

§ The Principal Floquet Bundle

For $z \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $c(x,t) \in C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R})$, we say that the pair $(\varphi(x,t), H(t))$ is the principal Floquet bundle corresponding to (z, c) if they satisfy

$$(1) \begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi - z \Delta \varphi = c(x,t) \varphi + H(t) \varphi & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ n \cdot \nabla \varphi = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x,t) dx = 1 \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \varphi > 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

and that $\psi(x,t)$ is the adjoint bundle if it satisfies

$$(2) \begin{cases} -\partial_t \psi - z \Delta \psi = c(x,t) \psi + H(t) \psi & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ n \cdot \nabla \psi = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R}, \quad \psi > 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x,t) \psi(x,t) dx = 1 & \text{for } t > 0. \end{cases}$$

Thm. The mapping

$$\mathbb{R}_+ \times C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \left[C^{2+\beta, 1+\beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \right]^2 \times C^{\beta/2}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$(z, c) \longmapsto (\varphi, \psi, H)$$

is well-defined and smooth.

[Mierczynski JMAA (1997)]

Ref. [J. Hůska, JDE (2006)] existence + cont. dependence.

[Cantrell-L., SIMA (2021)] smooth dependence.

Proof of existence (sketch).

For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let (λ_k, φ_k) be the p.e.v. + p.e.-f of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi - z \Delta \varphi = c(x,t) \varphi + \lambda_k \varphi & \text{in } \Omega \times [-k, k] \\ n \cdot \nabla \varphi = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times [-k, k] \\ \varphi(x, -k) = \varphi(x, k) \end{cases}$$

extend φ_k periodically in t , then

$$\tilde{\varphi}_k(x,t) = e^{\lambda_k t} \varphi_k(x,t) / \|\varphi_k(\cdot, 0)\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})}$$

satisfies the equation (3)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\varphi} - z \Delta \tilde{\varphi} = c \tilde{\varphi} & \text{in } \Omega \times [-k, k] \\ n \cdot \nabla \tilde{\varphi} = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times [-k, k] \\ \tilde{\varphi} > 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times [-k, k] \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} e^{-\lambda_k |t|} \leq \frac{\tilde{\varphi}_k(x,t)}{\|\tilde{\varphi}_k(\cdot, 0)\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})}} \leq C e^{\lambda_k |t|} \quad \text{in } \Omega \times [-k+1, k-1]$$

This holds for any positive sol. of (3). (Exercise.)

Here, we may pass to the limit to obtain the existence of $\tilde{\varphi}_k \rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}$ which is a positive sol. of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \tilde{\varphi} - z \Delta \tilde{\varphi} = c \tilde{\varphi} & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ n \cdot \nabla \tilde{\varphi} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \tilde{\varphi} > 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

Now, letting $H(t) = - \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}}{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}} = - \frac{d}{dt} \log \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}$

and $\varphi(x,t) = \tilde{\varphi}(x,t) \exp\left(\int_0^t H(s) ds\right)$

We have the existence of PFB.

Check.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \varphi &= \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi} \exp\left(\int_0^t H\right) \\ &= \left(\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,t) dx \right) \exp\left(\log \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,0) dx - \log \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,t) dx \right) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,t) dx \cdot \frac{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,0) dx}{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x,t) dx} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Separation let $\mathcal{L} = -z\Delta - c$

Consider the nonautonomous problem

$$(4) \begin{cases} \partial_t u + \mathcal{L}u = H_1(t)u & x \in \Omega; t \geq s \\ n \cdot \nabla u = 0 & x \in \partial\Omega, t \geq s \\ u(x, s) = u_0(x) & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Denote the evolution operator by $U(t, s)$:

$$s.t. \quad U(t, s)[u_0] = u(\cdot, t)$$

If (φ, ψ, H_1) is the PFB of \mathcal{L} , then

$$U(t, s)[\varphi(\cdot, s)] = \varphi(\cdot, t) \quad \forall t \geq s$$

Define, for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$X^1(t) = \text{span} \{ \varphi(\cdot, t) \}$$

$$X^2(t) = \left\{ u_0 \in L^2(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} u_0(x) \psi(x, t) dx = 0 \right\}$$

Then $X^1(t) \oplus X^2(t) = L^2(\Omega)$ and

they are forward invariant under $U(t, s)$

Check. Let $u(\cdot, t) = U(t, s)[u_0]$, $u_0 \in X^2(s)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u(x, t) \psi(x, t) dx &= \int_{\Omega} \psi u_t + u \psi_t \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \psi (z\Delta u + cu + H_1 u) - u (z\Delta \psi + c\psi + H_1 \psi) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } t > s. \end{aligned}$$

Denote $P^i(t) : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow X^i(t)$ to be the projections.

