

THE PROFILE DECOMPOSITION FOR THE HYPERBOLIC SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we prove the profile decomposition for hyperbolic Schrödinger (or mixed signature) equations on \mathbb{R}^2 in two cases, one mass-supercritical and one mass-critical. First, as a warm up, we show that the profile decomposition works for the $\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ critical problem. Then, we give the derivation of the profile decomposition in the mass-critical case based on an estimate of Rogers-Vargas (*J. Functional Anal.* **241**(2) (2006), 212–231).

1. Introduction

We will consider the hyperbolic (or mixed signature) Schrödinger equation on \mathbb{R}^2 , which is given by

$$(1.1) \quad i\partial_t u + \partial_x \partial_y u = |u|^p u, \quad u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y).$$

In particular, we will focus on the cases $p = 4$ and $p = 2$. The case $p = 2$ arises naturally in the study of modulation of wave trains in gravity water waves, see, for instance, [30], [32]; it is also a natural component of the Davey-Stewartson system [18], [28]. As can be observed quickly from the nature of the dispersion relation, the linear problem

$$(1.2) \quad i\partial_t u + \partial_x \partial_y u = 0, \quad u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y).$$

satisfies the same Strichartz estimates and rather similar local smoothing estimates¹ as its elliptic counterpart, the standard Schrödinger equation. In particular,

$$(1.3) \quad \|e^{it\partial_x \partial_y} f\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}} \leq 2^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|f\|_{L^2_{x,y}}$$

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¹ See [4], [26] for a general treatment of smoothing estimates for dispersive equations with non-elliptic symbols.

(see Appendix A for explanations about the constant). Hence, large data local in time well-posedness and global existence for small data with $p \geq 2$ can be observed using standard methods that can be found in classical texts such as [3], [28]. For quasilinear problems with mixed signature, some local well-posedness results have been developed recently, see [14], [22]. Non-existence of bound states was established in [10] and a class of bound states that are not in L^2 were constructed in [21].

Long time low regularity theory for this equation at large data remains unknown however. Recently, an approach to global existence for sufficiently regular solutions was taken in [31], but it is conjectured that (1.1) should have global well-posedness and scattering for all initial data in L^2 . Much progress has been made recently in proving global well-posedness and scattering for various critical and supercritical dispersive equations by applying concentration compactness tools, which originated with the works of Lions [19], [20]. One major step in applying modern concentration compactness tools to dispersive equations is the profile decomposition, see [13], [16]. The idea is that given a small data global existence result, one proves that if the large data result is false then there is a critical value of norm of the initial data at which for instance, a required integral fails to be finite. Then, the profile decomposition ensures that failure occurs because of an almost periodic critical element, which may then be analyzed further and in ideal settings ruled out completely. See [5], [6] and references therein for applications of this idea in the setting of focusing and defocusing Schrödinger equations for instance.

A major breakthrough in profile decompositions arose in the works of Gérard [9], Merle-Vega [23], Bahouri-Gérard [1], Gallagher [8] and Keraani [15]. Those results have then been used to understand how to prove results about scattering, blow-up and global well-posedness in many settings, see [16] for some examples. We also mention the recent work by Fanelli-Visciglia [7], where they consider profile decompositions in mass super-critical problems for a variety of operators, including (1.1).

As can be seen in [16, Section 4.4], the profile decomposition follows from refined bilinear Strichartz estimates. Using refined Strichartz estimates from [24] and bilinear Strichartz estimates, Bourgain [2] proved concentration estimates and global well-posedness in $H^{3/5+\epsilon}$ for the defocusing, cubic elliptic nonlinear Schrödinger equation in \mathbb{R}^2 . Building on this work, Merle-Vega [23] proved a profile decomposition for the mass-critical elliptic nonlinear Schrödinger equation in two dimensions.

For the hyperbolic NLS, Lee, Vargas and Rogers-Vargas [17], [25], [33] have provided refined linear and bilinear estimates, drawing on results of Tao [29] for the elliptic Schrödinger equation. In particular, [25] gives an improved Strichartz estimate similar to our Proposition 9 and uses it to prove lower bounds on concentration of mass at blow-up. An improved Strichartz estimate is also the key element in our profile decomposition, following the standard

machinery described in [16, Section 4.4]. For completeness, we provide a proof of Proposition 9, which, although drawing on similar ideas as in [25], outlines more explicitly the additional orthogonality of rectangles with skewed ratios.

The major issue in following the standard proof of the profile decomposition is that the mixed signature nature of (1.1) means that an essential bilinear interaction estimate that holds in the elliptic case fails. This is compensated for in [33] by making a required orthogonality assumption for the refined bilinear Strichartz to hold (see the statement in Lemma 3 below). To overcome this difficulty, we use a double Whitney decomposition to precisely identify the right scales, which introduces many different rectangles that are controlled using the fact that functions with support on two rectangles of different aspect ratios have small bilinear interactions. We note that while we here focus on analysis in 2 dimensions to keep the technical computations focused and directed, we expect many of the calculations to be generalizable to other dimensions as in [16].

The paper is structured as follows: in Section 2, we set up the problem, discuss some basic symmetries and establish some important bilinear estimates; in Section 3 we establish the result in the mass-supercritical case using the extra compactness that comes from the Sobolev embedding; in Section 4, we establish the main precise Strichartz estimate in the paper and in Section 5, we obtain the profile decomposition for the mass-critical problem and deduce the existence of a minimal blow-up solution. Finally, in Appendix A, we prove that Gaussians give the optimal constant for the Strichartz inequality for (1.2). The appendix does not rely on the remainder of the manuscript, though it is a related question and highlights the usefulness of decoupling the coordinates in this model.

2. Properties of (1.1)

Observe that a solution to

$$(2.1) \quad i\partial_t u + \partial_x \partial_y u = |u|^2 u, \quad u(x, y, t) = u_0(x, y),$$

has a number of symmetries:

1. Translation: for any $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R}^2$,

$$(2.2) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto u(x - x_0, y - y_0, t),$$

2. Modulation: for any $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$(2.3) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto e^{i\theta} u(x, y, t).$$

3. Scaling: for any $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$,

$$(2.4) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} u(\lambda_1 x, \lambda_2 y, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 t),$$

4. Galilean symmetry: for $(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$,

$$(2.5) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto e^{-it\xi_1\xi_2} e^{i[x\xi_1 + y\xi_2]} u(x - \xi_1 t, y - \xi_2 t, t).$$

5. Pseudo-conformal symmetry:

$$(2.6) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto \frac{e^{i\frac{xy}{t}}}{it} \bar{u}\left(\frac{x}{t}, \frac{y}{t}, \frac{1}{t}\right).$$

These symmetries all preserve the $L^2_{x,y}$ norm. The first two symmetries (2.2)–(2.3), as well as the scaling symmetry properly redefined, also preserve the \dot{H}^s_h norm for any $s \in \mathbf{R}$, where

$$\|f\|_{\dot{H}^s_h}^2 = \|\|\partial_x\|^{\frac{s}{2}}\|\partial_y\|^{\frac{s}{2}}f\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Note that this norm has similar scaling laws as the more usual \dot{H}^s norm. Other examples of anisotropic equations have appeared in for instance, [27], [12]. For example, for the $\dot{H}^{1/2}$ –critical problem

$$(2.7) \quad i\partial_t u + \partial_x \partial_y u = |u|^4 u, \quad u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y),$$

the symmetries are thus:

1. Translation: for any $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R}^2$,

$$(2.8) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto u(x - x_0, y - y_0, t),$$

2. Scaling: for any $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$,

$$(2.9) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto (\lambda_1 \lambda_2)^{1/4} u(\lambda_1 x, \lambda_2 y, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 t),$$

3. Modulation: for any $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$(2.10) \quad u(x, y, t) \mapsto e^{i\theta} u(x, y, t).$$

We will treat the profile decomposition for (2.7) as a warm-up, before tackling the profile decomposition for the mass-critical problem (2.1).

