

## A CLASS OF THE QUASILINEAR PARABOLIC SYSTEMS ARISING IN POPULATION DYNAMICS \*

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**Abstract.** This paper, using the duality technique and Hölder’s inequality, proves the global existence of solutions for the quasilinear parabolic systems with Cross-diffusion effects and competition interaction on any smooth bounded domain in  $R^2$ .

**1. Introduction.** The purpose of the present paper is to study the existence and uniqueness of  $W_p^{2,1}$ -valued solutions for quasilinear parabolic systems arising in population dynamics as

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta (a_1 u + d u v) + u F(u, v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty). \\ v_t = \Delta (a_2 v) + v G(u, v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty). \\ \delta u + (1 - \delta) u_\gamma = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty). \\ \delta v + (1 - \delta) v_\gamma = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty). \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $R^2$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ;  $a_i (i = 1, 2), d$  are positive constants;  $F, G$  are given  $C^1$ -functions;  $\delta \in \{0, 1\}$ ;  $\gamma$  denoting the outer unit normal on  $\partial\Omega$ ;  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  are initial functions which are assumed to satisfy

$$\begin{cases} u_0, v_0 \in H^{1+\varepsilon}(\Omega) & \text{for some } 0 < \varepsilon < 1; \\ u_0(x), v_0(x) \geq 0, & \forall x \in \Omega; \end{cases} \quad (H_0).$$

This systems has been introduced by Shigesada *et al.*[1] as a model of two competitive species which are interacting each other and migrating under self and cross-diffusion effects. The unknown functions  $u$  and  $v$  denote the population densities of the two species at time  $t$  and position  $x \in \Omega$ . The two boundary conditions show that the flow of an individual is tangential on the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

Masuda and Mimura (cf. [2]) proved, for the first time, global existence of a solution in the case that  $\Phi \equiv 0$  and  $\Omega \subset R^1$ .

Yagi [3] studied the following systems.

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \operatorname{div}\{\nabla[(\alpha_1 + \alpha_{11}u + \alpha_{12}v)u] \\ \quad + \beta_1 u \nabla\Phi\} + c_1 u - \gamma_{11} u^2 - \gamma_{12} u v, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ v_t = \operatorname{div}\{\nabla[(\alpha_2 + \alpha_{21}u + \alpha_{22}v)v] \\ \quad + \beta_2 v \nabla\Phi\} + c_2 v - \gamma_{21} u v - \gamma_{22} v^2, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ [(\alpha_1 + \alpha_{11}u + \alpha_{12}v)u]_\gamma + \beta_1 u \Phi_\gamma = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ [(\alpha_2 + \alpha_{21}u + \alpha_{22}v)v]_\gamma + \beta_2 v \Phi_\gamma = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty), \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\alpha_i (i = 1, 2)$  are positive constants,  $\alpha_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}$  and  $\beta_i, c_i (i, j = 1, 2)$  are non-negative constants.  $\Phi$  is the  $C^1$ -function; In the case, global existence results are shown when one of the following conditions holds:

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- (1)  $0 < \alpha_{21} < 8\alpha_{11}$  and  $0 < \alpha_{12} < 8\alpha_{22}$ ;  
 (2)  $\alpha_{11} > 0, \alpha_{21} = \alpha_{22} = 0$ .

We should note that the situation is quite different from our problem where  $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{21} = 0$ .

In [4], Redinger given the global existence of the solution for the system (1.1) under the following assumption conditions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1) F(u, v) \equiv e_1 - h(u) - d_1 v, \quad G(u, v) \equiv e_2 - d_2 u - b_2 v; \\ (2) h \in C^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), \text{ and, } \liminf h(s)/s^\nu > 0. \\ \quad \text{for some } \nu > 1. \\ \quad \text{where the } e_i, d_i \text{ and } b_2 \text{ are positive constants.} \end{array} \right. \quad (1.3)$$

In this present paper, our main result can be stated as following

**THEOREM.** *Assume  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  satisfy  $(H_0)$ , and,  $F(u, v), G(u, v)$  to have the following properties:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1) F(u, v) \equiv e_1 - h(u) - d_1 v, \quad G(u, v) \equiv e_2 - d_2 u - b_2 v; \\ (2) h \in C^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), \text{ and, } h(s) \geq A_0 s. \\ \quad \text{where the } e_i, d_i, A_0 \text{ and } b_2 \text{ are positive constants.} \end{array} \right. \quad (1.4)$$

*Then, systems (1.1) has a unique global solution.*

To prove this result, we will work in the framework of  $L_p$  and  $W_p^{2,1}$  and employ the  $L_p$ -regularity theory for the linear parabolic equations. Our basic tools, which help us to derive some *a priori* estimates, are the duality technique and the Gronwall's inequality.

