

# Local Solvability of Cauchy Problem for Kaup-Kupershmidt Equation

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**Abstract** This paper deals with the local solvability of initial value problem for Kaup-Kupershmidt equations. Indeed, using Bourgain method, we prove that the Cauchy problem of Kaup-Kupershmidt equation is local well-posed in  $H^s$  whenever  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ , which improves the former results in [5].

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## 1. Introduction

This paper studies the initial value problem (IVP) associated to Kaup-Kupershmidt equations:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \alpha u_{xxx} + \beta u_{xxxxx} + \gamma_1 u u_{xx} = 0, & x \in R, t \in R, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in R \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \alpha u_{xxx} + \beta u_{xxxxx} + \gamma_2 u_x u_{xx} = 0, & x \in R, t \in R, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in R, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  are the nonlinear perturbed coefficients;  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  are the dispersive coefficients. These equations are important dispersive equations proposed first by Kaup in 1980 ([1]) and developed by Kupershmidt in 1994 ([2]).

There has been much interest in the traveling wave solutions of Kaup-Kupershmidt equation using either numerical methods, asymptotic methods or fundamental theoretical methods [3–4]. However, we should owe the first result of the well-posedness of Kaup-Kupershmidt equations to Tao and Cui [5]. They showed that IVP (1) and (2) are locally well-posed in  $H^s(R)$  for  $s > \frac{5}{4}$  and  $s > \frac{301}{108}$ , respectively. In this paper, using the Fourier transform restriction norm method, we shall lower the regularity of the initial value space to  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ , which improves the former result in [5].

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This paper will concentrate on IVP (1), since IVP (2) can be dealt with in the same way. To study IVP (1), we shall consider its equivalent formulation instead:

$$u = U(t)u_0 + \lambda \int_0^t U(t-s)[uu_{xx}](s)ds,$$

where

$$U(t) = \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} e^{-it\phi(\xi)} \mathcal{F}_x$$

is the unitary operator associated to the linear equation, and the operator  $\mathcal{F}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the Fourier transform in the  $(\cdot)$  variable. Here the phase function is

$$\phi(\xi) = \alpha\xi^3 - \beta\xi^5.$$

Before precisely stating the main results, we first introduce some definitions and notations.

**Definition 1** For  $s, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define Bourgain space  $X_{s,b}$  to be the completion of the Schwartz function space on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to the norm:

$$\|u\|_{X_{s,b}} = \|(1+|\xi|)^s(1+|\tau-\phi(\xi)|)^b \mathcal{F}u(\xi, \tau)\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} = \|\langle \xi \rangle^s \langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle^b \mathcal{F}u(\xi, \tau)\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2},$$

where,  $\langle \cdot \rangle = (1+|\cdot|)$  and  $\mathcal{F}u = \hat{u}(\xi, \tau)$  denotes the Fourier transform in  $t$  and  $x$  of  $u$ .

Obviously,  $\|u\|_{X_{s_1,b_1}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s_2,b_2}}$  holds if  $s_1 \leq s_2, b_1 \leq b_2$ .

The main result of this work reads as follows:

**Theorem 1** Let  $\alpha\beta < 0$ . The initial value problem (1) and (2) are locally well-posed for given data in Sobolev spaces  $H^s$ , for  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ .

The layout of this paper is as follows. In the next section, we establish some preliminary lemmas. Section 3 is devoted mainly to establishing a bilinear estimate in the Bourgain space, which is the core of this paper. The proof of the main theorem will be given in the last section.

## 2. Preliminary lemmas

Assume the symbol of partial differential operator  $R(D)$ , denoted by  $R(\xi)$ , satisfies:

- (H<sub>1</sub>)  $R(\xi) = R_1(\xi) + R_2(\xi)$ , where  $R_i(\lambda\xi) = \lambda^{r_i} R_i(\xi)$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $r_2 \geq r_1 \geq 2$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (H<sub>2</sub>)  $R_1(\xi)R_2(\xi) > 0$ ,  $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Then, we have

**Lemma 1** ([6]) The solution of Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t + iR(D)u = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}, \end{cases}$$

$u(t) = S(t)u_0 = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[e^{-itR(\xi)} \hat{u}_0](x)$  satisfies:

$$\|S(t)u_0\|_{L^p} \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{r_1}(1-\frac{2}{p})} \|u_0\|_{L^{p'}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$\|S(t)u_0\|_{L_x^p L_t^q} \leq C\|u_0\|_{L^2},$$

where  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $\frac{2}{q} = \frac{1}{r_1}(1 - \frac{2}{p})$ .

