

# On Global Attractors for a Class of Parabolic Problems

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**Abstract:** This paper is devoted to study the existence of global attractor in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  and uniform bounds of it in  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  for a class of parabolic problems with homogeneous boundary conditions which involves a uniform strongly elliptic operator of second order in the domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . The main tools used to prove the existence of global attractor are the techniques used in Hale [8] and Cholewa [5], and for the uniform bound of the attractor we use the Alikakos-Moser iteration procedure [1].

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## 1 Introduction

Today, the concept of global attractor is a very useful tool for studying the asymptotic behavior of differential equations, that is, an attractor is a nonempty subset  $\mathcal{A}$  of the phase space which is compact, invariant under the flow and attracts every bounded set under the semigroup associated to the PDE (for more details see [8], [10] and the reference therein). For example, suppose that the parabolic problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = Lu + f(u), & t > 0, x \in \Omega \\ u(t, x) = 0, & t > 0, x \in \partial\Omega \\ u(0, \cdot) = u^0(\cdot) \in H_0^1(\Omega), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

models a certain phenomenon. Here  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $L$  is second order elliptic operator given by

$$Lu = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} + (c(x) + \lambda)u,$$

with coefficients  $a_{ij}, b_j, c: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth,  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a nonlinear function of class  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying the condition

$$|f'(s)| \leq C(1 + |s|^{\gamma-1}), \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (C)$$

where  $1 \leq \gamma < \frac{n+2}{n-2}$  if  $n \geq 3$ , and  $\gamma \geq 1$  if  $n = 2$ , and

$$\limsup_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(u)}{u} \leq 0. \quad (D)$$

We assume that  $L$  is uniformly strongly elliptic operator, that is, there is a constant  $\vartheta > 0$ , such that

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \geq \vartheta \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k^2 \right), \quad (2)$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

The main goal of this work is to prove the existence and uniform boundedness of global attractor for the initial-boundary value problem (1) where the operator  $L$  presents lower order terms. The presence of such that terms in the operator  $L$ , in particular  $b_j u_{x_j}$  makes it difficult to obtain directly the Lyapunov function as in the works of Hale [8].

Let  $X = L^2(\Omega)$  be a Hilbert space and define the linear operator  $A: D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) &= H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \\ Au &= -Lu, \quad \forall u \in D(A). \end{aligned}$$

There are many studies on PDE's for (1) with the operator  $A$  being self-adjoint (see [5], [8], [9]). In our case the operator  $A$  is not self-adjoint.

We will show that the operator  $A$  is sectorial and assuming that  $\lambda$  is chosen such that  $\text{Re } \sigma(A) > 0$ , we can define the fractional powers  $A^\alpha$  and the corresponding fractional power spaces  $X^\alpha := D(A^\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , endowed with the graph norm (see [5, Section 1.3.3]).  $X^\alpha$  is a Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_\alpha = \int_\Omega (A^\alpha \varphi)(A^\alpha \psi)$ . Then,  $X^1 = D(A)$ ,  $X^0 = L^2(\Omega)$  and  $X^{1/2} = H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

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With this notation, the problem (1) can be written in the abstract form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} + Au = F(u) \\ u(0) = u^0 \in X^{1/2}, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $F : X^{1/2} \rightarrow X$  is the Nemytskii operator given by  $F(u(t))x = f(u(x,t))$ . From Henry's theory [9], the equation (3) defines a semigroup  $T(t, \cdot)$  on  $X^{1/2}$ , for  $t \geq 0$ .

Next, we describe the contents of the paper. In section 2 we will show that the operator  $A$  is sectorial and that  $F$  and  $F'$  is locally Lipschitz continuous. In section 3 we prove the existence of local and global solution of (1) and finally in section 4 we prove the existence of the global attractor and the uniform boundedness for it.

## 2 The sectoriality of operator $A$

Firstly, we will be prove the following.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $A_0 : D(A_0) = D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a linear operator given by

$$A_0 u = - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}).$$

Then,  $A_0$  is sectorial in  $X$ .

