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## ABSTRACT

We study the Strichartz estimates for the magnetic Schrödinger equation in dimension  $n \geq 3$ . More specifically, for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ , we establish the estimate

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R};L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,H}\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

when the operator  $H = -\Delta_A + V$  satisfies suitable conditions. In the purely electric case  $A \equiv 0$ , we extend the class of potentials  $V$  to the Fefferman–Phong class. In doing so, we apply a weighted estimate for the Schrödinger equation developed by Ruiz and Vega. Moreover, for the endpoint estimate of the magnetic case in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we investigate an equivalence

$$\|H^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^3)} \approx C_{H,r}\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

and find sufficient conditions on  $H$  and  $r$  for which the equivalence holds.

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## 1. Introduction

Consider the Cauchy problem of the magnetic Schrödinger equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  ( $n \geq 3$ ):

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u - Hu = 0, & (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & f \in \mathcal{S}. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here,  $\mathcal{S}$  is the Schwartz class, and  $H$  is the electromagnetic Schrödinger operator

$$H = -\nabla_A^2 + V(x), \quad \nabla_A = \nabla - iA(x),$$

where  $A = (A^1, A^2, \dots, A^n) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The *magnetic field*  $B$  is defined by

$$B = DA - (DA)^T \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n},$$

where  $(DA)_{ij} = \partial_{x_i} A^j$ ,  $(DA)^T$  denotes the transpose of  $DA$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}$  is the space of  $n \times n$  real matrices. In dimension  $n = 3$ ,  $B$  is determined by the cross product with the vector field  $\text{curl}A$ :

$$Bv = \text{curl}A \times v \quad (v \in \mathbb{R}^3).$$

In this paper, we consider the Strichartz type estimate

$$\|u\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,H} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $u = e^{itH}f$  is the solution to problem (1.1) with solution operator  $e^{itH}$ , and study some conditions on  $A$ ,  $V$  and pairs  $(r, q)$  for which the estimate holds.

For the unperturbed case of (1.1) that  $A \equiv 0$  and  $V \equiv 0$ , Strichartz [33] proved the inequality

$$\|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L^{\frac{2(n+2)}{n}}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})} \leq C_n \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

where  $e^{it\Delta}$  is the solution operator given by

$$e^{it\Delta}f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi + it|\xi|^2} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$

Later, Keel and Tao [23] generalized this inequality to the following:

$$\|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (1.3)$$

holds if and only if  $(r, q)$  is a Schrödinger admissible pair; that is,  $r, q \geq 2$ ,  $(r, q) \neq (\infty, 2)$ , and  $\frac{n}{r} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{n}{2}$ .

In the purely electric case of (1.1) that  $A \equiv 0$ , the decay  $|V(x)| \sim 1/|x|^2$  has been known to be critical for the validity of the Strichartz estimate. It was shown by Goldberg et al. [21] that for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a counterexample of  $V = V_\epsilon$  with  $|V(x)| \sim |x|^{-2+\epsilon}$  for  $|x| \gg 1$  such that the estimate fails to hold. In a positive direction, Rodnianski and Schlag [26] proved

$$\|u\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,V} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (1.4)$$

for non-endpoint admissible pairs  $(r, q)$  (i.e.,  $q > 2$ ) with almost critical decay  $|V(x)| \lesssim 1/(1 + |x|)^{2+\epsilon}$ . However, Burq et al. [3] established (1.4) for critical decay  $|V(x)| \lesssim 1/|x|^2$  with some technical conditions on  $V$  but the endpoint case included. Other than these, there have been many related positive results; see, e.g., [20], [18], [1], [15] and [2].

