

# **Non-linear Schrödinger equations with rough, non-Strichartz-controllable magnetic potentials**

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Based on

- ❑ standard techniques from non-linear dispersive PDE theory;
- ❑ several seminal contributions from other experts (cited in due time);
- ❑ a few projects of mine and with co-workers, including:

A. Michelangeli, *Global well-posedness of the magnetic Hartree equation with non-Strichartz external fields*, Nonlinearity 28 (2015) 2743-2765;

P. Antonelli (GSSI), A. Michelangeli, R. Scandone, *Global, finite energy, weak solutions for the NLS with rough, time-dependent magnetic potentials*, Z. Angew. Math Phys. (2018) 69:46;

- ❑ ongoing activity with V. Georgiev (Pisa, and Waseda, and Bulgarian Academy of Science), R. Scandone (GSSI and Naples), and K. Yajima (Tokyo Gakushuin) on point-like perturbations of (magnetic) NLS.

## NLS (semi-linear Schrödinger equation) with external magnetic potentials

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**Class of evolution PDEs of interest:**

$$i\partial_t u = -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + Vu + \mathcal{N}(u)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(u) = \lambda_1 |u|^{\gamma-1} u + \lambda_2 (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2) u + (W * |u|^2) u \quad \begin{cases} \gamma \in (1, 1 + \frac{4}{d-2}] \\ \alpha \in (0, d) \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$$V \equiv V(t, x) : \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$W \equiv W(x) : \mathbb{R}_x^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x) \equiv (A_1, \dots, A_d) : \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

(mesurable functions)

in the unknown  $u \equiv u(t, x) : \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

**NLS** is a basic dispersive model that appears, among others,

- ❑ in nonlinear optics,
- ❑ in water wave theory,
- ❑ in quantum many-body dynamics;

**‘ordinary’ version** is without magnetic potential ( $\mathbf{A} \equiv 0$ ):

$$i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + Vu + \lambda_1 |u|^{\gamma-1} u + \lambda_2 (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2)u + (W * |u|^2)u$$

**Hartree equation** has cubic *non-local* semi-linearity:

$$i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + Vu + (W * |u|^2)u$$

**Gross-Pitaevskii equation** has cubic *local* semi-linearity:

$$i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + Vu + \lambda |u|^2 u$$

**magnetic Laplacian:**  $-(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2$

stemming from classical / quantum mechanics:

- external **electric field**:  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$ ,
- external **magnetic field**:  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ ,
- single particle Hamiltonian:  $H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \mathbf{p} - \frac{e\mathbf{A}}{c} \right)^2 + eV$   
( $\mathbf{p} = -i\hbar\nabla_x$ )

**magnetic Sobolev space**  $H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d) := \left\{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \mid (\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \right\}$   
(for  $\mathbf{A} \in L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ) and  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is dense in  $H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$

**diamagnetism:**  $|\nabla|f|(x)| \leq |(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f(x)| \quad x\text{-a.e.} \quad \forall f \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$   
removing  $\mathbf{A}$ , kinetic energy decreases by replacing  $f$  by  $|f|$   
(at the same time leaving  $|f|^2$  unaltered) [Kato, 1972]

observe:

- $f \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1 \Rightarrow (\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f \in L^2$   
 $\Rightarrow -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 f$  makes sense as a *distribution*
- $f \mapsto (\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f$  is a connection on a  $U(1)$  bundle over  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
 $(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f =$  ‘covariant derivative’ (w.r.t.  $\mathbf{A}$ ) of  $f$

notice *two opposite rules of thumb*:

▮▮▮▮  $\Rightarrow$  expand the square

$$(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 f = \Delta f - 2i\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla f - i(\operatorname{div}\mathbf{A})f - \mathbf{A}^2 f$$

and treat it as a ‘perturbation’ of  $\Delta f$

▮▮▮▮  $\Rightarrow$  NEVER expand the square

exploit operator properties of  $(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2$  as a whole

*gauge invariance*:  $\mathbf{A} \mapsto \mathbf{A} + \nabla\xi \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  stays invariant

*Coulomb gauge*:  $\operatorname{div}\mathbf{A} \equiv 0$

includes the constant- $\mathbf{B}$  case:  $\mathbf{A}(x) = (-x_2, 0, 0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = (0, 0, 1)$

For ordinary NLS ( $\mathbf{A} \equiv 0$ ) as well as for magnetic NLS ( $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$ )



one standard scheme [Kato 1987, 1995; Cazenave and Weissler 1988, ....] to establish the existence and uniqueness of solution in an appropriate sense, e.g., in the  $H^1$ - or  $H_{\mathbf{A}}^1$ -energy space, and then also local well-posedness, is a fixed-point argument based on estimates on space-time size of the free (magnetic) propagator  $e^{it\Delta}f$ , or also  $e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2}f$  ('Strichartz estimates').

