

**GLOBAL EXISTENCE AND ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF  
 SOLUTIONS TO THE VISCOELASTIC WAVE EQUATION WITH A  
 CONSTANT DELAY TERM \***

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate the following viscoelastic wave equation with a constant delay term

$$u''(x, t) - k_0 \Delta u + \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \Delta u(x, s) ds + \mu_1(t) u'(x, t) + \mu_2(t) u'(x, t - \tau) = 0$$

in a bounded domain and under suitable assumptions. First, we prove the global existence by using Faedo-Galerkin procedure. Secondly, the multiplier method is used to establish a decay estimate for the energy, which depends on the behavior of  $\alpha$  and  $g$ .

**Keywords:** Global existence, energy decay, Faedo-Galerkin method

**1. Introduction**

This paper is concerned with the following Cauchy problem of the form

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} u''(x, t) - k_0 \Delta u + \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \Delta u(x, s) ds \\ + \mu_1(t) u'(x, t) + \mu_2(t) u'(x, t - \tau) = 0, & \text{on } \Omega \times ]0, +\infty[ \\ u(x, t) = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times ]0, +\infty[ \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), u_t(x, t) = u_1(x), & \text{on } \Omega \\ u_t(x, t - \tau) = f_0(x, t - \tau), & \text{on } \Omega \times ]0, t[ \end{cases}$$

Where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ) with a smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . The initial data  $u_0, u_1, f_0$  belong to a suitable space. Moreover,  $\tau > 0$  is the time delay term and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are real functions that will be specified later. Furthermore,  $k_0$  is a positive real number and  $g$  is a positive non-increasing function defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

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In recent years, the PDEs with time delay effects have become an active area of research. Many authors have focused on this problem ( see [1],[16],[17],[2],[3],[4],[5],[8],[9],[10]).

The presence of delay may lead to a source of instability. In [2] for example, R. Datko, J. Lagnese and M. P. Polis proved that a small delay may destabilize a system.

S. Nicaise, C. Pignotti studied in [8] the wave equation with a linear internal damping term with constant delay and determined suitable relations between  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1 > 0$  in which the stability or alternatively instability takes place.

After that, they studied in [11] the stabilization problem by interior damping of the wave equation with boundary or internal time-varying delay feedback in a bounded and smooth domain. By introducing suitable Lyapunov functionals, exponential stability estimates are obtained if the time delay effect is appropriately compensated by the internal damping.

It is worth mentioning that recently Z. Y. Zhang et al. [14] have investigated global existence and uniform decay for wave equation with dissipative term and boundary damping under some assumptions on nonlinear feedback function. They have obtained the results by means of Galerkin method and the multiplier technique. More precisely, they introduced a new variables and transformed the boundary value problem into an equivalent one with zero initial data by argument of compactness and monotonicity. More details are present in [14]. Later on, Zhang et al. [21] studied the wellposedness and uniform stability of strong and weak solutions of the nonlinear generalized dissipative Klein-Gordon equation with nonlinear damped boundary conditions. Also, the authors proved the wellposedness by means of nonlinear semigroup method and obtain the uniform stabilization by using the perturbed energy functional method. In another works, Zai-Yun Zhang and al ([20],[14],[15]) considered a more general problem than (1.1). Their proof of the existence is based on the Galerkin approximation. For strong solutions, their approximation requires a change of variables to transform the main problem into an equivalent problem with initial value equals zero. Especially, they overcome some difficulties, that is, the presence of nonlinear terms and nonlinear boundary damping bringing up serious difficulties when passing to the limit, by combining arguments of compactness and monotonicity.

F. Tahamtani and A. Peyravi [12] investigated the nonlinear viscoelastic wave equation with dissipative boundary conditions:

$$u'' - k_0 \Delta u + \alpha \int g(t-s) \operatorname{div}[a(s) \nabla u(s)] ds + (k_1 + b(x)|u'|^{m-2})u' = |u|^{p-2}u$$

They showed that the solutions blow up in finite time under some restrictions on initial data and for arbitrary initial energy in some case. In another case, they proved a nonexistence result when the initial energy is less than potential well depth.

