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# Evolutionary $p$ -Laplacian with convection and reaction under dynamic boundary condition

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## Abstract

We study the global existence and blow-up phenomenon of solutions to an evolutionary  $p$ -Laplacian with convection and reaction under dynamic boundary condition.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we are concerned with the following evolutionary  $p$ -Laplacian under dynamic boundary condition:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) - \vec{g}(u) \cdot \nabla u + f(u), \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\sigma u_t + |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \cdot \nu = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $p > 1$ ,  $\vec{g} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N, f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , and  $\nu : \partial\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  is the outer unit normal vector.

The quasilinear parabolic problems with dynamic boundary conditions of type (1.1)-(1.3) arise in numerous areas such as heat conduction, chemical reactor theory, colloid chemistry and population growth, see [1, 2] and the references therein. Many reaction-diffusion equations under dynamic boundary conditions have been considered in the past years. An early study of problem (1.1)-(1.3) with  $p = 2$  and  $\vec{g} = \vec{0}$  was carried out by Below and Mailly [3] who showed a complete result about the blow-up phenomena as well as the lower and upper bounds for the blow-up time. Moreover, some of the techniques were also applied to the porous medium equation with reaction. Later on, for the evolutionary  $p$ -Laplacian with  $p \geq 2N/(N + 2)$ , where  $N$  is the dimension of the domain, Gal and Warma [4] considered the following equation without convection:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) + f(u) = g(x), \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0,$$

coupled with dynamic boundary conditions. The well-posedness and the existence of a global attractor results were established. More recently, Mailly and Rault [2] studied the nonlinear convection problem (1.1)-(1.3) with  $p = 2$  and proved the global existence and blow-up phenomena of local solutions. For other results about the solvability of quasilinear parabolic equations with dynamic boundary conditions, we refer the readers to [5–7], *etc.*

Throughout this paper, we suppose that the dissipativity condition holds

$$\sigma > 0, \quad \sigma \in C^1(\partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty)), \tag{1.4}$$

and the functions in problem (1.1)-(1.3) are smooth

$$f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}), \quad f(s) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } s \geq 0, \quad \vec{g} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N), \tag{1.5}$$

the initial data is non-negative and satisfies

$$u_0 \geq 0, \quad u_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega) \cap W^{1,p}(\Omega). \tag{1.6}$$

In Section 2 we develop the comparison principle for a regularized problem and the local existence of weak and strong solutions of problem (1.1)-(1.3). In Section 3 we derive the global existence of the strong solutions, while in Section 4 we prove the blow-up phenomenon of strong solutions by formulating a family of radially symmetric lower solutions.

## 2 Comparison principle and local existence

In this section, we use the regularization method and compactness theorems to prove the local existence of the solutions to problem (1.1)-(1.3).

Consider the following regularized problem:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \right) - \vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u + f_M(u), \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\sigma u_t + \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nu = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \tag{2.2}$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_{0,n}(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $f_M(s) = \min\{f_+(s), M\}$ ,  $s_+ = \max\{s, 0\}$ ,  $M > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $u_{0,n} \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$  satisfies

$$\inf_{\Omega} u_0 \leq u_{0,n} \leq \sup_{\Omega} u_0, \quad \|u_{0,n}\|_{W^{1,p}} \leq 2\|u_0\|_{W^{1,p}}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{0,n} - u_0\|_{W^{1,p}} = 0.$$

Since  $f, \vec{g} \in C^1$ , we can verify that  $f_M, \vec{g}(s_+)$  are locally Lipschitz continuous.

Hereafter, we suppose that the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) has a classical solution  $u_{n,M} \in C^{2,1}(\overline{\Omega} \times [0, T_{n,M}))$  with the maximal existence time  $0 < T_{n,M} \leq +\infty$ . Let  $Q_T = \overline{\Omega} \times$

$(0, T)$  for  $T > 0$  and define

$$F_{n,M}[u] = F_{n,M}(u, \nabla u) = \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \right) - \vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u + f_M(u),$$

$$B_n[u] = \sigma u_t + \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nu.$$

Notice that, in the dynamic boundary condition,  $B_n[u]$  is nonlinear with respect to  $\nabla u$ . First, we need the following comparison principles which are simple variations of the comparison principles in [8].