Furthermore, there is a constant  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq \rho \|A_0 u\|_X, \quad \forall u \in X. \quad (4)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_0 > 0$ . We will show that  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is sectorial, then by the Remark 1.3.1 in [5, p.32] it follows that  $A_0$  is sectorial. Indeed, we have  $D(A_0) = D(A_0 + \lambda_0 I)$  and for  $u, v \in D(A_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (A_0 + \lambda_0 I)u, v \rangle_X &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} a_{ji}(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} dx + \lambda_0 \int_{\Omega} uv dx \\ &= - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (a_{ji}(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}) dx + \lambda_0 \int_{\Omega} uv dx \\ &= \langle u, (A_0 + \lambda_0 I)v \rangle_X, \end{aligned}$$

thus,  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is symmetric operator.

Using the Sobolev embeddings (see [5, p. 23]) and the density of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , we conclude that  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is densely defined in  $X$ . Therefore,  $D(A_0)$  is densely defined in  $X$ .

Now, let  $f \in X$  be such that  $(A_0 + \lambda_0 I)u = f$ . Following the Example 3 in [4, p. 294] taking  $a_0 = \lambda_0 > 0$ , we conclude that there is  $u \in D(A_0)$  satisfying  $(A_0 + \lambda_0 I)u = f$ . Thus,  $R(A_0 + \lambda_0 I) = X$ . Using Theorem 13.11 item (d) in [11, p.334] we conclude that  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is selfadjoint.

Also, for  $u \in D(A_0)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (A_0 + \lambda_0 I)u, u \rangle_X &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx + \lambda_0 \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \\ &\geq \vartheta \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_k} \right|^2 dx + \lambda_0 \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx \geq \lambda_0 \|u\|_X^2. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used (2). Now, by density it follows that  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is bounded below and by Proposition 1.3.3 in [5, p. 39]  $A_0 + \lambda_0 I$  is sectorial in  $X$ .

Finally using the results of elliptic regularity (taking  $m = 1$ ,  $k = 0$ ,  $p = 2$  and  $B_j = I, j = 1$  in [12, p. 14]), we have

$$\|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq \rho \|A_0 u\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

where  $\rho > 0$  and  $\ker(A_0) = \{0\}$ . This last result is extend to  $X$  by density of  $D(A_0)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** The operator  $A$  is sectorial in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $B : D(B) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a linear operator given by

$$-Bu = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} + (c(x) + \lambda)u,$$

where  $D(B) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega) : Bu \in L^2(\Omega), u = 0 \text{ in } \partial\Omega\} = H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

By Gagliardo-Nirenberg's inequality (Theorem 10.1 in [7, p. 27]) with  $m = r = p = 2$ ,  $j = 1$  and  $\theta = 1/2$ , we have

$$\|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (5)$$

where  $C$  is a constant.

By other side, from the Young's inequality and (5), we obtain

$$\|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)} + \frac{C^2}{2\varepsilon} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0. \quad (6)$$

Substituting (4) in (6) we get

$$\|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\rho\varepsilon}{2} \|A_0 u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \frac{C^2}{2\varepsilon} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (7)$$

Thus,

$$\|Bu\|_X \leq \frac{\tau\rho\varepsilon}{2} \|A_0 u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \frac{\tau C^2}{2\varepsilon} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad (8)$$

where in the last inequality we have used (7) and  $\tau = \max \left\{ \max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |b_j(x)|, \max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |c(x) + \lambda| \right\}$ .

Observe that  $A = A_0 + B$  where  $A_0$  is sectorial in  $X$ ,  $D(A_0) \subset D(B)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.6.3 in [12, p. 69] and (8) follows that  $A$  is a sectorial in  $X$ .  $\square$

Now, we prove that  $F$  is locally Lipschitz continuous.

**Lemma 3.** If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function of class  $C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , the assumption (C) is satisfied and  $n \geq 1$  then  $F : X^{1/2} \rightarrow X$  is locally Lipschitz continuous.

**Proof.** The case  $n = 1$  was proved in [8, p.75]. Now, let  $n \geq 2$ . Using the mean value theorem and assumption (C), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(s) - f(r)| &= |f'(\theta s + (1 - \theta)r)||s - r|, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 1 \\ &\leq C(1 + |\theta s + (1 - \theta)r|^{\gamma-1})|s - r| \\ &\leq C_1(1 + |s|^{\gamma-1} + |r|^{\gamma-1})|s - r|, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $C_1 = C_1(\gamma)$ ,  $1 \leq \gamma < \frac{n+2}{n-2}$  if  $n \geq 3$  and  $\gamma \geq 1$  if  $n = 2$ .

