SCATTERING IN THE ENERGY SPACE AND BELOW FOR 3D NLS

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0 Introduction

The purpose of this note is to clarify a uniform boundedness issue arising in the context of scattering in the energy space $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for defocusing 3D NLS

$$\begin{cases} iu_t + \Delta u - u|u|^{p-2} = 0, & p < 6, \\ u(0) = \varphi \in H^1. \end{cases}$$

More precisely, it is shown that the solution satisfies

$$||u||_{L^q_*L^p_x} < C(||\varphi||_{H^1})$$

for all admissible pairs (p,q), an issue left open in the paper [G-V]. If moreover $\varphi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $s \ge 1$, then the corresponding solution u^* satisfies a uniform estimate

$$||u(t)||_{H^s} \le C(||\varphi||_{H^s})$$

and

$$(0.3) ||u(t) - e^{it\Delta} (\Omega_{+}(\varphi))||_{H^{s}} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} 0$$

(only (0.2) is significantly new).

The main ingredient is essentially a refinement of the method used in [L-S] and [G-V] to get some initial decay property, based on Morawetz' inequality.

Next we develop the argument from [B₂] to the 3D-situation, considering the equation

$$(0.4) iu_t + \Delta u - u|u|^2 = 0$$

^{*}We restrict ourselves to the case p = 4 because of smoothness of nonlinearity.

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as an example, establishing global wellposedness results and scattering for $\phi \in H^s$, s < 1. Without further restriction, it is shown that (0.4) is globally wellposed for general data $\phi \in H^s$, $s > \frac{11}{13}$ and $u(t) - e^{it\Delta}\phi \in H^1$ for all time. If ϕ is radially symmetric, then the result holds for $s > \frac{5}{7}$ and there is moreover scattering in H^s -space.

1 3D NLS

We consider

$$iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^{p-2} = 0$$
 $u(0) = \phi \in H^1$ $\left(\frac{10}{3}$

2 Morawetz inequality

We repeat the proof of the Morawetz inequality for NLS, following [L-S].

$$\begin{split} 0 &= \operatorname{Re} \left[(i\dot{u} - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u) \Big(\overline{u}_r + \frac{1}{r} \overline{u} \Big) \right] = \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} + \nabla . Y + Z, \\ X &= -w \Big(v_r + \frac{1}{r}v \Big), \\ Y &= \frac{x}{r} v_t w - \nabla v \Big(v_r + \frac{v}{r} \Big) - (\nabla w) \Big(w_r + \frac{w}{r} \Big) + \frac{x}{2r} |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{x}{pr} |u|^p - \frac{x}{2r^3} |u|^2, \\ Z &= \frac{1}{r} (|\nabla u|^2 - |u_r|^2) + \Big(1 - \frac{2}{p} \Big) \frac{|u|^p}{r}, \\ u &= v + iw, \ r = |x|, \\ 0 &= \int [X(T) - X(0)] dx + 2\pi \int_0^T |u(0, t)|^2 dt \\ &+ \int_0^T \int \frac{1}{r} \{ [|\nabla u|^2 - |u_r|^2] + \frac{1}{2} |u|^p \} dx dt. \end{split}$$

Hence

(2.1)
$$\int_{0}^{T} |u(0,t)|^{2} dt + \int_{0}^{T} \int \frac{|\nabla u|^{2} - u_{r}^{2}}{r} dx dt + \int_{0}^{T} \int \frac{|u|^{p}}{r} dx dt < C \sup_{0 \le t \le T} ||u(t)||_{H^{1/2}}^{2}$$

and, in particular,

(2.2)
$$\int_0^\infty \int \frac{|u(x,t)|^p}{|x|} dx dt < C(||\phi||_2^2 + H(\phi)).$$

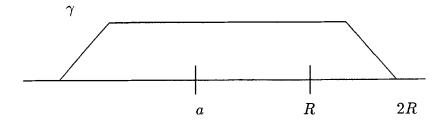
By translation, also

(2.3)
$$\int_0^\infty \int \frac{|u(x,t)|^p}{|x-a|} dx dt < C \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

3 Dispersion of L^2 -norm

(3.1)
$$\int_{|x-a|<2R} |u(t_2)|^2 dx \ge \int_{|x-a|< R} |u(t_1)|^2 dx - C \frac{t_2 - t_1}{R} \text{ for } t_1 < t_2.$$

Proof. Consider the localizing function γ



where

$$\begin{split} \gamma(x) &= 1 \ \text{ for } \ |x-a| < R, \\ \gamma(x) &= 0 \ \text{ for } \ |x-a| > 2R, \\ |\gamma| &< \frac{1}{R}. \end{split}$$

Define

$$I(t) = \int |u|^2 \gamma(x) dx.$$

Then

$$\dot{I}(t) = 2 \mathrm{Re} \int \overline{u} \dot{u} \gamma(x) dx$$

from equation $2 \mathrm{Im} \int \overline{u} \Delta u \gamma$
 $= 2 \mathrm{Im} \int \overline{u} \nabla u . \nabla \gamma.$

Hence

$$|\dot{I}| < CR^{-1} \int |u| |\nabla u| < CR^{-1} (\|\phi\|_2^2 + \|H(\phi)\|_{H^1}^2)$$

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and

$$\int_{|x-a|<2R} |u|^2(t_2) > I(t_2) > I(t_1) - (t_2 - t_1) \sup_{t_1 < t < t_2} |\dot{I}(t)|$$

$$> \int_{|x-a|< R} |u(t_1)|^2 - \frac{C}{R}(t_2 - t_1),$$

as claimed.

More generally, the same argument yields that for any set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

(3.2)
$$\int_{\text{dist }(x,S)\leq 2R} |u(t_2)|^2 dx \geq \int_{\text{dist }(x,S)\leq R} |u(t_1)|^2 dx - C \frac{t_2-t_1}{R}.$$

4 Decay estimates

The key lemma is the following

Lemma 1. Fix $0 < \varepsilon$, A. Then for

(4.1)
$$T > T(\varepsilon, A, \|\phi\|_2, \|\phi\|_{H^1})$$

there is an interval $[T_1, T_2] \subset [0, T]$ such that

$$(4.2) T_2 - T_1 > A$$

and

$$||u||_{L^{p}[T_{1},T_{2}]}<\varepsilon.$$

The main novelty here compared with [L-S] is that the estimate is uniform without a decay assumption on ϕ .

Proof. Assume the statement false. We then perform an iterative construction leading to a contradictory statement $||u(\tau)||_2 > ||\phi||_2$ for some $\tau \in [0, T]$.

Recall the inequality

$$\|\psi\|_p \lesssim \|\psi\|_2^{1-3(1/2-1/p)} \|\psi\|_{H^1}^{3(1/2-1/p)}$$

(p < 6) and which may be localized to unit cubes.

If $\{Q_{\alpha}\}$ is a partition of \mathbb{R}^3 in unit cubes, we have

(4.4)
$$\int_{A}^{2A} |u(x,t)|^{p} dx dt \lesssim A \sup_{0 < t < A} \sum_{\alpha} ||u(t)||_{L^{2}(Q_{\alpha})}^{3-p/2} ||u(t)||_{H^{1}(Q_{\alpha})}^{3p/2-3}$$

$$\lesssim A \sup_{0 < t < A} ||u(t)||_{L^{2}(Q_{\alpha})}^{3-p/2}$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{3} \le p < 6\right)$$
.

