

# *Equilibration of renormalised solutions to nonlinear reaction-diffusion systems*

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## Large-Time-Behaviour of Nonlinear RD systems

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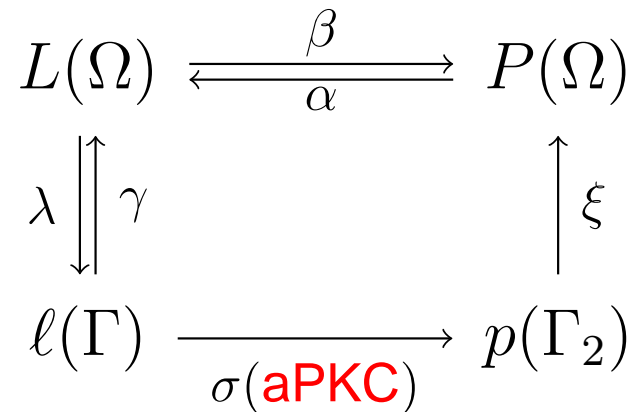
- Motivation/Application: Volume-Surface RD models
- Complex Balanced Equilibria → Entropy (Free Energy)
- Geometry → Non-Convex Entropy-Dissipation
  
- Exponential Equilibration of Renormalised Solutions
- Indirect Diffusion Effect → Nonlinear Diffusion
- Boundary Equilibria → Global Attractor Conjecture
- A non-complex balanced Amyloid Model

# A Volume-Surface Reaction-Diffusion Model

## Model Assumptions and Quantities



A **complex-balanced** reaction-diffusion network



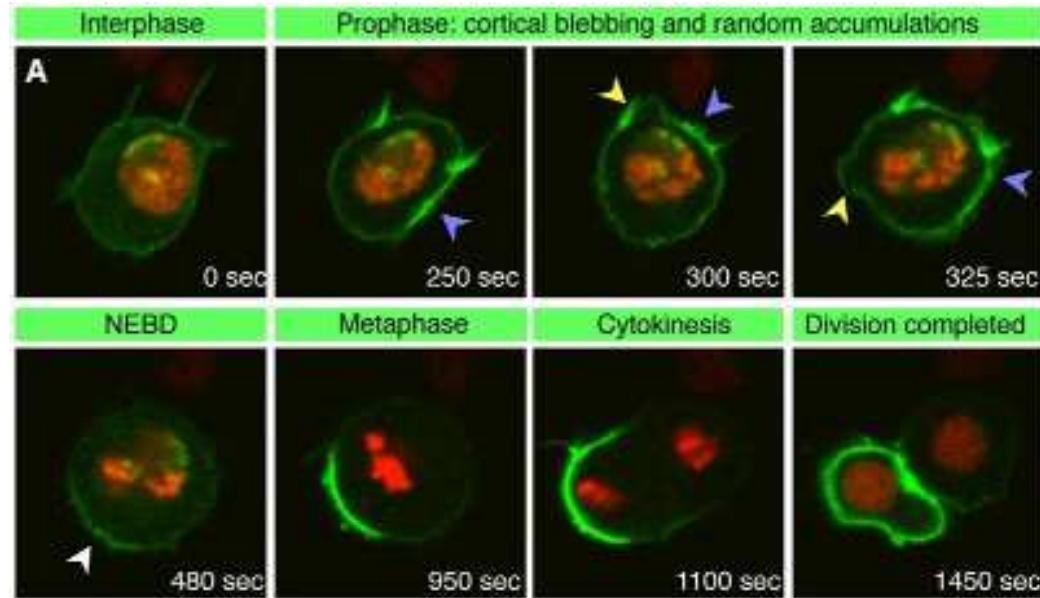
**Lgl** protein in **cytoplasm** ( $\Omega$ ) and **cell cortex** ( $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$ ).

**aPKC kinase** phosphorylates **Lgl** on a subpart  $\Gamma_2$  of cortex.

$L(t, x)$  cytoplasmic Lgl  $\leftrightarrow$   $l(t, x)$  cortical Lgl  $\rightarrow$  activation of **aPKC**

$\rightarrow$   $p(t, x)$  cortical p-Lgl  $\rightarrow$   $P(t, x)$  cytoplasmic p-Lgl  $\leftrightarrow$   $L(t, x)$

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## Asymmetric stem-cell division:

Cell-diversity by localisation of cell-fate determinants into one side of the cell cortex and into one of two daughter cells.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>GFP-Pon in SOP precursor cells in living Drosophila larvae [Meyer, Emery, Berdnik, Wirtz-Peitz, Knoblich, Current Biology, 2005]

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## Complex balance reaction network

