

# Matematyka stosowana matematyka teoretyka

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## Basic model

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= \left( \frac{av}{u+v} - d_c \right) u, \\v_t &= -d_b v + u^2 w - dv, \\w_t &= \frac{1}{\gamma} w_{xx} - d_g w - u^2 w + dv + \kappa_0\end{aligned}\tag{RD}$$

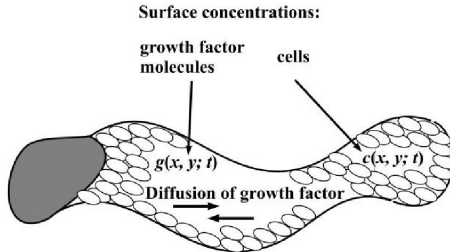
for  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $t > 0$  with the homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions for the function  $w = w(x, t)$

$$w_x(0, t) = w_x(1, t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t > 0,$$

and with positive initial conditions

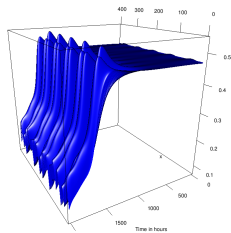
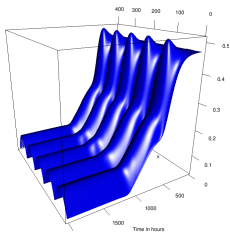
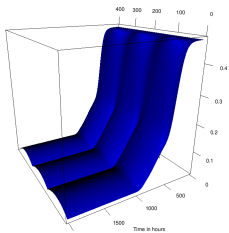
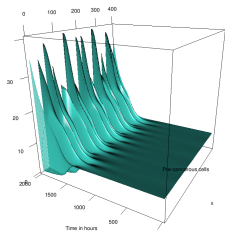
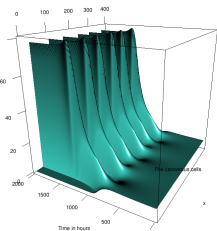
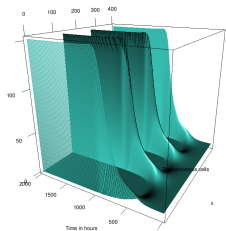
$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad w(x, 0) = w_0(x).$$

# Biological system



- ▶ Cell proliferation (e.g. in lungs) is influenced by growth factor
- ▶ Growth factor is externally supplied or produced by the cells
- ▶ Growth factor diffuses along the structure formed by the cells and binds to cell membrane receptors
- ▶ **Hypothesis:** The diffusion of this growth factor may significantly influence the dynamics of the whole cell population

# Spatial profiles of the solutions



## Kinetic system. Boundedness of solutions

- ▶ Solutions are nonnegative and uniformly bounded (change of variables  $(u, \frac{v}{u}, uw)$ ).
- ▶ The trivial steady state  $(\bar{u}_0, \bar{v}_0, \bar{w}_0) \equiv (0, 0, \frac{\kappa_0}{d_g})$  is locally asymptotically stable.
- ▶ Assume  $a > d_c$  and  $\kappa_0^2 \geq \Theta$ , where  $\Theta = 4d_g d_b \frac{d_c^2 (d_b + d)}{(a - d_c)^2}$ . Then, the kinetic system has two positive constant stationary solutions  $(\bar{u}_\pm, \bar{v}_\pm, \bar{w}_\pm)$ , where

$$\bar{w}_\pm = \frac{\kappa_0 \pm \sqrt{\kappa_0^2 - \Theta}}{2d_g}, \quad \bar{v}_\pm = \frac{d_c^2 (d_b + d)}{(a - d_c)^2} \frac{1}{\bar{w}_\pm}, \quad \bar{u}_\pm = \frac{a - d_c}{d_c} \bar{v}_\pm.$$

- ▶  $(\bar{u}_-, \bar{v}_-, \bar{w}_-)$  is stable, and  $(\bar{u}_+, \bar{v}_+, \bar{w}_+)$  is unstable.

# Model with diffusion. Boundedness of mass

## Theorem

Let  $\kappa_0 \geq 0$ . The solution  $(u, v, w)$  of (RD) satisfies

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 u(x, t) dx \leq \frac{\kappa_0}{\mu d_c},$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 v(x, t) dx \leq \frac{\kappa_0}{\mu},$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|w(t)\|_\infty \leq \kappa_0 \left( \frac{Cd}{\mu d_g^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{d_g} \right).$$

Here  $\mu = \min\{d_g, d_b\} > 0$ .

