

videos available on the web [22] of the Tacoma Narrows bridge collapsing. This, unfortunately, is not the only case of bridges collapsing, many other bridges have collapsed in history, see for example [1,8]. For $g = 0$, $h(u_t) = \delta u_t$, $\delta > 0$ and a source term $f \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))$ in (1.1), Ferrero and Gazzola [3] established the existence and uniqueness of a global solution and discussed many stationary problems. Wang [21] studied the following plate equation

$$u_{tt} + \delta u_t + \Delta^2 u + au = |u|^{m-2}u, \quad (1.2)$$

where $a = a(x, y, t)$ is a bounded and measurable sign-changing function and $2 < m < +\infty$. He supplemented (1.2) with the boundary conditions of (1.1) and initial data and proved the existence and uniqueness of a local solution and a finite-time blow-up result. Gazzola and Wang [5] modelled suspension bridges through the Von Karman quasilinear plate equations. Messaoudi in [20] considered the Petrovsky system

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + a|u_t|^{m-2}u_t = b|u|^{p-2}u, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = v_1(x), & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where $a, b > 0$ are constants and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $N \geq 1$, is a bounded domain with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. For $p > m$, he established the existence and uniqueness of a weak local solution. In addition, he proved that for negative initial energy ($E(0) < 0$), the local solution blows up in finite time. He also established the existence of global solution when $m \geq p$. The result in [20] has been improved by Chen and Zhou in [2]. We refer the reader to [14,15,12,13,16,17,21] and references therein for results related to problem (1.1). The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we introduce some fundamental materials and useful assumptions on the relaxation function g and the function h . In Section 3, we state and prove some technical lemmas. Finally, in Section 4, we establish a blow-up result for problem (1.1).

2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, C or c are generic positive constants that may change within lines. We recall some useful materials and state our assumptions. For this, we assume the functions g and h admit the following conditions:

(A1) $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a decreasing C^1 - function such that

$$1 - \int_0^\infty g(s)ds = l_0 > 0. \quad (2.1)$$

(A2) $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an increasing C^1 - function with $h(0) = 0$ such that

$$\begin{cases} |\xi(s)| \leq |h(s)| \leq |\xi^{-1}(s)|, & |s| \leq 1, \\ c_1|s|^{m-1} \leq |h(s)| \leq c_2|s|^{m-1}, & |s| > 1, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where $\xi : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an increasing and odd function, $c_1, c_2 > 0$ are constants, $2 \leq m < p < +\infty$ and ξ^{-1} denotes the inverse of ξ .

We consider the Hilbert space (see [3])

$$H_*^2(\Omega) = \{w \in H^2(\Omega) : w = 0 \text{ on } \{0, L\} \times (-\ell, \ell)\},$$

together with the inner product

$$(u, v)_{H_*^2(\Omega)} = \int_\Omega [(\Delta u \Delta v + (1 - \nu)(2u_{xy}v_{xy} - u_{xx}v_{yy} - u_{yy}v_{xx})] dx dy,$$

and denote by $\mathcal{H}(\Omega)$ the dual of $H_*^2(\Omega)$.

Lemma 2.1. [21] *Suppose that $1 \leq p < +\infty$. Then, there exists an embedding constant $S_p = S_p(\Omega, p) > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq S_p \|u\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}, \quad \forall u \in H_*^2(\Omega). \quad (2.3)$$

For completeness, we state without proof a local existence result. The proof can be established using similar methods as in [6,7,10,18].

Theorem 2.2. *Let $(u_0, u_1) \in H_*^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ be given. Assume g and h satisfy (A1) and (A2). Then, there exists a unique local solution to problem (1.1) in the class*

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L^\infty([0, T_{max}), H_*^2(\Omega)), u_t \in L^\infty([0, T_{max}), L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^m(\Omega \times (0, T_{max})), \\ u_{tt} &\in L^\infty([0, T_{max}), \mathcal{H}(\Omega)), \quad \text{for some } T_{max} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The energy functional associated to problem (1.1) is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) - \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$(g \diamond u)(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 ds.$$

We also define the following functionals:

$$\Phi(t) = \Phi(u(t)) = \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t) - \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\chi(t) = \chi(u(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) - \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad (2.6)$$

and for $t \geq 0$, we define

$$\beta(t) = \inf_{\lambda \geq 0} \sup \chi(\lambda u(t)). \quad (2.7)$$

Next, we state and prove some useful Lemmas needed in the next section.