Moreover, it follows from Thm 2.1 of [Hüska, JDE (2006)] that there is $C, \delta > 0$ indep. of time such that

$$(5) \quad \|U(t,s)[v_0]\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|v_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \text{for } t \geq s, v_0 \in X^2(s),$$

i.e. only the component in $X^1(t)$ persists under $U(t,s)$.
hence the name "principal" FB is used.

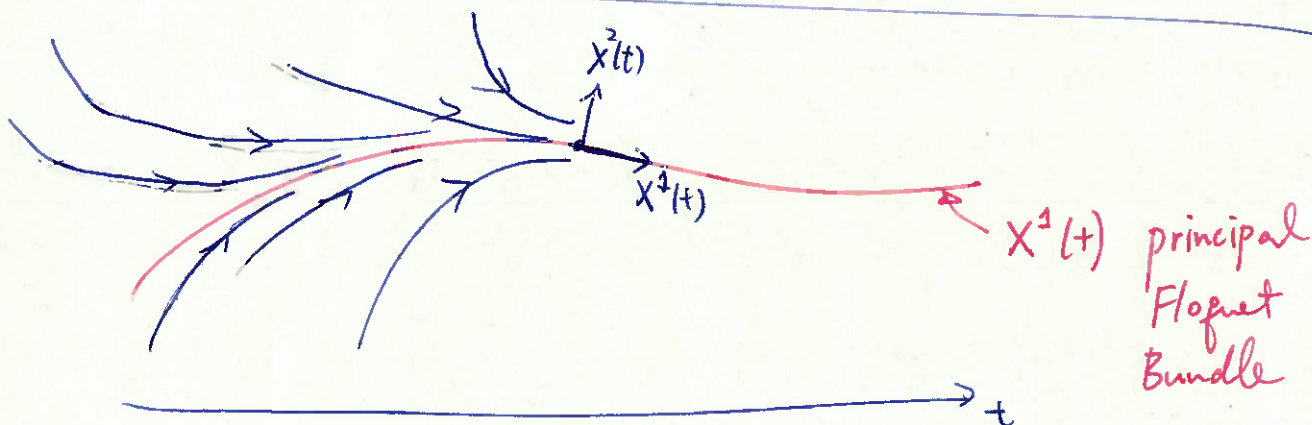
Sketch of the proof of smoothness:

Consider the mapping

$$\mathcal{F}: C_{\mathbb{N}}^{2+\beta, 1+\beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \times C^{\beta/2}(\mathbb{R}) \times (\mathbb{R}_+ \times C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R})) \\ \longrightarrow C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \times C^{1+\beta/2}(\mathbb{R}).$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\varphi, H, z, c) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t \varphi - z \Delta \varphi - c \varphi - H(t) \varphi \\ \int_{\Omega} \varphi \, dx - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To prove the smoothness of PFB on (z, c) , it suffices to show that $D_{(\varphi, H)} \mathcal{F}$ is invertible when evaluated at a given PFB: (φ, H)



To this end, given $(f(x,t); G(t)) \in C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \times C^{1+\beta/2}(\mathbb{R})$
 we show existence + uniqueness of $(w, Y) \in C_N^{2\beta, 1+\beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}) \times C^{\beta/2}(\mathbb{R})$
 such that

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t w - z \Delta w - c w - H_1(t) w - Y(t) \varphi_1 = f(x,t) & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ n \cdot \nabla w = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \int_{\Omega} w(x,t) dx = G(t) & \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

where (φ_1, H_1) is the PFB of $\mathcal{L} = -z \Delta - c(x,t)$.

① Set $w^\perp(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,\tau) [P^\perp(s) f(\cdot, \tau)] d\tau$

where, for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $P^\perp(t)$ is projection onto $X^\perp(t)$.

It is well-defined by (5).

Note that $\partial_t w^\perp + \mathcal{L} w^\perp - H_1 w^\perp = P^\perp(t) [f(\cdot, t)]$ in $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}$.