In regard to the purely electric case, the following is the first main result of this paper whose proof is given in Section 2.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $A \equiv 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $c_n > 0$ , depending only on  $n$ , such that for any  $V \in \mathcal{F}^p$  ( $\frac{n-1}{2} < p < \frac{n}{2}$ ) satisfying*

$$\|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p} \leq c_n, \quad (1.5)$$

*estimate (1.4) holds for all  $\frac{n}{r} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{n}{2}$  and  $q > 2$ . Moreover, if  $V \in L^{\frac{n}{2}}$  in addition, then (1.4) holds for the endpoint case  $(r, q) = (\frac{2n}{n-2}, 2)$ .*

Here,  $\mathcal{F}^p$  is the Fefferman–Phong class with norm

$$\|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p} = \sup_{r>0, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} r^2 \left( \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{B_r(x_0)} |V(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty,$$

which is closed under translation. From the definition of  $\mathcal{F}^p$ , we directly get  $L^{\frac{n}{2}, \infty} \subset \mathcal{F}^p$  for all  $p < \frac{n}{2}$ . Thus the class  $\mathcal{F}^p$  ( $p < \frac{n}{2}$ ) clearly contains the potentials of critical decay  $|V(x)| \lesssim 1/|x|^2$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{F}^p$  ( $p < \frac{n}{2}$ ) is strictly larger than  $L^{\frac{n}{2}, \infty}$ . For instance, if the

potential function

$$V(x) = \phi \left( \frac{x}{|x|} \right) |x|^{-2}, \quad \phi \in L^p(S^{n-1}), \quad \frac{n-1}{2} < p < \frac{n}{2}, \quad (1.6)$$

then  $V$  need not belong to  $L^{\frac{n}{2}, \infty}$ , but  $V \in \mathcal{F}^p$ .

According to Theorem 1.1, for the non-endpoint case, we do not need any other conditions on  $V$  but its quantitative bound (1.5), so that we can extend and much simplify the known results for potentials  $|V(x)| \sim 1/|x|^2$  (e.g.,  $\phi \in L^\infty(S^{n-1})$  in (1.6)), mentioned above. To prove this, we use a weighted estimate developed by Ruiz and Vega [28]. We remark that our proof follows an approach different from those used in the previous works.

Unfortunately, for the endpoint case, we need an additional condition that  $V \in L^{\frac{n}{2}}$ . Although  $L^{\frac{n}{2}}$  does not contain the potentials of critical decay, it still includes those of *almost* critical decay  $|V(x)| \lesssim \phi(\frac{x}{|x|}) \min(|x|^{-(2+\epsilon)}, |x|^{-(2-\epsilon)})$ ,  $\phi \in L^{\frac{n}{2}}(S^{n-1})$ .

In case of dimension  $n = 3$ , we can find a specific bound for  $V$ , which plays the role of  $c_n$  in Theorem 1.1. We state this as the second result of the paper.

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $n = 3$ ,  $A \equiv 0$  and  $\|V\|_{L^{3/2}} < 2\pi^{1/3}$ , then estimate (1.4) holds for all  $\frac{3}{r} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $q \geq 2$ .*

To prove this, we use the best constant of the Stein–Tomas restriction theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , obtained by Foschi [16], and apply it to an argument of Ruiz and Vega [28].

Next, we consider the general (magnetic) case that  $A$  or  $V$  can be different from zero. In this case, the Coulomb decay  $|A(x)| \sim 1/|x|$  seems critical. (In [14], there is a counterexample for  $n \geq 3$ . The case  $n = 2$  is still open.) In an early work of Stefanov [32], estimate (1.2) for  $n \geq 3$  was proved, that is,

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^n(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,H} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (1.7)$$

for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$  under some smallness assumptions on the potentials  $A$  and  $V$ . Later, for potentials of almost critical decay  $|A(x)| \lesssim 1/|x|^{1+\epsilon}$  and  $|V(x)| \lesssim 1/|x|^{2+\epsilon}$  ( $|x| \gg 1$ ), D’Ancona et al. [7] established (1.7) for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$  in  $n \geq 3$ , except the endpoint case  $(n, r, q) = (3, 6, 2)$ , under some technical conditions on  $A$  and  $V$ . Also, there have been many related positive results; see, e.g., [17], [11], [6], [24], [12], [19] and [13]. Despite all these results, there has been no known positive result on the estimate in case of potentials  $A$  of critical decay even in the case  $V \equiv 0$ .

