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## ABOUT BREZIS-MERLE PROBLEM WITH HOLDERIAN CONDITION: THE CASE OF ONE OR TWO BLOW-UP POINTS.

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ABSTRACT. We consider the following problem on open set  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_i = V_i e^{u_i} & \text{ in } \quad \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \\ u_i = 0 & \text{ in } \quad \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$
 We give a quantization analysis of the previous problem under the conditions:

$$0 \le V_i \le b < +\infty$$
, and  $\int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy \le C$ .

On the other hand, if we assume that

$$\int_{\Omega} V_i e^{u_i} \, dy \leq 4\pi,$$
 or,  $V_i$   $s\text{-holderian with } 1/2 < s \leq 1,$  and,

$$\int_\Omega V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 24\pi - \epsilon, \ \epsilon>0$$
 then we have a compactness result, namely:

$$\sup_{\Omega} u_i \le c = c(b, C, A, s, \epsilon, \Omega).$$

where A is the holderian constant of  $V_i$ .

### 1. Introduction and Main Results

We set  $\Delta = \partial_{11} + \partial_{22}$  on open set  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with a smooth boundary.

We consider the following problem on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$(P) \begin{cases} -\Delta u_i = V_i e^{u_i} & \text{ in } \ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \\ u_i = 0 & \text{ in } \ \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$

We assume that,

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy \le C,$$

and,

$$0 \le V_i \le b < +\infty$$

The above equation is called, the Prescribed Scalar Curvature equation, in relation with conformal change of metrics. The function  $V_i$  is the prescribed curvature.

Here, we try to find some a priori estimates for sequences of the previous problem.

Equations of this type were studied by many authors, see [1-26]. One can see in [8] different results for the solutions of those type of equations with or without boundaries conditions and, with minimal conditions on V, for example we suppose  $V_i \geq 0$  and  $V_i \in L^p(\Omega)$  or  $V_i e^{u_i} \in$  $L^p(\Omega)$  with  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ .

Among other results, we can see in [8], the following important Theorem,

**Theorem A**(Brezis-Merle [8]).If  $(u_i)_i$  and  $(V_i)_i$  are two sequences of functions relatively to the previous problem (P) with,  $0 < a \le V_i \le b < +\infty$ , then, for all compact set K of  $\Omega$ ,

$$\sup_{K} u_i \le c = c(a, b, K, \Omega).$$

We can find in [8] an interior estimate if we assume a=0, but we need an assumption on the integral of  $e^{u_i}$ . We have in [8]:

**Theorem B** (Brezis-Merle [8]).If  $(u_i)_i$  and  $(V_i)_i$  are two sequences of functions relatively to the previous problem (P) with,  $0 \le V_i \le b < +\infty$ , and,

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy \le C,$$

then, for all compact set K of  $\Omega$ ,

$$\sup_{K} u_i \le c = c(b, C, K, \Omega).$$

If, we assume V with more regularity, we can have another type of estimates,  $\sup + \inf$ . It was proved, by Shafrir, see [23], that, if  $(u_i)_i$ ,  $(V_i)_i$  are two sequences of functions solutions of the previous equation without assumption on the boundary and,  $0 < a \le V_i \le b < +\infty$ , then we have the following interior estimate:

$$C\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)\sup_{K}u_{i}+\inf_{\Omega}u_{i}\leq c=c(a,b,K,\Omega).$$

One can see in [12], an explicit value of  $C\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$ . In his proof, Shafrir has used a blow-up function, the Stokes formula and an isoperimetric inequality, see [6]. For Chen-Lin, they have used the blow-up analysis combined with some geometric type inequality for the integral curvature.

Now, if we suppose  $(V_i)_i$  uniformly Lipschitzian with A the Lipschitz constant, then, C(a/b)=1 and  $c=c(a,b,A,K,\Omega)$ , see Brezis-Li-Shafrir [7]. This result was extended for Hölderian sequences  $(V_i)_i$  by Chen-Lin, see [12]. Also, we have in [18] an extension of the Brezis-Li-Shafrir result to compact Riemann surface without boundary. We have in [19] explicit form,  $(8\pi m, m \in \mathbb{N}^*$  exactly), for the numbers in front of the Dirac masses, when the solutions blow-up. Here, the notion of isolated blow-up point is used. Also, we have in [13] and [26] refined estimates near the isolated blow-up points and the bubbling behavior of the blow-up sequences.

In [8], Brezis and Merle proposed the following Problem:

**Problem** (Brezis-Merle [8]).If  $(u_i)_i$  and  $(V_i)_i$  are two sequences of functions relatively to the previous problem (P) with,

$$0 \leq V_i \to V \text{ in } C^0(\bar{\Omega}).$$

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy \le C,$$

Is it possible to prove that:

$$\sup_{\Omega} u_i \le c = c(C, V, \Omega) ?$$

Here, we assume more regularity on  $V_i$ , we suppose that  $V_i \ge 0$  is  $C^s$  (s-holderian)  $1/2 < s \le 1$ ). We give the answer where  $bC < 24\pi$ .

On other hand, in our work we give a complete caracterization of the blow-up analysis on the boundary.

In the similar way, we have in dimension  $n \geq 3$ , with different methods, some a priori estimates of the type  $\sup \times$  inf for equation of the type:

$$-\Delta u + \frac{n-2}{4(n-1)}R_g(x)u = V(x)u^{(n+2)/(n-2)} \text{ on } M.$$

where  $R_g$  is the scalar curvature of a riemannian manifold M, and V is a function. The operator  $\Delta = \nabla^i(\nabla_i)$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator on M.

When  $V \equiv 1$  and M compact, the previous equation is the Yamabe equation. T. Aubin and R. Scheon solved the Yamabe problem, see for example [1]. Also, we can have an idea on the Yamabe Problem in [16]. If V is not a constant function, the previous equation is called a prescribing curvature equation, we have many existence results see also [1].

Now, if we look at the problem of a priori bound for the previous equation, we can see in [2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 17, 21] some results concerning the  $\sup \times \inf$  type of inequalities when the manifold M is the sphere or more generality a locally conformally flat manifold. For these results, the moving-plane was used, we refer to [9, 14, 20] to have an idea on this method and some applications of this method.

Also, there are similar problems defined on complex manifolds for the Complex Monge-Ampere equation, see [24, 25], with various inequalitites of type  $\sup + \inf$ .