NEXT:

- first a quick glance at the method (for pedagogical purposes);
- goal of this talk: to go **beyond** Strichartz-controllable external magnetic fields.

**STRICHARTZ ESTIMATES** for free Schrödinger propagator  $e^{it\Delta}$   
 [Strichartz 1977, Ginibre and Velo 1985, Yajima 1987, Cazenave and Weissler 1988, Keel and Tao 1998]

A pair  $(q, r) \in [1, +\infty] \times [1, +\infty]$  is **admissible** if:

$$\frac{2}{q} = d \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{r} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad r \in \begin{cases} [2, +\infty] & \text{if } d = 1, \\ [2, +\infty) & \text{if } d = 2, \\ \left[ 2, \frac{2d}{d-1} \right] & \text{if } d \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

For any admissible pairs  $(q, r)$ ,  $(\tilde{q}, \tilde{r})$  and interval  $I$  with  $0 \in \bar{I}$ ,

- (**homogeneous**)  $\|e^{it\Delta}u_0\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}, L_x^r)} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{L_x^2}$
- (**non-homogeneous**)  $\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} F(s, \cdot) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^q(I, L_x^r)} \lesssim \|F\|_{L_t^{\tilde{q}'}(I, L_x^{\tilde{r}'})}$

where  $\frac{1}{\tilde{q}} + \frac{1}{\tilde{q}'} = 1 = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'}$ .



## FIXED POINT ARGUMENT

for concreteness for  $(\star) \begin{cases} i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + \lambda|u|^{\gamma-1}u, \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \gamma \in (1, 5) \end{matrix}$

For  $M, T > 0$ ,  $r := \gamma + 1$ , and  $(q, r)$  admissible, set

$$X_{M,T} := \left\{ u \in L_t^\infty([0, T], H_x^1) \cap L^q([0, T], W_x^{1,r}) \mid \begin{matrix} \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1} \leq M, \\ \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} \leq M \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$d(u, v) := \|u - v\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1} + \|u - v\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}}$$

Can see:  $(X_{M,T}, d)$  is a complete metric space.

A  $H^1$ -solution  $u$  to  $(\star)$  is a fixed point ( $\Phi(u) = u$ ) for the **solution map**

$$\Phi(u)(t) := e^{it\Delta} u_0 - i\lambda \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} |u|^{\gamma-1} u(\tau) d\tau.$$

Goal:  $\Phi$  is a contraction in  $X_{M,T}$  for suitable  $M$ , and  $T$  small enough

$\Rightarrow$  **local existence and uniqueness** of solution  $u \in L_t^\infty([0, T], H_x^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$

which is then proved to also be in  $C([0, T], H_x^1) \cap C^1([0, T], H_x^{-1})$

(‘strong solution’), as well as in  $L^{\tilde{q}}([0, T], W_x^{1,\tilde{r}}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \forall$  admissible  $(\tilde{q}, \tilde{r})$

$\Phi$  is a contraction in  $X_{M,T}$ :

Strichartz on  $\Phi(u)(t) := e^{it\Delta}u_0 - i\lambda \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} |u|^{\gamma-1}u(\tau) d\tau$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(u)\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} &\lesssim \|e^{it\Delta}u_0\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} + \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} |u|^{\gamma-1}u(\tau) d\tau \right\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} \\ &\lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^1} + \| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^{q'} W_x^{1,r'}} \end{aligned}$$

since  $r = \gamma + 1$ , then  $\| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_x^{r'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L_x^r}^\gamma$

Hölder  $\Rightarrow \| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^q L_x^{r'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^r}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q L_x^r}$

Sobolev embedding ( $H_x^1 \hookrightarrow L_x^r$ )  $\Rightarrow \| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^q L_x^{r'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q L_x^r}$

analogously for  $\nabla(|u|^{\gamma-1}u)$ , whence  $\| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}}$

this and Hölder in time  $\Rightarrow$

$$\| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^{q'} W_x^{1,r'}} \lesssim T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} \| |u|^{\gamma-1}u \|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r'}} \lesssim T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}}$$

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Thus, 
$$\|\Phi(u)\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^1} + T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}}$$

and analogously, 
$$\|\Phi(u)\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^1} + T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} \|u\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1}^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}}$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(u)\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} + \|\Phi(u)\|_{L_t^\infty H_x^1} &\leq C \|u_0\|_{H_x^1} + C T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} M^{\gamma-1} \|u\|_{L_t^q W_x^{1,r}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} M + \frac{1}{4} M < M \end{aligned}$$

with the choice  $M = 2C \|u_0\|_{H_x^1}$  and  $T$  s.t.  $C T^{\frac{q-q'}{qq'}} M^{\gamma-1} \leq \frac{1}{4}$

(doable, because  $\gamma \in (1, 5) \Rightarrow r \in (2, 6) \Rightarrow q > 2 \Rightarrow q > q'$ )

$\Rightarrow \Phi(u) \in X_{M,T}$

and the very same reasoning yields also

$$d(\Phi(u), \Phi(v)) \leq \kappa d(u, v), \quad \kappa < 1$$

a contraction.

