

# The existence of the global solutions to semilinear wave equations with a class of cubic nonlinearities in 2-dimensional space

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with the Cauchy problem of the semilinear wave equation with a small initial data in 2-dimensional space. When the nonlinearity is cubic, we can not expect the global existence of smooth solutions, in general. However, Godin [1] showed that if the nonlinearity has the null-form, the solution exists globally. In this paper, we will show the global solvability for the other type of nonlinearities which does not have null-form.

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## 1. Introduction

Let us consider the following Cauchy problem;

$$\square u = \partial_t^2 u - \Delta u = F(\partial u) \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \times (0, \infty), \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \varepsilon f(x), \quad \partial_t u(x, 0) = \varepsilon g(x) \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^2. \quad (1.2)$$

Here,  $\partial = (\partial_0, \partial_1, \partial_2)$ ,  $\partial_0 = \partial_t = \partial/\partial t$ ,  $\partial_j = \partial/\partial x_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) and  $\varepsilon$  is a positive small parameter. We assume  $f, g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2; \mathbf{R})$ ,  $|f| + |g| \not\equiv 0$  and  $\text{supp}\{f, g\} \subset \{x \in \mathbf{R}^2; |x| \leq M\}$ . We also assume that

$$\begin{aligned} F &\in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3; \mathbf{R}), \\ F(\partial u) &= O(|\partial u|^3) \quad \text{near} \quad \partial u = 0. \end{aligned}$$

More precisely, we assume

$$F(\partial u) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma=0}^2 A^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta u \partial_\gamma u + O(|\partial u|^4) \quad \text{near} \quad \partial u = 0, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $A^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  are real constants.

The aim of this paper is to estimate the lifespan  $T_\varepsilon$  of the smooth solution to the Cauchy problem (1.1) and (1.2), which is defined for each

$\varepsilon > 0$  as follows;

$$T_\varepsilon = \sup\{T > 0; \text{there exists a smooth solution} \\ \text{to (1.1) and (1.2) in } C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]; \mathbf{R})\}.$$

In order to state the results which we have already known about the lifespan, we introduce some notations.

For vectors  $X = (X_0, X_1, X_2) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ , we define

$$C(X) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma=0}^2 A^{\alpha\beta\gamma} X_\alpha X_\beta X_\gamma.$$

This function characterizes the essential cubic terms of  $F(\partial u)$  along the light cone.

On the other hand, let  $u^0 = u^0(x, t)$  be the solution to the Cauchy problem;

$$\begin{aligned} \square u^0 &= 0 \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \times (0, \infty), \\ u^0(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad \partial_t u^0(x, 0) = g(x) \end{aligned}$$

and set  $r = |x| \geq 0$ ,  $\omega = x/r \in S^1$  and  $\rho = r - t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then we define

$$\mathcal{F}(\omega, \rho) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{1/2} u^0(r\omega, r - \rho),$$

which is called the Friedlander radiation field. Hörmander showed in [2] the following properties of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

$$|\partial_\rho^k \mathcal{F}(\omega, \rho)| \leq C(1 + |\rho|)^{-1/2-k} \quad \rho \in \mathbf{R}, \quad (1.4)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\omega, \rho) = 0 \quad \text{for } \rho \geq M. \quad (1.5)$$

By (1.4) and (1.5), we find that the constant

$$H = \max_{\rho \in \mathbf{R}, \omega \in S^1} \{-C(-1, \omega)(\partial_\rho \mathcal{F}(\omega, \rho))^2\} \quad (1.6)$$

is well-defined and nonnegative.

Then Godin proved the following **(a)** and **(b)** in [1].

**(a)** If  $H > 0$ , then

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \varepsilon^2 \log T_\varepsilon \geq \frac{1}{H}$$

holds.

(b) If  $C(-1, \omega) \equiv 0$  holds for  $\omega \in S^1$ , then  $T_\varepsilon = \infty$  holds for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

The condition  $C(-1, \omega) \equiv 0$  is called the *null-condition*. If the null-condition is satisfied, then we can write the cubic part of the nonlinear term  $F(\partial u)$  as a linear combination of terms  $\partial_\alpha u((\partial_0 u)^2 - |\nabla u|^2)$ , i.e.,

$$F(\partial u) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 C_\alpha \partial_\alpha u((\partial_0 u)^2 - |\nabla u|^2) + O(|\partial u|^4),$$

where  $C_\alpha$  are real constants. It follows from (1.6) that the null-condition is a sufficient condition of  $H = 0$  and not a necessary condition. In the case where  $|f| + |g| \not\equiv 0$ , we find that  $H = 0$  is equivalent to the condition

$$C(-1, \omega) \geq 0 \quad \text{for any } \omega \in S^1. \quad (1.7)$$

This means that there is a nonlinearity  $F(\partial u)$  which does not satisfy the assumptions of both (a) and (b). For example,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\partial u) &= -(\partial_0 u)^3, \quad F(\partial u) = -\partial_0 u |\nabla u|^2, \\ F(\partial u) &= -(\partial_0 u)^3 + \partial_0 u \partial_1 u \partial_2 u \end{aligned}$$

and so on. For the above  $F(\partial u)$ , we can easily show that

$$\begin{aligned} C(X) &= -X_0^3, \quad C(X) = -X_0(X_1^2 + X_2^2), \\ C(X) &= -X_0^3 - X_0 X_1 X_2, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Hence we find that these  $F(\partial u)$  satisfy (1.7). From the results (a) and (b), we can expect the solution exists longer than the time  $\exp(C/\varepsilon^2)$  for any constant  $C > 0$  in such cases. Our purpose of this paper is to show the global existence of the smooth solution to (1.1) and (1.2), when the condition (1.7) holds.

