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## WAVE FRONTS OF SOLUTIONS OF SOME CLASSES OF NON-LINEAR PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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1. This paper is devoted to the study of wave fronts of solutions of first order symmetric systems of non-linear partial differential equations. A short communication was published in [4]. The microlocal point of view enables us to obtain more precise information concerning the smoothness of solutions of symmetric hyperbolic systems. Our main result is a generalization to the non-linear case of Theorem 1.1 of Ivriĭ [3]. The machinery of paradifferential operators introduced by Bony [1] together with an idea coming from [3], [2] are used.

**2.** The definition and main properties of paradifferential operators are assumed to be known to the reader [1]. We will use here the same notations as in [1]. We recall the definition of the microlocalized Sobolev space  $\mathcal{H}^s_{mcl}$ :

DEFINITION. A distribution  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(X)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{H}^s_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0)$ ,  $\varrho^0 \in T^*(X) \setminus 0$ ,  $\varrho^0 = (x^0, \xi^0)$ , if there exists a classical properly supported pseudodifferential operator a of order 0 such that  $a(\varrho^0) \neq 0$ ,  $au \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\mathrm{loc}}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{H}^s_{\mathrm{loc}}$  is the local Sobolev space.

We denote by  $W \subset T^*(X) \setminus 0$  an (open) closed set conical with respect to  $\xi$ and having a compact base in X. Assume that  $F_k(x, u_1, \ldots, u_N, u_{11}, \ldots, u_{ij}, \ldots, u_{Nn}), 1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq i, k \leq N$ , are real-valued  $C^{\infty}$ -functions of their arguments  $x \in X, \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N, (u_{11}, \ldots, u_{Nn}) \in \mathbb{R}^{Nn}$  and X is a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define a matrix  $A_j$  by

 $A_j = \|\partial F_k / \partial u_{ij}(x, \vec{u}(x), \partial \vec{u}(x))\|_{1 \le i, k \le N}.$ 

We now formulate the main result of this paper.

THEOREM 1. Consider the non-linear system of partial differential operators

(1) 
$$F_k(x, \vec{u}(x), \partial \vec{u}(x)) = 0, \quad 1 \le k \le N,$$

 $\vec{u}(x) = (u_1, \ldots, u_N)$ , and suppose that (1) possesses a real-valued solution  $\vec{u} \in \mathcal{H}^s_{loc}(X)$ , s > 2 + n/2, such that

(i) 
$$\partial F_k / \partial u_{ij}(x, \vec{u}(x), \partial \vec{u}(x)) = \partial F_i / \partial u_{kj}(x, \vec{u}(x), \partial \vec{u}(x)), \ \forall x \in X,$$

(ii) the matrix  $A_{j_0}(x) = \|\partial F_k / \partial u_{ij_0}(x, \vec{u}(x), \partial \vec{u}(x))\|_{1 \le i,k \le N}$ ,  $x \in X$ , is (positive) negative definite.

Suppose, moreover, that for each characteristic point  $\varrho^0 \in \operatorname{Char} p_1 \cap \partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}$  we have  $u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0)$  for some t < 2s - 2 - n/2. Then  $u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0)$ ,  $\forall \varrho^0 \in \operatorname{Char} p_1 \cap W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}, \ \delta = \operatorname{const.}$ 

We point out that conditions (i), (ii) imply that the linearized system  $Pv = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_j(x) D_j v - iB(x) v$  is symmetric and positive,  $B, A_j(x) \in C^{1+\varepsilon}(X), 1 > \varepsilon > 0$ . As usual,

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$$p_1 = \left\{ \varrho = (x,\xi) \in T^*(X) \setminus 0 : \det \sum_{j=1}^n A_j(x)\xi_j = 0 \right\}.$$

It is interesting to note that  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{2s-1-\varepsilon-n/2}_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0), \varepsilon > 0$ , for each  $\varrho^0 \notin \operatorname{Char} p_1$  (see Th. 5.4 of [1]).

