



On KP-II type equations on cylinders

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Abstract

In this article we study the generalized dispersion version of the Kadomtsev–Petviashvili II equation, on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$. We start by proving bilinear Strichartz type estimates, dependent only on the dimension of the domain but not on the dispersion. Their analogues in terms of Bourgain spaces are then used as the main tool for the proof of bilinear estimates of the nonlinear terms of the equation and consequently of local well-posedness for the Cauchy problem.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the initial value problem (IVP) for generalized dispersion versions of the Kadomtsev–Petviashvili-II (defocusing) equation on $\mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - |D_x|^\alpha \partial_x u + \partial_x^{-1} \partial_y^2 u + u \partial_x u = 0 & u : \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ u(0, x, y) = u_0(x, y), \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

and on $\mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y^2$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - |D_x|^\alpha \partial_x u + \partial_x^{-1} \Delta_y u + u \partial_x u = 0 & u : \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ u(0, x, y) = u_0(x, y). \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

We consider the dispersion parameter $\alpha \geq 2$. The operators $|D_x|^\alpha \partial_x$ and ∂_x^{-1} are defined by their Fourier multipliers $i|k|^\alpha k$ and $(ik)^{-1}$, respectively.

The classical Kadomtsev–Petviashvili (KP-I and KP-II) equations, when $\alpha = 2$,

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x^3 u \pm \partial_x^{-1} \partial_y^2 u + u \partial_x u = 0$$

are the natural two-dimensional generalizations of the Korteweg–de Vries (KdV) equation. They occur as models for the propagation of essentially one-dimensional weakly nonlinear dispersive waves, with weak transverse effects. The focusing KP-I equation corresponds to the minus (–) sign in the previous equation, whereas the defocusing KP-II is the one with the plus (+) sign.

The well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the KP-II equation has been extensively studied, in recent years. J. Bourgain [1] made a major breakthrough in the field by introducing Fourier restriction norm spaces, enabling a better control of the norms in the Picard iteration method applied to Duhamel’s formula, and achieving a proof of local well-posedness in $L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)$ (and consequently also global well-posedness, due to the conservation of the L^2 norm in time). Since then, a combination of Strichartz estimates and specific techniques in the framework of Bourgain spaces has been used by several authors to study KP-II type equations in several settings (see [9,10,13–17] and references therein). Recently, an optimal result was obtained by M. Hadac [6] for the generalized dispersion KP-II equation on \mathbb{R}^2 , in which local well-posedness for the range of dispersions $\frac{4}{3} < \alpha \leq 6$ was established for the anisotropic Sobolev spaces $H^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, provided $s_1 > \max(1 - \frac{3}{4}\alpha, \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8}\alpha)$, $s_2 \geq 0$, thus reaching the scaling critical indices for $\frac{4}{3} < \alpha \leq 2$. This includes the particular case $\alpha = 2$ corresponding to the classical KP-II equation. In this case the analysis was pushed further to the critical regularity by M. Hadac, S. Herr, and H. Koch in [8], where a new type of basic function spaces — the so-called U^p -spaces introduced by H. Koch and D. Tataru — was used. Concerning the generalized dispersion KP-II equation on \mathbb{R}^3 , a general result was also shown by M. Hadac in [7], which is optimal in the range $2 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{30}{7}$ by scaling considerations. For the particular case $\alpha = 2$, he obtained local well-posedness in $H^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for $s_1 > \frac{1}{2}$ and $s_2 > 0$.

In this article, we aim to study the local well-posedness of the initial value problem for the general dispersion KP-II type equations (1) and (2), on the cylinders $\mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y$ and $\mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y^2$ respectively. We will show that the initial value problem (1) is locally well-posed for data $u_0 \in H^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ satisfying the mean zero condition $\int_0^{2\pi} u(x, y) dx = 0$, provided $\alpha \geq 2$, $s_1 > \max(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\alpha}{4})$, and $s_2 \geq 0$. Combined with the conservation of the L^2_{xy} -norm this local result implies global (in time) well-posedness, whenever $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 = 0$. Concerning (2) we will obtain local well-posedness for $u_0 \in H^{s_1, s_2}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2)$, satisfying again the mean zero condition, in the following cases:

- $\alpha = 2, s_1 \geq \frac{1}{2}, s_2 > 0,$
- $2 < \alpha \leq 5, s_1 > \frac{3-\alpha}{2}, s_2 \geq 0,$
- $5 < \alpha, s_1 > \frac{1-\alpha}{4}, s_2 \geq 0.$

For $\alpha > 3$ our result here is in, and below, L^2_{xy} . In this case we again obtain global well-posedness, whenever $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 = 0$.

We proceed in three steps. First, in Section 2, we will establish bilinear Strichartz estimates for the linear versions of (1) and (2), depending only on the domain dimension but not on the dispersion parameter. We believe, these estimates are of interest on their own, independently of their application here.⁴ In the second step, in Section 3, we will use these Strichartz estimates to prove bilinear estimates for the nonlinear term of the equations, in Bourgain’s Fourier restriction norm spaces. Finally, in Section 4, a precise statement will be given of our local well-posedness results for the associated initial value problems, with data in Sobolev spaces of low regularity. Their proofs follow a standard fixed point Picard iteration method applied to Duhamel’s formula, using the bilinear estimates obtained in the previous section. In Appendix A we provide a counterexample, due to H. Takaoka and N. Tzvetkov [18], concerning the two-dimensional case. This example shows the necessity of the lower bound $s_1 \geq \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$ and hence the optimality (except for the endpoint) of our two-dimensional result in the range $2 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{5}{2}$. For higher dispersion ($\alpha > \frac{5}{2}$) we unfortunately lose optimality as a consequence of the case when an interaction of two high frequency factors produces a very low resulting frequency. The same problem occurs in three space dimensions, but the effect is much weaker. Here, by scaling considerations, our result is optimal for $2 \leq \alpha \leq 5$, and we leave the line of optimality only for very high dispersion, when $\alpha > 5$.

2. Strichartz estimates

Strichartz estimates have, in recent years, been playing a fundamental role in the proofs of local well-posedness results for the KP-II equation. Their use has been a crucial ingredient for establishing the bilinear estimates associated to the nonlinear terms of the equations, in the Fourier restriction spaces developed by J. Bourgain, the proof of which is the central issue in the Picard iteration argument in these spaces. Bourgain [1] proved an $L^4 - L^2$ Strichartz-type estimate, localized in frequency space, as the main tool for obtaining the local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem in L^2 , in the fully periodic two-dimensional case, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{T}^2$. J.-C. Saut and N. Tzvetkov [15] proceeded similarly, for the fifth-order KP-II equation, also in \mathbb{T}^2 as well as \mathbb{T}^3 . Strichartz estimates for the fully nonperiodic versions of the (linearized) KP-II equations have also been extensively studied and used, both in the two and in the three-dimensional cases. In these continuous domains, \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 , the results follow typically by establishing time decay estimates for the spatial L^∞ norms of the solutions, which in turn are usually obtained from the analysis of their oscillatory integral representations, as in [3], [11] or [13]. The Strichartz estimates obtained this way also exhibit a certain level of global smoothing effect for the solutions, which naturally depends on the dispersion factor present in the equation.

As for our case, we prove bilinear versions of Strichartz type inequalities for the generalized KP-II equations on the cylinders $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$. The main idea behind the proofs that we present below is to use the Fourier transform \mathcal{F}_x in the periodic x variable only. And then, for the remaining y variables, to apply the well-known Strichartz inequalities for the Schrödinger equation in \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}^2 . This way, we obtain estimates with a small loss of derivatives, but independent of the dispersion parameter.

So, consider the linear equations corresponding to (1) and (2),

$$\partial_t u - |D_x|^\alpha \partial_x u + \partial_x^{-1} \partial_y^2 u = 0, \tag{3}$$

respectively

$$\partial_t u - |D_x|^\alpha \partial_x u + \partial_x^{-1} \Delta_y u = 0. \tag{4}$$

The phase function for both of these two equations is given by

$$\phi(\xi) = \phi_0(k) - \frac{|\eta|^2}{k},$$

where $\phi_0(k) = |k|^\alpha k$ is the dispersion term and $\xi = (k, \eta) \in \mathbb{Z}^* \times \mathbb{R}$, respectively $\xi = (k, \eta) \in \mathbb{Z}^* \times \mathbb{R}^2$, is the dual variable to $(x, y) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$, respectively $(x, y) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, so that the unitary evolution group for these linear equations

⁴ For example our two-dimensional space–time estimate, which is equally valid for the linearized KP-I equation, together with the counterexamples presented later on gives a definite answer to a question raised by J.-C. Saut and N. Tzvetkov in [16, remark on top of p. 460].

is $e^{it\phi(D)}$, where $D = -i\nabla$. For the initial data functions u_0, v_0 that we will consider below it is assumed that $\widehat{u}_0(0, \eta) = \widehat{v}_0(0, \eta) = 0$ (mean zero condition).

The two central results of this section are the following.

Theorem 1. *Let $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ be a time cutoff function with $\psi|_{[-1,1]} = 1$ and $\text{supp}(\psi) \subset (-2, 2)$, and let $u_0, v_0 : \mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the mean zero condition in the x variable. Then, for $s_{1,2} \geq 0$ such that $s_1 + s_2 = \frac{1}{4}$, the following inequality holds:*

$$\|\psi e^{it\phi(D)} u_0 e^{it\phi(D)} v_0\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^{s_1} L_y^2} \|v_0\|_{H_x^{s_2} L_y^2}. \tag{5}$$

Theorem 2. *Let $u_0, v_0 : \mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the mean zero condition in the x variable. Then, for $s_{1,2} \geq 0$ such that $s_1 + s_2 > 1$, the following inequality holds:*

$$\|e^{it\phi(D)} u_0 e^{it\phi(D)} v_0\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^{s_1} L_y^2} \|v_0\|_{H_x^{s_2} L_y^2}. \tag{6}$$

Choosing $u_0 = v_0$ and $s_1 = s_2 = \frac{1}{2} +$, we have in particular

$$\|e^{it\phi(D)} u_0\|_{L^4_{txy}} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^{\frac{1}{2}+} L_y^2}.$$

Note that in the case of Theorem 1, in the $\mathbb{T}_x \times \mathbb{R}_y$ domain, the Strichartz estimate is valid only locally in time. A proof of this fact is presented in the last result of this section

Proposition 1. *There is no $s \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the estimate*

$$\|(e^{it\phi(D)} u_0)^2\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|D_x^s u_0\|_{L^2_{xy}} \|u_0\|_{L^2_{xy}}$$

holds in general.