Our main results are:

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume  $\Omega = B_1(0)$ , and,

$$u_i(x_i) = \sup_{B_1(0)} u_i \to +\infty.$$

There is a finite number of sequences  $(x_i^k)_i, (\delta_i^k), 0 \le k \le m$ , such that:

$$(x_i^0)_i \equiv (x_i)_i, \ \delta_i^0 = \delta_i = d(x_i, \partial B_1(0)) \to 0,$$

and each  $\delta_i^k$  is of order  $d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0))$ .

$$u_i(x_i^k) = \sup_{B_1(0) - \bigcup_{j=0}^{k-1} B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon)} u_i \to +\infty,$$
$$u_i(x_i^k) + 2\log \delta_i^k \to +\infty,$$

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \quad \sup_{B_1(0) - \bigcup_{i=0}^m B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon)} u_i \le C_{\epsilon}$$

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \limsup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k, \delta_i^k \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \ge 4\pi > 0.$$

If we assume:

$$V_i \to V \text{ in } C^0(\bar{B}_1(0)),$$

then,

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \limsup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k, \delta_i^k \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy = 8\pi m_k, \ m_k \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

And, thus, we have the following convergence in the sense of distributions:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \to \int_{B_1(0)} V e^u dy + \sum_{k=0}^m 8\pi m_k' \delta_{x_0^k}, \ m_k' \in \mathbb{N}^*, \ x_0^k \in \partial B_1(0).$$

Theorem 1.2. Assume that:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 4\pi,$$

Then,

$$u_i(x_i) = \sup_{B_1(0)} u_i \le c = c(b, C),$$

**Theorem 1.3.** Assume that,  $V_i$  is uniformly s-holderian with  $1/2 < s \le 1$ , and,

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 24\pi - \epsilon, \ \epsilon > 0,$$

then we have:

$$\sup_{\Omega} u_i \le c = c(b, C, A, s, \epsilon, \Omega).$$

where A is the holderian constant of  $V_i$ .

**Question 1:** (a Bartolucci type result; one holderian singularity): with the same technique, assume that:

$$V_i(x) = (1 + x_1^s)W_i(x)$$
 for example and  $0 \in \partial\Omega$ 

with  $W_i$  uniformly lipschitzian and ,  $0 < s \le 1$ , can one conclude with the Pohozaev identity that the sequence is compact? here we extend the case  $0 < s \le 1/2$ .

**Question 2:** (the limit case s=1/2) assume that  $V_i$  is uniformly 1/2-holderian with  $A_i$  the holderian constant and suppose that  $A_i \to 0$ , can one conclude with the blow-up technique that the sequence of the solutions  $u_i$  is compact?

### 2. Proofs of the results

### Proofs of the theorems:

Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\Omega = B_1(0)$  the unit ball centered on the origin. We assume that:

$$u_i \in W_0^{1,1}(\Omega).$$

According to the work of Brezis-Merle,  $e^{ku_i} \in L^1$  for all k > 2 and the elliptic estimates and the Sobolev embedding gives:

$$u_i \in W^{2,k}(\Omega) \cap C^{1,\epsilon}(\bar{\Omega}).$$

Here, G is the Green function of the Laplacian with Dirichlet condition on  $B_1(0)$ . We have (in complex notation):

$$G(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1 - \bar{x}y|}{|x - y|},$$

we can write:

$$v_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} G(x, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy,$$

Remark that, we can write:

$$F(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log|x - y| V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy,$$

By a result in Gilbarg-Trudinger (cahpter 4, Newtonnian potential), we have  $F \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  Also, we have:

$$G(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log|1 - \bar{x}y| V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy,$$

For x near 0, G is smooth by the usual differentability theorem. For  $x \neq 0$ , we can write:  $K(x) = F(1/\bar{x})$  which is  $C^1$  by a result of Gilbarg-Trudinger. Combining the two last results, we have  $v_i$  is  $C^1$  and by the maximum principle we have  $v_i \equiv u_i$ . We use the fact that G is real to write  $\partial_x G = \bar{\partial}_{\bar{x}} \bar{G} = \bar{\partial}_{\bar{x}} G$  to have the dirivative of  $u_i$ .

$$G(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1 - \bar{x}y|}{|x - y|},$$

we can write:

$$u_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} G(x, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy,$$

We can compute (in complex notation)  $\partial_x G$  and  $\partial_x u_i$ :

$$\partial_x G(x,y) = \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)},$$

$$\partial_x u_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} \partial_x G(x, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy = \int_{B_1(0)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

we write,

$$u_i(x_i) = \int_{\Omega} G(x_i, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dx = \int_{\Omega - B(x_i, \delta_i/2)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy + \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i/2)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

According to the maximum principle, the harmonic function  $G(x_i, .)$  on  $\Omega - B(x_i, \delta_i/2)$  take its maximum on the boundary of  $B(x_i, \delta_i/2)$ , we can compute this maximum:

$$G(x_i, y_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1 - \bar{x}_i y_i|}{|x_i - y_i|} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1 - \bar{x}_i (x_i + \delta_i \theta_i)|}{|\delta_i / 2|} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log 2(|(1 + |x_i|) + \bar{x}_i \theta_i|) < +\infty$$

with  $|\theta_i| = 1/2$ .

Thus,

$$u_i(x_i) \le C + \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i/2)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy \le C + e^{u_i(x_i)} \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i/2)} G(x_i, y) dy$$

Now, we compute  $\int_{B(x_i,\delta_i/2)} G(x_i,y) dy$  we set in polar coordinates,

$$y = x_i + \delta_i t\theta$$

we find:

$$\int_{B(x_i,\delta_i/2)} G(x_i,y) dy = \int_{B(x_i,\delta_i/2)} \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1-\bar{x}_iy|}{|x_i-y|} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1/2} \delta_i^2 \log \frac{|1-\bar{x}_i(x_i+\delta_i\theta)|}{(\delta_i t)/2} t dt d\theta =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1/2} \delta_i^2 (\log 2(|1+|x_i|+t\bar{x}_i\theta|) - \log t) t dt d\theta \le C \delta_i^2.$$

