The mean curvature flow for complex equifocal submanifolds

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- G/K : a symmetric space of non-compact type
- $f: M \ \hookrightarrow \ G/K \ : \ \text{an embedding}$
- $v\,:\,{\rm a}\,\,{\rm normal}\,\,{
 m vector}\,\,{
 m of}\,\,f$
- $A_v\,:\,$ the shape operator of f
- $R\,:\,$ the curvature tensor of $G/K\qquad R(v):=R(\cdot,v)v$
- γ_v : the normal geodesic of M with $\gamma_v'(0)=v$

 Y_X : (str.) M-Jacobi fd along γ_v s.t. $Y(0) = X \ (\in T_x M)$ Y_X is described as $Y_X(s) = P_{\gamma_v|_{[0,s]}}(Q_v(s)X)$

$$\left(egin{array}{c} P_{\gamma_v|_{[0,s]}}: ext{the parallel translation along } \gamma_v|_{[0,s]} \ Q_v(s):= \cos(s\sqrt{R(v)}) - rac{\sin(s\sqrt{R(v)})}{\sqrt{R(v)}} \circ A_v \end{array}
ight)$$

Definition

$$s_0 \ (\in \mathbb{R}) :$$
a focal radius of M along γ_v
 $\Longleftrightarrow _{\mathrm{def}} \gamma_v(s_0) :$ a focal point of M along γ_v

Fact

Assume that M has flat section. Then

$$s_0 \ (\in \mathbb{R}) \ :$$
a focal radius of M along γ_v $\Rightarrow \ \operatorname{Ker} Q_v(s_0)
eq \{0\}$

Assume that M has flat section.

$$Q^{\mathbb{C}}_v(z):=\cos(z\sqrt{R(v)^{\mathbb{C}}})-rac{\sin(z\sqrt{R(v)^{\mathbb{C}}})}{\sqrt{R(v)^{\mathbb{C}}}}\circ A^{\mathbb{C}}_v \ \ (z\in \mathbb{C})$$

Definition(K. (Kyushu J.M.-2004))

 $egin{aligned} &z_0 \ (\in \mathbb{C}) \ : ext{a complex focal radius of } M \ ext{along } \gamma_v \ & \longleftrightarrow \ & ext{Ker} \ Q_v^{\mathbb{C}}(z_0)
eq \{0\} \end{aligned}$

Assume that $f: M \hookrightarrow G/K$ is real analytic.

 $f^{\mathbb{C}}:M^{\mathbb{C}}\hookrightarrow G^{\mathbb{C}}/K^{\mathbb{C}}~:~$ the complexification of f

Fact(K. (Tokyo J.M.-2005))

 $z_0 \ (\in \mathbb{C}) \ :$ a complex focal radius of M along γ_v $\iff \gamma_v^{\mathbb{C}}(z_0) \ :$ a focal point of $M^{\mathbb{C}}$ along $s \mapsto \gamma_v^{\mathbb{C}}(sz_0)$



J : the complex structure of $G^{\mathbb{C}}/K^{\mathbb{C}}$ $\gamma_v^{\mathbb{C}} pprox \mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R} imes S^1$ $z_0 = s_0 + t_0 \mathrm{i}$: a complex focal radius along γ_v



- $v\,:\,{\rm a}$ unit normal vector of M at x
- $\gamma_v(\infty)$: the asymptotic class of the geodesic $\gamma_v: [0,\infty) \to M$ s.t. $\gamma'_v(0) = v$ $G/K(\infty)$: the ideal boundary of G/K(i.e., the set of all asymptotic classes of

geodesics $\gamma:[0,\infty) o G/K$'s)

Definition(K. (Kyungpook M.J.-2010))

If there exists a M-Jacobi field Y along γ s.t.

$$\lim_{s o\infty}rac{||Y(s)||}{s}=0,$$

then we call $\gamma_v(\infty)$ a focal point of M on the ideal boundary $G/K(\infty)$.

