

# Structure theorems for intertwining operators

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# Wave operators

Let  $V$  real-valued potential in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , bounded, sufficiently decaying,  $H := -\Delta + V$ ,  $H_0 := -\Delta$ . Define

$$W_{\pm} := \lim_{t \rightarrow \mp\infty} e^{itH} e^{-itH_0}$$

Exists in the **strong**  $L^2$ -sense:  $d \geq 3$ ,  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $V \in L^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\pm} f &= f - i \int_0^{\infty} e^{itH} V e^{-itH_0} f \, dt \\ \int_1^{\infty} \|e^{itH} V e^{-itH_0} f\|_2 \, dt &\leq \int_1^{\infty} \|V\|_2 \|e^{-itH_0} f\|_{\infty} \, dt \\ &\lesssim \|V\|_2 \int_1^{\infty} t^{-\frac{d}{2}} \|f\|_1 \, dt < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Unitarity of evolution, density of  $L^1 \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  in  $L^2$  shows limit exists for all  $f \in L^2$  and  $W_{\pm}$  are isometries.

# Intertwining property of wave operators

$$f(H)W_{\pm} = W_{\pm}f(H_0), \text{ or}$$

$$f(H)P = f(H)W_{\pm}W_{\pm}^* = W_{\pm}f(H_0)W_{\pm}^*,$$

with  $P$  orthogonal projection onto  $\text{Ran}(W_{\pm})$ . Easy to see:  
 $\text{Ran}(W_{\pm}) \perp L_{pp}^2$  (eigenfunctions of  $H$ ).

**Asymptotic completeness:**  $\text{Ran}(W_{\pm}) = L_{ac}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $L_{sc}^2 = \{0\}$ .

**Agmon-Kato-Kuroda theory 1960s, early 70s:**  $|V(x)| \lesssim \langle x \rangle^{-1-\varepsilon}$  guarantees this, and **no embedded eigenvalues** in the continuous spectrum  $[0, \infty)$ . **Short range condition.**

Based on **trace lemma:**  $\|\hat{f} \upharpoonright S\|_{L^2(S)} \leq C\|\langle x \rangle^{\sigma} f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$ ,  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  compact hyper-surface (reduces to the case of a plane). Define **restriction operator**  $\rho f := \hat{f} \upharpoonright S$ . Then  $\rho^* g = \widehat{g\sigma_S}$ ,  $\rho^* \rho f = \widehat{\sigma_S} * f$ .

Weighted  $L^2$  bound:  $\|w\rho^* \rho w f\|_2 \leq C(S)\|f\|_2$ ,  $w(x) = \langle x \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon}$ .

# Limiting Absorption Principle

Same bound holds for the imaginary parts of the free resolvents

$$[(-\Delta - (\lambda^2 + i0))^{-1} - (-\Delta - (\lambda^2 - i0))^{-1}]f = c\lambda^{-1}\widehat{\sigma_{\lambda S^{d-1}}} * f$$

For the full resolvent still true, **Limiting Absorption Principle**:

$$\|w(-\Delta - (\lambda^2 + i0))^{-1}wf\|_2 \leq C(\lambda)\|f\|_2, \quad w(x) = \langle x \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon}$$

$C(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . **Resolvent identity**:

$$\begin{aligned} R(\lambda) &= (H - (\lambda^2 + i0))^{-1} = R_0(\lambda) + R_0(\lambda)VR(\lambda) = \\ &= \dots = R_0(\lambda) + R_0(\lambda)VR_0(\lambda) + R_0(\lambda)VR_0(\lambda)VR_0(\lambda) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

If  $V$  short range, **small**:  $R(\lambda)$  inherits the limiting absorption principle. Split  $V = |V|^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{sign}(V) |V|^{\frac{1}{2}} = |V|^{\frac{1}{2}} U$ .

**Large  $V$** :  $R(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda) + R_0(\lambda)|V|^{\frac{1}{2}}(I - UR_0(\lambda)|V|^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1}UR_0(\lambda)$ .

# Resolvent and Fourier restriction

Inverse  $(I - UR_0(\lambda)|V|^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1} : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  exists for  $\lambda > 0$  (absence of embedded resonances and eigenvalues). For  $\lambda = 0$  inverse might not exist: **zero energy eigenvalue or resonance**.

