

Lower bounds on \dot{H}^s norm of blow up solutions of the 3D Navier–Stokes equations

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The well-known observation due to Leray gives the following lower bound

$$\|u(T-t)\|_{L^p} \geq c_p t^{-\frac{p-3}{2p}}$$

for the L^p norm of the solution of the Navier–Stokes equations in 3D that blows up in finite time T . From this estimate and the Sobolev embedding theorem one can deduce lower bounds on the norms of blow up solutions in the homogeneous Sobolev spaces \dot{H}^s for $1/2 < s < 3/2$:

$$\|u(T-t)\|_{\dot{H}^s} \geq c_p t^{-\frac{2s-1}{4}}.$$

The case $s > 3/2$ has to be treated separately. In my talk I will prove optimal results for blow up in \dot{H}^s spaces for $3/2 < s < 5/2$, and sketch known results for $s > 5/2$. Some open problems will be stated as well. This talk will be based on a joint work with James Robinson and Ricardo Silva.