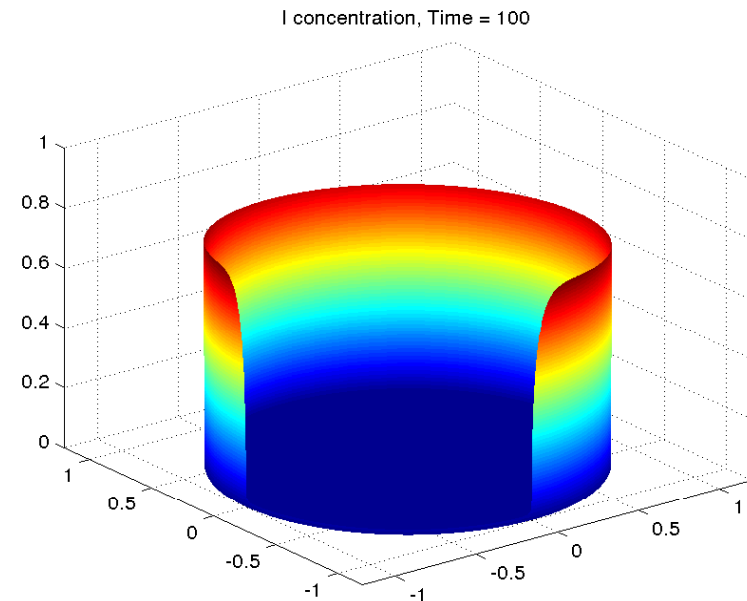
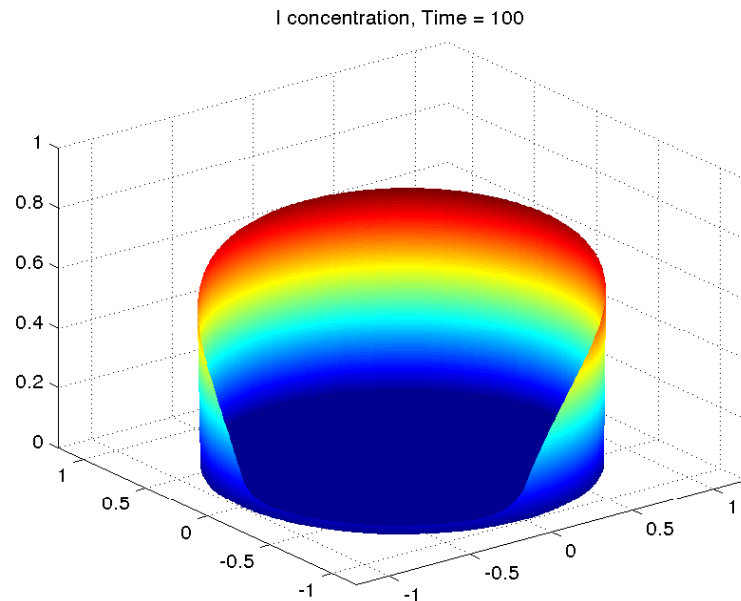


Figure 1:  $l$ -Lgl( $\Gamma$ ) with and without surface diffusion

Numerical analysis of VSRD models including **discrete entropy structure/estimates**: <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>[Egger, F., Pietschmann, Tang]

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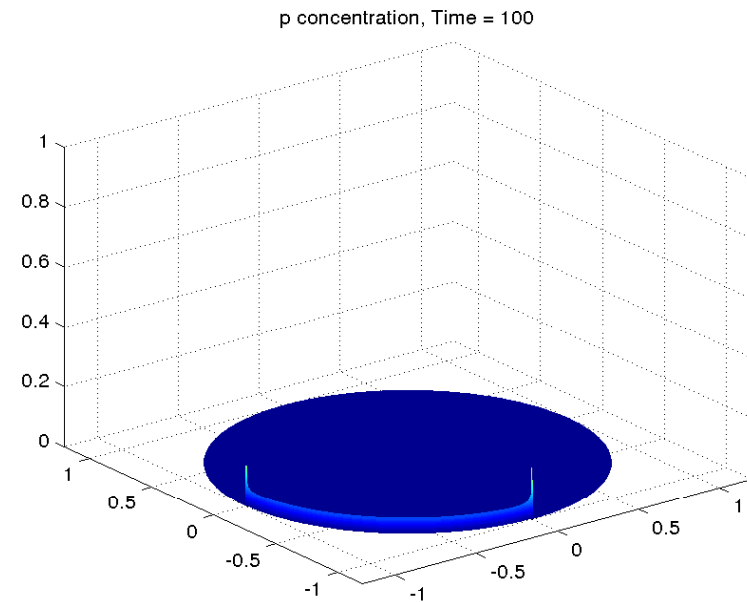
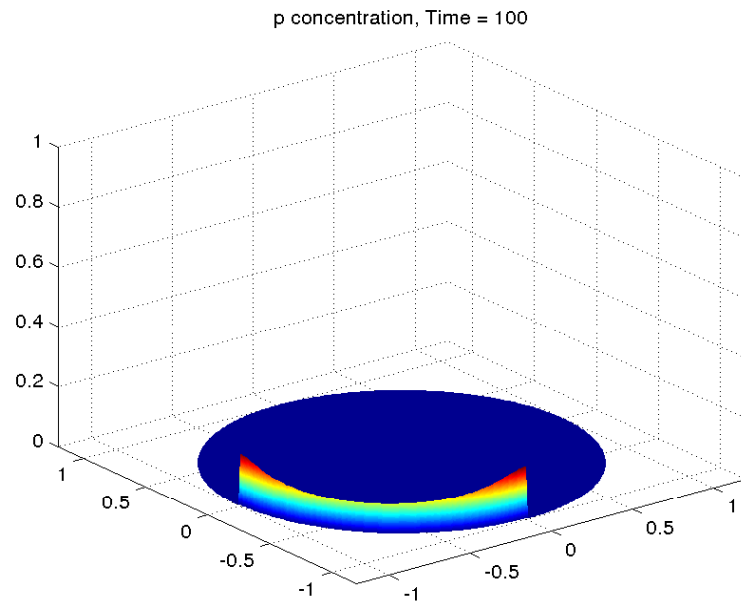


