

Finite time blow-up for an inhomogeneous wave equation with Riemann-Liouville fractional integral

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Abstract

This paper is devoted to the study the effect of an inhomogeneity $\omega(x)$ on the blow-up phenomena for the wave equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = I_{0+}^{\alpha}(|u|^p) + \omega(x), \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where $N \geq 1$, $p > 1$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $\omega(x)$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) dx > 0$. Specifically, by the method of cut-functions, this paper first proves that the any non-trivial solution blows up in finite time under $0 < \alpha < 1$, and later proves that the any non-trivial solution blows up in finite time under $\alpha = 0$, $2 \leq N \leq 4$ and p being the Strauss exponent.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we are concerned with the blow-up effect of solutions for the equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = I_{0+}^{\alpha}(|u|^p) + \omega(x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ u(0, x) = u_0, \quad u_t(0, x) = u_1, & x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $N \geq 1$, $p > 1$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $\omega(x)$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) dx > 0$ is inhomogeneous function with respect to x , and all $u_0, u_1, \omega(x) \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$. Here,

$$I_{0+}^{\alpha}(|u|^p) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} u(s, x) ds$$

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denotes the left Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order $0 < \alpha < 1$. This equation of type(1) can be used to characterize various phenomena in physics, geophysics and acoustics (see, e.g., Hartle and Hawking[1] and Klivanov[2] and the references therein).

In [3], the authors studied the semilinear wave equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} u(s, x) ds, \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (2)$$

They proved that the effect of the generalized Strauss exponent $p_0(N, \alpha)$ of the equation, and the concrete results are as following:

$$p_0(N, \alpha) = \begin{cases} \infty & N = 1, \\ \frac{N+1+2\alpha + \sqrt{N^2 + (10+4\alpha)N + 4\alpha(\alpha+1) - 7}}{2(N-1)} & N \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

i.e.

(a) if $1 < p < \infty$ as $N = 1$ or $1 < p < p_0(N, \alpha)$ as $N \geq 2$, u_0 and u_1 be nonnegative, then the solution blows up in finite time;

(b) if $p = p_0(N, \alpha)$ and $N \geq 2$, u_0 and u_1 be nonnegative, then the solution blows up in finite time.

Observe that in the limit case $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$p_0(N, \alpha) = p_0(N, 0) = \frac{N+1 + \sqrt{N^2 + 10N - 7}}{2(N-1)} = p(N \geq 2),$$

which is the Strauss exponent [4] for the semilinear wave equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = |u|^p, \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (3)$$

This exponent $p_0(N, 0)$ plays the role of a bifurcation parameter in distinguishing between existence and non-existence of solutions, but also in determining their asymptotic behavior. Some studies of the above result can be found in [5, 6, 7, 8]. In [9, 10], the authors studied the inhomogeneous semilinear wave equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = |u|^p + \omega(x), \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{M}, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbb{M}$ with $N \geq 3$ is a noncompact complete Riemannian manifold and $\omega(x) > 0$. They proved that $p_* = \frac{N}{N-2}$ is critical for above the equation. Specifically, in [9], the author obtained the following results:

(c) Under $1 < p < p_*$, $\omega(x) > 0$, the problem (4) possesses no global solutions for any u_0, u_1 unless $\omega(x) \equiv 0$.

(d) Under $\mathbb{M}^n = \mathbb{R}^N$ with $N = 3$, $p_* = \frac{N}{N-2}$, and suppose both u_0 and u_1 have compact supports, then (1.4) possesses no global solutions unless $\omega(x) \equiv 0$.

(e) Under $p > p_*$, $\omega(x) > 0$, the problem (4) has global solutions for some $\omega(x)$, u_0 and u_1 . In [10], Mohamed Jleli et al proved that the problem (1.4) has no global solutions under $\mathbb{M}^n \neq \mathbb{R}^N$, $p = p_* = \frac{N}{N-2}$. From the results of the study in problems (2) and (4), we can see that the influence of the inhomogeneous term $\omega(x)$ on the wave equation is significant.

