

GLOBAL EXISTENCE AND ASYMPTOTIC STABILITY FOR A COUPLED VISCOELASTIC WAVE EQUATION WITH A TIME-VARYING DELAY TERM

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the following viscoelastic coupled wave equation with a delay term

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - L_1 u - \int_0^t g_1(t-s)L_1 u(s)ds + \mu_1 u_t(x, t) + \mu_2 u_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) + f_1(u, v) &= 0, \\ v_{tt} - L_2 v - \int_0^t g_2(t-s)L_2 v(s)ds + \alpha_1 v_t(x, t) + \alpha_2 v_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) + f_2(u, v) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

in a bounded domain. Under appropriate conditions on μ_1 , μ_2 , α_1 and α_2 , we prove global existence of the solutions by combining the energy method with the Faedo-Galerkin's procedure. Furthermore, we study the asymptotic stability in using an appropriate Lyapunov functional. Finally, we show that the decay rates are the same as those obtained in [23].

1. INTRODUCTION

Our main interest lies in the following system of viscoelastic equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{tt} - L_1 u - \int_0^t g_1(t-s)L_1 u(s)ds + \mu_1 u_t(x, t) \\ + \mu_2 u_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) + f_1(u, v) = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ v_{tt} - L_2 v - \int_0^t g_2(t-s)L_2 v(s)ds + \alpha_1 v_t(x, t) \\ + \alpha_2 v_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) + f_2(u, v) = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ u(x, t) = 0, \quad v(x, t) = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, +\infty), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \\ u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad v_t(x, 0) = v_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \\ u_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) = \phi_0(x, t - \tau_2(t)), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t \geq 0, \\ v_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)) = \phi_1(x, t - \tau_2(t)), \quad \tau_2(t) \neq 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t \geq 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

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Where $L_1 u = -\operatorname{div}(A_1 \nabla u) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^N \left(a_{1i,j}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu_{L_1}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N (a_{1i,j}(x)) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \nu_i$.
 $L_2 v = -\operatorname{div}(A_2 \nabla v) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^N \left(a_{2i,j}(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right)$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu_{L_2}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N (a_{2i,j}(x)) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \nu_i$. Where

Ω is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and $g_1, g_2 : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \phi_i(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ i = 1, 2$, are given functions which will be specified later. Moreover, $\tau_2(t) > 0$ is the time delay and $\mu_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \mu_2$ are positive real numbers. The initial data $(u_0, u_1, \phi_0), (v_0, v_1, \phi_1)$ belongs to a suitable space. Here u and v denote the transverse displacements of waves. This problem arises in the theory of viscoelasticity and describes the interaction of two scalar fields (see [15]). To motivate our work, let us start with the wave equation proposed by [3], the authors considered the following coupled system of quasilinear viscoelastic equation in canonical form without delay terms

$$\begin{cases} |u_t|^\rho u_{tt} - \Delta u - \gamma_1 \Delta u_{tt} \\ + \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \Delta u(s) ds + f_1(x, u) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty), \\ |v_t|^\rho v_{tt} - \Delta v - \gamma_2 \Delta v_{tt} \\ + \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \Delta v(s) ds + f_2(x, v) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n ($n \geq 1$) with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \geq 0$ are constants and ρ is a real number such that $0 < \rho < \frac{2n}{(n-2)}$ if $n \geq 3$ or $\rho > 0$ if $n = 1, 2$. The functions u_0, u_1, v_0 and v_1 are given initial data. The relaxations functions g_1 and g_2 are continuous functions and $f_1(u, v), f_2(u, v)$ represent the nonlinear terms. The authors proved the energy decay result using the perturbed energy method.

Many authors considered the initial boundary value problem as follows

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \Delta u(s) ds + h_1(u_t) = f_1(x, u), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty), \\ v_{tt} - \Delta v + \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \Delta v(s) ds + h_2(v_t) = f_2(x, v), & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

When the viscoelastic terms g_i ($i = 1, 2$.) are not taken into account in (3), Rammaha and Sakatusathian [4] obtained several results related to local and global existence of a weak solution. By using the same technique as in [5], they showed that any weak solution blows-up in finite time with negative initial energy. Later Said-Houari [6] extended this blow up result to positive initial energy. Conversely, in the presence of the memory term ($g_i \neq 0, i = 1, 2$.), there are numerous results related to the asymptotic behavior and blow up of solutions of viscoelastic systems. For example, Liang and Gao [7] studied problem (3) with $h_1(u_t) = -\Delta u_t, h_2(v_t) = -\Delta v_t$. They obtained that, under suitable conditions on the functions $g_i, f_i, i = 1, 2$, and certain initial data in the stable set, the decay rate of the energy functions is exponential. On the contrary, for certain initial data in the unstable set, there are solutions with positive initial energy that blow-up in finite time. For $h_1(u_t) = |u_t|^{m-1} u_t$ and $h_2(v_t) = |v_t|^{r-1} v_t$, Hun and Wang [8] established several

results related to local existence, global existence and finite time blow-up (the initial energy $E(0) < 0$).

This latter has been improved by Messaoudi and Said-Houari [14] by considering a larger class of initial data for which the initial energy can take positive values. On the other hand, Muhammad I. Mustafa [26] considered the following problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g_1(t-s)\Delta u(s)ds + f_1(v, u) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty), \\ v_{tt} - \Delta v + \int_0^t g_2(t-s)\Delta v(s)ds + f_2(v, u) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty), \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

and proved the well-posedness and energy decay result for wider class of relaxation functions.

The author in [24] have studied the following problem in $\Omega \times (0, +\infty)$

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta u(s)ds + (|u|^k + |v|^q) |u_t|^{m-1} u_t = f_1(v, u), \\ v_{tt} - \Delta v + \int_0^t h(t-s)\Delta v(s)ds + (|u|^\theta + |v|^\rho) |v_t|^{r-1} v_t = f_2(v, u), \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

with degenerate damping and source terms in a bounded domain. Under some assumptions on the relaxation functions, degenerate damping and source terms, he obtained the decay rate of the energy function for certain initial data.

It is widely known that delay effects, which arise in many practical problems, is a source of some instabilities. In this way, Datko and Nicaise ([11], [20], [21]) showed that a small delay in a boundary control turns a well-behaved hyperbolic system into a wild one which in turn, becomes a source of instability. They proved that the energy is exponentially stable under the condition

$$\mu_2 < \mu_1.$$

Motivated by the previous works, in the present paper, we analyze the influence of the viscoelastic damping and delay terms on the solutions to (1). Under suitable assumptions on the functions $g_i(\cdot)$, $f_i(\cdot, \cdot)$ ($i = 1, 2$), the initial data and the parameters in the equations, to the best of our knowledge, there is no result concerning coupled system with the presence of delay term and elliptic operator. We establish several results concerning local and global existence, asymptotic stability and the boundedness of the solutions to (1).

Our work is organized as follows. In section 2, we present the preliminaries and some Lemmas. In section 3, the existence result is obtained. Finally in section 4, decay property is derived.

2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this section, we present some material and assumptions for the proof of our results. We will use the embeddings $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\Omega)$ for $2 \leq q \leq \frac{2n}{n-2}$, if $n \geq 3$ and $q \geq 2$, if $n = 1, 2$; and $L^r(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\Omega)$, for $q < r$. We will use, in this case, the same embedding constant denoted by c_s

$$\|\nu\|_q \leq c_s \|\nabla \nu\|_2, \quad \|\nu\|_q \leq c_s \|\nu\|_r \quad \text{for } \nu \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

For studying the problem (1) we will need the following assumptions. For the relaxation functions g_i for $(i = 1, 2)$, we assume

(A_0) : $g_1(t), g_2(t): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ are of class C^2 and satisfying, for $s \geq 0$

$$g_1(0) = g_{10} > 0, \quad 1 - \int_0^\infty g_1(s)ds = l_1 > 0, \quad g_2(0) = g_{20} > 0, \quad 1 - \int_0^\infty g_2(s)ds = l_2 > 0,$$

and there exist a nonincreasing functions $\zeta_1(t)$ and $\zeta_2(t)$ such that

$$g_1'(t) \leq -\zeta_1(t)g_1(t), \quad g_2'(t) \leq -\zeta_2(t)g_2(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (6)$$

(A_1) : The matrix $A_1 = (a_{1i,j}(x))$, $A_2 = (a_{2i,j}(x))$, where $a_{1i,j}, a_{2i,j} \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$, are symmetric and there exists a constants $a_{01}, a_{02} > 0$ such that for all $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ and $\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ we have

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{1i,j}(x)\eta_j\eta_i \geq a_{01}|\eta|^2, \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{2i,j}(x)\eta_j\eta_i \geq a_{02}|\eta|^2. \quad (7)$$

(A_2) : We take $f_1(u, v)$ and $f_2(u, v)$ as in [23], namely

$$f_1(u, v) = a|u + v|^{p-1}(u + v) + b|u|^{\frac{p-3}{2}}|v|^{\frac{p+1}{2}}u, \quad (8)$$

$$f_2(u, v) = a|u + v|^{p-1}(u + v) + b|v|^{\frac{p-3}{2}}|u|^{\frac{p+1}{2}}v. \quad (9)$$

With $a, b > 0$. Further, one can easily verify that

$$uf_1(u, v) + vf_2(u, v) = (p + 1)F(u, v), \quad \forall (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Where

$$F(u, v) = \frac{1}{(p + 1)} \left(a|u + v|^{p+1} + 2b|uv|^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \right), \quad f_1(u, v) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \quad f_2(u, v) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial v}.$$

And there exists C , such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u}(u, v) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial v}(u, v) \right| \leq C(|u|^{p-1} + |v|^{p-1}), \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \text{where } 1 \leq p < 6.$$

(A_3) : We assume that

$$\text{if } n = 1, 2; \quad p \geq 3 \quad \text{if } n = 3; \quad p = 3. \quad (10)$$

(A_4) : τ_i is a function such that

$$\tau_i \in W^{2,\infty}([0, T]), \quad \forall T > 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (11)$$

$$0 < \tau_0 \leq \tau_2(t) \leq \tau_1, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (12)$$

$$\tau_2'(t) \leq d < 1, \quad \tau_2'(t) \leq d' < 1, \quad (13)$$

where τ_0 and τ_1 are two positive constants.

(A_5) : We suppose further that

$$\mu_2 < \sqrt{1 - d}\mu_1, \quad (14)$$

$$\alpha_2 < \sqrt{1 - d'}\alpha_1. \quad (15)$$

As in [28] we choose ξ_1 and ξ_2 such that

$$\frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1 - d}} < \xi_1 < 2\mu_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1 - d}}, \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_2}{\sqrt{1 - d'}} < \xi_2 < 2\alpha_1 - \frac{\alpha_2}{\sqrt{1 - d'}}. \quad (17)$$

Lemma 1 ([23]) Suppose that (10) holds. Then there exists $\rho > 0$ such that for any $(u, v) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$, we have

$$\|u + v\|_{p+1}^{p+1} + 2\|uv\|_{\frac{p+1}{2}}^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \leq \rho \left(l_1 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v\|_2^2 \right)^{\frac{p+1}{2}}.$$

Lemma 2 ([23]) There exist two positive constants c_0 and c_1 such that

$$c_0 (|u|^{p+1} + |v|^{p+1}) \leq F(u, v) \leq c_1 (|u|^{p+1} + |v|^{p+1}), \quad \forall (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Remark 1 For seeking of simplicity, we take $a = b = 1$ in (8) – (9).