According to Lemma 1, we deduce directly

**Lemma 2** If  $\alpha\beta < 0$ , then the unitary group  $U(t)$  ( $t \in R$ ) satisfies

$$\|U(t)\varphi\|_{L_x^8 L_t^8} \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^2}. \quad (3)$$

To eliminate the singularity of phase function  $\phi(\xi)$ , we introduce the following Fourier restriction operators:

$$P^N f = \int_{|\xi| \geq N} e^{ix\xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi, \quad P_N f = \int_{|\xi| \leq N} e^{ix\xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi, \quad \forall N > 0.$$

Let  $D_x^s = \mathcal{F}_x^{-1} |\xi|^s \mathcal{F}_x$ ,  $a = \max\{1, \sqrt{\frac{3\alpha}{5\beta}}\}$ . In the following, we always assume that  $\alpha\beta < 0$ .

**Lemma 3** The group  $U(t)$  ( $t \in R$ ) satisfies

$$\|D_x^2 U(t) P^{2a} \varphi\|_{L_x^\infty L_t^2} \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^2}, \quad (4)$$

$$\|U(t) P^{2a} \varphi\|_{L_x^4 L_t^\infty} \leq \|\varphi\|_{\dot{H}^{\frac{1}{4}}}, \quad (5)$$

$$\|D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} U(t) P^{2a} \varphi\|_{L_x^6 L_t^6} \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^2}. \quad (6)$$

**Proof** Since  $\phi'(\xi) = 3\alpha\xi^2 - 5\beta\xi^4$  and  $\alpha\beta < 0$ , it follows that if  $|\xi| > 0$ ,  $\phi(\xi)$  is invertible. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P^{2a} U(t) \varphi &= \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} e^{ix\xi} e^{-it\phi(\xi)} \widehat{\varphi}(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \int_{|\phi^{-1}| \geq 2a} e^{ix\phi^{-1}} e^{-it\phi} \widehat{\varphi}(\phi^{-1}) \frac{1}{\phi'} d\phi \\ &= \mathcal{F}_t \left( e^{ix\phi^{-1}} \widehat{\varphi}(\phi^{-1}) \frac{1}{\phi'} \chi_{\{|\phi^{-1}| \geq 2a\}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Plancherel's theorem and the above estimate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P^{2a} U(t) \varphi\|_{L_t^2}^2 &= \left\| \widehat{\varphi}(\phi^{-1}) \frac{1}{\phi'} \chi_{\{|\phi^{-1}| \geq 2a\}} \right\|_{L_\phi^2}^2 \\ &= \int_{|\phi^{-1}| \geq 2a} |\widehat{\varphi}(\phi^{-1})|^2 \frac{1}{|\phi'|^2} d\phi = \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|^2 \frac{1}{|\phi'(\xi)|^2} \phi'(\xi) d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|^2 \frac{1}{|\phi'(\xi)|} d\xi = \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|^2 \frac{1}{|5\beta\xi^4| |1 - \frac{3\alpha}{5\beta\xi^2}|} d\xi \\ &\leq C \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|^2 \frac{1}{|\xi|^4} d\xi \leq C \|\varphi\|_{\dot{H}^{-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies the estimate (4).

With the help of Theorem 2.5 in [7], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U(t) P^{2a} \varphi\|_{L_x^4 L_t^\infty}^2 &\leq \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\mathcal{F} P^{2a} \varphi(\xi)|^2 \left| \frac{\phi'(\xi)}{\phi''(\xi)} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\mathcal{F} P^{2a} \varphi(\xi)|^2 \left| \frac{|5\beta\xi^4 - 3\alpha\xi^2|}{|20\beta\xi^3 - 6\alpha\xi|} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} d\xi \\ &\leq \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\mathcal{F} P^{2a} \varphi(\xi)|^2 \left| \frac{|5\beta\xi^4| |1 - \frac{3\alpha}{5\beta\xi^2}|}{|20\beta\xi^3| |1 - \frac{3\alpha}{10\beta\xi^2}|} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \int_{|\xi| \geq 2a} |\mathcal{F}P^{2a}\varphi(\xi)|^2 |\xi|^{\frac{1}{2}} d\xi \leq C \|P^{2a}\varphi\|_{H^{\frac{1}{4}}}^2.$$

This gives the estimate (5).

