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W. Y. Chan\* (wychan@tamut.edu), Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University -Texarkana, 7101 University Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503. Determining Approximated Critical Domains for Coupled Semilinear Parabolic Equations with a Localized Source.

Let  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  be two squared-shape bounded domains in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\partial\Omega_1$  and  $\partial\Omega_2$  be their boundary, respectively. Suppose that (0,0) is inside  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ . In this paper, we study the quenching set of the first initial-boundary value problem of quenching problems for the following coupled semilinear parabolic equations with localized sources:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \Delta u + \frac{1}{1 - v(0, 0, t)} \text{ in } \Omega_1 \times (0, \infty) ,\\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= \Delta v + \frac{1}{1 - u(0, 0, t)} \text{ in } \Omega_2 \times (0, \infty) ,\\ u(x, y, 0) &= 0 \text{ for } (x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}_1 \text{ and } v(x, y, 0) = 0 \text{ for } (x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}_2,\\ u(x, y, t) &= 0 \text{ for } t > 0 \text{ and } (x, y) \in \partial \Omega_1 \text{ and } v(x, y, t) = 0 \text{ for } t > 0 \text{ and } (x, y) \in \partial \Omega_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using a numerical method, we are going to determine the approximated critical domains of the above problem. (Received September 08, 2018)