Regarding the general case, we state the last result of the paper whose proof is provided in Section 4.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $n \geq 3$ ,  $A, V \in C_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Assume that the operator  $\Delta_A = -(\nabla - iA)^2$  and  $H = \Delta_A + V$  are self-adjoint and positive on  $L^2$  and that*

$$\|V_-\|_K = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int \frac{|V_-(y)|}{|x-y|^{n-2}} dy < \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}-1)}. \quad (1.8)$$

*Assume also that there is a constant  $C_\epsilon > 0$  such that  $A$  and  $V$  satisfy the almost critical decay condition*

$$|A(x)|^2 + |V(x)| \leq C_\epsilon \min \left( \frac{1}{|x|^{2-\epsilon}}, \frac{1}{|x|^{2+\epsilon}} \right) \quad (1.9)$$

and the Coulomb gauge condition

$$\nabla \cdot A = 0. \quad (1.10)$$

Lastly, for the trapping component of  $B$  as  $B_\tau(x) = (x/|x|) \cdot B(x)$ , assume that

$$\int_0^\infty \sup_{|x|=r} |x|^3 |B_\tau(x)|^2 dr + \int_0^\infty \sup_{|x|=r} |x|^2 |(\partial_r V(x))_+| dr < \frac{1}{M} \quad \text{if } n = 3, \quad (1.11)$$

for some  $M > 0$ , and that

$$\left\| |x|^2 B_\tau(x) \right\|_{L^\infty}^2 + 2 \left\| |x|^3 (\partial_r V(x))_+ \right\|_{L^\infty} < \frac{2(n-1)(n-3)}{3} \quad \text{if } n \geq 4. \quad (1.12)$$

Only for  $n = 3$ , we also assume the boundness of the imaginary power of  $H$ :

$$\|H^{iy}\|_{BMO \rightarrow BMO_H} \leq C(1 + |y|)^{3/2}. \quad (1.13)$$

Then we have

$$\|e^{itH} f\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,H,\epsilon} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \quad \frac{n}{r} + \frac{2}{q} = \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q \geq 2. \quad (1.14)$$

Note that this result covers the endpoint case  $(n, r, q) = (3, 6, 2)$ ; but the conclusions for the other cases are the same as in [7]. Here,  $V_\pm$  denote the positive and negative parts of  $V$ , respectively; that is,  $V_+ = \max\{V, 0\}$  and  $V_- = \max\{-V, 0\}$ . Also, we say that a function  $V$  is of Kato class if

$$\|V\|_K := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int \frac{|V(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-2}} dy < \infty,$$

and  $\Gamma$  in (1.8) is the gamma function, defined by  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$ . The last condition (1.13) for  $n = 3$  may seem a bit technical but not be artificial. For instance, by Lemma 6.1 in [8], we know that  $\|H^{iy}\|_{L^\infty \rightarrow BMO_H} \leq C(1 + |y|)^{3/2}$  using only (1.8). Also, there are many known sufficient conditions to extend such an estimate to  $BMO \rightarrow BMO$ , like the translation invariant operator [25]. For the definition and some basic properties of  $BMO_H$  space, see Section 3.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. An equivalence of norms regarding  $H$  and  $-\Delta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is investigated in Section 3. Finally, in Section 4, Theorem 1.3 is proved.

## 2. The case $A \equiv 0$ : proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

In this section, the proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 is provided. Let  $n \geq 3$ , and consider the purely electric Schrödinger equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ :

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u + \Delta u = V(x)u, & (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & f \in \mathcal{S}. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

By Duhamel's principle, we have a formal solution to problem (2.1) given by

$$u(x, t) = e^{itH} f(x) = e^{it\Delta} f(x) - i \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} V(x) e^{isH} f ds.$$

From the standard Strichartz estimate (1.3), there holds

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R};L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q}\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} V(x) e^{isH} f ds \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R};L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))}$$

for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ . Thus it is enough to show that

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} V(x) e^{isH} f ds \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R};L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C_{n,r,q,V} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (2.2)$$

for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ .

By the duality argument, estimate (2.2) is equivalent to

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_0^t \left\langle e^{i(t-s)\Delta} (V(x) e^{isH} f), G(\cdot, t) \right\rangle_{L_x^2} ds dt \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|G\|_{L_t^{q'}(\mathbb{R};L_x^{r'}(\mathbb{R}^n))}.$$

Now, we consider the left-hand side of this inequality. Commuting the operator and integration, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_0^t \left\langle e^{i(t-s)\Delta} (V(x) e^{isH} f), G(\cdot, t) \right\rangle_{L_x^2} ds dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_0^t \left\langle V(x) e^{isH} f, e^{-i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, t) \right\rangle_{L_x^2} ds dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\langle V(x) e^{isH} f, \int_s^\infty e^{-i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, t) dt \right\rangle_{L_x^2} ds. \end{aligned}$$

By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\langle V(x) e^{isH} f, \int_s^\infty e^{-i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, t) dt \right\rangle_{L_x^2} ds \leq \|e^{isH} f\|_{L_{x,s}^2(|V|)} \left\| \int_s^\infty e^{-i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, t) dt \right\|_{L_{x,s}^2(|V|)}.$$

Thanks to [28, Theorem 3], for any  $\frac{n-1}{2} < p < \frac{n}{2}$ , we have

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \leq C_n \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (2.3)$$

if condition (1.5) holds for some suitable constant  $c_n$ . More specifically, by Propositions 2.3 and 4.2 in [28], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} &\leq \|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} + \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} V(x) e^{isH} f ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \\ &\leq C_1 \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2} + C_2 \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p} \|V(x) e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|^{-1})} \\ &= C_1 \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2} + C_2 \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p} \|e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $\|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p} \leq 1/(2C_2) =: c_n$ , we get

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \leq C_1 \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2} + \frac{1}{2} \|e^{itH}f\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)},$$

and this implies (2.3) by setting  $C_n = 2C_1$ . As a result, we can reduce (2.2) to

$$\left\| \int_t^\infty e^{i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \leq C_{n,r,q,V} \|G\|_{L_t^{q'}(\mathbb{R};L_x^{r'}(\mathbb{R}^n))}. \quad (2.4)$$

It now remains to establish (2.4). First, from [28, Proposition 2.3] and the duality of Keel–Tao’s result (1.3), we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} &= \left\| e^{it\Delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-is\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \\ &\leq C_n \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-is\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_x^2} \\ &\leq C_{n,r,q} \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|G\|_{L_t^{q'} L_x^{r'}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for all Schrödinger admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ . In turn, (2.5) implies

$$\left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} \leq C_{n,r,q} \|V\|_{\mathcal{F}^p}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|G\|_{L_t^{q'}(\mathbb{R}; L_x^{r'}(\mathbb{R}^n))} \quad (2.6)$$

by the Christ–Kiselev lemma [5] for  $q > 2$ . Combining (2.5) with (2.6), we directly get (2.4) for  $q > 2$ . Next, for the endpoint case  $(r, q) = (\frac{2n}{n-2}, 2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2(|V|)} &\leq \|V\|_{L_x^{\frac{n}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} G(\cdot, s) ds \right\|_{L_t^2(\mathbb{R}; L_x^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\mathbb{R}^n))} \\ &\leq C_n \|V\|_{L_x^{\frac{n}{2}}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|G\|_{L_t^2(\mathbb{R}; L_x^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\mathbb{R}^n))} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

from Hölder’s inequality in  $x$  with the inhomogeneous Strichartz estimates by Keel–Tao.

Observe now that (2.7) implies (2.4) when  $q = 2$  under the assumption  $V \in L_x^{\frac{n}{2}}$ .

The proof of Theorem 1.1 is now complete.

Now, we will find a suitable constant in Theorem 1.2. For this, we refine estimate (2.3) based on an argument in [28]. We recall the Fourier transform in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , defined by

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} f(x) dx,$$

and its basic properties

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Thus, we can express  $e^{it\Delta} f$  using the polar coordinates with  $r^2 = \lambda$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{it\Delta} f &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_0^\infty e^{itr^2} \int_{S_r^{n-1}} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma_r(\xi) dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^n} \int_0^\infty e^{it\lambda} \int_{S_{\sqrt{\lambda}}^{n-1}} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma_{\sqrt{\lambda}}(\xi) \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $F$  as

$$F(\lambda) = \int_{S_{\sqrt{\lambda}}^{n-1}} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma_{\sqrt{\lambda}}(\xi) \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

if  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $F(\lambda) = 0$  if  $\lambda < 0$ . Then, by Plancherel's theorem in  $t$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)}^2 &= \frac{2\pi}{4(2\pi)^{2n}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |F(\lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right) |V(x)| dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2(2\pi)^{2n}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_0^\infty \left| \int_{S^{n-1}_{\sqrt{\lambda}}} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma_{\sqrt{\lambda}}(\xi) \right|^2 \lambda^{-1} d\lambda \right) |V(x)| dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{(2\pi)^{2n}} \int_0^\infty \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_{S^{n-1}_r} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma_r(\xi) \right|^2 |V(x)| dx \right) r^{-1} dr.\end{aligned}$$