Assuming 2A < T, $\int_A^{2A} |u|^p dx dt > \varepsilon^p$ by assumption and thus

(4.5)
$$||u(\tau_1)||_{L^2[|x-a_1|<1]} > \left(\frac{\varepsilon^p}{A}\right)^{1/(3-p/2)} \equiv \gamma$$

for some $\tau_1 \in [A, 2A]$ and $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Denote by M a constant, which we choose sufficiently large with respect to the data ϕ, ε, A . It follows from (2.3) that

$$\int_{4\tau_1}^{\tau} \frac{1}{t - \tau_1} \left[\int_{|x - a_1| < 2M(t - \tau_1)} |u(t)|^p dx \right] dt < 2M \iint \frac{|u|^p}{|x - a_1|} < 2MC.$$

Hence, letting $au = 4 au_1 e^{M^2}$, we have $au_2' \in [4 au_1, 4 au_1 e^{M^2}]$ such that

(4.6)
$$\int_{\tau_2'}^{\tau_2'+A} \int_{|x-a_1|<2M(t-\tau_1)} |u|^p \lesssim \frac{AMC}{\log e^{M^2}} \lesssim \frac{A}{M}.$$

Assume $4\tau_1 e^{M^2} < T$; then $\int_{\tau_2'}^{\tau_2' + A} \int |u|^p > \varepsilon^p$, and (4.6) implies

(4.7)
$$\int_{\tau_2'}^{\tau_2'+A} \int_{|x-a_1|>2M|t-\tau_1|} |u(t)|^p > \varepsilon^p - \frac{CA}{M}.$$

Repeating (4.4) then gives some $\tau_2 \in [\tau_2', \tau_2' + A]$ and $a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$(4.8) |a_1 - a_2| > 2M|\tau_2 - \tau_1|,$$

(4.9)
$$||u(\tau_2)||_{L^2[|x-a_2|<1]} > \gamma - C\frac{1}{M}.$$

Also, from (3.1), (4.5),

(4.10)
$$||u(\tau_2)||_{L^2[|x-a_1|< M(\tau_2-\tau_1)]} > ||u(\tau_1)||_{L^2[|x-a_1|<\frac{1}{2}M(\tau_2-\tau_1)]} - 1/M^{1/2}$$

$$> \gamma - 1/M^{1/2}.$$

Thus, by (4.8), (4.9), (4.10),

$$(4.11) ||u(\tau_2)||_{L^2[\text{dist }(x,\{a_1,a_2\})< M(\tau_2-\tau_1)]} > \sqrt{2}\gamma - C/M^{1/2}.$$

Next, repeat the construction. By (2.3)

$$\int_{4\tau_2}^{\tau} \frac{1}{t - \tau_2} \left[\int_{\text{dist } (x, \{a_1, a_2\}) < 2M(t - \tau_2)} |u(x, t)|^p dx \right] dt$$

$$< 2M \iint |u|^p \left(\frac{1}{|x - a_1|} + \frac{1}{|x - a_2|} \right) < 4CM,$$

and hence there is $au_{_3}' \in [4 au_2, 4 au_2 e^{M^2}]$ for which

(4.12)
$$\int_{\tau_3'}^{\tau_3'+A} \int_{\text{dist } (x_1\{a_1,a_2\}) < 2M(t-\tau_2)} |u|^p \lesssim A/M.$$

For $4\tau_2 e^{M^2} < T$, the hypothesis implies

$$\int_{\tau_3'}^{\tau_3'+A} \int_{\text{dist } (x,\{a_1,a_2\})>2M(t-\tau_2)} |u|^p \ dxdt > \varepsilon^p - \frac{C}{M},$$

and we get $\tau_3 \in [\tau_3', \tau_3' + A], a_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ satisfying

$$(4.13) |a_3 - a_1| > 2M(\tau_3 - \tau_2) |a_3 - a_2| > 2M(\tau_3 - \tau_2),$$

(4.14)
$$||u(\tau_3)||_{L^2[|x-a_3|<1]} > \gamma - \frac{C}{M}.$$

Also, by (3.2), (4.11),

(4.15)

$$||u(\tau_{3})||_{L^{2}[\operatorname{dist}(x,\{a_{1},a_{2}\})< M(\tau_{3}-\tau_{2})]} > ||u(\tau_{2})||_{L^{2}[\operatorname{dist}(x,\{a_{1},a_{2}\})<\frac{1}{2}M(\tau_{3}-\tau_{2})]} - 1/M^{1/2}$$

$$> ||u(\tau_{2})||_{L^{2}[\operatorname{dist}(x,\{a_{1},a_{2}\})< M(\tau_{2}-\tau_{1})]} - 1/M^{1/2}$$

$$> \sqrt{2}\gamma - C/M^{1/2}$$

and (4.13), (4.14), (4.15) imply

$$(4.16) ||u(\tau_3)||_{L^2[\operatorname{dist}(x,\{a_1,a_2,a_3\}) < M(\tau_3 - \tau_2)]} > \sqrt{3}\gamma - C/M^{1/2}.$$

The continuation of the process is now clear.

After ℓ steps, one gets τ_{ℓ} satisfying

$$\tau_{\ell} < 5^{\ell} e^{\ell M^2}$$

and, in particular,

(4.18)
$$\|\phi\|_2 = \|u(\tau_\ell)\|_2 > \sqrt{\ell}\gamma - C\ell/M^{1/2},$$

where

$$\gamma \sim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^p}{A}\right)^{\frac{1}{3-p/2}}.$$

In order to get a contradiction, take

$$(4.19) \ell \gtrsim \left(\frac{A}{\varepsilon^p}\right)^{\frac{2}{3-p/2}},$$

$$(4.20) M \gtrsim \ell^2,$$

and, by (4.17), (4.19), (4.20), the condition

$$2\tau_{\ell} < T$$

becomes

$$(4.21) T > \exp\left(\frac{A}{\varepsilon}\right)^{C(p)}.$$

Thus (4.21) gives the dependence on ε , A in (4.1).

Recall that, since p < 6 is H^1 -subcritical, the IVP

$$\begin{cases} iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^{p-2} = 0\\ u(0) = \phi \in H^1 \end{cases}$$

is locally wellposed and

$$u \in L^{\infty}_{H^1}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^{10}_{10}[I]$$

with bounds depending only on $\|\phi\|_{H^1}$ and the size |I| of the time interval I. It follows in particular from Lemma 1 and interpolation that (4.3) in Lemma 1 may be replaced by

$$\|u\|_{L^q_{L^q}[T_1,T_2]} < \varepsilon \quad \text{ for all fixed } 2 < q < 10$$

and also

$$(4.23) ||u||_{L^q_{L^r_x}[T_1,T_2]} < \varepsilon \text{for all fixed } 2 < r < 6, \quad q < \infty.$$

At this stage, we shall mainly repeat the analysis from [G-V].

Fix r > 6, $r \approx 6$ and define

$$(4.24) k(t) = ||u(t)||_{r},$$

(4.25)
$$k_0(t) = ||e^{it\Delta}\phi||_{\tau}, \quad \phi = u(0).$$

Lemma 2 (cf. Lemma 5.8 in [G-V]).

(4.26)
$$k \le k_0 + \mu * [\min(k^{1+\beta}, k^{1+\beta'})],$$

where

$$\mu(t) = C \min(|t|^{-\delta}, |t|^{-\delta'}),$$
 $t > 0$
= 0, $t \le 0$

and $0 < \delta' < 1 < \delta, -1 < \beta' < 0 < \beta$.

Choose then $q < \infty$ large enough and (r, q) sub-admissible. Hence from the preceding

$$\sup_{|I|=1} ||k||_{L^q[I]} < C,$$

and, moreover, as a consequence of (4.26),

$$(4.29) \quad \sup_{\substack{|I|=1\\I\subset [T',T'']}} \|k\|_{L^q[I]} \le \sup_{\substack{|I|=1\\I\subset [T',T'']}} \|k_0\|_{L^q[I]} + C \sup_{\substack{|I|=1\\I\subset [T'-A,T'']}} \|k\|_{L^q[I]}^{1+\beta} + CA^{-\gamma}$$

and

$$||k||_{L^{q}[T',T'']} \le ||k_{0}||_{L^{q}[T',T'']} + C||k||_{L^{q}[T'-A,T'']} \left(\sup_{I \subset [T'-A,T'']} ||k||_{L^{q}[I]}^{\beta} \right)$$

$$(4.30) + CA^{-\gamma} ||k||_{L^{q}[0,T'']}$$

$$(4.31) \leq C + C \left\{ A^{-\gamma} + \sup_{I \subset [T'-A,T'']} \|k\|_{L^q[I]}^{\beta} \right\} \|k\|_{L^q[0,T'']}$$

for some $\gamma > 0$ (the constant C depends only on the parameters and $\|\phi\|_{H^1}$).

In the next construction, we estimate inductively $||k||_{L^q[0,T^{(j)}]}$ along a finite sequence of times $0 = T^{(0)} < T^{(1)} < \cdots < T^{(j')}$, where again j' will be uniformly bounded.

The method will be based on Lemma 1, (4.27), (4.28), (4.29), (4.31).

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small and A sufficiently large (depending on $\|\phi\|_{H^1}$). Choose $T^{(1)}$ maximal such that

(4.32)
$$||k_0||_{L^q[I]} < \varepsilon$$
 for all $I \subset [0, T^{(1)}], |I| = 1$

(thus $T^{(1)} \ge 1$ and $||k_0||_{L^q[T^{(1)}-1,T^{(1)}]} = \varepsilon$).

