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# Existence and blow up of solutions to a Petrovsky equation with memory and nonlinear source term

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# Abstract

We consider the semilinear Petrovsky equation

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta^2 u(s)ds = |u|^p u$$

in a bounded domain and prove the existence of weak solutions. Furthermore, we show that there are solutions under some conditions on initial data which blow up in finite time with non-positive initial energy as well as positive initial energy. Estimates of the lifespan of solutions are also given.

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# **1** Introduction

In this article, we concerned with the problem

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta^2 u(s)ds = |u|^p u, \qquad x \in \Omega, \tau > 0$$

$$u(x,t) = \partial_{\nu} u(x,t) = 0, \qquad x \in \partial\Omega, t \ge 0$$

$$u(x,0) = u_0(x), \qquad u_t(x,0) = u_1(x), \qquad x \in \Omega$$
(1.1)

where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial \Omega$  in order that the divergence theorem can be applied. v is the unit normal vector pointing toward the exterior of  $\Omega$  and p > 0. Here, g represents the kernel of the memory term satisfying some conditions to be specified later.

In the absence of the viscoelastic term, i.e., (g = 0), we motivate our article by presenting some results related to initial-boundary value Petrovsky problem

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^{2}{}_{u} = f(u, u_{t}), \qquad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0$$
  

$$u(x, t) = \partial_{\nu}u(x, t) = 0, \qquad x \in \partial\Omega, t \ge 0$$
  

$$u(x, 0) = u_{0}(x), \quad u_{t}(x, 0) = u_{1}(x), \qquad x \in \Omega.$$
(1.2)



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Research of global existence, blow-up and energy decay of solutions for the initial boundary value problem (1.2) has attracted a lot of articles (see [1-4] and references there in).

Amroun and Benaissa [1] investigated (1.2) with  $f(u, u_t) = b|u|^{p-2}u - h(u_t)$  and proved the global existence of solutions by means of the stable set method in  $H_0^2(\Omega)$  combined with the Faedo-Galerkin procedure. In [3], Messaoudi studied problem (1.2) with  $f(u, u_t) = b|u|^{p-2}u - a|u_t|^{m-2}u_t$ . He proved the existence of a local weak solution and showed that this solution blows up in finite time with negative initial energy if p > m.

In the presence of the viscoelastic terms, Rivera et al. [5] considered the plate model:

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta^2 u(s)ds = 0$$

in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  and showed that the energy of solution decay exponentially provided the kernel function also decay exponentially. For more related results about the existence, finite time blow-up and asymptotic properties, we refer the reader to [5-16].

In the present article, we devote our study to problem (1.1). We will prove the existence of weak solutions under some appropriate assumptions on the function g and blow-up behavior of solutions. In order to obtain the existence of solutions, we use the Faedo-Galerkin method and to get the blow-up properties of solutions with non-positive and positive initial energy, we modify the method in [17]. Estimates for the blow-up time  $T^*$  are also given.

# 2 Preliminaries

We define the energy function related with problem (1.1) is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \|u_t\|^2 + \left( 1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\Delta u\|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \right] - \frac{1}{p+2} \|u\|_{p+2}^{p+2}, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$(g \odot v)(t) = \int_{0}^{t} g(t-s) \|v(t) - v(s)\|_{2}^{2} ds$$

We denote by  $\|.\|_k$ , the  $L^k$ -norm over  $\Omega$ . In particular, the  $L^2$ -norm is denoted  $\|.\|_2$ . We use the familiar function spaces  $H_0^2, H^4$  and throughout this article we assume  $u_0 \in H_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega)$  and  $u_1 \in H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$ .

In the sequel, we state some hypotheses and three well-known lemmas that will be needed later.