The use of a cutoff function in time is therefore required in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$, whose presence will be fully exploited in the proof of Theorem 1. In the case of Theorem 2, where $y \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the result is valid globally in time and no such cutoff is needed to obtain the analogous Strichartz estimate.⁵

As a matter of fact, in the three-dimensional case $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, the proof that we present is equally valid for the fully nonperiodic three-dimensional domain, \mathbb{R}^3 . As pointed out above, Strichartz estimates have been proved and used for the linear KP-II equation, in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 . But being usually derived through oscillatory integral estimates and decay in time, they normally exhibit dependence on the particular dispersion under consideration, leading to different smoothing properties of the solutions. For estimates independent of the dispersion term ϕ_0 one can easily apply a dimensional analysis argument to determine — at least for homogeneous Sobolev spaces \dot{H}^s — the indices that should be expected. So, for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, if $u(t, x, y)$ is a solution to the linear equation (4) on \mathbb{R}^3 , then $u^\lambda = Cu(\lambda^3 t, \lambda x, \lambda^2 y)$, $C \in \mathbb{R}$, is also a solution of the same equation, with initial data $u_0^\lambda = Cu_0(\lambda x, \lambda^2 y)$. An $L^4_{txy} - \dot{H}_x^s L_y^2$ estimate for this family of scaled solutions then becomes

$$\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \|u\|_{L^4_{txy}} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{\dot{H}_x^s L_y^2},$$

leading to the necessary condition $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Theorem 2, for nonhomogeneous Sobolev spaces, touches this endpoint (not including it, though).

⁵ In any case, for our purposes of proving local well-posedness in time for the Cauchy problems (1) and (2), further on in this paper, this issue of whether the Strichartz estimates are valid only locally or globally will not be relevant there.

2.1. Proof of the Strichartz estimate in the $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ case

Proof of Theorem 1. It is enough to prove the estimate (5) when $s_1 = 1/4$ and $s_2 = 0$.

We have, for the space–time Fourier transform of the product of the two solutions to the linear equation⁶

$$\mathcal{F}(e^{it\phi(D)}u_0e^{it\phi(D)}v_0)(\tau, \xi) = \int_{*} \delta(\tau - \phi(\xi_1) - \phi(\xi_2))\widehat{u}_0(\xi_1)\widehat{v}_0(\xi_2) \mu(d\xi_1), \tag{7}$$

where $\int_{*} \mu(d\xi_1) = \sum_{\substack{k_1, k_2 \neq 0 \\ k = k_1 + k_2}} \int_{\eta_1 + \eta_2 = \eta} d\eta_1$, and

$$\phi(\xi_1) + \phi(\xi_2) = \phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2) - \frac{1}{k_1k_2}(k\eta_1^2 - 2\eta k_1\eta_1 + k_1\eta^2).$$

Thus the argument of δ , as a function of η_1 , becomes

$$g(\eta_1) := \tau - \phi(\xi_1) - \phi(\xi_2) = \frac{1}{k_1k_2}(k\eta_1^2 - 2\eta k_1\eta_1 + k_1\eta^2) + \tau - \phi_0(k_1) - \phi_0(k_2).$$

The zeros of g are

$$\eta_1^{\pm} = \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega,$$

with

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k_1k_2}{k} \left(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2) - \frac{\eta^2}{k} - \tau \right),$$

whenever the right-hand side is positive, and we have

$$|g'(\eta_1^{\pm})| = \frac{2|k|\omega}{|k_1k_2|}.$$

There are therefore two contributions I^{\pm} to (7), which are given by

$$I^{\pm}(\tau, \xi) = |k|^{-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1 \\ k_1, k_2 \neq 0}} \frac{|k_1k_2|}{\omega} \widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega\right),$$

and the space–time Fourier transform of $\psi e^{it\phi(D)}u_0e^{it\phi(D)}v_0$ then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\psi e^{it\phi(D)}u_0e^{it\phi(D)}v_0)(\tau, \xi) &= \widehat{\psi} *_\tau (I^+(\tau, \xi) + I^-(\tau, \xi)) \\ &= \int \widehat{\psi}(\tau - \tau_1) \sum_{\substack{k_1 \\ k_1, k_2 \neq 0}} \frac{|k_1k_2|}{\omega(\tau_1)|k|} \left[\widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} + \omega(\tau_1)\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} - \omega(\tau_1)\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} - \omega(\tau_1)\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} + \omega(\tau_1)\right) \right] d\tau_1. \end{aligned}$$

For the L^2 estimate of this quantity we may assume, without loss of generality, that k_1 and k_2 are both positive (cf. p. 460 in [16]), so that $0 < k_1, k_2 < k$.

We will now prove the result, by breaking up the sum into two cases which are estimated separately.

⁶ Throughout the text we will disregard multiplicative constants, typically powers of 2π , which are irrelevant for the final estimates.

Case I ($\omega(\tau_1)^2 > k_1 k_2$).

In this case we start by using the elementary convolution estimate,

$$\|\widehat{\psi} *_\tau (I^+(\cdot, \xi) + I^-(\cdot, \xi))\|_{\omega(\tau_1)^2 > k_1 k_2} \|L_\tau^2\| \lesssim \|\widehat{\psi}\|_{L_\tau^1} \|(I^+(\cdot, \xi) + I^-(\cdot, \xi))\|_{\omega^2 > k_1 k_2} \|L_\tau^2\|.$$

Now, to estimate the L^2 norm of the sum, we fix any small $0 < \epsilon < 1/4$ and Cauchy–Schwarz gives

$$\begin{aligned} |I^\pm(\tau, \xi)|_{|\omega(\tau)^2 > k_1 k_2} &\lesssim \left(\sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{-2\epsilon} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{2\epsilon} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau)} \left| \widehat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau) \right) \widehat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau) \right) \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The condition $\omega(\tau)^2 > k_1 k_2$ implies $\frac{\omega(\tau)^2}{k_1 k_2} = |\frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau}{k}| > 1$, so that

$$\frac{\sqrt{k_1 k_2}}{\omega(\tau)} \sim \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

We also have $\frac{\sqrt{k_1 k_2}}{k} \leq 1$, from which we conclude then that the first factor in (8) is bounded by a constant C_ϵ independent of k, τ, η , for

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{-2\epsilon} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau)} &\lesssim \sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{-2\epsilon} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\lesssim \left(\sum_{k_1} k_1^{-2\epsilon p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau}{k} \right)^{\frac{q}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which, using Hölder conjugate exponents $p > 1/2\epsilon > 2$ and $q = p/(p - 1) < 2$, as well as the easy calculus fact that

$$\sup_{\substack{a \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{N}}} \sum_{k_1 > 0} \left\langle \frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - a \right\rangle^{-\delta} \leq C_\delta,$$

valid for any fixed $\alpha \geq 2$ and $\delta > 1/2$, implies

$$\sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{-2\epsilon} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau)} \leq C_\epsilon.$$

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I^\pm(\cdot, \xi)\|_{\omega^2 > k_1 k_2} \|L_\tau^2\|^2 &\lesssim \sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{2\epsilon} \int \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega} \left| \widehat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega \right) \widehat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega \right) \right|^2 d\tau \\ &\lesssim \sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{2\epsilon} \int \left| \widehat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega \right) \widehat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega \right) \right|^2 d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used $d\tau = \frac{2\omega k}{k_1 k_2} d\omega$. Integrating with respect to $d\eta$ and using the change of variables $\eta_+ = \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega$, $\eta_- = \frac{\eta(k-k_1)}{k} \mp \omega$ with Jacobian ∓ 1 we arrive at

$$\|I^\pm(\cdot, \xi)\|_{\omega^2 > k_1 k_2} \|L_\tau^2\|^2 \lesssim \sum_{k_1, k_2 > 0} k_1^{2\epsilon} \|\widehat{u}_0(k_1, \cdot)\|_{L_\eta^2}^2 \|\widehat{v}_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L_\eta^2}^2.$$

Finally summing up over $k \neq 0$ we obtain

$$\|(I^+ + I^-)\|_{\omega^2 > k_1 k_2} \|L_{\tau k \eta}^2\|^2 \lesssim \|D_x^\epsilon u_0\|_{L_{xy}^2}^2 \|v_0\|_{L_{xy}^2}^2.$$

Case II $(\omega(\tau_1))^2 \leq k_1 k_2$.

In this case $|\frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau_1}{k}| \leq 1$. Here we make the further subdivision

$$1 = \chi_{\{|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| \leq 1\}} + \chi_{\{|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| > 1\}}.$$

When $|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| \leq 1$ we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{k}(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2)) - \frac{\eta^2}{k^2} - \frac{\tau}{k} \right| \leq 1 + \left| \frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k} \right| \leq 2,$$

and for every fixed τ, k, η we have only a finite number of k_1 's satisfying this condition. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k_1 > 0} \int |\hat{\psi}(\tau - \tau_1)| \left| \frac{k_1 k_2}{k \omega(\tau_1)} \right| \widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau_1)\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau_1)\right) \Big| \chi_{\{\omega(\tau_1)^2 \leq k_1 k_2\}} \chi_{\{|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| \leq 1\}} d\tau_1 \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} \left(\int |\hat{\psi}(\tau - \tau_1)| \left| \frac{k_1 k_2}{k \omega(\tau_1)} \right| \widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau_1)\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau_1)\right) d\tau_1 \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, the $L^2_{\tau\eta}$ norm of this quantity is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} \left\| \hat{\psi} *_{\tau_1} \left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{k \omega} \widehat{u}_0\left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega\right) \widehat{v}_0\left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega\right) \right) \right\|_{L^2_{\tau\eta}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} \left\| \psi e^{it(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2))} e^{i\frac{t}{k_1} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \right\|_{L^2_{ty}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the equality is due to Plancherel's theorem, applied to the t, y variables only. By Hölder

