

## TIME-ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SOLUTIONS FOR GENERAL NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS IN EVEN SPACE-DIMENSION\*

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**Abstract** We study the time-asymptotic behavior of solutions to general Navier-Stokes equations in even and higher than two space-dimensions. Through the pointwise estimates of the Green function of the linearized system, we obtain explicit expressions of the time-asymptotic behavior of the solutions. The result coincides with weak Huygan's principle.

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper, we derive a detailed description of the asymptotic behavior of solutions of Cauchy problem for the general Navier-Stokes systems of conservation laws in  $n$ -dimension, where  $n > 2$  is even. General Navier-Stokes equation is

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \operatorname{div} \rho v = 0 \\ (\rho v^j)_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho v^j v) + P(\rho, e)_{x_j} = \varepsilon \Delta v^j + \eta \operatorname{div} v_{x_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \\ (\rho E)_t + (\rho E v + P(\rho, e) v) = \Delta \left( k \left( T(e) + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon |v|^2 \right) \right) \\ \quad + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}((\nabla v) v) + (\eta - \varepsilon) \operatorname{div}((\operatorname{div} v) v) \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $\rho(x, t)$ ,  $v(x, t)$ ,  $e(x, t)$ ,  $P = P(\rho, e)$  and  $T(e)$  represent respectively the fluid density, velocity, specific internal energy, pressure and normalized temperature, and  $E = e + \frac{1}{2}|v|^2$  is the specific total energy.  $k > 0$  is the heat conductivity,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\eta \geq 0$  are viscosity constants, and  $\operatorname{div}$  and  $\Delta$  are the usual spatial divergence and Laplace operator. We assume throughout that  $P(\rho, e)$  and  $T(e)$  are smooth in a neighborhood of constant state  $(\rho^*, e^*)$  and  $P_\rho = P_\rho(\rho^*, e^*) > 0$ ,  $P_e = P_e(\rho^*, e^*) > 0$ ,  $p = P(\rho^*, e^*)$  and  $d^2 = kT'(\rho^*) > 0$ .

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For the equation (1.1) Liu and Zeng (see [1]) studied general hyperbolic-parabolic systems in one-dimension and obtained pointwise estimate. In several space variables, the asymptotic behavior of the solution of the Cauchy problem for Navier-Stokes equations has been studied in [2] and [3] but only in  $L^p$  space. As for pointwise estimate, for isentropic Navier-Stokes equations in odd space dimension Liu and Wang gave a pointwise estimate in [4], and Xu gave a pointwise estimate for linearized system in even space-dimension in [5].

The plan of this paper is as follows. The linearized system of (1.1) around the constant state  $(\rho^*, v^*, e^*)^T = (1, 0, e^*)^T$ , ( $e^* > 0$ ) is

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + \operatorname{div} v = 0 \\ v_t + p_\rho \nabla \rho + p_e \nabla e = \varepsilon \Delta v + \eta \nabla \operatorname{div} v \\ e_t + p \operatorname{div} v = d^2 \Delta e \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

We first get the pointwise estimate of Green function  $G$  of (1.2), then get the asymptotic behavior of the solution of (1.1) by using Duhamel's principle. Comparing with [5], our main difficulty is that we can't get the explicit expression for  $G$ . So in Section 2 we will introduce a method which allows us to get the estimate without explicit representation of the matrix.

In this article,  $n > 2$  is space dimension, which is even.  $C, \varepsilon$  are positive constants.

## 2. Pointwise Estimate of Green Function

The Green matrix  $G$  is defined as the solution of the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t + A_1(D_x) + B_1(D_x))G(x, t) = 0 \\ G(x, 0) = \delta(x)I \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

The symbols of  $A_1(D_x)$  and  $B_1(D_x)$  are  $\sqrt{-1}A(\xi)$  and  $|\xi|B(\xi)$  respectively, where

$$A(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi^\tau & 0 \\ P_\rho \xi & 0 & P_e \xi \\ 0 & P \xi & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B(\xi) = |\xi|^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon |\xi|^2 I + \eta \xi \xi^\tau & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d^2 |\xi|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)^\tau$ , and  $\delta(x)$  is the Dirac function and  $I$  the  $(n+2) \times (n+2)$  identity matrix. We apply Fourier transformation to the  $x$  variables and get

$$\begin{cases} \hat{G}_t(\xi, t) = -\sqrt{-1}E(\xi)\hat{G}(\xi, t) \\ \hat{G}(\xi, 0) = I \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $E(\xi) = A(\xi) - \sqrt{-1}|\xi|B(\xi)$ .

Let  $E_{\alpha, \beta}(\xi) = \beta A(\xi) - \sqrt{-1}\alpha B(\xi)$ . From simple calculation we know that it has four different eigenvalues. Arrange them as  $\lambda_j^{\alpha, \beta}$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). They have multiplicity 1, 1, 1 and  $n-1$  respectively. Let the left and right eigenvectors associated with  $\lambda_j^{\alpha, \beta}$

be  $r_j^{\alpha,\beta}, l_j^{\alpha,\beta}$ . From simple calculation, we know that  $\lambda_4^{\alpha,\beta}$  has  $n-1$  different set of eigenvectors  $l_j^{\alpha,\beta}, r_j^{\alpha,\beta}$ . Let  $l_i^{\alpha,\beta} r_j^{\alpha,\beta} = \delta_{i,j}$ , then  $E_{\alpha,\beta}(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_j^{\alpha,\beta} P_j^{\alpha,\beta}$ , where  $P_j^{\alpha,\beta} = r_j^{\alpha,\beta} l_j^{\alpha,\beta}$ . Especially  $E = \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_j^{|\xi|,1}$ .

Before the estimate, we first give a lemma, which is proved by Shizuta and Kawashima (see Theorem 1.1 of [6]).