3. GLOBAL EXISTENCE

In order to prove the existence of solutions of problem (1), we introduce the new variables z_1, z_2 as in [28]

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(x, k_1, t) &= u_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)k_1), & x \in \Omega, k_1 \in (0, 1), \\ z_2(x, k_2, t) &= v_t(x, t - \tau_2(t)k_2), & x \in \Omega, k_2 \in (0, 1), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(t)z_{1t}(x, k_1, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{k_1}(x, k_1, t) &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1) \times (0, \infty), \\ \tau_2(t)z_{2t}(x, k_2, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{k_2}(x, k_2, t) &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1) \times (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, problem (1) is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &u_{tt} - L_1u + \int_0^t g_1(t-s)L_1u(s)ds \\ &+ \mu_1u_t(x, t) + \mu_2z_1(x, 1, t) + f_1(u, v) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ &v_{tt} - L_2v + \int_0^t g_2(t-s)L_2v(s)ds \\ &+ \alpha_1v_t(x, t) + \alpha_2z_2(x, 1, t) + f_2(u, v) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ &\tau_2(t)z_{1t}(x, k_1, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{k_1}(x, k_1, t) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1) \times (0, \infty), \\ &\tau_2(t)z_{2t}(x, k_2, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{k_2}(x, k_2, t) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1) \times (0, \infty), \\ &z_1(x, 0, t) = u_t(x, t), x \in \Omega, & t > 0, \\ &z_2(x, 0, t) = v_t(x, t), x \in \Omega, & t > 0, \\ &z_1(x, k_1, 0) = \phi_0(x, -\tau_2(0)k_1), & x \in \Omega, \\ &z_2(x, k_2, 0) = \phi_1(x, -\tau_2(0)k_2), & x \in \Omega, \\ &u(x, 0) = u_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ &v(x, 0) = v_0(x), v_t(x, 0) = v_1(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ &u(x, t) = 0, v(x, t) = 0, x \in \partial\Omega, & t \geq 0. \end{aligned} \right. \quad (18)$$

In the following, we will give sufficient conditions for the well-posedness of problem (18) by using the Fadeo-Galerkin’s method.

Theorem 1 Let $(u_0, v_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega))^2, (u_1, v_1) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$ and $(\phi_0, \phi_1) \in (L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1))^2$ satisfying the compatibility conditions

$$\phi_0 = (., 0) = u_1, \quad \phi_1 = (., 0) = v_1.$$

Assume that the hypotheses $(A_0) - (A_5)$ hold. Then there exists a unique weak solution $((u, z_1), (v, z_2))$ of (18) such for all $T > 0$, we have

$$u(t), v(t) \in C([- \tau_2(0), T]; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap C^1([- \tau_2(0), T]; L^2(\Omega)),$$

$$u_t(t), v_t(t) \in L^2([-\tau_2(0), T]; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2([-\tau_2(0), T] \times \Omega),$$

Proof. We use Faedo-Galerkin's method to construct approximate solution. Let $T > 0$ be fixed and denote by V_n the space generated by the set $\{w_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a basis of $H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$. We define also for $1 \leq j \leq n$, the sequence $\varphi_j(x, n)$ as follows $\varphi_j(x, 0) = w_j(x)$. Then we may extend $\varphi_j(x, 0)$ by $\varphi_j(x, n)$ over $L^2(\Omega \times [0, 1])$ and denote Z_n to be the space generated by $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$, ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$). We construct approximate solutions $(u^n(t), z_1^n(t), v^n(t), z_2^n(t))$ ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} u^n(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^n u_{n,j}(t)w_j(x), & z_1^n(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^n z_{1n,j}(t)\varphi_j(x, k_1), \\ v^n(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^n v_{n,j}(t)w_j(x), & z_2^n(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^n z_{2n,j}(t)\varphi_j(x, k_2), \end{aligned}$$

where $((u^n(t), z_1^n(t)), (v^n(t), z_2^n(t)))$ are the solutions of the following approximate problem corresponding to (18) then $((u^n(t), z_1^n(t)), (v^n(t), z_2^n(t)))$ verify the following system of ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle u_{tt}^n(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + a_1(u^n(t), w_j) + \left\langle \int_0^t g_1(t-s)A_1 \nabla u^n(s) ds, \nabla w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \langle \mu_1 u_t^n(x, t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + \langle \mu_2 z_1^n(x, 1, t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + \langle f_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle v_{tt}^n(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + a_2(v^n(t), w_j) + \left\langle \int_0^t g_2(t-s)A_2 \nabla v^n(s) ds, \nabla w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \langle \alpha_1 v_t^n(x, t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + \langle \alpha_2 z_2^n(x, 1, t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + \langle f_2(u^n(t), v^n(t)), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n$. More specifically

$$\begin{aligned} u^n(0) &= \sum_{j=1}^n u_{n,j}(0)w_j, & v^n(0) &= \sum_{j=1}^n v_{n,j}(0)w_j, \\ u_t^n(0) &= \sum_{j=1}^n u'_{n,j}(0)w_j, & v_t^n(0) &= \sum_{j=1}^n v'_{n,j}(0)w_j, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where

$$u^{n,j}(0) = \langle u^0, w_j \rangle, v^{n,j}(0) = \langle v^0, w_j \rangle, v_t^{n,j}(0) = \langle v^1, w_j \rangle, v_t^{n,j}(0) = \langle v^1, w_j \rangle,$$

$j = 1, \dots, n$. Obviously, $u^n(0) \rightarrow u^0$, $v^n(0) \rightarrow v^0$ strongly in $H_0^1(\Omega)$, $u_t^n(0) \rightarrow u^1$, $v_t^n(0) \rightarrow v^1$ strongly in $L^2(\Omega)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also

$$\langle \tau_2(t)z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{1k_1}^n(x, k_1, t), \varphi_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0, \quad (22)$$

$$\langle \tau_2(t)z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t) + (1 - \tau_2'(t))z_{2k_2}^n(x, k_2, t), \varphi_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0, \quad (23)$$

$$z_1^n(0) = z_1^1 \rightarrow \phi_0, \quad z_2^n(0) = z_2^1 \rightarrow \phi_1 \text{ in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)). \quad (24)$$

For $j = 1, \dots, n$. Where

$$a_{1i}(\psi(t), \phi(t)) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{1i,j}(x) \frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \phi(t)}{\partial x_i} dx = \int_{\Omega} A_1 \nabla \psi(t) \phi(t) dx,$$

$$a_2(\psi(t), \phi(t)) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{2i,j}(x) \frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \phi(t)}{\partial x_i} dx = \int_{\Omega} A_2 \nabla \psi(t) \phi(t) dx.$$

By using hypothesis (A_1) , we verify that the bilinear forms $a_1(\cdot, \cdot), a_2(\cdot, \cdot) : H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are symmetric and continuous. On the other hand, from (7) for $\zeta = \nabla \psi$, we get

$$a_1(\psi(t), \psi(t)) \geq a_{01} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx = a_{01} \|\nabla \psi(t)\|_2^2, \quad (25)$$

$$a_2(\psi(t), \psi(t)) \geq a_{02} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx = a_{02} \|\nabla \psi(t)\|_2^2. \quad (26)$$

Which implies that $a_1(\cdot, \cdot), a_2(\cdot, \cdot)$ are coercive. We will utilize a standard compactness argument for the limiting procedure and it suffices to derive some a priori estimates for $(u^n(t), z_1^n(t), v^n(t), z_2^n(t))$ such that $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- (1) **Estimate 1.** Multiplying equation (19) by $u'_{n,j}(t)$ and the equation (20) by $v'_{n,j}(t)$ and summing with respect to j , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} [\|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_1(u^n(t), u_t^n(t)) + a_2(v^n(t), v_t^n(t))] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} F(u^n(t), v^n(t)) dx + \frac{\mu_1}{2} \|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} z_1(x, 1, t) u_t^n(x, t) dx + \alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} z_2(x, 1, t) v_t^n(x, t) dx \\ & - \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \int_{\Omega} A_1 \nabla u^n(s) \nabla u_t^n(t) dx ds \\ & - \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \int_{\Omega} A_2 \nabla v^n(s) \nabla v_t^n(t) dx ds = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Note that

$$a_1(u^n(t), u_t^n(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)), \quad (28)$$

and

$$a_2(v^n(t), v_t^n(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} a_2(v^n(t), v^n(t)). \quad (29)$$

Following the same technique as in [31], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \int_{\Omega} A_1 \nabla u^n(s) \nabla u_t^n(t) dx ds \\
&= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} g_1(t-s) a_{1i,j}(x) \frac{\partial u^n(s)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} dx ds \\
&= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} g_1(t-s) a_{1i,j}(x) \frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} dx ds \\
&- \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} g_1(t-s) a_{1i,j}(x) \left(\frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u_t^n(s)}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} dx ds \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{d}{dt} a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) ds \right) \\
&- \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{d}{dt} a_1(u^n(t) - u^n(s), u^n(t) - u^n(s)) ds \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) ds - \frac{1}{2} g_1(t) a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) \right) \\
&- \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) a_1(u^n(t) - u^n(s), u^n(t) - u^n(s)) ds \right) \\
&\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g'(t-s) a_1(u^n(t) - u^n(s), u^n(t) - u^n(s)) ds \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (g_1 \circ u^n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} (g_1' \circ u^n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right] \\
&- \frac{1}{2} g_1(t) a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)),
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

where

$$(g_1 \circ u^n)(t) = \int_0^t g_1(t-s) a_1(u^n(t) - u^n(s), u^n(t) - u^n(s)) ds, \tag{31}$$

in the same way

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \int_{\Omega} A_2 \nabla v^n(s) \nabla v_t^n(t) dx ds = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (g_2 \circ v^n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} (g_2' \circ v^n)(t) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[a_2(v^n(t), v^n(t)) \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right] - \frac{1}{2} g_2(t) a_2(v^n(t), v^n(t)).
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Inserting (28)- (32) in (27) and integrating over $(0, t)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega} F(u^n(t), v^n(t)) dx \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_2' o v^n)(s) ds = 0 \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds\right) a_2(v^n(t), v^n(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 o u^n)(t) + \frac{1}{2} (g_2 o v^n)(t) \\
& + \mu_1 \int_0^t \|u_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \alpha_1 \int_0^t \|v_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \mu_2 \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} z_1^n(x, 1, s) u_s^n(s) dx ds \\
& + \alpha_2 \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} z_2^n(x, 1, s) v_s^n(s) dx ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_1(s) a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) ds \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_2(s) a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_1' o u^n)(s) ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Now, we multiply (22) by $\xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} z_{1n,j}^n(t)$, summing with respect to j and integrating over $\Omega \times (0, 1)$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_{1t}^n z_1^n(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
& = -\frac{\xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)}}{2\tau_0} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2 dk_1 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2 dk_1 dx \right) \\
& = -\frac{\xi_1(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} ((1 - \tau_2'(t) k_1) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2) dk_1 dx \\
& + \frac{\xi_1'(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2 dk_1 dx. \\
& = \frac{\xi_1(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} [(z_1^n(x, 0, t))^2 - (z_1^n(x, 1, t))^2] e^{-\tau_2(t)} dx \\
& + \frac{\xi_1(t) \tau_2'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} (z_1^n(x, 1, t))^2 dx \\
& + \frac{\xi_1'(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2 dk_1 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

