

A dual-gradient chemotaxis system modeling the spontaneous aggregation of microglia in Alzheimer's disease

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In this paper, we consider the following dual-gradient chemotaxis model

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\chi u \nabla v) + \nabla \cdot (\xi f(u) \nabla w), & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \tau_1 v_t = \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \tau_2 w_t = \Delta w + \gamma u - \delta w, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \end{cases}$$

with $f(u) = u^m$ for $m \geq 1$ and $f(u) = u(u+1)^{m-1}$ for $0 < m < 1$, where Ω is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \geq 2$) with smooth boundary, $m > 0, \chi \geq 0, \xi > 0, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$ and $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{0, 1\}$. The model was proposed to interpret the spontaneous aggregation of microglia in Alzheimer's disease due to the interaction of attractive and repulsive chemicals released by the microglia. It has been shown in the literature that, when $m = 1$, the solution of the model with homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions either blows up or asymptotically decays to a constant in multi-dimensions depending on the sign of $\theta = \chi\alpha - \xi\gamma$, which means there is no pattern formation. In this paper, we shall show as $m > 1$, the uniformly-in-time bounded global classical solutions exist in multi-dimensions and hence pattern formation can develop. This is significantly different from the results for the case $m = 1$. We perform the numerical simulations to illustrate the various patterns generated by the model, verify our analytical results and predict some unsolved questions. Biological applications of our results are discussed and open problems are presented.

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$$\begin{cases}
 u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\chi u \nabla v) + \nabla \cdot (\xi u \nabla w), \\
 \tau_1 v_t = \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v, \\
 \tau_2 w_t = \Delta w + \gamma u - \delta w,
 \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

$$u \in C^{2,1}(\bar{Q}_T), \quad v \in C^{2,1}(\bar{Q}_T), \quad w \in C^{2,1}(\bar{Q}_T), \quad (1.2)$$

(2) $\theta > 0$, $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 1$, $\sigma \searrow \frac{8\pi}{\theta}$,
 (1.1) $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 0$, $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 1$,
 (1.1) $\beta \searrow \delta$, $\beta \nearrow \delta$,
 (1.1) $\theta \leq 0$, $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 0$, $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 1$,
 1, 2, $\theta \leq 0$, (1.1) $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 1$, 2, 2,
 (1.1) $\theta > 0$, 3, (1.1) $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 0$,
 (1.1) $\tau_1 \searrow 1, \tau_2 \searrow 0$, 20,
 1, 42, fi, $\beta \searrow \delta$, $\beta \nearrow \delta$, fi,
 (1.1) $\tau_1 \searrow \tau_2 \searrow 1$, fi, (1.1),
 (1.1), (1.1), (1.1),
 30, (1.1), fi,
 (1.1)

$$\begin{cases} u_t \searrow \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\chi u \nabla v) + \nabla \cdot (\xi f(u) \nabla w), \\ \tau_1 v_t \searrow \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v, \\ \tau_2 w_t \searrow \Delta w + \gamma u - \delta w, \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

$$f(u) \searrow \begin{cases} u^m & m \geq 1, \\ u(u+1)^{m-1} & 0 < m < 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Lemma 2.2. *The solution (u, v, w) of (1.2)–(1.4) satisfies the following properties*

$$\begin{aligned}\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1} &\leq \|u_0\|_{L^1}, \\ \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1} &\leq \tau_1 \|v_0\|_{L^1} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \|u_0\|_{L^1}, \\ \|w(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1} &\leq \tau_2 \|w_0\|_{L^1} + \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \|u_0\|_{L^1}.\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3 ([23]). *Let Ω be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with smooth boundary. Assume there is a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|_{L^s} \leq C \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T).$$

If $v_0 \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$, then there exists some constant C_q such that for every $t \in (0, T)$ and $1 \leq s < n$, the solution of the problem

$$v_t - \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

satisfies

$$\|v(t)\|_{W^{1,q}} \leq C_q \quad (2.2)$$

for all $q < \frac{ns}{n-s}$. If $s \geq n$, then (2.2) holds for all $q < \infty$, and if $s > n$, (2.2) holds for $q \leq \infty$.

