

A NEW APPROACH TO  $\sigma$ -EVOLUTION MODELS WITH LOW REGULAR TIME DEPENDENT COEFFICIENTS

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ABSTRACT. In this talk, we discuss decay estimates for solutions to the  $\sigma$ -evolution model:

$$u_{tt}(t, x) + a^2(t)A^\sigma u(t, x) + b(t)A^\theta u_t(t, x) = 0, \quad (t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}^n \quad (1)$$

with suitable initial data

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = u_1(x) \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \quad (2)$$

in which  $A := -\Delta$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $\theta \in [0, \sigma]$ .

Initially we shall consider the case  $b = 0$ , and explore the relationship between the coefficient  $a^2(t)$  and the decay structure of equation (1). Should the regularity be important? Or even blow up is possible? For this sake, we shall review some results in the literature, such [4] and [5].

After the introduction, we discuss our new results ([2] and [3]) for the case  $a^2(t) = 1$  with low regular  $b$ , that is, we don't assume any control of  $\frac{d}{dt}b$ , a relevant difference in comparison with other works, such [1]. Our new approach provide an answer to an important conjecture [6] concerning equation (1).

In the last part of the talk we shall address the new problem that we are currently working: the case  $\theta = 0$ ,  $a^2(t) \neq 1$  and  $b(t) > 0$ , with both being low regular coefficients. Shall the regularity be important?

Be welcome to explore the influence (or not) of the regularity of coefficients in  $\sigma$ -evolution equations!

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