**Stein-Tomas** in place of trace lemma: If  $S$  has nonzero Gaussian curvature, then

$$\|\hat{f} \upharpoonright S\|_{L^2(S)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p_d}(\mathbb{R}^d)}, \quad p_d = (2d + 2)/(d + 3)$$

**Kenig-Ruiz-Sogge 87** established corresponding bound for  $R_0(\lambda)$ :

$$\|(-\Delta - (\lambda^2 + i0))^{-1}\|_{L^{p_d}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^{p'_d}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \lambda^{-\frac{2}{d+1}}$$

**Agmon-Kato-Kuroda** theory in this setting:

$$M_q(f)(x) := \left[ \int_{|y| \leq 1/2} |f(x+y)|^q dy \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad q = \max\left(\frac{d}{2}, 1+\right)$$

$$\|V\|_Y := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^j \|V\|_{L^\infty(D_j)} < \infty, \quad M_q V \in L^{\frac{d+1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad (\star)$$

**Theorem** (Ionescu-S., 2004):  $V$  real-valued,  $V = V_1 + V_2$  with constituents satisfying either of conditions in  $(\star)$ ,  $\sigma_{ac} = [0, \infty)$ , no singular continuous spectrum, pure point spectrum lies in  $(-\infty, 0]$ , discrete in  $(-\infty, 0)$ , eigenfunctions decay rapidly, wave operators  $W_{\pm}$  exist and complete. Suitable limiting absorption principle holds.

Magnetic potentials also admissible for this theorem. Goldberg-S. (2003): Stein-Tomas type limiting absorption principle for  $L^{\frac{d}{2}}$  potentials  $d = 3$ ; Ionescu-Jerison (2001): absence of embedded eigenvalues for  $L^{\frac{d}{2}}$  potentials; Koch-Tataru 2005: absence of embedded evals under  $(\star)$ .

Condition  $M_{\frac{d}{2}} V \in L^{\frac{d+1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  weaker than  $V \in L^{\frac{d}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and sharp for  $d \geq 3$ . Ionescu-Jerison example  $V \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $p > \frac{d+1}{2}$  with embedded evals, anisotropic decay  $|V(x)| \simeq (1 + |x_1| + |x'|^2)^{-1}$

# Intertwining operators for random potentials

Let  $H_\omega = -\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}^d} + V_\omega$ ,  $V_\omega(n) = \omega_n \langle n \rangle^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\omega_n = \pm 1$  iid random.

**Theorem** (Bourgain, 2001):  $d = 2$ ,  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\tau > 0$ , and  $I \subset [-4 + \tau, -\tau] \cup [\tau, 4 - \tau]$ . Then a.s. wave operators, restricted spectrally to  $I$ , i.e.,  $W_\pm(H_\omega, H_0)E_0(I)$ ,  $W_\pm(H_0, H_\omega)E_\omega(I)$  exist and are complete.

Relies on resolvent expansion, estimate (S.-Shubin-Wolff 2000)

$$\|\rho_2 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_1^*\|_{L^2(S_1) \rightarrow L^2(S_2)} \lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2} - \alpha +} \quad (\dagger)$$

which high probability,  $S_1, S_2$  curves in the plane. Bourgain's proof of  $(\dagger)$  applies in any dimension, does not require curvature of  $S_1, S_2$ , uses dual Sudakov entropy bound in Banach spaces.

- analogy with trace lemma
- randomness reduces decay in deterministic theory by  $\frac{1}{2}$  power.

# Fourier restriction and random decaying potentials

Stein-Tomas in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  combined with Bourgain's method yields same result for  $V_\omega(n) = \omega_n v_n$ ,  $v \in w_\varepsilon \ell^3(\mathbb{Z}^2)$ ,  $w_\varepsilon(n) = \langle n \rangle^{-\varepsilon}$ .

**Gap between** point wise decay of  $\langle n \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $\ell^3(\mathbb{Z}^2)$ . Intrinsic problem with the key bound

$$\|\rho_2 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_1^*\|_{L^2(S_1) \rightarrow L^2(S_2)} \lesssim 1$$

with high probability.  $TT^*$  on the left-hand side yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|\rho_2 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_1^*\|_{L^2(S_1) \rightarrow L^2(S_2)}^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E} \|\rho_2 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_1^* \rho_1 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_2^*\|_{L^2(S_2) \rightarrow L^2(S_2)} \\ &\geq \max_{\|f\|_{L^2(S_2)}=1} \mathbb{E} \langle V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_1^* \rho_1 V_\omega \chi_{[|n| \simeq N]} \rho_2^* f, \rho_2^* f \rangle \\ &= \max_{\|f\|_{L^2(S_2)}=1} \sum_{[|n| \simeq N]} \widehat{\sigma}_{S_1}(0) v_n^2 |F(n)|^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Renormalizing random decaying potentials

Let  $f$  be Knapp example. Then  $v \in \ell^3$  supported on a  $N \times \sqrt{N}$  rectangle saturates the right-hand side.