Wenjun Liu in [6] studied the weak viscoelastic equation with an internal time-varying delay term

$$u''(x, t) - k_0 \Delta u + \alpha(t) \int g(t-s) \Delta u(x, s) ds + a_0 u'(x, t) + a_1 u'(x, t - \tau(t)) = 0$$

in a bounded domain. By introducing suitable energy and Lyapunov functionals, he establishes a general decay rate estimate for the energy under suitable assumptions. A. Benaissa, A. Benguessoum and S. A. Messaoudi [1] considered the wave equation with a weak internal constant delay term:

$$u''(x, t) - \Delta u + \mu_1(t) u'(x, t) + \mu_2(t) u'(x, t - \tau) = 0 \text{ on } [0, +\infty[$$

In a bounded domain. Under appropriate conditions on  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , they proved global existence of solutions by the Faedo–Galerkin method and establish a decay rate estimate for the energy by using the multiplier method.

However, according to our best knowledge, in the present paper, we have to treat Eq.(1.1) with a delay term and it is not considered in the literature. The proof of the existence is based on the Galerkin approximation.

The content of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we provide assumptions that will be used later. We state and prove the existence result. In Section 3, we establish the energy decay result that is given in Theorem 4.1.

## 2. Main results

In the following, we will give sufficient conditions and assumptions which guarantee that the problem 1.1 has a global solution.

(H1)  $g$  is a positive bounded function satisfying:

$$(2.1) \quad k_0 - \alpha \int_0^t g(s) ds = l > 0, \quad \alpha > 0,$$

and there exists a positive non-increasing function  $\eta$  such that for  $t > 0$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad g'(t) \leq -\eta(t)g(t), \quad \eta(t) > 0$$

(H2)  $\mu_1$  is a positive function of class  $C^1$  satisfying:

$$(2.3) \quad \mu_1(t) \leq M, \quad M > 0$$

(H3)  $\mu_2$  is a real function of class  $C^1$  such that:

$$(2.4) \quad \mu_2(t) \leq \beta \mu_1(t), \quad 0 < \beta < 1$$

We also need the following technical Lemmas in the course of our investigation.

**Lemma 2.1.** (Sobolev-Poincare's inequality). Let  $2 \leq p \leq \frac{2n}{n-2}$ . The inequality

$$(2.5) \quad \|u\|_p \leq C_s \|\nabla u\|_2 \quad \text{for } u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

holds with some positive constant  $C_s$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [7] For any  $g \in C^1$  and  $\phi \in H_0^1(0, T)$  we have

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} g(t-s)\phi\phi_t dx ds = -\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}(g \circ \phi)(t) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds \|\phi\|_2^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2}g(t)\|\phi\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}(g' \circ \phi)(t)$$

where

$$(g \circ \phi)(t) = \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} g(t-s)|\phi(s) - \phi(t)|^2 dx ds$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [7] Let  $E : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a non-increasing function and  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  a strictly increasing function of class  $C^1$  such that

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi(t) \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{when } t \rightarrow +\infty$$

Assume that there exist  $p > 0$  and  $\omega > 0$  such that

$$\forall S \geq 0, \quad \int_S^{+\infty} E^{p+1}(t)\phi'(t)dt \leq \frac{1}{\omega}[E(0)]^p E(S),$$

then  $E$  has the following decay properties

$$\text{if } p = 0 \text{ then } E(t) \leq E(0)e^{1-\omega\phi(t)}, \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

$$\text{if } p > 0 \text{ then } E(t) \leq E(0) \left( \frac{1+p}{1+\omega\phi(t)} \right), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

In order to prove the existence of solutions to the problem (1.1) we introduce as in [8] the unknown auxiliary

$$z(x, \rho, t) = u'(x, t - \tau\rho), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad \rho \in (0, 1), \quad t > 0$$

Then we have

$$\tau z_t(x, \rho, t) + z_{\rho}(x, \rho, t) = 0$$

Therefore, the problem (1.1) takes the form

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{cases} u''(x, t) - k_0 \Delta u(x, t) + \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta u(x, s) ds \\ + \mu_1(t)u'(x, t) + \mu_2(t)z(x, 1, t) = 0, & \text{on } \Omega \times ]0, +\infty[ \\ \tau z_t(x, \rho, t) + z_{\rho}(x, \rho, t) = 0 & x \in \Omega, \rho \in (0, 1), t > 0 \\ u(x, t) = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times ]0, +\infty[ \\ u(x, 0) = u_0, u'(x, t) = u_1, & \text{on } \Omega \\ z(x, \rho, 0) = f_0(x, -\tau\rho) & \text{on } \Omega \times ]0, t[ \end{cases}$$