2.1. Notations. Let φ be a usual smooth bump function such that $\varphi(x) = 1$ when $|x| \leq 1$ and $\varphi(x) = 0$ when $|x| \geq 2$. We also let

$$\psi(x) = \varphi(x) - \varphi(2x).$$

We will often consider various projections in Fourier space. Given a rectangle $R = R(c, \ell_x, \ell_y)$, centered at $c = (c_x, c_y)$ and with sides parallel to the axis of length $2\ell_x$ and $2\ell_y$, we define

$$(2.11) \quad \varphi_R(x, y) = \varphi(\ell_x^{-1}(x - c_x))\varphi(\ell_y^{-1}(y - c_y)).$$

We define the operators

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{Q_{M,N}f}(\xi, \eta) &= \psi(M^{-1}\xi)\psi(N^{-1}\eta)\widehat{f}(\xi, \eta), \\ \widehat{P_Rf}(\xi, \eta) &= \varphi_R(\xi, \eta)\widehat{f}(\xi, \eta). \end{aligned}$$

The first operator is only sensitive to the scales involved, while the second also accounts for the location in Fourier space. We also let $|R| = 4\ell_x\ell_y$ denote its area.

2.2. Some preliminary estimates. We start with a nonisotropic version of the Sobolev embedding.

LEMMA 1. *There holds that*

$$\|f\|_{L_{x,y}^q} \lesssim \| |\partial_x|^{\frac{s}{2}} |\partial_y|^{\frac{s}{2}} f \|_{L_{x,y}^p}$$

whenever $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, $0 \leq s < 1$ and

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{s}{2}$$

Proof of Lemma 1. The proof, although easy, highlights the need to treat each direction independently. Using Sobolev embedding in 1d, Minkowski inequality and Sobolev again, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L_x^q(\mathbb{R}, L_y^q(\mathbb{R}))} &\lesssim \| |\partial_x|^{\frac{s}{2}} f \|_{L_y^q(\mathbb{R}, L_x^p(\mathbb{R}))} \lesssim \| |\partial_x|^{\frac{s}{2}} f \|_{L_x^p(\mathbb{R}, L_y^q(\mathbb{R}))} \\ &\lesssim \| |\partial_y|^{\frac{s}{2}} |\partial_x|^{\frac{s}{2}} f \|_{L_{x,y}^p} \end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted. □

We have two basic refinements of (1.3). Note the difference in orthogonality requirements between Lemma 2 and Lemma 3.

LEMMA 2. *Assume that $f = P_{R_1} f$ and $g = P_{R_2} g$ where $R_i = R(c^i, \ell_x, \ell_y)$ and $|c_x^1 - c_x^2| = N \geq 4\ell_x$, and let u (resp. v) be a solution of (1.2) with initial data f (resp. g). Then*

$$(2.12) \quad \|uv\|_{L_{x,y,t}^2} \lesssim \left(\frac{\ell_x}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L_{x,y}^2} \|g\|_{L_{x,y}^2}.$$

LEMMA 3. *Assume that $f = P_{R_1} f$ and $g = P_{R_2} g$ where $R_i = R(c^i, \ell_x, \ell_y)$, $|c_x^1 - c_x^2| \geq 4\ell_x$ and $|c_y^1 - c_y^2| \geq 4\ell_y$, and let u (resp. v) be a solution of (1.2) with initial data f (resp. g). Then*

$$\|uv\|_{L_{x,y,t}^q} \lesssim (\ell_x \ell_y)^{1-\frac{2}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{x,y}^2} \|g\|_{L_{x,y}^2}$$

whenever $q > 5/3$.

Lemma 3 is the main refined bilinear estimate and appears essentially in [33] when dealing with cubes. The result as stated here follows by scaling rectangles to cubes.

Proof of Lemma 2. We simply write that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{u^2}(\xi, \eta, t) &= I(\xi, \eta, t), \\ I(\xi, \eta, t) &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-it\omega} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \\ &\quad \times \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) d\xi_1 d\eta_1, \\ \omega &= \xi_1 \eta_1 + (\xi - \xi_1)(\eta - \eta_1) \end{aligned}$$

we may now change variable in the integral

$$(2.13) \quad (\xi_1, \eta_1) \mapsto (\xi_1, \omega), \quad J := \frac{\partial(\xi_1, \omega)}{\partial(\xi_1, \eta_1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2\eta_1 - \eta & 2\xi_1 - \xi \end{pmatrix}$$

and in particular, we remark that

$$(2.14) \quad |J| = |(\xi - \xi_1) - \xi_1| \simeq N,$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} I(\xi, \eta, t) &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-it\omega} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \\ &\quad \times \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \cdot J^{-1} d\xi_1 d\omega, \\ \eta_1 &= \eta_1(\xi_1, \omega; \xi, \eta). \end{aligned}$$

Taking into consideration the Fourier transform in time and using Plancherel, followed by Cauchy–Schwarz, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|I(\xi, \eta, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2}^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot J^{-1} d\xi_1 \right|^2 d\omega \\ &\leq \sup_{\xi, \eta, \eta_1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) d\xi_1 \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) |\widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1)|^2 \\ &\quad \cdot J^{-2} d\xi_1 d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we use the fact that R_1 has width ℓ_x , together with (2.14) to obtain, after undoing the change of variables, that

$$\begin{aligned} \|I(\xi, \eta, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2}^2 &\lesssim \frac{\ell_x}{N} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \varphi_{R_2}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1) \\ &\quad \times |\widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1)|^2 \cdot J^{-1} d\xi_1 d\omega \\ &\lesssim \frac{\ell_x}{N} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1) \widehat{g}(\xi - \xi_1, \eta - \eta_1)|^2 d\xi_1 d\eta_1. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating with respect to (ξ, η) , we then obtain (2.12). □

We will in fact use the following consequence of Lemma 3.

LEMMA 4. *Under the assumptions of Lemma 3, it holds that*

$$(2.15) \quad \|uv\|_{L_{x,y,t}^{\frac{40}{21}}} \lesssim (\ell_x \ell_y)^{-\frac{3}{20}} \|\widehat{f}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{g}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}.$$

Proof. Indeed, using Lemma 3, we find that

$$\|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f \cdot e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} g\|_{L^{\frac{12}{7}}_{x,y,t}} \lesssim (\ell_x \ell_y)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2_{x,y}} \|\widehat{g}\|_{L^2_{x,y}},$$

while a crude estimate gives that

$$\|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f \cdot e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} g\|_{L^\infty_{x,y,t}} \lesssim \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^1_{x,y}} \|\widehat{g}\|_{L^1_{x,y}}.$$

Interpolation gives (2.15). □

Another tool we will need in the profile decomposition is the following local smoothing result which is essentially equivalent to Lemma 2.

LEMMA 5. *Let $\phi \in L^2_{x,y}$. There holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_x \|Q_{M,N} e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2_{y,t}} &\lesssim N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\phi\|_{L^2_{x,y}}, \\ \sup_y \|Q_{M,N} e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi(\cdot, y)\|_{L^2_{x,t}} &\lesssim M^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|\phi\|_{L^2_{x,y}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is similar to the one in the elliptic case and follows from Plancherel after using a change of variable similar to (2.13). An equivalent statement with proof occurs in [18, Theorem 2.1]. See also [4] for a general statement of Local Smoothing Estimates for Dispersive Equations. □

3. Mass-supercritical HNLS

In this section, we observe that \dot{H}_h^s has similar improved Sobolev inequalities as the $\dot{H}^{1/2}$ Sobolev norm. A typical example is the following lemma.

LEMMA 6. *Let $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$. There holds that*

$$(3.1) \quad \|f\|_{L^6_{x,y}} \lesssim \left(\sup_{M,N} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^\infty} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{2}{3}}}^{\frac{2}{3}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{2}{3}}},$$

and consequently,

$$(3.2) \quad \|f\|_{L^4_{x,y}} \lesssim \left(\sup_{M,N} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^\infty} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{5}{6}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

This is essentially a consequence of the following simple inequalities

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^\infty_{x,y}} &\lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^\infty_x L^2_y} \lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^2_y L^\infty_x} \\ &\lesssim (MN)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|Q_{M,N} f\|_{L^2_{x,y}}, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly after exchanging the role of x and y .