Figure 2:  $p$ -Lgl( $\Gamma$ ) with and without surface diffusion

Surface diffusion  $O(10^{-2})$  : indirect surface diffusion effect via weakly reversible reaction  $O(1)$  and volume diffusion  $O(10^{-2})$

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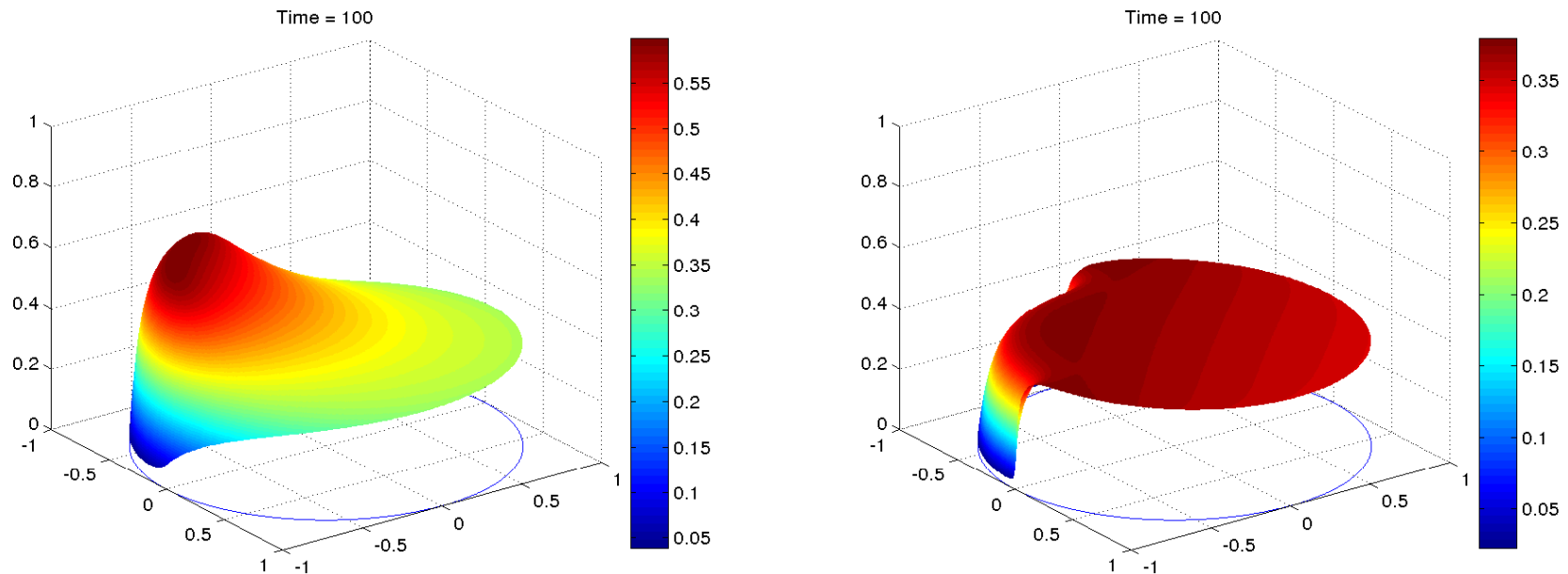


Figure 3:  $L$ -Lgl( $\Omega$ ) with and without surface diffusion

Surface diffusion and weakly reversible reaction lead to stationary hump in  $L$  within  $\Omega$ .