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \psi e^{it(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2))} e^{i\frac{t}{k_1} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \right\|_{L^2_{ty}} \\ & \leq \|\psi\|_{L^4_t} \left\| e^{i\frac{t}{k_1} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) \right\|_{L^4_t L^\infty_y} \left\| e^{i\frac{t}{k_2} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \right\|_{L^\infty_t L^2_y}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The partial Fourier transform \mathcal{F}_x of a free solution with respect to the periodic x variable only

$$\mathcal{F}_x(e^{it\phi(D)} u_0)(k, y) = e^{it\phi_0(k)} e^{i\frac{t}{k} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k, y)$$

is, for every fixed k , a solution of the homogeneous linear Schrödinger equation with respect to the nonperiodic y variable and the rescaled time variable $s := \frac{t}{k}$, multiplied by a phase factor of absolute value one. So, for the second factor on the right-hand side of (9) we use the endpoint Strichartz inequality for the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation, thus producing $|k_1|^{\frac{1}{4}} \|\mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot)\|_{L^2_y}$, where the k_1 factor comes from $dt = k_1 ds$ in L^4_t . By conservation of the L^2_y norm, the last factor is nothing but $\|\mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L^2_y}$. We thus get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} \left\| \psi e^{it(\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2))} e^{i\frac{t}{k_1} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2} \partial_y^2} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \right\|_{L^2_{ty}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} |k_1|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot)\|_{L^2_y}^2 \|\mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L^2_y}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \lesssim \|D_x^{\frac{1}{4}} u_0\|_{L^2_{xy}} \|v_0\|_{L^2_{xy}}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, when $|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| > 1 \Rightarrow |\tau - \tau_1| > k$, we exploit the use of the cutoff function; the estimate

$$|\hat{\psi}(\tau - \tau_1)| \lesssim \frac{1}{\langle \tau - \tau_1 \rangle k^\beta}$$

is valid, for arbitrarily large β , because $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ (with the inequality constant depending only on ψ and β). Fixing any such $\beta > 1$, we can write

$$\int \sum_{k_1 > 0} |\hat{\psi}(\tau - \tau_1)| \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau_1)} \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau_1) \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau_1) \right) \right| \chi_{\{\omega(\tau_1)^2 \leq k_1 k_2\}} \chi_{\{|\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{k}| > 1\}} d\tau_1$$

$$\lesssim \int \frac{1}{\langle \tau - \tau_1 \rangle} \sum_{k_1 > 0} \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2)^{\beta/2}} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau_1)} \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau_1) \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau_1) \right) \right| \chi_{\{\omega(\tau_1)^2 \leq k_1 k_2\}} d\tau_1.$$

The L^2_τ norm of this quantity is bounded, using the same convolution estimate as before, by

$$\| \langle \cdot \rangle^{-1} \|_{L^2_\tau} \int \sum_{k_1 > 0} \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2)^{\beta/2}} \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\omega(\tau)} \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega(\tau) \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega(\tau) \right) \right| \chi_{\{\omega(\tau)^2 \leq k_1 k_2\}} d\tau$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{k_1 > 0} \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2)^{\beta/2}} \int_{\omega \leq \sqrt{k_1 k_2}} \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega \right) \right| d\omega,$$

where we have done again the change of variables of integration $d\tau = \frac{2\omega k}{k_1 k_2} d\omega$. Applying Hölder’s inequality to the integral, we then get

$$\sum_{k_1 > 0} \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2)^{\beta/2}} |k_1 k_2|^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\int \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega \right) \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\lesssim \left(\sum_{k_1 > 0} \int \left| \hat{u}_0 \left(k_1, \frac{\eta k_1}{k} \pm \omega \right) \hat{v}_0 \left(k_2, \frac{\eta k_2}{k} \mp \omega \right) \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

valid for our initial choice of β . The proof is complete, once we take the $L^2_{k\eta}$ norm of this last formula, which is obviously bounded by $\|u_0\|_{L^2_{xy}} \|v_0\|_{L^2_{xy}}$. \square

2.2. Proof of the Strichartz estimate in the $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ case

Proof of Theorem 2. We start by proving the easier case, when $s_{1,2} > 0$. Using again the Schrödinger point of view, as in the proof of Theorem 1, the partial Fourier transform in the x variable yields

$$\mathcal{F}_x(e^{it\phi(D)}u_0)(k, y) = e^{it\phi_0(k)} e^{i\frac{t}{k}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k, y),$$

and hence

$$\mathcal{F}_x e^{it\phi(D)}u_0 e^{it\phi(D)}v_0(k, y) = \sum_{\substack{k_1 \neq 0 \\ k_2 = k - k_1 \neq 0}} e^{it\phi_0(k_1)} e^{it\phi_0(k_2)} e^{i\frac{t}{k_1}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, y) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, y).$$

By Plancherel in the x variable and Minkowski’s inequality we see that

$$\| e^{it\phi(D)}u_0 e^{it\phi(D)}v_0 \|_{L^2_{xy}} \lesssim \left\| \sum_{\substack{k_1 \\ k_1, k_2 \neq 0}} \| e^{i\frac{t}{k_1}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \|_{L^2_{xy}} \right\|_{L^2_k}.$$

Hölder’s inequality and Strichartz’s estimate for Schrödinger in two dimensions, with suitably chosen admissible pairs, give

$$\| e^{i\frac{t}{k_1}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \|_{L^2_{xy}} \lesssim |k_1|^{\frac{1}{p_1}} |k_2|^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \| \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) \|_{L^2_y} \| \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot) \|_{L^2_y}, \tag{10}$$

where $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{2}$ and $p_1, p_2 < \infty$.⁷ Then, an easy convolution estimate in the k_1 variable yields

⁷ Because of the failure of the endpoint Strichartz estimate in two dimensions, here we may not admit $p_1 = \infty$ or $p_2 = \infty$.

$$\left\| \sum_{\substack{k_1 \\ k_1, k_2 \neq 0}} |k_1|^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \|\mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2} |k_2|^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \|\mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2} \right\|_{L_k^2} \lesssim \left\| |k|^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k, \cdot) \right\|_{L_k^2 L_y^2} \sum_{k \neq 0} |k|^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \|\mathcal{F}_x v_0(k, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2},$$

so that, Cauchy–Schwarz in $\sum_{k \neq 0}$ finally gives

$$\|e^{it\phi(D)} u_0 e^{it\phi(D)} v_0\|_{L_{txy}^2} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^{s_1} L_y^2} \|v_0\|_{H_x^{s_2} L_y^2},$$

with $s_1 = 1/p_1$ and $s_2 > 1/p_2 + 1/2$.

For the case in which $s_1 = 0$ or $s_2 = 0$, we need to be able to replace (10) by the endpoint inequality, where all the derivatives fall on just one function

$$\|e^{i\frac{t}{k_1}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot) e^{i\frac{t}{k_2}\Delta_y} \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L_{ty}^2} \lesssim |k_1|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2} \|\mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, \cdot)\|_{L_y^2}, \tag{11}$$

from which the proof of (6) for this case follows exactly as previously.

To establish (11) we start by noting again, as in the previous section, that it is enough to consider $k_1, k_2 > 0$. We write $f(y) = \mathcal{F}_x u_0(k_1, y)$ and $g(y) = \mathcal{F}_x v_0(k_2, y)$. Then

$$\mathcal{F}_{ty}(e^{i\frac{t}{k_1}\Delta_y} f e^{i\frac{t}{k_2}\Delta_y} g)(\tau, \eta) = \int_{\eta_2 = \eta - \eta_1} \delta\left(\tau - \frac{|\eta_1|^2}{k_1} - \frac{|\eta_2|^2}{k_2}\right) \mathcal{F}_y f(\eta_1) \mathcal{F}_y g(\eta_2) d\eta_1.$$

Introducing $\omega := \eta_1 - \frac{k_1}{k}\eta$, so that $\eta_1 = \frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega$, $\eta_2 = \eta - \eta_1 = \frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega$ and $k_2|\eta_1|^2 + k_1|\eta_2|^2 = k|\omega|^2 + \frac{k_1 k_2}{k}|\eta|^2$, the latter becomes

$$\int \delta(P(\omega)) \mathcal{F}_y f\left(\frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega\right) \mathcal{F}_y g\left(\frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega\right) d\omega,$$

where $P(\omega) = \tau - \frac{k}{k_1 k_2}|\omega|^2 - \frac{|\eta|^2}{k}$ with $|\nabla P(\omega)| = \frac{2k|\omega|}{k_1 k_2}$. Using $\int \delta(P(\omega)) d\omega = \int_{P(\omega)=0} \frac{dS_\omega}{|\nabla P(\omega)|}$ and defining $r^2 := \frac{k_1 k_2}{k}(\tau - \frac{|\eta|^2}{k})$, the previous integral can then be written as

$$\frac{k_1 k_2}{2kr} \int_{|\omega|=r} \mathcal{F}_y f\left(\frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega\right) \mathcal{F}_y g\left(\frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega\right) dS_\omega \lesssim \frac{k_1 k_2}{k\sqrt{r}} \left(\int_{|\omega|=r} \left| \mathcal{F}_y f\left(\frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega\right) \mathcal{F}_y g\left(\frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega\right) \right|^2 dS_\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

by Cauchy–Schwarz with respect to the surface measure of the circle. By taking now the L_τ^2 norm, using $d\tau = 2\frac{k}{k_1 k_2} r dr$, the result is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{k} \int \int_{|\omega|=r} \left| \mathcal{F}_y f\left(\frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega\right) \mathcal{F}_y g\left(\frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega\right) \right|^2 dS_\omega dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{k_1 k_2}{k} \int \left| \mathcal{F}_y f\left(\frac{k_1}{k}\eta + \omega\right) \mathcal{F}_y g\left(\frac{k_2}{k}\eta - \omega\right) \right|^2 d\omega \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to take the L_η^2 norm. As above, we introduce new variables $\eta_+ = \frac{\eta k_1}{k} + \omega$ and $\eta_- = \frac{\eta k_2}{k} - \omega$, with Jacobian equal to one, yielding

$$\sqrt{\frac{k_1 k_2}{k}} \|f\|_{L_y^2} \|g\|_{L_y^2}.$$

Since $k_2 \leq k$, by our sign assumption, the proof is complete. \square

Remark. We define the auxiliary norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{L}_x^p L_r^p L_y^q} := \|\mathcal{F}_x f\|_{L_k^p L_t^p L_y^q},$$

where the $'$ denotes the conjugate Hölder exponent. Then a slight modification of the above argument shows that

$$\|e^{it\phi(D)}u_0e^{it\phi(D)}v_0\|_{\dot{L}_x^rL_y^2} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^{s_1}L_y^2}\|v_0\|_{H_x^{s_2}L_y^2}, \tag{12}$$

provided $1 \leq r \leq 2$, $s_{1,2} > 0$ and $s_1 + s_2 > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{r}$.

