

## On the Asymptotic Behavior of Solutions of Semi-linear Wave Equations

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### Introduction

We first consider the following semi-linear wave equation in Part I:

$$(1) \quad u_{tt} - \Delta u + m^2 u + g|u|^{p-1}u = 0$$

where  $m > 0$ ,  $g > 0$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $x \in R^n$ ,  $\Delta =$  Laplacian. Recently, Glassey [1] showed that if  $p$  is small ( $1 < p \leq 2$   $n=1$ ;  $1 < p \leq 1 + 2n^{-1}$   $n \geq 2$ ), scattering theory is impossible for complex solutions of (1). We show in 1.1 Glassey's result is also applicable even to real solutions. Segal showed in [3] and [4] that scattering operator can be constructed for (1) if  $p > 2 + 2n^{-1}$ . We show in 1.2 that the solution  $u_+(x, t)$  of the free equation [(1) with  $g=0$ ] to which a given solution  $u(x, t)$  of (1) is asymptotic in a weak sense as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , exists if  $p > 1 + 2n^{-1}$ ,  $n \geq 3$ .

In Part II, we consider the following semi-linear wave equation with the first order dissipation:

$$(2) \quad u_{tt} - \Delta u + u_t + f(u, u_t, \nabla u) = 0.$$

We show the asymptotic properties of the solutions of the linear equation [(2) with  $f=0$ ] in 2.1 and those of the nonlinear equation (2) in 2.2 and 2.3.

**Notation.** We denote by  $L^p$  the space of measurable functions  $u$  on  $R^n$  whose  $p$ -th powers ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) are integrable with the norm

$$\|u\|_{L^p} = \left( \int |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \quad \|u\|_{\infty} = \text{ess} \cdot \sup_x |u(x)|,$$

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by  $C^\infty$  the space of infinitely differentiable functions, by  $C_0^\infty$  the subspace of  $C^\infty$  consisting of functions with compact support in  $R^n$  and by  $H^k$  the usual Sobolev space on  $R^n$  with the norm

$$\|u\|_k^2 = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha u \right\|_{L^2}^2$$

where

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}, \quad |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n.$$

Let  $X$  be a Banach space on  $R^n$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}_t^k(X) \ni u(x, t)$  means that  $u(\cdot, t)$  belongs to  $X$  for all fixed  $t$  and  $u$  is  $k$ -times continuously differentiable with respect to  $t$  in  $X$ -topology. We denote  $\text{grad } u = (\partial u / \partial x_1, \partial u / \partial x_2, \dots, \partial u / \partial x_n)$  by  $\nabla u$ . In Part I, all functions are generally complex-valued, but in Part II, all functions are real-valued.

## Part I

### § 1.1. Extention of Glassey's Result

We consider the solutions of the Cauchy problem for the equation (1). We take  $g=1$  without loss of generality. In [1], Glassey's result is not valid for real solutions, because he assumes

$$Q(t) = \text{Im} \int \bar{u} u_t dx \neq 0.$$

Then we define the momentum  $P(t)$  by

$$P(t) = \text{Re} \int \bar{u}_t \nabla u dx$$

instead of  $Q(t)$ . We denote the energy norm  $\|\cdot\|_e$  by

$$\|u(t)\|_e^2 = \int (|u_t|^2 + |\nabla u|^2 + m^2 |u|^2) dx.$$

We have the following theorem which is valid for both real and complex solutions.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $u(x, t)$  be a  $C^2$ -solution of equation (1) with Cauchy data in  $C_0^\infty$  satisfying  $P(0) \neq 0$ . Suppose that*

$$1 < p \leq 2 \text{ if } n=1, \quad 1 < p \leq 1 + 2n^{-1} \text{ if } n \geq 2.$$

Then, there dose not exist any free solution  $v(x, t)$  in  $C_0^\infty$  such that

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_e \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

*Proof.* We note the following energy equality holds: if  $u$  and  $v$  are  $C_0^2$  solution of the nonlinear equation (1) and the free one respectively, it follows that

$$(3) \quad \int \left( |u_t|^2 + |\nabla u|^2 + m^2 |u|^2 + \frac{2}{p+1} |u|^{p+1} \right) dx = \text{const.}$$

$$\int \left( |u_t|^2 + |\nabla v|^2 + m^2 |v|^2 \right) dx = \text{const.} \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

We first show that  $P(t)$  is a time invariant vector. Differentiating  $P(t)$  with respect to  $t$  directly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP(t)}{dt} &= \text{Re} \left( \int \bar{u}_t \nabla u_t \, dx + \int \bar{u}_{tt} \nabla u \, dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \nabla \left( |u_t|^2 - |\nabla u|^2 - m^2 |u|^2 - \frac{2}{p+1} |u|^{p+1} \right) dx \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$P(t) = P(0) \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

Suppose that there exists a free solution  $v \in C_0^\infty$  such that

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_e \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Define

$$P_0(t) = \text{Re} \int \bar{v}_t \nabla v \, dx.$$

We note that  $P_0(t)$  is also time invariant vector from the same argument as before. Then

$$P(t) - P_0(t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \int (\bar{u}_t - \bar{v}_t) \nabla u + \bar{v}_t (\nabla u - \nabla v) \, dx \right\},$$

by using Schwarz's inequality

$$|P(t) - P_0(t)| \leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|u - v\|_e + \|\bar{v}_t\|_{L^2} \|u - v\|_e.$$

