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ABSTRACT. We prove global well-posedness of the subcritical generalized Korteweg-de Vries equation (the mKdV and the gKdV with quartic power of nonlinearity) subject to an additive random perturbation. More precisely, we prove that if the driving noise is a cylindrical Wiener process on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and the covariance operator is Hilbert-Schmidt in an appropriate Sobolev space, then the solutions with $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ data are globally wellposed in $H^1(\mathbb{R})$. This extends results obtained by A. de Bouard and A. Debussche for the stochastic KdV equation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study a subcritical generalization of the Korteweg-de Vries (gKdV) equation subject to some additive random perturbation $f(t)$, that is,

$$\partial_t u(t) + \partial_x^3 u(t) + u(t)^k \partial_x u(t) = f(t), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \quad u(0, \cdot) = u_0, \quad (1.1)$$

with $k = 2$ (the mKdV case), or $k = 3$ (referred as the gKdV).

The well-known KdV equation ($k = 1$) describes the propagation of long waves in a channel. Its generalizations ($k > 1$) appear in several physical systems; a large class of hyperbolic models can be reduced to these equations. The well-posedness in the KdV equation has been extensively studied by many authors in the deterministic setting without any forcing term ($f = 0$) and goes back to works of Kato [9], Kenig-Ponce-Vega [11] to name a few; there is an abundant literature available on that. The question about the minimal regularity assumptions on initial data needed for well-posedness has been also investigated intensively in recent years; two important methods should be mentioned: the so-called I-method (e.g., [3]) and the probabilistic approach of randomizing the initial data and showing the invariance of Gibbs measures (e.g., [2], [15]). In this paper we also take a probabilistic approach, however, in a completely different setting, where the equation itself has a random term. We do not aim to obtain the lowest possible regularity for such an equation, but simply show how to combine the deterministic and probabilistic approaches in this case to study well-posedness for the initial data with finite energy.

In [11], C. Kenig, G. Ponce and L. Vega showed that for $k = 1, 2, 3$, if $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$, the subcritical gKdV equation has a global solution in $L^\infty([0, \infty); H^1(\mathbb{R}))$. In the critical case $k = 4$ (resp. supercritical case $k > 4$), there is local existence in $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ with $s > 0$ (resp. in $\dot{H}^{s_k}(\mathbb{R})$ for $s_k = (k - 4)/(2k)$) when u_0 belongs to this Sobolev space. Global well-posedness holds if the $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ norm of u_0 (resp. the $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ -norm of $D^{s_k} u_0$) is small.

Here, we study the subcritical case of the generalized KdV equation,

$$du_t + (\partial_x^3 u(t) + u(t)^k \partial_x u(t)) dt = df(t) \equiv \Phi dW(t), \quad (1.2)$$

where an external random forcing f is driven by a cylindrical Brownian motion W on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and multiplied by some smoothing covariance operator Φ . The driving Wiener process W describes a noise in the environment, that is, a sum of little independent shocks properly renormalized. The smoothing operator describes spatial correlation of the noise, but the time increments of ΦW are independent, that is, the noise is white in time. The stochastic KdV equation ($k = 1$) on \mathbb{R} has been studied in a series of papers by A. de Bouard and A. Debussche (see e.g. [4], [6], [5]). In [4] they proved that if $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ and if Φ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator from $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ to $H^1(\mathbb{R})$, then there is a global solution to the stochastic KdV equation which belongs a.s. to $C([0, T]; H^1(\mathbb{R}))$. Using Bourgain spaces, when $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and the covariance operator Φ is Hilbert-Schmidt both from $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and to $\dot{H}^{-3/8}(\mathbb{R})$, they have shown in [6] the existence and uniqueness of the solution in $L^2(\Omega; C([0, T]; L^2(\mathbb{R})))$ for any $T > 0$. In reference [5] they have proven the global well-posedness of the stochastic KdV equation in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ (resp. $H^1(\mathbb{R})$) when the noise is homogeneous, that is, of the form $u(s)\phi dW(s)$ for a convolution operator ϕ defined in terms of an $L^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$ (resp. $H^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$) kernel.

We do not give a full reference for the stochastic KdV and related equations in the periodic setting. However, to guide the reader in the proper direction, we mention a few results. T. Oh [12] studied a stochastic KdV equation on the torus $\mathcal{T} = [0, 2\pi)$. For specific assumptions on the covariance operator Φ , he proved that there is local well-posedness in some Bourgain space if the initial condition belongs to that functional space. Other KdV-type models can also be considered with variations of the additive noise, such as adding a derivative to the noise (e.g., see the work of G. Richards [13]).

The main goal of this paper is to obtain the global well-posedness of solutions of the mKdV (or gKdV, $k = 3$) in $H^1(\mathbb{R})$; global solutions with finite energy are important for physical applications, i.e., in study of solitary waves. To study well-posedness we need to set up a specific functional framework that provides the necessary flexibility to use smoothing properties of the Airy group while considering the stochastic term. We note that we consider a driving cylindrical Wiener process, which is quite usual in nonlinear dispersive hyperbolic models, such as the stochastic nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation, this, in its turn, requires the use of non-Hilbert Sobolev spaces. We now state the main result and refer the reader to the next section for all notations.

Theorem 1.1. *Let u_0 be \mathcal{G}_0 -measurable and belong to H_x^1 a.s.*

(i) *Let $k = 2$ and $\Phi \in L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Then given any positive time T , there exists a unique solution to (2.1) which belongs a.s. to $\mathcal{X}_2^T \cap C([0, T], H_x^1)$. Furthermore, if $u_0 \in L_\omega^2(H_x^1) \cap L_\omega^6(L_x^2)$, then $u \in L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))$.*

(ii) *Let $k = 3$ and $\Phi \in L_2^{0,1}$. Then given any positive time T , there exists a unique solution to (2.1) which belongs a.s. to $\mathcal{X}_3^T \cap C([0, T], H_x^1)$. Furthermore, if $u_0 \in L_\omega^2(H_x^1) \cap L_\omega^{14}(L_x^2)$, then $u \in L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))$.*

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we prove some technical lemmas on functional properties of the stochastic integral $\int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s)$. Using the functional framework introduced in [11] and a contraction principle in an appropriate function space, we prove local well-posedness of the solution in section 3. When $k = 2$ (resp. $k = 3$), $u_0 \in H^{1/4}(\mathbb{R})$ (resp. $u_0 \in H^{1/12}(\mathbb{R})$) and Φ is Hilbert-Schmidt from $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ to $H^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ (resp. Φ is Hilbert-Schmidt from $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ to $H^{5/12}(\mathbb{R})$), we prove that there exists a unique solution until some stopping time T_k . The hypothesis on Φ with some ‘‘larger derivative’’ in the case $k = 2$ is due to the functional space $L_x^4(L_t^\infty)$. A similar space $L_x^2(L_t^\infty)$ appears for the fixed point argument of the KdV equation; technical problems arise going from L_x^2 to L_x^4 . In section 4, we prove that if the initial condition belongs to $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ and Φ is Hilbert-Schmidt from $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ to $H^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ when $k = 2$ (and to $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ when $k = 3$), the solution

can be extended to any given time interval $[0, T]$. Then it belongs to $L^2(\Omega; L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\mathbb{R})))$, and takes a.s. its values in the set of continuous trajectories from $[0, T]$ to $H^1(\mathbb{R})$. The proof uses the time invariance of the mass and of a Hamiltonian for the solution to the deterministic gKdV equation. In order to use these invariant quantities, we need a more regular solution. This is achieved approximating the solution u by a sequence $\{u_n\}_n$ of solutions defined in terms of smoother initial conditions $u_{0,n}$ and of more regularizing operators Φ_n .

The first named author collaborated with Igor Chueshov on general 2D hydrodynamical models related with the Navier-Stokes equations. In this paper, we try to further develop the intertwining between deterministic and stochastic approaches in PDEs. Such interplay was one of the fundamental contributions of Igor Chueshov's scientific work.

