# Global existence and stability of solutions for Kirchhoff-type parabolic system with logarithmic source term

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#### Abstract

This paper deals with the initial-boundary value problem for Kirchhoff-type parabolic system with logarithmic source term. We discuss the global existence and exponential energy decay estimates of weak solutions under some conditions by employing potential method.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we investigate the global existence and decay of solutions for the Kirchhoff type parabolic system with logarithmic source term

$$\begin{cases} u_t - M(\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2)\Delta u - \Delta u_t = |u|^{q-2} u \ln |u|, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ v_t - M(\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2)\Delta v - \Delta v_t = |v|^{q-2} v \ln |v|, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, \quad v(x,t) = 0 & x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x,0) = v_0(x) & x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

where  $\Omega$  is a bound domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with smooth boundary,  $M(s) = 1 + s^{\gamma}$ ,  $(\gamma > 0)$  and  $2\gamma + 2 \leq q$ .

Studies of logarithmic nonlinearity have a long history in physics as it occurs naturally in different areas of physics such as supersymmetric field theories, inflation cosmology, nuclear physics and quantum mechanics [1, 2].

When  $M \equiv 1$  and q = 2, the system (1.1) become semilinear pseudo-parabolic equation as follow

$$u_t - \Delta u - \Delta u_t = u \ln |u|. \tag{1.2}$$

Chen and Tian [3] obtained the global existence, behavior of vacuum isolation and blow-up of solutions at  $+\infty$  of the equation (1.2). Without  $\Delta u_t$ , the equation (1.2) become the following semilinear parabolic equation

$$u_t - \Delta u = u \ln |u|. \tag{1.3}$$

Chen et al. [4] studied the global existence, decay and blow-up at  $+\infty$  of solutions of the equation (1.3).

When  $M \equiv 1$  and q > 2, Peng and Zhou [5] investigated the following parabolic equation with logarithmic source term

$$u_t - \Delta u = |u|^{q-2} u \ln |u|.$$

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Tbilisi Centre for Mathematical Sciences. Received by the editors: 17 May 2021. Accepted for publication: 29 October 2021. They studied the global existence and blow-up of solutions. Also, they discussed the upper bound of blow-up time under suitable conditions.

Nhan and Truong [6] studied the following nonlinear pseudo-parabolic equation

$$u_t - \Delta u_t - div \left( \left| \nabla u \right|^{p-2} \nabla u \right) = \left| u \right|^{q-2} u \ln \left| u \right|.$$

They studied results as regard the existence or non-existence of global solutions. Also, He et al. [7] investigated the decay and the finite time blow-up for solutions of the equation.

Cao and Liu [8] studied the following nonlinear evolution equation with logarithmic source term

$$u_t - div\left(\left|\nabla u\right|^{p-2} \nabla u\right) - k\Delta u_t = \left|u\right|^{q-2} u \ln \left|u\right|.$$

They established the existence of global weak solutions. Moreover, they considered global boundedness and blowing-up at  $\infty$ .

Pişkin and Cömert [9] studied the following Kirchhoff type parabolic equation

$$u_t - M(\|\nabla u\|^2) \Delta u - \Delta u_t = |u|^{q-2} u \ln |u|.$$

They studied the finite time blow-up for weak solutions by employing potential well method and concavity method.

Yang et al. [10] considered the following equation

$$u_{tt} - M\left(\|\nabla u\|^{2}\right) \Delta u + |u_{t}|^{p-1} u_{t} - \Delta u_{t} = u^{q-1} \ln|u|, \qquad (1.4)$$

where  $M(s) = \alpha + \beta s^{\gamma}, \gamma > 0, \alpha \ge 1, \beta > 0$ . They studied existence finite time blow up of solutions.

Wang et. al [11] investigated the following Kirchhoff type system with logarithmic source term

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + M \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) \Delta u + u_t = |u|^{q-2} u \ln |u|, \\ v_{tt} + M \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) \Delta v + v_t = |v|^{q-2} v \ln |v|, \end{cases}$$

with  $M(s) = \alpha + \beta s^{\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\alpha \ge 1$ ,  $\beta \ge 0$  and  $q \ge 2\gamma + 2$ . They studied global existence and finite time blow up under the different conditions by employing potential well method and concavity method.

Recently many other authors investigated parabolic or hyperbolic type equations with logarithmic nonlinearity (see [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24]).

Motivated by the above studies, in this work we investigate the global existence and decay estimate of solutions for the Eq. (1.1).

Our plan in this paper is as follows: In Section 2, we discussed some lemmas which will be needed later. In Section 3, we proved that the global existence and exponential decay of solutions.