Now, we consider the  $n = 3$  case and apply the result on the best constant of the Stein–Tomas restriction theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  obtained by Foschi [16]. That is,

$$\|\widehat{f d\sigma}\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq 2\pi \|f\|_{L^2(S^2)}$$

where

$$\widehat{f d\sigma}(x) = \int_{S^{n-1}} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} f(\xi) d\sigma(\xi).$$

Interpolating this with a trivial estimate

$$\|\widehat{f d\sigma}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq \|f\|_{L^1(S^2)} \leq \sqrt{4\pi} \|f\|_{L^2(S^2)},$$

we get

$$\|\widehat{f d\sigma}\|_{L^6(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq 2^{1/6} (2\pi)^{5/6} \|f\|_{L^2(S^2)}.$$

By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left| \int_{S^2} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \right|^2 |V(x)| dx \right) &\leq \left\| \int_{S^2} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \right\|_{L^6}^2 \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \\ &\leq 2^{1/3} (2\pi)^{5/3} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2(S^2)}^2.\end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)}^2 &\leq \frac{\pi}{(2\pi)^6} 2^{1/3} (2\pi)^{5/3} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^{1/3}} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \|f\|_{L^2}^2.\end{aligned}$$

By the argument as in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|e^{itH}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)} &\leq \|e^{it\Delta}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)} + \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} V(x) e^{isH} f ds \right\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{1/6}} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}}^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^2} + \frac{1}{2\pi^{1/3}} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \|V(x) e^{itH}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|^{-1})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{1/6}} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}}^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^2} + \frac{1}{2\pi^{1/3}} \|V\|_{L^{3/2}} \|e^{itH}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $\|V\|_{L^{3/2}} < 2\pi^{1/3}$ , then

$$\|e^{itH}f\|_{L^2_{x,t}(|V|)} \leq C_V \|f\|_{L^2}. \quad (2.8)$$

Using (2.8) instead of (2.3) in that argument, the proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.



### 3. The equivalence of two norms involving $H$ and $-\Delta$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

In this section, we investigate some conditions on  $H$  and  $p$  with which the equivalence

$$\|H^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)} \approx C_{H,p}\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)}$$

holds. This equivalence was studied in [7] and [4] that are of independent interest. We now introduce such an equivalence in a form for  $n = 3$ , which enables us to include the endpoint estimate also for that dimension.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Given  $A \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $V : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable, assume that the operators  $\Delta_A = -(\nabla - iA)^2$  and  $H = -\Delta_A + V$  are self-adjoint and positive on  $L^2$  and that (1.13) holds. Moreover, assume that  $V_+$  is of Kato class and that  $A$  and  $V$  satisfy (1.8) and*

$$|A(x)|^2 + |\nabla \cdot A(x)| + |V(x)| \leq C_0 \min\left(\frac{1}{|x|^{2-\epsilon}}, \frac{1}{|x|^{2+\epsilon}}\right) \quad (3.1)$$

for some  $0 < \epsilon \leq 2$  and  $C_0 > 0$ . Then the following estimates hold:

$$\|H^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p} \leq C_{\epsilon,p}C_0\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p}, \quad 1 < p \leq 6, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\|H^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p} \geq C_p\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{1}{4}}f\|_{L^p}, \quad \frac{4}{3} < p < 4. \quad (3.3)$$

In showing this, we only prove (3.2) as estimate (3.3) is the same as [7, Theorem 1.2]. When  $1 < p < 6$ , estimate (3.2) easily follows from the Sobolev embedding theorem. However, to extend the range of  $p$  up to 6, we need a precise estimate which depends on  $\epsilon$  in (3.1). Toward this, we introduce a weighted Sobolev inequality as below.