## Stationary problem

$$\left( \frac{aV}{U+V} - d_c \right) U = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$-d_b V + U^2 W - dV = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} W_{xx} - d_g W - U^2 W + dV + \kappa_0 = 0 \quad (3)$$

and the boundary condition  $W_x(0) = W_x(1) = 0$ .

- ▶ We are interested only in  $U(x) > 0$  and  $V(x) > 0$ ,
- ▶ Let  $a > d_c$ ,
- ▶ We obtain

$$U(x) = \frac{a - d_c}{d_c} V(x) \quad \text{and} \quad V(x) = \frac{d_c^2 (d_b + d)}{(a - d_c)^2} \frac{1}{W(x)}. \quad (4)$$

# Two-point boundary value problem

The boundary value problem for  $W(x)$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} W'' - d_g W - d_b \frac{d_c^2 (d_b + d)}{(a - d_c)^2} \frac{1}{W} + \kappa_0 = 0,$$
$$W_x(0) = W_x(1) = 0.$$

We find explicit  $\gamma_0$  such that

- ▶ for all  $\gamma \in (0, \gamma_0]$ , the above problem has only constant solutions,
- ▶ for all  $\gamma > \gamma_0$ , we describe all positive solutions of the problem.



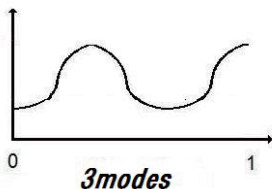
# Construction of patterns

## Definition

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$ . We call a function  $W \in C([0, 1])$  a periodic function on  $[0, 1]$  with  $k$  modes if  $W = W(x)$  is monotone on  $[0, \frac{1}{k}]$  and if

$$W(x) = \begin{cases} W(x - \frac{2j}{k}) & \text{for } x \in [\frac{2j}{k}, \frac{2j+1}{k}] \\ W(\frac{2j+2}{k} - x) & \text{for } x \in [\frac{2j+1}{k}, \frac{2j+2}{k}] \end{cases}$$

for every  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  such that  $2j + 2 \leq k$ .



## Instability of patterns

Let  $W(x)$  be one of the functions from the previous theorem, and  $(U(x), V(x), W(x))$  be a stationary solution of our system, where

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Let us be more precise.

# Instability of patterns

## Linearized operator

The linearization of system (RD) at the steady state  $(U, V, W)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\gamma} \partial_x^2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{A}(x).$$

We consider  $\mathcal{L}$  as an operator in the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = L^2(0, 1) \oplus L^2(0, 1) \oplus L^2(0, 1)$$

with the domain

$$D(\mathcal{L}) = L^2(0, 1) \oplus L^2(0, 1) \oplus W^{2,2}(0, 1).$$

$\mathcal{L}$  has infinitely many positive eigenvalues.

# Instability of patterns

## Spectrum of $\mathcal{L}$

Together with the matrix

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} d_c \left( \frac{d_c}{a} - 1 \right) & \frac{(a-d_c)^2}{a} & 0 \\ 2K & -d_b - d & \frac{K^2}{W^2(x)} \\ -2K & d & -d_g - \frac{K^2}{W^2(x)} \end{pmatrix},$$

we consider its sub-matrix

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**The matrix  $\mathcal{A}_{12}$  has a positive eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$ .**

# Instability of patterns

## Spectrum of $\mathcal{L}$ - the crucial lemma

### Lemma

A complex number  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied

- ▶  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathcal{A}_{12}$ ,
- ▶ the boundary value problem has a nontrivial solution:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} \eta'' + \frac{\det(\mathcal{A} - \lambda I)}{\det(\mathcal{A}_{12} - \lambda I)} \eta = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$
$$\eta'(0) = \eta'(1) = 0.$$

**Proof.** Study the system

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} & (a_{11} - \lambda)\varphi & + & a_{12}\psi & & = & 0 \\ & a_{21}\varphi & + & (a_{22} - \lambda)\psi & + & a_{23}\eta & = & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\gamma} \partial_x^2 \eta & + & a_{31}\varphi & + & a_{32}\psi & + & (a_{33} - \lambda)\eta & = & 0, \end{array}$$

supplemented with the boundary condition  $\eta_x(0) = \eta_x(1) = 0$

□

# Instability of patterns

Spectrum of  $\mathcal{L}$  - main result

## Theorem

Denote by  $\lambda_0$  the positive eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathcal{A}_{12}$ . There exists a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of positive eigenvalues of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$  that satisfy  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda_0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Recall that  $\lambda_0$  belongs to the continuous spectrum of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ .**