In addition, [11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16] et al. reveal that the inhomogeneous term $\omega(x)$ has a great influence on the behavior of solutions on the evolution equations.

As far as we know, the blow-up phenomena of problem (1) is still unknown. Therefore, we in this article will be devoted to deal with the blow-up effect for the problem (1). In order to make this article self-contained, after accepting local solution existence, the main result of this article is stated as follows:

Theorem 1.1 Let $u_0, u_1 \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $\omega(x) \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) dx > 0$. Then

- (1) the solution of problem (1.1) blows up in finite time under $N \geq 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$ and $p > 1$;
- (2) the solution of problem (1.1) blows up in finite time under $2 \leq N \leq 4, \alpha = 0$ and

$$p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}.$$

Remark 1.2 Theorem 1.1 shows that (1) the problem (1) with $\omega(x)$ perturbation admits no global solutions under $N \geq 1, 0 < \alpha < 1$ and $p > 1$, which is different from that of the problem (1) without $\omega(x)$ perturbation in [3] under $1 < p < \infty$ as $N = 1$ (or $1 < p < p_0(N, \alpha)$ as $N \geq 2$); (2) the problem (1.1) with $\omega(x)$ perturbation admits no global weak solution under $2 \leq N \leq 4, \alpha = 0$ and $p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}$. These results generalize the previous blow-up results.

In the next section, we prove Theorem 1.1.

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

2.1 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 ([17]) For any $0 < \alpha < 1, u \in C^\infty([0, T], \mathbb{R}^N)$ and $T > 0$,

- (1) the left Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of order α of u is defined as

$$(I_{0+}^\alpha u)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} u(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T;$$

- (2) the right Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of order α of u is defined as

$$(I_{T-}^\alpha u)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^T (s-t)^{\alpha-1} u(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

And since $(I_{0+}^\alpha u)(t) \rightarrow u(t)$ as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ (see [17]), we can define $I^0(u)(t) = u(t)$.

Lemma 2.2 ([17]). Let $0 < \alpha < 1, T > 0$, and $f, g \in L_p(0, T)$. Then

$$\int_0^T f(t)(I_{0+}^\alpha g)(t) dt = \int_0^T g(t)(I_{T-}^\alpha f)(t) dt.$$

Lemma 2.3 ([17]). If $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$, then

$$(I_{a+}^\alpha (t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta+\alpha)} (x-a)^{\beta+\alpha-1}$$

and

$$(I_{b-}^\alpha (b-t)^{\beta-1})(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta+\alpha)} (b-x)^{\beta+\alpha-1}.$$

Definition 2.4 Let $N \geq 1, u_0, u_1 \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and $\omega(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$. We say $u(x, t) \in L^p(L_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N), (0, T))$ to be a weak solution of problem (1.1), if the equality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi) |u|^p dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \varphi dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx \\ &= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u \varphi_{tt} dx dt - \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u \Delta \varphi dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

holds for all $T > 0$ and $\varphi \in C_{t,x}^{2,2}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^N)$ with $\text{supp}_x \varphi \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $\varphi(T, \cdot) = 0$ and $\varphi_t(T, \cdot) = 0$.

Lemma 2.5([18]) Let $\omega(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) dx > 0$. Then there exists a test function $0 \leq \phi \leq 1$ such that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \phi dx > 0$.

2.2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

Proof: We divide the proof of Theorem 1.1 into two steps. In step I, we will prove that the problem (1) does not admit any global weak solution under $N \geq 1$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $p > 1$. In step II, we will prove that the problem (1) does not admit any global weak solution under $2 \leq N \leq 4$, $\alpha = 0$ and $p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}$.