The above scheme for  $e^{it\Delta}$  in  $i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + \mathcal{N}(u)$  is well-established and also for  $e^{-it(-\Delta+V)}$  in  $i\partial_t u = -\Delta_x u + Vu + \mathcal{N}(u)$ , see e.g.:

- Sulem, Sulem, *Nonlinear Schrödinger equations*, Springer 1999
- Cazenave, *Semilinear Schrödinger equations*, AMS 2003
- Tao, *Nonlinear dispersive equations*, CBMS 2006
- Linares, Ponce, *Introduction to nonlinear dispersive equations*, Springer 2015
- .....

Meanwhile, aiming at repeating the same scheme for

$$i\partial_t u = -(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + \mathcal{N}(u),$$

an industry has developed to produce **magnetic Strichartz estimates** for the magnetic propagator  $e^{it(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2}$

# MAGNETIC STRICHARTZ ESTIMATES

Analogous bounds on space-time size of “  $e^{it(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2} f$  ”

two types of conditions needed on  $\mathbf{A}$ :

- ① must realise  $-(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2$  **self-adjointly** on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d_x)$   
so as to exponentiate it via functional calculus (spectral theorem)  
( $e^{it\Delta}$  is directly given by  $e^{-itp^2}$  in Fourier transform)

$\mathbf{A} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$   $\Rightarrow$   $-(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2$  is essentially self-adjoint on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$   
[Kato 1981, Leinfelder and Simader 1981]

- ② must avoid confinement features of  $-(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2$   
(e.g., eigenvalues/resonances) which would allow, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
non-dispersive components in  $e^{it(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2} f$   
(typically: impose some decay on  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{tang}} = \frac{x}{|x|} \times \mathbf{B}$   
and bounds on local singularities)

# (GLOBAL IN TIME) MAGNETIC STRICHARTZ ESTIMATES

$$\left\| e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} u_0 \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}, L_x^r)} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{L_x^2} \quad (+ \text{ non-homogeneous})$$

for the same **admissible pairs**  $(q, r)$  as for  $-\Delta$   
(established indeed perturbatively w.r.t.  $-\Delta$ )

▮▮▮ By [Erdoğan, Goldberg, Schlag, 2009] for  $d \geq 3$ , requiring

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &\in C^0(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d), \\ |\mathbf{A}(x)| &\lesssim \langle x \rangle^{-(1+\delta_A)}, \quad (\delta_A > \delta_{A'} > 0) \\ \langle x \rangle^{1+\delta_{A'}} |\mathbf{A}(x)| &\in \dot{W}^{\frac{1}{2}, 2d}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d), \\ -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 &\text{ has no zero-energy resonance and only cont. spectrum} \end{aligned}$$

▮▮▮ By [D'Ancona, Fanelli, Vega, Visciglia, 2010] for  $d \geq 3$   
(covering also end-point case  $(q, r) = (2, \frac{2d}{d-2})$  for  $d \geq 4$ )  
under condition that, practically speaking, correspond to

$$|\mathbf{A}(x)| \lesssim \begin{cases} |x|^{-(1+\delta_A)} \\ |x|^{-(1-\delta_A)} \end{cases} \quad |\mathbf{B}_{\text{tang}}(x)| \lesssim \begin{cases} |x|^{-(2+\delta_B)} & \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \\ |x|^{-(2-\delta_B)} & \text{as } |x| \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

for some  $\delta_A, \delta_B > 0$  when  $d = 3$ ,  $\delta_A = \delta_B = 0$  when  $d \geq 4$

(GLOBAL IN TIME) **MAGNETIC STRICHARTZ ESTIMATES**  
for (mildly) time-dependent  $\mathbf{A}$ 's, under smallness assumption

⇒ By [Georgiev, Stefanov, Tarulli, 2007]:

For  $d \geq 3$ , there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that for any  $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x)$  with

$$\|\nabla_x \mathbf{A}\|_{L_t^\infty L_x^{d/2}} + \sup_k \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^m \|\mathbf{A}_{<k}\|_{L_t^\infty(L^\infty(|x| \sim 2^m))} \leq \varepsilon$$

the solution  $u$  to  $\begin{cases} i\partial_t u = -(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2 u \\ u(0, \cdot) \equiv u_0 \end{cases}$  satisfies

$$\|u\|_{X'} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{L_x^2}$$

where  $\|u\|_{X'}^2 := \sum_k \|u\|_{X'_k}^2$  and

$$\|u\|_{X'_k} := \sup_{(q,r)\text{-Strichartz}} \|P_k u\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} + 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \sup_m 2^{-\frac{m}{2}} \|P_k u\|_{L_t^2(L^2(|x| \sim 2^m))}$$