2.3. Counterexample for global Strichartz estimate in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$

Proof of Proposition 1. Let $\widehat{u}_0(\xi) = \widehat{v}_0(\xi) = \delta(k - N)\chi(\eta)$, where $N \gg 1$ and χ is the characteristic function of an interval I , of length $2|I|$, symmetric around zero. In this case

$$I^\pm(\tau, \xi) = \delta(k - 2N)\frac{N}{2}\frac{1}{\omega_N}\chi(\eta/2 + \omega_N)\chi(\eta/2 - \omega_N),$$

with

$$\omega_N^2 = N\phi_0(N) - \frac{N\tau}{2} - \frac{\eta^2}{4}.$$

By the support condition of χ , we have

$$2|\omega_N| \leq \left|\frac{\eta}{2} + \omega_N\right| + \left|\frac{\eta}{2} - \omega_N\right| \leq 2|I|,$$

so that $\frac{1}{\omega_N} \geq \frac{1}{|I|}$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|I^\pm(\cdot, \xi)\|_{L_\tau^2} &= \delta(k - 2N)\frac{N}{2}\left(\int \frac{1}{\omega_N^2}\chi(\eta/2 + \omega_N)\chi(\eta/2 - \omega_N)d\tau\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\cong \delta(k - 2N)N^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\int \frac{1}{\omega_N}\chi(\eta/2 + \omega_N)\chi(\eta/2 - \omega_N)d\omega_N\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\gtrsim \delta(k - 2N)N^{\frac{1}{2}}|I|^{-\frac{1}{2}}|I|^{\frac{1}{2}}\chi(\eta) \\ &= \delta(k - 2N)N^{\frac{1}{2}}\chi(\eta), \end{aligned}$$

from which

$$\|I^\pm(\cdot, \xi)\|_{L_{\tau k \eta}^2} \sim N^{\frac{1}{2}}|I|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

On the other hand

$$\|D^s u_0\|_{L_{xy}^2}\|u_0\|_{L_{xy}^2} \sim N^s|I|,$$

so that the estimate

$$\|(e^{it\phi(D)}u_0)^2\|_{L_{txy}^2} \lesssim \|D_x^s u_0\|_{L_{xy}^2}\|u_0\|_{L_{xy}^2}$$

implies

$$N^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \lesssim |I|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since we may have $|I|$ of any size we want, in particular $|I| \sim N^\alpha$, for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, we conclude that no $s \in \mathbb{R}$ would satisfy the condition. \square

3. Bilinear estimates

We start by recalling several function spaces to be used in the sequel. All these spaces are defined as the completion, with respect to the norms below, of an appropriate space of smooth test functions f , periodic in the x - and rapidly decreasing in the y - and t -variables, having the property $\widehat{f}(\tau, 0, \eta) = 0$. These norms depend on the phase function $\phi(\xi) = \phi(k, \eta) = \phi_0(k) - \frac{|\eta|^2}{k}$, $\phi_0(k) = |k|^\alpha k$, with $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ and $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ or $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^2$ according to whether we work in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$. We begin with the standard anisotropic Bourgain norm

$$\|f\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b}} := \|\langle k \rangle^{s_1} \langle \eta \rangle^{s_2} \langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle^b \widehat{f}\|_{L_{\tau \xi}^2}. \tag{13}$$

Also, for certain ranges of the dispersion exponent α , we will have to use the spaces $X_{s_1, s_2, b; \beta}$ with additional weights, introduced in [1] and defined by

$$\|f\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b; \beta}} := \left\| \langle k \rangle^{s_1} \langle \eta \rangle^{s_2} \langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle^b \left(1 + \frac{\langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle}{\langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}} \right)^\beta \hat{f} \right\|_{L^2_{\tau\xi}}. \tag{14}$$

Recall that, for $b > 1/2$, these spaces inject into the space of continuous flows on anisotropic Sobolev spaces $C(\mathbb{R}_t; H^{s_1, s_2})$, where naturally the Sobolev norms are given by

$$\|f\|_{H^{s_1, s_2}} := \|\langle k \rangle^{s_1} \langle \eta \rangle^{s_2} \hat{f}\|_{L^2_\xi}.$$

The classical KP-II equation, that is the case $\alpha = 2$, becomes a limiting case in our considerations. In this case, due to the periodicity in the x -variable, the parameter b must necessarily have the value $b = \frac{1}{2}$. Consequently, in order to close the contraction mapping argument and to obtain the persistence property of the solutions, we shall use the auxiliary norms

$$\|f\|_{Y_{s_1, s_2; \beta}} := \left\| \langle k \rangle^{s_1} \langle \eta \rangle^{s_2} \langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{\langle \tau - \phi(\xi) \rangle}{\langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}} \right)^\beta \hat{f} \right\|_{L^2_\xi(L^1_\tau)}, \tag{15}$$

cf. [4]. Finally, we define

$$\|f\|_{Z_{s_1, s_2; \beta}} := \|f\|_{Y_{s_1, s_2; \beta}} + \|f\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, -\frac{1}{2}; \beta}}. \tag{16}$$

Now, we state the bilinear estimates for the KP-II type equations on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 1. *Let $\alpha = 2$. Then, for $s_1 > -\frac{1}{4}$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exist $\beta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $\gamma > 0$, such that, for all u, v supported in $[-T, T] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$,*

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{Z_{s_1, s_2; \beta}} \lesssim T^\gamma \|u\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, \frac{1}{2}; \beta}} \|v\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, \frac{1}{2}; \beta}}. \tag{17}$$

Lemma 2. *Let $2 < \alpha \leq \frac{5}{2}$. Then, for $s_1 > \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exist $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta \in [0, -b']$, such that, for all $b > \frac{1}{2}$,*

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b'; \beta}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b; \beta}} \|v\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b; \beta}}. \tag{18}$$

Remark. While in the preceding two lemmas our estimates are at the line of optimality prescribed by the counterexample in Appendix A, we lose optimality for higher dispersion. The reason for this is that the low value of s_1 , on the left-hand side of the estimate, cannot be fully exploited if the frequency k of the product is very low compared with the frequencies k_1 and k_2 of each single factor. Especially, for the fifth-order KP-II equation considered by Saut and Tzvetkov in [14] and in [15], we cannot reach anything better than $s_1 > -\frac{7}{8}$.

Lemma 3. *Let $\alpha > \frac{5}{2}$. Then, for $s_1 > \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exists $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$, such that, for all $b > \frac{1}{2}$, the estimate (18) holds true.*

The bilinear estimates that we prove on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ are

Lemma 4. *Let $\alpha = 2$. Then, for $s_1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $s_2 > 0$, there exists $\gamma > 0$, such that, for all u, v supported in $[-T, T] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, the estimate*

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{Z_{s_1, s_2, \frac{1}{2}}} \lesssim T^\gamma \|u\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}}} \tag{19}$$

holds true.

Lemma 5. *Let $2 < \alpha \leq 3$. Then, for $s_1 > \frac{3-\alpha}{2}$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exist $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta \in [0, -b']$, such that, for all $b > \frac{1}{2}$,*

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b', \beta}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b, \beta}} \|v\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b, \beta}}. \tag{20}$$

Lemma 6. *Let $\alpha > 3$. Then, for $s_1 > \max(\frac{3-\alpha}{2}, \frac{1-\alpha}{4})$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exists $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$, such that, for all $b > \frac{1}{2}$,*

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_1, s_2, b}}. \tag{21}$$

Before providing proofs of these lemmas, let us record some observations regarding the norms to be used and the resonance relation associated to the KP-II type equations.

First of all, note that, for $s_2 \geq 0$, the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{\langle \eta \rangle^{s_2}}{\langle \eta_1 \rangle^{s_2} \langle \eta_2 \rangle^{s_2}} \lesssim 1,$$

which, applied to the inequalities (17), (18), (20) and (21), allows us to reduce their proofs to the case $s_2 = 0$. Therefore, for simplicity, throughout the remaining part of this paper, we abbreviate $X_{s,b} := X_{s,0,b}$ and $X_{s,b;\beta} := X_{s,0,b;\beta}$. We do the same for the anisotropic Sobolev spaces $H^s := H^{s,0}$ as well as for the spaces $Y_{s;\beta} := Y_{s,0;\beta}$ and $Z_{s;\beta} := Z_{s,0;\beta}$.⁸ Only in the case $\alpha = 2$ of three space dimensions, where we have to admit an ε derivative loss on the y -variable, shall we really need all the four parameters.

We write the $X_{s,b}$ norm in the following way

$$\|f\|_{X_{s,b}} = \|D_x^s \Lambda^b f\|_{L^2_{txy}},$$

where D_x^s and Λ^b are defined via the Fourier transform by $D_x^s = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \langle k \rangle^s \mathcal{F}$ and $\Lambda^b = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \langle \tau - \phi(k, \eta) \rangle^b \mathcal{F}$, respectively. In the proof of Lemma 4 we will use $D_y^s = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \langle \eta \rangle^s \mathcal{F}$, too. Let us also introduce the notations $\sigma := \tau - \phi(k, \eta)$, $\sigma_1 := \tau_1 - \phi(k_1, \eta_1)$ and $\sigma_2 := \tau - \tau_1 - \phi(k - k_1, \eta - \eta_1)$. For $\phi_0(k) = |k|^\alpha k$, $\alpha > 0$, from [6], we have that

$$r(k, k_1) = \phi_0(k) - \phi_0(k_1) - \phi_0(k - k_1)$$

satisfies

$$\frac{\alpha}{2^\alpha} |k_{\min}| |k_{\max}|^\alpha \leq |r(k, k_1)| \leq \left(\alpha + 1 + \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \right) |k_{\min}| |k_{\max}|^\alpha. \tag{22}$$

We have the resonance relation

$$\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 - \sigma = r(k, k_1) + \frac{|k\eta_1 - k_1\eta|^2}{kk_1(k - k_1)}. \tag{23}$$

Note that both terms on the right-hand side of (23) have the same sign, so we have $|\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 - \sigma| \geq |r(k, k_1)|$. Therefore, from (22) and (23) we get the following lower bound for the resonance

$$\max\{|\sigma|, |\sigma_1|, |\sigma_2|\} \geq \frac{\alpha}{32^\alpha} |k_{\min}| |k_{\max}|^\alpha. \tag{24}$$

In what follows, the lower bound (24) plays an important role in the proof of the bilinear estimates.

While we have stated our central estimates in the canonical order, we will start with the proof of the simplest case and then proceed to the more complicated ones, partly referring to arguments used before. That’s why we begin with three space dimensions.

⁸ To avoid confusion, we always put a semicolon in front of the exponent of the additional weights. If there is no semicolon, this exponent is zero.