**Lemma 2.1** The following statements are equivalent.

- (1) The system (1.2) is dissipative.
- (2) For all  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0$ , the eigenvector of  $A(\xi)$  does not lie in the null space of  $B(\xi)$ .
- (3)  $\text{Im} \left( \lambda_j^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) \right) \leq -C \frac{|\xi|^2}{1+|\xi|^2}, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  for real  $\xi$ .

We can check easily that no eigenvector of  $A(\xi)$  lies in the null space of  $B(\xi)$  for any  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0$ , so we have

$$\text{Im} \left( \lambda_j^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) \right) \leq -C \frac{|\xi|^2}{1+|\xi|^2} \quad (2.3)$$

$j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  for real  $\xi$ .

**Lemma 2.2** If  $f(\xi, t)$  satisfies

$$|D^\beta(\xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi, t))| \leq C(\min(1, |\xi|^{|\alpha|+k-|\beta|}) + |\xi|^{|\alpha|+k} t^{\frac{\theta}{2}})(1+t|\xi|^2)^m e^{-\theta|\xi|^2 t}$$

for any integer  $m$  and  $k > -n$ , then

$$|D^\alpha f(x, t)| \leq C t^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|+k}{2}} B_N(x, t)$$

where  $N$  is any fixed interger, and

$$B_N(x, t) = \left( 1 + \frac{|x|^2}{1+t} \right)^{-N}$$

**Proof** If  $|\beta| < k + |\alpha|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |x^\beta D^\alpha f(x, t)| &\leq C \int |\xi|^{|\alpha|+k} \left( |\xi|^{-|\beta|} + t^{\frac{|\beta|}{2}} \right) (1+|\xi|^2 t)^m e^{-\theta|\xi|^2 t} d\xi \\ &\leq C t^{-\frac{|\alpha|+n+k-|\beta|}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

If  $|\beta| \geq k + |\alpha|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |x^\beta D^\alpha f(x, t)| &\leq C \int \left( 1 + |\xi|^{|\alpha|+k} t^{\frac{|\beta|}{2}} \right) (1+|\xi|^2 t)^m e^{-\theta|\xi|^2 t} d\xi \\ &\leq C t^{-\frac{|\alpha|+n+k-|\beta|}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $|\beta| = 0$  when  $|x|^2 \leq t+1$ , and  $|\beta| = N$  when  $|x|^2 > t+1$ , then we obtain the result.

Taking Taylor expansion at  $\alpha = 0$  for  $\lambda_k^{\alpha,1}(\xi)$  and  $P_k^{\alpha,1}(\xi)$ , noting that  $P_k^{\alpha,1}(\xi)$  is 0-homogeneous in  $|\xi|$ , we get

**Lemma 2.3** For  $|\xi| < \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon$  small enough, we have

$$\lambda_k^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) = \lambda_k^{0,1}(\xi) + |\xi|(\partial_\alpha \lambda_k^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} + O(|\xi|^3) \quad (2.4)$$

$$P_k^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) = P_k^{0,1}(\xi) + O(|\xi|) \quad (2.5)$$

By simple calculation, we know that  $\lambda_1^{0,1} = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2^{0,1} = c|\xi|$ ,  $\lambda_3^{0,1} = -c|\xi|$ ,  $\lambda_4^{0,1} = 0$ . Taking Taylor expansion at  $\alpha = 0$  for

$$P_j^{\alpha,1} (A - \sqrt{-1}\alpha B) P_j^{\alpha,1} = P_j^{\alpha,1} (\lambda_j^{\alpha,1} P_j^{\alpha,1})$$

and comparing the coefficients of  $\alpha$  on both sides, we have

$$-\sqrt{-1}P_j^{0,1}BP_j^{0,1} = (\partial_\alpha \lambda_j^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} P_j^{0,1}$$

Since  $B, P_j^{0,1}$  are real for real  $\xi$ ,  $\sqrt{-1}(\partial_\alpha \lambda_j^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0}$  is real. From (2.3) and that  $(\partial_\alpha \lambda_j^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0}$  is 1-homogeneous in  $\xi$ , we see that there exists positive constant  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$(\sqrt{-1}\partial_\alpha \lambda_k^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} > \varepsilon|\xi| \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $\hat{w} = \frac{\sin(c|\xi|t)}{c|\xi|}$ , then for small  $|\xi|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G}(\xi, t) &= \cos(c|\xi|t)e^{-\sqrt{-1}(|\xi|(\partial_\alpha \lambda_2^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} + O(|\xi|^3))t} (P_2^{0,1}(\xi) + O(|\xi|)) \\ &\quad - \sqrt{-1} \frac{\sin(c|\xi|t)}{c|\xi|} e^{-\sqrt{-1}(|\xi|(\partial_\alpha \lambda_2^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} + O(|\xi|^3))t} (P_2^{0,1}(\xi) + O(|\xi|)) \cdot c|\xi| \\ &\quad + \cos(c|\xi|t)e^{-\sqrt{-1}(|\xi|(\partial_\alpha \lambda_3^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} + O(|\xi|^3))t} (P_3^{0,1}(\xi) + O(|\xi|)) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{-1} \frac{\sin(c|\xi|t)}{c|\xi|} e^{-\sqrt{-1}(|\xi|(\partial_\alpha \lambda_3^{\alpha,1}(\xi))_{\alpha=0} + O(|\xi|^3))t} (P_3^{0,1}(\xi) + O(|\xi|)) \cdot c|\xi| \\ &\quad + e^{-\sqrt{-1}\lambda_1^{|\xi|,1}t} P_1^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) + e^{-\sqrt{-1}\lambda_4^{|\xi|,1}t} P_4^{|\xi|,1}(\xi) \\ &= \hat{w}_t \hat{F}_1 + \hat{w} \hat{F}_2 + \hat{w}_t \hat{F}_3 + \hat{w} \hat{F}_4 + \hat{F}_5 \end{aligned}$$

