

# The self-improving property of higher integrability in the obstacle problem for the porous medium equation

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A}(x, t, u, \xi) \cdot \xi \geq \nu |\xi|^2, \\ |\mathbf{A}(x, t, u, \xi)| \leq L |\xi|, \end{cases} \quad \text{for a.e. } (x, t) \in \Omega_T \text{ and all } (u, \xi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We can consider a generalization of the signed PME,

$$\partial_t u - \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}(x, t, u, Du^m) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_T,$$

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We can consider a generalization of the signed PME,

$$\partial_t u - \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}(x, t, u, D\mathbf{u}^m) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_T,$$

where  $\mathbf{u}^m := |u|^{m-1}u$ .

We now consider the obstacle problem related to the equation

$$\partial_t u - \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}(x, t, u, D\mathbf{u}^m) = g - \operatorname{div} F \quad \text{in } \Omega_T, \quad (1)$$

with an obstacle constraint given by the condition  $u \geq \psi$  a.e. in  $\Omega_T$ .

- We restrict our attention to the case  $m > 1$ .
- We consider inhomogeneities

$$F \in L^2(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{and} \quad g \in L^2(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}),$$

and an obstacle function  $\psi : \Omega_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$\psi^m \in L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t \psi^m \in L^{\frac{2m}{2m-1}}(\Omega_T).$$

- We define the function classes

$$K_\psi := \left\{ w \in C^0([0, T]; L^{m+1}(\Omega)) : \right. \\ \left. w^m \in L^2(0, T; W^{1,2}(\Omega)), w \geq \psi \text{ a.e. in } \Omega_T \right\}$$

and

$$K'_\psi := \left\{ w \in K_\psi : \partial_t w^m \in L^{\frac{2m}{2m-1}}(\Omega_T) \right\}.$$

## Definition

We say that a function  $u \in K_\psi$  is a local weak solution of the obstacle problem related to the equation (1) if the variational inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle \partial_t u, \alpha \eta(\mathbf{w}^m - \mathbf{u}^m) \rangle\rangle + \iint_{\Omega_T} \alpha \mathbf{A}(x, t, u, D\mathbf{u}^m) \cdot D(\eta(\mathbf{w}^m - \mathbf{u}^m)) \, dx dt \\ \geq \iint_{\Omega_T} \alpha (F \cdot D(\eta(\mathbf{w}^m - \mathbf{u}^m)) + \eta g(\mathbf{w}^m - \mathbf{u}^m)) \, dx dt \end{aligned}$$

holds true for all comparison maps  $w \in K'_\psi$ , any cut-off function  $\alpha \in W_0^{1,\infty}([0, T], \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$  in time, and any cut-off function  $\eta \in W_0^{1,\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$  in space. Here, the term containing the time derivative is defined by

$$\langle\langle \partial_t u, \alpha \eta(\mathbf{w}^m - \mathbf{u}^m) \rangle\rangle := \iint_{\Omega_T} \eta \left\{ \alpha' \left( \frac{1}{m+1} |u|^{m+1} - u \mathbf{w}^m \right) - \alpha u \partial_t \mathbf{w}^m \right\} \, dx dt.$$

(Note: A corresponding existence result was showed by Bögelein, Lukkari, and Scheven in Math. Ann, 2015.)

$|\partial_t \psi^m|^{\frac{m}{2m-1}}, |D\psi^m|, |F|, |g| \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\gamma}(\Omega_T)$  for some  $\gamma > 0$

$\implies$  The gradient  $D\mathbf{u}^m$  of a local weak solution is more integrable than assumed in the definition. More precisely,  $|D\mathbf{u}^m| \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\sigma_1}(\Omega_T)$  for some  $\sigma_1 > 0$ .

- Elliptic  $p$ -Laplace problems ( $1 < p < \infty$ ): [Meyers and Elcrat \(1975\)](#)

Let  $u \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}(\Omega)$  be a weak solution of the equation

$$\operatorname{div}(|Du|^{p-2}Du) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

$\implies$  There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\int_{B_r} |Du|^{p+\varepsilon} dx \leq c \left( \int_{B_{2r}} |Du|^p dx \right)^{\frac{p+\varepsilon}{p}}$$

for any ball  $B_{2r} \subset \Omega$ .