3.1. Proof of the bilinear estimates in the $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ case

Besides the resonance relation (24) the following $X_{s,b}$ -version of the bilinear Strichartz estimate will be the key ingredient in our proofs in this section: combining (12) with (a straightforward bilinear generalization of) Lemma 2.3 from [4], we obtain

$$\|uv\|_{\hat{L}_x^r L_{ty}^2} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}, \tag{25}$$

and, by duality,

$$\|uv\|_{X_{-s_1,-b}} \lesssim \|u\|_{\hat{L}_x^{r'} L_{ty}^2} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}, \tag{26}$$

provided $1 \leq r \leq 2$, $b > \frac{1}{2}$, $s_{1,2} > 0$ and $s_1 + s_2 > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{r'}$. (For $r = 2$ we can even admit $s_1 = 0$ or $s_2 = 0$ here.) Taking $r = 2$ in both estimates above we may interpolate between them, which gives

$$\|uv\|_{X_{-s_0,-b_0}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,b_1}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}, \tag{27}$$

whenever the parameters appearing are nonnegative and fulfill the conditions $s_0 + s_1 + s_2 > 1$, $b_0 + b_1 > \frac{1}{2}$ as well as $b_1 s_0 = s_1 b_0$.

Proof of Lemma 6. We divide the proof in different cases. In all these cases we choose b' close to $-\frac{1}{2}$ so that $b' \leq -\frac{1}{\alpha}$, $s > 2 + (\alpha + 1)b'$ and $s > \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha b'}{2}$. Then we can find an auxiliary parameter $\delta \geq 0$ (which may differ from case to case) such that the conditions

$$1 + \alpha b' + \delta \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b' + 1 - \delta < s, \tag{28}$$

or

$$\alpha b' + \delta \leq s \quad \text{and} \quad b' + 2 - \delta < 0 \tag{29}$$

are fulfilled.

Case a. Here we consider $\langle \sigma \rangle \geq \langle \sigma_{1,2} \rangle$. By symmetry we may assume $|k_1| \geq |k_2|$.

Subcase a.a. $|k_2| \lesssim |k_1|$. Here we use the resonance relation (24), the bilinear estimate (25) and the condition (28) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,b'}} &\lesssim \|(D_x^{s+1+\alpha b'+\delta}u)(D_x^{b'-\delta}v)\|_{L_{txy}^2} \\ &\lesssim \|D_x^{s+1+\alpha b'+\delta}u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{(b'-\delta+1)+}v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}}. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase a.b. If $|k_1| \ll |k_2|$, the resonance relation (24) gives

$$\|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,b'}} \lesssim \|D_x^{s+1+b'}((D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta}u)(D_x^{-\delta}v))\|_{L_{txy}^2},$$

which can be estimated as before as long as $s + 1 + b' \geq 0$. If $s + 1 + b' \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$, we choose $\frac{1}{r'} = s + \frac{3}{2} + b'$ and use a Sobolev type embedding, as well as (25), to estimate the latter by

$$\|D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta}u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{(s+2+b'-\delta)+}v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}}$$

where the last inequality follows from (29). If $s + 1 + b' < -\frac{1}{2}$, we use a Sobolev type embedding and (25) to obtain the bound

$$\|(D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta}u)(D_x^{-\delta}v)\|_{\hat{L}_x^1 L_{ty}^2} \lesssim \|D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta}u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{(\frac{1}{2}-\delta)+}v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}},$$

since $s > \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha b'}{2}$.

Case b. Next we consider σ_1 maximal. We further divide this case into three subcases.

Subcase b.a. $|k|, |k_1| \geq |k_2|$. Using (24), the contribution from this subcase is bounded by

$$\| (D_x^{\alpha b'+1+\delta+s} \Lambda^b u) (D_x^{b'-\delta} v) \|_{X_{0,-b}} \lesssim \| D_x^{\alpha b'+1+\delta+s} \Lambda^b u \|_{L_{txy}^2} \| D_x^{(1+b'-\delta)+} v \|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \| u \|_{X_{s,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}}, \tag{30}$$

where (26) and (28) are used here.

Subcase b.b. $|k_{1,2}| \geq |k|$. Here we get the bound

$$\| D_x^{s+1+b'} (D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta} \Lambda^b u \cdot D_x^{-\delta} v) \|_{X_{0,-b}}, \tag{31}$$

which is controlled by (30) as long as $s + 1 + b' \geq 0$. If $s + 1 + b' \in [-1, 0)$, we use (26) with $-s_1 = s + 1 + b'$ and the condition (29) to obtain the upper bound

$$\| D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta} u \|_{X_{0,b}} \| D_x^{(s+2+b'-\delta)+} v \|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \| u \|_{X_{s,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}}.$$

If $s + 1 + b' < -1$, the same argument gives (with a certain waste of derivatives) the upper bound

$$\| D_x^{\alpha b'+\delta} u \|_{X_{0,b}} \| D_x^{-\delta} v \|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \| u \|_{X_{s,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}},$$

as long as $s > \frac{\alpha b'}{2}$, which is a weaker demand as in Subcase a.b.

Subcase b.c. $|k|, |k_2| \geq |k_1|$. Here we use (24) and (26) with $r = 1$ and a Sobolev type embedding to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \| D_x^{s+1} (uv) \|_{X_{0,b'}} &\lesssim \| (D_x^{b'-\delta} \Lambda^b u) (D_x^{s+1+\alpha b'+\delta} v) \|_{X_{0,-b}} \\ &\lesssim \| D_x^{b'-\delta} \Lambda^b u \|_{\hat{L}_x^\infty L_{ty}^2} \| D_x^{(s+\frac{3}{2}+\alpha b'+\delta)+} v \|_{X_{0,b}} \\ &\lesssim \| D_x^{b'-\delta+\frac{1}{2}+} u \|_{X_{0,b}} \| D_x^{(s+\frac{3}{2}+\alpha b'+\delta)+} v \|_{X_{0,b}}. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Since $s > 2 + (\alpha + 1)b'$ and $\alpha > 3$ we can choose $\delta \geq 0$ with $b' - \delta + \frac{1}{2} < s$ and $\frac{3}{2} + \alpha b' + \delta < 0$, so that the latter is bounded by $c \| u \|_{X_{s,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}}$. \square

Remark. Observe that the assumption $\alpha > 3$ is only needed in Subcase b.c. In all the other subcases the arguments presented work also for $2 < \alpha \leq 3$, and the only relevant lower bound on s in this range of α is $s > \frac{3-\alpha}{2}$.

Proof of Lemma 5. Here we assume without loss of generality that $s \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and choose b' close to $-\frac{1}{2}$, so that $s > 2 + (\alpha + 1)b'$ and that $\beta := \frac{s+1+b'}{\alpha} \in [0, -b']$. Concerning the spaces $X_{s,b;\beta}$ we recall that for $\beta \geq 0$ we have

$$\| f \|_{X_{s,b}} \leq \| f \|_{X_{s,b;\beta}} \tag{33}$$

and that

$$\| f \|_{X_{s,b}} \sim \| f \|_{X_{s,b;\beta}}, \tag{34}$$

if $\langle \sigma \rangle \leq \langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}$. First we consider

Case a. $\langle \sigma \rangle \geq \langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}$. In this case we have

$$\| D_x^{s+1} (uv) \|_{X_{0,b';\beta}} \sim \| D_x^{s+1-\beta(\alpha+1)} (uv) \|_{X_{0,b'+\beta}}. \tag{35}$$

We divide this case into two further subcases.

Subcase a.a. $|k_{1,2}| \lesssim |k|$. By symmetry we may assume that $|k_1| \geq |k_2|$, then (35) is bounded by

$$\| (D_x^{s+1+b'(\alpha+1)} u) v \|_{L_{txy}^2} \lesssim \| D_x^{(2+b'(\alpha+1))+} u \|_{X_{0,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}} \lesssim \| u \|_{X_{s,b}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b}} \lesssim \| u \|_{X_{s,b;\beta}} \| v \|_{X_{s,b;\beta}},$$

where we have used (25) with $s_2 = s$, the assumption $s > 2 + (\alpha + 1)b'$ and (33).

Subcase a.b. $|k| \ll |k_1| \sim |k_2|$. First assume that σ is maximal. With this assumption we get from (24) that (35) is dominated by

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{s+1+b'-\alpha\beta} (D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} u \cdot D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} v)\|_{L^2_{txy}} &= \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} u \cdot D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} v\|_{L^2_{txy}} \\ &\lesssim \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha+\frac{1}{2}+} u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha+\frac{1}{2}+} v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}}, \end{aligned}$$

by our choice of β , (25) with $s_1 = s_2 = \frac{1}{2}+$, and the fact that $s > \frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}$, which is a consequence of our choice of β and $s > 2 + (\alpha + 1)b'$.

If σ_1 is maximal, we obtain similarly as upper bound for (35)

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} \Lambda^b u \cdot D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha} v\|_{X_{0,-b}} &\sim \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda^b u \cdot D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} v\|_{X_{0,-b}} \\ &\lesssim \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{\frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha+\frac{1}{2}+} v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $|k_1| \sim |k_2|$, (26), and $s > \frac{b'+\beta}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}$.

Case b. $\langle \sigma \rangle \leq \langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}$. In view of (34) we have to show that

$$\|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,b'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s,b;\beta}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b;\beta}}. \tag{36}$$

By earlier estimates — see the discussion of the Subcases a.a, a.b, b.a, and b.b in the proof of Lemma 6 — this has only to be done in the case where σ_1 is maximal and $|k_1| \ll |k| \sim |k_2|$. Under these assumptions the additional weight in $\|u\|_{X_{s,b;\beta}}$ behaves like $(\frac{|k_1|}{|k_1|})^{\alpha\beta}$, so that (36) reduces to

$$\|D_x^{s+1-\alpha\beta}(uv)\|_{X_{0,b'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s-\alpha\beta,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}}. \tag{37}$$

Using again the resonance relation (24) we estimate the left-hand side of (37) by

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{s+1-\alpha\beta} (D_x^{b'} \Lambda^b u \cdot D_x^{\alpha b'} v)\|_{X_{0,-b}} &\sim \|D_x^{b'-\delta} \Lambda^b u \cdot D_x^{s+1+\alpha(b'-\beta)+\delta} v\|_{X_{0,-b}} \\ &\lesssim \|D_x^{b'-\delta} u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{s+2+\alpha(b'-\beta)+\delta} v\|_{X_{0,b}}, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

having used (26) in the last step. Choosing $\delta = 1 + 2b' > 0$ the first factor becomes $\|u\|_{X_{s-\alpha\beta,b}}$, and the number of derivatives in the second factor is $(2 + (\alpha + 1)b') + \leq s$. Thus (37) is shown and the proof is complete. \square

To prove Lemma 4 we need a variant of (25) with $b < \frac{1}{2}$. To obtain this, we first observe that, if $s_{1,2} \geq 0$ with $s_1 + s_2 > \frac{1}{2}$, $\varepsilon_{0,1,2} \geq 0$ with $\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 > 1$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and $b > \frac{1}{2p}$, then

$$\|\mathcal{F}D_y^{-\varepsilon_0}(uv)\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,\varepsilon_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,\varepsilon_2,b}}. \tag{39}$$

This follows from Sobolev type embeddings and applications of Young’s inequality. Now bilinear interpolation with the $r = 2$ case of (25) gives the following.