#### 2 Preliminaries

For simplicity, we denote

$$||u|| = ||u||_{L^{2}(\Omega)}, ||u||_{s} = ||u||_{L^{s}(\Omega)}, ||u||_{H^{1}_{0}(\Omega)} = \left(||u||^{2} + ||\nabla u||^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

for  $1 < s < \infty$ .

For  $H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ , we define the energy functional

$$J(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ -\frac{1}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) + \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right),$$
(2.1)

and Nehari functional

$$I(u,v) = \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} - \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right).$$
(2.2)

By (2.1) and (2.2), we get

$$J(u,v) = \frac{1}{q}I(u,v) + \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right).$$
(2.3)

Let

$$\mathcal{N} = \{(u,v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : I(u,v) = 0\},\$$

be the Nehari manifold. Also, we may define

$$d = \inf_{(u,v)\in\mathcal{N}} J(u,v),\tag{2.4}$$

and

$$W = \{(u,v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\} : J(u,v) < d, \ I(u,v) > 0\}.$$

We refer to W as the potential well and d as the depth of the well.

**Lemma 2.1.** J(u, v) is a nonincreasing function for  $t \ge 0$  and

$$\frac{d}{dt}J(u,v) = -\left(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2\right) - \left(\|\nabla u_t\|^2 + \|\nabla v_t\|^2\right) \le 0.$$
(2.5)

*Proof.* Multiplying the first equation (1.1) by  $u_t$  and the second equation (1.1) by  $v_t$ , and integrating on  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_t|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \right] \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla u\|^2 + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_t|^2 dx$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| dx - \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |u|^q dx \right),$$
(2.6)

and

$$\int_{\Omega} |v_t|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \right] \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla v\|^2 + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_t|^2 dx$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| dx - \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |v|^q dx \right).$$
(2.7)

From (2.6) and (2.7), we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( |u_t|^2 + |v_t|^2 \right) dx + \int_{\Omega} \left( |\nabla u_t|^2 + |\nabla v_t|^2 \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left( ||\nabla u||^2 + ||\nabla v||^2 \right)^{\gamma} \right] \frac{d}{dt} \left( ||\nabla u||^2 + ||\nabla v||^2 \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left( |u|^q \ln |u| + |v|^q \ln |v| \right) dx - \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} \left( |u|^q + |v|^q \right) dx \right).$$
(2.8)

Thus, by (2.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \right) \\ - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) - \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right) \right) \\ = - \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) - \left( \|\nabla u_t\|^2 + \|\nabla v_t\|^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\frac{d}{dt}J(u,v) = -\left(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2\right) - \left(\|\nabla u_t\|^2 + \|\nabla v_t\|^2\right) \le 0.$$

Moreover, integrating (2.8) with respect to t on  $\left[0,t\right]$  , we arrive at

$$\int_{0}^{t} \left( \|u_{\tau}\|^{2} + \|v_{\tau}\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \int_{0}^{t} \left( \|\nabla u_{\tau}\|^{2} + \|\nabla v_{\tau}\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma} \right] d\left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) = \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left( |u|^{q} \ln |u| + |v|^{q} \ln |v| \right) dx - \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right) - \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left( |u_{0}|^{q} \ln |u_{0}| + |v_{0}|^{q} \ln |v_{0}| \right) dx + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|u_{0}\|_{q}^{q} + \|v_{0}\|_{q}^{q} \right).$$
(2.9)

We deal with the third term in the left hand of (2.9) as follows

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma} \right] d \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) \\
= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u_{0}\|^{2} + \|\nabla v_{0}\|^{2} \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{2(\gamma + 1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma + 1} - \frac{1}{2(\gamma + 1)} \left( \|\nabla u_{0}\|^{2} + \|\nabla v_{0}\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma + 1}. \quad (2.10)$$

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Inserting (2.10) into (2.9), and obtain

$$\int_{0}^{t} \left( \left\| u_{\tau} \right\|^{2} + \left\| v_{\tau} \right\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \int_{0}^{t} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{\tau} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{\tau} \right\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \left( \left\| \nabla u \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v \right\|^{2} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2(\gamma + 1)} \left( \left\| \nabla u \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v \right\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma + 1} - \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left( \left| u \right|^{q} \ln \left| u \right| + \left| v \right|^{q} \ln \left| v \right| \right) dx + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \left\| u \right\|_{q}^{q} + \left\| v \right\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{0} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{0} \right\|^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2(\gamma + 1)} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{0} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{0} \right\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma + 1} \\ - \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left( \left| u_{0} \right|^{q} \ln \left| u_{0} \right| + \left| v_{0} \right|^{q} \ln \left| v_{0} \right| \right) dx + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \left\| u_{0} \right\|_{q}^{q} + \left\| v_{0} \right\|_{q}^{q} \right),$$

$$(2.11)$$

that is

$$\int_{0}^{t} \left( \|u_{\tau}\|^{2} + \|v_{\tau}\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \int_{0}^{t} \left( \|\nabla u_{\tau}\|^{2} + \|\nabla v_{\tau}\|^{2} \right) d\tau + J(u,v) = J(u_{0},v_{0}).$$
(2.12)  
Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(u, v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ , we consider the function  $j : \lambda \to J(\lambda u, \lambda v)$  for  $\lambda > 0$ . Then we possess