## (Idea of the proof)

1. An energy estimate and Sobolev-Poincaré inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{B_r} |Du|^p dx &\leq \frac{c}{r^p} \int_{B_{2r}} |u - (u)_{B_{2r}}|^p dx \\ &\leq c \left( \int_{B_{2r}} |Du|^{p^*} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p^*}}.\end{aligned}$$

2. A reverse Hölder inequality:

$$\int_{B_r} |Du|^p dx \leq c \left( \int_{B_{2r}} |Du|^{p^*} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p^*}}$$

for any ball  $B_{2r} \subset \Omega$ .

3. Gehring's lemma:

There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\int_{B_r} |Du|^{p+\varepsilon} dx \leq c \left( \int_{B_{2r}} |Du|^p dx \right)^{\frac{p+\varepsilon}{p}}.$$



## Parabolic problems with $p$ -Laplacian type

- Parabolic systems

- ①  $p = 2$ : Giaquinta and Struwe (Math. Z., 1982).

- ②  $p > \frac{2n}{n+2}$ : Kinnunen and Lewis (Duke Math. J., 2000).  
– an intrinsic scaling method

- Global higher integrability

- ①  $p \geq 2$ : Parviainen (Ann. Mat. Pura Appl., 2009).

- ②  $p > \frac{2n}{n+2}$  Parviainen and Bögelein (NoDEA, 2010), Byun, Kim, and Lim (Forum Math., 2020).

- $p(x, t)$ -Laplacian: Bögelein and Duzaar (Publ. Mat., 2011).

- Obstacle problems

- ① Bögelein and Scheven (Forum Math., 2012).

- ②  $p(x, t)$ -Laplacian: Erhardt (JMAA, 2016).

## Porous medium type equations/systems

- **Gianazza and Schwarzacher:**  
nonnegative solutions of porous medium type equations

$$\iint_{\Omega_T} u \partial_t \phi - m u^{m-1} Du \cdot D\phi \, dx dt = 0, \quad \text{for any } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_T)$$

- 1  $m > 1$  (**Amer. J. Math.**, 2019):  
 $\implies |Du|^{\frac{m+1}{2}} \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\varepsilon}(\Omega_T)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .
- 2  $\frac{(n-2)_+}{n+2} < m < 1$  (**JFA**, 2019):  
 $\implies |Du|^m \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\varepsilon}(\Omega_T)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .
- 3 (Intrinsic scaling) They consider cylinders  $Q_{\varrho, \theta \varrho^2} = B_\varrho \times (-\theta \varrho^2, \theta \varrho^2)$  with

$$\iint_{Q_{\varrho, \theta \varrho^2}} u^{m+1} \, dx dt \approx \theta^{\frac{m+1}{1-m}}.$$

## Porous medium type equations/systems

- Signed porous medium type systems

$$\iint_{\Omega_T} u \partial_t \phi - D(|u|^{m-1}u) \cdot D\phi \, dxdt = 0, \quad \text{for any } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^N).$$

$\implies |D\mathbf{u}^m| = |D(|u|^{m-1}u)| \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\varepsilon}(\Omega_T)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

- 1  $m \geq 1$ : Bögelein, Duzaar, Korte, and Scheven (Adv. Nonlinear Anal., 2019)
- 2  $\frac{(n-2)_+}{n+2} < m < 1$ : Bögelein, Duzaar, and Scheven (J. Reine Angew. Math., 2020).
- 3 (Intrinsic scaling) They consider cylinders  $Q_{r,s} = B_r \times (-s, s)$  such that

$$\frac{s}{r^{\frac{1+m}{m}}} = \theta^{1-m} \quad \text{with } \theta^m \text{ related to } \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m|}{r}.$$

- Global higher integrability ( $m > 1$ ): Moring, Scheven, Schwarzacher, and Singer (CPAA, 2020).

$$\partial_t u - \Delta(|u|^{m-1}u) = 0$$

From the modulus of ellipticity of the equation, we consider cylinders

$$B_\varrho \times (-\lambda\varrho^2, \lambda\varrho^2)$$

with  $\lambda \sim |u|^{1-m}$ .