Proof of Lemma 6. Indeed, we may simply develop

$$\|f\|_{L^6_{x,y}}^6 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{M_1, \dots, M_6, \\ N_1, \dots, N_6}} \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} Q_{M_1, N_1} f \cdot Q_{M_2, N_2} f \dots Q_{M_6, N_6} f \, dx \, dy$$

without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$M_5, M_6 \lesssim \mu_2 = \max_2\{M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4\},$$

$$N_5, N_6 \lesssim \nu_2 = \max_2\{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\},$$

where $\max_2(S)$ denotes the second largest element of the set S , and then using Hölder’s inequality and summing over M_5, M_6 and N_5, N_6 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L_{x,y}^6}^6 &\lesssim \left(\sup_{M,N} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \|Q_{M,N}f\|_{L^\infty} \right)^2 \\ &\times \sum_{\substack{M_1, \dots, M_4, M_5, M_6 \leq \mu_2 \\ N_1, \dots, N_4, N_5, N_6 \leq \nu_2}} (M_5 M_6 N_5 N_6)^{\frac{1}{6}} \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |Q_{M_1, N_1}f| \dots |Q_{M_4, N_4}f| \, dx \, dy \\ &\lesssim \left(\sup_{M,N} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \|Q_{M,N}f\|_{L^\infty} \right)^2 \\ &\times \sum_{\substack{M_1, \dots, M_4 \\ N_1, \dots, N_4}} (\mu_2 \nu_2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |Q_{M_1, N_1}f| \dots |Q_{M_4, N_4}f| \, dx \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using (3.3) and estimating the norms corresponding to the two lower frequencies in each direction in L^∞ , and the two highest ones in L^2 , one quickly finds that

$$\sum_{\substack{M_1, \dots, M_4 \\ N_1, \dots, N_4}} (\mu_2 \nu_2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} |Q_{M_1, N_1}f| \dots |Q_{M_4, N_4}f| \, dx \, dy \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{2}{3}}}^4,$$

which finishes the proof. Inequality (3.2) then follows by interpolation. □

At this point, the usual profile decomposition follows easily from the following simple Lemma 7 below.

LEMMA 7. *There exists $\delta > 0$ such that*

$$\|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f\|_{L_{x,y,t}^8} \lesssim \left(\sup_{M,N,t,x,y} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{4}} |(e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} Q_{M,N}f)(x,y)| \right)^\delta \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{1-\delta}.$$

Proof of Lemma 7. We use Hölder’s inequality, Sobolev embedding Lemma 1, Strichartz estimates and (3.2) to get for $u = e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f$

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{L_{x,y,t}^8} &\lesssim \|u\|_{L_t^6 L_{x,y}^{12}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \|u\|_{L_t^\infty L_{x,y}^4}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\lesssim \|\partial_x\|_{L_t^4}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\partial_y\|_{L_t^4}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|u\|_{L_t^6 L_{x,y}^3}^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot \left(\sup_{M,N,t} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|Q_{M,N}u(t)\|_{L_{x,y}^\infty} \right)^{\frac{1}{24}} \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{\frac{5}{24}} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{23}{24}}}^{\frac{23}{24}} \cdot \left(\sup_{M,N,t} (MN)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \|Q_{M,N}u(t)\|_{L_{x,y}^\infty} \right)^{\frac{1}{24}}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

3.1. The mass-supercritical profile decomposition. Let us take the group action on functions given by $g_n^j = g(x_n^j, y_n^j, \lambda_{1,n}^j, \lambda_{2,n}^j)$ such that

$$(g_n^j)^{-1} f = (\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j)^{\frac{1}{4}} [f](\lambda_{n,1}^j x + x_n^j, \lambda_{n,2}^j y + y_n^j).$$

We can now state the $\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}$ -profile decomposition for (2.7).

PROPOSITION 8. *Let $\|u_n\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq A$ be a sequence that is bounded $\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Then possibly after passing to a subsequence, for any $1 \leq j < \infty$ there exist $\phi^j \in \dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $(t_n^j, x_n^j, y_n^j) \in \mathbf{R}^3$, $\lambda_{n,1}^j, \lambda_{n,2}^j \in (0, \infty)$ such that for any J ,*

$$(3.4) \quad u_n = \sum_{j=1}^J g_n^j e^{it_n^j \partial_x \partial_y} \phi^j + w_n^J,$$

$$(3.5) \quad \lim_{J \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e^{it \partial_x \partial_y} w_n^J\|_{L_{x,y,t}^8} = 0,$$

such that for any $1 \leq j \leq J$,

$$(3.6) \quad e^{-it_n^j \partial_x \partial_y} (g_n^j)^{-1} w_n^J \rightharpoonup 0,$$

weakly in $\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}$,

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\|u_n\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^2 - \sum_{j=1}^J \|\phi^j\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^2 - \|w_n^J\|_{\dot{H}_h^{\frac{1}{2}}}^2 \right) = 0,$$

and for any $j \neq k$,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} & \left[\left| \ln \left(\frac{\lambda_{n,1}^j}{\lambda_{n,1}^k} \right) \right| + \left| \ln \left(\frac{\lambda_{n,2}^j}{\lambda_{n,2}^k} \right) \right| + \frac{|x_n^j - x_n^k|}{(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,1}^k)^{1/2}} + \frac{|y_n^j - y_n^k|}{(\lambda_{n,2}^j \lambda_{n,2}^k)^{1/2}} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{|t_n^j (\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j) - t_n^k (\lambda_{n,1}^k \lambda_{n,2}^k)|}{(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j \lambda_{n,1}^k \lambda_{n,2}^k)^{1/2}} \right] = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Proposition 8 of this follows by simple adaptation of the techniques in [16, Section 4.4], as originally introduced in [15]. We note that a similar statement also appears in works of Fanelli-Visciglia [7].

4. Profile decomposition for the mass-critical HLS

In this section, we focus on the mass-critical case. This case is more delicate for two reasons. First we need to account for the Galilean invariance symmetry in (2.5) and second, we cannot use a simple Sobolev estimate as in (3.2) to fix the frequency scales. We follow closely the work in [16, Section 4] with a small variant in the use of modulation orthogonality and an additional argument for interactions of rectangles with skewed aspect ratios.

4.1. A precised Strichartz inequality. The main result in this section is the following proposition from which it is not hard to obtain a good profile decomposition. We need to introduce the norm

$$(4.1) \quad \|\phi\|_{X_p} := \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{R}} |R|^{-\frac{p}{2\Omega}} \|\phi \mathbf{1}_R\|_{L^{\frac{2\Omega}{11}}}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

where \mathcal{R} stands for the collection of all dyadic rectangles. That is, rectangles with both sides parallel to an axis, of possibly different dyadic size, whose center is a multiple of the same dyadic numbers, given by the form

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} &:= \{R_{k,n,p,m} : k, n, m, p \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ R_{k,n,p,m} &:= \{(x, y) : n - 1 \leq 2^{-k}x \leq n + 1, m - 1 \leq 2^{-p}y \leq m + 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note in particular that these spaces are nested: $X_p \subset X_q$ whenever $p \leq q$. The motivation for the space $L^{\frac{2\Omega}{11}}$ in (4.1) can be motivated by the X_p^q Strichartz estimate in Theorem 4.23 from [16].

PROPOSITION 9. *Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$, then, there holds that for all $p > 2$,*

$$(4.3) \quad \|\phi\|_{X_p} \lesssim_p \|\phi\|_{L^2}$$

and in addition, there exists $p > 2$ such that

$$(4.4) \quad \|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y}\phi\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}^4 \lesssim \left(\sup_R |R|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{x,y,t} |e^{it\partial_x\partial_y}(P_R\phi)(x,y)| \right)^{\frac{4}{21}} \|\widehat{\phi}\|_{X_p^{\frac{8\Omega}{21}}}.$$

We refer to [25] for a different proof of a slightly stronger estimate. Let us first recall the Whitney decomposition.

LEMMA 10 (Whitney decomposition). *There exists a tiling of the plane minus the diagonal*

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus D = \cup I \times J, \quad D = \{(x, x), x \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

made of dyadic intervals such that $|I| = |J|$ and

$$6|I| \leq \text{dist}(I \times J, D) \leq 24|I|.$$

We will consider two independent Whitney decompositions of $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$:

$$(4.5) \quad \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus D\}}(\xi_1, \eta_1, \xi_2, \eta_2) := \sum_{I_1 \sim I_2, J_1 \sim J_2} \mathbf{1}_{I_1}(\xi_1) \mathbf{1}_{J_1}(\eta_1) \mathbf{1}_{I_2}(\xi_2) \mathbf{1}_{J_2}(\eta_2),$$

where I_i and J_j are dyadic intervals of \mathbb{R} and \sim is an equivalence relation such that, for each fixed I , there are only finitely many J 's such that $I \sim J$, uniformly in I (i.e., equivalence classes have bounded cardinality) and if $I \sim J$, then $|I| = |J|$ and $\text{dist}(I, J) \simeq |I|$. We also extend the equivalence relation to rectangles in the following fashion:

$$I \times J \sim I' \times J' \quad \text{if and only if} \quad I \sim I' \quad \text{and} \quad J \sim J'.$$

We would like to follow the argument in [16] for the profile decomposition for the elliptic nonlinear Schrödinger equation. However, it is at this point where we reach the main technical obstruction to doing this. Recall that to estimate the $L^2_{x,y,t}$ norm of $[e^{it\Delta} f]^2$, it was possible to utilize Plancherel’s theorem, reducing the $L^2_{x,y,t}$ norm to an l^2 sum over pairs of Whitney squares.

