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ABSTRACT. We study in this paper the well-posedness and stability for two linear Schrödinger equations in d -dimensional open bounded domain under Dirichlet boundary conditions with an infinite memory. First, we establish the well-posedness in the sens of semigroup theory. Then, a decay estimate depending on the smoothness of initial data and the arbitrarily growth at infinity of the relaxation function is established for each equation with the help of multipliers method and some arguments devised in [18] and [19].

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1. INTRODUCTION

The subject of this paper is studying the existence and decay of solutions for the following two Schrödinger equations with infinite memory:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} iy_t(x, t) + a\Delta y(x, t) - i \int_0^\infty f(s)\Delta y(x, t-s) ds = 0, & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^* := (0, \infty), \\ y(x, t) = 0, & x \in \Gamma, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ y(x, -t) = y_0(x, t), & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

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and

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} iy_t(x, t) + a\Delta y(x, t) + i \int_0^\infty f(s)y(x, t-s) ds = 0, & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ y(x, t) = 0, & x \in \Gamma, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ y(x, -t) = y_0(x, t), & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \end{cases}$$

where the subscript t denotes the derivative with respect to the time variable t , Δ is the laplacian operator with respect to the space variable x , $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is an open bounded domaine with a smooth boundary Γ , $d \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given function, y_0 is a fixed initial data and y is the unknown of (1.1) and (1.2).

We would like here to mention some known papers in connection with well-posedness and stability of Schrödinger type equations, which the subject of our paper.

When the infinite memory is replaced by a damping, equation (1.1) in the presence or not in $(1.1)_1$ of a semilinear term; that is

$$(1.3) \quad iy_t(x, t) + a\Delta y(x, t) + b|y|^p y + icy = 0$$

($a, p, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$), has been widely studied in the literature, where it is known that Schrödinger equations are globally well-posed under some smallness conditions on p ; see [13]. In the particular case $a = 1$, $p = 2$, $b \in \{1, -1\}$ and the domain is bounded, the exponential stability of (1.3) was proved in [38] under some smoothness and smallness conditionns on the initial data. A generalization to the case of inhomogeneous Dirichlet boundary cnditions was given in [34], where the decay rate depends on the regularity of solutions. Some exact controllability results in both Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions cases are also known for (1.3), see [36] ($p = 2$ and $c = 0$). For more general semilinearity: $p = 2$ or not (with $a = 1$, $b = c$ and the domain is unbounded), some global existence results of solutions as well as the bolw-up phenomena were obtained in [30] for two sets of initial data.

In the cited papers above, a full damping was considered (that is $c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$). The authors of [10, 11, 12] treated the case of locally distributed dampings; that is c is a function on space variable and vanishes on some part of the domain. They proved that the expoential satbility holds true when $a = 1$, $p = 2$, $b \in \{1, -1\}$ and the domain is unbounded. In this case, and for some two dimensional domains, the controllability of the model was proved in [27]. In the one dimensional unbounded damain case with $a = -1$, the authors of [21] proved some stabilization and blow-up properties for (1.3) depending on the nonlinearity power p .

In [8], the authors studied the existence as well as the stability in \mathbb{R}^d of (1.3) with $a = 1$, $b = -1$ and the damping coefficient c is a function on both space and time variables and may vanish when time goes to infinity. Moreover, the uniqueness of solution is proved when $d \in \{1, 2\}$. Similar results were obtained in [1] and [2] in d -dimensional Riemannian manifolds and nonlinear local damping $ic(x)g(y)$ (instead of icy) but with $b = 0$, where g is a given function satisfying some properties. The authors of [7] considered in Riemannian manifolds two more general forms than (1.3) by taking $f(|y|)$ and $(-\Delta)^k(c(x)y)$ instead of $b|y|^p$ and cy , respectively, where f is a given function satisfying some properties and $k \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}\}$. They proved that, at infinity, the energy functional goes to zero if $k = 0$ (weak dissipation), and converges exponentially to zero when $k = \frac{1}{2}$ (strong dissipation).

There exist in the literature several well-posedness and stability (theoretical and numerical) results also for higher order Schrödinger equations. In this direction, see, for example, [9] and the references therein.

For other well-posedness, stability and blow-up results related to Schrödinger types equations cited above, we refer the readers to, for example, [3]-[6], [14], [16], [22]-[26], [29], [31]-[33], [37], [39], [40] and the references therein.

Our goals in the present paper is studying the existence, uniqueness, regularity and decay of solutions for the two linear Schrödinger equations (1.1) and (1.2), where the unique present dissipation is the one generated by the infinite memory term. This situation is completely different from the ones considered in the literature and cited above, where the dissipation is generated by a (linear or nonlinear) damping. First, we establish the well-posedness (existence, uniqueness and smoothness of solutions) in the sens of semigroup theory. Then, a decay estimate depending on the smoothness of initial data and the arbitrarily

growth at infinity of the relaxation function f is established for each equation. These two decay estimates imply that any weak solution converges to zero at infinity. In the particular case where $-f'$ converges exponentially to zero at infinity, our decay estimates lead to the decay rate t^{-n} , where $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ depends on the regularity of initial data (see section 3). The proofs are based on the semigroup approach, the multipliers method and some arguments devised in [18] and [19].

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present our assumptions on the function f , state and prove the well-posedness of (1.1) and (1.2). In section 3, we consider some assumptions on the growth of f at infinity, state and prove our stability results. We give some general comments in section 4. Finally, in section 5, we give some numerical examples that graphically illustrate the theoretical results obtained.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND WELL-POSEDNESS RESULTS

In this section, we present and proof our well-posedness results for (1.1) and (1.2). To simplify the formulations, the variables x , t and s are noted only when it is needed to avoid ambiguity. Let us use $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and $\| \cdot \|$ to denote, respectively, the standard inner product in $L^2(\Omega)$ and its generated norm given by

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_{\Omega} p(x) \bar{q}(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \|p\| = \left(\int_{\Omega} |p(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In order to prove the well-posedness of (1.1) and (1.2) using the semigroup approach, and as in [15], we consider the variable η^t and its initial data η^0 given by

$$(2.1) \quad \eta^t(x, s) = \int_{t-s}^t y(x, \tau) d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \eta^0(x, s) = \int_0^s y_0(x, \tau) d\tau, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Direct computations show that the functional η^t satisfies

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} \eta_t^t(x, s) + \eta_s^t(x, s) = y(x, t), & x \in \Omega, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ \eta^t(x, s) = 0, & x \in \Gamma, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ \eta^t(x, 0) = 0, & x \in \Omega, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \end{cases}$$

where the subscript s denotes the derivative with respect to s . To express in term of η^t the memory integrals in (1.1) and (1.2), we assume the following hypothesis:

(H1) Assume that the function f is non-increasing such that

$$(2.3) \quad f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+), \quad f(0) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} f(s) = 0.$$

We put $g = -f'$, so $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$, g is non-negative and

$$g_0 := \int_0^\infty g(s) ds = f(0) \in \mathbb{R}_+^*.$$

On the other hand, by integrating with respect to s and using (2.2)₃ and the limit in (2.3), we get

$$\int_0^\infty g(s) \Delta \eta^t ds = - \int_0^\infty f'(s) \Delta \eta^t ds = \int_0^\infty f(s) \Delta \eta_s^t ds.$$

From the definition of η^t , we see that $\eta_s^t = y(t-s)$, consequently

$$\int_0^\infty g(s) \Delta \eta^t ds = \int_0^\infty f(s) \Delta y(t-s) ds.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\int_0^\infty g(s) \eta^t ds = \int_0^\infty f(s) y(t-s) ds.$$