Standard considerations from the theory of paradifferential operators  $P \in \widetilde{O}_p(\Sigma_{\sigma}^1), \sigma > 1, \sigma$  not an integer, reduce the proof of Theorem 1 to the proof of the following assertion.

THEOREM 2. Consider the first order paradifferential system

(2) 
$$P(x,D)u = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_j(x)D_ju - iB(x)u = f \quad (-P(x,D)u = -f)$$

where  $P \in \widetilde{O}_p(\Sigma^1_{\sigma}), \sigma > 1, \sigma$  not an integer,  $A_j^*(x) = A_j(x), \forall x \in X$ , the  $A_j(x)$ are real-valued  $N \times N$  matrices and  $(A_{j_0}(x) > 0) A_{j_0}(x) < 0, \forall x \in X$ . Assume that  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{comp}^{t-1/2}(X), Pu \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$ , and  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(\varrho^0)$  for each  $\varrho^0 \in \operatorname{Char} p_1 \cap \partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}$ . Then

$$u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0), \quad \forall \varrho^0 \in \operatorname{Char} p_1 \cap W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\}.$$

In the special case when  $\varrho^0 \notin \operatorname{Char} p_1$  the solution  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t+1}_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\varrho^0)$ .

**3.** Supposing Theorem 2 is proved and s < t we will verify Theorem 1. To do this we apply Theorem 5.3 b) of [1] with the corresponding notations d = 1,  $\rho = s - \varepsilon - n/2$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\sigma = \rho - 1$  to conclude that there exists a paradifferential operator  $P \in \widetilde{O}_p(\Sigma^1_{\sigma})$ ,  $\sigma > 1$ , satisfying  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}^{2s-2-\varepsilon-n/2}_{\text{loc}} \Rightarrow Pu \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\text{loc}}$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small,  $u \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\text{loc}}$ .

The next remark will be useful later:

Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\text{loc}}(X)$ ,  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\text{mcl}}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t-1/2}_{\text{mcl}}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$  and  $u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\text{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ . Then  $u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\text{mcl}}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ .

In fact, consider a classical pseudodifferential operator  $T \in S_{1,0}^0$ ,  $T \equiv 1$  in a small conic neighbourhood (ngbhd) of  $W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}$ ,  $T \equiv 0$  outside a larger conic ngbhd of  $W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}$ . Then  $Tu \in \mathcal{H}_{comp}^{t-1/2}(X)$ ,  $Tu \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(\partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$  and  $P(Tu) \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$  as P(Tu) = Pu + P((T - I)u) and  $P((I - T)u) \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^{t-1+\sigma} \subset \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$  according to Corollary 3.5 of [1]. Thus  $Tu \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\}) \Rightarrow u \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$ . To complete the proof of Theorem 1 we observe that there exists a uniquely determined integer  $k \geq 1$  for which  $(k-1)/2 \leq t-s < k/2$  and therefore

$$t - k/2 \le s \le t - (k - 1)/2 < t - (k - 2)/2 < \ldots < t - 1/2 < t.$$

Setting t' = t - (k - 1)/2 we get  $u \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\text{loc}} \subset \mathcal{H}^{t-k/2}_{\text{loc}} = \mathcal{H}^{t'-1/2}_{\text{loc}}$ ,  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\text{loc}} \subset \mathcal{H}^{t-(k-1)/2}_{\text{loc}} = \mathcal{H}^{t'}_{\text{loc}}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t'}_{\text{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ . So  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t'}_{\text{mcl}}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$  as  $s \le t'$ . Put now t'' = t - (k - 2)/2 = t' + 1/2. Obviously  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t''-1/2}_{\text{mcl}}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ ,  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}^{t''}_{\text{loc}}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{H}^{t''}_{\text{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_{j_0} \ge \delta\})$ .