By Lemma 1, there is an interval $[T_1, T_2]$ such that

$$(4.33) T_2 - T_1 > A,$$

$$(4.34) ||k||_{L^{q}[I]} \le ||k||_{L^{q}[T_{1}, T_{2}]} < \varepsilon \text{for } I \subset [T_{1}, T_{2}], |I| = 1$$

and T_2 is bounded by (4.1), i.e.,

(4.35)
$$T_2 < C(A, \varepsilon, ||\phi||_{H^1}).$$

(One deduces (4.34) by interpolation between (4.22), (4.23).)

If $T_2 + A \ge T^{(1)}$, (4.28) and (4.35) imply of course that

$$||k||_{L^q[0,T^{(1)}]} < C(A,\varepsilon,||\phi||_{H^1}).$$

Assume $T^{(1)} > T_2 + A$. Applying (4.29) with $T' = T_2, T'' < T^{(1)}$ yields

$$\begin{split} \sup_{\substack{|I|=1\\I\subset [T_2,T'']}} \|k\|_{L^q[I]} &\leq \varepsilon + C \sup_{I\subset [T_1,T'']} \|k\|_{L^q[I]}^{1+\beta} + CA^{-\gamma} \\ &\leq \varepsilon + C\varepsilon^{1+\beta} + CA^{-\gamma} + C \sup_{I\subset [T_2,T'']} \|k\|_{L^q[I]}^{1+\beta} \end{split}$$

and consequently

(4.36)
$$\sup_{I \subset \{T_2, T^{(1)}\}} \|k\|_{L^q[I]} < C(\varepsilon + A^{-\gamma}).$$

Substituting (4.36) in (4.31), we next get

$$\begin{aligned} \|k\|_{L^q[0,T^{(1)}]} &\leq \|k\|_{L^q[0,T_2+A]} + \|k\|_{L^q[T_2+A,T^{(1)}]}, \\ \|k\|_{L^q[T_2+A,T^{(1)}]} &\leq C + C[(\varepsilon+A^{-\gamma})^{\beta}+A^{-\gamma}] \|k\|_{L^q[0,T^{(1)}]}, \end{aligned}$$

so that for ε sufficiently small and A sufficiently large, one finds

$$(4.37) ||k||_{L^q[0,T^{(1)}]} \le 2||k||_{L^q[0,T_2+A]} + C < C(A,\varepsilon,||\phi||_{H^1}).$$

The inductive step is now clear. Assume $T^{(j)}$ obtained such that

(4.38)
$$||k||_{L^{q}[0,T^{(j)}]} < C(\varepsilon,A,||\phi||_{H^{1}}).$$

By construction,

(4.39)
$$||k_0||_{L^q[T^{(j)},T^{(j)}-1]} = \varepsilon.$$

Choose $T^{(j+1)} \ge T^{(j)} + 1$ maximal such that

(4.40)
$$||k_0||_{L^q[I]} < \varepsilon$$
 for all $I \subset [T^{(j)}, T^{(j+1)}], \quad |I| = 1.$

By Lemma 1 applied on $[T^{(j)}, \infty[$, there are $T^{(j)} < T_1 < T_2$ such that

$$(4.41) T_2 - T_1 > A,$$

(4.42)
$$T_2 < T^{(j)} + C(A, \varepsilon, \|\phi\|_{H^1}),$$

$$||k||_{L^{q}[I]} < \varepsilon \quad \text{ for all } I \subset [T_1, T_2].$$

If $T^{(j+1)} < T_2 + A$, there is the obvious estimate

$$\|k\|_{L^q[0,T^{(j+1)}]} \leq \|k\|_{L^q[0,T^{(j)}]} + \|k\|_{L^q[T^{(j)},\,T_2+A]} < C(\varepsilon,A,\|\phi\|_{H^1})$$

from (4.38), (4.28), (4.42).

Assume $T^{(j+1)} > T_2 + A$. Apply first (4.29) with $T' = T_2$, $T'' \le T^{(j+1)}$ to get again by (4.40), (4.43)

$$\sup_{\substack{|I|=1\\I\subset [T_2,T^{\prime\prime}]}}\|k\|_{L^q[I]}\leq \varepsilon+C\varepsilon^{1+\beta}+CA^{-\gamma}+C\sup_{I\subset [T_2,T^{\prime\prime}]}\|k\|_{L^q[I]}^{1+\beta}$$

and hence

(4.44)
$$\sup_{I \subset [T_2, T^{(j+1)}]} ||k||_{L^q[I]} < C(\varepsilon + A^{-\gamma}).$$

Hence, by (4.38), (4.31), (4.44)

$$||k||_{L^{q}[0, T^{(j+1)}]} \le C(A, \varepsilon, ||\varphi||_{H^{1}}) + ||k||_{L^{q}[T_{2}+A, T^{(j+1)}]}$$

$$\le C(A, \varepsilon, ||\phi||_{H^{1}}) + C((\varepsilon + A^{-\gamma})^{\beta} + A^{-\gamma}) ||k||_{L^{q}[0, T^{(j+1)}]},$$

which implies an estimate (4.38) with $T^{(j)}$ replaced by $T^{(j+1)}$.

Since, by construction, for each j one has (4.39)

$$||k_0||_{L^q[T^{(j)}-1,T^{(j)}]} = \varepsilon,$$

(4.27) implies a uniform bound

$$(4.45) j' < C\varepsilon^{-q}$$

on the maximal number of possible "stopping times".

Consequently, we have proved a uniform bound

$$||u||_{L^{q}_{L^{r}}(\mathbb{R})} < C(||\phi||_{H^{1}})$$

for some $q < \infty$.

5 Completion of the argument

Once (4.46) has been obtained for some $r, q < \infty$, Lemma (5.12) of [G-V] permits us to get

(5.1)
$$||u||_{L^q_{L^r_x}(\mathbb{R})} < C(||\phi||_{H^1})$$

for all admissible pairs (r, q).

This statement thus answers the uniformity question in the context of Prop. 5.2 of [G-V] affirmatively. Recalling (4.21), observe however that the bound obtained in (5.1) depends exponentially on $\|\phi\|_{H^1}$.

From the integral equation, one has for $t > t_0$

$$u(t) = e^{i(t-t_0)\Delta}u(t_0) + i\int_{t_0}^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta}(u|u|^{p-2})(\tau)d\tau;$$

hence

$$\|D_x u(t)\|_{L_x^{10/3}} \leq \|e^{i(t-t_0)\Delta}[D_x u(t_0)]\|_{L_x^{10/3}} + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3/5}} \||D_x u||u|^{p-2}\|_{L_x^{10/7}} dx,$$

and from Strichartz' and Young's inequalities

(5.2)
$$\|D_x u\|_{L_{[t_0,t_1]}^{10/3}} \le C \|u(t_0)\|_{H^1} + C \||D_x u||u|^{p-2}\|_{L^{10/7}[t_0,t_1]}$$

$$\le C \|\phi\|_{H^1} + C \|D_x u\|_{L^{10/3}[t_0,t_1]} \|u\|_{L^{5(p-2)/2}[t_0,t_1]}^{p-2}$$

Since (5(p-2)/2, 5(p-2)/2) is admissible,

(5.3)
$$||u||_{L^{5(p-2)/2}} < C(||\phi||_{H^1}).$$

Assume that the interval $[t_0, t_1]$ is such that

$$||u||_{L^{5(p-2)/2}[t_0,t_1]} < c_1$$

for a sufficiently small constant c_1 (depending only on the parameters). Substituting (5.4) in (5.2) implies that

(5.5)
$$||D_x u||_{L^{10/3}[t_0,t_1]} \le C ||\varphi||_{H^1}.$$

Now, from (5.3), $[0, \infty[$ may be broken up into at most $K < C(\|\phi\|_{H^1})$ consecutive intervals I_1, \ldots, I_K such that for each $k = 1, \ldots, K$

$$||u||_{L^{5(p-2)/2}[I_k]} < c_1$$

and hence, from the preceding,

(5.7)
$$||D_x u||_{L^{10/3}[I_k]} \le C||\varphi||_{H^1}.$$

Adding up these contributions then gives a uniform estimate

(5.8)
$$||D_x u||_{L^{10/3}_{x,t}} < C(||\phi||_{H^1}).$$

6 Scattering

Recall the construction of the wave maps. From the integral equation

(6.1)
$$u(t) = e^{it\Delta}(\Omega_+ \varphi) - i \int_t^\infty e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta}(u|u|^{p-2})(\tau)d\tau,$$

where

(6.2)
$$\Omega_{+}\varphi = \varphi + i \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-i\tau\Delta} (u|u|^{p-2})(\tau)d\tau.$$