Lemma 2.4 (Gagliardo Nirenberg inequality). *Let Ω be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with smooth boundary. Let $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ satisfying $(n - kq)p < nq$ for some $k > 0$ and $r \in (0, p)$. Then, for any $h \in W^{k,q}(\Omega) \cap L^r(\Omega)$, there exist two constants c_1 and c_2 depending only on Ω, q, k, r and n such that*

$$\|h\|_{L^p} \leq c_1 \|D^k h\|_{L^q}^a \|h\|_{L^r}^{1-a} + c_2 \|h\|_{L^r}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $a \in (0, 1)$ fulfilling

$$\frac{1}{p} \leq a \left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{k}{n} \right) + (1-a) \frac{1}{r}.$$

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1(i)

2.1, $\|u\|_{L^\infty} < \infty$
 $t > 0$
 $\|u\|_{L^\beta} \leq c_i$
 $p > n$

if $t \in (0, \tau_1)$, then $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$. If $t \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$, then $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$. If $t \in (\tau_2, T_{\max})$, then $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$.

Lemma 3.1. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with smooth boundary. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $p > 1$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for each $u \in L^1(\Omega)$, the solution of the problem*

$$-\Delta w + \delta w = \gamma u \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \quad (3.1)$$

satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} w^p dx \leq \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + C.$$

Proof. By (3.1), we have $\|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{2,p}} \leq c_1 \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^p}$ for $t \in (0, \tau_1)$. If $t \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$, then $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$. If $t \in (\tau_2, T_{\max})$, then $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$.

$$\|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{2,p}} \leq c_1 \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^p}. \quad (3.2)$$

By (2.2) and (2.4), we have $c_2 > 0$ and $c_3 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} w^p dx &\leq \|w\|_{L^p}^p \leq c_2 \|D^2 w\|_{L^p}^{p\theta} \|w\|_{L^1}^{p(1-\theta)} + c_2 \|w\|_{L^1}^p \\ &\leq c_3 \|u\|_{L^p}^{p\theta} + c_3, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\theta = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{p}}{1 + \frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{p}} \in (0, 1)$$

By (3.2), we have $p > 1$ and $\theta \in (0, 1)$, then

$$\int_{\Omega} w^p dx \leq c_3 \|u\|_{L^p}^{p\theta} + c_3 \leq \varepsilon \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + c_4(\varepsilon), \quad (3.3)$$

□

Lemma 3.2. *Let $m > 1$. Then for any $p > \{\frac{n}{2}, 1\}$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that the solution of (1.2)–(1.4) with $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 0$ satisfies*

$$\int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq C \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}).$$

Proof. By (1.2), we have $pu^{p-1} = \tau_1 - \tau_2 = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \\ \leq (p-1)\chi\alpha \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1} dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1+m} w dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

$$m > 1, \quad (p-1)\chi\alpha \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1} dx \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_1. \quad (3.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1+m} w dx \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_2 \int_{\Omega} w^{p+m} dx \\ \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_3, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$$3.1 \quad (3.5) \quad (3.6) \quad (3.4),$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \leq c_1 + c_3. \quad (3.7)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_4, \quad (3.8)$$

$$(3.7) \quad (3.8) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq c_5.$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq \int_{\Omega} u_0^p dx + c_5.$$

$$3.2 \quad \square$$

$$(1.1) \quad \tau_2 \searrow 0,$$

Lemma 3.3. *Let $m > 0$. Then for any $p > \{\frac{n}{2}, 1\}$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that the solution of (1.1) with $\tau_2 \searrow 0$ satisfies*

$$\int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq C \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \quad (3.9)$$

Proof. *Since $m \geq 1$, $f(u) \leq u^m$. From (1.1) $pu^{p+1} \leq \dots$*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad (1.) \quad \tau_2 \rightarrow 0, \\
& \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx \\
& \quad \rightarrow -p(p-1)\xi \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2+m} \nabla u \cdot \nabla w dx \\
& \quad \rightarrow \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1+m} w dx - \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx. \quad (3.10)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad (3.) \quad (3.10), \quad \text{if } c_1 > 0 \\
& \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \leq c_1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad (3.) \quad \\
& \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq c_2. \quad (3.11)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad (3.11), \quad (3.11), \quad m \geq 1. \\
& \quad 0 < m < 1, \quad f(u) \rightarrow u(u+1)^{m-1} \\
& \quad \text{if } (1.) \quad p(u+1)^{p-1}, \\
& \quad m \geq 1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^p dx + p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx \\
& \quad \rightarrow -p(p-1)\xi \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p+m-2} - (u+1)^{p+m-3} \nabla u \cdot \nabla w dx \\
& \quad \rightarrow \frac{p(p-1)\xi}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p-1+m} (\delta w - \gamma u) dx \\
& \quad \quad - \frac{p(p-1)\xi}{p-2+m} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p-2+m} (\delta w - \gamma u) dx \\
& \quad \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p-1+m} w dx - \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p+m} dx \\
& \quad \quad + \frac{p(p-1)(2p+2m-3)\xi\gamma}{(p-1+m)(p-2+m)} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p+m-1} dx \\
& \quad \leq -\frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p+m} dx + c_3 \\
& \quad \leq -\int_{\Omega} (u+1)^p dx + c_4,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \quad (3.11), \quad (3.11), \\
& \quad 3.3.
\end{aligned}$$

