

# **New blow-up criterion for the Degasperis–Procesi equation with weak dissipation**

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## **Abstract**

In this paper, we investigate the Cauchy problem of the Degasperis–Procesi equation with weak dissipation. We establish a new local-in-space blow-up criterion of the dissipative Degasperis–Procesi equation on line R and on circle *S*, respectively.

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## **1 Introduction**

In this paper, we are concerned with the following initial value problem of the Degasperis–Procesi (DP) equation with weak dissipation [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1)

<span id="page-0-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases} u_t - u_{xxt} + 4uu_x + \lambda(u - u_{xx}) = 3u_x u_{xx} + uu_{xxx}, \\ u_0(x) = u_0(x), \end{cases}
$$
 (1)

where  $\lambda(1 - \partial_x^2)u$  is the dissipative term with a positive constant  $\lambda > 0$ .

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) becomes the following well-known DP equation [\[8](#page-10-0)[–10](#page-10-1)[,19](#page-11-2)]

<span id="page-0-1"></span>
$$
u_t - u_{xxt} + 4uu_x = 3u_x u_{xx} + uu_{xxx},
$$
 (2)

which can be regarded as a model for nonlinear shallow water dynamics and its asymptotic accuracy is the same as the Camassa-Holm equation [\[4\]](#page-10-2). There is a rather large literature on the research of this equation. For instance, the global existence of strong

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solutions and global weak solutions to the DP Eq. [\(2\)](#page-0-1) were shown in [\[22](#page-11-3)[,29](#page-11-4)[,30](#page-11-5)]. The local well-posedness for the Cauchy problem of DP Eq. [\(2\)](#page-0-1) was elaborated in [\[31\]](#page-11-6) for non periodic case, and in [\[32\]](#page-11-7) for the periodic case. With respect to blow-up criteria on the line and the unit cicle, please refer to  $[16,33]$  $[16,33]$  $[16,33]$ . As for some other issue of integrability, traveling wave solutions, solitons and peakon as well as its stability, please see [\[5](#page-10-4)[–7](#page-10-5)[,13](#page-10-6)[–15](#page-10-7)[,18](#page-11-9)[,21](#page-11-10)[,23](#page-11-11)[–25\]](#page-11-12) and references therein for more literature about DP equation. It should be noted that the DP equation has its own peculiarities, although it shares some common properties with the Camassa-Holm equation. A specific feature is that it has not only peakon solutions of the form  $u(t, x) = ce^{-|x-ct|}, c > 0$ , but also shock peakon solitons of the form  $u(t, x) = \frac{1}{t+k} sign(x)e^{-|x-ct|}, k > 0$ . For details, please see [\[11](#page-10-8)[,12](#page-10-9)[,17\]](#page-11-13).

Recently, Wu and Yin [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1) studied the blow-up and the decay of the solution to the weakly dissipative DP Eq.  $(1)$  on the line and on the circle. They found that Eq.  $(1)$ has the same blow-up rate as the DP Eq. [\(2\)](#page-0-1), which shows that the blow-up rate of the DP equation is not affected by the additional weakly dissipative term. However, they also pointed out that the occurrence of blow-up of (1) is affected by the dissipative parameter λ.

In this paper, we would like to further investigate the Cauchy problem of the weakly dissipative DP Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0). More specially, we rather focus on blow-up criteria as well as the estimates about the lifespan of the solutions. It should be noted here that in the references  $[26–28]$  $[26–28]$ , the blow-up condition on the initial datum  $u_0$  typically involves the computation of the norms  $||u_0||_{L^2}$  and  $||u_0||_{L^{\infty}}$ . The aim of this paper is to present a new blow-up result for the weakly dissipative DP Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0). Motivated by the works of  $[1-3]$  $[1-3]$ , we will establish a new local-in-space blowup criterion for Eq.  $(1)$  on the line and on the circle, i.e., a blowup condition involving only the properties of  $u_0$  in a neighborhood of a single point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $x_0 \in \mathbb{S}$ . We shall see that such criterion is more general than earlier blowup results.

This paper is organized as follows. In the next section we recall the local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem to Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the line  $\mathbb R$  or on the circle  $\mathbb S = \mathbb R/\mathbb Z$ , and several useful results from [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1) which are needed for our purpose. Sects. [3](#page-3-0) and [4](#page-7-0) is devoted to establishing a new local-in-space blow-up result for Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the line  $\mathbb R$  and on the circle  $\mathbb S$ , respectively.

