

SOLITON, MULTIPLE-LUMP, AND HYBRID SOLUTIONS FOR A  
(3+1)-DIMENSIONAL GENERALIZED  
KONOPELCHENKO-DUBROVSKY-KAUP-KUPERSHMITZ EQUATION IN  
PLASMA PHYSICS, FLUID MECHANICS, AND OCEAN DYNAMICS

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we investigate a (3+1)-dimensional generalized Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky-Kaup-Kupershmidt equation in plasma physics, fluid mechanics, and ocean dynamics. Based on the existing bilinear form, we construct the  $N$ -soliton solutions, where  $N$  is a positive integer. Besides, we obtain the  $M$ -lump solutions via the long-wave limit to the  $N$ -soliton solutions, where  $M$  is a positive integer. Dark one-lump solutions are derived. Moreover, we take  $M = 2$  and  $M = 3$  to derive the two- and three-lump solutions, respectively. We find that the shapes and amplitudes of the dark one-, two-, and three-lump waves remain unchanged during propagation. Finally, three types of hybrid solutions are discussed, namely, the one-lump wave and one-soliton wave, the one-lump wave and two-soliton waves, and the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave.

*Key words:* Plasma physics; Fluid mechanics; Ocean dynamics; Soliton solutions; Multiple-lump solutions; Hybrid solutions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The higher-order nonlinear evolution equations have caught people's attention for their many applications in plasma physics, fluid mechanics, ocean dynamics, etc. [1–14]. Solitons, lumps, and other types of nonlinear waves have been investigated in diverse nonlinear evolution equations [15, 16]. Solitons, which can keep their shapes and amplitudes unchanged during propagation, have been seen as localized waves in certain directions [17]. In comparison with the solitons, the lump waves have been known as localized waves in all directions of space [18]. The recent articles [2, 19] have investigated the following (3+1)-dimensional generalized Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky-Kaup-Kupershmidt equation that describes some nonlinear phenomena in plasma physics, fluid mechanics, and ocean dynamics:

$$v_t + a_1 v_{xxx} + a_2 v v_x + a_3 v_{xxxx} + a_4 \int v_{yy} dx + a_5 v_{xxy} + a_6 (v_x \int v_y dx + v v_y) + a_7 (v_x v_{xx} + v v_{xxx}) + a_8 v^2 v_x + a_9 v_z = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $v$  is a function of the variables  $x, y, z$ , and  $t$ , the subscripts stand for the partial derivatives, and  $a_\varepsilon$ 's ( $\varepsilon=1, 2, \dots, 9$ ) are real constants. Special cases for Eq. (1) have been given: (1) a (2+1)-dimensional generalization of the Korteweg-de Vries equation, which can be applied in the study of interaction of a Riemann wave propagating along the  $y$  axis and a long wave propagating along the  $x$  axis, with  $v$  as the amplitude or elevation of the Riemann wave [20]; (2) a (3+1)-dimensional generalized B-type Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation for the weakly dispersive waves in a fluid, with  $v$  as the amplitude of the weakly dispersive wave in a fluid [21]; (3) a (2+1)-dimensional B-type Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation for the shallow water waves in a fluid or electrostatic wave potential in a plasma [22]; (4) a (2+1)-dimensional generalized Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky-Kaup-Kupershmidt equation, which describes certain phenomena in plasma physics, ocean dynamics, and fluid mechanics, with  $v$  as the amplitude of the relevant wave [23].

By virtue of the transformation

$$v = 12a_1a_2^{-1}(\ln h)_{xx}, \quad (2)$$

under the coefficient constraints

$$2a_1a_2^{-1} = 5a_3a_7^{-1} = a_5a_6^{-1} = a_7a_8^{-1} = -10a_9(5a_2 + 2a_7)^{-1}, \quad (3)$$

in Ref. [2] it has been obtained the following bilinear form:

$$(D_x D_t + a_1 D_x^4 + a_3 D_x^6 + a_4 D_y^2 + a_5 D_x^3 D_y + a_9 D_x D_z)h \cdot h = 0, \quad (4)$$

where the operator  $D$  is defined as [24]

$$D_x^{\phi_1} D_y^{\phi_2} D_z^{\phi_3} D_t^{\phi_4} (\Omega_1 \cdot F_1) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \right)^{\phi_1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \right)^{\phi_2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \right)^{\phi_3} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \right)^{\phi_4} \Omega_1(x, y, z, t) \cdot F_1(x', y', z', t') \Big|_{x=x', y=y', z=z', t=t'},$$

with  $x', y', z', t'$  being the independent variables,  $F_1$  being a real differentiable function of  $x', y', z'$ , and  $t'$ ,  $\Omega_1$  being a real differentiable function of  $x, y, z$ , and  $t$ , and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ , and  $\phi_4$  being non-negative integers. Bilinear form, breather, bright one-lump, one-soliton, and two-soliton solutions for Eq. (1) have been derived using the Hirota method [2]. We mention that in Ref. [19] has been reproduced the Bilinear Form (4) for Eq. (1) using the Bell polynomials and have been constructed some auto-Bäcklund transformations with the symbolic computation method.

