# COUNTEREXAMPLES TO $L^{p}$ COLLAPSING ESTIMATES 

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#### Abstract

We show that certain $L^{2}$ space-time estimates for generalized density matrices which have been used by several authors in recent years to study equations of BBGKY or Hartree-Fock type, do not have non-trivial $L^{p} L^{q}$ generalizations.


## 1. Introduction and main results

In recent years, effective equations approximating the evolution of a large number of interacting Bosons or Fermions have been studied extensively. The best known example is the celebrated work of Erdös, Schlein and Yau [5], [6].

Since that work, a number of authors have studied the related GrossPitaevskii or BBGKY hierarchies, or the Hartree-Fock or Hartree-FockBogoliubov equations, using harmonic analysis techniques and spacetime $L^{2}$ estimates for a suitable trace density of solutions of the linear Schrödinger equation. We call such estimates "collapsing estimates", and list several instances, all in 3 space dimensions (thus, $x \in \mathbb{R}^{3}$, etc.).

If

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(t, x, y, z)=e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}+\Delta_{y}-\Delta_{z}\right)}{2}} G_{0}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\nabla_{x} G(t, x, x, x)\right\|_{L^{2}(d t d x)} \lesssim\left\|\nabla_{x} \nabla_{y} \nabla_{z} G_{0}(x, y, z)\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y d z)} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

This estimate was used in the study of the Gross-Pitaevskii or BBGKY hierarchies. See [11] (where the estimate originates), as well as [1], [3], [4].

Another related example is: if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Lambda(t, x, y)=e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}+\Delta_{y}\right)}{2}} \Lambda_{0}, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]then
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{1 / 2} \Lambda(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{2}(d t d x)} \lesssim\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{1 / 2}|\nabla|_{y}^{1 / 2} \Lambda_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

This estimate is useful for the Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov equations, see [9], [10].

Finally, if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Gamma(t, x, y)=e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}-\Delta_{y}\right)}{2}} \Gamma_{0}, \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left|\nabla_{x}\right|^{\frac{1}{2}}\left\langle\nabla_{x}\right\rangle^{2 \epsilon} \Gamma(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{2}(d t d x)} \quad \lesssim_{\epsilon}\left\|\left\langle\nabla_{x}\right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\left\langle\nabla_{y}\right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \Gamma_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Such estimates are relevant to both the Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov equations mentioned above, and Hartree-Fock. See Theorem 3.3 in [2].

We also mention the approach of [7], [8] which applies to equation (5) and allows a wide range of $L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)$ estimates on the left hand side, but the right hand side of the inequality is estimated in a Schatten norm.
It is natural to ask whether one can replace the $L^{2}(d t) L^{2}(d x)$ norm on the left hand side of estimates (2), (4) or (6) by an $L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)$ norm, while keeping the right hand side in a Sobolev norm, which is useful for applications to PDEs. One can trivially make $p$ or $q$ bigger than 2 by putting more derivatives on the right hand side, so the interesting question is if one can make $p$ or $q$ less than 2 .

The main result of this note is that this is impossible.
We prove the following closely related results.
Theorem 1.1. Let $\Lambda$ be given by (3), with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$. Assume

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{\alpha} \Lambda(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|\Lambda_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some $\alpha \geq 0, s \geq 0$. Then $p \geq 2$ and $q \geq 2$.
Theorem 1.2. Let $\Gamma$ be given by (5), with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$. Assume

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{\alpha} \Gamma(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|\Gamma_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some $\alpha \geq 0, s \geq 0$. Then $p \geq 2$ and $q \geq 2$.
Theorem 1.3. Let $G$ be given by (1), with $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$. Assume

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{\alpha} G(t, x, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|G_{0}(x, y, z)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y d z)} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some $\alpha \geq 0, s \geq 0$. Then $p \geq 2$ and $q \geq 2$.
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## 2. Proofs

