Pursuit-evasion dynamics in predator prey models.

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Outline:

- General mathematical framework: quasilinear system of reaction-diffusion equations
- Typical ecological model prey-predator interactions
- Pursuit-evasion models
- Chemical signalling
- Direct/indirect taxis & pursuit-evasion models
- Linearisation at the space-homogeneous steady state and space-time patterns formation
- Numerical solutions
- Blow-up versus existence of global-in-time solutions

The talk is based on the joint papers with the ERCIM scholar Purnedu Mishra (at present in Norwegian University of Life Science)

- Purnedu Mishra, D.W. Repulsive chemotaxis and predator evasion in predator prey models with diffusion and prey taxis Math. Models. Methods. Appl. Sciences (M3AS) (2022)
- 2 Purnendu Mishra, D.W, Pursuit-evasion dynamics for Bazykin-type predator-prey model with indirect predator taxis, J.D.E. (2023)

Quasilinear parabolic system

• System of N quasilinear reaction-diffusion equations :

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (A(u)\nabla u) + f(u)$$
 in $\Omega_T := \Omega \times (0, T)$

where $u: \Omega_T \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N$ and $f: \mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N$ with BC & IC.

• diffusion matrix (for $r \neq s$ cross-diffusion terms)

$$A(u) = [a(u)^{r,s}]_{1 \leqslant r, s \leqslant N}$$

• Example: the case N = 2

$$\begin{split} u_{1,t} &= \nabla \cdot \left((a(u)^{1,1} \nabla u_1 + (a(u)^{1,2} \nabla u_2) + f_1(u_1, u_2) \right), \\ u_{2,t} &= \nabla \cdot \left((a(u)^{2,1} \nabla u_1 + (a(u)^{2,2} \nabla u_2) + f_2(u_1, u_2) \right). \end{split}$$

setting $\textit{a}^{1,1}=\textit{d}_1\textit{Id}$, $\textit{a}^{1,2}=-\textit{u}_1\xi\textit{Id}$, $\textit{a}^{2,1}=\chi\textit{u}_2\textit{Id}$, $\textit{a}^{2,2}=\textit{d}_2\textit{Id}$ we obtain

$$a(u) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & -\chi u_1 \\ \xi u_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} Id.$$

with d_1 , d_2 , χ , $\xi > 0$ and finally:

$$\begin{split} u_{1,t} &= d_1 \Delta u_1 - \xi \nabla \cdot u_1 \nabla u_2 + f_1(u_1, u_2), \\ u_{2,t} &= d_2 \Delta u_2 + \chi \nabla \cdot u_2 \nabla u_1 + f_2(u_1, u_2). \end{split}$$

Quasilinear parabolic system II

Theorem

Suppose that :

- initial conditions $u_{j,0} \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, p > n are non-negative functions,
- $\langle \nabla u_j, \nu \rangle = 0$ where ν is the outer normal vector on smooth boundary $\partial \Omega$,
- $a^{r,s}, f_i = u_i \tilde{f}(u)$ are C^{∞} smooth functions,
- $\nabla \cdot (A(u)\nabla u)$ is normally elliptic.

Then there exists $T_{max} > 0$ such that there exists the unique local non-negative classical solution u defined in $\Omega \times (0, T_{max})$. It satisfies the boundary and initial conditions and

$$u \in \left(C([0, T_{max}) : W^{1, p}(\Omega)
ight) \cap C^{\infty}(\overline{\Omega} imes (0, T_{max}))
ight)^{N}.$$

Moreover, if $A(u) = [a(u)^{r,s}]_{1 \leq r,s \leq N}$ is a triangular matrix then either

$$\lim_{t\to T_{max}} \|u(t)\|_{\infty} = +\infty \quad \text{or} \quad T_{max} = \infty.$$

Basic problems are located about the question:

How does the interplay between f(u) and A(u) impact the properties of solutions ?