□

4. Proof of Theorem 1.1(ii)

4.1. Basic energy estimates for $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 0, \quad m > 1, \quad (1.2) \quad (1.4) \\ & \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (\chi u \nabla v) + \nabla \cdot (\xi u^m \nabla w), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ v_t = \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ 0 = \Delta w + \gamma u - \delta w, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.1. Assume that $0 \leq (u_0, v_0) \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)^2$. If there exists a constant $c_1 > 0$ such that

$$\|u\|_{L^p} \leq c_1 \quad \text{for all } p > n, \quad (4.2)$$

then there exists a unique triple (u, v, w) of nonnegative functions belonging to $C(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, \infty)) \cap C^{2,1}(\bar{\Omega} \times (0, \infty))$ which solves (4.1) classically such that $\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} \leq c_2$, where c_2 is a constant independent of t .

Proof. By (4.2), (2.3), if $c_1 > 0$, then

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|v\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq c_1. \quad (4.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (3.12) \quad (4.2) \quad \\ & \|w\|_{W^{2,p}} \leq c_2, \quad p > n, \\ & \|\nabla w\|_{L^\infty} \leq c_3. \quad (4.4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (4.3), (4.4) \quad c_4 > 0 \\ & \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} \leq c_4, \quad t \in (0, T_{\max}). \quad (4.5) \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.1) \quad (4.5) \quad 2.1. \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (4.2) \quad 1.1(\cdot) \quad \\ & 43, 44, \quad \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{\frac{2(p+m)}{m}} dx \\ & t > 0 \quad \int_{\Omega} u^p dx \quad m > 1 \\ & \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.2. Let $m > 1$ and $0 \leq (u_0, v_0) \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)^2$. Then the solution of (4.1) satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx \leq C, \quad (4.)$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of t .

Proof. From (4.1), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u \cdot u dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u} dx \leq \chi \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx - \xi \int_{\Omega} u^{m-1} \nabla u \cdot \nabla w dx. \quad (4.)$$

From (4.1), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^2 dx + \beta \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx \leq \alpha \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx. \quad (4.)$$

From (4.1), we have

$$- \xi \int_{\Omega} u^{m-1} \nabla u \cdot \nabla w dx \leq \frac{\xi}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m \Delta w dx \leq \frac{\xi \delta}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m w dx - \frac{\xi \gamma}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx. \quad (4.)$$

From (4.), (4.), (4.)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \left(u \cdot u + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u} dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^2 dx + \beta \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx + \frac{\xi \gamma}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx \\ & \leq -(\chi + \alpha) \int_{\Omega} u \Delta v dx + \frac{\xi \delta}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m w dx \\ & \leq \frac{(\chi + \alpha)^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^2 dx + \frac{\xi \delta}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m w dx, \\ & \quad + 2\beta \int_{\Omega} u \cdot u dx \leq 2\beta \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx, \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \left(u \cdot u + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \beta \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx + 2\beta \int_{\Omega} u \cdot u dx + \frac{\xi \gamma}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx \\ & \leq \frac{(\chi + \alpha)^2 + 4\beta}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \frac{\xi \delta}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m w dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Since $m > 1$, we have

$$\frac{(\chi + \alpha)^2 + 4\beta}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \leq \frac{\xi \gamma}{4m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx + c_1. \quad (4.11)$$

By (4.10),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\xi\delta}{m} \int_{\Omega} u^m w dx &\leq \frac{\xi\gamma}{4m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx + c_2 \int_{\Omega} w^{m+1} dx \\ &\leq \frac{\xi\gamma}{2m} \int_{\Omega} u^{m+1} dx + c_3, \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4.11) \quad & \text{3.1} \quad m+1 > 1. \quad y(t) \leq \int_{\Omega} (u_0 - u + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v|^2) dx. \\ & (4.12) \quad (4.10), \\ & y'(t) + 2\beta y(t) \leq c_1 + c_3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y(t) \leq y(0) + c_4 \quad t \in (0, T_{\max}). \quad (4.13)$$

$$\text{If } u \leq -u_0 - u_0 \leq \frac{1}{e} \text{ or } u > 0 \text{ then } y(t) \leq y(0), \quad (4.13),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0 - u_0 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_0|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u_0 - u dx + c_4 \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0 - u_0 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_0|^2 dx + \frac{|\Omega|}{e} + c_4, \end{aligned}$$

where (4.13) is obtained from (4.12) and (4.10).