(A1) p satisfies

$$0 (N \le 4),  
 $0 (N \ge 5).$$$

(A2) g is a positive bounded  $C^1$  function satisfying g(0) > 0, and for all t > 0

$$1-\int_{0}^{\infty}g(t)ds=l>0,$$

also there exists positive constants  $L_0$ ,  $L_1$  such that (A3)

$$-L_0 \leq g'(t) \leq 0, \quad 0 \leq g''(t) \leq L_1.$$

**Lemma 1** (Sobolev-Poincare's inequality). Let p be a number that satisfies (A1), then there is a constant  $C_* = C(\Omega, p)$  such that

$$\|u\|_{p} \le C_{*} \|\Delta u\|_{2}, \quad u \in H^{2}_{0}(\Omega)$$
(2.2)

**Lemma 2** [4]. Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $B(t) \in C^2(0, \infty)$  be a nonnegative function satisfying

$$B''(t) - 4(\delta + 1)B'(t) + 4(\delta + 1)B(t) \ge 0.$$
(2.3)

If

$$B'(0) > r_2 B(0) + K_0, (2.4)$$

with  $r_2 = 2(\delta + 1) - 2\sqrt{\delta(\delta + 1)}$ , then  $B'(t) > K_0$  for t > 0, where  $K_0$  is a constant.

**Lemma 3** [4]. If Y(t) is a non-increasing function on  $[t_0, \infty)$  and satisfies the differential inequality

$$Y'(t)^2 \ge a + bY(t)^{2+\delta^{-1}}$$
 for  $t \ge t_0 \ge 0$ , (2.5)

where a > 0,  $\delta > 0$  and  $b \in R$ , then there exists a finite time  $T^*$  such that

$$\lim_{t\to T^{*-}}Y(t)=0.$$

Upper bounds for T<sup>\*</sup> is estimated as follows: (i) If b < 0, then

$$T^* \leq t_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-b}} ln \frac{\sqrt{\frac{-a}{b}}}{\sqrt{\frac{-a}{b}} - Y(t_0)}.$$

(*ii*) If b = 0, then

$$T^* \leq t_0 + \frac{Y(t_0)}{Y'(t_0)}.$$

(iii) If b > 0, then

$$T^* \leq \frac{Y(t_0)}{\sqrt{a}},$$

or

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$$T^* \leq t_0 + 2^{\frac{3\delta+1}{2\delta}} \frac{c\delta}{\sqrt{a}} \left\{ 1 - [1 + cY(t_0)]^{\frac{-1}{2\delta}} \right\},$$
  
here  $c = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2+\frac{1}{\delta}}.$ 

# **3 Existence of solutions**

In this section, we are going to obtain the existence of weak solutions to the problem (1.1) using Faedo-Galerkin's approximation.

**Theorem 1** Let the assumptions (A1)-(A3) hold. Then there exists at least a solution u of (1.1) satisfying

$$u \in L^{\infty}(0, \infty; H_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega)), \quad u' \in L^{\infty}(0, \infty; H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)),$$
  
$$u'' \in L^{\infty}(0, \infty; L^2(\Omega))$$
(3.1)

and

$$u(x,t) \to u_0(x) \quad in \ H_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega)$$
  
$$u'(x,t) \to u_1(x) \quad in \ H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$$

as  $t \to 0$ .

*Proof* We choose a basis  $\{\omega_k\}$  (k = 1, 2, ...) in  $H_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega)$  which is orthonormal in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\omega_k$  being the eigenfunctions of biharmonic operator subject to the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition.

Let  $V_m$  be the subspace of  $H^2_0(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega)$  generated by the first *m* vectors. Define

$$u_m(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m d_m^k(t)\omega_k,$$
(3.2)

where  $u_m(t)$  is the solution of the following Cauchy problem

$$(u_m''(t), \omega_k) + (\Delta u_m(t), \Delta \omega_k) - \int_0^t (t-s)(\Delta u_m(s), \Delta \omega_k) ds$$
  
-  $(|u_m(t)|^p u_m(t), \omega_k) = 0 \qquad \forall k = 1, m.$  (3.3)

with the initial conditions (when  $m \to \infty$ )

$$\begin{cases} u_m(0) = \sum_{k=1}^m (u_m(0), \omega_k) \omega_k \to u_0 & \text{in } H_0^2(\Omega) \cap H^4(\Omega) \\ u'_m(0) = \sum_{k=1}^m (u'_m(0), \omega_k) \omega_k \to u_1 & \text{in } H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega) \end{cases}$$
(3.4)

The approximate systems (3.3) and (3.4) are the normal one of differential equations which has a solution in  $[0, T_m)$  for some  $T_m > 0$ . The solution can be extended to the [0, T] for any given T > 0 by the first estimate below.