② Set $w(x,t) = w^\perp(x,t) + \left[-\int_{\Omega} w^\perp(y,t) dy + G(t) \right] \varphi_1(x,t)$.

Then $\int_{\Omega} w dx = G(t)$ and

$$\partial_t w + \mathcal{L} w - H_1(t) w = P^\perp(t) [f(\cdot, t)] + \left\{ -\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{\Omega} w^\perp \right] + G'(t) \right\} \varphi_1(x,t)$$

→ choose $Y(t)$ such that

$$Y(t) \varphi_1(x,t) + P^\perp(t) [f(\cdot, t)] = \left\{ -\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{\Omega} w^\perp \right] + G'(t) \right\} \varphi_1(x,t)$$

This proves existence.

Uniqueness Set $f=0$ and $G=0$. Then

$$\partial_t w + \mathcal{L}w - H_t(t)w = Y(t)\varphi_1(x,t).$$

Variation of constants formula implies

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad w(\cdot, t) - U(t, s)[w(\cdot, s)] &= \int_s^t U(t, \tau) [Y(\tau)\varphi_1(\cdot, \tau)] d\tau \\ &= \int_s^t Y(\tau) \{ U(t, \tau) [\varphi_1(\cdot, \tau)] \} d\tau \\ &= \int_s^t Y(\tau) \varphi_1(\cdot, t) d\tau \\ &= \left(\int_s^t Y(\tau) d\tau \right) \varphi_1(\cdot, t) \quad \text{for } t > s. \end{aligned}$$

Apply the projection onto $X^2(t)$.

$$P^2(t)[w(\cdot, t)] = P^2(t)[U(t, s)[w(\cdot, s)]] = U(t, s)[P^2(s)[w(\cdot, s)]]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|P^2(t)[w(\cdot, t)]\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &\leq C e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \|P^2(s)[w(\cdot, s)]\| \\ &\leq C e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \|w(\cdot, s)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \\ &\leq C' e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \end{aligned}$$

Sending $s \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow P^2(t)[w(\cdot, t)] = 0$ for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\rightarrow w(\cdot, t) \in X^1(t) \quad \forall t \Leftrightarrow w(\cdot, t) = \sigma(t)\varphi_1(\cdot, t)$$

$$\text{Using } G(t) \equiv 0, \quad 0 = \int_\Omega w(x, t) dx = \int_\Omega \sigma(t)\varphi_1(x, t) dx = \sigma(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow w \equiv 0.$$

Substituting into (6), we have

$$\int_s^t Y(\tau) d\tau = 0 \quad \forall t > s \Rightarrow Y \equiv 0 \text{ as well.}$$

The smooth dependence now follows from the implicit function theorem.

A Generalized Reduction Principle

In static environment, mixing increases eigenvalue
decreases growth rate.

Let μ_1 be the p.e.v. of the elliptic problem
 $z \Delta \phi + c_0(x) \phi + \mu_1 \phi = 0$ in Ω , $n \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$ on $\partial \Omega$

Then $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mu_1 > 0$ provided $c_0(x) \neq \text{const.}$

See also [L. Altenberg P.N.A.S. (2012)]

Corollary. Given $c_0(x) \neq \text{const}$ and $\bar{I} \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+$ bounded interval.

There exists $\eta > 0$ s.t. for $z \in \bar{I}$ and $c \in C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{I} \times \mathbb{R})$

satisfying $\|c(x,t) - c_0(x)\|_{C^{\beta, \beta/2}} < \eta$,

the PFB $(\varphi_1(x,t), H_1(t))$ ~~which depend smoothly on z~~

~~satisfies~~ corresponding to $\mathcal{L} = -z \Delta - c(x,t)$,
(which depends smoothly on z), satisfies.

$$\inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} H_1(t) > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} (H_1(t; z_2) - H_1(t; z_1)) \geq \tilde{\eta} (z_2 - z_1).$$

Applications Conjecture of Dockery et al.

Consider the N -species competition model.

$$(D) \begin{cases} \partial_t u_i - z_i \Delta u_i = u_i \left(m(x) - \sum_{j=1}^N u_j \right) & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \\ n \cdot \nabla u_i = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \\ u_i(x, 0) = u_{i,0}(x) & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$

where $m(x) \neq \text{const.}$

Conjecture. For any $N \geq 2$, $0 < z_1 < z_2 < \dots < z_N$.