In particular, if there exists a *M*-Jacobi fd *Y* along γ s.t. $\lim_{s \to \infty} \frac{||Y(s)||}{s} = 0$ and $\operatorname{Sec}(v, Y(0)) \neq 0$, then we call $\gamma_v(\infty)$ a non-Euclidean type focal point of *M* on the ideal boundary $G/K(\infty)$.



There exists no focal point on the ideal boundary

$$\underline{M} = \mathbb{R}^{m-1} \subset H^m(c)$$

$$H^m(c)$$

$$(H^m(c))(\infty)$$

$$\gamma_v \gamma_v(\infty)$$

There exists a focal point on the ideal boundary



There exists no focal point on the ideal boundary

- G/K: a symmetric space of non-compact type
- M : a curvature-adapted complex equifocal submanifold in G/K admitting no non-Euclidean focal point on the ideal boundary

Assume that \boldsymbol{M} admits focal submanifolds.

 ${\it F}_l$: one of the lowest dimensional focal submanifolds of M



Without loss of generelity, we may assume $eK \in F_l$.

$$\mathfrak{p} := T_{eK}(G/K), \ \ \mathfrak{p}' := T_{eK}^{\perp}F_l$$

- \mathfrak{b} : a maximal abelian subspace of \mathfrak{p}'
- $\mathfrak{a}\,:\,a$ maximal abelian subspace of \mathfrak{p} containing \mathfrak{b}

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \triangle_+} \mathfrak{p}_{\alpha} \right)$$
: the root space decomposition w.r.t. \mathfrak{a}

 $\bigtriangleup' := \{ \alpha|_{\mathfrak{b}} \, | \, \alpha \in \bigtriangleup \text{ s.t. } \alpha|_{\mathfrak{b}} \neq 0 \}$

$M_t\,:\,{ m the \ mean\ curvature\ flow\ for\ }M$

Theorem 22.1(K. (Kodai M.J.-to appear))

Assume that

 $\operatorname{codim} M = \operatorname{rank}(G/K) \text{ and } \dim(\mathfrak{p}_{\alpha} \cap \mathfrak{p}') \geq \frac{1}{2}\dim\mathfrak{p}_{\alpha}.$

Then the following statements (i) and (ii) hold:

- (i) M is not minimal and M_t collapses to a focal submfd F of M in finite time.
- (ii) If the natural fibration of M onto F is spherical, then M_t is of type I singularity.

Example.

- G/K : a symmetric space of non-compact type
- θ : involution of G s.t. $(Fix \theta)_0 \subset K \subset Fix \theta$
- H: a symmetric subgroup of G(i.e., $\exists \sigma$: inv. of G s.t. $(Fix \sigma)_0 \subset H \subset Fix \sigma$)

 $H \curvearrowright G/K$ is called a Hermann type action.

Fact.

Principal orbits of a Hermann type action are curvature-adapted complex equifocal submanifold admitting no non-Euclidean type focal point on the ideal boundary.

We can find many examlpes of a submanifold satisfying all the conditions in Theorem 22.1 among principal orbits of Hermann type actions.

Theorem 22.2(K. (Kodai M.J.-to appear)).

Under the hypothesis of Theorem 22.1, assume that

- F_l is a one-point set.
- ${\boldsymbol{F}}$: a focal submfd of ${\boldsymbol{M}}$ which is not a one-point set
- F_t : the mean curvature flow for F

Then

- (i) F is not minimal and F_t collapses to a focal submfd F' of M in finite time.
- (ii) If the natural fibration of F onto F' is spherical, then F_t is of type I singularity.

$$egin{aligned} & M_t \underset{(t o T_1)}{\longrightarrow} & F^1 & & \ ext{non-min.} & & F^2 & & \ & F_t^1 \underset{(t o T_2) ext{ non-min.}}{\longrightarrow} & & & \ddots & & \ & & & F_t^{k-1} \underset{(t o T_k)}{\longrightarrow} \{ ext{pt.}\} & & & \ & & & & F^i_t : ext{ a focal submanifold of } M & & \ & F^i : ext{ a focal submanifold of } F^{i-1} & (i=2,\cdots,k-1) \end{array}$$

$$\widetilde{M} := (\pi \circ \phi)^{-1}(M) \hookrightarrow H^0([0,1], \mathfrak{g})$$

$$\downarrow \phi$$

$$G$$

$$\downarrow \pi$$

$$M \hookrightarrow G/K$$

- M: a curvature-adpated complex equifocal submanifold admitting no non-Euclidean type focal point on the ideal boundary
- $\implies \widetilde{M}$: reg. proper complex isoparametric submanifold