**First estimation**. Substituting  $u'_m(t)$  instead of  $\omega_k$  in (3.3), we find

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}\|u_m'\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|\Delta u_m\|^2 - \frac{\|u_m\|_{p+2}^{p+2}}{p+2}\right) - \int_0^t g(t-s)(\Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(t))ds = 0.$$
(3.5)

Simple calculation similar to [11] yield

$$-\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)(\Delta u_{m}(s), \Delta u'_{m}(t))ds = -\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)\int_{\Omega} \Delta u_{m}(t)\Delta u'_{m}(t)dxds$$
  
$$-\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)\int_{\Omega} (\Delta u_{m}(s) - \Delta u_{m}(t))\Delta u'_{m}(t)dxds$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)\frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta u_{m}(s) - \Delta u_{m}(t)\|^{2}ds - \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)\frac{d}{dt} \|\Delta u_{m}(t)\|^{2}ds$$
  
$$= \frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}(g \odot \Delta u_{m})(t) - \frac{1}{2}(g' \odot \Delta u_{m})(t) - \frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\int_{0}^{t} g(s)ds\|\Delta u_{m}(t)\|^{2}ds$$
  
$$+ \frac{1}{2}g(t)\|\Delta u_{m}(t)\|^{2}.$$
  
(3.6)

Combining (3.5) and (3.6), we find

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}\|u_m'\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|\Delta u_m\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(g\odot\Delta u_m)(t) - \frac{\|u_m\|_{p+2}^{p+2}}{p+2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(g'\odot\Delta u_m)(t) - \frac{1}{2}g(t)\|\Delta u_m(t)\|^2,$$
(3.7)

integrating (3.7) over (0, t) and using assumption (A3) we infer that

$$\|u'_m\|^2 + \|\Delta u_m\|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u_m)(t) - \|u_m\|_{p+2}^{p+2} \le C_1,$$
(3.8)

where  $C_1$  is a positive constant depending only on  $||u_0||$ ,  $||u_1||$ , p, and l. It follows from (3.8) that

$$\begin{cases} \{u_m\} \text{ is uniformly bounded in } L^{\infty}(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega)) \\ \{u'_m\} \text{ is uniformly bounded in } L^{\infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{cases}$$
(3.9)

Second estimation. Differentiating (3.3) with respect to t, we get

$$(u_m^{\prime\prime\prime}(t),\omega_k) + (\Delta u_m^{\prime}(t),\Delta\omega_k) - \int_0^t g^{\prime}(t-s)(\Delta u_m(s),\Delta\omega_k)ds -g(0)(\Delta u_m(t),\Delta\omega_k) - (p+1)(|u_m(t)|^p u_m^{\prime}(t),\omega_k) = 0.$$
(3.10)

If we substitute  $u_m''(t)$  instead of  $\omega_k$  in (3.10), it holds that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \| u_m'' \|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \| \Delta u_m' \|^2 \right) - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t g'(t-s) \left( \Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(t) \right) ds 
+ \int_0^t g''(t-s) \left( \Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(t) \right) ds + g'(0) \left( \Delta u_m(t), \Delta u_m'(t) \right) 
- g(0) \frac{d}{dt} \left( \Delta u_m(t), \Delta u_m'(t) \right) + g(0) \left( \Delta u_m'(t), \Delta u_m'(t) \right) 
- (p+1) \left( | u_m(t) |^p u_m'(t), u_m''(t) \right) = 0.$$
(3.11)

Since  $H^2(\Omega) \boxtimes L^{2p+2}(\Omega)$ , using Lemma 2, Hölder and Young's inequalities and (3.8)

$$\left| (p+1) \left( \left| u_m(t) \right|^p u'_m(t), u''_m(t) \right) \right| \le (p+1) \left\| u_m(t) \right\|_{2p+2}^p \cdot \left\| u'_m(t) \right\|_{2p+2} \cdot \left\| u''_m(t) \right\|_2$$

$$\le C(\gamma) \left\| \Delta u'_m(t) \right\|^2 + \gamma \left\| u''_m(t) \right\|^2.$$
(3.12)

Combining the relations (3.11), (3.12) and integrating over (0, t) for all  $t \in [0, T]$  with arbitrary fixed T, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u_m''\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta u_m'\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u_m''(0)\|^2 + \int_0^t g'(t-s)(\Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(t))ds$$
  