**Notation.** Throughout this paper, we denote the norm of the Lebesgue space  $L^p$  by  $|| \cdot ||_{L^p}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . We denote by  $*$  the spatial convolution.

#### **2 Preliminaries**

In this section, we recall the local well-posedness result of the Cauchy problem to Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the line R or on the circle  $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ , and some useful properties of strong solutions to Eq.  $(1)$  from  $\left[26-28\right]$  $\left[26-28\right]$  $\left[26-28\right]$ .

Let  $m = u - u_{xx}$  be the momentum variable, then Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) can be reformulated as the form:

<span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases} m_t + um_x + 3u_x m + \lambda m = 0, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x). \end{cases}
$$
 (3)

Note that if  $p(x) := \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (or if  $p(x) := \frac{\cosh(x - [x] - \frac{1}{2})}{2 \sinh \frac{1}{2}}$  $\frac{\ln(x - |x| - \frac{1}{2})}{2 \sinh \frac{1}{2}}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{S}$ , where [*x*] stands for the largest integer part of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then we have  $(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1} f = p * f$ for all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  (or  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{S})$ ) and  $p * m = u$ . Thus, Eq. [\(3\)](#page-1-0) can be rewritten as follows:

<span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases} u_t + uu_x + \partial_x p * (\frac{3}{2}u^2) + \lambda u = 0, \\ u_0(x) = u_0(x). \end{cases}
$$
 (4)

By applying the Kato's theorem [\[20\]](#page-11-14), one can obtain the following local wellposedness result.

**Theorem 1** [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1) *Given*  $u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ , there exists a maximal  $T^* > 0$  and a *unique solution u to* [\(3\)](#page-1-0)(or [\(4\)](#page-2-0))*, such that*

$$
u = u(\cdot, u_0) \in C([0, T^*); H^s) \cap C^1([0, T^*); H^{s-1}).
$$

*Moreover, the solution depends continuously on the initial data, i.e. the mapping u*<sub>0</sub> → *u*( $\cdot$ , *u*<sub>0</sub>) : *H*<sup>*s*</sup> → *C* ([0, *T*<sup>\*</sup>); *H*<sup>*s*</sup>) ∩ *C*<sup>1</sup>([0, *T*<sup>\*</sup>); *H*<sup>*s*-1</sup>) *is continuous and the maximal time of existence*  $T$ <sup>∗</sup> *is independent of s.* 

By the above local well-posedness result and energy estimates, one can readily obtain the following precise blow-up scenario.

**Theorem 2** [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1) *Given*  $u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ , the solution u of [\(3\)](#page-1-0)(or [\(4\)](#page-2-0)) blows up in *a finite time T* > 0 *if and only if*

$$
\liminf_{t \to T} \{ \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}(x \in \mathbb{S})} [u_x(t, x)] \} = 0.
$$

Next, we introduce the particle trajectory  $q(t, x) \in C^1([0, T) \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ , defined by

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
\begin{cases} q_t = u(t, q), & t > 0, \\ q(0, x) = x. \end{cases}
$$
 (5)

By simple analysis, we can obtain the following result on *q* which is crucial in the proof of blow-up solutions.

**Lemma 1** [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1) *Let*  $u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s \geq 3$ *, and let*  $T > 0$  *be the maximal existence time of the corresponding solution u to* Eq. [\(4\)](#page-2-0)*. Then* Eq. [\(5\)](#page-2-1) *has a unique solution q* ∈  $C^1([0, T) \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ *. Moreover, the map q*(*t*, ·) *is an increasing diffeomorphism of* R *with*

$$
q_x(t,x) = \exp\left(\int_0^t u_x(s,q(s,x))ds\right) > 0, \forall (t,x) \in [0,T) \times \mathbb{R}.
$$

*Furthermore, we have*

$$
m(t, q(t, x))q_x^3(t, x) = m_0(x)e^{-\lambda t}, \forall (t, x) \in [0, T) \times \mathbb{R}.
$$

**Lemma 2**  $[26-28]$  $[26-28]$  *If*  $u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s \geq \frac{3}{2}$ , then as long as the solution  $u(t, x)$  given by *Theorem 1 exists, we have*

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{S})} m(t,x)v(t,x)dx = e^{-2\lambda t} \int_{\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{S})} m_0(x)v_0(x)dx,
$$

*where*  $m(t, x) = u(t, x) - u_{xx}(t, x)$  *and*  $v(t, x) = (4 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}u(t, x)$ *. Moreover, we have the following norm estimate*

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\frac{1}{4}e^{-2\lambda t}||u_0||_{L^2}^2 \le ||u(t)||_{L^2}^2 \le 4e^{-2\lambda t}||u_0||_{L^2}^2.
$$
 (6)

#### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 Blow-up result of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the line** R

In this section, we will establish a new blow-up result for the solutions to Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the line R. Our main result can be formulated as follows.