Now, we are in the position to state our main result, namely the theorem of global existence.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(u_0, u_1, f_0) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega \times (0, 1))$  be given. Assume that assumptions (H1) - (H3) are fulfilled. Then the problem (2.7) admits a unique global weak solution  $(u, z)$  satisfying*

$$u \in C([0, T]; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad u' \in C([0, T]; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad z \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)))$$

To prove this theorem, we need the following lemma. First, we define the energy associated to the solution of the problem (2.7) by

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} E(t) = & \frac{1}{2} \|u'\|_2^2 + \left( \frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u)(t) + \frac{1}{2} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\xi$  is non-increasing function such that

$$(2.9) \quad \tau\beta < \zeta < \tau(2 - \beta), \quad t > 0$$

Where  $\xi(t) = \zeta\mu_1(t)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $(u, z)$  be a regular solution of problem (2.7). Then the energy functional defined by (2.8) satisfies*

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} E'(t) \leq & - \left( \mu_1(t) - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} \right) \|u'(x, t)\|^2 \\ & - \left( \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} \right) \|z(x, 1, t)\|^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the first equation in (2.7) by  $u'(x, t)$ , integrating over  $\Omega$  and using Green's identity we obtain

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|u'\|_2^2 + k_0 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 \right) + \mu_1(t) \|u'\|_2^2 + \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} u' z(x, 1, t) dx \\ & - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x, s) \nabla u'(x, t) dx ds = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We simplify the last term in (2.11) by applying the lemma 2.2, we get

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x, s) \nabla u'(x, t) dx ds = \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (g \circ \nabla u) \\ & - \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u) + \frac{\alpha}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u\|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t g(s) ds \|\nabla u\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing (2.12) in (2.11) we arrive at

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u'\|_2^2 + \left( \frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u) \right) = \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u)(t) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 - \mu_1(t) \|u'\|_2^2 - \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s) u' dx \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the second equation in (2.7) by  $\frac{\xi(t)z}{\tau}$ , where  $\xi(t)$  satisfies (2.9) and integrating over  $\Omega \times (0, 1)$ , we obtain

$$(2.14) \quad \frac{\xi(t)}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \frac{d}{d\rho} z^2(x, \rho, t) dx d\rho = 0$$

which gives

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx = \frac{\xi'(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \\ & - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 1, t) dx + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} u'^2(x, t) dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

A combination of (2.13) and (2.15) leads to

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|u'\|_2^2 + (k_0 - \alpha \int_0^t g(s) ds) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \alpha (g \circ \nabla u) + \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \right) \\ & = \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u) - \frac{1}{2} g(s) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 ds - \mu_1(t) \|u'_n\|_2^2 ds - \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s) u' dx \\ & + \frac{\xi'(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 1, t) dx + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} u'^2(x, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition (2.8) of  $E(t)$ , we deduce that

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u) - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 - \mu_1(t) \|u'_n\|_2^2 ds \\ & - \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s) u' dx + \frac{\xi'(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \\ & - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 1, t) dx + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} u'^2(x, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

Due to Young's inequality we have

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u) - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u\|_2^2 ds - \left( \mu_1(t) - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} \right) \|u'(x, t)\|^2 \\ & - \left( \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} \right) \|z(x, 1, t)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the assumption (2.9) for  $\xi(t)$  we see that

$$C_1 = \mu_1(t) - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} > 0, \quad C_2 = \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2} > 0,$$

then we easily deduce that

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq -\left(\mu_1(t) - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2}\right) \|u'(x, t)\|^2 \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(t)}{2}\right) \|z(x, 1, t)\|^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

### 3. Global existence

We will use the Faedo-Galerkin method to prove the global existence of solutions. Let  $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a basis in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  and  $W_n$  be the space generated by  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, we define for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the sequence  $\varphi_i(x, \rho)$  as follows  $\varphi_i(x, 0) = w_i(x)$ . Then, we may extend  $\varphi_i(x, 0)$  by  $\varphi_i(x, \rho)$  over  $(\mathbb{L}^2 \times [0, 1])$  and denote  $V_n$  to be the space generated by  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We consider the approximate solution  $(u_n(t), z_n(t))$  as follow for any given  $i$

$$u_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_{in}(t)w_i; \quad z_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_{in}(t)\varphi_i$$

which satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u_n''(t)w_i dx - k_0 \int_{\Omega} \Delta u_n(t)w_i dx + \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u_n(s)w_i dx ds \\ + \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} u_n'(t)w_i dx + \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z_n(x, 1, t)w_i dx = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{\Omega} (\tau z_{nt}(x, \rho, t) + z_{n\rho}(x, \rho, t))\varphi_i dx = 0.$$

