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## ABSTRACT

We prove that certain Sobolev-type norms, slightly stronger than those given by energy conservation, stay bounded uniformly in time and  $N$ . This allows one to extend the local existence results of the second and third author globally in time. The proof is based on interaction Morawetz-type estimates and Strichartz estimates (including some new end-point results) for the equation  $\{\frac{1}{i}\partial_t - \Delta_x - \Delta_y + \frac{1}{N}V_N(x-y)\}\Lambda(t, x, y) = F$  in mixed coordinates such as  $L^p(dt)L^q(dx)L^2(dy)$ ,  $L^p(dt)L^q(dy)L^2(dx)$ ,  $L^p(dt)L^q(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))$ . The main new technical ingredient is a dispersive estimate in mixed coordinates, which may be of interest in its own right.

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## 1. Introduction

This paper is devoted to the study of some global estimates for solutions to a coupled system of Schrödinger-type equations (see (6), (7) and (8) below) approximating the evolution of weakly interacting Bosons. For the sake of completeness, we include a brief overview of the argument motivating these equations.

We refer to [1] for detailed explanations. The problem is to understand the linear Schrödinger evolution of data equal to (or close to) a tensor product  $\phi(x_1) \cdots \phi(x_N)$ . The Hamiltonian is

$$H_{PDE} = \sum_{j=1}^N \Delta_{x_j} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} V_N(x_j - x_i)$$

(mean-field negative Hamiltonian, with  $V_N(x) = N^{3\beta}V(N^\beta x)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ ). For simplicity, assume  $V$  satisfies the following conditions

$V$  is spherically symmetric and (1)

$$V \geq 0, \quad V \in C_0^\infty, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}(r) \leq 0.$$

The condition  $V \geq 0$  is used in two places: it insures that the potential part of the energy (11) is non-negative; and also, together with the condition  $V \in C_0^\infty$ , is

convenient for justifying the 3 dimensional dispersive estimate (22). The condition  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}(r) \leq 0$  is used to prove the interaction Morawetz estimate, see Lemma 4.7. Note that, in the critical case  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{N} V_N(x) \sim \frac{1}{|x|^2}$  (at least if  $|x| \sim \frac{1}{N}$ ), and  $\frac{1}{|x|^2}$  scales like  $\Delta$ , making this case critical.

The problem is easier to understand in the symmetric Fock space, with Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} := \int dx \{a_x^* \Delta a_x\} - \frac{1}{2N} \int dx dy \{V_N(x-y) a_x^* a_y^* a_x a_y\}.$$

We recall that the Fock space Hamiltonian acts as a PDE Hamiltonian on the  $n$ th entry of Fock space

$$H_{n,PDE} = \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta_{x_j} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} V_N(x_i - x_j)$$

(see for instance [1] for the definition of Fock space and the creation and annihilation operators  $a^*$  and  $a$ ). The natural choice for initial conditions is

$$e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi_0)} e^{-\mathcal{B}(k_0)} \Omega$$

where  $\Omega$  is the Fock space vacuum,

$$\mathcal{A}(\phi) := \int dx \{ \bar{\phi}(x) a_x - \phi(x) a_x^* \}$$

so that  $e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi)}$  is the Weyl (unitary) operator. The coherent state

$$e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi)} \Omega = \left( \dots c_n \prod_{j=1}^n \phi(x_j) \dots \right) \quad \text{with} \quad c_n = (e^{-N\|\phi\|_{L^2}^2} N^n / n!)^{1/2}.$$

has tensor products in each entry, making it a natural choice for this problem.

We also recall

$$\mathcal{B}(k) := \frac{1}{2} \int dx dy \{ \bar{k}(x, y) a_x a_y - k(x, y) a_x^* a_y^* \}.$$

The unitary operator  $e^{-\mathcal{B}(k)}$  is called the implementation of a Bogoliubov transformation in the Physics literature, and the Segal-Shale-Weil or the metaplectic representation in the Math literature. The state  $e^{-\mathcal{B}(k)} \Omega$  is called a squeezed state in the Physics literature. It provides second-order corrections to coherent states.

In the recent math literature, this set-up first appeared in [2], followed by [3] where  $e^{-\mathcal{B}(k)}$  is formally introduced.

Thus the problem is to find “effective equations” for  $\phi$ ,  $k$  so that the exact evolution

$$\psi_{exact} = e^{it\mathcal{H}} e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi_0)} e^{-\mathcal{B}(k_0)} \Omega \tag{2}$$

is approximated, in the Fock space norm, by the approximate evolution

$$\psi_{approx} = e^{i\chi(t)} e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi(t))} e^{-\mathcal{B}(k(t))} \Omega. \tag{3}$$

See (17) below for one such existing estimate.

The equations for  $\phi$ ,  $k$  are easier to understand in terms of  $\phi$  and the auxiliary functions  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$ . See [1].

We refer to [4] for a result of this type, in a slightly different setting. That work is not based on the coupled Eqs. (6), (7) and (8).

Fock space techniques can also be applied to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$  approximations. See the recent paper [5] and the references therein. We also mention the related approach of [6] and [7]. The equations we will study are similar in spirit to the Hartree–Fock–Bogoliubov equations for Fermions. For Bosons, they were derived in [1, 8], and, independently, in [9] and the recent paper [10]. The first two references treat pure states, as described below, while last two treat the case of mixed, quasi-free states. The PDEs are the same in both cases. This ends our overview of the motivation, and we proceed with the analysis of the equations.

The functions described by these PDEs are: the condensate  $\phi(t, x)$  and the density matrices

$$\Gamma(t, x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{N} \left( \overline{\text{sh}(k)} \circ \text{sh}(k) \right)(t, x_1, x_2) + \bar{\phi}(t, x_1) \phi(t, x_2) \quad (4)$$

$$\Lambda(t, x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2N} \text{sh}(2k)(t, x_1, x_2) + \phi(t, x_1) \phi(t, x_2). \quad (5)$$

The pair excitation function  $k$  is an auxiliary function, which does not explicitly appear in the system.

Let  $V \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $V \geq 0$ , and denote  $V_N(x - y) = N^{3\beta} V(N^\beta(x - y))$  be the potential, with  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ . We consider the following system:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i} \partial_t - \Delta_{x_1} \right\} \phi(t, x_1) = - \int \phi(x_1) V_N(x_1 - y) \Gamma(y, y) dy \quad (6)$$

$$- \int \left\{ V_N(x_1 - y) \phi(y) (\Gamma(y, x_1) - \bar{\phi}(y) \phi(x_1)) + V_N(x_1 - y) \bar{\phi}(y) (\Lambda(x_1, y) - \phi(x_1) \phi(y)) \right\} dy,$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i} \partial_t - \Delta_{x_1} - \Delta_{x_2} + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x_1 - x_2) \right\} \Lambda(t, x_1, x_2) \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \int \left\{ V_N(x_1 - y) \Gamma(y, y) + V_N(x_2 - y) \Gamma(y, y) \right\} \Lambda(x_1, x_2) dy \\ &\quad - \int \left\{ (V_N(x_1 - y) + V_N(x_2 - y)) (\Lambda(x_1, y) \Gamma(y, x_2) + \bar{\Gamma}(x_1, y) \Lambda(y, x_2)) \right\} dy \\ &\quad + 2 \int \left\{ (V_N(x_1 - y) + V_N(x_2 - y)) |\phi(y)|^2 \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \right\} dy, \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i} \partial_t - \Delta_{x_1} + \Delta_{x_2} \right\} \bar{\Gamma}(t, x_1, x_2) \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \int \left\{ (V_N(x_1 - y) - V_N(x_2 - y)) \Lambda(x_1, y) \bar{\Lambda}(y, x_2) \right\} dy \\ &\quad - \int \left\{ (V_N(x_1 - y) - V_N(x_2 - y)) (\bar{\Gamma}(x_1, y) \bar{\Gamma}(y, x_2) + \bar{\Gamma}(y, y) \bar{\Gamma}(x_1, x_2)) \right\} dy \\ &\quad + 2 \int \left\{ (V_N(x_1 - y) - V_N(x_2 - y)) |\phi(y)|^2 \phi(x_1) \bar{\phi}(x_2) \right\} dy. \end{aligned}$$

The solutions  $\phi, \Lambda$ , and  $\Gamma$  also depend on  $N$ . This has been suppressed to simplify the notation. However, we will always keep track of dependence on  $N$  in our estimates.

In order to motivate our main result ([Theorem 1.1](#) below), we recall the conserved quantities of the system, which will also be used in the proof of our main theorem.

The first conserved quantity is the total number of particles (normalized by division by  $N$ ) and it is

$$\mathrm{tr}\{\Gamma(t)\} = \|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dx)}^2 + \frac{1}{N} \|\mathrm{sh}(k)(t, \cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dxdy)}^2 = 1. \quad (9)$$

From here we see that

$$\|\Lambda(t, \cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dxdy)} \leq C. \quad (10)$$

The second conserved quantity is the energy per particle

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) := & \mathrm{tr}\{\nabla_{x_1} \cdot \nabla_{x_2} \Gamma(t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int dx_1 dx_2 \{V_N(x_1 - x_2) |\Lambda(t, x_1, x_2)|^2\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int dx_1 dx_2 \{V_N(x_1 - x_2) (|\Gamma(t, x_1, x_2)|^2 + \Gamma(t, x_1, x_1) \Gamma(t, x_2, x_2))\} \\ & - \int dx_1 dx_2 \{V_N(x_1 - x_2) |\phi(t, x_1)|^2 |\phi(t, x_2)|^2\}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Of special interest is the kinetic part of the energy,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{tr}\{\nabla_{x_1} \cdot \nabla_{x_2} \Gamma\} = & \int dx \{|\nabla_x \phi(t, x)|^2\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2N} \int dx_1 dx_2 \{|\nabla_{x_1} \mathrm{sh}(k)(t, x_1, x_2)|^2 + |\nabla_{x_2} \mathrm{sh}(k)(t, x_1, x_2)|^2\}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

If we assume  $E \leq C$ , then we have an  $H^1$  estimate for  $\Lambda$ , uniformly in time (and  $N$ ):

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 \{|\nabla_{x_1} \Lambda|^2 + |\nabla_{x_2} \Lambda(t, x_1, x_2)|^2\} \leq C \quad (13)$$

and also

$$\frac{1}{N} \int dx_1 dx_2 |\nabla_{x_1, x_2} \mathrm{sh}(2k)(t, x_1, x_2)|^2 \leq C.$$

Also,  $\Gamma$  satisfies the  $H^2$  type estimate

$$\|\nabla_{x_1} \nabla_{x_2} \Gamma(t)\|_{L^2(dx_1 dx_2)} \leq E.$$

See [\[1, 8\]](#), as well [\[9\]](#) for these conserved quantities.

In addition, we have an interaction Morawetz-type estimate: if the initial conditions have energy  $\leq C$  then

$$\|\phi(t, x)\|_{L^4(dtdx)}^2 + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2(dtdx)} \leq C.$$

Recalling [\(5\)](#), we see right away that [\(13\)](#) can be improved (in different ways) for the two summands of  $\Lambda$ :

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 \left\{ \left| \nabla_{x_1} \frac{1}{2N} \text{sh}(2k) \right|^2 + \left| \nabla_{x_2} \frac{1}{2N} \text{sh}(2k)(t, x_1, x_2) \right|^2 \right\} \leq \frac{C}{N} \quad (14)$$

(decay in  $N$ ) and

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 |\nabla_{x_1} \phi(t, x_1) \nabla_{x_2} \phi(x_2)|^2 \leq C$$

(extra differentiability).

