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## BLOW-UP ANALYSIS FOR A CLASS OF PLATE VISCOELASTIC $p(x)$ -KIRCHHOFF TYPE INVERSE SOURCE PROBLEM WITH VARIABLE-EXPONENT NONLINEARITIES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this work, we study the blow-up analysis for a class of plate viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse source problem of the form:

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \left( a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \Delta_{p(x)} u - \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \Delta^2 u(\tau) d\tau \\ + \beta |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t = \alpha |u|^{q(x)-2} u + f(t) \omega(x).$$

Under suitable conditions on kernel of the memory, initial data and variable exponents, we prove the blow up of solutions in two cases: linear damping term ( $m(x) \equiv 2$ ) and nonlinear damping term ( $m(x) > 2$ ). Precisely, we show that the solutions with positive initial energy blow up in a finite time when  $m(x) \equiv 2$  and blow up at infinity if  $m(x) > 2$ .

**Keywords:** inverse source problem, blow-up, viscoelastic,  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type equation.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider the following plate viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse source problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \left( a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \Delta_{p(x)} u - \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \Delta^2 u(\tau) d\tau \\
 & + \beta |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t = \alpha |u|^{q(x)-2} u + f(t) \omega(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\
 (2) \quad & u(x, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\
 (3) \quad & u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega \\
 (4) \quad & \int_{\Omega} u(x, t) \omega(x) dx = \phi(t), \quad t > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

while the pair of functions  $\{u(x, t), f(t)\}$  are unknown. In this problem,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and a unit outer normal  $\nu$ . Here,  $\Delta_{p(x)}$  is called  $p(x)$ -Laplace operator defined as

$$\Delta_{p(x)} u = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u),$$

and  $a, b > 0$ . Also,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive constants and  $g(t)$ ,  $\omega(x)$  and  $\phi(t)$  are real valued functions with specific conditions that will be enunciated later.

In addition,  $p(x)$ ,  $m(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are given continuous and measurable functions on  $\bar{\Omega}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad & 2 < p^- \leq p(x) \leq p^+ < \infty \\
 & 2 \leq m^- \leq m(x) \leq m^+ < \infty \\
 & 2 < q^- \leq q(x) \leq q^+ < \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^- &:= \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} p(x), \quad p^+ := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} p(x) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

The inverse source problems in waves arise in many scientific and industrial areas such as antenna design and synthesis, biomedical imaging and photo-acoustic tomography [5]. Solving the inverse problems are rather difficult, because they are nonlinear and improperly posed. It is known that there is no uniqueness for the inverse source problem at a fixed frequency due to the existence of non-radiating sources [6]. Therefore, additional information is required for the source in order to obtain a unique solution such as (4) and

$$(6) \quad \omega \in H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cap L^{m(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cap L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega), \quad \int_{\Omega} \omega^2(x) dx = 1.$$

To the best of our knowledge, the stability and blow up of solutions of inverse source problems with variable-exponent nonlinearities are less investigated area. In this paper, we are going to extend previous results in the inverse problems with constant-exponent nonlinearities to our inverse source problem (1)-(4) with variable-exponent nonlinearities. Thus, firstly we point out some previous results

in the inverse problems with constant-exponent nonlinearities. For example, Eden and Kalantarov [9] studied the following inverse problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u + b(x, t, u, \nabla u) - |u|^p u &= F(t)\omega(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, t) &= 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega \\ \int_{\Omega} u(x, t)\omega(x)dx &= \phi(t), \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

They found conditions on data which guaranteed the global nonexistence of solutions when  $\phi(t) \equiv 1$ . Also, authors established a stability result with the opposite sign on the power type nonlinearity and  $b(x, t, u, \nabla u) \equiv 0$ . Next, Tahamtani and Shahrouzi [31] extended previous results to a Petrovsky inverse source problem (see also [32]). Shahrouzi in [23] studied the following damped viscoelastic inverse problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - \nabla[(a_0 + a|\nabla u|^m)\nabla u] + \int_0^t e^{\lambda(t-\tau)}g(t-\tau)\Delta u(\tau)d\tau + bu_t &= h(x, t, u, \nabla u) \\ + |u|^p u + f(t)\omega(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, t) &= 0, \quad x \in \Gamma, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega \\ \int_{\Omega} u(x, t)\omega(x)dx &= 1, \quad t > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and proved the blow up of solutions under sufficient conditions on initial functions by using the modified concavity argument. See [24, 25, 26].

On the other hand, it is known that modeling of some physical phenomena such as flows of electro-rheological fluids, nonlinear viscoelasticity and image processing give rise to equations with nonstandard growth conditions, i.e, equations with variable exponents of nonlinearities. In direct problems, equations with nonlinearities of variable-exponent type have largely been discussed by several authors. For instance, Antontsev [1] considered the equation:

$$u_{tt} = \operatorname{div}(a(x, t)|\nabla u|^{p(x, t)-2}\nabla u) + \alpha\Delta u_t + b(x, t)u|u|^{\sigma(x, t)-2} + f(x, t)$$

in  $\Omega \subseteq R^n$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  is a constant and  $a, b, p, \sigma$  are given functions. For specific conditions on  $a, b, p, \sigma$ , the existence theorems for small and any finite time have been proved and blow up of solutions under some suitable conditions on data has been established. Messaoudi and Talahmeh [17], considered the following nonlinear equation with variable exponents:

$$(7) \quad u_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{r(\cdot)-2}\nabla u) + a|u_t|^{m(\cdot)-2}u_t = b|u|^{p(\cdot)-2}u.$$