### 2.1. Proof of Theorem 1.1.

2.1.1. Necessity of $p \geq 2$. Let $R$ be a large number (which will approach $\infty$ at the end of the proof). Let $C$ be a fixed large number (depending on $n$ ). Let

$$
F_{0}(x, y)=e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}+\left.|y|\right|^{2}}{2 C R}}
$$

so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}+\Delta_{y}\right)}{2}} F_{0}:=F(t, x, y)=\frac{1}{(1+i t /(C R))^{n}} e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}+|y|^{2}}{2(C R+i t)}} . \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

We think of $F(t, x, y)$ as the basic "vertical tube" solution to the linear Schrödinger equation in $2 n+1$ dimensions which is essentially 1 if $|x|,|y| \leq R^{1 / 2}, 0 \leq t \leq R$. The rigorous statement is that $C$ is chosen so that $\Re F(t, x, y) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ in the above range. Also, the Fourier transform (in space) of $F$ is essentially supported at frequencies $|\xi|,|\eta| \leq R^{-1 / 2}$.

We choose the function $\Lambda(t, x, y)$ to be a sum of translates and modulations of $F(t, x, y)$ which are inclined at 45 degrees and are trained to reach the region $|x| \leq \frac{1}{100},|y| \leq \frac{1}{100}, R-R^{\frac{1}{2}}<t<R$ with almost the same oscillation (and almost no cancellations). The summands will have Fourier transforms essentially supported in balls of radius $R^{-1 / 2}$ centered at unit vectors.

Explicitly, choose roughly $R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ points $\left(x_{k}, y_{k}\right)$ which are spaced at distance $R^{1 / 2}$ from each other on the sphere $|(x, y)|=R$. For technical reasons, we only choose points for which all coordinates are $\geq \frac{R}{10 n}$. Define $\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}\right)=\frac{\left(x_{k}, y_{k}\right)}{R}$.

Choose the following initial conditions:

$$
\Lambda_{0}(x, y)=\sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+y_{k}\right)
$$

The functions being summed are approximately orthogonal and each have $L^{2}$ norm $\sim R^{n / 2}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int\left|F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+y_{k}\right) F_{0}\left(x+x_{l}, y+y_{l}\right)\right| d x d y=\pi^{n}(C R)^{n} e^{-\frac{\left|\left(x_{k}, y_{k}\right)-\left(x_{l}, y_{l}\right)\right|^{2}}{4 C R}} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Recalling that the sum has $\sim R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ terms, we derive

$$
\left\|\Lambda_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} \lesssim R^{n-\frac{1}{4}}
$$

The same type of upper bound holds for higher order derivatives (since $\left.\left|\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}\right)\right|=1\right)$, thus, for each fixed $s$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\Lambda_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \lesssim R^{n-\frac{1}{4}} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

The solution looks like

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Lambda(t, x, y) & =\sum e^{-i t \frac{\left(\left|\xi_{k}\right|^{2}+\left|\eta_{k}\right|^{2}\right)}{2}} e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}\right) \\
& =e^{-i \frac{t}{2}} \sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
|\Lambda(t, x, y)| \geq \Re \sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}\right) \sim R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}
$$

if $|(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{100}, R-R^{\frac{1}{2}}<t<R$. Thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
R^{\frac{1}{2 p}} R^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim\|\Lambda(t, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

so, recalling (12), if

$$
\|\Lambda(t, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|\Lambda_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)},
$$

then $p \geq 2$.
Using the product rule and the lower bounds on the components of $\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}$, same argument works for ordinary derivatives of order $\alpha=m \in$ $\mathbb{N}$.

To justify the statement for fractional derivatives of non-integer order $\alpha$, do a Littlewood-Paley decomposition in space $\Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)=$ $P_{\leq 10} \Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)+P_{\geq 10} \Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)$, where $P_{\leq 10}$ localizes functions of $2 n$ variables, smoothly at frequencies $\leq 10$. Then $P_{\geq 10} \Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ is exponentially small as $R \rightarrow \infty$. This is true for the function $F_{0}$, and its translates by a unit vector in Fourier space.

