

## Blow-up Phenomena for a Class of Degenerate Parabolic Problems with Multiple Nonlinearities

Yudong Sun<sup>1</sup> and Mingxue Qiu<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>School of Business, Guizhou Minzu University, Guiyang 550025, China

<sup>2</sup>School of Data Science and Information Engineering, Guizhou Minzu University  
Guiyang 550025 China

<sup>1</sup>Corresponding author. email: yudongsun@yeah.net

Received 16 December 2018; accepted 29 December 2018

**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the blow-up solution to a nonlinear degenerate parabolic equation

$$u_t = u \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) + \alpha_0 |\nabla u|^p - \alpha_1 |\nabla u|^{2q} + \alpha_2 \int_O u^s dx + \alpha_3 u^{p(x)} - \alpha_4 u^{q_2}$$

under nonlinear boundary condition. By constructing some appropriate auxiliary functions and using first-order differential inequality technique, an explicit formula of lower bound for blow-up time is derived.

**Key words:** Multiple nonlinearities; nonlinear degenerate parabolic equations; blow-up; nonlinear boundary condition.

**AMS Mathematics Subject Classification (2010):** 35B40, 35K35

### 1. Introduction

Lower bounds for blow-up time of solution to degenerate parabolic problem have been extensively studied in the last 10 years [1-6]. Payne and Song in [1] considered an initial-boundary value problem for parabolic equations of the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u + u^p - |\nabla u|^{q_1} \quad \text{in } O \times (0, T^*) \quad (1)$$

where

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial O \times (0, T^*), \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{in } O.$$

Here  $O$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator,  $\nabla$  is the gradient operator,  $\partial O$  is the boundary of  $O$ , and  $T^*$  is the possible blow-up time. A lower

bound for the blow-up time  $T^*$  was determined under the condition  $p \leq q_1$ , and the relative result in [7] was extended to the case with nonlinear boundary condition.

In [8] the authors studied the question of blow-up for the solution to the problem

$$u_t = \Delta u + \int_O u^s dx - \alpha u^{q_2} \quad \text{in } O \times (0, T^*), \quad (2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{in } O.$$

with both homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition and homogeneous Neumann boundary condition. They obtained the lower bounds for the blow-up time under the above two boundary conditions. Later, others generalized this result to the case of nonlinear boundary condition [9] or Robin condition [2].

In this paper, we consider the following nonlinear parabolic equation generalized from (1) and (2)

$$u_t = u \operatorname{div} \left( |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \right) + \alpha_0(x) |\nabla u|^p - \alpha_1(x) |\nabla u|^{q_1} + \alpha_2(x) \int_O u^s dx + \alpha_3(x) u^{p(x)} - \alpha_4(x) u^{q_2} \quad (3)$$

with the following nonlinear boundary condition

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \bar{n}} = g(u) \quad \text{in } O \times (0, T^*) \quad (4)$$

and the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{in } O. \quad (5)$$

Here  $p > 2$ ,  $\bar{n}$  is the unit outer normal vector of  $\partial O$ , and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \bar{n}}$  is outward normal derivative of  $u$  on the boundary  $\partial O$  which is assumed to be sufficiently smooth. Moreover, we assume that

$$1 < q^- := \inf_{x \in O} q(x) \leq q(x) \leq q^+ := \sup_{x \in O} q(x) < +\infty, \quad 0 < \alpha_0(x) \leq c_0 := \sup_{x \in O} \alpha_0(x) < +\infty,$$

$$0 < c_1 := \inf_{x \in O} \alpha_1(x) \leq \alpha_1(x) < +\infty, \quad 0 < \alpha_2(x) \leq c_2 := \sup_{x \in O} \alpha_2(x) < +\infty,$$

$$0 < \alpha_3(x) \leq c_3 := \sup_{x \in O} \alpha_3(x) < +\infty, \quad 0 < c_4 := \inf_{x \in O} \alpha_4(x) \leq \alpha_4(x) < +\infty.$$

As indicated in [1,7,8,9], we also need  $q_1 > 1$ ,  $q_2 > 1$ . Reference [7] assumed that  $s > q_2 > 1$ , here we release this restriction by  $s > 0$ .

