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**Pei Pei\*** (peipe@earlham.edu), **Mohammad Rammaha** (mrammaha1@unl.edu) and **Daniel Toundykov** (dtoundykov@unl.edu). *Weak solutions and blow-up for wave equations of  $p$ -Laplacian type with supercritical sources.*

This paper investigates a quasilinear wave equation with Kelvin-Voigt damping,  $u_{tt} - \Delta_p u - \Delta u_t = f(u)$ , in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and subject to Dirichlet boundary conditions. The operator  $\Delta_p$ ,  $2 < p < 3$ , denotes the classical  $p$ -Laplacian. The nonlinear term  $f(u)$  is a source feedback that is allowed to have a *supercritical* exponent, in the sense that the associated Nemytskii operator is not locally Lipschitz from  $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$  into  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Under suitable assumptions on the parameters, we prove existence of local weak solutions, which can be extended globally provided the damping term dominates the source in an appropriate sense. Moreover, a blow-up result is proved for solutions with negative initial total energy. (Received August 06, 2015)