Finally, (6) follows by interpolation between (4) and (5).  $\square$

Let  $\widehat{F}_\rho(\xi, \tau) = \frac{f(\xi, \tau)}{(1 + |\tau - \phi(x\bar{i})|)^\rho}$ . Then we have

**Lemma 4** If  $\rho > \frac{1}{2}$ , for any fixed  $N$  with  $0 < N < \infty$ , there holds that

$$\|P_N F_\rho\|_{L_x^2 L_t^\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2},$$

where the constant  $C$  depends on  $N$ .

**Proof** Consult the proof of Lemma 2.3 in [8].

**Lemma 5** (i) If  $\rho > \frac{1}{2} \frac{4(q-2)}{3q}$ , for  $2 \leq q \leq 8$ , then

$$\|F_\rho\|_{L_x^q L_t^q} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}. \quad (7)$$

(ii) If  $\rho > \frac{3}{8}$ , then

$$\|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_\rho\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}. \quad (8)$$

**Proof** Change variable  $\tau = \lambda + \phi(\xi)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F_\rho(x, t) &= \int \int e^{i(x\xi + t\tau)} \frac{f(\xi, \tau)}{(1 + |\tau - \phi(\xi)|)^\rho} d\xi d\tau \\ &= \int e^{it\lambda} \left( \int e^{i(x\xi + t\phi(\xi))} f(\xi, \lambda + \phi(\xi)) d\xi \right) \frac{d\lambda}{(1 + |\lambda|)^\rho}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using (3), Minkowski's integral inequality and taking  $\rho > \frac{1}{2}$ , one easily shows that

$$\|F_\rho\|_{L_x^8 L_t^8} \leq C \int \|f(\xi, \lambda + \phi(\xi))\|_{L_\xi^2} \frac{d\lambda}{(1 + |\lambda|)^\rho} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}. \quad (9)$$

By interpolation between (9) and the trivial inequality

$$\|F_0\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \leq \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}, \quad (10)$$

we obtain (7).

By (6) and Minkowski's integral inequality and taking  $\rho > \frac{1}{2}$ , one easily shows that

$$\|D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} P^{2a} F_\rho\|_{L_x^6 L_t^6} \leq C \int \|f(\xi, \lambda + \phi(\xi))\|_{L_\xi^2} \frac{d\lambda}{(1 + |\lambda|)^\rho} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}. \quad (11)$$

Then (8) follows by interpolation between (10) and (11).  $\square$

**Lemma 6** (i) Let  $\rho > \frac{\theta}{2}$  with  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$\|D_x^{2\theta} P^{2a} F_\rho\|_{L_x^{\frac{2}{1-\theta}} L_t^2} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}.$$

(ii) Let  $\rho > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$\|D_x^{-\frac{1}{4}} P^{2a} F_\rho\|_{L_x^4 L_t^\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}.$$

**Proof** The proof is similar to that of Lemma 5 with the help of (3) and (4).

**Lemma 7** ([11]) Assume that  $f, f_1, f_2$  belong to Schwartz space on  $R^2$ . Then

$$\int_* \bar{f}(\xi, \tau) \hat{f}_1(\xi_1, \tau_1) \hat{f}_2(\xi_2, \tau_2) d\delta = \int \bar{f} f_1 f_2(x, t) dx dt,$$

where  $\int_* d\delta = \int_{\xi=\xi_1+\xi_2, \tau=\tau_1+\tau_2} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\tau_1 d\tau_2$ .