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $u, v \in C^{2,1}(Q_T) \cap C(\overline{Q_T})$  satisfying*

$$u_t - F_{n,M}[u] > v_t - F_{n,M}[v], \quad (x, t) \in Q_T,$$

$$B_n[u] > B_n[v], \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T),$$

$$u(x, 0) > v(x, 0), \quad x \in \overline{\Omega}.$$

Then

$$u(x, t) > v(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in Q_T.$$

*Proof* Suppose that there exists  $(x_0, t_0) \in Q_T$  such that  $u(x_0, t_0) \leq v(x_0, t_0)$ . Let

$$t^* = \sup \{ \tau \in (0, T); u(x, t) > v(x, t), \forall (x, t) \in Q_\tau \}.$$

Then  $t^* \in (0, t_0] \subset (0, T)$  and  $\min_{\overline{Q_{t^*}}} \{u - v\} = 0$ . Thus,  $u - v$  attains its minimum 0 at some point  $(x^*, t^*)$  with  $x^* \in \overline{\Omega}$ . If  $x^* \in \Omega$ , then

$$u = v, \quad u_t \leq v_t, \quad \nabla u = \nabla v, \quad D^2 u \geq D^2 v \quad \text{at } (x^*, t^*),$$

which contradicts  $u_t - F_{n,M}[u] > v_t - F_{n,M}[v]$ . If  $x^* \in \partial\Omega$ , then

$$u_t \leq v_t, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \leq \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mu_i} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \mu_i} \quad \text{at } (x^*, t^*),$$

where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ , are the tangential derivatives in the local coordinates at  $(x^*, t^*)$ . We can verify that

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nu = \left( \frac{1}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mu_i} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu},$$

which is increasing with respect to  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}$  since  $p > 1$ . Therefore,  $B_n[u] \leq B_n[v]$ . We arrive at another contradiction. □

Using Lemma 2.1, we can prove the following comparison principle, which is similar to Theorem 2.2 in [8], but without the global one-side Lipschitz condition.

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $u, v \in C^{2,1}(Q_T) \cap C(\overline{Q_T})$  satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - F_{n,M}[u] &\geq v_t - F_{n,M}[v], & (x, t) \in Q_T, \\ B_n[u] &\geq B_n[v], & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) &\geq v(x, 0), & x \in \overline{\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

*Then*

$$u(x, t) \geq v(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in Q_T.$$

*Proof* For any given  $T > 0, \varepsilon > 0$ , since  $u, v \in C(\overline{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ , by the continuities and  $u(x, 0) \geq v(x, 0)$ , there exists  $\delta = \delta_\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$u(x, t) > v(x, t) - \varepsilon, \quad x \in \overline{\Omega}, t \in (0, \delta].$$

Notice that  $v \in C^{2,1}(\overline{\Omega} \times [\delta, T - \varepsilon])$ ,  $v_+(x, t) \in [0, \max_{\overline{Q_T}} v]$ , and  $\vec{g} \in C^1([0, \max_{\overline{Q_T}} v])$ . There exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{g}((v-s)_+) \cdot \nabla v - \vec{g}(v_+) \cdot \nabla v| &\leq \sup_{\overline{\Omega} \times [\delta, T - \varepsilon]} |\nabla v| \cdot |\vec{g}((v-s)_+) - \vec{g}(v_+)| \leq \frac{K}{2}s, \\ |f_M(v-s) - f_M(v)| &\leq \frac{K}{2}s, \quad s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\varphi = v - \varepsilon e^{(K+1)(t-\delta)}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_t - F_{n,M}[\varphi] &\leq v_t - (K+1)\varepsilon e^{(K+1)(t-\delta)} - F_{n,M}[v] + K\varepsilon e^{(K+1)(t-\delta)} \\ &< v_t - F_{n,M}[v] \leq u_t - F_{n,M}[u], & (x, t) \in \Omega \times [\delta, T - \varepsilon], \\ B_n[\varphi] &= B_n[v] - (K+1)\sigma\varepsilon e^{(K+1)(t-\delta)} < B_n[v] \leq B_n[u], & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (\delta, T - \varepsilon), \\ \varphi(x, \delta) &= v(x, \delta) - \varepsilon < u(x, \delta), & x \in \overline{\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1 implies  $u(x, t) \geq \varphi(x, t)$  for  $(x, t) \in \Omega \times [\delta_\varepsilon, T - \varepsilon]$ . Therefore,  $u(x, t) \geq \min\{v(x, t) - \varepsilon, v(x, t) - \varepsilon e^{(K+1)(t-\delta_\varepsilon)}\}$  for  $(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T - \varepsilon]$ . By the arbitrariness of  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we deduce  $u(x, t) \geq v(x, t)$  for  $(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T)$ . □

**Lemma 2.3** *There exists at most one classical solution of problem (2.1)-(2.3).*

*Proof* Lemma 2.2 yields the uniqueness of classical solutions of problem (2.1)-(2.3). □

**Lemma 2.4** *The solution  $u_{n,M}$  of problem (2.1)-(2.3) satisfies*

$$\inf_{\Omega} u_0 \leq u_{n,M}(x, t) \leq \sup_{\Omega} u_0 + Mt, \quad (x, t) \in \overline{\Omega} \times (0, T_{n,M}). \tag{2.4}$$

