

EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTION FOR CAHN-HILLIARD HYPERBOLIC PHASE FIELD SYSTEM WITH DIRICHLET BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND POLYNOMIAL POTENTIAL.

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Abstract

Our aim in this article is to study the existence and the uniqueness of solution for Cahn-Hilliard hyperbolic phase-field system, with initial conditions, Dirichlet boundary homogeneous conditions, polynomial potential in a bounded and smooth domain.

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1 Introduction

G. Caginalp introduced in [3] the following phase-field system

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta^2 u - \Delta f(u) = -\Delta \theta \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} - \Delta \theta = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (1.2)$$

where u is the order parameter and θ is the (relative) temperature. These systems model phase transition processus such as melting solidification processes and have studied (see [1] and [9]) for a similar phase-field model with a nonlinear term.

These Cahn-Hilliard phase-field systems are known as conserved phase-field system (see [7] and [16]) based on type III heat conduction and with two temperatures (see [15]), the authors have proven the existence and the uniqueness of the solutions, the existence of global attractor and exponential attractors.

In [19], Ntsokongo and Batangoua have studied the following Cahn-Hillard hyperbolic phase-field system

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \Delta^2 u - \Delta f(u) = -\Delta \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \beta \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \quad (1.3)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \alpha = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (1.4)$$

where $\beta = 1$, u is the order parameter and α is the temperature. They have proven the existence and the uniqueness of solution with Dirichlet boundary condition and the regular potential $f(s) = s^3 - s$.

In [13], Jean De Dieu Mangoubi and al. have studied the following Cahn-Hilliard hyperbolic phase field system

$$\varepsilon(-\Delta) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \Delta^2 u - \Delta f(u) = -\Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \alpha = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \quad (1.6)$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = \Delta u|_{\partial\Omega} = \alpha|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = u_1(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

$$\alpha(0, x) = \alpha_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}(0, x) = \alpha_1(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

They have proven the existence and the uniqueness of the solution with Dirichlet boundary condition and the potential $f(s) = s^3 - s$.

In this paper, we consider the following Cahn-Hilliard hyperbolic phase-field system

$$\epsilon(-\Delta) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \Delta^2 u - \Delta f(u) = -\Delta \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \Omega \quad (1.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \alpha = -u - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \Omega \quad (1.8)$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = \Delta u|_{\partial\Omega} = \alpha|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \quad (1.9)$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = u_1(x), \quad \forall x \in \Omega \quad (1.10)$$

$$\alpha(0, x) = \alpha_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}(0, x) = \alpha_1(x), \quad \forall x \in \Omega \quad (1.11)$$

where ϵ is a relaxation parameter and Ω is a bounded and regular domain of \mathbb{R}^n with $n = 1, 2$ or 3 and f is a polynomial potential of order $2p - 1$.

$$f(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{2p-1} a_i s^i, \quad a_{2p-1} > 0, \quad p \geq 2.$$

In this paper we prove the existence and the uniqueness of solution of the hyperbolic system (1.7)–(1.11).

The potential f satisfies the following properties

$$\frac{1}{2} a_{2p-1} s^{2p} - c_1 \leq f(s) \leq \frac{3}{2} a_{2p-1} s^{2p} + c_1, \quad c_1 > 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.12)$$

$$-\kappa \leq \frac{2p-1}{2p} a_{2p-1} s^{2p-2} - c_2 \leq f'(s) \leq 3p a_{2p-1} s^{2p-2} + c_2; \kappa, c_2 > 0 \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.13)$$

$$\frac{1}{4p} a_{2p-1} s^{2p} - c_3 \leq F(s) \leq \frac{3}{4p} a_{2p-1} s^{2p} + c_3, \quad c_3 > 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.14)$$

where

$$F(s) = \int_0^s f(\tau) d\tau.$$

2 Notations

We denote by (\cdot, \cdot) the scalar product in $L^2(\Omega)$, $\|\cdot\|$ the associated norm usual and $\|\cdot\|_{-1} = \|(-\Delta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot\|$, where $-\Delta$ denotes the minus Laplace operator Dirichlet boundary conditions. More generally, $\|\cdot\|_X$ denote the norm of Banach space X .