- (i)  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0^+} j(\lambda) = 0$  and  $\lim_{\lambda \to +\infty} j(\lambda) = -\infty$ ;
- (ii) there is a unique  $\lambda^* > 0$  such that  $j'(\lambda^*) = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $j(\lambda)$  is increasing on  $(0, \lambda^*)$ , decreasing on  $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$  and taking the maximum at  $\lambda^*$ ;  $I(\lambda u) = \lambda j'(\lambda)$  and

$$I(\lambda u) \begin{cases} >0, & 0 < \lambda < \lambda^*, \\ =0, & \lambda = \lambda^*, \\ <0, & \lambda^* < \lambda < +\infty \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By the definition of j, for  $(u, v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ , we get

$$j(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda v)\|^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda v)\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} - \frac{1}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\lambda u|^{q} \ln |\lambda u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |\lambda v|^{q} \ln |\lambda v| \, dx \right) + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|\lambda u\|_{q}^{q} + \|\lambda v\|_{q}^{q} \right) = \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \frac{\lambda^{2(\gamma+1)}}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} - \frac{\lambda^{q}}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right) - \frac{\lambda^{q}}{q} \ln \lambda \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right) + \frac{\lambda^{q}}{q^{2}} \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right).$$
(2.13)

We see that (i) holds due to  $\int_{\Omega} (|u|^q + |v|^q) dx \neq 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda} j(\lambda) &= \lambda \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \lambda^{2\gamma+1} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ &- \lambda^{q-1} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) - \lambda^{q-1} \ln \lambda \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right) \\ &- \frac{\lambda^{q-1}}{q} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right) + \frac{\lambda^{q-1}}{q} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right) \\ &= \lambda \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \lambda^{2\gamma+1} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ &- \lambda^{q-1} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) - \lambda^{q-1} \ln \lambda \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi(\lambda) = \lambda^{-1} j'(\lambda)$ , thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\lambda) &= \lambda^{-1} j'(\lambda) \\ &= \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \lambda^{2\gamma} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ &- \lambda^{q-2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) - \lambda^{q-2} \ln \lambda \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(\lambda) &= 2\gamma \lambda^{2\gamma-1} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} - (q-2)\lambda^{q-3} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \right) \\ &- (q-2)\lambda^{q-3} \ln \lambda \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right) - \lambda^{q-3} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right), \end{aligned}$$

which yields that there exists a  $\lambda^* > 0$  such that  $\varphi'(\lambda) > 0$  on  $(0, \lambda^*)$ ,  $\varphi'(\lambda) < 0$  on  $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$ and on  $\varphi'(\lambda) = 0$ . So,  $\varphi(\lambda)$  is increasing on  $(0, \lambda^*)$ , decreasing on  $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$ . Since  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0^+} \varphi(\lambda) = (\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2) > 0$ ,  $\lim_{\lambda \to +\infty} \varphi(\lambda) = -\infty$ , there exists a unique  $\lambda^* > 0$  such that  $\varphi(\lambda^*) = 0$ , i.e.,  $j'(\lambda^*) = 0$ . So *(ii)* holds. Then,  $j'(\lambda) = \lambda \varphi(\lambda)$  is positive on  $(0, \lambda^*)$ , negative on  $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$ . Thus,  $j(\lambda)$  is increasing on  $(0, \lambda^*)$ , decreasing on  $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$  and taking the maximum at  $\lambda^*$ . From (2.2), we get

$$\begin{split} I(\lambda u, \lambda v) &= \left( \left\| \nabla \left( \lambda u \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \left( \lambda v \right) \right\|^2 \right) + \left( \left\| \nabla \left( \lambda u \right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla \left( \lambda v \right) \right\|^2 \right)^{\gamma + 1} \\ &- \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| \lambda u \right|^q \ln \left| \lambda u \right| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \left| \lambda v \right|^q \ln \left| \lambda v \right| \, dx \right) \\ &= \lambda^2 \left( \left\| \nabla u \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla v \right\|^2 \right) + \lambda^{2(\gamma + 1)} \left( \left\| \nabla u \right\|^2 + \left\| \nabla v \right\|^2 \right)^{\gamma + 1} \\ &- \lambda^q \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| u \right|^q \ln \left| u \right| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \left| v \right|^q \ln \left| v \right| \, dx \right) - \lambda^q \ln \lambda \left( \left\| u \right\|_q^q + \left\| v \right\|_q^q \\ &= \lambda j'(\lambda). \end{split}$$