They proved a finite-time blow-up result for the solutions with negative initial energy and also certain solutions with positive energy in appropriate range of  $m(\cdot), r(\cdot)$  and  $p(\cdot)$ . In another study, Messaoudi [18] studied equation (7) with  $a = 1, b = 0$  in the presence of damping term  $-\Delta u_t$ . He proved several decay results depending on the range of variable exponents  $m$  and  $r$ . Shahrouzi [27] studied the

behavior of solutions to the following initial-boundary value problem with variable-exponent nonlinearities

$$\begin{aligned}
 & u_{tt} - \Delta u - \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{m(x)} \nabla u) + \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \Delta u(\tau) d\tau + h(x, t, u, \nabla u) + \beta u_t \\
 & = |u|^{p(x)} u, \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\
 & \begin{cases} u(x, t) = 0, & x \in \Gamma_0, t > 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x, t) = \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(\tau) d\tau - |\nabla u|^{m(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \alpha u, & x \in \Gamma_1, t > 0 \end{cases} \\
 & u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad \text{in } \Omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

Under appropriate conditions, he proved a general decay result associated to solution energy. Moreover, regarding arbitrary positive initial energy, blow up of solutions has been proved. Antontsev and Ferreira [2], studied a nonlinear class viscoelastic plate equation with a lower order by perturbation of  $\bar{p}(x, t)$ -Laplace operator of the form

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \Delta_{\bar{p}(x,t)} u + \int_0^t g(t - s) \Delta u(s) ds - \varepsilon \Delta u_t + f(u) = 0,$$

associated with initial and Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions. Here,  $\Delta_{\bar{p}(x,t)}$  is the  $\bar{p}(x, t)$ -Laplace operator which is defined as

$$\Delta_{\bar{p}(x,t)} u = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i(x,t)-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad \bar{p}(x, t) = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n).$$

They proved a blow up in finite time with negative initial energy under suitable conditions on  $g, f$  and the variable exponent of the  $\bar{p}(x, t)$ -Laplace operator. Recently, Antontsev et al. [3] looked into the following nonlinear Timoshenko equation with variable exponents:

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - M(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2) \Delta u + |u_t|^{p(x)-2} u_t = |u|^{q(x)-2} u,$$

and demonstrated the local existence of the solution under suitable conditions. Moreover, nonexistence of solutions was proved with negative initial energy (see also [4]).

Dai and Hao [7] studied the following equation

$$-M \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u) = f(x, u),$$

and by means of a direct variational approach and the theory of the variable-exponent Sobolev spaces, they established conditions through which the existence and multiplicity of solutions for the problem were verified. In another study, Hamdani et al. [15] investigated the following nonlocal  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type equation

$$-(a - b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx) \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u) = \lambda |u|^{p(x)-2} u + g(x, u),$$

and obtained a nontrivial weak solution by using the Mountain Pass theorem. Related to the inverse problems with variable exponent nonlinearities, Shahrouzi in [28] studied the general decay and blow up of solutions for the following Lamé

system of inverse problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 &u_{tt} - \Delta_\epsilon u - \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{r(x)-2} \nabla u) + \beta u_t + h(x, t, u, \nabla u) + a|u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t \\
 &= b|u|^{p(x)-2} u + f(t)\omega(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\
 &u(x, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty) \\
 &u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega \\
 &\int_\Omega u(x, t)\omega(x)dx = \phi(t), \quad t > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The author proved the general decay of solutions when  $b = 0$ ,  $h(x, t, u, \nabla u) \equiv 0$  and the integral overdetermination tends to zero as time goes to infinity in appropriate range of variable exponents. Furthermore, in the absence of damping terms ( $a = \beta = 0$ ) and when  $\phi(t) \equiv 1$ , blow up of solutions in a finite time has been proved. The relevant equations with variable-exponent nonlinearities have also been studied in [20, 22, 29, 30, 16, 14, 21, 19].

Motivated by the aforementioned works, in the present paper, we study the blow-up analysis for a class of fourth-order viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse source problem with variable-exponent nonlinearities. We mentioned before, existence of variable-exponent nonlinearities makes the study of inverse problems difficult. However, we try to extend and improve the previous results ([24, 25, 28]) to a class of plate viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse problems with variable-exponent nonlinearities. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first work dealing with the blow-up result for a plate viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse source problem subject to the variable-exponent nonlinearities and various damping terms.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some definitions and Lemmas about the variable-exponent Lebesgue space,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , the Sobolev space,  $W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and additional conditions to be used for the main results. Section 3 includes two parts. First, we prove that the solutions of (1)-(4) blow-up in a finite time with suitable conditions on initial data and variable exponents when  $m(x) \equiv 2$ . Next, in the second part, we show that for  $m(x) \geq m^- > 2$  and under appropriate conditions on data, the solutions of (1)-(4) blow up at infinity.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recall some notations and functionals. We denote by  $\|\cdot\|_q$  the  $L^q$ -norm over  $\Omega$  and in particular, the  $L^2$ -norm is denoted  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $\Omega$ . We shall assume that the functions  $g(t)$ ,  $\omega(x)$  and those appearing in the data satisfy the following conditions:

$$(8) \quad g(t) \geq 0, \quad g'(t) \leq 0, \quad 1 - \int_0^\infty g(t)dt = l > 0,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &u_0 \in H_0^2(\Omega) \cap L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cap L^{m(\cdot)}(\Omega), \quad u_1 \in L^2(\Omega) \cap L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega), \\
 &\int_\Omega u_0(x)\omega(x)dx = \phi(0).
 \end{aligned}$$

(9)

In order to study problem (1)-(4), we need some hypotheses and theories about Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces with variable-exponents (for details, see [8, 10, 11, 12,

13]). Let  $p(x) \geq 1$  and measurable, we assume that

$$C_+(\bar{\Omega}) = \{h | h \in C(\bar{\Omega}), h(x) > 1 \text{ for any } x \in \bar{\Omega}\},$$

$$h^+ = \max_{\bar{\Omega}} h(x), \quad h^- = \min_{\bar{\Omega}} h(x) \quad \text{for any } h \in C(\bar{\Omega}),$$

$$L^{p(x)}(\Omega) = \left\{ u \mid u \text{ is a measurable real-valued function, } \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \infty \right\}.$$