To the best of our knowledge,  $N$ -soliton, multiple-lump, and hybrid solutions of Eq. (1) have not been obtained, where  $N$  is a positive integer. In Sec. 2, based on Bilinear Form (4), we will derive the  $N$ -soliton solutions for Eq. (1). In Sec. 3, we will obtain the  $M$ -lump solutions of Eq. (1) using the long-wave limit method, where  $M$  is a positive integer. The dark one-lump solutions of Eq. (1) will be obtained

when  $M = 1$ . Besides, taking  $M = 2$  and  $M = 3$ , we will derive the two- and three-lump solutions of Eq. (1), respectively. In Sec. 4, three types of hybrid solutions of Eq. (1) will be discussed graphically, which contain the one-lump wave and one-soliton wave, the one-lump wave and two-soliton waves, and the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions. In Sec. 5 we will give our conclusions.

## 2. $N$ -SOLITON SOLUTIONS FOR EQ. (1)

In this Section, we investigate the  $N$ -soliton solutions of Eq. (1). Substituting the power series expansion of  $h$  with regard to a small parameter  $\varrho$ ,

$$h = 1 + \varrho h_1 + \varrho^2 h_2 + \varrho^3 h_3 + \cdots + \varrho^N h_N,$$

into the Bilinear Form (4) and equating the coefficients of the same power of  $\varrho$  to zero, we can derive the soliton solutions of Eq. (1), where  $h_{\Xi}$ 's ( $\Xi = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) are real functions of  $x, y, z$ , and  $t$ . Then the  $N$ -soliton solutions of Eq. (1) can be written as

$$v = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h)_{xx}, \quad (5)$$

$$h = h_N = \sum_{\gamma=0,1} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \alpha_i + \sum_{i<j}^N \gamma_i \gamma_j B_{ij} \right), \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= b_i(x + c_i y + d_i z + e_i t) + \alpha_i^0, \quad e^{B_{ij}} = \frac{B_1}{B_2}, \\ e_i &= -a_1 b_i^2 - a_3 b_i^4 - a_5 b_i^2 c_i - a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i, \\ B_1 &= 3a_1(b_i - b_j)^2 + 5a_3(b_i - b_j)^2(b_i^2 - b_i b_j + b_j^2) + 2a_5 b_i^2 c_i - 3a_5 b_i b_j c_i \\ &\quad + a_5 b_j^2 c_i - a_4 c_i^2 + a_5 b_i^2 c_j - 3a_5 b_i b_j c_j + 2a_5 b_j^2 c_j + 2a_4 c_i c_j - a_4 c_j^2, \\ B_2 &= 3a_1(b_i + b_j)^2 + 5a_3(b_i + b_j)^2(b_i^2 + b_i b_j + b_j^2) + 2a_5 b_i^2 c_i + 3a_5 b_i b_j c_i \\ &\quad + a_5 b_j^2 c_i - a_4 c_i^2 + a_5 b_i^2 c_j + 3a_5 b_i b_j c_j + 2a_5 b_j^2 c_j + 2a_4 c_i c_j - a_4 c_j^2, \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha_i, b_i, c_i, d_i$ , and  $\alpha_i^0$  being constants,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . The notation  $\gamma = 0, 1$  represents the summation throughout the feasible compositions of  $\gamma_1 = 0, 1, \gamma_2 = 0, 1, \dots, \gamma_N = 0, 1$ .

## 3. $M$ -LUMP SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

The long-wave limit method can produce the  $M$ -lump solutions from  $N$ -soliton solutions. Therefore, taking the long-wave limit to the  $N$ -soliton solutions of Eq. (1),

we will obtain the  $M$ -lump solutions of Eq. (1). Setting  $\alpha_i^0 = i\pi$ , we obtain

$$h_N = \sum_{\gamma=0,1} \prod_{i=1}^N (-1)^{\gamma_i} \exp(\gamma_i \eta_i) \prod_{i<j}^N \exp(\gamma_i \gamma_j B_{ij}),$$

where  $\eta_i = b_i[x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_1 b_i^2 - a_3 b_i^4 - a_5 b_i^2 c_i - a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i)t]$ . We derive the following form when we take  $b_i \rightarrow 0$ :

$$h = h_N = \sum_{\gamma=0,1} \prod_{i=1}^N (-1)^{\gamma_i} (1 + \gamma_i b_i \kappa_i) \prod_{i<j}^N \exp(1 + \gamma_i \gamma_j b_i b_j F_{ij}) + O(b^{N+1}). \quad (7)$$

The rational solutions can be derived when we substitute the Expression (7) into the Transformation (2). Then we find that  $v = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h_N / \prod_{i=1}^N b_i)_{xx}$  are also solutions of Eq. (1). We omit the constant factor  $\prod_{i=1}^N b_i$  of  $h_N$  in Expression (7) and still mark it as  $h_N$ , because we want to write out the solutions explicitly. Therefore, we can write the reduced  $h_N$  as

$$h_N = \prod_{i=1}^N \kappa_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^N F_{ij} \prod_{\gamma_1 \neq i,j}^N \kappa_{\gamma_1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{M! 2^M} \sum_{i,j,\dots,m,n}^N \overbrace{F_{ij} F_{kl} \cdots F_{mn}}^M \\ \times \prod_{\gamma_2 \neq i,j,k,l,\dots,m,n}^N \kappa_{\gamma_2} + \cdots, \quad (8)$$

where  $\kappa_i = x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i)t$  and  $F_{ij} = \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_i + c_j)]}{a_4(c_i - c_j)^2} \cdot \sum_{i,j,\dots,m,n}^N$  denotes the summation over all feasible compositions of  $i, j, \dots, m, n$ , which have taken different values from  $1, 2, \dots, N$ . We derive the  $M$ -lump solutions of Eq. (1) when we take  $F_{ij} > 0$  and  $c_{M+i} = c_i^*$  in  $h_N$ ,  $N = 2M$ , where “\*” represents the complex conjugation. Because the bright one-lump solutions of Eq. (1) have been presented in Ref. [2], we plan to obtain below the dark one-lump solutions.