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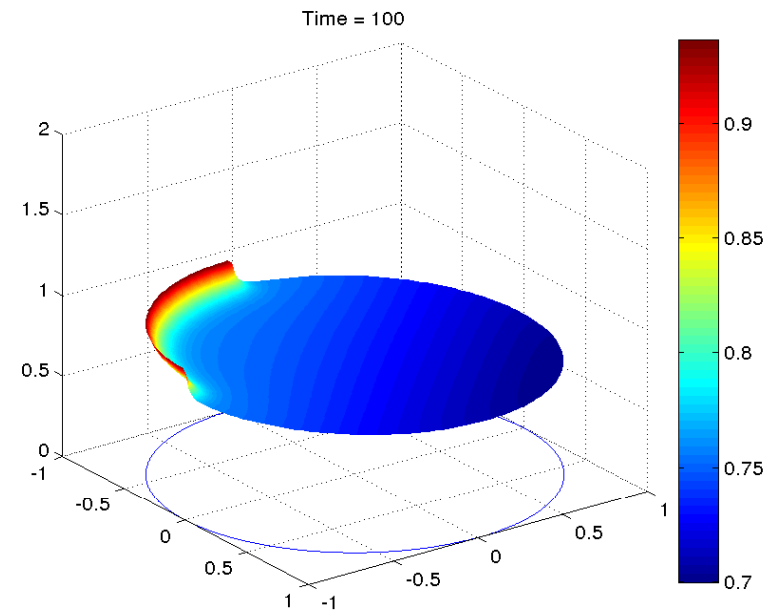
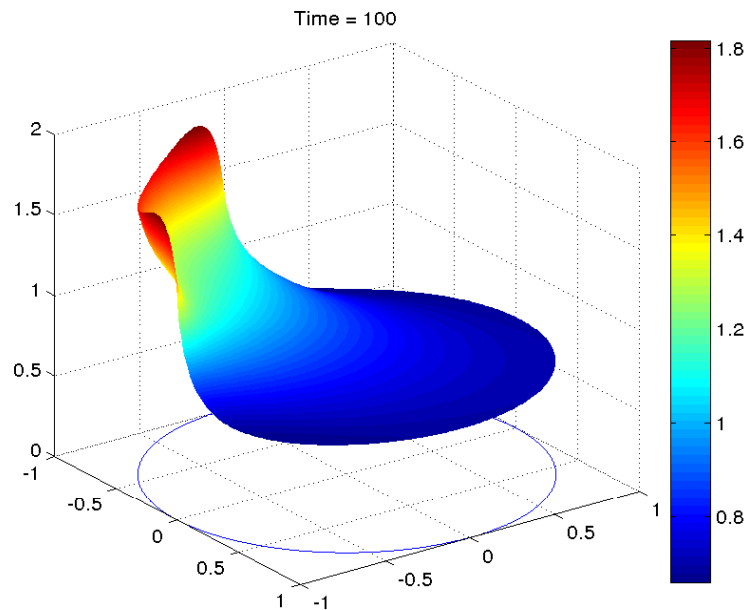


Figure 4:  $P$ -Lgl( $\Omega$ ) with and without surface diffusion

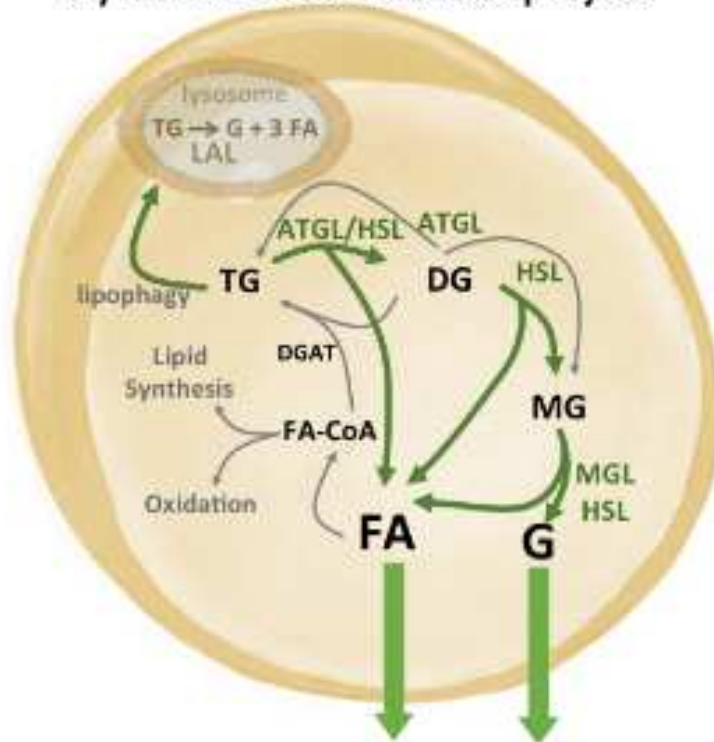
Stationary hump in  $L$  as consequence of inflow from  $p$  into  $P \rightarrow L$  and shape of  $\Omega$ .