This was because Plancherel’s theorem in frequency turned the sum over all pairs of *equal area* squares to an l^2 sum over squares centered at different points in frequency space, and then Plancherel’s theorem in time separated out pairs of squares with different area. Because there is only one square with a given area and center in space, this is enough. However, there are infinitely many rectangles with the same area and the same center. Thus, to reduce the $L^2_{x,y,t}$ norm of $[e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f]^2$ to a l^2 sum over pairs of rectangles, that is rectangles whose sides obey the equivalence relation in both x and y , it is necessary to deal with the off-diagonal terms, that is terms of the form

$$(4.6) \quad \left\| [e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R_1} f] [e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R_2} f] \overline{[e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R'_1} f]} \overline{[e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R'_2} f]} \right\|_{L^1_{x,y,t}},$$

where $R_1 \sim R_2$ and $R'_1 \sim R'_2$ are Whitney pairs of rectangles which have the same area, but very different dimensions in x and y . In this case, Lemma 2 gives a clue with regard to how to proceed, since it leads to the generalized result that

$$(4.7) \quad \left\| [e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R_1} f] \overline{[e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} P_{R'_1} f]} \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}} \ll \|P_{R_1} f\|_{L^2_{x,y}} \|P_{R'_1} f\|_{L^2_{x,y}}.$$

Thus, it may be possible to sum the off diagonal terms. We will not use Lemma 2 specifically, but we will use the idea that rectangles of the same area but very different dimensions have very weak bilinear interactions.

Before we turn to the details, we first present the main orthogonality properties we will use. For simplicity of notation, given a dyadic rectangle R , let

$$\widehat{\phi}_R(x, y) := \widehat{\phi}(x, y) \mathbf{1}_R(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad u_R(x, y, t) := (e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi_R)(x, y)$$

and set $u = e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi$. Also we will consider rectangles $R_1 = I_1 \times J_1$, $R_2 = I_2 \times J_2$, $R'_1 = I'_1 \times J'_1$, $R'_2 = I'_2 \times J'_2$.

Proceeding with the above philosophy in mind, using (4.5), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}^4 &= \|u^2\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2 = \left\| \sum_{R_1 \sim R_2} u_{R_1} \cdot u_{R_2} \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=\Omega}} u_{R_1} \cdot u_{R_2} \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2 = \left\| \sum_{\Omega} I_{\Omega} \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the polarization identity for a quadratic form,

$$Q(x_1, y_1) + Q(x_2, y_2) = \frac{1}{2} [Q(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) + Q(x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2)],$$

we compute that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^{i\frac{\xi}{2}\xi\eta}\widehat{I_\Omega}(\xi, \eta, t) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=\Omega}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \mathbf{1}_{R_1}(\xi_1, \eta_1)\mathbf{1}_{R_2}(\xi_2, \eta_2)e^{-i\frac{\xi}{2}(\xi_1-\xi_2)(\eta_1-\eta_2)} \\
 &\quad \times \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \eta_1)\widehat{f}(\xi_2, \eta_2)\delta(\xi - \xi_1 - \xi_2)\delta(\eta - \eta_1 - \eta_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\eta_1 d\eta_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we observe that since

$$|I_1| = |I_2| \simeq \text{dist}(I_1, I_2), \quad |J_1| = |J_2| \simeq \text{dist}(J_1, J_2),$$

it holds that, on the support of integration,

$$|(\xi_1 - \xi_2)(\eta_1 - \eta_2)| \simeq |I_1| \cdot |J_1| \simeq \Omega.$$

Therefore, we have the following orthogonality in time

$$\left\| \sum_{\Omega} \widehat{I_\Omega}(\xi, \eta, \cdot) \right\|_{L_t^2}^2 = \left\| e^{i\frac{\xi}{2}\xi\eta} \sum_{\Omega} \widehat{I_\Omega}(\xi, \eta, \cdot) \right\|_{L_t^2}^2 \lesssim \sum_{\Omega} \left\| \widehat{I_\Omega}(\xi, \eta, \cdot) \right\|_{L_t^2}^2.$$

To continue, we need to control I_Ω uniformly in Ω . We write that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}_\Omega &= \left\| \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=\Omega}} u_{R_1} \cdot u_{R_2} \right\|_{L_{x,y,t}^2}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=|R'_1|=|R'_2|=\Omega}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_{x,y,t}} u_{R_1} \cdot u_{R_2} \cdot \overline{u_{R'_1} \cdot u_{R'_2}} dx dy dt \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=|R'_1|=|R'_2|=\Omega}} \mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

To any rectangle $R = I \times J$, we associate its center $c = (c_x, c_y)$ and its scales $\ell_x(R) = |I|$ and $\ell_y(R) = |J| = \Omega/|I|$. For 2 rectangles R and R' of equal area, we define their relative discrepancy by

$$\delta(R, R') = \min\{\ell_x(R)/\ell_x(R'), \ell_y(R)/\ell_y(R')\}.$$

We want to decompose \mathcal{I}_Ω according to the discrepancy of $R_1 = I_1 \times J_1$ and $R'_1 = I'_1 \times J'_1$. Using scaling relation (2.9), we may assume that $\Omega = 1$, $\ell_x(R_1) = \ell_x(R_2) = 1$ and that $\ell_x(R'_1) \leq \ell_y(R'_1)$, so that R'_1 is a $\delta \times \delta^{-1}$ rectangle, where $\delta = \delta(R_1, R'_1)$.

We first notice that, if $\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2} \neq 0$, we must have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.8) \quad & |c_x(R_1) - c_x(R'_1)| \lesssim \ell_x(R_1) + \ell_x(R'_1), \\
 & |c_y(R_1) - c_y(R'_1)| \lesssim \ell_y(R_1) + \ell_y(R'_1).
 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, for any fixed R_1 and $\delta \gtrsim 1$, there can be only a bounded number of choices for R'_1 , so that

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=1}} \|u_{R_1} u_{R_2}\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2.$$

At this stage, we are in a similar position as in the elliptic case and we may follow the proof in [16, Section 4.4]. From now on, we will focus on the case $\delta \ll 1$.

In the case $\delta \ll 1$, we may in fact strengthen (4.8). Indeed for $\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}$ to be different from 0, we must have that

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} |c_x(R_1) - c_x(R'_1)| &\simeq \ell_x(R_1) + \ell_x(R'_1), \\ |c_y(R_1) - c_y(R'_1)| &\simeq \ell_y(R_1) + \ell_y(R'_1). \end{aligned}$$

This follows from the fact that (say)

$$\begin{aligned} &c_x(R_1) + c_x(R_2) - c_x(R'_1) - c_x(R'_2) \\ &= 2[c_x(R_1) - c_x(R'_1)] - [c_x(R_1) - c_x(R_2)] + [c_x(R'_1) - c_x(R'_2)], \end{aligned}$$

and the last bracket is bounded by 24δ , while the second to last is bounded below by 6; however, for $\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}$ to be nonzero, there must exist $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi'_1, \xi'_2) \in R_1 \times R_2 \times R'_1 \times R'_2$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 + \xi_2 - \xi'_1 - \xi'_2 &= 0 \quad \text{and} \\ |(\xi_1 + \xi_2 - \xi'_1 - \xi'_2) - (c_x(R_1) + c_x(R_2) - c_x(R'_1) - c_x(R'_2))| &\leq 2 + 2\delta. \end{aligned}$$

We will keep note of this by writing $R_1 \simeq R'_1$ (or sometimes $c(R_1) \simeq c(R'_1)$) whenever (4.9) holds for rectangles of equal area.

