Recent Development of Parabolic Quasi-Variational Inequalities

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In this talk we discuss a class of parabolic quasi-variational inequalities of the form

$$u'(t) + \partial \varphi^t(u; u(t)) \ni f(t), \quad 0 < t < T, \quad \text{in } X^*,$$
$$u(t) = u_0(t) \quad \text{for } -\delta_0 \le t \le 0, \quad \text{in} X$$

under the following setting: X is a real reflexive Banach space compactly embedded in a real Hilbert space H, so $X \subset H \subset X^*$, where X^* is the dual of X and δ_0 and T are fixed positive numbers; $\varphi^s(v; z)$, $-\delta_0 \leq s \leq t$, is a proper l.s.c. convex function in z on X for v belonging to a suitable class of functions from $[-\delta_0, t]$ into X in which $\varphi^s(v; \cdot)$ depends continuously on v in a non-local way; u_0 is a prescribed initial function given on $[-\delta_0, 0]$.

As a simple example shows, the existence question for the above type of quasivariational inequalities are quite delicate. We shall give sufficient conditions for the existence of a local in time solution of our problem. Moreover, in order to illustrate our conditions we apply our abstract result to a concrete obstacle problem having the obstacle depending on the unknown function.