## 2. Statement of the main theorem

We introduce generalized differential operators;

$$\Omega = x_1 \partial_2 - x_2 \partial_1, \quad L_i = t \partial_i + x_i \partial_0, \quad S = t \partial_0 + x_1 \partial_1 + x_2 \partial_2$$

and denote

$$\Gamma_0 = S, \quad \Gamma_1 = \Omega, \quad \Gamma_2 = L_1, \quad \Gamma_3 = L_2, \quad \Gamma_4 = \partial_0, \quad \Gamma_5 = \partial_1, \quad \Gamma_6 = \partial_2.$$

We can verify the following commutator relations;

$$\begin{aligned} [\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta] &= 0, [S, \partial_\alpha] = -\partial_\alpha, [\Omega, \partial_1] = -\partial_2, [\Omega, \partial_2] = \partial_1, \\ [\Omega, \partial_0] &= 0, [L_i, \partial_j] = -\delta_{ij}\partial_0, [L_i, \partial_0] = -\partial_i, [S, \Omega] = 0, \\ [\Omega, L_1] &= -L_2, [\Omega, L_2] = L_1, [S, L_i] = 0, [L_1, L_2] = \Omega, \\ [\Gamma_\sigma, \square] &= -2\delta_{0\sigma}\square \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

for  $\alpha, \beta = 0, 1, 2, i, j = 1, 2$  and  $\sigma = 0, 1, \dots, 6$ . Here  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the usual commutator of linear operators and  $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$  is the Kronecker delta. We also write  $\Gamma^a u = \Gamma_0^{a_0} \Gamma_1^{a_1} \cdots \Gamma_6^{a_6} u$  for a multi-index  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_6)$ .

Next we define some generalized Sobolev norms as

$$\begin{aligned} |v(x, t)|_k &= \sum_{|a| \leq k} |\Gamma^a v(x, t)| \\ |v(t)|_k &= \sum_{|a| \leq k} \|\Gamma^a v(\cdot, t)\|_{L_x^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2; \mathbf{R})} \\ [v(t)]_k &= \sum_{|a| \leq k} \|(1 + |\cdot| + t)^{1/2} (1 + |\cdot| - t)^{1/2} \Gamma^a v(\cdot, t)\|_{L_x^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2; \mathbf{R})} \\ \|v(t)\|_k &= \sum_{|a| \leq k} \|\Gamma^a v(\cdot, t)\|_{L_x^2(\mathbf{R}^2; \mathbf{R})}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Note that by (2.1) and the definition of norms, we have

$$|v(x, t)| \leq \frac{[v(t)]_0}{(1+t)^{1/2}} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha |\partial v(t)|_k &\leq \sum_{|a| \leq k} |\partial \Gamma^a v(t)|_0 \leq \beta |\partial v(t)|_k \\ \alpha [\partial v(t)]_k &\leq \sum_{|a| \leq k} [\partial \Gamma^a v(t)]_0 \leq \beta [\partial v(t)]_k \\ \alpha \|\partial v(t)\|_k &\leq \sum_{|a| \leq k} \|\partial \Gamma^a v(t)\|_0 \leq \beta \|\partial v(t)\|_k \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for some positive constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Now we state the main theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** *Assume that (1.7) holds. Then there exists a constant  $\varepsilon_* > 0$  such that  $T_\varepsilon = \infty$  holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_*)$ . Moreover, for any integer  $k \geq 5$ , there exists constants  $c_l > 0$  and  $m_l \geq 0$  ( $l = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) such that the*

solution satisfies

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_l \leq c_l \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l} \quad 0 \leq t < \infty, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, k \quad (2.5)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_*)$ . Here  $c_l > c_{l-1}$  and  $c_0 = c_0(f, g)$ ,  $m_l > m_{l-1}$  and  $m_0 = 0$ .

**Remark** Kubo proved the same result in [8], in which he also showed an asymptotic behavior of solutions.

### 3. Proof of the main theorem

First of all, the following local existence result has been shown in Theorem 6.5.3 in [3].

**Proposition 3.1** *There exist constants  $D > 0$  and  $\varepsilon' > 0$  such that for  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon'$  the Cauchy problem (1.1) and (1.2) has a local solution  $u \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, \varepsilon^{-1}]; \mathbf{R})$  which satisfies*

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_k \leq D\varepsilon \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad (3.1)$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Combining Proposition 3.1 with the following lemma, we can show the Theorem 2.1.

**Lemma 3.1** *Assume that (1.7) holds, choose an integer  $k \geq 5$ . Let  $u \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]; \mathbf{R})$  be a solution to (1.1) and (1.2). Then, there exist constants  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $c_l > 0$  and  $m_l \geq 0$  ( $c_l > c_{l-1}$ ,  $c_0 > D$ ,  $m_l > m_{l-1}$ ,  $m_0 = 0$ ,  $l = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) independent of  $T$  such that if*

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_l \leq 2c_l \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l} \quad 0 \leq t < T, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, k \quad (3.2)$$

holds for an  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$ , then

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_l \leq c_l \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l} \quad 0 \leq t < T, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, k \quad (3.3)$$

holds for the same  $\varepsilon$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Choose an integer  $k \geq 5$  and define a set

$$U_\varepsilon = \{t; t \leq T_\varepsilon, \|\partial u(t)\|_l \leq 2c_l \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l},$$

$$l = 0, 1, \dots, k \quad (\subset [0, \infty))$$

for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_*)$ , where  $\varepsilon_* = \min\{\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon'\}$ . Proposition 3.1 implies that  $U_\varepsilon$  is not empty. Furthermore, by Lemma 3.1, we can easily show that  $U_\varepsilon$  is open and closed in  $[0, \infty)$  from the usual argument. Namely we have  $U_\varepsilon = [0, \infty)$  and therefore we find that  $T_\varepsilon = \infty$  and (2.5) hold for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_*)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

In what follows we concentrate on showing (3.3) under the assumption (3.2). For this purpose, we will use the following propositions.