( $P_k u :=$  the  $k^{\text{th}}$  Littlewood-Paley piece of  $u$ )



scaling critical case  $\mathbf{A}(x) = |x|^{-1}$  *not* covered by the above results

same as criticality for  $-\Delta + a|x|^{-2}$  ( $\mathbf{A}^2 \leftrightarrow V(x) = |x|^{-2}$ ), for which Strichartz estimates are proved by [Burq, Planchon, and Stalker, 2003] when  $d \geq 2$  up to the Hardy threshold  $a > -\frac{1}{4}(d-2)^2$

at scaling criticality, magnetic dispersive estimates are available (from which non-endpoint Strichartz estimates follow):

$$\left\| e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} f \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_x^d)} \leq |t|^{-\frac{d}{2}} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_x^d)} \quad d = 2, 3$$

[Fanelli, Felli, Pontelos, Primo, 2013 and 2015]

beyond critical scaling: **counterexamples!**

e.g., for homogeneous potentials  $\mathbf{A}(x) = |x|^{-\sigma} \phi(\frac{x}{|x|})$ ,  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$

Strichartz estimates fail in  $d \geq 3$  (apart from trivial case  $(q, r) = (\infty, 2)$ )

## (LOCAL IN TIME) MAGNETIC STRICHARTZ ESTIMATES

(in fact, all what is needed for the contraction argument):

$$\left\| e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} u_0 \right\|_{L_t^q(I, L_x^r)} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{L_x^2} \quad (\text{for any interval } I \text{ with } 0 \in \overline{I})$$

now the factors preventing *global* dispersion play no obstruction

at the price of requiring smoothness of  $\mathbf{A}$  (needed for constructing the propagator  $e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2}$  directly in the form of integral operator via semi-classical parametrix techniques), linear growth of  $\mathbf{A}$  at spatial infinity can be covered (thus, including constant  $\mathbf{B}$ -field)  
[Yajima, 1991], [Mizutani, 2014]

What about the *vast* regime in between, from  $\mathbf{A} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , the condition of self-adjointness for  $-(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2$ , to the requirements for the validity of the known (global-in-time, or also only) local-in-time Strichartz estimates?

This includes physically relevant magnetic fields!

How to establish (local) well-posedness of magnetic NLS  
**beyond Strichartz-controllable magnetic potentials** ?

One approach: **ENERGY METHODS**

Yield local well-posedness under very mild assumptions on  $\mathbf{A}$   
when non-linearity  $\mathcal{N}(u)$  is locally Lipschitz in the energy space  
(then by conservation rules one extends local to global in time).

**Theorem.** [Michelangeli, 2015]

If 
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d) \\ W \in L^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}), \quad q_0 \geq \frac{d}{2}, \text{ and } W \text{ even} \\ \nabla W \in L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d), \quad q_1 \geq \frac{d}{3} \end{cases}$$

then there exists a unique solution  $u \in C(\mathbb{R}, H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}, H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*)$

to the Hartree equation 
$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u = -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + (W * |u|^2) u \\ u(0, \cdot) \equiv u_0 \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^d) \end{cases}$$

and such  $u$  also satisfies

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{H^1_{\mathbf{A}}} < +\infty, \quad \mathcal{M}[u(t)] = \mathcal{M}[u_0], \quad \mathcal{E}[u(t)] = \mathcal{E}[u_0]$$

where 
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{M}[u] := \|u\|_{L^2_x}^2 \text{ (mass),} \\ \mathcal{E}[u] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{1}{2} |(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})u|^2 + \frac{1}{4} (W * |u|^2) |u|^2 \right) \text{ (energy)} \end{cases}$$

as well as continuous dependence on initial data.

Based on the **LIPSCHITZ PROPERTY** of  $\mathcal{N}(u) = (W * |u|^2) u$ :

$$\|\mathcal{N}(u) - \mathcal{N}(v)\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} \lesssim_W \left( \|u\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1}^2 + \|v\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1}^2 \right) \|u - v\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1}$$

a combination of Hölder + Young + Sobolev embedding  $H^1 \hookrightarrow L^r$   
and diamagnetic inequality  $|\nabla|u|| \leq |(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})u|$ .

