Concentration and quantitative regularity for the Navier-Stokes equations

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#### Unsteady Navier-Stokes equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t U + U \cdot \nabla U - \Delta U + \nabla P = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \ t \in (0,T), \\ \nabla \cdot U = 0, \\ U(\cdot,0) = U_0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases}$$

Scaling  $\lambda \in (0,\infty)$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $s \in (0, T/\lambda^2)$ ,

$$\begin{split} U_{0,\lambda}(y) &= \lambda U_0(\lambda y), \quad U_{\lambda}(y,s) = \lambda U(\lambda y,\lambda^2 s), \\ P_{\lambda}(y,s) &= \lambda^2 P(\lambda y,\lambda^2 s). \end{split}$$

Criticality examples of critical norms

 $\|U\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(0,T))}, \quad \sup_{t\in(0,T)}\|U(\cdot,t)\|_{L^{3}(\mathbb{R}^{3})}, \quad \sup_{t\in(0,T)}\sqrt{T-t}\|U(\cdot,t)\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3})}.$ 

#### Finite-energy solutions

#### Energy

$$E(U;t) := \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |U(\cdot,t)|^2}_{\text{kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla U|^2}_{\text{energy dissipation}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |U_0|^2.$$
Leray 1934
Given  $U_0 \in L^2_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , there exists

$$U\in L^\infty(0,\infty;L^2_\sigma(\mathbb{R}^3))\cap L^2(0,\infty;\dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$$

a finite-energy global-in-time weak solution, Leray-Hopf solution. Supercriticality barrier for  $U_{\lambda} := \lambda U(\lambda \cdot, \lambda^2 \cdot)$ ,

$$E(U_{\lambda}; \tau) = rac{1}{\lambda} E(U; \lambda^2 \tau), \quad \text{for} \quad \lambda \in (0, \infty).$$

## Blow-up? Non uniqueness?



For  $C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and divergence-free data does the Leray-Hopf solution remain <u>smooth</u> and <u>unique</u> for all time?

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#### Regular vs singular point

A point  $(x_0, t_0)$  is a regular point if U is bounded in a parabolic cylinder  $Q_{r_0}(x_0, t_0)$  for some  $r_0 > 0$ , otherwise it is a singular point.

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# Scale-critical regime: diffusion vs. convection dominated?

Heuristics due to Šverák

$$\begin{split} |\Delta U| \gg |U \cdot \nabla U| &\Rightarrow \text{ smoothness} \\ |\Delta U| \ll |U \cdot \nabla U| &\Rightarrow \text{ turbulent behavior?} \end{split}$$

 $\triangleright$  for  $|U(x,t)| \leq M|x|^{-1}$ ,

$$-\Delta U \simeq rac{M}{|x|^3}$$
 vs.  $U\cdot 
abla U \simeq rac{M^2}{|x|^3}.$ 

Open whether Type I condition

$$|U(x,t)| \leq \frac{M}{|x| + \sqrt{-t}} \quad \text{for} \quad M \gg 1$$

implies space-time point (0,0) is regular.

New quantitative blow-up rates for critical or slightly supercritical quantities near potential singularities:

#### Blow-up rate in Type I case

Barker and P. CMP (2021)

We get a new localized quantitative blow-up rate for the critical  $L^3$  norm.

#### Blow-up of a supercritical Orlicz norm

Barker and P. JMFM (2021)

This gives a partial positive answer to a conjecture of Tao (2019).

# Qualitative vs. quantitative blow-up of critical norms

#### Ladyzhenskaya-Prodi-Serrin



# Qualitative blow-up in the endpoint $L_t^{\infty} L_x^3$

#### Escauriaza, Seregin, Šverák (2003)

Assume that  $T^*$  is the first blow-up time of U. Then

$$\limsup_{t \to T^*} \|U(\cdot, t)\|_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \infty.$$

#### Abstract quantitative estimate

There exists  $F_{univ}$  such that for all U,

 $||U||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-\frac{1}{2},0))} \leq F_{univ}(||U||_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^{3}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))}).$ 

▷ via persistence of singularities from Rusin, Šverák (2011)

# Quantitative regularity and blow-up rate in the endpoint $L_t^{\infty} L_x^3$

Tao (2019)

#### Quantitative regularity

There exists  $c_{univ} > 0$ ,

 $\|U\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-1/2,0))} \leq \exp\exp\exp\left(\|U\|_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^{3}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))}^{c_{univ}}\right).$ 