**Proposition 3.2** *Let  $v \in C^2(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]; \mathbf{R})$  be a function satisfying  $\sup_{0 \leq t < T} \|v(t)\|_2 < \infty$ . Then there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that*

$$[\partial v(t)]_0 \leq K \|\partial v(t)\|_2 \quad 0 \leq t < T \quad (3.4)$$

*holds.*

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $v \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]; \mathbf{R})$  be a function satisfying  $v(x, t) = 0$  when  $|x| \geq t + R$  for some constant  $R > 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $L = L(R) > 0$  such that*

$$\left\| \frac{v(t)}{1 + |t - |x||} \right\|_0 \leq L \|\partial v(t)\|_0 \quad 0 \leq t < T \quad (3.5)$$

*holds.*

**Proposition 3.4** *Let  $u \in C^2(\mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]; \mathbf{R})$  be a solution to (1.1) and (1.2). Then*

$$u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } |x| \geq t + M \quad (3.6)$$

*holds.*

See Corollary 1 in [7], Lemma 3.2 in [6] and Theorem 4a in [5] for the proof of Propositions 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, respectively.

*Proof of Lemma 3.1.* Now we show Lemma 3.1 by 3 steps.

*Step 1.* There exist constants  $C' > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that

$$|\partial u(x, t)|_j \leq \frac{C' \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t))^j}{(1 + |x| + t)^{1/2}} \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T] \quad (3.7)$$

holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  and  $j = 0, 1, 2$ . Here  $C'$  is independent of the constants  $c_l$  and  $m_l$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

Firstly, by (3.1), we know that

$$|\partial u(x, t)|_2 \leq \frac{KD\varepsilon}{(1+t)^{1/2}} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad (3.8)$$

holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon')$ . This implies that (3.7) is true when  $0 \leq t \leq 1/\varepsilon$ . Secondly, by (3.2) and Proposition 3.2, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} (1+|x|+t)^{1/2}(1+||x|-t|)^{1/2}|\partial u(t, x)|_{l-2} \\ \leq [\partial u(t)]_{l-2} \\ \leq K\|\partial u(t)\|_l \\ \leq 2Kc_l\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon^2\log(1+t))^{m_l} \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

holds for  $(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \times [0, T]$  and  $l = 2, 3, \dots, k$ . Then, setting

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_0 &= \left\{ (y, s) \mid y \in \mathbf{R}^2, \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \leq s < T, ||y|-s| \geq \frac{s}{2} \right\}, \\ \Lambda_1 &= \left\{ (y, s) \mid y \in \mathbf{R}^2, \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \leq s < T, ||y|-s| \leq \frac{s}{2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

we find that (3.7) is true for  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_0$ . In fact, by (3.9) and the fact that

$$1+||x|-t| \geq 1 + \frac{t}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_0,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1+|x|+t)^{1/2}|\partial u(t, x)|_2 &\leq \frac{2Kc_4\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon^2\log(1+t))^{m_4}}{(1+t/2)^{1/2}} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{5/4}Kc_4\varepsilon^{5/4}(1+\log(1+t))^{m_4}}{(1+t/2)^{1/4}} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon'')$ , if we take  $\varepsilon''$  as

$$\varepsilon'' < \min \left\{ 1, \left( 2^{5/4}Kc_4 \sup_{0 \leq s} \frac{(1+\log(1+s))^{m_4}}{(1+s/2)^{1/4}} \right)^{-4} \right\}.$$

In order to show (3.7) for  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_1$ , we prepare an estimate of  $u$ . It

follows from (3.9) and Proposition 3.4 that

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Gamma^a u(x, t)| &= \left| - \int_{|x|}^{t+M} \partial_r \Gamma^a u(\lambda \omega, t) d\lambda \right| \\
&\leq [\partial u(t)]_4 \int_{|x|}^{t+M} \frac{1}{(1+t+\lambda)^{1/2}(1+|\lambda-t|)^{1/2}} d\lambda \\
&\leq 2Kc_4 \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_6} \\
&\quad \times \int_{|x|-t}^M \frac{1}{(1+2t+\mu)^{1/2}(1+|\mu|)^{1/2}} d\mu \\
&\leq 2Kc_4 \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_6} \left( \int_0^M d\mu + B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \\
&\leq 2Kc_4 (M + \pi) \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_6}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $|a| \leq 4$ . Here,  $B(p, q)$  stands for the beta function. Hence we have

$$|u(x, t)|_4 \leq \tilde{C}_* \varepsilon (1 + \log(1+t))^{m_6} \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1, \quad (3.11)$$

if  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . Here  $\tilde{C}_*$  is a constant depending on  $c_4$ .