A crude estimate is

$$
\left\|P_{\geq 10} \Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)\right\|_{H^{s}} \lesssim_{s} e^{-\sqrt{R}} .
$$

For our counterexample, we use $P_{\leq 10} \Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ instead of $\Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)$.
Thus, for $R$ sufficiently large, $\left|\bar{\nabla}^{m} P_{\leq 10} \Lambda(t, x, y)\right| \sim\left|\nabla^{m} \Lambda(t, x, y)\right| \sim$ $R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ if $|(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{100}, R-R^{\frac{1}{2}}<t<R$. The function $\left(P_{\leq 10} \Lambda\right)(t, x, x)$ is supported, in Fourier space, at frequencies $|\xi| \leq 20$. Denote, by abuse of notation, $P_{\leq 20}$ the operator localizing functions of $n$ variables at frequencies $|\xi| \leq 20$. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}, m>\alpha$. Then the operator $\frac{\nabla^{m}}{|\nabla|^{\alpha}} P_{\leq 20}$ (defined in the obvious way on the Fourier transform side) is bounded on all $L^{p}$ spaces, and

$$
\begin{aligned}
R^{\frac{1}{2 p}} R^{n-\frac{1}{2}} & \lesssim\left\|\nabla^{m}\left(P_{\leq 10} \Lambda\right)(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \\
& =\left\|\frac{\nabla^{m}}{|\nabla|^{\alpha}} P_{\leq 20}|\nabla|^{\alpha}\left(P_{\leq 10} \Lambda\right)(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \\
& \lesssim\left\||\nabla|^{\alpha}\left(P_{\leq 10} \Lambda\right)(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)},
\end{aligned}
$$

while

$$
\left\|P_{\leq 10} \Lambda_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \lesssim C^{n} R^{n-\frac{1}{4}}
$$

Letting $R \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude $p \geq 2$ as before.
2.1.2. Necessity of $q \geq 2$. Let $F(t, x, y)$ be the basic vertical tube solution of height $R$ (as (10)). Let $m \gg 1$. Choose roughly $R^{m n-\frac{n}{2}}$ points $x_{k}$ which are spaced at distance $\sim R^{\frac{1}{2}}$ in a large ball $B\left(0, R^{m}\right)$ of radius $R^{m}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$. Fix a unit vector $\xi \in S^{n-1}$.

We take initial conditions

$$
\Lambda_{0}(x, y)=e^{i(x+y) \cdot \xi} \sum F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+x_{k}\right)
$$

Then

$$
\Lambda(t, x, y)=e^{i(x+y) \cdot \xi} e^{-i t} \sum F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi, y+x_{k}-t \xi\right)
$$

There are roughly $R^{m n-\frac{n}{2}}$ terms in the sum. The summands are essentially orthogonal (as in (11)) and each term has $L^{2}$ norm $\sim R^{n / 2}$, thus

$$
\left\|\Lambda_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} \sim R^{\frac{n}{4}+\frac{m n}{2}}
$$

On the other hand, each $F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi, y+x_{k}-t \xi\right)$ is essentially 1 on a tube $T_{k}$ of radius $R^{1 / 2}$ and length $R$ in $2 n+1$ dimensions, and rapidly decaying out of $T_{k}$. Note that at $t=0, T_{k}$ is centered at $\left(0,-x_{k},-x_{k}\right)$. Moreover, these tubes $T_{k}$ are in the same direction $(1, \xi, \xi)$ and hence disjoint. Therefore, $|\Lambda(t, x, y)| \gtrsim 1$ on the union of the tubes $T_{k}$. In particular, $|\Lambda(t, x, x)| \gtrsim 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq R$ and $x \in B\left(t \xi, R^{m}\right)$. We only need the previous estimate for $0 \leq t \leq 1$, where the claim is obvious. In addition, the Fourier transform of $\Lambda(t, x, x)$ is supported (essentially) in a $R^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ neighbourhood of the point $2 \xi$, with $|\xi|=1$, so $\left||\nabla|^{\alpha} \Lambda(t, x, x)\right| \gtrsim 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ and $x \in B\left(t \xi, R^{m}\right)$. Thus