Now, we will to show that for  $p > 1$  satisfying  $p\gamma = \frac{2n}{n-2}$ , the function  $F : L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega)$  is locally Lipschitz continuous. Indeed, using (9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(u) - F(v)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p &= \int_{\Omega} |f(u(x)) - f(v(x))|^p dx \\ &\leq C_1 \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{\gamma-1} + |v(x)|^{\gamma-1})^p |u(x) - v(x)|^p dx \\ &\leq C_2 \left( \int_{\Omega} |u(x) - v(x)|^{p\gamma} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{p(\gamma-1)} + |v(x)|^{p(\gamma-1)})^r dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq C_3 \left( \int_{\Omega} |u(x) - v(x)|^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} dx \right)^{\frac{p(n-2)}{2n}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{p(\gamma-1)r} + |v(x)|^{p(\gamma-1)r}) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the second inequality we have used the Hölder inequality for  $\gamma$  and  $r$ , with  $\frac{1}{r} = 1 - \frac{p(n-2)}{2n}$  because  $u, v \in L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega) = L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)$ . Since  $\gamma$  and  $r$  are conjugate we have  $p(\gamma - 1)r = p\gamma$ , thus  $(u - v)^p \in L^r(\Omega)$ , and since  $u^{p(\gamma-1)}, v^{p(\gamma-1)} \in L^r(\Omega)$  we have also  $1 + u^{p(\gamma-1)} + v^{p(\gamma-1)} \in L^r(\Omega)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(u) - F(v)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p &\leq C_4 \|u - v\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^p \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{p\gamma} + \|v\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{p\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq C_5 \|u - v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^p \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} + \|v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{p(\gamma-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(u) - F(v)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} &\leq C_6 \|u - v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} + \|v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2n}{n-2}} \right)^{\gamma-1}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $p = 2$ , using the immersions  $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^\sigma(\Omega)$ ,  $\sigma \in [1, \frac{2n}{n-2}]$  for  $n \geq 3$  and  $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^\sigma(\Omega)$ ,  $\sigma \in [1, \infty)$  for  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\|F(u) - F(v)\|_X \leq C_7 \|u - v\|_{X^{1/2}} (1 + \|u\|_{X^{1/2}} + \|v\|_{X^{1/2}})^{\gamma-1}.$$

Finally, given  $\delta > 0$  such that  $u, v \in X^{1/2}$  with  $\|u\|_{X^{1/2}}, \|v\|_{X^{1/2}} \leq \delta$  we have

$$\|F(u) - F(v)\|_X \leq C_{\delta,\gamma} \|u - v\|_{X^{1/2}},$$

where  $C_{\delta,\gamma} = C_7(1 + 2\delta)^{\gamma-1}$ . Therefore  $F$  is locally Lipschitz continuous.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function of class  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying (C). Then,  $F : X^{1/2} \rightarrow X$  is a function of class  $C^1$  with  $F'(u) \in \mathcal{L}(X^{1/2}, X)$  given by  $[F'(u)h](x) = f'(u(x))h(x)$ , for all  $u, h \in X^{1/2}$ .

Moreover, there is a constante  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F'(u) - F'(v)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X^{1/2}, X)} &\leq C \|u - v\|_{X^{1/2}} \\ &\quad \times (1 + \|u\|_{X^{1/2}} + \|v\|_{X^{1/2}})^{\gamma-2}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

for all  $u, v \in X^{1/2}$ .

**Proof.** First we obtain the Gateaux differential of the Nemytskii's operator. Thus, for  $u, h \in X^{1/2}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta F(u, h)(x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u(x) + th(x)) - f(u(x))}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 \frac{f'(u(x) + sth(x))th(x)}{t} ds \\ &= \int_0^1 f'(u(x))h(x) ds = f'(u(x))h(x), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the Dominated Convergence Theorem of Lebesgue and the fact that  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  with  $s = s(x) \in [0, 1]$ .

From assumption (C), we obtain

$$|f''(s)| \leq C_\gamma(1 + |s|^{\gamma-2}), \quad (CC)$$

where  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $2 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{n+2}{n-2}$  if  $n \geq 3$  and  $\gamma \geq 2$  if  $n = 2$ .