*Thus, the maximal existence time  $T_{n,M} = +\infty$ .*

*Proof* For any given  $T \in (0, T_{n,M})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , define  $\underline{u}_\varepsilon = \inf_\Omega u_0 - \varepsilon - \varepsilon t$ ,  $\bar{u}_\varepsilon = \sup_\Omega u_0 + \varepsilon + (M + \varepsilon)t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_{n,M}}{\partial t} - F_{n,M}[u_{n,M}] &= 0 > -\varepsilon \geq \frac{\partial \underline{u}_\varepsilon}{\partial t} - F_{n,M}[\underline{u}_\varepsilon], \\ B_n[u_{n,M}] &= 0 > -\sigma\varepsilon = B_n[\underline{u}_\varepsilon], \\ u_{n,M}(x, 0) &= u_{0,n}(x) > u_0(x) - \varepsilon \geq \underline{u}_\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1 implies  $u_{n,M} \geq \underline{u}_\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $u_{n,M} \geq \inf_\Omega u_0$ . The proof of  $u_{n,M} \leq \sup_\Omega u_0 + Mt$  follows similarly.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5** *For  $M_1 \geq M_2 > 0$ , there holds*

$$u_{n,M_1} \geq u_{n,M_2}, \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

*Proof* For any given  $T > 0$ , we see that  $u_{n,M_1}, u_{n,M_2} \in C^{2,1}(Q_T) \cap C(\bar{Q}_T)$  and  $f_{M_1}(s) \geq f_{M_2}(s)$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,

$$\frac{\partial u_{n,M_1}}{\partial t} - F_{n,M_2}[u_{n,M_1}] \geq \frac{\partial u_{n,M_1}}{\partial t} - F_{n,M_1}[u_{n,M_1}] = 0 = \frac{\partial u_{n,M_2}}{\partial t} - F_{n,M_2}[u_{n,M_2}].$$

Using Lemma 2.2, we complete this proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6** *There exist constants  $\delta_0, M_0 > 0$  independent of  $n, M$  such that*

$$\sup_{n,M} u_{n,M}(x, t) \leq \sup_\Omega u_0 + M_0\delta_0, \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, t \in (0, \delta_0].$$

*Proof* Let  $\underline{u}_0 = \inf_\Omega u_0$  and  $\bar{u}_0 = \sup_\Omega u_0$ . Set  $M_0 = 2 \max_{s \in \{\underline{u}_0, \bar{u}_0\}} f(s) + 1$  and define

$$h(t) = \max_{\underline{u}_0 \leq s \leq \bar{u}_0 + M_0 t} |f(s)|.$$

Since  $f \in C^1([\underline{u}_0, \bar{u}_0 + M_0])$ , we see that  $h$  is Lipschitz continuous on  $[0, 1]$  and  $h(0) = \max_{s \in \{\underline{u}_0, \bar{u}_0\}} f(s) < M_0$ . Thus, there exists a constant  $0 < \delta_0 < 1$  such that  $h(t) < M_0$  for all  $t \in [0, \delta_0]$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $u_{n,M_0} \in [\underline{u}_0, \bar{u}_0 + M_0 t]$ . Therefore,

$$f(u_{n,M_0}(x, t)) \leq h(t) < M_0, \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, t \in [0, \delta_0], \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$f_{M_0}(u_{n,M_0}(x, t)) = \min\{f(u_{n,M_0}(x, t)), M_0\} = f(u_{n,M_0}(x, t)), \quad (x, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_0].$$

If  $M' \leq M_0$ , Lemma 2.5 implies

$$u_{n,M'} \leq u_{n,M_0} \leq \sup_\Omega u_0 + M_0\delta_0, \quad (x, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_0].$$

If  $M' > M_0$ , since  $u_{n,M'} \in C(\bar{Q}_{\delta_0})$  and  $u_{n,M'}(x, 0) = u_{0,n}(x) \in [\underline{u}_0, \bar{u}_0]$ , we have

$$f(u_{n,M'}(x, 0)) \leq h(0) < M_0, \quad x \in \bar{\Omega},$$

and there exists a constant  $\delta_{M'} > 0$  such that

$$f(u_{n,M'}(x, t)) < M_0, \quad (x, t) \in \overline{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_{M'}]. \tag{2.6}$$

Thus,

$$f_{M_0}(u_{n,M'}(x, t)) = f(u_{n,M'}(x, t)) = f_{M'}(u_{n,M'}(x, t)), \quad (x, t) \in \overline{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_{M'}].$$

We see that  $u_{n,M_0}, u_{n,M'}$  are two classical solutions of problem (2.1)-(2.3) with  $M = M_0$  on  $\overline{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_{M'}]$ . According to the uniqueness, Lemma 2.3, we have

$$u_{n,M_0}(x, t) = u_{n,M'}(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in \overline{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_{M'}].$$