Thus,  $I(\lambda u, \lambda v) > 0$  for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda^*$ ,  $I(\lambda u, \lambda v) < 0$  for  $\lambda^* < \lambda < +\infty$  and  $I(\lambda^* u, \lambda^* v) = 0$ . So *(iii)* holds. For this reason, the proof is completed. Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.3.** d defined by (2.4) is positive and there exists a positive function  $u, v \in \mathcal{N}$  such that J(u, v) = d.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_k, v_k\}_k^\infty \subset \mathcal{N}$  be a minimizing sequence for J, which means that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} J(u_k, v_k) = d.$$
(2.14)

We can easy show that  $\{|u_k, v_k|\}_k \subset \mathcal{N}$  is also a minimizing sequence for J due to  $|u_k, v_k| \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $J(|u_k, v_k|) = J(u_k, v_k)$ . Therefore, we can suppose that  $u_k, v_k > 0$  a.e.  $\Omega$  for all  $k \in N$ .

Moreover, we have already observed that J is coercive on  $\mathcal{N}$  which satisfies that  $\{u_k, v_k\}_k^\infty$  is bounded in  $H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Let  $\mu > 0$  be small enough such that  $q + \mu < \frac{2n}{n-2}$ . Since  $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q+\mu}(\Omega)$  is compact, so there exists a function u and a subsequence of  $\{u_k, v_k\}_k^\infty$ , still denote by  $\{u_k, v_k\}_k^\infty$ , such that

$$\begin{split} u_k &\to u \quad \text{weakly in} \quad H^1_0(\Omega), \\ v_k &\to v \quad \text{weakly in} \quad H^1_0(\Omega), \\ u_k &\to u \quad \text{strongly in} \quad L^{q+\mu}(\Omega), \\ v_k &\to v \quad \text{strongly in} \quad L^{q+\mu}(\Omega), \\ u_k(x) &\to u(x) \quad \text{a.e. in} \quad \Omega, \\ v_k(x) &\to v(x) \quad \text{a.e. in} \quad \Omega. \end{split}$$

Also,  $u, v \ge 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ . First, we prove  $u, v \ne 0$ . From the dominated convergence theorem, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| dx = \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u_{k}|^{q} \ln |u_{k}| dx, \qquad (2.15)$$
$$\int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| dx = \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{\Omega} |v_{k}|^{q} \ln |v_{k}| dx,$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^q dx = \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u_k|^q dx, \qquad (2.16)$$
$$\int_{\Omega} |v|^q dx = \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{\Omega} |v_k|^q dx.$$

From the weak lower semicontinuity of  $H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ , we get

$$\|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right),$$

$$\left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \leq \lim_{k \to \infty} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}.$$
(2.17)

Using (2.1), (2.14), (2.15), (2.16) and (2.17), we have

$$J(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ - \frac{1}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right) + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ - \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right) + \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ = \liminf_{k \to \infty} J(u_{k}) = d.$$

$$(2.18)$$

Using (2.2), (2.15) and (2.17), we have

$$I(u,v) = \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} - \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right) \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \lim_{k \to \infty} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} - \lim_{k \to \infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx \right) = \liminf_{k \to \infty} I(u_{k}) = 0.$$
(2.19)

Since  $(u_k, v_k) \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have  $I(u_k, v_k) = 0$ . So, by employing the fact  $\alpha^{-\mu} \ln \alpha \leq (e\mu)^{-1}$  for  $\alpha \geq 1$  and the Sobolev embedding inequality, we get

$$\left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} = \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| \, dx$$

$$\leq (e\mu)^{-1} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u_{k}|^{q+\mu} \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v_{k}|^{q+\mu} \, dx \right)$$

$$\leq (e\mu)^{-1} \left( \|u_{k}\|^{q+\mu}_{q+\mu} + \|v_{k}\|^{q+\mu}_{q+\mu} \right)$$

$$\leq C \left( \|\nabla u_{k}\|^{q+\mu}_{2} + \|\nabla v_{k}\|^{q+\mu}_{2} \right),$$

where C is positive and Sobolev embedding constant. This yields that

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_k|^q \ln |u_k| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v_k|^q \ln |v_k| \, dx = \|\nabla u_k\|^2 + \|\nabla v_k\|^2 \ge C.$$
(2.20)

By (2.20) and (2.15), we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^q \ln |u| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \ln |v| \, dx \ge C.$$

Thus, we have  $(u, v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ .

If  $I(u_k, v_k) < 0$ , by Lemma 2.2, there exists a  $\lambda^*$  such that  $I(\lambda^* u, \lambda^* v) = 0$  and  $0 < \lambda^* < 1$ . Thus,  $(\lambda^* u, \lambda^* v) \in \mathcal{N}$ . By (2.3), (2.4), (2.16) and (2.17), we get

$$\begin{split} d &\leq J(\lambda^{*}u, \lambda^{*}v) \\ &= \frac{1}{q}I(\lambda^{*}u, \lambda^{*}v) + \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right) \\ &+ \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|\lambda^{*}u\|_{q}^{q} + \|\lambda^{*}v\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ &= \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ &+ \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|\lambda^{*}u\|_{q}^{q} + \|\lambda^{*}v\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ &\leq (\lambda^{*})^{2} \left[ \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \right] \\ &+ (\lambda^{*})^{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \left[ \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \right] \\ &+ (\lambda^{*})^{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \inf \left[ \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \right] \\ &+ (\lambda^{*})^{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \inf \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\ &= (\lambda^{*})^{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \inf J(u_{k}) \\ &= (\lambda^{*})^{2} d, \end{split}$$

which indicates  $\lambda^* \geq 1$  by d > 0. It contradicts  $0 < \lambda^* < 1$ . Then, by (2.19), we have I(u, v) = 0. For this reason,  $u, v \in \mathcal{N}$ . By (2.14), we have  $J(u, v) \geq d$ . By (2.18), we have  $J(u, v) \leq d$ . So, J(u, v) = d.

**Lemma 2.4.** [6] For any  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $p \ge 1$ , and  $r \ge 1$ , the inequality

$$||u||_q \le C ||\nabla u||_p^{\theta} ||u||_r^{1-\theta},$$

is valid, where

$$\theta = \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{q}\right) \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{r}\right)^{-1},$$

and

-for  $p \ge n = 1, r \le q \le \infty$ ;

-for n > 1 and  $p < n, q \in [r, p_*]$  if  $r \le p_*$  and  $q \in [p_*, r]$  if  $r \ge p_*$ ;

-for  $p = n > 1, r \le q < \infty$ ;

-for p > n > 1,  $r \leq q \leq \infty$ .

Here, the constant C depends on n, p, q and r.

**Lemma 2.5.** [25] Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a nonincreasing function and  $\sigma$  is a nonnegative constant such that

$$\int_{t}^{+\infty} f^{1+\sigma}(s) ds \le \frac{1}{\omega} f^{\sigma}(0) f(t), \quad \forall t \ge 0.$$

Hence

(a)  $f(t) \leq f(0)e^{1-\omega t}$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ , whenever  $\sigma = 0$ , (b)  $f(t) \leq f(0) \left(\frac{1+\sigma}{1+\omega \sigma t}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ , whenever  $\sigma > 0$ .

### 3 Main results

**Definition 3.1.** (Weak solution). We say that function (u(t), v(t)) is weak solutions of the problem (1.1) over  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ , if  $(u, v) \in L^{\infty}(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \times L^{\infty}(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$  with  $(u_t, v_t) \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \times L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))$  and satisfies the initial condition  $(u_0, v_0) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ , and the following equality

$$\langle u_t, \varphi \rangle + \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle + \left\langle \|\nabla u\|^{2\gamma} \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \right\rangle + \left\langle \nabla u_t, \nabla \varphi \right\rangle = \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q-2} u \ln |u| \varphi dx$$

and

$$\langle v_t, \psi \rangle + \langle \nabla v, \nabla \psi \rangle + \left\langle \| \nabla v \|^{2\gamma} \nabla v, \nabla \psi \right\rangle + \left\langle \nabla v_t, \nabla \psi \right\rangle = \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q-2} v \ln |v| \psi dx,$$

for all  $(\varphi, \psi) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$  holds for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ , and  $\langle ., . \rangle$  means the inner product in space  $L^2(\Omega)$ ; that is

$$\langle \eta, \xi \rangle = \int_\Omega \eta(x) \xi(x) dx.$$

**Definition 3.2.** (Maximal Existence Time). Suppose that u be weak solutions of problem (1.1). We define the maximal existence time  $T_{\text{max}}$  as follows

$$T_{\max} = \sup\{T > 0 : u(t) \text{ exists on } [0, T]\}.$$

Then

- (i) If  $T_{\rm max} < \infty$ , we say that u blows up in finite time and  $T_{\rm max}$  is the blow-up time;
- (ii) If  $T_{\text{max}} = \infty$ , we say that u is global.