Then **FIXED POINT ARGUMENT** in  $M$ -ball of  $L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1 \equiv L^\infty([0, T], H_{\mathbf{A}}^1)$   
on the solution map

$$\Phi(u)(t) := e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} u_0 - i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} (W * |u|^2) u(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(u) - \Phi(v)\|_{L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} &\leq \left\| \int_0^t \left\| e^{i(t-\tau)(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} (\mathcal{N}(u(\tau)) - \mathcal{N}(v(\tau))) \right\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} d\tau \right\|_{L_T^\infty} \\ &\leq C_W T \left( \|u\|_{L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1}^2 + \|v\|_{H_{\mathbf{A}}^1}^2 \right) \|u - v\|_{L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} \\ &\leq 2M^2 C_W T \|u - v\|_{L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|u - v\|_{L_T^\infty H_{\mathbf{A}}^1} \end{aligned}$$

choosing  $T = (4M^2 C_W)^{-1}$ .

Same approach works more generally for

$$i\partial_t u = -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + (W * |u|^2) u + Vu$$

under the (beyond-Strichartz) assumptions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{A} \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d) \\ W \in L^{q_0}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}), \quad q_0 \geq \frac{d}{2}, \text{ and } W \text{ even} \\ \nabla W \in L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d) + L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d), \quad q_1 \geq \frac{d}{3} \\ V \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}) \\ V_- \text{ is } \Delta\text{-form-bounded with relative bound } < 1 \end{array} \right.$$

which are way weaker than the requirements for known Strichartz estimates for  $e^{-it(-(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 + V)}$

now in the **energy space**

$$H^1_{\mathbf{A}, V} := \left\{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \mid (\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d), V_+^{1/2}f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \right\}$$

which can be proved to be the form domain of the closed and lower semi-bounded quadratic form

$$(f, g) \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \overline{(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})f} \cdot (\nabla - i\mathbf{A})g + \bar{f} V g \right)$$

thus inducing a self-adjoint realisation of  $-(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 + V$ .

[Michelangeli, 2015]

Energy methods suited, among others, for (magnetic-)NLS where the linear part is induced by a Schrödinger-type operator  $\mathfrak{h}$  of **physical relevance**, e.g.,

$$\mathfrak{h} = \sqrt{-(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 + \mu^2} - \mu + V \quad (\mu \geq 0)$$

(semi-relativistic Schrödinger Hamiltonian with external fields), or

$$\mathfrak{h} = \text{Dirac operator with external fields,}$$

etc.

In such settings, crucial to **characterise  $\mathfrak{h}$  self-adjointly** on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  e.g., identifying its form domain ( $\longrightarrow$  the energy space)

and to check the **Lipschitz property** for  $\mathcal{N}(u)$  (energy sub-critical):

interplay operator theory + functional analysis.

A second approach to go beyond magnetic Strichartz,  
also when  $\mathcal{N}(u)$  is non-Lipschitz in energy space:

### PARABOLIC ('VISCOSITY') REGULARISATION

$$e^{it(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} \longmapsto e^{(i+\epsilon)t(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2} \quad (\epsilon > 0)$$

Requires:

- ❑ suitable smoothing estimates for the dissipative evolution,
- ❑ a priori estimates for mass and energy, uniform in the regularisation,
- ❑ compactness argument to remove the regularisation locally in time (then gluing to go global).

Pros:

- ❑ can accommodate also external fields  $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x)$ ,  $V \equiv V(t, x)$  that are moderately changing in time around a suitable profile,
- ❑ highly non-Strichartz-controllable  $\mathbf{A}$ 's and  $V$ 's.

However:

- ❑ compactness argument loses information on strong solutions:  
yields existence of global finite-energy weak solutions.



Parabolic regularisation procedures of sort are commonly used in PDEs:

- vanishing viscosity approximation in fluid dynamics,
- or in systems of conservation laws,
- exploited in a similar context by [Guo, Nakamitsu, Strauss, 1994] to demonstrate the existence of finite energy weak solutions to the [Maxwell-Schrödinger system](#)

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u = -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + \phi u + |u|^{\gamma-1} u, & \phi \equiv (-\Delta)^{-1} |u|^2 \\ \square u = 2(1 - \nabla \operatorname{div} \Delta^{-1}) \Im(\bar{u}(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})u) \end{cases}$$

(charged quantum plasma interacting with its self-generated electromagnetic potential  $(V, \mathbf{A})$ ).

A fairly general model: defocusing magnetic NLS ( $d = 3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_t u &= -(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + \mathcal{N}(u) \\ \mathcal{N}(u) &= \lambda_1 |u|^{\gamma-1} u + \lambda_2 (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2) u \\ &\quad \begin{cases} \gamma \in (1, 5] \\ \alpha \in (0, 3) \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (\clubsuit)$$

in the unknown  $u \equiv u(t, x)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$   
for given real-valued measurable  $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x)$

energy sub-critical:	$\gamma \in (1, 5)$ ,	$\alpha \in (0, 3)$
energy critical:	$\gamma = 5$ ,	$\alpha \in (0, 3)$
mass sub-critical:	$\gamma = (1, \frac{7}{3})$ ,	$\alpha \in (0, 2)$