**Lemma 3.2** (Theorem 1(B) in [29]). *Suppose  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < q < \infty$  and  $v_1(x)$  and  $v_2(x)$  are nonnegative measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $v_1(x)$  and  $v_2(x)^{1-p'}$  satisfy the reverse doubling condition: there exist  $\delta, \epsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that*

$$\int_{\delta Q} v_1(x) dx \leq \epsilon \int_Q v_1(x) dx \quad \text{for all cubes } Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then the inequality

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^q v_1(x) dx\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2} f(x)|^p v_2(x) dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

holds if and only if

$$|Q|^{\frac{\alpha}{n}-1} \left(\int_Q v_1(x) dx\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\int_Q v_2(x)^{1-p'} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \leq C \quad \text{for all cubes } Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

From Lemma 3.2, we obtain a weighted estimate as follows.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $f$  be a  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$  function, and suppose that a nonnegative weight function  $w$  satisfies*

$$w(x) \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{|x|^{2-\epsilon}}, \frac{1}{|x|^{2+\epsilon}}\right) \quad (3.4)$$

for some  $0 < \epsilon \leq 2$ . Then, for any  $1 < p \leq \frac{3}{2}$ , we have

$$\|fw\|_{L^p} \leq C_{\epsilon,p} \|\Delta f\|_{L^p}.$$

**Proof.** For all  $1 < p < \frac{3}{2}$ , we directly get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{|x|^2} f \right\|_{L^p} \leq C \left\| \frac{1}{|x|^2} \right\|_{L^{\frac{3}{2},\infty}} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{3p}{3-2p},p}} \leq C \|\Delta f\|_{L^p} \quad (3.5)$$

from Hölder's inequality in Lorentz spaces and the Sobolev embedding theorem. For  $p = \frac{3}{2}$ , by Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)|^{\frac{3}{2}} w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)|^q w(x)^{(1-\theta)q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} w(x)^{\frac{3q}{2q-3}\theta} dx \right)^{\frac{2q-3}{3q}}$$

for any  $\frac{3}{2} < q < \infty$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Taking  $\theta = 1 - \frac{3}{2q}$ , we have

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)|^{\frac{3}{2}} w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \leq C_{\epsilon,q} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)|^q w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

because of (3.4). Thus, using Lemma 3.2 with  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $(p, q) = (\frac{3}{2}, q)$ ,  $v_1(x) = w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}}$  and  $v_2(x) \equiv 1$ , we have

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)|^{\frac{3}{2}} w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \leq C_{\epsilon,q} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\Delta f(x)|^{\frac{3}{2}} w(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}. \quad (3.6)$$

Combining (3.5) and (3.6), the proof is complete.  $\square$

Finally, we prove Proposition 3.1. We use Stein's interpolation theorem to the analytic family of operators  $T_z = H^z \cdot (-\Delta)^{-z}$ , where  $H^z$  and  $(-\Delta)^{-z}$  are defined by the spectral theory. Denoting  $z = x + iy$ , we can decompose

$$T_z = T_{x+iy} = H^{iy} H^x (-\Delta)^{-x} (-\Delta)^{-iy}.$$

In fact, the operators  $H^{iy}$  and  $(-\Delta)^{-iy}$  are bounded according to the following result.

**Lemma 3.4** (Proposition 2.2 in [7]). *Consider the self-adjoint and positive operators  $-\Delta_A$  and  $H = -\Delta_A + V$  on  $L^2$ . Assume that  $A \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$  and that the positive and negative parts  $V_{\pm}$  of  $V$  satisfy:  $V_+$  is of Kato class and*

$$\|V_-\|_K < \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{\Gamma(1/2)}.$$

*Then for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , the imaginary powers  $H^{iy}$  satisfy the  $(1, 1)$  weak type estimate*

$$\|H^{iy}\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^{1,\infty}} \leq C(1 + |y|)^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Lemma 3.4 follows from the pointwise estimate for the heat kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  of the operator  $e^{-tH}$  as

$$|p_t(x, y)| \leq \frac{(2t)^{-3/2}}{\pi^{3/2} - \Gamma(1/2)\|V_-\|_K} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{8t}}.$$

Regarding this estimate, one may refer to some references [4, 9, 30, 31].