By the continuity of  $u_{n,M'}(x, t)$  and inequality (2.5), we can take  $\delta_{M'} = \delta_0$  in inequality (2.6). Then we have

$$u_{n,M'}(x, t) = u_{n,M_0}(x, t) \leq \sup_{\Omega} u_0 + M_0 \delta_0, \quad (x, t) \in \overline{\Omega} \times (0, \delta_0].$$

We arrive at a locally uniform bound of  $u_{n,M}$ . □

**Remark** Lemma 2.4 shows that  $u_{n,M} \leq \sup_{\Omega} u_0 + Mt$ . However, the family  $\{\sup_{\Omega} u_0 + Mt\}_{M>0}$  is not uniformly bounded on any interval  $(0, \delta]$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . Lemma 2.6 provides the locally uniform bound of  $u_{n,M}$ .

Next, we derive some estimates on the solution  $u_{n,M}$ .

**Lemma 2.7** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  does not depend on time. For any given  $T > 0, M > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C = C(M, T)$  independent of  $n$  such that*

$$\int_{\Omega} u_{n,M}^2(x, t) dx, \quad \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma u_{n,M}^2(x, t) dS, \quad \int_{Q_T} |\nabla u_{n,M}|^p dx dt \leq C, \quad t \in (0, T).$$

Moreover, if  $T = \delta_0$  (the constant in Lemma 2.6), then the constant  $C = C(\delta_0)$  is independent of  $n, M$ .

*Proof* We write  $u = u_{n,M}$  in this proof for the sake of convenience. Since  $u \in C^{2,1}(Q_T) \cap C(\overline{Q_T})$ , multiplying equation (2.1) by  $u$  and integrating by parts over  $Q_{\tau}, \tau \in (0, T]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_{\tau}} uu_t dx dt + \int_{Q_{\tau}} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \\ & - \int_0^{\tau} \int_{\partial\Omega} u \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nu dS dt \\ & = - \int_{Q_{\tau}} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u dx dt + \int_{Q_{\tau}} f_M(u) u dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using the dynamic boundary condition (2.2), we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_\tau} uu_t \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_\tau} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \, dt + \int_0^\tau \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma uu_t \, dS \, dt \\ &= - \int_{Q_\tau} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_\tau} f_M(u) u \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega u^2(x, \tau) \, dx + \int_{Q_\tau} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \, dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma u^2(x, \tau) \, dS \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega u_{0,n}^2(x) \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma u_{0,n}^2(x) \, dS - \int_{Q_\tau} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_\tau} f_M(u) u \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $u_{0,n} \leq \sup_\Omega u_0$ ,

$$\left| \int_{Q_\tau} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u \, dx \, dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{Q_\tau} |\nabla u|^p \, dx \, dt + C \int_{Q_\tau} (|\vec{g}(u_+)||u|)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \, dx \, dt,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla u|^p &\leq \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2, \quad p \geq 2, \\ |\nabla u|^p &\leq 2^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2 + \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \\ &\leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla u|^2 + 1, \quad 1 < p < 2. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4 implies  $|u| \leq \sup_\Omega u_0 + MT$  for  $(x, t) \in Q_T$ . Therefore,

$$\int_\Omega u^2(x, t) \, dx, \quad \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma u^2(x, t) \, dS, \quad \int_{Q_T} |\nabla u|^p \, dx \, dt \leq C(M, T).$$

If  $T = \delta_0$ , Lemma 2.6 shows  $|u| \leq \sup_\Omega u_0 + M_0\delta_0$  for  $(x, t) \in Q_{\delta_0}$ , which is a uniform bound independent of  $n, M$ . □

**Lemma 2.8** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  does not depend on time and  $p \geq 2$ . For any given  $T > 0, M > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C = C(M, T)$  independent of  $n$  such that*

$$\int_\Omega |\nabla u_{n,M}|^p \, dx, \quad \int_{Q_T} \left| \frac{\partial u_{n,M}}{\partial t} \right|^2 \, dx \, dt, \quad \int_0^T \int_\Omega \sigma \left| \frac{\partial u_{n,M}}{\partial t} \right|^2 \, dS \, dt \leq C.$$

Moreover, if  $T = \delta_0$  (the constant in Lemma 2.6), then the constant  $C = C(\delta_0)$  is independent of  $n, M$ .

*Proof* We write  $u = u_{n,M}$  in this proof for the sake of convenience. Since  $f_M, g(s_+)$  are Lipschitz continuous, the classical regularity results in [9] imply that  $u_t \in C^{1,0}(\overline{\Omega} \times (0, T))$ .