Then the equations (1.1)₁ and (1.2)₁ can be rewritten, respectively, in the forms

$$(2.4) \quad iy_t + a\Delta y - i \int_0^\infty g(s) \Delta \eta^t ds = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad iy_t + a\Delta y + i \int_0^\infty g(s) \eta^t ds = 0.$$

We consider the variable U and its initial data U_0 given by

$$(2.5) \quad U = (y, \eta^t) \quad \text{and} \quad U_0 = (y_0(\cdot, 0), \eta^0).$$

Now, we can formulate the systems (1.1) and (1.2) in the following initial value problem:

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{cases} U_t(t) = \mathcal{A}_j U(t), & t > 0, \\ U(0) = U_0, \end{cases}$$

where $j = 1$ in case (1.1), $j = 2$ in case (1.2) and the operators \mathcal{A}_j are defined by

$$\mathcal{A}_1 U = \begin{pmatrix} ia\Delta y + \int_0^\infty g(s)\Delta\eta^t ds \\ y - \eta_s^t \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_2 U = \begin{pmatrix} ia\Delta y - \int_0^\infty g(s)\eta^t ds \\ y - \eta_s^t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us consider the spaces

$$L_1 = \left\{ v : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow H_0^1(\Omega), \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla v(s)\|^2 ds < \infty \right\} \text{ and } L_2 = \left\{ v : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow L^2(\Omega), \int_0^\infty g(s) \|v(s)\|^2 ds < \infty \right\},$$

equipped with the inner product

$$\langle v, w \rangle_{L_1} = \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \nabla v(s), \nabla w(s) \rangle ds \quad \text{and} \quad \langle v, w \rangle_{L_2} = \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle v(s), w(s) \rangle ds,$$

and the energy space

$$\mathcal{H}_j = L^2(\Omega) \times L_j, \quad j = 1, 2$$

equipped with the inner product

$$\langle (v_1, v_2), (w_1, w_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_j} = \langle v_1, w_1 \rangle + \langle v_2, w_2 \rangle_{L_j}.$$

The domain of $D(\mathcal{A}_j)$ is given by

$$D(\mathcal{A}_j) = \{ U \in \mathcal{H}_j, \mathcal{A}_j U \in \mathcal{H}_j, \eta^t(x, 0) = 0 \},$$

more precisely,

$$D(\mathcal{A}_1) = \left\{ U \in \mathcal{H}_1, y \in H_0^1(\Omega), \eta_s^t \in L_1, \eta^t(x, 0) = 0, ia\Delta y + \int_0^\infty g(s)\Delta\eta^t ds \in L^2(\Omega) \right\}$$

and

$$D(\mathcal{A}_2) = \{ U \in \mathcal{H}_2, \eta_s^t \in L_2, \eta^t(x, 0) = 0, \Delta y \in L^2(\Omega) \}.$$

To get the well-posedness of (2.6), we assume the following additional hypothesis:

(H2) Assume that g is non-increasing such that there exists a positive constant β_0 satisfying

$$(2.7) \quad -\beta_0 g \leq g'.$$

The well-posedness results for (2.6) are given in this theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Assume that **(H1)** and **(H2)** hold. Then, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_j^n)$, system (2.6) admits a unique solution U satisfying*

$$(2.8) \quad U \in \cap_{k=0}^n C^k(\mathbb{R}_+; D(\mathcal{A}_j^{n-k})).$$

Proof. We mention first that \mathcal{H}_j is a Hilbert space and \mathcal{A}_j is linear. The proof of Theorem 2.1 relies then on the Lumer-Philips theorem by proving that the operator \mathcal{A}_j is dissipative and $I - \mathcal{A}_j$ is surjective (I denotes the identity operator); that is $-\mathcal{A}_j$ is maximal monotone. So \mathcal{A}_j is the infinitesimal generator of a C_0 semigroup of contraction on \mathcal{H}_j and its domain $D(\mathcal{A}_j)$ is dense in \mathcal{H}_j . The conclusion of Theorem 2.1 follows immediately (see [28] and [35]).

Second, we prove that

$$(2.9) \quad \Re \langle \mathcal{A}_1 U, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \quad \text{and} \quad \Re \langle \mathcal{A}_2 U, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds,$$

where \Re denotes the real part. Hence, \mathcal{A}_j is dissipative, since g is non-increasing and (2.7) guarantees the boundedness of the integrals in (2.9). Using the definition of \mathcal{A}_1 and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1}$, integrating by parts and using the boundary condition, we get

$$(2.10) \quad \langle \mathcal{A}_1 U, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} = -ia \|\nabla y\|^2 + \int_0^\infty g(s) (\langle \nabla y, \nabla \eta^t \rangle - \langle \nabla \eta^t, \nabla y \rangle - \langle \nabla \eta_s^t, \nabla \eta^t \rangle) ds.$$

Direct computations imply that

$$\langle \nabla \eta_s^t, \nabla \eta^t \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\|\nabla \eta^t\|^2)_s + i \int_\Omega (\Re \nabla \eta^t \cdot \Im \nabla \eta_s^t - \Im \nabla \eta^t \cdot \Re \nabla \eta_s^t) dx$$

and

$$\langle \nabla y, \nabla \eta^t \rangle - \langle \nabla \eta^t, \nabla y \rangle = 2i \Im \langle \nabla y, \nabla \eta^t \rangle,$$

where \Im denotes the imaginary part. Exploiting these two equalities, we deduce from (2.10) that

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{A}_1 U, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} &= -ia \|\nabla y\|^2 + 2i \Im \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \nabla y, \nabla \eta^t \rangle ds \\ &+ i \int_0^\infty g(s) \int_\Omega (\Im \nabla \eta^t \cdot \Re \nabla \eta_s^t - \Re \nabla \eta^t \cdot \Im \nabla \eta_s^t) dx ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g(s) (\|\nabla \eta^t\|^2)_s ds. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the last integral in (2.11) with respect to s and taking the real part of the obtained formula we get the first equality in (2.9). The second equality in (2.9) can be obtained using exactly the same arguments, where we get instead of (2.11)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{A}_2 U, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2} &= -ia \|\nabla y\|^2 + 2i \Im \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle y, \eta^t \rangle ds \\ &+ i \int_0^\infty g(s) \int_\Omega (\Im \eta^t \Re \eta_s^t - \Re \eta^t \Im \eta_s^t) dx ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g(s) (\|\eta^t\|^2)_s ds. \end{aligned}$$

Third, we prove that $I - \mathcal{A}_j$ is surjective. Let $F = (f_1, f_2) \in \mathcal{H}_j$. We prove that there exists $U \in D(\mathcal{A}_j)$ satisfying

$$(2.12) \quad U - \mathcal{A}_j U = F.$$

Let us consider the case $j = 1$. The last equation in (2.12) is reduced to

$$(2.13) \quad \eta_s^t + \eta^t = y + f_2.$$

Integrating with respect to s and noting that η^t should satisfy $\eta^t(x, 0) = 0$, we get

$$(2.14) \quad \eta^t = (1 - e^{-s})y + \int_0^s e^{\tau-s} f_2(\tau) d\tau.$$

The second equation in (2.12) is reduced to

$$(2.15) \quad y - ia \Delta y - \int_0^\infty g(s) \Delta \eta^t ds = f_1.$$

Multiplying (2.15) by \bar{w} , with $w \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, integrating over Ω and using (2.14), we find the variational formulation of (2.15) given by

$$(2.16) \quad (g_1 + ia) \langle \nabla y, \nabla w \rangle + \langle y, w \rangle = \langle f_1, w \rangle - \langle f_3, w \rangle_{L_1},$$

where

$$(2.17) \quad g_1 = \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-s}) g(s) ds \quad \text{and} \quad f_3(s) = \int_0^s e^{\tau-s} f_2(\tau) d\tau.$$