2. LOCAL EXISTENCE OF THE SOLUTION

In this section we study the stochastic generalized KdV equation with additive noise defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t \geq 0$

$$\partial_t u(t) + (\partial_x^3 u(t) + u(t)^k \partial_x u(t)) dt = \Phi dW(t), \quad k = 2, 3, \quad (2.1)$$

with the initial condition $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$. The case $k = 1$, which is that of the stochastic KdV equation, has been studied in [4] and [6]. Here, W is a cylindrical Wiener process on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ adapted to a filtration $(\mathcal{G}_t, t \geq 0)$, that is, $W(t)\varphi = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (e_j, \varphi) \beta_j(t)$ for any $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, where the processes $\beta_j(t)$, $j \geq 0$ are independent one-dimensional Brownian motions adapted to (\mathcal{G}_t) and $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ is an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, often referred to as a CONS (complete orthonormal system). Note that the process $W(t)$ is not $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ -valued, but $W(t)\varphi$ is a centered Gaussian random variable with variance $\|\varphi\|_{L^2}^2 = \sum_{j \geq 0} (e_j, \varphi)^2$. We suppose that Φ is a linear map which is Hilbert-Schmidt from L^2 into $H^\sigma(\mathbb{R})$ for some non negative σ , that is

$$\|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma}} := \|\Phi\|_{L_2^0(L^2(\mathbb{R}), H^\sigma(\mathbb{R}))} < \infty. \quad (2.2)$$

We suppose that u_0 is \mathcal{G}_0 -measurable and H^1 -valued.

As in [4] using Duhamel's formula we write this equation using its mild formulation, that is,

$$u(t) = S(t)u_0 - \int_0^t S(t-s)(u(s)^k \partial_x u(s)) ds + \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s), \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$S(t)u = \mathcal{F}_\xi^{-1}(e^{it\xi^3} \hat{u}(\xi)),$$

and $\mathcal{F}(u) = \hat{u}$ denotes the Fourier transform of u . Note that

$$\int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi e_j d\beta_j(s)$$

is a centered $H^\sigma(\mathbb{R})$ -valued Gaussian variable. Since $S(t-s)$ is an $H^\sigma(\mathbb{R})$ isometry for all $\sigma \geq 0$, the variance of this stochastic integral is $\int_0^t \sum_{j \geq 0} \|\Phi e_j\|_{H_x^\sigma}^2 ds = t \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma}}^2$. Following the approach in [11] (and [4] for the case $k = 1$) we introduce the following functional spaces of functions $u : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_2^T &= \{u \in C([0, T]; H^{1/4}(\mathbb{R})) \cap L_x^4(L_t^\infty) : D_x u \in L_x^{20}(L_t^{5/2}), \\ &\quad D_x^{1/4} u \in L_x^5(L_t^{10}), D_x^{1/4} \partial_x u \in L_x^\infty(L_t^2)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for the mKdV equation ($k = 2$), and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_3^T &= \{u \in C([0, T]; H^{1/12}(\mathbb{R})) \cap L_x^{42/13}(L_t^{21/4}) \cap L_x^{60/13}(L_t^{15}) \cap L_x^{10/3}(L_t^{30/7}) : \\ &\quad D_x^{1/12} u \in L_x^{10/3}(L_t^{30/7}), \partial_x u \in L_x^\infty(L_t^2), D_x^{1/12} \partial_x u \in L_x^\infty(L_t^2)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for the gKdV equation ($k = 3$). Here, L_x^q (resp. L_t^p) denotes $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ (resp. $L^p(0, T)$).

In order to prove that the process v , defined by the stochastic integral

$$v(t) := \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (2.6)$$

belongs a.s. to the spaces \mathcal{X}_k^T for $k = 2, 3$ under proper assumptions on the operator Φ , we first prove some technical lemmas. In each result we state the minimal regularity assumption on the operator Φ and the corresponding power of T obtained in the upper estimate, in order to deal with the \mathcal{X}_k^T -norm of v .

The following lemma is a generalization of Proposition 3.1 in [4].

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\sigma \geq 0$ and $q \in [1, \infty)$. Then for every $T > 0$ we have*

$$E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|v(t)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2q}\right) \leq C_q T^q \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^{2q}.$$

Proof. The proof is quite classical; it is sketched for the sake of completeness. The upper estimate is proved for $q \in [2, \infty)$ and deduced for $q \in [1, \infty)$ by Hölder's inequality. Let $J_\sigma u = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left((1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}} \hat{u}(\xi)\right)$, where $\mathcal{F}(u) = \hat{u}$ denotes the Fourier transform of u . First note that since $S(t)$ is a group and an H_x^σ -isometry, we have $\|v(t)\|_{H_x^\sigma} = \|\bar{v}(t)\|_{H_x^\sigma}$, where $\bar{v}(t) = \int_0^t S(-s)\Phi dW(s)$. For fixed $t \in [0, T]$ the random variable $\bar{v}(t)$ is an H_x^σ -valued, Gaussian with mean zero and variance $\int_0^t \sum_{j \geq 0} \|J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^2}^2 ds = t \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^2$, where $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ is the CONS of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ in the definition of W . Itô's formula implies

$$\|\bar{v}(t)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^2 = 2 \int_0^t (J_\sigma \bar{v}(s), J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi dW(s)) + \int_0^t \sum_{j \geq 0} \|J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^2}^2 ds$$

for every $t \in [0, T]$. Using once more the Itô formula, we deduce that for $q \in [2, \infty)$, we have $\|\bar{v}(t)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2q} = \sum_{i=1}^3 T_i(t)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(t) &= 2q \int_0^t (J_\sigma \bar{v}(s), J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi dW(s)) \|\bar{v}(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2(q-1)}, \\ T_2(t) &= q \int_0^t \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^2 \|\bar{v}(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2(q-1)} ds, \\ T_3(t) &= 2q(q-1) \int_0^t \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi e_j, J_\sigma \bar{v}(s))^2 \|\bar{v}(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2(q-2)} ds. \end{aligned}$$

The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality implies

$$E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} (T_2(t) + T_3(t))\right) \leq C_q \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^2 E\left(\int_0^T \|\bar{v}(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2(q-1)} ds\right) \leq C_q T^q \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^{2q}.$$

The Davies inequality for martingales, Young's inequality and Fubini's theorem imply

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} T_1(t)\right) &\leq 6q E\left(\left\{\int_0^T \|\bar{v}(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{4(q-1)} \sum_{j \geq 0} (J_\sigma \bar{v}(s), J_\sigma S(-s)\Phi e_j)^2 ds\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\ &\leq 6q \sqrt{T} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}} E\left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|v(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2q-1}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} E\left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|v(s)\|_{H_x^\sigma}^{2q}\right) + C_q T^q \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}^{2q}. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof. \square

The following result will be used to upper estimate one of the norms in the definition of $\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}$.

Lemma 2.2. *Let p, q satisfy $2 \leq p \leq q < \infty$ and $\sigma \geq 0$. Then for some positive constant C we have:*

$$\|D_x^{\sigma+1}v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{p}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma}}. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. Since $q \geq p$, Hölder's inequality with respect to dt , Fubini's theorem and moments of the stochastic integral yield for the CONS $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ in the definition of W :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} E \left| \int_0^T |D_x^{\sigma+1} \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s)|^p dt \right|^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ & \leq T^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} E \left(\int_0^T |D_x^{\sigma+1} \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s)|^q dt \right) \\ & \leq C_q T^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |D_x^{\sigma+1} S(t-s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \\ & \leq C_q T^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \int_0^T \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |D_x^{\sigma+1} S(t-s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \\ & \leq C_q T^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^t |D_x^{\sigma+1} S(t-s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} dt. \end{aligned}$$

The local smoothing property (see Lemma 2.1 in [10]) implies that for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^t |D_x^{\sigma+1} S(s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \leq C |D_x^\sigma \Phi e_j|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C |\Phi e_j|_{H_x^\sigma}^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\|D_x^{\sigma+1}v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^q \leq CT^{\frac{q}{p}-1} T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} |\Phi e_j|_{H_x^\sigma}^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} \leq CT^{\frac{q}{p}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma}}^q.$$

This completes the proof of (2.7). \square

Lemma 2.3. *Let p, q be such that $2 \leq p < q < \infty$; for $\gamma \geq \frac{q-2}{q}$ let $\tilde{\sigma} = \gamma \frac{q}{q-2} \geq 1$. There exists a positive constant C such that*

$$E(\|D_x^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p)}^q) \leq CT^{\frac{q}{p}+1} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\tilde{\sigma}-1}}^q. \quad (2.8)$$

Proof. Lemma 2.2 applied with $\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} - 1$ yields

$$\|D_x^{\tilde{\sigma}} v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{p}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\tilde{\sigma}-1}}.$$

The proof of (2.8) relies on the above inequality and on the upper estimate

$$\|v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{2}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,0}}. \quad (2.9)$$