#### Blow-up rate

Assume  $T^*$  is a first blow-up time. Then, there exists  $c'_{univ} > 0$ ,

$$\limsup_{t \to T^*} \frac{\|U(\cdot, t)\|_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}}{\left(\log \log \log \left(\frac{1}{T^* - t}\right)\right)^{c'_{univ}}} = \infty.$$

## Strategy of Tao: frequency bubbles of concentration

#### Heuristics for regularity Tao (2013)

Let  $P_N$  be a projector on frequencies  $\sim N$  and apply it to the Navier-Stokes equations

 $0 = \partial_t (P_N U) - P_N \Delta U + P_N \mathbb{P} \nabla \cdot (U \otimes U)$  $\simeq \partial_t (P_N U) - N^2 P_N U + N (P_N U)^2.$ 

If  $|N^{-1}P_NU| \ll 1$ , then  $|N(P_NU)^2| \ll |N^2P_NU|$ ; hence diffusion dominates the nonlinearity.

#### Main goal

If  $N^{-1} \| P_N U \|_{L^{\infty}_{t,x}}$  is not small in terms of  $\| U \|_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^3(\mathbb{R}^3))}$ , then find an upper bound  $N_*$  for N;

#### $N_* \lesssim \exp \exp \left( \|U\|_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^3(\mathbb{R}^3))}^{c_{univ}} \right)$

via backward frequency bubbling, transfer of information to the enstrophy, unique continuation, backward uniqueness and summing at final time.

# A new strategy for quantitative regularity

#### Blow-up rate for Type I singularities

#### Barker, P. (2021)

For M sufficiently large,  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , if

 $T^*$  is the first blow-up time of U, the space-time point  $(0, T^*)$  is a singularity,  $\|U\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T^*;L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3))} \leq M$ ,

then

$$\int_{B_0(R(t))} |U(\cdot,t)|^3 \ge \frac{\log\left((T^*-t)^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right)}{\exp\exp(M^{1025})}, \qquad R(t) := O\left((T^*-t)^{\frac{1-\delta}{2}}\right)$$
for all  $t \in \left(t_*(\delta, M, T^*), T^*\right).$ 

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▷ In the Type I case, we are able to remove two 'logarithms' for the rate of  $||U(\cdot,t)||^3_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}$ 

Tao (2019) 
$$(\log \log \log ((T^* - t)^{-1}))^{3c'_{univ}},$$
  
Barker, P. (2021)  $\frac{\log ((T^* - t)^{-\frac{\delta}{2}})}{\exp \exp(M^{1025})}.$ 

The rate is <u>optimal</u> for Discretely Backward Self-Similar solutions with sufficient decay

 $U(x,t) = \overline{\lambda}U(\overline{\lambda}x,\overline{\lambda}^2 t), \quad \text{for a fixed} \quad 1 < \overline{\lambda}.$ 

#### Quantitative estimate

$$||U||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-1/2,0))} \le G(||U||_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-1,0))})$$

with G explicit.

#### Main goal

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(WK) 
$$(-t')^{\frac{1}{5}} \| U(\cdot,t') \|_{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

is not small, i.e. *concentrates*, then find a lower bound  $-t^*(||U||_{L^5_{t,r}}) > 0$  for -t'.

#### Conclusion

The scale-invariant Weissler-Kato type norm (WK) is uniformly small for  $t' \in (-t_*(||U||_{L^5_{t,x}}), 0)$ ; hence  $\varepsilon$ -regularity implies quantitative boundedness.

Step 1 backward propagation using mild solution theory, Cannone (1997)

$$\|U(\cdot,t')\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3})} > \frac{\varepsilon}{(-t')^{\frac{1}{5}}} \Rightarrow \|U(\cdot,t'')\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3})} > \frac{\varepsilon/2}{(-t'')^{\frac{1}{5}}}, \quad \forall t'' \in (-1,2t').$$

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Step 2 summation of scales and lower bound for initial concentration

$$\|U\|_{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3\times(-1,0))}^5>-\frac{\varepsilon^5}{32}\log(-2t')$$

Hence:

$$\frac{1}{2} > -t' > \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{32\|U\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3} \times (-1,0))}^{5}}{\varepsilon^{5}}\right) =: -t_{*}.$$

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**Step 3** quantitative boundedness via  $\varepsilon$ -regularity on  $Q_{\sqrt{-t_*/2}}(\xi, 0) = B_{\sqrt{-t_*/2}}(\xi) \times (-\frac{t_*}{2}, 0)$  for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\|U\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-\frac{t_{*}}{2},0))} \lesssim \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\sqrt{-t_{*}}} \lesssim \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} \exp\bigg(\frac{16\|U\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-1,0))}^{5}}{\varepsilon^{5}}\bigg).$$