We have, using the Fubini theorem and Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla f_3\|^2 ds &= \int_0^\infty g(s) \left\| \int_0^s e^{\tau-s} \nabla f_2(\tau) d\tau \right\|^2 ds \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty e^{-2s} g(s) \left(\int_0^s e^\tau d\tau \right) \int_0^s e^\tau \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 d\tau ds \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty e^{-s} (1 - e^{-s}) g(s) \int_0^s e^\tau \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 d\tau ds \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty e^{-s} g(s) \int_0^s e^\tau \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 d\tau ds \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty e^\tau \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 \int_\tau^\infty e^{-s} g(s) ds d\tau \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty e^\tau g(\tau) \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 \int_\tau^\infty e^{-s} ds d\tau \\
&\leq \int_0^\infty g(\tau) \|\nabla f_2(\tau)\|^2 d\tau = \|f_2\|_{L_1}^2 < \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

then $f_3 \in L_1$. Therefore, we see that, if (2.15) admits a solution y satisfying the required regularity in $D(\mathcal{A}_1)$, then (2.14) implies that η exists and satisfies $\eta_s^t, \eta^t \in L_1$. To prove the existence of y , we notice that the form

$$F_1(v, w) = (g_1 + ia) \langle \nabla v, \nabla w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle, \quad v, w \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

is bilinear, continuous and coercive, and the form

$$F_2(w) = \langle f_1, w \rangle - \langle f_3, w \rangle_{L_1}, \quad w \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

is linear and continuous. For continuity of F_1 and F_2 , we have just to apply the classical Poincaré's inequality: there exists $c_* > 0$ such that

$$(2.18) \quad \|v\|^2 \leq c_* \|\nabla v\|^2, \quad v, w \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

So using the Lax-Milgram theorem, we deduce that there exists a unique $y \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ satisfying

$$F_1(y, w) = F_2(w), \quad w \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

which implies that (2.16) holds. Hence, classical elliptic regularity arguments imply (2.15) and

$$ia\Delta y + \int_0^\infty g(s)\Delta\eta^t ds \in L^2(\Omega).$$

This proves that (2.12) in case $j = 1$ has a unique solution $U \in D(\mathcal{A}_1)$. The surjectivity of $I - \mathcal{A}_2$ can be proved in the same way, where in this case η^t is defined in (2.14), the forms F_1 and F_2 are given by

$$F_1(v, w) = a \langle \nabla v, \nabla w \rangle - i(1 + g_1) \langle v, w \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad F_2(w) = -i \langle f_1, w \rangle + i \langle f_3, w \rangle_{L_2}, \quad v, w \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

and g_1 and f_3 are defined in (2.17). \square

3. STABILITY RESULTS

In this section, we present and prove our stability results for (2.6), where the obtained decay estimate is valide for $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2})$ in case (1.1), $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n})$ in case (1.2) and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We assume the following additional hypothesis on the growth of g at infinity and the size of y_0 :

(H3) Assume that there exists a positive constant α_0 and an increasing strictly convex function $G : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of class $C^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R}_+^*)$ satisfying

$$(3.1) \quad G(0) = G'(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G'(t) = \infty$$

such that

$$(3.2) \quad g' \leq -\alpha_0 g$$

or

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{s^2 g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds + \sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}_+} \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} < \infty.$$

Moreover, if (3.2) does not hold, we assume that y_0 satisfies

$$(3.4) \quad \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \max_{k=0}^{n+1} \int_t^\infty \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla \partial_s^k y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 ds < \infty$$

in case (1.1), where ∂_s^k denotes the derivative of order k with respect to s , and

$$(3.5) \quad \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \max_{k=0}^{n+1} \int_t^\infty \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \partial_s^k y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 ds < \infty$$

in case (1.2).

Remark 1. 1. Thanks to (3.3), (3.4) (resp. (3.5)) is valid if, for example, $\|\nabla \partial_s^k y_0\|^2$ (resp. $\|\partial_s^k y_0\|^2$), $k = 0, 1, \dots, n+1$, are bounded with respect to s .

2. The class of functions g satisfying **(H1)**, **(H2)** and **(H3)** is very wide and contains the ones which converge to zero exponentially like

$$(3.6) \quad g_1(s) = d_1 e^{-q_1 s}$$

or at a slower rate like

$$(3.7) \quad g_2(s) = d_2 (1+s)^{-q_2}$$

with $d_1, q_1, d_2 > 0$ and $q_2 > 3$. Conditions (2.7) and (3.2) are satisfied by g_1 with $\beta_0 = \alpha_0 = q_1$, and conditions (2.7) and (3.3) are satisfied by g_2 with

$$(3.8) \quad \beta_0 = q_2 \quad \text{and} \quad G(s) = s^p, \quad \text{for any } p > \frac{q_2 + 1}{q_2 - 3}.$$

In order to announce our stability results, we consider the energy functionals E_1 and E_2 associated with (1.1) and (1.2), respectively, and given by

$$(3.9) \quad E_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\|y\|^2 + \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \right)$$

and

$$(3.10) \quad E_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\|y\|^2 + \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds \right).$$

Theorem 3.1. Assume that **(H1)**, **(H2)** and **(H3)** hold. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2})$ in case (1.1) and $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n})$ in case (1.2). Then there exist positive constants $\alpha_{1,n}$ and $\alpha_{2,n}$ such that

$$(3.11) \quad E_1(t) \leq \alpha_{1,n} G_n \left(\frac{\alpha_{1,n}}{t} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(t) \leq \alpha_{2,n} G_n \left(\frac{\alpha_{2,n}}{t} \right), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*,$$

where

$$(3.12) \quad G_m(s) = G_1(s G_{m-1}(s)), \quad m = 2, 3, \dots, n, \quad G_1 = G_0^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad G_0(s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if (3.2) holds,} \\ s G'(s) & \text{if (3.3) holds.} \end{cases}$$

Remark 2. 1. We see that $G_n(0) = 0$, then (3.11) implies that

$$(3.13) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E_j(t) = 0.$$

By density of $D(\mathcal{A}_1^4)$ and $D(\mathcal{A}_2^2)$ in \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 , respectively, we conclude that (3.13) is valid, for any $U_0 \in \mathcal{H}_j$.

2. In case (3.2), $G_m(s) = s^m$, and so (3.11) is reduced to, for some $\beta_{1,n}, \beta_{2,n} > 0$,

$$(3.14) \quad E_1(t) \leq \beta_{1,n} t^{-n} \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(t) \leq \beta_{2,n} t^{-n}.$$

However, in case (3.3), (3.11) is weaker than (3.14). For the example (3.7), where (3.3) is satisfied with G given in (3.8), (3.11) implies that there exist $\gamma_{1,n}, \gamma_{2,n} > 0$ such that

$$E_1(t) \leq \gamma_{1,n} t^{-p_n} \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(t) \leq \gamma_{2,n} t^{-p_n},$$

where $p_n = \sum_{m=1}^n p^{-m}$. Notice that $p_n \rightarrow n$ when $p \rightarrow 1$; that is when $q_2 \rightarrow \infty$. This means that, if g converges to zero at infinity faster than any polynomial, then the decay rate given in (3.11) is arbitrarily close to t^{-n} .

We start the proof of (3.11) by proving the following identities for the derivatives of E_1 and E_2 :

Lemma 3.2. *The energy functionals E_1 and E_2 satisfy*

$$(3.15) \quad E_1'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad E_2'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds.$$

Proof. We have

$$E_j'(t) = \Re \frac{1}{2} \left(\|U\|_{\mathcal{H}_j}^2 \right)' = \Re \langle U_t, U \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_j}.$$

Then, using (2.6)₁ and (2.9), (3.15) and (3.16) follow. \square

Remark 3. 1. Thanks to (H2), E_1' and E_2' are well-defined and non-positive, and so (2.6) is dissipative.