The system is completed by the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} u_n(0) &= \sum_{i=0}^n c_{in}(0)w_i \rightarrow u_0 \quad \text{in } H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \text{when } n \rightarrow \infty \\ u_n'(0) &= \sum_{i=0}^n c'_{in}(0)w_i \rightarrow u_1 \quad \text{in } H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \text{when } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$z_n(0) = \sum_{i=0}^n r_{in}(0)\varphi_i \rightarrow f_0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)) \quad \text{when } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Then the problem (2.7) can be reduced to a second-order ODE system and we infer that this problem admits a unique local solution  $(u_n(t), z_n(t))$  in  $[0, t_n[$  where  $0 < t_n < T$ . This solution can be extended to  $[0; T[$ ,  $0 < T \leq +\infty$  by Zorn lemma. In the next step we shall prove that this solution is global.

1. **First estimate.** Multiplying the equation in (3.1) by  $c'_{in}(t)$  and summing with respect to  $i$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} u''_n(t)u'_n(t)dx + k_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(t)\nabla u'_n(t)dx - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(s)\nabla u'_n(t)dxds \\ & + \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} u_n'^2(t)dx + \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z_n(x, 1, t)u'_n(t)dx = 0, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|u'_n\|_2^2 + \frac{k_0}{2} \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 \right) + \mu_1(t)\|u'_n\|_2^2 + \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z_n(x, 1, t)u'_n(t)dx \\ & - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} u_n(t)\nabla u'_n(t)dxds = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We use the lemma 2.2 to simplify the last term in (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad & - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} u_n(t)\nabla u'_n(t)dxds = \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (g \circ \nabla u_n)(t) \\ & - \frac{\alpha}{2} (g' \circ \nabla u_n)(t) + \frac{\alpha}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u_n(t)\|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t g(s)ds \|\nabla u_n(t)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing (3.4) in (3.3) and integrating over  $(0, t)$  we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} (3.5) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|u'_n\|_2^2 + \left( \frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s)ds \right) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u_n)(t) \\ & - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t (g' \circ \nabla u_n)(s)ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 ds + \int_0^t \mu_1(s) \|u'_n\|_2^2 ds \\ & + \int_0^t \mu_2(s) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s)u'_n(t)dxds = \frac{1}{2} \|u_{1n}\|^2 + \frac{k_0}{2} \|\nabla u_{0n}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the equation (3.2) by  $r_{in}(t)$ , summing with respect to  $i$  and integrating over  $\Omega \times (0, 1)$ , we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{\xi(t)}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \frac{d}{d\rho} z_n^2(x, \rho, t) dx d\rho = 0,$$



which gives

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx - \xi'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \right] \\ + \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} z_n^2(x, 1, t) dx - \frac{\xi(t)}{2\tau} \int_{\Omega} u_n'^2(x, t) dx = 0.$$

Integrating (3.7) over  $(0, t)$  we get

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left[ \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx - \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \xi'(s) z_n^2(x, \rho, s) d\rho dx ds \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \xi(s) z_n^2(x, 1, s) dx ds \\ - \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \xi(s) u_n'^2(x, s) dx ds = \frac{\xi(0)}{2} \|f_0\|^2$$

Combining (3.5) and (3.8) we find

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{1}{2} \|u_n'\|_2^2 + \left( \frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \\ + \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u_n)(t) - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t (g' \circ \nabla u_n)(s) ds + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 ds \\ + \int_0^t \mu_1(s) \|u_n'\|_2^2 ds + \int_0^t \mu_2(s) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s) u_n'(t) dx ds \\ - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t \int_0^1 \xi'(s) z_n^2(x, \rho, s) d\rho dx ds + \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \xi(s) z_n^2(x, 1, s) dx ds \\ - \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \xi(s) u_n'^2(x, s) dx ds = \frac{1}{2} \|u_{1n}\|^2 + \frac{k_0}{2} \|\nabla u_{0n}\|^2 + \frac{\xi(0)}{2} \|f_0\|^2$$