In the same way for (23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\xi_2(t) e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 (z_2^n(x, k_2, t))^2 dk_2 dx \right) \\
& = \frac{\xi_2(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} [(z_2^n(x, 0, t))^2 - (z_2^n(x, 1, t))^2] e^{-\tau_2(t)} dx \\
& + \frac{\xi_2(t) \tau_2'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} (z_2^n(x, 1, t))^2 dx \\
& + \frac{\xi_2'(t) e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} (z_2^n(x, k_2, t))^2 dk_2 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Due to Young's inequality, we have

$$\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} z_1^n(x, 1, t) u_t^n(x, t) dx \leq \frac{\mu_2}{2\sqrt{1-d}} \|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\mu_2\sqrt{1-d}}{2} \|z_1^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2, \quad (37)$$

$$\alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} z_2^n(x, 1, t) v_t^n(x, t) dx \leq \frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{1-d'}} \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha_2\sqrt{1-d'}}{2} \|z_2^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2. \quad (38)$$

Taking into account the fact that

$$\int_0^t (g_1' \circ u_s^n)(s) ds \leq 0, \quad \int_0^t (g_2' \circ v_s^n)(s) ds \leq 0,$$

we arrive at

$$(g_1 \circ u_t^n)(t) - \int_0^t (g_1' \circ u_s^n)(s) ds + \int_0^t g_1(s) a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) ds \geq 0, \quad (39)$$

$$(g_2 \circ v_t^n)(t) - \int_0^t (g_2' \circ v_s^n)(s) ds + \int_0^t g_2(s) a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) ds \geq 0. \quad (40)$$

Summing (33), (35), (36), (37), (38), (39) and (40), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & E^n(t) + \sigma_1 \int_0^t \|u_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \sigma_2 \int_0^t \|v_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\ & + \sigma_3 \int_0^t \|z_1^n(x, 1, s)\|_2^2 ds + \sigma_4 \int_0^t \|z_2^n(x, 1, s)\|_2^2 ds \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_1' \circ u)(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_1(s) a_1(u(s), u(s)) ds \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_2' \circ v)(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_2(s) a_2(v(s), v(s)) ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\|u^{1n}\|_2^2 + \|v^{1n}\|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega} F(u^n(0), v^n(0)) dx \right] = E^n(0). \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \left(\mu_1 - \frac{\xi_1}{2} - \frac{\mu_2}{2\sqrt{1-d}} \right), \quad \sigma_3 = \left(\frac{\xi_1(1-\tau_2'(t))}{2} - \frac{\mu_2\sqrt{1-d}}{2} \right), \\ \sigma_2 &= \left(\alpha_1 - \frac{\xi_2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{1-d'}} \right), \quad \sigma_4 = \left(\frac{\xi_2(1-\tau_2'(t))}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2\sqrt{1-d'}}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Where $E(t)$ is the energy of the solution defined by the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} E^n(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) a_1(u^n(t), u^n(t)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) a_2(v^n(t), v^n(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \circ u^n)(t) \\ &+ \frac{e^{-k_1\tau_2(t)} \xi_1(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 (z_1^n(x, k_1, t))^2 dk_1 dx + \frac{1}{2} (g_2 \circ v^n)(t) \\ &+ \frac{e^{-k_2\tau_2(t)} \xi_2(t)}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 (z_2^n(x, k_2, t))^2 dk_2 dx + \int_{\Omega} F(u^n(t), v^n(t)) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

We shall prove that the problem (19)-(24) admits a local solution in $[0, t_m)$, $0 < t_m < T$, for an arbitrary $T > 0$. The extension of the solution to the

whole interval $[0, T]$ is a consequence of the estimates below.

- (2) **Estimate 2.** As in [26] replacing w_j by $-\Delta w_j$ in (19)-(24), multiplying the equation (19) by $u'_{n,j}(t)$ and equation (20) by $v'_{n,j}(t)$, summing over j from 1 to n and using (30), (32), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{01} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \|\Delta u^n(t)\|_2^2 + (g_1 \circ \Delta u^n)(t) \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} g_1(t) \|\Delta u^n(t)\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} (g_1' \circ \Delta u^n)(t) + \frac{\mu_1}{2} \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} z_1^n(x, 1, t) \Delta u_t^n(t) dx + \int_{\Omega} f_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)) \Delta u^n(t) dx = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{02} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \|\Delta v^n(t)\|_2^2 + (g_2 \circ \Delta v^n)(t) \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} g_2(t) \|\Delta v^n(t)\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} (g_2' \circ \Delta v^n)(t) + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} z_2^n(x, 1, t) \Delta v_t^n(t) dx + \int_{\Omega} f_2(u^n(t), v^n(t)) \Delta v^n(t) dx = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Replacing φ_j by $-\Delta \varphi_j$ in (22)-(23), multiplying (22) by $z_{1n,j}(t)$, summing over j , it follows that

$$\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{2(1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1)} \right) \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla z_1^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_1} \|\nabla z_1^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \quad (45)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \|\nabla z_1^n(t)\|_2^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right)' \|\nabla z_1^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_1} \|\nabla z_1^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

In the same way for (23)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \|\nabla z_2^n(t)\|_2^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right)' \|\nabla z_2^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_2} \|\nabla z_2^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

Using Young's inequality, summing (43), (46) and (47), integrating over $(0, t)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \left[\|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{01} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \|\Delta u^n(t)\|_2^2 \right] \\
& + \int_0^1 \frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \|\nabla z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_1' \circ \Delta v^n)(s) ds \\
& + \int_0^1 \frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \|\nabla z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_2 + \frac{1}{2} (g_2 \circ \Delta v^n)(t) \\
& + \frac{a_{02}}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \|\Delta v^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \circ \Delta u^n)(t) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_1(s) \|\Delta u^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g_2(s) \|\Delta v^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (g_2' \circ \Delta v^n)(s) ds + \frac{\mu_1}{2} \int_0^t \|\nabla u_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \int_0^t \|\nabla v_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& + \mu_2 \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} |\nabla z_1^n(x, 1, s)|^2 ds dx + \mu_2 \int_0^t \|\nabla u_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& + \alpha_2 \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} |\nabla z_2^n(x, 1, s)|^2 ds dx + \alpha_2 \int_0^t \|\nabla v_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} \left(f_1(u^n, v^n) \Delta u^n - f_1(u^0, v^0) \Delta u^0 \right) dx \\
& - \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f_1(u^n, v^n) u_s^n \Delta u^n + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} f_1(u^n, v^n) v_s^n \Delta u^n \right) dx ds \\
& + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v} f_2(u^n, v^n) u_s^n \Delta v^n + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} f_2(u^n, v^n) v_s^n \Delta v^n \right) dx ds \\
& + \int_0^t \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(s)}{1 - \tau_2'(s)k_1} \right) \|\nabla z_{1s}^n(x, k_1, s)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_1 + \|\Delta u^{1n}\|_2^2 \\
& + \int_0^t \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(s)}{1 - \tau_2'(s)k_2} \right) \|\nabla z_{2s}^n(x, k_2, s)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_2 + \|\Delta v^{1n}\|_2^2 \\
& + \int_0^t \|\nabla u_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \int_0^t \|\nabla v_s^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u^{1n}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla v^{1n}\|_2^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

Where $c_0 = \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u^{1n}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla v^{1n}\|_2^2 + \|\Delta u^{1n}\|_2^2 + \|\Delta v^{1n}\|_2^2$, is a positive constant. We just need to estimate the right hand terms of (48). Applying Holder's inequality and Sobolev's embedding theorem inequality, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\Omega} f_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)) \Delta u^n(t) dx \right| \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} \left(|u^n|^p + |v^n|^p + |u^n|^{\frac{p-1}{2}} |v^n|^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \right) |\Delta u^n| dx \\
& \leq C \left(\|u^n\|_{2p}^p + \|v^n\|_{2p}^p + \|u^n\|_{\frac{2}{p-1}}^{3(p-1)} \|u^n\|_{\frac{2}{p+1}}^{\frac{3(p+1)}{2}} \right) \|\Delta u^n\|_2 \\
& \leq C \left(\|\nabla u^n\|_2^p + \|\nabla v^n\|_2^p + \|\nabla u^n\|_2^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \|\nabla v^n\|_2^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \right) \|\Delta u^n\|_2 \\
& \leq C \left(\|\Delta u^n\|_2^2 + \|\nabla u^n\|_2^{2p} + \|\nabla v^n\|_2^{2p} + \|\nabla u^n\|_2^{p-1} \|\nabla v^n\|_2^{p+1} \right) \\
& \leq C \|\Delta u^n\|_2^2 + c.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

Likewise, we obtain

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} f_2(u^n(t), v^n(t)) \Delta v^n(t) dx \right| \leq C \|\Delta v^n\|_2^2 + c. \quad (50)$$

Now we estimate $I = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)) u_t^n(t) \Delta u^n(t) dx$, then, by (A₂) and Young's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |I| &\leq c \int_{\Omega} (|u^n|^{p-1} + |v^n|^{p-1}) |u_t^n| |\Delta u^n| dx, \\ &\leq c \|u_t^n\|_2 \|u^n\|_{2p}^{p-1} \|\Delta u^n\|_{2p} + \|v^n\|_{2p}^{p-1} \|u_t^n\|_{2p} \|\Delta u^n\|_2. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |I| &\leq c \left(\|\nabla u^n\|_2^{p-1} + \|\nabla v^n\|_2^{p-1} \right) \|\nabla u_t^n\|_2 \|\Delta u^n\|_2, \\ &\leq c \|\nabla u_t^n\|_2 \|\Delta u^n\|_2, \\ &\leq c \|\Delta u^n\|_2^2 + c \|\nabla u_t^n\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

Then, we infer from (49) – (52), using Gronwall's Lemma, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{01} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \|\Delta u^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ &+ a_{02} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \|\Delta v^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ &+ \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|\nabla z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_1 \\ &+ \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|\nabla z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_2 \\ &\leq e^{cT} \left(\|\nabla u_t^n(0)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla v_t^n(0)\|_2^2 + \|\Delta u^n(0)\|_2^2 + \|\Delta v^n(0)\|_2^2 \right) \\ &+ e^{cT} \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|\nabla z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, 0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_1 \right) \\ &+ e^{cT} \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|\nabla z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, 0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 dk_2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

we have also from (41)

$$\begin{aligned} &\|u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla v^n(t)\|_2^2 + (g_1 o u^n)(t) \\ &+ \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_1^n(x, 1, s) dx ds + \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_2^n(x, 1, s) dx ds + (g_2 o v^n)(t) \\ &+ \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_1^n(x, k_1, s) dx ds + \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_2^n(x, k_2, s) dx ds + \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \leq C_1, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where C_1 is a positive constant depending on the parameter $E(0)$.