Corollary 1. *Let $s_{1,2} \geq 0$ with $s_1 + s_2 = 1$ and $\varepsilon_{0,1,2} \geq 0$ with $\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 > 0$, then there exist $b < \frac{1}{2}$ and $p < 2$ such that*

$$\|D_y^{-\varepsilon_0}(uv)\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,\varepsilon_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,\varepsilon_2,b}} \tag{40}$$

and (39) hold true.

The purpose of the $p < 2$ part in the above Corollary is to deal with the Y contribution to the Z norm in Lemma 4. Its application will usually follow on an embedding

$$\|\langle \sigma \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{f}\|_{L^2_\xi L^1_\tau} \lesssim \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau},$$

where $p < 2$ but arbitrarily close to 2. We shall also rely on the dual version of (40), that is

$$\|uv\|_{X_{-s_1, -\varepsilon_1, -b}} \lesssim \|\mathcal{F}D_y^{\varepsilon_0}u\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2} \|v\|_{X_{s_2, \varepsilon_2, b}}. \tag{41}$$

Proof of Lemma 4. In this proof we will take $s_2 = \varepsilon$, $s_1 = s$ and restrict ourselves to the lowest value $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Again the proof consists of a case by case discussion.

Case a. $\langle k \rangle^3 \leq \langle \sigma \rangle$. First we observe that

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{Z_{s,\varepsilon;\frac{1}{2}}} \lesssim \|D_x^{s+1}(D_y^\varepsilon u \cdot v)\|_{Z_{0,0;\frac{1}{2}}} + \|D_x^{s+1}(u \cdot D_y^\varepsilon v)\|_{Z_{0,0;\frac{1}{2}}}. \tag{42}$$

The first contribution to (42) can be estimated by

$$\|\mathcal{F}(D_y^\varepsilon u \cdot v)\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2} + \|\langle \sigma \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{F}(D_y^\varepsilon u \cdot v)\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2 L_\tau^1} \lesssim \|\mathcal{F}(D_y^\varepsilon u \cdot v)\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2 \cap L_{\tau\xi}^2 L_\tau^p} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}},$$

where we have used Corollary 1, for some $b < \frac{1}{2}$. Using the fact⁹ that under the support assumption on u the inequality

$$\|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}} \lesssim T^{\tilde{b}-b} \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\tilde{b}}} \tag{43}$$

holds, whenever $-\frac{1}{2} < b < \tilde{b} < \frac{1}{2}$, this can be further estimated by $T^\gamma \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}}$ for some $\gamma > 0$, as desired. The second contribution to (42) can be estimated in precisely the same manner.

Case b. $\langle k \rangle^3 \geq \langle \sigma \rangle$. Here the additional weight on the left is of size one, so that we have to show

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{Z_{s,\varepsilon}} \lesssim T^\gamma \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Subcase b.a. σ maximal. Exploiting the resonance relation (24), we see that the contribution from this subcase is bounded by

$$\|\mathcal{F}D_x D_y^\varepsilon (D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} u \cdot D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} v)\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2 \cap L_{\tau\xi}^2 L_\tau^p} \lesssim \|\mathcal{F}(D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} D_y^\varepsilon u \cdot D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} v)\|_{L_{\tau\xi}^2 \cap L_{\tau\xi}^2 L_\tau^p} + \dots,$$

where $p < 2$. The dots stand for the other possible distributions of derivatives on the two factors, in the same norms, which — by Corollary 1 — can all be estimated by $c \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}}$ for some $b < \frac{1}{2}$. The latter is then further treated as in Case a.

Subcase b.b. σ_1 maximal. Here we start with the observation that by Cauchy–Schwarz and (43), for every $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$ there is a $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{Z_{s,\varepsilon}} \lesssim T^\gamma \|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,\varepsilon,b'}}.$$

Now the resonance relation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,\varepsilon,b'}} &\lesssim \|D_x(D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} u \cdot D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} v)\|_{X_{0,\varepsilon,b'}} \\ &\lesssim \|(D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} D_y^\varepsilon \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} u)(D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} v)\|_{X_{0,b'}} + \|(D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} u)(D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} D_y^\varepsilon v)\|_{X_{0,b'}} \\ &\quad + \|(D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} D_y^\varepsilon \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} u)(D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} v)\|_{X_{0,b'}} + \|(D_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} u)(D_x^{\frac{1}{2}} D_y^\varepsilon v)\|_{X_{0,b'}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (41) the first two contributions can be estimated by $c \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}}$ as desired. The third and fourth terms only appear in the frequency range $|k| \ll |k_1| \sim |k_2|$, where the additional weight in the $\|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}}$ -norm on the right

⁹ For a proof see e.g. Lemma 1.10 in [5].

becomes $\frac{|k_2|}{|k_1|}$, thus shifting a whole derivative from the high frequency factor v to the low frequency factor u . So, using (41) again, these contributions can be estimated by

$$c\|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon;\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon;\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}} \|v\|_{X_{s,\varepsilon,b;\frac{1}{2}}}. \quad \square$$

3.2. Proof of the bilinear estimates in the $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ case

In two space dimensions we have the following $X_{s,b}$ -version of Theorem 1. Assume $s_{1,2} \geq 0$, $s_1 + s_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $b > \frac{1}{2}$. Then, with a smooth time cut off function ψ ,

$$\|\psi uv\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}. \tag{44}$$

The dual version of (44) reads

$$\|\psi uv\|_{X_{-s_1,-b}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L^2_{txy}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}. \tag{45}$$

Until the end of this section we assume u, v to be supported in $[-1, 1] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$, so that we can forget about ψ in the estimates.

Let’s revisit the proof of Lemma 6 in the previous section, replacing estimate (25) and its dual version by the corresponding estimates (44) and (45) valid in two dimensions, in order to prove the pure (i.e. without additional weights) $X_{s,b}$ -estimate

$$\|\partial_x(uv)\|_{X_{s,b'}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}},$$

where $b > \frac{1}{2}$ and $s > \max(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\alpha}{4})$. As above, we assume $s \leq 0$ and choose $b' > -\frac{1}{2}$, but close to it, so that $b' < -\frac{1}{\alpha}$ (possible for $\alpha > 2$) and

$$s > \frac{5}{4} + (\alpha + 1)b', \quad s > \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\alpha b'}{2}. \tag{46}$$

Now we follow the case by case discussion from the proof of Lemma 6.

The argument in Subcase a.a works for all $\alpha > 2$. Because there is only a loss of $\frac{1}{4}$ derivative in the application of (44) (instead of $1+$, as in (25)), we are led to the condition

$$1 + \alpha b' + \delta \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b' + \frac{1}{4} - \delta < s, \tag{47}$$

which replaces (28) and can be fulfilled for some $\delta \geq 0$ because of our general assumption (46).

The argument in Subcase a.b leads to the same condition, as long as $s + 1 + b' \geq 0$, i.e. for $\alpha \leq \frac{5}{2}$. A possible Sobolev embedding does not give any improvement in the two-dimensional setting. So, for $\alpha > \frac{5}{2}$ this contribution is estimated roughly by

$$\|(D_x^{\alpha b' + \delta} u)(D_x^{-\delta} v)\|_{L^2_{txy}} \lesssim \|D_x^{\alpha b' + \delta + \frac{1}{8}} u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|D_x^{\frac{1}{8} - \delta} v\|_{X_{0,b}} \leq \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}},$$

where we have used the second part of (46) in the last step.

In the discussion of Subcase b.a we apply the dual version (45), with $s_1 = 0$ instead of (26), and end up with condition (47) again. The only restriction on α arising in this subcase is $\alpha > 2$.

The estimate in Subcase b.b is again reduced to that in Subcase b.a, as long as $s + 1 + b' \geq 0$. For $s + 1 + b' \in [-\frac{1}{4}, 0]$, we use (45) with $-s_1 = s + 1 + b'$. This leads to the condition

$$\alpha b' + \delta \leq s \quad \text{and} \quad b' + \frac{5}{4} - \delta \leq s, \tag{48}$$

replacing (29), which again can be fulfilled choosing $\delta \geq 0$ appropriately by our general assumption (46). This works for $s + 1 + b' \geq -\frac{1}{4}$, i.e. for $\alpha \leq 3$. If $s + 1 + b' < -\frac{1}{4}$ (corresponding to $\alpha > 3$) we use (45) with $s_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ (thus wasting again several derivatives) and end up with the condition $s > \frac{\alpha b'}{2}$, which is weaker than (46).

Finally, we turn to Subcase b.c (σ_1 maximal, $|k|, |k_2| \geq |k_1|$), where we used the resonance relation (24), to obtain

$$\|D_x^{s+1}(uv)\|_{X_{0,b'}} \lesssim \|(D_x^{b'-\delta} \Lambda^b u)(D_x^{s+1+\alpha b'+\delta} v)\|_{X_{0,-b}},$$

for some $\delta \geq 0$. Now we apply (45) to estimate the latter by

$$\|D_x^{b'-\delta} \Lambda^b u\|_{L^2_{xy}} \|D_x^{s+\frac{5}{4}+\alpha b'+\delta} v\|_{X_{0,b}} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s,b}},$$

provided $b' - \delta \leq s$ and $\frac{5}{4} + \alpha b' + \delta \leq 0$. Summing up the last two conditions we end up with our general assumption (46), but for the second of them we need at least $\frac{5}{4} + \alpha b' \leq 0$, which requires $\alpha > \frac{5}{2}$. Observe that in this case both conditions can in fact be fulfilled for b' close enough to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

Since for $\alpha > \frac{5}{2}$ the condition $s > \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ is stronger than $s > \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$, we have proven Lemma 3. Next we turn to the proof of Lemma 2, which follows closely along the lines of that of Lemma 5.

Proof of Lemma 2. With the assumptions on s and b' , as in the preliminary consideration above, we choose $\beta := \frac{s+1+b'}{\alpha} \in [0, -b']$. We follow the case by case discussion in the proof of Lemma 5, beginning with Case a, where $\langle \sigma \rangle \geq \langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}$, so that (35) holds. In Subcase a.a, where $|k_{1,2}| \lesssim |k|$, we merely replace the application of (25) by that of (44), which is justified by assumption (46). Similarly, in Subcase a.b ($|k| \ll |k_1| \sim |k_2|$), under the additional assumption that σ is maximal, we use (44) with $s_1 = s_2 = \frac{1}{8}$ and are led to the condition $2s \geq (b' + \beta)\alpha + \frac{1}{4}$, which is a consequence of (46). The same condition arises, if, in this subcase, σ_1 is assumed to be maximal and the estimate (26) is replaced by (45).