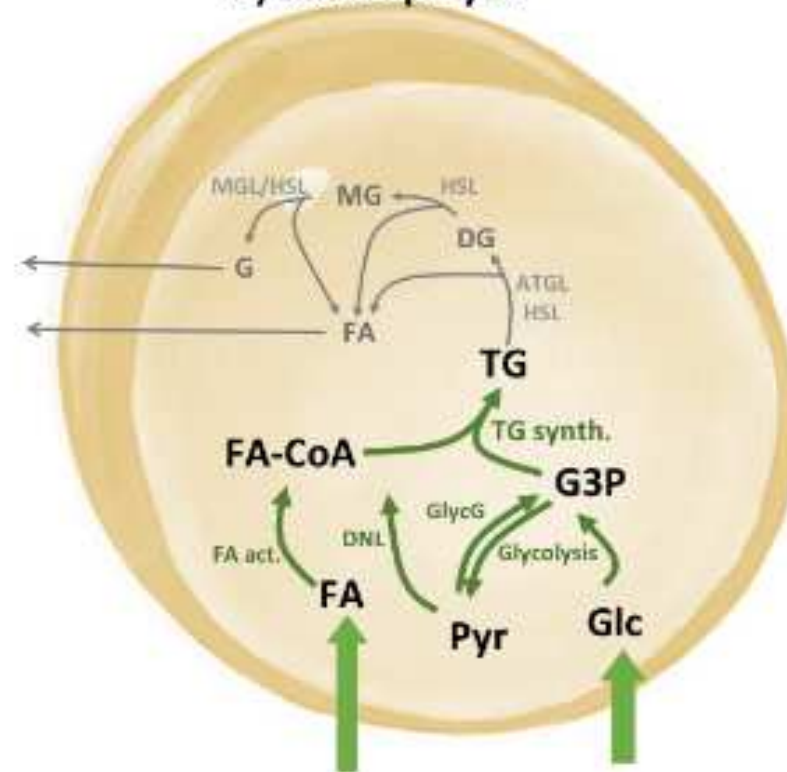
# Another (Volume-Surface) RD Model

## Lipolysis

A) hormone-stimulated lipolysis



B) basal lipolysis



Lipolysis: Breakdown of lipids and hydrolysis of triglycerides into glycerol and fatty acids.

# Systems of Reaction-Diffusion Equations

## Nonlinear Complex Balance Networks



Substances:  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, \dots, S_N\}$ ,

Complexes:  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{|\mathcal{C}|}\}$  with  $\mathbf{y}_i \in (\{0\} \cup [1, \infty))^N$ ,

Reactions:  $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}'\}$  from source  $\mathbf{y}$  into product  $\mathbf{y}' \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Mass action law reaction rate for  $\mathbf{y}_r \rightarrow \mathbf{y}'_r$ :  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{y}_r} = \prod_{i=1}^N c_i^{y_{r,i}}$

Reaction rate constant  $k_r$  of the reaction  $\mathbf{y}_r \rightarrow \mathbf{y}'_r$ .

Reaction vector:  $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{r=1}^{|\mathcal{R}|} k_r \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{y}_r} (\mathbf{y}'_r - \mathbf{y}_r)$

### Nonlinear reaction-diffusion network

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{c} - \mathbb{D} \Delta \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, +\infty),$$

with  $\mathbb{D} = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_N)$ .

Homogeneous Neumann BCs on Lipschitz domain  $\Omega$ .

[JH72]: A **complex balanced** network has a **unique positive equilibrium**, which **balances the total outflow and inflow** for all complexes  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}$ :

$$\sum_{\{r: \mathbf{y}_r = \mathbf{y}\}} k_r \mathbf{c}_\infty^{\mathbf{y}_r} = \sum_{\{s: \mathbf{y}'_s = \mathbf{y}\}} k_s \mathbf{c}_\infty^{\mathbf{y}'_s}.$$

Relative (free energy) entropy functional

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}_\infty) = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left( c_i \log \frac{c_i}{c_{i,\infty}} - c_i + c_{i,\infty} \right) dx$$

Explicit (**nontrivial**) entropy dissipation functional with

$$e(x, y) = x \log(x/y) - x + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{c}) &= -\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}_\infty) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N d_i \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla c_i|^2}{c_i} dx + \sum_{r=1}^{|\mathcal{R}|} k_r \mathbf{c}_\infty^{y_r} e \left( \frac{\mathbf{c}^{y_r}}{\mathbf{c}_\infty^{y_r}}, \frac{\mathbf{c}^{y'_r}}{\mathbf{c}_\infty^{y'_r}} \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Theorem:<sup>a</sup> For complex balanced RD networks without boundary equilibria, any renormalised (Fisher [2015]) solution  $\mathbf{c}(x, t)$  converges exponentially to  $\mathbf{c}_\infty$  in  $L^1$  with a rate  $\lambda/2$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|c_i(t) - c_{i,\infty}\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq C_{\text{CKP}}^{-1} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}_0 | \mathbf{c}_\infty) e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{for a.a. } t > 0,$$

where  $C_{\text{CKP}}$  is the constant in a Csiszár-Kullback-Pinsker type inequality.