+  $\frac{1}{2} \|\Delta u_m'(0)\|^2 - \int_0^t \int_0^\tau g''(\tau-s)(\Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(\tau))dsd\tau$   
-  $g'(0) \int_0^t (\Delta u_m(s), \Delta u_m'(s)) + g(0) (\Delta u_m(t), \Delta u_m'(t))$  (3.13)  
-  $g(0) (\Delta u_m(0), \Delta u_m'(0)) - g(0) \int_0^t \|\Delta u_m'(s)\|^2 ds$   
+  $C(\gamma) \int_0^t \|\Delta u_m'(s)\|^2 ds + \gamma \int_0^t \|u_m''(s)\|^2 ds.$ 

From (3.4) and (3.8), we deduce that

$$\left\|\frac{1}{2}\right\|\Delta u'_{m}(0)\right\|^{2} - g(0)(\Delta u_{m}(0), \Delta u'_{m}(0))\right\| \leq L_{2},$$
(3.14)

where  $L_2$  is a positive constant independent of *m*. In the following, we find the upper bound for  $||u''_m(0)||^2$ . Again we substitute  $u''_m(t)$  instead of  $\omega_k$  in (3.3), and choosing t = 0, we arrive at

$$(u_m''(0), u_m''(0)) + (\Delta u_m(0), \Delta u_m''(0)) - (|u_m(0)|^p u_m(0), u_m''(0)) = 0,$$

which combined with the Green's formula imply

$$\left\|u_m''(0)\right\|^2 + \left(\Delta^2 u_m(0), u_m''(0)\right) - \left(\left|u_m(0)\right|^p u_m(0), u_m''(0)\right) = 0.$$
(3.15)

By using (A1), (3.4) and Young's inequality, we deduce that

$$\|u_m'(0)\| \le L_3, \tag{3.16}$$

where  $L_3 > 0$  is a constant independent of *m*.

Owing to (3.8), (3.5) and Young's inequality with (A3), we deduce that

$$\left| \int_{0}^{t} g'(t-s)(\Delta u_{m}(s), \Delta u'_{m}(t))ds \right| = \left| \left( \Delta u'_{m}(t), \int_{0}^{t} g'(t-s)\Delta u_{m}(s)ds \right) \right|$$
  

$$\leq \gamma \left\| \Delta u'_{m}(t) \right\|^{2} + \frac{1}{4\gamma} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{0}^{t} g'(t-s)\Delta u_{m}(s)ds \right)^{2} dx$$
  

$$\leq \gamma \left\| \Delta u'_{m}(t) \right\|^{2} + \frac{L_{0}^{2}}{4\gamma} \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \Delta u_{m}(s) \right\|^{2} ds$$
  

$$\leq \gamma \left\| \Delta u'_{m}(t) \right\|^{2} + L_{4}(T),$$
(3.17)

$$\left| -\int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{\tau} g''(\tau - s) (\Delta u_{m}(s), \Delta u'_{m}(\tau)) ds d\tau \right|$$

$$= \int_{0}^{t} \left( \Delta u'_{m}(\tau), \int_{0}^{\tau} g''(\tau - s) \Delta u_{m}(s) ds \right) d\tau$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \|\Delta u'_{m}(s)\|^{2} ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{0}^{\tau} g''(\tau - s) \Delta u_{m}(s) ds \right)^{2} dx d\tau \qquad (3.18)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \|\Delta u'_{m}(s)\|^{2} ds + \frac{TL_{1}^{2}}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \|\Delta u_{m}(s)\|^{2} ds$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \|\Delta u'_{m}(s)\|^{2} ds + L_{5}(T),$$

$$\left| -g'(0) \int_{0}^{t} (\Delta u_{m}(s), \Delta u'_{m}(s)) ds \right| \leq L_{0} \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \Delta u'_{m}(s) \right\|^{2} ds + L_{6}(T),$$
(3.19)

and

$$\left|g(0)(\Delta u_m(t), \Delta u'_m(t))\right| \le \gamma \left\|\Delta u'_m(t)\right\|^2 + L_7(\gamma).$$
(3.20)

Now we choose  $\gamma > 0$  small enough and combining (A3), (3.8), (3.13), (3.14), and (3.16)-(3.20), we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u_m''\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta u_m'\|^2 \le L_8 \left( \int_0^t \|u_m''(s)\|^2 ds + \int_0^t \|\Delta u_m'(s)\|^2 ds \right) + L_9.$$
(3.21)