We equip the Lebesgue space with a variable exponent,  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$ , with the following Luxembourg-type norm

$$\|u\|_{p(x)} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 \mid \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{u(x)}{\lambda} \right|^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\}$$

**Lemma 1.** [8, 13] *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$*

(i) *the space  $(L^{p(x)}(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{p(x)})$  is a Banach space, and its conjugate space is  $L^{q(x)}(\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{1}{q(x)} + \frac{1}{p(x)} = 1$ . For any  $u \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$  and  $v \in L^{q(x)}(\Omega)$ , we have*

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} uv dx \right| \leq \left( \frac{1}{p^-} + \frac{1}{q^-} \right) \|u\|_{p(x)} \|v\|_{q(x)};$$

(ii) *If  $p, q \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $q(x) \leq p(x)$  for any  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ , then  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q(x)}(\Omega)$ , and the imbedding is continuous.*

The variable-exponent Lebesgue Sobolev space  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega) = \{u \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega) \mid \nabla u \text{ exists and } |\nabla u| \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega)\}.$$

This space is a Banach space with respect to the norm  $\|u\|_{W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)} = \|u\|_{p(x)} + \|\nabla u\|_{p(x)}$ . Furthermore, let  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  be the closure of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ . The dual of  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  is defined as  $W^{-1,p'(x)}(\Omega)$ , by the same way as the usual Sobolev spaces, where  $\frac{1}{p(x)} + \frac{1}{p'(x)} = 1$ .

If we define

$$p^*(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{Np(x)}{N-p(x)}, & p^+ < N \\ \infty, & p^+ \geq N, \end{cases}$$

then we have

**Lemma 2.** [8, 13] *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$ . Then for any measurable bounded exponent  $p(x)$  we have*

(i)  *$W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  and  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  are separable Banach spaces;*

(ii) *if  $q \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $q(x) < p^*(x)$  for any  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ , then the imbedding  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q(x)}(\Omega)$  is compact and continuous;*

(iii) *if  $p(x)$  is uniformly continuous in  $\Omega$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$ , such that*

$$\|u\|_{p(x)} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{p(x)} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega).$$

By (iii) of Lemma 2, we know that the space  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  has an equivalent norm given by  $\|u\|_{W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)} = \|\nabla u\|_{p(x)}$ .

We recall the Young's inequality

$$(10) \quad ab \leq \theta a^{q(x)} + C(\theta, q(x)) b^{q'(x)}, \quad a, b \geq 0, \quad \beta > 0, \quad \frac{1}{q(x)} + \frac{1}{q'(x)} = 1,$$

where  $C(\theta, q(x)) = \frac{1}{q'(x)}(\theta q(x))^{-\frac{q'(x)}{q(x)}}$ . In special case when  $\theta = \frac{1}{q(x)}$ , we have from (10)

$$(11) \quad ab \leq \frac{a^{q(x)}}{q(x)} + \frac{b^{q'(x)}}{q'(x)}.$$

Adapting the conditions (6) and integral over-determination (4), by multiplying equation (1) in  $\omega(x)$ , the key observation is that the problem (1)-(4) is equivalent to the following direct problem

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} &u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u - \left( a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \Delta_{p(x)} u - \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \Delta^2 u(\tau) d\tau \\ &+ \beta |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t = \alpha |u|^{q(x)-2} u + f(t) \omega(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$(13) \quad u(x, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, +\infty)$$

$$(14) \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

in which the unknown function  $f(t)$  is replaced by

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} f(t) &= \phi''(t) + \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \Delta \omega(x) dx + \beta \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)-1} \omega(x) dx \\ &+ (a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \\ &- \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u(\tau) - \Delta u) \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau \\ &- \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau - \alpha \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)-1} \omega(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we state the local existence of solutions for the problem (12)-(14), that can be established employing the Galerkin method as in [1].

**Theorem 1.** *(Local existence) Let  $u_0 \in W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $u_1 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and assume that (6), (8) and (9) be satisfied. Then problem (12)-(14) has a unique weak solution such that*

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L^\infty\left((0, T), W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)\right) \cap L^{q(\cdot)}((0, T), \Omega), \\ u_t &\in L^\infty\left((0, T), L^2(\Omega)\right) \cap L^{m(\cdot)}((0, T), \Omega), \\ u_{tt} &\in L^\infty\left((0, T), W_0^{-1,p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)\right), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $T > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p'(\cdot)} = 1$ .

### 3. BLOW-UP

In this section, we are going to prove the blow-up result for certain solutions with positive initial energy. At first, by using concavity method [9, 23, 29], we prove that the solutions of (1)-(4) blow-up in a finite time with suitable conditions on initial data and variable exponents when  $m(x) \equiv 2$ . Next, in the second part, by using modified method inspired by [33], we show that for  $m(x) \geq m^- > 2$  and under appropriate conditions on data, the solutions of (1)-(4) blow up at infinity.