**Theorem 3** *Let*  $u_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$ *,*  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ *. Assume that there is*  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  *such that* 

<span id="page-3-4"></span><span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
u'_0(x_0) < -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}|u_0(x_0)| - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C,\tag{7}
$$

*where*

<span id="page-3-3"></span>
$$
C := \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2}{4} + 3(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1)||u_0||_{L^2}^2}.
$$
 (8)

*Then the solution u of* [\(4\)](#page-2-0) *blows up in finite time. Moreover, the lifespan T* ∗ *is estimated above by*

$$
T^* \le \frac{1}{2C} \ln \frac{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} + C}}{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C}},
$$

*Proof* Using the identity  $\partial_x^2(p * f) = p * f - f$ , we take the derivative with respect to  $x$  in [\(4\)](#page-2-0) which yields

$$
\begin{cases} u_{tx} + u u_{xx} = -u_x^2 - \lambda u_x + \frac{3}{2}u^2 - p * (\frac{3}{2}u^2), \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x). \end{cases}
$$
(9)

According to Lemma 1, we can know that the flow map  $q(t, x)$  introduced in Eq. [\(5\)](#page-2-1) is indeed well defined in the interval  $[0, T^*)$  with  $q \in C^1([0, T^*) \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

Then we have

$$
\frac{d}{dt}[u_x(t, q(t, x))] = [u_{tx} + uu_{xx}](t, q(t, x))
$$

$$
= -u_x^2 - \lambda u_x + \frac{3}{2}u^2 - p * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right).
$$

Inspired by  $[1-3]$  $[1-3]$ , we now introduce

$$
A(t,x) = \left[-u_x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}u\right](t, q(t,x)),
$$

and

$$
B(t,x) = \left[-u_x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}u\right](t, q(t,x)).
$$

Recalling that the kernel *p* satisfies the identity

$$
p = p_+ + p_-, \quad p_x = p_- - p_+,
$$

where

$$
p_{+} * f(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{y} f(y) dy,
$$
  

$$
p_{-} * f(x) = \frac{e^{x}}{2} \int_{x}^{+\infty} e^{-y} f(y) dy.
$$

Then we have

$$
\frac{d}{dt}A(t, x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}(u_t + uu_x) - (u_{tx} + uu_{xx})
$$
\n
$$
= u_x^2 + \lambda u_x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda u - \frac{3}{2}u^2 + \left(p - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right)
$$
\n
$$
= AB - \lambda A + \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right)p_+ * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right) - \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)p_- * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right)
$$
\n
$$
\ge AB - \lambda A - \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)p_- * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right).
$$

Similarly, we have

$$
\frac{d}{dt}B(t, x) = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}(u_t + uu_x) - (u_{tx} + uu_{xx})
$$
\n
$$
= u_x^2 + \lambda u_x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda u - \frac{3}{2}u^2 + \left(p + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right)
$$

$$
= AB - \lambda B + \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right) p_{-} * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^{2}\right) - \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) p_{+} * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^{2}\right)
$$
  

$$
\ge AB - \lambda B - \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) p_{+} * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^{2}\right).
$$

By using the Young inequality and the norm estimate [\(6\)](#page-3-1) presented in Lemma 2, we can derive that

$$
p_{\pm} * (\frac{3}{2}u^2) \le ||p_{\pm}||_{L^{\infty}}||\frac{3}{2}u^2||_{L^1} = \frac{3}{4}||u||_{L^2}^2 \le 3e^{-2\lambda t}||u_0||_{L^2}^2 \le 3||u_0||_{L^2}^2.
$$

Thus, we have

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
\frac{dA}{dt} \ge AB - \lambda A - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2,
$$
\n(10)

and

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
\frac{dB}{dt} \ge AB - \lambda B - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2.
$$
 (11)