Then

(6.3)
$$\|\Omega_{+}\varphi\|_{H^{1}} \leq H(\varphi) \quad \text{and} \quad \|u(t) - e^{it\Delta}(\Omega_{+}\varphi)\|_{H^{1}} \stackrel{t \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

The key point is the fact that

(6.4)
$$\left\| \int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-i\tau \Delta} (u|u|^{p-2})(\tau) d\tau \right\|_{H_{x}^{1}} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} 0.$$

To get this last estimate, take $\psi \in L^2$, $\|\psi\|_2 = 1$ and consider

$$\left\langle \psi, D_x \left[\int_t^\infty e^{-i\tau\Delta} (u|u|^{p-2})(\tau) d\tau \right] \right\rangle$$

bounded by

$$\int_{t}^{\infty} \int |e^{-i\tau\Delta}\psi| |D_{x}u| |u|^{p-2} dx d\tau$$

and hence, from Hölder's inequality, Strichartz' inequality and (5.8),

$$< C \|e^{-i\tau\Delta}\psi\|_{L^{10/3}_{x,\tau}} \|D_x u\|_{L^{10/3}_{x,\tau}} \|u\|_{L^{5/2(p-2)}[t,\infty]}^{p-2},$$

$$C(\|\phi\|_{H^1}) \|u\|_{L^{5/2(p-2)}[t,\infty]}^{p-2} \to 0 \quad \text{for } t \to \infty.$$

The preceding is well-known and was recalled here for later reference in the context of H^s -data.

7 Smooth solutions

We next consider data $\phi \in H^s$, s > 1.

For simplicity, let p = 4 and consider the IVP

(7.1)
$$\begin{cases} iu_t + \Delta u - u|u|^2 = 0, \\ u(0) = \phi \in H^s. \end{cases}$$

This problem is globally wellposed; we are interested in the H^s -behaviour of u(t) for $t \to \infty$.

Remark. If one considers other nonlinearities $u|u|^{p-2}$, p < 6, some restrictions on s need to be made depending on the smoothness of the nonlinearity.

Proposition 3. Considering the IVP (7.1) with $s \ge 1$, one has

$$||D_x^s u||_{L^{10/3}} \le C(||\phi||_{H^s})$$

and

(7.3)
$$||u(t)||_{H^s} < C(||\phi||_{H^s})$$
 for all time.

Proof. The main difference with the case s=1 is the fact that (7.3) is not implied by a conserved quantity.

Let again

$$\mathbb{R} = I_1 \cup \cdots \cup I_K$$

be a partition of \mathbb{R} in a bounded number of intervals I_k satisfying (5.6), i.e.,

(7.4)
$$||u||_{L^{5}_{n,r}[I_{k}]} < c_{1} \quad \text{for } k = 1, \ldots, K.$$

We proceed by induction. Assume (7.2), (7.3) valid for t restricted to $I_1 \cup \cdots \cup I_k$. Let $I_{k+1} = [t_0, t_1]$. Repeating estimate (5.2) gives

$$(7.5) ||D_x^s u||_{L^{10/3}[t_0,t_1]} \le C||u(t_0)||_{H^s} + C||D_x^s u||_{L^{10/3}[t_0,t_1]}||u||_{L^5[t_0,t_1]}^2$$

$$(7.6) \leq C(\|\phi\|_{H^s}) + Cc_1^2 \|D_x^s u\|_{L^{10/3}[t_0,t_1]}$$

by (7.4) and the assumption. Hence

and (7.2) thus holds on $I_1 \cup \cdots \cup I_{k+1}$.

For $t \in I_1 \cup \cdots \cup I_{k+1}$, the integral equation again gives

(7.8)
$$||u(t)||_{H^s} \le ||\varphi||_{H^s} + ||D_x^s \left[\int_0^t e^{-i\tau\Delta} (u|u|^2)(\tau) d\tau \right]||_2,$$

and the second term of (7.8) is bounded by

(7.9)
$$\int_{0}^{t} \int |e^{i\tau\Delta}\psi| |D_{x}^{s}u| |u|^{2} dx d\tau \qquad (\|\psi\|_{2} \leq 1)$$

$$\leq \|e^{i\tau\Delta}\psi\|_{L^{10/3}} \|D_{x}^{s}u\|_{L^{10/3}[I_{1}\cup\cdots\cup I_{k+1}]} \|u\|_{L^{5}}^{2}$$

$$\leq C(\|\phi\|_{H^{s}})$$

using (7.7) and (5.3).

Thus (7.3) also holds for $t \in I_1 \cup \cdots \cup I_{k+1}$, which proves Proposition 3. Returning to the wave maps, we get

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Proposition 4. For $u(0) = \varphi \in H^s$, $s \ge 1$

$$\|\Omega_{+}\varphi\|_{H^{s}} < C(\|\phi\|_{H^{s}})$$

and

(7.11)
$$||u(t) - e^{it\Delta}(\Omega_+ \varphi)||_{H^s} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} 0.$$

Proof. Recalling Section 6, we need to bound

(7.12)
$$\left\| \int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-i\tau\Delta} (u|u|^{2})(\tau) d\tau \right\|_{H^{s}}$$

$$\leq \int_{t}^{\infty} \int |e^{i\tau\Delta} \psi| |D_{x}^{s} u| |u|^{2} dx d\tau \qquad (\|\psi\|_{2} \leq 1)$$

$$\leq C \|e^{i\tau\Delta} \psi\|_{L_{x,t}^{10/3}} \|D_{x}^{s} u\|_{L_{x,t}^{10/3}} \|u\|_{L_{x,t}^{5}}^{2} (t,\infty)$$

$$< C(\|\phi\|_{H^{s}}) \|u\|_{L_{x,t}^{5}[t,\infty)}^{2}$$

by Strichartz' inequality and (7.2). From (5.3), (7.12) is bounded by $C(\|\phi\|_{H^s})C(\|\phi\|_{H^1})$ and tends to 0 for $t\to\infty$.

8 Remark

The main purpose of the preceding was to obtain estimates independent of a decay assumption on the data $u(0) = \phi$ and which are uniform in $\|\phi\|_{H^s}$, $s \ge 1$. The main ingredient is Lemma 1, which is a slightly refined version of the Morawetz-Strauss apriori inequality. The space dimension is d=3 here. If we assume moreover decay on the data, more precisely

$$(8.1) |x|\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

then it is well-known that the pseudo-conformal conservation law (applicable in any dimension) yields a more powerful tool for deriving apriori bounds. Thus considering the equation

(8.2)
$$iu_t + \Delta u - u|u|^{p-2} = 0,$$

one has for smooth solutions the apriori inequality (cf. [C])

$$||(x+2it\nabla)u(t)||_{2}^{2} + \frac{8t^{2}}{p}||u(t)||_{p}^{p} = ||x\varphi||_{2}^{2} + 4\frac{4-d(p-2)}{p}\int_{0}^{t} s\int |u(s,x)|^{p}dxds.$$

Hence for

$$(8.4) p \ge 2 + \frac{4}{d}$$

(8.3) implies the apriori estimate

(8.5)
$$||u(t)||_p^p \le \frac{||x\varphi||_2^2}{t^2}.$$

Assume in addition to (8.1) that

(8.6)
$$\varphi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \text{with } p - 2 \le \frac{4}{(d - 2s)_+}$$

(the case of equality p-2=4/(d-2s) corresponds to the H^s -critical case).

Then there is always a local solution on a nontrivial time-interval $[0, T^*]$, $T^* > 0$ and

$$(8.7) T^* > c(\|\varphi\|_{H^s})$$

in the subcritical case p-2 < 4/(d-2s). For $T < T^*$, this local solution satisfies

(8.8)
$$||D^s u||_{L^{2(d+2)/d}_{x}[0,T]} < \infty$$

and

(8.9)
$$||u||_{L^q_{x,t}[0,T]} < \infty \quad \text{ for } 2 \le q \le 2(d+2)/(d-2s).$$

In particular, for $T < T^*$,

$$||u||_{L^{p}_{x,t}[0,T]} < \infty;$$

and (8.5) implies therefore that

$$||u||_{L^p_{x,t}[0,T^*[} < \infty$$

with a uniform bound in the subcritical case by $C(\|\phi\|_{H^s}, \|x\varphi\|_{L^2})$.

For d = 1, 2, in the subcritical and critical case, one may then show that the local solution extends to a global one, i.e., $T^* = \infty$,

(8.12)
$$||D_x^s u||_{L^{2(d+2)/d}_{x,t}(\mathbb{R})} < \infty,$$

(8.13)
$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|D_x^s u(t)\| < \infty,$$

and scattering in H^s -space

(8.14)
$$||u(t) - e^{it\Delta}\Omega_{+}(\varphi)||_{H^{s}} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} 0.$$

The same statement holds for d = 3 when p < 6.