### 3.1. DARK ONE-LUMP SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

In order to obtain the dark one-lump solutions of Eq. (1), we take  $M = 1, N = 2$  and  $\alpha_1^0 = \alpha_2^0 = i\pi$ . According to the Expression (6), we obtain

$$h_2 = 1 - \exp[\eta_1] - \exp[\eta_2] + \exp[\eta_1 + \eta_2 + B_{12}], \quad (9)$$

where  $\eta_i = b_i[x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_1 b_i^2 - a_3 b_i^4 - a_5 b_i^2 c_i - a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i)t]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . When we take  $b_i \rightarrow 0$ ,  $c_1 = c_2^* = g_1 + i g_2$ ,  $d_1 = d_2^* = l_1 + i l_2$  and omit the factor  $b_1 b_2$  in Expression (9), we derive

$$h_2 = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 + F_{12}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\kappa_i = x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i) t$  and  $F_{12} = \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_1 + c_2)]}{a_4(c_1 - c_2)^2}$ . Substituting the Expression (10) into the Transformation (2), we obtain the dark one-lump solutions as

$$v_2 = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h_2)_{xx}. \quad (11)$$

Figure 1 displays the dark one-lump wave *via* Solutions (11). We see that the dark one-lump wave has two crests and one trough. During propagation, the amplitude and shape of the dark one-lump wave remain unchanged.

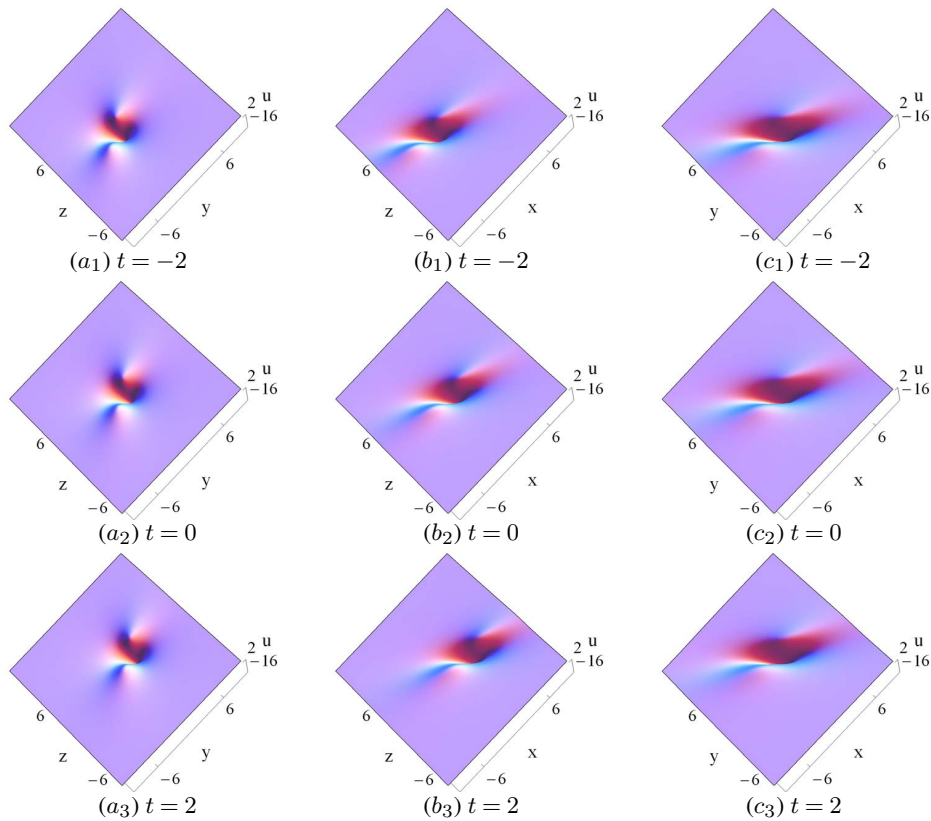


Fig. 1. Dark one-lump wave *via* Solutions (11) with  $g_1 = l_1 = a_2 = a_4 = a_5 = a_9 = 1$ ,  $g_2 = -1$ ,  $l_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $a_1 = -2$  and (a)  $x = 0$ ; (b)  $y = 0$ ; (c)  $z = 0$ .

### 3.2. TWO-LUMP SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

For the purpose of constructing the two-lump solutions of Eq. (1), we substitute  $M = 2$ ,  $N = 4$  and  $\alpha_j^0 = i\pi$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, 4$ ) into Expression (8), then the reduced  $h_4$

can be written as

$$h_4 = \kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{12}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{13}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{14}\kappa_2\kappa_3 + F_{23}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{24}\kappa_1\kappa_3 \\ + F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{12}F_{34} + F_{13}F_{24} + F_{14}F_{23}, \quad (12)$$

where  $\kappa_i = x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i) t$  and  $F_{ij} = \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_i + c_j)]}{a_4(c_i - c_j)^2}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$ . Taking  $c_1 = c_3^* = g_1 + i g_2$ ,  $c_2 = c_4^* = g_3 + i g_4$ ,  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = d_4 = d$  and substituting the Expression (12) into the Transformation (2), we obtain the two-lump solutions of Eq. (1) as

$$v_4 = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h_4)_{xx}. \quad (13)$$

Figure 2 shows the two-lump waves *via* Solutions (13). We observe that the two-lump waves are composed of two lumps, each of them has one crest and two troughs. The two-lump waves keep their amplitudes and shapes unchanged, as  $t$  goes on. In addition, we find that there is a one-strip (that is, a one-line) soliton wave on the  $x - z$  plane. The amplitude of the line soliton decreases when  $t = 0$ .