2. Because $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2})$ in case (1.1) and $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n})$ in case (1.2) with $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we can define the following energy functionals of higher order $E_{j,k}$, $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ if $j = 1$, and $k = 1, 2$ if $j = 2$:

$$(3.17) \quad E_{j,k}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_t^k U\|_{\mathcal{H}_j}^2.$$

Because (1.1) and (1.2) are linear and the coefficient a does not depend on t , we get (as for (3.15) and (3.16))

$$(3.18) \quad E_{1,k}'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\nabla \partial_t^k \eta^t\|^2 ds \quad \text{and} \quad E_{2,k}'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\partial_t^k \eta^t\|^2 ds.$$

Lemma 3.3. *There exist positive constants c_1, c_2, \tilde{c}_1 and \tilde{c}_2 such that*

$$(3.19) \quad \|\nabla y\|^2 \leq c_1 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds + c_2 \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx$$

in case (1.1), and

$$(3.20) \quad \|\nabla y\|^2 \leq \tilde{c}_1 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds + \tilde{c}_2 \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx$$

in case (1.2).

Proof. Multiplying the first equation in (2.4) by \bar{y} , integrating over Ω and using the boundary condition, we get

$$(3.21) \quad a \|\nabla y\|^2 = i \langle y_t, y \rangle + i \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \nabla \eta^t, \nabla y \rangle ds.$$

Direct computations lead to

$$(3.22) \quad \langle y_t, y \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\|y\|^2)_t + i \int_\Omega (\Re y \Im y_t - \Im y \Re y_t) dx.$$

On the other hand, applying Hölder's and Young's inequalities, we have, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$(3.23) \quad \left| i \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \nabla \eta^t, \nabla y \rangle ds \right| \leq \epsilon \|\nabla y\|^2 + c_\epsilon \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds,$$

where we denote by c_ϵ a positive constant depending on ϵ . Combining (3.21) and (3.22), taking the real part, using (3.23) and choosing $\epsilon = \frac{a}{2}$, we deduce (3.19).

Similarly, multiplying the second equation in (2.4) by \bar{y} , integrating over Ω and using the boundary condition and (3.22), we find

$$(3.24) \quad a\|\nabla y\|^2 = i \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \eta^t, y \rangle ds + \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx + \frac{i}{2} (\|y\|^2)_t.$$

Applying Hölder's, Young's and Poncaré's inequalities, we have, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$(3.25) \quad \left| i \int_0^\infty g(s) \langle \eta^t, y \rangle ds \right| \leq \epsilon \|\nabla y\|^2 + c_\epsilon \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds.$$

By taking the real part of (3.24), using (3.25) and choosing $\epsilon = \frac{a}{2}$, we obtain (3.20). \square

Now, we prove the following estimations on the last integral in (3.19) and (3.20):

Lemma 3.4. *For any $\epsilon > 0$, we have*

$$(3.26) \quad \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx \leq \epsilon \|\nabla y\|^2 + c_\epsilon \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds - c_\epsilon E'_{1,1}(t)$$

in case (1.1), and

$$(3.27) \quad \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx \leq \epsilon \|\nabla y\|^2 + c_\epsilon \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds - c_\epsilon E'_{2,1}(t)$$

in case (1.2).

Proof. We proceed as in [17] for Timoshenko systems. Exploiting (2.2) and integrating with respect to s , we have

$$(3.28) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx &= \frac{1}{g_0} \int_\Omega \Im y \int_0^\infty g(s) \Re (\eta_{tt}^t + \eta_{st}^t) ds dx - \frac{1}{g_0} \int_\Omega \Re y \int_0^\infty g(s) \Im (\eta_{tt}^t + \eta_{st}^t) ds dx. \\ &= \frac{1}{g_0} \int_\Omega \Im y \int_0^\infty \Re (g(s) \eta_{tt}^t - g'(s) \eta_t^t) ds dx - \frac{1}{g_0} \int_\Omega \Re y \int_0^\infty \Im (g(s) \eta_{tt}^t - g'(s) \eta_t^t) ds dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using Hölder's, Young's and Poincaré's inequalities, we get, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$(3.29) \quad \int_\Omega (\Im y \Re y_t - \Re y \Im y_t) dx \leq \epsilon \|\nabla y\|^2 + c_\epsilon \int_0^\infty (g(s) \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 - g'(s) \|\nabla \eta_t^t\|^2) ds.$$

Exploiting (3.18)₁ for $k = 1$, we see that (3.29) leads to (3.26). Very similarly (using Poincaré's inequality only for y and exploiting (3.18)₂ for $k = 1$), (3.27) is proved. \square

Now, choosing $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2c_2}$ in (3.26) and combining with (3.19), we find, for some $c_3 > 0$,

$$(3.30) \quad \|\nabla y\|^2 \leq c_3 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds + c_3 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds - c_3 E'_{1,1}(t)$$

in case (1.1). And by combining (3.20) and (3.27) with $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2c_2}$, we get, for some $c_4 > 0$,

$$(3.31) \quad \|\nabla y\|^2 \leq c_4 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds + c_4 \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds - c_4 E'_{2,1}(t)$$

in case (1.2).

Remark 4. *Using (2.7), (3.17) and (3.18)₁ (for $k = 1$), we conclude from (3.30) that in case (1.1), for some $c_5 > 0$,*

$$(3.32) \quad \|\nabla y\|^2 \leq c_5 (E_1(t) + E_{1,1}(t) + E_{1,2}(t)) \leq c_5 (E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0)).$$

Therefore, using Hölder's inequality, we find, for $t \geq s \geq 0$,

$$\|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 = \left\| \int_{t-s}^t \nabla y(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 \leq s \int_{t-s}^t \|\nabla y(\cdot, \tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq c_5 (E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0)) s^2.$$

For $s > t \geq 0$, using the same arguments, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 &= \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau + \int_0^t \nabla y(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 2 \left\| \int_0^t \nabla y(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 2c_5(E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0))s^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$(3.33) \quad \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} c_5(E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0))s^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 2c_5(E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0))s^2 & \text{if } s > t \geq 0 \end{cases} := M_1(t, s).$$

In the case (1.2), and since $\|y\|^2$ is a part of E_2 and E_2 is non-increasing, we remark that, for $t \geq s \geq 0$,

$$\|\eta^t\|^2 = \left\| \int_{t-s}^t y(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 \leq s \int_{t-s}^t \|y(\cdot, \tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq 2s \int_{t-s}^t E_2(\tau) d\tau \leq 2E_2(0)s^2.$$

For $s > t \geq 0$, we see that

$$\|\eta^t\|^2 = \left\| \int_0^{s-t} y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau + \int_0^t y(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 \leq 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 4E_2(0)s^2.$$

Hence

$$(3.34) \quad \|\eta^t\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} 2E_2(0)s^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 4E_2(0)s^2 & \text{if } s > t \geq 0 \end{cases} := M_2(t, s).$$