 Existence of global classical solutions versus blow-up of solution in finite time The prototype for the case of single semilinear equation is the Fujita problem (1966)

$$u_t = \Delta u + u^q$$
 in $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, +\infty)$. $u(\cdot, 0) \ge 0$.

- pattern formation bifurcations from the constant steady state,
- existence of global-in-time weak solutions.

The Keller-Segel model of chemotaxis

Patlak (1953) - Keller-Segel model (1972)

W = W(x, t) density of some chemical released by the members of with density N(x, t), $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with smooth boundary

 $\chi\text{-chemotactic sensitivity parameter}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} N_t = D_N \Delta N + / - \nabla \cdot (\chi N \nabla W) \\ W_t = D_W \Delta W + \gamma N - \mu W \\ \text{with homogeneous Neumanna boundary condition} \\ \langle \nabla N, \nu \rangle = \langle \nabla W, \nu \rangle = 0, \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega, \ t > 0 \,. \end{array} \right.$$

- (-) chemoattractant (+) chemorepellent
- Early stages of the fruit body formation in slime mold Dictostelium Discoideum)
- For n = 1 -global in time classical solution (Nagai, 1995)
- For n = 2 global solution for $\int_{\Omega} N_0 dx$ small enough, otherwise $T_{max} < \infty$.(Nagai, Senba, Yosida; 1997, Biler, 1998)

A typical prey-predator model (O.D.E. case)

N(t)—prey density,

P(t)—predator density

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = bF(N)P - \delta P := R_P(N, P),$$
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - F(N)P := R_N(N, P)$$

F = F(N)-functional response e.g. -amount of food (prey) consumed per predator per unite of time, Holling's type II function:

$$F = F_H(N) = \frac{aN}{1+T_haN} \quad a, b > 0,$$

The Rosenzweig-MacArthur prey-predator model (1963)

r - growth rate, δ - death rate, *a*-attack rate, T_h - handling time.

For $K = \infty$ and $T_h = 0$ we get the Lotka-Volterra model.

b- efficiency of conversion of food into offspring

2 For some set of parameters there is a unique globally stable steady state which may lose stability and limit cycle emerges via the Hopf bifurcation

Chemical signalling

- Many chemicals (e.g. pheromones, kairomones) released by animals are used as means of inter and intraspecific communication - (chemical signaling) and sense of smell is a primary means by which prey animals detect predators or prey and trigger suitable behavioral responses.
- The chemical signal my be released by predator/prey itself (odor of predator or prey) or it may be released due to damage of prey captured (e.g. blood in aquatic ecosystems).

• Let W be a chemical released by prey or predator then the corresponding equation reads

$$W_t = d_3 \Delta W + g(N, P) - \mu W$$

where g = g(N, P) is the rate of chemical signal production and μ is the degradation rate

$$g(N, P) = \gamma P$$
 or $g(N, P) = \gamma N$ or $g(N, P) = \beta F(N)P$,

Terminology: Direct/indirect prey taxis and/or predator taxis

- direct prey-taxis is a directed movement of predator toward the gradient of prey density,
- indirect prey-taxis is a directed movement of predator toward the density gradient of a chemical released by prey,
- direct repulsive predator taxis is the directed movement of prey in the opposite direction to the gradient of predator density.
- indirect repulsive predator taxis is a directed movement of prey in the opposite direction to the density gradient of a chemical released by predator.
- pursuit- evasion model includes both direct/indirect prey taxis (pursuit) and repulsive direct/indirect predator taxis (evasion).
- In the context of predator-prey models the term indirect taxis was first used for a simplistic model in J.I. Tello, D.W. (M3AS, 2016).
- Similar idea was also used in in a different context in K. Fujie, T.Senba, (JDE, 2017)
- Tao, M. Winkler (J.Eur.Math. Soc., 2017)

The prey-predator model with prey taxis (direct)

$$P_t = d_P \Delta P - \xi \nabla \cdot P \nabla N + bF(N)P - \delta P,$$

$$N_t = d_N \Delta N + r N \left(1 - rac{N}{\kappa}\right) - F(N) P$$
.

with homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions (no-flux) and initial conditions

on smooth boundary $\partial \Omega$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and initial conditions. ($\xi > 0$)

- P.Kareiva, G.T. Odel (Am. Naturalist 1987),
- Prey-taxis was found to stabilize prey-predator interactions, no pattern formation is possible if (ξ > 0!)-J.M. Lee, T. Hillen and M.A. Lewis (J. Biol. Dyn., 2009)

Global-in-time existence of solutions:

- n ≥ 1 (with volume filling effect) B. Ainseba, at.al.(NARWA, 2008), Y. Tao (NARWA, 2010)
- n ≥ 1 (classical sol., for small ξ with F(N) bounded) S. Wu, J.Shi, B.Wu (JDE 2016); D.Li (DCDS 2021)
- n ≤ 2 (classical sol.)- H.-Y Jin, Z.Wang (JDE, 2017), T. Xiang (Nonlin Anal, 2018), D. Li (DCDS, 2021)
- $n \leq 5$ (weak solutions) M. Winkler (JDE, 2017)

Pursuit-evasion predator-prey model with direct taxis

$$\begin{cases} P_t = d_P \Delta P - \xi \nabla \cdot P \ \nabla N + R_P(P, N) ,\\ N_t = d_N \Delta N + \chi \nabla \cdot N \ \nabla P + R_N(P, N) ,\\ \text{with homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions (no flux)} \end{cases}$$

- The main part of the system is not upper triangular (full cross diffusion system)
- Formal stability/instability analysis, travelling waves)- Y. Tyutyunov, L. Titova, R.Arditi (Math. Mod.. Nat. Phenom., 2007)

Global-in-time existence of solutions

- n ≤ 3- (class. sol. in a neighbourhood of the constant steady state) M. Fuest (SIAM J. MAth. Anal, 2020)
- n = 1 (no restriction on the size of initial data, approximation by 6-th order operators) Y.Tao, M. Winkler (J.F.A, 2021), (Nonliner Anal. RWA, 2022)

Pursuit evasion model - indirect taxis for both prey and predator

$$\begin{split} P_t &= d_P \Delta P - \chi \nabla \cdot (P \nabla U) + R_P(P, N) - \delta_1 P^2 ,\\ N_t &= d_N \Delta N + \xi \nabla \cdot (N \nabla W) + R_N(P, N) - r_1 N^2 ,\\ W_t &= d_W \Delta W + \alpha_w P - \mu_w W ,\\ U_t &= d_U \Delta U + \alpha_u N - \mu_U U ,\\ \text{with homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions (no-flux)} \end{split}$$

- The main part of the system is upper triangular Global-in-time existence of solutions:
- $n \leq 3$ (with χ and ξ small enough or δ_1 , r_1 big enough) S. Wu (JMAA, 2022)

Pursuit -evasion prey-predator model with indirect repulsive predator taxis and prey taxis

$$\begin{split} P_t &= D_P \Delta P - \nabla \cdot (\xi P \nabla N) - \delta P + b F(N) P \,, \\ N_t &= D_N \Delta N + \nabla \cdot (\chi N \nabla W) + r N \left(1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) - F(N) P \,, \\ W_t &= D_W \Delta W + \gamma P - \mu W \,. \end{split}$$

• Model B : $(\chi > 0 \xi = 0)$ indirect repulsive predator taxis

- Model A : $(\chi > 0 \xi > 0)$ pursuit-evasion model
- Basic L¹(Ω) estimate :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\int_{\Omega} P(x,t)dx + b\int_{\Omega} N(x,t)dx\right) + C_1\left(\int_{\Omega} P(x,t)dx + b\int_{\Omega} N(x,t)dx\right) \leqslant C_2$$

where C_1 and C_2 are positive constants.