Indeed suppose that (2.9) has been proved. Since $\gamma \in [0, \tilde{\sigma}]$, an interpolation argument (see [4] Proposition A1) proves that for $p(\gamma)$ defined by $\frac{1}{p(\gamma)} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\tilde{\sigma}})$ we have $D^\gamma v \in L_x^{p(\gamma)}(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))$. Note that $\frac{\gamma}{\tilde{\sigma}} = 1 - \frac{2}{q}$; hence, $p(\gamma) = q$ and the Fubini theorem implies that $D^\gamma v \in L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^p))$. Furthermore,

$$\|D^\gamma v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^p))} \leq C \|v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^{1-\frac{\gamma}{\tilde{\sigma}}} \|D_x^{\tilde{\sigma}} v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^{\frac{\gamma}{\tilde{\sigma}}} \leq CT^{\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{q}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\tilde{\sigma}-1}}.$$

Thus, in order to complete the proof of the lemma, we have to check that (2.9) holds. Since $q \geq p$, Hölder's inequality applied with respect to dt and moments of the stochastic integral imply that for the CONS $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ in the definition of $W(t)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s) \right|^p dt \right\}^{\frac{q}{p}} \right) \right|^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq T^{(\frac{q}{p}-1)\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| E \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s) \right|^q dt \right|^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_0^T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |S(t-s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |S(s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right\|_{L_t^{\frac{q}{2}}} dx, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we change variable s to $t-s$. The Minskowski inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^2 &\leq C_q T^{\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\| \int_0^t |S(s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right\|_{L_t^{\frac{q}{2}}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{2}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\{ \int_0^T \left| \int_0^T |S(s) \Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \right\}^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{2}{p}} \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |S(s) \Phi e_j|^2 dx \right) ds \leq C T^{\frac{2}{p}+1} \sum_{j \geq 0} \|\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of (2.9). \square

The following lemma extends Proposition 3.3 in [4] to the case $\sigma < \frac{3}{4}$. The notation $a \vee b$ means $\max(a, b)$ while $a \wedge b$ means $\min(a, b)$.

Lemma 2.4. *Let $\sigma > 0$ and $\epsilon \in (0, 2) \cap (0, \sigma]$. Then there exists a positive constant C such that*

$$E \left(\|D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon} \partial_x v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_t^2)}^2 \right) \leq C T^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, (\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4}) \vee \sigma}}^2. \quad (2.10)$$

Furthermore,

$$E \left(\|\partial_x v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_t^2)}^2 \right) \leq C T^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{2}{5}}}^2. \quad (2.11)$$

Proof. We first prove (2.10) and let $q = \frac{4}{\epsilon}$. Hölder's inequality with respect to the expectation shows that (2.10) is a consequence of the following estimate

$$\left[E \left(\left\{ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^T |D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon} \partial_x v|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{q}{2}} \right) \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} = \|D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon} \partial_x v\|_{L_x^q(L_\omega^\infty(L_t^2))}^2 \leq C T^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, (\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4}) \vee \sigma}}^2. \quad (2.12)$$

Lemma 2.2 applied with $p = 2$ implies

$$\|D_x^{1+\sigma} v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))} \leq C T^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}.$$

We next prove that

$$\|D_x^\sigma v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))} \leq C_q T \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \sigma}}. \quad (2.13)$$

Indeed, the two previous estimates imply by interpolation (see [4] Proposition A1) that since $q = \frac{4}{\epsilon}$, we have $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}))$, which yields

$$\|D_x^{\sigma+1-\frac{\epsilon}{2}} v\|_{L_x^q(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))} \leq C \|D_x^\sigma v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))}^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \|D_x^{1+\sigma} v\|_{L_x^\infty(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))}^{1-\frac{\epsilon}{2}}.$$

Thus, using the Fubini theorem, we deduce that

$$\|D_x^{\sigma+1-\frac{\epsilon}{2}}v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^2))} \leq C T^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{\epsilon}{4}}\|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma}}. \quad (2.14)$$

To prove (2.13) using Hölder's inequality with respect to dt , Fubini's theorem and moments of the stochastic integral, we deduce that for any CONS $\{e_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x^\sigma v\|_{L_x^2(L_\omega^q(L_t^2))}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \left| D_x^\sigma \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{q}{2}} \right) \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq T^{\frac{q}{2}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[E \left(\int_0^T \left| D_x^\sigma \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^q dt \right) \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq T^{1-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_0^T E \left(\left| D_x^\sigma \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^q \right) dt \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{1-\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t D_x^\sigma S(t-s)\Phi e_j \right|^2 ds \right]^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{1-\frac{2}{q}} T^{\frac{2}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T |D_x^\sigma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} \right]^{\frac{2}{q}} dx \\ &\leq C_q T \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |D_x^\sigma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 dx \right) ds \leq C_q T^2 \sum_{j \geq 0} \|\Phi e_j\|_{H_x^\sigma}^2; \end{aligned}$$

this completes the proof of (2.13), and thus, of (2.14).

We next compute an upper estimate of $\|v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^2))}$. Using Fubini's theorem, Hölder's inequality with respect to dt and moments of the stochastic integral, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^2))}^q &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{q}{2}} \right) dx \\ &\leq T^{\frac{q}{2}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} E \left(\int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^q dt \right) dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{q}{2}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_0^T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |S(t-s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dt \right] dx \\ &\leq C_q T^{\frac{q}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T |S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

The Sobolev embedding theorem implies that for $\tilde{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}$, we have $H_x^{\tilde{\sigma}} \subset L_x^q$. Therefore, Minkowski's inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^q(L_t^2))}^2 &\leq C_q T \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T |S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \right\}^{\frac{2}{q}} \\ &\leq C_q T \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T \left\| |S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 \right\|_{L_x^{\frac{q}{2}}} ds \\ &\leq C_q T \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^T \|S(s)\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^q}^2 ds \\ &\leq C_q T^2 \sum_{j \geq 0} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|S(s)\Phi e_j\|_{H_x^{\tilde{\sigma}}}^2 = C T^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4}}}^2. \quad (2.15) \end{aligned}$$

The inequalities (2.15) and (2.14) imply that

$$\|v\|_{L_\omega^q(W_x^{\sigma+1-\frac{\epsilon}{2},q}(L_t^2))} \leq CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4})\vee\sigma}}.$$

Since $q\frac{\epsilon}{2} = 2$, the Sobolev embedding theorem yields $W_x^{\frac{\epsilon}{2},q}(L_t^2) \subset L_x^\infty(L_t^2)$; thus, $D_x^{1+\sigma-\epsilon}v \in L_\omega^q(L_x^\infty(L_t^2))$ and

$$\|D_x^{1+\sigma-\epsilon}v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^\infty(L_t^2))} \leq CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4})\vee\sigma}}. \quad (2.16)$$

Finally,

$$D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon}\partial_x v = \int_0^t D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon}\partial_x S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) = \int_0^t D_x^{1+\sigma-\epsilon}S(t-s)\mathcal{H}\Phi dW(s),$$

where \mathcal{H} denotes the Hilbert transform. Thus, we obtain

$$\|D_x^{\sigma-\epsilon}\partial_x v\|_{L_\omega^q(L_x^\infty(L_t^2))} \leq CT \|\mathcal{H}\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4})\vee\sigma}} \leq CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\epsilon}{4})\vee\sigma}}.$$

This completes the proof of (2.12), and therefore, of (2.10).

To prove (2.11), let $\sigma = \epsilon = \frac{2}{5}$. Then $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{4} = \sigma$ and (2.16) completes the proof. \square

Lemma 2.5. *Let p, q be such that $2 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ and $\gamma \geq 0$. There exists a positive constant C such that*

$$E\|D_x^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p)}^q \leq CT^{\frac{q}{p}+\frac{q}{2}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\gamma+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{q}}}^q. \quad (2.17)$$

Proof. Fubini's theorem and Hölder's inequality with respect to dt prove that

$$E\|D_x^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p)}^q = \|D_x^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_\omega^q(L_t^p))}^q \leq \|D^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_\omega^p(L_t^p))}^q = \|D^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p(L_\omega^p))}^q.$$

Hence, (2.17) can be deduced from the following estimate:

$$\|D_x^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p(L_\omega^p))}^q \leq CT^{\frac{q}{p}+\frac{q}{2}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,\gamma+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{q}}}^q. \quad (2.18)$$

Moments of the stochastic integral, a change of variables and Hölder's inequality with respect to ds imply that for the CONS $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ in the definition of W , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D^\gamma v\|_{L_x^q(L_t^p(L_\omega^p))}^q &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_0^T E \left(\left| D_x^\gamma \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s) \right|^p \right) dt \right|^{\frac{q}{p}} dx \\ &= C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |D_x^\gamma S(t-s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} dx \\ &\leq C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} \int_0^t |D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} dx \\ &\leq C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}} T^{\frac{q}{p}} \left(\int_0^T \sum_{j \geq 0} |D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \\ &\leq C_p T^{\frac{q}{p}} T^{(1-\frac{2}{q})\frac{q}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} |D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} ds \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using the Fubini theorem and then the Minkowski inequality, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \geq 0} |D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 \right|^{\frac{q}{2}} ds \right) dx &= \int_0^T \left\| \sum_{j \geq 0} |D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j|^2 \right\|_{L_x^{\frac{q}{2}}}^{\frac{q}{2}} ds \\ &\leq \int_0^T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \|D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^q}^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} ds = \int_0^T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \|D_x^\gamma S(s)\Phi e_j\|_{L_x^q}^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C \int_0^T \left(\sum_{j \geq 0} \|D_x^\gamma S(s) \Phi e_j\|_{H_x^\sigma}^2 \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} ds = CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \gamma + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}}}^q,$$

where in the last line we use the Sobolev embedding $H_x^\sigma \subset L_x^q$ for $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}$. This completes the proof. \square

Finally, in the case of the stochastic mKdV equation, we have to prove a result similar to Proposition 3.2 in [4]. However, we have to estimate the $L_x^4(L_t^\infty)$ norm instead of the $L_x^2(L_t^\infty)$; this requires a stronger condition on the operator Φ which has to be in $L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}$ for some positive ϵ .