The initial condition [\(7\)](#page-3-2):

$$
u'_0(x_0) < -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}|u_0(x_0)| - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C,
$$

is equivalent to

$$
A(0) > \frac{\lambda}{2} + C > 0, \quad B(0) > \frac{\lambda}{2} + C > 0,
$$
\n(12)

where we denote  $A(t) = A(t, x_0)$ ,  $B(t) = B(t, x_0)$  and *C* is defined in [\(8\)](#page-3-3). Hence we can know that

$$
A(0)B(0) > C2,
$$
  
\n
$$
A(0)[B(0) - \lambda] - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) ||u_0||_{L^2}^2 > \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right)\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) ||u_0||_{L^2}^2 = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
B(0)[A(0) - \lambda] - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) ||u_0||_{L^2}^2 > \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right)\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) ||u_0||_{L^2}^2 = 0.
$$

This implies that

<span id="page-6-0"></span>
$$
A'(0) \ge A(0)B(0) - \lambda A(0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 > 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
B'(0) \ge A(0)B(0) - \lambda B(0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 > 0.
$$
\n(13)

We now claim that over the time of existence it always holds that

<span id="page-6-3"></span>
$$
A'(t) > 0, \quad B'(t) > 0.
$$
 (14)

If this claim is not true, then there exists  $t_0 \in [0, T^*)$  such that

<span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
t_0 = \min\{t \in [0, T^*) | A'(t) = 0 \text{ or } B'(t) = 0\}.
$$
 (15)

It is easy to see from [\(13\)](#page-6-0) that  $t_0 > 0$ . In view of [\(10\)](#page-5-0)–[\(11\)](#page-5-1) and the definition of  $t_0$ presented in  $(15)$ , we have

<span id="page-6-2"></span>
$$
0 = A'(t_0) \ge A(t_0)B(t_0) - \lambda A(t_0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2,
$$
  
or 
$$
0 = B'(t_0) \ge A(t_0)B(t_0) - \lambda B(t_0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2.
$$
 (16)

However, we can derive that

$$
A(t_0) \ge A(0) > \frac{\lambda}{2} + C > 0, \quad B(t_0) \ge B(0) > \frac{\lambda}{2} + C > 0,
$$

since  $A'(t) \ge 0$  and  $B'(t) \ge 0$  for  $t \in [0, t_0]$ . Thus, we have

$$
A(t_0)B(t_0) - \lambda A(t_0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 > \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right)\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 = 0,
$$
  

$$
A(t_0)B(t_0) - \lambda B(t_0) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 > \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right)\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} + C\right) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 = 0.
$$

which is a contradiction to [\(16\)](#page-6-2). Therefore [\(14\)](#page-6-3) is true for all  $t \in [0, T^*)$ . In other words, it means that  $A(\cdot, x_0)$ ,  $B(\cdot, x_0)$  and  $AB(\cdot, x_0)$  are all positive and increasing during the whole existence time  $[0, T^*).$ 

To conclude the proof, we consider  $h(t) = \sqrt{AB(t, x_0)}$ . By computing the time derivative of *h*, we get

$$
\frac{d}{dt}h(t) = \frac{A_t B + AB_t}{2\sqrt{AB}}(t, x_0)
$$
\n
$$
\geq \frac{\left(AB - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2\right)(A + B) - 2\lambda AB}{2\sqrt{AB}}(t, x_0)
$$
\n
$$
\geq AB - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 - \lambda \sqrt{AB}
$$
\n
$$
= h^2(t) - \lambda h(t) - 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right) \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2,
$$
\n
$$
= \left[h(t) - \frac{\lambda}{2}\right]^2 - C^2,
$$

where we have used the geometric-arithmetic mean inequality  $A + B \ge 2\sqrt{AB}$  $2h(t)$ . Solving the above differential inequality, we get

$$
h(t) \geq \frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{C[h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} + C + (h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C)e^{2Ct}]}{h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} + C - (h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C)e^{2Ct}}.
$$

It is thereby inferred that

$$
-u_x(t, q(t, x_0)) = \frac{A+B}{2} \ge h(t) \to +\infty, \ \text{as} \ t \to \frac{1}{2C} \ln \frac{h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} + C}{h(0) - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C},
$$

which implies that the solution *u* blows up at a finite time and the lifespan  $T^*$  is estimated above by

$$
T^* \leq \frac{1}{2C} \ln \frac{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0)} - \frac{\lambda}{2} + C}{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0)} - \frac{\lambda}{2} - C},
$$

The proof of Theorem [3](#page-3-4) is completed.

<span id="page-7-1"></span> $\Box$ 

### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**4 Blow-up result of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-0-0) on the circle** S

In this section, we shall present a new blow-up result for the solutions to Eq.  $(1)$  on the circle S. Our main result can be formulated as follows.