Theorem

Suppose that P_0 , N_0 , $W_0 \in W^{1,r}(\Omega)$, r > n are non-negative functions. For Model A and Model B there exists the unique local non-negative classical solution (N, P, W) satisfying boundary and initial defined on $\overline{\Omega} \times [0, T_{max})$ such that

$$(N, P, W) \in (C([0, T_{max}) : W^{1,r}(\Omega)) \cap C^{2,1}(\overline{\Omega} \times (0, T_{max})))^3$$
.

- Moreover, $T_{max} = \infty$ and the solution is uniformly L^{∞} bounded in the case of
- Model B ($\chi > 0, \xi = 0$) for all $n \ge 1$
- Model A (χ > 0, ξ > 0) in the case of n = 1.
- P. Mishra, D.W. (Math. Mod. & Methods in Appl. Sc. (M3AS), 2022)

Linear stability analysis for Model B and Hopf bifurcation

The coexistence steady state to Model B is of form

$$ar{E} = (ar{N}, ar{P}, ar{W})$$
 where $ar{W} = rac{\mu}{\gamma} ar{P}$.

A complex number belongs to the spectrum of the linearization of Model B at *E* iff it is an eigenvalue of the following stability matrix :

$$M_j = \begin{pmatrix} -D_1 h_j + a_{11} & a_{12} & -\chi \bar{N} h_j \\ a_{21} & -D_2 h_j + a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & -D_3 h_j + a_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

where $\{h_j\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ denotes the eigenvalues of the Laplace operator $-\Delta$ with homogeneous Neumann boundary condition and $[a_{i,j}]$ is the Jacobian matrix for O.D.E. case.

 $a_{11} < 0 \,, \quad a_{12} < 0 \,, \quad a_{21} > 0 \,, \quad a_{22} \leqslant 0 \quad a_{32} > 0 \quad a_{33} < 0 \,.$

• For any $\chi > 0$ considered as a **bifurcation parameter**: det $M_i < 0$ and tr $M_i < 0$.

Linear stability analysis for Model B and Hopf bifurcation

The dispersal equation of stability matrix M_j is following

$$\lambda^{3} + \rho_{j}^{(1)}\lambda^{2} + \rho_{j}^{(2)}\lambda + \rho_{j}^{(3)}(\chi) = 0$$

where

$$\begin{split} \rho_{j}^{(1)} &= -\mathrm{tr} M_{j} = -(a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}) + (D_{1} + D_{2} + D_{3})h_{j} \,, \\ &:= \alpha_{0} + \alpha_{1}h_{j} \,, \\ \rho_{j}^{(2)} &= a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} + a_{11}a_{33} + a_{22}a_{33} \\ &+ h_{j}(-a_{22}D_{1} - a_{33}D_{1} - a_{11}D_{2} - a_{22}D_{3} - a_{11}D_{3} - a_{33}D_{2}) \\ &+ h_{j}^{2}(D_{1}D_{2} + D_{1}D_{3} + D_{2}D_{3}) \\ &:= \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}h_{j} + \beta_{2}h_{j}^{2} , \\ \rho_{j}^{(3)}(\chi) &= -\mathrm{det}M_{j} = -a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \\ &+ h_{j}(a_{22}a_{33}D_{1} + a_{11}a_{22}D_{3} - a_{12}a_{21}D_{3} + a_{11}a_{33}d_{2}) \\ &+ h_{j}^{2}(-a_{22}D_{1}D_{3} - a_{33}D_{1}D_{2} - a_{11}D_{2}D_{3}) + D_{1}D_{2}D_{3}h_{j}^{3} + \chi a_{21}a_{32}\bar{N}h_{j} , \\ &= (\gamma_{0} + \gamma_{1}h_{j} + \gamma_{2}h_{j}^{2} + \gamma_{3}h_{j}^{3}) + \chi(\gamma_{4}h_{j}) := \rho_{j}^{(3,1)} + \chi\rho_{j}^{(3,2)} > 0 \end{split}$$

where we have denoted $\rho_j^{(3)}(\chi) = \rho_j^{(3,1)} + \chi \rho_j^{(3,2)}$. It can be checked that all coefficients α_j , β_j , γ_j are positive.