$$
\left\||\nabla|^{\alpha} \Lambda(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}([0,1]) L^{q}(d x)} \gtrsim R^{\frac{m n}{q}}
$$

while $\left\|\Lambda_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \sim\left\|\Lambda_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} \sim R^{\frac{n}{4}+\frac{m n}{2}}$ and $m \gg 1$, so $q \geq 2$ is necessary.
2.2. Proof of Theorem 1.2. The examples for $\Gamma$ are similar to those for $\Lambda$, and are included for completeness.
2.2.1. Necessity of $p \geq 2$. First we take the basic "vertical tube" solution. Let

$$
F_{0}(x, y)=e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}+|y|^{2}}{2 C R}}
$$

so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}-\Delta_{y}\right)}{2}} F_{0}:=F(t, x, y)=\frac{1}{\left(1+\left(\frac{t}{C R}\right)^{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}}{2(C R+i t)}} e^{-\frac{|y|^{2}}{2(C R-i t)}} . \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

The solution $F(t, x, y)$ is essentially 1 if $|x|,|y| \leq R^{1 / 2}, 0 \leq t \leq R$. More precisely, we choose a large constant $C=C(n)$ so that $\Re F(t, x, y) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ in the above range. Also, as before, the Fourier transform (in space) of $F$ is essentially supported at frequencies $|\xi|,|\eta| \leq R^{-1 / 2}$.

Pick roughly $R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ points $\left(x_{k}, y_{k}\right)$ which are spaced at distance $\sim$ $R^{1 / 2}$ from each other on the surface $\left\{(x, y):|x|=|y|, \frac{R}{2} \leq|x| \leq R\right\}$. Define $\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}\right)=\frac{1}{R}\left(x_{k}, y_{k}\right)$ so that $\left|\xi_{k}\right|^{2}-\left|\eta_{k}\right|^{2}=0$ and $\left|\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}\right)\right| \sim 1$.

Take the following initial conditions

$$
\Gamma_{0}(x, y)=\sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}-y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+y_{k}\right)
$$

so that the solution is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(t, x, y) & =\sum e^{-i t \frac{\left(\left|\xi_{k}\right|^{2}-\left|\eta_{k}\right|^{2}\right)}{2}} e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}-y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}\right) \\
& =\sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}-y \cdot \eta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Since the $\sim R^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ terms in $\Gamma_{0}$ are essentially orthogonal and each have $L^{2}$ norm $\sim R^{n / 2}$, we get

$$
\left\|\Gamma_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y)} \lesssim R^{n-\frac{1}{4}}
$$

Moreover, since $\left|\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}\right)\right| \sim 1$, there also holds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\Gamma_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \lesssim R^{n-\frac{1}{4}} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

From the expression of $\Gamma$, we see that

$$
|\Gamma(t, x, y)| \gtrsim R^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text { for }|(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{100}, R-R^{\frac{1}{2}}<t<R
$$

Therefore,

$$
\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \gtrsim R^{\frac{1}{2 p}} R^{n-\frac{1}{2}},
$$

so, recalling (15), if

$$
\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|\Gamma_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)},
$$

then $p \geq 2$. From a similar argument to the one in subsection 2.1 .1 (i.e. only using $x_{k}, y_{k}$ for which all coordinates of $\xi_{k}$ and $-\eta_{k}$ are $\geq \frac{1}{10 n}$ ), $p \geq 2$ is also necessary for estimates of the form

$$
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{\alpha} \Gamma(t, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|\Gamma_{0}(x, y)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} .
$$

2.2.2. Necessity of $q \geq 2$. Let $F(t, x, y)$ be the basic vertical tube solution of height $R$ (as (14)). Let $m \gg 1$. Choose roughly $R^{m n-\frac{n}{2}}$ points $x_{k}$ which are spaced at distance $\sim R^{\frac{1}{2}}$ in a large ball $B\left(0, R^{m}\right)$ of radius $R^{m}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$. Fix a unit vector $\xi \in S^{n-1}$.