The goal of this paper is to prove the following improvement to (13):

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\phi = \phi_N(t, x)$ ,  $\Lambda = \Lambda_N(t, x, y)$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma_N(t, x, y)$  given by (4), (5) be solutions of (6), (7), (8) with smooth data (but not necessarily smooth uniformly in  $N$ ), satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}\{\Gamma(0)\} &\leq C \\ E(0) &\leq C \quad (\text{see (11) for the definition of } E(t)) \\ |||\nabla_x|\nabla_y|\Lambda(0, x, y)|||_{L^2} &\leq CN \end{aligned}$$

*Let  $V$  satisfy (1), and denote  $V_N(x - y) = N^{3\beta} V(N^\beta(x - y))$ , with  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that*

$$\int |||\nabla_x|^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} |\nabla_y|^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \Lambda(t, x, y)|^2 dx dy \leq C \quad (15)$$

*uniformly in  $t$  and  $N$ .*

This is significant because in [11] it was shown that, for  $0 < \beta < 1$ , under suitable assumptions on  $V$ , for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $T_0 > 0$  depending only on

$$\begin{aligned} &|||<\nabla_x>^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} <\nabla_y>^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \Lambda(0, \cdot)|||_{L^2} + |||<\nabla_x>^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} <\nabla_y>^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \Gamma(0, \cdot)|||_{L^2} \\ &+ |||<\nabla_x>^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \phi(0, \cdot)|||_{L^2} \end{aligned}$$

such that the system is well-posed (in a certain norm) on  $[0, T_0]$ , see Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.4 in [11]. Thus, estimate (15) extends the estimates of [11] globally in time.

The results of [11] together with an estimate of the form

$$\int dx dy |||\nabla_x|^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} |\nabla_y|^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \Lambda(t, x, y)|^2 \leq C(t) \quad (16)$$

(which is similar to (15), except that the bound is allowed to grow sub-linearly in time) were used in [12] to give a Fock space approximation of the form

$$||\psi_{\text{exact}} - \psi_{\text{approx}}||_{\mathcal{F}} := ||e^{it\mathcal{H}} e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi_0)} e^{-\mathcal{B}(k(0))} \Omega - e^{i\chi(t)} e^{-\sqrt{N}\mathcal{A}(\phi(t))} e^{-\mathcal{B}(k(t))} \Omega||_{\mathcal{F}} \quad (17)$$

$$\leq \frac{C e^{P(t)}}{N^{\frac{1-\beta}{2}}}$$

for a polynomial  $P(t)$ , and  $0 < \beta < 1$ . (See (2), (3) for the definitions.) It is expected that the estimates of the current paper will lead to a better Fock space approximation. This will be done in future work by the first and last author.

In addition, it is of general interest to know if Soblov norms higher than those given by energy conservation grow in time. This was first accomplished for the non-linear Schrödinger equation in [13].

The proof of (15) is immediate if we interpolate between (14) and the following

**Theorem 1.2.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1, there exists  $p$  such that*

$$\int ||\nabla_x||\nabla_y|\Lambda(t, x, y)|^2 dx dy \leq CN^p \quad (18)$$

*uniformly in time.*

**Remark 1.3.** The power  $p$  we obtained is not optimal. However, it should be noted that, even if  $||\nabla_x||\nabla_y|\Lambda(t, x, y)|^2 \leq C$  at  $t=0$ , an estimate of this form (uniform in  $N$ ) is not expected to hold at later times because of singularities induced by the potential  $V_N$ .

The rest of this paper is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.2. We regard the equation for  $\Lambda$  as a linear equation with non-local “coefficients” given by  $\Gamma$  and a forcing term involving  $\phi$ . For  $\Gamma$  and  $\phi$ , we will only use *a priori* estimates, given by conserved quantities and an interaction Morawetz estimate.

In addition, the proof involves new Strichartz estimates in mixed coordinates.

To give an idea of the proof, differentiating (7),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{1}{i} \partial_t - \Delta_x - \Delta_y + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right\} \nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y) \\ &= -(V_N * \Gamma(t, x, x) + V_N * \Gamma(t, y, y)) \cdot \nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y) \\ &+ 2 \nabla_x \nabla_y (V_N * |\phi|^2(t, x) \phi(t, x) \phi(t, y)) + \text{other terms.} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

For the main term (19), we divide the time interval  $[0, \infty)$  into finitely many intervals (independent of  $N$ ) such that  $||\Gamma(t, x, x)||_{L^2(dt dx)}$  is small, and the contributions of this term can be absorbed in the left hand side. This uses an idea of Bourgain [13] and an interaction Morawetz argument. Based on the above conserved quantities and the interaction Morawetz estimate, it is easy to prove

$$||\nabla_x \nabla_y (V_N * |\phi|^2(t, x) \phi(t, x) \phi(t, y))||_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \leq CN^{power}.$$

In fact, we will show that all the other remaining terms on the right-hand side are in a dual Strichartz space, with norms possibly growing in  $N$ . In order to show that, we will first have to estimate  $\Lambda$  and  $\nabla \Lambda$  in various Strichartz norms.

Then we get the desired result, provided we can prove Strichartz estimates (including some end-points) for the equation

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i} \partial_t - \Delta_x - \Delta_y + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right\} \Lambda(t, x, y) = F.$$

Proving these Strichartz estimates is the main new technical accomplishment of our current paper.

## 2. Strichartz estimates

From now on we use the notation  $A \lesssim B$  to mean: there exists  $C$ , independent of  $N$ , such that  $A \leq CB$ .

### 2.1. Set-up

Let  $(p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)$  be Strichartz admissible pairs in 3 space dimensions ( $\frac{2}{p_i} + \frac{3}{q_i} = \frac{3}{2}$ ), with  $p_i \geq 2$ , and let  $p'_i, q'_i$  the dual exponents.

Recall  $\frac{1}{N} V_N(x) = N^{3\beta-1} V(N^\beta x)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Since the results of this section may be of general interest, we point out the properties of  $V$  that will be used (which are weaker than (1)).

We only assume  $V \in L^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , thus  $\frac{1}{N} V_N \in L^{\frac{3}{2}}$  uniformly in  $N \geq 1$  and  $V(x)$  is such that we already know the homogeneous Strichartz estimate

$$\|e^{it(\Delta_x - \frac{1}{N} V_N(x))} f\|_{L^{p_1}(dt) L^{q_1}(dx)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(dx)} \quad (20)$$

uniformly in  $N$ , as well as the double end-point  $3+1$  Strichartz inhomogeneous estimate

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)(\Delta_x - \frac{1}{N} V_N(x))} F(s) ds \right\|_{L^{p_1}(dt) L^{q_1}(dx)} \leq C \|F\|_{L^{p'_2}(dt) L^{q'_2}(dx)} \quad (21)$$

with bounds independent of  $N$ .

These assumptions hold for  $V$  satisfying (1): If  $\beta < 1$ , just  $V \in L^{\frac{3}{2}}$  and  $N$  large is sufficient. In that case,  $\|\frac{1}{N} V_N\|_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  is small and an easy perturbation argument proves (20), (21).

If  $\beta = 1$ , and  $V \in C_0^\infty$ ,  $V \geq 0$ , the estimates (20), (21) follow by scaling from the corresponding estimates for  $N=1$ . In turn, these follow by the Keel–Tao [14] argument from the dispersive estimate

$$\|e^{it(\Delta_x - V)} f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \lesssim \frac{1}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \quad (22)$$

There is an extensive literature on such estimates, following the breakthrough paper [15], but we could not find an explicit discussion of the case  $V \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ,  $V \geq 0$ . However, this follows, for instance, from [16], Theorem 1.3<sup>1</sup> Since  $-\Delta_x + V$  is a non-negative operator, it has no negative eigenvalues. It is well-known  $-\Delta_x + V$  has no positive eigenvalues (by Kato's theorem [17], or the earlier and more elementary result [18], for instance). It is easy to show that 0 is not a resonance or eigenvalue. The corresponding solution to  $(-\Delta_x + V)u = 0$  is harmonic away from the support of  $V$  and, if  $u$  satisfies the resonance condition  $\langle x \rangle^{-\gamma} u \in L^2$  for all  $\gamma > 1/2$ , then, using the mean-value theorem one gets  $|u(x)| \lesssim |x|^{\gamma-\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $|\nabla u(x)| \lesssim |x|^{\gamma-\frac{5}{2}}$  for  $|x|$  sufficiently large. Thus one can integrate by parts and get

<sup>1</sup>In fact, just part 2 of Lemma 2.2 in [28] suffices to prove the Strichartz estimates (20), (21), by standard Kato smoothing techniques. This avoids using the harder dispersive estimate.



$$\int |\nabla u|^2 + V|u|^2 = 0$$

thus  $u = 0$  and Theorem 1.3 in [16] can be applied.

## 2.2. Statement of the Strichartz estimate

The main results of this section refer to the equation

$$\left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_x - \Delta_y + \frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \Lambda = F \quad (23)$$

$$\Lambda(0, x, y) = \Lambda_0(x, y).$$

The natural Strichartz norm for our system of Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov type equations are of the form  $\|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dx)L^2(dy)}$ , where  $p, q$  are Strichartz admissible in 3 dimensions. This is motivated by the fact that  $\Lambda(t, x, y)$  is expected to be a perturbation of  $\phi(t, x)\phi(t, y)$  where  $\phi$  satisfies a 3 dimensional NLS, and  $\|\phi(t, x)\phi(t, y)\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dx)L^2(dy)} = \|\phi\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dx)} \|\phi\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^2(dy)}$ . These norms are easy to work with, and variants of these norms have been used for related problems as least as early as [19] (see also [20]). Thus, one of the variables is averaged out, and although  $\Lambda$  is a function of  $6+1$  variables, the dispersive estimate proved later in this section (Proposition 2.20) is modeled after a  $3+1$  dispersive estimate.

We define

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p,q}} = \max\{\|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dx)L^2(dy)}, \|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dy)L^2(dx)}, \|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}\}$$

with the dual Strichartz norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p',q'}} \\ = \min\{\|F\|_{L^{p'}(dt)L^{q'}(dx)L^2(dy)}, \|F\|_{L^{p'}(dt)L^{q'}(dy)L^2(dx)}, \|F\|_{L^{p'}(dt)L^{q'}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}\} \end{aligned}$$

and the natural question to ask is whether

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p_1,q_1}} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{q'_2,p'_2}}$$

(24) for any admissible pairs  $(p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)$ . This amounts to 9 inequalities. We will show that if not both  $(p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)$  are end-point exponents ( $p = 2, q = 6$ ), then (24) is true (all 9 cases hold). In the double end-point case we have to exclude the two cases where  $x$  and  $y$  are flipped: we don't know if

$$\|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(dx)L^2(dy)} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(dy)L^2(dx)} \quad (25)$$

is true.

In order to exclude this, we fix a number  $p_0 > 2$  (in our application,  $p_0 = \frac{8}{3}, q_0 = 4$  will suffice) and define the “restricted” Strichartz norm

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}} \\
&= \sup_{p_0 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
&+ \sup_{p_0 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(dy)L^2(dx)} \\
&+ \sup_{2 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p(dt)L^q(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}.
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Notice that the end-point is included in  $x - y$ ,  $x + y$  coordinates.

In this section, we prove

**Theorem 2.3.** (non-endpoint result) Let  $V \in L^{3/2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  as above,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$  and assume (20), (21) hold. Let  $p_i, q_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be Strichartz admissible pairs and assume both  $p_i > 2$ . Let  $p'_i, q'_i$  be the dual exponents. If  $\Lambda$  satisfies (23), then

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p_1, q_1}} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p'_2, q'_2}_{dual}}. \tag{27}$$

We also have a “one end-point result”:

**Theorem 2.4.** (one endpoint result) Let  $V \in L^{3/2}$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and assume (20), (21) hold. Let  $p_1, q_1$  be Strichartz admissible pair and assume  $p_1 > 2$  or  $p_2 > 2$ . If  $\Lambda$  satisfies (23) then

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p_1, q_1}} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p'_2, q'_2}_{dual}}. \tag{28}$$

Finally, we have a double end-point result:

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $V \in L^{3/2}$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$  and assume (20), (21) hold.

If  $\Lambda$  satisfies (23), then

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}^{2,6}} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}. \tag{29}$$

**Remark 2.6.** The proof of the above theorem could be adapted to show the additional estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(dx)L^2(dy)} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
& \|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{6/5,2}_{dual}}
\end{aligned}$$

but, in order to keep the exposition simple, we won't do it.

Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.5 imply the following concise form, which is what we will use in our applications:

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $V$  as above,  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and  $p_0 > 2$  defining  $\mathcal{S}_{restricted}$  (see (26)) be fixed. If  $\Lambda$  satisfies (23), then, for any admissible Strichartz pair  $(p, q)$  (including the end-point  $(2, 6)$ ),

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p', q'}_{dual}}. \tag{30}$$

**Remark 2.8.** The above theorems have immediate and obvious generalizations to all dimensions  $\geq 3$ . Also, the spaces can be localized to any finite or infinite time interval, and the theorems go through with obvious modifications. For instance,

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim \|\Lambda(T_1)\|_{L^2} + \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p', q'}[T_1, T_2]}.$$

**Remark 2.9.** Obviously, Theorem 2.4 implies Theorem 2.3. We list them separately because the proof of Theorem 2.3 is based on standard techniques, while the proof of Theorems 2.4 and Theorem 2.5 requires essentially new ideas.

These are presented in the next two subsections.

## 2.10. Standard techniques

We will use the following well-known identities, which were also used in [21–23].

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}F &= i \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)(\Delta_x + \Delta_y - \frac{1}{N}V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}))} F(s) ds \\ \mathcal{N}_0F &= i \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} F(s) ds.\end{aligned}$$

*Then the following identities hold (denoting  $V_N = V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}})$ )*

$$\mathcal{N} - \mathcal{N}_0 = -\mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 = -\mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}. \quad (31)$$

*and thus*

$$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}_0 - \mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 + \mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0. \quad (32)$$

*Proof.* Look at

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 &= \mathcal{N} \left( \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_x - \Delta_y + \frac{1}{N} V_N \right) - \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_x - \Delta_y \right) \right) \mathcal{N}_0 \\ &= \mathcal{N}_0 - \mathcal{N}\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$  are left and right inverses of the corresponding differential operators. For the second part of (31), reverse the order of  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$ . The formula (32) is obtained by iterating (31).  $\square$

In addition, we need the following propositions:

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{N}_0$  be as in Proposition 2.11. Let  $(p_1, q_1)$ ,  $(p_2, q_2)$  be Strichartz admissible (including the end-points  $p_i = 2, q_i = 6$ ). Then*

$$\|\mathcal{N}_0 F\|_{L^{p_1}(dt) L^{q_1}(dx) L^2(dy)} \lesssim \|F\|_{L^{p'_2}(dt) L^{q'_2}(dx) L^2(dy)} \quad (33)$$

$$\|e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} \Lambda_0\|_{L^{p_1}(dt) L^{q_1}(dx) L^2(dy)} \lesssim \|\Lambda_0\|_{L^2}. \quad (34)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathcal{N}_0 F(t, x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)} &= \|e^{it\Delta_y} \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta_x} e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) ds\|_{L^2(dy)} \\ &= \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta_x} e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) ds \right\|_{L^2(dy)}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& |||\mathcal{N}_0 F(t, x, \cdot)|||_{L^2(dy)} |||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)} \\
&= || \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta_x} e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) ds |||_{L^2(dy)} |||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)} \\
&\leq ||| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta_x} e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) ds |||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)} |||_{L^2(dy)} \\
&\leq C ||| e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) |||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(dx)} |||_{L^2(dy)} \\
&\leq C ||| e^{-is\Delta_y} F(s, \cdot, \cdot) |||_{L^2(dy)} |||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(dx)} \\
&= C ||F||_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(dx)L^2(dy)}.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof of (34) is similar. See Lemma 5.3 in [1].  $\square$

We also have the following version which excludes the double end-point, but works with any choice of coordinate systems:

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $\mathcal{N}_0$  be as in Proposition 2.11. Let  $p_i, q_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be Strichartz admissible pairs, with at least one  $p_i > 2$ . Also, let  $R \in O(6)$ . Then*

$$||\mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)L^2(dy)} \lesssim ||F \circ R||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(dx)L^2(dy)}.$$

In particular,

$$||N_0 F||_{S^{p_1, q_1}} \lesssim ||F||_{S_{dual}^{q'_2, p'_2}}. \quad (35)$$

*Proof.* Using (34), the  $TT^*$  argument and the  $O(6)$  invariance of  $\Delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& || \int_0^\infty e^{i(t-s)(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} F(s, \cdot) ds |||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
&\lesssim ||F \circ R||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(dx)L^2(dy)}.
\end{aligned}$$

By the Christ-Kiselev lemma (Lemma 2.4 in [24]), we conclude

$$\begin{aligned}
& || \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} F(s, \cdot) ds |||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
&\lesssim ||F \circ R||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(dx)L^2(dy)}
\end{aligned}$$

provided  $p_1 > p'_2$ .  $\square$

Finally, we have a version which includes the potential, but only works in coordinates compatible with the potential:

**Proposition 2.14.** *If  $V(x)$  is such that we already know (20), (21). Then,*

$$||e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y - \frac{1}{N}V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}))} \Lambda_0||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim ||\Lambda_0||_{L^2(dxdy)} \quad (36)$$

$$||\mathcal{N}F||_{L^{p_1}(dt)L^{q_1}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim ||F||_{L^{p'_2}(dt)L^{q'_2}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}. \quad (37)$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of (33) and (34), but is based on writing  $\Delta_x + \Delta_y - V_N(x - y) = \frac{\Delta_{x+y}}{\sqrt{2}} + \left( \frac{\Delta_{x-y}}{\sqrt{2}} - V_N\left(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \right)$  and using the fact that these commute.  $\square$

### 2.15. The new estimate

The main step in the end-point cases, which may be of interest in its own right, does not involve the potential. We will show

**Theorem 2.16.** *Let  $\Lambda = \mathcal{N}_0 F$  be the solution to*

$$\left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_x - \Delta_y \right) \Lambda = F$$

$$\Lambda(0, x, y) = 0.$$

*Then the following closely related estimates hold:*

$$\|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(dx)L^2(dy)} \leq C\|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \quad (38)$$

$$\|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(dy)L^2(dx)} \leq C\|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \quad (39)$$

*and also,*

$$\|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \leq C\|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(dx)L^2(dy)} \quad (40)$$

$$\|\Lambda\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \leq C\|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(dy)L^2(dx)}.$$

Together with the estimates of the previous subsection, **Theorem 2.16** implies

**Corollary 2.17.** For any Strichartz admissible pair  $p, q$  (including the end-point)

$$\|N_0 F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p,q}} \lesssim \|F\|_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \quad (41)$$

$$\|N_0 F\|_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p',q'}}. \quad (42)$$

This complements the estimates of **Proposition 2.12**, **Proposition 2.14**, and **Proposition 2.13**. And, it will be used in the proof of **Theorem 2.5**.

The proof of **Theorem 2.16** will be given in subsection 2.19. It uses a new dispersive estimate in mixed coordinates, see **Proposition 2.20** below.

Now we can outline the proofs of our main results.

### 2.18. Proofs of Theorem 2.3, Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.5, assuming Theorem 2.16

*Proof.* Assume first  $\Lambda_0 = 0$ . We proceed to estimate the terms in (32).

$$\mathcal{N}F = \mathcal{N}_0 F - \mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F + \mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F.$$

For the first term, if  $p_1 > 2$  or  $p_2 > 2$  use **Proposition 2.13**:

$$\|\mathcal{N}_0 F\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p_1, q_1}} \lesssim \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p'_2, q'_2}}$$

while, for the proof of [Theorem 2.5](#), if we are in the double end-point case, we use [Theorem 2.16](#):

$$||\mathcal{N}_0 F||_{S^{2,6}} \lesssim ||F||_{L^2(dt)L^{6/5}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}.$$

This is the only term where we don't know if we can flip  $x$  and  $y$  in the double end-point case.

For the second term,

$$\begin{aligned} ||\mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{S^{p_1, q_1}} &\lesssim ||\frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^{\frac{6}{5}}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ (\text{we used Proposition 2.13 if } p_1 > 2 \text{ and Theorem 2.16 if } p_1 = 2) \\ &\lesssim ||\frac{1}{N} V_N||_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}} ||\mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}. \end{aligned}$$

Using [Proposition 2.13](#) if  $p_2 > 2$  and [Theorem 2.16](#) if  $p_2 = 2$ , we conclude

$$||\mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim ||F||_{S_{dual}^{p'_2, q'_2}}.$$

For the third term in (32) we proceed along the same lines,

$$\begin{aligned} &||\mathcal{N}_0 \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{S^{p_1, q_1}} \\ &\lesssim ||\frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^{\frac{6}{5}}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ &\lesssim ||\mathcal{N} \frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ &\lesssim ||\frac{1}{N} V_N \mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^{\frac{6}{5}}(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ (\text{here we used Proposition 2.14}) \\ &\lesssim ||\frac{1}{N} V_N||_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}} ||\mathcal{N}_0 F||_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ &\lesssim ||F||_{S_{dual}^{p'_2, q'_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that if either  $p_1 = 2$  or  $p_2 = 2$  we have to use [Theorem 2.16](#).

Finally, we show how to reduce the proof of [Theorem 2.3](#), [Theorem 2.4](#) and [Theorem 2.5](#) to the case  $\Lambda_0 = 0$ . Consider the homogeneous version of the above Theorems ( $F = 0$ ), written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_x - \Delta_y \right) \Lambda &= -\frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \Lambda \\ \Lambda(0, x, y) &= \Lambda_0, \end{aligned}$$

where we treat  $\frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \Lambda = \frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y - \frac{1}{N} V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}))} \Lambda_0$  as a forcing term.

From (36) we have, for  $\Lambda = e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y - \frac{1}{N} V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}))} \Lambda_0$ ,

$$||e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y - \frac{1}{N} V_N(\frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}}))} \Lambda_0||_{L^2(dt)L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim ||\Lambda_0||_{L^2}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \Lambda \right\|_{L^2(dt) L^{6/5}(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))} \\ & \lesssim \left\| \frac{1}{N} V_N \right\|_{L^{3/2}} \left\| \Lambda \right\|_{L^2(dt) L^6(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim \left\| \Lambda_0 \right\|_{L^2} \end{aligned}$$

and we use [Proposition 2.13](#) or [Theorem 2.16](#) to conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \mathcal{N}_0 \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \Lambda \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{S}^{p_1, q_1}} \\ & \lesssim \left\| \frac{1}{N} V_N \left( \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \Lambda \right\|_{L^2(dt) L^{6/5}(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))} \lesssim \left\| \Lambda_0 \right\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from [\(34\)](#) we have

$$\left\| e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} \Lambda_0 \right\|_{L^2(dt) L^6(dx) L^2(dy)} \lesssim \left\| \Lambda_0 \right\|_{L^2}.$$

□

It remains to prove [Theorem 2.16](#).

### 2.19. Proof of Theorem 2.16

The proof will follow the outline of Keel and Tao. The main step is proving a new dispersive estimate.

**Proposition 2.20.**

$$\left\| e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} f \right\|_{L^\infty(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))} \leq \frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \|f\|_{L^1(dx) L^2(dy)}$$

and, similarly,

$$\left\| e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} f \right\|_{L^\infty(dx) L^2(dy)} \leq \frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \|f\|_{L^1(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))}. \quad (43)$$

*Proof.* Our proof is inspired, in part, by Lemma 1 in [\[25\]](#) and also Lemma 2.2 in [\[15\]](#).

We will prove [\(43\)](#).

By a density argument, it suffices to take

$$f(x, y) = \sum u_k \left( \frac{y-x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) v_k \left( \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

with  $u_k$  orthogonal (but not normalized), and  $v_k$  orthonormal. (This is a singular value decomposition of  $f$  composed with a rotation; it will turn out that the orthogonality of  $u_k$  will not play a role). Then

$$e^{it(\Delta_x + \Delta_y)} f(x, y) = \sum (e^{it\Delta} u_k) \left( \frac{y-x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) (e^{it\Delta} v_k) \left( \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

Then the LHS of [\(43\)](#) is  $\sup_{x_0} \left\| \sum (e^{it\Delta} u_k) \left( \frac{\cdot - x_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) (e^{it\Delta} v_k) \left( \frac{\cdot + x_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}$ . Look at this expression with  $x_0$  fixed.