- V : an ∞ -dimensional pseudo-Hilbert space
- $\begin{array}{l} f\,:\,M\hookrightarrow V\,\,:\,\text{a Fredholm submanifold}\\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{i.e., codim}\,M<\infty, \ f \text{ is a proper map}\\ \text{and the shape operators are cpt op.}\\ \text{for certain kind of inner product}\end{array}\right)\end{array}$





 $f: M \hookrightarrow V \;:$ a proper complex isoparametric submfd

$$x_0 \in M$$

The focal set of M at x_0 consists of finite pieces of hyperplanes ($\{l_a \mid a = 1, \cdots, k\}$) in $T_{x_0}^{\perp}M$. The reflections w.r.t. l_a 's generate a discrete group, that is, a Coxeter group. This group is called the real Coxeter group of M.

Definition

- M: Fredholm submfd with proper shape operators
 - *M* is a Fredholm submanifold
- $\iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \text{for any normal vector } v \text{ of } M, \\ A_v^{\mathbb{C}} \text{ is diagonalized with respect to} \\ a \text{ pseudo-orthonormal base} \end{array} \right.$

$M\,:\,{\rm a}$ Fredholm submfd with proper shape operators

Definition.

$$\begin{array}{l} M: \mbox{regularizable} \\ M: \mbox{regularizable} \\ & \\ \begin{cases} \forall v \in T^{\perp}M, \\ \exists \operatorname{Tr}_{r}A_{v}^{\mathbb{C}}(<\infty), \ \exists \operatorname{Tr}(A_{v}^{\mathbb{C}})^{2}(<\infty) \\ & \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Tr}_{r}A_{v}^{\mathbb{C}}:=\sum_{i}m_{i}\mu_{i} \\ & \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Spec}A_{v}^{\mathbb{C}}=\{\mu_{i} \mid i=1,2,\cdots\} \\ & \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} |\mu_{i}| > |\mu_{i+1}| \ \text{or} \\ & \\ |\mu_{i}| = |\mu_{i+1}| \ \& \operatorname{Re}\mu_{i} > \operatorname{Re}\mu_{i+1} \\ & \\ \operatorname{or} & & \\ \|\mu_{i}| = |\mu_{i+1}| \ \& \operatorname{Re}\mu_{i} = \operatorname{Re}\mu_{i+1} \\ & \\ \& \operatorname{Im}\mu_{i} = -\operatorname{Im}\mu_{i+1} > 0 \\ & \\ m_{i}: \ \text{the multiplicity of } \mu_{i} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

${\cal M}\,$: a regularizable submanifold with proper shape perators

Fact $\operatorname{Tr} A^{\mathbb{C}}_{a}, \ \operatorname{Tr} (A^{\mathbb{C}}_{a})^{2} \in \mathbb{R}$

Definition.

$$H \in \Gamma(T^{\perp}M) \iff \langle H, v \rangle = \operatorname{Tr}_{r}A_{v}^{\mathbb{C}} \ (\forall v \in T^{\perp}M)$$

This is called the regularized mean curvature vector of M .

- V : an ∞ -dimensional pseudo-Hilbert space
- $f : M \hookrightarrow V$: regularizable submanifold with proper shape op.
- $f_t: M \hookrightarrow V \ (0 \le t < T) \ : \ C^{\infty}$ -family of regularizable submfds with proper shape op.

$$egin{aligned} &\widetilde{f}\,:\,M imes[0,T) o V\ &\longleftrightarrow\ &\widetilde{f}(x,t):=f_t(x)\,\,((x,t)\in M imes[0,T)) \end{aligned}$$

Definition

$$\begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \underset{\mathrm{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} \ \begin{array}{l} f_t \ (0 \leq t < T) \ : \text{a mean curvature flow} \\ \displaystyle \underset{\mathrm{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} \ \begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \frac{\partial \widetilde{f}}{\partial t} = H_t \ (0 \leq t < T) \\ \displaystyle (H_t \ : \text{the regularized mean curv. vec. of } f_t) \end{array} \end{array}$$

Question.