Since the operator  $\partial_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) can be written as

$$\partial_j = -\omega_j \partial_0 + \frac{1}{t} L_j + \frac{\omega_j}{t+r} S - \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{r\omega_i \omega_j}{t(t+r)} L_i,$$

we find

$$\partial_\alpha v = -\omega_\alpha \partial_0 v + O\left(\sum_{|a|=1} \frac{|\Gamma^a v|_0}{t}\right) \quad \text{with } \omega_0 = -1, \quad (3.12)$$

$$(\partial_0 + \partial_r)v = O\left(\sum_{|a|=1} \frac{|\Gamma^a v|_0}{t}\right), \quad (3.13)$$

$$(\partial_0 + \partial_r)^2 v = O\left(\sum_{|a|=2} \frac{|\Gamma^a v|_0}{t^2}\right) \quad (3.14)$$

and therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Box u &= -C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u)^3 \\
&\quad + O\left(\sum_{|b|=1} \left\{ \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |\Gamma^b u|_0}{t} + \frac{|\partial u|_0 |\Gamma^b u|_0^2}{t^2} + \frac{|\Gamma^b u|_0^3}{t^3} \right\} + |\partial u|_0^4\right). \quad (3.15)
\end{aligned}$$



We also introduce characteristic lines of (1.1). By (1.1), we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} r^{-1/2}(\partial_0 + \partial_r)(r^{1/2}\partial_0 v) \\ = \frac{1}{2}\square v + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_0 + \partial_r)^2 v + \frac{1}{2r}(\partial_0 + \partial_r)v + \frac{1}{2r^2}\Omega^2 v \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

holds for a function  $v(x, t)$ . Then, setting  $r_\lambda(s) = s + \lambda$  for each  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$  and denoting  $v(s) = v(r_\lambda(s)\omega, s)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\frac{d}{ds}(r_\lambda(s)^{1/2}\partial_0 v(s)) &= r_\lambda(s)^{1/2}\square v + r_\lambda(s)^{1/2}(\partial_0 + \partial_r)^2 v \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r_\lambda(s)^{1/2}}(\partial_0 + \partial_r)v + \frac{1}{r_\lambda(s)^{3/2}}\Omega^2 v \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

for each  $\omega \in S^1$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ . For each  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_1$ , setting  $x = r\omega$  and  $\lambda = r - t$ , we find that  $r_\lambda(t) = r$ . Then we call the line  $(r_\lambda(s)\omega, s)$  ( $0 \leq s < T$ ) the characteristic line of (1.1) passing through the point  $(x, t)$ . Moreover, we denote

$$t_\lambda = \inf\{s \mid (r_\lambda(s)\omega, s) \in \Lambda_1\}$$

which is the time when  $(r_\lambda(s), s) \in \partial\Lambda_1$ . Note that  $t_\lambda \geq 1/\varepsilon$  and  $(r_\lambda(s)\omega, s) \in \Lambda_1$  holds for  $t_\lambda \leq s < T$ .

Hence, for any  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_1$ , by multiplying

$$P(s) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\int_{t_\lambda}^s C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u(\tau))^2 d\tau\right)$$

to the both sides of (3.17) with  $v = u$  and integrating it from  $t_\lambda$  to  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P(t)|x|^{1/2}|\partial_0 u(x, t)| \\ &\leq r_\lambda(t_\lambda)^{1/2}|\partial_0 u(r_\lambda(t_\lambda)\omega, t_\lambda)| \\ &\quad + C_1 \int_{t_\lambda}^t P(s) \left( \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_1}{(1+s)^{1/2}} + r_\lambda(s)^{1/2} |\partial u|_0^4 + \frac{|u|_2}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.13), (3.14), (3.15) and the fact

$$\frac{1}{As} \leq \frac{1}{r_\lambda(s)} \leq \frac{A}{1+s} \quad (r_\lambda(s)\omega, s) \in \Lambda_1 \quad (3.18)$$

for some constant  $A > 0$ . Since  $P(t)$  is monotonously increasing and  $P(t) \geq$

1, we have by (3.8), (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11),

$$\begin{aligned}
& |x|^{1/2} |\partial_0 u(x, t)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{P(t)} \left\{ r_\lambda(t_\lambda)^{1/2} |\partial_0 u(r_\lambda(t_\lambda)\omega, t_\lambda)| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C_1 \int_{t_\lambda}^t P(s) \left( \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_1}{r_\lambda(s)^{1/2}} + r_\lambda(s)^{1/2} |\partial u|_0^4 + \frac{|u|_2}{r_\lambda(s)^{3/2}} \right) ds \right\} \\
& \leq (1 + KD)\varepsilon + \tilde{C}_1 \int_{t_\lambda}^t \frac{\varepsilon(1 + \log(1 + s))^{4m_6}}{(1 + s)^{3/2}} ds \\
& \leq (1 + KD)\varepsilon + \frac{\tilde{C}_2 \varepsilon}{(1 + t_\lambda)^{1/4}} \\
& \leq (1 + KD)\varepsilon + \tilde{C}_2 \varepsilon^{1+1/4} \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hereafter,  $C_j$  stands for constants independent of  $c_l$  and  $m_l$ , while  $\tilde{C}_j$  stands for constants depending on  $c_l$  or  $m_l$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ ). Therefore, taking

$$\varepsilon_0''' \leq \min \left\{ \varepsilon', \varepsilon'', \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_2^4} \right\},$$

we have

$$|x|^{1/2} |\partial_0 u(x, t)| \leq (2 + KD)\varepsilon \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \quad (3.19)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0''')$ . Moreover, by (3.11), (3.12) and (3.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|x|^{1/2} |\partial_j u(x, t)| &= |x|^{1/2} |\partial_0 u(x, t)| + O\left(\frac{|u|_1}{t}\right) \\
&\leq (3 + KD)\varepsilon \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1
\end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0''')$ , taking  $\varepsilon_0'''$  smaller if necessary. Therefore, by (3.18), (3.19) and (3.20), we find that

$$(1 + t)^{1/2} |\partial u(x, t)|_0 \leq C'_0 \varepsilon \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \quad (3.21)$$

holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0''')$ , if we take  $C'_0 > 3(3 + KD)A^{1/2}$ .