Lemma 2.6. *Let $\Phi \in L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}$ for some positive ϵ . Then $v \in L_\omega^4(L_x^4(L_t^\infty))$ and there exists a positive constant C such that*

$$E \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s) \right|^4 dx \right) \leq C (T + T^4) \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}}^4. \quad (2.19)$$

Proof. The proof is based on results from the proof of Proposition 3.2 in [4]. We send to this reference for some intermediate results. Let $\{e_j\}_{j \geq 0}$ be the CONS of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ in the definition of W . Let $\{\psi_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ denote a partition of unity such that

$$\text{supp } \psi_0 \subset [-1, +1], \quad \text{supp } \psi_k \subset [2^{k-2}, 2^k], \quad \psi_k(\xi) = \psi_1\left(\frac{\xi}{2^{k-1}}\right) \text{ for } \xi \geq 0, k \geq 1.$$

Let $\tilde{\psi}_k \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ satisfy $\tilde{\psi}_k \geq 0$, $\tilde{\psi}_k = 1$ on the support of ψ_k , and $\text{supp } \tilde{\psi}_k \subset [2^{k-3}, 2^{k+1}]$. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $S_k(t)$ and Φ_k be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{S_k(t)u}(\xi) &= \psi_k(|\xi|) \widehat{S(t)u}(\xi) = e^{it\xi^3} \psi_k(|\xi|) \hat{u}(\xi), \\ \widehat{\Phi_k e_j}(\xi) &= \tilde{\psi}_k(|\xi|) \widehat{\Phi e_j}(\xi), \quad j \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $S_k(t)\Phi = S_k(t)\Phi_k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $S(t)\Phi = \sum_{k \geq 0} S_k(t)\Phi_k$. We prove that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$,

$$E \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^4 dx \right) \leq C (T + T^4) 2^{\epsilon k} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Phi_k e_j\|_{H_x^{1+\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}^2 \right)^2. \quad (2.20)$$

Suppose that (2.20) holds. Then using the Minkowski and Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ E \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s) \right|^4 dx \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \left\{ E \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^4 dx \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ E \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^4 dx \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\leq C (T + T^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{\frac{\epsilon k}{4}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Phi_k e_j\|_{H_x^{1+\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C (T + T^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-\frac{\epsilon k}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{\epsilon k} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Phi_k e_j\|_{H_x^{1+\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}^2 \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C (T + T^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Phi_k\|_{L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}}; \end{aligned}$$

the last inequality is obtained from the upper estimate $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{\epsilon k} \|\Phi_k \varphi\|_{H_x^{1+\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}^2 \leq C \|\Phi_k \varphi\|_{H_x^{1+\epsilon}}^2$ for every $\varphi \in L_x^2$.

We next prove (2.20). Let $\alpha > 0$ to be chosen later, and $p \geq 4$ such that $\alpha p > 1$. The Sobolev embedding implies that $W_t^{\alpha, p} \subset L_t^\infty$; hence, using Fubini's theorem we deduce that

$$E\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^4 dx\right) \leq C(I_1 + I_2), \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$I_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} E\left(\left\{ \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{\left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) - \int_0^{t'} S_k(t'-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^p}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha p}} dt dt' \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}}\right) dx,$$

$$I_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} E\left(\left\{ \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^p dt \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}}\right) dx.$$

To upper estimate I_2 , we use Hölder's inequality with respect to the expected value, Fubini's theorem, moments of Gaussian variables and Minkowsk's inequality with respect to dt and dx ; this yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ E\left(\int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S_k(t-s) \Phi_k dW(s) \right|^p dt\right) \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}} dx \\ &\leq C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \int_0^T \left| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^t |S_k(t-s) \Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dt \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}} dx \\ &\leq C_p \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\int_0^T \left| \int_0^t |S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dt \right]^{\frac{2}{p}} \right\}^2 dx \\ &\leq C_p T^{\frac{4}{p}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \int_0^T |S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right| \right\}^2 dx \\ &\leq C_p T^{2+\frac{4}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \| |S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j|^2 \|_{L_x^2} \right\}^2 \\ &\leq C_p T^{2+\frac{4}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \| S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j \|_{L_x^4}^2 \right\}^2 \\ &\leq CT^{2+\frac{4}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \| S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j \|_{H_x^\sigma}^2 \right\}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality can be deduced from the inclusion $H_x^\sigma \subset L_x^4$ for $\sigma > \frac{1}{4}$ to be chosen later. This is the place where the significant difference with the stochastic KdV case in [4] arises. Indeed, to deal with the higher non-linearity, the functional space here is $L_x^4(L_t^\infty)$ instead of $L_x^2(L_t^\infty)$.

Using Theorem 2.7 in [10], we consider first homogeneous part of the H_x^σ -norm (denoted by \dot{H}_x^σ). For $\tau > \frac{3}{4}$, if $\sigma = \tau - \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain

$$\left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \| S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j \|_{\dot{H}_x^\sigma}^2 \right\}^2 \leq C \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \| D_x^\sigma \Phi_k e_j \|_{\dot{H}_x^\tau}^2 \right\}^2 \leq C \|\Phi_k\|_{L_x^{0, \sigma+\tau}}^4. \quad (2.22)$$

The L_x^2 part of the H_x^σ -norm obviously satisfies the same final upper bound.

To upper estimate I_1 , we use Hölder's inequality with respect to the expected value and Fubini's theorem:

$$I_1 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \int_0^T \int_0^T \frac{E(|\int_0^t S_k(t-s)\Phi_k dW(s) - \int_0^{t'} S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k dW(s)|^p)}{|t-t'|^{1+\alpha p}} dt dt' \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}} dx$$

Since the stochastic integral is Gaussian, for $t \leq t'$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left(\left|\int_0^t S_k(t-s)\Phi_k dW(s) - \int_0^{t'} S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k dW(s)\right|^p\right) \\ &= C_p \left| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^t |S_k(t-s)\Phi_k e_j - S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} + C_p \left| \int_t^{t'} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right|^{\frac{p}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

In the double time integral first consider the case $|t-t'|2^{\gamma k} \leq 1$ for $\gamma > 0$ to be chosen later on. Using parts of the proof of Proposition 3.1 pages 228-229 in [4] based on computations from [10], we deduce that for $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ we have for $0 \leq t \leq t' \leq T$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |S_k(t-s)\Phi_k e_j - S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \leq C(|t-t'|2^{3k} + |t-t'|^2 2^{5k})^2 (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2, \\ & \int_t^{t'} |S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \leq C|t'-t| (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where for $k \geq 1$ (resp. $k = 0$) we let

$$H_k^T(x) = 2^{k-1} \text{ for } |x| \leq C_1(T+1), \quad H_k^T(x) = \frac{2^{\frac{k-1}{2}}}{|x|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ for } C_1(T+1) < |x| \leq C_2(T+1)2^{2(k-1)},$$

$$H_k^T(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \text{ for } |x| > C_2(T+1)2^{2(k-1)},$$

$$H_0^T(x) = 1 \text{ for } |x| \leq C_1(T+1), \quad H_0^T(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \text{ for } |x| > C_1(T+1).$$