From simple calculation and (2.6), we can get

**Lemma 2.4** If  $|\xi|$  is small enough, there exists a positive constant  $b$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} &|D_\xi^\beta(\xi^\alpha \hat{F}_j(\xi, t))| \\ &\leq C \left( \min(1, |\xi|^{1+|\alpha|-|\beta|}) + |\xi|^{|\alpha|+1} t^{\frac{|\beta|}{2}} \right) (1 + |\xi|^2 t)^{|\beta|+1} e^{-b|\xi|^2 t}, \quad j = 2, 4 \quad (2.7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &|D_\xi^\beta(\xi^\alpha \hat{F}_j(\xi, t))| \\ &\leq C \left( \min(1, |\xi|^{|\alpha|-|\beta|}) + |\xi|^{|\alpha|} t^{\frac{|\beta|}{2}} \right) (1 + |\xi|^2 t)^{|\beta|+1} e^{-b|\xi|^2 t}, \quad j = 1, 3, 5 \quad (2.8) \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.2, we get

**Lemma 2.5** *If  $|\xi| < \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, we have*

$$|D^\alpha F_j(x, t)| \leq C_N t^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|+1}{2}} B_N(x, t), \quad j = 2, 4 \quad (2.9)$$

$$|D^\alpha F_j(x, t)| \leq C_N t^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} B_N(x, t), \quad j = 1, 3, 5 \quad (2.10)$$

In order to estimate  $G(x, t)$ , we also need the following two lemmas which can be found in [5].

**Lemma 2.6** *For  $f(x) \in C^{\frac{n}{2}}$ , there exist constants  $a_\alpha, b_\alpha$ , such that*

$$w * f(x) = \sum_{0 \leq |\alpha| \leq \frac{n-2}{2}} a_\alpha t^{|\alpha|+1} \int_{|y| \leq 1} \frac{D^\alpha f(x + cty)}{\sqrt{1 - |y|^2}} y^\alpha dy$$

$$w_t * f(x) = \sum_{0 \leq |\alpha| \leq \frac{n}{2}} b_\alpha t^{|\alpha|} \int_{|y| \leq 1} \frac{D^\alpha f(x + cty)}{\sqrt{1 - |y|^2}} y^\alpha dy$$

**Lemma 2.7** *For any positive integer  $N$ , there exists constant  $C$ , such that*

$$\left| \int_{|y| \leq 1} \frac{B_{2N}(x + cty, t)}{\sqrt{1 - |y|^2}} y^\alpha dy \right| \leq C(1 + t)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} A_N(x, t)$$

where  $A_N(x, t) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} \left( 1 + \frac{(|x| - ctr)^2}{1+t} \right)^{-N} dr.$

Let

$$\chi_1(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |\xi| < \varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{if } |\xi| > 2\varepsilon \end{cases}, \quad \chi_3(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |\xi| > R+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |\xi| < R \end{cases}$$

be cut-off functions, with  $2\varepsilon < R, \chi_2 = 1 - \chi_1 - \chi_3$ . Since  $\hat{G}_j = \chi_j \hat{G} (j = 1, 2, 3)$ , from (2.3) we know that

$$|D_x^\alpha G_1| \leq C \int_{|\xi| \leq 2\varepsilon} \xi^\alpha \hat{G} d\xi \leq C \quad (2.11)$$

$$|D_x^\alpha G_2| \leq C \int_{|\xi| \leq R+1} \xi^\alpha \hat{G} d\xi \leq C \quad (2.12)$$

From Lemmas 2.5–2.7 and (2.11), we have

**Lemma 2.8** *For  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough, we have*

$$|D_x^\alpha G_1(x, t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|\alpha|}{2}} A_N(x, t) + C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} B_N(x, t)$$

By the method similar to the proof of Proposition 3.3 in [4], we get  $|D_x^\alpha G_2(x, t)| \leq C t^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} B_N(x, t)$ . From (2.12), we get the following result:

**Lemma 2.9** *For fixed  $\varepsilon$  and  $R$ , we have*

$$|D_x^\alpha G_2(x, t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} B_N(x, t)$$

Take Taylor expansion for  $\lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi)$  in  $\beta$  near  $\beta = 0$ , we get

$$\lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi) = \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + \beta(\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0} + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \beta^m (\partial_\beta^m \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0} + r(\beta, \xi)$$

where  $(\partial_\beta^m \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0}$  is 0-homogeneous in  $\xi$ , thus

$$\lambda_j^{|\xi|,1} = |\xi| \lambda_j^{1,|\xi|} = |\xi| \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + (\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0} + \sum_{j=1}^m a_j |\xi|^{-j} + O(|\xi|^{-m-1})$$

Thus we can write

$$e^{-\sqrt{-1} \lambda_j^{|\xi|,1} t} = e^{-\sqrt{-1} (|\xi| \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + (\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0}) t} \times \left( 1 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i |\xi|^{-i} \right) t + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i |\xi|^{-i} \right)^m t^m + R(t, \xi) \right)$$

where  $R(t, \xi) \leq C(1+t)^{m+1}(1+|\xi|)^{-(m+1)}$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G}_3(\xi, t) &= \sum_{j=1}^4 e^{-\sqrt{-1} \lambda_j^{|\xi|,1} t} P_j^{|\xi|,1} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^4 e^{-\sqrt{-1} (|\xi| \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + (\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0}) t} \left( q_{j,0} + \sum_{i=1}^m p_{j,i}(t) q_{j,i}(\xi) + R_j(t, \xi) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_{j,i}, q_{j,i}, R_j$  are matrices, and

$$|p_{j,i}(t)| \leq C(1+t)^i, |q_{j,i}(\xi)| \leq C(1+|\xi|)^{-i}, |R_j(t, \xi)| \leq C(1+t)^{m+1}(1+|\xi|)^{-(m+1)}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} L_{j,0}(t, \xi) &= e^{-\sqrt{-1} (|\xi| \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + (\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0}) t} q_{j,0} \\ L_{j,i}(t, \xi) &= e^{-\sqrt{-1} (|\xi| \lambda_j^{1,0}(\xi) + (\partial_\beta \lambda_j^{1,\beta}(\xi))_{\beta=0}) t} p_{j,i}(t) q_{j,i}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