High level strategy same as for toy model  $U \in L^5(\mathbb{R}^3 \times (-1, 0))$ , with the following main changes:

Quantitative regularity under:	
$\ U\ _{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3\times(-1,0))}<\infty$	$\ U(\cdot,0)\ _{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)} < \infty$ and Type I condition
$\label{eq:concentration} \begin{array}{  c  } \mbox{initial `concentration'} \\ \ U(\cdot,t')\ _{L^5} > \varepsilon (-t')^{-\frac{1}{5}} \end{array}$	
backward propagation via mild solution theory	
summation of scales via integration in time on $(-1, 2t')$	

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$\begin{tabular}{ l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l$	initial spatial concentration of enstrophy
backward propagation via mild solution theory	backward propagation via local-in-space short-time smoothing
summation of scales via integration in time on $(-1,2t')$	summation of scales at time $t = 0$ via quantitative unique continuation and backward uniqueness

#### Quantitative regularity in the Type I case

Barker, P. (2021)

Let  $U \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3 \times (-1, 0))$ . For *M* large enough, assume that *U* satisfies the Type I bound

 $||U||_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3))} \le M.$ 

Then, letting

$$t_* = t_*(M, U(\cdot, 0))$$
  
:=  $-M^{-O(1)} \exp\left(-\exp\exp(M^{1024}) \int_{B_0(\exp(M^{1023}))} |U(\cdot, 0)|^3\right),$ 

we get the quantitative boundedness

$$\|U\|_{L^{\infty}\left(B_{0}(M^{O(1)}\sqrt{-t_{*}})\times(t_{*}/2,0)\right)} \lesssim \frac{M^{-O(1)}}{\sqrt{-t_{*}}}.$$

## Quantitative regularity in the Type I case

#### Assumptions

 $\|U\|_{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^{3,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3))} \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad U(\cdot,0) \in L^3(\mathbb{R}^3).$ 

Main goal

If the scale-invariant enstrophy

(Enstro) 
$$\sqrt{-t'} \int_{B_0\left(\sqrt{-t'/S(M)}\right)} |\omega(\cdot,t')|^2$$

with

$$\begin{split} & \omega = \nabla \times U \quad \text{vorticity}, \\ & S(M) := O(1) M^{-100} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < -t' < O(1) M^{-548}, \end{split}$$

is not small, i.e. *concentrates*, then find a lower bound on  $-t^*(M, ||U(\cdot, 0)||_{L^3})$  for -t'. Backward propagation of enstrophy concentration

Suppose  $t' \in (-1,0)$  is not too close to -1 and is such that

$$\int_{B_0\left(4\sqrt{S(M)}^{-1}(-t')^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)} |\omega(x,t')|^2 dx > \frac{M^2\sqrt{S(M)}}{(-t')^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

We show that for all  $t'' \in (-1, t')$ , such that -t'' is well-separated from -t', we have

$$\int_{B_0\left(4\sqrt{S(M)}^{-1}(-t'')^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)} |\omega(x,t'')|^2 dx > \frac{M^2\sqrt{S(M)}}{(-t'')^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

## Step 1: backward propagation



#### Key tool: local-in-space short-time smoothing

#### Barker and P. (2021)

For all M, N > 0 sufficiently large, there exists

 $0 < S_*(M, N) = O(1)M^{-30}N^{-70},$ 

for all local energy solution (U, P) associated to the initial data

$$\|U_0\|_{L^2_{uloc}(\mathbb{R}^3)} \le M$$
 and  $\|U_0\|_{L^2(B_x(1))} \stackrel{x \to \infty}{\to} 0.$ 

If in addition

 $||U_0||_{L^6(B_0(1))} \le N,$ 

then

 $\|U\|_{L^{\infty}\left(B_{0}(\frac{1}{2})\times\left(\frac{3}{4}S_{*}(M,N),S_{*}(M,N)\right)\right)} \lesssim M^{8}N^{19}.$ 

- > Quantitative version of Jia, Šverák (2014).
- Strategy of the proof:

U = a + V, *a* mild solution originating from  $U_0|_{B_0(1)} \in L^6$ , *V* perturbation; combine

- (1) local energy estimates for the perturbation Vshow local in space smallness of the energy for Vfor times  $\sim S_*(M)$ the difficulty is to handle the nonlocal effects of the pressure,
- (2) an <u>e-regularity result near a subcritical drift</u> proof via a compactness argument similar to Lin (1998) or an iteration similar to Caffarelli, Kohn, Nirenberg (1984).