Hence, we deduce that for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq t \leq t' \leq T$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_k(t, t') &:= E\left(\left|\int_0^t S_k(t-s)\Phi_k dW(s) - \int_0^{t'} S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k dW(s)\right|^2\right) \\ &\leq C(|t-t'| + |t-t'|^2 2^{6k} + |t-t'|^4 2^{10k}) \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Fix $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$; choose $\gamma > \frac{9}{2}$ and $\alpha < \frac{1}{8}$ such that $\alpha\gamma < \frac{\epsilon}{8}$. Note that for $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ we have $\alpha < \frac{1}{36}$; thus, $p > 36$. Then for $|t-t'|2^{\gamma k} \leq 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_k(t, t') &\leq C|t-t'|^{4\alpha} 2^{(-3+4\alpha\gamma)k} \left(2^{k(-\gamma+3)} + 2^{k(-2\gamma+9)} + 2^{k(-4\gamma+13)}\right) \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2 \\ &\leq C|t-t'|^{4\alpha} 2^{(-3+\frac{\epsilon}{2})k} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2. \end{aligned}$$

A direct computation shows that for $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq t \leq t' \leq T$ such that $|t-t'|2^{\gamma k} > 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_k(t, t') &\leq 2 \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\int_0^t |S_k(t-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds + \int_0^{t'} |S_k(t'-s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right] \\ &\leq 4|t-t'|^{4\alpha} 2^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}k} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^T |S_k(s)\Phi_k e_j|^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

The above upper estimates and Minkowski's inequality with respect to dx imply

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C 2^{\epsilon k} 2^{-6k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \int_0^T \int_0^T 1_{\{|t-t'|2^{\gamma k} \leq 1\}} \frac{1}{|t-t'|^{1-\alpha p}} dt dt' \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|)^2 \right)^2 dx \\ &\quad + C 2^{\epsilon k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \int_0^T \int_0^T 1_{\{|t-t'|2^{\gamma k} > 1\}} \frac{1}{|t-t'|^{1-\alpha p}} dt dt' \right\}^{\frac{4}{p}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^T |S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j|^2 ds \right)^2 dx \\ &\leq C 2^{\epsilon k} \left[2^{-6k} T \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|\|_{L_x^4}^2 \right)^2 + T^2 \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|S_k(s) \Phi_k e_j\|_{L_x^4}^2 \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Young's inequality yields

$$\|H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|\|_{L_x^4} \leq C \|H_k^T\|_{L_x^{\frac{4}{3}}} \|\Phi_k e_j\|_{L_x^2}.$$

Furthermore, using the explicit definition of H_k^T , we deduce

$$\|H_k^T\|_{L_x^{\frac{4}{3}}} \leq C (1+T) 2^{\frac{4}{3}k},$$

which implies

$$\left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|H_k^T * |\Phi_k e_j|\|_{L_x^4}^2 \right)^2 \leq C (1+T^3) 2^{4k} \|\Phi_k\|_{L_2^{0,0}}^4.$$

The upper estimate (2.22) implies that for $\tau > \frac{3}{4}$ and $\sigma = \tau - \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{4}$, we have

$$I_1 \leq C 2^{\epsilon k} \left[(T + T^4) 2^{-2k} \|\Phi_k\|_{L_2^{0,0}}^4 + T^2 \|\Phi_k\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma+\tau}}^4 \right] \leq C (T + T^4) 2^{\epsilon k} \|\Phi_k\|_{L_2^{0,\sigma+\tau}}^4. \quad (2.23)$$

Since $p > 36$, choosing σ and τ such that $\sigma + \tau \leq 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, the inequalities (2.21)-(2.23) conclude the proof of (2.20) and of the lemma. \square

In order to prove the existence of a local solution to (2.3), we first estimate moments of functional norms $\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T}$ of the stochastic integral $v(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s)$, $k = 2, 3$. Let $u \in \mathcal{X}_k^T$; following the notations in [10], we set

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T} = \max_{j=1,\dots,5} \mu_j^T(u) \quad (\text{resp. } \|u\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T} = \max_{j=1,\dots,7} \nu_j^T(u)), \quad (2.24)$$

where for some positive number ρ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1^T(u) &= \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|D_x^{\frac{1}{4}} u(t)\|_{L_x^2}, \quad \mu_2^T(u) = \|D_x u\|_{L_x^{20}(L_t^{\frac{5}{2}})}, \quad \mu_3^T(u) = \|D_x^{\frac{1}{4}} u\|_{L_x^5(L_t^{10})}, \\ \mu_4^T(u) &= \|D_x^{\frac{1}{4}} \partial_x u\|_{L_x^\infty(L_t^2)}, \quad \mu_5^T(u) = \|u\|_{L_x^4(L_t^\infty)}, \\ \nu_1^T(u) &= \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u(t)\|_{H_x^{\frac{1}{12}}}, \quad \nu_2^T(u) = (1+T)^{-\rho} \|u\|_{L_x^{\frac{42}{13}}(L_t^{\frac{21}{4}})}, \quad \nu_3^T(u) = \|u\|_{L_x^{\frac{60}{13}}(L_t^{15})}, \\ \nu_4^T(u) &= T^{-\frac{1}{6}} \|u\|_{L_x^{\frac{10}{3}}(L_t^{\frac{30}{7}})}, \quad \nu_5^T(u) = \nu_4^T(D_x^{\frac{1}{12}} u), \\ \nu_6^T(u) &= \|\partial_x u\|_{L_x^\infty(L_t^2)}, \quad \nu_7^T(u) = \nu_6^T(D_x^{\frac{1}{12}} u). \end{aligned}$$

The following proposition gathers the information from the previous lemmas.

Proposition 2.7. *For $t \in [0, T]$ let $v(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s)$.*

(i) *Suppose that $\Phi \in L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Then for some positive constant C , we have*

$$E(\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}^2) \leq C (\sqrt{T} + T^2) \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}}^2. \quad (2.25)$$

(ii) Suppose that $\Phi \in L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}$. Then for some positive constant C , we obtain

$$E(\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T}^2) \leq C(T + T^2) \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}}^2. \quad (2.26)$$

Proof. (i) Consider $k = 2$ (mKdV).

Lemma 2.1 applied with $q = 1$ and $\sigma = \frac{1}{4}$ implies that $E(|\mu_1^T(v)|^2) \leq CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{1}{4}}}^2$.

Using Lemma 2.3 with $p = \frac{5}{2} < 20 = q$ and $\gamma = 1$, we obtain $E(|\mu_2^T(v)|^{20}) \leq CT^9 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{1}{5}}}^{20}$.

Lemma 2.5 applied with $\gamma = \frac{1}{4}$, $2 < q = 5 < p = 10$ yields $E(|\mu_3^T(v)|^5) \leq CT^3 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{11}{20}}}^5$.

Lemma 2.4 applied with $\sigma = \frac{9}{20}$ and $\epsilon = \frac{1}{5}$ yields $E(|\mu_4^T(v)|^2) \leq CT^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{9}{20}}}^2$.

Finally, Lemma 2.6 implies $E(|\mu_5^T(v)|^4) \leq C(T + T^4) \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}}^2$ for any $\epsilon > 0$.

These estimates and Hölder's inequality conclude the proof of (i).

(ii) Consider $k = 3$ (gKdV).

Lemma 2.1 applied with $q = 1$ and $\sigma = \frac{1}{12}$ implies that $E(|\nu_1^T(v)|^2) \leq CT \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{1}{12}}}^2$.

Apply Lemma 2.5 to upper estimate moments of $\nu_k^T(v)$ for $k = 2, \dots, 5$. Take $\gamma = 0$, and either $2 \leq q = \frac{42}{13} < p = \frac{21}{4}$ for $\nu_2^T(v)$ or $2 \leq q = \frac{60}{13} < p = 15$ for $\nu_3^T(v)$. This yields

$$E(|\nu_2^T(v)|^{\frac{42}{13}}) \leq C(1 + T)^{-\frac{42\rho}{13}} T^{\frac{42}{13}(\frac{4}{21} + \frac{1}{2})} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{4}{21}}}^{\frac{42}{13}} \leq CT^{\frac{29}{13}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{4}{21}}}^{\frac{42}{13}},$$

$$E(|\nu_3^T(v)|^{\frac{60}{13}}) \leq CT^{\frac{34}{13}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{17}{60}}}^{\frac{60}{13}}.$$

Take $2 \leq q = \frac{10}{3} < p = \frac{30}{7}$, and either $\gamma = 0$ for $\nu_4^T(v)$ or $\gamma = \frac{1}{12}$ for $\nu_5^T(v)$. This yields

$$E(|\nu_4^T(v)|^{\frac{10}{3}}) \leq CT^{\frac{41}{18}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{1}{5}}}^{\frac{10}{3}}, \quad E(|\nu_5^T(v)|^{\frac{10}{3}}) \leq CT^{\frac{41}{18}} \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{17}{60}}}^{\frac{10}{3}}.$$

Furthermore, the inequality (2.11) from Lemma 2.4 gives exactly $E(|\nu_6^T(v)|^2) \leq CT^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{2}{3}}}^2$.