From (2.3) we know that  $\operatorname{Re}(-\sqrt{-1} \lambda^{|\xi|,1}) \leq -b$  for some  $b > 0$ . By the definitions of  $G$  and  $L_{j,t}$ , we have

**Lemma 2.10** For  $R$  sufficiently large, there exist distributions

$$K_{|\alpha|}(x, t) = \sum_{j=0}^4 \sum_{i=0}^{n+|\alpha|} \bar{L}_{j,i}$$

such that

$$\left| D_x^\alpha (G_3 - \chi_3(D) K_{|\alpha|}(x, t)) \right| \leq C e^{-bt} B_N(x, t)$$

where  $b > 0, \bar{L}_{j,i} = L_{j,i}(t, \xi)$ .

Summing up Lemma 2.8, Lemma 2.9 and Lemma 2.10, we can get

**Theorem 2.1** For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\left| D_x^\alpha (G(x, t) - \chi_3(D) K_{|\alpha|}(x, t)) \right| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} \left( B_N(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_N(x, t) \right)$$

### 3. Asymptotic Behavior for Nonlinear System

We denote  $u = (\rho - \rho^*, v - v^*, e - e^*)^T = (\rho - 1, v, e - e^*)^T$ ,  $u_0 = (\rho_0 - 1, v_0, e_0 - e^*)^T$  and rewrite (1.1) as

$$\partial_t u + A_1(D_x)u + B_1(D_x)u = Q(u) \quad (3.1)$$

When  $|u|$  is small enough, we can write

$$Q(u) = \sum_j D_{x_j} \left( r_j(u) + \sum_l D_{x_l} r_{j,l}(u) \right)$$

where  $r_j(u) = O(|u|^2)$ ,  $r_{j,l}(u) = O(|u|^2)$ . In this section, we will use this fact to consider the Cauchy problem of (3.1)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + A_1(D_x)u + B_1(D_x)u = Q(u) \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0 \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

As in [2] and [4], we have

**Proposition 3.1** Suppose that  $u_0 \in H^{s+l}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $s = \frac{n}{2} + 1$ ,  $l$  is a nonnegative integer, and that  $\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}$  is sufficiently small. Then there exists a unique global classical solution  $u \in H^{s+l}$  of (1,1) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2}(t) &= O(1)\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}, \quad 0 \leq |\alpha| \leq s+l \\ \left( \int_0^\infty \|D_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2}^2(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= O(1)\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}, \quad 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq s+l \\ \|D_x^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty} &= O(1)\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}, \quad 0 \leq |\alpha| \leq l \end{aligned}$$

Let  $E = \max\{\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}, \|u_0\|_{W^{l,1}}\}$ , by Proposition 3.1 we have  $\|u_0\|_{W^{l,\infty}} \leq CE$ .

Now we will give a pointwise estimate for the solution  $u$  of (3.2). Take  $D_x^\alpha$  on (3.1) and apply Duhamel's principle, we obtain

$$D_x^\alpha u = D_x^\alpha G(t) * u_0 + \int_0^t G(t-s) * D_x^\alpha Q(u(s)) ds = R_1^\alpha + R_2^\alpha \quad (3.3)$$

First we give three lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** If  $|y| \leq M$ ,  $t > 4M^2$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $N > 0$ , we have

$$(1 + (|x-y| - pt)^2/t)^{-N} \leq C_N(1 + (|x| - pt)^2/t)^{-N}$$

The proof can be found in [4].

**Lemma 3.2** If  $\text{supp } \hat{f}(\xi) \subset O_R = \{\xi, |\xi| > R\}$  and satisfies the estimate

$$|D_\xi^\beta \hat{f}(\xi)| \leq C|\xi|^{-|\beta|}$$

then there exist distributions  $f_1(x)$ ,  $f_{2,\gamma}(x)$  and a constant  $C_0$ , such that

$$f(x) = f_1(x) + \sum_{|\gamma| \leq 1} D_x^\gamma f_{2,\gamma}(x) + C_0 \delta(x)$$

where  $\delta(x)$  is the Dirac function, and for  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_{2,\gamma}(x)$  we have the following estimate: there exists constant  $C > 0$  such that for any positive integer  $N$ ,

$$|D_x^\alpha f_1(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^{-N}$$

and

$$\|f_{2,\gamma}\|_{L_1} \leq C, \text{supp} f_{2,\gamma}(x) \subset \{x; |x| < 2\varepsilon_0\}$$

with  $\varepsilon_0$  small enough.

**Proof** Since  $\text{supp} \hat{f}(\xi) \subset O_R$ , one has

$$J = |x^\beta D_x^\alpha f(x)| \leq C \int_{|\xi| > R} |\xi|^{|\alpha| - |\beta|} d\xi$$

Taking  $|\beta| = 2N > |\alpha| + n$ , we see  $J \leq C$ . Thus for  $|x| \neq 0$ ,

$$|D_x^\alpha f(x)| \leq C|x|^{-2N}$$

Let  $f_1(x) = \Psi(x)f(x)$  with  $\Psi(x) \in C^\infty$  and

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \geq 2\varepsilon_0 \\ 0, & |x| < \varepsilon_0 < 1 \end{cases}$$

we know that  $|D^\alpha f_1(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^{-N}$ .