Next we take  $v = \Gamma u$  in (3.16). Here  $\Gamma$  stands for any one of  $\Gamma_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, 6$ ). By (1.3), (2.1) and (3.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Box \Gamma u &= \Gamma \Box u + C \Box u \\
&= -3C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u)^2(\partial_0 \Gamma u) +
\end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +O\left(|\partial u|_0^3 + |\partial u|_0^3 |\partial u|_1\right. \\
& \quad + \sum_{\substack{|b|=1 \\ |c|=1}} \left\{ \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |\Gamma^b u|_1 + |\partial u|_0 |\Gamma^b u|_0 |\partial u|_1}{t} + \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{|\partial u|_1 |\Gamma^b u|_0^2 + |\partial u|_0 |\Gamma^b u|_0 |\Gamma^c u|_1}{t^2} + \frac{|\Gamma^b u|_0^2 |\Gamma^c u|_1}{t^3} \right\} \Bigg).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_1$ , by multiplying

$$P(s) = \exp\left(\frac{3}{2} \int_{t_\lambda}^s C(-1, \omega) (\partial_0 u(\tau))^2 d\tau\right)$$

to the both sides of (3.17) with  $v = \Gamma u$  and integrating it from  $t_\lambda$  to  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(t)|x|^{1/2} |\partial_0 \Gamma u(x, t)| \\
& \leq r_\lambda(t_\lambda)^{1/2} |\partial_0 \Gamma u(r_\lambda(t_\lambda)\omega, t_\lambda)| \\
& \quad + C_2 \int_{t_\lambda}^t P(s) \left( r_\lambda(s)^{1/2} (|\partial u|_0^3 + |\partial u|_0^3 |\partial u|_1) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_2 + |\partial u|_0 |u|_1 |\partial u|_1}{(1+s)^{1/2}} + \frac{|u|_3}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.13), (3.14), (3.15) and (3.18). Since  $P(t)$  is monotonously increasing and  $P(t) \geq 1$ , we have by (3.8), (3.9), (3.10), (3.11), (3.21) and (3.22),

$$\begin{aligned}
& |x|^{1/2} |\partial_0 \Gamma u(x, t)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{P(t)} \left\{ r_\lambda(t_\lambda)^{1/2} |\partial_0 \Gamma u(r_\lambda(t_\lambda)\omega, t_\lambda)| \right. \\
& \quad + C_2 \int_{t_\lambda}^t P(s) \left( r_\lambda(s)^{1/2} (|\partial u|_0^3 + |\partial u|_0^3 |\partial u|_1) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_2 + |\partial u|_0 |u|_1 |\partial u|_1}{(1+s)^{1/2}} + \frac{|u|_3}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds \Bigg\} \\
& \leq (1 + KD)\varepsilon + \int_{t_\lambda}^t \left( \frac{C_3 \varepsilon^3}{1+s} + \frac{\tilde{C}_3 \varepsilon (1 + \log(1+s))^{4m_6}}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds \\
& \leq (1 + KD)\varepsilon + C_3 \varepsilon^3 \log(1+t) + \frac{\tilde{C}_4 \varepsilon}{(1+t_\lambda)^{1/4}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (1 + KD + C_3)\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t)) + \tilde{C}_4 \varepsilon^{1+1/4} \\ &\leq (2 + KD + C_3)\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t)) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1''')$ , if we take

$$\varepsilon_1''' < \min\left\{\varepsilon_0''', \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_4^4}\right\}.$$

Namely we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|x|^{1/2}|\partial_0 u(x, t)|_1 \\ &\leq 7(2 + KD + C_3)\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t)) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

and therefore by using (3.11), (3.12) and (3.23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|x|^{1/2}|\partial_j u(x, t)|_1 \leq (7(2 + KD + C_3) + 1) \\ &\quad \times \varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t)) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1''')$ , taking  $\varepsilon_1'''$  smaller if necessary. Hence, by (3.18) and (3.24), we have

$$(1 + t)^{1/2}|\partial u(x, t)|_1 \leq C'_1 \varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t)) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \quad (3.25)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1''')$ , if we take  $C'_1 > (21(2 + KD + C_3) + 2)A^{1/2}$ .

Repeating the same argument, we find that there exist positive constants  $C'_2$  and  $\varepsilon_2''' (< \varepsilon_1''')$  such that

$$(1 + t)^{1/2}|\partial u(x, t)|_2 \leq C'_2 \varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t))^2 \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_2''')$ . Therefore, taking

$$C' = \max\{KD, 1, C'_0, C'_1, C'_2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2''',$$

we obtain (3.7).