Let $u = (u_1, \dots, u_N)$ be a nonneg. nontrivial sol of (D).

then $u(\cdot, t) \rightarrow E_{i_0}$ uniformly in Ω as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

where $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ is the minimal index s.t. $u_i(x, 0) \neq 0$,

and $E_i = (0, \dots, 0, \partial_{z_i}, 0, \dots, 0)$ ~~is~~ is the boundary equilibrium.

Define \mathcal{D} to be the collect'n of all finite subsets of \mathbb{R}_+ such that the conj. holds,

$$\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (z_i)_{i=1}^N : 0 < z_1 < \dots < z_N \text{ and conj. holds} \right\}.$$

Then by the result of Dockery et al.,

\mathcal{D} contains all singleton and doubleton sets.

Can we say more?

Theorem For each $\hat{z} > 0$, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$
 such that for any $N \geq 2$, $0 < z_1 < z_2 < \dots < z_N$
 $\sup_i |z_i - \hat{z}| < \varepsilon$

we have $(z_i)_{i=1}^N \in \mathcal{D}$.

i.e. for N similar phenotypes, slower diffuser prevails.

Pf. • Uniform in N estimates.

• $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(x, t) - C_0(x) \right\| < \eta$.

• Use principal Floquet bundle.

• A priori Bounds / Uniform in N estimates

① Let
$$p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} u_i(x,t) dx.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u_i = \int_{\Omega} u_i \left(m - \sum_{j=1}^N u_j \right) dx.$$

$$p'(t) \leq \|m\| p(t) - \int_{\Omega} (\sum u)^2 dx$$

$$\leq a p(t) - b p(t)^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{t \geq 0} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} u_i dx \leq C. \quad \text{indep. of } N.$$

②
$$\partial_t u_i - z_i \Delta u_i = u_i (m - \sum_j u_j) \leq m u_i. \quad \boxed{\text{Subsol}}$$

Local max prin implies

$$\|u_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \|u_i\|_{L^1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \|u_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \sum_{i=1}^N \|u_i\|_{L^1} = C p(t) \leq C. \quad \text{indep. of } N.$$

Parabolic regularity implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|u_i\|_{C^{2+\beta, 1+\beta/2}} \leq C.$$

since now the "coefficient" $m - \sum u_j$ is bounded, and u_i is solution to a linear parabolic eqn with bounded coeff.

Let $N \geq 2$ and $(z_i)_{i=1}^N$ be arbitrary

so that $\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |z_i - \hat{z}| < \varepsilon$.

For each $\eta > 0$, we will show that the solution u to (D) satisfies

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(\cdot, t) - \theta_{\hat{z}}(\cdot) \right\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \eta \quad \text{if } \varepsilon \text{ is small.}$$

where $\theta_{\hat{z}}$ is the unique positive solution to $\hat{z} \Delta \theta + \theta(m(x) - \theta) = 0$ in Ω , $n \cdot \nabla \theta = 0$ on $\partial \Omega$.

Pf. Let $U(x, t) := \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(x, t)$.

then

$$\partial_t U - \hat{z} \Delta U - U(m - U) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - \hat{z}) \Delta u_i}_{f(x, t)}.$$

where

$$\|f(x, t)\|_{\infty} \leq \cancel{C \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \|u_i\|_{\infty}}$$

$$\leq \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \|u_i\|_{C^2(\bar{\Omega})} \leq C \varepsilon.$$

Choose ε small, indep of N

$$\Rightarrow \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|U(x, t) - \theta_{\hat{z}}(x)\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})} < \eta.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \left(m(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(x, t) \right) - \left(m(x) - \theta_{\hat{z}}(x) \right) \right\| < \eta \quad \text{for } t \gg 1$$

Use Principal Floquet Bundle

Take $c(x,t) = m(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(x,t)$, then

$$\partial_t u_i - z_i \Delta u_i = c(x,t) u_i \quad \underline{u_i > 0}$$

The growth of u_i is controlled by

the PFB ~~$\varphi(x,t)$~~ $\varphi = \varphi(x,t; z_i)$, $H = H(t; z_i)$.

$$\partial_t \varphi - z \Delta \varphi = c(x,t) \varphi + H(t; z) \varphi$$

~~Set~~ Since $\|c(x,t)\|_{\infty} \leq C$ and

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} c \varphi + H(t; z) \Rightarrow \|H(t; z)\|_{\infty} \leq C$$

$$\text{Harnack ineq} \Rightarrow \sup_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x,t) \leq C \inf_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x,t)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi dx \equiv 1 \quad \forall t \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C} \leq \varphi(x,t) \leq C$$