**Theorem 4** *Let*  $u_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{S})$ *,*  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ *. Assume that there is*  $x_0 \in \mathbb{S}$  *such that* 

$$
u_0'(x_0) < -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}|u_0(x_0)| - \lambda,\tag{17}
$$

*then the solution u of* [\(4\)](#page-2-0) *blows up in finite time. Moreover, the lifespan T* ∗ *is estimated above by*

$$
T^* \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0)}}{\sqrt{u'_0(x_0)^2 - \frac{3}{2}u_0^2(x_0)} - \lambda},
$$

*Proof* We employ the same notation as in the preceding proof, but now the Green function  $p(x)$  is given by

<span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
p(x) := \frac{\cosh(x - [x] - \frac{1}{2})}{2\sinh\frac{1}{2}},
$$
\n(18)

where  $[x]$  stands for the largest integer part of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

As before, we again introduce

$$
A(t,x) = \left[-u_x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}u\right](t, q(t,x)),
$$

and

$$
B(t,x) = \left[-u_x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}u\right](t, q(t,x)).
$$

Then we have

$$
\frac{d}{dt}A(t, x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}(u_t + uu_x) - (u_{tx} + uu_{xx})
$$
  
=  $u_x^2 + \lambda u_x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda u - \frac{3}{2}u^2 + \left(p - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right)$   
=  $AB - \lambda A + \left(p - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right).$ 

and

$$
\frac{d}{dt}B(t, x) = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}(u_t + uu_x) - (u_{tx} + uu_{xx})
$$
\n
$$
= u_x^2 + \lambda u_x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda u - \frac{3}{2}u^2 + \left(p + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right)
$$
\n
$$
= AB - \lambda B + \left(p + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}p_x\right) * \left(\frac{3}{2}u^2\right).
$$

For the kernel function  $p(x)$  given by [\(18\)](#page-8-0), we know that

$$
p(x) \pm \alpha p_x(x) \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow |\alpha| \le \coth \frac{1}{2}.
$$

Notice that  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} < \coth \frac{1}{2}$ , so we have

$$
\frac{d}{dt}A(t, x) \ge AB - \lambda A,
$$
  

$$
\frac{d}{dt}B(t, x) \ge AB - \lambda B.
$$

The initial condition

$$
u'_0(x_0) < -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}|u_0(x_0)| - \lambda
$$

is equivalent to

$$
A(0, x_0) > \lambda > 0, \quad B(0, x_0) > \lambda > 0.
$$

By using similar proof method as before, we can infer that

$$
A'(t,x_0) > 0, \ \ B'(t,x_0) > 0 \,,
$$

that is, both  $A(\cdot, x_0)$  and  $B(\cdot, x_0)$  are increasing during the whole existence time  $t \in [0, T^*).$ 

Next, we prove that  $T^* < \infty$ . Consider  $h(t) = \sqrt{AB(t, x_0)}$ . Computing the time derivative of *h* yields

$$
\frac{d}{dt}h(t) = \frac{A_t B + AB_t}{2\sqrt{AB}}(t, x_0)
$$
\n
$$
\geq \frac{AB(A + B) - 2\lambda AB}{2\sqrt{AB}}(t, x_0)
$$
\n
$$
\geq h^2(t) - \lambda h(t),
$$

Note that  $h(0) = \sqrt{A(0, x_0)B(0, x_0)} > \lambda > 0$ , hence the solution blows up in finite time. By solving the above differential inequality, we find that

$$
h(t) \to +\infty, \quad as \quad t \to T^* \le \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{h(0)}{h(0) - \lambda}.
$$

We notice the fact that  $-u_x(t, q(t, x_0)) \ge h(t)$ , which implies that  $u_x \to -\infty$  as  $t \to T^*$ . Thus, the proof of Theorem 4 is completed.  $t \rightarrow T^*$ . Thus, the proof of Theorem [4](#page-7-1) is completed.

*Remark* Compared with Theorem 2.3 presented in [\[27\]](#page-11-15), Theorem 3.1 in [\[28](#page-11-1)] and Theorem 3.2 in [\[26](#page-11-0)], we found that checking the blow-up conditions involves the computation of two norm quantities  $||u_0||_{L^2}$  and  $||u_0||_{L^{\infty}}$ , while our blow-up condition in Theorem 3 only involves the computation of  $||u_0||_{L^2}$ . Particularly interesting is that our blow-up condition in Theorem 4 does not involve any norms of  $u_0$  at all. This shows that our blow-up results considerably extend the previous results established in [\[26](#page-11-0)[–28\]](#page-11-1).

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