Similarly, as was done for (9) using (CC), we have

$$|f'(s) - f'(r)| \leq C_{1,\gamma}(1 + |s|^{\gamma-2} + |r|^{\gamma-2})|s - r|, \quad (11)$$

where  $2 \leq \gamma < \frac{n+2}{n-2}$  if  $n \geq 3$  and  $\gamma \geq 2$  if  $n = 2$ .

Now, we can show that  $F$  is of class  $C^1$  in the sense of Fréchet. We begin by defining

$$\Phi(x) := F(u+h)(x) - F(u)(x) - f'(u(x))h(x),$$

for  $u, h \in L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Thus, for  $p > 1$  such that  $p\gamma = \frac{2n}{n-2}$  and (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p &= \int_{\Omega} \left| \int_0^1 [f'(u(x) + sh(x)) - f'(u(x))] ds h(x) \right|^p dx \\ &\leq C_{1,\gamma}^p \int_{\Omega} \left| \int_0^1 (1 + |u(x) + sh(x)|^{\gamma-2} + |u(x)|^{\gamma-2}) |sh(x)| \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times |h(x)| ds \right|^p dx \\ &\leq C_{2,\gamma}^p \int_{\Omega} |h(x)|^{2p} (1 + |u(x)|^{\gamma-2} + |h(x)|^{\gamma-2})^p dx \\ &\leq C_{3,\gamma}^p \int_{\Omega} |h(x)|^{2p} (1 + |u(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)} + |h(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)}) dx \\ &\leq C_{4,\gamma}^p \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{2p} \left( \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{p\gamma} + |h(x)|^{p\gamma}) dx \right)^{\frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq C_{5,\gamma}^p \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{2p} (1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{p\gamma} + \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{p\gamma})^{\frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq C_{6,\gamma}^p \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^{2p} (1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)} + \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)})^{p(\gamma-2)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Hölder’s inequality for  $\frac{\gamma}{2}$  and  $\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}$ . Then,

$$\|\Phi\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C_{6,\gamma} \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^2 (1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)} + \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)})^{\gamma-2}.$$

Now, by the Sobolev embeddings we obtain

$$\frac{\|\Phi\|_{L^p(\Omega)}}{\|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}} \leq C_{7,\gamma} \|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} (1 + \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} + \|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)})^{\gamma-2}.$$

Therefore,  $\frac{\|\Phi\|_{L^p(\Omega)}}{\|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}} \rightarrow 0$  when  $\|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0$ .

In particular, for  $p = 2$  the function  $F$  is of class  $C^1$  in the sense of Fréchet with  $[F'(u)h](x) = f'(u(x))h(x)$ , for all  $u, h \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

Now we will show the estimate (10). In fact, for  $u, v, h \in L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)$  denoting

$$\Delta F(u, v) := F'(u) - F'(v)$$

and using (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta F(u, v)h\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p &= \int_{\Omega} |f'(u(x)) - f'(v(x))|^p |h(x)|^p dx \\ &\leq C_{1,\gamma}^p \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{\gamma-2} + |v(x)|^{\gamma-2})^p |u(x) - v(x)|^p |h(x)|^p dx \\ &\leq C_{8,\gamma}^p \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)} + |v(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)}) |u(x) - v(x)|^p \\ &\quad \times |h(x)|^p dx \left( \int_{\Omega} (1 + |u(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)} + |v(x)|^{p(\gamma-2)})^{\theta} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \\ &\leq C_{9,\gamma}^p \|u - v\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^p \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^p \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\theta(\gamma-2)}(\Omega)}^{p\theta(\gamma-2)} + \|v\|_{L^{p\theta(\gamma-2)}(\Omega)}^{p\theta(\gamma-2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \\ &\leq C_{10,\gamma}^p \|u - v\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^p \|h\|_{L^{p\gamma}(\Omega)}^p \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{p\theta(\gamma-2)}(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{L^{p\theta(\gamma-2)}(\Omega)} \right)^{p(\gamma-2)} \\ &\leq C_{10,\gamma}^p \|u - v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^p \|h\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)}^p \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} \right)^{p(\gamma-2)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta = \theta(\gamma)$  and we have used the Hölder’s inequality for  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\theta$  with  $\theta = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}$ , then  $p(\gamma-2)\theta = p\gamma$  and  $u^{p(\gamma-2)}, v^{p(\gamma-2)} \in L^{\theta}(\Omega)$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F'(u)h - F'(v)h\|_{L^p(\Omega)} &\leq C_{10,\gamma} \|u - v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} \|h\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(\Omega)} \right)^{\gamma-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally by the Sobolev embedding we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|F'(u)h - F'(v)h\|_{L^p(\Omega)} &\leq C_{11,\gamma} \|u - v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \right)^{\gamma-2} \|h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