And fairly general classes of magnetic potentials  $\mathbf{A}$ 's:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1 := \left\{ \mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x) \left| \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{A} = 0 \text{ for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 \text{ such that, for } j \in \{1, 2\}, \\ \mathbf{A}_j \in L_{\text{loc}}^{a_j}(\mathbb{R}, L^{b_j}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)) \\ a_j \in (4, +\infty], \quad b_j \in (3, 6), \quad \frac{2}{a_j} + \frac{3}{b_j} < 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 := \left\{ \mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}(t, x) \left| \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{A} = 0 \text{ for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 \text{ such that, for } j \in \{1, 2\}, \\ \mathbf{A}_j \in L_{\text{loc}}^{a_j}(\mathbb{R}, W^{1, \frac{3b_j}{3+b_j}}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)) \\ a_j \in (2, +\infty], \quad b_j \in (3, +\infty], \quad \frac{2}{a_j} + \frac{3}{b_j} < 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 := \left\{ \mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1 \mid \partial_t \mathbf{A}_j \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}, L^{b_j}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)), j = 1, 2 \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2 := \left\{ \mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \mid \partial_t \mathbf{A}_j \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}, L^{b_j}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3)), j = 1, 2 \right\}$$

- ❑  $\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{A} \equiv 0$  (Coulomb gauge) assumed merely for convenience
- ❑ both classes  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$  contain magnetic potentials  $\mathbf{A}$ 's for which magnetic Strichartz estimates are not known
- ❑ local theory in energy space possible in the larger classes  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1$  or  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$
- ❑ mild amount of extra regularity in time (classes  $\mathcal{A}_1$  or  $\mathcal{A}_2$ ) only needed to infer suitable a priori bounds on the solution from estimates on the total energy ( $\longrightarrow$  to go global in time)
- ❑ regularity in time not needed either for mass sub-critical regime  $\gamma = (1, \frac{7}{3})$   $\alpha \in (0, 2)$ , and when  $\max\{b_1, b_2\} \in (3, 6)$  [Yajima 1987]
- ❑ additional integrability of  $\nabla_x \mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_2$  needed to cover slow decay of  $\mathbf{A}$  at spatial infinity, way slower than the critical  $|x|^{-1}$  (even  $L_x^\infty$ )

# EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL, FINITE ENERGY, WEAK SOLUTIONS

**Theorem.** [Antonelli, Michelangeli, Scandone, 2018]

If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_1$  or  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_2$ , then for any initial datum  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  the initial value problem for  $(\clubsuit)$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u = -(\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + |u|^{\gamma-1} u + (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2) u, \\ u(0, \cdot) \equiv u_0, \quad (\gamma \in (1, 5], \alpha \in (0, 3)) \end{cases} \quad (\clubsuit)$$

admits a **global weak  $H^1$ -solution**

$$u \in L_{\text{loc}}^\infty([0, +\infty), H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)) \cap W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\infty}([0, +\infty), H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)),$$

and moreover the **energy**

$$\mathcal{E}[u(t)] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( \frac{1}{2} |(\nabla - i\mathbf{A}(t)) u|^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma+1} |u|^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{4} (|x|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2) |u|^2 \right) dx$$

is **finite and bounded on compact time intervals**.

## Main ideas of the technique.

- ① Introduce a small dissipation term in the equation

$$i\partial_t u_\varepsilon = -(1 - i\varepsilon)(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u_\varepsilon + \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon) \quad (\varepsilon > 0)$$

and treat the approximated problem ‘perturbatively’

$$i\partial_t u_\varepsilon = -(1 - i\varepsilon)\Delta_x u_\varepsilon + (1 - i\varepsilon)(2i\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla u_\varepsilon + \mathbf{A}^2 u_\varepsilon) + \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon)$$

(not doable in the Hamiltonian case  $\varepsilon = 0$ :  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla$  is *not* a Kato-small perturbation of  $-\Delta$ ).

- ② For  $e^{(i+\varepsilon)t\Delta} = e^{\varepsilon t\Delta} e^{it\Delta}$  combine space-time (Strichartz) bounds for **heat** and for **Schrödinger** propagator and obtain **spacetime estimates for the heat-Schrödinger flow**.