Notation: (see [5][8])

$$Q_T = \Omega \times [0, T].$$

$L_p(\Omega)$  is the Banach space consisting of all measurable functions on  $\Omega$  that are  $p$  th-power ( $p \geq 1$ ) summable on  $\Omega$ . The norm in it is defined by the equations

$$\|u\|_{p,\Omega} = \left( \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ and } \|u\|_{\infty,\Omega} = \text{vrimax } |u|.$$

$W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) is the Banach space consisting of the elements of  $L_p(Q_T)$  having generalized derivatives of the form  $D_t^r D_x^s$  with  $r$  and  $s$  satisfying the inequality  $2r + s \leq 2$ . The norm in it is defined by the equality

$$\|u\|_{p,Q_T}^{(2)} = \sum_{2r+s \leq 2} \|D_t^r D_x^s u\|_{p,Q_T}.$$

**2. Preliminaries.**

**2.1. Existence and uniqueness of local solutions.** A local existence result for (1.1) is given by the following theorem (see Amann [6], Yagi [7]).

LEMMA 2.1. *Suppose that  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  satisfy  $(H_0)$ , then, there exists a positive constant  $T^*$  such that (1.1) has a unique nonnegative solution  $(u, v)$ , s.t.:  $\forall 0 < T < T^*$ ,*

$$u, v \in C((0, T]; H^2(\Omega)) \cap C^1((0, T]; L^2(\Omega)).$$

**2.2. The (backward) adjoint equation.** In order to use a duality technique to obtain estimates on  $(u, v)$  in  $W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)$  ( $p \geq 1$ ), we need estimates on the solution  $\chi$  of the (backward) adjoint equation

$$\begin{cases} \chi_t + a_0 \Delta \chi + \theta = 0, & \text{in } Q_T, \\ \chi_\gamma = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ \chi(\cdot, T) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\theta \in L_p(Q_T)$  ( $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ ),  $\theta \geq 0$ ;  $a_0 \in C^{0,\lambda}(Q_T)$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ , and, there exists a constant  $\mu_0$ , s.t.:

$$a_0(x, t) \geq \mu_0, \text{ for all } (x, t) \in Q_T \tag{2.2}$$

We now state some well-known  $L_p$ -regularity results for (2.1).

LEMMA 2.2. *The adjoint equation (2.1) has a unique solution  $\chi \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_T)$  with  $\chi \geq 0$ . If  $\|\theta\|_{q,Q_T} = 1$ , then there exists a constant  $C = C(p, T)$  independent of  $\theta$ , and, is continue to  $T$ , such that  $\|\chi\|_{q,Q_T}^{(2)} \leq C$ . Furthermore,  $C$  can be chosen so that*

$$\begin{cases} \text{(i) If } p > 2, \text{ then } \|\chi\|_{4q/(4-q),Q_T} \leq C, \text{ and, } \|\nabla\chi\|_{4q/(4-q),Q_T} \leq C, \\ \text{(ii) } \|\chi(\cdot, 0)\|_{q,\Omega} \leq C. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof.* From [4](Theorem IV.9.1), there is a constant  $C_0(p)$  independent  $T$ , such that

$$\|\chi\|_{q,Q_T}^{(2)} \leq C_0(p)\|\theta\|_{q,Q_T} = C_0(p).$$

Furthermore, there is a constant  $C_1(p)$  independent  $T$ . such that

$$\|div\chi\|_{q^*,Q_T} \leq C_1(p)\|\chi\|_{q,Q_T}^{(2)},$$

where  $q^* = 4q/(4 - q)$ (see [4] lemma II 3.3).

