


$$\prod_{m < n} |z_n - z_m|^2 e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_n |z_n|^2 + V(z_n) + \overline{V(z_n)}}$$

equilibrium measure

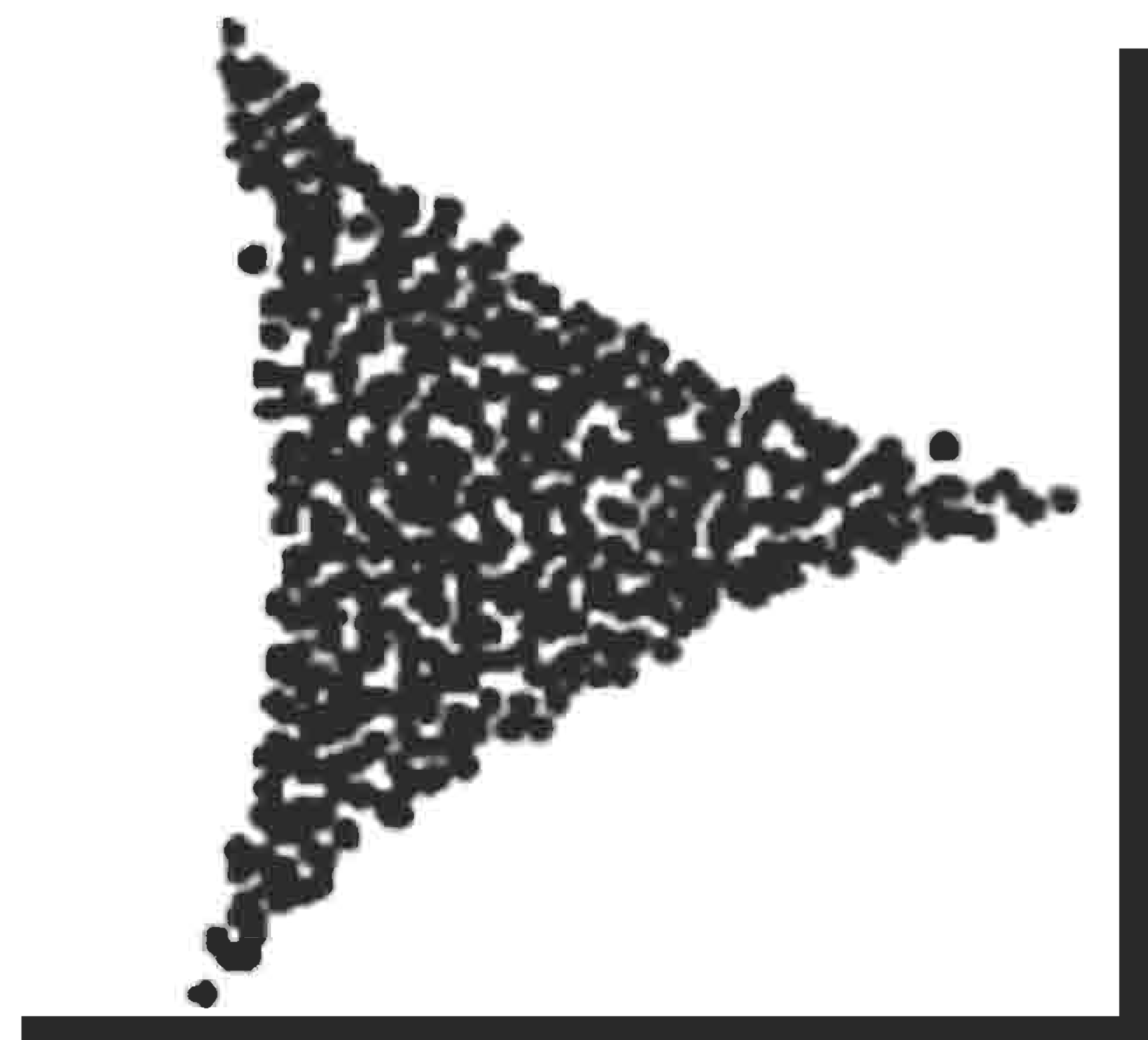
$$e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \text{tr}(MM^\dagger + V(M) + \bar{V}(M^\dagger))} dM dM^\dagger$$