Step I. For $N \geq 1$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $p > 1$. By arguing by contradiction, if not, we can assume that $u(x, t)$ is a global weak solution to the problem (1). Inspired by [16], we choose the test function following

$$\varphi(t, x) = \eta(t)\mu(x),$$

where

$$\eta(t) = T^{-\lambda}(T-t)^\lambda, \lambda > \frac{p+\alpha}{p-1}, t \in [0, T], T \in (0, \infty);$$

$$\mu(x) = \phi\left(\frac{|x|^2}{R^2}\right), R \gg 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

Let the functions $\mu(x)$ and $\phi(z)$ satisfy

(i) $|\mu'(x)| \leq C|\mu(x)|$, $|\mu''(x)| \leq C|\mu(x)|$;

(ii) $\phi(z) \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ is non-increasing function with $\phi(z) \equiv 1$ if $z \in [0, 1]$ and $\phi(z) \equiv 0$ if $z \in [2, \infty)$.

Then, it follows from (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi) |u|^p dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \varphi dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx \\ & \leq \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\varphi_{tt}| dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\Delta \varphi| dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Using the ε -Young inequality in the right-side of (6) with taking $\varepsilon = \frac{p}{2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\varphi_{tt}| dx dt & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u|^p (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi) dx dt \\ & + \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\Delta \varphi| dx dt & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u|^p (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi) dx dt \\ & + \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Inserting (7) and (8) into (6) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \varphi dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx \\ & \leq C(p) \left(\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \right), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $C(p) = \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$.

By the definition of the test function $\varphi(t, x)$ and simple calculation, we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \varphi dx dt &= \int_0^T T^{-\lambda} (T-t)^\lambda dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \mu(x) dx \\ &= C(\lambda) T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \mu dx \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\mu(x) u_1 + \lambda T^{-1} u_0) dx. \quad (11)$$

Plugging (10) and (11) into (9) gives

$$\begin{aligned} &C(\lambda) T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \mu dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\mu(x) u_1 + \lambda T^{-1} u_0) dx \\ &\leq C(p) \left(\underbrace{\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \varphi)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt}_{I_2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Next, we estimate the integrals I_1 and I_2 .

Estimation of I_1 . Using the definition of the test function $\varphi(t, x)$ and simple calculation, it derives that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \eta(t) \mu(x))^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\eta''(t) \mu(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \\ &\leq C(\lambda) T^{-\lambda} \underbrace{\int_0^T (I_{T-}^\alpha (T-t)^\lambda)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |T-t|^{\frac{\lambda p - 2p}{p-1}} dt}_{I_{11}} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\mu(x)| dx}_{I_{12}}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that by Lemma 2.3, it derives that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11} &= \int_0^T \left(\frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{\Gamma(\lambda+1+\alpha)} (T-t)^{\lambda+\alpha} \right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |T-t|^{\frac{\lambda p - 2p}{p-1}} dt \\ &\leq C(\lambda) \int_0^T |T-t|^{\lambda - \frac{2p+\alpha}{p-1}} dt \\ &\leq C(\lambda) T^{\lambda - \frac{2p+\alpha}{p-1} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

and by the cut-function $\phi(z)$, it derives that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| \phi\left(\frac{|x|^2}{R^2}\right) \right| dx \\ &\leq \int_{0 \leq |x| \leq R} \left| \phi\left(\frac{|x|^2}{R^2}\right) \right| dx + \int_{R \leq |x| \leq \sqrt{2}R} \left| \phi\left(\frac{|x|^2}{R^2}\right) \right| dx \\ &\leq CR^N. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$I_1 \leq C(\lambda) T^{\frac{-2p-\alpha}{p-1} + 1} R^N. \quad (13)$$

Estimation of I_2 . Similar to the estimation of I_1 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (I_{T-}^\alpha \eta(t) \mu(x))^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\eta(t) \Delta \mu(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \\ &\leq \underbrace{T^{-\lambda} \int_0^T (I_{T-}^\alpha (T-t)^\lambda)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |(T-t)|^{\frac{\lambda p}{p-1}} dt}_{I_{21}} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\mu(x)|^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \mu(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx}_{I_{22}}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that by Lemma 2.3, it derives that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{21} &= \int_0^T \left(\frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{\Gamma(\lambda+1+\alpha)} (T-t)^{\lambda+\alpha} \right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |T-t|^{\frac{\lambda p}{p-1}} dt \\ &\leq C(\lambda) \int_0^T |T-t|^{\lambda-\frac{\alpha}{p-1}} dt \\ &\leq C(\lambda) T^{\lambda-\frac{\alpha}{p-1}+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Combine the definition of the function $\mu(x)$ with the condition (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta \mu(x)| &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \phi\left(\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \phi\left(\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial \phi\left(\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)}{\partial x_n} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \left(\frac{2x_1}{R^2} \phi' \right)}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \left(\frac{2x_2}{R^2} \phi' \right)}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial \left(\frac{2x_n}{R^2} \phi' \right)}{\partial x_n} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2N}{R^2} |\mu'(x)| + \frac{4(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)}{R^4} |\mu''(x)| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{R^2} |\mu(x)|, \end{aligned}$$