Multiplying equation (2.1) by  $u_t$  and integrating over  $Q_\tau$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_\tau} u_t^2 dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u_t dx dt + \int_0^\tau \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma u_t^2 dS dt \\ &= - \int_{Q_\tau} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u_t dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} f_M(u) u_t dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u_t dx dt \\ &= \int_{Q_\tau} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^{|\nabla u(x,t)|^2} \left(s + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} ds dx dt \\ &= \int_{Q_\tau} \frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u(x,t)|^2\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} - \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \right) dx dt \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_\Omega \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u(x,\tau)|^2\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} dx - \frac{1}{p} \int_\Omega \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u_{0,n}(x)|^2\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} dx \\ &\geq \frac{1}{p} \int_\Omega |\nabla u(x,\tau)|^p dx - \frac{1}{p} 2^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_\Omega |\nabla u_{0,n}|^p dx - \frac{1}{p} 2^{\frac{p}{2}} |\Omega|. \end{aligned}$$

Young’s inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} \left| - \int_{Q_\tau} (\vec{g}(u_+) \cdot \nabla u) u_t dx dt \right| &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{Q_\tau} u_t^2 dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} |\vec{g}(u_+)|^2 |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{Q_\tau} u_t^2 dx dt + C(M, T) \int_{Q_\tau} |\nabla u|^p dx dt, \quad p \geq 2, \\ \left| \int_{Q_\tau} f_M(u) u_t dx dt \right| &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_{Q_\tau} u_t^2 dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} f_M^2(u) dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude the estimate. □

Now, we define the following two types of weak solutions of problem (1.1)-(1.3).

**Definition 2.1** A function  $u \in L^p((0, T); W^{1,p}(\Omega))$  is called a local weak solution of problem (1.1)-(1.3) if the integral equality

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_\Omega u_0 \varphi dx - \int_{Q_T} u \varphi_t dx dt + \int_{Q_T} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \varphi dx dt - \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} u(\sigma \varphi)_t dS dt \\ &= - \int_{Q_T} (\vec{g}(u) \cdot \nabla u) \varphi dx dt + \int_{Q_T} f(u) \varphi dx dt \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

holds for any  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\overline{Q_T})$  that satisfies  $\varphi(x, T) = 0$  for  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ,  $\varphi(x, 0) = 0$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .

**Definition 2.2** A function  $u \in L^p((0, T); W^{1,p}(\Omega))$  is called a local strong solution of problem (1.1)-(1.3) if  $u_t \in L^2(Q_T)$ ,  $u$  is the a.e. limit function of a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k, M_k}\}$  of classical solutions to the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3), and the integral equality (2.7) holds for any  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\overline{Q_T})$  that satisfies  $\varphi(x, T) = 0$  for  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ,  $\varphi(x, 0) = 0$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .



**Theorem 2.1** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  does not depend on time. Problem (1.1)-(1.3) admits at least one local weak solution.*

*Proof* For any  $T > 0$ ,  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\overline{Q_T})$  that satisfies  $\varphi(x, T) = 0$  for  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ,  $\varphi(x, 0) = 0$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ , multiplying (2.1) by  $\varphi$ , integrating over  $Q_T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_T} \frac{\partial u_{n,M}}{\partial t} \varphi \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_T} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u_{n,M}|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u_{n,M} \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dx \, dt \\ & \quad - \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u_{n,M}|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u_{n,M} \cdot \nu \varphi \, dS \, dt \\ & = - \int_{Q_T} (\vec{g}((u_{n,M})_+) \cdot \nabla u_{n,M}) \varphi \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_T} f_M(u_{n,M}) \varphi \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

By the dynamic boundary condition (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u_{n,M}|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u_{n,M} \cdot \nu \varphi \, dS \, dt \\ & = \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma \frac{\partial u_{n,M}}{\partial t} \varphi \, dS \, dt = - \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} u_{n,M} (\sigma \varphi)_t \, dS \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega} u_{0,n} \varphi \, dx - \int_{Q_T} u_{n,M} \varphi_t \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_T} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u_{n,M}|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u_{n,M} \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dx \, dt \\ & = \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} u_{n,M} (\sigma \varphi)_t \, dS \, dt - \int_{Q_T} (\vec{g}(u_{n,M}) \cdot \nabla u_{n,M}) \varphi \, dx \, dt + \int_{Q_T} f_M(u_{n,M}) \varphi \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

By the uniform estimates in Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 2.7, there exist a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k, M_k}\}$  ( $n_k \rightarrow \infty, M_k \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) and a function  $u \in L^p((0, \delta_0); W^{1,p}(\Omega))$  such that  $u_{n_k, M_k}$  converges weakly to  $u$  in  $L^2(Q_{\delta_0})$ ,  $\nabla u_{n_k, M_k}$  converges weakly to  $\nabla u$  in  $L^p(Q_{\delta_0})$ , and  $u_{n_k, M_k}$  converges weakly to  $u$  in  $L^p(\partial\Omega \times (0, \delta_0))$  in the sense of trace. Hence the above integral equality converges to (2.7) for  $T = \delta_0$  and  $u$  is a local weak solution to problem (1.1)-(1.3).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  does not depend on time and  $p \geq 2$ . Problem (1.1)-(1.3) admits at least one local strong solution.*