Let  $Z$  be any Abelian additive group with an invariant measure  $d\xi$ . For any integer  $k \geq 2$ , we denote by  $\Gamma_k(Z)$  the Hyperplane  $\Gamma_k(Z) = \{(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k) \in Z^k, \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \dots + \xi_k = 0\}$ , and define a  $[k, Z]$ -multiplier to be any function  $m : \Gamma_k(Z) \mapsto C$ . If  $m$  is a  $[k, Z]$ -multiplier, we define  $\|m\|_{[k, Z]}$  to be the best constant such that

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_k(Z)} m(\xi) \prod_{j=1}^k f_j \right| \leq \|m\|_{[k, Z]} \prod_{j=1}^k \|f_j\|_{L^2(Z)}.$$

**Lemma 8** ([10]) If  $m(\xi)$  and  $M(\xi)$  are  $[k, Z]$ -multipliers satisfying  $|m(\xi)| \leq |M(\xi)|$  for all  $\xi \in \Gamma_k(Z)$ , then

$$\|m\|_{[k, Z]} \leq \|M\|_{[k, Z]}.$$

**Lemma 9** For  $|\xi|$  large enough, e.g.,  $|\xi| > 2a$ , there holds that

$$\max\{|\sigma|, |\sigma_1|, |\sigma_2|\} \geq C|\xi_1||\xi_2||\xi|^3,$$

where

$$\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2, \quad \tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2; \quad \sigma = \tau - \phi(\xi), \quad \sigma_1 = \tau_1 - \phi(\xi_1), \quad \sigma_2 = \tau_2 - \phi(\xi_2).$$

**Proof** Noticing the following equation first:

$$\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 - \sigma = -5\beta\xi_1\xi_2\xi(\xi^2 - \xi\xi_1 + \xi_1^2) + 3\alpha\xi_1\xi_2\xi,$$

then since  $\xi^2 - \xi\xi_1 + \xi_1^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}\xi^2$ ,  $\alpha\beta < 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 - \sigma| &= |-5\beta\xi_1\xi_2\xi(\xi^2 - \xi\xi_1 + \xi_1^2) + 3\alpha\xi_1\xi_2\xi| \\ &= |\xi_1\xi_2\xi| |-5\beta(\xi^2 - \xi\xi_1 + \xi_1^2) + 3\alpha| \\ &\geq C|\xi_1||\xi_2||\xi|^3. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3. Bilinear estimate

**Theorem 2** If  $s \geq \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < b < \frac{19}{32}$ , then  $\forall b' > \frac{13}{32}$ , we have

$$\|uv_{xx}\|_{X_{s,b-1}} \leq C\|u\|_{X_{s,b'}}\|v\|_{X_{s,b'}}. \quad (12)$$

**Proof** By duality and Plancherel theorem, it suffices to show that

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_* \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &= \int_* \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^s \xi_2^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau) f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1) f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2) d\delta \\ &\leq C \left\| \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^s \xi_2^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} \right\|_{[3,R] \times [R]} \|\bar{f}\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2 \Pi_{j=1}^2} \|f_j\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\bar{f} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $\bar{f} \geq 0$ , where

$$f_1 = \langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \widehat{u}(\xi_1, \tau_1), \quad f_2 = \langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'} \widehat{v}(\xi_2, \tau_2).$$

Thus, (11) holds only if

$$\left\| \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^s \xi_2^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} \right\|_{[3, R \times R]} \leq C.$$

In order to bound  $I$ , we will split the domain of integration into several pieces as follows. By symmetry, it suffices to estimate the integral in the domain:  $|\xi_1| \leq |\xi_2|$ .

$$\text{Let } \widehat{F}_\rho^j(\xi, \tau) = \frac{f_j(\xi, \tau)}{(1 + |\tau - \phi(\xi)|)^{\rho}}, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

**Case 1**  $|\xi| \leq 4a$ .

**Case 1.1**  $|\xi_1| \leq 2a$ . It follows that  $|\xi_2| \leq 6a$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \leq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \leq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \leq 6a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^r \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \leq 4a} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \leq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \leq 6a} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &\leq C \int \overline{F}_{1-b} \cdot F_{b'}^1 \cdot F_{b'}^2(x, t) dx dt \leq C \|F_{1-b}\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \|F_{b'}^1\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \|F_{b'}^2\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_1\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_2\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \end{aligned}$$

which follows by Lemmas 5 and 7.

**Case 1.2**  $|\xi_1| \geq 2a$ . By the symmetry assumption, we obtain  $|\xi_2| \geq 2a$  and  $|\xi_1| \sim |\xi_2|$ . Thus for  $s \geq \frac{5}{8}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \leq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \leq 4a} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} |\xi_1|^{1-s} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{1-s} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \leq 4a} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} |\xi_1|^{\frac{3}{8}} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{\frac{3}{8}} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\ &= C \int P_{4a} \overline{F}_{1-b} \cdot D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^1 \cdot D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^2(x, t) dx dt \\ &\leq C \|F_{1-b}\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^1\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^2\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_1\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_2\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \end{aligned}$$

which follows also by Lemmas 5 and 7.