**3.1. Blow-up result with  $m(x) \equiv 2$ .** In order to prove the blow up of solutions with  $m(x) \equiv 2$ , we use the following change variable

$$(16) \quad v(x, t) = e^{-\lambda t} u(x, t).$$

A direct computation by substituting (16) into the problem (1)-(4) yields

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} & v_{tt} + (2\lambda + \beta)v_t + \lambda(\lambda + \beta)v + \Delta^2 v - \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) \Delta^2 v(\tau) d\tau \\ & - (a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda p(x)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx) \operatorname{div} (e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)-2} \nabla v) \\ & = \alpha e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)-2} v + e^{-\lambda t} f(t) \omega(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$(18) \quad v(x, t) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty)$$

$$(19) \quad v(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) - \lambda u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(20) \quad \int_{\Omega} v(x, t) \omega(x) dx = e^{-\lambda t} \phi(t), \quad t > 0,$$

where  $g_1(s) = e^{-\lambda s} g(s)$  and the value of the parameter  $\lambda$  will be prescribed later. Similarly, adapting to the condition (6) and integral overdetermination, the inverse problem (17)-(20) is equivalent to the direct problem (17)-(19) when the unknown function  $f(t)$  is replaced by

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} f(t) &= \phi''(t) + \beta\phi'(t) + e^{\lambda t} \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta \omega(x) dx \\ &+ a \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \\ &+ b \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda p(x)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \right) \\ &- e^{\lambda t} \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau \\ &- e^{\lambda t} \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) \int_{\Omega} (\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v) \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau \\ &- \alpha \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-1)t} |v|^{q(x)-1} \omega(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

The energy function related with problem (17)-(19) is given by

$$(22) \quad E_{\lambda}(t) = \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t}}{q(x)} |v|^{q(x)} dx - a \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx - \frac{1}{2} I(t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \|v_t\|^2 + \lambda(\lambda + \beta) \|v\|^2 + (1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds) \|\Delta v\|^2 + (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) \\ &+ b \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and  $(g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) = \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) \|\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v\|^2 d\tau$ .

Now we are in a position to state our blow-up result as follows:



**Theorem 2.** *Let the conditions (5), (6) and (8), (9) be satisfied and suppose that the functions  $\phi''(t), \phi'(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$  are continuous and bounded such that for constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2(\lambda)$ :*

$$|\phi''(t) + \beta\phi'(t)| \leq M_1 \quad \text{and} \quad |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \leq M_2(\lambda).$$

Moreover, assume that

$$(23) \quad q^- > \max\{4p^+ - 2, 3 + \frac{2(p^+)^2(p^+ - 1)}{(p^-)^2}, \frac{4p^+(p^- + 2)}{(p^-)^2}\},$$

$$(24) \quad l = 1 - \int_0^\infty g(s)ds \geq \frac{6}{q^- + 2}, \quad \alpha \geq \frac{2(q^+ - 1)}{q^+}$$

$$(25) \quad E_\lambda(0) \geq \frac{D_1}{\lambda(q^- - 3)} + \frac{2D_2}{q^-},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= M_1 M_2(\lambda) + M_2^2(\lambda) \left[ \frac{1}{2(1-l)} + \frac{1-l}{2\lambda(q^- - 3)} + \frac{1-l}{2} \right] \|\Delta\omega\|^2 \\ &\quad + a \int_\Omega \frac{M_2^{p(x)}(\lambda)}{p(x)\lambda^{p(x)-1}} |\nabla\omega|^{p(x)} dx + \alpha \int_\Omega \frac{M_2^{q(x)}(\lambda)}{q(x)} |\omega|^{q(x)} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{b}{4} \left( \int_\Omega \frac{M_2^{p(x)}(\lambda)}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla\omega|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2, \\ D_2 &= M_1 + \left( \frac{l^2 - 2l + 3}{2(1-l)} \right) \|\Delta\omega\|^2 + a \int_\Omega \frac{|\nabla\omega|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} dx + \int_\Omega \frac{(\alpha|\omega(x)|)^{q(x)}}{q(x)} dx \\ &\quad + \frac{b}{4} \left( \int_\Omega \frac{(p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1}}{p(x)} |\nabla\omega|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for sufficiently large  $\lambda$ , there exists a finite time  $t^*$  such that the solution of the problem (1)-(4) blows up in a finite time, that is

$$(26) \quad \|u(t)\| \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow t^*.$$

To prove the blow-up result in this case, we need the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 2, the unknown function  $f(t)$ , defined by (21), satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| f(t) &\leq \frac{a\lambda(p^+ - 1)}{p^+} \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\ &\quad + (1-l) \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{\lambda(q^- - 3)}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) \\ &\quad + \frac{2b}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha(q^+ - 1)}{q^+} \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + e^{-2\lambda t} D_1. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

*Proof.* By using (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^{-2\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|f(t) \\
 = & e^{-2\lambda t}(\phi''(t) + \beta\phi'(t))|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| + e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta \omega(x) dx \\
 & + ae^{-2\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(e^{\lambda t}v)|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \\
 & + be^{-2\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla(e^{\lambda t}v)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla(e^{\lambda t}v)|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \right) \\
 & - e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_0^t g_1(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta v(\tau) \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau \\
 (28) \quad & - \alpha e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)-1} \omega(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

At this point, by using the Young's inequality (10) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (5), we estimate the terms on the right-hand side of (28) as follows

$$(29) \quad e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \cdot \left| \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta \omega dx \right| \leq \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{e^{-2\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^2}{2(1-l)} \|\Delta \omega\|^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \cdot \left| \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq e^{-2\lambda t} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda(p(x)-1)}{p(x)} e^{\lambda p(x)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 & \quad + e^{-2\lambda t} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)\lambda^{p(x)-1}} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{\lambda(p^+ - 1)}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 (30) \quad & + e^{-2\lambda t} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)\lambda^{p(x)-1}} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^{-\lambda t}|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \cdot \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx \right) \\
 & \leq e^{-2\lambda t} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda p(x)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} e^{\lambda p(x)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
 & \quad + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x)-1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{2}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 (31) \quad & + \frac{e^{-2\lambda t}}{4} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x)-1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e^{-\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_0^t g_1(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta v(\tau) \Delta \omega(x) dx d\tau \\
&= e^{-\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_0^t g_1(t-\tau) \left( \int_{\Omega} (\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v) \Delta \omega(x) dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta \omega(x) dx \right) d\tau \\
&\leq \frac{\lambda(q^- - 3)}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) + \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 \\
(32) \quad & + e^{-2\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^2 \left( \frac{1-l}{2} + \frac{1-l}{2\lambda(q^- - 3)} \right) \|\Delta \omega\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where the fact  $\int_0^\infty g_1(s) ds < \int_0^\infty g(s) ds = 1 - l$  has been used.