Therefore, it follows that (2.3)(i) holds.

The same is true for (2.3)(ii) due again to [4] (lemma II 3.4).

**3. The estimates for  $u$  and  $v$ .** We note the nonnegativity of  $u, v$  follows from theorem 2.1, and ,denote by  $T^*$  a maximal existence time of the solution  $(u, v)$  to (1.1)

LEMMA 3.1. *If  $T^* < \infty$ , then, under the assumptions  $(H_0)$  and (1.4), we have the following estimates*

$$\|v\|_{\infty, Q_{T^*}} \leq Const. \quad \|u\|_{4, Q_{T^*}} \leq Const.$$

*Proof.* From the system (1.1),we see that  $v$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} v_t \leq \Delta (a_2 v) + e_2 v - b_2 v^2, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T^*). \\ \delta v + (1 - \delta)v_\gamma = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T^*). \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Hence, it follows from the comparison principle that  $v$  is bounded from above by a constant  $M_0$ .i.e.

$$\|v\|_{\infty, Q_{T^*}} \leq M_0 \equiv \text{const.} \tag{3.1}$$

Integrating (1.1)- $u$  equation over  $Q_T$  ( $0 < T < T^*$ ), results in

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u(T)dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0(x)dx + \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} (a_1 u + duv)_\gamma \\ &\quad + \int_{Q_T} [e_1 u - h(u)u]dxdt \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0(x)dx + \int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} [(a_1 + dv) u_\gamma + duv_\gamma] \\ &\quad + \int_{Q_T} (e_1 u - A_0 u^2)dxdt, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

From the boundary condition of the system (1.1), we have that

$$\int_0^T \int_{\partial\Omega} [(a_1 + dv) u_\gamma + duv_\gamma] \leq 0, \tag{3.3}$$

Thus, (3.2) becomes that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u(T)dx + \int_{Q_T} A_0 u^2 dxdt &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0(x)dx + \int_{Q_T} e_1 u dxdt, \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} u_0(x)dx + \int_{Q_T} e_1 u^2 dxdt, \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

By use of Gronwall’s inequality, (3.4) implies that

$$\|u\|_{2, Q_{T^*}} \leq C(u_0, T^*). \tag{3.5}$$

Thus,

$$g_1(x, t) = v(e_2 - d_2 u - b_2 v) \in L_2(Q_{T^*}) \tag{3.6}$$

and,  $v$  solves the following equation

$$\begin{cases} v_t = \Delta (a_2 v) + g_1(x, t), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ \delta v + (1 - \delta)v_\gamma = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{3.7}$$

From [4], we have that

$$v \in W_2^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}), \nabla v \in L_4(Q_{T^*}), \tag{3.8}$$

From system (1.1), (3.1),(3.3) and (3.7),we known that  $u$  solves the following equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t = h_1(x, t)\Delta u + h_2(x, t)\nabla u \\ \quad + h_3(x, t)u + h_4(x, t), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ \delta u + (1 - \delta)u_\gamma = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{3.9}$$

where,

$$\begin{cases} h_1(x, t) \equiv (a_1 + dv) \in L_\infty(Q_{T^*}) \\ h_2(x, t) \equiv 2d(\nabla v) \in L_4(Q_{T^*}) \\ h_3(x, t) \equiv d\Delta v + e_1 \in L_2(Q_{T^*}) \\ h_4(x, t) \equiv -h(u)u - d_1 v u \in L_1(Q_{T^*}) \end{cases} \tag{3.10}$$

Set,

$$h_4^*(x, t) \equiv 0.$$

then,

$$h_4(x, t) \leq h_4^*(x, t), \quad \forall (x, t) \in Q_{T^*}$$

Let  $u^*$  solves the following equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t^* = h_1(x, t)\Delta u^* + h_2(x, t)\nabla u^* \\ \quad + h_3(x, t)u^* + h_4^*(x, t), & \forall (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ \delta u^* + (1 - \delta)u_\gamma^* = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T^*); \\ u^*(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{3.11}$$

By use of the comparison principle, we known that

$$0 \leq u \leq u^*, \quad \forall (x, t) \in Q_{T^*}$$

From [4] and (3.11),we have that,  $\forall \epsilon \in (0, 1)$

$$u^* \in W_{2-\epsilon}^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}) \subset W_{2-\epsilon}^1(Q_{T^*}) \subset L_{3(2-\epsilon)/(1+\epsilon)}(Q_{T^*}), \tag{3.12}$$

Thus, taking  $\epsilon = \frac{2}{7}$ , we have that

$$u^* \in L_4(Q_{T^*}) \Rightarrow u \in L_4(Q_{T^*})$$

Furthermore, we can also obtain the following estimate for  $v$ .