Finally, the inequality (2.10) from Lemma 2.4 applied with $\sigma = \frac{5}{12}$ and $\epsilon = \frac{1}{3}$ yields $E(|\nu_7^T(v)|^2) \leq CT^2 \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}}^2$. These upper estimates and Hölder's inequality complete the proof. \square

3. LOCAL WELL-POSEDNESS

In this section, we prove the existence of a unique local solution $u \in \mathcal{X}_k^{T(\omega)}$ to (2.1) for some random terminal time $T(\omega)$ which is positive for almost every ω .

Proposition 3.1. *Let $k = 2$, $u_0 \in H_x^{\frac{1}{4}}$ a.s. and $\Phi \in L_2^{0, 1+\epsilon}$ for some positive ϵ (resp. $k = 3$, $u_0 \in H_x^{\frac{1}{12}}$ a.s. and $\Phi \in L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}$). Almost surely there exists a positive random time $T^k(\omega)$, $k = 2, 3$ such that there exists a unique solution to (2.1) in $\mathcal{X}_k^{T^k(\omega)}$.*

Proof. Set $\sigma(2) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\sigma(3) = \frac{1}{12}$. Suppose that a.s. $u_0 \in H_x^{\sigma(k)}$ for $k = 2, 3$. Using the inequalities (3.6)-(3.7), (3.9), (3.11) and (3.35) (resp. (3.6)-(3.7), (3.48), (3.52)-(3.53)) in [11], we obtain that for almost every ω , $S(t)u_0(\omega) \in \mathcal{X}_k^T$ for $u_0(\omega) \in H_x^{\sigma(k)}$. Furthermore, $S(\cdot)(u_0(\omega)) \in C([0, T]; H_x^{\sigma(k)})$ and

$$\|S(\cdot)u_0(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T} \leq c_k \|u_0(\omega)\|_{H_x^{\sigma(k)}}$$

for some constant c_k , which does not depend on T or ω (see [11] pages 584 and 586).

Proposition 2.7 implies that, if the operator Φ is regular enough (that is, $\Phi \in L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}$ for some positive ϵ when $k = 2$ or $\Phi \in L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}$ when $k = 3$), then the random process v , defined $v(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s) \Phi dW(s)$, belongs a.s. to \mathcal{X}_k^T . Furthermore, the map $v(\cdot)$ belongs a.s. to $C([0, T]; H_x^{\sigma(k)})$ for any $T > 0$. For $k = 2, 3$ and $R > 0$ set

$$\mathcal{Y}_k^{R,T} := \{u \in C([0, T], H_x^{\sigma(k)}) \cap \mathcal{X}_k^T : \|u\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T} \leq R\}.$$

Let \mathcal{F}_k denote the map defined by

$$(\mathcal{F}_k u)(t) = S(t) u_0 + v(t) - \int_0^t S(t-s) (u^k \partial_x u)(s) ds.$$

Let $k = 2$; using inequalities proved in [11] page 584-585, we deduce that for $u_0 \in H_x^{\frac{1}{4}}$ a.s. and $\Phi \in L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}$ for some positive ϵ given $u, u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2^T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{F}_2 u\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T} &\leq c_2 \|D_x^{\frac{1}{4}} u_0\|_{L_x^2} + \|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T} + \tilde{C}_2 T^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}^3, \\ \|\mathcal{F}_2 u_1 - \mathcal{F}_2 u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T} &\leq \tilde{C}_2 T^{\frac{1}{2}} (\|u_1\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}^2 + \|u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}^2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T}. \end{aligned}$$

For almost every ω choose

$$R_2(\omega) = 2 \left(c_2 \|u_0(\omega)\|_{H_x^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \|v(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{X}_2^T} \right), \quad (3.1)$$

and let $T_2(\omega) > 0$ satisfy

$$2 \tilde{C}_2 T_2(\omega)^{\frac{1}{2}} R_2(\omega)^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 4 \tilde{C}_2 T_2(\omega)^{\frac{1}{2}} R_2(\omega)^2 \leq 1. \quad (3.2)$$

In a similar way, when $k = 3$, the inequalities proved in [11] page 590 imply that for $u_0 \in H_x^{\frac{1}{12}}$ a.s. and $\Phi \in L_2^{0, \frac{5}{12}}$, given $u, u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{X}_3^T$, we have for some $\rho > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{F}_3 u\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T} &\leq c_3 \|D_x^{\frac{1}{12}} u_0\|_{L_x^2} + \|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T} + \tilde{C}_3 T^{\frac{1}{18}} (1+T)^\rho \|u\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T}^4, \\ \|\mathcal{F}_3 u_1 - \mathcal{F}_3 u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T} &\leq \tilde{C}_3 T^{\frac{1}{18}} (1+T)^\rho [\|u_1\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T}^3 + \|u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T}^3] \|u_1 - u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T}. \end{aligned}$$

For almost every ω choose

$$R_3(\omega) = 2 \left(c_3 \|u_0(\omega)\|_{H_x^{\frac{1}{12}}} + \|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_3^T} \right), \quad (3.3)$$

and let $T_3(\omega) > 0$ be such that

$$2 \tilde{C}_3 T_3(\omega)^{\frac{1}{18}} (1+T_3(\omega))^\rho R_3(\omega)^3 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 4 \tilde{C}_3 T_3(\omega)^{\frac{1}{18}} (1+T_3(\omega))^\rho R_3(\omega)^2 \leq 1. \quad (3.4)$$

These choices imply that for $k = 2, 3$, \mathcal{F}_k maps $\mathcal{Y}_k^{R_k(\omega), T_k(\omega)}$ into itself. Furthermore, since $\|\mathcal{F}_k u_1 - \mathcal{F}_k u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T} \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u_1 - u_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T}$ for $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{Y}_k^{R_k(\omega), T_k(\omega)}$, the map \mathcal{F}_k is a strict contraction on that set. Hence, \mathcal{F}_k has a unique fixed point in $\mathcal{Y}_k^{R_k(\omega), T_k(\omega)}$, which is the unique solution to (2.1) in $\mathcal{X}_k^{T_k(\omega)}$, $k = 2, 3$, thus, concluding the proof. \square

4. GLOBAL WELL-POSEDNESS

We now prove global existence when the initial condition u_0 is in H_x^1 a.s. The argument relies on a regularization of u_0 and Φ and on the following conservation laws. When $k = 2, 3$ and z_k is the (deterministic) solution to the gKdV equation

$$\partial_t z_k(t) + (\partial_x^3 z_k(t) + z_k(t)^k \partial_x z_k(t)) = 0, \quad z_k(0) = z_0 \in H_x^1,$$

then the following quantities are time invariant (see [9], Theorem 4.2), $k = 2, 3$,

$$\text{the mass: } \|z_k(t)\|_{L_x^2}^2, \quad (4.1)$$

$$\text{the Hamitonian: } \mathcal{H}_k(z_k(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |D_x z_k(t)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} z_k(t)^{k+2} dx. \quad (4.2)$$

In this section we prove Theorem 1.1.

Proof. We suppose that $u_0 \in L_{\omega}^2(H_x^1) \cap L_{\omega}^{2q}(L_x^2)$ for some $q \in [2, \infty)$ to be chosen later.