The RHS of [\(43\)](#) is, using Plancherel and the fact that  $v_k$  are orthonormal,  $RHS$  of [\(43\)](#) =  $\frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}$ . The proof will be complete once we prove the following

lemma, in which the general orthonormal set  $(e^{it\Delta}v_k)\left(\frac{\cdot+x_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is re-labeled  $v_k$  and the  $u_k$  have also been shifted by  $x_0$  and re-scaled by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.21.** *There exists  $C > 0$  such that, for any  $u_k$ ,*

$$\sup_{v_k \text{ orthonormal}} \left\| \sum (e^{it\Delta}u_k)v_k \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \quad (44)$$

*Proof.* Since we take supremum over all orthonormal sets  $v_k$ , and  $t$  is fixed, we may replace  $v_k$  by  $e^{-it\Delta}v_k$ , and (44) is equivalent to

$$\sup_{v_k \text{ orthonormal}} \left\| \sum \overline{e^{it\Delta}u_k(x)} e^{it\Delta}v_k(x) \right\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1}. \quad (45)$$

For any  $A \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , let  $e^{-it\Delta}A(x)e^{it\Delta} = A(x + 2tD)$  where  $D = p = \frac{1}{i}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ . Using the well-known formula

$$e^{-it\Delta}e^{ix\cdot\xi}e^{it\Delta}f(x) = e^{ix\cdot\xi}e^{it|\xi|^2}f(x + 2t\xi)$$

we compute

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-it\Delta}A(x)e^{it\Delta}f(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \hat{A}(\xi)e^{-it\Delta}e^{ix\cdot\xi}e^{it\Delta}f(x)d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \hat{A}(\xi)e^{i\xi\cdot x}e^{it|\xi|^2}f(x + 2t\xi)d\xi \\ &\quad \left( \text{change variables } \xi \rightarrow \frac{\xi - x}{2t} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^3} \int \hat{A}\left(\frac{\xi - x}{2t}\right)e^{i\frac{\xi-x}{2t}\cdot x}e^{it|\frac{\xi-x}{2t}|^2}f(\xi)d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^3} \int \hat{A}\left(\frac{\xi - x}{2t}\right)e^{-i\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}e^{i\frac{|\xi|^2}{4t}}f(\xi)d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the integral kernel corresponding to  $A(x + 2tD)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} K_t(x, y) &= \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^3} \hat{A}\left(\frac{-x + y}{2t}\right)e^{-i\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}e^{i\frac{|y|^2}{4t}} \\ &= B_{t,x}(y)e^{-i\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}e^{i\frac{|y|^2}{4t}} \end{aligned}$$

where, in order to simplify the notation, for fixed  $t, x$ , we defined  $B_{t,x}(y) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^3} \hat{A}\left(\frac{-x+y}{2t}\right)$ . Notice

$$\|B_{t,x}\|_{L^2(dy)} = \frac{C}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \|A\|_{L^2}.$$

For a suitable  $A$  with  $\|A\|_{L^2} = 1$ ,

$$\left\| \sum \overline{e^{it\Delta}u_k(x)} e^{it\Delta}v_k(x) \right\|_{L^2} \quad (46)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int \sum \overline{e^{it\Delta} u_k}(x) A(x) e^{it\Delta} v_k(x) dx \\
&= \sum \langle e^{it\Delta} u_k, A e^{it\Delta} v_k \rangle = \sum \langle u_k, e^{-it\Delta} A e^{it\Delta} v_k \rangle \\
&= \sum \langle u_k, A(x + 2tD) v_k \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

From now we take any  $A \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  with  $\|A\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 1$ .

We have to show

$$|(47)| = \left| \sum \int \overline{e^{\frac{it|x|^2}{4t}} u_k(x)} B_{t,x}(y) e^{\frac{it|y|^2}{4t}} v_k(y) dx dy \right| \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1}$$

for any orthonormal  $v_k$  and any  $\|A\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} = 1$ . The exponentials play no role now (change notation and remove them).

Look at

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum \int \overline{u_k(x)} \left( \int B_{t,x}(y) v_k(y) dy \right) dx \\
&= \sum \int \overline{u_k(x)} c_k(t, x) dx
\end{aligned}$$

where, for fixed  $t$  and  $x$ ,

$$c_k(t, x) = \int B_{t,x}(y) v_k(y) dy$$

is a Fourier coefficient of  $B_{t,x}$ . By Plancherel, we have  $\sum |c_k(t, x)|^2 \leq \|B_{t,x}\|_{L^2}^2$  uniformly in  $t, x$ .

Now we go back to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \sum \int \overline{u_k(x)} c_k(t, x) dx \right| \leq \int \left( \sum |u_k(x)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum |c_k(t, x)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
&\leq \|B_{t,x}\|_{L^2(dy)} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1} = \frac{C}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \|A\|_{L^2} \left\| \left( \sum |u_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^1}.
\end{aligned}$$

A second proof of this proposition will be given in [section 5](#). □

We will finish the proof of [Theorem 2.16](#) by adapting the argument of Keel and Tao, [\[14\]](#).

Let  $R$  be the rotation  $(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x - y, x + y)$ . Following [\[14\]](#), define

$$T(F, G) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^t \langle e^{i(t-s)\Delta_{x,y}} F(s), G \circ R(t) \rangle ds dt$$

with  $T_j$  the above integral restricted to  $t - 2^{j+1} < s < t - 2^j$ . In this formulation, the goal is  $|T(F, G)| \leq C \|F\|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \|G\|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)}$ .

Using the dispersive estimate of [Proposition 2.20](#), Lemma 4.1 in [\[14\]](#) goes through word by word, and we have

$$|T_j(F, G)| \leq C 2^{-j\beta(a,b)} \|F\|_{L^2(dt) L^{a'}(dx) L^2(dy)} \|G\|_{L^2(dt) L^{b'}(dx) L^2(dy)}$$

for all  $(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b})$  in a neighborhood of  $(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6})$ . Here  $\beta(a, b) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2a} - \frac{3}{2b}$  so that  $\beta(6, 6) = 0$ .

As for Lemma 5.1 in [14], their formulation is for  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions in  $L^p$ , while we need it for  $L^2$  valued functions in  $L^p$  (that is,  $F \in L^p(dx)L^2(dy)$ ). We have the following analog:

**Lemma 2.22.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Any  $F \in L^p(dx)L^2(dy)$  can be written as*

$$F(x, y) = \sum c_k \chi_k(x, y)$$

where each  $c_k \geq 0$ ,  $\|\chi_k(x, y)\|_{L^2(dy)}$  is supported in  $x$  in a set of measure  $O(2^k)$ ,  $\|\chi_k\|_{L^\infty(dx)L^2(dy)} \leq C2^{-\frac{k}{p}}$  and  $\sum c_k^p \leq C\|F\|_{L^p(dx)L^2(dy)}^p$ .

*Proof.* Define, for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$\lambda(\alpha) = |\{ \|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} > \alpha \}|$$

and

$$\alpha_k = \inf_{\lambda(\alpha) < 2^k} \alpha$$

$$c_k = 2^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha_k$$

and define

$$\chi_k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_k} F(x, y) & \text{if } \alpha_{k+1} < \|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)} \leq \alpha_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From here, we get right away

$$\|\chi_k(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_k} \|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2} & \text{if } \alpha_{k+1} < \|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)} \leq \alpha_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)} = \sum c_k \|\chi_k(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)}.$$

is exactly the atomic decomposition of [14] corresponding to the  $L^p$  function  $x \rightarrow \|F(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)}$ . From here we get for free  $\|\chi_k(x, y)\|_{L^2(dy)}$  is supported in  $x$  in a set of measure  $O(2^k)$ ,  $\|\chi_k\|_{L^\infty(dx)L^2(dy)} \leq C2^{-\frac{k}{p}}$  and  $\sum c_k^p \leq C\|F\|_{L^p(dx)L^2(dy)}^p$ .  $\square$

To finish the proof, following [14], use the above decomposition to write

$$F(t, x, y) = \sum f_k(t) F_k(t, x, y) \quad (\text{thus } c_k \text{ is called } f_k, \chi_k \text{ is called } F_k)$$

$$G(t, x, y) = \sum g_k(t) G_k(t, x, y)$$

thus

$$\sum |T_j(F, G)| \leq \sum |T_j(f_k F_k, g_l G_l)|$$

and optimizing there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$|T_j(f_k F_k, g_l G_l)| \lesssim 2^{-\epsilon(|k-\frac{3}{2}j|+|l-\frac{3}{2}j|)} \|f_k\|_{L^2} \|g_l\|_{L^2}$$

which can be summed as in [14]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j,k,l} |T_j(f_k F_k, g_l G_l)| &\leq \sum_{k,l} 2^{-\epsilon'(|k-l|)} \|f_k\|_{L^2} \|g_l\|_{L^2} \\
 &\lesssim \left( \sum_k \|f_k\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_k \|g_k\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\lesssim \left( \sum_k \|f_k\|_{L^2}^{\frac{6}{5}} \right)^{\frac{5}{6}} \left( \sum_k \|g_k\|_{L^2}^{\frac{6}{5}} \right)^{\frac{5}{6}} \\
 &\lesssim \|F\|_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \|G\|_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx)L^2(dy)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

#### 3.1. A priori bounds and basic estimates

We will use the following estimates:

**Proposition 3.2.** *For any smooth,  $L^2$ , self-adjoint, positive semi-definite kernel  $\Gamma(x, y)$  we have the pointwise estimates*

$$|\Gamma(x, y)|^2 \leq \Gamma(x, x)\Gamma(y, y), \quad (48)$$

and

$$|\nabla_x \Gamma(x, z)| \leq E_k(x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \Gamma(z, z)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (49)$$

where  $E_k(t, x)$  is the kinetic energy density defined as

$$E_k(x) = \nabla_x \cdot \nabla_y \Gamma(t, x, y)|_{x=y}. \quad (50)$$

*Proof.* The above two estimates follow from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, and writing

$$\Gamma(x, y) = \sum_i \lambda_i \psi_i(x) \overline{\psi_i}(y). \quad (51)$$

□

**Proposition 3.3** (Fixed time estimates based on conserved quantities). *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^1(dx)} &= \|\Gamma(0, x, x)\|_{L^1(dx)} = 1, \\
 \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^2(dx)} & \\
 &\lesssim \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Gamma\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^2(dx dy)} + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^1(dx)} \lesssim 1, \\
 \|\phi\|_{L^\infty(dt)H^1(dx)} &\lesssim 1, \\
 \|E_k\|_{L^\infty(dt)L^1(dx)} &\lesssim 1.
 \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

**Proposition 3.4** (Space-time estimates based on interaction Morawetz). *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1,*

$$\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2_{t,x}} \lesssim 1 \quad (52)$$

which implies

$$\|\phi\|_{L^4_{t,x}} \lesssim 1. \quad (53)$$

*Proof.* A proof of this result has already appeared in the unpublished thesis [26]. For completeness, we include the proof in [section 4](#).  $\square$

### 3.5. Estimates for the RHS of (7) in dual Strichartz norms

Denote

$$\left( \mathbf{S} + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x - y) \right) \Lambda(t, x, y) = \text{Term1} + \text{Term2} + \text{Term 3} + \text{Term 4}, \quad (54)$$

where

$$\text{Term 1} = -(V_N * \Gamma(t, x, x) + V_N * \Gamma(t, y, y)) \cdot \Lambda(t, x, y),$$

$$\text{Term 2} = V_N \Lambda \circ \Gamma + \bar{\Gamma} \circ V_N \Lambda,$$

$$\text{Term 3} = \Lambda \circ V_N \Gamma + V_N \bar{\Gamma} \circ \Lambda,$$

and

$$\text{Term 4} = 2(V_N * |\phi|^2)(y) \phi(x) \phi(y) + 2(V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \phi(x) \phi(y).$$

Let  $2 < p_0 \leq \frac{8}{3}$  and define the localized, restricted Strichartz norm

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\ &= \sup_{p_0 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p[T_1, T_2] L^q(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ &+ \sup_{p_0 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p[T_1, T_2] L^q(dy) L^2(dx)} \\ &+ \sup_{2 \leq p \leq \infty, p, q \text{ admissible}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^p[T_1, T_2] L^q(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))}. \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $(p, q)$  an admissible Strichartz pair, define the localized dual norms

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p', q'}[T_1, T_2]} \\ &= \min \{ \|F\|_{L^{p'}[T_1, T_2] L^{q'}(dx) L^2(dy)}, \|F\|_{L^{p'}[T_1, T_2] L^{q'}(dy) L^2(dx)}, \|F\|_{L^{p'}[T_1, T_2] L^{q'}(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))} \}. \end{aligned}$$

In preparation for applying [Theorem 2.7](#), we state the following estimates, in a simple (but not sharp) form which will suffice for our goal. We will use [Proposition 3.2](#), [Proposition 12](#) and [Proposition 3.4](#) to bound various terms uniformly in  $N$ , keeping track only of  $\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2([T_1, T_2])}$  which will be small (after suitably localizing in time), and  $\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}$  which will be handled by a bootstrapping argument.