To derive these facts from the integral equation, one mainly needs an apriori bound on

(8.15)
$$||u||_{L_{x,t}^{(d+2)(p-2)/2}} < C.$$

We sketch the argument, distinguishing d = 1, 2, 3.

(i)
$$d = 1$$
.

From the integral equation, we get

(8.16)
$$||u(t)||_{\infty} \le ||e^{it\Delta}\varphi||_{\infty} + \int_{0}^{t} \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{1/2}} ||u(\tau)||_{p-1}^{p-1} d\tau,$$

(8.17)
$$||e^{it\Delta}\varphi||_{\infty} \le C|t|^{-1/2}||\varphi||_1 \le C|t|^{-1/2}||(1+|x|)\varphi||_2.$$

The second term in (8.16) is bounded by

(8.18)
$$\int_0^{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1} + \int_{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1}^{t \wedge 1} + \int_1^t \le Ct^{-1/2} + \int_{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1}^t \frac{1}{|t - \tau|^{1/2}} \frac{1}{\tau^{2(p-3)/(p-2)}} d\tau.$$

Hence

$$||u(t)||_{\infty} < C|t|^{-1/2} + C(1 \wedge |t|)^{-(3p-10)/2(p-2)}$$

and, in particular, bounded for t away from zero.

By interpolating (8.10), (8.18), it follows that (8.15) holds for t away from 0. By (8.9), this establishes (8.15).

(ii) d = 2.

We proceed similarly, but replace the L_x^{∞} -norm by the L_x^q -norm for large q.

(iii)
$$d = 3, \frac{10}{3}$$

Choose $r < 6, r \approx 6$. From the integral equation, it follows that

(8.19)
$$||u(t)||_r \le ||e^{it\Delta}\varphi||_r + \int_0^t \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3(1/2-1/r)}} ||u(\tau)||_{r'(p-1)}^{p-1} d\tau$$

where 3(1/2 - 1/r) < 1; and since $r' > \frac{6}{5}$

$$(8.20) ||e^{it\Delta}\varphi||_r \le C|t|^{-3(1/2-1/r)}||\varphi||_{r'} < C|t|^{-3(1/2-1/r)}||(1+|x|)\varphi||_2.$$

Since p < 6, one may choose r < 6 with r'(p-1) < p. The second term in (8.19) then admits a bound

$$\int_0^{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1} + \int_{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1}^{t \wedge 1} + \int_1^t < C |t|^{-3(1/2 - 1/r)} + \int_{\frac{t}{2} \wedge 1}^t \frac{1}{|t - \tau|^{3(1/2 - 1/r)}} \; \tfrac{1}{\tau^{2(p - 3 + 2/r)/(p - 2)}} d\tau;$$

hence

(8.21)
$$||u(t)||_r < C|t|^{-3(1/2-1/r)} + C(1 \wedge t)^{-(p-3+2/r)/(p-2)}$$

and $u \in L_{x,t}^r$ for t away from 0.

If we assume

$$(8.22) \frac{5}{2}(p-2) < 6,$$

then (8.15) may again be deduced for t away from 0 by interpolating (8.21), (8.5). Thus, by (8.9), this establishes (8.15) in the case $p < \frac{22}{5}$.

To proceed when $p \ge \frac{22}{5}$ is a bit more complicated. Fix $t_0 > 0$ such that on $[0, t_0]$ wellposedness holds and, in particular,

$$(8.23) D_x^s u \in L_{x,t}^{10/3}[0,t_0]$$

and

(8.24)
$$||u(t)||_{H^s} < C \quad \text{for } t \le t_0.$$

Let

(8.25)
$$\gamma = 3\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{2}{5(p-2)}\right) > 0.$$

From the integral equation

$$u(t) = e^{i(t-t_0)\Delta}u(t_0) + i\int_{t_0}^{t} e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta}(u|u|^{p-2})(\tau)d\tau$$

we get from Hölder's inequality

(8.26)
$$||D_x^{\gamma}u(t)||_r \le ||D_x^{\gamma}[e^{i(t-t_0)\Delta}u(t_0)]||_r$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^{t} \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3(1/2-1/\tau)}} \|D_x^{\gamma} u(\tau)\|_{r} \|u(\tau)\|_{(p-2)r/(r-2)}^{p-2} d\tau.$$

Since 2 < (p-2)r/(r-2) < p, interpolation yields

$$(8.28) (8.27) < C \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{|t - \tau|^{3(1/2 - 1/r)}} \frac{1}{\tau^{2(p - 4/r')/(p - 2)}} ||D_x^{\gamma} u(\tau)||_{\tau} d\tau.$$

Since 3(1/2-1/r) < 1, one may restrict t to a nontrivial interval $[t_0, t_1]$ such that

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Then, from (8.26), (8.27), the definition of γ (8.25) and (8.24), it follows that

(8.30)
$$\begin{split} \|D_{x}^{\gamma}u\|_{L_{[t_{0},t_{1}]}^{5(p-2)/2}L_{x}^{r}} &\leq C\|D_{x}^{\gamma}[e^{i(t-t_{0})\Delta}u(t_{0})]\|_{L_{t}^{5(p-2)/2}L_{x}^{r}} \\ &\leq C\|D_{x}^{s}[e^{i(t-t_{0})\Delta}u(t_{0})]\|_{L_{x,t}^{10/3}} \\ &\leq C\|u(t_{0})\|_{H^{s}} < C. \end{split}$$

From (8.25), (8.30)

(8.31)
$$||u||_{L^{5(p-2)/2}_{x,t}[t_0,t_1]} < C,$$

(8.32)
$$||u||_{L_{x,t}^{5(p-2)/2}[0,t_1]} < C.$$

Applying the integral equation, one may then extend (8.23), (8.24) to $[0, t_1]$. By iterating the procedure any finite interval may be covered.

To establish (8.15) for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, replace t_0 in the preceding by a sufficiently large time such that the kernel

(8.33)
$$\frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3(1/2-1/r)}|\tau|^{2(p-4/r')/(p-2)}}|_{\tau,t>t_0}$$

in (8.28) has a small norm acting on $L^{5(p-2)/2}[t_{0,\infty}[$. One then gets

(8.34)
$$||D_x^{\gamma} u||_{L_{[t_n,\infty]}^{5(p-2)/2} L_x^r} < C$$

and (8.15) on $[t_0, \infty[$, completing the argument.

In the subcritical case, bounds are uniform.

9 Estimates below energy norm

We next consider the IVP

(9.1)
$$\begin{cases} iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^2 = 0 \\ u(0) = \phi \in H^s, \quad s < 1 \end{cases}$$

where ϕ is general (not necessarily small) data. We will first carry out the analysis from [B₂] related to the 2D NLS

$$(9.2) iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^2 = 0$$

to the 3D setting of (9.1). Results of this type may be expected in any H^1 -subcritical situation (p < 6). As in [B₂], the cubic nonlinearity permits us to rely on a fairly straightforward quartic Strichartz-type inequality, however.

Improved Strichartz inequality

Lemma 5 Assume

(9.3)
$$\operatorname{supp} \widehat{\psi}_1 \subset B(0, 2M_1) \backslash B(0, M_1), \quad \operatorname{supp} \widehat{\psi}_2 \subset B(0, 2M_2) \backslash B(0, M_2)$$

and

$$M_1 < M_2$$
.

Then

(9.4)
$$||(e^{it\Delta}\psi_1)(e^{it\Delta}\psi_2)||_2 \le C \frac{M_1}{M_2^{1/2}} ||\psi_1||_2 ||\psi_2||_2.$$

Proof. Since, from Strichartz' inequality,

$$||(e^{it\Delta}\psi_1)(e^{it\Delta}\psi_2)||_2 \le ||e^{it\Delta}\psi_1||_4 ||e^{it\Delta}\psi_2||_4 \le C||\psi_1||_{H^{1/4}}.||\psi_2||_{H^{1/4}} < C(M_1M_2)^{1/4} ||\psi_1||_2 ||\psi_2||_2,$$

we may assume $M_1 \ll M_2$.