Renormalised solutions satisfy all mass/charge conservation laws and a weak entropy-dissipation law, Fisher [2017]

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<sup>a</sup>[K.F. B.Q.Tang, to appear in ZAMP]

# The Entropy Method



## Quantitative large-time behaviour

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$\mathcal{E}(f)$  non-increasing **convex** entropy functional

$\mathcal{P}(f)$  entropy production,  $f_\infty$  entropy minimising equilibrium

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{E}(f) = \frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{E}(f) - \mathcal{E}(f_\infty) = -\mathcal{P}(f) \leq 0$$

provided **conservation laws**:  $\mathcal{P}(f) = 0 \iff f = f_\infty$

$$\mathcal{P} \geq \Phi(\mathcal{E}(f) - \mathcal{E}(f_\infty)), \quad \Phi(0) = 0, \quad \Phi \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  **explicit convergence in entropy**, exponential if  $\Phi'(0) > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  convergence in  $L_1$  :  $\|f - f_\infty\|_1^2 \leq C(\mathcal{E}(f) - \mathcal{E}(f_\infty))$

**Csiszár-Kullback-Pinsker** inequalities for convex entropies

## Entropy Method

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Advantages:

- based on **functional inequalities** → "**robust**"
- avoids linearisation → "global" results
- allows for **explicit** constants

nonlinear diffusion: [T], [CJMTU], [AMTU], [DV]...

inhomogeneous kinetic equations: [DV], ...

reaction-diffusion systems: [Grö83], [Grö92], [DF06], [DF08],  
[DF14], [MMH15], [FL16], [PSZ17], [DFT17], [FT17],  
[HHMM18], [FT18]      **no Bakry-Emery strategy**



Theorem:<sup>a</sup> For any **complex balanced reaction networks without boundary equilibria**, there exists a constant  $\lambda > 0$  and the “exponential” **entropy entropy-dissipation estimate**

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{c}(t)) \geq \lambda \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}(t) | \mathbf{c}_\infty),$$

- Proof via convexification: [MMH15] (detailed balance)
- Proof via explicit estimates using conservation laws  
 $\mathbb{Q} \bar{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{M}$ : [DFT17], [FT17]
- Proof via reduction to finite-dimensional inequality: [FT18]

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<sup>a</sup>[L. Desvillettes, K.F., B.Q. Tang, SIMA 2017], [K.F., B.Q. Tang, Nonlinear Analysis 2017.]



Lemma:<sup>a</sup> For all states  $\bar{\mathbf{c}} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^N$  satisfying  $\mathcal{E}(\bar{\mathbf{c}}|\mathbf{c}_\infty) < +\infty$  and the conservation laws  $\mathbb{Q}\bar{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{M}$ , there exists a **positive constant**  $H_1 = H_1(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}(\bar{\mathbf{c}}|\mathbf{c}_\infty))$  such that

$$\sum_{r=1}^{|\mathcal{R}|} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}}{\mathbf{c}_\infty}}^{\mathbf{y}_r} - \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}}{\mathbf{c}_\infty}}^{\mathbf{y}'_r} \right]^2 \geq H_1 \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}_i}{c_{i,\infty}}} - 1 \right)^2.$$

Here,  $\sqrt{\frac{\bar{\mathbf{c}}}{\mathbf{c}_\infty}} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}_1}{c_{1,\infty}}}, \dots, \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}_N}{c_{N,\infty}}} \right)$ .

This **finite-dimensional inequality** implies

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{c}(t)) \geq \lambda(H_1) \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}(t)|\mathbf{c}_\infty),$$

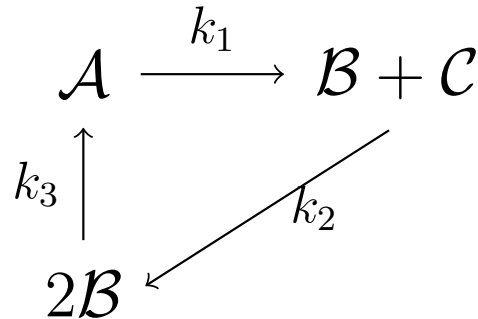
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# Systems of Reaction-Diffusion Equations



## Boundary Equilibria

Example:



$$\begin{cases} a_t - d_a \Delta a = -k_1 a + k_3 b^2, \\ b_t - d_b \Delta b = k_1 a + k_2 bc - 2k_3 b^2, \\ c_t - d_c \Delta c = k_1 a - k_2 bc, \end{cases}$$

Boundary equilibrium  $(a^*, b^*, c^*) = (0, 0, M)$ .