$$V(z) = 0$$

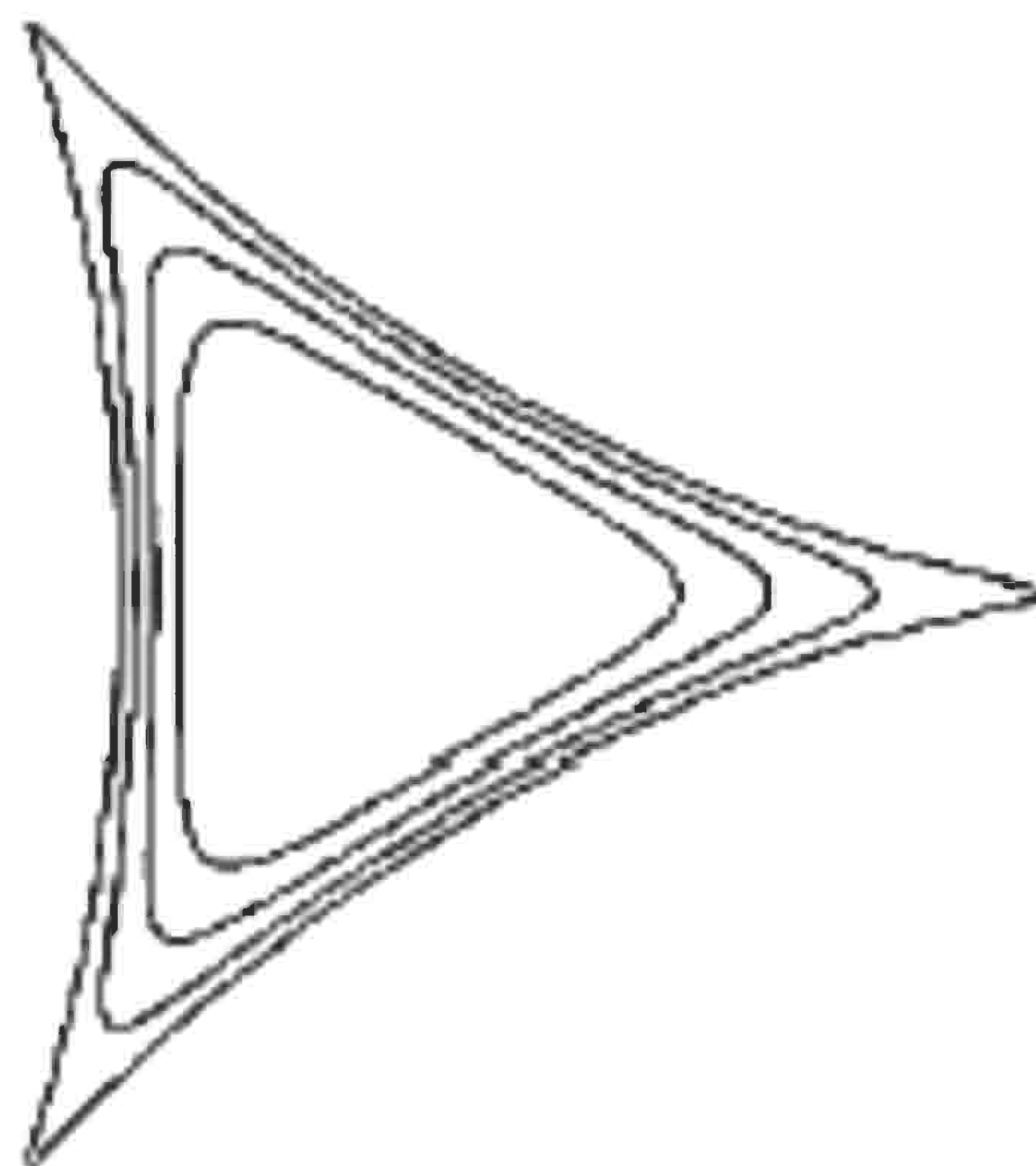
Gaussian ensemble

$$\prod_{m < n} |z_n - z_m|^2 e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_n |z_n|^2 + V(z_n) + \overline{V(z_n)}}$$