**Theorem 3.6.** Under the assumptions of [Theorem 1.1](#), for  $k = 1, 2, 3$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|\text{Term } k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}, \\
 & \|\nabla \text{Term } k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}, \\
 & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term } k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad \lesssim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)}^{\frac{1}{3}} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{3}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|\text{Term } 4\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{2, \frac{6}{5}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim 1, \\
 & \|\nabla \text{Term } 4\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{2, \frac{6}{5}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N, \\
 & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term } 4\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{2, \frac{6}{5}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N.
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term } 4$  had to be estimated in an end-point dual Strichartz norm.

The proof of this theorem is based on [Proposition 3.2](#), [Proposition 12](#), [Proposition 3.4](#) and Hölder's inequality. It will be given in an appendix.

### 3.7. Polynomial in $N$ estimates for the Strichartz norms of $\Lambda$ and its derivatives

In this subsection, we finish the proof of [Theorem 1.2](#).

Using the a priori estimates of [Theorem 3.6](#), as well as the Strichartz estimates of [Theorem 2.7](#), we estimate first  $\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}}$  and then use this to estimate  $\|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}}$  and then  $\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}}$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Under the assumptions of [Theorem 1.1](#), the following holds

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[0, \infty)} \lesssim N^4.$$

*Proof.* Recall

$$\left( \mathbf{S} + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x - y) \right) \Lambda(t, x, y) = \text{Term } 1 + \text{Term } 2 + \text{Term } 3 + \text{Term } 4. \quad (55)$$

Adapting the argument of Bourgain [13], we use estimate (52) to break up  $[0, \infty)$  into about  $N^4$  time intervals  $[T_j, T_{j+1}]$  where  $N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_j, T_{j+1}]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq \epsilon$  (with  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small to be determined later).

We will show that each  $\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \leq C$  where  $C$  depends only on the initial conditions of the system at  $t = 0$ .

For  $t \in [T_j, T_{j+1}]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(t) &= e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N}V_N)} \Lambda(T_j) + i \sum_{k=1}^4 \int_{T_j}^t e^{i(t-s)(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N}V_N)} \text{Term } k(s) ds \\ &:= e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N}V_N)} \Lambda(T_j) + \sum_{k=1}^4 \Lambda_k. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Using Theorem (2.7), and the conservation (10)

$$\|e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N}V_N)} \Lambda(T_j)\|_{\mathcal{S}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \lesssim \|\Lambda(T_j)\|_{L^2} \lesssim 1.$$

Also Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 3.6 imply,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sum_{k=1}^4 \Lambda_k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^4 \|\Lambda_k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \\ &\lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_j, T_{j+1}]}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} + 1 \\ &\lesssim \epsilon \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together, using the decomposition (56),

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \leq C_1 + C_2 \epsilon \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]}$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  depend only on the initial conditions of the system at time  $t = 0$ . If we choose  $C_2 \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ , we get

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \leq 2C_1 \quad (57)$$

and, summing over all  $\sim N^4$  intervals,

$$\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}[0, \infty)} \lesssim N^4.$$

□

**Theorem 3.9.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1, the following holds*

$$\|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}} \lesssim N^5.$$

*Proof.* The proof uses the estimates of Theorem (3.8), and is similar in structure. It uses the same  $\sim N^4$  intervals  $[T_j, T_{j+1}]$ .

Differentiate the Eq. (55), and estimate the right-hand side in a dual Strichartz space.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \mathbf{S} + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \nabla \Lambda(t, x, y) \\ &= \nabla \text{Term 1} + \nabla \text{Term 2} + \nabla \text{Term 3} + \nabla \text{Term 4} \\ & \quad - \nabla \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \Lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Call the last term Term5. Following the argument of the previous proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \Lambda(t) &= e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N} V_N)} \nabla \Lambda(T_j) \\ &+ i \sum_{k=1}^4 \int_{T_j}^t e^{i(t-s)(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N} V_N)} \nabla \text{Term } k(s) ds + \int_{T_j}^t e^{i(t-s)(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N} V_N)} \text{Term 5}(s) ds \\ &:= e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N} V_N)} \nabla \Lambda(T_j) + \sum_{k=1}^5 \Lambda_k. \end{aligned}$$

Using conservation of energy (see (13)), we have

$$\|e^{it(-\Delta_{x,y} + \frac{1}{N} V_N)} \nabla \Lambda(T_j)\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \lesssim \|\nabla \Lambda(T_j)\|_{L^2} \lesssim 1.$$

It remains to estimate  $\nabla \text{Term 1}, \dots, \nabla \text{Term 4}$  and Term 5 in  $\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{p', q'}$ .

We have, using Hölder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|\text{Term 5}\|_{L^2[T_j, T_{j+1}]} L^{\frac{6}{5}}(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y)) &\lesssim N \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_j, T_{j+1}]} L^6(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y)) \\ &\lesssim N \quad (\text{we used (57)}), \end{aligned}$$

while, from Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 3.6 and another application of (57),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^4 \|\Lambda_k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \\ & \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^3 \|\nabla \text{Term } k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} + \|\nabla \text{Term 4}\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{2, \frac{6}{5}}[T_1, T_2]} \\ & \lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\ & \quad + N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} + N \\ & \leq C_1 N + C_2 \epsilon \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is chosen so that  $C_2 \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ , summing the previous estimates we get  $\|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_j, T_{j+1}]} \lesssim N$  and, summing over all  $\sim N^4$  intervals,

$$\|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}} \lesssim N^5.$$

□

Finally,

**Theorem 3.10.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1, the following holds*

$$\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}} \lesssim N^{\frac{13}{2}}.$$

*Proof.* We write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \mathbf{S} + \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y) \\ &= \nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term 1} + \cdots + \nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term 4} \\ & - \nabla_x \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \nabla_y \Lambda - \nabla_y \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \nabla_x \Lambda - \nabla_x \nabla_x \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions  $\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda_0\|_{L^2} \lesssim N$ . Unlike the previous two proofs, we no longer have a priori bounds on the growth of  $\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t)\|_{L^2}$  - in fact this is what we are trying to prove. Now we split  $[0, \infty)$  differently than before. Now we only require  $\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_i, T_{i+1}]}^{1/2} \leq \epsilon$ , with  $\epsilon$  (independent of  $N$ ) to be determined later. The number of intervals only depends on  $\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[0, \infty)} \lesssim 1$ , and is independent of  $N$ . We apply [Theorem 2.7](#) and [Theorem 3.6](#) directly on  $[T_i, T_{i+1}]$ , using the estimates for  $\|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}}$  and  $\|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}}$  from the previous two theorems.

For  $k = 1, 2, 3$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term } k\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{5, \frac{4}{3}}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \lesssim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_i, T_{i+1}]}^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \\ & + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_i, T_{i+1}]}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \\ & \leq C_1 N^{\frac{3}{2}} N^5 + C_2 \epsilon \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]}, \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term 4}\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{2, \frac{6}{5}}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \lesssim N.$$

As for the terms where the derivatives fall on the potential, for example

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_x \nabla_x \left( \frac{1}{N} V_N(x-y) \right) \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{dual}^{3, \frac{6}{5}}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \lesssim \|\nabla^2 \frac{1}{N} V_N\|_{L^2} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_i, T_{i+1}]} L^6(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y)) \\ & \leq N^2 \|\Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \lesssim N^6. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, with some choice of constants  $C_i$  depending only on the initial conditions, we get from [Theorem 2.7](#)

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \\ & \leq C_1 \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(T_i)\|_{L^2} + C_2 N^{\frac{13}{2}} + C_3 \epsilon \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]}. \end{aligned}$$

If we pick  $C_3 \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ , and notice  $\|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(T_i)\|_{L^2} \leq \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_{i-1}, T_i]}$ , we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_i, T_{i+1}]} \\ & \leq 2 \left( C_1 \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}_{restricted}[T_{i-1}, T_i]} + C_2 N^{\frac{13}{2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Applying this arguments a finite number of times (independent of  $N$ ), and summing the result, we are done.  $\square$



#### 4. Proof of Proposition 3.4

The outline of this section is inspired, in part, by [27, 28] and the similarities between the HFB system and the GP hierarchy. The main result appeared in the unpublished thesis [26].

##### 4.1. Local conservation laws

Let us start by defining the relevant quantities which will allow us to effectively capture the conservation laws of the HFB system. We define

$$T_{00} = \rho := \Gamma(x; x) \quad (58a)$$

$$T_{j0} = T_{0j} = P_j := \frac{1}{2i} \int dx' \delta(x - x') \left[ \partial_{x'_j} \Gamma(x; x') - \partial_{x_j} \Gamma(x; x') \right] \quad (58b)$$

$$T_{jk} = \sigma_{jk} + p\delta_{jk} := \int dx' \delta(x - x') (\partial_{x_j} \partial_{x'_k} + \partial_{x_k} \partial_{x'_j}) \Gamma(x; x') \\ + \delta_{jk} \frac{1}{2} \left( -\Delta\rho + \int dy V_N(x - y) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \right) \quad (58c)$$

$$l_j = \frac{1}{2} \int dy V_N(x - y) \{ \partial_y \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) - \partial_{x_j} \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \} \quad (58d)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y') := \Gamma(x; x') \Gamma(y; y') + \Gamma(x; y') \Gamma(y; x') \\ + \bar{\Lambda}(x, y) \Lambda(x', y') - 2\bar{\phi}(x) \bar{\phi}(y) \phi(x') \phi(y'). \quad (58e)$$

In the literature,  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is often referred to as the pseudo-stress-energy tensor and  $L$  is the two-particle marginal density matrix of our quasifree state. Then the associated local conservation laws are given by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + 2\nabla \cdot P = 0 \\ \partial_t P + \nabla \cdot (\sigma + p\mathbf{I}) + l = 0 \end{cases} \quad (59)$$

To derive the local conservation laws, it is convenient to first rewrite the equation for  $\Gamma(x; x')$  in the following form

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Delta_x - \Delta_{x'} \right\} \Gamma(x; x') = B_V(\mathcal{L}) \quad (60)$$

where

$$B_V(\mathcal{L}) := B_V^+(\mathcal{L}) - B_V^-(\mathcal{L}), \quad (61a)$$

$$B_V^+(\mathcal{L})(x; x') := \int dy dy' V_N(x - y) \delta(y - y') \mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y'), \quad (61b)$$

$$B_V^-(\mathcal{L})(x; x') := \int dy dy' V_N(x' - y) \delta(y - y') \mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y'). \quad (61c)$$

Notice (60) has the structure of a BBGKY hierarchy, that is, the evolution of the lower marginal density matrix depends on the higher marginal density. Unlike, the standard BBGKY hierarchy, the quasifree structure of our state allows us to decompose our two-particle marginal density matrix  $\mathcal{L}$  into a linear combination of products of one-particle marginal densities  $\Gamma, \Lambda$  and the condensate wave function  $\phi$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a smooth solution to (60), then we have the local conservation of number*