LEMMA 3.2. *If  $T^* < \infty$ , then, under the assumptions  $(H_0)$  and (1.4), there exists a positive constant  $\lambda(T^*) > 0$ , s.t.*

$$v \in C^{0,\lambda(T^*)}(\overline{Q_{T^*}})$$

*Proof.* From the Lemma 3.1, we have that

$$g_1(x, t) \equiv e_2v - d_2uv - b_2v^2 \in L_4(Q_{T^*}). \tag{3.13}$$

Hence,  $v$  also solves the following parabolic equation

$$\begin{cases} v_t = a_2\Delta v + g_1(x, t), & \text{in } Q_{T^*} \\ \delta v + (1 - \delta)v_\gamma = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T^*) \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases} \tag{3.14}$$

From [4], we have that

$$v \in W_4^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}) \subset W_4^1(Q_{T^*})$$

By use the embedding theorem (see [4]), there exists a positive constant  $\lambda(T^*) > 0$  (Notice that  $4 > N + 1 = 3$ ), s.t.

$$W_4^1(Q_{T^*}) \subset C^{0,\lambda(T^*)}(\overline{Q_{T^*}})$$

We have completed the proof of lemma 3.2

We are now ready to derive an important estimate for  $u$ . Our main methods are the duality technique and the Hölder inequality.

We first give two lemmas.

LEMMA 3.3. *Under the hypotheses  $(H_0)$  and (1.4), if  $T^* < \infty$ , then, for all  $p > 1$ , we have*

$$\|u\|_{p,Q_{T^*}} \leq C(p, T^*).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  satisfy the following backward equation

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_t + (a_1 + dv)\Delta\varphi + \theta = 0 & \text{in } Q_T, \\ \varphi_\gamma = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ \varphi(\cdot, T) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \tag{3.15}$$

Where,  $\theta \in L_q(Q_T)$  ( $q = \frac{p}{p+1}, p > 2$ ) with  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $\|\theta\|_{q, Q_T} = 1, (u, v)$  is the local solution of (1.1) in  $\Omega \times [0, T^*), 0 < T < T^*$ .

Multiplying  $u$ - equation of (1.1) by  $\varphi$  and integrating the product in  $Q_T$ , we have

$$\int_{Q_T} \varphi u_t dxdt = \int_{Q_T} \varphi \Delta[(a_1 + dv)u] dxdt + \int_{Q_T} \varphi u [e_1 - h(u) - d_1 v] dxdt, \tag{3.16}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{Q_T} u \varphi_t dxdt - \int_{\Omega} \varphi(\cdot, 0) u_0 dx \\ & \leq \int_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T)} \{ \varphi [(a_1 + dv)u]_{\gamma} - (a_1 + dv)u \varphi_{\gamma} \} \\ & + \int_{Q_T} (a_1 + dv)u \Delta \varphi dxdt + \int_{Q_T} e_1 \varphi u dxdt, \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

From the lemma 3.2, and the boundary condition of the system (1.1), and (3.15), we obtain that

$$\int_{Q_T} \theta u dxdt \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi(\cdot, 0) u_0 dx + \int_{Q_T} e_1 \varphi u dxdt \tag{3.18}$$

By lemma 3.1, (3.18) becomes that

$$\int_{Q_T} \theta u dxdt \leq C(u_0, p, T) + C(M_0, p, T) \|u\|_{4p/(4+p), Q_T}. \tag{3.19}$$

We write

$$H(\lambda) = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left[ \frac{4p}{4+p} - \lambda p \right], \lambda \in \left( 0, \frac{4}{4+p} \right), \tag{3.20}$$

then

$$\frac{dH(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} \cdot \frac{-p^2}{4+p} < 0,$$

and

$$H\left(\frac{4}{4+p}\right) = 0, \tag{3.21}$$

Therefore, there exists  $\lambda_0$ , s.t.