The remark above and  $s \leq t' \leq t''$  give us  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^{t''}(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$ . Thus we conclude that  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(W \cap \{x_{j_0} \geq \delta\})$ .

4. Proof of Theorem 2. To simplify the proof we will assume that  $W = \Delta \times \Gamma_{\xi}$ ,  $\Delta = [a_1, b_1] \times \ldots \times [a_n, b_n]$ ,  $\Gamma_{\xi}$  is a closed cone in  $T^*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $A_1(x) < 0$ . Choose  $\kappa_j \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $\kappa_j \equiv 1$  on  $[a_j, b_j]$ ,  $\kappa'_j(x_j) = \kappa_j^-(x_j) - \kappa_j^+(x_j)$ ,  $0 \le \kappa_j^+$ ,  $0 \le \kappa_j^-$ ,  $x_j \le a_j$  in supp  $\kappa_j^-$ ,  $x_j \ge b_j$  in supp  $\kappa_j^+$  and  $\delta = a_1$  but no information on the  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{mcl}}^t$ -smoothness of u at  $\{x_1 = a_1\} \times \Gamma_{\xi}$  is given. For  $\lambda, \delta_1 > 0$  put

$$Q = Q_{\lambda,\delta_1} = e^{\lambda x_1} \kappa(x) (1 + |\delta_1 \xi|^2)^{-1} h(\xi),$$

ord<sub> $\xi$ </sub> h = t and cone supp  $Q_{\lambda,\delta_1}$  is concentrated in a small conic ngbhd of W. Obviously,  $Q_{\lambda,\delta_1} \in S_{1,0}^{t-2}$  and the factor  $\kappa(x)(1 + (\delta_1|\xi|)^2)^{-1}$  is bounded in  $\Sigma_{\varrho}^0$ ,  $S_{1,0}^0, \forall \varrho > 0, \varrho$  not an integer, uniformly with respect to  $\delta_1 \in (0,1]$  and  $\kappa(x) = \kappa_1(x) \dots \kappa_n(x)$ . Thus for each fixed  $\lambda > 0$  and arbitrary  $\delta_1 \in (0,1], Q_{\lambda,\delta_1} \in S_{1,0}^t$ .

Consider now the identity

$$(QPu, Qu)_{L_2} = (PQu, Qu)_{L_2} + ([Q, P]u, Qu)_{L_2}.$$

It is legitimate as  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(W) \Rightarrow QPu \in \mathcal{H}^2_{\mathrm{comp}}(X), Qu \in \mathcal{H}^{3/2}_{\mathrm{comp}}(X)$  (in our notations  $W = W \cap \{x_1 \geq \delta\}$ ). So

(3) 
$$\operatorname{Im}(QPu, Qu)_{L_2} = \operatorname{Im}(PQu, Qu)_{L_2} + \operatorname{Im}([Q, P]u, Qu)_{L_2}.$$

We first estimate

(4) 
$$I = \operatorname{Im}(PQu, Qu)_{L_2}$$

i.e. we have to consider the terms  $(A_j(x)D_jQu,Qu), (B(x)Qu,Qu) ((\cdot, \cdot)_{L_2} = (\cdot, \cdot))$ . It can easily be seen that

$$|(B(x)Qu, Qu)| \le C_1 ||Qu||_0^2 + C_{1\lambda} ||u||_{t-\sigma/2}^2$$

where  $C_1$  is an absolute constant and  $C_{1\lambda}$  depends on  $\lambda > 0$  but does not depend on  $\delta_1 \in (0, 1]$ . Now,

$$(A_j(x)D_jQu,Qu) = (D_jA_jQu,Qu) + ([A_j,D_j]Qu,Qu)$$
$$= (Qu,A_jD_jQu) + ([A_j,D_j]Qu,Qu),$$

i.e.  $2|\text{Im}(A_jD_jQu,Qu)| \leq |([A_j,D_j]Qu,Qu)|$ . The principal symbol of the commutator  $[A_j,D_j]$  is  $-i\{A_j,\xi_j\} = i\partial A_j(x)/\partial \xi_j \in \Sigma^0_{\sigma-1}, \ \sigma-1 > 0$ , i.e.  $\text{Im}|(A_jD_jQu,Qu)| \leq C_2||Qu||_0^2$ . In other words,