“Renormalize” away self-energy interactions:  $V_\omega \rightsquigarrow V_\omega + W$  with non-random “correction”  $W_n = v_n^2 R_0(E + i0)$ .

Likely that Born-expansion can be controlled at energy  $E$  via sharp restriction in the plane (Carleson-Sjölin/Zygmund  $L^4$  bound).

- Consequences for a.c. spectrum of  $H_\omega$  without correction  $W$ .
- Remove  $W$  after the fact? Problem here  $W$  just a little better than  $L^2(\mathbb{Z}^2)$ .

# Yajima's $L^p$ theory for the intertwining operator

In the 1990s Kenji Yajima showed that  $W_{\pm} : L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $d \geq 3$ , and  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $d = 1, 2$ . He needed to assume enough decay (and regularity in  $d \geq 4$ ), and **no zero energy eigenvalue/resonance**. In  $\dim=3$  he needed  $|V(x)| \leq \langle x \rangle^{-5-\varepsilon}$ . If **zero energy singular**, then  $3/2 < p < 3$ ,  $|V(x)| \leq \langle x \rangle^{-6-\varepsilon}$ .

Corollary: **dispersive estimates for**  $e^{it\omega(H)} P_c(H)$  from those for  $e^{it\omega(H_0)}$  via

$$e^{it\omega(H)} P_c(H) = W e^{it\omega(H_0)} W^*$$

Importance of 0 energy condition implied by this, too. For example, in  $\dim=3$

$$\|e^{itH} f\|_{\infty} \leq \|W\|_{\infty \rightarrow \infty}^2 C t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \|f\|_1, \quad f \perp \text{bound states}$$

**Possible issues:** (i) strong assumptions on potential (ii) in some nonlinear applications 0 energy singularities do arise.

# Yajima's proof, expansion of the wave operators

Iterate Duhamel with  $f \in L^2$ :

$$Wf = f + W_1f + \dots + W_nf + \dots,$$

$$W_1f = i \int_{t>0} e^{-it\Delta} V e^{it\Delta} f dt, \dots$$

$$W_nf = i^n \int_{t>s_1>\dots>s_{n-1}>0} e^{-i(t-s_1)\Delta} V e^{-i(s_1-s_2)\Delta} V \dots \\ e^{-is_{n-1}\Delta} V e^{it\Delta} f dt ds_1 \dots ds_{n-1}$$

Keel-Tao Strichartz endpoint (in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

$$\|e^{itH_0} f\|_{L_t^2 L_x^{6,2}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2} \\ \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-isH_0} F(s) ds \right\|_{L_x^2} \lesssim \|F\|_{L_t^2 L_x^{6/5,2}},$$

$$V : L_x^{6,2}(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow L_x^{6/5,2}(\mathbb{R}^3), V \in L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

Dyson series converges in  $L^2$  if  $\|V\|_{3/2} \ll 1$ .

# Representations of the summands $W_n$

$V, f, g$  Schwartz functions,  $\varepsilon > 0$ :

$$\langle W_n^\varepsilon f, g \rangle =$$

$$\frac{(-1)^n}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3(n+1)}} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^n \widehat{V}(\xi_\ell - \xi_{\ell-1}) d\xi_1 \dots d\xi_{n-1}}{\prod_{\ell=1}^n (|\eta + \xi_\ell|^2 - |\eta|^2 + i\varepsilon)} \widehat{f}(\eta) \overline{\widehat{g}}(\eta + \xi_n) d\eta d\xi_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle W_{1+}^\varepsilon f, g \rangle &= -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \frac{\widehat{V}(\xi)}{|\eta + \xi|^2 - |\eta|^2 + i\varepsilon} \widehat{f}(\eta) \overline{\widehat{g}}(\eta + \xi) d\eta d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} K_1^\varepsilon(x, x-y) f(y) dy \overline{g}(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$K_1^\varepsilon(x, z) = c|z|^{-2} \int_0^\infty e^{-is\hat{z} \cdot (x-z/2)} \widehat{V}(-s\hat{z}) e^{-\varepsilon \frac{|z|}{2s}} s ds, \quad \hat{z} = z/|z|$$

$$K_1(x, z) = c|z|^{-2} L(|z| - 2x \cdot \hat{z}, \hat{z}), \quad L(r, \omega) = \int_0^\infty \widehat{V}(-s\hat{z}) e^{i\frac{rs}{2}} s ds$$