Throughout this paper, the letter $C_i > 0$, denote (generally positive) constants wich may change from line to line, or ever or same line.

3 A priori estimates

Multiplying (1.7) by $(-\Delta)^{-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ and (1.8) by $\left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\right)$, integrating over Ω and adding the two resulting differential equalities, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E_1 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 &= -2 \left(u, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \\ &\leq 2 \|u\| \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq \|u\|^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \\ \frac{d}{dt} E_1 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 &\leq C \|\nabla u\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$E_1 = \varepsilon \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|\nabla u\|^2 + 2(F(u) + c_3, 1) + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|\nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\nabla \alpha\|^2 + \|\Delta \alpha\|^2.$$

Thanks to the propertie (1.14), we have

$$(F(u) + c_3, 1) \geq 0,$$

which implies

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_1 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \leq K_1 E_1.$$

Applying the Gronwall's lemma, we obtain

$$E_1(t) + 2 \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 d\tau + \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 d\tau \leq E_1(0) e^{K_1 T}$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$.

Using again the propertie (1.14), E_1 satisfies

$$E_1 \geq C \left(\varepsilon \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|u\|_{H^1}^2 + \|u\|_{L^{2p}}^{2p} + \|\nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta \alpha\|^2 \right) + C', \quad C > 0.$$

Finally, we deduce that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \forall T > 0.$$

4 Existence and the uniqueness of the solution

Theorem 4.1. (*Existence*) We assume that $(u_0, u_1, \alpha_0, \alpha_1) \in$

$(L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \times L^2(\Omega) \times (H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$. Then the system (1.7)-(1.11) possesses at least one solution (u, α) such that $u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$,

$\alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$

and

$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$, $\forall T > 0$.

The proof is based on a priori estimates obtained in the previous section and on the standard Galerkin scheme.

Theorem 4.2. (*Uniqueness*) Let the assumptions of theorem 4.1 hold. The system (1.7)-(1.11) possesses a unique solution (u, α) such that $u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$,

$\alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$

and

$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \forall T > 0$.

Proof. Let (v, α^1) and (w, α^2) be two solutions of the system (1.7)–(1.11), with initial data $(v_0, v_1, \alpha_0^1, \alpha_1^1)$ and $(w_0, w_1, \alpha_0^2, \alpha_1^2) \in (L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \times L^2(\Omega) \times (H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$, respectively.

We set $u = v - w$ and $\alpha = \alpha^1 - \alpha^2$, then (u, α) is a solution of the following system

$$\epsilon(-\Delta) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \Delta^2 u - \Delta f(v) - \Delta f(w) = -\Delta \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \quad (4.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \alpha = -u - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (4.2)$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = \Delta u|_{\partial\Omega} = \alpha|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u|_{t=0} = v_0 - w_0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}|_{t=0} = v_1 - w_1$$

$$\alpha|_{t=0} = \alpha_0^1 - \alpha_0^2, \quad \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}|_{t=0} = \alpha_1^1 - \alpha_1^2.$$

Multiply (4.1) by $(-\Delta)^{-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ and (4.2) by $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}$, integrate over Ω and add the two resulting differential equalities. We find

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_2 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} (f(v) - f(w)) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 = -2 \left(u, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right)$$

where

$$E_2 = \epsilon \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|\nabla u\|^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|\nabla \alpha\|^2 + \|\Delta \alpha\|^2.$$

Applying Hölder and Young inequalities, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_2 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \leq 2 \int_{\Omega} |f(v) - f(w)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx + \|u\|^2. \quad (4.3)$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) - f(w) &= \sum_{k=1}^{2p-1} a_k (v^k - w^k) \\ &= (v - w) \left(a_1 + a_2(v + w) + \sum_{k=3}^{2p-1} a_k \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} v^{k-i-1} w^i \right) \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$|f(v) - f(w)| \leq |u| \left(|a_1| + |a_2|(|v| + |w|) + \sum_{k=3}^{2p-1} |a_k| \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} |v|^{k-i-1} |w|^i \right).$$