By Lemma 3.4, we get

$$\|T_{iy}f\|_p \leq C(1 + |y|)^3 \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all } 1 < p < \infty. \quad (3.7)$$

Then by (1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{iy}f\|_{BMO_H} &:= \|M_H^\#(H^{iy}(-\Delta)^{-iy}f)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq C(1 + |y|)^{\frac{3}{2}} \|(-\Delta)^{-iy}f\|_{BMO} \leq C(1 + |y|)^3 \|f\|_{L^\infty}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$M_H^\#f(x) := \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B(x,r)|} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - e^{-r^2H}f(y)| dy < \infty.$$

Next, consider the operator  $T_{1+iy}$ . If

$$\|H(-\Delta)^{-1}f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq \frac{3}{2}, \quad (3.9)$$

then by (3.7), we get

$$\|T_{1+iy}f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq \frac{3}{2}. \quad (3.10)$$

Taking  $\tilde{T}_zf := M_H^\#(T_zf)$  and applying (3.10) with a basic property<sup>1</sup>:

$$\|M_H^\#f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq \infty, \quad (3.11)$$

we have

$$\|\tilde{T}_{1+iy}f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq \frac{3}{2}. \quad (3.12)$$

So, applying Stein's interpolation theorem to (3.8) and (3.12), we obtain

$$\|\tilde{T}_{1/4}f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq 6,$$

and using (3.11) again, we have

$$\|H^{1/4}f\|_{L^p} \leq C\|(-\Delta)^{1/4}f\|_{L^p} \quad \text{for all } 1 < p \leq 6.$$

Now, we handle the remaining part (3.9); that is, we wish to establish the estimate

$$\|Hf\|_{L^p} \leq C\|\Delta f\|_{L^p}.$$

For a Schwartz function  $f$ , we can write

$$Hf = -\Delta f + 2iA \cdot \nabla f + (|A|^2 + i\nabla \cdot A + V)f. \quad (3.13)$$

From Hölder's inequality in Lorentz spaces and the Sobolev embedding theorem, we get

$$\|A \cdot \nabla f\|_{L^r} \leq C\|A\|_{L^{3,\infty}} \|\nabla f\|_{L^{\frac{3r}{3-r},r}} \leq C\|A\|_{L^{3,\infty}} \|\Delta f\|_{L^r}$$

for all  $1 < r < 3$ . On the other hand, applying Lemma 3.3 to (3.1), we get

$$\|(|A|^2 + i\nabla \cdot A + V)f\|_{L^r} \leq CC_0\|\Delta f\|_{L^r}$$

<sup>1</sup>Some properties of the  $BMO_L$  space can be found in [10].

for all  $1 < r \leq \frac{3}{2}$ . Thus we have

$$\|Hf\|_{L^r} \leq C\|\Delta f\|_{L^r} \quad \text{for all } 1 < r \leq \frac{3}{2},$$

and this implies Proposition 3.1.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.3

In this final section, we prove Theorem 1.3. This part follows an argument in [7]. Let  $u$  be a solution to problem (1.1) of the magnetic Schrödinger equation in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . By (3.13), we can expand  $H$  in (1.1):

$$H = -\Delta + 2iA \cdot \nabla + |A|^2 + i\nabla \cdot A + V.$$

Thus, by Duhamel's principle and the Coulomb gauge condition (1.10), we have a formal solution to (1.1) given by

$$u(x, t) = e^{itH}f(x) = e^{it\Delta}f(x) - i \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta}R(x, \nabla)e^{isH}f ds, \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$R(x, \nabla) = 2iA \cdot \nabla_A - |A|^2 + V.$$