Linear stability analysis for Model B and Hopf bifurcation

I E is linearly stable if and only if for each j ≥ 0 matrices M_j have eigenvalues with negative real parts which according to the Routh-Hurtwitz stability criterion is equivalent to the conditions

$$\begin{split} \rho_j^{(1)} &> 0, \ \rho_j^{(3)} > 0, \\ \text{and} \quad Q_j := \rho_j^{(1)} \rho_j^{(2)} - \rho_j^{(3)}(\chi) = \rho_j^{(1)} \rho_j^{(2)} - \rho_j^{(3,1)} - \chi \rho_j^{(3,2)} > 0 \qquad \text{for all } j \geqslant 0 \,. \end{split}$$

2 There exists $\chi^H > 0$ such that

$$\chi^{H} = \min_{j \in \mathbb{N}_{+}} \tilde{\Psi}(h_{j}) := \left\{ \frac{\rho_{j}^{(1)} \rho_{j}^{(2)} - \rho_{j}^{(3,1)}}{\rho_{j}^{(3,2)}} \right\}$$
(1)

and the steady state \overline{E} is stable if $\chi < \chi^H$. If

$$ilde{\Psi}(h_j)
eq ilde{\Psi}(h_k)$$
 for $j
eq k$

then the minimum is attained for a singe $j = j_0$.

Since $trM_{j_0} < 0$ and $detM_{j_0} < 0$ there is one real negative eigenvalue and a pair of conjugate eigenvalues which cross imaginary axis for $\chi = \chi^H$ with the transversality condition being satisfied.

Theorem

There exist $\chi^{H} > 0$ such that steady state \overline{E} in model B is locally asymptotically stable if $\chi < \chi^{H}$. Morrover, at χ^{H} a solution periodic in space and time emerges according to the Hopf bifurcation mechanism.

based on result of Amann, 1991

Numerical solutions of models A and B

Non-dimensional Rosenzweig-MacArthur model in the frame of model A

$$\begin{cases} N_t = \Delta N + \nabla \cdot (\chi N \nabla W) + r N (1 - N) - \frac{a N P}{(1 + \beta N)}, \\ P_t = d_p \Delta P - \nabla \cdot (\xi P \nabla N) - \delta P + \frac{c N P}{(1 + \beta N)}, \\ W_t = d_w \Delta W + \gamma P - \mu W, \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

with non-negative initial and no-flux boundary condition.

- 1D simulations with the help of MATLAB PDEPE tool ($\Delta t = 0.01, \Delta x = 0.1$)
- 2D simulations with the help of FreeFem++ solver ($\Delta t = 0.01, \Delta x = \Delta y = 0.1$)
- Values of model parameters are assumed to be

$$\begin{cases} r = 0.25, \ \beta = 2, \ c = 0.85, \ a = 0.95, \ \delta = 0.17, \\ \mu = 0.5, \ \gamma = 10, \ d_{p} = 0.01, \ d_{w} = 0.01. \end{cases}$$
(2)

- Unique coexistence steady state E = (0.3333; 0.2924; 5.8490) and $\chi^{H} = 6.889$.
- Initial data : perturbation of the steady state e.g.

$$N(x,0) = \bar{N} + 0.1 \cos\left(\frac{j\pi x}{L}\right), \ P(x,0) = \bar{P} + 0.1 \cos\left(\frac{j\pi x}{L}\right), \ W(x,0) = \bar{W} + \cos\left(\frac{j\pi x}{L}\right)$$
(3)

Model B; convergence to the steady state (1D simulations)



Figure 1: Model B: Perturbation in model B approaches the constant steady state \bar{E} for $\chi < \chi^H$ with j=1

Model B; transition of perturbation (1D simulation)

Initial data $N(x,0) = \bar{N}, P(x,0) = \bar{P} + 0.1e^{-(\frac{x-0.5}{0.2})^2}, W(x,0) = \bar{W}$



Figure 2: Model B: spatio-temporal patterns for $\chi > \chi^{H}$.

