

# Global well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the mass-subcritical NLS with initial data in a modulation space

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# Motivation

## A Cauchy problem for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation

- Understand signal transmission in long nonlinear optical fibers.



- Governing equation is a cubic one-dimensional NLS

$$i\partial_t u = -\partial_{xx} u - |u|^2 u, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

- Initial condition

$$u_0 := u(\cdot, t = 0) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f_n(\cdot - n),$$

where  $f_n$  are selected from a finite set of functions.

- $L^2$ -theory is not applicable, as  $u_0$  is neither decaying nor periodic.

# Motivation

## Why modulation spaces?

Short-time Fourier transform w.r.t. window function  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$  is

$$V_g f(x, k) = \mathcal{F}(g(\cdot - x)f)(k), \quad x, k \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Norm on modulation spaces  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \left\| \left\| k \mapsto \left(1 + |k|^2\right)^{\frac{s}{2}} \|V_g f(\cdot, k)\|_p \right\|_q \right\| \quad s \in \mathbb{R}, p, q \in [1, \infty].$$

- $u_0 \in L^\infty$ , but:  $e^{it\Delta} : L^p \rightarrow L^p$  iff  $p = 2$ .
- On the other hand:  $u_0 \in M_{\infty,q}^s$  and  $e^{it\Delta} : M_{p,q}^s \rightarrow M_{p,q}^s$ .

# Global well-posedness result

Theorem (C.)

*Cauchy problem for mass sub-critical NLS*

$$iu_t = -\Delta u \pm |u|^{v-1} u \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}, \quad u(\cdot, t=0) = u_0 \in M_{p,p'},$$

where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v \in \left(1, 1 + \frac{4}{d}\right)$  and  $p \in (2, p_{\max})$  with  $p_{\max} = p_{\max}(d, v)$ ,  
is globally well-posed in the space

$$C(\mathbb{R}, L^2) \cap L_{loc}^{d\left(\frac{2}{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{v+1}}\right)}(\mathbb{R}, L^{v+1}) + C(\mathbb{R}, M_{v+1, (v+1)'}).$$

- Sum of spaces corresponds to high-low frequency decomposition.
- Hundertmark, Kunstmann, Pattakos and C. (2017):  $d = 1$ ,  $v = 3$ ,  
 $\tilde{p}_{\max} = 2 + \frac{1}{17} < 2 + \frac{1}{3} = p_{\max}$
- These were the first global well-posedness results for the NLS with large initial data in a modulation space (which is not  $H^s$ ).

## Two classical Strichartz estimates

Call  $(r, q) \in [2, \infty]^2$  *admissible*, if  $(r, q, d) \neq (\infty, 2, 2)$  and

$$\frac{2}{q} + \frac{d}{r} = \frac{d}{2}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad q = q_a(r) = \left[ \frac{d}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{r} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Call  $(\rho, \gamma)$  *dually admissible*, if  $(\rho', \gamma')$  are admissible, i.e.  $(\rho, \gamma) \in [1, 2]^2$ ,  $(\rho, \gamma, d) \neq (1, 2, 2)$  and

$$\frac{2}{\gamma} + \frac{d}{\rho} = 2 + \frac{d}{2} \Leftrightarrow \gamma = \gamma_a(\rho) = \left[ 1 - \frac{d}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

For admissible and dually admissible pairs one has the *homogeneous* and *inhomogeneous* Strichartz estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| e^{it\Delta} u_0 \right\|_{L^{q_a(r)}([0, T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^d))} &\leq C \|u_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}, \\ \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} F(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|_{L^{q_a(r)}([0, T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^d))} &\leq C \|F\|_{L^{\gamma_a(\rho)}([0, T], L^\rho(\mathbb{R}^d))}. \end{aligned}$$

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Tsutsumi '87

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where  $X_1(T) := C([0, T], L^2) \cap L^{q_a(\nu+1)}([0, T], L^{\nu+1})$ .