Next set

$$f_{3,\gamma}(x) = (1 - \Psi(x))R_\gamma(D_x)f(x), \quad f_{4,\gamma}(x) = (D_x^\gamma \Psi(x))(R_\gamma(D_x)f(x))$$

with  $R_\gamma(D_x)$  to be the singular integral operator with symbol  $R_\gamma(\xi) = \xi^\gamma/|\xi|^2$  ( $|\gamma| = 1$ ).

Since  $\sum_{|\gamma|=1} D_x^\gamma R_\gamma(D_x) = I$ , we have

$$f(x) = f_1(x) + \sum_{|\gamma|=1} (D_x^\gamma f_{3,\gamma}(x) + f_{4,\gamma}(x))$$

Let  $f_{2,\gamma}(x) = x^{-\beta_1} (x^{\beta_1} f_{3,\gamma}(x))$  and  $p = 2n, q = 2n/(2n - 1)$ . We have

$$\|f_{2,\gamma}\|_{L_1} \leq C \|x^{\beta_1} f_{3,\gamma}\|_{L_p} \|x^{-\beta_1}\|_{L_q(|x| < 1)}$$

Taking  $|\beta_1| = n - 1$ , we have  $\|x^{-\beta_1}\|_{L_q(|x| < 1)} \leq C$ . Let  $\eta(\xi)$  be the Fourier transform of  $(1 - \Psi(x))$ , we have

$$\|x^{\beta_1} f_{3,\gamma}\|_{L_p} \leq C \|D^{\beta_1} \eta * R_\gamma(\xi) \hat{f}\|_{L_q} \leq C \|\eta\|_{L_\infty} \|D^{\beta_1} R_\gamma(D_x) \hat{f}\|_{L_q} \leq C$$

Therefore  $\|f_{2,\gamma}\|_{L_1} \leq C$ . Let  $h_\gamma(x) = f_{3,\gamma}(x) - f_{2,\gamma}(x)$ , then  $h_\gamma(x)$  is supported at the point  $x = 0$  and its Fourier transform is bounded:

$$\|\hat{h}_\gamma\|_{L_\infty} \leq \|\hat{f}_{3,\gamma}\|_{L_\infty} + \|f_{2,\gamma}\|_{L_1} \leq C$$



It follows that  $\sum_{|\gamma|=1} h_\gamma(x) = C_0\delta(x)$ .

Let  $f_{2,0}(x) = x^{-\beta} \left( x^\beta \sum_{|\gamma|=1} f_{4,\gamma}(x) \right)$ . Use the same method, we get  $\|f_{2,0}\|_{L^1} \leq C$ , and  $h_0 = \sum_{|\gamma|=1} f_{4,\gamma}(x) - f_{2,0}(x) = C_0\delta(x)$ . Thus the lemma is proved.

Now we came to a very technical lemma

**Lemma 3.3** *If functions  $H(x, t)$  and  $S(x, t)$  satisfy*

$$|D_x^\alpha S(x, t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|+1}{2}} (B_N(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_N(x, t))$$

and

$$|D_x^\alpha H(x, t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-n-\frac{|\alpha|}{2}} (B_n(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}+1} A_n(x, t))$$

then

$$\left| D_x^\alpha \int_0^t S(t-s) * H(s) ds \right| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t))$$

Since its proof is very technical, we leave it to Section 4.

Now we continue to study  $R_1^\alpha$  in (3.3).

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose  $u_0$  has compact support,  $t$  is large enough, we have*

$$|R_1^\alpha| \leq CE(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} (B_N(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_N(x, t))$$

where  $|\alpha| \leq l+s$ .

**Proof**  $|R_1^\alpha| = |D_x^\alpha(G - \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|}) * u_0 + D_x^\alpha \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|} * u_0|$ .

From Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |D_x^\alpha(G - \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|}) * u_0| \\ & \leq CE(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|}{2}} (B_N(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_N(x, t)) \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of  $K_{|\alpha|}$ , we get

$$|D_x^\alpha \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|} * u_0| \leq C(1+|x|)^{-2N} e^{-\frac{bx}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-(n+|\alpha|)/2} B_N(x, t)$$

Thus

$$R_1^\alpha \leq CE(1+t)^{-(n+|\alpha|)/2} (B_N(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_N(x, t))$$

Next we consider  $R_2^\alpha$  in (3.3). We write  $R_2^\alpha$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} R_2^\alpha &= \int_0^t \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|}(t-s) * D_x^\alpha Q(u(s)) ds \\ &+ \int_0^t (G - \chi_3(D)K_{|\alpha|})(t-s) * D_x^\alpha Q(u(s)) ds \\ &= R_{2,1}^\alpha + R_{2,2}^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Set  $\varphi_\alpha(x, t) = (1+t)^{n/2+\nu(|\alpha|)}(B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}}A_n(x, t))^{-1}$ .

$$M(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t, |\alpha| \leq l-3} \max |D_x^\alpha u(x, \tau)| \varphi_\alpha(x, \tau)$$

where

$$\nu(k) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} k, & k \leq l-3 \\ 0, & k > l-3 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.2** If  $|\alpha| \leq l-3, l \leq n+3$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{2,1}^\alpha| &\leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3} + M^2 + EM) \\ &\quad \times (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)}(B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}}A_n(x, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $CE < 1$ .