Next we show the following

*Step 2.* Let  $\nu$  be a small positive number. Then, there exist constants  $\tilde{C}'' > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  such that

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_{k+1} \leq \tilde{C}'' \varepsilon(1 + t)^\nu \quad 0 \leq t < T \quad (3.26)$$

holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_2)$ . Here  $\tilde{C}''$  depends on the constants  $m_l$  and  $c_l$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

By (1.1) and (2.1), we have

$$\square \Gamma^a u = \Gamma^a F(\partial u) + \sum_{|b| < |a|} \Gamma^b F(\partial u). \quad (3.27)$$

Here  $\sum_{|b| < |a|} \Gamma^b F(\partial u) = \sum_{|b| < |a|} \gamma_b A_b$  with certain constants  $\gamma_b$ . Furthermore, by (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma^a F(\partial u) + \sum_{|b| < |a|} \Gamma^b F(\partial u) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma=0,1,2} \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta u \Gamma^\alpha \partial_\gamma u + \sum_{\substack{|c|+|d|+|e| \leq |a| \\ |c|, |d|, |e| \leq |a|-1}} \Gamma^c \partial u \Gamma^d \partial u \Gamma^e \partial u \\ &+ O\left( \sum_{|c|+|d|+|e|+|f| \leq |a|} \Gamma^c \partial u \Gamma^d \partial u \Gamma^e \partial u \Gamma^f \partial u \right) \\ &= O\left( (|\partial u(t)|_0^2 + |\partial u(t)|_{[|a|/2]}^3) |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|} + |\partial u(t)|_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|-1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

Thus, multiplying  $\partial_0 \Gamma^a u$  to both sides of (3.27), integrating it over  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and summing up with respect to  $a$  over  $|a| \leq k+1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial u(t)\|_{k+1} &\leq C_4 \left( (|\partial u(t)|_0^2 + |\partial u(t)|_{[(k+1)/2]}^3) \|\partial u(t)\|_{k+1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |\partial u(t)|_{[(k+1)/2]}^2 \|\partial u(t)\|_k \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Therefore, by (2.3), (2.4), (3.2), (3.7), (3.9), (3.29), the Gronwall inequality and the fact that  $[(k+1)/2] \leq k-2$  holds for  $k \geq 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial u(t)\|_{k+1} &\leq C_5 \left( \|\partial u(0)\|_{k+1} + \int_0^t \frac{[\partial u(s)]_{[(k+1)/2]}^2}{1+s} \|\partial u(s)\|_k ds \right) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left( C_4 \int_0^t \left( |\partial u(s)|_0^2 + \frac{[\partial u(s)]_{[(k+1)/2]}^3}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds \right) \\ &\leq \left( C_6 \varepsilon + \tilde{C}_5 \varepsilon^3 \int_0^t \frac{(1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{3m_k}}{1+s} ds \right) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left( \int_0^t \left( \frac{C_7 \varepsilon^2}{1+s} + \frac{\tilde{C}_6 \varepsilon^3 (1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{3m_k}}{(1+s)^{3/2}} \right) ds \right) \\ &\leq (C_6 \varepsilon + \tilde{C}_7 \varepsilon (1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{3m_k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \exp(C_7 \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t) + \tilde{C}_8 \varepsilon^3) \\ & \leq \tilde{C}_9 \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{3m_k+1} \times (1+t)^{C_7 \varepsilon^2} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$ . Hence, setting

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{10} &= \sup_{0 \leq t} \left( \frac{(1 + \log(1+t))^{3m_k+1}}{(1+t)^{\nu/2}} \right), \quad \tilde{C}'' = \tilde{C}_9 \tilde{C}_{10}, \\ \varepsilon_2 &= \min \left\{ \varepsilon_1, \frac{\sqrt{\nu}}{\sqrt{2C_7}} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial u(t)\|_{k+1} &\leq \tilde{C}_9 \tilde{C}_{10} \varepsilon (1+t)^{\nu/2+C_7 \varepsilon^2} \\ &\leq \tilde{C}'' \varepsilon (1+t)^\nu \end{aligned}$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_2)$ . This implies (3.26).

Finally, we show (3.3).

*Step 3.* We can determine constants  $c_l, m_l$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) and  $\varepsilon_0$  so that (3.3) holds under the assumption (3.2).

By (3.1), we know that

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_k \leq D\varepsilon \quad 0 \leq t < \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad (3.30)$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon')$ . Hence we have only to consider the case  $1/\varepsilon \leq t < T$ .

In order to estimate  $\|\partial u(t)\|_l$ , we make use of (3.27) again, but estimate the right hand side more precisely this time.

When  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_0$ , we find that  $P(1 + ||x| - t|) \geq (1 + |x| + t)$  holds for a certain constant  $P > 0$ . Hence we have

$$|\partial u(x, t)|_l \leq \frac{P}{1 + |x| + t} [\partial u(t)]_l \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_0. \quad (3.31)$$

On the other hand, when  $(x, t) \in \Lambda_1$ , we find that

$$\frac{1}{Q}(1 + |x| + t) \leq r \leq Qt \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1 \quad (3.32)$$

for a certain constant  $Q > 0$ . Thus we have by (3.12) and (3.32),

$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma=0}^2 A^{\alpha\beta\gamma} (\partial_\alpha \Gamma^a u \partial_\beta u \partial_\gamma u + \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \Gamma^a u \partial_\gamma u + \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta u \partial_\gamma \Gamma^a u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -3C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u)^2 \partial_0 \Gamma^a u \\
&\quad + O\left(\sum_{\substack{|b|=1 \\ |c|=1}} \left\{ \frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |\Gamma^b u|_{|a|} + |\partial u|_0 |\Gamma^b u|_0 |\partial u|_{|a|}}{t} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{|\partial u|_0 |\Gamma^b u|_0 |\Gamma^c u|_{|a|} + |\Gamma^b u|_0^2 |\partial u|_{|a|}}{t^2} + \frac{|\Gamma^b u|_0^2 |\Gamma^c u|_{|a|}}{t^3} \right\}\right) \\
&= -3C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u)^2 \partial_0 \Gamma^a u \\
&\quad + O\left(\frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_{|a|+1} + |\partial u|_0 |u|_1 |\partial u|_{|a|}}{1 + |x| + t}\right) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.33}$$