Recall that R'_1 is a $\delta \times \delta^{-1}$ rectangle; we can decompose all rectangles into $\delta \times 1$ rectangles. We may then partition

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} R_1 &= \bigcup_{a=1}^{\delta^{-1}} I_{1,a} \times J_1 = \bigcup_{a=1}^{\delta^{-1}} R_{1,a}, & R_2 &= \bigcup_{\tilde{a}=1}^{\delta^{-1}} I_{2,\tilde{a}} \times J_2 = \bigcup_{\tilde{a}=1}^{\delta^{-1}} R_{2,\tilde{a}}, \\ R'_1 &= \bigcup_{b=1}^{\delta^{-1}} I'_1 \times J'_{1,b} = \bigcup_{b=1}^{\delta^{-1}} R'_{1,b}, & R'_2 &= \bigcup_{\tilde{b}=1}^{\delta^{-1}} I'_2 \times J'_{2,\tilde{b}} = \bigcup_{\tilde{b}=1}^{\delta^{-1}} R'_{2,\tilde{b}} \end{aligned}$$

and by orthogonality, we see that

$$\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2} = \sum_{a \sim \tilde{a}, b \sim \tilde{b}} \mathcal{I}_{R_{1,a} \sim R_{2,\tilde{a}}, R'_{1,b} \sim R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}$$

where

$$a \sim \tilde{a} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad |c_x(R_{1,a}) + c_x(R_{2,\tilde{a}}) - c_x(R'_1) - c_x(R'_2)| \lesssim \delta$$

and comparably in y for $b \sim \tilde{b}$. Thus, for fixed R_1, R_2, R'_1, R'_2 , this gives two equivalence relations with $O(\delta^{-1})$ equivalence classes of (uniformly) bounded cardinality.

And proceeding as in (4.9), we can easily see that

$$(4.11) \quad \begin{aligned} |c_x(R_{1,a}) - c_x(R'_{1,b})| &\gtrsim 1, & |c_y(R_{1,a}) - c_y(R'_{1,b})| &\gtrsim \delta^{-1}, \\ |c_x(R_{2,\tilde{a}}) - c_x(R'_{2,\tilde{b}})| &\gtrsim 1, & |c_y(R'_{1,\tilde{a}}) - c_y(R'_{2,\tilde{b}})| &\gtrsim \delta^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we have extracted all the orthogonality we need and we are ready to proceed with the proof of Proposition 9.

4.2. Proof of (4.4). Using rescaling, we may assume that

$$(4.12) \quad 1 = \sup_R |R|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left\| e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi_R \right\|_{L^\infty_{x,y,t}}.$$

From the considerations above, we obtain the expression

$$(4.13) \quad \left\| e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} \phi \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}^4 \lesssim \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=|R'_1|=|R'_2|=\Omega}} \mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2},$$

where the rectangles satisfy the condition (4.9). In addition, for fixed rectangles $R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2$ of equal area Ω , let $\delta = \delta(R_1, R'_1)$. As explained above, for fixed $\delta = \delta_0 = O(1)$, we are in a position similar to the elliptic case and we may follow [16] to get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=|R'_1|=|R'_2|=\Omega, \\ \delta(R_1, R'_1)=\delta_0}} |\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}| \\ &\lesssim \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=\Omega}} \|u_{R_1} u_{R_2}\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}}^2 \\ &\lesssim \left(\sup_R |R|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|u_R\|_{L^\infty_{x,y,t}} \right)^{\frac{4}{21}} \sum_{R_1 \sim R_2} |R_1|^{\frac{2}{21}} \|u_{R_1} u_{R_2}\|_{L^{\frac{40}{21}}_{x,y,t}}^{\frac{40}{21}} \\ &\lesssim \sum_{R_1 \sim R_2} \left\{ |R_1|^{-\frac{1}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}}_{x,y}} \cdot |R_2|^{-\frac{1}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_2}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{21}}_{x,y,t}} \right\}^{\frac{40}{21}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Cauchy–Schwarz in the first inequality, Hölder’s inequality in the second and (4.12) together with Lemma 4 in the last inequality. This gives a bounded contribution as in (4.4) for any $p \leq 80/21$.

We need to adjust the above scheme when $\delta \ll 1$. In the following, we let

$$T_{\ll 1} := \sum_{\delta \ll 1} \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2, \\ |R_1|=|R_2|=|R'_1|=|R'_2|=\Omega, \\ \delta(R_1, R'_1)=\delta}} |\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}|$$

and to conclude the proof of (4.4), we need to prove that, for some $p > 2$,

$$(4.14) \quad T_{\ll 1} \lesssim \|\phi\|_{X_p}^{\frac{80}{21}}.$$

We can now use the finer decomposition (4.10) to write

$$\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2} = \sum_{a \sim \tilde{a}, b \sim \tilde{b}} \mathcal{I}_{R_{1,a} \sim R_{2,\tilde{a}}, R'_{1,b} \sim R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}$$

where the new rectangles satisfy (4.11). Using Cauchy–Schwarz, then Hölder’s inequality with (4.12), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_{R_{1,a} \sim R_{2,\tilde{a}}, R'_{1,b} \sim R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}| &\lesssim \|u_{R_{1,a}} \cdot u_{R'_{1,b}}\|_{L_{x,y,t}^2} \cdot \|u_{R_{2,\tilde{a}}} \cdot u_{R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}\|_{L_{x,y,t}^2} \\ &\lesssim (\delta\Omega)^{\frac{21}{21}} \|u_{R_{1,a}} \cdot u_{R'_{1,b}}\|_{L_{x,y,t}^{\frac{20}{21}}} \cdot \|u_{R_{2,\tilde{a}}} \cdot u_{R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}\|_{L_{x,y,t}^{\frac{40}{21}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using Lemma 4 with (4.11), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_{R_{1,a} \sim R_{2,\tilde{a}}, R'_{1,b} \sim R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}| &\lesssim (\delta\Omega)^{\frac{21}{21}} \cdot (\delta^{-1}\Omega)^{-\frac{6}{21}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_{1,a}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_{2,\tilde{a}}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_{1,b}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_{2,\tilde{b}}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $20/11 < 40/21$ and since for fixed a , there are only a bounded number \tilde{a} such that $a \sim \tilde{a}$, we can sum over a to get

$$\sum_{a \sim \tilde{a}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_{1,a}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_{2,\tilde{a}}}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \lesssim \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_2}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}$$

and similarly for b , so that

$$(4.15) \quad |\mathcal{I}_{R_1 \sim R_2, R'_1 \sim R'_2}| \lesssim \delta^{\frac{8}{21}} \Omega^{-\frac{4}{21}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_2}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_2}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}.$$

In addition, for rectangles of fixed areas and sizes $|R_1| = |R_2| = |R'_1| = |R'_2|$, $\ell_x(R_1) = \ell_x(R_2)$, $\ell_x(R'_1) = \ell_x(R'_2)$ also satisfying (4.9), we may use Cauchy Schwarz in the summation over the centers to get

$$\sum_{\substack{R_1 \sim R_2, \\ R'_1 \sim R'_2}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_2}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_2}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \lesssim \sum_{R_1 \simeq R'_1} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{40}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{40}{11}}}$$

where the sum is taken over all rectangles $R_1 \simeq R'_1$ of the given sizes satisfying (4.9).

We can now get back to (4.14) and use (4.15) and the inequality above to get

$$T_{\ll 1} \lesssim \sum_{\Omega} \sum_A \sum_{\delta \leq 1} \delta^{\frac{8}{21}} \Omega^{-\frac{4}{21}} \cdot \sum_{c_1 \simeq c'_1} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{40}{11}}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{40}{11}}},$$

where we have parameterized the lengths of the rectangles by $\Omega = |R_1| = |R'_1|$, $A = \ell_x(R_1)$ and $\delta = \ell_x(R'_1)/\ell_x(R_1)$, and their centers by c_1, c'_1 .

Now for any $p > 2$ choose $0 < \theta(p) < 1$ such that

$$(4.16) \quad \frac{2\theta}{p} + \frac{1-\theta}{p} = \frac{21}{40}$$

and observe that $\theta(p) \searrow \frac{1}{20}$ as $p \searrow 2$. Then by interpolation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\Omega, A, \\ c_1 \simeq c'_1}} \Omega^{-\frac{4}{21}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{40}{21}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{40}{21}} \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_{\substack{\Omega, A, \\ c_1 \simeq c'_1}} \Omega^{-\frac{p}{10}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \right)^{\frac{40}{21} \frac{1-\theta}{p}} \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{\Omega, A, \\ c_1 \simeq c'_1}} \Omega^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{\frac{40}{21} \frac{2\theta}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, on the one hand, we observe that for a fixed choice of scales $(\Omega, A$ and $\delta)$ and for each fixed c_1 , there are at most $O(\delta^{-1})$ choices of c'_1 satisfying (4.9) so we obtain that

$$(4.17) \quad \sum_{\substack{\Omega, A, \\ c_1 \simeq c'_1}} \Omega^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \lesssim \delta^{-1} \sum_{\Omega, A, c_1} \Omega^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p$$