From this last inequality taking  $p = 2$  immediately follows (10).  $\square$

Now let’s get uniform bounds for the solutions of (3).

**Lemma 5.** Consider the problem (1) under all the hypothesis to get the existence of smooth solutions and satisfying

$$uf(u) \leq \zeta u^2 + \tau, \tag{12}$$

where  $\zeta$  and  $\tau$  are positive constants. Then,

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \delta^{\frac{3}{2}} 2^{\frac{3n}{4}+1} \max \{ \|u^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, 1 \}, \tag{13}$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is defined in (28) below.

**Proof.** We use Alikakos-Moser iteration (see [1] e [5]) which allows us to obtain estimates on  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  for the solutions of parabolic equations of second order. Indeed, multiplying (1) by  $u^{2^k-1}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u_t u^{2^k-1} dx &= \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}) u^{2^k-1} dx}_{=:I} \\ &+ \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} u^{2^k-1} dx + \int_{\Omega} (c(x) + \lambda) u^{2^k} dx}_{=:II} \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} f(u) u^{2^k-1} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

For I, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_j} dx \\ &= - \frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{2k-2}} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_j} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Similarly, for II, we have

$$\begin{aligned} II &= \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) u^{2^k-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} u^{2^k-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) u^{2^k-1} \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_i} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Replacing (15) and (16) in (14) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^k} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &= \frac{(1-2^k)}{2^{k-2}} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_j} dx \\ &+ 2^k \int_{\Omega} uf(u) u^{2^k-2} dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial (u^{2^k-1})}{\partial x_i} u^{2^k-1} dx \\ &+ 2^k \int_{\Omega} (c(x) + \lambda) u^{2^k} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using (2) and (12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \\ &+ 2^k \int_{\Omega} (\zeta u^2 + \tau) u^{2^k-2} dx + 2B_{\infty}^* \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} u^{2^k-1} dx \\ &+ 2^k (C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx, \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where  $B_{\infty}^* := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n, x \in \Omega} |b_i(x)|$  and  $C_{\infty}^* := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |c(x)|$ . Using Hölder's inequality in (17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \\ &+ 2^k \zeta \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + 2^k \tau \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k-2} dx \\ &+ 2B_{\infty}^* \left( \int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega} (u^{2^{k-1}})^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &+ 2^k (C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Since  $u^{2^k-2} \leq u^{2^k} + 1, \forall k = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $(d_1 + \dots + d_n)^r \leq n^{r-1}(d_1^r + \dots + d_n^r), d_i \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 1$  in (18) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \\ &+ 2^k \tau \int_{\Omega} (u^{2^k} + 1) dx + 2B_{\infty}^* \left( \int_{\Omega} n \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\times \left( \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2^k (\zeta + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \\ &\leq -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx + 2^k (\zeta + \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) \\ &+ \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + 2B_{\infty}^* \left( \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( n \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &+ 2^k \tau |\Omega|. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Now, using the Cauchy's inequality in (19) with  $\bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{\vartheta}{B_{\infty}^*}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx \\ &+ 2^k (\zeta + \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \\ &+ 2B_{\infty}^* \left( \frac{\bar{\varepsilon}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx + \frac{1}{2\bar{\varepsilon}} n \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right) + 2^k \tau |\Omega| \\ &= \left( -\frac{(2^k-1)}{2^{k-2}} \vartheta + \vartheta \right) \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx + [2^k (\zeta \\ &+ \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) + \frac{n(B_{\infty}^*)^2}{\vartheta}] \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + 2^k \tau |\Omega|. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Since  $2 \leq \frac{2^k-1}{2^{k-2}} \leq 4$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , we can write (20) as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial(u^{2^{k-1}})}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 dx + [2^k (\zeta + \tau \\ &+ C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) + \frac{n(B_{\infty}^*)^2}{\vartheta}] \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + 2^k \tau |\Omega|. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Taking  $j = 0, p = 2, m = 1, r = 2, q = 1, \theta = \frac{n}{n+2}$  in Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality we obtain