Thus,

$$u_i(x_i) \le C + C\delta_i^2 e^{u_i(x_i)},$$

which we can write, because  $u_i(x_i) \to +\infty$ ,

$$u_i(x_i) \le C' \delta_i^2 e^{u_i(x_i)},$$

We can conclude that:

$$u_i(x_i) + 2\log \delta_i \to +\infty.$$

Now, consider the following function:

$$v_i(y) = u_i(x_i + \delta_i y) + 2\log \delta_i, \quad y \in B(0, 1/2)$$

The function satisfies all conditions of the Brezis-Merle hypothesis, we can conclude that, on each compact set:

$$v_i \to -\infty$$

we can assume, without loss of generality that for  $1/2 > \epsilon > 0$ , we have:

$$v_i \to -\infty$$
,  $y \in B(0, 2\epsilon) - B(0, \epsilon)$ ,

**Lemma 2.1.** For all  $1/4 > \epsilon > 0$ , we have:

$$\sup_{B(x_i,(3/2)\delta_i\epsilon)-B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)} u_i \le C_{\epsilon}.$$

### Proof of the lemma

Let  $t_i'$  and  $t_i$  the points of  $B(x_i, 2\delta_i \epsilon) - B(x_i, (1/2)\delta_i \epsilon)$  and  $B(x_i, (3/2)\delta_i \epsilon) - B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)$  respectively where  $u_i$  takes its maximum.

According to the Brezis-Merle work, we have:

$$u_i(t_i') + 2\log\delta_i \to -\infty$$

We write.

$$\begin{split} u_{i}(t_{i}) &= \int_{\Omega} G(t_{i},y) V_{i}(y) e^{u_{i}(y)} dx = \int_{\Omega - B(x_{i},2\delta_{i}\epsilon)} G(t_{i},y) V_{i} e^{u_{i}(y)} dy + \\ &+ \int_{B(x_{i},2\delta_{i}\epsilon) - B(x_{i},(1/2)\delta_{i}\epsilon)} G(t_{i},y) V_{i} e^{u_{i}(y)} dy + \\ &+ \int_{B(x_{i},(1/2)\delta_{i}\epsilon)} G(t_{i},y) V_{i} e^{u_{i}(y)} dy \end{split}$$

But, in the first and the third integrale, the point  $t_i$  is far from the singularity  $x_i$  and we know that the Green function is bounded. For the second integrale, after a change of variable, we can see that this integale is bounded by (we take the supremum in the annulus and use Brezis-Merle theorem)

$$\delta_i^2 e^{u_i(t_i')} \times I_j$$

where  $I_j$  is a Jensen integrale (of the form  $\int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} (\log(|1+|x_i|+t\theta|) - \log|\theta_i-t\theta|) t dt d\theta$  which is bounded ).

we conclude the lemma.

From the lemma, we see that far from the singularity the sequence is bounded, thus if we take the supremum on the set  $B_1(0)-B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)$  we can see that this supremum is bounded and thus the sequence of functions is uniformly bounded or tends to infinity and we use the same arguments as for  $x_i$  to conclude that around this point and far from the singularity, the sequence is bounded

The process will be finished, because, according to Brezis-Merle estimate, around each supremum constructed and tending to infinity, we have:

$$\forall \ \epsilon>0, \ \limsup_{i\to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \geq 4\pi>0.$$

Finaly, with this construction, we have a finite number of "exterior" blow-up points and outside the singularities the sequence is bounded uniformly, for example, in the case of one "exterior" blow-up point, we have:

$$u_{i}(x_{i}) \to +\infty$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \sup_{B_{1}(0) - B(x_{i}, \delta_{i}\epsilon)} u_{i} \leq C_{\epsilon}$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \lim \sup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_{i}, \delta_{i}\epsilon)} V_{i}e^{u_{i}}dy \geq 4\pi > 0.$$

$$x_{i} \to x_{0} \in \partial B_{1}(0).$$

We have the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.2.** Each  $\delta_i^k$  is of order  $d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0))$ . Namely: there is a positive constant C > 0 such that for  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough:

$$\delta_i^k \le d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0)) \le (2 + \frac{C}{\epsilon})\delta_i^k.$$

## Proof of the lemma

Now, if we suppose that there is another "exterior" blow-up  $(t_i)_i$ , we have, because  $(u_i)_i$  is uniformly bounded in a neighborhood of  $\partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)$ , we have :

$$d(t_i, \partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)) \ge \delta_i \epsilon$$

If we set,

 $\delta_i' = d(t_i, \partial(B_1(0) - B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon))) = \inf\{d(t_i, \partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)), d(t_i, \partial(B_1(0)))\}$ then,  $\delta_i'$  is of order  $d(t_i, \partial B_1(0))$ . To see this, we write:

$$d(t_i, \partial B_1(0)) \le d(t_i, \partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)) + d(\partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon), x_i) + d(x_i, \partial B_1(0)),$$

Thus,

$$\frac{d(t_i, \partial B_1(0))}{d(t_i, \partial B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon))} \le 2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon},$$

Thus,

$$\delta_i' \le d(t_i, \partial B_1(0)) \le \delta_i'(2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}).$$

Now, the general case follow by induction. We use the same argument for three, four,..., n blow-up points.

We have, by induction and, here we use the fact that  $u_i$  is uniformly bounded outside a small ball centered at  $x_i^j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k-1$ :

$$\delta_i^j \le d(x_i^j, \partial B_1(0)) \le C_1 \delta_i^j, \ j = 0, \dots, k - 1,$$

$$d(x_i^k, \partial B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon/2)) \ge \epsilon \delta_i^j, \epsilon > 0, \ j = 0, \dots, k-1,$$

and let's consider  $x_i^k$  such that:

$$u_i(x_i^k) = \sup_{B_1(0) - \cup_{i=0}^{k-1} B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon)} u_i \to +\infty,$$

take,

$$\delta_i^k = \inf\{d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0)), d(x_i^k, \partial (B_1(0))) - \bigcup_{j=0}^{k-1} B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon/2)\},\$$

if, we have,

$$\delta_i^k = d(x_i^k, \partial B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon/2)), \ j \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}.$$

Then,

$$\delta_i^k \le d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0)) \le$$

$$\leq d(x_i^k, \partial B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon/2)) + d(\partial B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon/2), x_i^j) + d(x_i^j, \partial B_1(0))$$

$$\leq (2 + \frac{C_1}{\epsilon})\delta_i^k$$
.

To apply lemma 2.1 for m blow-up points, we use an induction:

We do directly the same approach for  $t_i$  as  $x_i$  by using directly the Green function of the unit ball.