and the other sum can be handled in an easier way: using Hölder’s inequality and forgetting about the relationship $c_1 \simeq c'_1$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (4.18) \quad & \sum_{\Omega} \sum_A \sum_{c_1 \simeq c'_1} \Omega^{-\frac{p}{10}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \\ & \lesssim \sum_{\Omega} \sum_A \left(\sum_{c_1} \{ \Omega^{-\frac{1}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}} \}^p \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{c'_1} \{ \Omega^{-\frac{1}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_{R'_1}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}} \}^p \right) \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_R |R|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|\widehat{\phi}_R\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Recall the definition (4.1). Combining (4.17) and (4.18), we obtain

$$T_{\ll 1} \lesssim \sum_{\delta \leq 1} \delta^{\frac{8}{21}} \cdot (\delta^{-1} \|\widehat{\phi}\|_{X_p}^p)^{\frac{80}{21} \frac{\theta}{p}} (\|\widehat{\phi}\|_{X_p}^{2p})^{\frac{40}{21} \frac{1-\theta}{p}} \lesssim \sum_{\delta \leq 1} \delta^{\frac{8}{21} (1 - \frac{10\theta}{p})} \|\widehat{\phi}\|_{X_p}^{\frac{80}{21}}$$

and this is summable in δ for $2 < p < 40/17$ small enough. The proof of (4.4) is thus complete and it remains to prove (4.3) which we now turn to.

4.3. Proof of (4.3). We first state and prove the following simple result we will need in the proof.

LEMMA 11. *Let \mathcal{D} denote the set of dyadic intervals (on \mathbb{R}) and let $p > 2$. For any $g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, there holds that*

$$(4.19) \quad \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} |I|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|g \mathbf{1}_I\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p \lesssim \|g\|_{L_x^2}^p.$$

Proof of Lemma 11. We may assume that $\|g\|_{L_x^2} = 1$. For fixed A , we let \mathcal{D}_A denote the set of dyadic intervals of length A and we decompose

$$g = g^+ + g^-, \quad g^+(x) = g(x) \mathbf{1}_{\{|g(x)| > A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\}}, \quad g^-(x) = g(x) \mathbf{1}_{\{|g(x)| \leq A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\}}.$$

On the one hand, using that $\ell^{\frac{20}{11}} \subset \ell^p$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_A \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_A} |I|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|g^+ \mathbf{1}_I\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p &\lesssim \left(\sum_A A^{-\frac{1}{11}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_A} \|g^+ \mathbf{1}_I\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}}} \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ &\lesssim \left(\sum_A A^{-\frac{1}{11}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g|^{\frac{20}{11}} \mathbf{1}_{\{|g(x)| > A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ &\lesssim \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |g|^{\frac{20}{11}} \cdot \left(\sum_{A > |g(x)|^{-2}} A^{-\frac{1}{11}} \right) dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \lesssim 1, \end{aligned}$$

while, for the other sum, we use Hölder’s inequality to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_A \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_A} A^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|g^- \mathbf{1}_I\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p &\lesssim \sum_A \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}_A} A^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|g^- \mathbf{1}_I\|_{L^p}^p \cdot |I|^{(\frac{11}{20} - \frac{1}{p})p} \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(x)|^p \cdot \sum_{\{A < |g(x)|^{-2}\}} A^{\frac{p-2}{2}} dx \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(x)|^2 dx \lesssim 1 \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. □

Now, we proceed to prove (4.3).

Proof of (4.3). Recall \mathcal{D} stand for the set of dyadic intervals and \mathcal{D}_A for the set of dyadic intervals of length A . We want to prove that

$$\sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} |I|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}} |J|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p \lesssim \|f\|_{L_{x,y}^2}^p.$$

We claim that, for any fixed interval I ,

$$(4.20) \quad \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}} |J|^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p \lesssim \|f \mathbf{1}_{I \times \mathbb{R}}\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}} L_y^2}^p.$$

Once this is proved, we may simply apply Lemma 11 to the function

$$g(x) := \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}$$

to finish the proof.

From now on I denotes a fixed interval and f is a function supported on $\{x \in I\}$, i.e. $f = f\mathbf{1}_{I \times \mathbb{R}}$. The proof of (4.20) is a small variation on the proof of Lemma 11. Fix a dyadic number B and let

$$c_B = c_B(x) = B^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}$$

and decompose accordingly²

$$f = f^+ + f^-, \quad f^+ = f\mathbf{1}_{\{|f(x,y)| > c_B(x)\}}, \quad f^- = f\mathbf{1}_{\{|f(x,y)| \leq c_B(x)\}}.$$

We then compute that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f^+ \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}}^p \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{1}{11}} \|f^+ \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L_{x,y}^{\frac{20}{11}}} \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_B B^{-\frac{1}{11}} \int_{I_x} \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} |f^+|^{\frac{20}{11}} dy dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} |f^+|^{\frac{20}{11}} \cdot \sum_{\{B: |f(x,y)| \geq c_B(x)\}} B^{-\frac{1}{11}} dy dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} |f(x,y)|^{\frac{20}{11}} \cdot \left(\frac{|f(x,y)|}{\|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{11}} dy dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}^{-\frac{2}{11}} \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} |f(x,y)|^2 dy dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20}p} \\ & \lesssim \|f\|_{L_x^{\frac{20}{11}} L_y^2}^p, \end{aligned}$$

in the penultimate line, we note that though there is a negative power of the L_y^2 norm, the product of the two quantities is well-defined, especially as we can assume $f \in C_c^\infty$. Also, we have used the embedding $\ell^1 \subset \ell^{\frac{11}{20}p}$ in the first inequality, the fact that dyadic intervals of a fixed length tile \mathbb{R} in the second inequality, and we have summed a geometric series in the fourth inequality.

² Note that $f(x,y) = 0$ whenever $\|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2} = 0$, so that $c_B(x) > 0$ on the support of f^+ .

Now for the second part, we compute that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f^- \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \\
 & \lesssim \sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{p}{20}} B^{p(\frac{11}{20} - \frac{1}{p})} \|f^- \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L_y^p(J; L_x^{\frac{20}{11}}(I))}^p \\
 & \lesssim \sum_B B^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} \left(\int_{I_x} |f^-(x, y)|^{\frac{20}{11}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} dy \\
 & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} \sum_B \left(B^{\frac{p-2}{2} \frac{20}{11} \frac{1}{p}} \int_{I_x} |f^-(x, y)|^{\frac{20}{11}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} dy \\
 & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} \left(\int_{I_x} \sum_B B^{\frac{p-2}{p} \frac{10}{11}} |f^-(x, y)|^{\frac{20}{11}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} dy,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Hölder’s inequality in the first line and the inclusion $\ell^1 \subset \ell^{\frac{11}{20} p}$ in the fourth line. Now, since f^- is supported where

$$B \leq \left(\frac{\|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}}{|f(x, y)|} \right)^2,$$

summing in B gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f^- \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \\
 & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}_y} \left(\int_{I_x} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{p-2}{p}} |f^-(x, y)|^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{2}{p}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Minkowski inequality on the function

$$h(x, y) = \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{p-2}{p}} |f^-(x, y)|^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{2}{p}},$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_B \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_B} B^{-\frac{p}{20}} \|f^- \mathbf{1}_{I \times J}\|_{L^{\frac{20}{11}, y}}^p \\
 & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_y} h^{\frac{11}{20} p} dy \right)^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{1}{p}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} \\
 & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_y} |f(x, y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{1}{p}} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}^{\frac{20}{11} \frac{p-2}{p}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p} \\
 & \lesssim \left(\int_{I_x} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}^{\frac{20}{11}} dx \right)^{\frac{11}{20} p},
 \end{aligned}$$

which proves (4.20). Thus the proof is complete. □

5. The profile decomposition and applications

The profile decomposition then follows from Proposition 9 in the usual way following the techniques in the proof of Theorems 4.25 (the Inverse Strichartz Inequality) and 4.26 (Mass Critical Profile Decomposition) from [16], for instance. We note that it is the proof of the Inverse Strichartz Inequality that requires the local smoothing estimates as in Lemma 5 to establish pointwise a.e. convergence of profiles to an element of $L^2_{x,y}$ through compactness considerations, otherwise the proof follows mutatis mutandis. Once the Inverse Strichartz Inequality is established, the proof of the Profile Decomposition follows verbatim.