Applying Young's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |v|^{k-1-i} |w|^i &\leq \frac{k-1-i}{k-1} (|v|^{k-1-i})^{\frac{k-1}{k-1-i}} + \frac{i}{k-1} (|w|^i)^{\frac{k-1}{i}} \\ &\leq \frac{k-1-i}{k-1} |v|^{k-1} + \frac{i}{k-1} |w|^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (|v|^{k-i-1} |w|^i) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{k-i-1}{k-1} |v|^{k-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{i}{k-1} |w|^{k-1} \\ &\leq \frac{k}{2} (|v|^{k-1} + |w|^{k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f(v) - f(w)| &\leq |u| \left(|a_1| + |a_2| \left(\frac{1}{2p-2} |v|^{2p-2} + \frac{1}{2p-2} |w|^{2p-2} + C \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=3}^{2p-1} \frac{k}{2} |a_k| (|v|^{k-1} + |w|^{k-1}) \right) \\ &\leq |u| \left(|a_1| + |a_2| \left(\frac{1}{2p-2} |v|^{2p-2} + \frac{1}{2p-2} |w|^{2p-2} + C \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=3}^{2p-1} |a_k| \left(\frac{(k-1)k}{4(p-1)} |v|^{2p-2} + \frac{(k-1)k}{4(p-1)} |w|^{2p-2} + C \right) \right) \\ &\leq C |u| \left(\frac{1}{2p-2} |v|^{2p-2} + \frac{1}{2p-2} |w|^{2p-2} + \frac{|v|^{2p-2} + |w|^{2p-2}}{4(p-1)} \sum_{k=3}^{2p-1} k(k-1) + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$|f(v) - f(w)| \leq C |u| (|v|^{2p-2} + |w|^{2p-2} + 1).$$

Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(v) - f(w)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \leq C \int_{\Omega} |u| (|v|^{2p-2} + |w|^{2p-2} + 1) \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx.$$

In order to obtain the estimate of $\int_{\Omega} |f(v) - f(w)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx$, we consider the two following cases.

If $n = 1$.

We know that $H^1(\Omega) \subset L^\infty(\Omega)$. Since $v, w \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$, then $v, w \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \Omega)$, there exists $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that $\sup_{(t,x) \in (0,T) \times \Omega} |v(t, x)| \leq C_1$ and $\sup_{(t,x) \in (0,T) \times \Omega} |w(t, x)| \leq C_2$,

then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f(v) - f(w)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq C_3 (\|v\|_{L^\infty}^{2p-2} + \|w\|_{L^\infty}^{2p-2} + 1) \int_{\Omega} |u| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \\ &\leq C \|u\| \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{H^1} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

If $n = 2$ or 3 .

We have

$$\int_{\Omega} |u| |v|^{2p-2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \leq \|u\|_{L^6} \| |v|^{2p-2} \|_{L^3} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|$$

and

$$\| |v|^{2p-2} \|_{L^3} = \|v\|_{L^{3(2p-2)}}^{2p-2}.$$

Since $3(2p-2) < 6p$, $\|v\|_{L^{6p}} = \| |v|^p \|_{L^6}^{\frac{1}{p}}$ and $H^1(\Omega) \subset L^6(\Omega)$ (the continuous embending), we have $\|v\|_{L^{6p}} \leq C \| |v|^p \|_{L^6}^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C' \|v\|_{H^1}$. Since $v \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |u| |v|^{2p-2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq C \|v\|_{H^1}^{2p-2} \|u\|_{L^6} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{L^6} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{H^1} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

We have the same estimate for w .