By using Gronwall's lemma we arrive at

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| u_m'' \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \Delta u_m' \right\|^2 \le L_{10}, \tag{3.22}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ , and  $L_{10}$  is a positive constant independent of *m*. Estimate (3.22) implies

$$\{u''_m\} \text{ is uniformly bounded in } L^{\infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$$
  
$$\{u'_m\} \text{ is uniformly bounded in } L^{\infty}(0, T; H^2_0(\Omega))$$
(3.23)

By attention to (3.9) and (3.23), there exists a subsequence  $\{u_i\}$  of  $\{u_m\}$  and a function u such that

$$\begin{cases} u_i \rightarrow u \text{ weakly star in } L^{\infty}(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega)) \\ u'_i \rightarrow u' \text{ weakly star in } L^{\infty}(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega)) \\ u''_i \rightarrow u'' \text{ weakly star in } L^{\infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{cases}$$
(3.24)

By Aubin-Lions compactness lemma [18], it follows from (3.24) that

$$\begin{cases} u_i \to u \text{ strongly in } C([0, T]; H_0^2(\Omega)) \\ u'_i \to u \text{ strongly in } C([0, T]); L^2(\Omega)) \end{cases}$$
(3.25)

In the sequel we will deal with the nonlinear term. By (3.9) and Sobolev embedding theorem, we obtain

$$\{|u_m|^p u_m\}$$
 is uniformly bounded in  $L^{\infty}(0,T;L^2(\Omega))$ , (3.26)

and therefore we can extract a subsequence  $\{u_i\}$  of  $\{u_m\}$  such that

$$|u_i|^p u_i \rightharpoonup |u|^p u \text{ weakly star in } L^{\infty}(0,T;L^2(\Omega)).$$
(3.27)

Applying (3.24), (3.27) and letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.3), we see that *u* satisfies the equation. For the initial conditions by using (3.4), (3.25) and the simple inequality

$$\|u - u_0\|_{H^2_0(\Omega)} \le \|u - u_i\|_{H^2_0(\Omega)} + \|u_i - u_i(0)\|_{H^2_0(\Omega)} + \|u_i(0) - u_0\|_{H^2_0(\Omega)}$$

we get the first initial condition immediately. In the similar way, we can show the second initial condition and the proof is complete.

### 4 Blow-up of solutions

In this section, we study blow-up property of solutions with non-positive initial energy as well as positive initial energy, and estimate the lifespan of solutions. For this purpose, we assume that g is positive and  $C^1$  function satisfying

(A4)

$$g(0) > 0, \quad g'(s) \le 0, \quad 1 - \int_{0}^{\infty} g(s) ds = l > 0,$$

and we make the following extra assumption on g (*A*5)

$$\int_0^\infty g(s)ds < \frac{p}{1+p}.$$

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From (2.1), (A4) and Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{split} E(t) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 1 - \int_{0}^{t} g(s) ds \right) \|\Delta u\|^{2} + (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \right] - \frac{1}{p+2} \|u\|_{p+2}^{p+2} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ l\|\Delta u\|^{2} + g \odot \Delta u)(t) \right] - \frac{C_{1}^{p+2} l^{\frac{p+2}{2}}}{p+2} \|\Delta u\|^{p+2} \\ &\geq G \left( \sqrt{l\|\Delta u\|^{2} + (g \odot \Delta u)(t)} \right), \quad t \geq 0, \end{split}$$

where 
$$G(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{C_1^{p+2}}{p+2}\lambda^{p+2}$$
,  $C_1 = \frac{C_*}{\sqrt{l}}$ . It is easy to verify that  $G(\lambda)$  has a maximum contained on the set of the se

mum at  $\lambda_1 = C_1^{-\frac{p+2}{p}}$  and the maximum value is  $E_1 = \frac{p}{2p+4}C_1^{-\frac{2p+4}{p}}$ .

**Lemma 4** Let (A4) hold and ube a local solution of (1.1). Then E(t) is a non-increasing function on [0, T] and

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(t) = \frac{1}{2}(g' \odot \Delta u)(t) - \frac{1}{2}g(t)\|\Delta u\|^2 \le 0,$$
(4.2)

for almost every  $t \in [0, T]$ .