Write then

$$(e^{it\Delta}\psi_1)(e^{it\Delta}\psi_2) = \int \widehat{\psi}(\xi_1)\widehat{\psi}(\xi_2)e^{i[(\xi_1+\xi_2)x+(|\xi_1|^2+|\xi_2|^2)t]}d\xi_1d\xi_2.$$

From Parseval's identity and Cauchy-Schwarz, it follows that

$$\begin{split} \|(e^{it\Delta}\psi_1)(e^{it\Delta}\psi_2)\|_2^2 &= \int d\xi d\lambda \bigg| \int \widehat{\psi}_1(\xi_1) \widehat{\psi}_2(\xi - \xi_1) \delta_0(|\xi_1|^2 + |\xi - \xi_1|^2 - \lambda) d\xi_1 \bigg|^2 \\ &\leq \|\psi_1\|_2^2 \|\psi_2\|_2^2 \int \delta_0(|\xi_1|^2 + |\xi - \xi_1|^2 - \lambda) d\xi_1 \\ &\lesssim \frac{M_1^2}{M_2} \|\psi_1\|_2^2 \|\psi_2\|_2^2, \end{split}$$

which proves (9.4).

Recall the definition of the spaces $X_{s,b} = X_{s,b}[I]$ (I = time interval):

$$(9.5) ||u||_{X_{s,b}[I]} = \left(\int |\hat{u}(\xi,\lambda)|^2 (1+|\xi|^{2s}) (1+|\lambda-\xi^2|^{2b}) d\xi d\lambda\right)^{1/2}$$

provided

(9.6)
$$u(x,t) = \int \hat{u}(\xi,\lambda)e^{i(x.\xi+\lambda t)}d\xi d\lambda \quad \text{for } t \in I$$

(in fact, in (9.5) we take the infinum over representations (9.6)). From (9.4) one easily deduces

Corollary 6 For

$$(9.7) 0 \le \rho < \frac{1}{2},$$

Assume $\frac{1}{2} \le \rho < \sigma + \frac{1}{2}, \sigma \le 1$. Then

10 Decomposition of the data

Let $\phi \in H^s$ and decompose

(10.1)
$$\phi = \phi_0 + \psi_0 \quad \text{where } \phi_0 = \int_{|\xi| < N_0} \widehat{\phi}_0(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi.$$

Hence

$$\|\phi_0\|_{H^1} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}$$
 and $(s > \frac{3}{4})$ $H(\phi_0) = \frac{1}{2} \int |\nabla \phi_0|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \int |\phi_0|^4 \lesssim N_0^{2(1-s)}$.

Consider the IVP

(10.3)
$$\begin{cases} i\dot{u}_0 - \Delta u_0 + u_0|u_0|^2 = 0\\ u_0(0) = \phi_0 \end{cases}$$

for $t \in I = [0, \delta]$.

Estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{3/10}(e^{it\Delta}\phi_0)\|_{L_t^5 L_x^{10/3}[I]} &< |I|^{1/5} \sup_t \|D_x^{3/10}(e^{it\Delta}\phi_0)\|_{L_x^{10/3}} \\ &\lesssim |I|^{1/5} \|\phi_0\|_{H^{9/10}} \\ &\lesssim |I|^{1/5} N_0^{\frac{9}{10}(1-s)}. \end{aligned}$$

Take

(10.5)
$$|I| = \delta = N_0^{-(1-s)\frac{9}{2}},$$

so that by (10.4)

(10.6)
$$||D_x^{3/10}(e^{it\Delta}\phi_0)||_{L_t^5L_x^{10/3}[I]} = o(1).$$

Write the integral equation for u_0 ,

(10.7)
$$u_0(t) = e^{it\Delta}\phi_0 + i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (u_0|u_0|^2)(\tau)d\tau.$$

Hence, from the decay and Young's inequality

$$||D_x^{3/10}u_0||_{L_x^5L_x^{10/3}[I]}$$

$$\leq \|D_{x}^{3/10}(e^{it\Delta}\phi_{0})\|_{L_{t}^{5}L_{x}^{10/3}[I]} + \left\| \int_{0}^{t} \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3/5}} \|D_{x}^{3/10}(u_{0}|u_{0}|^{2}(\tau))\|_{L_{x}^{10/7}} \right\|_{L_{t}^{5}[I]}$$

$$< o(1) + \left\| \int \frac{1}{|t-\tau|^{3/5}} \|D_{x}^{3/10}u_{0}(\tau)\|_{L_{x}^{10/3}} \|u_{0}(\tau)\|_{L_{x}^{5}}^{2} d\tau \right\|_{L_{t}^{5}[I]}$$

$$< o(1) + \|D_{x}^{3/10}u_{0}\|_{L_{x}^{5}L_{x}^{10/3}} \|u_{0}\|_{L_{x}^{5}, |I|}^{2}.$$

Also

(10.9)
$$||u_0||_{L^5_x,t[I]} \lesssim ||D_x^{3/10}u_0||_{L^5_tL_x^{10/3}[I]}.$$

Substituting (10.9) in (10.8), we obtain

(10.10)
$$||D_x^{3/10} u_0||_{L_x^5 L_x^{10/3}[I]} = o(1)$$

and

(10.11)
$$||u_0||_{L^5_{x,t}[I]} = o(1).$$

From $\|\phi_0\|_2 < C$, $\|\phi_0\|_{H^1} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}$, (10.7) and (10.11), one may further deduce that

(10.12)
$$|||u_0|||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}[I]} \le 2||\phi_0||_2 < C$$

and

(10.13)
$$|||u_0|||_{X_{1,\frac{1}{4}+}[I]} \le 2||\phi_0||_{H^1} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}$$

(we assume $|I| \leq 1$).

11 Estimates related to the difference equation

Writing $u = u_0 + v$, consider next the difference equation for v

(11.1)
$$\begin{cases} i\dot{v} - \Delta v + 2|u_0|^2 v + 2u_0^2 \overline{v} + 2\overline{u}_0 v^2 + 2u_0|v|^2 + |v|^2 v = 0 \\ v(0) = \psi_0 \end{cases}$$

and write

$$(11.2) v = e^{it\Delta}\psi_0 + w.$$

Recall that

$$\|\psi_0\|_{H^s} \le C, \quad \|\psi_0\|_{L^2} \lesssim N_0^{-s}.$$

By (10.11), (11.3) and the integral equation form of (11.1), we get

$$(11.4) ||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}[I]} \lesssim N_0^{-s} + ||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}}[o(1) + o(1)||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}} + ||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+,\frac{1}{2}+}}^2],$$

$$||v||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}[I]} \leq C + ||v||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}}[o(1) + o(1)||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}} + ||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+,\frac{1}{2}+}}^2]$$

$$+ ||u_0||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}}[o(1)||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}} + ||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+,\frac{1}{2}+}}^2],$$

$$(11.5) + ||u_0||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}}[o(1)||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}} + ||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+,\frac{1}{2}+}}^2],$$

while from interpolation (we assume $s > \frac{1}{2}$) and (10.12), (10.13)

$$||u_0||_{X_s,\frac{1}{2}+} \le ||u_0||_{X_0,\frac{1}{2}+}^{1-s} ||u_0||_{X_1,\frac{1}{2}+}^s \lesssim N_0^{(1-s)s},$$

(11.6)
$$||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}} \le ||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}}^{1-\frac{1}{2s}} ||v||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}}^{\frac{1}{2s}}.$$

Thus (11.4)–(11.6) imply that (for $s > 1/\sqrt{2}$)

(11.7)
$$||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}[I]} \lesssim N_0^{-s},$$

(11.8)
$$||v||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{4}+}[I]} \lesssim C.$$

Next, estimate

$$||D_x w||_{L^\infty_t L^2_x}$$

$$(11.9) \leq \sup_{\|\psi\|_{2} \leq 1} \int_{I} |\langle e^{i\tau\Delta}\psi, D_{x}[2|u_{0}|^{2}v + 2u_{0}^{2}\overline{v} + 2\overline{u}_{0}v^{2} + +2u_{0}|v|^{2} + v|v|^{2}]\rangle |d\tau|$$

$$\leq \sup_{\|W\|_{X_{0,\frac{1}{4}+}} \leq 1} \int |\langle W, D_{x}[2|u_{0}|^{2}v + 2u_{0}^{2}\overline{v} + 2\overline{u}_{0}v^{2} + 2u_{0}|v|^{2} + v|v|^{2}]\rangle |dt|.$$

Fix $\rho = 1/2-$. Then by (9.8), (9.9), (11.7) and (11.8) we have

$$\int |\langle W, D_x(|u_0|^2 v) \rangle| \leq \iint |W| \, |u_0| \, |v| \, |D_x u_0| + \iint |D_x^{\rho}(W u_0)| \, |D_x^{1-\rho}(v.u_0)|,$$