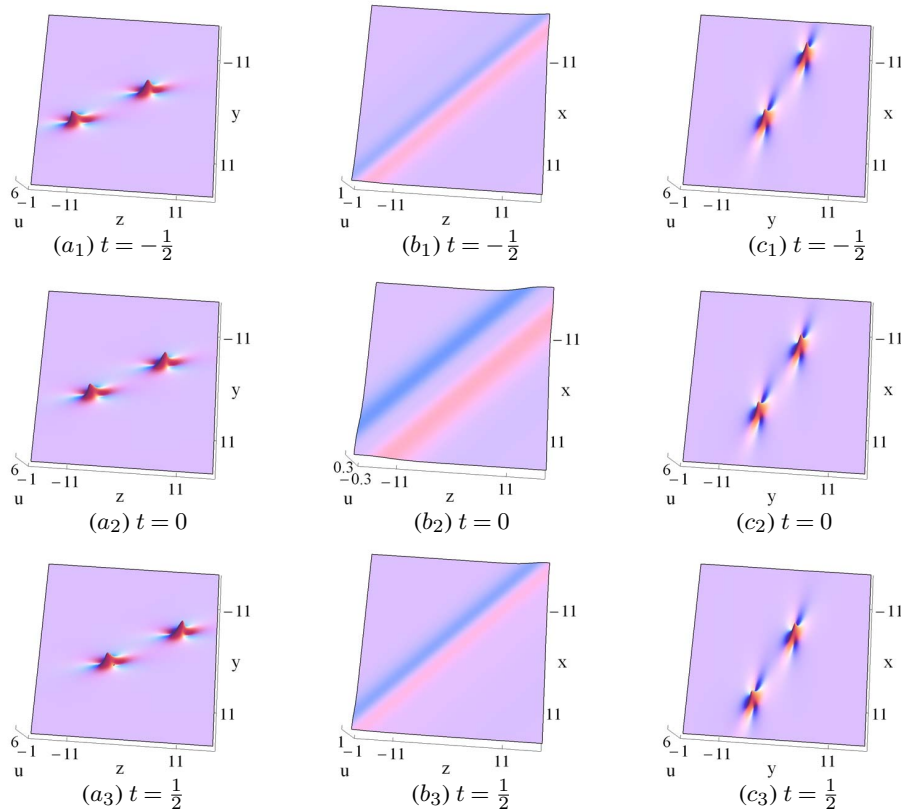


Fig. 2. Two-lump waves *via* Solutions (13) with  $g_1 = g_3 = d = a_1 = a_5 = a_9 = 1$ ,  $g_2 = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $g_4 = \frac{9}{5}$ ,  $a_2 = 4$ ,  $a_4 = -1$  and (a)  $x = 0$ ; (b)  $y = 0$ ; (c)  $z = 0$ .

## 3.3. THREE-LUMP SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

When we take  $M = 3$ ,  $N = 6$ , and  $\alpha_j^0 = 0$ , we obtain the three-lump solutions of Eq. (1). Based on Expression (8), we get the reduced  $h_6$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
h_6 = & \kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{12}\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{13}\kappa_2\kappa_4\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{14}\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_5\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{15}\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_6 + F_{16}\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{23}\kappa_1\kappa_4\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{24}\kappa_1\kappa_3\kappa_5\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{25}\kappa_1\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_6 + F_{26}\kappa_1\kappa_3\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{35}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_4\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{36}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_6 + F_{46}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_5 + F_{56}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4 \\
& + F_{12}F_{34}\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{12}F_{35}\kappa_4\kappa_6 + F_{12}F_{36}\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{12}F_{45}\kappa_3\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{12}F_{46}\kappa_3\kappa_5 + F_{12}F_{56}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{13}F_{24}\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{13}F_{25}\kappa_4\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{13}F_{26}\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{13}F_{45}\kappa_2\kappa_6 + F_{13}F_{46}\kappa_2\kappa_5 + F_{13}F_{56}\kappa_2\kappa_4 \\
& + F_{14}F_{23}\kappa_5\kappa_6 + F_{14}F_{25}\kappa_3\kappa_6 + F_{14}F_{26}\kappa_3\kappa_5 + F_{14}F_{35}\kappa_2\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{14}F_{36}\kappa_2\kappa_5 + F_{14}F_{56}\kappa_2\kappa_3 + F_{15}F_{23}\kappa_4\kappa_6 + F_{15}F_{24}\kappa_3\kappa_6 \\
& + F_{15}F_{26}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{34}\kappa_2\kappa_6 + F_{15}F_{36}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{46}\kappa_2\kappa_3 \\
& + F_{16}F_{23}\kappa_4\kappa_5 + F_{16}F_{24}\kappa_3\kappa_5 + F_{16}F_{25}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{16}F_{34}\kappa_2\kappa_5 \\
& + F_{16}F_{35}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{16}F_{45}\kappa_2\kappa_3 + F_{23}F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_6 + F_{23}F_{46}\kappa_1\kappa_5 \\
& + F_{23}F_{56}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{24}F_{35}\kappa_1\kappa_6 + F_{24}F_{36}\kappa_1\kappa_5 + F_{24}F_{56}\kappa_1\kappa_3 \\
& + F_{25}F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_6 + F_{25}F_{36}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{25}F_{46}\kappa_1\kappa_3 + F_{26}F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_5 \\
& + F_{26}F_{35}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{26}F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_3 + F_{34}F_{56}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{35}F_{46}\kappa_1\kappa_2 \\
& + F_{36}F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{12}F_{34}F_{56} + F_{12}F_{35}F_{46} + F_{12}F_{36}F_{45} \\
& + F_{13}F_{24}F_{56} + F_{13}F_{25}F_{46} + F_{13}F_{26}F_{45} + F_{14}F_{23}F_{56} \\
& + F_{14}F_{25}F_{36} + F_{14}F_{26}F_{35} + F_{15}F_{23}F_{46} + F_{15}F_{24}F_{36} \\
& + F_{15}F_{26}F_{34} + F_{16}F_{23}F_{45} + F_{16}F_{24}F_{35} + F_{16}F_{25}F_{34}, \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\kappa_i = x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i) t$  and  $F_{ij} = \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_i + c_j)]}{a_4(c_i - c_j)^2}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq 6$ . In order to get the three-lump solutions of Eq. (1), we take  $c_1 = c_4^* = g_1 + ig_2$ ,  $c_2 = c_5^* = g_3 + ig_4$ ,  $c_3 = c_6^* = g_5 + ig_6$ ,  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = d_4 = d_5 = d_6 = d$ , and substitute the Expression (14) into the Transformation (2). Then we obtain the three-lump solutions of Eq. (1) as