Using Hölder's and Young's inequalities on the eighth term of (3.9) we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad \int_0^t \mu_2(s) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, s) u_n'(t) dx ds \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \mu_2(s) \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 1, s) dx ds \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \mu_2(s) \int_{\Omega} u_n'^2(t) dx ds$$

Then the equation (3.9) takes the form

$$(3.11) \quad E_n(t) - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t (g' \circ \nabla u_n)(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 ds \\ + \int_0^t \left( \mu_1(s) - \frac{\xi(s)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(s)}{2} \right) \|u_n'\|_2^2 ds \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t \int_0^1 \xi'(s) z_n^2(x, \rho, s) d\rho dx ds \\ + \int_0^t \left( \frac{\xi(s)}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu_2(s)}{2} \right) \int_{\Omega} z_n^2(x, 1, s) dx ds \leq E_n(0),$$

where

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} E_n(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|u'_n\|_2^2 + \left(\frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u_n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad E_n(0) = \frac{1}{2} \|u_{1n}\|^2 + \frac{k_0}{2} \|\nabla u_{0n}\|^2 + \frac{\xi(0)}{2} \|f_0\|^2.$$

Since  $u_{0n}, u_{1n}, f_0$  converge, we can find a constant  $L_1 > 0$  independent of  $n$  such that

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \|u'_n\|_2^2 + \left(\frac{k_0}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u_n\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha}{2} (g \circ \nabla u_n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_n^2(x, \rho, t) d\rho dx \leq L_1. \end{aligned}$$

So this estimate gives

$$u_n \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^2(0, \infty; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$u'_n \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, \infty; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$z_n \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, \infty; L^2(\Omega) \times (0, 1)).$$

2. **Second estimate.** Multiplying the first equation in (2.7) by  $u''_n(t)$  and summing with respect to  $i$  we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} &\|u''_n(t)\|^2 + k_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(t) \nabla u''_n(t) dx \\ &\quad - \alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(s) \nabla u''_n(t) dx ds \\ &\quad + \mu_1(t) \|u'_n(t)\|^2 + \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z_n(x, 1, t) u''_n(t) dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Exploiting the Hölder's, Young's and Poincaré's inequalities and the assumptions (H1), (H2) we have the following estimates

$$(3.16) \quad \left| k_0 \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(t) \nabla u''_n(t) dx \right| \leq k_0 \eta \|\nabla u''_n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{k_0}{4\eta} \|\nabla u_n(t)\|_2^2$$

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| -\alpha \int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_n(s) \nabla u''_n(t) dx ds \right| \leq \alpha \eta \|\nabla u''_n(t)\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{(k_0 - l)}{4\eta} \int_0^t \|\nabla u_n(s)\|_2^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.18) \quad \left| \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} z_n(x, 1, t) u_n''(t) dx \right| \leq C_s \eta \|\nabla u_n''(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\beta M}{4\eta} \int_{\Omega} z_n^2(x, 1, t) dx$$

Substituting these three estimates into (3.15) and using (3.14) we deduce that

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u_n''(t)\|^2 + \mu_1(t) \int_0^t \|u_n'(s)\|^2 ds &\leq \eta(k_0 + \alpha + C_s) \|\nabla u_n''(t)\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{(2k_0 - l)}{4\eta} L_1 + \frac{\beta M}{4\eta} \int_{\Omega} z_n^2(x, 1, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

We easily get the estimate

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u_n''(t)\|^2 ds &\leq \left( \frac{2k_0 - l}{4\eta} + M + \frac{\beta M}{4\eta} \right) L_1 \\ &+ \eta(k_0 + \alpha + C_s) \|\nabla u_n''(t)\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\eta > 0$  small enough in (3.20), we obtain the second estimate below

$$(3.21) \quad \|u_n''(t)\|_2^2 \leq L_2,$$

where  $L_2$  is a positive constant independent of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . We observe for estimates (3.14) and (3.21) that

$$u_n \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^2(0, \infty; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$u_n' \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, \infty; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$u_n'' \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, \infty; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$z_n \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, \infty; \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \times (0, 1)).$$

Applying Dunford Pettis theorem, we deduce that there exists a subsequence  $(u_i, z_i)$  of  $(u_n, z_n)$  and we can replace the subsequence  $(u_i, z_i)$  with the sequence  $(u_n, z_n)$  such that

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u \text{ weak star in } \mathbb{L}^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$u_n' \rightharpoonup u' \text{ weak star in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$u_n'' \rightharpoonup u'' \text{ weakly in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$z_n \rightharpoonup z \text{ weak star in } \mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \times (0, 1))$$

Moreover  $u_n''$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$  then  $u_n''$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$ . The same method is used to prove that  $u_n'$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$ .