Hence, combining (3.28) and (3.33), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Gamma^a F(\partial u) + \sum_{|b| < |a|} \Gamma^b F(\partial u) \\
&= -3C(-1, \omega)(\partial_0 u)^2 \partial_0 \Gamma^a u \\
&\quad + O\left(\frac{|\partial u|_0^2 |u|_{|a|+1} + |\partial u|_0 |u|_1 |\partial u|_{|a|}}{1 + |x| + t} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + |\partial u|_{[|a|/2]}^3 |\partial u|_{|a|} + (1 - \delta_{0|a|}) |\partial u|_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u|_{|a|-1}\right) \quad (x, t) \in \Lambda_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.34}$$

Firstly, we consider the case  $l = 0$ . By (1.7), (3.27), (3.30), (3.31), (3.34) with  $a = 0$  and Propositions 3.3 and 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{dt} \|\partial u(t)\|_0^2 \\
&\leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} F(\partial u) \partial_0 u dx \\
&\leq C_8 \int_{||x|-t| \geq t/2} |\partial u(x, t)|_0^4 dx - 3 \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} C(-1, \omega) |\partial u(x, t)|_0^4 dx \\
&\quad + C_8 \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} \frac{|\partial u(x, t)|_0^3 |u(x, t)|_1}{1 + |x| + t} dx + C_8 \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} |\partial u(x, t)|_0^5 dx \\
&\leq C_9 \int_{||x|-t| \geq t/2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_0^2}{(1+t)^2} dx \\
&\quad + C_8 \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2 |u(x, t)|_1 |\partial u(x, t)|_0}{(1+t)^2 (1 + ||x|-t|)} dx \\
&\quad + C_{10} \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} \frac{(C')^3 \varepsilon^3 |\partial u(x, t)|_0^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C_{11} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_0^2 + \sum_{|c|=1} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \left\| \frac{\Gamma^c u(t)}{1+|x-t|} \right\|_0 \|\partial u(t)\|_0 \right) \\
&\leq C_{12} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_0^2 + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \|\partial u(t)\|_1 \|\partial u(t)\|_0 \right),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\partial u(t)\|_0 \leq C_{13} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_0 + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \|\partial u(t)\|_1 \right). \quad (3.35)$$

Therefore, it follows from (3.2), (3.9), (3.30), (3.35) and the Gronwall inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\partial u(t)\|_0 &\leq \left( \|\partial u(\varepsilon^{-1})\|_0 + C_{13} \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{[\partial u(s)]_0^2}{(1+s)^2} \|\partial u(s)\|_1 ds \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp \left( \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{C_{13} \varepsilon^2}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \\
&\leq \left( C_{14} \varepsilon + \tilde{C}_{11} \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{\varepsilon^3 (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{3m_2}}{(1+s)^2} ds \right) \\
&\quad \times \exp(C_{15} \varepsilon^{5/2}) \\
&\leq \left( C_{14} \varepsilon + \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{\tilde{C}_{12} \varepsilon^3}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \exp(C_{15} \varepsilon^{5/2}) \\
&\leq (C_{14} \varepsilon + \tilde{C}_{13} \varepsilon^{7/2}) \exp(C_{15} \varepsilon^{5/2}) \\
&\leq (C_{14} + 1) e \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_{00})$ , if we take  $\varepsilon_{00} = \min\{\varepsilon_2, 1/\tilde{C}_{13}^{2/5}, 1/C_{15}^{2/5}\}$ . Hence we find that (3.3) holds for  $l = 0$ , if we take  $c_0 = (C_{14} + 1)e$  and  $m_0 = 0$ .

Next, we estimate  $\|\partial u(t)\|_l$  assuming  $c_i$  and  $m_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l-1$ ) are determined. By (1.7), (2.4), (3.27), (3.31), (3.34) and Proposition 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{dt} \|\partial u(t)\|_l^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{|a| \leq l} \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} (\Gamma^a F(\partial u) + \sum_{|b| < |a|} \Gamma^b F(\partial u)) \partial_0 \Gamma^a u dx \\
&\leq \sum_{|a| \leq l} \left( \int_{|x-t| \geq t/2} |\partial u(x, t)|_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2 dx \right.
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -3 \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} C(-1, \omega) |\partial u(x, t)|_0^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2 dx \\
& + \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} \frac{1}{1+|x|+t} (|\partial u(x, t)|_0^2 |u(x, t)|_{|a|+1} \\
& \quad + |\partial u(x, t)|_0 |u(x, t)|_1 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}) |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|} dx \\
& + \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} |\partial u(x, t)|_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|-1} |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|} dx \\
& + \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} |\partial u(x, t)|_{[|a|/2]}^3 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2 dx \Big) \\
& \leq \sum'_{|a| \leq l} \Big( \int_{||x|-t| \geq t/2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2}{(1+t)^2} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2 |u(x, t)|_{|a|+1} |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}}{(1+||x|-t|)(1+t)^2} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0 |u(x, t)|_1 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{||x|-t| \leq t/2} |\partial u(t)|_{[|a|/2]}^2 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|-1} |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|} dx \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[|a|/2]}^3 |\partial u(x, t)|_{|a|}^2}{(1+t)^{3/2}} dx \Big) \\
& \leq C_{16} \Big( \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^2}{(1+t)^2} \|\partial u(t)\|_l^2 + \sum_{|c| \leq l+1} \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \left\| \frac{\Gamma^c u(x, t)}{1+||x|-t|} \right\|_0 \|\partial u(t)\|_l \\
& \quad + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0 |u(t)|_1}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_l^2 + |\partial u(t)|_{[l/2]}^2 \|\partial u(t)\|_{l-1} \|\partial u(t)\|_l \\
& \quad + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^3}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_l^2 \Big) \\
& \leq C_{17} \Big( \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^2 + [\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^3 + [\partial u(t)]_0 |u(t)|_1}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_l^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \|\partial u(t)\|_{l+1} \|\partial u(t)\|_l \\
& \quad + |\partial u(t)|_{[l/2]}^2 \|\partial u(t)\|_{l-1} \|\partial u(t)\|_l \Big),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial u(t)\|_l &\leq C_{18} \left( \frac{[\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^2 + [\partial u(t)]_{[l/2]}^3 + [\partial u(t)]_0 |u(t)|_1}{(1+t)^{3/2}} \|\partial u(t)\|_l \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{[\partial u(t)]_0^2}{(1+t)^2} \|\partial u(t)\|_{l+1} + |\partial u(t)|_{[l/2]}^2 \|\partial u(t)\|_{l-1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