In Case b, where $\langle \sigma \rangle \leq \langle k \rangle^{\alpha+1}$, we have to show (36). By the discussion preceding this proof, this needs to be done only for σ_1 being maximal and $|k_1| \ll |k| \sim |k_2|$, which amounts to the proof of (36). This works as in (38), except for the last step, where we use (45) instead of (26). With the same choice of δ the number of derivatives on the second factor becomes now $\frac{5}{4} + (\alpha + 1)b' \leq s$, by assumption (46). \square

Our next task is the proof of Lemma 1, where a variant of (44) with $b < \frac{1}{2}$ is required. The latter will be obtained as before by interpolation with an auxiliary estimate, but with the decisive difference that we have to avoid any derivative loss in the y variable, in order to obtain a local result in (and below) L^2 and hence something global by the conservation of the L^2 -norm. So the simple Sobolev embedding argument applied to obtain (39) is not sufficient in two space dimensions. Instead of that we will prove the following lemma, which is partly contained already in [16, Lemma 4] as well as in the unpublished manuscript [18] of Takaoka and Tzvetkov.

Lemma 7. For $s_0 > \frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{p} < \frac{3}{4}$, and $b_0 > \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{2p}$ the following estimate holds true:

$$\|\mathcal{F}((D_x^{-s_0} u)v)\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau} \lesssim \|\langle \sigma \rangle^{b_0} \widehat{u}\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau} \|\langle \sigma \rangle^{b_0} \widehat{v}\|_{L^2_\xi L^p_\tau}.$$

Proof. Since p is close enough to 2, we may assume without loss of generality that $b_0 < \frac{1}{p}$. With $f(\xi, \tau) = \langle \sigma \rangle^{-b_0} \widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)$ and $g(\xi, \tau) = \langle \sigma \rangle^{-b_0} \widehat{v}(\xi, \tau)$ we have

$$\mathcal{F}((D_x^{-s_0} u)v)(\xi, \tau) = \int |k_1|^{-s_0} \frac{f(\xi_1, \tau_1)}{\langle \sigma_1 \rangle^{b_0}} \frac{g(\xi_2, \tau_2)}{\langle \sigma_2 \rangle^{b_0}} d\xi_1 d\tau_1,$$

where $(\xi, \tau) = (k, \eta, \tau) = (k_1 + k_2, \eta_1 + \eta_2, \tau_1 + \tau_2) = (\xi_1 + \xi_2, \tau_1 + \tau_2)$, $\int d\xi_1 d\tau_1 = \sum_{k_1 \neq 0 \neq k_2} \int d\eta_1 d\tau_1$, and $\sigma_{1,2} = \tau_{1,2} - \phi(\xi_{1,2})$. Concerning the frequencies k, k_1 and k_2 corresponding to the x -variable we will assume that $0 < |k_1| \leq |k_2| \leq |k|$, see again p. 460 in [16]. Applying Hölder’s inequality with respect to $\int d\tau_1$ and [4, Lemma 4.2] we obtain

$$|\mathcal{F}((D_x^{-s_0} u)v)(\xi, \tau)| \lesssim \int |k_1|^{-s_0} \left(\int |f(\xi_1, \tau_1)g(\xi_2, \tau_2)|^p d\tau_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \langle \tau - \phi(\xi_1) - \phi(\xi_2) \rangle^{\frac{1}{p} - 2b_0} d\xi_1.$$

We introduce new variables $\omega = \eta_1 - \frac{k_1}{k} \eta$ and $\omega' = \frac{k}{k_1 k_2} \omega^2$, write $|k_1|^{-s_0} = (|k_1|^{-s_1} |\omega'|^{-\varepsilon})(|k_1|^{-s_2} |\omega'|^\varepsilon)$, where $s_0 = s_1 + s_2$, $\varepsilon = \frac{s_1}{3}$ and apply Hölder’s inequality with respect to $\int d\xi_1$ to obtain the upper bound

$$\dots \lesssim I(\xi, \tau) \left(\int |k_1|^{-s_1 p} |\omega'|^{-\varepsilon p} |f(\xi_1, \tau_1) g(\xi_2, \tau_2)|^p d\xi_1 d\tau_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where, with $a = \tau - \phi_0(k_1) - \phi_0(k_2) + \frac{|\eta|^2}{k}$,

$$\begin{aligned} I(\xi, \tau)^{p'} &= \sum_{k_1 \neq 0 \neq k_2} |k_1|^{-s_2 p'} \int |\omega'|^{\varepsilon p'} \langle a + \omega' \rangle^{1-2b_0 p'} d\omega \\ &= c \sum_{k_1 \neq 0 \neq k_2} |k_1|^{-s_2 p' + \frac{1}{2}} \int |\omega'|^{\varepsilon p' - \frac{1}{2}} \langle a + \omega' \rangle^{1-2b_0 p'} d\omega'. \end{aligned}$$

The latter is bounded by a constant independent of (ξ, τ) , provided

$$\frac{s_1}{3} \leq \frac{1}{2p'}; \quad 2b_0 - \frac{s_1}{3} > \frac{3}{2p'}; \quad s_2 > \frac{3}{2p'}. \tag{49}$$

The remaining factor can be rewritten and estimated by

$$\left(\int \left| k_1 \left(\eta_1 - \frac{k_1}{k} \eta \right) \right|^{-2\varepsilon p} |f(\xi_1, \tau_1) g(\xi_2, \tau_2)|^p d\xi_1 d\tau_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Taking the $L_\xi^2 L_\tau^p$ -norm of the latter, we arrive at

$$\left\| \left(\int \left| k_1 \left(\eta_1 - \frac{k_1}{k} \eta \right) \right|^{-2\varepsilon p} \|f(\xi_1, \cdot)\|_{L_\tau^p}^p \|g(\xi_2, \cdot)\|_{L_\tau^p}^p d\xi_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|_{L_\xi^2} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^p} \|g\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^p},$$

where in the last step we have used Hölder’s inequality (first in η_1 , then in k_1), which requires

$$s_1 > \frac{3}{2p} - \frac{3}{4}. \tag{50}$$

Finally our assumptions on s_0, b_0 and p allow us to choose s_1 properly, so that the conditions (49) and (50) are fulfilled. \square

An application of Hölder’s inequality in the τ variable gives:

Corollary 2. *Let $s_0 > \frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{p} < \frac{3}{4}$, and $b > \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2p}$. Then the estimate*

$$\|\mathcal{F}((D_x^{-s_0} u)v)\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^p} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{0,b}} \|v\|_{X_{0,b}}$$

is valid.

Observe that the estimates in Lemma 7 and Corollary 2 are valid without the general support assumption on u and v . This is no longer true for the next corollary, which is obtained via bilinear interpolation between (44) and Corollary 2.

Corollary 3. *For $s_{1,2} \geq 0$, with $s_1 + s_2 > \frac{1}{4}$, there exist $b < \frac{1}{2}$ and $p < 2$, such that*

$$\|uv\|_{L_{txy}^2} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}, \tag{51}$$

and

$$\|\mathcal{F}(uv)\|_{L_\xi^2 L_\tau^p} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_{s_1,b}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}}. \tag{52}$$

Sketch of proof of Lemma 1. To prove Lemma 1 we now insert Corollary 3 into the framework of the proof of Lemma 2. Assuming further on $s \leq 0$, we especially take $\beta = \frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$, which corresponds exactly to our choice in that proof. These arguments are combined with elements of the proof of Lemma 4. To extract a factor T^γ we rely again on the estimate (43). The $p < 2$ part of Corollary 3 serves to deal with the Y contribution of the Z norm, whenever σ is maximal. A corresponding argument can be avoided by a simple Cauchy–Schwarz application in the case, where σ_1 is maximal. In this case we rely on the dual version of (51), that is

$$\|uv\|_{X_{-s_1,-b}} \lesssim \|u\|_{L^2_{txy}} \|v\|_{X_{s_2,b}},$$

with $s_{1,2} \geq 0$, $s_1 + s_2 > \frac{1}{4}$ and $b < \frac{1}{2}$. Further details are left to the reader. \square

4. Local well-posedness

To state and prove our local well-posedness results we use a cut-off function $\psi \in C_0^\infty$ with $0 \leq \psi(t) \leq 1$ and

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| \leq 1, \\ 0, & |t| \geq 2. \end{cases} \tag{53}$$

For $T > 0$, we define $\psi_T(t) = \psi(\frac{t}{T})$. Then our result concerning $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ reads as follows.

Theorem 3. *Let $\alpha \geq 2$, $s_1 > \max(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\alpha}{4})$ and $s_2 \geq 0$. Then, for any $u_0 \in H^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ with zero x -mean, there exist $b \geq \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta \geq 0$, $T = T(\|u_0\|_{H^{s_1,s_2}}) > 0$ and a unique solution u of the initial value problem (1), defined on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ and satisfying $\psi_T u \in X_{s_1,s_2,b;\beta}$. This solution is persistent and depends continuously on the initial data.*

In three space dimensions, i.e. for data defined on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, we have the following.

Theorem 4. *Let $u_0 \in H^{s_1,s_2}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ satisfy the mean zero condition. Then,*

- (i) *if $\alpha = 2$, $s_1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $s_2 > 0$, there exist $T = T(\|u_0\|_{H^{s_1,s_2}}) > 0$ and a unique solution u of (2) on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ satisfying $\psi_T u \in X_{s_1,s_2,\frac{1}{2};\frac{1}{2}}$,*
- (ii) *if $\alpha > 2$, $s_1 > \max(\frac{3-\alpha}{2}, \frac{1-\alpha}{4})$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, there exist $b > \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta \geq 0$, $T = T(\|u_0\|_{H^{s_1,s_2}}) > 0$ and a unique solution u of (2) on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ satisfying $\psi_T u \in X_{s_1,s_2,b;\beta}$.*

In both cases the solutions are persistent and depend continuously on the initial data.