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-2} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \\ & \leq \frac{p(p-1)\chi^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1+m} w dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(p-1)\xi\delta}{p-1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1+m} w dx & \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_1 \int_{\Omega} w^{p+m} dx \\ & \leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

(4.1), (4.1),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \\ & \leq \frac{p(p-1)\chi^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\nabla v \cdot \nabla \Delta v & = (|\nabla v|^2)_t - 2\nabla v \cdot \nabla \Delta v + 2\alpha \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - 2\beta |\nabla v|^2 \\ & = \Delta |\nabla v|^2 - 2|D^2 v|^2 + 2\alpha \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - 2\beta |\nabla v|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$(4.1) \quad q|\nabla v|^{2q-2} (q \geq 2), \quad \Delta |\nabla v|^2 - 2\nabla v \cdot \nabla \Delta v + 2|D^2 v|^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + q(q-1) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \\ & + 2q \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |D^2 v|^2 dx + 2q\beta \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \\ & = q \int_{\partial\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \frac{\partial |\nabla v|^2}{\partial \nu} dS + 2q\alpha \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx \\ & \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{4} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx + 2q\alpha \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx + c_3, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1_b)$$

$$(4.1) \quad \left(1, \dots, \right), \quad (3.10)$$

$$q \int_{\partial\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \frac{\partial |\nabla v|^2}{\partial \nu} dS \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{4} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx + c_3.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \quad (4.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2q\alpha \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx \\ & \quad - 2q(q-1)\alpha \int_{\Omega} u |\nabla v|^{2q-4} \nabla v \cdot \nabla |\nabla v|^2 dx - 2q\alpha \int_{\Omega} u |\nabla v|^{2q-2} \Delta v dx \\ & \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{4} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{2q}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |\Delta v|^2 dx + \frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

$$\text{From (4.20) and (4.16),}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \\ & \leq \frac{2q}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |\Delta v|^2 dx - 2q \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |D^2 v|^2 dx \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3 \\ & \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3, \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx$$

$$\frac{2q}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |\Delta v|^2 dx \leq 2q \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-2} |D^2 v|^2 dx,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3. \quad (4.21)$$

$$(4.14) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3. \quad \square$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3, \quad (4.17)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3, \quad (4.18)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3, \quad (4.19)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q-4} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx \leq \left(\frac{nq\alpha^2}{2} + 4q(q-1)\alpha^2 \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_3.$$

Lemma 4.4. *Let $m > 1$ and $n \geq 2$. Then there exists a constant $C_3 > 0$ such that the solution of (4.1) satisfies*

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2} \leq C_3 \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \quad (4.22)$$

Proof. By (4.1), (4.2), (4.3),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx \right) + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx + \frac{\xi\gamma}{1+m} \int_{\Omega} u^{2+m} dx \\ & \leq c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.23)$$

By Hölder inequality, (4.23) and (4.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^2 dx & \leq c_1 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^3 dx \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^6 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ & \leq \mu \|\nabla v\|_{L^6}^6 + c_3 \|u\|_{L^3}^3 \\ & \leq \mu \|\nabla v\|_{L^6}^6 + \frac{\xi\gamma}{2(1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{2+m} dx + c_4. \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla |\nabla v|^2\|_{L^1} & \leq \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C, \quad (4.2) \\ \|\nabla v\|_{L^6}^6 & \leq \|\nabla |\nabla v|^2\|_{L^2}^2 \|\nabla v\|_{L^1} + c_5 \|\nabla v\|_{L^1}^3 \\ & \leq c_6 \|\nabla |\nabla v|^2\|_{L^2}^2 + c_7. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

By (4.24), (4.2) and (4.23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx \right) + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^2|^2 dx + \frac{\xi\gamma}{2(1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{2+m} dx \leq c_8. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

By (2.2) and (4.2), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \leq c_9 (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^1} + \|u\|_{L^1}^2) \leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}^2 + c_{10} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx \leq c_{11} (\|\nabla |\nabla v|^2\|_{L^2} \|\nabla v\|_{L^1} + \|\nabla v\|_{L^1}^2) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla |\nabla v|^2\|_{L^2}^2 + c_{12}. \quad (4.2)$$

$$z(t) \leq \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx. \quad (4.2), (4.2) \quad (4.2)$$

$$z'(t) + z(t) \leq c_{13},$$

$$\begin{aligned} & z(t) \leq \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 dx \leq c_{14}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