Since  $\|\nabla u\|_{L^2}$  and  $\|v_t\|_{L^2}$  are bounded from (3) and

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_e \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty,$$

we have

$$|P(t) - P_0(t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence, from  $P(t) - P_0(t) = \text{const.}$ , it follows

$$P(t) = P_0(t) = P(0) \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

Then, the assumption  $P(0) \neq 0$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < |P(0)| &= |\text{Re} \int \bar{v}_i \nabla v \, dx| = |-\text{Re} \int v \nabla \bar{v}_i \, dx| \\ &\leq \|v_t\|_e \|v\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hands, since  $v_t$  is also free solution, we have from (3),

$$\|v_t(t)\|_e = \|v_t(0)\|_e \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

Therefore, there is a positive constant  $c_0$  such that

$$\int |v(x, t)|^2 dx \geq c_0 \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

Let the data of the free solution  $v$  be supported in the ball  $|x| \leq k$ .

Then, by the support property and Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < c_0 &\leq \int |v(x, t)|^2 dx = \int_{|x| \leq k+t} |v(x, t)|^2 dx \\ &\leq \left( \int |v(x, t)|^{p+1} dx \right)^{2/(p+1)} \left( \int_{|x| \leq k+t} 1 \, dx \right)^{(p-1)/(p+1)} \\ &\leq \text{const. } t^{(p-1)/(p+1)n} \left( \int |v(x, t)|^{p+1} dx \right)^{2/(p+1)} \text{ for all } t \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  is as in equation (1). Thus there exists a positive constant  $c_1$  such that

$$\int |v(x, t)|^{p+1} dx \geq c_1 t^{-n(p-1)/2} \text{ for all } t \geq 1.$$

We define

$$H(t) = \text{Re} \int (v_i \bar{u} - \bar{v}_i u_i) \, dx.$$

Differentiating  $H(t)$  with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}H(t) &= \operatorname{Re} \int \bar{u}(\Delta v - m^2 v) - \bar{v}(\Delta u - m^2 u - u|u|^{p-1}) dx \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \int \bar{v}u|u|^{p-1} dx \\ &= \int |v|^{p+1} dx + \operatorname{Re} \int \bar{v}|u|^{p-1}(u-v) dx \\ &\quad + \int |v|^2(|u|^{p-1} - |v|^{p-1}) dx \\ &\geq c_1 t^{-n(p-1)/2} - I_1 - I_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_1 = \int |v||u|^{p-1}|u-v| dx, \quad I_2 = \int |v|^2||u|^{p-1} - |v|^{p-1}| dx.$$

Recalling that our free solution  $v$  satisfies  $\|v(t)\|_\infty = o(t^{-n/2})$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , first for the special case  $p=2$ ,  $n=1$  or  $2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int |v||u||u-v| dx \leq \operatorname{const.} t^{-1/2} \|u\|_{L^2} \|u-v\|_{L^2} \\ &= o(t^{-n(p-1)/2}). \end{aligned}$$

We now take the general case  $1 < p \leq 1 + 2n^{-1}$  for  $n \geq 3$  or  $1 < p < 2$  for  $n=1$  or  $2$ . Then, using Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int |v|^{p-1}|v|^{2-p}|u|^{p-1}|u-v| dx \\ &\leq \|v\|_\infty^{p-1} \left( \int |v|^2 dx \right)^{(2-p)/2} \left( \int |u|^2 dx \right)^{(p-1)/2} \left( \int |v-u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \operatorname{const.} t^{-n(p-1)/2} \|u(t) - v(t)\|_e = o(t^{-n(p-1)/2}). \end{aligned}$$

For  $I_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int |v|^2||u|^{p-1} - |v|^{p-1}| dx = \int |v|^{p-1}|v|^{3-p}||u|^{p-1} - |v|^{p-1}| dx \\ &\leq \|v\|_\infty^{p-1} \left( \int |v|^2 dx \right)^{(3-p)/2} \left( \int |u-v|^2 dx \right)^{(p-1)/2} \\ &\leq \operatorname{const.} t^{-n(p-1)/2} \|u(t) - v(t)\|_e = o(t^{-n(p-1)/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus both  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  satisfy the same estimate for sufficiently large  $t$ , and it

follows that there is a positive constant  $c_2$  such that

$$\frac{d}{dt}H(t) \geq c_2 t^{-n(p-1)/2}$$

for large enough  $t$ , say  $t \geq T$ . Hence,

$$H(2T) - H(T) \geq c_2 \int_T^{2T} t^{-n(p-1)/2} dt \geq c_2 \int_T^{2T} t^{-1} dt \geq c_2 \log 2 > 0.$$

However, Schwarz's inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} |H(t)| &= \left| \operatorname{Re} \int \bar{u}(v_i - u_i) + u_i(\bar{u} - \bar{v}) dx \right| \\ &\leq \|u(t)\|_e \|u(t) - v(t)\|_e. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|H(t)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , so that  $|H(2T)| + |H(T)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ . A sufficiently large choice of  $T$  in the inequality above yields the desired contradiction and completes the proof. Q.E.D.