Similarly to (3.33) and (3.34) and since $E_{1,2}$ and $E_{2,2}$ are non-increasing, we have, for some $c_6 > 0$,

$$(3.35) \quad \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} c_6(E_{1,2}(0) + E_{1,3}(0) + E_{1,4}(0))s^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \nabla \partial_s^2 y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 2c_6(E_{1,2}(0) + E_{1,3}(0) + E_{1,4}(0))s^2 & \text{if } s > t \geq 0 \end{cases} := \tilde{M}_1(t, s)$$

in the case (1.1), and

$$(3.36) \quad \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 \leq \begin{cases} 2E_{2,2}(0)s^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ 2 \left\| \int_0^{s-t} \partial_s^2 y_0(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|^2 + 4E_{2,2}(0)s^2 & \text{if } s > t \geq 0 \end{cases} := \tilde{M}_2(t, s)$$

in the case (1.2). The inequalities (3.33), (3.34), (3.35) and (3.36) will be used in the proof of the next lemma in order to estimate the integrals in (3.30) and (3.31). This lemma was introduced in [18] and improved in [19]. Notice that we have used energies of higher order up to $E_{1,4}$ in case (1.1), and up to $E_{2,2}$ in case (1.2); this why we need initial data $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2})$ in case (1.1) and $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n})$ in case (1.2) with $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Lemma 3.5. *There exist positive constants d_1 , \tilde{d}_1 , d_2 and \tilde{d}_2 such that, for any $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, the following inequalities hold:*

$$(3.37) \quad \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq -d_1 E_1'(t) + d_1 G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)),$$

$$(3.38) \quad \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds \leq -\tilde{d}_1 E'_{1,2}(t) + \tilde{d}_1 G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)),$$

$$(3.39) \quad \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds \leq -d_2 E'_2(t) + d_2 G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))$$

and

$$(3.40) \quad \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds \leq -\tilde{d}_2 E'_{2,2}(t) + \tilde{d}_2 G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)),$$

where G_0 is defined in (3.12).

Proof. If (3.2) holds, then (3.15), (3.16) and (3.18) (for $k = 2$) lead to

$$(3.41) \quad \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq -\frac{2}{\alpha_0} E'_1(t), \quad \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds \leq -\frac{2}{\alpha_0} E'_{1,2}(t),$$

$$(3.42) \quad \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta^t\|^2 ds \leq -\frac{2}{\alpha_0} E'_2(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 ds \leq -\frac{2}{\alpha_0} E'_{2,2}(t).$$

So (3.37)-(3.40) hold with $d_1 = \tilde{d}_1 = d_2 = \tilde{d}_2 = \frac{2}{\alpha_0}$ and $G_0(s) = s$.

When (3.2) does not hold and (3.3) is satisfied, we note first that, without loss of generality, we can assume that $E_1 > 0$, $E_2 > 0$ and $g' < 0$ on \mathbb{R}_+ . Otherwise, if $E_1(t_1) = 0$ and $E_2(t_2) = 0$, for at least $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then $E_1(t) = 0$, for all $t \geq t_1$, and $E_2(t) = 0$, for all $t \geq t_2$, since E_1 and E_2 are non-negative and non-increasing, and consequently, (3.11) is satisfied, since E_1 and E_2 are bounded. And if $g' < 0$ is not satisfied on \mathbb{R}_+ , then there exists $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $g'(s_0) = 0$ and $g' < 0$ on $(0, s_0)$, since $g' \in C(\mathbb{R}_+)$. Therefore (3.3) implies that $g(s_0) = 0$, and so $g(s) = 0$, for all $s \geq s_0$, since g is non-negative and non-increasing. Consequently, the integrals on \mathbb{R}_+ in (3.30) and (3.31) are reduced to integrals on $(0, s_0)$ and $g' < 0$ on $(0, s_0)$.

Let $\tau_1(t, s)$, $\tau_2(t, s)$, $\theta_1(t, s)$, $\theta_2(t, s) > 0$, $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ (which will be fixed later on) and $K(s) = \frac{s}{G^{-1}(s)}$, for $s > 0$. The hypothesis **(H3)** implies that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{s}{G^{-1}(s)} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{G(\tau)}{\tau} = G'(0) = 0,$$

then $K(0) = 0$. The function K is non-decreasing. Indeed, the fact that G^{-1} is concave and $G^{-1}(0) = 0$ implies that, for any $0 \leq s_1 < s_2$,

$$K(s_1) = \frac{s_1}{G^{-1}\left(\frac{s_1}{s_2} s_2 + \left(1 - \frac{s_1}{s_2}\right) 0\right)} \leq \frac{s_1}{\frac{s_1}{s_2} G^{-1}(s_2) + \left(1 - \frac{s_1}{s_2}\right) G^{-1}(0)} = \frac{s_2}{G^{-1}(s_2)} = K(s_2).$$

Then, using (3.33) and (3.34),

$$(3.43) \quad K(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) \leq K(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))$$

and

$$(3.44) \quad K(-\theta_2(t, s) g'(s) \|\eta^t\|^2) \leq K(-M_2(t, s) \theta_2(t, s) g'(s)).$$

Using (3.43), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds &= \frac{1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\tau_1(t, s)} G^{-1}(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) \\ &\quad \times \frac{\tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s)} K(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\tau_1(t, s)} G^{-1}(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) \\ &\quad \times \frac{\tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s)} K(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\tau_1(t, s)} G^{-1}(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) \\ &\quad \times \frac{M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Let $G^*(s) = \sup_{\tau \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{s\tau - G(\tau)\}$, for $s \in \mathbb{R}_+$, denote the dual function of G . From the hypothesis **(H3)**, we see that

$$G^*(s) = s(G')^{-1}(s) - G((G')^{-1}(s)), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Using Young's inequality: $s_1 s_2 \leq G(s_1) + G^*(s_2)$, for

$$s_1 = G^{-1}(-\theta_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2) \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = \frac{M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))},$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{-\theta_1(t, s)}{\tau_1(t, s)} g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\tau_1(t, s)} G^* \left(\frac{M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))} \right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that $G^*(s) \leq s(G')^{-1}(s)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq \frac{-1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta_1(t, s)}{\tau_1(t, s)} g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \frac{M_1(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))} (G')^{-1} \left(\frac{M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-M_1(t, s) \theta_1(t, s) g'(s))} \right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then, using the fact that $(G')^{-1}$ is non-decreasing and choosing $\theta_1(t, s) = \frac{1}{M_1(t, s)}$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq \frac{-1}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s)} g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \frac{M_1(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} (G')^{-1}(m_0 M_1(t, s) \tau_1(t, s) G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $m_0 = \sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}_+} \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))}$ (m_0 exists according to (3.3)). Due to (3.3) and the restriction (3.4) on y_0 (for $k = 0$), we have

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \int_0^\infty \frac{M_1(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds =: m_1 < \infty.$$

Therefore, choosing $\tau_1(t, s) = \frac{1}{m_0 M_1(t, s)}$ and using (3.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.45) \quad &\int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds \leq \frac{-m_0}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} \int_0^\infty g'(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds + \varepsilon_0 E_1(t) \int_0^\infty \frac{M_1(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds \\ &\leq \frac{-2m_0}{G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))} E_1'(t) + m_1 \varepsilon_0 E_1(t), \end{aligned}$$

which, by multiplying (3.45) by $G'(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) = \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)}$, gives (3.37) with $d_1 = \max\{2m_0, m_1\}$. Repeating the same arguments with E_2 , $\|\eta^t\|^2$, τ_2 and θ_2 instead of E_1 , $\|\nabla \eta^t\|^2$, τ_1 and θ_1 , respectively, and using (3.5) (for $k = 0$), (3.16) and (3.44), we get (3.39) with $d_2 = \max\{2m_0, m_2\}$, where

$$m_2 = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \int_0^\infty \frac{M_2(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds, \quad \tau_2(t, s) = \frac{1}{m_0 M_2(t, s)} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2(t, s) = \frac{1}{M_2(t, s)}.$$