$$v_6 = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h_6)_{xx}. \tag{15}$$

Figure 3 shows the three-lump waves *via* Solutions (15). We see that the three-lump waves are composed of three lumps, each of them has one crest and two troughs. As  $t$  goes on, the three-lump waves keep their amplitudes and shapes unchanged. Be-

sides, we find that there is a one-strip soliton wave on the  $x - z$  plane. The amplitude of the one-strip soliton increases when  $t = 0$ .

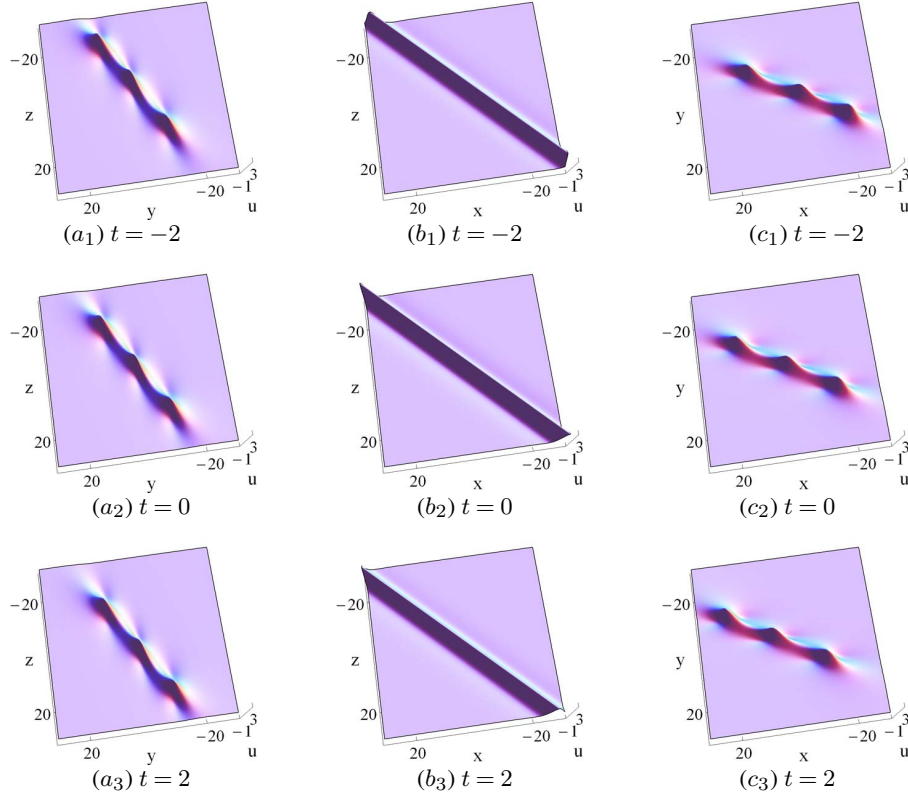


Fig. 3. Three-lump waves via Solutions (15) with  $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = g_5 = d = a_1 = a_2 = a_5 = a_9 = 1$ ,  $g_4 = 2$ ,  $g_6 = 3$ ,  $a_4 = -\frac{1}{5}$  and (a)  $x = 0$ ; (b)  $y = 0$ ; (c)  $z = 0$ .

#### 4. HYBRID SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

##### 4.1. THE ONE-LUMP WAVE AND ONE-SOLITON WAVE HYBRID SOLUTIONS

In this part, we study the hybrid solutions composed of one-lump wave and one-soliton wave, which can be derived from  $h_N$  when we take  $N = 3$ . Letting the parameters  $\alpha_1^0 = \alpha_2^0 = i\pi$ ,  $b_1 \rightarrow 0$ , and  $b_2 \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain  $h_{3\tau}$  as

$$h_{3\tau} = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 + F_{12} + (F_{13} F_{23} + F_{13} \kappa_2 + F_{23} \kappa_1 + F_{12} + \kappa_1 \kappa_2) \exp(\alpha_3), \quad (16)$$