### § 1.2. Remarks on Weak Dispersion

We consider the solutions of the Cauchy problem for (1) with initial data  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ ,  $u_i(x, 0) = \psi(x)$ . If  $n=3$ , for example, scattering operator is constructed for  $p > 8/3$  and impossible for  $1 < p \leq 5/3$ . For  $5/3 < p \leq 8/3$ , we don't know if scattering theory can be constructed, but we can get the following weak result. We denote by  $B$  the positive selfadjoint operator  $(m^2 I - \Delta)^{1/2}$  in  $L^2$ , by  $\langle, \rangle_{L^2}$  inner product, and by  $D_B$  the domain of  $B$  as a Hilbert space relative to the inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle_1 = \langle Bx, By \rangle$ . Moreover, we denote by  $H$  the Hilbert space direct sum of  $D_B$  and  $L^2$  with inner product and norm  $\langle, \rangle_H, |\cdot|_H$  and by  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  the element of  $H$  with component  $x$  in  $D_B$  and component  $y$  in  $L^2$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} U(x, t) &= \begin{pmatrix} u(x, t) \\ u_i(x, t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad V(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} v(x, t) \\ v_i(x, t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_0(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi(x) \\ \psi(x) \end{pmatrix} \\ W(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos tB, & \sin tB/B \\ -B \sin tB, & \cos tB \end{pmatrix}, \quad K[U(t)] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -|u(t)|^{p-1}u(t) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have the following

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $u(x, t)$  be a  $n \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^1 \cap L^{2p}) \cap \mathcal{E}_t^1(L^2)$  solution of the equation (1) with Cauchy data  $\phi(x) \in H^1 \cap L^{2p}$ ,  $\psi(x) \in L^2$ . Suppose that*

$$p > 1 + 2n^{-1}, \quad n \geq 3.$$

*Then there exists a unique free solution  $v(x, t) \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^1) \cap \mathcal{E}_t^1(L^2)$  such that*

$$\langle U(t) - V(t), W(t)X \rangle_H \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty, \text{ for any } X \in H.$$

*Proof.* This proof is almost similar to the proof of Theorem 4 in [3]. We note that energy equality (3) is valid also for  $u \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^1 \cap L^{2p}) \cap \mathcal{E}_t^1(L^2)$  and  $v \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^1) \cap \mathcal{E}_t^1(L^2)$  by using Friedrichs' mollifier arguments and that  $W(t)$  is the unitary operator on  $H$ , i.e.  $\langle W(t)X, W(t) \cdot Y \rangle_H = \langle X, Y \rangle_H$  for all  $X, Y \in H$ . Now  $U(t)$  satisfies the integral equation

$$(4) \quad U(t) = W(t)U_0 + \int_0^t W(t-s)K[U(s)]ds.$$

We define  $S(t) = W(-t)U(t)$  and represent by  $Z$  an arbitrary fixed element in  $D$ , where

$$D = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in C_0^\infty, y \in C_0^\infty \right\}.$$

From (4),  $S(t)$  satisfies

$$S(t) - S(t') = \int_{t'}^t W(-s)K[U(s)]ds.$$

Then we have

$$\langle S(t) - S(t'), Z \rangle_H = \int_{t'}^t \langle K[U(s)], W(s)Z \rangle_H ds.$$

Noting that  $W(t)Z$  is a free solution, say of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} z(t) \\ z_t(t) \end{pmatrix}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle S(t) - S(t'), Z \rangle_H| &\leq \left| \int_{t'}^t \langle -|u(s)|^{p-1}u(s), z_t(s) \rangle ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t'}^t \int |u(s)|^p |z_t(s)| dx ds. \end{aligned}$$

Recalling that  $\|z_t(s)\|_\infty \leq \text{const.}(1+s)^{-n/2}$  and (3), it holds that if  $p \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle S(t) - S(t'), Z \rangle_H| &\leq \int_{t'}^t \|z(s)\|_\infty \int |u(s)|^p dx ds \\ &\leq \text{const.} \int_{t'}^t (1+s)^{-n/2} \int (|u(s)|^2 + |u(s)|^{p+1}) dx ds \\ &\leq \text{const.} \int_{t'}^t (1+s)^{-n/2} ds, \end{aligned}$$

and if  $2 > p > 1 + 2n^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle S(t) - S(t'), Z \rangle_H| &\leq \int_{t'}^t \left( \int u^2 dx \right)^{p/2} \left( \int |z_t|^{2/(2-p)} dx \right)^{(2-p)/2} ds \\ &\leq \text{const.} \int_{t'}^t \|z_t\|_\infty^{p-1} \left( \int |z_t|^2 dx \right)^{(2-p)/2} ds \\ &\leq \text{const.} \int_{t'}^t (1+s)^{-n(p-1)/2} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $p > 1 + 2n^{-1}$ ,  $n \geq 3$  right hand sides are integrable, so that

$$(5) \quad \langle S(t) - S(t'), Z \rangle_H \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t, t' \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Next, we can show that  $\|S(t)\|_H$  is bounded because (3) gives

$$(6) \quad \|S(t)\|_H = \|W(-t)U(t)\|_H = \|U(t)\|_H \leq \text{const.}$$

Now, the fact that  $D$  is dense in  $H$  and (5) and (6) imply that there exists a unique  $S_0 \in H$  such that

$$\langle S(t) - S_0, Z \rangle_H \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty \text{ for any } Z \in H.$$

Let  $V(t)$  be the free solution given by  $V(t) = W(t)S_0$ . Then for any  $Z$  in  $H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U(t) - V(t), W(t)Z \rangle_H &= \langle W(-t)U(t) - W(-t)V(t), Z \rangle_H \\ &= \langle S(t) - S_0, Z \rangle_H \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we show the uniqueness. Suppose that there exist the two different free solutions  $V_1, V_2$  which satisfy the above conditions. From the above arguments, we have

$$\langle V_1(t) - V_2(t), W(t)Z \rangle_H \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Taking  $Z = V_1(0) - V_2(0)$ ,



$$\|V_1(t) - V_2(t)\|_H \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Since  $\|V_1(t) - V_2(t)\|_H$  is constant, this contradiction implies  $V_1 = V_2$ .