By (4.4), we have $\square$

Lemma 4.5. *Let $m > 1, n \geq 2$. For $p > 2$, there exists a constant C independent of t such that the solution (u, v, w) of (4.1) satisfies*

$$\|u\|_{L^p} \leq C. \quad (4.30)$$

Proof. From (4.1) pu^{p-1} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \\ \leq c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx &\leq c_1 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p+m}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{\frac{2(p+m)}{m}} dx \right)^{\frac{m}{p+m}} \\ &\leq \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + c_3 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{\frac{2(p+m)}{m}} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

By (4.22) and $n \geq 2$, from (4.31) and (4.32) we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{\frac{2(p+m)}{m}} dx \leq c_4. \quad (4.33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (4.31), (4.32) and (4.33) we have} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} u^p dx \leq c_5, \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u^p dx &\leq \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx + c_6, \\ \text{From (4.30) and (4.33) we have} \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

□

4.3. Boundedness for $n \geq 3$

Lemma 4.6. *Let $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 3$. Then for all $m \leq p < \infty$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ independent of t such that the solution of (4.1) satisfies*

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^p} \leq C, \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}) \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$\|\nabla v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{\frac{2(p+m)}{m}}} \leq C, \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \quad (4.3)$$

Proof. $2 \leq m \leq p < \infty$, $q \searrow \frac{p+m}{m} > 2$, $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$, $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \right) + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx$
 $+ \frac{2(q-1)}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{2(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx$
 $\leq c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx + c_2. \quad (4.3)$

$q \searrow \frac{m+p}{m} > 2$, $\lambda \searrow \frac{p+m}{p+m-2} > 1$
 $\int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p+m}} \cdot \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (4.3)$

$\int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p+m}} \cdot \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2(q-1)\lambda} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}. \quad (4.3_b)$

$\left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \searrow \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^2}^{\frac{2}{q}} \leq c_3 \| \nabla |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^2}^{\frac{2\theta_1}{q}} \cdot \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2}{q}}}^{\frac{2(1-\theta_1)}{q}} + c_3 \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2}{q}}}^{\frac{2}{q}}, \quad (4.40)$

$\theta_1 \searrow \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}} \in (0, 1).$

$\left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq c_4 \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}} + c_4. \quad (4.41)$

$\theta_2 \searrow \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{p+m-2}{2p}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}, c_5 > 0$
 $\left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2(q-1)\lambda} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \searrow \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2(q-1)}{q}}}^{\frac{2(q-1)}{q}} \cdot \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2(q-1)\lambda}{q}}}^{\frac{2(q-1)\lambda}{q}}$
 $\searrow \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2p}{p+m-2}}}^{\frac{2(q-1)}{q}}$
 $\leq c_5 \| \nabla |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^2}^{\frac{2(q-1)\theta_2}{q}} \cdot \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2}{q}}}^{\frac{2(q-1)(1-\theta_2)}{q}} + c_5 \| |\nabla v|^q \|_{L^{\frac{2}{q}}}^{\frac{2(q-1)}{q}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq c_5 \|\nabla |\nabla v|^q\|_{L^2}^{\frac{2(q-1)\theta_2}{q}} \cdot \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{2(q-1)(1-\theta_2)} + c_5 \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^{2(q-1)} \\
&\leq c_6 \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{(q-1)}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{p+m-2}{2p}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}} + c_6. \quad (4.42)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx \\
&\leq c_1 c_4 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p+m}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}} \\
&\quad + c_1 c_4 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{p}{p+m}} + c_1 c_6 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p+m}} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{(q-1)}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{p+m-2}{2p}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}}} + c_1 c_6 \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p+m}}. \quad (4.43)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&q \cdot \frac{p+m}{m}, \\
&\frac{p}{p+m} + \frac{1}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{p}{p+m} + \frac{m}{p+m} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}} < 1. \quad (4.44)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&q \cdot \frac{p+m}{m}, \quad m \geq 2, \\
&\frac{2}{p+m} + \frac{q-1}{q} \cdot \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{p+m-2}{2p}}{\frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}} < 1. \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varepsilon > 0, \quad X, Y \geq 0 \\
&C > 0 \\
&X^a Y^b \leq \varepsilon(X+Y) + C, \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&a > 0, \quad b > 0, \quad a+b < 1. \quad (4.4) \quad (4.43)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 dx + c_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 |\nabla v|^{2q-2} dx \leq \varepsilon \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \right) + c_7. \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varepsilon \cdot \left\{ \frac{q-1}{q}, \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \right\}, \\
&\frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{2q} dx \right) + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 dx + \frac{(q-1)}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla |\nabla v|^q|^2 dx \\
&\quad + \frac{p(p-1)\xi\gamma}{4(p-1+m)} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+m} dx \leq c_8. \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases}
 s_t = \Delta s - \beta s, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\
 \frac{\partial s}{\partial \nu} = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\
 s(x, 0) = s_0(x) = \frac{v_0}{\alpha} - \frac{w_0}{\gamma} = 0, & x \in \Omega,
 \end{cases}$$