(5) 
$$|I| \le C_3 \|Qu\|_0^2 + C_{3\lambda} \|u\|_{t-\sigma/2}^2.$$

To estimate II = Im([Q, P]u, Qu) we use Theorem 3.2 of [1]. Since the principal symbol of [Q, P] is  $(1/i)\{Q, p_1\}$  we have

$$II = -\operatorname{Re}(\{Q, p_1\}u, Qu) + C'_{3\lambda} \|u\|_{t+(1-\sigma)/2}^2.$$

Obviously

$$-\{Q, p_1\} = -\sum_{j,k=1}^n (\partial Q/\partial \xi_k) (\partial A_j(x)/\partial x_k) \xi_j + \sum_{j=1}^n (\partial Q/\partial x_j) A_j(x)$$

and therefore

$$\partial Q/\partial x_1 = \lambda Q + e^{\lambda x_1} (\partial \kappa / \partial x_1) (1 + |\delta_1 \xi|^2)^{-1} h(\xi)$$

The inequality  $\partial \kappa / \partial x_1 \ge -\kappa_1^+(x_1)\kappa_2 \dots \kappa_n = -\kappa^+(x)$  will enable us to apply the sharp Gårding estimate. In fact,

$$\operatorname{Re}((\partial Q/\partial x_1)A_1u, Qu) = \lambda \operatorname{Re}(QA_1u, Qu) + \operatorname{Re}(\widetilde{Q}^+A_1u, Qu)$$

where  $\widetilde{Q}^+ = e^{\lambda x_1} (\partial \kappa / \partial x_1) (1 + |\delta_1 \xi|^2)^{-1} h(\xi)$ . It is clear that  $(QA_1 u, Qu) = (A_1 Q u, Q u) + ([Q, A_1] u, Q u)$ , thus

(6) 
$$\operatorname{Re}(QA_1u, Qu) \le -C_4 \|Qu\|_0^2 + C_{4\lambda} \|u\|_{t-1/2}^2, \quad C_4 > 0.$$

On the other hand,

(7) 
$$\operatorname{Re}(\tilde{Q}^{+}A_{1}u, Qu) \leq \operatorname{Re}(A_{1}(x)\kappa(\partial\kappa/\partial x_{1})v, v) + C_{5\lambda} \|u\|_{t-1/2}^{2}$$

where  $v = e^{\lambda x_1} h(D) (1 + |\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1} u$ . The commutator

$$[A_1, \kappa e^{\lambda x_1} (\partial \kappa / \partial x_1) h(D) (1 + |\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1}]$$

is bounded in  $\Sigma_{\sigma-1}^{t-1}$  uniformly with respect to  $\delta_1 > 0$ . We apply the sharp Gårding inequality to the symmetric non-positive matrix  $A_1\kappa(\partial\kappa/\partial x_1) + \kappa\kappa^+A_1$  and we get

(8) 
$$\operatorname{Re}(\kappa(\partial\kappa/\partial x_1)A_1v, v) \leq -\operatorname{Re}(\kappa\kappa^+A_1v, v) + C_{6\lambda} \|u\|_{t-\mu/2}^2,$$

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with  $\mu < \sigma/2$  if  $1 < \sigma < 2$  and  $\mu = 1$  if  $\sigma > 2$  (see [1]). Then