Consequently  $u'_n$  is bounded in  $H^1(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$ . Furthermore, by Aubin-Lions theorem [5] there exists a subsequence  $(u_j)$  still represented by the same notation such that

$$u'_j \rightharpoonup u' \text{ strongly in } \mathbb{L}^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} u'_j &\rightharpoonup u' \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \times (0, T). \\ z_j &\rightharpoonup z \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \times (0, T). \end{aligned}$$

And we have for each  $w_i \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega), v_i \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} \left( u''_j - k_0 \Delta u_j + \alpha \int_{\Omega} g(t-s) \Delta u_j ds + \mu_1 u'_j + \mu_2 z_j \right) w_i dx \\ &\rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \left( u'' - k_0 \Delta u + \alpha \int_{\Omega} g(t-s) \Delta u ds + a_1 u' + a_2 z \right) w_i, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \tau(z_{jt} + z_{j\rho}) v_i dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \tau(z_t + z_{\rho}) v_i dx.$$

When  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, problem (1.1) admits a global weak solution  $u$ .

#### 4. Asymptotic behavior

In this section, we shall investigate the asymptotic behavior of our problem. Our stability result, namely the exponential decay of the energy is obtained by the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(u_0, u_1, f_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)))$  be given. Assume that the assumptions (H1)-(H3) are fulfilled. Then for some positive constants  $K, k$  we obtain the following decay property*

$$E(t) \leq E(0) e^{1-k\phi(t)}$$

*Proof.* Given  $0 \leq S < T < \infty$  arbitrarily. We multiply the first equation of (2.7) by  $E^p \phi' u$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\phi$  is a function will be chosen later satisfying all the hypotheses

of Lemma 2.1 and we integrate over  $(S, T) \times \Omega$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} uu''(x, t) dx dt - k_0 \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} u \Delta u(x, t) dx dt \\
 &+ \alpha \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g(t-s) \Delta u(x, s) u ds dx dt \\
 &+ \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) + E^p \phi' \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t - \tau) dx dt \\
 (4.1) \quad &= \left[ E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} uu' dx \right]_S^T - \int_S^T (E^p \phi') \int_{\Omega} uu' dx dt - \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} u'^2 dx dt \\
 &+ k_0 \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx dt + \alpha \int_S^T E^p \phi' (g \circ \nabla u(x, t)) dt \\
 &- \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \|\nabla u\|^2 \int_0^t g(s) ds dt - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u\|^2 ds dt \\
 &+ \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dx dt + \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t - \tau) dx dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the second equation of (2.7) by  $E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} z$  and integrating over  $(S, T) \times \Omega \times (0, 1)$  we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int_S^T \int_0^1 \tau E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} z z' dx d\rho dt \\
 &+ \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z z_{\rho} d\rho dx dt \\
 &= \frac{\tau}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} z^2 dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\
 &- \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} (E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho})' z^2 dx d\rho dt \\
 (4.2) \quad &+ \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \xi(t) \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{d\rho} (e^{-2\tau\rho} z^2) + \tau e^{-2\tau\rho} z^2 \right) d\rho dx dt \\
 &= \frac{\tau}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} z^2 dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\
 &- \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} (E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho})' z^2 dx d\rho dt \\
 &+ \tau \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} z^2 dx d\rho \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} (e^{-2\tau} z^2(x, 1, t) - z^2(x, 0, t)) dx dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Summing (4.1) and (4.2) and taking  $A = \min(1, \tau e^{-2\tau})$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \int_S^T E^{p+1} \phi' dt &\leq - \left[ E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} uu' \right]_S^T + \int_S^T (E^p \phi')' \int_{\Omega} uu' dxdt \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u\|^2 dsdt - \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dxdt \\
 &- \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} uz(x, 1, t) dx \\
 (4.3) \quad &- \frac{\tau}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} z^2 dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\
 &+ \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau\rho} (E^p \phi' \xi(t))' z^2 dx d\rho dt \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} (e^{-2\tau} z^2(x, 1, t) - z^2(x, 0, t)) dxdt \\
 &+ \frac{3}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} u'^2 dxdt
 \end{aligned}$$