- Solution size  $R \approx \|v_0\|_2$  fixed by homogeneous Strichartz estimate.
- $\|\int \cdots\|_{L^\infty(L^2)}, \|\int \cdots\|_{L^{q_a(\nu+1)}(L^{\nu+1})} \lesssim T^{1-\frac{d}{4}(\nu-1)} \|v\|_{L^{q_a(\nu+1)}(L^{\nu+1})}^\nu$ .
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- Global existence via mass conservation  $\|v(\cdot, T)\|_2 = \|v_0\|_2$ .

## Initial values in $M_{\rho, \rho'}$

### Local well-posedness

For  $p \in (2, \nu + 1)$  one has

$$M_{p, p'} = [M_{2,2}, M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'}]_{\theta} \hookrightarrow (L^2, M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'})_{(\theta, \infty)} \hookrightarrow L^2 + M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'}$$

It seems natural to consider the solution space

$$X(T) := C([0, T], L^2) \cap L^{q_a(\nu+1)}([0, T], L^{\nu+1}) + C([0, T], M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'})$$

Contraction operator  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $u_0 = v_0 + w_0$  is given by

$$\mathcal{T}(u) = \underbrace{e^{it\Delta} w_0}_{M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'}} + \underbrace{e^{it\Delta} v_0 \pm i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (|u|^{\nu-1} u)(\tau) d\tau}_{L^2}$$

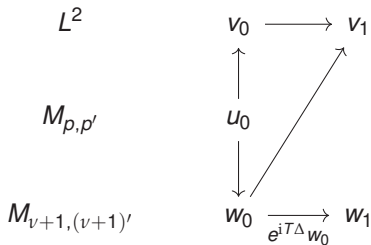
■  $M_{\nu+1, (\nu+1)'}$   $\hookrightarrow L^{\nu+1}$ , so  $X \hookrightarrow L^{q_a(\nu+1)}(L^{\nu+1})$ .

■ As in the  $L^2$  case:  $R \approx \|u_0\|$  and  $T \approx \|u_0\|^{-\frac{1}{\nu-1-\frac{d}{4}}}$



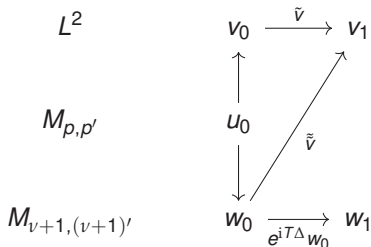
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Let  $\tilde{v}$  solve the NLS with IV  $v_0$ . Refined splitting ansatz

$$u = \tilde{v} + \tilde{\tilde{v}} + e^{it\Delta} w_0$$

leads to a fixed-point equation for  $\tilde{\tilde{v}}$ . Banach's contraction mapping works for

- $T \approx \min \left\{ \left( \|v_0\|_2 + \|w_0\|_{M_{v+1,(v+1)'}} \right)^{-a(d,v)}, \|w_0\|_{M_{v+1,(v+1)'}}^{-b(d,v)} \right\},$
- $\|\tilde{\tilde{v}}(\cdot, T)\|_2 \lesssim R \approx T^{c(d,v)} \|w_0\|_{M_{v+1,(v+1)'}}.$

# Global well-posedness

## Norms of the IVs and reiteration

Interpolation theory: there is an  $\alpha = \alpha(p, \nu)$  such that for any  $N > 0$

$$u_0 = v_0 + w_0, \quad \|v_0\|_2 \lesssim N^\alpha, \quad \|w_0\|_{M_{\nu+1,(\nu+1)'}} \lesssim \frac{1}{N}.$$

Fix timestep “ $T = 2N^{-\alpha a(d,\nu)}$ ” and reiterate, as often as possible.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \xrightarrow{\tilde{v}^1} & & \xrightarrow{\tilde{v}^2} & & \cdots \cdots \cdots & & v_K \\ & & \nearrow & & \nearrow & & & & \\ & u_0 & & & & & & & \\ & \downarrow & & & & & & & \\ & w_0 & \xrightarrow{e^{iT\Delta} w_0} & w_1 & \xrightarrow{e^{i2T\Delta} w_0} & w_2 & \cdots \cdots \cdots & w_K \\ & & \nwarrow & & \nwarrow & & & & \end{array}$$

$\|\cdot\|_2 \lesssim 2N^\alpha$        $\|\cdot\|_{M_{\nu+1,(\nu+1)'}} \lesssim \frac{1}{N}$

- On bounded time intervals:  $\|w_j\| \lesssim \frac{1}{N}$ .
- Solve failure condition  $\|v_K\|_2 > 2N^\alpha$  for  $KT \gtrsim N^{a'(\alpha,d,\nu)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ .

## Related works

### Global well-posedness results

#### Modulation spaces

- Oh, T. and Wang Y. (2018, preprint):  $d = 1, \nu = 3$  in  $M_{2,q}$  for  $q < \infty$ . Use conserved quantities constructed by Killip-Vişan-Zhang.
- Wang, B. and Hudzik, H. (2007), also Kato, T. (2014): Use Strichartz-type estimates in modulation space  $M_{2,1}$ . Require small initial data, do not cover  $d = 1, \nu = 3$ .

#### Other spaces outside $L^2$

- Hyakuna, R. and Tsustumi, M. (2012):  $u_0 \in \widehat{L}^p$  with  $p$  sufficiently close to 2. Use HLFD. Our main inspiration.
- Grünrock, A. (2005):  $u_0 \in \widehat{L}^p$  with  $p$  sufficiently close to 2. LWP via the Fourier norm restriction method, GWP via HLFD.
- Vargas A. and Vega L. (2001):  $u_0 \in L^2 + Y_{3,6}$  with trading exponent  $\alpha < 1$ . Also HLFD.

## Related works

### Local well-posedness results

#### Modulation spaces

- Sugimoto, S. and Tomita, N and Wang, B. (2011). See also C. (2018):  $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$  for  $s \geq 0$  are Banach \*-algebras  $\rightsquigarrow$  algebraic nonlinearities. Special cases in Feichtinger (1983); Wang, B. and Zhao, L. and Guo, B. (2006); Bényi, A. and Okoudjou, K. (2009).
- Guo, S. (2017): LWP for  $d = 1, \nu = 3$  in  $M_{2,q}$  for  $q \in [2, \infty)$  via  $U^p, V^p$  spaces.
- Hundertmark, D. and Kunstmann, P. and Pattakos, N. and C. (2018, preprint): LWP for  $d = 1, \nu = 3$  in  $M_{p,q}^s$  for some ranges of  $p, q$  and  $s$  via the differentiation by parts technique.

#### Other spaces

- HKPC (2018, preprint): LWP for  $d = 1, \nu = 3$  in  $H^s(\mathbb{R}) + H^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{T})$  for  $s \in \left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$  via the differentiation by parts technique.

**Thank you for your attention!**

# Modulation spaces

An equivalent norm

Consider a smooth partition of unity  $(\sigma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \subseteq C^\infty$  satisfying

- $|\sigma_k(\xi)| \geq c$  for all  $\xi \in Q_k := k + \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]^d$ ,
- $\text{supp}(\sigma_k) \subseteq B_{\sqrt{d}}(k)$ ,
- $\|\partial^\alpha \sigma_k\|_\infty \leq C_\alpha$  independently of  $k$ .

Define *isometric decomposition operators*  $\square_k := \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \sigma_k \mathcal{F}$ . Then

$$u \mapsto \left\| \left( \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k u\|_p \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_q$$

is an equivalent norm for  $M_{p,q}^s$ .