(3) **Estimate 3.** First, we estimate $(u''_n(0))$ and $(v''_n(0))$ in (19)-(20) and taking $t = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u''_{tt}(0)\|_2^2 + \|v''_{tt}(0)\|_2^2 &\leq \|a_{01} u^{0n}\|_2^2 + \mu_1 \|u^{1n}\|_2^2 + \mu_2 \|z_1^{0n}\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + a_{02} \|v^{0n}\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|v^{1n}\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \|z_2^{0n}\|_2^2 \\ &\leq a_{01} \|u^0\|_2^2 + \mu_1 \|u^1\|_2^2 + \mu_2 \|z_1^0\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + a_{02} \|v^0\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|v^1\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \|z_2^0\|_2^2 \leq C. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Where C is a positive constant. Now, differentiating (19) and (20) with respect to t , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{1ij}(x) \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \nabla u^n(t) ds \right)', \nabla w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \left\langle \mu_1 (u_t^n(x, t))', w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} + \langle u''_{tt}(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + a_1 \langle u_t^n(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \left\langle \mu_2 (z_1^n(x, 1, t))', w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} + \langle (Df_1(u^n(t), v^n(t))), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{2ij}(x) \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \nabla v^n(t) ds \right)', \nabla w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \langle v''_{tt}(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + a_2 \langle v_t^n(t), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} + \left\langle \alpha_1 (v_t^n(x, t))', w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \left\langle \alpha_2 (z_2^n(x, 1, t))', w_j \right\rangle_{\Omega} + \langle (Df_2(u^n(t), v^n(t))), w_j \rangle_{\Omega} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Multiplying (56) by $u''_{n,j}(t)$ and (57) by $v''_{n,j}(t)$, summing over j from 1 to n , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u''_{tt}(t)\|_2^2 + a_1 \langle u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} + \mu_1 \|u''_{tt}(t)\|_2^2 + \mu_2 \langle u''_{tt}(t), z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &- g_1(0) \frac{d}{dt} A_1 \langle \nabla u^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} + g_1(0) a_1 \langle u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &- \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_1 g_1'(t-s) \langle \nabla u_s^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} ds + \langle Df_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)), u''_{tt}(t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &- \int_0^t A_1 g_1''(t-s) \langle \nabla u_s^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} ds + g_1'(0) \langle A_1 \nabla u_t^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega}, \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v''_{tt}(t)\|_2^2 + a_2 \langle v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} + \alpha_1 \|v''_{tt}(t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \langle v''_{tt}(t), z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &- g_2(0) \frac{d}{dt} \langle A_2 \nabla v^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} + g_2(0) a_2 \langle v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &- \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_2 g_2'(t-s) \langle \nabla v_s^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} ds + g_2'(0) \langle A_2 \nabla v_t^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} \\ &+ \int_0^t A_2 g_2''(t-s) \langle \nabla v_s^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_{\Omega} ds + \langle Df_2(u^n(t), v^n(t)), v''_{tt}(t) \rangle_{\Omega} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

Differentiating (22) with respect to t , we get

$$\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1}\right) z_{1t}^n(t) + \frac{\tau_2(t)}{(1-\tau_2'(t)k_1)} z_{1tt}^n(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \quad (60)$$

Multiplying (60) by $z'_{1n,j}(t)$, summing over j from 1 to n , it follows that

$$\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1}\right)' \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1}\right) \frac{d}{dt} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_1} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \quad (61)$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1}\right)' \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2\right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_1} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

In the same way for (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2}\right)' \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2\right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_2} \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

Taking the sum of (58), (59), (61) and (63), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} [\|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) + a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t))] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 + \mu_1 \|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2\right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2}\right) \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 + g_1(0) a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) \\ & + g_2(0) a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \|z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1}\right)' \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2}\right)' \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \langle Df_1(u^n(t), v^n(t)), u_{tt}^n(t) \rangle_\Omega + \langle Df_2(u^n(t), v^n(t)), v_{tt}^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \\ & + g_1(0) \frac{d}{dt} \langle A_1 \nabla u^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega + g_2(0) \frac{d}{dt} \langle A_2 \nabla v^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \\ & - g_1'(0) \langle A_1 \nabla u_t^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega - \int_0^t A_1 g_1''(t-s) \langle \nabla u^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \\ & - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_2 g_2'(t-s) \langle \nabla v_s^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds - g_2'(0) \langle A_2 \nabla v_t^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \\ & - \int_0^t A_2 g_2''(t-s) \langle \nabla v^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds - \mu_2 \langle u_{tt}^n(t), z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t) \rangle_\Omega \\ & - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_1 g_1'(t-s) \langle \nabla u_s^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds - \alpha_2 \langle v_{tt}^n(t), z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t) \rangle_\Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

Using Holder, Young's inequalities and the same technique as in [29], we conclude the following estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1'(0)A_1 \langle \nabla u^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N g_1'(0)a_{1ij}(x) \left\langle \frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \right\rangle_\Omega \\
&\leq \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{(g_1'(0))^2}{2\mu} \int_\Omega \left| \frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 dx + 2\mu \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_\Omega \left| a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx \\
&\leq \frac{(g_1'(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2\mu \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \|a_{1ij}\|_\infty^2 \right) \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
&\leq \frac{(g_1'(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2a_{11}\mu \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

where

$$a_{11} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \|a_{1ij}\|_\infty^2 \right), \quad a_{22} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \|a_{2ij}\|_\infty^2 \right).$$

And

$$g_2'(0)A_2 \langle \nabla v^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \leq \frac{(g_2'(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla v^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2a_{22}\mu \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2, \tag{66}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^t A_1 g_1''(t-s) \langle \nabla u^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \\
&= \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^N a_{1ij}(x) g_1''(t-s) \langle \nabla u^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{a_{11}}{\epsilon} \int_\Omega \left| \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx + 2\epsilon \|g_1''\|_{L^1} \sum_{j=1}^N \int_0^t \int_\Omega \left| \frac{\partial u^n(s)}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 dx ds \\
&\leq \frac{a_{11}}{\epsilon} \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2\epsilon \|g_1''\|_{L^1} \int_0^t \|\nabla u^n(s)\|_2^2 ds,
\end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

also

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_0^t A_2 g_2''(t-s) \langle \nabla v^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \right| &\leq \frac{a_{22}}{\epsilon} \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + 2\epsilon \|g_2''\|_{L^1} \int_0^t \|\nabla v^n(s)\|_2^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

Using (A_2) and the Sobolev's embedding, gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle Df_1 u^n(t), v^n(t), u_{tt}^n(t) \rangle_\Omega| &\leq C [(\|u^n\|^{p-1} + \|v^n\|^{p-1}) \|u_t^n\|_2] \|u_{tt}^n\|_2 \\
&\quad + C [(\|u^n\|^{p-1} + \|v^n\|^{p-1}) \|v_t^n\|_2] \|u_{tt}^n\|_2 \\
&\leq C \left[\|u^n\|_2^{2(p-1)} + \|v^n\|_2^{2(p-1)} + \|u_t^n\|_2^2 + \|v_t^n\|_2^2 \right] \|u_{tt}^n\|_2 \leq \|u_{tt}^n\|_2^2 + c,
\end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

where c is a positive constant. In the same way, we obtain

$$|\langle Df_2(u^n(t), v^n(t))v_{tt}^n \rangle_\Omega| \leq \|v_{tt}^n\|_2^2 + c. \tag{70}$$

Replacing (65)-(70) in (64), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) + a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 + \frac{1}{2} \|z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
& + g_1(0)a_{11}(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) + g_2(0)a_{22}(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) \\
& \leq c \|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + c \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + c \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 \right) \\
& + c \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 \right) + 2\mu a_{22} \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \frac{(g_1'(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2\mu a_{11} \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{(g_2'(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla v^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \epsilon \|g_1''\|_{L^1} \int_0^t A_1 g_1''(t-s) \|\nabla u^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \frac{a_{11}}{\epsilon} \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \epsilon \|g_2''\|_{L^1} \int_0^t A_2 g_2''(t-s) \|\nabla v^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \frac{a_{22}}{\epsilon} \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
& - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_1 g_1'(t-s) \langle \nabla u_s^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds + g_1(0) \frac{d}{dt} A_1 \langle \nabla u^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \\
& - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t A_2 g_2'(t-s) \langle \nabla v_s^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds + g_2(0) \frac{d}{dt} A_2 \langle \nabla v^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega.
\end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

Integrating the last inequality over $(0, t)$ and using Gronwall's Lemma, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) + a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) \\
& + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 \\
& \leq \|u_{tt}^n(0)\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}^n(0)\|_2^2 + a_1(u_t^n(0), u_t^n(0)) + a_2(v_t^n(0), v_t^n(0)) \\
& + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(0)}{1-\tau_2'(0)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, 0)\|_2^2 dk_1 + g_1(0)a_1(u_t^n(t), u_t^n(t)) \\
& + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, 0)\|_2^2 dk_2 + g_2(0)a_2(v_t^n(t), v_t^n(t)) \\
& - \int_0^t g_1'(t-s) A_1 \langle \nabla u_s^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds - g_1(0)a_1(u_t^n(0), u_t^n(0)) \\
& - \int_0^t g_2'(t-s) A_2 \langle \nabla v_s^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds - g_2(0)a_2(v_t^n(0), v_t^n(0)) \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{4\epsilon} + \frac{g_1'(0)^2}{4\epsilon} \right) \int_0^t \|\nabla u_t^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + \left(\frac{1}{4\epsilon} + \frac{g_2'(0)^2}{4\epsilon} \right) \int_0^t \|\nabla v_t^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& + (\epsilon + \epsilon \|g_1\|_{L^1}^2) \int_0^t \|\nabla u^n(s)\|_2^2 ds + (\epsilon + \epsilon \|g_2\|_{L^1}^2) \int_0^t \|\nabla v^n(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
& + \int_0^t (\|u_{ss}^n(s)\|_2^2 + \|v_{ss}^n(s)\|_2^2 + a_1(u_s^n(s), u_s^n(s)) + a_2(v_s^n(s), v_s^n(s))) ds \\
& + \int_0^t \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(s)}{1-\tau_2'(s)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, s)\|_2^2 dk_1 \right) ds \\
& + \int_0^t \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(s)}{1-\tau_2'(s)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, s)\|_2^2 dk_2 \right) ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

We have to estimate the right hand side of (72). We get easily

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1(0)A_1 \langle \nabla u^n(t), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N g_1(0)a_{1ij}(x) \left\langle \frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \right\rangle_\Omega \\
&\leq \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{(g_1(0))^2}{2\mu} \int_\Omega \left| \frac{\partial u^n(t)}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 dx + 2\mu \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_\Omega \left| a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u_t^n(t)}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx \\
&\leq \frac{(g_1(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2\mu \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \|a_{1ij}\|_\infty^2 \right) \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
&\leq \frac{(g_1(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla u^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2a_{11}\mu \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{73}$$

In the same way

$$g_2(0) \langle \nabla v^n(t), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega \leq \frac{(g_2(0))^2}{2\mu} \|\nabla v^n(t)\|_2^2 + 2a_{22}\mu \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2. \tag{74}$$

As previously, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_0^t g_1'(t-s)A_1 \langle \nabla u^n(s), \nabla u_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \right| &\leq \epsilon \|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
+ \frac{a_{11}\|g_1\|_{L^1}\|g_1\|_{L^\infty}}{4\epsilon} \int_0^t \|\nabla u^n(s)\|_2^2 ds,
\end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_0^t g_2'(t-s)A_2 \langle \nabla v^n(s), \nabla v_t^n(t) \rangle_\Omega ds \right| &\leq \epsilon \|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
+ \frac{a_{22}\|g_2\|_{L^1}\|g_2\|_{L^\infty}}{4\epsilon} \int_0^t \|\nabla v^n(s)\|_2^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{76}$$