If we look to the blow-up points, we can see, with this work that, after finite steps, the sequence will be bounded outside a finite number of balls, because of Brezis-Merle estimate (corollary 4 of Brezis-Merle's paper):

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \limsup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k, \delta_i^k \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \ge 4\pi > 0.$$

Here, we can take the functions:

$$u_i^k(y) = u_i(x_i^k + \delta_i^k y) + 2\log \delta_i^k,$$

(By corollary 4 of Brezis-Merle's paper if  $\limsup_{i\to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k,\delta_i^k\epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 4\pi - \epsilon_0 < 4\pi$ , then  $(u_i^k)^+$  is locally uniformly bounded, which in contradiction with  $u_i^k(0) \to +\infty$ ).

Finally, we can say that, there is a finite number of sequences  $(x_i^k)_i, (\delta_i^k), 0 \le k \le m$ , such that:

$$(x_i^0)_i \equiv (x_i)_i, \ \delta_i^0 = \delta_i = d(x_i, \partial B_1(0)),$$

$$(x_i^1)_i \equiv (t_i)_i, \ \delta_i^1 = \delta_i' = d(t_i, \partial(B_1(0) - B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)),$$

and each  $\delta_i^k$  is of order  $d(x_i^k, \partial B_1(0))$ . and.

$$u_i(x_i^k) = \sup_{B_1(0) - \bigcup_{j=0}^{k-1} B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon)} u_i \to +\infty,$$
$$u_i(x_i^k) + 2\log \delta_i^k \to +\infty,$$

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \quad \sup_{B_1(0) - \bigcup_{j=0}^m B(x_i^j, \delta_i^j \epsilon)} u_i \le C_{\epsilon}$$

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \limsup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k, \delta_i^k \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \ge 4\pi > 0.$$

# The work of YY.Li-I.Shafrir

With the previous method, we have a finite number of "exterior" blow-up points (perhaps the same) and the sequences tend to the boundary. With the aid of proposition 1 of the paper of Li-Shafrir, we see that around each exterior blow-up, we have a finite number of "interior" blow-ups. Around, each exterior blow-up, we have after rescaling with  $\delta_i^k$ , the same situation as around a fixed ball with positive radius. If we assume:

$$V_i \to V \text{ in } C^0(\bar{B}_1(0)),$$

then,

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \limsup_{i \to +\infty} \int_{B(x_i^k, \delta_i^k \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i} dy = 8\pi m_k, \ m_k \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

And, thus, we have the following convergence in the sense of distributions:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \to \int_{B_1(0)} V e^{u} dy + \sum_{k=0}^m 8\pi m_k' \delta_{x_0^k}, \ m_k' \in \mathbb{N}^*, \ x_0^k \in \partial B_1(0).$$

### Consequence 1: Proof of theorem 2

Assume that:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 4\pi,$$

Then, if the sequence blow-up, there is one and only one blow-up point and we have:

$$u_i(x_i) = \sup_{B_1(0)} u_i \to +\infty,$$

$$u_i(x_i) + 2\log \delta_i \to +\infty,$$

$$\forall \ \epsilon > 0, \ \sup_{B_1(0) - B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} u_i \le C_{\epsilon}$$

We set,

$$r_i = e^{-u_i(x_i)/2},$$

The blow-up function is locally bounded thus,

$$r_i^2 e^{u_i} < C \text{ on } B(x_i, 2r_i).$$

We write:

$$u_i(x_i) = \int_{\Omega - B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy + \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy \leq C_{\epsilon} + \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

we have:

$$\int_{B(x_{i},\delta_{i}\epsilon)}G(x_{i},y)V_{i}e^{u_{i}(y)}dy = \int_{B(x_{i},\delta_{i}\epsilon)-B(x_{i},2r_{i})}G(x_{i},y)V_{i}e^{u_{i}(y)}dy + \int_{B(x_{i},2r_{i})}G(x_{i},y)V_{i}e^{u_{i}(y)}dy$$

We use the maximum principle on  $B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon) - B(x_i, 2r_i)$  and the explicit formula of G to prove that:

$$G(x_i, y) \le C + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{\delta_i}{r_i} = C + \frac{1}{4\pi} (u_i(x_i) + 2\log \delta_i).$$

On  $B(x_i, 2r_i)$  we use the fact that:

$$r_i^2 e^{u_i} < C$$

and the explicit formula for G to have:

$$\int_{B(x_i, 2r_i)} G(x_i, y) V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy \le C + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{\delta_i}{r_i} \int_{B(x_i, 2r_i)} V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy.$$

We conclude that:

$$u_i(x_i) \le C + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{\delta_i}{r_i} \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy.$$

which we can write as:

$$u_i(x_i) \le C + \frac{1}{4\pi} (u_i(x_i) + 2\log \delta_i) \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} V_i e^{u_i(y)} dy.$$

Our hypothesis on the integrale of  $V_i e^{u_i}$  imply that:

$$\log \delta_i \geq -C$$
,

in other words, we have uniformly,

$$d(x_i, \partial B_1(0)) = \delta_i > e^{-C} > 0.$$

this contradicts the fact that  $(x_i)$  tends to the boundary. The sequence  $(u_i)$  is bounded in this case.

We can see that the case:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 4\pi,$$

is optimal, because Brezis-Merle have proved that, there is a counterexample of blow-up sequence with:

$$\int_{B_1(0)} V_i e^{u_i} dy = 4\pi A > 4\pi.$$

Consequence 2: using a Pohozaev-type identity, proof of theorem 3

By a conformal transformation, we can assume that our domain  $\Omega = B^+$  is a half ball centered at the origin,  $B^+ = \{x, |x| \leq 1, x_1 \geq 0\}$ . In this case the normal at the boundary is  $\nu = (-1,0)$  and  $u_i(0,x_2) \equiv 0$ . Also, we set  $x_i$  the blow-up point and  $x_i^2 = (0,x_i^2)$  and  $x_i^1 = (x_i^1,0)$  respectively the second and the first part of  $x_i$ . Let  $\partial B^+$  the part of the boundary for which  $u_i$  and its derivatives are uniformly bounded and thus converge to the corresponding function.

The case of one blow-up point:

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $V_i$  is s-Holderian with  $1/2 < s \le 1$  and,

$$\int_{\Omega} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 16\pi - \epsilon, \ \epsilon > 0,$$

we have:

$$V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy - V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy = o(1)$$

which means that there is no blow-up points.