From [27] and [22] (see also (3.4) in [7]), it follows that for every admissible pair  $(r, q)$ ,

$$\left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta}F(\cdot, s)ds \right\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} \leq C_{n,r,q} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \|\chi_{C_j} F\|_{L_{x,t}^2}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $C_j = \{x : 2^j \leq |x| \leq 2^{j+1}\}$  and  $\chi_{C_j}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $C_j$ . Then, from (4.1), (1.3) and (4.2), we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} u \right\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} &\leq \left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{it\Delta} f \right\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} + \left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta} R(x, \nabla) e^{isH} f ds \right\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} \\ &\leq C_{n,r,q} \left\| |\nabla|^{1/2} f \right\|_{L_x^2} + C_{n,r,q} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \left\| \chi_{C_j} R(x, \nabla) e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For the second term in the far right-hand side, we get

$$\left\| \chi_{C_j} R(x, \nabla) e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2} \leq 2 \left\| \chi_{C_j} A \cdot \nabla_A e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2} + \left\| \chi_{C_j} (|A|^2 + |V|) e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2}.$$

Next, we will use a known result in [15], which is a smoothing estimate for the magnetic Schrödinger equation.

**Lemma 4.1** (Theorems 1.9 and 1.10 in [15]). *Assume  $n \geq 3$ ,  $A$  and  $V$  satisfy conditions (1.10), (1.11), and (1.12). Then, for any solution  $u$  to (1.1) with  $f \in L^2$  and  $-\Delta_A f \in L^2$ , the following estimate holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^\infty \int_{|x| \leq R} |\nabla_A u|^2 dx dt + \sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R^2} \int_0^\infty \int_{|x|=R} |u|^2 d\sigma(x) dt \\ &\leq C_A \|(-\Delta_A)^{\frac{1}{4}} f\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (1.9) with Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \left\| \chi_{C_j} A \cdot \nabla_A e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2} \\
 & \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^j \left( \sup_{x \in C_j} |A| \right) \left( \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} \int_0^\infty \int_{|x| \leq 2^{j+1}} |\nabla_A u|^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^j \sup_{x \in C_j} |A| \right) \left( \sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^\infty \int_{|x| \leq R} |\nabla_A u|^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq C_{A,\epsilon} \left\| (-\Delta_A)^{\frac{1}{4}} f \right\|_{L_x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \left\| \chi_{C_j} (|A|^2 + |V|) e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_{x,t}^2} \\
 & \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \left( \sup_{x \in C_j} (|A|^2 + |V|) \right) \left( \int_{2^j}^{2^{j+1}} r^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{r^2} \int_{|x|=r} |u|^2 d\sigma_r(x) dt dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{2j} \sup_{x \in C_j} (|A|^2 + |V|) \right) \left( \sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R^2} \int_0^\infty \int_{|x|=R} |u|^2 d\sigma_R(x) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq C_{A,V,\epsilon} \left\| (-\Delta_A)^{\frac{1}{4}} f \right\|_{L_x^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_t^q L_x^r} \leq C_{n,r,q} \left\| |\nabla|^{1/2} f \right\|_{L_x^2} + C_{n,r,q,A,V,\epsilon} \left\| (-\Delta_A)^{\frac{1}{4}} f \right\|_{L_x^2}.$$

First, consider the case  $n = 3$ . By (1.9), estimate (3.2) in Proposition 3.1 holds for all  $1 < p \leq 6$ . (Here,  $H = -\Delta_A + V$ .) Then by (3.3) in Proposition 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| H^{\frac{1}{4}} e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^3))} & \leq C \left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^3))} \\
 & \leq C \left\| |\nabla|^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{L_x^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} + C \left\| (-\Delta_A)^{\frac{1}{4}} f \right\|_{L_x^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} \\
 & \leq C \left\| H^{\frac{1}{4}} f \right\|_{L_x^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

for all admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ . (It clearly includes the endpoint case  $(n, r, q) = (3, 6, 2)$ .)

Next, for the case  $n \geq 4$ , we already know that (3.2) holds for  $1 < p < 2n$  and that (3.3) is valid for  $\frac{4}{3} < p < 4$  under the same conditions on  $A$  and  $V$  (see [7, Theorem 1.2]). Thus, we can easily get the same bound as (4.3) for all admissible pairs  $(r, q)$ .

Since the operators  $H^{\frac{1}{4}}$  and  $e^{itH}$  commutes, we get

$$\left\| e^{itH} f \right\|_{L_t^q(\mathbb{R}; L_x^r(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq C \left\| f \right\|_{L_x^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

from (4.3), and this completes the proof.

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