**Case 2**  $|\xi| \geq 4a$ .

**Case 2.1**  $|\xi_1| \leq 2a$ . We deduce that  $|\xi_2| \geq 2a$  and  $|\xi| < 2|\xi_2|$ . Therefore,

$$I = \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \leq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \leq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int P^{4a} \bar{F}_{1-b} \cdot P_{2a} F_{b'}^1 \cdot D_x^2 P^{2a} F_{b'}^2(x, t) dx dt \\
&\leq C \|F_{1-b}\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \|P_{2a} F_{b'}^1\|_{L_x^2 L_t^\infty} \|D_x^2 P^{2a} F_{b'}^2\|_{L_x^\infty L_t^2} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_1\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_2\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}
\end{aligned}$$

where Lemmas 4–7 have been used.

**Case 2.2**  $|\xi_1| \geq 2a$ . In this case, we have  $2a \leq |\xi_1| \leq |\xi_2|$ . According to Lemma 9, when  $|\xi| > 4a$ , one of the following cases always occurs:

$$(a) |\sigma| \geq |\xi|^3 |\xi_1| |\xi_2|, \quad (b) |\sigma_1| \geq |\xi|^3 |\xi_1| |\xi_2|, \quad (c) |\sigma_2| \geq |\xi|^3 |\xi_1| |\xi_2|.$$

According to this, we subdivide case 2.2 into the following cases:

**Case 2.2.1** (a) occurs. For  $b - s + 1 \leq \frac{3}{8}$  and  $s \leq 3(1 - b)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle |\xi|^3 |\xi_1| |\xi_2| \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int_* \chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} |\xi|^{s-3+3b} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau) \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} |\xi_1|^{b-s-1} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{b-s+1} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int_* \chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau) \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} |\xi_1|^{\frac{3}{8}} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{\frac{3}{8}} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int \bar{F}_0 \cdot D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^1 \cdot D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^2(x, t) dx dt \\
&\leq C \|F_0\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^1\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^2\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_1\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_2\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

We have used Lemma 7 and Lemma 5 (2) in the above estimate. Here,  $b \leq \frac{19}{32}$  is required.

This means that if  $b - s + 1 \leq \frac{3}{8}$  and  $s \leq 3(1 - b)$ ,

$$\left\| \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^s \xi_2^2}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} \right\|_{[3, R \times R]} \leq C. \quad (13)$$

By Lemma 8, we deduce that (13) will also hold for  $s > \frac{9}{8}$  (not  $\frac{5}{8}$ , to keep  $b \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ). As a matter of fact, since  $\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2$ , we first obtain  $\langle \xi \rangle \leq \langle \xi_1 \rangle \langle \xi_2 \rangle$ . Then for any  $\frac{19}{32} \geq b > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b' \geq \frac{3}{8}$ , if  $s_1 \geq s_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m &= \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^{s_1} \xi_2^2}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^{s_1} \langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{s_1} \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} = \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^{s_1}}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^{s_1} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{s_1}} \frac{\xi_2^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} \\
&\leq \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^{s_2}}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^{s_2} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{s_2}} \frac{\xi_2^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} = \frac{\langle \xi \rangle^{s_2} \xi_2^2}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^{s_2} \langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{s_2} \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'} \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} = M.
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.2.2** (b) occurs. For  $s - 3b' < \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $2 - s - b' < \frac{3}{8}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} \langle \xi \rangle^s \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \xi_1 \rangle^s (|\xi|^3 |\xi_1| |\xi_2|)^{b'}} \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} \xi_2^2 f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \xi_2 \rangle^s \langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} |\xi|^{s-3b'} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \cdot \frac{\chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{|\xi_1|^{s+b'}} \cdot \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{2-s-b'} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} |\xi|^{\frac{3}{8}} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \cdot \chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1) \cdot \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{2-s-b'} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \int_* \frac{\chi_{|\xi| \geq 4a} |\xi|^{\frac{3}{8}} \bar{f}(\xi, \tau)}{\langle \sigma \rangle^{1-b}} \cdot \chi_{|\xi_1| \geq 2a} f_1(\xi_1, \tau_1) \cdot \frac{\chi_{|\xi_2| \geq 2a} |\xi_2|^{\frac{3}{8}} f_2(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b'}} d\delta \\
&\leq C \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{4a} F_{1-b}\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \|P^{2a} F_0^1\|_{L_x^2 L_t^2} \|D_x^{\frac{3}{8}} P^{2a} F_{b'}^2\|_{L_x^4 L_t^4} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_1\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2} \|f_2\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^2},
\end{aligned}$$