As for (3.43) and (3.44),

$$K \left(-\tilde{\theta}_1(t, s) g'(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 \right) \leq K \left(-\tilde{M}_1(t, s) \tilde{\theta}_1(t, s) g'(s) \right)$$

and

$$K \left(-\tilde{\theta}_2(t, s) g'(s) \|\eta_{tt}^t\|^2 \right) \leq K \left(-\tilde{M}_2(t, s) \tilde{\theta}_2(t, s) g'(s) \right),$$

for any positive functions $\tilde{\theta}_1$ and $\tilde{\theta}_2$, where \tilde{M}_1 and \tilde{M}_2 are defined in (3.35) and (3.36). Consequently, using the above two inequalities and arguing as for (3.45) with $\tilde{\tau}_j$ and $\tilde{\theta}_j$ instead of τ_j and θ_j , respectively, $j = 1, 2$, we deduce (3.38) and (3.40) with $\tilde{d}_j = \max\{2m_0, \tilde{m}_j\}$, where

$$\tilde{m}_j = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{M}_j(t, s) g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds, \quad \tilde{\tau}_j(t, s) = \frac{1}{m_0 \tilde{M}_j(t, s)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\theta}_j(t, s) = \frac{1}{\tilde{M}_j(t, s)}.$$

□

Now, using (2.18) and the definition of E_1 , we see that

$$(3.46) \quad \frac{2}{c_*} E_1(t) \leq \|\nabla y\|^2 + \frac{1}{c_*} \int_0^\infty g(s) \|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 ds,$$

therefore, multiplying (3.46) by $\frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)}$ and using (3.30), we find

$$(3.47) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\varepsilon_0 c_*} G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) &\leq \left(\frac{1}{c_*} + c_3 \right) \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)} \int_0^\infty g(s) (\|\nabla \eta^t\|^2 + \|\nabla \eta_{tt}^t\|^2) ds \\ &\quad - c_3 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)} E'_{1,1}(t), \end{aligned}$$

then, combining (3.47) with (3.37) and (3.38), we get

$$(3.48) \quad \begin{aligned} \left[\frac{2}{c_*} - \varepsilon_0 \left(c_3 + \frac{1}{c_*} \right) (d_1 + \tilde{d}_1) \right] G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) &\leq -\varepsilon_0 \left(c_3 + \frac{1}{c_*} \right) (d_1 E'_1(t) + \tilde{d}_1 E'_{1,2}(t)) \\ &\quad - c_3 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{E_1(t)} E'_{1,1}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, multiplying (3.31) by $\frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))}{\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)}$, using (2.18) and the definition of E_2 and combining with (3.39) and (3.40), we get

$$(3.49) \quad \begin{aligned} \left[\frac{2}{c_*} - \varepsilon_0 \left(c_4 + \frac{1}{c_*} \right) (d_2 + \tilde{d}_2) \right] G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)) &\leq -\varepsilon_0 \left(c_4 + \frac{1}{c_*} \right) (d_2 E'_2(t) + \tilde{d}_2 E'_{2,2}(t)) \\ &\quad - c_4 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))}{E_2(t)} E'_{2,1}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Because E_1 and E_2 are non-increasing and $H_0(s) := \frac{G_0(s)}{s}$ is non-decreasing, then $H_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1)$ and $H_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2)$ are non-increasing, and therefore

$$(3.50) \quad -c_3 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t))}{E_1(t)} E'_{1,1}(t) \leq -c_3 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(0))}{E_1(0)} E'_{1,1}(t)$$

and

$$(3.51) \quad -c_4 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t))}{E_2(t)} E'_{2,1}(t) \leq -c_4 \frac{G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(0))}{E_2(0)} E'_{2,1}(t).$$

Choosing

$$0 < \varepsilon_0 < \frac{2}{(c_* c_3 + 1)(d_1 + \tilde{d}_1)} \text{ in case (1.1),} \quad 0 < \varepsilon_0 < \frac{2}{(c_* c_4 + 1)(d_2 + \tilde{d}_2)} \text{ in case (1.2)}$$

and exploiting (3.48), (3.49), (3.50) and (3.51), we find, for some $c_7, c_8 > 0$,

$$(3.52) \quad G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) \leq -c_7 (E'_1(t) + E'_{1,1}(t) + E'_{1,2}(t))$$

and

$$(3.53) \quad G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)) \leq -c_8 (E'_2(t) + E'_{2,1}(t) + E'_{2,2}(t)).$$

Finally, integrating (3.52) and (3.53) on $[0, t]$, for $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, and noting that $G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1)$ and $G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2)$ are non-increasing, we arrive at

$$t G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) \leq \int_0^t G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(s)) ds \leq c_7 (E_1(0) + E_{1,1}(0) + E_{1,2}(0)) := c_9$$

and

$$tG_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)) \leq \int_0^t G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(s)) ds \leq c_6(E_2(0) + E_{2,1}(0) + E_{2,2}(0)) := c_{10}.$$

Consequently, because G_0 is invertible and non-decreasing, we deduce that

$$E_1(t) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} G_0^{-1} \left(\frac{c_9}{t} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(t) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} G_0^{-1} \left(\frac{c_{10}}{t} \right),$$

which gives (3.11), for $n = 1$, with

$$G_1 = G_0^{-1}, \quad \alpha_{1,2} = \max \left\{ c_9, \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_{2,1} = \max \left\{ c_{10}, \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \right\}.$$

Because $D(\mathcal{A}_1^5) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_1^4)$ and $D(\mathcal{A}_2^3) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_2^2)$, then (3.11) is still valid for $n = 1$, $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^5)$ in case (1.1) and $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^3)$ in case (1.2).

By induction on n , (3.11) holds, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Indeed, let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and suppose that (3.11) holds, for any initial data in $D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2})$ in case (1.1) and $D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n})$ in case (1.2). Let $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2(n+1)+2})$ in case (1.1), $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2(n+1)})$ in case (1.2) and U the corresponding solution of (2.6). We have (thanks to Theorem 2.1)

$$U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2(n+1)+2}) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2}), \quad U_t(0) \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2(n+1)+1}) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2}) \quad \text{and} \quad U_{tt}(0) \in D(\mathcal{A}_1^{2n+2}) \quad \text{in case (1.1)}$$

and

$$U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2(n+1)}) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n}), \quad U_t(0) \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n+1}) \subset D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n}) \quad \text{and} \quad U_{tt}(0) \in D(\mathcal{A}_2^{2n}) \quad \text{in case (1.2),}$$

and then (3.11) holds, for U_0 , and implies that, for some $a_{j,n}, b_{j,n} > 0$, $j = 1, 2$,

$$(3.54) \quad E_{1,j}(t) \leq a_{j,n} G_n \left(\frac{a_{j,n}}{t} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad E_{2,j}(t) \leq b_{j,n} G_n \left(\frac{b_{j,n}}{t} \right).$$

By integrating (3.52) and (3.53) over $[T, 2T]$, for $T > 0$, noting that $G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_j)$ is non-increasing and using (3.54), we get, for some $d_{j,n} > 0$, $j = 1, 2$,

$$(3.55) \quad TG_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(2T)) \leq \int_T^{2T} G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_1(t)) dt \leq c_7(E_1(T) + E_{1,1}(T) + E_{1,2}(T)) \leq d_{1,n} G_n \left(\frac{d_{1,n}}{T} \right)$$

and

$$(3.56) \quad TG_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(2T)) \leq \int_T^{2T} G_0(\varepsilon_0 E_2(t)) dt \leq c_8(E_2(T) + E_{2,1}(T) + E_{2,2}(T)) \leq d_{2,n} G_n \left(\frac{d_{2,n}}{T} \right).$$

Therefore, since G_0 is non-decreasing,

$$E_1(2T) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} G_0^{-1} \left(\frac{2d_{1,n}}{2T} G_n \left(\frac{2d_{1,n}}{2T} \right) \right) \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(2T) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} G_0^{-1} \left(\frac{2d_{2,n}}{2T} G_n \left(\frac{2d_{2,n}}{2T} \right) \right),$$

that is

$$E_1(t) \leq \alpha_{1,n+1} G_{n+1} \left(\frac{\alpha_{1,n+1}}{t} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad E_2(t) \leq \alpha_{2,n+1} G_{n+1} \left(\frac{\alpha_{2,n+1}}{t} \right), \quad t > 0,$$

where

$$G_{n+1}(s) = G_1(sG_n(s)), \quad \alpha_{1,n+1} = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0}, 2d_{1,n} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_{2,n+1} = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0}, 2d_{2,n} \right\},$$

which leads to (3.11), for $n + 1$ instead of n . This ends the proof of Theorem 3.1.