Model A; periodic solutions (1D simulations)



Figure 3: Model A: space-time patterns in unit domain when $\chi = 5$, $\xi = 0.2$ and symmetrical initial data with j = 4.

Model B; separation regions (2D surface plot)

Gaussian initial data for predator centered in the middle of the square with constant initial data for the prey $N = \bar{N}$ and for the chemical $W = \bar{W}$



Figure 4: Model B ($\xi = 0$): 2D separation regions for $\chi = 10$ at time step t = 1500 .

Model A; spike solution

Gaussian initial data for predator and prey centered in the middle of the square with constant initial data \bar{W} for the chemical.



Figure 5: Model A: 2D simulation result for model A at time t = 10 for $\chi = 0.5, \xi = 10.0$

Model A; spike solution



Figure 6: Model A: numerical indication of blowup at time t = 134 for model A for $\chi = 0.5, \xi = 10.0$

How to modify model A to prevent blow-up?—> Model C

- In Model C a minimal modification with respect to model A is made for prevention of blow-up in finite time.
- The kinetic part is as in the classical Bazykin model (1976).
- Density-dependent suppression of velocity in predators is interpreted as the result of interference (kind of regularisation)

$$\begin{cases} P_t = d_P \Delta P - \xi \nabla \cdot P\left(\frac{\nabla N}{1 + \sigma P}\right) + bF(N) - \delta P - \delta_1 P^2, \\ N_t = d_N \Delta N + \chi \nabla \cdot N \nabla W - F(N)P + rN - r_1 N^2, \\ W_t = d_W \Delta W + \gamma P - \mu W, \end{cases}$$

Theorem

If P_0 , N_0 , $W_0 \in W^{1,r}(\Omega)$, r > n are non-negative functions then there exist global in-time, non-negative classical solution to Model C satisfying boundary and initial condition provided $n \leq 3$ and the following restrictions on parameters are satisfied

$$\mathbf{Q} \begin{cases} \delta_1 \ge \left(\frac{\gamma^2(16+n)}{d_W} + d_W\right) ,\\ r_1 \ge \left(\frac{\chi^2 A_N}{(d_N)^2} + \frac{2\chi^2}{d_W} + d_W\right) ,\\ \text{with} \quad A_N = \frac{2\left((d_N)^2 + (d_W)^2 + \xi^2 \sigma^{-2}\right)}{d_W} . \end{cases}$$

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Numerical solutions to Model C

Set of parameters

 $\begin{array}{l} r=2, \ r_1=1.8, \ a=0.7, \ b=0.9, \ \beta=2, \ \mu=0.01, \ \delta=0.1, \ \delta_1=0.15, \\ \gamma=0.015, \ d_n=1, \ d_p=0.1, \ d_w=0.05. \end{array}$

• For this choice of parameters values the restriction **Q** holds if and only if $\sigma > \sigma_c := 19.7$

- For $\sigma < \sigma_c$, num. sol. to Model C exhibits finite-time blow-up of solution
- For $\sigma > \sigma_c$ there is prevention of blow-up (global solutions).
- Initial data: perturbation of the constant steady state $E^* = (P^*, N^*, W^*) = (0.741, 1.016, 0.74)$

$$\begin{split} P_0(x, y) &= P^* + 500e^{-100((x-2.5)^2 + (y-2.5)^2)}, \\ N_0(x, y) &= N^* + 800e^{-100((x-2.5)^2 + (y-2.5)^2)}, \\ W_0(x, y) &= W^* + 100e^{-100((x-2.5)^2 + (y-2.5)^2)} \end{split}$$

where $(x, y) \in \Omega = (0, 5) \times (0, 5)$

Figure 1



Figure 7: (a) Approximated blowup solution at time $t = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ for $\sigma = 0.0$ (b) Approximated blowup solution at time $t = 2.3 \times 10^{-4}$ for $\sigma = 5.0$ subject to initial conditions. It was assumed $\chi = 0.1$, $\xi = 30$.