Since the initial data  $u_0(x)$  in (5) is nonnegative, we have by the parabolic maximum principles [10,11] that  $u$  is nonnegative in  $O \times (0, T^*)$ . In the next section, we will find a lower bound for the blow-up time when blow-up occurs.

## Blow-up Phenomena for a Class of Degenerate Parabolic Problems with Multiple Nonlinearities

### 2. A lower bound for the blow-up time

In this section we seek the lower bound for the blow-up time  $T^*$ . To this end, we define an auxiliary function of the form

$$E(t) = \int_O u^{psn+1} dx \quad \text{with } n > 1, \quad \rho_1 = \min_{\partial O} |x|, \quad \rho_0 = \min_{\partial O} |x \cdot \bar{n}| \quad (6)$$

and make an assumption on  $g(z)$

$$g(z) \leq kz^\sigma, \quad (7)$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant. Our assumption is weaker than the one in [10], it requires  $0 \leq g(z) \leq kz^\sigma$ , and  $\sigma$  depends on the choice of  $E(t)$ . Here we allow  $\sigma$  to be any positive constant. Furthermore, reference [12] indicated that if  $c_0 - 1 - nps \leq 0$ , the solution will not blow-up in finite time. So we consider the case  $c_0 - 1 - nps > 0$ .

The main result of this article is formulated in the following theorem:

**Theorem 1** Let  $u(x, t)$  be the nonnegative classical solution to problem (3)-(5), and  $g$  satisfies (7). Then for any

$$\frac{1}{(p-2)s} < n < \frac{c_0 - 1}{ps},$$

the blow-up time  $T^*$  is bounded from below by

$$\int_{E(0)}^{\infty} \frac{d\tau}{A_0 + A_{11}\tau^{\frac{psn+1}{ps+(\sigma p/2)}} + (A_1 + A_6)\tau^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7)\tau^3 + (A_5 + A_{10})\tau},$$

where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_{10}$  and  $A_{11}$  are positive constants to be determined later.

**Proof:** First we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) &= (psn+1) \int_O u^{psn} u_t dx \\ &= (psn+1) \int_O u^{psn} \left( u \operatorname{div} (|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) + \alpha_0 |\nabla u|^p \right) dx \\ &\quad - (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_1(x) u^{psn} |\nabla u|^{q_1} dx + (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_2(x) u^{psn} dx \int_O u^s dx \\ &\quad + (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx - (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_4(x) u^{psn+q_2} dx \\ &\leq -\frac{(c_0 - 1 - nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p} \int_O |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + (psn+1) \int_{\partial O} u^{psn} u |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx \\ &\quad - (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_1(x) u^{psn} |\nabla u|^{q_1} dx + (psn+1) |O| \int_O \alpha_2(x) u^{psn+s} dx \\ &\quad + (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx - (psn+1) \int_O \alpha_4(x) u^{psn+q_2} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

As long as  $q_2 > 1$ , we apply the holder inequality to get

Yudong Sun and Mingxue Qiu

$$(psn+1) \int_o \alpha_4(x) u^{psn+q_2} dx \geq c_4 (psn+1) \int_o u^{psn+q_2} dx \geq c_4 (psn+1) |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1}}. \quad (9)$$

For convenience, let  $v = u^{\frac{psn+q_1}{q_1}}$ . It follows that

$$(psn+1) \int_o \alpha_1(x) u^{psn} |\nabla u|^{q_1} dx = (psn+1) \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} \int_o \alpha_1(x) |\nabla v|^{q_1} dx. \quad (10)$$

Using the Sobolev inequality derived in [14] (see 2.10) or [15] (see (4.10)), we have

$$\chi_1 \int_o |\nabla v|^{q_1} dx \geq \int_o |v|^{q_1} dx, \quad (11)$$

where  $\chi_1$  is a positive constant to be determined later. Therefore, combining (11) and Holder inequality we get

$$(psn+1) \int_o \alpha_1(x) u^{psn} |\nabla u|^{q_1} dx \geq \chi_1 c_1 (psn+1) \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} |O|^{\frac{1-q_1}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_1}{psn+1}}. \quad (12)$$