$w = \frac{\gamma v}{\alpha}$, $s = \frac{v}{\alpha} - \frac{w}{\gamma} = 0$ (1.2),

$$\begin{cases}
 u_t = \Delta u - \kappa \nabla \cdot (u(l - u^{m-1}) \nabla v), & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\
 v_t = \Delta v + \alpha u - \beta v, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\
 u(x, 0) = u_0(x), v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega,
 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$l = \frac{\chi \alpha}{\xi \gamma}, \kappa = \frac{\chi}{l}$ (1)

3, 4, $m = 2$, (1)

12, 0

1, 1, 12, 0, $m > 1$,

maximum principle

(1) $m > 1$,

(1) $u(x, t) > 0$

$t > 0$, $u_0(x) \geq 0$,

(1), $U = l - u^{m-1} < l$, $U(x, t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_t = \Delta U + \frac{m-2}{m-1} \frac{1}{l-U} |\nabla U|^2 + \kappa(m-1)U(l-U)\Delta v \\
 + \kappa(m-1)(l-U)\nabla U \nabla v - \kappa U \nabla U \nabla v.
 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$U(x) = l - u_0^{m-1} \geq 0$, $u_0 \leq (\frac{\chi \alpha}{\xi \gamma})^{\frac{1}{m-1}} = l^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$

$U(x, t) > 0$, $t > 0$.

$0 < u(x, t) < l^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$,

(1)

12, 4, $m = 2$.

1.3. $\square$

Remark 5.1. 1.3, (1.2), (1), $m = 1$, (1)

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} u - \bar{u} \\ v - \bar{v} \\ w - \bar{w} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\chi\bar{u} & \xi\bar{u}^m \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & -\beta & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 & -\delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Delta Y_k(x) + k^2 Y_k(x) = 0, \quad (\nu \cdot \nabla) Y_k(x) = 0,$$

$$\Theta(x, t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} c_k e^{\lambda t} Y_k(x). \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda Y_k(x) = -k^2 A Y_k(x) + B Y_k(x).$$

$$M_k = \begin{pmatrix} -k^2 & \chi\bar{u}k^2 & -\xi\bar{u}^m k^2 \\ \alpha & -k^2 - \beta & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 & -k^2 - \delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\lambda^3 + a_2(\chi, k^2)\lambda^2 + a_1(\chi, k^2)\lambda + a_0(\chi, k^2) = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$a_2(\chi, k^2) = 3k^2 + \beta + \delta,$$

$$a_1(\chi, k^2) = 3k^4 + 2(\beta + \delta) + \xi\gamma\bar{u}^m - \alpha\chi\bar{u}k^2 + \delta\beta,$$

$$a_0(\chi, k^2) = k^6 + \beta + \delta + \xi\gamma\bar{u}^m - \alpha\chi\bar{u}k^4 + \beta\delta + \beta\xi\gamma\bar{u}^m - \delta\alpha\chi\bar{u}k^2.$$

$$(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) \in \mathbb{R}^3_+ \text{ is a steady state of (1.2)–(1.4) if and only if } \lambda = 0 \text{ is a root of } M_k. \quad (32)$$

Proposition 6.1. *Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$ be the homogeneous steady state of (1.2)–(1.4), where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \xi > 0$. Then the following results hold.*

- (1) $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$ is locally asymptotically stable with respect to the system (1.2)–(1.4) if $\chi \geq 0$ and satisfies

$$\chi \leq \frac{\xi\gamma}{\alpha} \bar{u}^{m-1} - \left\{ \frac{\beta}{\delta}, \frac{\delta}{\beta} \right\}. \quad (4)$$

- (2) $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$ is unstable with respect to (1.2)–(1.4) if $\alpha\chi$ is large enough.