**Idea of the proof.** Analysis of solutions of the generalized Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} \eta'' + q(x, \lambda) \eta = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$
$$\eta'(0) = \eta'(1) = 0,$$

where

$$q(x, \lambda) = \frac{\det(\mathcal{A}(x) - \lambda I)}{\det(\mathcal{A}_{12} - \lambda I)}.$$

□



## Existence of discontinuous patterns

$$\left( \frac{aV}{U+V} - d_c \right) U = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$-d_b V + U^2 W - dV = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} W_{xx} - d_g W - U^2 W + dV + \kappa_0 = 0 \quad (7)$$

### Theorem

Assume that  $a > d_c$  and  $\kappa_0^2 > \Theta$ . There exists a continuum of weak solutions of the stationary system with some  $\gamma > 0$ . Each such solution  $(U, V, W) \in L^\infty(0, 1) \times L^\infty(0, 1) \times C^1([0, 1])$  has the following property: there exists a sequence  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N = 1$  such that for each  $k \in \{0, N-1\}$  either

- ▶ for all  $x \in (x_k, x_{k+1})$ ,  $U(x) = V(x) = 0$  and  $W(x)$  satisfies  $\frac{1}{\gamma} W'' - d_g W + \kappa_0 = 0$ ,

or

- ▶ for all  $x \in (x_k, x_{k+1})$ ,  $U(x) > 0$ ,  $V(x) > 0$  and  $W$  are solutions of the stationary equation.

# Instability of discontinuous stationary solutions

## Theorem

*Every discontinuous weak stationary solution  $(U_{\mathcal{I}}, V_{\mathcal{I}}, W_{\mathcal{I}})$  with a null set  $\mathcal{I} \subset [0, 1]$ , is an unstable solution of the nonlinear system considered in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{I}}$ .*

- ▶ For a null set  $\mathcal{I}$ , we define the associate  $L^2$ -space

$$L^2_{\mathcal{I}}(0, 1) = \{v \in L^2(0, 1) : v(x) = 0 \text{ on } \mathcal{I}\},$$

supplemented with the usual  $L^2$ -scalar product, which is a Hilbert space as the closed subspace of  $L^2(0, 1)$ .

- ▶ If  $u_0(x) = v_0(x) = 0$  for some  $x \in [0, 1]$  then  $u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Hence, the space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{I}} = L^2_{\mathcal{I}}(0, 1) \times L^2_{\mathcal{I}}(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1)$  is invariant for the flow generated by the system.

**Main result:**  
**instability of ALL**  
**stationary solutions**

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# Reaction-diffusion-ODE system

(A. Marciniak-Czochra, G.K., K. Suzuki)

### The point of departure:

a general system of reaction-diffusion (**reaction-diffusion-ODE**) equations:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= f(u, v), & \text{for } x \in \bar{\Omega}, t > 0 \\v_t &= D\Delta v + g(u, v) & \text{for } x \in \Omega, t > 0\end{aligned}$$

in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

The Neumann boundary condition:

$$\partial_n v = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0$$

Initial data:

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x).$$

- ▶  $D > 0$  – a constant diffusion coefficient. (We can set  $D = 1$ .)
- ▶ arbitrary  $C^1$ -nonlinearities  $f = f(u, v)$  and  $g = g(u, v)$ .

## Constant stationary solutions – Turing instability

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= f(u, v), \\v_t &= \Delta v + g(u, v) \\ \partial_n v &= 0 \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \\ v(x, 0) &= v_0(x).\end{aligned}$$

### Theorem

Assume that the constant vector  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  is a (stationary) solution of the initial-boundary value problem for this ordinary-PDE system. If

$$f_u(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) > 0,$$

then  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  is an **unstable** solution of this problem.

### Remark.

Autocatalysis leads to the instability of stationary solutions.

## Regular stationary solutions – standing assumption

We consider only **regular stationary solutions**, namely, we assume, that we can solve the equation

$$f(U(x), V(x)) = 0$$

to have

$$U(x) = k(V(x))$$

for a  $C^1$ -function  $k = k(V)$ .