3. Technical Lemmas

Lemma 3.1. *Let u be the solution to problem (1.1) and assume (A1) and (A2) hold. Then, the energy functional (2.4) satisfies*

$$E'(t) = \frac{1}{2} (g' \diamond u)(t) - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \leq 0. \quad (3.1)$$

for almost all $t \in [0, T_{max})$.

Proof. Multiplying (1.1)₁ by u_t and integrating over Ω , using integration by parts and (A2), we obtain (3.1) for any regular solution. This result remains valid for weak solutions by simple density argument. The reader is referred to [12,16] for detailed computations. This implies the energy functional E is non-increasing. \square

Lemma 3.2. *For $t \geq 0$, the following inequality holds:*

$$0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta(t) \leq \sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \chi(\lambda u), \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\beta_1 = \frac{(p-2)}{2p} \left(\frac{l_0}{S_q^2}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \chi(\lambda u(t)) = \frac{(p-2)}{2p} \left(\frac{\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t)}{\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^2} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-2}}. \quad (3.4)$$

Proof. For $\lambda \geq 0$, let

$$\chi(\lambda u(t)) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) - \frac{\lambda^p}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p. \quad (3.5)$$

Thus, we have

$$\frac{d[\chi(\lambda u(t))]}{d\lambda} = \lambda \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda (g \diamond u)(t) - \lambda^{p-1} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p. \quad (3.6)$$

Solving $\frac{d[\chi(\lambda u(t))]}{d\lambda} = 0$, we obtain two critical points

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \quad \lambda_2 = \left(\frac{\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t)}{\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-2}}.$$

The second derivative of $\chi(\lambda u(t))$ with respect to λ is given by

$$\frac{d^2[\chi(\lambda u(t))]}{d\lambda^2} = \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t) - (p-1)\lambda^{p-2} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p. \quad (3.7)$$

Simple computations gives

$$\frac{d^2[\chi(\lambda_1 u(t))]}{d\lambda^2} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2[\chi(\lambda_2 u(t))]}{d\lambda^2} < 0.$$

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \chi(\lambda u(t)) &= \chi(\lambda_2 u(t)) = \frac{p-2}{2p} \left(\frac{\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t)}{\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \\ &\geq \frac{p-2}{2p} \left(\frac{l_0}{S_q^2} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-2}} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.3. *Assume (A1) and (A2) hold. For any $\epsilon < 1$ fixed, let $(u_0, u_1) \in H_*^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ and satisfy*

$$\Phi(0) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad E(0) < \epsilon \beta_1. \quad (3.9)$$

Assume further that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} g(s) ds < \frac{p-2}{p-2 + \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon_0)^2(p-2)+2(1-\epsilon_0)}}, \quad (3.10)$$

where $\epsilon_0 = \max(0, \epsilon)$. Then, there exist $T > 0$ such that

$$\Phi(t) < 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \quad (3.11)$$

and

$$\beta_1 < \frac{p-2}{2p} \left(\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t) \right) < \frac{p-2}{2p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad t \in [0, T]. \quad (3.12)$$

Proof. Using (3.1) and (3.9), it follows that $E(t) < \epsilon\beta_1$, for all $t \in [0, T]$. Similarly, we can obtain $\Phi(t) < 0$, for all $t \in [0, T]$. Suppose by contradiction that there exist $t^* > 0$ such that

$$\Phi(t^*) = 0 \text{ and } \Phi(t) < 0, \quad 0 \leq t < t^*.$$

Using the definition of Φ in (2.5), we obtain

$$\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t) < \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad 0 \leq t < t^*. \quad (3.13)$$