*Proof* Multiplying (1.1) by  $u_t$ , integrating over  $\Omega$ , and finally integrating by parts, we obtain (4.2) for any regular solution. Then by density arguments, we have the result.

**Lemma 5** Let (A4) hold and u be a local solution of (1.1) with initial data satisfying  $E(0) < E_1$  and  $\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \parallel \Delta u_0 \parallel > \lambda_1$ . Then there exists  $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$  such that

$$l\|\Delta u\|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \ge \lambda_2^2. \tag{4.3}$$

Proof See Li and Tsai [11].

The choice of the functional is standard (see [19])

$$\psi(t) = \|u\|^2. \tag{4.4}$$

It is clear that

$$\psi'(t) = 2(u, u_t), \tag{4.5}$$

and from (1.1)

$$\psi''(t) = 2\|u_t\|^2 - 2\|\Delta u\|^2 + 2\|u\|_{p+2}^{p+2} + 2\int_0^t g(t-s)(\Delta u(t), \Delta u(s))ds.$$
(4.6)

Lemma 6 Let u be a solution of (1.1) and (A4), (A5) hold, then we have

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p) \int_{\Omega} u_t^2 dx \ge m(l \|\Delta u\|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u)(t)) - (4+2p)E(0), \tag{4.7}$$

where  $m = (1 + p) - \frac{1}{l} > 0$ .

Proof Using the Hölder and Young's inequalities, we arrive at

$$\int_{0}^{t} g(t-s)(\Delta u(t), \Delta u(s))ds \ge -\left[\frac{1}{2}(g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{t} g(s)ds \|\Delta u\|^{2}\right]$$
$$+ \int_{0}^{t} g(s)ds \|\Delta u\|^{2},$$

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p) ||u_t||^2 \ge -(2+p) ||u_t||^2 - 2||\Delta u||^2 - (g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \int_0^t g(s) ds ||\Delta u||^2 + 2||u||_{p+2}^{p+2}.$$

Then, using (4.2), we obtain

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p) \|u_t\|^2 \ge -(4+2p)E(0) + p\|\Delta u\|^2 + (1+p)(g \odot \Delta u)(t)$$
$$-(1+p) \int_0^t g(s)ds \|\Delta u\|^2 - (2+p) \int_0^t (g' \odot \Delta u)(s)ds,$$

and so by (2.5) and (A5), we deduce

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p) \|u_t\|^2 \ge -(4+2p)E(0) + (p-(1+p)(1-l)) \|\Delta u\|^2 + (1+p)(g \odot \Delta u)(t),$$
(4.8)

if we set  $m := (1 + p) - \frac{1}{l}$  then inequality (4.8) yields the desired result.

Consequently, we have the following result.

**Lemma** 7 Assume that (A4) and (A5) hold. *u* be a local solution of (1.1) and that either one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} &(i) \ E(0) < 0 \\ &(ii) \ E(0) = 0 \ and \ \psi'(0) > 0 \\ &(iii) \ 0 < E(0) < \frac{m}{p} E_{1} and \ l^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta u_{0}\| > \lambda_{1} \\ &(iv) \ \frac{m}{p} E_{1} \le E(0) and \ \psi'(0) > r_{2} \left[ \psi(0) + \frac{(4+2p)E(0)}{4+p} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\psi'(t) > 0$  for  $t > t^*$ , where

in case (i)

$$t^* = \max\left\{0, \frac{\psi'(0)}{(4+2p)E(0)}\right\},\tag{4.9}$$

in cases (ii), (iv)

 $t^* = 0,$  (4.10)

and in case (iii)

$$t^* = \max\left\{0, \frac{-\psi'(0)}{(4+2p)\left(\frac{m}{p}E_1 - E(0)\right)}\right\}.$$
(4.11)

*Proof* Suppose that condition (i) is satisfied. Then from (4.5), we have

$$\psi'(t) \ge \psi'(0) - (4+2p)E(0)t, \qquad t \ge 0.$$

Thus  $\psi'(t) > 0$  for  $t > t^*$ , and it is easy to see that  $t^*$  satisfies (4.9). If E(0) = 0, then by using (4.3) we have  $\psi''(t) \ge 0$ , and since  $\psi'(0) > 0$  we arrive at

$$\psi'(t) > 0$$
, for  $t > 0$ .