Q.E.D.

## Part II

### § 2.1. Solutions of Linear Problem

We consider the linear equation

$$(7) \quad v_{tt} - \Delta v + v_t = 0 \quad x \in R^n, \quad t \geq 0$$

with

$$\begin{cases} v(x, 0) = \phi(x), \\ v_t(x, 0) = \psi(x). \end{cases}$$

We can represent the solution of (7) as follows:

$$v(x, t) = K_1 * \psi + K_2 * \phi.$$

Let  $R_i(\xi, t)$  be the Fourier transform of  $K_i(x, t)$  ( $i=1, 2$ ). Then  $R_i$  satisfies

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} R_i + \frac{d}{dt} R_i + |\xi|^2 R_i &= 0, \\ \begin{cases} R_1(\xi, 0) = 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt} R_1(\xi, 0) = 1, \end{cases} & \quad \begin{cases} R_2(\xi, 0) = 1, \\ \frac{d}{dt} R_2(\xi, 0) = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We can solve (8) exactly, so that

$$R_1(\xi, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2e^{-(1/2)t}}{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}} \sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}}{2} t\right), & |\xi| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{2e^{-(1/2)t}}{\sqrt{4|\xi|^2-1}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4|\xi|^2-1}}{2} t\right), & |\xi| > \frac{1}{2}, \end{cases}$$

$$R_2(\xi, t) = R_1(\xi, t) + R_3(\xi, t),$$

$$R_3(\xi, t) = \begin{cases} e^{-(1/2)t} \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}}{2} t\right), & |\xi| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ e^{-(1/2)t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{4|\xi|^2-1}}{2} t\right), & |\xi| > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $f \in L^m \cap H^{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 2$ ), then*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_1 * f) \right\|_\infty &\leq c(1+t)^{-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|f\|_{L^m} + \|f\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|}) \\ \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_1 * f) \right\|_{L_2} &\leq c(1+t)^{(n/4)-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|f\|_{L^m} + \|f\|_{i+|\alpha|-1}). \end{aligned}$$

*If  $f \in L^m \cap H^{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|+1}$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_2 * f) \right\|_\infty &\leq c(1+t)^{-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|f\|_{L^m} + \|f\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|+1}) \\ \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_2 * f) \right\|_{L_2} &\leq c(1+t)^{(n/4)-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|f\|_{L^m} + \|f\|_{i+|\alpha|}). \end{aligned}$$

*Here and hereafter  $c$  denotes some constant.*

*Proof.* We note that

$$(9) \quad \|f\|_{L^k} \leq \|\hat{f}\|_{L^m}, \quad \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{m} = 1, \quad 1 \leq m \leq 2,$$

where  $\hat{f}$  denotes Fourier transform of  $f$ . We show lemma 1 only for  $\|(\partial/\partial t)^i (\partial/\partial x)^\alpha (K_1 * f)\|_\infty$ . For the other cases, we can give proofs in the same way. We use the following

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^\delta |\hat{\xi}|^k e^{-c|\hat{\xi}|^2 t} d|\hat{\xi}| &\leq c(1+t)^{-(k+1)/2}, \\ \sup_{0 \leq |\hat{\xi}| \leq \delta} |\hat{\xi}|^k e^{-c|\hat{\xi}|^2 t} &\leq c(1+t)^{-k/2} \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which are easily verified. From (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_1 * f) \right\|_\infty &\leq \left\| (i\hat{\xi})^\alpha \cdot \frac{d^i}{dt^i} R(\hat{\xi}, t) \cdot \hat{f}(\hat{\xi}) \right\|_{L^1} \\ &\leq c \int |\hat{\xi}|^{|\alpha|} \left| \frac{d^i}{dt^i} R(\hat{\xi}, t) \right| |\hat{f}(\hat{\xi})| d\hat{\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

We take a small fixed  $\delta > 0$  and divide the last integral into four parts:

$$\int = \int_{|\hat{\xi}| \geq 1} + \int_{1/2 < |\hat{\xi}| < 1} + \int_{\delta \leq |\hat{\xi}| \leq 1/2} + \int_{|\hat{\xi}| \leq \delta} \equiv I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4$$