$$\|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \tilde{C} \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^{\theta} \|v\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^{1-\theta}, \forall v \in H^1(\Omega), \tag{22}$$

where  $\tilde{C} = \tilde{C}(\Omega, n)$ . Again, using the Young's inequality in (22) with  $m = \frac{1}{\theta} > 1$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq \frac{1}{m} \varepsilon^m \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^{2\theta m} + \frac{m-1}{m} \varepsilon^{-\frac{m}{m-1}} \tilde{C}^{\frac{2m}{m-1}} \|v\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^{\frac{2m(1-\theta)}{m-1}} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + C_{\varepsilon} \|v\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^2, \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where  $C_{\varepsilon} := \xi \varepsilon^{-\frac{n}{2}-1}$  and  $\xi := \frac{2}{n+2} \tilde{C}^{n+2}$ . From the definition of norm in  $H^1(\Omega)$  we can see that (23) can be written as

$$\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{C_{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} \|v\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq \|v_x\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2. \tag{24}$$

Now, using (24) in (21) with  $v = u^{2^k-1}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq -\frac{\vartheta(1-\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + \frac{\vartheta C_{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} \left( \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^2 \\ &+ [2^k (\zeta + \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) + \frac{n(B_{\infty}^*)^2}{\vartheta}] \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + 2^k \tau |\Omega| \\ &= \left[ -\frac{\vartheta(1-\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} + 2^k (\zeta + \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) + \frac{n(B_{\infty}^*)^2}{\vartheta} \right] \\ &\times \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + \frac{\vartheta C_{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} \left( \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^2 + 2^k \tau |\Omega|. \end{aligned}$$

Then, fixing  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$  such that

$$-\frac{\vartheta(1-\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} + 2^k (\zeta + \tau + C_{\infty}^*(x) + \lambda) + \frac{n(B_{\infty}^*)^2}{\vartheta} \leq -2^k$$

and  $\varepsilon_k = \rho 2^{-k}$  where  $\rho$  is a positive constant, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \leq -2^k \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx + \mu (2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+2} \left( \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^2 + 2^k \tau |\Omega|, \tag{25}$$

where  $\mu := \vartheta \xi \rho^{-\frac{n}{2}-2}$ . Applying Lemma 1.2.5 in [5, p. 17] with  $y(t) = \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx$  in (25) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx &\leq \max \left\{ \int_{\Omega} (u^0)^{2^k} dx, \mu (2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \left( \int_{\Omega} u^{2^k} dx \right)^2 + \tau |\Omega| \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \int_{\Omega} (u^0)^{2^k} dx, \mu (2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} m_{k-1}^2 + \tau |\Omega| \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$



where  $m_{k-1} := \sup_{t \geq 0} (\int_{\Omega} u^{2^{k-1}} dx)^{2^{-k+1}}$ . Taking the  $2^k$ -th root on both sides of (26) and then the supremum on the left hand we get

$$m_k \leq \max \left\{ \|u^0\|_{L^{2^k}(\Omega)}, (\mu(2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} m_{k-1}^{2^k} + \tau |\Omega|)^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \right\}. \tag{27}$$

Since,  $\|u^0\|_{L^{2^k}(\Omega)} \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega} |u^0(x)| (\int_{\Omega} dx)^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \leq \|u^0\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |\Omega|^{\frac{1}{2^k}} =: \mathcal{K}$ , we can see that the first term of (27) is uniform bounded by  $\mathcal{K}$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, enlarging  $\mu$  to the value

$$\delta := \max \{ \mu, 1, \tau |\Omega|, \mathcal{K}^2 \}. \tag{28}$$

Enlarging also  $m_1$  (which is defined by  $\sup_{x \in \Omega} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ ) to the value  $x_1 := \max\{m_1, 1\}$ . Then, using (28) in (27) we have

$$m_k \leq \max \left\{ \mathcal{K}, (\delta(2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} m_{k-1}^{2^k} + \delta)^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \right\}, k = 2, 3, \dots$$