# The structure of $W_1$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$S_\omega x := x - 2(\omega \cdot x)\omega$  reflection about plane  $\omega^\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(W_1 f)(x) &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} L(r - 2\omega \cdot x, \omega) f(x - r\omega) dr d\omega \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{[r > -2\omega \cdot x]} L(r, \omega) f(S_\omega x - r\omega) dr d\omega \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g_1(x, dy, \omega) f(S_\omega x - y) d\omega\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, with  $\mathcal{H}_{\ell_\omega}^1$  Hausdorff measure on line along  $\omega$

$$\begin{aligned}g_1(x, dy, \omega) &:= \mathbb{1}_{[(y+2x) \cdot \omega > 0]} L(y \cdot \omega, \omega) \mathcal{H}_{\ell_\omega}^1(dy) \\ \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \|g_1(x, dy, \omega)\|_{\mathcal{M}_y L_x^\infty} d\omega &\leq \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |L(r, \omega)| dr d\omega =: \|L\| \\ \|W_1 f\|_p &\leq \|L\| \|f\|_p\end{aligned}$$

# Bounding $L$

Define

$$\|f\|_{B^\beta} := \|\mathbb{1}_{[|x|\leq 1]}f\|_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{j\beta} \|\mathbb{1}_{[2^j\leq|x|\leq 2^{j+1}]}f\|_2 < \infty$$

Then  $\dot{B}^{\frac{1}{2}} \hookrightarrow L^{\frac{3}{2},1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $\dot{B}^1 \hookrightarrow L^{\frac{6}{5},1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , and

$$\|L(r,\omega)\|_{L^2_{r,\omega}} \lesssim \|V\|_{L^2}$$

$$\|L(r,\omega)\|_{L^1_{r,\omega}} \lesssim \sum_{k\in\mathbb{Z}} 2^{k/2} \|\mathbb{1}_{[2^k,2^{k+1}]}(|r|)L(r,\omega)\|_{L^2_{r,\omega}} \lesssim \|V\|_{\dot{B}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \lesssim \|V\|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Yajima showed for small potentials that  $\|V\|_{B^{1+\varepsilon}} \ll 1$  implies

$$\|W_n f\|_p \leq C^n \|V\|_{B^{1+\varepsilon}}^n \|f\|_p$$

which can be summed. For large potentials he incurred significant losses by terminating the expansion through the last term which contains perturbed evolution.

# Structure Theorem I

## Theorem (Beceanu-S. 16)

$V \in B^{1+}$  real-valued, zero energy regular for  $H = -\Delta + V$ . There exists  $g(x, dy, \omega) \in L^1_\omega \mathcal{M}_y L^\infty_x$  with

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \|g(x, dy, \omega)\|_{\mathcal{M}_y L^\infty_x} d\omega < \infty$$

$$(W_+ f)(x) = f(x) + \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g(x, dy, \omega) f(S_\omega x - y) d\omega.$$

$X$  Banach space of measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , invariant under translations and reflections, Schwartz functions are dense (or dense in  $Y$  with  $X = Y^*$ ). Assume  $\|\mathbb{1}_H f\|_X \leq A\|f\|_X$  for all half spaces  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $f \in X$  with some uniform constant  $A$ . Then

$$\|W_+ f\|_X \leq AC(V)\|f\|_X \quad \forall f \in X$$

where  $C(V)$  is a constant depending on  $V$  alone.

# Structure Theorem II

## Theorem (Beceanu-S. 16)

$V \in B^{1+2\gamma}$ ,  $0 < \gamma$ , with 0 energy hypothesis. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \|g(x, dy, \omega)\|_{\mathcal{M}_y L_x^\infty} d\omega \leq C_0 (1 + \|V\|_{B^{1+2\gamma}})^{38 + \frac{105}{\gamma}} (1 + M_0)^{4 + \frac{3}{\gamma}}$$

$$\sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^3} \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \|(I + R_0(|\eta|^2 \pm i\varepsilon)V)^{-1}\|_{\infty \rightarrow \infty} =: M_0 < \infty$$

$C_0$  absolute constant.