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + 2\nabla \cdot P = 0. \quad (62)$$

*Proof.* By direct calculation, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} \partial_t \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') \\ &= i \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} (u^2 - (u')^2) \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') \end{aligned} \quad (63a)$$

$$+ i \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} B_V(\widehat{\mathcal{L}})(u; u'). \quad (63b)$$

For the first term, we have that

$$(63a) = \nabla_x \cdot \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} (u + u') \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') = -2\nabla_x \cdot P.$$

For the second term, we have that (63b) =  $iB_V(\mathcal{L})(x; x) = 0$ . □

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $(\phi, \Gamma, \Lambda)$  be a smooth solution to the HFB system, then we have the continuity equation*

$$\partial_t P + \nabla \cdot (\sigma + p\mathbf{I}) + l = 0. \quad (64)$$

*Proof.* Differentiating  $P$  with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t P(x) &= \frac{1}{i} \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} \frac{(u + u')}{2} (u^2 - (u')^2) \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{i} \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} \frac{(u + u')}{2} B_V(\widehat{\mathcal{L}})(u; u') \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} (u + u') \otimes (u + u') \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{i} \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} \frac{(u + u')}{2} B_V(\widehat{\mathcal{L}})(u; u') =: J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let us first handle the  $J_1$  term. Notice we have that

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} (u - u')^{\otimes 2} \hat{\Gamma}(u; u') \\ &\quad - \nabla_x \cdot \int \frac{dud u'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(u-u') \cdot x} (u \otimes u' + u' \otimes u) \hat{\Gamma}(u; u'). \end{aligned}$$

Then, completing the Fourier inversion gives us

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \nabla^2 \rho(x) - \nabla \cdot \sigma = -\nabla \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \rho \mathbf{I} + \sigma \right).$$

Next, we deal with the  $J_2$  term. By the Fourier inversion, we write

$$J_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int dx' \delta(x - x') \{ \nabla_x B_V(\mathcal{L})(x; x') - \nabla_{x'} B_V(\mathcal{L})(x; x') \}.$$

Then we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int dx' \delta(x - x') \nabla_x B_V(\mathcal{L})(x; x') \\ &= \int dx' dy \delta(x - x') \nabla_x (\{ V_N(x - y) - V_N(x' - y) \} \mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y)) \\ &= \int dx' dy \delta(x - x') \nabla_x (V_N(x - y)) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y) \\ &\quad + \int dx' dy \delta(x - x') \{ V_N(x - y) - V_N(x' - y) \} \nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, y; x', y) \\ &= \int dy \nabla_x (V_N(x - y)) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we have that

$$\int dx' \delta(x - x') \nabla_{x'} B_V(\mathcal{L})(x; x') = - \int dy \nabla_x (V_N(x - y)) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y).$$

Hence it follows

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= - \int dy \nabla_x (V_N(x - y)) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int dy \{ \nabla_y V_N(x - y) - \nabla_x V_N(x - y) \} \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \left( \int dy V_N(x - y) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \right) - l \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \cdot \left( \int dy V_N(x - y) \mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \mathbf{I} \right) - l. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the argument. □

#### 4.4. Interaction Morawetz estimate

The main result of this section is the interaction Morawetz-type estimate for the  $\Gamma$  equation. To prove the estimate, we need a two-particle Morawetz identity for the truncated two-particle marginal density matrix

$$L(x, y; x', y') = \Gamma(x; x') \Gamma(y; y'). \quad (65)$$

We formally<sup>2</sup> define the virial interaction potential for  $L$  associated to  $a \in C(\mathbb{R}^3)$  by

$$V^a(t) := \int dx dy a(x - y) L(t, x, y; x, y) \quad (66)$$

<sup>2</sup>In general, we are not certain whether (66) and (67) are well-defined. However, since we are interested when  $a$  is a Schwartz function, it can be shown that (67) is well-defined. More precisely, since  $L$  is uniformly bounded, then it follows  $V^a(t)$  is uniformly bounded for all time.

and its corresponding Morawetz action

$$M^a(t) := \partial_t V^a(t) = 2 \int dx dy \nabla a(x-y) \cdot [P(x)\rho(y) - \rho(x)P(y)]. \quad (67)$$

Then we have the following truncated two-particle Morawetz identity.

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $(\phi, \Gamma, \Lambda)$  be a smooth solution to the HFB system with  $\text{tr} \Gamma(t) = 1$  and  $E(t) \leq C$  (see (9), (11)), and let  $a(x) = |x|$ . Then we have the identity*

$$\dot{M}^a(t) = 2 \int dx dy (-\Delta \Delta a)(x-y) \rho(x) \rho(y) \quad (68a)$$

$$+ \int dx dy \Delta a(x-y) \left\{ \rho(x) \int dz V_N(y-z) \mathcal{L}(y, z; y, z) \right. \\ \left. + \rho(y) \int dz V_N(x-z) \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) \right\} \quad (68b)$$

$$+ 2 \int dx dy \nabla^2 a(x-y) : \{ \sigma(x) \rho(y) + \rho(x) \sigma(y) \\ - 4P(x) \otimes P(y) \} \quad (68c)$$

$$+ 2 \int dx dy \nabla a(x-y) \cdot \{ \rho(x) l(y) - l(x) \rho(y) \}. \quad (68d)$$

Here,  $:$  denotes the standard double dot product, that is, for any  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , we have that  $A : B = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_{ij}$ .

**Remark 4.6.** Let us note that Proposition 4.5 only states that for each fixed  $N$ , identity (68) holds. It does not say that the identity is independent of  $N$ . In fact, we are not sure whether (68d) stays uniformly bounded in  $N$ . However, this does not pose any issues for us since shortly we will see that the term gives a positive contribution which we can ignore when proving the interaction Morawetz estimate.

**Proof.** The main issue is to show that any integration by parts is justified by the conservation laws. It is convenient to first note some facts about the pseudo stress-energy tensor. By the conservation laws, we see that  $\rho(x) \in L^1(dx) \cap L^3(dx)$ , the components of  $P(x)$  are in  $L^1(dx) \cap L^{\frac{3}{2}}(dx)$  and the components of  $\sigma(x)$  are in  $L^1(dx)$ . However, we don't know anything about the decay properties of  $\Delta \rho$  appearing in  $T_{jk}$ .

To handle any issues with the integration by parts, we apply a smooth spatial cutoff function. Let  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be a radial function whose support is contained in the ball  $B(0, 2)$  and is identically 1 on  $B(0, 1)$ . For every  $L > 0$ , define

$$M_L^a(t) := 2 \int dx dy \chi\left(\frac{|x-y|}{L}\right) \nabla a(x-y) \cdot [P(x)\rho(y) - \rho(x)P(y)]. \quad (69)$$

Taking the time derivative of (69), applying the local conservation laws (59), and integrating by parts yields

$$\dot{M}_L^a(t) = 2 \int dx dy \nabla_x \left( \chi\left(\frac{|x-y|}{L}\right) \nabla a(x-y) \right)$$

$$: \left\{ \left( -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_x \rho(x) \rho(y) - \rho(x) \frac{1}{2} \Delta_y \rho(y) \right) \mathbf{I} \right. \quad (70a)$$

$$+ \left( \frac{1}{2} \int dz V_N(y-z) \rho(x) \mathcal{L}(y, z; y, z) \right. \quad (70b)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int dz V_N(x-z) \rho(y) \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) \Big) \mathbf{I} \\ + \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(x) \rho(y) + \rho(x) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(y) - 4P(x) \otimes P(y) \} \} \quad (70c)$$

$$+ 2 \int dx dy \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla a(x-y) \cdot \{ \rho(x) l(y) - l(x) \rho(y) \}. \quad (70d)$$

Next, we consider the limit as  $L$  tends to infinity. It is not hard to see that any derivative of  $\chi$  is uniformly bounded in  $L$  and vanishes near the origin. Let us first handle (70b). By direct calculation, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla_x \left( \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla a(x-y) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \chi' \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \frac{(x-y) \otimes (x-y)}{|x-y|^2} + \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla^2 a(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

which means

$$(70b) = \frac{1}{L} \int dx dy dz \chi' \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) V_N(y-z) \rho(x) \mathcal{L}(y, z; y, z) \quad (71a)$$

$$+ \int dx dy dz \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \Delta a(x-y) V_N(y-z) \rho(x) \mathcal{L}(y, z; y, z) \quad (71b)$$

$$+ \text{similar terms with } x \text{ and } y \text{ switched.} \quad (71c)$$

Note that by the conservation of number and energy, we have that

$$|(71a)| \leq \frac{\|\chi'\|_\infty}{L} \|\rho\|_{L^1(dx)} \left( \int dy dz V_N(y-z) \mathcal{L}(y, z; y, z) \right) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . Next, by the dominated convergence theorem, we see that (71b) + (71c)  $\rightarrow$  (68b).

The term (70c) is handled in a similar manner. More precisely, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (70c) &= \frac{2}{L} \int dx dy \chi' \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \frac{(x-y) \otimes (x-y)}{|x-y|^2} \\ &\quad : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(x) \rho(y) + \rho(x) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(y) - 4P(x) \otimes P(y) \} \\ &\quad + 2 \int dx dy \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla^2 a(x-y) \\ &\quad : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(x) \rho(y) + \rho(x) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(y) - 4P(x) \otimes P(y) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (72b)$$

For the term (72a), we have the estimate

$$|(72a)| \leq \frac{C \|\chi'\|_\infty}{L} \left( \|\rho\|_{L^1(dx)} \|\sigma\|_{L^1(dx)} + \|P\|_{L^1(dx)}^2 \right) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $L$  tends to infinity.

For the term (72b), we first recall that  $\nabla^2 a(x) = |x|^{-1} \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{x \otimes x}{|x|^2} \right)$ . Then, by Hardy–Littlewood–Sobolev inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |(72b)| &\leq \sum_{i,j} \int dx \left\{ |\sigma_{ij}(x)| (|\cdot|^{-1} * \rho)(x) + \int dy \frac{|P_i(x)| |P_j(y)|}{|x-y|} \right\} \\ &\leq C \|\sigma\|_{L^1(dx)} \| |\cdot|^{-1} * \rho \|_{L^\infty(dx)} + C \|P\|_{L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it suffices to check that  $(|\cdot|^{-1} * \rho)(x)$  is uniformly bounded. Note that we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int dy \frac{\rho(y)}{|x-y|} \right| &\leq \left| \int_{|x-y|<1} dy \frac{\rho(y)}{|x-y|} \right| + \int dy \rho(y) \\ &\leq \| |\cdot|^{-1} \|_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}(B_1(0))} \|\rho\|_{L^3(dy)} + \|\rho\|_{L^1(dy)} \leq C \end{aligned}$$

which holds uniformly in  $x$ . Then, by dominated convergence theorem, we again see that (72b)  $\rightarrow$  (68c).