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Under this assumption, regular stationary solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} f(u, v) &= 0, \\ \Delta v + g(u, v) &= 0 \\ \partial_n v &= 0 \quad x \in \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

satisfy the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V + h(V) &= 0, \quad \text{where } h(V) = g(k(V), V), \\ \partial_n V &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

# Non-constant stationary solutions

## Theorem (Instability of solutions)

Let  $(U, V)$  be a regular stationary solution satisfying the **autocatalysis assumption**

$$f_u(U(x), V(x)) > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \overline{\Omega}.$$

Then,  $(U, V)$  is an unstable solution.

**The same mechanism which destabilizes constant solutions of such models, destabilizes also non-constant solutions.**



## Example:

### The Gray-Scott model

We consider positive solutions of the system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= -u + u^2v, \\v_t &= \Delta v - v - u^2v + 2, \\ \partial_n v &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Regular stationary solutions satisfy

$$U = 1/V.$$

*Autocatalysis* assumption:

$$f_u(U, V) = -1 + 2UV = 1 > 0.$$

## Example:

### Activator-inhibitor system with no diffusion of activator

We consider positive solutions of the system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= -u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}, \\ \tau v_t &= \Delta v - v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}, \\ \partial_n v &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where  $p > 1$ .

Regular stationary solutions satisfy

$$U = V^{q/(p-1)}.$$

*Autocatalysis* assumption:

$$f_u(U, V) = -1 + p \frac{U^{p-1}}{V^q} = -1 + p > 0.$$

## Example: Model of an early carcinogenesis

We consider positive solutions of the system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= \left( \frac{av}{u+v} - d_c \right) u, \\w_t &= \Delta w - d_g w - u^2 w + dv + \kappa_0, \\\partial_n w &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$-d_b v + u^2 w - dv = 0.$$

*Here, the autocatalysis assumption is satisfied, by a simple calculation.*

## Linearization of reaction-diffusion-ODE problems.

Let  $(U, V)$  be a stationary solution of the system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= f(u, v), & \text{for } x \in \bar{\Omega}, t > 0 \\v_t &= D\Delta v + g(u, v) & \text{for } x \in \Omega, t > 0\end{aligned}$$

Substituting

$$u = U + \tilde{u} \quad \text{and} \quad v = V + \tilde{v}$$

into the equations we obtain the problem for  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})$  of the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{L} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix},$$

with the Neumann boundary condition,  $\partial_\nu \tilde{v} = 0$ .

## Lemma

We consider the following linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_t \\ \tilde{v}_t \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{L} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} f_u(U, V) & f_v(U, V) \\ g_u(U, V) & g_v(U, V) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

with the Neumann boundary condition  $\partial_\nu \tilde{v} = 0$ .

Then, the operator  $\mathcal{L}$  with the domain  $D(\mathcal{L}) = L^2(\Omega) \times W^{2,2}(\Omega)$  generates an analytic semigroup  $\{e^{t\mathcal{L}}\}_{t \geq 0}$  of linear operators on  $L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ .

This semigroup satisfies "the spectral mapping theorem":

$$\sigma(e^{t\mathcal{L}}) \setminus \{0\} = e^{t\sigma(\mathcal{L})} \quad \text{for every } t \geq 0.$$

## Spectrum of $\mathcal{L}$

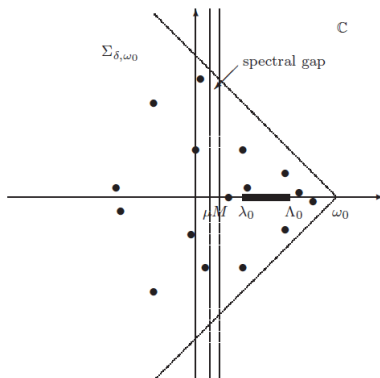
Define the constants

$$\lambda_0 = \inf_{x \in \overline{\Omega}} f_u(U(x), V(x)) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_0 = \sup_{x \in \overline{\Omega}} f_u(U(x), V(x)) > 0,$$

The spectrum  $\sigma(\mathcal{L})$  of the linear operator

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with the domain  $D(\mathcal{L}) = L^2(\Omega) \times W^{2,2}(\Omega)$  looks as on the picture.