where

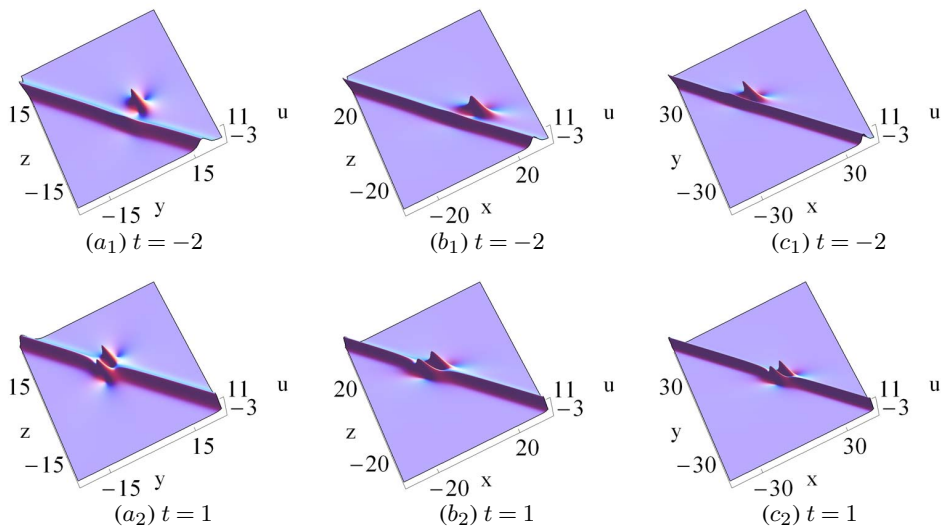
$$\begin{aligned}\kappa_1 &= x + c_1 y + d_1 z + (-a_4 c_1^2 - a_9 d_1) t, \\ \kappa_2 &= x + c_2 y + d_2 z + (-a_4 c_2^2 - a_9 d_2) t, \\ \alpha_3 &= b_3 [x + c_3 y + d_3 z + (-a_1 b_3^2 - a_3 b_3^4 - a_5 b_3^2 c_3 - a_4 c_3^2 - a_9 d_3) t] + \alpha_{30}, \\ c_1 &= c_2^* = g_1 + i g_2, \quad d_1 = d_2^* = g_3 + i g_4,\end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\nu_1 \nu_2} = \begin{cases} \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{a_4(c_{\nu_1} - c_{\nu_2})^2}, & \nu_2 < 3, \\ -\frac{6[2a_1 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^2 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{3a_1 b_{\nu_2}^2 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^4 + a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_1} - a_4 c_{\nu_1}^2 + 2a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_2} + 2a_4 c_{\nu_1} c_{\nu_2} - a_4 c_{\nu_2}^2}, & \nu_2 = 3. \end{cases}$$

Substituting the Expression (16) into the Transformation (2), we obtain the following one-lump wave and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions of Eq. (1):

$$v_{3\tau} = 12a_1 a_2^{-1} (\ln h_{3\tau})_{xx}. \quad (17)$$

Figure 4 shows the one-lump wave and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions *via* Solutions (17). We see that the one-soliton wave and one-lump wave move forward independently at  $t = -2$ . When  $t = 1$ , the one-soliton wave gradually merges with the one-lump wave, and then the one-soliton wave separates from the one-lump wave as  $t$  goes on.



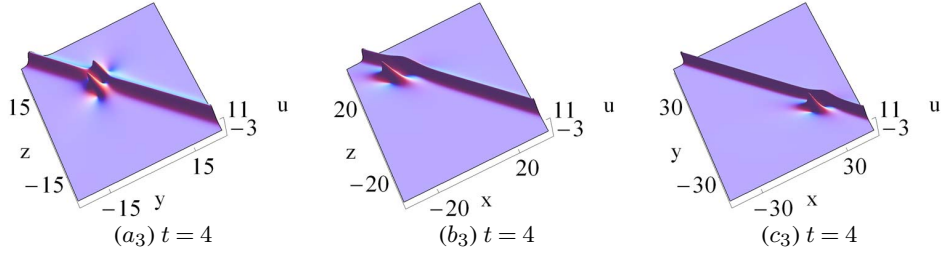


Fig. 4. The one-lump wave and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions *via* Solutions (17) with  $g_4 = -1$ ,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_4 = -2$ ,  $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = a_2 = a_3 = a_5 = a_9 = b_3 = c_3 = d_3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{30} = 0$  and (a)  $x = 0$ ; (b)  $y = 0$ ; (c)  $z = 0$ .