We estimate  $I_1 \sim I_4$  as follows:

$$|I_1| \leq c e^{-(1/2)t} \int_{|\hat{\xi}| \geq 1} \frac{|\hat{\xi}|^{|\alpha|} (1 + \sqrt{-1 + 4|\hat{\xi}|^2})^i |\hat{f}(\hat{\xi})|}{\sqrt{4|\hat{\xi}|^2 - 1}} d\hat{\xi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq ce^{-t/2} \sup_{|\xi| \geq 1} \left( \frac{(1 + \sqrt{4|\xi|^2 - 1})^i}{|\xi|^{i-1} \sqrt{4|\xi|^2 - 1}} \right) \left( \int_{|\xi| \geq 1} |\xi|^{-2[n/2]-2} d\xi \right)^{1/2} \\
&\quad \times \left( \int |\xi|^{2[n/2]+2|\alpha|+2i} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq ce^{-t/2} \|f\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|} . \\
|I_2| &\leq ce^{-t/2} \left\{ 1 + \sup_{t > |\xi| > 1/2} \left( \frac{\sin((t/2) \sqrt{-1+4|\xi|^2})}{\sqrt{-1+4|\xi|^2}} \right) \right\} \left( \int |f(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq c(1+t) e^{-t/2} \|f\|_{L^2} . \\
|I_3| &\leq ce^{-t/2} \left\{ 1 + \sup_{\delta < |\xi| \leq 1/2} \left( \frac{\sinh((t/2) \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2})}{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sup_{\delta < |\xi| \leq 1/2} \cosh\left(\frac{t}{2} \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}\right) \right\} \|f\|_{L^2} \\
&\leq ce^{-(1/2)(1-\sqrt{1-4\delta^2})t} \|f\|_{L^2} . \\
|I_4| &\leq c \int_{|\xi| \leq \delta} \frac{(1 - \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2})^i |\xi|^{|\alpha|} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|}{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}} e^{(1/2)t(-1+\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2})} d\xi \\
&\quad + c \int_{|\xi| \leq \delta} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2})^i |\xi|^{|\alpha|} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|}{\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}} e^{(1/2)t(-1-\sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2})} d\xi ,
\end{aligned}$$

since  $-4|\xi|^2 \leq -1 + \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2} \leq -\frac{1}{2}$  for  $|\xi| < \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq c \int_{|\xi| \leq \delta} |\xi|^{2i+|\alpha|} e^{-t|\xi|^2} |\widehat{f}(\xi)| d\xi + ce^{-t/2} \int_{|\xi| \leq \delta} |\widehat{f}(\xi)| d\xi \\
&\leq c \left( \int_{|\xi| \leq \delta} |\xi|^{m(2i+|\alpha|)+n-1} e^{-t|\xi|^2} d|\xi| \right)^{1/m} \left( \int |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^k d\xi \right)^{1/k} \\
&\quad + ce^{-t/2} \left( \int |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^k d\xi \right)^{1/k} \\
&\quad \left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{k} = 1 \quad 1 \leq m \leq 2 \right) \\
&\leq c \{ (1+t)^{-(n+m(2i+|\alpha|))/2} \}^{1/m} \|f\|_{L^m} \\
&\leq c(1+t)^{-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} \|f\|_{L^m} .
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from the above estimates, we have

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (K_1 * f) \right\|_\infty \leq c(1+t)^{-n/(2m)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|f\|_{L^m} + \|f\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|}) .$$

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.** *We suppose  $\phi(x) \in C_0^\infty$ ,  $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty$ . Then the solution of (7) satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha v(t) \right\|_\infty &\leq c(1+t)^{-(n/2)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|\phi\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|+1} + \|\phi\|_{L^1} \\ &\quad + \|\psi\|_{[n/2]+i+|\alpha|} + \|\psi\|_{L^1}), \\ \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha v(t) \right\|_{L^2} &\leq c(1+t)^{-(n/4)-i-(1/2)|\alpha|} (\|\phi\|_{i+|\alpha|} + \|\phi\|_{L^1} \\ &\quad + \|\psi\|_{i+|\alpha|-1} + \|\psi\|_{L^1}). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of this lemma follows immediately from the lemma 1 taking  $m = 1$ .

**§ 2.2. Solutions of Semi-Linear Equations**

We consider the following semi-linear wave equation

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + u_t + f(u, u_t, \nabla u) = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \\ u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x). \end{cases}$$

We assume that  $f(z) = f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n+2})$  is  $C^k$  function on  $R^{n+2}$  and satisfies that, for  $|z| \leq 1$ ,

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq c|z|^p \\ \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^\alpha f(z) \right| &\leq c|z|^{p-|\alpha|} \quad \text{if } \min(k, p) > |\alpha| \geq 1, \\ \left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^\alpha f(z) \right| &\leq c \quad \text{if } k \geq |\alpha| \geq p \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n+2})$ ,  $p > 1$ .

As to the estimates of composite function  $f(v(x, t))$ , we have

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that  $f \in C^{[n/2]+1+s}$  ( $s \geq [(1 + [n/2])/2]$ ) satisfies (11) and  $v(x, t) \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^{[n/2]+1+s})$ . Then,  $f(v(x, t)) \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H^{[n/2]+1+s})$  and satisfies*

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f(v)\|_{[n/2]+1+s} &\leq c\|v\|_{[n/2]+1+s}^{p-2} \|v\|_{[n/2]+1+s}^2 h(\|v\|_{[n/2]+1+s}) \quad \text{for } p \geq 2 \\ &\leq c\|v\|_{[n/2]+1+s}^p h(\|v\|_{[n/2]+1+s}) \quad \text{for } p > 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\|f(v)\|_{L^q} \leq c \|v\|_{\infty}^{p-(2/q)} \|v\|_{L^2}^{2/q} h(\|v\|_{\infty}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq 2, p q \geq 2.$$

Here and hereafter, we represent by  $h(y)$  some nondecreasing nonnegative and continuous function on  $y \geq 0$ , and  $\|v\|_c$  means  $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq s} \sup |(\partial/\partial x)^\alpha v(x)|$ . We omit the proof. (See von Wahl [5]). For the nonlinear term  $f$ , we consider the three cases

- case 1.  $f=f(u_t)$ ,
- case 2.  $f=f(u_t, \nabla u)$ ,
- case 3.  $f=f(u, u_t, \nabla u)$ .