Replacing (73)-(76) in (72), after choosing ϵ small enough and using Gronwall's Lemma, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|u_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{01}\|\nabla u_t^n(t)\|_2^2 + a_{02}\|\nabla v_t^n(t)\|_2^2 \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t)\|_2^2 dk_1 \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1-\tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t)\|_2^2 dk_2 \leq M.
\end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

Where M is some positive constant. Therefore, from (41), (53) and (77), we conclude that

$$u^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (78)$$

$$v^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (79)$$

$$u_t^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (80)$$

$$v_t^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (81)$$

$$u_{tt}^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (82)$$

$$v_{tt}^n \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (83)$$

$$z_1^n(x, 1, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (84)$$

$$z_2^n(x, 1, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (85)$$

$$\tau_2(t)z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega \times (0, 1))), \quad (86)$$

$$\tau_2(t)z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega \times (0, 1))), \quad (87)$$

$$z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))), \quad (88)$$

$$z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t) \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))). \quad (89)$$

Applying Dunford-Pettis theorem, we deduce from (78)-(89) that there exists a subsequence $(u^n, z_1^n), (v^n, z_2^n)$ such that

$$u^n \rightarrow u \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (90)$$

$$v^n \rightarrow v \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (91)$$

$$u_t^n \rightarrow u_t \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (92)$$

$$v_t^n \rightarrow v_t \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad (93)$$

$$u_{tt}^n \rightarrow \chi_1 \text{ weakly star in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (94)$$

$$v_{tt}^n \rightarrow \chi_2 \text{ weakly star in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (95)$$

$$u_{tt}^n \rightarrow u_{tt} \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (96)$$

$$v_{tt}^n \rightarrow v_{tt} \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (97)$$

$$z_1^n(x, k_1, t) \rightarrow z_1(x, k_1, t) \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega; L^2(0, 1))), \quad (98)$$

$$z_2^n(x, k_2, t) \rightarrow z_2(x, k_2, t) \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega; L^2(0, 1))), \quad (99)$$

$$z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t) \rightarrow z_{1t}^n(x, k_1, t) \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))), \quad (100)$$

$$z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t) \rightarrow z_{2t}^n(x, k_2, t) \text{ weakly star in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))), \quad (101)$$

$$z_{1t}^n(x, 1, t) \rightarrow \psi_1 \text{ weakly star in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)), \quad (102)$$

$$z_{2t}^n(x, 1, t) \rightarrow \psi_2 \text{ weakly star in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)). \quad (103)$$

Further, by Aubin's Lemma [30], it follows from (90)-(103) that there exists a subsequence (u^n, v^n) still represented by the same notation, such that

$$u^n \rightarrow u \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (104)$$

$$v^n \rightarrow v \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \quad (105)$$

hence

$$u^n \rightarrow u \text{ and } v^n \rightarrow v \text{ a.e in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad (106)$$

and

$$u_t^n \rightarrow u_t \text{ and } v_t^n \rightarrow v_t \text{ a.e in } (0, T) \times \Omega. \quad (107)$$

(4) **Analysis of nonlinear term.**

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_1(u^n, v^n)\|_{L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))} &\leq \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (|u^n(s)|^p + |v^n(s)|^p) ds dx \\ &+ \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} (|u^n(s)|^{\frac{p-1}{2}} |v^n(s)|^{\frac{p+1}{2}}) ds dx \\ &\leq c_s^p \int_0^T \|\nabla u^n(s)\|^p ds + c_s^p \int_0^T \|\nabla v^n(s)\|^p ds, \\ &+ c_s^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \int_0^T \|\nabla u^n(s)\|^{\frac{p-1}{2}} ds + c_s^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \int_0^T \|\nabla v^n(s)\|^{\frac{p+1}{2}} ds \\ &\leq 2c_s^p T C_1^p + c_s^{\frac{p-1}{2}} T C_1^{\frac{p-1}{2}} T C_1^{\frac{p-1}{2}} + c_s^{\frac{p+1}{2}} T C_1^{\frac{p+1}{2}} T C_1^{\frac{p+1}{2}} = C. \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

Where C is a positive constant. In the same way for $f_2(u^n, v^n)$

$$\|f_2(u^n, v^n)\|_{L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))} \leq C. \quad (109)$$

From the (108) and (109), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(u^n, v^n) &\rightarrow f_1(u, v) \text{ weakly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \\ f_1(u^n, v^n) &\rightarrow f_1(u, v) \text{ weakly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)). \end{aligned} \quad (110)$$

For suitable functions $(u, v) \in (L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)))^2$, $(z_1, z_2) \in (L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1))))^2$, $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))$, $(\chi_1, \chi_2) \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))^2$, $\xi \in L^\infty((0, T); L^2(\Omega))$. We have to show that $((u, z_1), (v, z_2))$ is a solution of (19) – (24). Using the embedding

$$\begin{aligned} L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) &\hookrightarrow L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \\ H^1((0, T) \times \Omega) &\hookrightarrow L^2((0, T) \times \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

From (80)-(81) we have that u_t^n, v_t^n are bounded in

$$L^\infty((0, T); H_0^1(\Omega)) \hookrightarrow L^2((0, T); H_0^1(\Omega)),$$

then u_{tt}^n and v_{tt}^n are bounded in

$$L^\infty((0, T); L^2(\Omega)) \hookrightarrow L^2((0, T); L^2(\Omega)).$$

Consequently, u_t^n, v_t^n are bounded in $H^1((\Omega) \times (0, T))$. Using Aubin-Lions theorem [30], we can extract a subsequence (u^ξ) of (u^n) and (v^ξ) of (v^n) such that

$$u_t^\xi \rightarrow u_t \text{ strongly in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (111)$$

$$v_t^\xi \rightarrow v_t \text{ strongly in } L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (112)$$

therefore

$$u_t^\xi \rightarrow u_t \text{ strongly and a.e. in } (\Omega \times (0, T)), \quad (113)$$

$$v_t^\xi \rightarrow v_t \text{ strongly and a.e. in } (\Omega \times (0, T)). \quad (114)$$

Similarly

$$z_1^\xi \rightarrow z_1 \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1))), \quad (115)$$

$$z_2^\xi \rightarrow z_2 \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1))). \quad (116)$$

It follows at once from the convergence (90), (91), (96), (97), (100), (101), (111) and (112) for each fixed $\vartheta \in L^2(0, T, L^2(\Omega))$, $\sigma \in L^2(0, T, L^2(\Omega) \times (0, 1))$ as $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ permits us to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} u_{tt}^{\xi}(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} A_1 \nabla u^{\xi}(t) \nabla \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) A_1 \nabla u^{\xi}(t) \nabla \vartheta ds dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \mu_1 u_t^{\xi}(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} \mu_2 z_1^{\xi}(x, 1, t) \vartheta dx = \int_{\Omega} f_1(u^{\xi}(t), v^{\xi}(t)) \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& \rightarrow \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} u_{tt}(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} A_1 \nabla u(t) \nabla \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) A_1 \nabla u(t) \nabla \vartheta ds dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \mu_1 u_t(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} \mu_2 z_1(x, 1, t) \vartheta dx = \int_{\Omega} f_1(u(t), v(t)) \vartheta dx \right] dt,
\end{aligned} \tag{117}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} v_{tt}^{\xi}(t) \vartheta dx dt + \int_{\Omega} A_2 \nabla v^{\xi}(t) \nabla \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \int_0^t A_2 g_2(t-s) \nabla v^{\xi}(t) \nabla \vartheta ds dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \mu_1 v_t^{\xi}(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} \mu_2 z_2^{\xi}(x, 1, t) \vartheta dx = \int_{\Omega} f_2(u^{\xi}(t), v^{\xi}(t)) \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& \rightarrow \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} v_{tt}(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} A_2 \nabla v(t) \nabla \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_2(t-s) A_2 \nabla v(t) ds \nabla \vartheta dx \right] dt \\
& + \int_0^T \left[\int_{\Omega} \alpha_1 v_t(t) \vartheta dx + \int_{\Omega} \alpha_2 z_2(x, 1, t) \vartheta dx = \int_{\Omega} f_2(u(t), v(t)) \vartheta dx \right] dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{118}$$

Exploiting the convergence (115) and (116) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left(\tau_2(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z_1^{\xi} + (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} z_1^{\xi} \right) \sigma dx dk_1 dt \\
& \rightarrow \int_0^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left(\tau_2(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z_1 + (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} z_1 \right) \sigma dx dk_1 dt,
\end{aligned} \tag{119}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left(\tau_2(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z_2^{\xi} + (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2} z_2^{\xi} \right) \sigma dx dk_2 dt \\
& \rightarrow \int_0^T \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} \left(\tau_2(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z_2 + (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2} z_2 \right) \sigma dx dk_2 dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{120}$$

Uniqueness. Let (u_1, v_1) and (u_2, v_2) be two solutions of problem 1. Then $(w, q) = (u_1, v_1) - (u_2, v_2)$ and we put also $\tilde{w} = u_1'(x, t - k_1 \tau_2(t)) - u_2'(x, t - k_1 \tau_2(t))$, $\tilde{q} = v_1'(x, t - k_2 \tau_2(t)) - v_2'(x, t - k_2 \tau_2(t))$.

Multiplying the first equation in (18) by w' , integrating over Ω and using integration by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) a_1(w(t), w(t)) + (g_1 \circ w)(t) \right) \\ & + \mu_1 \|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{w}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + g_1(t) a_1(w(t), w(t)) - (g_1' \circ w)(t) \\ & = -\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} \tilde{w}(x, 1, t) w'(t) dx + \frac{1}{2} \|w'(t)\|_2^2 \\ & + \int_{\Omega} [f_1(u_1, v_1) - f_1(u_2, v_2)] w'(t) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (121)$$

In the same way for second equation in (18). Multiplying the second equation in (18) by q' , integrating over Ω and using integration by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds\right) a_2(q(t), q(t)) + (g_2 \circ q)(t) \right) \\ & + \alpha_1 \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{q}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + g_2(t) a_2(q(t), q(t)) - (g_2' \circ q)(t) \\ & = -\alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} \tilde{q}(x, 1, t) q' dx + \frac{1}{2} \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \int_{\Omega} [f_2(u_1, v_1) - f_2(u_2, v_2)] q'(t) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (122)$$

Multiplying the third equation in (18) by \tilde{w} , integrating over $\Omega \times (0, 1)$, we arrive at

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \frac{d}{dt} \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dk_1} \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 = 0. \quad (123)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right)' \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 dk_1 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\|\tilde{w}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 - \|w'(t)\|_2^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (124)$$

We use the same technique for the fourth equation in (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right)' \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2^2 dk_2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\|\tilde{q}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 - \|q'(t)\|_2^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (125)$$

Combining (121)-(122) and (123)-(125), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) a_2(w(t), w(t)) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds\right) a_1(q(t), q(t)) + (g_1 ow)(t) + (g_2 oq)(t) \right) dx \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_1 + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_2 \right) \\
& + \mu_1 \|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{q}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{w}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
& = -\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} \tilde{w}(x, 1, t) w'(t) dx - \alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} \tilde{q}(x, 1, t) q'(t) dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [f_1(u_1, v_1) - f_1(u_2, v_2)] w'(t) dx + \frac{1}{2} \|w'(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \int_{\Omega} [f_2(u_1, v_1) - f_2(u_2, v_2)] q'(t) dx + \frac{1}{2} \|q'(t)\|_2^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{126}$$

As in [15], we estimate the right hand side of (126) as follows

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} [f_1(u_1, v_1) - f_1(u_2, v_2)] w' dx \right| \leq C (\|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla w(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla q(t)\|_2^2), \tag{127}$$

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} [f_2(u_1, v_1) - f_2(u_2, v_2)] w' dx \right| \leq C (\|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla w(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla q(t)\|_2^2). \tag{128}$$

We set

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) &= \|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla w(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla q(t)\|_2^2 \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_1 + \int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_2,
\end{aligned}$$

then the equality (126) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} Y(t) + \mu_1 \|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{q}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{w}(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
& \leq \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2 \|\nabla w'(t)\|_2 + \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2 \|\nabla q'(t)\|_2 + \frac{1}{2} \|w'(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla w(t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla q(t)\|_2^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{129}$$

then

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} Y(t) \leq Y(t). \tag{130}$$

Integrating the last equality and using the Gronwall's Lemma we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|w'(t)\|_2^2 + \|q'(t)\|_2^2 + a_{01} l_1 \|\nabla w(t)\|_2^2 + a_{02} l_2 \|\nabla q(t)\|_2^2 \\
& + \int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_1} \right) \|\tilde{w}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_1 + \int_0^1 \left(\left(\frac{\tau_2(t)}{1 - \tau_2'(t)k_2} \right) \|\tilde{q}(t)\|_2^2 \right) dk_2 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes our proof of existence and uniqueness of the weak solution.