**Proof** From the definition of  $K_{|\alpha|}$ , we know that

$$|R_{2,1}^\alpha| \leq C \sum_{j=1}^4 \sum_{i=0}^{n+|\alpha|} \int_0^t \bar{L}_{ji} * D^\alpha D_{x_i} \left( \sum_l r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) ds$$

By Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{2,1}^\alpha| &\leq C \sum_{i=0}^{n+|\alpha|} \int_0^t \left( f_1(x) + \sum_{|\gamma| \leq 1} D_x^\gamma f_{2,\gamma}(x) + C_0 \delta(x) \right) \\ &\quad * \left( \sum_l D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \right) e^{-b(t-s)} \end{aligned}$$

because

$$\left| D_x^\gamma D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \right| \leq C \sum_{|\alpha_j| \leq |\alpha|+3} |D^{\alpha_1} u| |D^{\alpha_2} u| \prod_{j \geq 3} |D^{\alpha_j} u| \quad (3.5)$$

From the definition of  $M$  and Prop. 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| D_x^\gamma D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \right| (x, t) \\ &\leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3}(t) + M^2(t))(1+t)^{-n-\nu(|\alpha|)}(B_n(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}+1}A_n(x, t)), \\ &\quad \text{if } |\alpha| \leq l-6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| D_x^\gamma D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \right| (x, t) \\ &\leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3}(t) + M^2(t))(1+t)^{-n}(B_n(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}+1}A_n(x, t)), \end{aligned}$$

if  $l - 5 \leq |\alpha| \leq l - 3$

$$\begin{aligned} & |D_x^\gamma D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) |(x, t) \\ & \leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3}(t) + M(t))(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)) A, \end{aligned}$$

if  $l \geq |\alpha| \geq l - 2$

where  $\|A\|_{L^\infty} \leq CE$ . By the same method, we get a similar estimate for

$$D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) (x, t)$$

Because  $e^{-bt} D_x^\alpha f_1(x) \leq C e^{-bt} B_N(x, t)$ , by similar method as that of the proof of Lemma 3.3 and  $l \leq n + 3$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t e^{-b(t-s)} f_1(x) * \left( \sum_l D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \right) dt \\ & \leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3} + M^2 + EM)(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & D_x^\gamma f_{2,\gamma}(x) * D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) \\ & \leq C \|f_{2,\gamma}\|_{L^1} \left\| D_x^\gamma D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) (y) \right\|_{L^\infty(|x-y|<2\varepsilon_0)} \\ & \leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3} + M^2 + EM)(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & C_0 \delta(x) * D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) = C_0 D_x^\alpha D_{x_l} \left( r_l + \sum_k D_{x_k} r_{k,l} \right) (x) \\ & \leq C(M^{|\alpha|+3} + M^2 + EM)(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus (3.4) is proved.

**Theorem 3.3** If  $|\alpha| \leq l - 3$

$$|R_{2,2}^\alpha| \leq C(M^2 + M^{|\alpha|})(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) + C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)) \quad (3.6)$$

**Proof** If  $|\alpha| \leq l - 6$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2,2}^\alpha &= \int_0^t \left( \sum_{j=1}^n D^\alpha (D_{x_j} (G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|}) (t-s) * r_j(s)) \right) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n D^\alpha (D_{x_j} D_{x_i} (G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|}) (t-s) * r_{j,i}(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$|D_x^\alpha D_{x_j}(G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|})| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+|\alpha|+1}{2}} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x,t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x,t))$$

From  $r_j = O(|u|^2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_x^\alpha r_j| &\leq C \sum_{|\alpha_j| \leq |\alpha|} |D^{\alpha_1} u| |D^{\alpha_2} u| \prod_{j \geq 3} |D^{\alpha_j} u| \\ &\leq C(M^2 + M^{|\alpha|})(1+t)^{-n-\frac{|\alpha|}{2}} (B_n(x,t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}+1} A_n(x,t)) \end{aligned}$$

For  $D_{x_i} D_{x_j}(G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|})$  and  $r_{j,i}$ , we have similar estimates. Using Lemma 3.3, we get (3.6).

If  $l-5 \leq |\alpha| \leq l-3$ , we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2,2}^\alpha &= \int_0^t \left( \sum_{j=1}^n D^\beta D_{x_j} (G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|}) (t-s) * (D^{\alpha_1} r_j(s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^n D^\beta D_{x_j} D_{x_i} (G - \chi_3 K_{|\alpha|}) (t-s) * (D^{\alpha_1} r_{j,i}(s)) \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

Here  $|\alpha_1| = l-6$  and  $|\beta| = |\alpha| - |\alpha_1|$ . In Lemma 3.3, we replace  $H$  by  $D^\beta D_{x_j}(G - F_{|\alpha|})$  or  $D^\beta D_{x_j} D_{x_i}(G - F_{|\alpha|})$ ,  $S$  by  $D^{\alpha_1} r_j$  or  $D^{\alpha_1} r_{j,i}$ . We can also get (3.9) for  $l-5 \leq |\alpha| \leq l-3$ . Combining the three theorems above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |D_x^\alpha u(x,t)| &\leq C(E + M^2 + M^{|\alpha|+3} + M^2)(1+t)^{-\frac{n+\nu(|\alpha|)}{2}} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x,t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x,t)) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $D_x^\alpha u(x,t) \varphi_\alpha(x,t) \leq C(E + M(t)^2 + M^{|\alpha|+3}(t) + EM(t))$ . Thus we have

$$M(t) \leq C(E + M^2(t) + M^{|\alpha|+3}(t) + EM(t))$$

Because  $E$  is small enough, using continuity of  $M(t)$  and induction, we obtain  $M(t) \leq CE$ .

Thus we obtain the main result in this paper.

**Theorem 3.4** Suppose that  $u_0 \in H^{s+l}(R^n)$  has compact support,  $s = n/2 + 1$ ,  $3 \leq l \leq n + 3$  with  $E = \max\{\|u_0\|_{H^{s+l}}, \|u_0\|_{W^{1,l}}\}$  small enough, and  $|\alpha| \leq l - 3$ , then the solution  $u$  of (1.1) satisfies

$$|D_x^\alpha u(x,t)| \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}-\nu(|\alpha|)} (B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x,t) + (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x,t))$$

**Remark** The solution of the nonlinear system (1.1) has the decay factor  $B_{\frac{n}{2}}$  and  $A_n$  depending on the space dimension  $n$ , while the Green function has the decay factor  $B_N$  and  $A_N$  of arbitrary order  $N > 0$ . In other words, due to the effect of nonlinearity, the solution exhibits a much weaker form of Huygen's principle.