(11.10)
$$\int |W| |u_0| |v| |D_x u_0| \le ||W||_{10/3} ||u_0||_{10} ||v||_{10/3} ||D_x u_0||_{10/3}$$

$$\lesssim ||u_0||_{X_{1,\frac{1}{2}+}}^2 ||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{2}+}}$$

$$\lesssim N_0^{2-3s}$$

and

$$\int |D_{x}^{\rho}(Wu_{0})| |D_{x}^{1-\rho}(vu_{0})| \leq ||D_{x}^{\rho}(Wu_{0})||_{2} ||D_{x}^{1-\rho}(vu_{0})||_{2}
\lesssim ||u_{0}||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+\rho,\frac{1}{2}+}} . ||v||_{X_{\frac{1}{2}-\rho,\frac{1}{2}+}} ||u_{0}||_{X_{1,\frac{1}{2}+\delta}}
\lesssim N_{0}^{2-3s+}.$$

Hence

(11.12)
$$\int |\langle W, D_x(|u_0|^2 v)\rangle| < N_0^{2-3s+}$$

and, similarly,

(11.13)
$$\int |\langle W, D_x(u_0^2 \overline{v}) \rangle| < N_0^{2-3s+}.$$

For the v-quadratic contribution we have, applying (9.8) and (9.9),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int |\langle W, D(\overline{u}_{0}v^{2})\rangle| < \int |W| Du_{0}| |v|^{2} + \|D^{\rho}(W\overline{u}_{0})\|_{2} \cdot \|D^{1-\rho}(v^{2})\|_{2} \\
&< C\|u_{0}\|_{X_{1,\frac{1}{2}+}} \|v\|_{X_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+}}^{2} + \|u_{0}\|_{X_{\frac{1}{2}+\rho,\frac{1}{2}+}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}} \|v\|_{X_{\frac{3}{2}-\rho-s,\frac{1}{2}+}} \\
&< N_{0}^{2-3s+}
\end{aligned}$$

by (10.13), (11.7) and (11.8). Similarly,

(11.15)
$$\int |\langle W, D(u_0|v|^2)\rangle| < N_0^{2-3s+}.$$

For the v-cubic contribution

$$\begin{split} & \int |\langle W, D(v|v|^2) \rangle| < \int |\langle W, (Dv)v\overline{v} \rangle| + |\langle W, vD(|v|^2) \rangle| \\ & < \|D^{s-\frac{1}{2}}(Wv)\|_2 \ \|D^{\frac{3}{2}-s}(v^2)\|_2 + \|D^{s-\frac{1}{2}}(W\overline{v})\|_2 \ \|D^{\frac{3}{2}-s}(|v|^2)\|_2 \\ & < \|v\|_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\frac{1}{2}+}} \|v\|_{X_{2(1-s),\frac{1}{2}+}} \\ & < N_0^{2-3s}, \end{split}$$

applying (9.9) and (9.10). Recall that we have assumed that s satisfies

$$(11.17) s > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > \frac{2}{3}.$$

Thus, from (11.9), (11.12), (11.13), (11.14), (11.15) and (11.16) we have

(11.18)
$$\sup_{t \in I} \|w(t)\|_{H^1} < N_0^{2-3s+}.$$

At time $t_1 = \delta$, we then write

$$u(t_1) = u_0(t_1) + (e^{it_1\Delta}\psi_0) + w(t_1)$$

= $\phi_1 + \psi_1$

with

(11.19)
$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 = u_0(t_1) + w(t_1), \\ \psi_1 = e^{it_1 \Delta} \psi_0. \end{cases}$$

Thus the pair (ϕ_0, ψ_0) is replaced by (ϕ_1, ψ_1) .

 ψ_1 is similar to ψ_0 .

The Hamiltonian increment when replacing ϕ_0 by ϕ_1 is bounded by

$$\begin{split} |H(\phi_1) - H(\phi_0)| = & |H(\phi_1) - H(u_0(t_1))| \quad \text{(from Hamiltonian conservation)} \\ \leq & (\|u_0(t_1)\|_{H^1} + \|w(t_1)\|_{H^1}) \|w(t_1)\|_{H^1} \\ & + (\|u_0(t_1)\|_6 + \|w(t_1)\|_6)^3 \|w(t_1)\|_2 \\ < & N_0^{1-s} N_0^{2-3s+} + N_0^{3(1-s)-s} \end{split}$$

(by (10.13), (11.2), (11.7) and (11.18))

$$(11.20) < N_0^{3-4s+}.$$

By (10.5), iteration of the procedure leads to the condition (cf. [B₂])

$$\begin{split} T.N_0^{9/2(1-s)}N_0^{3-4s+} &< N_0^{2(1-s)}, \\ &TN_0^{\frac{11-13s}{2}} &< 1. \end{split}$$

Hence, we require

$$(11.21) s > \frac{11}{13}$$

and take

(11.22)
$$N_0 = N_0(T) = T^{\frac{2}{13s-11}}.$$

Our conclusion is thus

Proposition 7 The IVP

(11.23)
$$\begin{cases} iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^2 = 0 \\ u(0) = \phi \in H^s \end{cases}$$

is globally wellposed for $s > \frac{11}{13}$ and the solution u has the form

(11.24)
$$u(t) = e^{it\Delta}\phi + v(t), \qquad ||v(t)||_{H^1} < (1+|t|)^{\frac{2(1-s)}{13s-11}+1}.$$

12 Scattering below energy norm

Recall first the Morawetz inequality

(12.1)
$$\int_0^T |u(0,t)|^2 dt + \int_0^T \int \frac{|\nabla u|^2 - u_r^2}{r} dx dt + \int_0^T \int \frac{|u|^4}{r} dx dt < C \sup_{0 \le t \le T} ||u(t)||_{H^{1/2}}^2.$$

In this section, we restrict ourselves to the radially symmetric case.

Lemma 8 If ϕ is radially symmetric

(12.2)
$$\sup r|\phi(r)| \lesssim ||\phi||_{H^{1/2+}}.$$

Proof. Set $v = r\phi$. Then

$$||v||_{L^2_{(dr)}} = \left(\int |\phi|^2 r^2 dr\right)^{1/2} \sim ||\phi||_2$$

and

$$(12.3) ||v'||_{L^2(dr)} \le ||r\phi'||_{L^2(dr)} + ||\phi||_{L^2(dr)} \sim ||\nabla\phi||_2 + \left\|\frac{\phi}{|x|}\right\|_2.$$

To estimate $\|\phi/|x|\|_2$, write

$$\left\|\frac{\phi}{|x|}\right\|_2^2 \sim \sum_{K \text{ dyadic}} K^2 \bigg(\int_{|x| \sim K^{-1}} |\phi|^2 dx \bigg).$$

By Fourier decomposition, denoting

$$\phi_L = \int_{|\xi| \sim L} \widehat{\phi}(\xi) \, e^{ix\xi} d\xi$$

we may write

$$\begin{split} \int_{|x| \sim K^{-1}} |\phi|^2 &\lesssim \int_{|x| \sim K^{-1}} \bigg| \sum_{L < K} \phi_L \bigg|^2 + \sum_{L > K} \int_{|x| \sim K^{-1}} |\phi_L|^2 \\ &< \sum_{L < K} \bigg(\log \frac{K}{L} \bigg)^3 K^{-3} \|\phi_L\|_\infty^2 + \sum_{L > K} L^{-2} \|\nabla \phi_L\|_2^2. \end{split}$$

Thus

$$K^2 \int_{|x| \sim K^{-1}} |\phi|^2 dx \lesssim \sum_{L < K} \left(\log \frac{K}{L} \right)^3 \frac{L}{K} \|\nabla \phi_L\|_2^2 + \sum_{L > K} \left(\frac{K}{L} \right)^2 \|\nabla \phi_L\|_2^2,$$

and summing over dyadic K values $(K=2^k, k\in\mathbb{Z})$ yields the bound $\sum_{L \text{ dyadic}} \|\nabla \phi_L\|_2^2$. Hence

(12.4)
$$\left\| \frac{\phi}{|x|} \right\|_2 \lesssim \|\phi\|_{H^1}.$$

From (5.3),

$$||v'||_{L^2(dr)} \lesssim ||\phi||_{H^1}.$$

Estimate

$$\left| |v|^2(r_1) - |v|^2(r_2) \right| \lesssim \int_{r_1}^{r_2} |v| \, |v'| \lesssim \|v\|_2 \, \|v'\|_2 < \|\phi\|_2 \, \|\phi\|_{H^1}.$$

Hence

$$|v(r)|^2 \lesssim \|\phi\|_2^2 + \|\phi\|_2 \|\phi\|_{H^1},$$

and the lemma follows from interpolation.