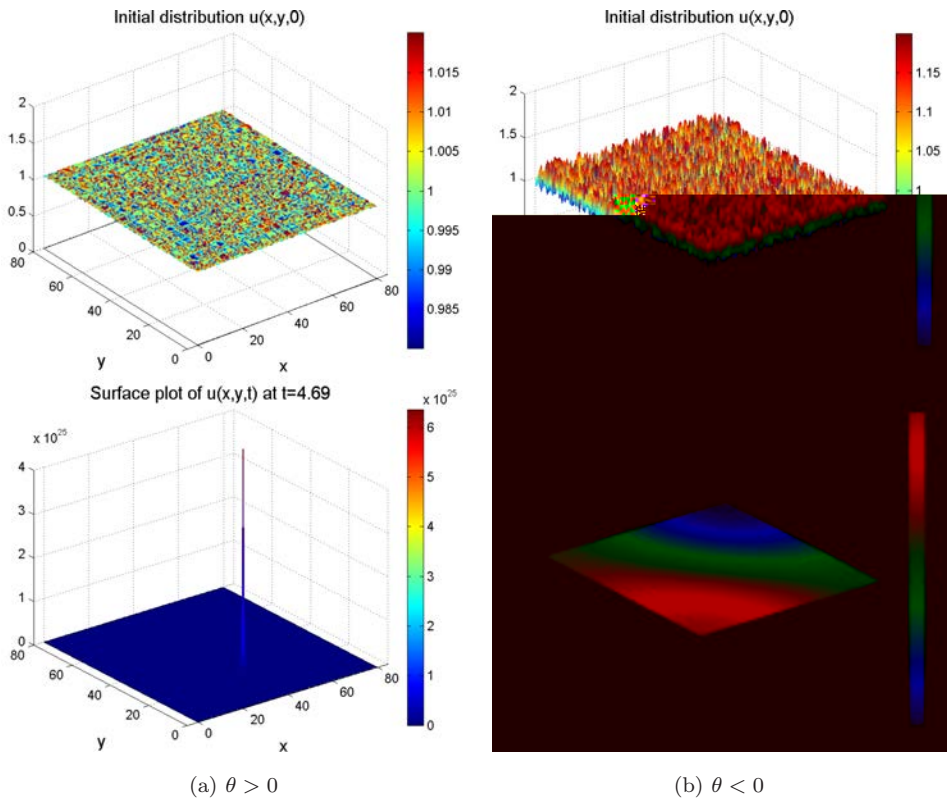


Fig. 1. Numerical illustration of solution component $u(x, y, t)$ of the system (1.2)–(1.4) with $m = 1$ and $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 1$ in two dimensions for the case $\theta > 0$ and $\theta < 0$ where $\theta = \chi\alpha - \xi\gamma$. The initial data is set as a perturbation of the homogeneous background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) = (\bar{u}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha}\bar{u}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta}\bar{u})$, namely $u_0 = \bar{u} + r, v_0 = \bar{v} + r, w_0 = \bar{w} + r$, where r is a 2% small perturbation of the background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$ in (a) and a 20% perturbation of the background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$ in (b). The parameter values are: (a) $\bar{u} = 1, \chi = 8, \xi = 4, \alpha = \gamma = \beta = 1, \delta = 2$; (b) $\bar{u} = 1, \chi = 8, \xi = 10, \alpha = \gamma = \beta = 1, \delta = 2$.

$\beta \succ \delta$, $\frac{v_0}{\alpha} \prec \frac{w_0}{\gamma}$, 1.3. $u(x, y, t)$ fi $0 < u \leq 2$
 2. 1.3. fi
 2. $\beta \succ \delta$, (1.2) (1.4) $\beta \succ \delta$ ($\beta \succ \delta$)
 $\theta < 0$, $u(x, y, t)$ $m > 1$
 3. I. $m \prec 1$, $\theta < 0$, 1().
 $\theta > 0$