The proof is based on an approximation of Φ and u_0 and contains several steps. Indeed, we want to obtain moments of the H_x^1 -norm of u_n uniformly in t . The mild formulation does not allow us to use martingale estimates for the stochastic integral appearing when the Itô formula is applied to the mass and to the Hamiltonian. Thus we have to use a sequence of strong solutions $\{u_n\}$ of (2.1), where Φ_n is a “smoother” Hilbert-Schmidt operator and $u_{0,n}$ is a “smoother” initial condition. Let $\Phi_n \in L_2^{0,4}$ and $u_{0,n} \in H_x^3$ be such that

$$\Phi_n \rightarrow \Phi \quad \text{in } L_2^{0,1+\epsilon}, \quad \epsilon > 0 \quad (\text{resp. in } L_2^{0,1}) \quad \text{for } k = 2 \quad (\text{resp. } k = 3), \quad (4.3)$$

$$u_{0,n} \rightarrow u_0 \quad \text{in } L_{\omega}^2(H_x^1) \cap L_{\omega}^{2q}(L_x^2) \quad \text{and in } H_x^1 \text{ a.s.} \quad (4.4)$$

Step 1 Proposition 2.7 proves that the sequence $v_n(t) := \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi_n dW(s)$ converges to the stochastic integral v in $L_{\omega}^2(\mathcal{X}_k^T)$. Hence, there exists a subsequence, still denoted $\{v_n\}$, which converges to v a.s. Furthermore, for any n and $k = 2, 3$, there exists a unique solution u_n to

$$\partial_t u_n(t) + (\partial_x^3 u_n(t) + u_n(t)^k \partial_x u_n(t)) dt = 0, \quad u_n(0) = u_{0,n},$$

and u_n belongs a.s. to $L_t^{\infty}(H_x^3)$. Indeed, following the argument in [4], Lemma 3.2, if we set $v_n(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi_n dW(s)$ and let $z_n = u_n - v_n$, then z_n has to solve a.s. the deterministic equation

$$\partial_t z_n(t) + [\partial_x^3 z_n(t) + (z_n(t) + v_n(t))^k \partial_x (z_n(t) + v_n(t))] dt = 0, \quad z_n(0) = u_{0,n}.$$

To ease notations we do not specify the value of $k = 2, 3$ when dealing with the solution u_n . Standard arguments such as the parabolic regularization described in [14] yield that the above equation has a unique local solution. Finally, an argument similar to that in [7] proves that the invariant quantities in (4.1) and (4.2) allow us to extend this solution to any time interval $[0, T]$. Note that $u_n \in L_t^{\infty}(H_x^3) \cap \mathcal{X}_k^T$ a.s.

Step 2 We next prove that the sequence (u_n) is bounded in $L_{\omega}^{2q}(L_t^{\infty}(L_x^2))$. The proof is based on Itô’s formula for the mass and the time invariance of the L_x^2 -norm for the solution to the deterministic generalized KdV equation.

Using the time invariance of the mass for the solution to the deterministic gKdV equation, we deduce $\int_0^t (u_n(s), \partial_x^3 u_n(s) + u_n(s)^k \partial_x u_n(s)) ds = 0$. Note that this requires $u_n(s) \in H_x^3$ a.s., which holds by Step 1, and $u_n(s) \in L_x^{2(k+1)}$ a.s., which holds true since $H_x^1 \subset L_x^{2(k+1)}$. Itô’s formula applied to $\|u_n(t)\|_{L_x^2}^2$ and the identity $\sum_{j \geq 0} \|\Phi_n e_j\|_{L_x^2}^2 = \|\Phi\|_{L_2^{0,0}}^2$ yield

$$\|u_n(t)\|_{L_x^2}^2 = \|u_{0,n}\|_{L_x^2}^2 + 2 \int_0^t (u_n(s), \Phi_n dW(s)) + t \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,0}}^2.$$

Using once more Itô’s formula with the map $y \mapsto y^q$, $q \in [2, \infty)$, and the process $\|u_n(t)\|_{L_x^2}^2$, we obtain

$$\|u_n(t)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q} = \|u_{0,n}\|_{L_x^2}^{2q} + 2q \int_0^t \|u_n(t)\|_{L_x^2}^{2(q-1)} (u_n(s), \Phi_n dW(s)) + R(t), \quad (4.5)$$

where

$$R(t) = q \int_0^t \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2(q-1)} \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^2 ds + 2q(q-1) \int_0^t \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2(q-2)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (u_n(s), \Phi_n e_j)^2 ds.$$

The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality applied to the last term gives

$$|R(t)| \leq \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^2 \int_0^t (2q^2 - q) \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2(q-1)} ds \leq \frac{1}{4} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q} + C(T) \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^{2q}, \quad (4.6)$$

for some $C(T) > 0$ which is an increasing function of T , where the last inequality is obtained using Young's inequality with the conjugate exponents q and $\frac{q}{q-1}$. Furthermore, the Davies inequality for stochastic integrals, the Cauchy-Schwarz and then the Young inequality applied with the conjugate exponents $2q$ and $\frac{2q}{2q-1}$ imply

$$\begin{aligned} E \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_0^t \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2(q-1)} (u_n(s), \Phi_n dW(s)) \right) &\leq 3E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{4(q-1)} \sum_{j \geq 0} (u_n(s), \Phi_n e_j)^2 ds \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &\leq 3E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{4q-2} \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^2 ds \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \leq 3E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q-1} \sqrt{T} \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q} \right) + C(T) \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^{2q}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

for some positive number $C(T)$ which is an increasing function of T . The inequalities (4.5)-(4.7) yield the existence of a positive constant $C(T)$ such that

$$E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q} \right) \leq 2E(\|u_{0,n}\|_{L_x^2}^{2q}) + C(T) \|\Phi_n\|_{L_{2,0,0}^2}^{2q}. \quad (4.8)$$

Step 3 We now prove that (u_n) is bounded in $L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))$.

To upper estimate the H_x^1 norm of u_n , we use the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_k defined in (4.2). Once more the time invariance of the Hamiltonian for the solution to the deterministic generalized KdV equation yields

$$\int_0^t \mathcal{H}'_k(u_n(s)) [\partial_x^3 u_n(s) + u_n(s)^k \partial_x u_n(s)] ds = 0,$$

where for $\varphi, \psi \in H_x^3$, we have

$$\mathcal{H}'_k(\varphi)(\psi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} D_x \varphi D_x \psi dx - \frac{1}{k+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi^{k+1} \psi dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} [D_x^2 \varphi + \frac{1}{k+1} \varphi^{k+1}] \psi dx.$$

Note that this integral makes sense for $u_n(s)$. Indeed, the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality implies $H_x^1 \subset L_x^q$ for any $q \in [2, \infty)$ and, since $u_n \in H_x^3$ a.s., we have $u_n(s) \in L_x^p$ for any $p \in [2, \infty)$. Hence, $u_n(s)^{k+1} \in L_x^2$ a.s.

Integration by parts implies that for $\varphi \in H_x^3$, the bilinear form $\mathcal{H}''_k(\varphi)$ can be described as follows

$$\mathcal{H}''_k(\varphi)(v_1, v_2) = (\partial_x v_1, \partial_x v_2) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi^k v_1 v_2 dx, \quad v_1, v_2 \in H_x^3. \quad (4.9)$$

Since $\Phi_n \in L_{2,0,0}^{0,4}$, the vectors $\Phi_n e_j \in H_x^3$. Thus, the Itô formula applied to $\mathcal{H}_k(u_n)$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_k(u_n(t)) &= \mathcal{H}_k(u_0) - \int_0^t \left[(\partial_x^2 u_n(s), \Phi_n dW(s)) + \frac{1}{k+1} (u_n(s)^{k+1}, \Phi_n dW(s)) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sum_{j \geq 0} \mathcal{H}''_k(u_n(s)) (\Phi_n e_j, \Phi_n e_j) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Using the explicit form of (4.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_k''(u_n(s))(\Phi_n e_j, \Phi_n e_j) &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[|\partial_x(\Phi_n e_j)|^2 - |u_n(s)|^k (\Phi_n e_j)^2 \right] dx \\ &\leq \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \|\Phi_n e_j\|_{L_x^\infty}^2 |u_n(s)|^k dx \\ &\leq \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 + C \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^k}^k, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the Sobolev embedding $H_x^1 \subset L_x^\infty$ to obtain the last upper estimate.

For $k = 2$ the last expression simplifies to

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_2''(u_n(s))(\Phi_n e_j, \Phi_n e_j) \leq \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 + C \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^2 \quad (4.11)$$

for some positive constant C .

For $k = 3$, the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality implies $\|u_n\|_{L_x^3} \leq C \|u_n\|_{H_x^1}^\alpha \|u_n\|_{L_x^2}^{1-\alpha}$ for $\alpha = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$. Therefore, using Young's inequality with the conjugate exponents 4 and 4/3, we get

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_3''(u_n(s))(\Phi_n e_j, \Phi_n e_j) \leq \epsilon \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2 + C(\epsilon) \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^{\frac{8}{3}} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{\frac{10}{3}} + \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2, \quad (4.12)$$

for any small constant $\epsilon > 0$ to be chosen later, and some positive constant $C(\epsilon)$.