However, we are going to prove an estimate for  $Du^m$ . Now setting

$$\theta^m \sim \frac{|u|^m}{\varrho},$$

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This leads to the cylinders

$$Q_\varrho^{(\theta)} := B_\varrho \times (-\theta^{1-m} \varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}, \theta^{1-m} \varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}).$$

( $m \geq 1$ ) We call a cylinder  $Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}$  *intrinsic* iff

$$\iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}} \frac{|u|^{2m}}{\varrho^2} dx dt \approx \theta^{2m}.$$

We work with cylinders of the following form:

$$Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o) := B_\varrho(x_o) \times \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o),$$

for  $z_o = (x_o, t_o) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T)$ , where  $B_\varrho(x_o)$  denotes the open ball with radius  $\varrho > 0$  and center  $x_o \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o) := \left( t_o - \theta^{1-m} \varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}, t_o + \theta^{1-m} \varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}} \right)$$

for some scaling factor  $\theta > 0$ . If  $\theta = 1$ , we use the following abbreviation:

$$Q_\varrho(z_o) := Q_\varrho^{(1)}(z_o) \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_\varrho(t_o) := \Lambda_\varrho^{(1)}(t_o).$$

We next define a boundary term

$$\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, \mathbf{a}^m] := \frac{m}{m+1} (|a|^{m+1} - |u|^{m+1}) - u(\mathbf{a}^m - \mathbf{u}^m),$$

for  $u, a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

There exists a constant  $\sigma_o = \sigma_o(n, m, \nu, L) \in (0, 1]$  such that if

$$\Psi := |\partial_t \psi^m|^{\frac{m}{2m-1}} + |D\psi^m| + |F| + |g| \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\gamma}(\Omega_T)$$

for some  $\gamma > 0$ , then we have

$$D\mathbf{u}^m \in L_{\text{loc}}^{2+\sigma_1}(\Omega_T, \mathbb{R}^n),$$

where  $\sigma_1 := \min\{\sigma_o, \gamma\}$ . Furthermore, for any  $\sigma \in (0, \sigma_1]$  and any cylinder  $Q_{2R}(z_o) \Subset \Omega_T$  with  $R \in (0, 1]$ , the following quantitative local higher integrability estimate is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_R(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2+\sigma} dxdt \\ & \leq c \left[ 1 + \iint_{Q_{2R}(z_o)} \left[ \frac{|u|^{2m}}{R^2} + \Psi^2 \right] dxdt \right]^{\frac{\sigma m}{m+1}} \iint_{Q_{2R}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^2 dxdt \\ & \quad + c \iint_{Q_{2R}(z_o)} \Psi^{2+\sigma} dxdt, \end{aligned}$$

with a constant  $c = c(n, m, \nu, L) \geq 1$ , where we considered the parabolic cylinders  $Q_R(z_o) := B_R(x_o) \times (t_o - R^{\frac{m+1}{m}}, t_o + R^{\frac{m+1}{m}})$ .

- Our strategy

1. an energy estimate
2. a Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality  $\Leftarrow$  a gluing lemma
3. (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow$  a reverse Hölder type inequality
4. covering argument and the gradient estimate

## 1. An energy estimate

There exists a constant  $c = c(m, \nu, L) > 0$  such that on any cylinder  $Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o) \Subset \Omega_T$  with  $0 < \varrho \leq 1$  and  $\theta > 0$ , the energy estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in \Lambda_r^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{B_r(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), \mathbf{a}^m]}{r^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx + \iint_{Q_r^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \left[ \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - \mathbf{a}^m|^2}{(\varrho - r)^2} + \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, \mathbf{a}^m]}{\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}} - r^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} \right] dx dt \\ & \quad + c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |F|^2 + |g|^2 + |D\psi^m|^2 + |\partial_t \psi^m|^{\frac{2m}{2m-1}} dx dt \end{aligned}$$

holds true for all  $r \in [\varrho/2, \varrho)$  and all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(Test function:  $w^m := \max\{\mathbf{a}^m, \psi^m\} = \mathbf{a}^m + (\psi^m - \mathbf{a}^m)_+ \geq \psi^m$  a.e.)



2. **A gluing lemma:** This compares the means at different time slices, and will be used for a Poincaré type inequality.