$$\begin{aligned}
& e^{-\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)-1} \omega(x) dx \\
&\leq e^{-2\lambda t} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{q(x)-1}{q(x)} e^{\lambda q(x)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{q(x)}}{q(x)} |\omega(x)|^{q(x)} dx \right) \\
&\leq \frac{q^+ - 1}{q^+} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + e^{-2\lambda t} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)|^{q(x)}}{q(x)} |\omega(x)|^{q(x)} dx. \\
(33) \quad &
\end{aligned}$$

Combining estimations (29)-(33) with (28) and by using hypotheses of Theorem 2 about  $\phi''(t)$ ,  $\phi'(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$ , we derive inequality (27) and proof of Lemma 3 is completed.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 2, the energy functional  $E_\lambda(t)$ , defined by (22), satisfies*

$$(34) \quad E_\lambda(t) \geq E_\lambda(0) - \frac{D_1}{\lambda(q^- - 3)} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+,$$

*Proof.* A multiplication of equation (17) by  $v_t$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  give

$$\begin{aligned}
E'_\lambda(t) &= (2\lambda + \beta) \|v_t\|^2 - a \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda(p(x)-2)}{p(x)} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
&\quad - b\lambda \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (g'_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) + \frac{1}{2} g_1(t) \|\Delta v\|^2 \\
&\quad - b \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda(p(x)-2)}{p(x)} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
&\quad + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda(q(x)-2)}{q(x)} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx - e^{-2\lambda t} (\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)) f(t) \\
&\geq (2\lambda + \beta) \|v_t\|^2 - \frac{a\lambda(p^+ - 2)}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
&\quad - \frac{b\lambda(p^+ - 1)}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\alpha(q^- - 2)}{q^-} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx \\
(35) \quad & - e^{-2\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| f(t),
\end{aligned}$$

where conditions (5) and (8) have been used.

Employing (22), we obtain from (35) the following inequality for some  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'_\lambda(t) - \varepsilon E_\lambda(t) &\geq \frac{\alpha[\lambda(q^- - 2) - \varepsilon]}{q^-} \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + \frac{\varepsilon\lambda(\lambda + \beta)}{2} \|v\|^2 \\
 &+ (2\lambda + \beta + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \|v_t\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds) \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) \\
 &+ \frac{a[\varepsilon - \lambda(p^+ - 2)]}{p^+} \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &+ b \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{\lambda(p^+ - 1)}{(p^-)^2} \right] \left( \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 (36) \quad &- e^{-2\lambda t} |\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| f(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where (5) has been used.

Thanks to the Lemma 3 and taking into account (27) and set  $\varepsilon := \lambda(q^- - 3)$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'_\lambda(t) - \lambda(q^- - 3)E_\lambda(t) &\geq \frac{\alpha}{q^-} \left[ \lambda - \frac{q^-(q^+ - 1)}{q^+} \right] \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{\lambda(q^- - 3)}{2} (1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds) + l - 1 \right] \|\Delta v\|^2 \\
 &+ \frac{\lambda a}{p^+} (q^- - 2p^+) \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &+ b \left[ \frac{\lambda(q^- - 3)}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{\lambda(p^+ - 1)}{(p^-)^2} - \frac{2}{(p^-)^2} \right] \left( \int_\Omega e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 (37) \quad &- e^{-2\lambda t} D_1,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $D_1$  is satisfied in Theorem 2.

By using (23) and for sufficiently large  $\lambda$ , we deduce from (37)

$$E'_\lambda(t) - \lambda(q^- - 3)E_\lambda(t) \geq -e^{-2\lambda t} D_1 \geq -D_1.$$

Integrating over  $(0, t)$ , we observe that

$$E_\lambda(t) \geq E_\lambda(0) - \frac{D_1}{\lambda(q^- - 3)}, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

and proof of Lemma 4 is complete.  $\square$

Now, we are in a position to prove the Theorem 2 by using Lemma 3 and Lemma 4.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** For obtaining the blow-up result, we apply concavity method by defining the following functional

$$(38) \quad \psi(t) = \|v(t)\|^2,$$

then

$$(39) \quad \psi'(t) = 2 \int_\Omega v v_t dx,$$

$$(40) \quad \psi''(t) = 2 \int_\Omega v v_{tt} dx + 2 \|v_t\|^2.$$

A multiplication of equation (17) by  $v$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  give

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} vv_{tt}dx &= -(2\lambda + \beta) \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx - \lambda(\lambda + \beta)\|v\|^2 - (1 - \int_0^t g_1(s)ds)\|\Delta v\|^2 \\
 &\quad - a \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx \\
 &\quad - b \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{e^{\lambda p(x)t}}{p(x)} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
 (41) \quad &\quad + \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) \int_{\Omega} (\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v) \Delta v dx d\tau + e^{-2\lambda t} f(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the Young's inequality (10) with  $\theta = \frac{1-l}{2}$ ,  $q(x) = q'(x) = 2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &| \int_{\Omega} \Delta v \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) (\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v) d\tau dx | \\
 &\leq \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{1}{2(1-l)} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) |\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v| d\tau \right)^2 dx \\
 &= \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{1}{2(1-l)} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_0^t \frac{g_1(t - \tau)}{\sqrt{g_1(t - \tau)}} \sqrt{g_1(t - \tau)} |\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v| d\tau \right)^2 dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{1}{2(1-l)} \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t - \tau) |\Delta v(\tau) - \Delta v|^2 d\tau dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1-l}{2} \|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

(42)

where  $\int_0^t g_1(s) ds < \int_0^\infty g_1(s) ds < \int_0^\infty g(s) ds = 1 - l$ .