If 
$$0 < E(0) < \frac{m}{p}E_1$$
 and  $l^{\frac{1}{2}} ||\Delta u_0|| > \lambda_1$  then by Lemma 4, we see that  
 $m(l||\Delta u||^2 + (q \odot \Delta u)(t)) = (4 + 2t)E(0) > m^{\frac{1}{2}} = (4 + 2t)E(0)$ 

$$m(t_{\parallel} \Delta u_{\parallel} + (g \otimes \Delta u)(t)) = (4 + 2p)E(0) \ge m\chi_{2} - (4 + 2p)E(0)$$
$$> m\frac{4 + 2p}{p}E_{1} - (4 + 2p)E(0)$$
$$= (4 + 2p)\left[\frac{m}{p}E_{1} - E(0)\right].$$

Thus from (4.5), we have

$$\psi''(t) \ge m(l \|\Delta u\|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u)(t)) - (4 + 2p)E(0) > (4 + 2p) \left[\frac{m}{p}E_1 - E(0)\right] > 0,$$
(4.12)

and integrating (4.12) from 0 to t gives

 $\psi'(t) > 0$ , for  $t \ge t^*$ ,

where  $t^*$  satisfies (4.11).

Let  $\frac{m}{p}E_1 \leq E(0)$ , this assumption causes that

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p)||u_t||^2 + (4+2p)E(0) \ge 0,$$

and by using Hölder and Young's inequalities, we get

$$\|u_t\|^2 \geq \psi'(t) - \psi(t),$$

thus

$$\psi''(t) - (4+p)\psi'(t) + (4+p)\psi(t) + (4+2p)E(0) \ge 0.$$
(4.13)

We see that the hypotheses of Lemma 2 are fulfilled with

$$\delta = \frac{p}{4} \quad and \quad B(t) = \psi(t) + \frac{(4+2p)E(0)}{4+p}$$

and the conclusion of Lemma 2.2 gives us

$$\psi'(t) > 0$$
, for  $t > 0$ .

Therefore the proof is complete.

To estimate the life-span of  $\psi(t)$ , we define the following functional

$$Y(t) = \psi(t)^{-\frac{p}{4}}, \quad for \quad t \ge 0.$$
 (4.14)

Then we have

$$Y'(t) = \frac{p}{4}Y(t)^{1+\frac{4}{p}}\psi'(t), \qquad (4.15)$$

$$Y''(t) = -\frac{p}{4}Y(t)^{1+\frac{8}{p}} \left[\psi''(t)\psi(t) - \left(1 + \frac{p}{4}\right)(\psi'(t))^2\right].$$
(4.16)

Using (4.4)-(4.6) and exploiting Holder's inequality on  $\psi'(t)$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \psi''(t)\psi(t) &- \left(1 + \frac{p}{4}\right)(\psi'(t))^2 \\ &\geq \left[ (l\|\Delta u\|^2 + (g\odot\Delta u)(t)) - (4+2p)E(0) + (4+p)\|u_t\|^2 \right]\psi(t) \\ &- 4\left(1 + \frac{p}{4}\right)\|u_t\|^2\psi(t) \\ &= \left[ (l\|\Delta u\|^2 + (g\odot\Delta u)(t)) - (4+2p)E(0) \right]Y(t)^{\frac{-4}{p}}. \end{split}$$

Utilizing the last inequality into (4.16) yields

$$Y''(t) \le -\frac{p}{4} [(l \| \Delta u \|^2 + (g \odot \Delta u)(t)) - (4 + 2p)E(0)]Y(t)^{1 + \frac{4}{p}}.$$
(4.17)

Now we should assume different values for initial energy E(0).