Multiplier estimate

Moreover,

$$\|\square_k\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))} \leq C \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

# Modulation spaces

## Basic properties

- $M_{p,q}^s \subseteq \mathcal{S}'$  are Banach spaces.
- For  $s_1 \leq s_2$ ,  $p_1 \leq p_2$  and  $q_1 \leq q_2$  one has

$$M_{p_1,q_1}^{s_2} \subseteq M_{p_2,q_2}^{s_1}.$$

- One has  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq M_{p,q}^s$ . If  $p, q < \infty$  then  $\mathcal{S}$  is even dense in  $M_{p,q}^s$ .
- For  $p, q < \infty$ , one has  $(M_{p,q}^s)' = M_{p',q'}^{-s}$  and (extension of  $L^2$ -duality)

$$\langle v, u \rangle = \sum_{|l| \leq \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{d}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \overline{\square_{k+l} v} \square_k u \quad u \in M_{p,q}^s, v \in M_{p',q'}^{-s}.$$

- Let  $p_1, q_1 \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $p_2, q_2 \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$[M_{p_1,q_1}^{s_1}, M_{p_2,q_2}^{s_2}]_\theta = M_{p,q}^s \quad (\text{complex interpolation}), \text{ if}$$

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_1} + \frac{\theta}{p_2}, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_1} + \frac{\theta}{q_2}, \quad s = (1-\theta)s_1 + \theta s_2.$$



Theorem (Dirk Hundertmark, Peer Kunstmann, Nikolaos Pattakos and C.)

*The Cauchy problem for the NLS with an algebraic nonlinearity*

$$iu_t = -\Delta u + F(|u|^2)u \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}, \quad u(\cdot, t=0) = u_0 \in M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1},$$

where  $F(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  entire function and  $s \geq 0$ , is locally well-posed in  $C([0, T], M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1})$ .

- $M_{p,q}^s \hookrightarrow M_{\infty,1} \hookrightarrow C_b$  for  $q = 1$  and  $s \geq 0$  or  $q > 1$  and  $s > \frac{d}{q'}$ .
- $M_{2,1}$ : Wang, Zhao and Guo in '06.
- $M_{p,1}$  for  $p \in [1, \infty]$ : Bényi and Okoudjou in '09.
- Proof: boundedness of the Schrödinger propagator and algebra property of  $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$ .

# Improved local well-posedness

## Structure of the proof

Interested in mild solutions, i.e.

$$u(\cdot, t) = e^{it\Delta} u_0 + \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (F(|u|^2)u)(\tau) d\tau =: \mathcal{T}(u).$$

By Banach's fixed-point theorem, it is enough to show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a contraction on

$$M(R, T) := \{u \in C([0, T], X) \mid \forall \tau \in [0, T] : \|u(\tau)\|_X \leq R\}$$

for some  $R, T > 0$ , where  $X := M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$ .

- Schrödinger propagator is polynomially bounded on  $X$ .
- $X$  is a *Banach \*-algebra*, hence  $u \mapsto F(|u|^2)u$  is locally Lipschitz.

## Algebra property of $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$

$M_{p,q}^s$  is a Banach  $*$ -algebra, if  $q = 1$  and  $s \geq 0$  or  $q > 1$  and  $s > \frac{d}{q'}$ .

- Shown first by Feichtinger in '83.
- Again for  $M_{2,1}$  by Wang et al. in '06 and for  $M_{p,1}$  by Bényi et al. in '09.
- For  $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$ , use an estimate as in Sugimoto, Tomita and Wang (2011).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|uv\|_{M_{p,q}^s} &= \left\| \left( \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k uv\|_p \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_q, \\
 \langle k \rangle^s &\lesssim \langle k - m \rangle^s + \langle m \rangle^s \lesssim \langle k + l - m \rangle^s + \langle m \rangle^s, \\
 \mathcal{F}\square_k(uv) &= \sigma_k \sum_{l,m} (\sigma_{l-m} \hat{u}) * (\sigma_m \hat{v}) \\
 &= \sigma_k \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m (\sigma_{k+l-m} \hat{u}) * (\sigma_m \hat{v}), \\
 \Rightarrow \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k(uv)\|_p &\lesssim \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m \langle k + l - m \rangle^s \|\square_{k+l-m} u \square_m v\|_p + \\
 &\quad \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m \langle m \rangle^s \|\square_{k+l-m} u\|_{\infty} \|\square_m v\|_p.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_{\max} = \begin{cases} 2 + \frac{2}{\nu} - \frac{d}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\nu}\right) & \text{if } \nu > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{4} + \sqrt{2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{d}{4}\right)^2}, \\ \nu + 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$