The proof of the above theorems follows standard arguments as can be found e.g. in [1], [4], or [12], so we can restrict ourselves to several remarks. The key step is to apply the contraction mapping principle to the integral equation corresponding to the initial value problems (1) and (2), i.e.

$$u(t) = e^{it\phi(D)}u_0 - \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)}uu_x(t') dt', \tag{54}$$

more precisely, to its time localized version

$$u(t) = \psi_1(t)e^{it\phi(D)}u_0 - \psi_T(t) \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)}\psi_T(t')u(t')\psi_T(t')u_x(t') dt' =: \Phi(u(t)). \tag{55}$$

Combining the linear estimates for $X_{s,b}$ -spaces (see e.g. [4, Lemma 2.1]), which are equally valid for the spaces $X_{s_1,s_2,b;\beta}$, with the bilinear estimates from the previous section, one can check that the mapping Φ defined in (55) is a contraction from a closed ball $\mathcal{B}_a \subset X_{s_1,s_2,b;\beta}$, of properly chosen radius a , into itself. Here, a contraction factor T^γ , $\gamma > 0$, is obtained

- either from the linear estimate for the inhomogeneous equation, which works for $b > \frac{1}{2}$, corresponding to $\alpha > 2$,
- or from the bilinear estimates as in Lemma 1 and in Lemma 4, which is necessary in the limiting case, where $\alpha = 2$ and $b = -b' = \frac{1}{2}$.

The persistence of the solutions obtained in this way follows from the embedding $X_{s_1, s_2, b; \beta} \subset C(\mathbb{R}, H^{s_1, s_2})$, as long as $b > \frac{1}{2}$, while for $b = \frac{1}{2}$ this is a consequence of [4, Lemma 2.2]. Concerning uniqueness (in the whole space) and continuous dependence we refer the reader to the arguments in [12, Proof of Theorem 1.5].

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Appendix A. Failure of regularity of the flow map in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$

We present in this appendix a type of ill-posedness result which shows that, in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$, our local well-posedness theorem of the previous section is optimal (except for the endpoint), as far as the use of the Picard iterative method based on the Duhamel formula goes. The result states that the data to solution map fails to be smooth at the origin, more specifically fails to be C^3 , for the Sobolev regularities precisely below the range of the local existence theorem proved in the previous section, i.e. for $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$. Because the Picard iteration method applied to the Duhamel formula yields, for small enough times, an analytic data to solution map, this lack of smoothness of the flow map excludes the possibility of proving local existence by this scheme, at the corresponding lower regularity Sobolev spaces.

This proof is due to Takaoka and Tzvetkov, in an unpublished manuscript [18] which, for completeness and due to its unavailability elsewhere in published form, is being reproduced here. It is done there for $\alpha = 2$, which is the only case studied by the authors in that manuscript, but our adaptation for any $\alpha \geq 2$ is obvious. Their proof is inspired by the considerations of Bourgain in [2, Section 6], where an analogous ill-posedness result is proved for the KdV equation, for $s < -3/4$, and it is equally similar to N. Tzvetkov’s own result, also for the KdV equation, in [19].

Theorem 5. *Let $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$. There exists no $T > 0$ such that (1) admits a unique local solution defined on $[-T, T]$, for which the data to solution map, from $H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ to $H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ given by $u_0 \mapsto u(t)$, $t \in [-T, T]$, is C^3 differentiable at zero.*

Proof. Just as is done in [2] and [19], consider, for $w \in H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ and $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$, the solution $u = u(\delta, t, x, y)$ to the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - |D_x|^\alpha \partial_x u + \partial_x^{-1} \partial_y^2 u + u \partial_x u = 0, \\ u(\delta, 0, x, y) = \delta w(x, y). \end{cases} \tag{56}$$

Then, u satisfies the integral equation

$$u(\delta, t, x, y) = \delta e^{it\phi(D)} w - \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} u \partial_x u dt'.$$

If, for a sufficiently small interval of time $[-T, T]$, the data to solution map of (56) is of class C^3 at the origin, it yields a third-order derivative $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \delta^3}$, at $\delta = 0$, with the property of being a bounded multilinear operator from $(H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}))^3$ to $H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$, for any $t \in [-T, T]$. Explicit formulas can be easily computed

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \Big|_{\delta=0} &= e^{it\phi(D)} w = \sum_{k \neq 0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i(kx+\eta y)} e^{it(\phi_0(k)-\eta^2/k)} \hat{w}(k, \eta) d\eta, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \delta^2} \Big|_{\delta=0} &= \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} \partial_x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \Big|_{\delta=0} \right)^2 dt' \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left\{ \sum_{\Gamma_1} e^{i(x(k_1+k_2)+y(\eta_1+\eta_2))} e^{it(\phi_0(k_1+k_2)-\frac{(\eta_1+\eta_2)^2}{k_1+k_2})} (k_1+k_2) \frac{e^{itA}-1}{A} \hat{w}(k_1, \eta_2) \hat{w}(k_2, \eta_2) \right\} d\eta_1 d\eta_2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma_1 = \{(k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2: k_1 \neq 0, k_2 \neq 0, k_1 + k_2 \neq 0\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= A(k_1, k_2, \eta_1, \eta_2) = \phi(\xi_1) + \phi(\xi_2) - \phi(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \\ &= \phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2) - \frac{\eta_1^2}{k_1} - \frac{\eta_2^2}{k_2} - \phi_0(k_1 + k_2) + \frac{(\eta_1 + \eta_2)^2}{k_1 + k_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the third derivative, at $\delta = 0$, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \delta^3} \Big|_{\delta=0} &= \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} \partial_x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \delta} \Big|_{\delta=0} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \delta^2} \Big|_{\delta=0} \right) dt' \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ \sum_{\Gamma_2} e^{i(x(k_1+k_2+k_3)+y(\eta_1+\eta_2+\eta_3))} e^{it(\phi_0(k_1+k_2+k_3)-\frac{(\eta_1+\eta_2+\eta_3)^2}{k_1+k_2+k_3})} \right. \\ &\quad \times (k_1+k_2)(k_1+k_2+k_3) \frac{1}{A} \left[\frac{e^{it(A+B)}-1}{A+B} - \frac{e^{itB}-1}{B} \right] \\ &\quad \left. \times \hat{w}(k_1, \eta_1) \hat{w}(k_2, \eta_2) \hat{w}(k_3, \eta_3) \right\} d\eta_1 d\eta_2 d\eta_3, \end{aligned}$$

where A is still defined as above, and now

$$\Gamma_2 = \{(k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3: k_j \neq 0, j = 1, 2, 3, k_1 + k_2 \neq 0, k_1 + k_2 + k_3 \neq 0\},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B &:= B(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3) = \phi(\xi_3) + \phi(\xi_1 + \xi_2) - \phi(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3) \\ &= \phi_0(k_3) - \frac{\eta_3^2}{k_3} + \phi_0(k_1 + k_2) - \frac{(\eta_1 + \eta_2)^2}{k_1 + k_2} - \phi_0(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) + \frac{(\eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3)^2}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3}. \end{aligned}$$

It will be shown now that, for $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$, the necessary boundedness condition

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \delta^3} \Big|_{\delta=0} \right\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim \|w\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})}^3 \tag{57}$$

fails for any $t \neq 0$, by using a carefully chosen function w .

For that purpose, set

$$w = w_N(x, y) := \sum_{\pm} \int_{-\beta N^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{\beta N^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\pm iNx} e^{i\eta y} d\eta,$$

where β is to be chosen later, sufficiently small, and $N \gg 1$. Its Fourier transform is simply given by $\widehat{w}_N(k, \eta) = \chi_{[-\beta N^{\frac{1}{2}}, \beta N^{\frac{1}{2}}]}(\eta)$ if $k = \pm N$, and zero otherwise.

To estimate $\|\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \delta^3}|_{\delta=0}\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})}$ from below note that the main contribution to it comes from a combination of frequencies $(k_j, \eta_j) \in \text{supp } \widehat{w_N}$, $j = 1, 2, 3$, such that the term $A + B$ is small (see [2] and [19] for very similar reasoning). The k frequencies necessarily always have to satisfy the relation $k_1 = k_2 = \pm N$, so that the least absolute value for $A + B$ is achieved when k_3 has the opposite sign as k_1 and k_2 , i.e. $k_3 = \mp N$. In this situation, a cancellation of the expression

$$\phi_0(k_1) + \phi_0(k_2) + \phi_0(k_3) - \phi_0(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)$$

is obtained, so that we get

$$|A(k_1, k_2, \eta_1, \eta_2) + B(k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)| \lesssim \beta,$$

and if β is chosen very small,

$$\left| \frac{e^{it(A+B)} - 1}{A + B} \right| \gtrsim |t|.$$

Also

$$|A(k_1, k_2, \eta_1, \eta_2)| \sim N^{\alpha+1}.$$

Therefore, one can derive the estimate

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \delta^3} \Big|_{\delta=0} \right\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})} \gtrsim |t| N^s N^{-(\alpha+1)} N^2 N^{\frac{5}{4}} = |t| N^{s-\alpha+\frac{9}{4}},$$

whereas, clearly $\|w_N\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim N^{s+\frac{1}{4}}$.

We thus conclude that, for $t \neq 0$, (57) fails for $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$. \square

A direct proof of the impossibility of determining a space X_T , continuously embedded in $C([-T, T], H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}))$, where the required estimates to perform a Picard iteration on the Duhamel formula hold, is given below.

Theorem 6. *Let $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$. There exist no $T > 0$ and a space X_T , continuously embedded in $C([-T, T], H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}))$, such that the following inequalities hold*

$$\|e^{it\phi(D)}u_0\|_{X_T} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})}, \quad u_0 \in H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}), \tag{58}$$

and

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} \partial_x(uv) dt' \right\|_{X_T} \lesssim \|u\|_{X_T} \|v\|_{X_T}, \quad u, v \in X_T. \tag{59}$$

Thus, it is not possible to apply the Picard iteration method, implemented on the Duhamel integral formula, for any such space X_T .

Proof. If there existed a space X_T such that (58) and (59) were true, then

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} \partial_x \left[e^{it'\phi(D)}u_0 \int_0^{t'} e^{i(t'-s)\phi(D)} \partial_x (e^{is\phi(D)}u_0)^2 ds \right] dt' \right\|_{X_T} \lesssim \|e^{it\phi(D)}u_0\|_{X_T}^3 \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})}^3.$$

On the other hand, because X_T is continuously embedded in $C([-T, T], H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}))$ we would also have

$$\sup_{t \in [-T, T]} \|\cdot\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim \|\cdot\|_{X_T},$$

from which we would conclude that, for any $t \in [-T, T]$, and any $u_0 \in H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})$ the following inequality would hold:

$$\left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-t')\phi(D)} \partial_x \left[e^{it'\phi(D)} u_0 \int_0^{t'} e^{i(t'-s)\phi(D)} \partial_x (e^{is\phi(D)} u_0)^2 ds \right] dt' \right\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim \|u_0\|_{H_x^s L_y^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R})}^3.$$

But choosing u_0 as the function w of the previous proof, we know that this estimate cannot hold true if $s < \frac{3}{4} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$. \square

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