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Main tool: summation of well-separated scales implies coercivity on  $\|U(\cdot,0)\|_{L^3}$  via Biot-Savart

#### Step 3: quantitative boundedness



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#### Tao's and Barker-P.'s approach: similarities



### Tao's and Barker-P.'s approach: differences

Tao (2019)	Barker, P. (2021)	
quantitative estimates in terms of		
globally defined quantities	locally defined quantities	
concentration in Fourier space of globally defined quantities $\frac{\text{frequency bubbles}}{N^{-1} P_NU(t',x') }$	concentration in physical space of locally defined quantities <u>enstrophy</u> $\sqrt{-t'}\int_{B_0(\sqrt{-M^{O(1)}t'})}  \omega(\cdot,t') ^2$	
frequency analysis	local-in-space short-time smoothing	
transfer of scale-invariantinformation from Fourier spaceto enstrophyscale-invariant control $\ U\ _{L^{\infty}(-1,0;L^3)} < \infty$	concentration is directly on enstrophy no need for a global-in-time scale-invariant bound time-slice regularity criteria	

# Quantification of Seregin's 2012 qualitative regularity

#### Barker, P. (2020)

For *M* sufficiently large, assume that there exists  $t_k \rightarrow 0$  such that

 $||U(\cdot, t_k)||_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)} \le M.$ 

We define  $M^{\flat} := \exp(M^6)$ . Then for any well-separated subsequence  $t_j$  such that

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{-t_{j+1}}{-t_j} \le \exp(-2(M^{\flat})^{1223}),$$

we have the following quantitative regularity estimate:

$$||U||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(-\varepsilon_{M},0))} \leq C_{univ}(\varepsilon_{M})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

where

 $0 < \varepsilon_M = \varepsilon(M, (t_k)) := -t_{\exp\exp((M^\flat)^{1224})} \lesssim \exp(-\exp\exp(M^\flat)).$ 

## Quantification of Seregin's 2012 qualitative regularity



 $t_i$ 

## Step 1: backward propagation in the time slices case

#### Backward propagation of enstrophy concentration

Fix any  $\alpha \ge M^{\flat} = \exp(M^6)$  and let  $t', t'' \in [-1,0)$  be well-separated. Assume that

 $||U(\cdot, t')||_{L^3} \le M$  and  $||U(\cdot, t'')||_{L^3} \le M$ .

If the vorticity concentrates at time t' in the following way

$$\int_{B_0\left(4\sqrt{S(M)}^{-1}(-t')^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)} |\omega(x,t')|^2 \, dx > M^2(-t')^{-\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{S(M)},$$

then for any  $s \in [t'', \frac{t''}{8\alpha^{201}}]$  the vorticity concentrates in the following sense

$$\int_{B_0\left(4(-s)^{\frac{1}{2}}\alpha^{106}\right)} |\omega(x,s)|^2 \, dx > \frac{(M+1)^2}{(-s)^{\frac{1}{2}}\alpha^{106}}.$$

#### Blow-up of slightly supercritical Orlicz norms

# 'Good' quantitative results in the critical regime imply slightly supercritical results

- Nonlinear Wave Equation (slightly supercritical nonlinearity): Tao (2007), Roy (2010), Colombo, Haffter (2019)...
- Surface Quasi-Geostrophic (slightly supercritical diffusion): Dabkowski, Kiselev, Silvestre, Vicol (2014), Coti Zelati, Vicol (2016)...
- Hypodissipative Navier-Stokes (slightly supercritical diffusion): Tao (2010), Barbato, Morandin, Romito (2014), Colombo, De Lellis, Massaccesi (2020), Colombo, Haffter (2021)...

If  $T^*$  is a first blow-up time, there exists  $c'_{univ} > 0$ ,

(Tao 2019) 
$$\limsup_{t \to T^*} \frac{\|U(\cdot,t)\|_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}}{\left(\log \log \log \left(\frac{1}{T^*-t}\right)\right)^{c'_{univ}}} = \infty.$$

Tao (2019): conjecture

 $\limsup_{t \to T^*} \left\| U(\cdot, t) \right\|_{L^3(\log \log \log L)^{-c''_{univ}}(\mathbb{R}^3)} = \infty.$ 

## A partial positive answer to Tao's conjecture

Barker, P. (2021)

Let  $U_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Assume that U first blows-up at  $T^*$ . Then,

$$\limsup_{t \to T^*} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|U(x,t)|^3}{\left(\log \log \log \left(\left(\log (e^{e^{3e^e}} + |U(x,t)|)\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)\right)^{\theta}} dx = \infty.$$

- ▷ Conjecture by Tao: *three* log instead of *four*.
- Log improvement of LPS Chan, Vasseur (2007), Bjorland, Vasseur (2011), Lei, Zhou (2013): regularity under

$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|U|^5}{\log(1+|U|)} \, dx ds < \infty.$$

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Proof via:

- (1) estimating the  $L^{3-\mu}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  norm for a carefully tuned parameter  $\mu>0,$
- (2) and a regularity result in terms of the supercritical norms  $L^{3-\mu}$  for  $\mu$  close to 0.