Applying lemma 3.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &< \frac{p-2}{2p} \left[\frac{\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t)}{\left[\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t)\right]^{\frac{2}{p}}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p-2}} \\ &= \frac{p-2}{2p} \left[\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + (g \diamond u)(t) \right], \quad 0 \leq t < t^*. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Combining (3.13) and (3.14), we arrive at

$$0 < \beta_1 < \frac{p-2}{2p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad 0 \leq t < t^*.$$

By the continuity of $t \mapsto \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p$, we have that $u(t^*) \neq 0$. It follows from lemma 3.2 and (2.6) that

$$\beta_1 \leq \frac{p-2}{2p} \|u(t^*)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p = \chi(u(t^*)).$$

But this is impossible because

$$\chi(u(t^*)) \leq E(u(t^*)) < \beta_1.$$

By using Lemma 3.2 again, we obtain the estimate (3.12). This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.4. *Under the assumptions of Lemma 3.3, the functional F defined by*

$$F(t) = \epsilon_0\beta_1 - E(t) \quad (3.15)$$

is increasing and satisfies

$$0 < F(0) \leq F(t) \leq \epsilon_0\beta_1 + \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \leq p_0 \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (3.16)$$

where $p_0 = \frac{(p-2)\epsilon_0}{2p} + \frac{1}{p}$.

Proof. Using (3.1), (3.9) and (3.12), we obtain the result easily. \square

Lemma 3.5. *Under the assumptions of Lemma 3.3, the solution of problem (1.1) satisfies*

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^s \leq c \left(-F(t) - \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - (g \diamond u)(t) + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right), \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad 2 \leq s \leq p. \quad (3.17)$$

Proof. We follow the ideas of Messaoudi [10,11]. From (2.1) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1-l_0)}{2} \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ &\leq E(t) - \frac{1}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) + \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \\ &\leq \epsilon_0\beta_1 - F(t) - \frac{1}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) + \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

A combination of (3.12) and (3.18) yields

$$\|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq c \left(-F(t) - \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - (g \diamond u)(t) + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right), \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (3.19)$$

Now, if $\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq 1$, it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^s \leq \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^2 \leq S_q^2 \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2, \quad 2 \leq s \leq p. \quad (3.20)$$

Also, if $\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} > 1$, then we get

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^s \leq \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p, \quad 2 \leq s \leq p. \quad (3.21)$$

It follows from (3.20) and (3.21) that

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^s \leq C \left(\|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right), \quad \forall u \in H_*^2(\Omega), \quad 2 \leq s \leq p. \quad (3.22)$$

Thus, we obtain (3.17) from (3.19) and (3.22). This completes the proof. \square

4. Blow-up result

In this section, we state and prove the blow-up result for problem (1.1). We adopt the ideas and method used in [9,10,11,19] with necessary modifications to establish our result. Our result read as follows:

Theorem 4.1. *Assume (A1) and (A2) hold, $m < p$ and the conditions of Lemma 3.3 remain valid. Furthermore, assume that*

$$\xi^{-1}(1) < \left(\frac{\theta \epsilon_0 \beta_1 p \mu}{(p-1)|\Omega|} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}, \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$0 < \mu^{p-1} < \theta < \min\{k_1, k_2\},$$

and for some $\eta > 0$

$$k_1 = (1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p-2}{2} \right) + (1 - \eta) > 0, \quad (4.2)$$

$$k_2 = (1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p-2}{2} \right) - \left((1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p-2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4\eta} \right) \int_0^\infty g(s) ds > 0. \quad (4.3)$$

Then, there exists a finite time at which the solution of problem (1.1) blows up.

Proof. Define

$$H(t) = F^{(1-\sigma)}(t) + \varrho \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy, \quad (4.4)$$

for $\varrho > 0$ small to be chosen later and for

$$0 < \sigma < \min \left\{ \frac{p-2}{2p}, \frac{p-m}{p(m-1)} \right\}. \quad (4.5)$$