If  $n=1$ , we have the following

**Theorem 3.** ( $n=1$ ) *We suppose  $\phi(x), \psi(x) \in C_0^\infty$  and*

$$\|\phi\|_{2+k} + \|\psi\|_{1+k} + \|\phi\|_{L^1} + \|\psi\|_{L^1} \leq \varepsilon \quad (k \geq 0).$$

*Furthermore, we suppose that  $f(z) \in C^{1+k}$  satisfies (11). Then, there exists a small positive constant  $\varepsilon_0$  such that the Cauchy problem for (2) has a unique  $C^{2+k}$  solution for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$  and  $p$  which satisfies the following conditions, and we have*

*if  $p \geq 2$  for case 1 and 2 or  $p > 3$  for case 3*

$$(13) \quad \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{L^2} \leq (1+t)^{-\min\{(1/4)+i+(1/2)j, ((1/2)+s)p-1/2\}}$$

*for  $0 \leq i+j \leq 2+k$*

$$(14) \quad \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{\infty} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(1/2)+i+(1/2)j, ((1/2)+s)p-1/2\}}$$

*for  $0 \leq i+j \leq 1+k$*

*if  $2 > p > 1$  for case 1, or  $2 > p > \frac{\sqrt{17}-1}{2}$  for case 2*

$$(15) \quad \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{L^2} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(p-1)/4+i+(1/2)j, ((p-1)/4+s)p\}}$$

*for  $0 \leq i+j \leq 2+k$*

$$(16) \quad \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{\infty} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(p/4)+i+(1/2)j, ((p-1)/4+s)p\}}$$

for  $0 \leq i + j \leq 1 + k$ .

Here,  $s$  represents

$$s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for case 1,} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for case 2,} \\ 0 & \text{for case 3.} \end{cases}$$

If  $n \geq 2$ , we treat only  $p \geq 2$ . We have the following

**Theorem 4.** ( $n \geq 2$ ) We suppose  $\phi(x), \psi(x) \in C_0^\infty$  and

$$\|\phi\|_{[n/2]+2+k} + \|\psi\|_{[n/2]+1+k} + \|\phi\|_{L^1} + \|\psi\|_{L^1} \leq \varepsilon, \quad k \geq \left[ \frac{[n/2] + 1}{2} \right].$$

Furthermore, we suppose that  $f(x) \in C^{[n/2]+1+k}$  satisfies (11) and  $p > 2$  for  $n=2$  case 3, or  $p \geq 2$  for the other cases. Then, there exists a small positive constant  $\varepsilon_0$  such that the Cauchy problem for (2) has a unique  $\mathcal{E}_t^0(H^{[n/2]+3+k}) \cap \mathcal{E}_t^1(H^{[n/2]+2+k})$  solution for  $0 < \forall \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$  and we have

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha u(t) \right\|_{L^2} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(n/4)+i+(1/2)|\alpha|, ((n/2)+s)p-(n/2)\}}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq i + |\alpha| \leq 3 + k + \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right]$$

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha u(t) \right\|_\infty \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(n/2)+i+(1/2)|\alpha|, ((n/2)+s)p-(n/2)\}}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq i + |\alpha| \leq 2 + k.$$

Here,  $s$  represents

$$s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for case 1,} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for case 2,} \\ 0 & \text{for case 3.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.* The existence and uniqueness for local solution are well known so that we show decay estimates which show *a priori* estimates for global solution. Then we suppose the solution  $u(x, t) \in C^{2+k}$  exists.  $u(x, t)$  satisfies the integral equation

$$(17) \quad u(t) = v(t) - \int_0^t K_1(t-\tau) * f(u(\tau), u_t(\tau), u_x(\tau)) d\tau,$$

where  $v(t)$  is the solution of linear equation (7) whose Cauchy data are equal to (2). Differentiating (17) with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$(18) \quad u_t(t) = v_t(t) - \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} K_1(t-\tau) * f(u(\tau), u_t(\tau), u_x(\tau)) d\tau.$$

We only give a proof for the case 1,  $f=f(u_t)$ . For the other cases, we can give proofs by almost the same way. We first note that for  $a, b > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^t (t-\tau+1)^{-a} (\tau+1)^{-b} d\tau \leq c(1+t)^{-\min(a,b)}, \quad \max(a,b) > 1$$

that is shown in Segal [4]. From (18) and Lemma 2,

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + \int_0^t \left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (K_1 * f) \right\|_{k+1} d\tau.$$

Now, we suppose  $p \geq 2$ . Then Lemma 1 with  $m=1$  gives

$$(19) \quad \|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} \{ \|f(u_t(\tau))\|_{L^1} + \|f(u_t(\tau))\|_{k+1} \} d\tau.$$

Lemma 3 gives

$$\|f(u_t)\|_{L^1} + \|f(u_t)\|_{k+1} \leq c \|u_t\|_{\mathbb{C}^k}^{p-2} \|u_t\|_{k+1}^2 h(\|u_t\|_{k+1}).$$