For any regularizable submanifold $f: M \hookrightarrow V$ with proper shape op., does the mean curvature flow for f uniquely exist in short time?

- G/K: a symmetric space of non-compact type
- M: a curvature-adapted complex equifocal submanifold in G/K admitting no non-Euclidean type focal point on the ideal boundary

$$\widetilde{M}:=(\pi\circ\phi)^{-1}(M)\ (\hookrightarrow\ H^0([0,1],\mathfrak{g}))$$

Fact.

- \bullet \overline{M} is a reg. proper complex isoparametric submanifold.
- There uniquely exists the mean curvature flow for \widetilde{M} in short time.

M: a curvature-adapted complex equifocal submanifold in G/K admitting no non-Euclidean type focal point on the ideal boundary

Assume that M admits focal submanifolds.

 $F_l, riangle, \mathfrak{p}_{lpha}, \mathfrak{p}'$: as in Section 22

 M_t : the mean curvature flow for M

Theorem 22.1.

Assume that $\operatorname{codim} M = \operatorname{rank}(G/K)$ and that

$$\dim(\mathfrak{p}_{lpha}\cap\mathfrak{p}')\geq rac{1}{2}\dim\mathfrak{p}_{lpha}.$$
 Then

- (i) M is not minimal and M_t collapses to a focal submfd F of M in finite time.
- (ii) If the natural fibration of M onto F is spherical, then M_t has type I singularity.

- M: a curvature-adapted proper complex equifocal submanifold as in Theorem 22.1
- $M_t\,:\,{
 m the \ mean\ curvature\ flow\ for\ }M$
- $\widetilde{M}:=(\pi\circ\phi)^{-1}(M).$

Lemma 24.1. $\widetilde{M}_t := (\pi \circ \phi)^{-1}(M_t)$ is the mean curvature flow for \widetilde{M} .

The investigation of the flow M_t is reduced to that of the flow $\widetilde{M}_t.$

 $x_0 \in M$

$$u_0 \in (\pi \circ \phi)^{-1}(x_0) \ (\subset \widetilde{M})$$

 $\widetilde{C} \ (\subset T_{u_0}^{\perp} \widetilde{M})$: the fund. domain of the real Coxeter gr. of \widetilde{M} containing u_0

Definition

X : a tangent vector field on C

$$\longleftrightarrow_{\operatorname{def}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_w := (\widetilde{H}^w)_{u_0+w} \ (w \in \widetilde{C}) \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \widetilde{H}^w : \text{the reg. mean curv. vec. of } \eta_{\widetilde{w}}(\widetilde{M}) \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \eta_{\widetilde{w}} : \text{the end - point map for} \\ \text{a p. n. v. f. } \widetilde{w} \text{ s.t. } \widetilde{w}_{u_0} = w \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{split} \{\psi_t\} &: \text{ a local one-parameter transformation gr. of } X\\ \xi(t) &:= \psi_t(0) \quad (0 : \text{the zero vector of } T_{u_0}^{\perp}\widetilde{M})\\ \widetilde{\xi(t)} : \text{the parallel n.v.f. of } \widetilde{M} \text{ s.t. } \widetilde{\xi(t)}_{u_0} &= \xi(t) \end{split}$$

Lemma 24.2.

$$\widetilde{M}_t = \eta_{\widetilde{\xi(t)}}(\widetilde{M})$$

Proof of (i) of Theorem 22.1.

$$egin{aligned} M_t &= (\pi \circ \phi)(\widetilde{M}_t) = (\pi \circ \phi)(\eta_{\widetilde{\xi(t)}}(\widetilde{M})) \ &= \eta_{(\pi \circ \phi)_*(\widetilde{\xi(t)})}(M) \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

$$X \; - - - > \; \xi \; \stackrel{\operatorname{Lem} 24.2}{- - - >} \; \widetilde{M_t} \; \stackrel{\operatorname{Lem} 24.1}{- - - >} M_t$$

M : a curv.-adapted complex equifocal submfd admitting no non-Euclidean type focal point on the ideal boundary

-->~M : a reg. proper complex isoparametric submfd

Fact.