**Theorem 3.3.** (Global Existence). Let  $(u_0, v_0) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Then there is a unique global weak solution (u, v) of (1.1) satisfying  $(u_0, v_0)$ . We have  $(u(t), v(t)) \in \mathcal{W}$  holds for all  $0 \leq t < +\infty$ , and the energy estimate

$$\int_0^t \left( \|u_\tau(\tau)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|v_\tau(\tau)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 \right) d\tau + J(u,v) \le J(u_0,v_0), \quad 0 \le t \le +\infty.$$

Also, the solution decay exponentially provided  $(u_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{W}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(u_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{W}$  be the initial data. Let  $\{w_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  be a system of Galerkin base function in space  $H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Construct the approximate solution of  $(u_m(x, t), v_m(x, t))$  of the problem (1.1). Let

$$u_m(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{mj}(t)w_j(x),$$
(3.1)

and

$$v_m(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{mj}(t)w_j(x),$$

satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} u_{mt} w_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_m \nabla w_i dx$$
$$+ \int_{\Omega} \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \nabla u_m \nabla w_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_{mt} \nabla w_i dx$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} |u_m|^{q-2} u_m \ln |u_m| w_i dx, \qquad (3.2)$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} v_{mt} w_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla v_m \nabla w_i dx$$
$$+ \int_{\Omega} \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \nabla v_m \nabla w_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla v_{mt} \nabla w_i dx$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} |v_m|^{q-2} v_m \ln |v_m| w_i dx, \qquad (3.3)$$

for  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}$ . And as  $m \to \infty$ , we get

$$u_{0m} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} a_{mj} w_j \to u_0 \quad \text{strongly in } H_0^1(\Omega), \tag{3.4}$$

and

$$v_{0m} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_{mj} w_j \to v_0 \quad \text{strongly in } H_0^1(\Omega). \tag{3.5}$$

Multiplying (3.2) by  $h'_{mj}(t)$ , and (3.3) by  $g'_{mj}(t)$ , summing for i = 1, 2, ..., m, we have

$$\int |u_{mt}|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \right] \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \int |\nabla u_{mt}|^2 dx$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |u_m|^q \ln |u_m| \, dx - \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |u_m|^q \, dx \right),$$
(3.6)

and

$$\int |v_{mt}|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \right] \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla v_m\|^2 + \int |\nabla v_{mt}|^2 dx$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |v_m|^q \ln |v_m| \, dx - \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{\Omega} |v_m|^q \, dx \right).$$
(3.7)

Integrating (3.6) and (3.7) over (0, t) and then summarizing the obtained results, for  $0 \le t < \infty$ , we obtain

$$\int_0^t \left( \|u_{m\tau}\|^2 + \|v_{m\tau}\|^2 \right) d\tau + \int_0^t \left( \|\nabla u_{m\tau}\|^2 + \|\nabla v_{m\tau}\|^2 \right) d\tau + J(u_m, v_m) = J(u_{0m}, v_{0m}).$$

Recalling (3.4) and (3.5) yields  $J(u_{0m}, v_{0m}) \to J(u_0, v_0)$  as  $m \to \infty$ , which says that for sufficiently large m

$$\int_{0}^{\tau} \left( \left\| u_{m\tau}(\tau) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \left\| v_{m\tau}(\tau) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) d\tau + J(u_{m}, v_{m}) < d.$$
(3.8)

Then from (2.3) it gives

$$J(u_m, v_m) = \frac{1}{q} I(u_m, v_m) + \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u_m\|^2 + \|\nabla v_m\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u_m\|_q^q + \|v_m\|_q^q \right).$$

(3.4) and (3.5), for sufficiently large m and  $0 \le t < \infty$ , we get  $(u_{0m}, v_{0m}) \in \mathcal{W}$ . From (3.8), we have that  $(u_m(t), v_m(t)) \in \mathcal{W}$  for sufficiently large m and  $0 \le t < \infty$ . Thus for  $0 \le t < \infty$  and  $q \ge 2\gamma + 2$ , (3.8) gives

$$\int_{0}^{t} \left( \left\| u_{m\tau} \right\|^{2} + \left\| v_{m\tau} \right\|^{2} \right) d\tau + \int_{0}^{t} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{m\tau} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{m\tau} \right\|^{2} \right) d\tau \\
+ \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{m} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{m} \right\|^{2} \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \left\| \nabla u_{m} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \nabla v_{m} \right\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1} \\
+ \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left( \left\| u_{m} \right\|_{q}^{q} + \left\| v_{m} \right\|_{q}^{q} \right) \\
< d.$$
(3.9)

