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## Time Invariant Quantities

$$\text{Mass} = \|u(t)\|_{L_x^2}$$

$$\text{Hamiltonian} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u(t)|^2 dx \mp \frac{2}{p+1} |u(t)|^{p+1} dx$$

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- Optimal maximal-in-time well-posedness (**GWP**) is known only in the defocusing energy critical case. **What is the fate of local-in-time solutions with critical initial regularity?**

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[Merle-Raphaël]:

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strongly in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Typically,  $u^* \notin H^s \cup L^p$  for  $s > 0, p > 2$ !

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[Tzirakis]

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[Visan-Zhang]

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**a contradiction.**

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