(9) 
$$|(\kappa \kappa^{+} A_{1} v, v)| \leq |(A_{1} \kappa v, \kappa^{+} v)| + |([A_{1}, \kappa] v, \kappa^{+} v)| \\ \leq C_{7}(\|\kappa v\| \cdot \|\kappa^{+} v\| + \|v\|_{-1} \cdot \|\kappa^{+} v\|) \\ \leq C_{7}\|Qu\| \cdot \|Q^{+}u\| + C_{7\lambda}\|u\|_{t-1} \cdot \|Q^{+}u|$$

and  $Q^+ = Q^+_{\lambda,\delta_1}$  is defined as  $Q_{\lambda,\delta_1}$  with  $\kappa$  replaced by  $\kappa^+$ . Note that  $||Q^+u|| < \infty$  as  $Q^+(x,\xi)$  concentrates in a ngbhd of  $\{x_1 = b_1\} \times \Gamma_{\xi}$  and  $u \in \mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_1 \ge \delta\}), \delta = a_1$ .

By the identity  $\partial Q/\partial x_j = e^{\lambda x_1} (\partial \kappa / \partial x_j) (1 + |\delta_1 \xi|^2)^{-1} h(\xi), \ j \ge 2, \ \partial Q/\partial x_j$  concentrates in a ngbhd of  $\{x_j = a_j\} \times \Gamma_{\xi}, \ \{x_j = b_j\} \times \Gamma_{\xi}$  and simple computations show that

$$(10) \quad |(\partial Q/\partial x_j(x,D)A_j(x)u,Qu)| \\ \leq |(A_j(\partial Q/\partial x_j)u,Qu)| + |([A_j,\partial Q/\partial x_j]u,Qu)| \\ \leq C_{8\lambda} ||u||_{\mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_1 \ge \delta\})} ||Qu||_0 + C_{9\lambda} ||u||_{t-1} ||Qu||_0 \\ \leq ||Qu||_0^2 + C_{10\lambda} (||u||_{t-1}^2 + ||u||_{\mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_1 \ge \delta\})}).$$

Now we will estimate  $((\partial A_j/\partial x_k)D_j(\partial Q/\partial \xi_k)(x,D)u,Qu)$ . To do this two terms will be considered, namely

$$III_1 = ((\partial A_j / \partial x_k) e^{\lambda x_1} \kappa(x) D_j (\partial h / \partial \xi_k) (D) (1 + |\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1} u, Qu),$$
  

$$III_2 = ((\partial A_j / \partial x_k) e^{\lambda x_1} \kappa(x) h(D) D_j \delta_1^2 D_k (1 + |\delta_1 D|^2)^{-2} u, Qu).$$

Obviously,  $\delta_1^2 \xi_k (1 + \delta_1^2 |\xi|^2)^{-2}$  is uniformly bounded in  $S_{1,0}^{-1,0}$ ,  $\Sigma_{\varrho}^{-1}$ ,  $\varrho > 0$ ,  $\varrho$  not an integer,  $\forall \delta_1 \in (0,1]$ . The observations that  $\delta_1^2 \xi_j \xi_k (1 + |\delta_1 \xi|^2)^{-1}$  is uniformly bounded in  $S_{1,0}^0$  with respect to  $\delta_1 > 0$  and

$$e^{\lambda x_1}\kappa(x)h(D)\delta_1^2 D_j D_k(1+|\delta_1 D|^2)^{-2}u = Q(\delta_1^2 D_j D_k(1+|\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1}u)$$

enable us to conclude that

(11) 
$$|III_2| \le C_{11} ||Qu||_0^2 + C_{11\lambda} ||u||_{t-1/2}^2$$

The cut-off symbol  $h(\xi)$  can be written as  $h(\xi) = |\xi|^t c(\xi)$ ,  $\operatorname{ord}_{\xi} c = 0, 0 \le c \le 1$ ,  $c \equiv 1$  in a conic ngbhd of  $\Gamma_{\xi}$  and  $c \equiv 0$  outside a larger conic ngbhd of  $\Gamma_{\xi}$ . The inequality