We consider a cylinder  $Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o) \in \Omega_T$  with  $0 < \varrho \leq 1$  and  $\theta > 0$  and times  $t_1, t_2 \in \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then, for a.e.  $r \in [\frac{\varrho}{2}, \varrho]$ , we have the estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(u)_{x_o;r}(t_1) - (u)_{x_o;r}(t_2)| \\
 & \leq \frac{c\varrho^{\frac{1}{m}}}{\theta^{m-1}} \int_{\Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{\partial B_r(x_o)} (|D\mathbf{u}^m| + |F|) \, d\mathcal{H}^{n-1} dt \\
 & + \frac{1}{\mu^m |B_r|} \int_{(B_r(x_o) \times \{t_1\}) \cap \{\mathbf{u}^m \leq \psi^m + \mu^m\}} \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, \psi^m + \mu^m] \, dx \\
 & + \frac{c\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}}{\theta^{m-1} \mu^m |Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}|} \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o) \cap \{\mathbf{u}^m \leq \psi^m + \mu^m\}} (\mu |\partial_t \psi^m| + |D\psi^m|^2 + |F|^2) \, dx dt \\
 & + \frac{c\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}}{\theta^{m-1}} \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |g| \, dx dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = c(n, m, \nu, L)$  and  $\mu > 0$  is an arbitrary parameter.

### 3. A Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality on sub-intrinsic cylinders

Consider cylinders  $Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o) \Subset \Omega_T$  with  $0 < \varrho \leq 1$  and  $\theta > 0$  that are sub-intrinsic in the sense

$$\iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|u|^{2m}}{\varrho^2} dxdt \leq 2^{d+2} \theta^{2m} \quad \text{for } d = n + 1 + \frac{1}{m}. \quad (2)$$

Then, for any given  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$  we have the Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}|^2}{\varrho^2} dxdt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \sup_{t \in \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{B_\varrho(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}]}{\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{c}{\varepsilon^{\frac{2}{n}}} \left[ \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q_o} dxdt \right]^{\frac{1}{q_o}} + c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dxdt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a universal constant depending only on  $n, m, \nu$ , and  $L$ , and  $q_o$  is defined by  $q_o := \max\{\frac{m-1}{m}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{n}{d}\} < 1$ .

## Proof of a Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality

- (1) Applying the gluing lemma, the sub-intrinsic property (2), Poincaré's inequality, and Mean value's theorem, there exists  $\hat{\varrho} \in [\frac{\varrho}{2}, \varrho]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \int_{\Lambda_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{\Lambda_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \left| (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(t) - (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(\tau) \right|^2 dt d\tau \\ & \leq c \left( \iint_{Q_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q} dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + c \iint_{Q_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

for  $q := \max\{\frac{m-1}{m}, \frac{1}{2}\} < 1$  and a constant  $c = c(n, m, \nu, L)$ .

- (2) We then add and subtract the slice-wise means  $(\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(t)$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt \\ & \leq 3 \left[ \iint_{Q_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(t)|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \int_{\Lambda_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \left| \int_{\Lambda_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \left[ (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(t) - (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(\tau) \right] d\tau \right|^2 dt \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \left| \int_{\Lambda_{\hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)}(t_o)} (\mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}_o; \hat{\varrho}}^m(\tau) d\tau - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \hat{\varrho}}^{(\theta)} \right|^2 \right] =: 3[\text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III}]. \end{aligned}$$

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for  $q := \max\{\frac{m-1}{m}, \frac{1}{2}\} < 1$  and a constant  $c = c(n, m, \nu, L)$ .

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## Proof of a Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality

(3) We get

$$\| \leq c \left( \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q} dxdt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + c \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dxdt,$$

and

$$\text{III} \leq \text{I} \leq c \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \rho}(t)|^2}{\rho^2} dxdt.$$

Finally, we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \rho}^{(\theta)}|^2}{\rho^2} dxdt \\ & \leq c \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \rho}(t)|^2}{\rho^2} dxdt + c \left( \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q} dxdt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad + c \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of a Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality

(4) Using the properties for  $\mathfrak{b}[\cdot, \cdot]$  and the sub-intrinsic coupling (2), we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^{\frac{4}{n+2}} |\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^{\frac{2n}{n+2}} dx dt \\
 &\leq c \left\{ \int_{\Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \left[ \int_{B_\varrho(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)]}{\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx \right]^{\frac{2}{d}} \right. \\
 &\quad \cdot \left. \left[ \int_{B_\varrho(x_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^{\frac{2n}{d-2}}}{\varrho^{\frac{2n}{d-2}}} dx \right]^{\frac{d-2}{d}} dt \right\}^{\frac{d}{n+2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From Sobolev's inequality slicewise for a.e.  $t \in \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt &\leq c \left[ \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{\frac{2n}{d}} dx dt \right]^{\frac{d}{n+2}} \\
 &\quad \cdot \sup_{t \in \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \left[ \int_{B_\varrho(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}]}{\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx \right]^{\frac{2}{n+2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of a Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality

(5) Combining with the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt \\ & \leq c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{x_o; \varrho}(t)|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt + c \left( \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q} dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad + c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dx dt \end{aligned}$$

and applying Young's and Hölder's inequality, this deduces

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}|^2}{\varrho^2} dx dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \sup_{t \in \Lambda_\varrho^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{B_\varrho(x_o)} \frac{\theta^{m-1} \mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; \varrho}^{(\theta)}]}{\varrho^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{c}{\varepsilon^{\frac{2}{n}}} \left[ \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q_o} dx dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q_o}} + c \iint_{Q_\varrho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dx dt \end{aligned}$$

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## 4. A reverse Hölder type inequality

Let  $Q_{2\varrho}^{(\theta)}(z_o) \in \Omega_T$  for  $0 < \varrho \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\theta > 0$ . Whenever the cylinder  $Q_{2\varrho}^{(\theta)}(z_o)$  fulfills the following couplings:

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or

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for some constant  $K \geq 1$ ,

we have the reverse Hölder type inequality

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for some constant  $c = c(n, m, \nu, L, (K)) > 0$  and

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- For the second term II,

$$(1) \theta^{2m} \leq \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|u|^{2m}}{\rho^2} dxdt \quad (3)_2:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{II} &= c \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}]}{s^{\frac{m+1}{m}} - r^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dxdt \\ &\leq c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^2 \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}]}{s^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dxdt \\ &\leq c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^2 \left[ \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m|^2}{s^2} dxdt \right]^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}]}{s^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dxdt \\ &\leq c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^2 \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dxdt \\ &\leq c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^2 \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;s}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

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- For the second term II,

$$(2) \theta^{2m} \leq K \iint_{Q_\rho^{(\theta)}(z_o)} [ |Du^m|^2 + \Psi^2 ] dxdt - (4)_2:$$

We first use Young's inequality, to infer for any  $\tau \in (0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{II} &\leq \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^2 \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}]}{s^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dxdt \\ &\leq \tau \theta^{2m} + \frac{\mathcal{R}_{r,s}^{\frac{4m}{m+1}}}{\tau^{\frac{m-1}{m+1}}} \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{\mathfrak{b}[\mathbf{u}^m, (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}]^{\frac{2m}{m+1}}}{s^2} dxdt \\ &\leq \tau \theta^{2m} + \frac{c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^{\frac{4m}{m+1}}}{\tau^{\frac{m-1}{m+1}}} \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;r}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dxdt \\ &\leq \tau \theta^{2m} + \frac{c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^{\frac{4m}{m+1}}}{\tau^{\frac{m-1}{m+1}}} \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o;s}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile, the coupling (4)<sub>2</sub> and  $\rho < r < 2\rho$  lead to

$$\theta^{2m} \leq 2^d K \iint_{Q_r^{(\theta)}(z_o)} [ |Du^m|^2 + \Psi^2 ] dxdt.$$

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- We obtain for both cases

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in \Lambda_r^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{B_r(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; r}^{(\theta)}]}{r^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx + \iint_{Q_r^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq c \mathcal{R}_{r,s}^{\frac{4m}{m+1}} \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; s}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dx dt + c \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

- Observe that  $Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)$  is sub-intrinsic, and use the Sobolev-Poincaré type inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \frac{|\mathbf{u}^m - (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; s}^{(\theta)}|^2}{s^2} dx dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \sup_{t \in \Lambda_s^{(\theta)}(t_o)} \int_{B_s(x_o)} \theta^{m-1} \frac{\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{u}^m(\cdot, t), (\mathbf{u}^m)_{z_o; s}^{(\theta)}]}{s^{\frac{m+1}{m}}} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{c}{\varepsilon^{\frac{2}{n}}} \left[ \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} |D\mathbf{u}^m|^{2q_o} dx dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q_o}} + c \iint_{Q_s^{(\theta)}(z_o)} \Psi^2 dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of a reverse Hölder inequality

- Combining the previous estimates and choosing a suitable  $\varepsilon$ ,

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- We finally apply an iteration lemma to get the result. □

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