Suppose $g_n^j = g(x_n^j, y_n^j, \lambda_{1,n}^j, \lambda_{2,n}^j, \xi_n^j)$ is the group whose action on functions is given by

$$(g_n^j)^{-1} f = (\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j)^{1/2} e^{-i\xi_n^j(\lambda_{n,1}^j x + x_n^j)} e^{-i\xi_n^j(\lambda_{n,2}^j x + y_n^j)} \times [f_n](\lambda_{n,1}^j x + x_n^j, \lambda_{n,2}^j y + y_n^j).$$

The profile decomposition gives the following.

THEOREM 12. *Let $\|u_n\|_{L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)} \leq A$ be a sequence that is bounded $L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)$. Then possibly after passing to a subsequence, for any $1 \leq j < \infty$ there exist $\phi^j \in L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)$, $(t_n^j, x_n^j, y_n^j) \in \mathbf{R}^3$, $\xi_n^j \in \mathbf{R}^2$, $\lambda_{n,1}^j, \lambda_{n,2}^j \in (0, \infty)$ such that for any J ,*

$$(5.1) \quad u_n = \sum_{j=1}^J g_n^j e^{it_n^j \partial_x \partial_y} \phi^j + w_n^J,$$

$$(5.2) \quad \lim_{J \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e^{it \partial_x \partial_y} w_n^J\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}} = 0,$$

such that for any $1 \leq j \leq J$,

$$(5.3) \quad e^{-it_n^j \partial_x \partial_y} (g_n^j)^{-1} w_n^J \rightharpoonup 0,$$

weakly in $L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)$,

$$(5.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\|u_n\|_{L^2_{x,y}}^2 - \sum_{j=1}^J \|\phi^j\|_{L^2_{x,y}}^2 - \|w_n^J\|_{L^2_{x,y}}^2 \right) = 0,$$

and for any $j \neq k$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} & \left[\left| \ln \left(\frac{\lambda_{n,1}^j}{\lambda_{n,1}^k} \right) \right| + \left| \ln \left(\frac{\lambda_{n,2}^j}{\lambda_{n,2}^k} \right) \right| + \frac{|t_n^j(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j) - t_n^k(\lambda_{n,1}^k \lambda_{n,2}^k)|}{(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j \lambda_{n,1}^k \lambda_{n,2}^k)^{1/2}} \right. \\
 & + (\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,1}^k)^{1/2} |\xi_{n,1}^j - \xi_{n,1}^k| + (\lambda_{n,2}^j \lambda_{n,2}^k)^{1/2} |\xi_{n,2}^j - \xi_{n,2}^k| \\
 & + \frac{|x_n^j - x_n^k - 2t_n^j(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j)(\xi_{n,1}^j - \xi_{n,1}^k)|}{(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,1}^k)^{1/2}} \\
 & \left. + \frac{|y_n^j - y_n^k - 2t_n^j(\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j)(\xi_{n,2}^j - \xi_{n,2}^k)|}{(\lambda_{n,2}^j \lambda_{n,2}^k)^{1/2}} \right] = \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

5.1. Minimal mass blow-up solutions. As an application of the profile decomposition, we turn to a calculation that for instance originated in [15], [23]. Namely we construct a minimal mass solution to (2.1) which is a solution u of minimal mass such that there exists a time T^* such that

$$\int_{-T^*}^{T^*} \int_{\mathbb{R}_{x,y}^2} |u|^4 dx dy dt = +\infty.$$

In other words, it is a solution of least mass for which the small data global argument fails.

It turns out that if u is a minimal mass blowup solution to (2.1) then u lies in a compact subset of $L_{x,y}^2(\mathbf{R}^2)$ modulo the symmetry group g ; more precisely, following [16, Chapter 5, Theorem 5.2], we can establish the following theorem.

THEOREM 13. *Suppose u is a minimal mass blowup solution to (2.1) on a maximal time interval I that blows up in both time directions. That is, I is an open interval and for any $t_0 \in I$,*

$$(5.6) \quad \iint_{t_0}^{\sup(I)} |u(x, y, t)|^4 dx dy dt, \quad \iint_{\inf(I)}^{t_0} |u(x, y, t)|^4 dx dy dt = \infty.$$

Then there exist $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 : I \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $\tilde{\xi} : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$, $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, such that for any $\eta > 0$ there exists $C(\eta) < \infty$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.7) \quad & \int_{|x - \tilde{x}(t)| > \frac{C(\eta)}{\lambda_1(t)}} |u(x, y, t)|^2 dx dy \\
 & + \int_{|y - \tilde{y}(t)| > \frac{C(\eta)}{\lambda_2(t)}} |u(x, y, t)|^2 dx dy \\
 & + \int_{|\xi_1 - \tilde{\xi}_1(t)| > C(\eta)\lambda_1(t)} |\hat{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi \\
 & + \int_{|\xi_2 - \tilde{\xi}_2(t)| > C(\eta)\lambda_2(t)} |\hat{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi < \eta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Take a sequence $t_n \in I$. Then conservation of mass implies that after passing to a subsequence we may make a profile decomposition of $u(t_n) = u_n$. If there exists j such that, along a subsequence, $t_n^j \rightarrow \pm\infty$, say $t_n^j \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$(5.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| e^{it^j \partial_x \partial_y} (g_n^j e^{it_n^j \partial_x \partial_y} \phi^j) \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}([0,\infty) \times \mathbf{R}^2)} = 0,$$

so combining perturbative arguments, (5.4), and the fact that u is a blowup solution with minimal mass then u scatters forward in time to a free solution. Thus, we may assume that for each j , t_n^j converges to some $t^j \in \mathbf{R}$. Then taking $e^{it^j \partial_x \partial_y} \phi^j$ to be the new ϕ^j , we may assume that each $t_n^j = 0$.

Now suppose that

$$(5.9) \quad \sup_j \left\| \phi^j \right\|_{L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)} < \left\| u(t) \right\|_{L^2_{x,y}(\mathbf{R}^2)}.$$

Then if v^j is the solution to (2.1) with initial data ϕ^j , since $\|u(t)\|_{L^2}$ is the minimal mass for blowup to occur, each v^j scatters both forward and backward in time, with

$$(5.10) \quad \left\| v^j \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^2)}^2 \lesssim \left\| \phi^j \right\|_{L^2_{x,y}}^2 < \infty, \quad \text{uniformly in } j.$$

Then if v_n^j is the solution to (2.1) with initial data $g_n^j \phi^j$, $v_n^j = g_n^j(v^j((\lambda_{n,1}^j \lambda_{n,2}^j)^{-1}t))$. We note that, for v either a profile v_n^ℓ or the remainder w_n^J ,

$$(5.11) \quad \left\| v_n^j v_n^k v \right\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}_{x,y,t}} \leq \left\| v_n^j v_n^k \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}} \left\| v \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}.$$

In addition, $\|v\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}$ remains bounded either by (5.10) (for v_n^ℓ) or as a consequence of the small data theory and (5.2) (for w_n^J).

By approximation by compactly supported functions, it is easy to see that, if $j \neq k$,

$$(5.12) \quad \left\| v_n^j v_n^k \right\|_{L^2_{x,y,t}} \rightarrow 0$$

when $n \rightarrow \infty$ as a consequence of (5.5).

As a result, using simple perturbation theory, we obtain that, for J large enough,

$$\left\| u(t_n + t) - \sum_{j=1}^J v_n^j(t) \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}} \lesssim 1$$

and using again (5.11)-(5.12), we obtain that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^J v_n^j(t) \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}^4 \lesssim \sum_{j=1}^J \left\| v_n^j \right\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}}^4 \lesssim \sum_{j=1}^J \left\| \phi^j \right\|_{L^2_{x,y}}^2 < \infty.$$

which, together with (5.4) contradicts (5.6).

Thus, after reordering we should have $\|\phi^1\|_{L^2_{x,y}} = \|u(t)\|_{L^2_{x,y}}$ and $\phi^j = 0$ for any $j \geq 2$. But this holds if and only if $u(t)$ lies in a set GK , where G is the group generated by g_n^j and K is a compact set in L^2 . This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

A. Extremizers for Strichartz estimates for (1.2)

The purpose of this appendix is to study the extremizers for the Strichartz inequality (1.3). We thus want to find f and \overline{C} such that

$$(A.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f\|_{L^2_{x,y}} = 1, \\ & \|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} f\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}} = \overline{C} := \sup\{\|e^{it\partial_x\partial_y} g\|_{L^4_{x,y,t}} : \|g\|_{L^2_{x,y}} = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

We will see that this can be reduced to a similar question about the classical Schrödinger equation which was already solved in [11]. This gives

PROPOSITION 14. *The extremizers of (A.1) are Gaussians, up to scaling, translations, modulations and pseudo-conformal transformations, i.e. functions of the form*

$$(A.2) \quad f(x, y) = Ae^{-\lambda[|x-a_1|^2+|y-a_2|^2]+i\mu xy+b_1x+b_2y}$$

for some $A \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda > 0$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^2$. As a consequence, $\overline{C} = 2^{-1/4}$.