For  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $T > 0$ , and admissible pair  $(q, r)$  (i.e.,  $\frac{2}{q} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{r}$ ,  $r \in [2, 6]$ ) :

homogeneous Strichartz estimates

$$\|e^{(i+\varepsilon)t\Delta} f\|_{L^q([0,T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^3))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

inhomogeneous retarded Strichartz estimates

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{(i+\varepsilon)(t-\tau)\Delta} F(\tau) \, d\tau \right\|_{L^q([0,T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^3))} \lesssim_\varepsilon T^\theta \|F\|_{L^s([0,T], L^p(\mathbb{R}^3))}$$

$$\text{with } \frac{2}{s} + \frac{3}{p} < \frac{7}{2}, \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{p} \leq 1 & 2 \leq r < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{r} + \frac{2}{3} & 3 \leq r \leq 6 \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \theta := \frac{7}{4} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{3}{2p} > 0$$

and, if in addition  $(q, r) \neq (2, 6)$  (non-endpoint case),

$$\left\| \nabla \int_0^t e^{(i+\varepsilon)(t-\tau)\Delta} F(\tau) \, d\tau \right\|_{L^q([0,T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^3))} \lesssim_\varepsilon T^\theta \|F\|_{L^s([0,T], L^p(\mathbb{R}^3))}$$

$$\text{with } \frac{2}{s} + \frac{3}{p} < \frac{5}{2}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{3}, \quad \text{and } \theta := \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{3}{2p} > 0$$

③ Exploit the above bounds to establish the existence of the **linear magnetic viscous propagator** for

$$i\partial_t u_\varepsilon = -(1 - i\varepsilon)\Delta_x u_\varepsilon + (1 - i\varepsilon)(2i\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla u_\varepsilon + \mathbf{A}^2 u_\varepsilon) + \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon)$$

namely the family  $\{\mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau)\}_{t, \tau}$  of operators on  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  satisfying

- $\mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, s)\mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(s, \tau) = \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau)$  for any  $\tau < s < t$ ,
- $\mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, t) = \mathbb{1}$ ,
- the map  $(t, \tau) \mapsto \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau)$  is strongly continuous in  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,

such that the regularised IVP is equivalent to the integral problem

$$u_\varepsilon(t) = \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, 0)u_0 - i \int_0^t \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau)\mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon)(\tau) d\tau$$

(for time-independent  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, 0)$  would just be  $e^{(i+\varepsilon)t(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2}$ )

and derive Strichartz-type estimates

$$\left\| \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau)f \right\|_{L^q([\tau, T], W^{1, r}(\mathbb{R}^3))} \lesssim_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}, T} \|f\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

(+ retarded ones).



④ Perform a standard (Strichartz-based) contraction argument for

$$u_\varepsilon(t) = \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, 0) u_0 - i \int_0^t \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau) \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon)(\tau) d\tau$$

under the assumption  $\mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1 \cup \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$

$\Rightarrow$  local well-posedness of the regularised magnetic NLS  
in  $C([0, T_{\max}), H^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$

in the energy sub-critical regime  $\gamma \in (1, 5)$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 3)$ .

For the energy critical case  $\gamma = 5$ :

$F \equiv |u|^4 u$  not covered by the above heat-Schrödinger Strichartz bounds (would require  $p = \frac{6}{5}$ ,  $s = 0$  therein,  $T^\theta = T^0 = 1$ ).

Yet, can treat it a la [Cazenave, Weissler, 1990]

using energy dissipation

$\Rightarrow$  existence and uniqueness in  $C([0, T_{\max}), H^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$ .

⑤ Establish **uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  a priori bounds** for the solution to

$$u_\varepsilon(t) = \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, 0) u_0 - i \int_0^t \mathcal{U}_{\varepsilon, \mathbf{A}}(t, \tau) \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon)(\tau) d\tau,$$

provided that  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \mathcal{A}_2$  ( $\leftarrow$  need a bit of time-regularity for  $\mathbf{A}(t, x)$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathcal{M}[u_\varepsilon] &\lesssim 1, \\ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathcal{E}[u_\varepsilon] &\lesssim_{A, T} 1, \\ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}^3))} &\lesssim_{A, T} 1, \end{aligned}$$

constants depending on

$$\|\partial_t \mathbf{A}_j(t, \cdot)\|_{L^1([0, T], L^{b_j}(\mathbb{R}^3))}, \quad \|\mathbf{A}_j(t, \cdot)\|_{L^1([0, T], L^{b_j}(\mathbb{R}^3))}, \quad j \in \{1, 2\}$$

(hence non-uniformity in  $T$  of the above bounds only due to the fact that  $\mathbf{A}, \partial_t \mathbf{A} \in L^1_{\text{loc}}$  in time, i.e.,  $\mathbf{A} \in AC_{\text{loc}}$  in time).

Observe: due to the defocusing structure of the regularised problem,

$$\|u_\varepsilon(t)\|_{H^1_{\mathbf{A}(t)}}^2 \leq \mathcal{M}[u_\varepsilon](t) + \mathcal{E}[u_\varepsilon](t), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

⑥ (standard:) under the assumptions  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \mathcal{A}_2$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{uniform-in-}\varepsilon \\ \text{a priori bounds} \\ \text{for the solution } u_\varepsilon \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{GLOBAL EXISTENCE} \\ \text{AND UNIQUENESS} \\ \text{of strong solution } u_\varepsilon \\ \text{to the regularised magnetic NLS} \end{array}$

For the energy sub-critical exponent  $\gamma \in (1, 5)$ , also complete GWP.