# Mild criticality breaking

#### Barker, P. (2021)

For *M* and *E* sufficiently large, there exists  $\delta(M, E) \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$  such that the following holds.

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 $\|U_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \quad \|U_0\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)} \le M,$ 

and

 $||U||_{L^{\infty}(0,\infty;L^{3-\delta(M,E)}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))} \le E.$ 

Then U is smooth on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty)$ .

Inspired by Bulut (2020) for NLS.

We have an explicit estimate

 $\delta(M, E) \lesssim (\log M)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \exp \exp \exp(-C_{univ} E^{c_{univ}}).$ 

- ▷ Non effective regularity criteria; 'mild' criticality breaking.
- ▷ Not enough to rule out Type I blow-ups.

# Proof of mild criticality breaking

#### Assumptions

 $\|U_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}, \|U_0\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)} \le M \text{ and } \|U\|_{L^{\infty}(0,\infty;L^{3-\delta(M,E)}(\mathbb{R}^3))} \le E.$ 

#### Aim of the game

Show there exists (an explicit) constant K(M, E) such that for T > 0,  $||U||_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^{4}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))} \leq K(M, E)$ .

#### Main tools

 $\overline{L^4$ -energy estimates on small intervals  $I_j = (t_j, t_{j+1}) \subset (0, T)$ 

$$\mathcal{E}_{4,j} \le \|U(\cdot,t_j)\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)}^4 + C\|U\|_{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3 \times I_j)} \mathcal{E}_{4,j}.$$

Quantitative estimate of the subcritical  $L^5$  norm

$$\begin{split} \|U\|_{L^{5}(\mathbb{R}^{3}\times(0,T))} \lesssim \left(\log M\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \exp \exp \left(C_{univ} \|U\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^{3}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))}^{c_{univ}}\right) \\ \text{via Tao's quantitative regularity, initial and eventual regularity.} \\ \underline{\text{Interpolation}} \|U\|_{L^{\infty}(0,T;L^{3}(\mathbb{R}^{3}))} \leq E^{\frac{3-\delta}{3+3\delta}} \left(K(M,E)\right)^{\frac{4\delta}{3+3\delta}}. \end{split}$$

# Proof of mild criticality breaking

#### Strategy

Propagate the subcritical information  $U_0 \in L^4$  forward in time. (1) Split (0,T) into m disjoint intervals  $(0,T) = \bigcup_{j=1}^m I_j$  such that  $\|U\|_{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3 \times I_j)} = \varepsilon.$ 

(2) Use the quantitative  $L^5$  regularity to estimate *m*:

 $\varepsilon^5 m \le \left(\log M\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \exp \exp \exp\left(E^{\frac{3-\delta}{3+3\delta}} \left(K(M,E)\right)^{\frac{4\delta}{3+3\delta}}\right)$ 

(3) Carry out  $L^4$ -energy estimates on each interval  $I_j = (t_j, t_{j+1})$   $\mathcal{E}_{4,j} \leq \|U(\cdot, t_j)\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)}^4 + C\|U\|_{L^5(\mathbb{R}^3 \times I_j)}\mathcal{E}_{4,j}$  $\leq \|U(\cdot, t_j)\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)}^4 + C\varepsilon \mathcal{E}_{4,j}.$ 

(4) An iteration gives

 $||U||^4_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3 \times (0,T))} \lesssim M^4 2^m.$ 

#### Message A:

Connection between quantitative regularity and concentration

the global scale-critical standing assumption $U \in L_{t,x}^5$  $U \in L_t^\infty L_x^{3,\infty}$  and $U \in L_{t,x}^5$  $U(\cdot, 0) \in L^3$ prevents the following scale-critical quantities $(-t)^{\frac{1}{5}} ||U(\cdot,t)||_{L^5}$  $\sqrt{-t} \int |\omega(\cdot,t)|^2$ N^{-1}|P\_NU(t',x')|to concentrate to close to final timeHence smallness implies regularity.

#### Message B:

Quantification of the critical case implies slight criticality breaking.

## Thank you for your attention!