## 4. The Proof of Lemma 3.3

First we give some Lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1** Let  $a(t, s, x), b(t, x, s) \geq 0$ , we have

$$\int_{R^n} \left(1 + \frac{(|y| - a)^2}{1 + b}\right)^{-n} dy \leq C((1 + b)^{\frac{n}{2}} + (1 + b)^{\frac{1}{2}}|a|^{n-1}) \quad (4.1)$$

The Proof can be found in [4].

**Lemma 4.2** If  $ct \leq |x| \leq ct + \sqrt{t}$ , then  $A_n(x, t) > Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Proof** Set  $|x| = kct$ , then  $1 < k < 1 + \frac{1}{c\sqrt{t}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I &\geq C \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1 + c^2t(k-r)^2)^n} dr = \int_{c\sqrt{t}(k-1)}^{c\sqrt{t}k} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr \\ &\geq \int_C^{C+1} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr \geq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.3** If  $|x| \leq ct$ , then  $A_n(x, t) \geq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Proof** Set  $|x| = kct$ , then  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I &\geq \int_{c\sqrt{t}(k-1)}^{c\sqrt{t}k} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr \\ &= \int_0^{c\sqrt{t}k} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr + \int_0^{c\sqrt{t}(1-k)} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr \\ &\geq \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{(1 + r^2)^n c\sqrt{t}} dr \geq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now we set

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= (1 + t - s)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} (1 + s)^{-n}, & p_1 &= B_N(y - x, t - s) B_n(y, s) \\ \theta_2 &= (1 + t - s)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} (1 + s)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+1}, & p_2 &= B_N(y - x, t - s) A_n(y, s) \\ \theta_3 &= (1 + t - s)^{-\frac{3n}{4}} (1 + s)^{-n}, & p_3 &= A_N(y - x, t - s) B_n(y, s) \\ \theta_4 &= (1 + t - s)^{-\frac{3n}{4}} (1 + s)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+1}, & p_4 &= A_N(y - x, t - s) A_n(y, s) \end{aligned}$$

By the conditions of Lemma 3.3, we know that

$$\left| D_x^\alpha \int_{\Omega} H(t - s) * S(s) ds \right| \leq C(1 + t)^{-\frac{|\alpha|}{2}} \left| \sum_i \int_{\Omega} \theta_i p_i ds dy \right|$$

where  $\Omega = [0, t] \times IR^n$ . Evidently, Lemma 3.3 will follow from the estimate below:

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \theta_i p_i ds dy \right| \leq C(1 + t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (B_{\frac{n}{2}} + (1 + t)^{-\frac{n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)).$$

Set  $\Omega_1 = R^n \cap \left[\frac{t}{2}, t\right]$ ,  $\Omega_2 = R^n \cap \left[0, \frac{t}{2}\right]$ . Now we begin from the estimate of  $\prod_i = \left| \int_{\Omega} \theta_i p_i ds dy \right|$ . We omit the estimate of  $\prod_1$ , because it is very similar to Case 4.1 and Case 4.2 in [4].

The estimate of  $\prod_2$  is carried out in four different cases.

**Case 2.1**  $|x|^2 \leq t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 &\leq \int_{\Omega_1} \theta_2 B_N(y-x, t-s) ds dy + \int_{\Omega_2} \theta_2 A_n(y, s) ds dy \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+1} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_n(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.2**  $ct - \sqrt{t} \leq |x| \leq ct + \sqrt{t}$ . By Lemma 4.2 and 4.3,

$$\prod_{2,1} \leq \int_{\Omega_1} \theta_2 p_2 ds dy \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+\frac{3}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)$$

for  $\prod_{2,2}$ , we need a better estimate.

If  $|y| \geq \frac{|x| + csr}{2}$ , we have  $|y| - csr \geq \frac{|x| - csr}{2} \geq \frac{t}{8}$ , and

$$\prod_{2,2} \leq \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_2 \left(\frac{1+s}{1+t}\right)^n (1+t-s)^{n/2} ds \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)$$

If  $|y| \leq \frac{|x| + csr}{2}$ , we have  $|y-x| \geq |x| - |y| \geq \frac{|x| - csr}{2} \geq \frac{t}{8}$ .

$$\prod_{2,2} \leq \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_2 (1+t)^{-n} (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)$$

**Case 2.3**  $\sqrt{t} \leq |x| \leq ct - \sqrt{t}$ .

If  $s \geq \frac{t}{2}$ ,

$$\prod_2 \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+\frac{3}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}+\frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)$$

If  $\frac{|x|}{2cr} \leq s < \frac{t}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} \int_{\frac{|x|}{2cr}}^{\frac{t}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{|x|}{2cr}\right)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} \frac{\sqrt{1+t}}{cr} \frac{dy dr}{\left(1 + \frac{|y-x|^2}{1+t}\right)^N} \\ &\leq C(1+|x|)^{-\frac{3n}{2}+1} \\ &\leq C(1+|x|)^{-n} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } s \leq \frac{|x|}{2cr}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{|y-x|^2}{1+t-s}\right)^{-N} \leq C \left(1 + \frac{|x|^2}{1+t-s}\right)^{-N}, \quad \text{if } |y-x| \geq \frac{|x|}{4},$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{(|y-csr|^2)}{1+s}\right)^{-n} \leq C \left(1 + \frac{|x|^2}{1+s}\right)^{-n}, \quad \text{if } |y-x| \leq \frac{|x|}{4},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 &\leq \int_0^{\frac{|x|}{2cr}} \theta_2 (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} B_N(x,t) ds + \int_0^{\frac{|x|}{2cr}} \theta_2 B_n(x,t) \left(\frac{1+s}{1+t}\right)^n (1+t-s)^{\frac{n}{2}} ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_{\frac{n}{2}}(x,t) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.4**  $|x| \geq ct + \sqrt{t}$ .