#### 4.2. THE ONE-LUMP WAVE AND TWO-SOLITON WAVES HYBRID SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

Next, we will derive the one-lump wave and two-soliton waves hybrid solutions of Eq. (1). Firstly, we take  $N = 4$ ,  $\alpha_1^0 = \alpha_2^0 = i\pi$ , and  $b_1, b_2 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $h_{4\tau}$  can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{4\tau} = & \kappa_1 \kappa_2 + F_{12} + (\kappa_1 \kappa_2 + F_{23} \kappa_1 + F_{13} \kappa_2 + F_{13} F_{23} + F_{12}) \exp(\alpha_3) \\
 & + (\kappa_1 \kappa_2 + F_{24} \kappa_1 + F_{14} \kappa_2 + F_{14} F_{24} + F_{12}) \exp(\alpha_4) \\
 & + [\kappa_1 \kappa_2 + (F_{23} + F_{24}) \kappa_1 + (F_{13} + F_{14}) \kappa_2 + F_{12} + F_{13} F_{23} \\
 & + F_{14} F_{23} + F_{13} F_{24} + F_{14} F_{24}] \exp(B_{34}) \exp(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4), \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa_1 &= x + c_1 y + d_1 z + (-a_4 c_1^2 - a_9 d_1) t, \\
 \kappa_2 &= x + c_2 y + d_2 z + (-a_4 c_2^2 - a_9 d_2) t, \\
 \alpha_3 &= b_3 [x + c_3 y + d_3 z + (-a_1 b_3^2 - a_3 b_3^4 - a_5 b_3^2 c_3 - a_4 c_3^2 - a_9 d_3) t] + \alpha_{30}, \\
 \alpha_4 &= b_4 [x + c_4 y + d_4 z + (-a_1 b_4^2 - a_3 b_4^4 - a_5 b_4^2 c_4 - a_4 c_4^2 - a_9 d_4) t] + \alpha_{40}, \\
 \exp(B_{34}) &= \frac{B_3}{B_4},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\nu_1 \nu_2} = \begin{cases} \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{a_4(c_{\nu_1} - c_{\nu_2})^2}, & \nu_2 < 3, \\ -\frac{6[2a_1 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^2 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{3a_1 b_{\nu_2}^2 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^4 + a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_1} - a_4 c_{\nu_1}^2 + 2a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_2} + 2a_4 c_{\nu_1} c_{\nu_2} - a_4 c_{\nu_2}^2}, & \nu_2 \geq 3, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_3 &= 3a_1(b_3 - b_4)^2 + 5a_3(b_3 - b_4)^2(b_3^2 - b_3b_4 + b_4^2) + 2a_5b_3^2c_3 - 3a_5b_3b_4c_3 \\
&\quad + a_5b_4^2c_3 - a_4c_3^2 + a_5b_3^2c_4 - 3a_5b_3b_4c_4 + 2a_5b_4^2c_4 + 2a_4c_3c_4 - a_4c_4^2, \\
B_4 &= 3a_1(b_3 + b_4)^2 + 5a_3(b_3 + b_4)^2(b_3^2 + b_3b_4 + b_4^2) + 2a_5b_3^2c_3 + 3a_5b_3b_4c_3 \\
&\quad + a_5b_4^2c_3 - a_4c_3^2 + a_5b_3^2c_4 + 3a_5b_3b_4c_4 + 2a_5b_4^2c_4 + 2a_4c_3c_4 - a_4c_4^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $c_1 = c_2^* = g_1 + ig_2 = d_1 = d_2^*$  and substituting the Expression (18) into the Transformation (2), we obtain the one-lump wave and two-soliton waves hybrid solutions of Eq. (1) as

$$v_{4\tau} = 12a_1a_2^{-1}(\ln h_{4\tau})_{xx}. \quad (19)$$

#### 4.3. THE TWO-LUMP WAVES AND ONE-SOLITON WAVE HYBRID SOLUTIONS OF EQ. (1)

For the purpose of deriving the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions of Eq. (1), we take the long-wave limit to the five-soliton solutions. The Expression of  $h_{5h}$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{5\tau} &= \kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{12}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{13}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{14}\kappa_2\kappa_3 + F_{23}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{24}\kappa_1\kappa_3 \\
&\quad + F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{12}F_{34} + F_{13}F_{24} + F_{14}F_{23} + \exp(\alpha_5)(F_{15}F_{25}F_{35}F_{45} \\
&\quad + F_{15}F_{25}F_{35}\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{25}F_{45}\kappa_3 + F_{15}F_{35}F_{45}\kappa_2 + F_{25}F_{35}F_{45}\kappa_1 \\
&\quad + F_{15}F_{25}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{35}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{45}\kappa_2\kappa_3 + F_{25}F_{35}\kappa_1\kappa_4 \\
&\quad + F_{25}F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_3 + F_{35}F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{15}\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{25}\kappa_1\kappa_3\kappa_4 \\
&\quad + F_{35}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{45}\kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3 + \kappa_1\kappa_2\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{12}F_{35}F_{45} + F_{12}F_{35}\kappa_4 \\
&\quad + F_{12}F_{45}\kappa_3 + F_{12}\kappa_3\kappa_4 + F_{13}F_{25}F_{45} + F_{13}F_{25}\kappa_4 + F_{13}F_{45}\kappa_2 \\
&\quad + F_{13}\kappa_2\kappa_4 + F_{14}F_{25}F_{35} + F_{14}F_{25}\kappa_3 + F_{14}F_{35}\kappa_2 + F_{14}\kappa_2\kappa_3 \\
&\quad + F_{15}F_{23}F_{45} + F_{15}F_{23}\kappa_4 + F_{15}F_{24}F_{35} + F_{15}F_{24}\kappa_3 + F_{15}F_{25}F_{34} \\
&\quad + F_{15}F_{34}\kappa_2 + F_{23}F_{45}\kappa_1 + F_{23}\kappa_1\kappa_4 + F_{24}F_{35}\kappa_1 + F_{24}\kappa_1\kappa_3 \\
&\quad + F_{25}F_{34}\kappa_1 + F_{34}\kappa_1\kappa_2 + F_{12}F_{34} + F_{13}F_{24} + F_{14}F_{23}),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa_i &= x + c_i y + d_i z + (-a_4 c_i^2 - a_9 d_i) t, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) \\
\alpha_5 &= b_5 [x + c_5 y + d_5 z + (-a_1 b_5^2 - a_3 b_5^4 - a_5 b_5^2 c_5 - a_4 c_5^2 - a_9 d_5) t] + \alpha_{50}, \\
F_{\nu_1 \nu_2} &= \begin{cases} \frac{6[2a_1 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{a_4(c_{\nu_1} - c_{\nu_2})^2}, & \nu_2 < 5, \\ -\frac{6[2a_1 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^2 + a_5(c_{\nu_1} + c_{\nu_2})]}{3a_1 b_{\nu_2}^2 + 5a_3 b_{\nu_2}^4 + a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_1} - a_4 c_{\nu_1}^2 + 2a_5 b_{\nu_2}^2 c_{\nu_2} + 2a_4 c_{\nu_1} c_{\nu_2} - a_4 c_{\nu_2}^2}, & \nu_2 = 5. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $c_1 = c_3^* = d_1 = d_3^*$ ,  $c_2 = c_4^* = d_2 = d_4^*$  and substituting the Expression (20) into the Transformation (2), we obtain the following two-lump waves and