Combining (42) with (41) and by using (5), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} vv_{tt}dx &\geq -(2\lambda + \beta) \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx - \lambda(\lambda + \beta)\|v\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \left[ \left( 1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) + \frac{1-l}{2} \right] \|\Delta v\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) - a \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{b}{p^-} \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 (43) \quad &\quad + \alpha \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + e^{-2\lambda t} f(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

At this point, similar to Lemma 3.1 (when  $|\phi'(t) - \lambda\phi(t)| := 1$ ), one can observe the following estimation of the last term on the right-hand side of (43):

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-2\lambda t} f(t) &\leq (1-l)\|\Delta v\|^2 + \frac{a(p^+ - 1)}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) + \frac{2b}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 (44) \quad &\quad + \frac{q^+ - 1}{q^+} \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx + e^{-2\lambda t} D_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $D_2$  satisfies Theorem 2.

Therefore by utilizing (44) and (22) into (43), we obtain for  $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} vv_{tt} dx &\geq \delta E_{\lambda}(t) - (2\lambda + \beta) \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx + \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - 1\right) \lambda(\lambda + \beta) \|v\|^2 \\
 &+ \left[ \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - 1\right) \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) - \frac{3(1-l)}{2} \right] \|\Delta v\|^2 \\
 &+ \frac{\delta}{2} \|v_t\|^2 + \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - 1\right) (g_1 \odot \Delta v)(t) \\
 &+ a \left( \frac{\delta}{p^+} - \frac{p^+ - 1}{p^+} - 1 \right) \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-2)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &+ b \left( \frac{\delta}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{2}{(p^-)^2} - \frac{1}{p^-} \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(p(x)-1)t} |\nabla v|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 &+ \left[ \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{q^-}\right) - \frac{q^+ - 1}{q^+} \right] \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(q(x)-2)t} |v|^{q(x)} dx - e^{-2\lambda t} D_2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{45}$$

Thus, by using the fact that

$$1 - \int_0^t g_s ds \geq 1 - \int_0^{\infty} g_1(s) ds \geq 1 - \int_0^{\infty} g(s) ds = l,$$

we choose  $\delta := \frac{q^-}{2}$  and apply the conditions of Theorem 2 to obtain from (45)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} vv_{tt} dx &\geq \frac{q^-}{2} E_{\lambda}(t) + \frac{q^-}{4} \|v_t\|^2 + \frac{(q^- - 4)}{4} \lambda(\lambda + \beta) \|v\|^2 \\
 &- (2\lambda + \beta) \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx - D_2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{46}$$

Now, by using Lemma 4 and (25), we get from (46)

$$\int_{\Omega} vv_{tt} dx \geq \frac{q^-}{4} \|v_t\|^2 - (2\lambda + \beta) \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx.
 \tag{47}$$

By substituting (38)-(40) in (47) we get

$$\psi''(t) \geq \frac{(q^- + 4)}{2} \|v_t\|^2 - (2\lambda + \beta) \psi'(t),$$

thus

$$\psi(t) \psi''(t) \geq \frac{(q^- + 4)}{8} (\psi'(t))^2 - (2\lambda + \beta) \psi(t) \psi'(t),
 \tag{48}$$

where inequality  $(\psi'(t))^2 \leq 4\|v_t\|^2\|v\|^2$  has been used.

Hence, the concavity argument (see [9]) gives us

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t^*} \psi(t) = \infty,$$

which yields solutions of problem (17)-(19) blow up in a finite time  $t^*$ . Since this system is equivalent to (1)-(4), the proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

**Remark.** Under the conditions of Theorem 2, if we choose initial data appropriately such that

$$\psi'(0) - \frac{8(2\lambda + \beta)}{q^- - 4} \psi(0) > 0,$$

then we obtain an upper bound for the lifetime of the solutions as

$$t^* < \frac{1}{2\lambda + \beta} \ln \frac{(q^- - 4)\psi'(0)}{(q^- - 4)\psi'(0) - 8(2\lambda + \beta)\psi(0)}.$$

**3.2. Blow-up result with  $m(x) > 2$ .** In this part, we suppose that  $2 < m^- \leq m(x) \leq m^+ < +\infty$  and we shall prove that the solutions of problem (1)-(4) blow up at infinity. By constructing a proper auxiliary functional and using modified method inspired by [33], blow up at infinity has been proved when the variable exponents and initial data satisfy appropriate conditions and the initial energy is positive.

Firstly, we define

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) = & \frac{1}{2}\|u_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \int_0^t g(s)ds)\|\Delta u\|^2 + a \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)}|\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\ & + \frac{b}{2}(\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)}|\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(g \odot \Delta u)(t) \\ (49) \quad & -\alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{q(x)}|u|^{q(x)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of  $E(t)$  and using (8), we deduce

$$(50) \quad E'(t) \leq -\beta \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx + f(t)\phi'(t).$$

We are in a position that state blow-up result as follows:

**Theorem 3.** *Let the conditions (5) (with  $m^- > 2$ ), (6) and (8), (9) be satisfied and suppose that the functions  $\phi''(t), \phi'(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$  are continuous and bounded such that there exist constants  $M_3$  and  $M_4$*

$$|\phi''(t)| \leq M_3 \quad \text{and} \quad |\phi'(t) - m^+\phi(t)| \leq M_4.$$

Moreover, Assume that

$$(51) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max\{2p^+ - 1, \frac{3-l}{l}, \frac{2(p^+)^2(p^- + 2)}{(p^-)^2}\} < m^- < q^-, \\ & m^+ > \frac{m^-}{\sqrt{2(m^- + 2)}}, \end{aligned}$$

and suppose that  $E(0) > 0$  is a given initial energy level. If we choose initial data  $u_0$  and  $u_1$  such that satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} u_0 u_1 dx > m^+ E(0) + \frac{m^+ D_3}{m^-},$$

where  $D_3$  will be enunciate in Lemma 5. Then, for sufficiently large  $\alpha$  and sufficiently small  $\beta$ , the solution of the problem (1)-(4) blows up at infinity, that is

$$(52) \quad \|u(t)\| \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Before going to prove of Theorem 3, we state and prove the following Lemma which will be used later:

**Lemma 5.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 3, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the unknown function  $f(t)$ , defined by (21), satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|f(t) &\leq \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{6} \|\Delta u\|^2 + \frac{a(p^+ - 1)}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{2b}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{3(1-l)}{2l} (g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \frac{\beta(m^+ - 1)}{m^+} \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{(q^+ - 1)}{q^+} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx + D_3,
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_3 &= M_3 M_4 + M_4^2 \left( \frac{3(l^2 - 2l + 2)}{l(m^- - 2)} + \frac{l}{6} \right) \|\Delta \omega\|^2 \\
 &\quad + \beta \int_{\Omega} \frac{M_4^{m(x)}}{m(x)} |\omega(x)|^{m(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{(\alpha M_4)^{q(x)}}{q(x)} |\omega(x)|^{q(x)} dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{b}{4} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{M_4^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Recalling (15), by virtue of Cauchy and Yang inequalities, we estimate the terms on the RHS of (15) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \Delta \omega dx| &\leq \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \|\Delta u\|^2 + \frac{3|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^2}{l(m^- - 2)} \|\Delta \omega\|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|(\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)) (a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} \nabla \omega(x) dx| \\
 &= |(a + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} (\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)) \nabla \omega(x) dx| \\
 &\leq a \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} (\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)) \nabla \omega(x) dx}_{I_1} \\
 &\quad + b \underbrace{\left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} (\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)) \nabla \omega(x) dx}_{I_2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

For  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{p(x) - 1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \\
 I_2 &\leq \frac{p^+ - 1}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} |\nabla \omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &\leq \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
&\quad + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla\omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla\omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
&\leq \frac{2}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
(57) \quad &+ \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla\omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

By combining (56) and (57), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&|(\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t))(a+b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)-1} \nabla\omega(x) dx| \\
&\leq \frac{p^+ - 1}{p^+} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + \frac{2}{(p^-)^2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
(58) \quad &+ \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{p(x)}}{p(x)} (p(x) - 1)^{p(x)-1} |\nabla\omega(x)|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&| \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)-1} |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)| \omega(x) dx | \\
&\leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{m(x) - 1}{m(x)} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{m(x)}}{m(x)} |\omega(x)|^{m(x)} dx \\
(59) \quad &\leq \frac{m^+ - 1}{m^+} \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^{m(x)}}{m(x)} |\omega(x)|^{m(x)} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&| \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u(\tau) - \Delta u) |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)| \Delta\omega(x) dx d\tau | \\
(60) \quad &\leq \frac{3(1-l)}{2l} (g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \frac{1}{6} |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^2 \|\Delta\omega\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&| \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)| \Delta\omega(x) dx d\tau | \\
(61) \quad &\leq \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \|\Delta u\|^2 + \frac{3(1-l)^2 |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|^2}{l(m^- - 2)} \|\Delta\omega\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&| \alpha \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)-1} |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)| \omega(x) dx | \\
&\leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{q(x) - 1}{q(x)} |u|^{q(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{(\alpha |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|)^{q(x)}}{q(x)} |\omega(x)|^{q(x)} dx \\
(62) \quad &\leq \frac{(q^+ - 1)}{q^+} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{(\alpha |\phi(t) - \varepsilon\phi'(t)|)^{q(x)}}{q(x)} |\omega(x)|^{q(x)} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, utilizing (54) and (58)-(62) into (15) and using conditions of Theorem 3 about  $\phi''(t), \phi'(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$ , we get inequality (53) and proof of Lemma 5 is completed.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Multiplying equation (1) by  $u$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx &= \|u_t\|^2 + \int_{\Omega} uu_{tt} dx \\
 &= \|u_t\|^2 - (1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds) \|\Delta u\|^2 - a \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &\quad - b \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right) \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u (\Delta u(\tau) - \Delta u) dx d\tau \\
 (63) \quad &\quad - \beta \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx + f(t)\phi(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similar to (42) and using (8), we have

$$\left| \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} \Delta u (\Delta u(\tau) - \Delta u) dx d\tau \right| \leq \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \|\Delta u\|^2 + \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)} (g \odot \Delta u)(t).$$

(64)