We take initial conditions

$$
\Gamma_{0}(x, y)=e^{i x \cdot \xi} \sum F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+x_{k}\right),
$$

so that the solution is

$$
\Gamma(t, x, y)=e^{i x \cdot \xi} \sum F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi, y+x_{k}\right) .
$$

Note that $\Gamma(t, x, x) \gtrsim 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ and $|x| \leq R^{m}$. Moreover, the Fourier transform of $\Gamma(t, x, x)$ is essentially supported in a $R^{-1 / 2}$ neighborhood of the point $\xi$ with $|\xi|=1$.

Then, the necessity of $q \geq 2$ follows from the same calculation as in subsection 2.1.2.
2.3. Proof of Theorem 1.3. The examples for $G$ are similar to those in previous subsections.
2.3.1. Necessity of $p \geq 2$. First we take the basic "vertical tube" solution. Let

$$
F_{0}(x, y, z)=e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}+|y|^{2}+|z|^{2}}{2 C R}}
$$

so that

$$
\begin{align*}
e^{\frac{i t\left(\Delta_{x}+\Delta_{y}-\Delta_{z}\right)}{2}} F_{0} & :
\end{align*}=F(t, x, y, z), ~\left(\frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{i t}{C R}\right)^{n}\left(1-\frac{i t}{C R}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|x|^{2}+|y|^{2}}{2(C R+i t)}} e^{-\frac{|z|^{2}}{2(C R-i t)}} .\right.
$$

The solution $F(t, x, y, z)$ is essentially 1 if $|(x, y, z)| \leq R^{1 / 2}, 0 \leq t \leq R$. Also, the Fourier transform (in space) of $F$ is essentially supported at frequencies $|(\xi, \eta, \zeta)| \leq R^{-1 / 2}$.

Pick roughly $R^{\frac{3 n-1}{2}}$ points $\left(x_{k}, y_{k}, z_{k}\right)$ which are spaced at distance $\sim R^{1 / 2}$ from each other on the surface $\left\{(x, y, z):|x|^{2}+|y|^{2}=|z|^{2}, \frac{R}{2} \leq\right.$ $|x|,|y| \leq R\}$. Define $\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}, \zeta_{k}\right)=\frac{1}{R}\left(x_{k}, y_{k}, z_{k}\right)$ so that

$$
\left|\xi_{k}\right|^{2}+\left|\eta_{k}\right|^{2}=\left|\zeta_{k}\right|^{2} \quad \text { and } \quad\left|\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}, \zeta_{k}\right)\right| \sim 1 .
$$

Take the following initial conditions

$$
G_{0}(x, y, z)=\sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}-z \cdot \zeta_{k}\right)} F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+y_{k}, z+z_{k}\right)
$$

so that the solution is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& G(t, x, y, z) \\
& =\sum e^{i\left(x \cdot \xi_{k}+y \cdot \eta_{k}-z \cdot \zeta_{k}\right)} F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi_{k}, y+y_{k}-t \eta_{k}, z+z_{k}-t \zeta_{k}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

since $\left|\xi_{k}\right|^{2}+\left|\eta_{k}\right|^{2}=\left|\zeta_{k}\right|^{2}$.
Since the $\sim R^{\frac{3 n-1}{2}}$ terms in $G_{0}$ are essentially orthogonal and each has $L^{2}$ norm $\sim R^{3 n / 4}$, we get

$$
\left\|G_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y d z)} \lesssim R^{\frac{3 n}{2}-\frac{1}{4}} .
$$