Next, for each fixed  $N$ , we show that (70d)  $\rightarrow$  (68d) follows immediately from the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. More precisely, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |(70d)| &\leq C \int dx \rho(x) \int dy |l(y)| \\ &\leq C \|\rho\|_{L^1(dx)} \left( \|V\|_{L^1(dx)} \|\nabla \rho\|_{L^{3/2}(dx)} \|\rho\|_{L^3(dx)} + \|V_N\|_{L^3(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{L^2(dx dy)}^2 \right) \\ &\leq CN^{2\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, let us handle (70a). It suffices to estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\int dx dy \nabla_x \left( \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla a(x-y) \right) : \Delta_x \rho(x) \rho(y) \mathbf{I} \\ &= \frac{1}{L} \int dx dy \Delta_x \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \rho(x) \rho(y) \end{aligned} \quad (73a)$$

$$+ \int dx dy \Delta_x \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \Delta a(x-y) \rho(x) \rho(y) \quad (73b)$$

$$+ 2 \int dx dy \nabla_x \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \nabla_x \Delta a(x-y) \rho(x) \rho(y) \quad (73c)$$

$$+ \int dx dy \chi \left( \frac{|x-y|}{L} \right) \Delta \Delta a(x-y) \rho(x) \rho(y). \quad (73d)$$

By the remark in the beginning of the proof, we see that

$$|(73a) + (73b) + (73c)| \leq \frac{C}{L} \| \rho \|_{L^1(dx)}^2$$

which converges to zero as  $L$  tends to infinity. Lastly, we have that

$$|(73d)| = 8\pi \int dx dy \chi\left(\frac{|x-y|}{L}\right) \delta(x-y) \rho(x) \rho(y) = 8\pi \| \rho \|_{L^1(dx)}^2$$

which is clearly uniformly bounded in  $L$ . Hence, by the dominated convergence theorem, we have the desired result.  $\square$

With this special choice of observable, we have that  $(-\Delta \Delta a)(x) = 8\pi \delta(x)$  which we have already used. Also, it is not hard to see that (68a) and (68b) are positive terms since

$$\int dz V_N(x-z) \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) \geq 0 \quad (74)$$

given  $V_N \geq 0$ . To prove the Morawetz estimate, we need to be able to control (68c) and (68d). In fact, we will show that (68c)  $\geq 0$  and (68b) + (68d)  $\geq 0$ , then deduce

$$8\pi \int dx \rho(t, x)^2 \leq \partial_t M^a(t) \quad (75)$$

which will lead to the desired estimate.

**Lemma 4.7.** Assume  $V_N$  is a positive radial function, i.e.  $V_N(x) = N^{3\beta} V(N^\beta |x|) \geq 0$ , with  $V'(r) \leq 0$ . Let  $(\phi, \Gamma, \Lambda)$  be a smooth solution to the HFB system. Then we have that (68b) + (68d)  $\geq 0$ .

*Proof.* By change of variables and integration by parts, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (68d) &= -4 \int dx dy \rho(y) \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} \cdot l(x) \\ &= -4 \int dx dy dz N^{4\beta} V'(N^\beta |x-z|) \rho(y) \frac{x-z}{|x-z|} \cdot \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) \end{aligned} \quad (76a)$$

$$-4 \int dx dy dz V_N(x-z) \frac{\rho(y) \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z)}{|x-y|}. \quad (76b)$$

Notice that (76b) = -(68b). Finally, exploiting the symmetry  $\mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) = \mathcal{L}(z, x; z, x)$ , we can rewrite (76a) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} (76a) &= -2 \int dx dy dz N^{4\beta} V'(N^\beta |x-z|) \rho(y) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \frac{x-z}{|x-z|} \cdot \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} + \frac{z-x}{|z-x|} \cdot \frac{z-y}{|z-y|} \right\} \mathcal{L}(x, z; x, z) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from  $\mathcal{L}(x, y; x, y) \geq 0$ ,  $V'(r) \leq 0$ , and the identity

$$\frac{u-v}{|u-v|} \cdot \frac{u}{|u|} + \frac{v-u}{|v-u|} \cdot \frac{v}{|v|} = \frac{(|u|+|v|)(1-\cos\theta)}{|u-v|} \geq 0. \quad (77)$$

□

**Lemma 4.8.** *Let  $(\phi, \Gamma, \Lambda)$  be a smooth solution to the HFB system. Then we have that (68c)  $\geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbf{A}(x, y) := \nabla^2 a(x - y)$  is symmetric (in fact, it is positive semi-definite), we can rewrite (68v) by swapping some indices as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(68c) &= \int dx dy dx' dy' \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \sum_{jk} \partial_{jk} a(x - y) \\ &\quad \times \{(\partial_{x_j} \partial_{x'_k} + \partial_{x_k} \partial_{x'_j}) + (\partial_{y_j} \partial_{y'_k} + \partial_{y_k} \partial_{y'_j}) \\ &\quad + (\partial_{x_j} - \partial_{x'_j})(\partial_{y_k} - \partial_{y'_k})\} L(x, y; x', y') \\ &= \int dx dy dx' dy' \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \sum_{jk} \partial_{jk} a(x - y) \\ &\quad \times \{(\partial_{y_j} - \partial_{x_j})(\partial_{y'_k} - \partial_{x'_k}) + (\partial_{x_j} + \partial_{y_j})(\partial_{x'_k} + \partial_{y'_k})\} L(x, y; x', y'). \end{aligned}$$

Writing in matrix notation (with  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(x, y)$ , and  $\nabla$  a column vector)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(68c) &= \int dx dy dx' dy' \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \\ &\quad \times \mathbf{A} : \{(\nabla_x - \nabla_y)(\nabla_{x'} - \nabla_{y'})^T L(x, y; x', y') \end{aligned} \quad (78a)$$

$$+ (\nabla_x \nabla_{x'}^T + \nabla_y \nabla_{y'}^T) L(x, y; x', y') \quad (78b)$$

$$+ (\nabla_x \nabla_y^T + \nabla_{x'} \nabla_{y'}^T) L(x, y; x', y')\}. \quad (78c)$$

Since  $L$  is a positive operator, then it has a unique positive square root  $\sqrt{L}$  such that  $L = \sqrt{L} \circ \sqrt{L}$ . In particular, we can now write

$$\begin{aligned} (78a) &= \int dx dy dx_2 dy_2 dx' dy' dx'_2 dy'_2 \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \delta(x_2 - x'_2) \delta(y_2 - y'_2) \\ &\quad \times \mathbf{A} : \left\{ (\nabla_x - \nabla_y) \sqrt{L}(x, y; x'_2, y'_2) \overline{(\nabla_{x'} \nabla_{y'})^T \sqrt{L}(x', y'; x_2, y_2)} \right\} \\ &= \int dx dy dx_2 dy_2 dx' dy' dx'_2 dy'_2 \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \delta(x_2 - x'_2) \delta(y_2 - y'_2) \\ &\quad \times \overline{(\nabla_{x'} \nabla_{y'})^T \sqrt{L}(x', y'; x_2, y_2)} \mathbf{A} (\nabla_x - \nabla_y) \sqrt{L}(x, y; x'_2, y'_2) \\ &= \|\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\nabla_y - \nabla_x) \sqrt{L}\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The same argument holds for (78b), that is

$$(78b) = \|\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla_x \sqrt{L}\|_{\text{HS}}^2 + \|\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla_y \sqrt{L}\|_{\text{HS}}^2.$$



For the final term, we need the observation  $\sqrt{L}(x, y; x', y') = \sqrt{\Gamma}(x; x')\sqrt{\Gamma}(y; y')$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (78c) &= \int dx dy dx_2 dy_2 dx' dy' dx'_2 dy'_2 \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \delta(x_2 - x'_2) \delta(y_2 - y'_2) \\
 &\quad \times \mathbf{A} : \{ \nabla_x \sqrt{\Gamma}(x; x'_2) \nabla_y^T \sqrt{\Gamma}(y; y'_2) \sqrt{\Gamma}(x_2; x') \sqrt{\Gamma}(y_2; y') \\
 &\quad + \sqrt{\Gamma}(x; x'_2) \sqrt{\Gamma}(y; y'_2) \nabla_{x'} \sqrt{\Gamma}(x_2; x') \nabla_{y'}^T \sqrt{\Gamma}(y_2; y') \} \\
 &= \int dx dy dx_2 dy_2 dx' dy' dx'_2 dy'_2 \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y') \delta(x_2 - x'_2) \delta(y_2 - y'_2) \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \left( \nabla_x \sqrt{L}(x, y_2; x'_2, y') \right)^T \mathbf{A} \nabla_y \sqrt{L}(x_2, y; x', y'_2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \overline{\nabla_{y'} \sqrt{L}(x'_2, y'; x, y_2)}^T \mathbf{A} \nabla_{x'} \sqrt{L}(x', y'_2; x_2, y) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have that

$$|(78c)| \geq -2 \|\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla_x \sqrt{L}\|_{\text{HS}} \|\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla_y \sqrt{L}\|_{\text{HS}}.$$

Hence the desired result follows.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.9.** *Let  $\Gamma(t)$  be a smooth global solution to (60) with  $\text{tr} \Gamma(t) = 1$  and  $E(t) \leq C$  (see (9), (11)). Then the following estimate*

$$\int dt dx |\Gamma(t, x, x)|^2 \lesssim 1 \quad (79)$$

holds uniformly in  $N$  and depends only on the initial data. Moreover, we also have the estimate

$$\|\phi\|_{L^4(dx)} \lesssim 1. \quad (80)$$

*Proof.* By the above lemmas, it immediately follows that

$$8\pi \int_{-T}^T dt \int dx \rho(t, x)^2 \leq M^a(T) - M^a(-T). \quad (81)$$

To complete the argument, let us recall that  $\Gamma(x; x') = \bar{\phi}(x)\phi(x') + N^{-1}(\overline{\text{sh}(k)(k)} \circ \text{sh}(k)(k))(x; x')$ , then we see that

$$M^a(t) = \int dx dy \rho(y) \frac{x - y}{|x - y|} \cdot \Im(\bar{\phi}(x) \nabla \phi(x)) \quad (82a)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{N} \int dx dy \rho(y) \frac{x - y}{|x - y|} \cdot \Im(\overline{\text{sh}(k)(k)} \circ \nabla \text{sh}(k)(x)). \quad (82b)$$

Finally, by a standard momentum-type estimate (see Lemma A.10 in [24], we see that

$$|M(t)| \leq C \int dy \rho(t, y) \left\{ \|\nabla|^{1/2} \phi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{N} \|\nabla_x|^{1/2} \text{sh}(k)(k_t)\|_{L^2}^2 \right\}.$$

Finally, by the conservation of numbers and energy, we have the desired estimate.  $\square$

## 5. Second proof of Proposition 2.20

Since this proposition is the main new technical ingredient of our paper, we give a second proof which is not based on the kernel of the operator  $A(x + 2tD)$  (Weyl calculus), but rather on the Green's function.

We would like to show the following estimate,

$$\sup_{x_1} \|e^{it(\Delta_{x_1} + \Delta_{x_2})} f(x_1, x_2)\|_{L^2(dx_2)} \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \|f\|_{L^1(dx_{1-2})L^2(dx_{1+2})}$$

where (for convenience) we set

$$x_{1+2} := \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad x_{1-2} := \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

As in the first proof, we take the singular value decomposition of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  in the rotated  $(x_{1-2}, x_{1+2})$  variables and write

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \sum_k u_k \left( \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right) v_k \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

where  $\{v_k\}$  are orthonormal and  $\{u_k\}$  are orthogonal. The evolution equation can be written with the help of the Green's functions as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{it(\Delta_{x_1} + \Delta_{x_2})} f(x_1, x_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3} dy_1 dy_2 \sum_k \left\{ u_k(y_1) v_k(y_2) \exp \left( i \frac{|x_{1-2} - y_1|^2}{4t} + i \frac{|x_{1+2} - y_2|^2}{4t} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The phase in the exponential can be expanded,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|x_{1-2} - y_1|^2}{4t} + \frac{|x_{1+2} - y_2|^2}{4t} &= \frac{|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + |y_1|^2 + |y_2|^2}{4t} \\ &\quad - \frac{x_1 \cdot y_{1+2}}{2t} - \frac{x_2 \cdot y_{2-1}}{2t} \end{aligned}$$

and in view of the above we redefine,

$$\begin{aligned} u_k(t, y_1, x_1) &:= u_k(y_1) \exp \left( i \frac{|y_1|^2 - \sqrt{2} x_1 \cdot y_1}{4t} \right) \\ v_k(t, y_2, x_1) &:= v_k(y_2) \exp \left( i \frac{|y_2|^2 - \sqrt{2} x_1 \cdot y_2}{4t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\{v_k(t, \cdot, x_1)\}_k \text{ is orthonormal.}$$