Substituting the above into (19),

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{k+1}^p h(\|u_t(\tau)\|_{k+1}) d\tau$$

putting  $M(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} (1+\tau)^{5/4} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{k+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + ch(M(t)) \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} (1+\tau)^{-(5/4)p} (M(\tau))^p d\tau \\ &\leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + c(1+t)^{-3/4} (M(t))^p h(M(t)) \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$M(t) \leq c\varepsilon + c(M(t))^p h(M(t)).$$

Therefore, there exists  $\varepsilon_0$  such that  $M(t) \leq c$  for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$  (cf [4]) so that

$$(20) \quad \|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c(1+t)^{-3/4}.$$

Next, from (18) and Lemmas 1, 2 and 3,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_t(t)\|_{C^k} &\leq c(1+t)^{-3/2} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-3/2} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{C^{k+1}}^p h(\|u_t(\tau)\|_{C^{k+1}}) d\tau \\ &\leq c(1+t)^{-3/2} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-3/2} (1+\tau)^{-(5/4)p} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(21) \quad \|u_t(t)\|_{C^k} \leq c(1+t)^{-3/2}.$$

Furthermore, for  $i=0, 1$ ,

$$(22) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j u = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j v - \int_0^t \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j (K_1 * f) d\tau.$$

By Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j v(t) \right\|_{L^2} &\leq c(1+t)^{-(1/4)-i-(1/2)j}, \\ \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j v(t) \right\|_{\infty} &\leq c(1+t)^{-(1/2)-i-(1/2)j}. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Lemmas 1 and 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j K_1 * f(u_t(\tau)) \right\|_{L^2} d\tau \\ &\leq c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-(1/4)-i-(1/2)j} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{C^k}^{p-2} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{C^{k+1}}^2 d\tau \end{aligned}$$

substituting (20) and (21) into the above,

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-(1/4)-i-(1/2)j} (1+\tau)^{-(3/2)p+1/2} d\tau \\ &\leq c(1+t)^{-\min((1/4)+i+(1/2)j, (3/2)p-1/2)} \\ &\text{for } 0 \leq i+j \leq k+2. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j K_1 * f(u_t(\tau)) \right\|_{\infty} d\tau \\ &\leq c(1+t)^{-\min((1/2)+i+(1/2)j, (3/2)p-1/2)} \\ &\text{for } 0 \leq i+j \leq k+1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can get the desired estimates (13) and (14) for  $i=0, 1$ . For



$i \geq 2$ , we have

$$(23) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j u = \text{right hand side of (22)}$$

$$- \sum_{s=0}^{i-2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{i-1-s} K_1(0) * f(u_i(t)) \right\}.$$

Our problem is the last term. For the moment, we suppose that

$$(24) \quad \sum_{s=1}^i \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s u \right\|_{k+1-s} \leq c(1+t)^{-5/4},$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^i \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s u \right\|_{c^{k+1-s}} \leq c(1+t)^{-3/2}$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq i_0$ .

Then, let's show (13) and (14) for  $i = i_0 + 1$ . From (8), it follows

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{s+2} R_1(\xi, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{s+1} \lambda_1^n \lambda_2^{s+1-n}, \quad \text{where } \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4|\xi|^2}}{2}.$$

Hence, from (23) with  $i = i_0 + 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{s=0}^{i_0-1} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{i-1-s} K_1(0) * f(u_i(t)) \right\} \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq c \sum_{s=0}^{i_0-1} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s f(u_i) \right\|_{i+j-2-s}$$

$$\leq c \left( \sum_{s=1}^{i_0} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s u \right\|_{c^{k+1-s}} \right)^{p-1} \left( \sum_{s=1}^{i_0} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s u \right\|_{k+2-s} \right)$$

$$\times h \left( \sum_{s=1}^{i_0} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s u \right\|_{c^{k+1-s}} \right)$$

substituting (24) into the above

$$\leq c(1+t)^{-(3/2)p+1/4} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min((1/4)+i+(1/2)j, (3/2)p-(1/2))}.$$

In the same way, we have

$$\sum_{s=0}^{i-2} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^s \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^j \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{i-1-s} K_1(0) * f(u_i(t)) \right\} \right\|_{\infty}$$

$$\leq c(1+t)^{-\min((1/2)-i+(1/2)j, (3/2)p-(1/2))}.$$

Thus, (13) and (14) hold for  $i = i_0 + 1$  and this clearly shows that (24)

holds for  $i=i_0+1$ . Therefore, we can get the desired decay estimates inductively because (24) is true for  $i=0, 1$  as we verified already.

If  $1 < p < 2$ , Lemmas 1 and 2 give

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-(5/4)} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-(3/4)-(1/2m)} (\|f(u_t)\|_{L^m} + \|f(u_t)\|_{k+1}) d\tau.$$

Then choosing  $m$  as  $pm=2$  in Lemma 3,

$$\leq c\varepsilon(1+t)^{-5/4} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-(p+3)/4} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{k+1}^p h(\|u_t(\tau)\|_{k+1}) d\tau.$$

We can get

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{k+1} \leq c(1+t)^{-(p+3)/4}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$$

by the same method as before. The remainder is same as  $p \geq 2$ .

Q.E.D.

We omit the proof of the Theorem 4 because we show it by the same way as in the Theorem 3.