where $r = |x| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{22} &\leq C R^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\mu(x)| dx \\ &\leq C R^{N-\frac{2p}{p-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above estimates, we obtain

$$I_2 \leq C(\lambda) T^{\frac{-\alpha}{p-1}+1} R^{N-\frac{2p}{p-1}}. \quad (14)$$

Inserting (13) and (14) into (12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \mu dx + C(\lambda) T^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\mu(x) u_1 + \lambda T^{-1} u_0) dx \\ \leq C(p, \lambda) (T^{\frac{-2p-\alpha}{p-1}} R^N + T^{\frac{-\alpha}{p-1}} R^{N-\frac{2p}{p-1}}). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, fixing R and taking the limits $T \rightarrow \infty$ in the last inequality gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \mu dx \leq 0.$$

By lemma 2.5, which contradicts $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \mu dx > 0$.

Step II. For $2 \leq N \leq 4$, $\alpha = 0$ and $p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}$. For the proof of this step, we intend to use the proving ideals of step I. Since the test function of step I cannot achieve the study goals of this step, we choose another test function

$$\varphi(t, x) = \vartheta(t)\xi(x)$$

for large enough positive real number R and T , where

$$\vartheta(t) = \varrho\left(\frac{t}{T}\right), t > 0; \quad \xi(x) = \sigma\left(\frac{\ln(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{R}})}{\ln(\sqrt{R})}\right), x \in \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (15)$$

Let the functions $\varrho(\tau)$, $\xi(x)$ and $\sigma(s)$ possess the following properties:

(iii) $\varrho \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\varrho \geq 0$, $\varrho \not\equiv 0$, $\text{supp}(\varrho) \subset (0, 1)$, $\text{supp}(\varrho') \subset (0, 1)$;

(iv) $|\xi'(x)| \leq C|\xi(x)|$ and $|\xi''(x)| \leq C|\xi(x)|$;

(v) σ is a smooth function, which satisfies $0 \leq \sigma(s) \leq 1$ if $0 < s < 1$, and $\sigma(s) = 0$ if $s \leq 0$ and $s \geq 1$.

Then, it follows from (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi |u|^p dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \varphi dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx \\ & \leq \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\varphi_{tt}| dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\Delta \varphi| dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Using the ε -Young inequality in the right-side of (16) with taking $\varepsilon = \frac{p}{2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\varphi_{tt}| dx dt & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u|^p \varphi dx dt \\ & + \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u| |\Delta \varphi| dx dt & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u|^p \varphi dx dt \\ & + \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Inserting (17) and (18) into (16) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \varphi dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx \\ & \leq C(p) \left(\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt \right). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Using the conditions that $\text{supp}(\varrho) \subset (0, 1)$, $\text{supp}(\varrho') \subset (0, 1)$ and (15), we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\varphi(0, x) u_1 - \varphi_t(0, x) u_0) dx & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left(\varrho(0) u_1 - \varrho'(0) \frac{1}{T} u_0 \right) \xi(x) dx \\ & = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \varphi dx dt &= \int_0^T \varrho\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega(x) \xi(x) dx \\ &= CT \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \xi dx. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Plugging (20) and (21) into (19) gives

$$CT \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \xi dx dt \leq C(p) \left(\underbrace{\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varphi_{tt}|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt}_{J_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \varphi|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx dt}_{J_2} \right), \quad (22)$$

where $C(p) = \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$.