- 0 energy regular means that  $\|(I + (-\Delta)^{-1}V)^{-1}\|_{\infty \rightarrow \infty} < \infty$ .
- would be desirable to bound  $M_0$  through this and size of  $V$  is some sense. Control of  $M_0$  is not effective. See Rodnianski-Tao 2015, effective limiting absorption principles.
- Fall short by  $\frac{1}{2}$  of scaling invariant class  $\dot{B}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . First theorem also works in  $B^1$ , but lose quantitative control there.



# Wiener algebra and inversion

We cannot sum the Dyson series. Instead we use **Beceanu's operator-valued Wiener formalism**. Recall classical Wiener theorem:

## Proposition

Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . There exists  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with

$$(1 + \hat{f})(1 + \hat{g}) = 1 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^d \quad (1)$$

iff  $1 + \hat{f} \neq 0$  everywhere. Equivalently, there exists  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  so that

$$(\delta_0 + f) * (\delta_0 + g) = \delta_0 \quad (2)$$

iff  $1 + \hat{f} \neq 0$  everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . The function  $g$  is unique.

Two critical features (**compactness** as in Arzela-Ascoli):

- uniform  $L^1$ -modulus of continuity under translation.
- vanishing at  $\infty$  in  $L^1$  sense.

# An operator-valued version

$X$  Banach space,  $\mathcal{W}_X$  algebra of bounded linear maps

$T : X \rightarrow L^1(\mathbb{R}; X)$  with convolution

$$S * T(\rho)f = \int_{\mathbb{R}} S(\rho - \sigma)T(\sigma)f \, d\sigma$$

Adjoin unit, denote larger algebra  $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_X$ . Fourier transform satisfies

$$\sup_{\lambda} \|\hat{T}(\lambda)\|_{\mathcal{B}(X)} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{W}_X}$$

Theorem (Beceanu 2009, Beceanu-Goldberg 2010)

Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{W}_X$  satisfies

- 1  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \|T(\rho) - T(\rho - \delta)\|_{\mathcal{W}_X} = 0.$
- 2  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \|T\chi_{|\rho| \geq R}\|_{\mathcal{W}_X} = 0.$

If  $I + \hat{T}(\lambda)$  invertible in  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  for all  $\lambda$ , then  $\mathbf{1} + T$  possesses an inverse in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_X$  of the form  $\mathbf{1} + S$ .

# Wiener algebra and resolvents

Set  $R_0^-(\lambda^2)(x) = (4\pi|x|)^{-1}e^{-i\lambda|x|}$ ,  $\widehat{T^-}(\lambda) = VR_0^-(\lambda^2)$ . Then

$$T^-(\rho)f(x) = (4\pi\rho)^{-1}V(x) \int_{|x-y|=\rho} f(y) dy \quad (3)$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |T^-(\rho)f(x)| dx d\rho &\leq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|V(x)|}{|x-y|} |f(y)| dy dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4\pi} \|V\|_{\mathcal{K}} \|f\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|V\|_{\mathcal{K}} = \||x|^{-1} * |V|\|_{\infty}$ . Algebra is  $\mathcal{W}_{L^1}$ , pointwise invertibility condition on Fourier side:

$$(I + VR_0^-(\lambda^2))^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(L^1)$$

Spectral theory/zero energy assumption. Beceanu-Goldberg thus prove dispersive estimates for Schrödinger in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for  $\|V\|_{\mathcal{K}} < \infty$ .

# Algebra for intertwining operators

The formulas for  $W_n$  suggest using three-variable kernels. Set

$$Z := \{T(x_0, x_1, y) \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^9) \mid \mathcal{F}_y T(x_0, x_1, \eta) \in L_\eta^\infty L_{x_1}^\infty L_{x_0}^1\}$$
$$\|T\|_Z := \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^3} \|\mathcal{F}_y T(x_0, x_1, \eta)\|_{L_{x_1}^\infty L_{x_0}^1}$$

Operation  $\circledast$  on  $T_1, T_2 \in Z$

$$(T_1 \circledast T_2)(x_0, x_2, y) = \mathcal{F}_\eta^{-1} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathcal{F}_y T_1(x_0, x_1, \eta) \mathcal{F}_y T_2(x_1, x_2, \eta) dx_1 \right] (y)$$

Seminormed space  $V^{-1}B$  defined as

$$V^{-1}B = \{f \text{ measurable} \mid V(x)f(x) \in B^\sigma\}$$

with the seminorm  $\|f\|_{V^{-1}B} := \|Vf\|_{B^\sigma}$ . Set  $X_{x,y} := L_y^1 V^{-1}B_x$ .  
Then  $L_y^1 L_x^\infty$  dense in  $X_{x,y}$ .