**Problem:**  $\mathcal{D}(a^*, b^*, c^*) = 0$ , but  $\mathcal{E}(c^* | c_\infty) > 0$

No global entropy-entropy dissipation estimate possible!

## Boundary Equilibria

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Our approach: weaker entropy-entropy dissipation estimate along solution trajectories

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{c}(t)) \geq \lambda(t) \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}(t)|\mathbf{c}_\infty)$$

Difficulty:  $\lambda(t) \rightarrow 0$  near boundary equilibria.

However, if  $\lambda(t)$  satisfies  $\int_0^{+\infty} \lambda(s) ds = +\infty$ , then

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}(t)|\mathbf{c}_\infty) \leq \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{c}_0|\mathbf{c}_\infty) e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\Rightarrow$  (algebraic) instability of boundary equilibria

$\Rightarrow$  Exponential convergence to positive equilibrium

## Boundary Equilibria

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Corresponding RD system

$$\begin{cases} a_t - d_a \Delta a = -k_1 a + k_3 b^2, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ b_t - d_b \Delta b = k_1 a + k_2 bc - 2k_3 b^2, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ c_t - d_c \Delta c = k_1 a - k_2 bc, & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ \nabla a \cdot \nu = \nabla b \cdot \nu = \nabla c \cdot \nu = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\inf_{x \in \Omega} b(x, t) \geq \frac{1}{\left\| \frac{1}{b_0} \right\|_{L^\infty} + 2k_3 t}, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

Solutions would need infinite initial entropy to remain close to boundary equilibria for an unbounded time interval. <sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>[L. Desvillettes, K.F., B.Q. Tang, SIMA 2017]

## Boundary Equilibria

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Theorem:<sup>a</sup> Let  $c(t)$  be a renormalised solution of an arbitrary complex balanced network. **Assume that there exists**

$H_1 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_0^\infty H_1(s) ds = +\infty$  and for a.a.  $t \geq 0$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{|\mathcal{R}|} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}(t)^{y_r}}{c_\infty}} - \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}(t)^{y'_r}}{c_\infty}} \right]^2 \geq H_1(t) \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sqrt{\frac{\bar{c}_i(t)}{c_{i,\infty}}} - 1 \right)^2.$$

Then, the renormalised solution  $c(t)$  **converges exponentially** to the positive equilibrium  $c_\infty$ .

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## Boundary Equilibria

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### Global Attractor Conjecture:

For any complex balanced mass action law reaction networks, all solution trajectory subject to positive initial data are conjectured to converge to the positive equilibrium  $c_\infty$ .

Proof for ODE systems by Gheorghe Craciun in 2015?

Above finite-dimensional inequality has ODE structure!?

But ODE system and averaged PDE concentrations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}) \neq \overline{\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\mathbf{c}}(t)$$

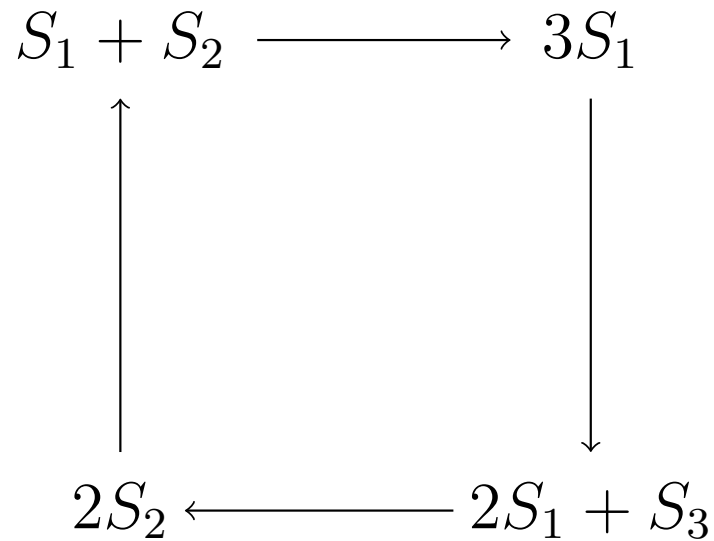
# Systems of Reaction-Diffusion Equations



## Boundary Equilibria

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Boundary equilibria for complex balanced reaction networks:



Open problem!