(12) 
$$|\partial h/\partial \xi_k|^2 \le 2t^2 (h^2/|\xi|^2) + 2|\xi|^{2t} |\partial c/\partial \xi_k|^2$$

will be useful later. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{\lambda x_1} \kappa D_j(\partial h/\partial \xi_k)(D)(1+|\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1}u\|_0 \\ &\leq \|D_j(\partial h/\partial \xi_k)(D)(1+|\delta_1 D|^2)^{-1}(e^{\lambda x_1} \kappa(x)u)\|_0 + C_{12\lambda}\|u\|_{t-1} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, according to (12),

$$\begin{split} \|D_{j}(\partial h/\partial\xi_{k})(D)(1+|\delta_{1}D|^{2})^{-1}(e^{\lambda x_{1}}\kappa(x)u)\|_{0}^{2} \\ &= \int_{0}^{0} \xi_{j}^{2}(\partial h/\partial\xi_{k})^{2}(1+|\delta_{1}\xi|^{2})^{-2}|(e^{\lambda x_{1}}\kappa(x)u)^{\wedge}|^{2}(\xi)\,d\xi \\ &\leq 2t^{2}\|h(D)(1+|\delta_{1}D|^{2})^{-1}(e^{\lambda x_{1}}\kappa u)\|_{0}^{2} \\ &+ 2\int_{0}^{0} |\xi|^{2t+2}(\partial c/\partial\xi_{k})^{2}|(e^{\lambda x_{1}}\kappa(x)u)^{\wedge}|^{2}(\xi)\,d\xi \\ &\leq 2t^{2}\|Qu\|_{0}^{2}+C_{13\lambda}\|u\|_{t-1}^{2}+2\||D|^{t+1}(\partial c/\partial\xi_{k})(e^{\lambda x_{1}}\kappa u)\|_{0}^{2} \\ &\leq 2t^{2}\|Qu\|_{0}^{2}+C_{13\lambda}\|u\|_{t-1}^{2}+C_{14\lambda}\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{tncl}}^{2}(\partial W\cap\{x_{1}\geq\delta\})}^{2}). \end{split}$$

We remind the reader that  $\operatorname{ord}_{\xi} |\xi|^{t+1} (\partial c/\partial \xi_k) = t$  and  $\kappa(x) (\partial c/\partial \xi_k)$  concentrates in a conic ngbhd of  $\Delta \times \partial \Gamma_{\xi}$ . In other words,

(13) 
$$|III_1| \le C_{15} ||Qu||_0^2 + C_{16\lambda} (||u||_{t-1}^2 + ||u||_{\mathcal{H}^t_{\mathrm{mcl}}(\partial W \cap \{x_1 \ge \delta\})}^2).$$

Combining the identity (3) and the corresponding estimates (5) for I, (6)–(11), (13) for II and

$$Im(QPu, Qu) \ge -2\|QPu\|_0^2 - 2\|Qu\|_0^2$$

we come to the conclusion that

(14) 
$$(\lambda - C) \|Qu\|_0^2 \le 2 \|QPu\|_0^2 + C \|Q^+u\|_0^2 + K_{\lambda}(\|u\|_{t-1/2}^2 + \|u\|_{t-\mu/2}^2 + \|u\|_{t+(1-\sigma)/2}^2 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}^t_{mcl}(\partial W \cap \{x_1 \ge \delta\})}^2).$$

The constant C does not depend on  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$ , and  $K_{\lambda}$  depends on  $\lambda > 0$  only. Taking  $\lambda$  sufficiently large and letting  $\delta_1 \to 0$  we prove Theorem 2 for  $\sigma > 2$ .

To consider the case  $1 < \sigma < 2$  we have to modify the proof of our Theorem 2 assuming  $Pu \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{mcl}^t(\partial W)$  and  $u \in \mathcal{H}_{comp}^{t-\gamma}(X)$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ , instead of  $\gamma = 1/2$  etc.

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