For mass sub-critical exponents  $\gamma \in (1, \frac{7}{3})$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$

can actually assume just  $\mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1 \cup \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$

and proceed through this simpler, alternative path:

- ▮▮▮  $\text{LWP in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \text{ for } \varepsilon\text{-NLS by fixed point argument}$   
using space-time estimates for the heat-Schrödinger flow;
- ▮▮▮ extend solution  $u_\varepsilon$  globally using  $\text{mass } (L^2) \text{ conservation}$ ;
- ▮▮▮ mass sub-critical nonlinearity  $\Rightarrow$  convenient  $\text{commutator estimate}$   
on  $[\nabla_x, (\nabla_x - i\mathbf{A})^2] \Rightarrow \text{global persistence of } H_x^1\text{-regularity for } u_\varepsilon$ .

⑦ Remove the regularisation ( $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ ) locally in time

$$\begin{aligned} \text{from } i\partial_t u_\varepsilon &= -(1 - i\varepsilon)(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u_\varepsilon + \mathcal{N}(u_\varepsilon), & u_\varepsilon(t, \cdot) &\equiv u_0 \\ \text{to } i\partial_t u &= -(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2 u + \mathcal{N}(u), & u(t, \cdot) &\equiv u_0, \quad (\clubsuit) \end{aligned}$$

via compactness argument, extracting a subsequence from  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  (with  $u_n \equiv u_{\varepsilon_n}$ ,  $\varepsilon_n \equiv \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , solutions to regularised problems).

First, by uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  a priori bounds, and up to subsequence,

$$u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} u \quad \text{weakly-* in } L^\infty([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)).$$

for some  $u$  to be identified as solution to  $(\clubsuit)$ .

Next, exploit uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  a priori bounds so as to prove, up to subseq.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \nabla u_n &\rightarrow X_i && \text{weakly-* in } L^\infty([0, T], L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_j u_n &\rightarrow Y_{ij} && \text{weakly-* in } L^\infty([0, T], L^{p_{ij}}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ |u_n|^{\gamma-1} u_n &\rightarrow \mathcal{N}_1 && \text{weakly-* in } L^\infty([0, T], L^{p(\gamma)}(\mathbb{R}^3)), \\ (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u_n|^2) u_n &\rightarrow \mathcal{N}_2 && \text{weakly-* in } L^\infty([0, T], L^{\tilde{p}(\alpha)}(\mathbb{R}^3)) \end{aligned}$$

for  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  and suitable exponents  $p_i, p_{ij}, p(\gamma), \tilde{p}(\alpha)$ .

.....and identify pointwise the above limits as the counterparts for  $u$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \nabla u_n &\rightarrow \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \nabla u, \\ \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_j u_n &\rightarrow \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_j u, \\ |u_n|^{\gamma-1} u_n &\rightarrow |u|^{\gamma-1} u, \\ (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u_n|^2) u_n &\rightarrow (|\cdot|^{-\alpha} * |u|^2) u, \end{aligned}$$

proceeding this way:

- $\nabla u_n \rightarrow \nabla u$  weakly-\* in  $L_t^2 L_x^2$  by compactness,

$\mathbf{A}_j \eta \in L_t^2 L_x^2$  for any  $\eta \in L_t^2 L_x^{p'_j}$ , with  $\frac{1}{p_j} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{b_j}$ ,

because  $\mathbf{A}_j \in L_t^\infty L_x^{b_j}$  and  $\frac{1}{p'_j} + \frac{1}{b_j} = \frac{1}{2}$ , therefore

$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{A}_i \cdot (\nabla u_n - \nabla u) \bar{\eta} \, dx \, dt = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\nabla u_n - \nabla u) \cdot \mathbf{A}_i \bar{\eta} \, dx \, dt \rightarrow 0$$

whence  $\mathbf{A}_i \cdot \nabla u_n \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \nabla u$  weakly-\* in  $L^\infty([0, T], L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^3))$ ;

- Aubin-Lions compactness lemma, whence

$u_n|_\Omega \rightarrow u|_\Omega$  strongly in  $L^M([0, T], L^4(\Omega))$ ,  $M \in [1, +\infty]$

for every open bounded  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

⑧ Final refinement of  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that its limit  $u$  is a weak  $H^1$ -solution to  $(\clubsuit)$  for all times in  $[0, N]$ , and iterating over  $N$

$\Rightarrow$  global weak  $H^1$ -solution with finite energy for a.e.  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Had we assumed  $\mathbf{A} \in AC$  globally in time, this step not needed;  
must do it here because  $\mathbf{A} \in AC_{\text{loc}}$  in time  
so the uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  a priori bounds are  $T$ -dependent.