Remark 2 By virtue of the theory of ordinary differential equations, the system (19)-(24) has a local solution which is extended to a maximal interval $[0, T_k[$ with $(0 < T_k \leq +\infty)$.

Now we will prove that the solution obtained above is global and bounded in time, for this purpose, we define

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \xi_1(t)e^{-k_1\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + (g_1 \circ u)(t) + (g_2 \circ v)(t) \\ &+ \xi_2(t)e^{-k_2\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx + (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \\ &+ \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds\right) a_2(v(t), v(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (131)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J(t) &= \frac{\xi_1(t)e^{-k_1\tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + \frac{1}{2}(g_1 \circ u)(t) + \frac{1}{2}(g_2 \circ v)(t) \\ &+ \frac{\xi_2(t)e^{-k_2\tau_2(t)}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx + \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(s) ds\right) a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(s) ds\right) a_2(v(t), v(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (132)$$

Remark 3 From the definition of $E(t)$ and taking into account (132), we observe that

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} (\|u_t(t)\|_2^2 + \|v_t(t)\|_2^2) + J(t). \quad (133)$$

Definition 1 Let $(u_0, v_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$, $(u_1, v_1) \in (L^2(\Omega))^2$ and $(\phi_0, \phi_1) \in (L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)))^2$ be given. We denote by $((u, z_1), (v, z_2))$ the solution to the problem (18). We define

$$T^* = \sup \left\{ T > 0, ((u, z_1), (v, z_2)) \text{ exists on } [0, T] \right\}.$$

If $T^* = \infty$, we say that the solution of (18) is global.

Lemma 3 Let $((u, z_1), (v, z_2))$, be the solution of problem (18). Assume further that $I(0) > 0$ and

$$\alpha = \rho \left(\frac{2(p+1)}{p-1} E(0) \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} < 1. \quad (134)$$

Then $I(t) > 0, \forall t$.

Proof. Since $I(0) > 0$, then there exists (by continuity of $u(t)$), a time $t_1 > 0$ such that

$$I(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in (0, t_1). \quad (135)$$

Let

$$\mathfrak{F} = \left\{ I(t_0) = 0 \text{ and } I(t) > 0, 0 \leq t < t_0 \right\}.$$

From (33) and (34), we have for $\forall t \in [0, t_0]$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(t) &\geq \frac{p-1}{2(p+1)} [l_1 a_1(u(t), u(t)) + l_2 a_2(v(t), u(t))] \\
 &\quad + \frac{p-1}{2(p+1)} \left[\xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{p-1}{2(p+1)} \left[\xi_2(t) e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{p-1}{2(p+1)} [(g_1 \circ u)(t) + (g_2 \circ v)(t)] + \frac{1}{p+1} I(t) \\
 &\geq \frac{p-1}{2(p+1)} [l_1 a_1(u(t), u(t)) + l_2 a_2(v(t), v(t))].
 \end{aligned} \tag{136}$$

Thus by (133) and (136) and the fact that $(g_1 \circ u)(t) + (g_2 \circ v)(t) > 0$, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_1 a_1(u(t), u(t)) + l_2 a_2(v(t), v(t)) &\leq \frac{2(p+1)}{p-1} J(t) \leq \frac{2(p+1)}{(p-1)} E(t) \\
 &\leq \frac{2(p+1)}{(p-1)} E(0), \quad \forall t \in [0, t_0].
 \end{aligned} \tag{137}$$

Employing Lemma 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t_0), v(t_0)) dx &\leq \rho (l_1 \|\nabla u(t_0)\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v(t_0)\|_2^2)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \\
 &\leq \rho \left(\frac{2(p+1)}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (l_1 \|\nabla u(t_0)\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v(t_0)\|_2^2) \\
 &= \alpha (l_1 \|\nabla u(t_0)\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v(t_0)\|_2^2) \\
 &< (l_1 \|\nabla u(t_0)\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v(t_0)\|_2^2) \\
 &\leq \frac{l_1}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t_0), u(t_0)) + \frac{l_2}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t_0), v(t_0)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{138}$$

By exploiting Lemma 2, we conclude from (138) that $I(t) > 0$ on $[0, t_0]$, which contradicts that $I(t) > 0$ on $[0, T]$, which completes the proof.

Theorem 2 Let $(u_0, v_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$, $(u_1, v_1) \in (L^2(\Omega))^2$ and $(\phi_0, \phi_1) \in (L^2(\Omega \times (0, 1)))^2$ be given. Suppose that (134) and $I(0) > 0$ are fulfilled. Then the solution of (18) is global and bounded.

Proof. To prove Theorem 2, using the definition of T^* , we have to verify that

$$a_1(u(t), u(t)) + a_2(v(t), v(t)),$$

is uniformly bounded in time. To do this, we use (133) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(0) &\geq E(t) = J(t) + \frac{1}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_t(t)\|_2^2 \\
 &\geq \left(\frac{2(p+1)}{p-1} \right) [a_1(u(t), u(t)) + a_2(v(t), v(t))] + \frac{1}{2} \|u_t(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_t(t)\|_2^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{139}$$

Therefore

$$a_1(u(t), u(t)) + a_2(v(t), v(t)) \leq CE(0),$$

where C is a positive constant, which depends only on p . Thus, we obtain the global existence result.

4. ASYMPTOTIC STABILITY

In this section, we will prove the asymptotic stability result by constructing a suitable Lyapunov functional. Now we define the following functional

$$L(t) = ME(t) + \epsilon\psi(t) + \varphi(t) + \epsilon I(t), \quad (140)$$

$$\psi(t) = \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx + \int_{\Omega} vv_t dx, \quad (141)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) = & - \int_{\Omega} u_t \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega} v_t \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx, \end{aligned} \quad (142)$$

$$I(t) = \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(s-t)} u_t^2(x, s) dx ds + \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(s-t)} v_t^2(x, s) dx ds. \quad (143)$$

Remark 4 We can easily see that

$$\int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t \int_{\Omega} e^{\lambda(s-t)} u_t^2(x, s) dx ds = \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dx dk_1,$$

after using a change of variables, $t - \tau_2(t) = s$. We use the same way for the second term in (143).

In order to show our stability result, we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 4 ([24]) Let $((u, z_1), (v, z_2))$ be the solution of problem (18) and assume that (134) holds. Then, for $\gamma \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds \right)^{\gamma+1} dx \leq & \left(\frac{4(p+1)E(0)}{l_1(p-1)} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \\ & \times (1-l_1)^{\gamma+1} c_s^{\gamma+1} (g_1 \circ u)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (144)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds \right)^{\gamma+1} dx \leq & \left(\frac{4(p+1)E(0)}{l_2(p-1)} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \\ & \times (1-l_2)^{\gamma+1} c_s^{\gamma+1} (g_2 \circ v)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (145)$$

Lemma 5 ([24]) Suppose that $(A_0) - (A_5)$ hold. Let $(u_0, v_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$, $(u_1, v_1) \in (L^2(\Omega))^2$ be given and satisfying (134). Then there exist two positive constants η_1 and η_2 such that for any $\delta > 0$ and for all $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f_1(u, v) \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \leq & \eta_1 \delta (l_1 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v\|_2^2) \\ & + \frac{(1-l_1)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_2 \circ u)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (146)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f_2(u, v) \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \leq & \eta_2 \delta (l_1 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v\|_2^2) \\ & + \frac{(1-l_2)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_2 \circ v)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (147)$$

Lemma 6 There exists two positive constants λ_1, λ_2 depending on ϵ and M such that for all $t > 0$ and M sufficiently large, we have

$$\lambda_1 E(t) \leq L(t) \leq \lambda_2 E(t). \quad (148)$$

Proof. Thank's to the Holder and Young's inequalities, we have

$$|\psi(t)| \leq \omega \|u\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4\omega} \|u_t\|_2^2 + \omega \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4\omega} \|v_t\|_2^2, \quad (149)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) &= \left| - \int_{\Omega} u_t \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{\Omega} v_t \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|u_t\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds \right)^2 dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \|v_t\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds \right)^2 dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|u_t\|_2^2 + (1-l_1)c_s^2 \int_0^t g_1(t-s)a_1(u(t) - u(s), u(t) - u(s)) ds \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\|v_t\|_2^2 + (1-l_2)c_s^2 \int_0^t g_2(t-s)a_2(v(t) - v(s), v(t) - v(s)) ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|u_t\|_2^2 + (1-l_1)c_s^2 \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_1} \right) (g_1 o u)(t) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\|v_t\|_2^2 + (1-l_2)c_s^2 \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_2} \right) (g_2 o v)(t) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (150)$$

It follows from (143) that for all $c > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I(t)| &\leq \left| \xi_1(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \xi_2(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)} z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \right| \\ &\leq c \xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\ &\quad + c \xi_2(t) e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (151)$$

Hence, combining (149)-(151). This yields

$$\begin{aligned}
|L(t) - ME(t)| &= \epsilon\psi(t) + \varphi(t) + \epsilon I(t) \leq \\
&\epsilon\omega c_s^2 a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \epsilon\omega c_s^2 a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
&+ \frac{(1-l_1)c_s^2}{2} \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_1} \right) (g_1ou)(t) + \frac{(1-l_2)c_s^2}{2} \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_2} \right) (g_2ov)(t) \\
&+ c\xi_1(t)e^{-k_1\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \|u_t\|_2^2 \\
&+ c\xi_2(t)e^{-k_2\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx + \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \|v_t\|_2^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{152}$$

Where

$$c_1 = \epsilon\omega c_s^2, \quad c_2 = \epsilon\omega c_s^2, \quad c_3 = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad c_4 = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \right),$$

$$c_5 = \frac{(1-l_1)c_s^2}{2} \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_1} \right), \quad c_6 = \frac{(1-l_2)c_s^2}{2} \left(\frac{2\beta E(0)}{l_2} \right), \quad c_7 = c_8 = c.$$

Finally we obtain

$$|L(t) - ME(t)| \leq c_9 E(t), \tag{153}$$

where $c_9 = \max(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8)$. Thus, from the definition of $E(t)$ and selecting M sufficiently large, we arrive easily at

$$\lambda_2 E(t) \leq L(t) \leq \lambda_1 E(t), \tag{154}$$

where $\lambda_1 = (M - c_9)$, $\lambda_2 = (M + c_9)$. This completes the proof.