Next, we estimate the integrals J_1 and J_2 .

Estimation of J_1 . By view of (15) and simple calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\vartheta(t) \xi(x))^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\vartheta''(t) \xi(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dt dx \\ &\leq \underbrace{T^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}} \int_0^T \left(\varrho\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)\right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\varrho''\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dt}_{J_{11}} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\xi(x)| dx}_{J_{12}}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking $p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}$ putting it into J_{11} , and by calculation, it can be obtained

$$J_{11} \leq CT^{-\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}+1}.$$

Applying the cut-off function $\sigma(s)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_{12} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| \sigma\left(\frac{\ln\left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{R}}\right)}{\ln(\sqrt{R})}\right) \right| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\sqrt{R} \leq |x| \leq R} \left| \sigma\left(\frac{\ln\left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{R}}\right)}{\ln(\sqrt{R})}\right) \right| dx \\ &\leq \frac{\pi^{\frac{N}{2}}}{\Gamma(1+\frac{N}{2})} (R^N - R^{\frac{N}{2}}) \\ &\leq CR^N. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the discussions above, we get

$$J_1 \leq CT^{-\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}+1} R^N. \quad (23)$$

Estimation of J_2 . By view of (15) and simple calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\vartheta(t) \xi(x))^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\vartheta(t) \Delta \xi(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dt dx \\ &\leq \int_0^T \left|\varrho\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)\right| dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\xi(x)|^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \xi(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx \\ &\leq CT \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\xi(x)|^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} |\Delta \xi(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} dx}_{J_{21}}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (15) with Condition (iv), similar to the calculation of $|\Delta\mu|$ in step I, we have

$$|\Delta\tilde{\zeta}(x)| \leq \frac{C}{r^2 \ln R} |\tilde{\zeta}(x)|,$$

where $r = |x| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Taking $p = \frac{N+1+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{2(N-1)}$, we have

$$J_{21} \leq C(\ln R)^{-\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|\tilde{\zeta}(x)|}{|x|^{\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}}} dx.$$

Noting that $N - \frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4} = \frac{3N-5-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4} \leq 0$ for $2 \leq N \leq 4$. And since R is big enough, taking $R \geq 1$ in the cut-off function σ is reasonable, too. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{|\tilde{\zeta}(x)|}{|x|^{\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}}} dx &\leq \int_{\sqrt{R} \leq |x| \leq R} \frac{|\sigma\left(\frac{\ln(|x|)}{\ln(\sqrt{R})}\right)|}{|x|^{\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}}} dx \\ &\leq \int_{\sqrt{R} \leq |x| \leq R} \frac{|\sigma\left(\frac{\ln(|x|)}{\ln(\sqrt{R})}\right)|}{|x|^N} dx \\ &\leq C\left((\ln R)^N - (\ln \sqrt{R})^N\right) \\ &\leq C(\ln R)^N. \end{aligned}$$

Further, we have

$$J_{21} \leq C(\ln R)^{\frac{3-N-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8}}.$$

Combining the above calculations, we obtain

$$J_2 \leq CT(\ln R)^{\frac{3-N-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8}}. \quad (24)$$

Inserting (23) and (24) into (22) gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \tilde{\zeta} dx \leq C\left(T^{-\frac{N+5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}} R^N + (\ln R)^{\frac{3-N-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8}}\right). \quad (25)$$

Taking $T = R^j$, $j > 0$ in (25), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \tilde{\zeta} dx \leq C\left(CR^{-\frac{5+\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{4}j+(1-\frac{1}{4}j)N} + C(\ln R)^{\frac{3-N-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8}}\right). \quad (26)$$

Since $2 \leq N \leq 4$, $\frac{3-N-\sqrt{N^2+10N-7}}{8} < 0$. Taking $j > 4$ in (26), we have $1 - \frac{1}{4}j < 0$. Passing to the limit as $R \rightarrow \infty$ in (26) gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \tilde{\zeta} dx \leq 0.$$

By lemma 2.5, which contradicts $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \omega \tilde{\zeta} dx > 0$. $\square$

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