Differentiating (4.4) and using Eq. (1.1)₁, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H'(t) &= (1 - \sigma) F^{-\sigma}(t) F'(t) + \varrho \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varrho \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \\ &\quad + \varrho \int_0^t g(t-s) (u(s), u(t))_{H_*^2(\Omega)} ds - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t) u(x, y, t)) dx dy. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Using Schwarz inequality, we have for any $\eta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t g(t-s) (u(s), u(t))_{H_*^2(\Omega)} ds \\
&= \int_0^t g(t-s) (u(s) - u(t), u(t))_{H_*^2(\Omega)} ds + \left(\int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\geq -\eta(g \diamond u)(t) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\eta}\right) \left(\int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Thus, the estimate (4.6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1-\sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varrho \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \\
&\quad - \varrho \eta (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\eta}\right) \left(\int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Substituting $\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p$ from (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1-\sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \eta (g \diamond u)(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left(-pE(t) + \frac{p}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{p}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{p}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) \right) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\eta}\right) \left(\int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Using $E(t) = \epsilon_0 \beta_1 - F(t)$, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1-\sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1\right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\frac{p}{2} - \eta - \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) \right] (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho p F(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) - \left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{4\eta} \right) \int_0^t g(s) ds \right] \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad - \varrho p \epsilon_0 \beta_1 - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

Using (3.12), then estimate (4.10) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1-\sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1\right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\frac{p}{2} - \eta - \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) \right] (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho p F(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) - \left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{4\eta} \right) \int_0^t g(s) ds \right] \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{\varrho \epsilon_0 (p-2)}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{\varrho \epsilon_0 (p-2)}{2} (g \diamond u)(t) \\
&\quad - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy,
\end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1 - \sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1 \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[(1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) + (1 - \eta) \right] (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho p F(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[(1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) - \left((1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{4\eta} \right) \int_0^t g(s) ds \right] \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

Now, choosing $\eta > 0$ small enough such that

$$0 < \eta < (1 - \epsilon_0) \left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) + 1$$

and taking note of (4.2) and (4.3), the estimate in (4.11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1 - \sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1 \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varrho k_1 (g \diamond u)(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho p F(t) + \varrho k_2 \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \varrho \int_{\Omega} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

To estimate the last term on right-hand side of (4.12), we partition Ω as follows:

$$I_1 = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : |u_t(x, y, t)| \leq 1\}, \quad I_2 = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : |u_t(x, y, t)| > 1\}.$$

Using Young's inequality and (2.2), we have the following estimates (see [9] for details on similar computations)

$$\int_{I_1} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy \leq \frac{\mu^{p-1}}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + \frac{(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}}, \quad \mu > 0 \tag{4.13}$$

and

$$\int_{I_2} h(u_t(x, y, t)u(x, y, t)) dx dy \leq \frac{m-1}{m} \gamma^{-\frac{m}{m-1}} F'(t) + \frac{\gamma^m}{m} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^m, \quad \gamma > 0. \tag{4.14}$$

Substituting (4.13) and (4.14) into (4.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq (1 - \sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1 \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \varrho k_1 (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho p F(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho k_2 \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{\varrho \mu^{p-1}}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p - \frac{\varrho(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \\
&\quad - \frac{\varrho(m-1)}{m} \gamma^{-\frac{m}{m-1}} F'(t) - \frac{\varrho \gamma^m}{m} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^m.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

We observe that (4.15) remains valid even if γ is time-dependent since the integral is done over (x, y) variables. Making use of (2.4) and (3.15), and adding $\varrho\theta F(t) - \varrho\theta F(t)$ to the right-hand side of (4.15), for some θ to be specified later, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq \left[(1 - \sigma)F^{-\sigma}(t) - \frac{\varrho(m-1)}{m} \gamma^{-\frac{m}{m-1}} \right] F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left(k_1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho \left(k_2 - \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho(p - \theta)F(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{\theta}{p} - \frac{\mu^{p-1}}{p} \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p - \frac{\varrho(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \\
&\quad - \frac{\varrho \gamma^m}{m} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^m + \varrho\theta\epsilon_0\beta_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