### Proof of the theorem

The Pohozaev identity gives us the following formula:

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle (-\Delta u_i) dy = \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle V_i e^{u_i} dy = A_i$$

$$A_i = \int_{\partial D^+} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u_i \rangle d\sigma + \int_{\partial D^+} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u_i |^2 d\sigma$$

We can write it as:

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy = A_i + V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle e^{u_i} dy =$$

$$= A_i + V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla (e^{u_i}) \rangle dy$$

And, if we integrate by part the second term, we have (because  $x_1 = 0$  on the boundary and  $\nu_2 = 0$ ):

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x-x_2^i)|\nabla u_i\rangle (V_i-V_i(x_i))e^{u_i}dy = -2V_i(x_i)\int_{\Omega} e^{u_i}dy + B_i$$
 where  $B_i$  is,

$$B_i = V_i(x_i) \int_{\partial B^+} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nu \rangle e^{u_i} dy$$

applying the same procedure to u, we can write:

$$-2V_{i}(x_{i})\int_{\Omega}e^{u_{i}}dy+2V(0)\int_{\Omega}e^{u}dy=\int_{\Omega}<(x-x_{2}^{i})|\nabla u_{i}>(V_{i}-V_{i}(x_{i}))e^{u_{i}}dy-\int_{\Omega}<(x-x_{2}^{i})|\nabla u>(V-V(0))e^{u}dy+(A_{i}-A)+(B_{i}-B),$$

where A and B are,

$$A = \int_{\partial B^{+}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u \rangle d\sigma + \int_{\partial B^{+}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u |^{2} d\sigma$$

$$B = V(0) \int_{\partial B^{+}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nu \rangle e^{u} dy$$

and, because of the uniform convergence of  $u_i$  and its derivatives on  $\partial B^+$ , we have:

$$A_i - A = o(1)$$
 and  $B_i - B = o(1)$ 

which we can write as:

$$V_{i}(x_{i}) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_{i}} dy - V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy = \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla (u_{i} - u) \rangle (V_{i} - V_{i}(x_{i})) e^{u_{i}} dy + \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u \rangle (V_{i} - V_{i}(x_{i})) (e^{u_{i}} - e^{u}) dy + \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u \rangle (V_{i} - V_{i}(x_{i}) - (V - V(0))) e^{u} dy + o(1)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) (e^{u_i} - e^u) dy = \int_{\Omega - B(0, \epsilon)} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) (e^{u_i} - e^u) dy + \int_{B(0, \epsilon)} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) (e^{u_i} - e^u) dy = o(1),$$

because of the uniform convergence of  $u_i$  to u outside a region which contain the blow-up and the uniform convergence of  $V_i$ . For the third integral we have the same result:

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i) - (V - V(0))) e^u dy = o(1),$$

because of the uniform convergence of  $V_i$  to V.

Now, we look to the first integral:

$$\int_{\Omega} <(x-x_2^i)|\nabla(u_i-u)>(V_i-V_i(x_i))e^{u_i}dy,$$

we can write it as:

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla (u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy = \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_i) | \nabla (u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy + \int_{\Omega} \langle x_1^i | \nabla (u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy,$$

Thus, we have proved by using the Pohozaev identity the following equality, in the case of one blow-up (the term o(1)):

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_i) | \nabla (u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy +$$

$$+ \int_{\Omega} \langle x_1^i | \nabla (u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy =$$

$$= 2V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy - 2V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy + o(1)$$

We can see, because of the uniform boundedness of  $u_i$  outside  $B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)$  and the fact that :

$$||\nabla (u_i - u)||_1 = o(1),$$

it is sufficient to look to the integral on  $B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)$ .

Assume that we are in the case of one blow-up, it must be  $(x_i)$  and isolated, we can write the following inequality as a consequence of YY.Li-I.Shafrir result:

$$u_i(x) + 2\log|x - x_i| < C,$$

We use this fact and the fact that  $V_i$  is s-holderian to have that, on  $B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)$ ,

$$|(x-x_i)(V_i-V_i(x_i))e^{u_i}| \le \frac{C}{|x-x_i|^{1-s}} \in L^{(2-\epsilon')/(1-s)}, \ \forall \ \epsilon' > 0,$$

and, we use the fact that:

$$||\nabla(u_i - u)||_q = o(1), \ \forall \ 1 \le q < 2$$

to conclude by the Holder inequality that for  $0 < s \le 1$ :

$$\int_{B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)} <(x-x_i)|\nabla(u_i-u)>(V_i-V_i(x_i))e^{u_i}dy = o(1),$$

For the other integral, namely:

$$\int_{B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)} \langle x_1^i | \nabla(u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy,$$

We use the fact that, because our domain is a half ball, and the  $\sup + \inf$  inequality to have:

$$x_1^i = \delta_i$$

$$u_i(x) + 4\log \delta_i \le C$$

and,

$$e^{(s/2)u_i(x)} \le |x - x_i|^{-s},$$

$$|V_i - V_i(x_i)| < |x - x_i|^s,$$

Finaly, we have:

$$\left| \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} \langle x_1^i | \nabla(u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy \right| \le C \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} |\nabla(u_i - u)| e^{((3/4) - (s/2))u_i},$$

But in the second member, for  $1/2 < s \le 1$ , we have  $q_s = 1/(3/4 - s/2) > 2$  and thus  $q_s' < 2$  and,

$$e^{((3/4)-(s/2))u_i} \in L^{q_s}$$

$$||\nabla(u_i - u)||_{q'_s} = o(1), \ \forall \ 1 \le q'_s < 2,$$

one conclude that:

$$\int_{B(x_i,\delta_i\epsilon)} \langle x_1^i | \nabla(u_i - u) \rangle (V_i - V_i(x_i)) e^{u_i} dy = o(1)$$

Finaly, with this method, we conclude that, in the case of one blow-up point and  $V_i$  is s-Holderian with  $1/2 < s \le 1$ :

$$V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy - V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy = o(1)$$

which means that there is no blow-up, which is a contradiction.

Finally, for one blow-up point and  $V_i$  is s-Holderian with  $1/2 < s \le 1$ , the sequence  $(u_i)$  is uniformly bounded on  $\Omega$ .

# The case of two blow-up points:

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $V_i$  is s-Holderian with  $1/2 < s \le 1$  and,

$$\int_{\Omega} V_i e^{u_i} dy \le 24\pi - \epsilon, \ \epsilon > 0,$$

we have:

$$V_i(x_i) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_i} dy - V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy = o(1)$$

which means that there is no blow-up points.