By comparison,

$$\frac{1}{C} \varphi(x,t; z_i) \exp\left(-\int_0^t H(s; z_i) ds\right) \leq u_i(x,t) \leq C \varphi(x,t; z_i) \exp\left(-\int_0^t H(s; z_i) ds\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{C'} \exp\left(-\int_0^t H(s; z_i) ds\right) \leq u_i(x,t) \leq C' \exp\left(-\int_0^t H(s; z_i) ds\right)$$

$$\frac{u_i(x,t)}{u_i(x,\tau)} \leq C'' \exp\left(\int_0^{\tau} -H(s; z_i) + H(s; z_i) ds\right)$$

$$\leq C'' \exp\left(-\int_0^{\tau} \gamma(z_i - z) ds\right)$$

$$= C'' \exp\left(-\tau \gamma(z_i - z)\right) \rightarrow 0$$

This step uses the fact that $\|m(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N u_i(x,t) - c_0(x)\| < \eta$.

Thm [Cantrell-L. (2021)]

\mathcal{D} is open in the Hausdorff topology.

The main proof ingredients are

- Uniform in $N \gg 1$ estimates.
- Morse decomposition + Lyapunov function due to Conley.
- Smoothness of PFB.

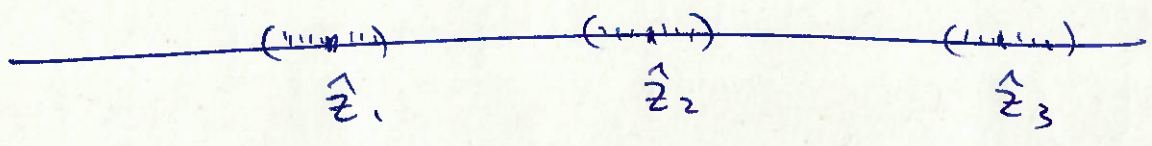
Recall $\text{dist}_H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} \text{dist}(x, y), \sup_{y \in B} \inf_{x \in A} \text{dist}(x, y) \right\}$
for $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+$.

Suppose the conjecture holds for some

$$0 < \hat{z}_1 < \hat{z}_2 < \hat{z}_3$$

Consider an arbitrary $N \geq 3$ with $0 < z_1 < \dots < z_N$

$$\text{s.t. } |z_i - \hat{z}_k| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } i \in I_k, k=1,2,3$$



The three-species system with $\hat{z}_1 < \hat{z}_2 < \hat{z}_3$ admits a Morse-decomposition.

Let $U_k = \sum_{i \in I_k} u_i$, then

(U_1, U_2, U_3) approximately solves

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \hat{u}_k = \hat{z}_k \Delta \hat{u}_k + \hat{u}_k (m - \hat{u}_1 - \hat{u}_2 - \hat{u}_3) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\ \text{Neumann b.c.} & k=1,2,3 \end{cases}$$

Morse decomposition \rightarrow

(U_1, U_2, U_3) eventually enters a neighbourhood of $(\theta_{\hat{z}_1}^1, 0, 0)$.

$$\rightarrow m(x) - \sum_{k=1}^3 U_k = m(x) - \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \text{ is close to } m(x) - \theta_{\hat{z}_1}^1 \text{ eventually.}$$

PFB argument \rightarrow

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N) \rightarrow E_1$$

Thm [L.-Lou (2022)]

Given $m(x,t) \in C^{\beta, \beta/2}(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, \infty))$

such that $\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |m(x,t) - \int_{\Omega} m|^2 dx dt > 0$,

There exists $B_0 > 0$ such that for any $N \geq 2$
and diffusion rates $B_0 < z_1 < z_2 < \dots < z_N$,

any positive solution u of (D) satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in \Omega} |u_i(x,t)| = 0 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq N.$$

Cor If $m = m(x)$ is nonconst., then

$$\mathcal{D} \supseteq \bigcup_{N=2}^{\infty} \left\{ (z_i)_{i=1}^N : B_0 < z_1 < \dots < z_N \right\}$$

For $N=2$, $m(x,t)$ periodic in t , see

[Hutson et al. JMB (2001)] and

[He-Ni JEMS (2022) accepted].