*Proof* By the uniform estimates in Lemma 2.6, Lemma 2.7, and Lemma 2.8, the norms  $\|u_{n,M}\|_{H^1(Q_{\delta_0})}, \|\nabla u_{n,M}\|_{L^p(Q_{\delta_0})}$  are uniformly bounded. There exist a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k, M_k}\}$  ( $n_k \rightarrow \infty, M_k \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) and a function  $u \in L^p((0, \delta_0); W^{1,p}(\Omega)), u_t \in L^2(Q_{\delta_0})$  such that  $\{u_{n_k, M_k}\}$  converges weakly to  $u$  in  $H^1(Q_{\delta_0})$ ,  $\nabla u_{n_k, M_k}$  converges weakly to  $\nabla u$  in  $L^p(Q_{\delta_0})$ . Hence  $u_{n_k, M_k} \rightarrow u$  almost everywhere and the integral equality (2.7) holds.  $\square$

**Remark** For any given  $M > 0$ , by the estimates in Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.8, using the diagonal procedure, we can choose a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k, M}\}$  ( $\{n_k\}$  might depend on  $M$ ) and a function  $u_M$  such that  $u_{n_k, M}$  converges to  $u_M$  on  $Q_T$  for any  $T > 0$  in the manner stated in the proof of Theorem 2.2. Furthermore, we can verify that  $u_M$  is the global strong solution

to the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) - \vec{g}(u) \cdot \nabla u + f_M(u)$$

coupled with the initial-boundary value conditions (1.2)-(1.3). Using the diagonal procedure again, we can choose a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  independent of  $M$  and then choose  $u_M$  such that  $u_{n_k, M}$  converges to  $u_M$  for any  $M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  in the same manner. Lemma 2.5 implies  $u_{n_k, M_1} \geq u_{n_k, M_2}$  for  $M_1 \geq M_2$ . Thus,  $\{u_M\}_{M \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  is monotone with respect to  $M$ . Define

$$T^* = \sup \left\{ T > 0; \sup_{M \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \sup_{(x,t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times (0,T)} u_M(x,t) < \infty \right\},$$

and

$$u(x,t) = \sup_{M \in \mathbb{Z}^+} u_M(x,t), \quad (x,t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times (0, T^*).$$

Lemma 2.6 shows  $T^* \geq \delta_0$ . Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, we can prove that  $u$  is a strong solution to problem (1.1)-(1.3) with maximal existence time  $T^*$ .

### 3 Global existence

In this section, we study the global existence of local strong solutions to problem (1.1)-(1.3) defined in Section 2. We need to find an appropriate upper-solution to the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) which is independent of  $n, M$  and exists globally. If  $p = 2$ , the  $p$ -Laplacian is reduced to Laplacian, so we only consider  $p > 2$  in this section.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\alpha = \frac{p-1}{p-2}, p > 2, K > 0, \eta \in C^1([0, +\infty))$ . For a fixed integer  $1 \leq j \leq N$ , define  $\underline{x}_j = \min_{\bar{\Omega}} x_j, \bar{x}_j = \max_{\bar{\Omega}} x_j$ , and*

$$U(x,t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha, \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, t \geq 0.$$

*Then  $U$  is an upper solution of the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) provided*

$$Ke^{\eta(0)} + \underline{x}_j - \bar{x}_j \geq 1, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} (Ke^{\eta(0)} + \underline{x}_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha \geq \sup_{\Omega} u_0,$$

$$\eta'(t) \geq \alpha 2^p, \quad \sigma(x,t)\eta'(t) \geq 2^p, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t \geq 0,$$

and

$$g_j(s)s^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \geq f(s), \quad s \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} (Ke^{\eta(0)} + \underline{x}_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha.$$

*Proof* By a simple computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla u \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \Delta u + (p-2) \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\alpha > 1$  and  $(\alpha - 1)(p - 1) = \alpha$ . We show that

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla U| &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_j} = (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^{\alpha-1} \geq 1, \\ U_t &= (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^{\alpha-1} Ke^{\eta(t)} \eta'(t) \geq (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha \eta'(t), \\ \left| \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla U|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla U \cdot v \right| &\leq 2^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla U|^{p-1} \leq 2^p (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha, \\ \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla U|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla U \right) &\leq 2^{\frac{p-2}{2}} |\nabla U|^{p-2} \Delta U + (p-2) \max \{ 2^{\frac{p-2}{2}-1}, 1 \} |\nabla U|^{p-2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_j^2} \\ &\leq \alpha 2^p (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^{\alpha-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} B_n[U] &= \sigma U_t - \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla U|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla U \cdot v \geq 0, \\ U_t - F_{n,M}[U] &= U_t - \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla U|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla U \right) + \vec{g}(U) \cdot \nabla U - f(U) \\ &\geq g_j(U) (\alpha U)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} - f(U) \geq 0, \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$U(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (Ke^{\eta(0)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha \geq \sup_{\Omega} u_0 \geq u_{0,n}(x), \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}.$$

Lemma 2.2 implies that  $U(x, t)$  is an upper solution of problem (2.1)-(2.3). □

Now we give some conditions on the functions  $f, g$ , and  $\sigma$ , which ensure the global existence of local solutions.