$$H(\lambda_0) \leq 1, \lambda_0 \in \left( 0, \frac{4}{4+p} \right). \tag{3.22}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{4p/(4+p), Q_T} &= \left\| u^{\frac{4p}{4+p} - \lambda_0 p + \lambda_0 p} \right\|_{1, Q_T}^{(4+p)/4p} \\ &= \left\| u^{(1-\lambda_0)H(\lambda_0)} u^{\lambda_0 p} \right\|_{1, Q_T}^{(4+p)/4p} \\ &= \left\| u^{H(\lambda_0)} \right\|_{1, Q_T}^{(1-\lambda_0)(4+p)/4p} \|u^p\|_{1, Q_T}^{\lambda_0(4+p)/4p}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

while by lemma 3.1 and (3.23) it is seen that

$$\left\| u^{H(\lambda_0)} \right\|_{1, Q_T}^{(1-\lambda_0)(4+p)/4p} \leq C_p(T^*), \quad 0 < T < T^*, \tag{3.24}$$

where  $C_p(T^*)$  is a positive constant depending on  $T^*$  and  $p$ .

Hence, (3.23) becomes

$$\|u\|_{4p/(4+p), Q_T} \leq C_p(T^*) \|u^p\|_{1, Q_T}^{\lambda_0(4+p)/4p}, \tag{3.25}$$

this then shows, in view of (3.25), that we can conclude from (3.19) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_T} \theta u dx dt &\leq C(u_0, p, T) + C(M_0, p, T) \|u\|_{4p/(4+p), Q_T} \\ &\leq C(u_0, p, T) + C(M_0, p, T^*) \|u\|_{p, Q_T}^{\lambda_0(4+p)/4}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

From the process of the proof, it is easy to see that we can choose  $C(u_0, p, T)$  and  $C(M_0, p, T^*)$  are continuous functions depending on  $T$ . Therefore, (3.26) can be written that

$$\int_{Q_T} \theta u dx dt \leq C(u_0, p, T^*) + C(M_0, p, T^*) \|u\|_{p, Q_T}^{\lambda_0(4+p)/4}. \tag{3.27}$$

Noting that  $\lambda_0 \in (0, \frac{4}{4+p})$ ,  $\theta \in L_q(Q_T)$  is arbitrary and  $\theta \geq 0$ , then, (3.24) implies that

$$\|u\|_{p, Q_T} \leq C(u_0, p, T^*), \quad \forall 0 < T < T^*. \tag{3.28}$$

Thus, we can obtain the following estimates for  $u$

$$\|u\|_{p, Q_{T^*}} \leq C(u_0, p, T^*). \tag{3.29}$$

We complete the proof.

We now establish the *a priori* estimates in  $W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T^*})$ .

LEMMA 3.4. *Under the hypotheses of lemma 3.3, we have*

$$u, v \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}), \quad \forall p > 1.$$

*Proof.* Because of lemma 3.3, we have that  $g_1(x, t) \in L_p(Q_{T^*})$  ( $p > 1$ ), and  $v$  solves the equation (3.14). From [5], we have that

$$v \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}), \quad \forall p > 1. \tag{3.30}$$

From  $u$ -equation of systems (1.1), we known that  $u$  solves equation (3.10). By use of the lemma 3.3, we have also that

$$u \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}), \quad \forall p > 1 \tag{3.31}$$

**4. The existence of global solutions.** Now, we can begin to prove the existence theorem of global solutions.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Assume that  $(H_0)$  and (1.4) are satisfied, then, (1.1) has a unique solution in  $\Omega \times (0, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof consists of four steps.