(1) At first if  $E(0) \le 0$  then from (4.17) we have

$$Y''(t) \le \frac{p}{4}(4+2p)E(0)Y(t)^{1+\frac{4}{p}},$$
(4.18)

on the other hand by Lemma 7, Y'(t) < 0 for  $t > t^*$ . Multiplying (4.18) by Y'(t) and integrating from  $t^*$  to t, we deduce that

$$Y'(t)^2 \ge \alpha + \beta Y(t)^{2+\frac{4}{p}}$$
 for  $t \ge t^*$ ,

where

$$\alpha = \frac{p^2}{16} Y(t^*)^{2+\frac{8}{p}} \left[ \psi'(t^*)^2 - 8E(0)Y(t^*)^{-\frac{4}{p}} \right] > 0,$$
(4.19)

and

$$\beta = \frac{p^2}{2} E(0). \tag{4.20}$$

Then the hypotheses of Lemma 3 are fulfilled with  $\delta = \frac{p}{4}$ ,  $t_0 = t^*$  and using the conclusion of Lemma 3, there exists a finite time  $T^*$  such that  $\lim_{t\to T^{*-}} Y(t) = 0$ , i.e., in this case some solutions blow up in finite time  $T^*$ .

(2) If  $0 < E(0) < \frac{m}{p}E_1$ , then from (4.17) and (4.12) we have

$$Y''(t) \leq -\frac{p}{4}(4+2p)\left[\frac{m}{p}E_1 - E(0)\right]Y(t)^{1+\frac{4}{p}}.$$

Then using the same arguments as in (1), we get

$$Y'(t)^2 \ge \alpha_1 + \beta_1 Y(t)^{2+\frac{4}{p}} \quad for \quad t \ge t^*,$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{p^2}{16} Y(t^*)^{2+\frac{8}{p}} (\psi'(t^*)^2 + 8 \left[\frac{m}{p} E_1 - E(0)\right] Y(t^*)^{-\frac{4}{p}}) > 0,$$
(4.21)

and

$$\beta_1 = \frac{p^2}{2} \left[ E(0) - \frac{m}{p} E_1 \right].$$
(4.22)

Thus by Lemma 3, there exists a finite time  $T^*$  such that

$$\lim_{t\to T*-}\psi(t)=\infty$$

(3)  $\frac{m}{p}E_1 \leq E(0)$ . In this case, it is easy to see that by using (4.19) and (4.20) into discussion in part (1), we obtain

$$\alpha > 0$$
 if and only if  $E(0) < \frac{\psi'(t^*)^2}{8\psi(t^*)}$ .

Hence, Lemma 3 yields the blow-up property in this case.

Therefore, we proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** Assume that (A4) and (A5) hold. u be a local solution of (1.1) and that either one of the following four conditions is satisfied:

(i) 
$$E(0) < 0$$
  
(ii)  $E(0) = 0$  and  $\psi'(0) > 0$   
(iii)  $0 < E(0) < \frac{m}{p}E_{1}$  and  $l^{\frac{1}{2}} ||\Delta u_{0}|| > \lambda_{1}$   
(iv)  $\frac{m}{p}E_{1} \le E(0)$  and  $\psi'(0) > r_{2} \left[\psi(0) + \frac{(4+2p)E(0)}{4+p}\right]$  holds.

Then the solution u blows up at finite time  $T^*$ . Moreover, the upper bounds for  $T^*$  can be estimated according to the sign of E(0):

in case (i)

$$T^* \leq t^* - \frac{Y(t^*)}{Y'(t^*)}.$$

Furthermore, if  $Y(t^*) < \min\{1, \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{-\beta}}\}$ , then

$$T^* \leq t^* + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\beta}} ln \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{-\beta}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{-\beta}} - Y(t^*)}$$

in cases (ii)

$$T^* \le t^* - \frac{Y(t^*)}{Y'(t^*)} \text{ or } T^* \le t^* + \frac{Y(t^*)}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

in case (iii)

$$T^* \leq t^* - \frac{Y(t^*)}{Y'(t^*)}.$$

Furthermore, if  $Y(t^*) < \min\{1, \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{-\beta}}\}$ , then

$$T^* \le t^* + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\beta_1}} ln \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1}{-\beta_1}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1}{-\beta_1}} - Y(t^*)}$$

and in case (iv)

$$T^* \leq \frac{Y(t^*)}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \text{ or } T^* \leq t^* + 2^{\frac{3p+4}{2p}} \frac{pc}{4\sqrt{\alpha}} \left[ 1 - (1 + cY(t^*))^{\frac{-2}{p}} \right],$$

where 
$$d = \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{p}{p+8}}$$
. Here  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha_1$ , and  $\beta_1$  are given in (4.19)-(4.22), respectively. Note

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