## Nonlinear Diffusion

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$$\begin{cases} \partial_t c_i - d_i \Delta(c_i^{m_i}) = f_i(\mathbf{c}), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \\ d_i \nabla(c_i^{m_i}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \\ c_i(x, 0) = c_{i,0}(x), & x \in \Omega, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \end{cases}$$

(i)  $|f_i(\mathbf{c})| \leq C(1 + |\mathbf{c}|^\nu)$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$

(ii) Mass dissipation: There exist positive constants

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N > 0$  such that:  $\sum_{i=1}^S \lambda_i f_i(u) \leq 0$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^S$

(iii) Quasi-positivity  $\Rightarrow$  Propagation of non-negativity



## Nonlinear Diffusion

- Assume  $m_i > \max\{\nu - 1; 1\}$  and  $m_i > \nu - \frac{4}{d+2}$  if  $d \geq 3$ .

⇒ Existence of global weak nonnegative solutions

$$c_i \in C([0, \infty); L^1(\Omega)), \quad c_i^{m_i} \in L^1(0, T; W^{1,1}(\Omega)),$$

$$f_i(\mathbf{c}) \in L^1(\Omega \times [0, T]) \text{ and}$$

$$\|c_i\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)} \leq C_T \quad \text{for all } T > 0 \quad \text{and } i = 1, \dots, N,$$

- Single reaction  $\alpha_1 \mathcal{A}_1 + \dots + \alpha_M \mathcal{A}_M \xrightleftharpoons[k_f]{k_b} \beta_1 \mathcal{B}_1 + \dots + \beta_N \mathcal{B}_N$ .

⇒ Exponential convergence to equilibrium  $\forall 1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \|a_i(t) - a_{i\infty}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \sum_{j=1}^N \|b_j(t) - b_{j\infty}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C e^{-\lambda_p t}$$

## Nonlinear Diffusion

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Proof of existence theory extends [LP17]

- Duality estimates
- Specific bootstrap

## Nonlinear Diffusion

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A generalised version of Logarithmic Sobolev Inequality:

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla a_i|^2}{a_i^{2-m_i}} dx \geq C(\Omega, m_i) \bar{a}_i^{m_i-1} \int_{\Omega} a_i \log \frac{a_i}{\bar{a}_i} dx.$$

Degeneracy for  $\bar{a}_i \sim 0$  is control by functional inequalities for **indirect diffusion effect** and **conservation law**, since not all  $\bar{a}_i \sim 0$  can be small at the same time.

Setting of “slowly growing” a priori estimates:

First algebraic convergence, then exponential convergence!

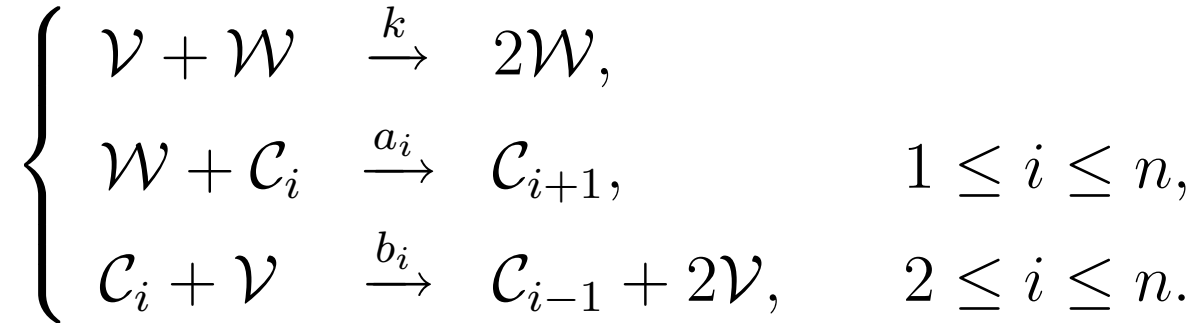
**Indirect diffusion effect**  $\sim$  “coercive hypocoercivity”

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Model for **transient oscillations** in coagulation-fragmentation experiments of PrP fibrils



Simplest two-polymer model with normalised coefficients

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dv}{dt} = v [-kw + c_2], \\ \frac{dw}{dt} = w [kv - c_1], \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dc_1}{dt} = -wc_1 + vc_2, \\ \frac{dc_2}{dt} = wc_1 - vc_2, \end{array} \right.$$

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small parameter  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dv}{dt} = v [w_\infty - w] + \varepsilon v [v_\infty + w_\infty - v - w], \\ \frac{dw}{dt} = w [v - v_\infty] + \varepsilon w [v_\infty + w_\infty - v - w]. \end{cases}$$

Zero-order Hamiltonian  $H = v_0 - v_\infty \ln v_0 + w_0 - w_\infty \ln w_0$

Full model entropy

$$\frac{d}{dt} H(v(t), w(t)) = -\varepsilon [(v - v_\infty) + (w - w_\infty)]^2.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Equilibration and oscillations for  $k$  large.

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