For a sufficiently large m and  $0 \le t < \infty$ , (3.9) gives

$$\int_{0}^{t} \|u_{m\tau}\|^{2} d\tau < d,$$
  

$$\int_{0}^{t} \|v_{m\tau}\|^{2} d\tau < d,$$
  

$$\int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla u_{m\tau}\|^{2} d\tau < d,$$
  

$$\int_{0}^{t} \|\nabla v_{m\tau}\|^{2} d\tau < d,$$
  

$$\|\nabla u_{m}\|^{2} < \frac{2q}{q-2}d,$$
  

$$\|\nabla v_{m}\|^{2} < \frac{2q}{q-2}d,$$

then we have

$$u_{mt}$$
 and  $v_{mt}$  are bounded in  $L^{\infty}(0,\infty;L^{2}(\Omega))$ ,  
 $u_{m}$  and  $v_{m}$  are bounded in  $L^{\infty}(0,\infty;H_{0}^{1}(\Omega))$ ,  
 $u_{mt}$  and  $v_{mt}$  are bounded in  $L^{2}(0,\infty;L^{2}(\Omega))$ .

Using the Sobolev embedding inequality

$$\|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \ge C_{*}^{2} \left( \|u\|_{q+1}^{2} + \|v\|_{q+1}^{2} \right),$$

for  $0 \le t < \infty$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_m|^q \ln |u_m| \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v_m|^q \ln |v_m| \, dx \leq \|u_m\|_{q+1}^{q+1} + \|v_m\|_{q+1}^{q+1} \\
\leq C_*^{q+1} \left( \|u_m\|^{q+1} + \|v_m\|^{q+1} \right) \\
< \left( \frac{2q}{q-2} d \right)^{\frac{q+1}{2}}.$$
(3.10)

Integrating (3.2) and (3.3) with respect to t, for  $0 \le t < \infty$ , we get

$$\int_{\Omega} u_t(t)wdx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(t)\nabla wdx + \int_{\Omega} \left( \|\nabla u(t)\|^2 + \|\nabla v(t)\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \nabla u(t)\nabla wdx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_t(t)\nabla wdx + \int_{\Omega} |u(t)|^{q-2} u(t)\ln|u(t)|wdx,$$

$$(3.11)$$

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} v_t(t) w dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla v(t) \nabla w dx$$
$$+ \int_{\Omega} \left( \|\nabla u(t)\|^2 + \|\nabla v(t)\|^2 \right)^{\gamma} \nabla v(t) \nabla w dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla v_t(t) \nabla w dx$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} |v(t)|^{q-2} v(t) \ln |v(t)| w dx, \qquad (3.12)$$

for all  $w \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  and for almost every  $t \in [0, \infty]$ . So, (u, v) is a desired solution of problem (1.1). Now, we discuss the decay results.

Since  $(u_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{W}$ , similar to the first case, we obtain  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{W}$  for any  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . By (2.3),

(3.11) and (3.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J(u_0, v_0) &> J(u, v) \\
&= \frac{1}{q} I(u, v) + \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) \\
&+ \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right), \\
&\geq \frac{q-2}{2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\
&+ \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \|u\|_q^q + \|v\|_q^q \right).
\end{aligned}$$
(3.13)

For I(u,v) > 0, (2.4) and Lemma 2.2, there exists a  $\lambda^* > 1$  such that  $I(\lambda^* u, \lambda^* v) = 0$ . We obtain

$$d \leq J(\lambda^{*}u, \lambda^{*}v) = \frac{1}{q}I(\lambda^{*}u, \lambda^{*}v) + \frac{q-2}{2q}\left(\|\nabla(\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla(\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2}\right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q}\left(\|\nabla(\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla(\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2}\right)^{\gamma+1} + \frac{1}{q^{2}}\left(\|\lambda^{*}u\|_{q}^{q} + \|\lambda^{*}v\|_{q}^{q}\right) \leq (\lambda^{*})^{q}\liminf_{k\to\infty}\left[\frac{q-2}{2q}\left(\|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2}\right) + \frac{q-2\gamma-2}{2q\gamma+2q}\left(\|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2}\right)^{\gamma+1}\right] + (\lambda^{*})^{q}\liminf_{k\to\infty}\frac{1}{q^{2}}\left(\|u\|_{q}^{q} + \|v\|_{q}^{q}\right).$$
(3.14)

Using (3.13) and (3.14), we have

$$d \le (\lambda^*)^q J(u_0, v_0),$$

which yields that

$$\lambda^* \ge \left(\frac{d}{J(u_0, v_0)}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$
(3.15)