Further, using (9) and (12), we replace (8) by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) &\leq -\frac{(\alpha_0 - 1 - nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p} \int_o |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx \\ &\quad - c_1 \chi_1 (psn+1) \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} |O|^{\frac{1-q_1}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_1}{psn+1}} \\ &\quad + (psn+1) |O| \int_o \alpha_2(x) u^{psn+s} dx + (psn+1) \int_o \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx \\ &\quad - c_4 (psn+1) |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1}} + (psn+1) \int_{\partial o} u^{psn} u |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Now, we focus on the term  $(psn+1) |O| \int_o \alpha_2(x) u^{psn+s} dx$  in (13). Using Holder and Young inequalities twice, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_o u^{psn+s} dx &\leq |O|^{\frac{1}{psn+s+1}} \left( \int_o u^{psn+s+1} dx \right)^{\frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{psn+s+1} |O| + \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \int_o u^{psn+s+1} dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{psn+s+1} |O| + \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \left( \int_o u^{\frac{3}{2}(psn+1)} dx \right)^{\frac{2s}{psn+1}} \left( \int_o u^{psn+1} dx \right)^{\frac{psn+1-2s}{psn+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{psn+s+1} |O| + \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \frac{2s}{psn+1} \int_o u^{\frac{3}{2}(psn+1)} dx + \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \frac{psn+1-2s}{psn+1} \int_o u^{psn+1} dx \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and

Blow-up Phenomena for a Class of Degenerate Parabolic Problems with Multiple Nonlinearities

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_O \left| \nabla u^{\frac{1}{2}(psn+1)} \right|^2 dx &\leq \frac{(psn+1)^2}{4(ns+1)^2} \left( \int_O |\nabla v|^p dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p}} \left( \int_O v^{\frac{psn+1}{(ns+1)}-2} dx \right)^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \\
 &\leq \frac{(psn+1)^2}{2p(ns+1)^2} \int_O |\nabla v|^p dx + \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)^2}{4(ns+1)^2} \int_O v^{\frac{psn+1}{(ns+1)}-2} dx \\
 &\leq \frac{(psn+1)^2}{2p(ns+1)^2} \int_O |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + \frac{p-2}{p} |O|^{\frac{2(ns+1)}{psn+1}} \frac{(psn+1)^2}{4(ns+1)^2} E(t)^{\frac{psn+1-2(ns+1)}{psn+1}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where  $v = u^{1+ns}$ . Then, we connect (14) and (16) by using the integral inequality derived in [6] (see (2.16)), namely

$$\int_O u^{\frac{3}{2}(psn+1)} dx \leq \frac{3^{\frac{3}{4}}}{2\rho_0^{\frac{3}{2}}} E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[ \frac{E(t)^3}{4\chi_2^3} + \frac{3}{4} \chi_2 \int_O \left| \nabla u^{\frac{1}{2}(psn+1)} \right|^2 dx \right] \tag{16}$$

to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (psn+1)|O| \int_O \alpha_2(x) u^{psn+s} dx &\leq \frac{c_2(ps+1)}{psn+s+1} |O|^2 + A_1 E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + A_2 E(t)^3 + A_5 E(t) \\
 &\quad + A_3 \chi_2 \int_O |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + A_4 \chi_2 E(t)^{\frac{psn+1-2(ns+1)}{psn+1}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where  $\chi_2$  is another positive constant to be determined later,

$$A_1 = 3^{\frac{3}{4}} c_2 \rho_0^{-\frac{3}{2}} (psn+1) |O| \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \frac{s}{psn+1}, \quad A_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} 3^{-\frac{3}{4}} s c_2 \chi_2^{-3} |O| \frac{psn+s}{psn+s+1} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

$$A_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} 3^{\frac{1}{4}} c_2 |O| \frac{(psn+s)s}{psn+s+1} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{(psn+1)^2}{p(ns+1)^2},$$

$$A_4 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} 3^{\frac{1}{4}} c_2 \frac{p-2}{p} |O|^{\frac{2(ns+1)}{psn+1}+1} \frac{(psn+1)^2}{(ns+1)^2} \frac{(psn+s)s}{psn+s+1} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad A_5 = c_2 |O| \frac{(psn+s)(psn+1-2s)}{psn+s+1}.$$

Next we give a bound for the term  $(psn+1) \int_O \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx$  in (13). For each  $t > 0$ , we divide  $O$  into two sets,

$$O_0 = \{x \in O \mid u(x,t) < 1\}, \quad O_1 = \{x \in O \mid u(x,t) \geq 1\}.$$