# $X_{x,y}$ and $Y$ spaces

Let  $Y$  be the space (algebra under  $\circledast$ ) of three-variable kernels

$$Y := \left\{ T(x_0, x_1, y) \in Z \mid \forall f \in L^\infty \right. \\ \left. (fT)(x_1, y) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x_0) T(x_0, x_1, y) dx_0 \in X_{x_1, y} \right\},$$

with norm

$$\|T\|_Y := \|T\|_Z + \|T\|_{\mathcal{B}(V^{-1}B_{x_0}, X_{x_1, y})}$$

For  $\mathfrak{X} \in L^1_y L^\infty_x$ , define *contraction* of  $T \in Y$  by  $\mathfrak{X}$  to be

$$(\mathfrak{X}T)(x, y) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \mathfrak{X}(x_0, y_0) T(x_0, x, y - y_0) dx_0 dy_0.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{X}T \in X_{x,y}$ ,  $\|\mathfrak{X}T\|_X \leq \|T\|_Y \|\mathfrak{X}\|_X$ . This turns  $Y$  into an algebra.

Reason behind these structures: define

$$\mathcal{F}_y T_{1+}^\varepsilon(x_0, x_1, \eta) = e^{-ix_1\eta} R_0(|\eta|^2 - i\varepsilon)(x_0, x_1) V(x_0) e^{ix_0\eta}$$

$$T_{2+}^\varepsilon = T_{1+}^\varepsilon \circledast T_{1+}^\varepsilon, \quad T_{3+}^\varepsilon = T_{2+}^\varepsilon \circledast T_{1+}^\varepsilon \quad \text{etc.}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle W_{n+}^\varepsilon f, g \rangle &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \mathcal{F}_{x_0}^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{x_n, y} T_{n+}^\varepsilon(0, \xi_n, \eta) \widehat{f}(\eta) \overline{\widehat{g}}(\eta + \xi_n) d\eta d\xi_n \\ &= (-1)^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^9} \mathcal{F}_{x_0}^{-1} T_{n+}^\varepsilon(0, x, y) f(x - y) \overline{g}(x) dy dx. \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle W_+^\varepsilon f, g \rangle &= \langle f, g \rangle - \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \mathcal{F}_{x_0}^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{x_1, y} T_+^\varepsilon(0, \xi_1, \eta) \widehat{f}(\eta) \overline{\widehat{g}}(\eta + \xi_1) d\eta d\xi_n \\ &= \langle f, g \rangle - \int_{\mathbb{R}^9} \mathcal{F}_{x_0}^{-1} T_+^\varepsilon(0, x, y) f(x - y) \overline{g}(x) dy dx. \end{aligned}$$

# Key invertibility problem

Here

$$\mathcal{F}_y T_{\pm}^{\varepsilon}(x_0, x_1, \eta) := e^{ix_0\eta} (R_V(|\eta|^2 \mp i\varepsilon)V)(x_0, x_1) e^{-ix_1\eta}$$

$T_{1+}^{\varepsilon}, T_{+}^{\varepsilon} \in Z$  and **resolvent identity** reads as follows:

$$(I + T_{1+}^{\varepsilon}) \circledast (I - T_{+}^{\varepsilon}) = (I - T_{+}^{\varepsilon}) \circledast (I + T_{1+}^{\varepsilon}) = I$$

We need to invert this in the **smaller algebra**  $Y$ , otherwise too little control of wave operators.