Theorem 9 Consider the IVP in 3D

(12.6)
$$\begin{cases} iu_t - \Delta u + u|u|^2 = 0\\ u(0) = \phi \in H^s, \quad s > \frac{5}{7} \end{cases}$$

where ϕ is a radial function. Then there is global wellposedness and for all time

(12.7)
$$||u(t) - e^{it\Delta}\phi||_{H^1} < C(||\phi||_{H^s}).$$

Proof. Denote

(12.8)
$$B_1(t) = \sup_{0 \le t' \le t} \|u(t') - e^{it'\Delta}\phi\|_{H^1}.$$

Hence, from (12.1) and (12.2),

(12.9)
$$\int_0^T \int |u|^5 dx dt < \sup_{t < T} ||u(t)||_{H^{1/2+}}^3 < C(B_1(T)^{3/2+} + 1).$$

We now recall the proof of Proposition 7.

Fix a cutoff N_0 and define

$$\phi_0 = \int_{|\xi| < N_0} \widehat{\phi}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} d\xi \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_0 = \int_{|\xi| > N_0} \widehat{\phi}(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi.$$

Now consider a sequence of times

$$(12.10) 0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_J = T,$$

where for each time t_i

$$(12.11) u(t_j) = \phi_j + \psi_j$$

with

(12.12)
$$H(\phi_j) < H(\phi_{j-1}) + N_0^{3-4s+},$$

(12.13)
$$\|\phi_j\|_2 < C, \quad H(\phi_j) \lesssim N_0^{2(1-s)},$$

$$\psi_i = e^{it_j \Delta} \psi_0.$$

In the proof of Proposition 7, we chose $I_j = [t_j, t_{j+1}]$ with

(12.15)
$$|I_j| = N_0^{-9/2(1-s)}$$

(and, in particular, bounded by 1).

Considering the solution u_0 of the IVP on I_j

(12.16)
$$\begin{cases} i\dot{u}_0 - \Delta u_0 + u_0|u_0|^2 = 0\\ u_0(t_j) = \phi_j \end{cases}$$

the choice (12.15) implies, by condition (12.13), that

(12.17)
$$||u_0||_{L^5_x,[I_j]} = N_0^{0-}.$$

Assume I_j such that (12.17) holds. Assume also $|I_j| \le 1$. We get from the integral formula

$$u_0(t) = e^{it\Delta}\phi_j + i\int_{t_j}^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta}(u|u|^2)(\tau)d\tau$$

that

hence

(12.19)
$$||D_x u_0||_{L^{10/3}_{[I_i]}} \lesssim C ||\phi_j||_{H^1} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}.$$

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Furthermore (since we assume $|I_j| \le 1$),

$$||u_0||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{k}+}[I_j]} < C,$$

(12.22)
$$||u_0||_{X_{1,1,1}[I_j]} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}.$$

Writing $u=u_0+v$, where v satisfies the difference equation on I_j with initial value

$$(12.23) v(t_j) = \psi_j,$$

the bounds (11.7), (11.8) hold again. Thus

(12.24)
$$||v||_{X_{0,\frac{1}{4}+}[I_j]} \lesssim N_0^{-s},$$

(12.25)
$$||v||_{X_{s,\frac{1}{4}+}[I_j]} < C.$$

Also, writing

$$(12.26) v = e^{i(t-t_j)\Delta}\psi_j + w,$$

one has (11.18)

(12.27)
$$||w||_{X_{1,\frac{1}{2}+}[I_j]} < N_0^{2-3s+}.$$

Write

(12.28)
$$u(t_{j+1}) = \phi_{j+1} + \psi_{j+1}$$

with

(12.29)
$$\phi_{j+1} = u_0(t_{j+1}) + w(t_{j+1}),$$

(12.30)
$$\psi_{j+1} = e^{it_{j+1}\Delta}\psi_0;$$

the same conclusion leading to (11.20) implies that

(12.31)
$$|H(\phi_{j+1}) - H(\phi_j)| \lesssim N_0^{3-4s+}.$$

If $|I_j| > 1$, one starts by rescaling to a time interval of unit length, considering

(12.32)
$$\tilde{u}(x,t) = u_{\lambda}(x,t) = \lambda u(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t) \qquad (\lambda = |I_j|^{-1/2}).$$

Letting $I_j = [0, t_1]$ we then have the decomposition

(12.33)
$$\tilde{u}(0) = \tilde{\phi}_0 + \tilde{\psi}_0$$

with

(12.34)
$$\|\tilde{\phi}_0\|_2 = \lambda^{-1/2} \|\phi_0\|_2 < \lambda^{-1/2},$$

(12.35)
$$\|\tilde{\phi}_0\|_{H^1} = \lambda^{1/2} \|\phi_0\|_{H^1} \lesssim \lambda^{1/2} N_0^{1-s},$$

(12.36)
$$\|\tilde{\psi}_0\|_2 = \lambda^{-1/2} \|\psi_0\|_2 \lesssim \lambda^{-1/2} N_0^{-s},$$

(12.37)
$$\|\tilde{\psi}_0\|_{H^s} = \lambda^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \|\psi_0\|_{H^s} \lesssim \lambda^{s-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This gives (condition (12.17) remains preserved)

(12.38)
$$\tilde{u}(1) = \tilde{u}_0(1) + \tilde{w}(1) + e^{i\Delta}\tilde{\psi}_0 = \tilde{\phi}_1 + e^{i\Delta}\tilde{\psi}_0$$

where

$$\|\tilde{w}(1)\|_{H^1} < N_0^{2-3s+} \lambda^{1/2},$$

(12.40)
$$H(\tilde{\phi}_1) < H(\tilde{\phi}_0) + \lambda N_0^{3-4s+}.$$

Hence, scaling back, we get again

(12.41)
$$u(t_1) = \phi_1 + e^{it_1 \Delta} \psi_0$$

with

(12.42)
$$H(\phi_1) < H(\phi_0) + N_0^{3-4s+}.$$

Since J is the number of steps (= number of intervals), one needs to fulfil the condition

(12.43)
$$CJN_0^{3-4s+} < N_0^{2(1-s)},$$

where the constant C depends on $\|\phi\|_{H^s}$.

One may then conclude that

(12.44)
$$\sup_{j \le J} \|u(t_j) - e^{it_j \Delta} \psi_0\|_{H^1} = \sup_{j \le J} \|\phi_j\|_{H^1} \lesssim N_0^{1-s}$$

and hence

(12.45)
$$B_1(T) \lesssim N_0^{1-s} + \|\phi_0\|_{H^1} \sim N_0^{1-s}.$$

It remains to derive an estimate on J from (12.9) and (12.17). Since on I_i

$$u=u_0+v,$$

we have

Consequently, by (12.9) and (12.45),

(12.47)
$$JN_0^{0-} < \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} ||u||_{L_{x,t}^5[I_j]}^5 < CB_1(T)^{3/2} + C < CN_0^{\frac{3}{2}(1-s)},$$
$$J < CN_0^{\frac{3}{2}(1-s)+},$$

provided (12.43) holds.

Substituting (12.47) in (12.43) gives the condition

(12.48)
$$CN_0^{\frac{3}{2}(1-s)+3-4s+} < N_0^{2(1-s)}$$

satisfied for

$$(12.49) s > \frac{5}{7}$$

and a choice of N_0 only depending on the data $||u(0)||_{H^s}$, not on T.

This proves Theorem 9.

From (12.9) and (12.7), we also get

Since from the integral equation, for $I = [t_0, t_1]$,

by (12.7), partitioning time as $\mathbb{R}_+ = \bigcup I_\alpha$ into finitely many intervals I_α satisfying

(12.52)
$$||u||_{L^{5}_{x,t}[I_{\alpha}]} = o(1)$$

(which is possible by (12.50)) permits us to conclude that

(12.53)
$$||D_x^s u||_{L^{10/3}} < C(||\phi||_{H^s}).$$

By writing

$$\Omega_{+}\varphi = \varphi + i \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-i\tau\Delta} (u|u|^{2})(\tau)d\tau$$

it follows that

(12.54)
$$\|u(t) - e^{it\Delta}(\Omega_{+}\varphi)\|_{H^{s}} \leq \left\| \int_{t}^{\infty} e^{-i\tau\Delta}(u|u|^{2})(\tau)d\tau \right\|_{H^{s}} \\ \lesssim \|D_{x}^{s}u\|_{L_{x_{t}}^{10/3}[t,\infty]} \|u\|_{L_{x_{t}}^{5},[t,\infty]}^{2} \stackrel{t\to\infty}{\to} 0.$$

Consequently, we have

Theorem 10 In the context of Theorem 9, there is also scattering in H^s -space.

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