4. GENERAL COMMENTS

1. If $g_0 = 0$, then $g \equiv 0$, and therefore, (3.15) and (3.16) lead to $E_1(t) = E_1(0)$ and $E_2(t) = E_2(0)$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. So the presence of the memory term is necessary to get the stability of (2.6).

2. One can consider the more general form of the first equations in (1.1) and (1.2) by considering

$$(4.1) \quad iy_t(x, t) + Ay(x, t) - \int_0^\infty g(s)By(x, t-s) ds = 0$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad iy_t(x, t) + Ay(x, t) + c(x) \int_0^\infty g(s)y(x, t-s) ds = 0,$$

where c is non-negative real valued functions belonging to $C(\bar{\Omega})$,

$$A = \sum_{k,j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(a_{kj} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \sum_{k,j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(b_{kj} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

such that a_{kj} and b_{kj} are real valued functions belonging to $C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ satisfying, for some $a_0, b_0, c_0 > 0$,

$$a_{kj}(x) = a_{jk}(x), \quad \sum_{k,j=1}^d a_{kj}(x) \epsilon_k \epsilon_j \geq a_0 \sum_{k=1}^d \epsilon_k^2,$$

$$b_{kj}(x) = b_{jk}(x), \quad \sum_{k,j=1}^d b_{kj}(x) \epsilon_k \epsilon_j \geq b_0 \sum_{k=1}^d \epsilon_k^2$$

and $c(x) \geq c_0$, for any $(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $x \in \Omega$. An abstract form including (4.1) and (4.2) can be also considered by taking (4.1) with self-adjoint linear positive definite operators $A : D(A) \rightarrow H$ and $B : D(B) \rightarrow H$ and a Hilbert space H with dense and compact embeddings $D(A) \subset D(B) \subset H$ such that there exist positive constants a_0 and b_0 satisfying

$$b_0 \|v\|^2 \leq \|B^{\frac{1}{2}} v\|^2 \leq a_0 \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} v\|^2, \quad \forall v \in D(A^{\frac{1}{2}}).$$

3. Our results hold if we consider a domaine Ω not necessarily bounded but of a finite measure; so Poincaré's inequality (2.18) is still applicable. However, considering \mathbb{R}^d or a domaine with infinite measure is a nice open question.

4. We can add to (1.1) and (1.2) a linear term of the form $b(x)y(x, t)$, where b is a real valued function belonging to $C(\bar{\Omega})$ and satisfying $\|b\|_\infty < \frac{a}{c_*}$ (c_* is the Poincaré's constant defined in (2.18)). It will be nice to study the case where a non-linear term of the form $h(|y(x, t)|)y(x, t)$ is added to the first equations in (1.1) and (1.2), where $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given function. The difficulty in the non-linear case is that (3.18) is not satisfied.

5. Our hypothesis (3.3) allows g to have a decay rate at infinity faster than $\frac{1}{s^3}$. The case of g having a decay rate at infinity between $\frac{1}{s^3}$ and $\frac{1}{s}$ is open. In the case of hyperbolic systems considered in [18] and [19], it was assumed that (instead of (3.3))

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} ds + \sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}_+} \frac{g(s)}{G^{-1}(-g'(s))} < \infty,$$

which allows g to have a decay rate at infinity arbitrarily close to $\frac{1}{s}$, and the obtained decay rate for the corresponding energy E was better, more precisely, it was proved in [18] and [19] that (instead of (3.11)), for some $\alpha_n > 0$,

$$E(t) \leq \alpha_n G_n \left(\frac{\alpha_n}{t} \right),$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and any $U_0 \in D(\mathcal{A}^n)$. This is because in the case of hyperbolic systems, the adequate variable η^t using to treat the infinit memory is defined by $\eta^t(x, s) = y(t) - y(t-s)$ (instead of (2.1)).

5. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In order to numerically corroborate the asymptotic behavior and exponential decay of energy, we will show some examples in dimension 1, that is, the domain is simply an interval $(0, L)$.

Since the problems (1.1) and (1.2) are linear, it is convenient to directly use Fourier series to approximate problem (1.1), that is, we use the method of separation of variables to assume that the solutions are shared as:

$$(5.1) \quad y(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k(t) \sin(2k\pi x),$$

given the Dirichlet initial conditions. In this case, the constants B_k , verify the following differential-integral equations:

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{cases} iB'_k - a \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} B_k + i \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} B_k(t-s) ds = 0, & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^* := (0, \infty), \\ B_k(-t) = B_k^0(t), & t \in \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

and

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{cases} iB'_k - a \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} B_k + i \int_0^\infty f(s) B_k(t-s) ds = 0, & x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \\ B_k(-t) = B_k^0(t), & t \in \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

respective approximations of (1.1) and (1.2). In this case B_k^0 represent the coefficients of the series of sines (5.1) for the initial condition function $y_0(x, t)$. In order to solve these integral differential equations, we will use Heun's method, which, in addition to being a second order scheme, preserves energy for the linear Schrodinger equation without dissipative term. This is the Crank-Nicolson version for this single variable equation:

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{cases} i \frac{B_k^{n+1} - B_k^n}{\delta t} - a \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} B_k^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + i \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} \sum_{m=0}^N \delta t f^m B_k^{n-m+\frac{1}{2}} ds = 0, \\ B_k^{-n} = B_k^{0,n}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad n = 0, \dots, N, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{cases} i \frac{B_k^{n+1} - B_k^n}{\delta t} - a \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} B_k^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + i \sum_{m=0}^N \delta t f^m B_k^{n-m+\frac{1}{2}} ds = 0, \\ B_k^{-n} = B_k^{0,n}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad n = 0, \dots, N, \end{cases}$$

where $B_k^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{B_k^{n+1} + B_k^n}{2}$.

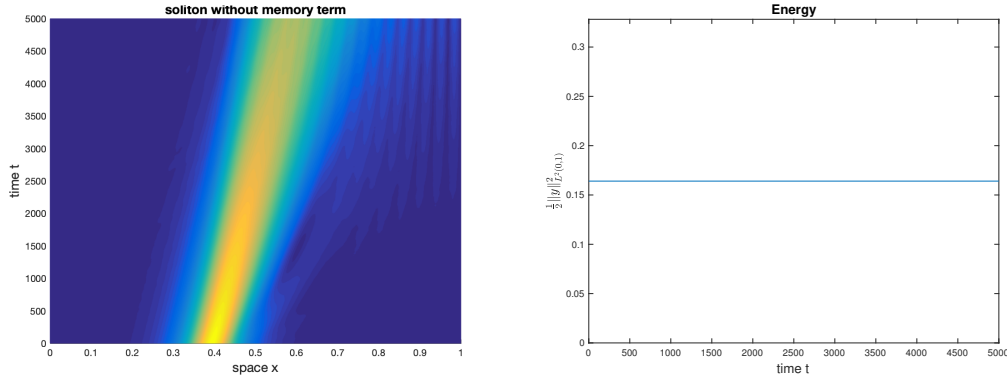


FIGURE 1. Numerical solution of the Schrödinger equation without memory term (graph on the left) and Energy (on the right).