Lemma 7 The functional defined in(143) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dI(t)}{dt} &\leq \frac{\xi_1(t)}{2\tau_0} \|u_t\|_2^2 - \xi_1(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx \\
&- \xi_1(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t)k_1} \tau_0 \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + \frac{\xi_2(t)}{2\tau_0} \|v_t\|_2^2 \\
&- \xi_2(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \int_{\Omega} z_2^2(x, 1, t) dx - \xi_2(t) k_2 e^{-\tau_2(t)k_2} \tau_0 \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{155}$$

Where τ_0 and τ_1 are positive constants.

Proof. Taking derivative of (155) and using the same technique as (35) produces

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dI(t)}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\xi_1(t) e^{-k_1 \tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \right] \\
&+ \frac{d}{dt} \left[\xi_2(t) e^{-k_2 \tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \right] \\
&= \xi_1'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&- \xi_1(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&+ \xi_2'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&- \xi_2(t) k_2 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_2(t) \xi_1(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \tau_2(t) \xi_2(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&= \xi_1'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&- \xi_1(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&+ \xi_2'(t) e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&- \xi_2(t) k_2 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \xi_1(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_1) z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \xi_2(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2} (1 - \tau_2'(t) k_2) z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx \\
&\leq -\xi_1(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&- \xi_2(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_2'(t) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} \xi_1(t) \int_{\Omega} [z_1^2(x, 0, t) - z_1^2(x, 1, t)] dx + \xi_1(t) \frac{\beta}{\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} \xi_2(t) \int_{\Omega} [z_2^2(x, 0, t) - z_2^2(x, 1, t)] dx + \xi_1(t) \frac{\beta}{\tau_2(t)} \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx \\
&\leq \frac{\xi_1(t)}{2\tau_0} \|u_t\|_2^2 - \xi_1(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx \\
&- \xi_1(t) k_1 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_1} \tau_0 \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + \frac{\xi_2(t)}{2\tau_0} \|v_t\|_2^2 \\
&- \xi_2(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \int_{\Omega} z_2^2(x, 1, t) dx - \xi_2(t) k_2 e^{-\tau_2(t) k_2} \tau_0 \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{156}$$

Lemma 8 The functional defined in (141) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\psi(t)}{dt} &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta}\right) \|u_t\|_2^2 + \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{4\beta}\right) \|v_t\|_2^2 - (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t), v(t)) dx \\
 &+ \left[\mu_1 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}}\right) - l_1\right] a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{N}{4a_{02}\mu} (1 - l_2)(g_2 \circ v)(t) \\
 &+ \left[\alpha_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}}\right) - l_2\right] a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta} \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha_2}{4\beta} \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \frac{N}{4a_{01}\mu} (1 - l_1)(g_1 \circ u)(t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{157}$$

Proof. Taking the derivative of (141) and using the system (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\psi(t)}{dt} &= \int_{\Omega} u_{tt} u dx + \int_{\Omega} v_{tt} v dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 + \|v_t\|_2^2 \\
 &= \|u_t\|_2^2 + \|v_t\|_2^2 - a_1(u(t), u(t)) - a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
 &+ \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) A_1 \nabla u(s) \nabla u(t) ds dx \\
 &+ \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_2 A_2(t-s) \nabla v(s) \nabla v(t) ds dx - \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} z_1(x, 1, t) u dx - \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} u_t u dx \\
 &- \alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} z_2(x, 1, t) v dx - \alpha_1 \int_{\Omega} v_t v dx - (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t), v(t)) dx,
 \end{aligned} \tag{158}$$

following [31]], yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\Omega} A_1 \int_0^t g_1(t-s) (\nabla u(t) \nabla u(s)) ds dx \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \int_{\Omega} a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} \right) dx ds \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} ds dx \\
 &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t \left(g_1(t-s) a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} \right) \right) ds dx \\
 &\leq (1 - l_1) a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \mu \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_j} ds \right)^2 dx \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right)^2 dx \\
 &\leq \left[(1 - l_1) + \frac{\mu a_{11}}{a_{01}} \right] a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{N}{4a_{01}\mu} (1 - l)(g_1 \circ u)(t),
 \end{aligned} \tag{159}$$

in the same way

$$\int_{\Omega} A_2 \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(\nabla v(t)\nabla v(s))dsdx \leq \left[(1-l_2) + \frac{\mu a_{22}}{a_{02}} \right] a_{22}(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{N}{4a_{02}\mu}(1-l_2)(g_2 \circ v)(t), \quad (160)$$

for the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth term in (158), we use Holder and Young's inequalities to get

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u_t u dx \right| \leq \frac{\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{1}{4\beta} \|u_t\|_2^2, \quad (161)$$

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} v_t v dx \right| \leq \frac{\beta c_s^2}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{1}{4\beta} \|v_t\|_2^2, \quad (162)$$

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} z_1(x, 1, t) u dx \right| \leq \frac{\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{1}{4\beta} \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx, \quad (163)$$

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} z_2(x, 1, t) v dx \right| \leq \frac{\beta c_s^2}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{1}{4\beta} \int_{\Omega} z_2^2(x, 1, t) dx. \quad (164)$$

Inserting (159)-(164), we get finally

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\psi(t)}{dt} &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta}\right) \|u_t\|_2^2 + \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{4\beta}\right) \|v_t\|_2^2 - (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t), v(t)) dx \\ &+ \left[\mu_1 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}}\right) - l_1 \right] a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{N}{4a_{02}\mu}(1-l_2)(g_2 \circ v)(t) \\ &+ \left[\alpha_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}}\right) - l_2 \right] a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta} \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_2}{4\beta} \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \frac{N}{4a_{01}\mu}(1-l_1)(g_1 \circ u)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (165)$$

Lemma 9 The functional defined in (142) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} &\leq (\beta + \mu_1 - g_{10}) \|u_t\|_2^2 + (\beta + \alpha_1 - g_{20}) \|v_t\|_2^2 \\ &+ \left\{ \frac{\beta}{a_{01}} + \frac{a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}}(1-l_1^2) + \left(\frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{01}} - \frac{2a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}} \right) \right\} a_1(u(t), u(t)) \\ &+ \left\{ \frac{\beta}{a_{02}} + \frac{a_{22}\beta}{a_{02}}(1-l_2^2) + \left(\frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{02}} - \frac{2a_{22}\beta}{a_{02}} \right) \right\} a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\ &+ (1-l_1) \left\{ \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{01}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{11} + \frac{N}{4} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} + (1-l_1)c_s^2(\mu_1 + \mu_2) \right\} \\ &\times (g_1 \circ u)(t) + \mu_2 \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\ &+ (1-l_2) \left\{ \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{02}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{22} + \frac{N}{4} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} + (1-l_2)c_s^2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right\} \\ &\times (g_2 \circ v)(t) + \frac{g_1(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} (-g_1' \circ u)(t) + \frac{g_2(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} (-g_2' \circ v)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (166)$$

Proof. Taking the derivative of (142) and using (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} &= - \int_{\Omega} u_{tt} \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} u_t \int_0^t g_1'(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} u_t^2 dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} v_{tt} \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} v_t \int_0^t g_2'(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} v_t^2 dx \\
&= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
&+ \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{2ij}(x) \frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
&- \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right) \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
&- \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right) \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} f_1(u(t), v(t)) \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) u(t) - u(s) ds \right) dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} f_2(u(t), v(t)) \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) v(t) - v(s) ds \right) dx \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \mu_1 u(t) \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \alpha_1 v(t) \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \mu_2 z_1(x, 1, t) \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \\
&+ \int_{\Omega} \alpha_2 z_2(x, 1, t) \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} u_t \int_0^t g_1'(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} u_t^2 dx \\
&- \int_{\Omega} v_t \int_0^t g_2'(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} v_t^2 dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{167}$$

Using Young's inequality and the embedding $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{1ij}(x) \frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
& + \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} a_{2ij}(x) \frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_j} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \\
& \leq \frac{\beta}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{\beta}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{(1-l_1)}{4a_{01}\beta} (g_1 \circ u)(t) \\
& + \frac{(1-l_2)}{4a_{02}\beta} (g_2 \circ v)(t),
\end{aligned} \tag{168}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right) \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \right| \\
& + \left| \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right) \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right) dx \right| \\
& \leq \beta \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right)^2 dx \\
& + \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_1(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial u(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right)^2 dx \\
& + \beta \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} ds \right)^2 dx \\
& + \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^t g_2(t-s) \left(\frac{\partial v(t)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial v(s)}{\partial x_i} \right) ds \right)^2 dx \\
& \leq \frac{a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}} (1-l_1)^2 a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{a_{22}\beta}{a_{01}} (1-l_2)^2 a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
& + \frac{(1-l_1)}{a_{01}} \left[2\beta a_{11} + \frac{N}{4\beta} \right] (g_1 \circ u)(t) + \frac{(1-l_2)}{a_{02}} \left[2\beta a_{22} + \frac{N}{4\beta} \right] (g_2 \circ v)(t),
\end{aligned} \tag{169}$$

from the Lemma 5, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} f_1(u, v) \int_0^t g_1(t-s) (u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \leq \lambda \delta (l_1 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v\|_2^2) \\
& + \frac{(1-l_1)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_2 \circ u)(t) \leq \frac{\lambda \delta l_1}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t), u(t)) + \frac{\lambda \delta l_2}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
& + \frac{(1-l_1)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_1 \circ u)(t),
\end{aligned} \tag{170}$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f_2(u, v) \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx &\leq \lambda \delta (l_1 \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + l_2 \|\nabla v\|_2^2) \\ + \frac{(1-l_2)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_2 ov)(t) &\leq \frac{\lambda \delta l_2}{a_{02}} a_2(v(t), v(t)) + \frac{\lambda \delta l_1}{a_{01}} a_1(u(t), u(t)) \\ + \frac{(1-l_2)c_s^2}{4\delta} (g_2 ov)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (171)$$

