Non-monotone traveling waves solutions for a monostable reaction-diffusion equations with delay

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 (1)

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- $h \ge 0$  is the delay,
- $g: \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  is the birth function.

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Diffusive Mackey-Glass equation [blood cell production model, 1977]

$$u_t(t,x) = \Delta u(t,x) - u(t,x) + p \frac{u(t-h,x)}{1 + (u(t-h,x))^n}; \qquad (3)$$

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- g(0) = 0,  $g(\kappa) = \kappa > 0$  is a  $C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  function.
- $g'(0) > 1, g'(\kappa) < 1$
- If g is not strictly increasing between 0 and  $\kappa$ , then it has a unique global maximum in  $x_M$

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•  $u_0 \equiv 0, u_{\kappa} \equiv \kappa$  are constant solutions to (1)



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• u(t,x) is a traveling wave solution for (1) if it is positive and  $u(t,x) = \phi(x+ct), \ \phi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is a  $C^2(\mathbb{R}), \ \phi(-\infty) = 0, \ \phi(+\infty) = \kappa.$ 

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 $\triangleright$  c is the wave's speed propagation.

$$\phi''(t) - c\phi'(t) - \phi(t) + g(\phi(t - ch)) = 0, \qquad (4)$$
  
$$\phi(-\infty) = 0, \qquad \phi(+\infty) = \kappa$$

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E. Trofimchuk, V. Tkachenko and S. Trofimchuk, 2008.







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Implicit equation of  $c^*(h, g'(\kappa))$ :

$$\frac{\beta - \alpha}{\beta e^{-\alpha ch} - \alpha e^{-\beta ch}} = \frac{q^2 + q}{q^2 + 1},$$

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$$\alpha < 0 < \beta$$
 roots of  $z^2 - cz - 1 = 0$ ,  $q := g'(\kappa)$ .

Linearized equation about

• 0 equilibrium :  $\phi''(t) - c\phi'(t) - \phi(t) + g'(0)\phi(t - ch) = 0$ ,

►  $\kappa$  equilibrium :  $\phi''(t) - c\phi'(t) - \phi(t) + g'(\kappa)\phi(t - ch) = 0$ , Characteristic equations:

- 0 equilibrium:  $\chi_0(z) := z^2 cz 1 + g'(0)e^{-chz} = 0$ ,
- $\kappa$  equilibrium:  $\chi_{\kappa}(z) := z^2 cz 1 + g'(\kappa)e^{-chz} = 0$ ,

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#### Lemma

(a) There exist  $c_0 = c_0(h, g'(0)) > 0$  such that the characteristic equation  $\chi_0(z) = 0$  has exactly two simple real roots  $0 < \lambda = \lambda(c) < \mu = \mu(c)$  if and only if  $c > c_0(h)$ . Next, if  $c > c_0$ , then all complex roots  $\{\lambda_j\}_{j\geq 1}$  of this equation are simple and can be ordered in such a way that

$$\ldots \leq \Re(\lambda_3) \leq \Re(\lambda_4) \leq \Re(\lambda_2) = \Re(\lambda_1) < \lambda < \mu.$$
 (5)

Finally c<sub>0</sub>(h) is a decreasing function, with c<sub>0</sub>(+∞) = 0.
(b) Let q := g'(κ). There exist c<sub>κ</sub> = c<sub>κ</sub>(h) ∈ (0, +∞] such that the characteristic equation χ<sub>κ</sub>(z) = 0 has three real roots λ<sub>1</sub> ≤ λ<sub>2</sub> < 0 < λ<sub>3</sub> if and only if c ≤ c<sub>κ</sub>(h). Furthermore, c<sub>κ</sub>(0) = +∞ and c<sub>κ</sub>(h) is strictly decreasing in its domain, with c<sub>κ</sub>(+∞) = 0.

Theorem If  $g(x) \leq g'(0)x$  and  $g(x) \leq g'(\kappa)(x-k) + k$ , equation (4) has a monotone solution  $\phi(t)$  if and only if

$$(h,c) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}} := \{(h,c) / c_0(h) \le c \le c_{\kappa}(h)\}$$

### Lemma



Implicit equations of  $c_{\kappa}(h)$ :

$$\frac{2 + \sqrt{c^4 h^2 + 4c^2 h^2 + 4}}{c^2 h^2 |q|} = \exp\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{c^4 h^2 + 4c^2 h^2 + 4} - c^2 h}{2}\right).$$

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## Theorem (1)

If g is not strictly increasing in  $[0, \kappa]$ , then equation 1 has a slowly oscillating traveling wave for each  $(h, c) \in \mathcal{D}^* \setminus \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$ 

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- if  $e < p/\delta \le e^2$  then there exist traveling waves solutions for al  $(h, c) \in \mathcal{D}^*$  and there are monotone or slowly oscilating [E. Trofimchuk, V. Tkachenko and S. Trofimchuk, 2008], also there are monotone if  $(h, c) \in \mathcal{D}_L \subset \mathcal{D}^*$  [A. Gomez, S. Trofimchuk, 2014] and slowly oscillating if  $(h, c) \in \mathcal{D}^* \setminus \mathcal{D}_L$  (corollary of Theorem 1)

### Theorem If $p/\delta \in (e, e^2]$ the region $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$ can have one of the following geometric forms with $\nu_0 \approx 2.808..$ and $h_a$ defined by $\delta h_a e^{\delta h_a} = [e \ln(p/e\delta)]^{-1}$



Figure:  $p/\delta > \nu_0$ 

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#### there exist a maximal delay $h_0$ to the monotonicity



Figure:  $p/\delta < \nu_0$ 

At minimum speed of propagation, the traveling waves solutions are monotone

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