Turing mechanism in reaction-diffusion-ODE problems not only destabilizes **all** steady states, but it may induces a **blowup of solutions**.

## Model problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= d\Delta u - au + u^p f(v), \\v_t &= D\Delta v - bv - u^p f(v) + \kappa\end{aligned}$$

in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- ▶  $f \in C^1([0, \infty))$  is an arbitrary function satisfying  $f(v) > 0$  for  $v > 0$ .
- ▶ Fixed parameters:

$$d \geq 0, \quad D > 0, \quad p > 1, \quad a, b \in [0, \infty), \quad \kappa \in [0, \infty).$$

- ▶ The homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ (if } d > 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \quad (8)$$

- ▶ Bounded, nonnegative, and continuous initial data

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega.$$



## Main results

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all nonnegative solutions to the problem are **global-in-time**.
- ▶ If  $d = 0$  and  $D > 0$ ,  
there are solutions to this problem which **blowup** in a finite time  
and at one point only.

## Theorem

There exist numbers  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $R_0 > 0$  such that if

$$0 < u_0(x) < \left( u_0(0)^{1-p} + 2\varepsilon^{-(p-1)} |x|^\alpha \right)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega$$

$$u_0(0) \geq \left( \frac{a}{(1 - e^{(1-p)a}) F_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}, \quad \text{where } F_0 = \inf_{v \geq R_0} f(v),$$

$$v_0(x) \equiv \bar{v}_0 > R_0 > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega,$$

then the corresponding solution to the initial-boundary problem for system

$$u_t = -au + u^p f(v), \quad v_t = D\Delta v - bv - u^p f(v) + \kappa$$

blows up at certain time  $T_{\max} \leq 1$ .

Moreover,

$$0 < u(x, t) < \varepsilon |x|^{-\frac{\alpha}{p-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad v(x, t) \geq R_0 \quad \text{for all } (x, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T_{\max}).$$

## Diffusion induced blowup

Solutions to the following system of ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\bar{u} &= -a\bar{u} + \bar{u}^p f(\bar{v}), & \frac{d}{dt}\bar{v} &= -b\bar{v} - \bar{u}^p f(\bar{v}) + \kappa, \\ \bar{u}(0) &= \bar{u}_0 \geq 0, & \bar{v}(0) &= \bar{v}_0 \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

are global-in-time and bounded on  $[0, \infty)$ .

By our theorem, there are nonconstant initial conditions such that solutions to

$$u_t = -au + u^p f(v), \quad v_t = D\Delta v - bv - u^p f(v) + \kappa$$

**blows up at one point in a finite time.**

# Blowup and control of mass

Total mass

$$\int_{\Omega} (u(x, t) + v(x, t)) \, dx$$

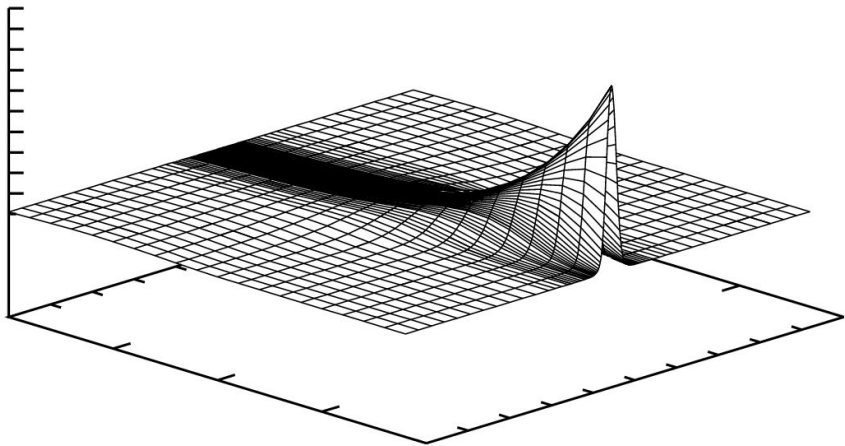
of any nonnegative solution to

$$u_t = -au + u^p f(v), \quad v_t = D\Delta v - bv - u^p f(v) + \kappa$$

does not blow up and  $u(t)$ ,  $v(t)$  stay bounded in  $L^1(\Omega)$  uniformly in time.

We showed this *a priori* estimate is not sufficient to prevent the blowup of solutions in a finite time.

# One point blowup



# Two point blowup