The outline of the proof of Theorems 22.1 and 22.2

$$\widetilde{A}$$
 : the shape tensor of \widetilde{M}
 $(T_u \widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{i \in I_u} \overline{E_i^u}$ (common eigensp. decomp. of $\widetilde{A}_v^{\mathbb{C}}$'s
 $(v \in (T_u^{\perp} \widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}}))$

$$\lambda_i^u\,:\,(T_u^{\perp}\widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}}\to\mathbb{C}\, \ \underset{\mathrm{def}}{\Longleftrightarrow}\ \ \widetilde{A}_v^{\mathbb{C}}|_{E_i^u}=\lambda_i^u(v)\mathrm{id}\ \ (v\in T_u^{\perp}\widetilde{M})$$

$$\lambda_i^u \in ((T_u^{\perp} \widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}})^*$$

By ordering E^u_i 's ($u\in \widetilde{M}$) suitably, we may assume that

 $egin{array}{lll} orall i\in I(:=I_u),\ E_i\,:\,u\mapsto E^u_i\,\,(u\in \widetilde{M})\,:\,C^\infty ext{-distribution} \ {
m complex\ curvature\ distribution} \end{array}$

$$\lambda_i \in \Gamma(((T^{\perp}\widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}})^*) \iff_{\substack{\operatorname{def}}} (\lambda_i)_u := \lambda_i^u \ (u \in \widetilde{M})$$

complex principal curvature
 $\mathrm{n}_i \in \Gamma((T^{\perp}\widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}}) \iff_{\substack{\operatorname{def}}} \lambda_i = \langle \mathrm{n}_i, \cdot \rangle \ (i \in I)$
complex curvature normal

 $\Lambda\,$: the set of all complex principal curvatures of \widetilde{M}

Fact $igcup_{\lambda\in\Lambda}\lambda_u^{-1}(1)=$ "the focal set of $\widetilde{M}^{\mathbb{C}}$ at u"

Fact

The focal set of $\widetilde{M}^{\mathbb{C}}$ at u consists of finite pieces of infinite families of parallel complex hyperplanes in $T_u^{\perp}(\widetilde{M}^{\mathbb{C}})$.

From these facts, we have

Fact

$$egin{aligned} \Lambda &= egin{aligned} ar{r} \ \cup \ a=1 &iggl\{ rac{\lambda_a}{1+b_a j} \ iggr| \ j\in\mathbb{Z} iggr\} \ &iggl(\lambda_a\in\Gamma(((T^{\perp}\widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}})^*), \ \ b_a\in\mathbb{C} \ ext{s.t.} \ |b_a|>1 iggr) \end{aligned}$$

,

$$\begin{split} & \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime V} := \{\beta \in \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime} | \mathfrak{p}_{\beta} \cap \mathfrak{p}^{\prime} \neq \{0\}\} \\ & \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime H} := \{\beta \in \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime} | \mathfrak{p}_{\beta} \cap \mathfrak{p}^{\prime \perp} \neq \{0\}\} \\ \\ & \mathsf{Let} \quad \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime} = \{\beta_{i} | i \in I\}, \quad \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime V} = \{\beta_{i} | i \in I_{+}\} \\ & \mathsf{and} \quad \bigtriangleup_{+}^{\prime H} = \{\beta_{i} | i \in I_{-}\}. \end{split}$$

From $\operatorname{codim} M = \operatorname{rank}(G/K) \& \dim(\mathfrak{p}_{\alpha} \cap \mathfrak{p}') \ge \frac{1}{2}\dim\mathfrak{p}_{\alpha}$, we have $I_{-} \subset I_{+} = I$ and the following fact:

Fact

$$\begin{split} \Lambda &= \left\{ \frac{\widetilde{\beta_i^{\mathbb{C}}}}{b_i + j\pi\sqrt{-1}} \middle| i \in I_+ = I, \ j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \\ &\cup \left\{ \frac{\widetilde{\beta_i^{\mathbb{C}}}}{b_i + (j + \frac{1}{2})\pi\sqrt{-1}} \middle| i \in I_-, \ j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} \widetilde{\beta_i^{\mathbb{C}}} : \text{ the parallel section of } ((T^{\perp}\widetilde{M})^{\mathbb{C}})^* \\ &\text{ s.t. } (\widetilde{\beta_i^{\mathbb{C}}})_{u_0} = \beta_i^{\mathbb{C}} \\ &b_i \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right) \end{split}$$

Fact
$$\widetilde{C} = \{w \in T_{u_0}^{\perp} \widetilde{M} \, | \, eta_i(w) \, < \, b_i \, \, (i \in I + = I) \}$$

For simplicity, we set

$$egin{aligned} \widetilde{\lambda}^+_{ij} &:= rac{\widetilde{eta}^{\mathbb{C}}_i}{b_i + j \pi \sqrt{-1}} \ \ (i \in I_+ = I, \ j \in \mathbb{Z}) \ \ \widetilde{\lambda}^-_{ij} &:= rac{\widetilde{eta}^{\mathbb{C}}_i}{b_i + (j + rac{1}{2}) \pi \sqrt{-1}} \ \ (i \in I_-, \ j \in \mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 24.3.

$$egin{aligned} X_w &= \sum\limits_{i \in I_+} m_i^+ \coth(b_i - eta_i(w)) eta_i^{\sharp} \ &+ \sum\limits_{i \in I_-} m_i^- \tanh(b_i - eta_i(w)) eta_i^{\sharp} \ &igg(eta_i^{\sharp} \iff eta_i^{\sharp}, \cdot eta = eta_i(\cdot) igg) \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (ii) of Theorem 22.1

$$egin{aligned} &
ho\,\in\,C^\infty(\widetilde{C})\ &\longleftrightarrow\
ho(w):=-\sum\limits_{i\in I_+}m_i^+\log\sinh(b_i-eta_i(w))\ &-\sum\limits_{i\in I_-}m_i^-\log\cosh(b_i-eta_i(w))\ \ (w\in\widetilde{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

grad $\rho = X$, and ρ : downward convex

Also we have

$$ho(w)
ightarrow \infty \ (w
ightarrow \partial \widetilde{C})$$



the graph of ρ

Hence we see that

ho has no minimal point.

On the other hand, we can show the following fact:

$$\exists \Phi : a \text{ polynomial map of } T_{u_0}^{\perp} \widetilde{M} \text{ onto } \mathbb{R}^r \ (r := \operatorname{codim} M)$$

s.t. $\begin{cases} \Phi|_{\widetilde{C}}(:\widetilde{\widetilde{C}} o \mathbb{R}^r) : \text{ into homeomorphism} \\ \Phi_* X : a \text{ polynomial vec. fd.} \end{cases}$

From these facts, we see that

the integral curve
$$\xi(t)$$
 of X starting at 0
converges to a pt. w_1 of $\partial \widetilde{C}$ in finite time.

Since \widetilde{M} is not minimal,

 $0 \neq w_1$ and the flow $\xi(t)$ of X starting 0 converges to a point w_1 of $\partial \tilde{C}$ in finite time T.

Since
$$M_t = \eta_{(\pi \circ \phi)_*(\widetilde{\xi(t)})}(M)$$
,

$$\begin{split} M_t \text{ collapses to the focal submanifold } \eta_{(\pi \circ \phi)_*(\tilde{w}_1)}(M) \\ \text{ in the time } T. \qquad \qquad \text{q.e.d.} \end{split}$$

Theorem 22.2.

Under the hypothesis of Theorem 22.1, assume that

 F_l is a one-point set.