Now assume that  $\phi$  is a strictly increasing concave function. So  $\phi'$  is a bounded function on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Denote  $\lambda$  the maximum of  $\phi'$ . By the Cauchy Schwarz's, Young's and Poincaré's inequalities and the fact that  $\phi'$  is bounded and since  $E$  is an increasing function, we have

$$(4.4) \quad \left| E^p \phi' \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dx \right| \leq \lambda c_1 E^{p+1}(t),$$

where  $c_1 = \max\left(1, \frac{C_s^2}{l}\right)$ . From (4.4) we deduce the following estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_S^T (E^p \phi')' \int_{\Omega} uu' dxdt \right| &= \left| \int_S^T p E' E^{p-1} \phi' \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dxdt \right. \\
 (4.5) \quad &+ \left. \int_S^T E^p \phi'' \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dxdt \right| \\
 &\leq \lambda c_1 p \int_S^T E^p (-E') dt + c_1 E^{p+1}(S) \int_S^T \phi''(t) dt \\
 &\leq \lambda c_2 E(S)^{p+1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_2 = c_1 \max(p, 1)$  and

$$(4.6) \quad \left| \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \int_0^t g(s) \|\nabla u\|^2 dsdt \right| \leq \lambda c_3 E(S)^{p+1},$$

where  $c_3 = \frac{(k_0 - l)}{l}$ . By the hypothesis (H2), Young's and Poincaré's inequalities and

(4.4), we have

$$(4.7) \quad \left| \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_1(t) \int_{\Omega} uu'(x, t) dx dt \right| \leq \lambda M \beta E^{p+1} + \lambda \int_S^T E^p(-E') dt \leq \lambda c_4 E^{p+1}(S),$$

where  $c_4 = M c_1$  and

$$(4.8) \quad \left| \int_S^T E^p \phi' \mu_2(t) \int_{\Omega} uz(x, 1, t) dx dt \right| \leq \lambda c_5 E^{p+1}(S),$$

where  $c_5 = \max\left(\beta M \frac{c_2^2}{T}, 1\right)$  and

$$(4.9) \quad \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 E^p \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} \int_{\Omega} z^2 dx d\rho dt \leq \tau \lambda E^{(p+1)}(S),$$

therefore

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau\rho} (E^p \phi' \xi(t))' z^2 dx d\rho dt \\ &= \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} p E' E^{p-1} \phi' \xi(t) e^{-2\tau\rho} z^2 dx d\rho dt \\ &+ \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau\rho} E^p \phi'' \xi(t) z^2 dx d\rho dt \\ &+ \frac{\tau}{2} \int_S^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau\rho} E^p \phi' \xi'(t) z^2 dx d\rho dt \\ &\leq \lambda \tau p \int_S^T E^p(-E') dt + \tau E^{p+1}(s) \int_S^T \phi''(t) dt + \tau \lambda E^{p+1}(s) \\ &\leq \lambda c_6 E(S)^{p+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_6 = \tau \max(1, p)$  and

$$(4.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T E^p \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau} z^2(x, 1, t) dx dt &\leq \lambda \int_S^T E^p \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 1, t) dx dt \\ &\leq \lambda \int_S^T E^p(-E') dt \\ &\leq \lambda E(S)^{p+1} \end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.12) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} z^2(x, 0, t) dx dt \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} u'^2(x, t) dx dt \\
 & \leq \tau \lambda (2 - \beta) E(S)^{p+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.13) \quad \frac{3}{2} \int_S^T E^p \phi' \xi(t) \int_{\Omega} u'^2 dx dt \leq 3 \lambda E^{p+1}(S).$$

From (4.3) and the estimates (4.5), (4.6), (4.8), (4.2), (4.9), (4.12) we obtain

$$(4.14) \quad \int_S^T E(t)^{p+1} \phi' dt \leq C E(S)^{p+1},$$

where  $C = \lambda \max(c_i, 3, \tau(2 - \beta))$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ . Applying the lemma 2.3 we get the decay property. This ends the proof of Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

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