Finally, we have for $n = 1, 2$ or 3

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f(v) - f(w)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq C \|u\|_{H^1} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \left(\|u\|_{H^1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the above estimate into (4.3) we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_2 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \leq K E_2, K > 0.$$

Applying Gronwall's lemma, we obtain for all $t \in [0, T]$

$$E_2(t) \leq E_2(0) e^{KT}.$$

Then we deduce the continuous dependence of solution with respect to the initial conditions, and the uniqueness of the solution is proven. \square

The existence and the uniqueness of the solution of problem (1.7) – (1.11) being proven in a larger space, we now establish the solution with more regularity.

Theorem 4.3. Assume $(u_0, u_1, \alpha_0, \alpha_1) \in (L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \times (H^3(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \times (H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$.

Then the system (1.7) – (1.11) possesses a unique solution (u, α) such that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; (L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega))), \quad \alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^3(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^3(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \quad \forall \quad T > 0.$$

Proof. According to the theorems 4.1 and 4.2, the hyperbolic system (1.7) – (1.11) possesses the unique solution (u, α) such that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)), \quad \alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \forall \quad T > 0.$$

Multiplying (1.7) by $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ and integrating over Ω , we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\varepsilon \|\nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 \right) + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 = -2 \left(\nabla f(u), \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + 2 \left(\nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \right). \quad (4.4)$$

Multiplying (1.8) by $-\Delta \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right)$ and integrating over Ω , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta \alpha\|^2 + \|\nabla \Delta \alpha\|^2 \right) + 2 \|\nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right)\|^2 \\ &= -2 \left(\nabla u, \nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \right) - 2 \left(\nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Now summing (4.4) and (4.5), and applying Hölder and Young inequalities, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_3 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \|\nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right)\|^2 \leq \|\nabla u\|^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(u)| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \quad (4.6)$$

where

$$E_3 = \varepsilon \|\nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 + \|\nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}\|^2 + \|\Delta \alpha\|^2 + \|\nabla \Delta \alpha\|^2.$$

We know that

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(u)| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx = \int_{\Omega} |f'(u) \nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx$$

Using (1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f'(u) \nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} (3pa_{2p-1} |u|^{2p-2} + c_2) |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \\ &\leq C_4 \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx + c_2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx \\ &\leq C_4 \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx + c_2 \|\nabla u\|^2 + c_2 \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \\ &\leq C_4 \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx + c_2 \|\Delta u\|^2 + c_2 \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need the estimate of

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx$$

Similar to the proof theorem 4.2 we have
if $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq \|u\|_{L^\infty}^{2p-2} \|\nabla u\| \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|\nabla u\| \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \left(\|\Delta u\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

If $n = 2$ or 3 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2p-2} |\nabla u| \left| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right| dx &\leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^6} \| |u|^{2p-2} \|_{L^3} \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^6} \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \|\Delta u\| \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\| \\ &\leq C \left(\|\Delta u\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then for $n = 1, 2, 3$, (4.6) can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_3 + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right) \right\|^2 \leq K_1 E_3, \quad K_1 > 0.$$

Applying the Gronwall's lemma, we deduce that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^{2p}(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \alpha \in L^\infty(0, T; H^3(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^3(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)).$$

Multiplying (1.8) by $\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2}$ and integrating over Ω , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right) + 2 \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \right\|^2 = 2 \left(\Delta \alpha, \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \right) + 2 \left(-u, \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \right) + 2 \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

Applying Hölder and Young inequalities, we find the following estimate

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right) + \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \right\|^2 \leq C \left(\|\alpha\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u\|_{H^1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right)$$

which implies

$$\frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial t^2} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Multiplying (1.7) by $(-\Delta)^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ and integrating over Ω , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + 2\epsilon \left\| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right\|^2 &= 2 \left(\Delta u, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) - 2 \left(f(u), \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right\|_{-1}^2 + \epsilon \left\| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right\|^2 &\leq \left(\|\Delta u\|^2 + \|f(u)\|^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \Delta \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\|^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

which yields, using the fact that $u \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$ and $H^2(\Omega) \subset L^\infty(\Omega)$,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Then the proof of theorem 4.3 is complete.

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