- ${\pmb F}$: a focal submfd of M which is not a one-point set
- F_t : the mean curvature flow for F

Then

- (i) F is not minimal and F_t collapses to a focal submfd F' of M in finite time.
- (ii) If the natural fibration of F onto F' is spherical, then F_t is of type I singularity.

- σ : the stratum of ∂C passing F
- F_t : the mean curv. flow for F
- $\widetilde{\sigma}$:the simplex of $\partial \widetilde{C}$ s.t. $\exp^{\perp}(\widetilde{\sigma}) = \sigma$

$$w_0 : extbf{a} extbf{ point of } (\widetilde{\sigma})^\circ$$

s.t. $\left\{ egin{array}{c} \exp^{\perp}(w_0) extbf{ is the only intersection point} \\ extbf{of } F extbf{ and } \sigma \end{array}
ight.$

$$\widetilde{F}_w$$
 : the focal submanifold of \widetilde{M} thr. $w\in(\widetilde{\sigma})^\circ$
(i.e., $\widetilde{F}_w:=\eta_{\widetilde{w}}(\widetilde{M})$)

 \widetilde{H}^w :the reg. mean curvature vector of \widetilde{F}_w

Fact.
$$(\widetilde{H}^w)_{u_0+w}$$
 :tangent to $(\widetilde{\sigma})^\circ$

Definition

$$\begin{array}{l} X^{\widetilde{\sigma}} : \text{a tang. vec. fd. on } (\widetilde{\sigma})^{\circ} \\ \Longleftrightarrow \quad X_w^{\widetilde{\sigma}} := (\widetilde{H}^w)_{u_0+w} \ (w \in (\widetilde{\sigma})^{\circ}) \end{array}$$

$$I^{w_0}_+ := \{i \in I_+ (=I) \, | \, \beta_i(w_0) = b_i\}$$

Since F in not the lowest-dim. focal submfd of M, we have

$$I_+ \setminus I_+^{w_0}
eq \emptyset$$

Since F_l is a one-point set, we have

$$I_{-} = \emptyset$$

Lemma 24.4.

$$egin{aligned} X^{\widetilde{\sigma}}_w &= \sum_{i \in I_+ ackslash I^{w_0}_+} m^+_i \operatorname{coth}(b_i - eta_i(w)) eta^{\sharp}_i & (w \in (\widetilde{\sigma})^\circ) \ & \left(eta^{\sharp}_i & \operatornamewithlimits{\Longleftrightarrow}\limits_{\operatorname{def}} raket{eta^{\sharp}_i, \cdot} &= eta_i(\cdot)
ight) \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (i) of Theorem 22.2

$$egin{aligned} &
ho^{\widetilde{\sigma}} \, \in \, C^{\infty}(\widetilde{\sigma}) \ & \longleftrightarrow \
ho^{\widetilde{\sigma}}(w) := -\sum_{i \in I_+ ackslash I_+^{w_0}} m_i^+ \log \sinh(b_i - eta_i(w)) \ & (w \in (\widetilde{\sigma})^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

Then we see that

grad
$$\rho^{\tilde{\sigma}} = X$$
 and ρ is downward convex.

Also we see that

$$egin{aligned} &
ho^{\widetilde{\sigma}}(w) \ o \ \infty \ (w \ o \ \partial \widetilde{\sigma}) \ &
ho^{\widetilde{\sigma}}(tw) \ o \ -\infty \ (t \ o \ \infty) \ ext{for each } w \in (\widetilde{\sigma})^{\circ} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we see that $\rho^{\widetilde{\sigma}}$ has no minimal point. Furthermore, we can show that the integral curve $\xi(t)$ of $X^{\widetilde{\sigma}}$ starting at w_0 converges to a pt. w_1 of $\partial \widetilde{\sigma}$ in finite time T. Since $F_t = \eta_{(\pi \circ \phi)_*(\widetilde{\xi(t)})}(M)$, F_t collapses to the lower dim. focal submanifold $\eta_{(\pi \circ \phi)_*(\widetilde{w}_1)}(M)$ in the time T.

q.e.d.