Figure 8: Snapshots for $\sigma = 25$ at different time steps. (a) t = 13, (b) t = 50





Figure 9: Snapshots for $\sigma = 25$ at different time steps. (a) t = 100, (b) t = 500. All other parameter values and initial condition is same as in figure (7).

Sketch of proof of the global existence for Model C

) There is a local smooth solution defined on $[\tau, T_{max})$ satisfying $L^1(\Omega)$ -bound.) We begin with the N-equation

$$N_t = d_N \Delta N + \chi \nabla \cdot N \nabla W - F(N)P + rN - r_1 N^2$$

(3) Using the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality and $L^1(\Omega)$ -bound one proves that for $n \leq 3$

$$\sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max})} \|N(\cdot, t)\|_k \leqslant C_N(k) \quad \text{for any } k \geqslant 1$$

provided

$$\sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max})} \|\nabla W(\cdot, t)\|_4 \leqslant C'_W.$$

Then

$$\sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max}} \|N(\cdot, t)\nabla W(\cdot, t)\|_{4-\varepsilon} \leqslant C_W''$$

Using properties of the heat semigroup we infer that

$$\sup_{t\in[\tau,T_{max})}\|N(\cdot,t)\|_{\infty}\leqslant C_{N}.$$

(5) Using $L^p - L^q$ estimates for analytic semigroups ($n \leq 3$) we get

$$\sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max})} \|\nabla N(\cdot, t)\|_p \leqslant C'_N \quad \text{for } p < 4$$

Next it is easy to deduce by parabolic regularity that

 $\sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max})} \|\nabla P(\cdot, t)\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_P, \quad \sup_{t\in[\tau, T_{max})} \|\nabla W(\cdot, t)\|_{\infty} \leqslant C_W$

Sketch of proof of the global existence for Model C

● The most complicated part of the proof is to find estimate on ||∇W(·, t)||₄. To this end we derive differential inequality

$$y'(t) + y(t) \leqslant Const.$$
 for $t \in [\tau, T_{max})$

where for suitable constants A_1 and A_2

$$y(t) = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla W|^4 + \int_{\Omega} P |\nabla W|^2 + \int_{\Omega} N |\nabla W|^2 + A_1 \int_{\Omega} N^2 + A_2 \int_{\Omega} P^2.$$

• We use Bochner's type inequality : For $W \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ there holds

$$2\nabla W \nabla \Delta W = \Delta |\nabla W|^2 - 2|D^2 W|^2$$

and

 Mizoguchi-Souplet inequality : for u ∈ C²(Ω̄) satisfying ∂u/∂ν = 0 on ∂Ω and Ω there holds the following pointwise inequality

$$\frac{\partial |\nabla u|^2}{\partial \nu} \leqslant K |\nabla u|^2 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega$$

where K depends on the curvature of $\partial \Omega$.

Lemma

Let (P , N , W) be a solution to Model C . Then there exists a constant C > 0 such that for $t \in (0, T_{max}).$

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla W|^4 + d_W \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (|\nabla W|^2) \right|^2 + 4\mu \int_{\Omega} |\nabla W|^4 \\ \leqslant \gamma^2 \left(\frac{16+n}{d_W} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla W|^2 P^2 + C \,. \end{split}$$

- Chemical signalling may destabilize a space-homogeneous steady state in a prey -predator model and gives rise to space-time dependent pattern formation.
- When an O.D.E. model is extended to a P.D.E model with taxis terms some mechanism of blow-up prevention might be necessary to be built in the model.
- None of the two taxis mechanisms studied in Model C alone can lead to the blow-up for n = 2. Their cumulative effect leading to blow-up demands farther investigation.
- Are there any weak solutions for for Model C when $\sigma = 0$, weak enough to grasp the singular solutions?

Thank you.

The explanation of spiky solution formation



Cumulative effect of prey taxis and indirect predator taxis leads to aggregation .