Next we pick some function  $A(x_2) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and employ duality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dx_2 \left\{ e^{it(\Delta_{x_1} + \Delta_{x_2})} f(x_1, x_2) A(x_2) \right\} \\ &= \frac{e^{i\frac{|x_1|^2}{4t}}}{(4\pi t)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3} dy_1 dy_2 \sum_k \left\{ u_k(t, y_1, x_1) v_k(t, y_2, x_1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dx_2 \left\{ e^{-i\frac{x_2 \cdot y_2 - 1}{2t}} e^{i\frac{|x_2|^2}{4t}} A(x_2) \right\} \right\} \\ &= \frac{e^{i\frac{|x_1|^2}{4t}}}{(4\pi t)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3} dy_1 dy_2 \sum_k \left\{ u_k(t, y_1, x_1) v_k(t, y_2, x_1) \hat{A}\left(t, \frac{y_2 - y_1}{2t}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where we set,

$$\begin{aligned} A(t, x_2) &:= e^{i\frac{|x_2|^2}{4t}} A(x_2) \\ \hat{A}(t, \xi) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dx_2 \left\{ e^{-ix_2 \cdot \xi} A(t, x_2) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us now define

$$c_k(t, x_1, y_1) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dy_2 \left\{ v_k(t, y_2, x_1) \hat{A}\left(t, \frac{y_2 - y_1}{2\sqrt{2}t}\right) \right\}$$

and the orthonormality of the set  $\{v_k(t, \cdot, x_1)\}$  imply

$$\sum_k |c_k(t, x_1, y_1)|^2 \leq C \int dy_2 \left\{ |\hat{A}\left(t, \frac{y_2 - y_1}{2\sqrt{2}t}\right)|^2 \right\} = Ct^3 \|A\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^2.$$

Finally we have using Cauchy–Schwartz,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dx_2 \left\{ e^{i(\Delta_{x_1} + \Delta_{x_2})} f(x_1, x_2) A(x_2) \right\} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{C}{t^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dy_1 \left\{ \left( \sum_k |u_k(y_1)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_j |c_j(t, x_1, y_1)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{C}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} dy_1 \left( \sum_k |u_k(y_1)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \|A\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

The fact that  $\{v_k\}$  are orthonormal imply that

$$\|f(x_1, x_2)\|_{L^1(dx_{1-2})L^2(dx_{1+2})} = \left\| \sqrt{\sum_k |u_k(y_1)|^2} \right\|_{L^1(dy_1)}.$$

## 6. Appendix: Proof of Theorem 3.6

The detailed estimates for Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 are slightly different (and irrelevant). They are

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|\text{Term1}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla \text{Term1}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term1}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \quad \cdot \left( \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right). \\
 & \|\text{Term2}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla \text{Term2}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term2}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}. \\
 & \|\text{Term3}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla \text{Term3}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \lesssim N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \quad + N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]} \\
 & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \text{Term3}\|_{S_{dual}^{\frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{3}}[T_1, T_2]} \lesssim N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \|\nabla \Lambda\|_{S_{restricted}[T_1, T_2]}.
 \end{aligned}$$

To go from here to [Theorem 3.6](#), we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \leq \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \lesssim \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We present the detailed proofs, split into several propositions.

The estimate for Term1 is an immediate consequence of Hölder's inequality, the Leibniz rule and  $V_N(x) = N^{3\beta} V(N^\beta x)$  with  $\beta \leq 1$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** *For any time interval  $[T_1, T_2]$*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \| (V_N * \Gamma(t, x, x)) \Lambda(t, x, y) \|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
 & \quad + \| (V_N * \Gamma(t, y, y)) \Lambda(t, x, y) \|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dy)L^2(dx)} \\
 & \lesssim \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \\
 & \quad \cdot \left( \|\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla_{x,y}(V_N * \Gamma(t, x, x)\Lambda(t, x, y))\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
& + \|\nabla_{x,y}(V_N * \Gamma(t, y, y)\Lambda(t, x, y))\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dy)L^2(dx)} \\
& \leq N\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \\
& \cdot \left( \|\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right) \\
& + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \\
& \cdot \left( \|\nabla_{x,y}\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\nabla_{x,y}\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla_x \nabla_y(V_N * \Gamma(t, x, x)\Lambda(t, x, y))\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
& + \|\nabla_x \nabla_y(V_N * \Gamma(t, y, y)\Lambda(t, x, y))\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dy)L^2(dx)} \\
& \leq N\|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \\
& \cdot \left( \|\nabla_{x,y}\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\nabla_{x,y}\Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right) \\
& + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2(dx)} \\
& \cdot \left( \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} + \|\nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda(t, x, y)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2]L^4(dy)L^2(dx)} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The propositions that follow are slightly more involved variants of the above argument.

In order to estimate Term2, we will use

**Proposition 6.2.** *For any time interval  $[T_1, T_2]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \| (V_N \Lambda) \circ \Gamma \|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\
& \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \|V_N\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}
\end{aligned}$$

an also

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\bar{\Gamma} \circ (V_N \Lambda)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dy)L^2(dx)} \\
& \leq N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have the pointwise estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(V_N \Lambda \circ \Gamma)(t, x, y)| = \left| \int V_N(x-z)\Lambda(t, x, z)\Gamma(t, z, y)dz \right| \\
& \leq \left( \int V_N(x-z)|\Lambda(t, x, z)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int V_N(x-z)|\Gamma(t, z, y)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& := A(t, x)B(t, x, y).
\end{aligned} \tag{83}$$

Thus

$$\|(V_N \Lambda) \circ \Gamma\|_{L^{\frac{8}{5}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \leq \|A\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2} \|B\|_{L^8 L^4 L^2}$$

and

$$\|A\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^2} \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}.$$

Also, using (48),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\Gamma(t, z, y)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^8[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq \left\| \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\Gamma(t, z, z)| dz |\Gamma(t, y, y)| \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^8[T_1, T_2]L^4(dx)L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq \|V_N\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^\infty L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the second estimate is similar. □

Next, we need the above estimate with derivatives.

**Proposition 6.3.** *For any time interval  $[T_1, T_2]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (V_N \Lambda) \circ \nabla_y \Gamma \|_{L^{\frac{8}{5}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{3}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \|V_N\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|E_k\|_{L^\infty L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \end{aligned}$$

(we used Proposition 12). Thus, using the Leibniz rule,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_{x,y}((V_N \Lambda) \circ \Gamma)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{5}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \\ & \quad + N^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_{x,y} \Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla_x \nabla_y((V_N \Lambda) \circ \Gamma)\|_{L^{\frac{8}{5}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx)L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq N^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2]L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_{x,y} \Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2]L^6(d(x-y))L^2(d(x+y))}. \end{aligned}$$

A similar estimate holds for

$$\|\nabla_{x,y}(\bar{\Gamma} \circ (V_N \Lambda))\|_{L^{\frac{8}{5}}([T_1, T_2])L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dy)L^2(dx)}.$$

**Proof.** The argument is similar to the previous proof, with minor modifications. We have the pointwise estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
|(V_N \Lambda \circ \nabla_y \Gamma)(t, x, y)| &= \left| \int V_N(x-z) \Lambda(t, x, z) \nabla_y \Gamma(t, z, y) dz \right| \\
&\leq \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\Lambda(t, x, z)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\nabla_y \Gamma(t, z, y)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&:= A(t, x) C(t, x, y)
\end{aligned} \tag{84}$$

and

$$\|(V_N \Lambda) \circ \nabla_y \Gamma\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}([T_1, T_2]) L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \leq \|A\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2} \|C\|_{L^8 L^4 L^2}.$$

For  $A$ , we have already noticed

$$\|A\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2} \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^6(d(x-y)) L^2(d(x+y))}.$$

For  $C$ , we use (49):

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\nabla_y \Gamma(t, z, y)|^2 dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^8[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
&\leq \left\| \left( \int V_N(x-z) |\Gamma(t, z, z)| dz E_k(t, y) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^8[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
&\leq \|V_N\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|E_k\|_{L^\infty L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we discuss Term3. □

**Proposition 6.4.** *For any time interval  $[T_1, T_2]$*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \int (V_N(x-z) \bar{\Gamma})(x, z) \Lambda(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
&\lesssim \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)}.
\end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \int \Lambda(x, z) (V_N(z-y) \Gamma)(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
&\lesssim \|\Gamma(t, y, y)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2(dy)} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dy) L^2(dx)}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using 48 together with Hölder's inequality and Young's inequality, we have

$$\left\| \int (V_N \bar{\Gamma})(x, z) \psi(z) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}_x} \lesssim \|\Gamma(x, x)\|_{L^2} \|\psi\|_{L^4}. \tag{85}$$

Thus, at fixed time, using  $\psi(x) = \|\Lambda(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)}$ ,

$$\left\| \int (V_N \Gamma)(x, z) \Lambda(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \lesssim \|\Gamma(x, x)\|_{L^2} \|\Lambda\|_{L^4 L^2}. \tag{86}$$

The proof is finished by using Hölder's inequality. The argument for the second estimate is similar. □

Next, we introduce derivatives:

**Proposition 6.5.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int (V_N(x-z) \nabla_x \bar{\Gamma})(x, z) \Lambda(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|E_k\|_{L^\infty(dt) L^1(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq N^{\frac{3}{4}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $E_k$  is the kinetic energy density, see (50) and the estimate of Proposition 12. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \nabla_{x,y} \int V_N(x-z) \bar{\Gamma}(x, z) \Lambda(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \quad + \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)} \|\nabla_y \Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \quad + N^{\frac{3}{4}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \nabla_x \nabla_y \int V_N(x-z) \bar{\Gamma}(x, z) \Lambda(z, y) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^{\frac{4}{3}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \leq N \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^4[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)} \|\nabla_y \Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)} \\ & \quad + N^{\frac{3}{4}} \|\Gamma(t, x, x)\|_{L^2[T_1, T_2] L^2(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla_y \Lambda\|_{L^{\frac{8}{3}}[T_1, T_2] L^4(dx) L^2(dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similar estimates hold for  $\int \Lambda(x, z) (V_N(z-y) \Gamma(z, y)) dz$ .

*Proof.* Using (49) and arguing as in the previous proof, with  $\psi(x) = \|\Lambda(x, \cdot)\|_{L^2(dy)}$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int (V_N \nabla_x \bar{\Gamma})(x, z) \psi(z) dz \right\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \leq \|E_k^{\frac{1}{2}} V_N * (\Gamma(z, z)^{\frac{1}{2}} \psi(z))\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \\ & \leq \|E_k^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^2} \|V_N * (\Gamma(z, z)^{\frac{1}{2}} \psi(z))\|_{L^4} \\ & \leq \|E_k^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^2} \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \|\Gamma(z, z)^{\frac{1}{2}} \psi(z)\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq \|V_N\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \|\Gamma(x, x)^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_{L^4(dx)} \|E_k\|_{L^1(dx)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Lambda\|_{L^4(dx) L^2(dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now the result follows using Hölder's inequality in time. The proof of the second estimate is similar.  $\square$

Finally, we need estimates for  $(V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \phi(x) \phi(y)$ .



**Proposition 6.6.**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \| (V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \phi(x) \phi(y) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)} + \| (V_N * |\phi|^2)(y) \phi(x) \phi(y) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dy) L^2(dx)} \\
& \leq \| (V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \|_{L^2(dt) L^2(dx)} \| \phi \|_{L^\infty(dt) L^3(dx)} \| \phi \|_{L^\infty(dt) L^2(dy)} \\
& \leq 1 \\
& \| \nabla_{x,y} ((V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \phi(x) \phi(y)) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
& + \| \nabla_{x,y} ((V_N * |\phi|^2)(y) \phi(x) \phi(y)) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dy) L^2(dx)} \\
& \leq N \\
& \| \nabla_x \nabla_y ((V_N * |\phi|^2)(x) \phi(x) \phi(y)) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dx) L^2(dy)} \\
& + \| \nabla_x \nabla_y ((V_N * |\phi|^2)(y) \phi(x) \phi(y)) \|_{L^2(dt) L^{\frac{6}{5}}(dy) L^2(dx)} \leq N.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* All the above can be proved using (9), (11) and (53).

Since  $\| \nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda \|_{L^\infty(dt) L^2(dx dy)} \leq \| \nabla_x \nabla_y \Lambda \|_{S_{restricted}}$ , the proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.  $\square$

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