If  $I + T_{1+}^{\varepsilon}$  is invertible in  $Y$ , hence in  $Z$ , its inverse is  $I - T_{+}^{\varepsilon}$  both in  $Z$  and in  $Y$ , hence we obtain that  $T_{+}^{\varepsilon} \in Y$  uniformly in  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

# Small potentials in $B^{1+}$

Define  $Y$  with  $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2}$  fixed. Then

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \|T_{1+}^\varepsilon\|_Y \lesssim \|V\|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}+\sigma}} \quad \text{whence by induction}$$

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \|T_{n+}^\varepsilon\|_Y \leq C^n \|V\|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}+\sigma}}^n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

and

$$(W_{n+}f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g_n^\varepsilon(x, dy, \omega) f(S_\omega x - y) d\omega$$

where for fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{S}^2$  the expression  $g_n^\varepsilon(x, \cdot, \omega)$  is a measure satisfying

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \|g_n^\varepsilon(x, dy, \omega)\|_{\mathcal{M}_y L_x^\infty} d\omega \leq C^n \|V\|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}+\sigma}}^n$$



# Recursive definition of the structure functions

Identifying operator  $W_{n+}^\varepsilon$  with its kernel one has

$$\begin{aligned}W_{n+}^\varepsilon &= (-1)^n \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^3} T_{n+}^\varepsilon = (-1)^n \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^3} (T_{(n-1)+}^\varepsilon \circledast T_{1+}^\varepsilon) \\ &= -((-1)^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^3} T_{(n-1)+}^\varepsilon) T_{1+}^\varepsilon = -W_{(n-1)+}^\varepsilon T_{1+}^\varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

Second line: **contraction of a kernel in  $Y$**  by an element of  $X$ .  
Thus

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \|W_{n+}^\varepsilon\|_X \leq \|\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^3}\|_{V^{-1}B} \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \|T_{n+}^\varepsilon\|_Y \leq C^n \|V\|_{B^{\frac{1}{2}+\sigma}}^{n+1} \quad (4)$$

and with  $f_{y'}^\varepsilon(x') = W_{(n-1)+}^\varepsilon(x', y')$  we have

$$g_n^\varepsilon(x, dy, \omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g_{1, f_{y'}^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon(x, d(y - S_\omega y'), \omega) dy'$$

and  $g_{1, f_{y'}^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$  is the structure function for the potential  $f_{y'}^\varepsilon V$ .

## Proposition

$V \in B^\sigma$  with  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma < 1$ , define  $Y$  with this  $\sigma, V$ . Suppose  $S \in Y$  satisfies, for some  $N \geq 1$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \|\varepsilon^{-3} \chi(\cdot/\varepsilon) * S^N - S^N\|_Y = 0$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \|(1 - \hat{\chi}(y/L))S(y)\|_Y = 0$$

Assume  $I + \hat{S}(\eta)$  has inverse in  $\mathcal{B}(L^\infty)$  of the form  $(I + \hat{S}(\eta))^{-1} = I + U(\eta)$ , with  $U(\eta) \in \mathcal{FY}$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and uniformly so, i.e.,

$$\sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^3} \|U(\eta)\|_{\mathcal{FY}} < \infty$$

Finally, suppose  $\eta \mapsto \hat{S}(\eta)$  is uniformly continuous  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^\infty)$ . Then  $I + S$  is invertible in  $Y$  under  $\circledast$ .

# A scaling invariant condition

Schwartz  $V$ , set  $\|V\| := \|L_V\|_{L^1_{t,\omega}}$ . Recall

$$L_V(t, \omega) = \int_0^\infty \widehat{V}(-\tau\omega) e^{i\frac{1}{2}t\tau} \tau d\tau$$

For any Schwartz function  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\|v\|_B := \sup_{\Pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\delta_{\Pi(t)} v(x)\| dt$$

where  $\Pi$  is a 2-dimensional plane through the origin, and  $\Pi(t) = \Pi + t\vec{N}$ ,  $\vec{N}$  being the unit norm to  $\Pi$ . Then

$$\|v\|_B \lesssim \sup_{\omega \in \mathbb{S}^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \|\psi(2^{-k}x') v(x' + s\omega)\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\omega^\perp)} ds$$

This is finite on Schwartz functions.

# A scaling theorem for small potentials

## Theorem (Beceanu-S. 17)

There exists  $c_0 > 0$  so that for any real-valued  $V$  with  $\|V\|_B + \|V\|_{\dot{B}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq c_0$ , there exists  $g(x, y, \omega) \in L^1_\omega \mathcal{M}_y L^\infty_x$  with

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \|g(x, dy, \omega)\|_{\mathcal{M}_y L^\infty_x} d\omega \lesssim c_0$$

such that for any  $f \in L^2$  one has the representation formula

$$(W_+ f)(x) = f(x) + \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g(x, dy, \omega) f(S_\omega x - y) d\omega.$$

No theorem for large scaling invariant potentials yet. Requires redoing all the spectral theory in this new norm.