### Proof of the Theorem

### The case of two "interior" blow-up points:

As in the previous case, we assume that  $\Omega = B^+$  is the half ball. We have two "interior" blow-up points  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ :

$$|y_i - x_i| < \delta_i \epsilon$$

We use a Pohozaev type identity:

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle (-\Delta u_i) dy = \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle V_i e^{u_i} dy = A_i$$

with  $A_i$  the regular part of the identity (on which the uniform convergence holds).

$$A_{i} = \int_{\partial B^{+}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u_{i} \rangle d\sigma + \int_{\partial B^{+}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u_{i} |^{2} d\sigma$$

We divide our domain in two domain  $\Omega_1^i$  and  $\Omega_2^i$  such that:

$$\Omega_1^i = \{x, |x - x_i| \le |x - y_i|\}, \ \Omega_2^i = \{x, |x - x_i| \ge |x - y_i|\}.$$

We set.

$$D_i = \{x, |x - x_i| = |x - y_i|\}.$$

We write:

$$A_{i} = \int_{\Omega_{1}^{i}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle (V_{i} - V_{i}(x_{i})) e^{u_{i}} dy + \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle (V_{i} - V_{i}(y_{i})) e^{u_{i}} dy + V_{i}(x_{i}) \int_{\Omega_{1}^{i}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy + V_{i}(y_{i}) \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy.$$

As for the case of one blow-up point, it is sufficient to consider terms which contain the difference  $\nabla(u_i - u)$ .

We can write the last addition as (after using  $\nabla(u_i - u)$ ):

$$\left(V_{i}(x_{i}) \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy - \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u \rangle e^{u} dy\right) + \\
+ (V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{\Omega_{\Omega}^{i}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla (u_{i} - u) \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy.$$

First of all, we consider the term (which equal, after integration by part to ):

$$V_{i}(x_{i}) \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u_{i} \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy - \int_{\Omega} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla u \rangle e^{u} dy =$$

$$= -2V_{i}(x_{i}) \int_{\Omega} e^{u_{i}} dy + 2V(0) \int_{\Omega} e^{u} dy + (B_{i} - B)$$

with the same notation for  $B_i$  and B as for the previous case.

<u>Case 1:</u> suppose that,  $|x - y_i| \ge |x_i - y_i|$ , thus

$$|V_i(x_i) - V_i(y_i)| < |x_i - y_i|^s < |x - y_i|^s$$

Thus,

$$|(V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i} \cap \{x, |x - x_{i}| \ge |x - y_{i}|\}.} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla (u_{i} - u) \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy| \le \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i}} |x - y_{i}|^{1 + s} |\nabla (u_{i} - u)| e^{u_{i}} dy + |y_{1}^{i}| \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i}} |x - y_{i}|^{s} |\nabla (u_{i} - u)| e^{u_{i}} dy + |y_{1}^{i}| \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i}} |x - y_{i}|^{s} |\nabla (u_{i} - u)| e^{u_{i}} dy$$

But,

$$|y_i - x_i| \le \delta_i \epsilon$$
,

$$x_1^i = \delta_i$$

we use the same method (with the  $\sup + \inf$  inequality) to prove that for  $1 \ge s > 1/2$  the two integrals converges to 0.

Case 2: suppose that,  $|x - y_i| \le |x_i - y_i|$ ,

We do integration by parts, we have one part on  $D_i$  and the other one on the circle with center  $y_i$ . In fact, we have intersection of convex 2-dimensional domains, which is convex (Lipschitz domain or a domain with finite nimber of singularity) and thus one can apply the Stokes or Green-Riemann formulas.

$$(V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{\Omega_{2}^{i} \cap \{x, |x-y_{i}| \le |x_{i}-y_{i}|\}.} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nabla (e^{u_{i}}) \rangle dy =$$

$$= (V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{D_{i} \cap \{x, |x-y_{i}| \le |x_{i}-y_{i}|\}.} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nu \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy +$$

$$+ (V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{\{x, |x-y_{i}| = |x_{i}-y_{i}|\} \cap \{x, |x-y_{i}| \le |x-x_{i}|\}} \langle (x - x_{2}^{i}) | \nu \rangle e^{u_{i}} dy +$$

$$+ 2(V_{i}(y_{i}) - V_{i}(x_{i})) \int_{\{x, |x-y_{i}| \le |x_{i}-y_{i}|\}} e^{u_{i}} dy$$

We set:

$$I_1 = (V_i(y_i) - V_i(x_i)) \int_{D_i \cap \{x, |x - y_i| \le |x_i - y_i|\}} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nu \rangle e^{u_i} dy,$$

$$I_2 = (V_i(y_i) - V_i(x_i)) \int_{\{x, |x - x_i| = |x_i - y_i|\} \cap \{x, |x - y_i| \le |x - x_i|\}} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nu \rangle e^{u_i} dy$$

Lemma 2.5. We have:

$$I_1 = o(1),$$

and,

$$I_2 = o(1)$$
.

# Proof of the lemma

For  $I_1$ , we have:

$$|V_{i}(x_{i}) - V_{i}(y_{i})| \leq 2C|x - y_{i}|^{s},$$

$$|I_{1}| \leq C \int_{D_{i} \cap \{x, |x - y_{i}| \leq |x_{i} - y_{i}|\}.} |\langle (x - y^{i})|\nu \rangle ||x - y_{i}|^{s} e^{u_{i}} +$$

$$+|x_{2}^{i} - y_{2}^{i}| \int_{D_{i} \cap \{x, |x - y_{i}| \leq |x_{i} - y_{i}|\}.} |x - y_{i}|^{s} e^{u_{i}} dy +$$

$$+|y_{1}^{i}| \int_{D_{i} \cap \{x, |x - y_{i}| \leq |x_{i} - y_{i}|\}.} |x - y_{i}|^{s} e^{u_{i}} dy$$

But,

$$x_1^i = \delta_i,$$
  $|y_i - x_i| \le \delta_i \epsilon,$   $u_i(x) + 4 \log \delta_i \le C$ 

and,

$$e^{(3/4)u_i(x)} \le |x - y_i|^{-3/2}$$

Thus,

$$|I_1| \le \int_{D_i \cap \{x, |x-y_i| \le |x_i-y_i|\}} |x-y_i|^{s-1} + C \int_{D_i \cap \{x, |x-y_i| \le |x_i-y_i|\}} |x-y_i|^{(-3/2)+s} dy,$$