Utilizing (64) in (63) and using (5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx &\geq \|u_t\|^2 - \left[ (1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds) + \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \right] \|\Delta u\|^2 - a \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{b}{p^-} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 - \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)} (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \\
 (65) \quad &\quad - \beta \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx + f(t)\phi(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\delta > 0$  and using definition of  $E(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx &\geq -\delta E(t) + (1 + \frac{\delta}{2}) \|u_t\|^2 + \left[ (\frac{\delta}{2} - 1) (1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds) - \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \right] \|\Delta u\|^2 \\
 &\quad + a \left( \frac{\delta}{p^+} - 1 \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + b \left( \frac{\delta}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{1}{p^-} \right) \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \right)^2 \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)} \right) (g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \alpha \left( 1 - \frac{\delta}{q^-} \right) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx \\
 (66) \quad &\quad - \beta \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t dx + f(t)\phi(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where condition (5) has been used. Also, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and using (50), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - \varepsilon E(t) \right) \geq -\delta E(t) + \varepsilon \beta \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx + \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{2}\right) \|u_t\|^2 \\
 & + \left[ \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - 1\right) \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) - \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{12} \right] \|\Delta u\|^2 \\
 & + a \left(\frac{\delta}{p^+} - 1\right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + b \left(\frac{\delta}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{1}{p^-}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx\right)^2 \\
 & + \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)}\right) (g \odot \Delta u)(t) + \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{q^-}\right) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx \\
 (67) \quad & - \beta \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t dx + f(t) |\phi(t) - \varepsilon \phi'(t)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to the Lemma 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - \varepsilon E(t) \right) \geq -\delta E(t) + \beta \left(\varepsilon - \frac{m^+ - 1}{m^+}\right) \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx + \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{2}\right) \|u_t\|^2 \\
 & + \left[ \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - 1\right) \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) - \frac{l(m^- - 2)}{4} \right] \|\Delta u\|^2 \\
 & + a \left(\frac{\delta + 1}{p^+} - 2\right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\
 & + b \left(\frac{\delta}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{1}{p^-} - \frac{2}{(p^-)^2}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx\right)^2 \\
 & + \left(\frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)} - \frac{3(1-l)}{2l}\right) (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \\
 & + \left[\alpha \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{q^-}\right) - \frac{q^+ - 1}{q^+}\right] \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx \\
 (68) \quad & - \beta \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-2} u_t dx - D_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Again by using Young’s inequality (11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{\Omega} u |u_t|^{m(x)-1} dx \right| & \leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{m(x)} |u|^{m(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{m(x) - 1}{m(x)} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx \\
 (69) \quad & \leq \frac{1}{m^-} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx + \frac{m^+ - 1}{m^+} \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, let  $c^*$  be the best constant of embedding  $H_0^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{m(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx & \leq \max\{\|u\|_{m(x)}^{m^-}, \|u\|_{m(x)}^{m^+}\} \\
 & \leq \max\{(c^*)^{m^-} \|\Delta u\|^{m^-}, (c^*)^{m^+} \|\Delta u\|^{m^+}\} \\
 & \leq \max\{(c^*)^{m^-} \|\Delta u\|^{m^- - 2}, (c^*)^{m^+} \|\Delta u\|^{m^+ - 2}\} \|\Delta u\|^2 \\
 (70) \quad & \leq \bar{C} \|\Delta u\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (69) with (70), we get

$$|\int_{\Omega} u|u_t|^{m(x)-1} dx| \leq \frac{\bar{C}}{m^-} \|\Delta u\|^2 + \frac{m^+ - 1}{m^+} \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx.$$

Substituting last inequality into (68) and set  $\varepsilon := m^+$ ,  $\delta := m^-$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - m^+ E(t) \right) &\geq -m^- E(t) + \beta(m^+ - \frac{2(m^+ - 1)}{m^+}) \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{m(x)} dx \\ &\quad + (1 + \frac{m^-}{2}) \|u_t\|^2 + [\frac{l(m^- - 2)}{4} - \frac{\beta\bar{C}}{m^-}] \|\Delta u\|^2 \\ &\quad + a(\frac{m^- + 1}{p^+} - 2) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx \\ &\quad + b(\frac{m^-}{2(p^+)^2} - \frac{1}{p^-} - \frac{2}{(p^-)^2}) (\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx)^2 \\ &\quad + (\frac{m^-}{2} - \frac{3(1-l)}{l(m^- - 2)} - \frac{3(1-l)}{2l}) (g \odot \Delta u)(t) \\ &\quad + [\alpha(1 - \frac{m^-}{q^-}) - \frac{q^+ - 1}{q^+}] \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q(x)} dx - D_3, \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

where  $1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds > 1 - \int_0^\infty g(s) ds = l$  has been used.

Using the conditions of Theorem 3, if  $\alpha$  is large enough and  $\beta$  sufficiently small and (51) satisfied, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - m^+ E(t) \right) &\geq -m^- E(t) + (1 + \frac{m^-}{2}) \|u_t\|^2 + [\frac{l(m^- - 2)}{4} - \frac{\beta\bar{C}}{m^-}] \|\Delta u\|^2 - D_3 \\ &\geq -m^- E(t) + (1 + \frac{m^-}{2}) \|u_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{B^2} [\frac{l(m^- - 2)}{4} - \frac{\beta\bar{C}}{m^-}] \|u\|^2 - D_3, \end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

where  $B$  is the best constant of embedding  $H_0^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ .

By virtue of the Young's inequality and condition (51) i.e.  $m^+ > \frac{m^-}{\sqrt{2(m^- + 2)}}$  and for sufficiently small  $\beta$ , it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m^-}{m^+} \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx &\leq \|u\|^2 + (\frac{m^-}{2m^+})^2 \|u_t\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{B^2} [\frac{l(m^- - 2)}{4} - \frac{\beta\bar{C}}{m^-}] \|u\|^2 + \frac{(m^- + 2)}{2} \|u_t\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{73}$$

Thus using inequality (73) into (72) yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - m^+ E(t) \right) \geq \frac{m^-}{m^+} \left( \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - m^+ E(t) \right) - D_3. \tag{74}$$

Let define

$$H(t) = \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx - m^+ E(t),$$

and therefore

$$H'(t) \geq \frac{m^-}{m^+} H(t) - D_3,$$

integrating over  $(0, t)$  to get

$$(75) \quad H(t) \geq e^{\frac{m^- t}{m^+}} \left( H(0) - \frac{m^+ D_3}{m^-} \right) + \frac{m^+ D_3}{m^-}, \quad \forall t > 0$$

where by the assumption of Theorem 3,  $H(0) > \frac{m^+ D_3}{m^-}$ .

Finally, inequality (75) shows that  $H(t)$  tends to infinity when time goes to infinity and thus the proof of Theorem 3 is completed.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we studied blow up of solutions for a class of plate viscoelastic  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff type inverse source problem with variable-exponent nonlinearities. We obtained blow up of solutions for the inverse problem (1)-(4) in a finite time when  $m(x) \equiv 2$ . Moreover, if  $2 < m^- \leq m(x)$ , then we proved blow-up at infinity of solutions for the inverse problem (1)-(4). Therefore, in the case of  $2 < m^- \leq m(x)$ , blow-up of solutions in a finite time is an open problem for the inverse problem (1)-(4).

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