Since g_1, g_2 are positive, continuous and $g_1(0) > 0, g_2(0) > 0$ for any t_0 , we have

$$\int_0^t g_1(s) ds \geq \int_0^{t_0} g_1(s) ds = g_{10}, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \quad (172)$$

$$\int_0^t g_2(s) ds \geq \int_0^{t_0} g_2(s) ds = g_{20}, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \quad (173)$$

then we use (172) and (173) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u_t \int_0^t g_1'(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} u_t^2 dx \\ \leq \beta \|u_t\|_2^2 + \frac{g_1(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} (-g_1' ou)(t) - g_{10} \|u_t\|_2^2, \end{aligned} \quad (174)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} v_t \int_0^t g_2'(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx - \left(\int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \int_{\Omega} v_t^2 dx \\ \leq \beta \|v_t\|_2^2 + \frac{g_2(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} (-g_2' ov)(t) - g_{20} \|v_t\|_2^2, \end{aligned} \quad (175)$$

from the Lemma 4 with $\gamma = 0$, we have, for $\delta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| - \int_{\Omega} \mu_1 u_t \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \right| \\ \leq \mu_1 \|u_t\|_2^2 + \mu_1 (1-l_1)^2 c_s^2 (g_1 ou)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (176)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| - \int_{\Omega} \alpha_2 v_t \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \right| \\ \leq \alpha_2 \|v_t\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 (1-l_2)^2 c_s^2 (g_2 ov)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (177)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| - \int_{\Omega} \mu_2 z_1(x, 1, t) \int_0^t g_1(t-s)(u(t) - u(s)) ds dx \right| \\ \leq \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} z_1^2(x, 1, t) dx + \mu_2 (1-l_1)^2 c_s^2 (g_1 ou)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (178)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| - \int_{\Omega} \alpha_2 z_2(x, 1, t) \int_0^t g_2(t-s)(v(t) - v(s)) ds dx \right| \\ \leq \alpha_2 \int_{\Omega} z_2^2(x, 1, t) dx + \alpha_2 (1-l_2)^2 c_s^2 (g_2 ov)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (179)$$

A substitution of (174)-(179) into (167) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \leq (\beta + \mu_1 - g_{10})\|u_t\|_2^2 + (\beta + \alpha_1 - g_{20})\|v_t\|_2^2 \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{\beta}{a_{01}} + \frac{a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}}(1 - l_1^2) + \left(\frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{01}} - \frac{2a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}} \right) \right\} a_1(u(t), u(t)) \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{\beta}{a_{02}} + \frac{a_{22}\beta}{a_{02}}(1 - l_2^2) + \left(\frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{02}} - \frac{2a_{22}\beta}{a_{02}} \right) \right\} a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
 & + (1 - l_1) \left\{ \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{01}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{11} + \frac{N}{4} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} + (1 - l_1)c_s^2(\mu_1 + \mu_2) \right\} \\
 & \quad \times (g_1 \circ u)(t) + \mu_2 \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
 & + (1 - l_2) \left\{ \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{02}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{22} + \frac{N}{4} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} + (1 - l_2)c_s^2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right\} \\
 & \quad \times (g_2 \circ v)(t) + \frac{g_1(0)c_s^2}{4\beta}(-g'_1 \circ u)(t) + \frac{g_2(0)c_s^2}{4\beta}(-g'_2 \circ v)(t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{180}$$

Theorem 3 Let $(u_0, v_0) \in (H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega))^2$, $(u_1, v_1) \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^2$ be given. Assume that $(A_0) - (A_5)$ hold. Then, for each $t_0 > 0$, there exist strictly positive constants K and κ such that the solution of (18) satisfies

$$E(t) \leq K e^{-\alpha \int_{t_0}^t \zeta(s) ds}, \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0. \tag{181}$$

Proof. Taking the derivative of (140) and using the Lemmas 7, 8 and 9, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{dL(t)}{dt} \leq - \left(a_1 M - \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta} - \frac{\xi_1(t)}{2\tau_0} \right) + g_{10} - \mu_1 - \beta \right) \|u_t\|_2^2 \\
 & - \left(a_2 M - \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{4\beta} - \frac{\xi_2(t)}{2\tau'_0} \right) + g_{20} - \alpha_1 - \beta \right) \|v_t\|_2^2 \\
 & - \left\{ \frac{a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}}(1 + l_1^2) - \frac{\beta}{a_{01}} - \frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{01}} - \epsilon \left\{ \mu_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}} \right) + l_1 \right\} \right\} a_1(u(t), u(t)) \\
 & - \left\{ \frac{a_{22}\beta}{a_{01}}(1 + l_2^2) - \frac{\beta}{a_{02}} - \frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{02}} - \epsilon \left\{ \alpha_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{02}} \right) + l_2 \right\} \right\} a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\
 & + (1 - l_1) \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{01}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{11} + \frac{N}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{4\mu} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} (g_1 \circ u)(t) \\
 & + (1 - l_1)^2 (\mu_1 + \mu_2) (g_1 \circ u)(t) - (M a_3 + \mu_1) \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
 & + (1 - l_2) \left\{ \frac{1}{a_{02}\beta} \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2\beta a_{22} + \frac{N}{4} + \frac{\epsilon}{4\mu} \right) + \frac{c_s^2}{4\delta} \right\} (g_2 \circ v)(t) \\
 & + (1 - l_2)^2 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) (g_2 \circ v)(t) + \left(\frac{M}{2} - \frac{g_2(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} \right) (g'_2 \circ v)(t) \\
 & + \left(\epsilon \left(\frac{\mu_2}{4\beta} - \xi_1(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \right) \right) \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 - \epsilon(p + 1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t), v(t)) dx \\
 & - \left((M a_4 + \alpha_1) - \epsilon \left(\frac{\alpha_2}{4\beta} - \xi_2(t) \frac{c}{2\tau_1} \right) \right) \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\
 & - \epsilon \xi_1(t) k_1 \tau_0 e^{-\tau_2(t)k_1} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx + \left(\frac{M}{2} - \frac{g_1(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} \right) (g'_1 \circ u)(t) \\
 & - \epsilon \xi_2(t) k_1 \tau_0 e^{-\tau_2(t)k_2} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{182}$$

At this point, we choose M so large such that

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_1 &= \left(a_1 M - \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\mu_1}{4\beta} - \frac{\xi_1(t)}{2\tau_0} \right) + g_{10} - \mu_1 - \beta \right) > 0, \\ \eta_2 &= \left(a_2 M - \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{4\beta} - \frac{\xi_2(t)}{2\tau'_0} \right) + g_{20} - \alpha_1 - \beta \right) > 0, \\ \eta_3 &= \left(\frac{M}{2} - \frac{g_1(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} \right) > 0, \\ \eta_4 &= \left(\frac{M}{2} - \frac{g_2(0)c_s^2}{4\beta} \right) > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Then we choose ϵ sufficiently small such that

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_5 &= \left\{ \frac{a_{11}\beta}{a_{01}}(1 + l_1^2) - \frac{\beta}{a_{01}} - \frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{01}} - \epsilon \left\{ \mu_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{01}} \right) + l_1 \right\} \right\} > 0, \\ \eta_6 &= \left\{ \frac{a_{22}\beta}{a_{01}}(1 + l_2^2) - \frac{\beta}{a_{02}} - \frac{2\lambda\delta}{a_{02}} - \epsilon \left\{ \alpha_2 \left(1 + \frac{2\beta c_s^2}{a_{02}} \right) + l_2 \right\} \right\} > 0,\end{aligned}$$

and (182) remains valid. Hence for all $t \geq t_0$, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dL(t)}{dt} &\leq -\eta_1 \|u_t\|_2^2 - \eta_2 \|v_t\|_2^2 - \eta_3 (g'_1 \circ u)(t) + \eta_4 (g'_2 \circ v)(t) \\ &\quad - \epsilon(p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u(t), v(t)) dx - \eta_5 a_1(u(t), u(t)) - \eta_6 a_2(v(t), v(t)) \\ &\quad + \eta_7 (g_1 \circ u)(t) + \eta_8 (g_2 \circ v)(t) - \eta_9 \|z_1(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 - \eta_{10} \|z_2(x, 1, t)\|_2^2 \\ &\quad - \eta_{11} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_1^2(x, k_1, t) dk_1 dx - \eta_{12} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z_2^2(x, k_2, t) dk_2 dx,\end{aligned}\tag{183}$$

which yields

$$\frac{dL(t)}{dt} \leq -\eta_{14} E(t) + \eta_{15} (g_1 \circ u)(t) + g_2 \circ v(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0,\tag{184}$$

where $\eta_i, i = 5, 6, 7..$ are some positive constants. Multiplying the above inequality by $\zeta = \min\{\zeta_1, \zeta_2\}$ and exploiting (A_0) , we get, for all $t \geq t_0$

$$\zeta(t)L'(t) \leq -\eta_{14}\zeta(t)E(t) + \zeta(t)\eta_{14}((g_1 \circ u)(t) + g_2 \circ v(t)).$$

Since $g'_1(t) \leq -\zeta(t)g_1(t)$ and $g'_2(t) \leq -\zeta(t)g_2(t)$ and using the fact that

$$-(g'_1 \circ u)(t) + (g'_2 \circ v)(t) \leq -2E'(t),$$

by (41), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(t)L'(t) &\leq -\eta_{14}\zeta(t)E(t) - \eta_{15} (g'_1 \circ u)(t) + g'_2 \circ v(t) \\ &\leq -\eta_{14}\zeta(t)E(t) - 2\eta_{15}E'(t), \forall t \geq t_0.\end{aligned}\tag{185}$$

Define $\chi(t) = \zeta(t)L(t) + 2\eta_{15}E(t)$, which is equivalent to $E(t)$ and $\zeta'(t) \leq 0, \forall t \geq 0$. We obtain, $\forall t \geq t_0$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi'(t) &\leq \zeta'(t)L(t) - \eta_{14}\zeta(t)E(t) - \eta_{14}\zeta(t)E(t) \\ &\leq -\alpha\zeta(t)E(t).\end{aligned}\tag{186}$$

Integrating the last inequality over (t_0, t) , we conclude that

$$\chi(t)(t) \leq \chi(0)e^{-\alpha \int_{t_0}^t \zeta(s) ds}.\tag{187}$$

Then, the equivalent relation between $\chi(t)$ and $E(t)$ yields

$$E(t) \leq Ke^{-\alpha \int_{t_0}^t \zeta(s) ds}. \quad (188)$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 5 We illustrate the energy decay rate given by Theorem 3 through the following examples which are introduced in ([23], [24]).

- (1) If $g_1(t) = a_1 e^{-b_1(1+t)^{\nu_1}}$, $g_2(t) = \frac{a_2}{(1+t)^{\nu_2}}$, for $a_i > 0$ and $\nu_i > 0$, then $\zeta_1(t) = b_1 \nu_1 (1+t)^{\nu_1-1}$ and $\zeta_2(t) = \frac{\nu_2}{1+t}$ satisfy the condition (6). Thus (188) gives the estimate

$$E(t) \leq K(1+t)^{-\alpha}$$

- (2) If $g_1(t) = a_1 e^{-(1+t)^{\nu_1}}$, $g_2(t) = a_2 e^{-(1+t)^{\nu_2}}$ for $a_i, \nu_i > 0 (i = 1, 2)$, then $\zeta_i(t) = \nu_i (1+t)^{\min(0, \nu_i-1)}$ satisfies the condition (6). Thus (188) gives the estimate

$$E(t) \leq Ke^{-\alpha(1+t)^{\min(1, \nu_1, \nu_2)}}$$

- (3) If $g_1(t) = a_1 e^{-(\ln(1+t))^{\nu_1}}$, $g_2(t) = a_2 e^{-(\ln(1+t))^{\nu_2}}$ for $a_i > 0$ and $\nu_i > 1 (i = 1, 2)$, then $\zeta_i(t) = \frac{\nu_i (\ln(1+t))^{\nu_i-1}}{1+t} (i = 1, 2)$ satisfies the condition (6). Thus (188) gives the estimate

$$E(t) \leq Ke^{-\alpha(\ln(1+t))^{\min(\nu_1, \nu_2)}}$$

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