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Igor Kukavica (ikukavica@gmail.com) and **Fei Wang*** (wang828@usc.edu). *Weighted Decay for the Surface Quasi-Geostrophic Equation.*

We address the weighted decay for the solution of the surface quasi-geostrophic (SQG) equation which is given by

$$\theta_t + u \cdot \nabla \theta + \Lambda^{2\alpha} \theta = 0, \tag{1}$$

where $\Lambda = (-\Delta)^{1/2}$. The first moment decay $\| |x|\theta \|_{L^2}$ was obtained by M. and T. Schonbek in their paper "Moments and lower bounds in the far-field of solutions to quasi-geostrophic flows". Here we obtain the decay rates of $\| |x|^b \theta \|_{L^2}$ for any $b \in (0, 1)$ and the rate of increase of this quantity for $b \in [1, 1 + \alpha)$ under natural assumptions on the initial data. (Received February 24, 2015)