As in (4.7), using once more the Davies inequality for the stochastic integral, integration by parts and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_0^t - \left(\partial_x^2 u_n(s) + \frac{1}{k+1} u_n(s)^{k+1}, \Phi_n dW(s) \right) \right) \\ \leq 3E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\partial_x^2 u_n(s) + \frac{1}{k+1} u_n(s)^{k+1}, \Phi_n e_j \right)^2 ds \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ \leq 3\sqrt{2}E \left(\left\{ \int_0^T \left[\sum_{j \geq 0} (\partial_x u_n(s), \partial_x \Phi_n e_j)^2 + \sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\frac{1}{k+1} u_n(s)^{k+1}, \Phi_n e_j \right)^2 \right] ds \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ \leq C\sqrt{T} \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}} \left[E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1} \right) + E \left(\sup_{x \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^{k+1}}^{k+1} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the Sobolev embedding $H_x^1 \subset L_x^\infty$.

The Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality implies $\|u_n\|_{L_x^{k+1}} \leq \|u_n\|_{H_x^1}^\beta \|u_n\|_{L_x^2}^{1-\beta}$, where $\beta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{k+1} = \frac{k-1}{2(k+1)}$. Using Hölder's and Young's inequalities with the conjugate exponents $\frac{4}{k-1}$ and $\frac{4}{5-k}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_0^t - \left[(\partial_x^2 u_n, \Phi_n dW(s)) + \frac{1}{k+1} (u_n(s)^{k+1}, \Phi_n dW(s)) \right] \right) \\ \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2 \right) + C(\epsilon) T \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 \\ + C\sqrt{T} \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}} E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{\frac{k+3}{2}} \right) \\ \leq \epsilon E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2 \right) + C(\epsilon) T \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 + C(\epsilon, T) \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^{\frac{4}{5-k}} E \left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{\frac{2(k+3)}{5-k}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

for some positive number $C(\epsilon, T)$, which is again an increasing function of T for fixed $\epsilon > 0$. Note that for $k = 2$, $\frac{k+3}{5-k} = \frac{5}{3} < 2$, and for $k = 3$ we have $\frac{k+3}{5-k} = 3$.

Collecting the information from the estimates (4.10)-(4.13) and choosing $\epsilon = \frac{1}{16}$, we obtain for $q(2) = 2$ (resp. $q(3) = 3$) the existence of a positive constant $C(T)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathcal{H}_k(u_n(t))\right) &\leq E(\mathcal{H}_k(u_{0,n})) + \frac{1}{8}E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2\right) + CT \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^2 \\ &\quad + C(T)(1 + \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^{\frac{8}{3}}) \left[1 + E\left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q(k)}\right)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality implies that $\|\varphi\|_{L_x^{k+2}} \leq C\|\varphi\|_{H_x^1}^\gamma \|\varphi\|_{L_x^2}^{1-\gamma}$ for $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{k+2} = \frac{k}{2(k+2)}$. Thus, using Young's inequality with the conjugate exponents $\frac{4}{k}$ and $\frac{4}{4-k}$, we deduce

$$\frac{1}{4}\|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2 - C\|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{\frac{2(k+4)}{4-k}} \leq \mathcal{H}_k(u_n(s)) \leq \frac{3}{4}\|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2 + C\|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{\frac{2(k+4)}{4-k}}$$

for some constant $C > 0$. Let $\tilde{q}(k) = \frac{(k+4)}{4-k}$; then $\tilde{q}(2) = 3 > q(2)$, $\tilde{q}(3) = 7 > q(3)$. For $u_0 \in L_\omega^{2\tilde{q}(k)}(L_x^2)$ we have for some positive constant $C(T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2\right) &\leq \frac{1}{8}E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{H_x^1}^2\right) + \frac{3}{4}E(\|u_{0,n}\|_{H_x^1}^2) + CE(\|u_{0,n}\|_{L_x^2}^{2\tilde{q}(k)}) \\ &\quad + C(T)(1 + \|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}^{\frac{8}{3}}) \left[1 + E\left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2q(k)}\right)\right] + CE\left(\sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|u_n(s)\|_{L_x^2}^{2\tilde{q}(k)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if $u_0 \in L_\omega^{2\tilde{q}(k)}(L_x^2)$, choosing the exponent $q = \tilde{q}(k) \geq 2$ used for the approximation $u_{0,n}$ of u_0 , we deduce from (4.8) that $\|u_n\|_{L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))}$ is bounded in terms of $\|\Phi_n\|_{L_2^{0,1}}$ and $\|u_{0,n}\|_{L_\omega^{2\tilde{q}(k)}(L_x^2)}$. Since these norms are bounded by a constant independent of n , by virtue of the convergence we have required in Step 1, we can now deduce that the sequence $\{u_n\}$ is bounded in $L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))$.

Step 4 The bound of $\{u_n\}$ proved in Step 3 implies the existence of a random variable $\tilde{u} \in L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1))$ and of a subsequence (still denoted $\{u_n\}$) such that

$$u_n \rightharpoonup \tilde{u} \quad \text{in } L_\omega^2(L_t^\infty(H_x^1)) \text{ weak star.}$$

Note that $\tilde{u} \in L_t^\infty(H_x^1)$ a.s. Recall $R_2(\omega)$ and $R_3(\omega)$ from (3.1) and (3.3), respectively. Let $\tilde{R}_k(\omega)$ be defined by

$$\tilde{R}_k(\omega) := 2[c_k(\|u_0\|_{H_x^1} + \|\tilde{u}\|_{L_t^\infty(H_x^1)}) + \|v\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T}] \geq R_k(\omega), \quad k = 2, 3,$$

where $v(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi dW(s)$. Next recall $T_2(\omega)$ and $T_3(\omega)$ from (3.2) and (3.4), respectively. Choose $\tilde{T}_k(\omega) > 0$, $k = 2, 3$, such that inequalities similar to (3.2) and (3.4) are satisfied with $\tilde{T}_k(\omega)$ and $\tilde{R}_k(\omega)$ instead of $T_k(\omega)$ and $R_k(\omega)$, respectively. Note that $\tilde{T}_k(\omega) \in (0, T_k(\omega)]$. Let $\mathcal{F}_{n,k}$, $k = 2, 3$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be defined on $\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}$ by

$$(\mathcal{F}_{k,n}z)(t) = S(t)u_{0,n} + v_n(t) + \int_0^t S(t-s)z(s)^k \partial_x z(s) ds,$$

where $v_n(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)\Phi_n dW(s)$.

From Step 1 we know that a.s. $u_n(\omega) \in \mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}$, and that a.s. $u_n(\omega)$ is the unique fixed point of the map $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ on the ball of radius $\tilde{R}_k(\omega)$ of $\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}$. Indeed, on that ball $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ is a contraction, since by construction we know that $\|\mathcal{F}_{k,n}z_1 - \mathcal{F}_{k,n}z_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}} \leq \frac{1}{2}\|z_1 - z_2\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}}$.

The convergences from (4.3) and (4.4) prove that $\|S(t)u_0 - S(t)u_{0,n}\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T}$ and $\|v - v_n\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^T}$ converge to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every $T > 0$. Furthermore, we have

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{k,n}u_n - \mathcal{F}_k u\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}} \leq \|u_{0,n} - u_0\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}} + \|v_n - v\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}} + \frac{1}{2}\|u_n - u\|_{\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}}.$$

Hence, u_n converges to u a.s. in $\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}$, where u is the unique fixed point of \mathcal{F}_k on the ball of radius $\tilde{R}_k(\omega)$ of $\mathcal{X}_k^{\tilde{T}_k(\omega)}$.

This implies that $u(\omega) = \tilde{u}(\omega)$ a.s. on the time interval $[0, \tilde{T}_k(\omega)]$. Since $\tilde{u} \in L_t^\infty(H_x^1)$ a.s., given $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, we may choose $\tau_k(\omega) \in [\alpha\tilde{T}_k(\omega), \tilde{T}_k(\omega)]$ such that $\|u(\tau_k(\omega))\|_{H_x^1} \leq \|\tilde{u}\|_{L_t^\infty(H_x^1)}$. Replacing the initial condition u_0 by $u(\tau_k(\omega))$, this enables us to define a solution on the time interval $[\tau_k(\omega), (\tau_k(\omega) + \tilde{T}_k(\omega)) \wedge T]$. Thus, we can inductively define a solution on any fixed time interval $[0, T]$ a.s. Indeed, $\tilde{T}_k(\omega) > 0$ a.s. and at each step we increase the length of the time interval by at least $\alpha\tilde{T}_k(\omega)$.

Finally, as in [11] we obtain that $S(t)u_0$ is a.s. continuous from $[0, T]$ to H_x^1 . The stochastic integral $v(t) = S(t) \int_0^t S(-s)\Phi dW(s)$ also belongs to $C([0, T], H_x^1)$ a.s. Hence, as in the deterministic framework of [11], we deduce that $u \in C([0, T], H_x^1)$ a.s. This concludes the proof. \square

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