which follows from Lemmas 5 and 7. Here,  $b' \geq \frac{5}{16}$  and  $b < \frac{5}{8}$  are required.

Similarly to Case 2.2.1, if  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ , we can also deduce the results from Lemma 8.

**Case 2.2.3** (c) occurs. The argument is similar to Case 2.2.2.  $\square$

#### 4. Proof of the main result

Let  $\theta \in C_0^\infty(R)$  with  $\theta \equiv 1$  on  $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $\text{supp } \theta \subseteq (-1, 1)$ . Denoting  $\theta_\delta(t) = \theta(\frac{t}{\delta})$ , then we have

**Lemma 10** Let  $s \in R$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < b < b' \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ . Then we have

$$\|\theta_\delta(t)U(t)u_0\|_{X_{s,b}} \leq C\delta^{\frac{(1-2b)}{2}} \|u_0\|_{H^s}, \quad (14)$$

$$\|\theta_\delta(t) \int_0^t U(t-s)F(s)ds\|_{X_{s,b}} \leq C\delta^{\frac{(1-2b)}{2}} \|F\|_{X_{s,b-1}}, \quad (15)$$

$$\|\theta_\delta(t)F\|_{X_{s,b-1}} \leq C\delta^{b'-b} \|F\|_{X_{s,b'-1}}. \quad (16)$$

**Proof of Theorem 1** Let  $u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ , with  $\|u_0\|_{H^s} = r$ . Let us define

$$B_r = \{u \in X_{s,b} : \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \leq 2Cr\}.$$

Then  $B_r$  is a Banach space.

For  $u \in B_r$ , we define the mapping

$$\mathcal{T}(u) = \theta_1(t)U(t)u_0 + \lambda\theta_1(t) \int_0^t U(t-s)\theta_\delta(t)[uu_{xx}](s)ds.$$

We will show that  $\mathcal{T}$  maps  $B_r$  into  $B_r$  and is a contraction.

We deduce from (14), (15), (16) and (12) that there exist some  $b, b'$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{2} < b < b' \leq \frac{19}{32}$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{T}(u)\|_{X_{s,b}} \leq \|\theta_1(t)U(t)u_0\|_{X_{s,b}} + \left\| \theta_1(t) \int_0^t U(t-s)\theta_\delta(t)[uu_{xx}](s)ds \right\|_{X_{s,b}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^s} + C\|\theta_\delta(t)uu_{xx}\|_{X_{s,b-1}} \\
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^s} + C\delta^{b'-b}\|uu_{xx}\|_{X_{s,b'-1}} \\
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^s} + C\delta^{b'-b}\|u\|_{X_{s,b}}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, if we take  $\delta$  small enough,  $\mathcal{T}$  maps  $B_r$  into  $B_r$ .

Using the same argument as above, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{T}(u) - \mathcal{T}(v)\|_{X_{s,b}} < \frac{1}{2}\|u - v\|_{X_{s,b}}.$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{T}$  is contraction.

Finally, by Banach fixed point theorem, we deduce that there is a unique solution  $u$  of the map  $\mathcal{T}$  on the ball  $B_r$  for  $0 < t \leq 1$  satisfying the integral equations:

$$u = U(t)u_0 + \lambda \int_0^t U(t-s)[uu_{xx}](s)ds,$$

which is equivalent to (1).  $\square$

**Remark** For  $s > \frac{9}{8}$ , and  $b$  and  $b'$  as in Theorem 2,

$$\|u_x v_{xx}\|_{X_{s,b-1}} \leq C\|u\|_{X_{s,b'}}\|v\|_{X_{s,b'}}$$

also holds, which implies the well-posedness of IVP (2).

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