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose  $p > 2$ ,  $(\inf_{x \in \partial\Omega} \sigma(x, \cdot))^{-1} \in L^1_{\text{loc}}([0, +\infty))$ , there exist an integer  $1 \leq j \leq N$  and a constant  $M > 1$  such that*

$$g_j(s) s^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \geq f(s), \quad s \geq M.$$

*Then the strong solution of problem (1.1)-(1.3) is a global solution.*

*Proof* Take  $K = \max\{1, (\alpha \sup_{\Omega} u_0)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, (\alpha M)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\} + \bar{x}_j - \underline{x}_j$ , and define

$$\eta(t) = 2^p \int_0^t \left( \inf_{x \in \partial\Omega} \sigma(x, \tau) \right)^{-1} d\tau + \alpha 2^p t,$$

where  $\alpha, \bar{x}_j, \underline{x}_j$  are the constants defined in Lemma 3.1. Thus,  $U(x, t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (Ke^{\eta(t)} + x_j - \bar{x}_j)^\alpha$  is an upper solution to the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $M > 0$ . That

is,  $u_{n,M}(x, t) \leq U(x, t)$  for  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . According to the definition of strong solution, we have  $u(x, t) \leq U(x, t)$ . Hence  $u$  does not blow up in finite time.  $\square$

### 4 Blow-up

In this section, we investigate the blow-up phenomenon of problem (1.1)-(1.3). We need to construct a family of lower solutions of the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) whose supremum blows up in finite time.

**Lemma 4.1** *Suppose that  $p > 2$ ,  $\Omega$  is a convex domain, and there exist constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that*

$$f(s) \geq C_1 s^{p-1}, \quad |\vec{g}(s)| \leq C_2 s^{p-2}, \quad s \geq 0.$$

Choose  $x_0 \in \Omega$  with  $B_r(x_0) \subset \Omega, r > 0$ . For  $A, B > 0$  and  $\varphi_M \in C^1([0, +\infty))$ , define

$$v_M(x, t) = (A - B|x - x_0|^2)\varphi_M(t), \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, t \geq 0.$$

Then the function  $v_M$  is a lower solution of the regularized problem (2.1)-(2.3) provided

$$\begin{aligned} A &\geq 2Bd^2, & 2Bd\varphi_M(0) &\geq 1, & A\varphi_M(0) &\leq \inf_{\Omega} u_0, & C_1(A\varphi_M(t))^{p-1} &\leq M, \\ \varphi'_M &\geq 0, & \sigma A\varphi'_M &\leq (2Br)^{p-1}\delta\varphi_M^{p-1}, & A\varphi'_M &\leq K\varphi_M^{p-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d = \sup_{\Omega} |x - x_0|, \delta = \inf_{\partial\Omega} \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} \cdot \nu > 0$  (by the convexity of  $\Omega$ ), and

$$K = \frac{1}{2}C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}A\right)^{p-1} - 2^p(2B)^{p-1}d^{p-2}(N + p) - \left(\frac{1}{2}C_1\right)^{-(p-2)} C_2^{p-1}(2Bd)^{p-1}.$$

*Proof* Let  $\rho(x) = |x - x_0|$ . A direct calculation shows

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla v_M &= -2B\varphi_M(x - x_0), & \frac{\partial v_M}{\partial t} &= (A - B\rho^2)\varphi'_M(t), \\ \left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla v_M|^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla v_M &= -\left(\frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} 2B\varphi_M(x - x_0), \\ \operatorname{div}\left(\left(\frac{1}{n} + |\nabla v_M|^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla v_M\right) &= -\left(\frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} 2NB\varphi_M \\ &\quad - (p-2)\left(\frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}-1} (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2 2B\varphi_M \\ &= -\left(\frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}-1} 2B\varphi_M \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right)N + (p-2)(2B)^2\rho^2\varphi_M^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \operatorname{div} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla v_M|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla v_M \right) \right| &\leq \left( \frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2 \rho^2 \varphi_M^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} (N+p-1) 2B \varphi_M \\ &\leq (1 + (2Bd)^2 \varphi_M^2)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} (N+p-1) 2B \varphi_M \\ &\leq 2^p (2B)^{p-1} d^{p-2} (N+p) \varphi_M^{p-1}, \quad x \in \overline{\Omega}, t \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla v_M|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \nabla v_M \cdot \nu &= - \left( \frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2 \rho^2 \varphi_M^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} 2B \varphi_M \rho \frac{x - x_0}{|x - x_0|} \cdot \nu \\ &\leq - \left( \frac{1}{n} + (2B)^2 \rho^2 \varphi_M^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} 2B \varphi_M \rho \delta \\ &\leq -(2Br)^{p-1} \delta \varphi_M^{p-1}, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Young's inequality shows