**§ 2. 3. Special Case  $f=|u_t|^{p-1}u_t, n=1$**

We consider the following equation

$$(25) \quad u_{tt} - u_{xx} + u_t + |u_t|^{p-1}u_t = 0, \quad x \in R^1, \quad p > 1$$

with

$$\begin{cases} u(x, 0) = \phi(x) \in C_0^\infty, \\ u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) \in C_0^\infty. \end{cases}$$

For this case, we can get the decay estimates without the smallness conditions of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . We first prepare the following

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $u(x, t)$  be a  $C_0^2$  solution of the Cauchy problem for (25). Then*

$$\|u_t(t)\|_\infty, \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

*Proof.* From (21), we have

$$(26) \quad \int_0^t \int_0^t u_t^2(\tau) dx d\tau \leq E, \quad \int (u_t^2(t) + u_{tt}^2(t) + u_{tx}^2(t)) dx \leq E \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

where  $E$  is some constant that depends only on  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . From (26), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left( \int u_t^2(t_1) dx \right)^2 - \left( \int u_t^2(t_2) dx \right)^2 \right| &= \left| 4 \int_{t_2}^{t_1} \left( \int u_t^2 dx \right) \left( \int u_t u_{tx} dx \right) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq E \left| \int_{t_2}^{t_1} \int u_t^2(\tau) dx d\tau \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|u_t(t)\|_{L^2}$  is asymptotic to constant as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . If this constant is not zero, it contradicts (26). Thus we have

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Furthermore, from

$$u_t^2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t 2u_t u_{tx} dx \leq 2\|u_t(t)\|_{L^2} \|u_{tx}(t)\|_{L^2},$$

we have

$$\|u_t(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Q.E.D.

**Theorem 5.** *We suppose that  $\phi(x) \in C_0^\infty$ ,  $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty$  and  $p > 1$ . Then, the Cauchy problem for (25) has a unique  $C^2$  solution such that; if  $p \geq 2$*

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{L^2} \leq c(1+t)^{-(1/4)-i-(1/2)j} \text{ for } i+j \leq 2$$

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_\infty \leq c(1+t)^{-(1/2)-i-(1/2)j} \text{ for } i+j \leq 1,$$

and if  $p < 2$

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_{L^2} \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{(p-1)/4+i+(1/2)j, p(p+3)/4\}} \text{ for } i+j \leq 2$$

$$\left\| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^j u(t) \right\|_\infty \leq c(1+t)^{-\min\{p/4+i+(1/2)j, p(p+3)/4\}} \text{ for } i+j \leq 1.$$

*Proof.* We only give a proof for  $p \geq 2$  because the reasoning for  $p < 2$  is almost the same. (18) and Lemmas 1 and 2 give

$$\|u_t(t)\|_1 \leq c(1+t)^{-(5/4)} + c \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-(5/4)} \{ \| |u_t|^{p-1} u_t \|_1$$

$$+ \| |u_t|^{p-1} u_t \|_{L^1} d\tau.$$

For this case, we use

$$\| |v|^{p-1} v \|_1 \leq c \|v\|_\infty^{p-1} \|v\|_1, \quad \| |v|^{p-1} v \|_{L^1} \leq \|v\|_\infty^{p-2} \|v\|_{L^1}^2,$$

that are easily verified by the modified lemma 3. Therefore, we have

$$\|u_t(t)\|_1 \leq c(1+t)^{-5/4} + cI(0, t)$$

where

$$I(0, t) = \int_0^t (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} (\|u_t(\tau)\|_{L^2} + \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty) \|u_t(\tau)\|_1 \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-2} d\tau.$$

Now, we divide  $I(0, t)$  into  $I(0, t/2) + I(t/2, t)$  and define  $M(t)$  by

$$\overline{M}(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} (1+\tau)^{5/4} \|u_t(\tau)\|_1.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} I\left(0, \frac{1}{2}t\right) &\leq c \int_0^{(1/2)t} (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} \|u_t(\tau)\|_1 d\tau \\ &\leq c \left(1 + \frac{t}{2}\right)^{-5/4} \int_0^{(1/2)t} (1+\tau)^{-5/4} M(\tau) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I\left(\frac{1}{2}t, t\right) &\leq \sup_{(1/2)t \leq \tau \leq t} \{ \|u_t\|_\infty^{p-1} + \|u_t\|_\infty^{p-2} \|u_t\|_{L^2} \} \\ &\quad \times \int_{(1/2)t}^t (1+t-\tau)^{-5/4} (1+\tau)^{-5/4} M(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq c \left(1 + \frac{t}{2}\right)^{-5/4} M(t) \sup_{(1/2)t \leq \tau \leq t} \{ \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-1} + \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-2} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{L^2} \}. \end{aligned}$$

From the above estimates, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &\leq c + c \int_0^{(1/2)t} (1+\tau)^{-5/4} M(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + c \sup_{(1/2)t \leq \tau \leq t} \{ \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-1} + \|u_t(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-2} \|u_t(\tau)\|_{L^2} \} M(t). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Lemma 4, the choice of sufficient large  $t$ , say  $t \geq T$ , gives

$$c \sup_{(1/2)t \leq \tau \leq t} \{ \|u(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-1} + \|u(\tau)\|_\infty^{p-2} \|u(\tau)\|_{L^2} \} \leq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$M(t) \leq c + c \int_0^t (1+\tau)^{-5/4} M(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{for all } t \geq T.$$

This implies

$$\|u_t(t)\|_1 \leq c(1+t)^{-5/4},$$

so that we can get the conclusion by the same way as in Theorem 3.

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