one-soliton wave hybrid solutions of Eq. (1):

$$v_{5\tau} = 12a_1a_2^{-1}(\ln h_{5\tau})_{xx}. \quad (20)$$

Figure 5 shows the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions *via* Solutions (20). We observe that there is a one-strip soliton wave on the  $y-z$  plane. On the  $x-z$  and  $x-y$  planes, there are two-lump waves and one-soliton wave when  $t = -3$ . As  $t$  goes on, the two-lump waves approach to the one-soliton wave gradually, and then the two-lump waves interact with the one-soliton wave. When  $t = 2$ , the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave move forward independently.

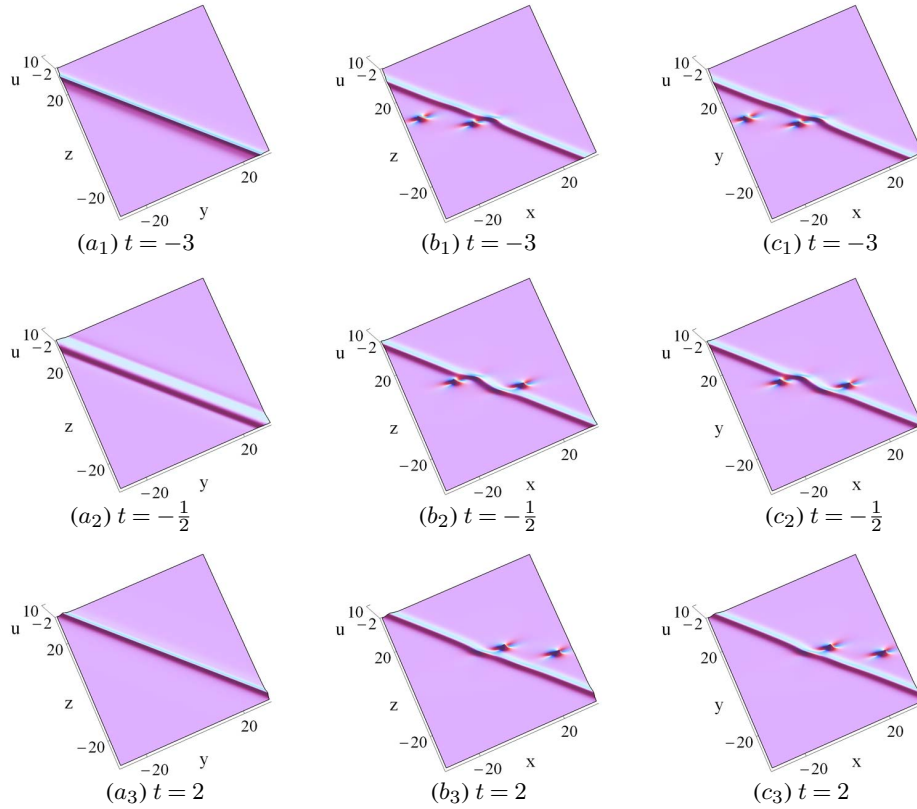


Fig. 5. The two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions *via* Solutions (20) with  $g_4 = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $\alpha_{50} = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 5$ ,  $g_1 = g_3 = d_5 = a_5 = a_9 = b_3 = b_5 = c_5 = 1$ ,  $g_2 = a_1 = b_4 = 2$ ,  $a_3 = a_4 = -1$  and (a)  $x = 0$ ; (b)  $y = 0$ ; (c)  $z = 0$ .

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have investigated a (3+1)-dimensional generalized Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky-Kaup-Kupershmidt equation (1), which has applications in plasma physics, fluid mechanics, and ocean dynamics. Based on Bilinear Form (4), we have obtained  $N$ -Soliton Solutions (5). Applying the long-wave limit to Solutions (5), we have derived Dark One-Lump Solutions (11), Two-Lump Solutions (13), and Three-Lump Solutions (15). In addition, we have obtained the one-lump wave and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions (17), the one-lump wave and two-soliton waves hybrid solutions (19), and the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions (20).

Figure 1 has displayed the dark one-lump wave, whose amplitude and shape remain unchanged during propagation and contains two crests and one trough, *via* Solutions (11). In Fig. 2 we have illustrated the two-lump waves, composed of two lumps, *via* Solutions (13). Figure 3 has displayed the three-lump waves according to Solutions (15). In Fig. 4 we have presented the one-lump wave and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions *via* Solutions (17), from which we can observe that the one-soliton wave and one-lump wave move forward independently at  $t = -2$ , the one-soliton wave gradually merges with the one-lump wave when  $t = 1$ , and then the one-soliton wave separates from the one-lump wave as  $t$  goes on. Figure 5 has displayed the two-lump waves and one-soliton wave hybrid solutions according to Solutions (20).

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