It follows that

Yudong Sun and Mingxue Qiu

$$\begin{aligned}
& (psn+1) \int_o \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx \\
& \leq c_3(psn+1) \int_{o_0} u^{psn+p^-} dx + c_3(psn+1) \int_{o_1} u^{psn+p^+} dx \\
& \leq \left( \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^-+1} + \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^++1} \right) |O| + c_3(psn+1) \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \int_o u^{psn+p^-+1} dx \\
& \quad + c_3(psn+1) \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \int_o u^{psn+p^++1} dx \\
& \leq c_3(psn+1) \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{2p^+}{psn+1} \right] \int_o u^{\frac{3}{2}(psn+1)} dx \\
& \quad + c_3(psn+1) \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{psn+1-2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{psn+1-2p^+}{psn+1} \right] E(t). \tag{18}
\end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the Holder and Young inequalities. Furthermore, using (15) and (16)

to  $\int_o u^{\frac{3}{2}(psn+1)} dx$ , then  $(psn+1) \int_o \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx$  can be estimated by

$$\begin{aligned}
(ps n+1) \int_o \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx & \leq \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^-+1} |O| + \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^++1} |O| + A_6 E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + A_7 E(t)^3 \\
& \quad + A_8 \chi_2 \int_o |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + A_9 \chi_2 E(t)^{\frac{psn+1-2(ns+1)}{psn+1}} + A_{10} E(t) \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_6 & = \frac{1}{2} 3^{\frac{3}{4}} c_3 \rho_0^{\frac{3}{2}} (psn+1) \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{2p^+}{psn+1} \right], \\
A_7 & = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} c_3 \chi_2^{-3} 3^{-\frac{3}{4}} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (psn+1) \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{psn+1-2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{psn+1-2p^+}{psn+1} \right], \\
A_8 & = \frac{3}{8\sqrt{2}} c_3 \rho_0^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (psn+1) \frac{(psn+1)^2}{p(ns+1)^2} \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{2p^+}{psn+1} \right], \\
A_9 & = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} 3^{\frac{1}{4}} c_3 \frac{p-2}{p} (psn+1) |O|^{\frac{2(ns+1)}{psn+1}} \frac{(psn+1)^2}{4(ns+1)^2} \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + 1 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
& \quad \cdot \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{2p^+}{psn+1} \right], \\
A_{10} & = c_3(psn+1) \left[ \frac{psn+p^-}{psn+p^-+1} \frac{2p^-}{psn+1} + \frac{psn+p^+}{psn+p^++1} \frac{2p^+}{psn+1} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Blow-up Phenomena for a Class of Degenerate Parabolic Problems with Multiple Nonlinearities

Next, we pay our attention to the term  $(psn+1)\int_{\partial O} u^{psn} u |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx$  in (13). Making use of the nonlinear boundary condition, it follows from (4) that

$$\begin{aligned} & (psn+1)\int_{\partial O} u^{psn} u |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx \\ & \leq k \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \int_{\partial O} u^{2ns+\sigma} |\nabla u^{ns+1}|^{p-2} dx \leq k \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \int_O u^{2ns+\sigma} |\nabla u^{ns+1}|^{p-2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p \geq 2$ , we can apply Holder and Young inequalities to get

$$\begin{aligned} & (psn+1)\int_{\partial O} u^{psn} u |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx \\ & \leq k \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \left( \int_O |\nabla u^{ns+1}|^p dx \right)^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \left( \int_O u^{pns+\frac{\sigma p}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p}} \\ & \leq k \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \int_O |\nabla u^{ns+1}|^p dx + k \frac{2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \int_O u^{pns+\frac{\sigma p}{2}} dx \\ & \leq k \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} \int_O |\nabla u^{ns+1}|^p dx + k \frac{2}{p} |O|^{\frac{(\sigma p/2)-1}{pns+(\sigma p/2)}} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} E(t)^{\frac{pns+1}{pns+(\sigma p/2)}}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