$$V(z) \sim z^3$$

Non-Gaussian ensemble



Bi-Orthogonal polynomials and Random Matrices

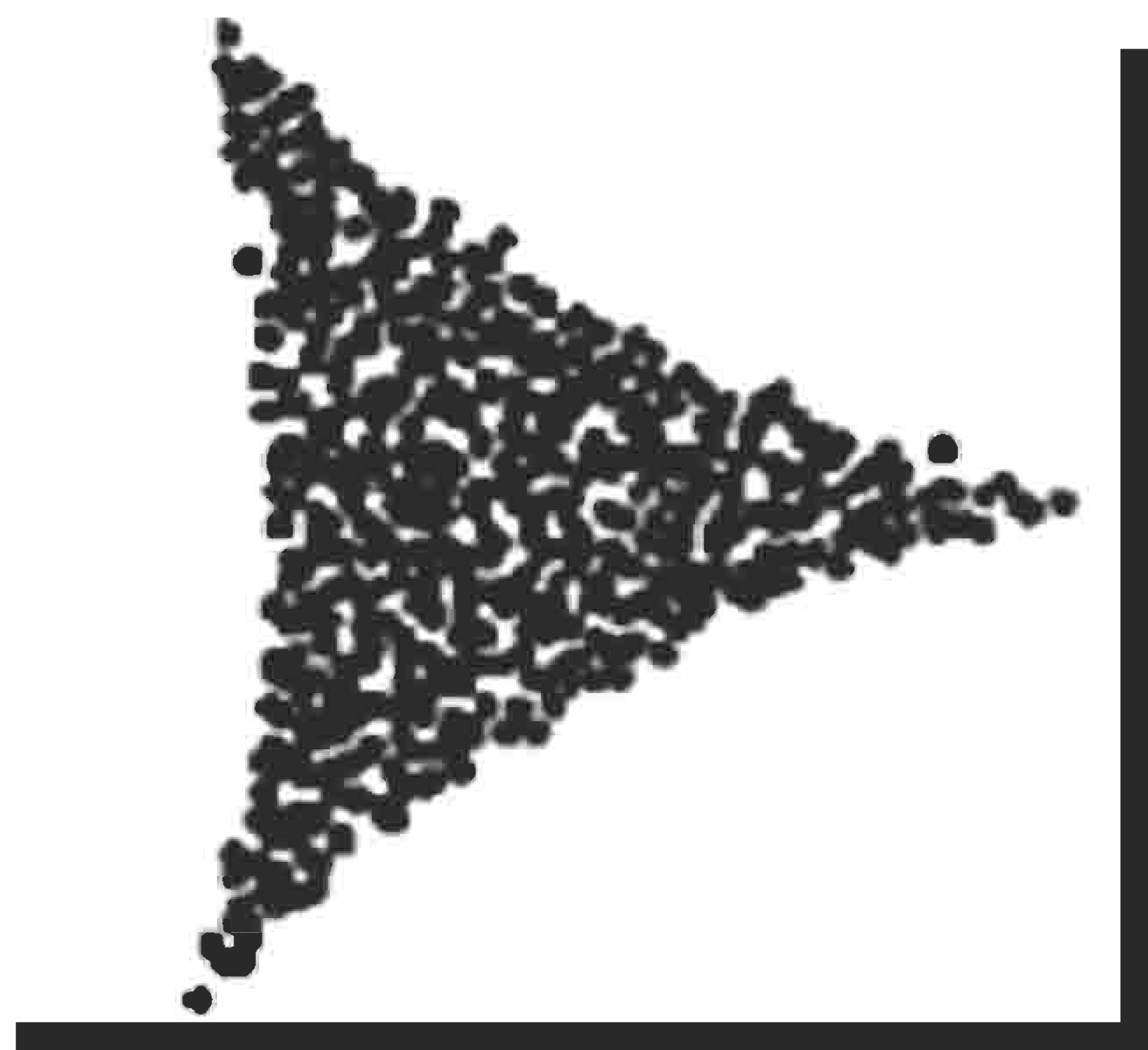
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Semiclassical limit of Matrix Growth: $N \square N+1$

is equivalent to the Hele-Shaw flow.

$$\rho_N(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |\psi_n(z)|^2 \approx 1, \quad z \in D, \quad \text{or } 0, \quad z \in C/D$$



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Bi-Orthogonal Polynomials

Semiclassical Limit: back to hydrodynamics

$$\hbar \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad n\hbar = \pi t = \text{fixed}$$

$$v(z) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hbar \partial_t \log \Psi(t, z), \quad p(z) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hbar \partial_z \log \Psi(t, z)$$

Asymptotes of Orthogonal Polynomials solve Hele-Shaw flow

Classical limit:

$$v(z) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hbar \partial_t \log \Psi(t, z), \quad p(z) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hbar \partial_z \log \Psi(t, z)$$



does not exist at the anti-Stokes lines,

where

polynomials accumulate zeros:

anti-Stokes lines - lines of discontinuities pressure and velocity -

- *shock fronts of the flow*

Hydrodynamics point of view:

anti-Stokes lines are shock fronts


How to determine lines of zeros of bi-Orthogonal polynomials?