In the rest of this appendix, for simplicity of notation, we will denote $x = (x_1, x_2)$ the coordinates in \mathbb{R}^2 (as opposed to (x, y)) and (ξ_1, ξ_2) their Fourier conjugates (as opposed to (ξ, η)). We may start from the Fourier transform of the linear propagator

$$e^{-it\xi_1\xi_2} = e^{-\frac{it}{2}[\eta_1^2-\eta_2^2]}, \quad (\eta_1, \eta_2) = \left(\frac{\xi_1 + \xi_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\xi_1 - \xi_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

to obtain an integral formula for solutions, namely

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{it\partial_1\partial_2} f)(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{\frac{i}{2t}[(y_1-z_1)^2-(y_2-z_2)^2]} f^\#(y_1, y_2) dy, \\ &\text{with } (z_1, z_2) = \left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{x_1-x_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \\ f^\#(y_1, y_2) &= f\left(\frac{y_1+y_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{y_1-y_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We may then compute that

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{it\partial_1\partial_2} f^\#\|_{L^4_{x_1,x_2,t}}^4 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} e^{\frac{i}{2t} [|y_a-z|_h^2 - |y_b-z|_h^2 + |y_c-z|_h^2 - |y_d-z|_h^2]} \\ &\quad \times f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) d\vec{y} \frac{dz dt}{(2\pi t)^4} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} e^{\frac{i}{2t} [|y_a|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2]} e^{\frac{i}{t} \langle y_a - y_b + y_c - y_d, z \rangle_h} \\ &\quad \times f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) d\vec{y} \frac{dz dt}{(2\pi t)^4} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$\langle x, y \rangle_h = x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2, \quad |x|_h^2 = \langle x, x \rangle_h, \quad d\vec{y} = dy_a dy_b dy_c dy_d.$$

Changing variables $z = tk$ and integrating, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{it\partial_1\partial_2} f^\#\|_{L^4_{x_1,x_2,t}}^4 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} e^{\frac{i}{2t} [|y_a|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2]} e^{i \langle y_a - y_b + y_c - y_d, k \rangle_h} \\ &\quad \times f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) d\vec{y} \frac{t^2 dk dt}{(2\pi t)^4} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} e^{\frac{i}{2t} [|y_a|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2]} \\ &\quad \times f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) (2\pi)^2 \delta(y_a - y_b + y_c - y_d) d\vec{y} \frac{t^2 dt}{(2\pi t)^4}. \end{aligned}$$

Changing now variables $\tau = 1/2t$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A.3)} \quad \|e^{it\partial_1\partial_2} f^\#\|_{L^4_{x_1,x_2,t}}^4 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} e^{i\tau [|y_a|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2]} \\ &\quad \times f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) \delta(y_a - y_b + y_c - y_d) d\vec{y} \frac{8\pi^2 d\tau}{(2\pi)^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} f(y_a)\bar{f}(y_b)f(y_c)\bar{f}(y_d) \\ &\quad \times \delta(y_a - y_b + y_c - y_d) \delta(|y_a|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2) d\vec{y}. \end{aligned}$$

We may define the operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^4)$, K by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle F, K[G] \rangle &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} F(y_a, y_c) \overline{G}(y_b, y_d) \\
 &\quad \times \delta(y_a + y_c - y_b - y_d) \delta(|y_a|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2 - |y_b|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2) d\vec{y} \\
 \text{(A.4)} \quad &= \langle F, A_G \rangle, \\
 A_G(y_a, y_c) &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^4} G(y_b, y_d) \delta(Y - y_b - y_d) \delta(N - |y_b|_h^2 - |y_d|_h^2) dy_b dy_d, \\
 Y &= y_a + y_c, \quad N = |y_a|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

This operator is manifestly formally self-adjoint. We may observe that under the change of variables

$$v : (y_a^1, y_a^2, y_c^1, y_c^2) \mapsto (y_a^1, y_c^2, y_c^1, y_a^2)$$

the following (three scalar) quantities remain invariant

$$Y = y_a + y_c, \quad N = |y_a|_h^2 + |y_c|_h^2$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(A.5)} \quad A_G(y_a, y_c) &= A_G(y_c, y_a). \\
 A_G(y_a^1, y_a^2, y_c^1, y_c^2) &= A_G(y_a^1, y_c^2, y_c^1, y_a^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

The first symmetry is already evident from our choice of $F(y_a, y_c) = f(y_a)f(y_c)$, but one could also have argued as we do below to take care of this symmetry.

Decompose a L^2 function F into

$$F := F^v + F^{\underline{v}}, \quad F^v(y) = F^v(v(y)), \quad F^{\underline{v}}(y) = -F^{\underline{v}}(v(y))$$

we get an orthogonal decomposition of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^4)$ such that the range of K lies in the invariant subspace. Using also the self-adjointness, we find that

$$\langle F, K[G] \rangle = \langle F^v, K[G^v] \rangle, \quad \|F\|_{L^2}^2 = \|F^v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|F^{\underline{v}}\|_{L^2}^2.$$

We thus see that a maximizer for (A.1), F , has to satisfy both symmetries from (A.5):

$$F(y_a, y_c) = f(y_a)f(y_c) = f(y_a^1, y_a^2)f(y_c^1, y_c^2) = f(y_a^1, y_c^2)f(y_c^1, y_a^2)$$

and this forces³

$$f(a, b) = \phi(a)\psi(b)$$

for some $\phi, \psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

³ as in the usual Schrödinger equation: one integrates the inequality in y_c .

We may now come back to (A.3) and rewrite it as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \pi \| e^{it\partial_1\partial_2} f \# \|_{L^4_{x_1, x_2, t}}^4 \\
 &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} \phi(y_a^1)\psi(y_a^2)\overline{\phi(y_b^1)\psi(y_b^2)}\phi(y_c^1)\psi(y_c^2)\overline{\phi(y_d^1)\psi(y_d^2)} \\
 & \quad \times \delta(y_a^1 - y_b^1 + y_c^1 - y_d^1)\delta(y_a^2 - y_b^2 + y_c^2 - y_d^2) \\
 & \quad \times \delta((y_a^1)^2 + (y_b^2)^2 + (y_c^1)^2 + (y_d^2)^2 - (y_a^2)^2 - (y_b^1)^2 - (y_c^2)^2 - (y_d^1)^2) d\vec{y} \\
 &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^8} \phi(y_a^1)\overline{\psi(y_b^2)}\phi(y_c^1)\overline{\psi(y_d^2)} \cdot \overline{\phi(y_b^1)}\psi(y_a^2)\overline{\phi(y_d^1)}\psi(y_c^2) \\
 & \quad \times \delta(y_a^1 + y_c^1 - y_b^1 - y_d^1)\delta(y_b^2 + y_d^2 - y_a^2 - y_c^2) \\
 & \quad \times \delta(|y_a^1, y_b^2, y_c^1, y_d^2|_E^2 - |y_b^1, y_a^2, y_d^1, y_c^2|_E^2) d\vec{y} \\
 &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^4} (\tilde{f} \otimes \tilde{f})(\zeta)\overline{(\tilde{f} \otimes \tilde{f})(\eta)}\delta(\alpha_1 \cdot (\eta - \zeta))\delta(\alpha_2 \cdot (\eta - \zeta)) \\
 & \quad \times \delta(|\eta|_E^2 - |\zeta|_E^2) d\zeta d\eta \\
 &= Q_2(\tilde{f} \otimes \tilde{f}, \tilde{f} \otimes \tilde{f})
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a, b, c, d|_E^2 &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2, & \tilde{f}(a, b) &= \phi(a)\overline{\psi(b)}, \\
 \alpha_1 &= (1, 0, 1, 0), & \alpha_2 &= (0, 1, 0, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and Q_2 is the quadratic form defined in [11, (2.18)]. The analysis in [11], shows that \tilde{f} is an extremizer for the usual Strichartz inequality and that there exists $A \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda > 0$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^2$ such that

$$\tilde{f}(z_1, z_2) = Ae^{(-\lambda+i\mu)|z_1-a_1|^2+b_1z_1}e^{(-\lambda-i\mu)|z_2-a_2|^2+b_2z_2}$$

and we finally obtain (A.2).

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