By taking (17), (19) and (20) into (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) & \leq \frac{c_3(ps+1)}{psn+p^-+1} |O| + \frac{c_3(ps+1)}{psn+p^++1} |O| + \frac{c_2(ps+1)}{psn+s+1} |O| \\ & + \left[ k \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} + A_3 \chi_2 + A_8 \chi_2 - \frac{(c_0-1-nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p} \right] \int_O |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx \\ & + k \frac{2}{p} |O|^{\frac{(\sigma p/2)-1}{pns+(\sigma p/2)}} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} E(t)^{\frac{pns+1}{pns+(\sigma p/2)}} \\ & - c_1 \chi_1 (psn+1) \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} |O|^{\frac{1-q_1}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_1}{psn+1}} - c_4 (psn+1) |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1}} \\ & + (A_1 + A_6) E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7) E(t)^3 + (A_5 + A_{10}) E(t) + (A_4 + A_9) \chi_2 E(t)^{\frac{psn+1-2(ns+1)}{psn+1}}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Here we have used the conditions that  $n > \frac{1}{(p-2)s}$  and  $p > 2$ . In order to remove the terms which contain the unknown constants  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  and the negative terms, we present the following three inequalities obtained by Young inequality

$$E(t)^{\frac{psn+1-2(ns+1)}{psn+1}} \leq \frac{psn+1}{psn+1-2(ns+1)} E(t) + \frac{psn+1}{2(ns+1)},$$

Yudong Sun and Mingxue Qiu

$$E(t) \leq \frac{psn+1}{psn+q_1} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_1}{psn+1}} + \frac{q_1+1}{psn+q_1}, \quad E(t) \leq \frac{psn+1}{psn+q_2} E(t)^{\frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1}} + \frac{q_2-1}{psn+q_2}$$

and insert them into (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq & A_{12} \int_0^1 |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + A_{13} E(t) + A_{10} + A_{11} E(t)^{\frac{psn+1}{psn+(\sigma p/2)}} \\ & + (A_1 + A_6) E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7) E(t)^3 + (A_5 + A_{10}) E(t) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{10} = & \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^-+1} |O| + \frac{c_3(psn+1)}{psn+p^++1} |O| + \frac{c_2(psn+1)}{psn+s+1} |O| + c_4(psn+1) \frac{q_2-1}{psn+1} |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} \\ & + (A_4 + A_9) \chi_2 \frac{psn+1}{2(ns+1)} + c_1(psn+1) \frac{q_1+1}{psn+1} |O|^{\frac{1-q_1}{psn+1}} \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} \chi_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{11} = \frac{2k_1}{p} |O|^{\frac{(\sigma p/2)-1}{psn+(\sigma p/2)}} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}}, \quad A_{12} = k_1 \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}} + (A_3 + A_8) \chi_2 - \frac{(c_0-1-nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p},$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{13} = & (A_4 + A_9) \chi_2 \frac{psn+1}{psn+1-2(ns+1)} - c_4(psn+1) |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} \frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1} \\ & - c_1 |O|^{\frac{1-q_1}{psn+1}} (psn+1) \frac{psn+q_1}{psn+1} \left( \frac{psn+q_1}{q_1} \right)^{-q_1} \chi_1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show the proof that from (22) we can get

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq A_0 + A_{11} E(t)^{\frac{psn+1}{psn+(\sigma p/2)}} + (A_1 + A_6) E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7) E(t)^3 + (A_5 + A_{10}) E(t). \quad (23)$$

Indeed, when

$$\frac{(c_0-1-nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p} \leq k_1 \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}}, \quad (24)$$

we choose  $\chi_2 > 0$  such that  $A_{12} \leq 0$  and  $A_{13} \leq 0$ . Then a direct calculation tells us that (23) holds by removing all the negative terms. When

$$\frac{(c_0-1-nps)(psn+1)}{(sn+1)^p} > k_1 \frac{p-2}{p} \frac{(psn+1)}{(ns+1)^{p-2}},$$

we can fix  $\chi_2 > 0$  to make  $A_{12} = 0$ . For this case, if

$$(A_4 + A_9) \chi_2 \leq c_4(psn+1) |O|^{\frac{1-q_2}{psn+1}} \frac{psn+q_2}{psn+1}, \quad (25)$$

then we choose  $\chi_1 = 0$  such that  $A_{13} \leq 0$ . We can remove the negative terms  $A_{13} E(t)$  to obtain (23); If not, we choose a suitable  $\chi_1 > 0$  to make  $A_{13} = 0$ . This indicates that (23) always holds whether (24) or (25) holds or not.