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It follows from (2.2) that

$$0 = I(\lambda^{*}u, \lambda^{*}v)$$

$$= \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right) + \left( \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}u)\|^{2} + \|\nabla (\lambda^{*}v)\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}$$

$$- \left( \int_{\Omega} |\lambda^{*}u|^{q} \ln |\lambda^{*}u| dx + \int_{\Omega} |\lambda^{*}v|^{q} \ln |\lambda^{*}v| dx \right)$$

$$= (\lambda^{*})^{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + (\lambda^{*})^{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}$$

$$- (\lambda^{*})^{q} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} \ln |u| dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} \ln |v| dx \right) - (\lambda^{*})^{q} \ln \lambda^{*} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} dx \right)$$

$$= (\lambda^{*})^{q} I(u, v) + (\lambda^{*})^{2} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) + (\lambda^{*})^{2(\gamma+1)} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}$$

$$- (\lambda^{*})^{q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right) - (\lambda^{*})^{q} \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}$$

$$- (\lambda^{*})^{q} \ln \lambda^{*} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} dx \right)$$

$$= (\lambda^{*})^{q} I(u, v) + [(\lambda^{*})^{2} - (\lambda^{*})^{q}] \left( \|\nabla u\|^{2} + \|\nabla v\|^{2} \right)^{\gamma+1}$$

$$- (\lambda^{*})^{q} \ln \lambda^{*} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q} dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^{q} dx \right). \qquad (3.16)$$

Using (3.15) and (3.16), we have

$$\begin{split} (\lambda^*)^q I(u,v) &= \left[ (\lambda^*)^q - (\lambda^*)^2 \right] \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) + \left[ (\lambda^*)^q - (\lambda^*)^{2(\gamma+1)} \right] \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right)^{\gamma+1} \\ &+ (\lambda^*)^q \ln \lambda^* \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^q \, dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q \, dx \right) \\ &\geq \left[ (\lambda^*)^q - (\lambda^*)^2 \right] \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right), \end{split}$$

which implies that

$$I(u,v) \ge \left[1 - (\lambda^*)^{2-q}\right] \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right).$$
(3.17)

It follows from (3.15) and (3.17) that

$$I(u,v) \geq \left[1 - \left(\frac{d}{J(u_0,v_0)}\right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}}\right] \left(\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2\right)$$
  
$$\geq C_1 \left[1 - \left(\frac{d}{J(u_0,v_0)}\right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}}\right] \left(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2\right), \qquad (3.18)$$

where  $C_1$  is constant. Also, by (3.18), we obtain

$$I(u(t)) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{d}{J(u_0, v_0)} \right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}} \right] \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} C_1 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{d}{J(u_0, v_0)} \right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}} \right] \left( \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \right) \\ \geq C_2 \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 + \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \right) \\ = C_2 \left( \|u(t)\|^2_{H^1_0(\Omega)} + \|v(t)\|^2_{H^1_0(\Omega)} \right),$$
(3.19)

where

$$C_{2} = \max\left\{\frac{1}{2}\left[1 - \left(\frac{d}{J(u_{0}, v_{0})}\right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}}\right], \frac{C_{1}}{2}\left[1 - \left(\frac{d}{J(u_{0}, v_{0})}\right)^{\frac{2-q}{q}}\right]\right\}.$$

Integrating the I(u, v) with respect to s over (t, T), we obtain

$$\int_{t}^{T} I(u,v)ds = -\int_{t}^{T} \int_{\Omega} \left( u_{s}(s)u(s) + v_{s}(s)v(s) \right) dxds 
- \int_{t}^{T} \int_{\Omega} \left( \nabla u_{s}(s)\nabla u(s) + \nabla v_{s}(s)\nabla v(s) \right) dxds 
= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|u(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|v(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \|u(T)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|v(T)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) 
\leq C_{3} \left( \|u(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|v(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right).$$
(3.20)

From (3.19) and (3.20), we have

$$\int_{t}^{T} C_{2} \left( \left\| u(t) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \left\| v(t) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) ds \leq C_{3} \left( \left\| u(t) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \left\| v(t) \right\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T].$$
(3.21)

Let  $T \to +\infty$  in (3.21), we can get

$$\int_{t}^{\infty} \left( \|u(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|v(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right) ds \leq C_{4} \left( \|u(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|v(t)\|_{H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \right),$$

where  $C_4 = \frac{C_3}{C_2}$ . From Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\|u(t)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|v(t)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 \le \left(\|u(0)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|v(0)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2\right) e^{1 - \frac{t}{C_4}}$$

The above inequality implies that the solution (u, v) decays exponentially.

Q.E.D.

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