Then  $|x| - ctr \geq \sqrt{t} \geq 0$ .

$$p_2 \leq \begin{cases} B_N(y-x, t-s) A_n(x, s), & \text{if } |y| \geq \frac{|x| + csr}{2} \\ \left(1 + \frac{(|x| - csr)^2}{1+t-s}\right)^{-N} A_n(y, s), & \text{if } |y| \leq \frac{|x| + csr}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$(|x| - csr)^2 \geq \begin{cases} C|x|^2, & s \leq \frac{t}{2} \\ C(|x| - ctr)^2, & s \geq \frac{t}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_2 &\leq C \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_2 (1+t-s)^{\frac{n}{2}} A_n(x,t) ds + \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_2 A_N(x,t) \left(\frac{1+t-s}{1+t}\right)^N (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_2 B_n(x,t) (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds + \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_2 (1+t-s)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(\frac{1+s}{1+t}\right)^n B_n(x,t) ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x,t) + C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_n(x,t) \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate  $\prod_3$ .

**Case 3.1**  $|x|^2 \leq t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_3 &\leq C \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_3 (1+s)^{\frac{n}{2}} ds + C \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_3 (1+t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_n(x,t) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 3.2**  $(|x| - ctr)^2 \leq t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_3 &\leq C \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_3 (1+t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds + C \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_3 (1+s)^{\frac{n}{2}} ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x,t) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 3.3**  $\sqrt{t} \leq |x| \leq ctr - \sqrt{t}$ . Set  $t_1 = \frac{t}{2} - \frac{|x|}{2cr}$ ,  $t_2 = t - \frac{|x|}{4cr}$ .

If  $s \leq t_1$ , when  $|y| \leq \frac{ctr - |x|}{4}$ , we can get  $-|y - x| + c(t - s)r \geq \frac{ctr - |x|}{4}$ , thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_3 &\leq C \int_0^{t_1} \theta_3 A_n(x, t) \left( \frac{1+s}{1+t} \right)^n (t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &\quad + C \int_0^{t_1} \theta_3 A_N(x, t) (1+s)^{\frac{n}{2}} ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

If  $s \geq t_2$ , when  $|y| \leq \frac{|x|}{2}$ , we can get  $|y - x| - c(t - s)r \geq \frac{|x|}{4}$ , thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_3 &\leq C \int_{t_2}^t \theta_3 B_N(x, t) \left( \frac{t-s}{1+t} \right)^N (1+s)^{\frac{n}{2}} ds \\ &\quad + C \int_{t_2}^t \theta_3 B_n(x, t) (t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_n(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

If  $t_1 < s < t_2$ , we have

$$\theta_3(t, s) \leq \begin{cases} C(1 + (ctr - |x|))^{-n} (1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}}, & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{t}{2} \\ C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}} (1+|x|)^{-n}, & \frac{t}{2} \leq s \leq t \end{cases}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega \cap (t_1 < s < t_2)} P_3 ds dy \leq C\sqrt{1+t} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left( 1 + \frac{|y|^2}{1+t} \right)^{-n} dy \leq C(1+t)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

Thus  $\prod_3 \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} B_{\frac{n}{2}} + C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t)$ .

The estimate of  $\prod_4$  is as follows.

We write  $p_4$  as

$$\begin{aligned} p_4 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{(|y-x| - c(t-s)r_1)^2}{1+t-s} \right)^N} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{(|y|-csr_2)^2}{1+s} \right)^n} dr_2 dr_1 \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{(|y-x| - c(t-s)r_1)^2}{1+t-s} \right)^N} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{(|y|-csr_2)^2}{1+s} \right)^n} dr_1 dr_2 \\ &= p_{4,1} + p_{4,2} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\prod_4 = \int_{\Omega} \theta_4 p_{4,1} ds dy + \int_{\Omega} \theta_4 p_{4,2} ds dy$ .



**Case 4.1**  $|x| \leq ct + \sqrt{t}$ . Because of Lemma 4.2, 4.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_4 &\leq \int_{\Omega_1} \theta_4 A_N(y-x, t-s) dy ds + \int_{\Omega_2} \theta_4 A_n(y, s) dy ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4}} \leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 4.2**  $|x| \geq ct + \sqrt{t}$ .

When  $|y| - csr_1 \geq \frac{|x| - ctr_1}{2}$ , we can get  $|y| - csr_2 \geq |y| - csr_1 \geq \frac{|x| - ctr_1}{2} \geq 0$ .

When  $|y| - csr_1 \leq \frac{|x| - ctr_1}{2}$ , we can get  $|y-x| - c(t-s)r_1 \geq \frac{|x| - ctr_1}{2} \geq 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \theta_4 p_{4,1} ds dy &= \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_4 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \left(1 + \frac{(|x| - ctr_1)^2}{1+s}\right)^{-n} \\ &\quad \cdot (1+t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} dr_2 dr_1 ds \\ &\quad + \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \theta_4 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \left(1 + \frac{(|x| - ctr_1)^2}{1+t-s}\right)^{-N} \\ &\quad \cdot (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{t-s}{1+t}\right)^N dr_2 dr_1 ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_4 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \left(1 + \frac{(|x| - ctr_1)^2}{1+t}\right)^{-n} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\frac{1+s}{1+t}\right)^n (1+t-s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} dr_2 dr_1 ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\frac{t}{2}} \theta_4 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_1^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r_2^2}} \left(1 + \frac{(|x| - ctr_1)^2}{1+t}\right)^{-N} \\ &\quad \cdot (1+s)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} dr_2 dr_1 ds \\ &\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} A_n(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

For  $\int \theta_4 p_{4,2} ds dy$ , the method of proof is similar. Thus Lemma 3.3 is proved.

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