We can see that the numbers  $m_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$  are bounded by the corresponding  $x_k$  satisfying the recurrence relation

$$x_k = \max \left\{ \mathcal{K}, (\delta(2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} x_{k-1}^{2^k} + \delta)^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \right\}, k = 2, 3, \dots \tag{29}$$

Since  $\delta \geq 1$  and  $x_1 \geq 1$  we can see that sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing. Furthermore, for  $k = 2$  the second term of (29) is bounded because

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= \max \left\{ \mathcal{K}, (\delta(2)^{n+2} x_1^4 + \delta)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \mathcal{K}, (2\delta(2)^{n+2} x_1^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \mathcal{K}, (2\delta(2)^{n+2})^{\frac{1}{4}} \max\{m_1, 1\} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By other side, the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is dominated by the sequence  $\{z_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by

$$\begin{cases} z_1 = x_1 \geq 1 \\ z_k = (2\delta(2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1})^{\frac{1}{2^k}} z_{k-1}, k = 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Taking the limit when  $k \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $x_\infty := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k \leq z_\infty := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_k$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} &\leq z_1 \prod_{k=2}^{\infty} (2\delta(2^k)^{\frac{n}{2}+1})^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \\ &\leq z_1 (\delta(2)^{\frac{n}{2}+2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (2\delta)^{\frac{1}{2^k}} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{\frac{k}{2^k}} \right]^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \\ &\leq z_1 (\delta(2)^{\frac{n}{2}+2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\delta)^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{2^k})} \left[ 2^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (2 - \frac{k+2}{2^k})} \right]^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \\ &\leq \delta^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\frac{3n}{4}+1} \max \left\{ \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, 1 \right\}. \tag{30} \end{aligned}$$

Finally we will show that  $\sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \gamma$ , where  $\gamma > 0$ . Indeed, similarly as we did above, we multiply the equation of the problem (1) for  $u$  and integrate over  $\Omega$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u_t u dx &= - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} dx + \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} u dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} (c(x) + \lambda) u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} f(u) u dx. \end{aligned}$$

From (2) and (12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx &\leq -\vartheta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 dx + B_\infty^* \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} u dx \\ &\quad + (C_\infty^* + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} (\zeta u^2 + \tau) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_\infty^*$  e  $C_\infty^*$  are defined as above. Using Poincaré's and Hölder's inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx &\leq -2\bar{C}\vartheta \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + 2B_\infty^* \left( \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( n \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2(C_\infty^* + \lambda) \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \\ &\quad + 2\zeta \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + 2\tau |\Omega|. \tag{31} \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy's inequality with  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  in (31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx &\leq 2(-\bar{C}\vartheta + \frac{\bar{C}B_\infty^*\epsilon_0}{2} + C_\infty^* + \lambda + \zeta + \frac{nB_0^*}{\epsilon_0}) \\ &\quad \times \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + 2\tau |\Omega|, \tag{32} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we have used Poincaré's inequality.

Choosing  $\epsilon_0$  such that

$$-\bar{C}\vartheta + \frac{\bar{C}B_\infty^*\epsilon_0}{2} + C_\infty^* + \lambda + \zeta + \frac{nB_\infty^*}{\epsilon_0} \leq -1.$$

Thus, in (32) we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \leq -2 \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + 2\tau |\Omega|. \tag{33}$$

Using Lemma 1.2.4 in [5, p. 17] to (33), we get

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \max \left\{ \|u^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \tau |\Omega| \right\}. \tag{34}$$

Therefore, using (34) in (30) we obtain

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \delta^{\frac{3}{2}} 2^{\frac{3n}{4}+1} \max \left\{ \|u^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, 1 \right\}.$$

Thus we get the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function of class  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying (D). Then given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $m_\varepsilon =: m > 0$  such that

$$vf(v) \leq \varepsilon v^2 + m,$$

for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof.** From the assumption (D), follows that is there is  $M > 0$  such that  $vf(v) \leq \varepsilon v^2$ , for all  $|v| \geq M$ . Since the set  $\{x \in \overline{\Omega} : |v| \leq M\}$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where we take  $v = v(x)$  and  $f$  be a continuous function. Thus, we have  $|vf(v)| \leq m_\varepsilon$ . Therefore, joining these two facts follow the result.  $\square$