If we set  $t_0 = (x_i + y_i)/2$ , we have on one part of  $D_i$ .

$$|x - t_0| \le |x - y_i| = |x - x_i| \le |x_i - y_i|,$$

by a change of variable  $u = x - t_0$  on the line  $D_i$ , we can compute the two last integrals directly, to have, for  $1 \ge s > 1/2$ :

$$|I_1| \le C(|x_i - y_i|^s + |x_i - y_i|^{s - (1/2)}) = o(1),$$

For  $I_2$  we have:

$$I_2 = (V_i(y_i) - V_i(x_i)) \int_{\{x, |x - y_i| = |x_i - y_i|\} \cap \{x, |x - x_i| \le |x_i - y_i|\}} \langle (x - x_2^i) | \nu \rangle e^{u_i} dy$$

and,

$$|V_i(x_i) - V_i(y_i)| \le 2C|x - y_i|^s,$$

$$\begin{split} |I_2| &\leq C \int_{\{x,|x-y_i| = |x_i-y_i|\} \cap \{x,|x-y_i| \leq |x-x_i|\}.} | < (x-y_i) |\nu > ||x-y_i|^s e^{u_i} + \\ &+ |x_2^i - y_2^i| \int_{\{x,|x-y_i| = |x_i-y_i|\} \cap \{x,|x-y_i| \leq |x-x_i|\}.} |x-y_i|^s e^{u_i} dy + \\ &+ |y_1^i| \int_{\{x,|x-y_i| = |x_i-y_i|\} \cap \{x,|x-x_i| \leq |x-x_i|\}.} |x-y_i|^s e^{u_i} dy \end{split}$$

with the same method as for  $I_1$  we have:

$$|I_2| \le C \int_{\{x,|x-y_i|=|x_i-y_i|\}\cap\{x,|x-y_i|\le|x-x_i|\}} |x-y_i|^{s-1} + \int_{\{x,|x-y_i|=|x_i-y_i|\}\cap\{x,|x-y_i|\le|x-x_i|\}} |x-y_i|^{-(3/2)+s} dy,$$

Finaly, we have

$$|I_2| \le C(|x_i - y_i|^s + |x_i - y_i|^{s - (1/2)}) = o(1),$$

The case of two "exterior" blow-up points:

Let  $(x_i)_i$  and  $(t_i)_i$  two sequences of "exterior" blow-up points. If  $d(x_i,t_i)=O(\delta_i)$  or  $d(x_i,t_i)=O(\delta_i')$  then we use the same technique as for two interior blow-up with the Pohozaev identity. In this case the  $\sup+\inf$  inequality holds, because  $d(x_i,t_i)$  is of order  $\delta_i$  or  $\delta_i'$ . Assume that:

$$\frac{d(x_i, t_i)}{\delta_i} \to +\infty$$
 and  $\frac{d(x_i, t_i)}{\delta_i'} \to +\infty$ 

In this case, we assume that, we are on the half ball.(In fact one consider the intersection of disks and half plane which is convex, and we take its image by the conformal map. In this case we have a domain on which we can apply the Stokes formula). By a conformal transformation, f, we can assume that our two sequences are on the unit ball. First of all, we use the Pohozaev identity on the half ball as for the previous cases, but our domain change, we have one part is vertical, the second part is a part of the boundary of the unit ball, in which the sequences  $(u_i)$ 

and  $(\partial u_i)_i$  are uniformly bounded and converge to the corresponding function, and the third part of boundary, is a regular curve  $D'_i$  such that its image by f is the mediatrice  $D_i$  of the segment  $(x_i, t_i)$ . In the Pohozaev identity, we have a terms of type:

$$\int_{D_i'} <(x-x_2^i)|\nabla u_i> <\nu|\nabla u_i> d\sigma + \int_{D_i'} <(x-x_2^i)|\nu> |\nabla u_i|^2 d\sigma$$

But if we integrate on the rest of the domain and if we use the Pohozeav identity on this second domain and we replace  $x_2^i$  by  $t_2^i$ , the integral on  $D_i^i$  is:

$$-\int_{D_i'} <(x-t_2^i)|\nabla u_i> <\nu|\nabla u_i> d\sigma -\int_{D_i'} <(x-t_2^i)|\nu> |\nabla u_i|^2 d\sigma$$

If, we add the two integral, we find:

$$\int_{D_i'} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u_i \rangle d\sigma + \int_{D_i'} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u_i |^2 d\sigma$$

We have the same techniques as for the previous cases ("interior" blow-up), except the fact that here, we use the Pohozaev identity on two differents domains which the union is our half ball.( In fact the image by a conformal map of a convex domain, intersection of two disks and a half plane. (Intersection of the unit disk and  $D(x_0,\epsilon)$  and the mediatrice of  $[x_i,t_i]$ , here,  $x_0$  is the "blow-up" point, and we apply the conformal map f)). And apply the Green-Riemann theorem for smooth domains with finite number of singular points on the boundary. Or directly the Stokes theorem with the fact that we have a Lipschitz domain because it is the image of a Lipschitz domain by a conformal map (Hofmann-Mitrea-Taylor).

Remark that, here, because we have the two conditions on  $d(x_i, t_i)$  and  $\delta_i, \delta'_i$ , the mediatrice of  $[x_i, t_i]$  is close to a fixed segment  $[0, x_0]$ . (use angles for this fact).

To conclude, we must show that this last integral is close to 0 as i tends to  $+\infty$ . By a conformal map, it is sufficient to prove that the corresponding integral on the unit ball on  $D_i$  tends to 0. Without loss of generality, we can assume here that we work on the unit ball (for this integral).

On the unit ball, with the Dirichlet condition, the Green function is (in complex notation):

$$G(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{|1 - \bar{x}y|}{|x - y|},$$

we can write:

$$u_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} G(x, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy,$$

We can compute (in complex notation)  $\partial_x G$  and  $\partial_x u_i$ :

$$\partial_x G(x,y) = \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)},$$

$$\partial_x u_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0)} \partial_x G(x, y) V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy = \int_{B_1(0)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

Let  $t_0^i = (x_i + t_i)/2$ . We assume that  $|x - t_0^i| \le 1 - \epsilon$  and  $|t_0^i| \ge 1 - (\epsilon/2)$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** 1) For  $((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| \le |x - t_0^i| \le 1 - \epsilon$  we have,

$$|\partial_x u_i(x)| \le C' + C \frac{\delta_i}{|x_i - t_i|} \frac{1}{|x - t_0^i|} = C' + \frac{o(1)}{|x - t_0^i|}.$$

2) For  $|x - t_0^i| \le ((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|$  we have,

$$|\partial_x u_i(x)| \le C' + C \frac{\delta_i}{|x_i - t_i|} \frac{1}{|x_i - t_0^i|} = C' + \frac{o(1)}{|x_i - t_0^i|}$$

with  $o(1) \to 0$  as  $i \to +\infty$ .