5.1. **Example.** We consider a initial condition, constant with respect to time:

$$y_0(x, t) = \frac{Ae^{i\lambda x}}{\cosh\left(\frac{x - x_1}{x_0}\right)}, \quad x \in (0, L), \quad t > 0,$$

with $A = 4$, $\lambda = 7$, $x_0 = \frac{1}{2A\sqrt{\lambda}}$, $x_1 = 0.4$, $L = 1$. We assume $a = 1$, and $f(t) = -\int_0^t g_1(s) ds$ or $f(t) = -\int_0^t g_2(s) ds$, given by formula (3.6) and (3.7), respectively. We choose $d_1 = d_2 = 10.000$, $q_1 = 1$, and $q_2 = 4$. The simulations are done with $K = 2^{10}$ and $N = 20000$ ($T = 2000$, $\delta t = 0.1$).

In Figure 1, the solution in space and time of the linear Schrodinger equation is observed. Given the initial condition, this should be a soliton for the nonlinear Schrodinger on the entire real line [20]. However, given the linear equation and the bounded domain with Dirichlet edge conditions, the soliton dissolves by interacting with part of the scattered and reflected waves at the edge. The important thing is that in this case the energy is completely conserved as shown in Figure 2 (blue line in the graph on the left).

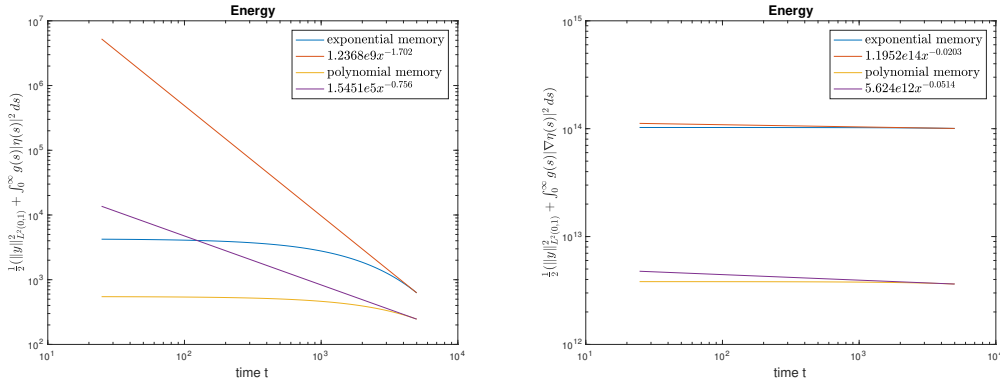


FIGURE 2. Exponential decay of the Energy. On the left: logarithmic scale graphics of the energies for the Schrödinger equation with memory term given by equation (1.2). On the right: logarithmic scale graphics of the energies for the equation (1.1).

Using the Parseval Identity, the energies (3.9) and (3.10) are naturally discretized by

$$(5.6) \quad E_{1,\delta}^n = \frac{L}{4} \left(\sum_{k=1,\dots,K} (B_k^n)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^N \delta t \frac{4\pi^2 k^2}{L^2} g^m (\eta_k^{m,n})^2 \right),$$

and

$$(5.7) \quad E_{2,\delta}^n = \frac{L}{4} \left(\sum_{k=1,\dots,K} (B_k^n)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=1}^N \delta t g^m (\eta_k^{m,n})^2 \right),$$

where $\eta_k^{m,n} = \sum_{\ell=n-m}^n \delta t B_k^\ell$. In Figure 2, graphs of the discrete energies (5.6) and (5.7) are observed in logarithmic scale, to compare the exponential decay with the different types of memory. The case without memory appears in the graph on the left in blue. It is observed that the exponential function g_1 causes the decay with the highest rate for the memory term equal to $\int_0^\infty \frac{d_1}{q_1} e^{-q_1 s} y(t-s) ds$. The graphs on the right correspond to the memory terms equal to $-\int_0^\infty f(s) \Delta y(t-s) ds$, and in addition to having greater energy, it is observed that they decay exponentially more slowly with a smaller rate.

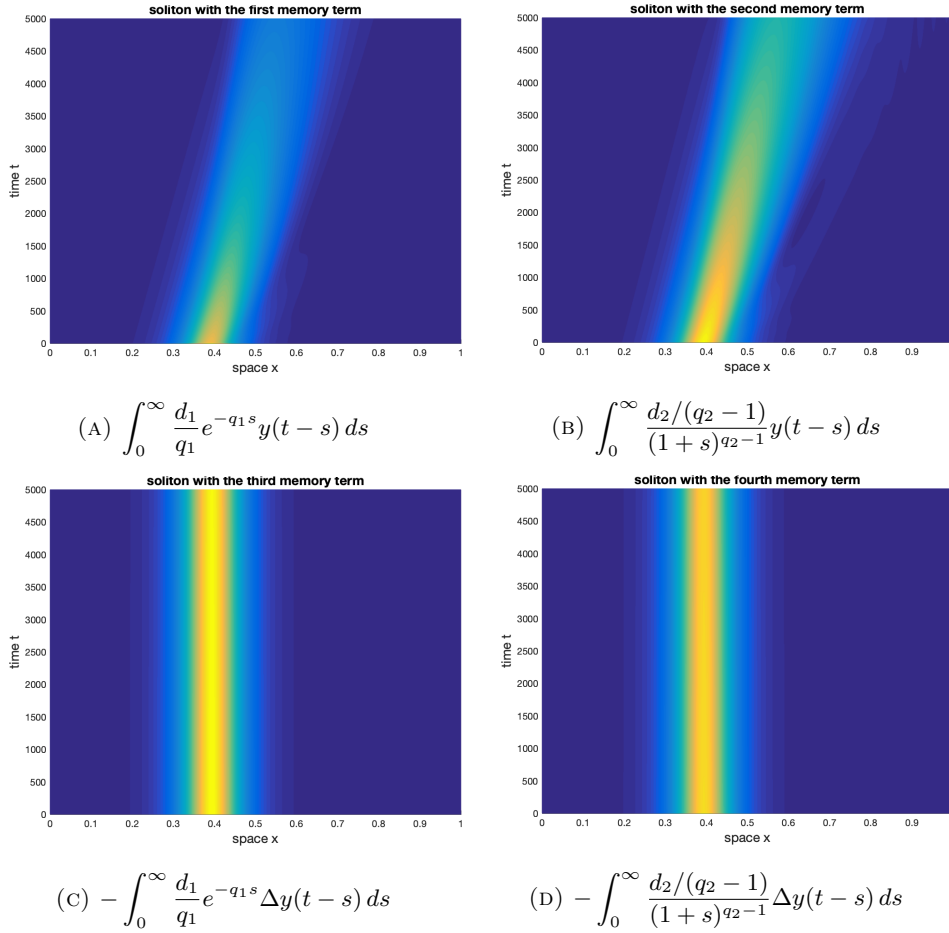


FIGURE 3. Solution of the Schrödinger equation with different memory terms.

Finally, in Figure 3, the asymptotic behavior of the different solutions is observed, with the 4 different types of memory. In the case of memory terms of the form $\int_0^\infty f(s)y(t-s) ds$, there is a fading of the soliton, much more marked than that of the Schrodinger equation without memory (graphs on the left), on the other hand when memory terms of the form $-\int_0^\infty f(s)\Delta y(t-s) ds$ are considered, the soliton remains visually intact, however, Figure 2 indicates that the energy clearly decays (graphs on the right).

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