Now, we set $\gamma^{-\frac{m}{m-1}} = bF^{-\sigma}(t)$, for some b to be chosen properly and substituting in (4.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq \left[(1-\sigma) - \frac{b\varrho(m-1)}{m} \right] F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{p}{2} + 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left(k_1 - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) (g \diamond u)(t) + \varrho \left(k_2 - \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds \right) \right) \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho(p-\theta)F(t) + \varrho \left(\frac{\theta}{p} - \frac{\mu^{p-1}}{p} \right) \|u_t(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p - \frac{\varrho(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \\
&\quad - \frac{b^{1-m}\varrho}{m} F^{\sigma(m-1)}(t) \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^m + \varrho\theta\epsilon_0\beta_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

Using Lemma 3.4, we have

$$-\frac{b^{1-m}\varrho}{m} F^{\sigma(m-1)}(t) \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^m \geq -\frac{b^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^{\sigma p(m-1)+m}. \tag{4.18}$$

Making use of (4.5), Lemma 3.5 with $s = \sigma p(m-1) + m \leq p$ and (4.18), we get from (4.17) that

$$\begin{aligned}
H'(t) &\geq \left[(1-\sigma) - \frac{b\varrho(m-1)}{m} \right] F^{-\sigma}(t)F'(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\frac{p}{2} + 1 - \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{cb^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} \right] \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[k_1 - \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{cb^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} \right] (g \diamond u)(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[k_2 - \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds \right) \right] \|u(t)\|_{H_*^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[p - \theta + \frac{cb^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} \right] F(t) \\
&\quad + \varrho \left[\frac{\theta}{p} - \frac{\mu^{p-1}}{p} - \frac{cb^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} \right] \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \\
&\quad - \frac{\varrho(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}} + \varrho\theta\epsilon_0\beta_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

Now, we choose our parameters carefully. First, we select θ small enough such that

$$0 < \theta < \min \{k_1, k_2\}.$$

Secondly, we choose μ small enough so that

$$\theta - \mu^{p-1} > 0.$$

Then we select b large enough so that

$$\frac{\theta}{p} - \frac{\mu^{p-1}}{p} - \frac{cb^{1-m}\varrho}{m} p_0^{\sigma(m-1)} > 0$$

and select ϱ so small such that

$$(1-\sigma) - \frac{b\varrho(m-1)}{m} > 0$$

and, hence, because of (4.1), we deduce that

$$\varrho\theta\epsilon_0\beta_1 - \frac{\varrho(p-1)|\Omega|}{p\mu} (\xi^{-1}(1))^{\frac{p}{p-1}} > 0.$$

With the above choices, we obtain

$$H'(t) \geq \lambda \left(F(t) + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + (g \diamond u)(t) \right), \quad (4.20)$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is a constant. Now, using Schwarz and Young's inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \right|^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} &\leq \|u(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &\leq C \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &\leq C \left(\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^{\frac{r_1}{1-\sigma}} + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{r_2}{1-\sigma}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

such that $\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} = 1$. From (4.5), we need $s = \frac{r_1}{1-\sigma} = \frac{2}{1-2\sigma} \leq p$. Therefore we select $r_2 = 2(1-\sigma)$ and arrive at

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \right|^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \leq C \left(\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^s + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right). \quad (4.22)$$

Applying Lemma 3.5, we get, for all $t \geq 0$,

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \right|^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \leq C \left(F(t) + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + (g \diamond u)(t) \right). \quad (4.23)$$

Thus, using the definition of $H(t)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} H(t)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} &= \left(F^{1-\sigma}(t) + \varrho \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \left(F(t) + \left| \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, t) u_t(x, y, t) dx dy \right|^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \right) \\ &\leq C \left(F(t) + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u(t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + (g \diamond u)(t) \right), \forall t \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

A combination of (4.20) and (4.24) leads to

$$H'(t) \geq C (H(t))^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (4.25)$$

Integrating (4.25) over $(0, t)$ gives

$$H(t) \geq \frac{1}{H(0)^{-\frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma}} - t \frac{C\sigma}{1-\sigma}} \quad (4.26)$$

and, consequently, we obtain that $H(t)$ blows up in a finite time

$$T^* \leq \frac{1-\sigma}{C\sigma (H(0))^{\frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma}}}. \quad (4.27)$$

This completes the proof. \square

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