**Step 1:**

Suppose for contradiction that  $T^* < \infty$ , from lemma 3.4, it follows that

$$u, v \in W_p^{2,1}(Q_{T^*}), \forall p > 1. \tag{4.1}$$

Now, let us differentiate the  $u$ -equation of (1.1) in  $t$ , and take the product with  $(a_1 + dv)u_t$ . Integrating the product on  $\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]$  with a fixed  $\delta_0 (0 < \delta_0 < t < T^*)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) (u_t^2)_t \\ &= \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) u_t \{ \Delta[(a_1 + dv) u] \}_t \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) u_t (e_1 u_t - u h'(u) u_t - d_1 v u_t - d u v_t). \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

From (4.1), the last term of (4.2) has the following estimate

$$\int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) u_t (e_1 u_t - u h'(u) u_t - d_1 v u_t - d u v_t) \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0). \tag{4.3}$$

We have that the (4.2) becomes that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) (u_t^2)_t \\ & \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0) + \int_{\partial\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) u_t [(a_1 + dv) u_\gamma + d u v_\gamma]_t \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \nabla[(a_1 + dv) u_t] \nabla[(a_1 + dv) u]_t \\ & = C(p, T^*, \delta_0) + \int_{\partial\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) u_t \{ (a_1 + dv) (u_\gamma)_t + d v_t u_\gamma + d u_t v_\gamma + d u (v_\gamma)_t \} \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + d u_t \nabla v] [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + d v_t \nabla u + d u_t \nabla v + d u \nabla v_t]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Next, let us differentiate the second equation in (1.1) in  $t$ , and, multiplying by  $(1 + u^2)v_t$ , and integrating the product in  $\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]$ , we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (1 + u^2) v_t^2(t) \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} a_2 (1 + u^2) v_t \Delta v_t + \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (1 + u^2) v_t (e_2 v_t - d_2 u v_t - d_2 v u_t - 2 b_2 v v_t) \\ & \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0) + \int_{\partial\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} a_2 (1 + u^2) v_t (v_\gamma)_t - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} a_2 \nabla[(1 + u^2) v_t] \nabla v_t. \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

From the boundary conditions of systems (1.1), we have that

$$\begin{cases} (1) \delta = 1 : u = v = 0 \Rightarrow u_t = v_t = 0, \forall (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times [\delta_0, t] \\ (2) \delta = 0 : u_\gamma = v_\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow (u_\gamma)_t = (v_\gamma)_t = 0, \forall (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times [\delta_0, t] \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

Then, (4.4) (4.5) become that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (a_1 + dv) (u_t^2)_t \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0) - \quad (4.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + du_t \nabla v] [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + dv_t \nabla u + du_t \nabla v + du \nabla v_t], \\ & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (1 + u^2) v_t^2(t) \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0) - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} a_2 \nabla [(1 + u^2) v_t] \nabla v_t, \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

we known that

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + du_t \nabla v] [(a_1 + dv) \nabla u_t + dv_t \nabla u + du_t \nabla v + du \nabla v_t] \\ & = - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \{ (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 + (a_1 + dv) [dv_t \nabla u + 2du_t \nabla v \\ & \quad + d(a_1 + dv) u \nabla v_t \nabla u_t + d^2 u_t \nabla v u \nabla v_t] \}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} (1 - \varepsilon) (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 - \\ & \quad - d(a_1 + dv) u \nabla u_t \nabla v_t - \varepsilon \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} |\nabla(v_t)|^2 + C(p, T^*, \delta_0, \varepsilon). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

here,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  is arbitrary.

For (4.7), we have the similar estimates

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} a_2 \nabla [(1 + u^2) v_t] \nabla v_t \\ & \leq -a_2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} [(1 + u^2) |\nabla v_t|^2 + C(p, T^*, \delta_0, \varepsilon)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

