

# Gaussian estimates for Schrödinger perturbations

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Definition (Schrödinger perturbation of  $p$  by  $q$ )

$$\tilde{p}(s, x, t, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(s, x, t, y).$$

# Local smallness, global growth control

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**Theorem (T. Jakubowski, 2009)**

If  $(\star)$  holds, then for all  $s < t$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ,

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where  $\eta \geq 0$ ,  $Q$  is continuous and superadditive.

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**Remark.** If we let  $\varepsilon = (1 - \eta)/2$ ,

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**Aim:**

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- parabolic Kato class,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} N_h^c(q) = 0$ ,
- Kato class  $\mathcal{K}_d$ ,  $q(u, z) = q(z)$ ,
- $q(u, z) = q(z)$  that is not in (parabolic) Kato class,
- $q(u) = u \mathbb{1}_{u \geq 0}$ ,  $N_h^c(q) = \infty$ ,  $\eta = 0$ ,  $Q(s, t) = M(t^2 - s^2)/2$ .

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for all  $s < t$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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Thank you!