3) For 
$$((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| \le |x - t_0^i| \le ((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|$$
 we have,

$$|x_i - t_i| |\nabla u_i|_{L^{\infty}(D_i \cap \{((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| < |x - t_0^i| < ((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|\}} \le C.$$

### Proof of the proposition:

To estimate  $\partial_x u_i$  on  $D_i$ , we divide the last integral in three parts:

$$\partial_x u_i(x) = \int_{B_1(0) - (B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon) \cup B(t_i, \delta_i' \epsilon))} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy + \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy + \int_{B(t_i, \delta_i' \epsilon)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

Let us set:

$$I_{1} = \int_{B_{1}(0) - (B(x_{i}, \delta_{i}\epsilon) \cup B(t_{i}, \delta'_{i}\epsilon))} \frac{1 - |y|^{2}}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_{i}(y) e^{u_{i}(y)} dy$$

$$I_{2} = \int_{B(x_{i}, \delta_{i}\epsilon)} \frac{1 - |y|^{2}}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_{i}(y) e^{u_{i}(y)} dy,$$

$$I_{3} = \int_{B(t_{i}, \delta'_{i}\epsilon)} \frac{1 - |y|^{2}}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_{i}(y) e^{u_{i}(y)} dy$$

For the first integral, because  $u_i \leq C$  on  $B_1(0) - (B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon) \cup B(t_i, \delta'_i \epsilon))$ , we have:

$$|I_1| \le C \int_{B_1(0)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{|x - y||x\bar{y} - 1|} dy,$$

But,  $1 \ge |x| = |x - t_0^i + t_0^i| \ge |t_0^i| - |x - t_0^i| \ge 1 - (\epsilon/2) - (1 - \epsilon) = \epsilon/2$ , thus, we can write:

$$|I_1| \le C \int_{B_1(0)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{|x - y||x||\bar{y} - 1/x|} dy,$$

and, we use the fact that:

$$|\bar{y} - 1/x| \ge ||\bar{y}| - 1/|x|| \ge |1/|x| - |y|| \ge (1 - |y|),$$

To have:

$$|\partial_x u_i(x)| \le |I_2| + |I_3| + C \int_{B_1(0)} \frac{1+|y|}{|x-y|} dy = |I_2| + |I_3| + C',$$

Now, we look to the second and third integrals, it is sufficient to consider the first one:

$$I_2 = \int_{B(x_i, \delta_i \epsilon)} \frac{1 - |y|^2}{(x - y)(x\bar{y} - 1)} V_i(y) e^{u_i(y)} dy$$

Case 1: 
$$((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| \le |x - t_0^i| \le 1 - \epsilon$$
:

In this case we have:

$$1 - |y|^2 = 1 - |x_i + \delta_i z|^2 = \delta_i (2 + o(1)),$$

and,

$$|x-y| = |x-t_0^i + t_0^i - y_i - \delta_i z| > (\tilde{\epsilon}/2)|x_i - t_i|,$$

and,

$$|x\bar{y} - 1| = |((x - t_0^i + t_0^i - x_i) + x_i)(\bar{x}_i + \delta_i \bar{z}) - 1| \ge (\tilde{\epsilon}/2)|x - t_0^i|,$$

Thus,

$$|\partial_x u_i(x)| \le C' + C \frac{\delta_i}{|x_i - t_i|} \frac{1}{|x - t_0^i|} = C' + \frac{o(1)}{|x - t_0^i|}.$$

with,  $o(1) \to 0$  as  $i \to +\infty$ .

Case 2:  $|x - t_0^i| < ((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|$ :

In this case, we have:

$$1 - |y|^2 = 1 - |x_i + \delta_i z|^2 = \delta_i (2 + o(1)),$$

and,

$$|x - y| = |x - t_0^i + t_0^i - y_i - \delta_i z| \ge (\tilde{\epsilon}/2)|x_i - t_i|,$$

and,

$$|x\bar{y} - 1| = |((x - t_0^i + t_0^i - x_i) + x_i)(\bar{x}_i + \delta_i \bar{z}) - 1| \ge (\tilde{\epsilon}/2)|x_i - t_0^i|,$$

Thus,

$$|\partial_x u_i(x)| \le C' + C \frac{\delta_i}{|x_i - t_i|} \frac{1}{|x_i - t_0^i|} = C' + \frac{o(1)}{|x_i - t_0^i|}.$$

with,  $o(1) \to 0$  as  $i \to +\infty$ .

Case 3: 
$$((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| \le |x - t_0^i| \le ((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|$$
:

Let  $\tilde{t}_0^i$  the point of  $D_i$  such that  $|\tilde{t}_0^i - t_0^i| = 1/2(|x_i - t_i|)$ . We use the fact that the function:

$$v_i(t) = u_i(\tilde{t}_0^i + (|x_i - t_0^i|/4)t),$$

is uniformly bounded for  $|t| \le 1$  and is a solution of PDE which is uniformly bounded on  $|t| \le 1$ . By the elliptic estimates we have:

$$|x_i - t_i| |\nabla u_i|_{L^{\infty}(D_i \cap \{((1/2) - \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i| < |x - t_0^i| < ((1/2) + \tilde{\epsilon})|x_i - t_i|\}} \le C.$$

Thus, we use the previous cases to compute the following integral:

$$\int_{D_i} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u_i \rangle d\sigma + \int_{D_i} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u_i |^2 d\sigma = o(1)$$

and, thus,

$$\int_{D_i'} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nabla u_i \rangle \langle \nu | \nabla u_i \rangle d\sigma + \int_{D_i'} \langle (x_2^i - t_2^i) | \nu \rangle | \nabla u_i |^2 d\sigma = o(1)$$

here, we used the previous estimates with  $i \to +\infty$  and  $\tilde{\epsilon} \to 0$  (for the previous case 3).

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