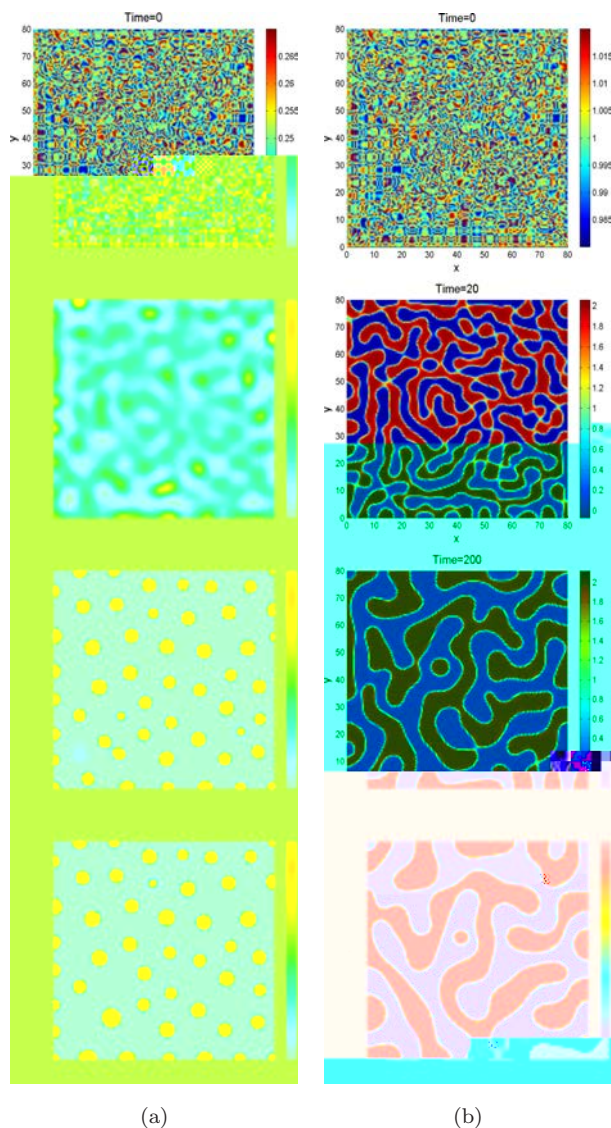


Fig. 2. Numerical patterns formed by the solution component $u(x, y, t)$ to the system 1.2–(1.4) with $m > 1$ in two dimensions for the case $\theta = \chi\alpha - \xi\gamma > 0$. The initial data is set as a perturbation of the homogeneous background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) = (\bar{u}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\bar{u}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta}\bar{u})$, namely $u_0 = \bar{u} + r, v_0 = \bar{v} + r, w_0 = \bar{w} + r$, where r is a 2% small perturbation of the homogeneous background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$. The parameter values are $m = 2, \chi = 8, \xi = 4, \alpha = \gamma = \beta = \delta = 1$ and $\bar{u} = 0.25$ in (a), $\bar{u} = 0.5$ in (b) and $\bar{u} = 0.75$ in (c).

$$(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) = (\bar{u}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\bar{u}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta}\bar{u}) \quad (1.3)$$

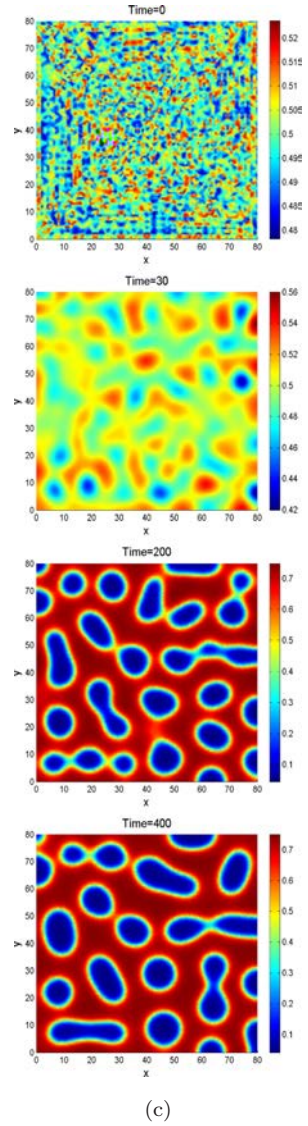


Fig. 3. Numerical patterns of the solution component $u(x, y, t)$ to the system (1.2)–(1.4) with $m > 1$ and $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 1$ in two dimensions for the case $\theta = \chi\alpha - \xi\gamma < 0$. The initial data is set as a perturbation of the homogeneous background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) = (\bar{u}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\bar{u}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta}\bar{u})$, namely $u_0 = \bar{u} + r, v_0 = \bar{v} + r, w_0 = \bar{w} + r$, where r is a 2% small perturbation of the homogeneous background state $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w})$. The parameter values are $m = 2, \chi = 8, \xi = 10, \alpha = \gamma = \beta = \delta = 1$ and $\bar{u} = 0.25$ in (a), $\bar{u} = 0.4$ in (b) and $\bar{u} = 0.5$ in (c).



- (1) $\tau_1, \tau_2 \leq 1$, (1.2) (1.4) $m > 1$
- (2) $m > 1$, (1.2) (1.4)
- (3) $m < 1$, (1.2) (1.4) $m > 1$
- $m < 1$, (1.2) (1.4) $m < 1$, θ .

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