Therefore, when  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , it follows from (3.2), (3.7), (3.11), (3.26) with  $\nu < 1/4$ , (3.30), (3.36), Proposition 3.4 and the Gronwall inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial u(t)\|_l &\leq \left\{ \|\partial u(\varepsilon^{-1})\|_l + \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \left( \frac{C_{18}[\partial u(s)]_0^2}{(1+s)^2} \|\partial u(s)\|_{l+1} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{C_{19}[\partial u(s)]_{[l/2]}^2}{1+s} \|\partial u(s)\|_{l-1} \right) ds \right\} \\ &\quad \times \exp \left( C_{18} \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{[\partial u(s)]_2^2 + [\partial u(s)]_2^3 + [\partial u(s)]_0 |u(s)|_1}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \\ &\leq \left\{ C_{20}\varepsilon + \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \left( \frac{\tilde{C}_{14}\varepsilon^3(1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{2m_2}}{(1+s)^{2-\nu}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{C_{21}c_{l-1}\varepsilon^3(1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{m_{l-1}}}{1+s} \right) ds \right\} \\ &\quad \times \exp \left( \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{\tilde{C}_{15}(1+\log(1+s))^{3m_6}\varepsilon^2}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \\ &\leq \left\{ C_{20}\varepsilon + \tilde{C}_{16}\varepsilon^3 + \frac{C_{21}c_{l-1}\varepsilon}{m_{l-1}+1} (1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_{l-1}+1} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \exp(\tilde{C}_{17}\varepsilon^2) \\ &\leq c_l \varepsilon (1+\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_{0l})$ , if we take

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{0l} &= \min \left\{ \varepsilon_2, \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_{16}^{1/2}}, \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_{17}^{1/2}} \right\}, \quad c_l = \left( C_{20} + 1 + \frac{C_{21}c_{l-1}}{m_{l-1}+1} \right) e, \\ m_l &= m_{l-1} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, when  $l \geq 5$ , it follows from (3.2), (3.9), (3.26) with  $\nu < 1/4$ , (3.30), (3.36), Proposition 3.4, the Gronwall inequality and the fact  $[l/2] + 2 \leq l-1$  that

$$\|\partial u(t)\|_l \leq \left\{ \|\partial u(\varepsilon^{-1})\|_l + \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t C_{22} \left( \frac{[\partial u(s)]_0^2}{(1+s)^2} \|\partial u(s)\|_{l+1} \right. \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{[\partial u(s)]_{[l/2]}^2}{1+s} \|\partial u(s)\|_{l-1} ds \Big\} \\
& \times \exp \left( C_{23} \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{[\partial u(s)]_{[l/2]}^2 + [\partial u(s)]_{[l/2]}^3 + [\partial u(s)]_0 |u(s)|_1}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \\
& \leq \left\{ C_{24} \varepsilon + \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \left( \frac{\tilde{C}_{18} \varepsilon^3 (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{2m_2}}{(1+s)^{2-\nu}} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{C_{25} c_{l-1}^3 \varepsilon^3 (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+s))^{3m_{l-1}}}{1+s} \right) ds \right\} \\
& \times \exp \left( \int_{1/\varepsilon}^t \frac{\tilde{C}_{19} (1 + \log(1+s))^{3m_{l-1}+2m_6} \varepsilon^2}{(1+s)^{3/2}} ds \right) \\
& \leq \left\{ C_{24} \varepsilon + \tilde{C}_{20} \varepsilon^3 + \frac{C_{25} c_{l-1}^3 \varepsilon}{3m_{l-1}+1} (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{3m_{l-1}+1} \right\} \\
& \quad \times \exp(\tilde{C}_{21} \varepsilon^2) \\
& \leq c_l \varepsilon (1 + \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t))^{m_l}
\end{aligned}$$

holds for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_{0l})$ , if we take

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon_{0l} &= \min \left\{ \varepsilon_2, \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_{20}^{1/2}}, \frac{1}{\tilde{C}_{21}^{1/2}} \right\}, \quad c_l = \left( C_{24} + 1 + \frac{C_{25} c_{l-1}^3}{3m_{l-1}+1} \right) e, \\
m_l &= 3m_{l-1} + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain (3.3) if we take  $\varepsilon_0 = \min\{\varepsilon_{00}, \varepsilon_{01}, \dots, \varepsilon_{0k}\}$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.  $\square$

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