From (22), we obtain

## Blow-up Phenomena for a Class of Degenerate Parabolic Problems with Multiple Nonlinearities

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq A_0 + A_{11} E(t)^{\frac{pms+1}{pms+(\sigma p/2)}} + (A_1 + A_6) E(t)^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7) E(t)^3 + (A_5 + A_{10}) E(t).$$

An integration leads to

$$T^* \geq \int_{E(0)}^{\infty} \frac{d\tau}{A_0 + A_{11} \tau^{\frac{pms+1}{pms+(\sigma p/2)}} + (A_1 + A_6) \tau^{\frac{3}{2}} + (A_2 + A_7) \tau^3 + (A_5 + A_{10}) \tau}.$$

The proof of Theorem 1 is achieved.  $\square$

### 3. Discussion

This work can be extended to the more general case, that is

$$u_t = u \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) + \alpha_0(x) |\nabla u|^p + \alpha_2(x) \int_O u^s dx + \alpha_3(x) u^{p(x)} - f(x, u, \nabla u) \quad (26)$$

with the following nonlinear boundary condition(4) and the initial condition (5). Here  $f$  is a positive function belonging to  $L(O \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$ . Indeed, using (9), and removing the negative term generated from  $f(x, u, \nabla u)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq & -\frac{(\alpha_0 - 1 - nps)(psn + 1)}{(sn + 1)^p} \int_O |\nabla u^{1+ns}|^p dx + (psn + 1) \int_{\partial O} u^{psn} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dx \\ & + (psn + 1) |O| \int_O \alpha_2(x) u^{psn+s} dx + (psn + 1) \int_O \alpha_3(x) u^{psn+p(x)} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

For this, we can derive a lower bound of blow-up time  $T^*$  for problem (26) by inserting (17), (19) and (20) into (27) and choosing a suitable  $\chi_2$ . But the lower bound of blow-up time  $T^*$  obtained here is smaller than the one in Theorem 1.

**Acknowledgement.** This work was supported by the Science and Technology Foundation of Guizhou province (Grant No.[2015]2076) and . The authors are sincerely grateful to the reference and the Associate Editor handling the paper for their valuable comments.

### REFERENCES

1. L.E.Payne and J.C.Song, Lower bounds for blow-up time in a nonlinear parabolic problem, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 354 (2009) 394-396.
2. L.E.Payne and P.W.Schaefer, Lower bounds for blow-up time in parabolic problems under Dirichlet conditions, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 328 (2007) 1196-1205.
3. L.E.Payne and P.W.Schaefer, Lower bounds for blow-up time in parabolic problems under Neumann conditions, *Appl. Anal.*, 85 (2006) 1301-1311.
4. L.E.Payne, G.A.Philippin and P.W.Schaefer, Blow-up phenomena for some nonlinear parabolic problems, *Nonlinear Anal.*, 69 (2008) 3495-3502.
5. L.E.Payne, G.A.Philippin and P.W.Schaefer, Bounds for blow-up time in nonlinear parabolic problems, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 338 (2008) 438-447.
6. L.E.Payne and J.C.Song, Lower bounds for the blow-up time in a temperature

Yudong Sun and Mingxue Qiu

- dependent Navier-Stokes flow, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 335 (2007) 371-376.
7. Y.Liu, Lower bounds for the blow-up time in a non-local reaction diffusion problem under nonlinear boundary conditions, *Math. Comput. Model.*, 57 (2013) 926-931.
  8. J.C.Song, Lower bounds for blow-up time in a non-local reaction-diffusion problem, *Appl. Math. Lett.*, 5 (2011) 793-796.
  9. X.Wang and Y.Shi, Blow-up phenomena for a nonlinear parabolic problem with p-Laplacian operator under nonlinear boundary condition, *Boundary Value Problems*, 157 (2016) 1-10.
  10. A.Friedman, Remarks on the maximum principle for parabolic equations and its applications, *Pacific J. Math.*, 8 (1958) 201-211.
  11. L.Nirenberg, A strong maximum principle for parabolic equations, *Commun. Pure Appl. Math.*, 6 (1953) 167-177.
  12. W.S.Zhou, Some notes on a nonlinear degenerate parabolic equation, *Nonlinear Anal.*, 71 (2009) 107-111.