Moreover, since $\left|\left(\xi_{k}, \eta_{k}, \zeta_{k}\right)\right| \sim 1$, there also holds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|G_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y d z)} \lesssim R^{\frac{3 n}{2}-\frac{1}{4}} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

From the expression of $G$, we see that

$$
|G(t, x, y, z)| \gtrsim R^{\frac{3 n-1}{2}} \quad \text { for }|(x, y, z)| \leq \frac{1}{100}, R-R^{\frac{1}{2}}<t<R
$$

Therefore,

$$
\|G(t, x, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \gtrsim R^{\frac{1}{2 p}} R^{\frac{3 n-1}{2}}
$$

Recalling (17), if

$$
\|G(t, x, x, x)\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|G_{0}(x, y, z)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y d z)}
$$

then $p \geq 2$. From a similar argument as in subsection 2.1.1, $p \geq 2$ is also necessary for estimates of the form

$$
\left\||\nabla|_{x}^{\alpha} G(t, x, x, x)\right\|_{L^{p}(d t) L^{q}(d x)} \lesssim\left\|G_{0}(x, y, z)\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y d z)}
$$

2.3.2. Necessity of $q \geq 2$. Let $F(t, x, y, z)$ be the basic vertical tube solution of height $R$ (as (16)). Let $m \gg 1$. Choose roughly $R^{m n-\frac{n}{2}}$ points $x_{k}$ which are spaced at distance $\sim R^{\frac{1}{2}}$ in a large ball $B\left(0, R^{m}\right)$ of radius $R^{m}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$. Fix a unit vector $\xi \in S^{n-1}$.

We take initial conditions

$$
G_{0}(x, y, z)=e^{i(x+y-z) \cdot \xi} \sum F_{0}\left(x+x_{k}, y+x_{k}, z+x_{k}\right),
$$

so that the solution is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& G(t, x, y) \\
& =e^{\frac{-i t}{2}} e^{i(x+y-z) \cdot \xi} \sum F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi, y+x_{k}-t \xi, z+x_{k}-t \xi\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

There are roughly $R^{m n-\frac{n}{2}}$ terms in the sum. The summands are essentially orthogonal and each term has $L^{2}$ norm $\sim R^{3 n / 4}$, thus

$$
\left\|G_{0}\right\|_{L^{2}(d x d y d z)} \sim R^{\frac{n}{2}+\frac{m n}{2}}
$$

On the other hand, each $F\left(t, x+x_{k}-t \xi, y+x_{k}-t \xi, z+x_{k}-t \xi\right)$ is essentially 1 on a tube $T_{k}$ of radius $R^{1 / 2}$ and length $R$ in $3 n+1$ dimensions, and rapidly decaying out of $T_{k}$. Note that at $t=0, T_{k}$ is centered at $\left(0,-x_{k},-x_{k},-x_{k}\right)$. Moreover, these tubes $T_{k}$ are in the same direction $(1, \xi, \xi, \xi)$ and hence disjoint. Therefore, $|G(t, x, y, z)| \gtrsim$ 1 on the union of the tubes $T_{k}$. In particular, $|G(t, x, x, x)| \gtrsim 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq R$ and $x \in B\left(t \xi, R^{m}\right)$. Thus

$$
\|G(t, x, x, x)\|_{L^{p}([0,1]) L^{q}(d x)} \gtrsim R^{\frac{m n}{q}}
$$

(with a similar estimate for $|\nabla|^{\alpha} G(t, x, x, x)$ ), while $\left\|G_{0}\right\|_{H^{s}(d x d y)} \sim$ $R^{\frac{n}{2}+\frac{m n}{2}}$ and $m \gg 1$, so $q \geq 2$ is necessary.

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