⇒ $d\Omega_+(z)$ a measure of the polynomials

⇒ $d\Omega_{-1}(z) = t \frac{dz}{z}$

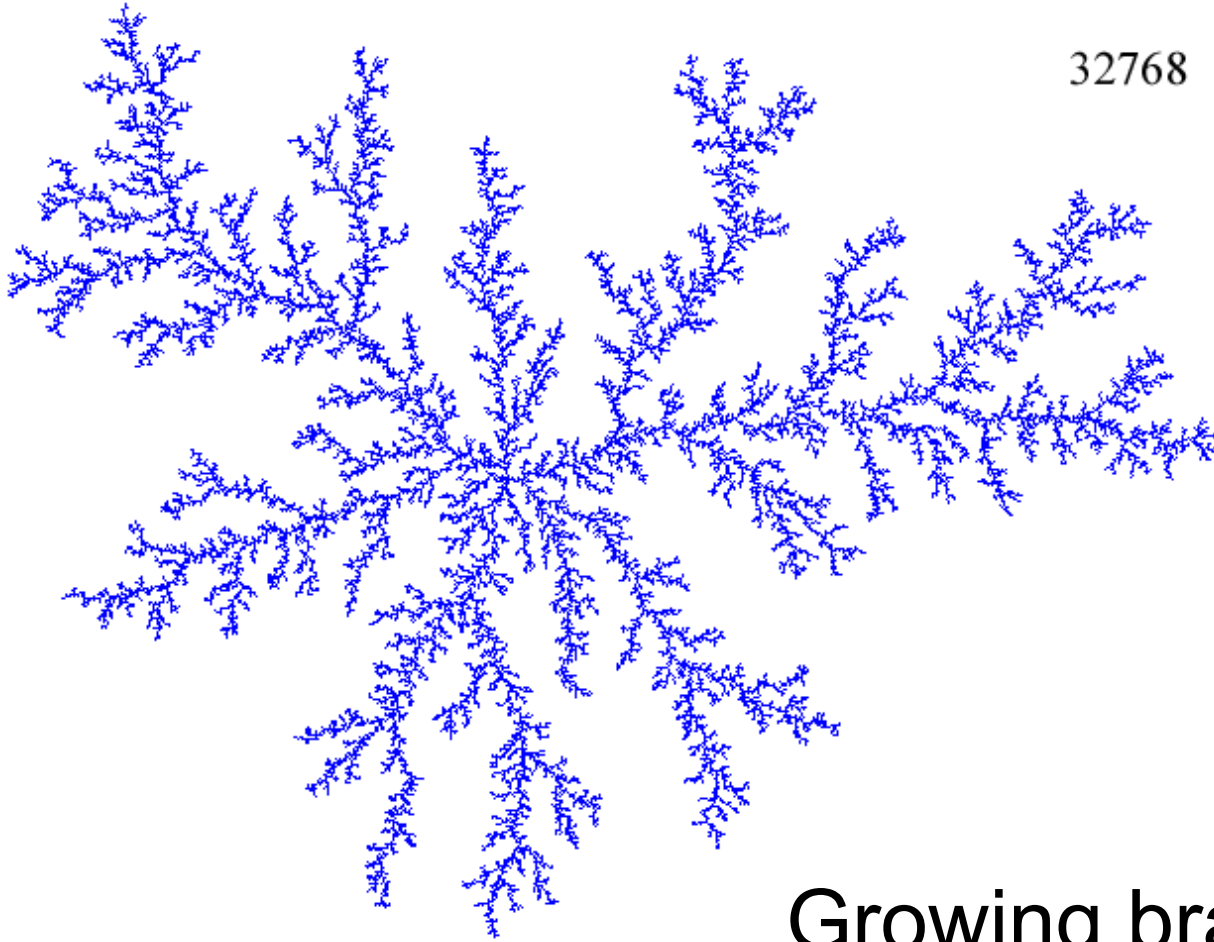
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⇒ weak solution of Hele-Shaw flow


$$y^2(x) = \prod_{i=1}^8 (x - e_i)$$

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Growing branches as Stokes lines

Stochastic geometry:
measure on a space of
Riemann surfaces