From, (4.7)-(4.11), we obtain that, for any  $\delta_0 < t < T^*$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (a_1 + dv) u_t^2(t) + \frac{k}{2} \int_{\Omega} (1 + u^2) v_t^2(t) \\ & \leq - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \{ (1 - \varepsilon) (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 + d(a_1 + dv) u \nabla u_t \nabla v_t + \varepsilon \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} |\nabla(v_t)|^2 \\ & \quad - ka_2(1 - \varepsilon) \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} [(1 + u^2) |\nabla v_t|^2 + C(p, T^*, \delta_0)]. \\ & = - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \{ (1 - \varepsilon) (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 + d(a_1 + dv) u \nabla u_t \nabla v_t \\ & \quad + [ka_2(1 - \varepsilon) - \varepsilon] (1 + u^2) |\nabla v_t|^2 \} + C(p, T^*, \delta_0). \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Taking  $\varepsilon = \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{d^2}{2}\}$ ,  $k = \frac{4d^2}{a_2}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (a_1 + dv) u_t^2(t) + \frac{d^2}{a_2} \int_{\Omega} (1 + u^2) v_t^2(t) \leq - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \frac{1}{2} (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 \\ & - \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} d (a_1 + dv) u \nabla u_t \nabla v_t + d^2 (1 + u^2) |\nabla v_t|^2 + C(p, T^*, \delta_0). \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (a_1 + dv) u_t^2(t) + \frac{d^2}{a_2} \int_{\Omega} (1 + u^2) v_t^2(t) \\ & + \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \left\{ \frac{1}{16} (a_1 + dv)^2 |\nabla u_t|^2 + \int_{\Omega \times [\delta_0, t]} \frac{d^2}{8} (1 + u^2) |\nabla v_t|^2 \right\} \leq C(p, T^*, \delta_0). \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

**Step 2:**

Multiplying the first equation of (1.1) by  $u^p$  and integrating the product in  $Q_t$  ( $0 < t < T^*$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1}(t) &= \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Omega} u_0^{p+1} + \int_{Q_t} u^p \Delta [(a_1 + dv) u] \\ &+ \int_{Q_t} u^{p+1} \{e_1 - h(u) - d_1 v\} \\ & \text{(from lemma 3.4)} \leq C(u_0, v_0, p, T^*) \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

From the second equation of (1.1), a similar inequality for  $v$  is obtained

$$\frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Omega} v^{p+1}(t) \leq C(u_0, v_0, p, T^*). \tag{4.16}$$

Hence, from the systems (1.1) and the above estimates, we have, for all  $0 < t < T^*$ ,

$$\| \{\Delta[(a_2 + dv)u]\}(t) \|_{2,\Omega} + \| (\Delta v)(t) \|_{2,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, T^*). \tag{4.17}$$

Furthermore, differentiating the  $v$ -equation in (1.1) in  $t$ , and take the scalar product with  $v_t^{2p+1}$  ( $p \geq 1$ ). Then integration of the product on  $[0, t]$  ( $0 < t < T^*$ ) yields that

$$\| (v_t)(t) \|_{2p+2,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, p, T^*), \text{ for all } 0 < t < T^*, \tag{4.18}$$

thus

$$\| (\Delta v)(t) \|_{2p+2,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, p, T^*), \text{ for all } 0 < t < T^*. \tag{4.19}$$

In view of the embedding theorem

$$H^1(\Omega) = W_2^1(\Omega) \subset L_4(\Omega).$$

We have that

$$\begin{cases} \|\{\nabla[(a_2 + dv)u]\}(t)\|_{4,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, v_0, T^*), & \text{for all } 0 < t < T^*, \\ \|\nabla v(t)\|_{p,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, v_0, T^*), & \text{for all } 0 < t < T^* \end{cases} \quad (4.20)$$

Thus

$$\|\nabla u(t)\|_{p,\Omega} \leq C(u_0, v_0, T^*), \text{ for all } 0 < t < T^*, \quad (4.21)$$

Noting that

$$|\Delta u| \leq |(a_2 + dv)\Delta u| \leq |\Delta[(a_2 + dv)u]| + 2d|\nabla u \nabla v| + d|u \Delta v|$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta u\|_{2,\Omega}^2 &\leq \|\Delta[(a_2 + dv)u]\|_{2,\Omega}^2 + 4d^2(\|\nabla u\|_{4,\Omega}^4 + \|\nabla v\|_{4,\Omega}^4) \\ &+ d^2(\|u\|_{4,\Omega}^4 + \|\Delta v\|_{4,\Omega}^4) \leq C(u_0, T^*), \text{ for all } 0 < t < T^*, \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

Hence, the norms  $\|u(t)\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$  and  $\|v(t)\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$  remain bounds as  $t \rightarrow T^*$ .

### Step 3:

From [8], then the solution  $u, v$ , can be extended to a nonnegative solution beyond the  $T^*$ . Hence, (1.1) has a global solution, we complete the proof.

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