### 3 Local and global solution

**Lemma 7(Local solution).** Under the growth assumption (C) the problem (3) has local solution in  $X^{1/2}$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 3 and Lemma 2 we can see that the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1.1 in [5, p. 62] are satisfied, thus we have the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 1(Bounded global solution).** Assume the growth conditions (C) and dissipation (D) holds, then the solution of the problem (3) with  $u^0 \in B_R = \{v \in X^{1/2} : \|v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq R\}$  is define globally and there exist a constant  $K_1 > 0$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq K_1.$$

**Proof.** From (13) and Lemma 5, we obtain that  $u \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $\|F(u)\|_X \leq C(\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)})$ . Thus, if  $u^0 \in X^\alpha$ , then  $u$  is a local solution in  $X^\alpha$  of the problem (3) satisfying the constants variation formula. Since, the operator  $A$  is sectorial positive, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{X^\alpha} &\leq \|A^\alpha e^{-At} u^0\|_X \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \|A^\alpha e^{-A(t-s)}\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|F(u(s, u^0))\|_X ds \\ &\leq c_0 e^{-\beta t} \|u^0\|_{X^\alpha} + \int_0^t c_1 (t-s)^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta(t-s)} \|F(u(s, u^0))\|_X ds \\ &\leq c_0 \|u^0\|_{X^\alpha} + c_1 C(\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}) \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_0, c_1$  are positive constants with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $\text{Re } \sigma(A) > \beta > 0$ . It follows that  $u(t, u^0)$  in the norm  $X^\alpha$  is limited to finite intervals of time with  $\alpha < 1$ . Therefore, for  $\alpha = 1/2$  a solution is global.

As before, using the formula of the constants variation and since  $\|u(t, u^0)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq K_\infty$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{X^\alpha} &\leq c_\alpha t^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta t} \|u^0\|_X \\ &\quad + \int_0^t c_1 (t-s)^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta(t-s)} C(K_\infty) ds \\ &\leq c_\alpha t^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta t} \|u^0\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + c_1 C(K_\infty) \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta(t-s)} ds. \end{aligned}$$

From this, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|u(t, u^0)\|_{X^\alpha} &\leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} c_1 C(K_\infty) \int_0^t r^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta r} ds \\ &= c_1 C(K_\infty) \Gamma(1 - \alpha) \beta^{\alpha-1} =: K_1. \square \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{T(t, \cdot) : t \geq 0\}$  be a semigroup in  $X^{1/2}$  given by

$$T(t, u^0) = u(t, u^0), \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

where  $u$  is the unique global solution of (3). This semigroup  $\{T(t, \cdot) : t \geq 0\}$  is a  $C_0$ -semigroup in  $X^{1/2}$ .

As a consequence of Theorem 1 results

**Corollary 1.** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1, it follows that semigroup  $\{T(t, u^0) : t \geq 0\}$  is point dissipative.

### 4 Existence of global attractor

**Theorem 2.** The  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T(t, \cdot) : t \geq 0\}$  associated to the problem (3) has global attractor  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $X^{1/2}$ .

**Proof.** We show first that  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T(t, u^0) : t \geq 0\}$  is compact in  $X^{1/2}$ . In fact, we see that the resolvent of  $A$  is compact, since  $X^1 = D(A)$  is embedding compactly in  $X = L^2(\Omega)$  and of the Proposition 4.25 in [6, p. 118], the result follows. Now, using the Theorem 3.3.1 in [5, p. 80], we have the  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\{T(t, u^0) : t \geq 0\}$  is compact in  $X^{1/2}$ . Finally, by Corollary's 1 and 1.1.6 in [5, p.13] the result follows.  $\square$

As a consequence of Lemma 5 and Lemma 6, we have

**Theorem 3.** Assuming the same hypotheses of Lemma 13, we have

$$\sup_{u \in \mathcal{A}} \|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < K_0,$$

where  $K_0 = K_0(\Omega, n, \zeta, \tau, \|u^0\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)})$  is a positive constant.

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