$$|\vec{g}(v_M) \cdot \nabla v_M| \leq C_2 v_M^{p-2} |\nabla v_M| \leq \frac{1}{2} C_1 v_M^{p-1} + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_1 \right)^{-(p-2)} C_2^{p-1} |\nabla v_M|^{p-1}.$$

We obtain

$$f_M(v_M) = \min\{M, f(v_M)\} \geq C_1 v_M^{p-1},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_M(v_M) - \vec{g} \cdot \nabla v_M &\geq \frac{1}{2} C_1 v_M^{p-1} - \left( \frac{1}{2} C_1 \right)^{-(p-2)} C_2^{p-1} |\nabla v_M|^{p-1} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} C_1 \left( \frac{1}{2} A \varphi_M \right)^{p-1} - \left( \frac{1}{2} C_1 \right)^{-(p-2)} C_2^{p-1} (2Bd \varphi_M)^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v_M}{\partial t} - F_{n,M}[v_M] &\leq A \varphi_M' - K \varphi_M^{p-1} \leq 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\ B_n[v_M] &= \sigma \frac{\partial v_M}{\partial t} + \left( \frac{1}{n} + |\nabla v_M|^2 \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \frac{\partial v_M}{\partial \nu} \\ &\leq \sigma A \varphi_M' - (2Br)^{p-1} \delta \varphi_M^{p-1} \leq 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+, \\ v_M(x, 0) &\leq A \varphi_M(0) \leq \inf_{\Omega} u_0 \leq u_{0,n}(x), \quad x \in \overline{\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.2 implies that  $v_M$  is a lower solution of problem (2.1)-(2.3). □

**Theorem 4.1** *Suppose that  $p > 2$ ,  $\Omega$  is a convex domain,  $\sigma \in L^\infty(\partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+)$ , and there exist constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that*

$$f(s) \geq C_1 s^{p-1}, \quad |\vec{g}(s)| \leq C_2 s^{p-2}, \quad s \geq 0.$$

Then the strong solution of problem (1.1)-(1.3) blows up in finite time provided that  $\inf_{\Omega} u_0$  is sufficiently large.

*Proof* Let  $x_0, r, d, \delta, K$  be as defined in Lemma 4.1. Since  $K = K(A, B)$  converges to  $K(A, 0) = \frac{1}{2}C_1(\frac{1}{2}A)^{p-1} > 0$  as  $B$  tends to  $0^+$ , we can choose  $A, B > 0$  such that

$$C_1A^{p-1} = 1, \quad 2Bd^2 \leq A, \quad K = K(A, B) > 0.$$

Then set

$$\varphi_M(0) = \frac{1}{2Bd} > 0, \quad \bar{\sigma} = \sup_{\partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+} \sigma, \quad \gamma = \min\left\{\frac{K}{A}, \frac{(2Br)^{p-1}\delta}{\bar{\sigma}A}\right\}.$$

By Lemma 4.1, the function  $v_M = (A - B|x - x_0|^2)\varphi_M(t)$  is a lower solution provided

$$\inf_{\Omega} u_0 \geq \frac{A}{2Bd}, \quad \varphi_M(t) \leq M^{\frac{1}{p-1}}, \quad 0 \leq \varphi'_M(t) \leq \gamma\varphi_M^{p-1}(t).$$

Define

$$\varphi_M(t) = \min\left\{(\varphi_M^{2-p}(0) - (p-2)\gamma t)_+^{-\frac{1}{p-2}}, M^{\frac{1}{p-1}}\right\}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Although  $\varphi_M(t)$  is not  $C^1$  continuous, we can change the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  to the leftward partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t^-}$  in the proof of Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2, and Lemma 4.1, then we conclude that  $v_M$  is a lower solution of problem (2.1)-(2.3). Hence  $u_{n,M}(x, t) \geq v_M(x, t)$  for  $(x, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ . By the definition of strong solution, we have

$$u(x, t) \geq \sup_{M \in \mathbb{Z}^+} v_M(x, t), \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, t \in (0, T_0),$$

where  $T_0 = \frac{(2Bd)^{p-2}}{(p-2)\gamma}$ . Since  $v_M$  blows up at finite time  $T_0$ , the strong solution  $u$  must blow up at time  $T^* \leq T_0$ . □

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