

# Gene Regulatory Network and Functional Analysis: Hopf Bifurcation causes by molecular movement

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# Mathematical model of a gene regulatory network

## Analysis of the model

## Stationary solutions

## Hopf Bifurcation

## Stability of Hopf bifurcation

# Cell signalling and Gene regulatory networks

**Cell signalling:** the ability of cells to perceive and correctly respond to their microenvironment is the basis of development, tissue repair, and immunity as well as normal tissue homeostasis.

Errors in cellular information processing are responsible for diseases such as cancer, autoimmunity, abnormal growth in plants. By understanding cell signalling, diseases may be treated effectively.

**Signaling molecules** interact with a target cell as a ligand to cell surface receptors, and/or by entering into the cell through its membrane or endocytosis for intracellular signaling.

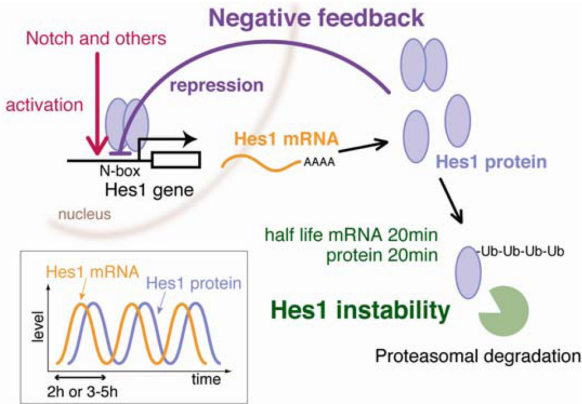
Wikipedia

**Gene regulatory networks** are at the heart of intercellular signal transduction and control many important cellular functions.

# Biological background

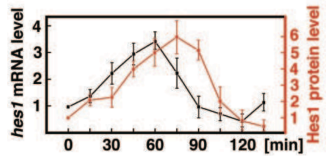
- ▶ Gene regulatory network (GRN): collection of DNA segments in a cell which interact with each other to governing the gene expression levels of mRNA and proteins
- ▶ Gene Hes1 contributes to heterogeneous differentiation responses of embryonic stem cells (nervous and digestive systems)
- ▶ Hes1 enhances the self-renewal and tumourigenicity of stem-like cancer cells in colon cancer
- ▶ Hes1 can repress its own expression by directly binding to N-box target sequences in its own promoter, thus forming a negative feedback loop

# Hes1 gene expression

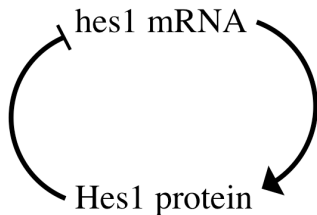


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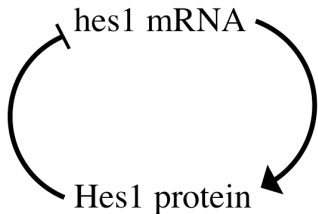
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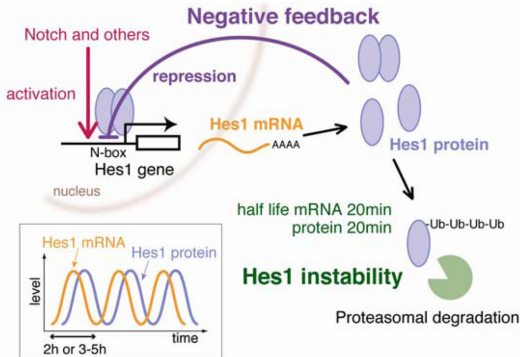
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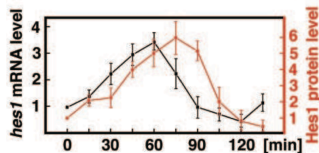
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# Hes1 gene expression oscillation



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Interaction between cell nucleus and cell cytoplasm:  
transcription (mRNA production) in nucleus and  
translation (protein production) in cytoplasm



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# Existence of a unique solution and estimates

## Theorem

For  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $m_0, p_0 \in H^2(0, 1)$  with  $m_0(x), p_0(x) \geq 0 \in (0, 1)$  :  
 $m^\varepsilon, p^\varepsilon \in C([0, \infty); H^2(0, 1)), \partial_t m^\varepsilon, \partial_t p^\varepsilon \in L^2((0, T) \times (0, 1)),$   
 $m^\varepsilon, p^\varepsilon \in C^{(\gamma+1)/2, \gamma+1}([0, T] \times [0, 1]),$  for some  $\gamma > 0$  and any  $T > 0$

$$\|m^\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H^1(0, 1))} + \|p^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0, T; H^2(0, 1))} \leq C$$

$$\|\partial_t m^\varepsilon\|_{L^2((0, T) \times (0, 1))} + \|\partial_t p^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0, T; H^1(0, 1))} \leq C$$

independent of  $\varepsilon$

- ▶ Global boundedness: method of invariant regions

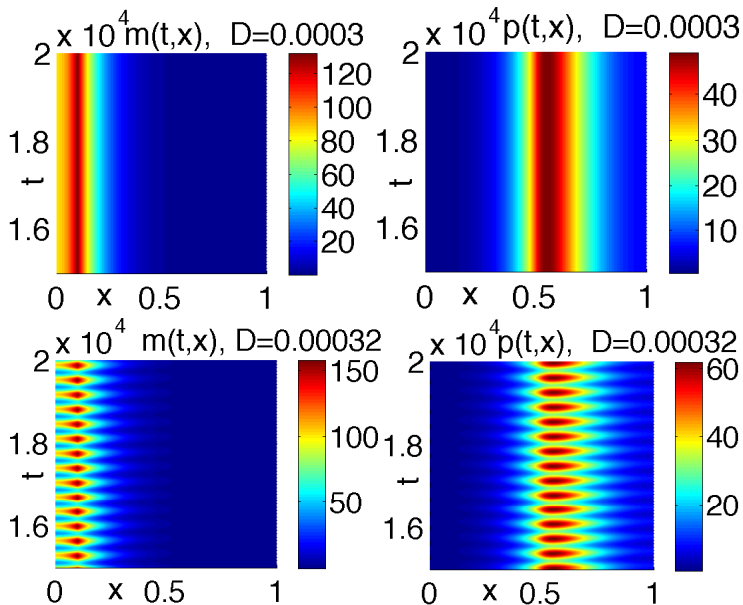
$$F_m|_{m=0} \geq 0 \quad \text{for } p \geq 0, \quad F_p|_{p=0} \geq 0 \quad \text{for } m \geq 0,$$

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- ▶ Using  $m, p, \partial_t m, \partial_t p$  and  $\partial_x^2 p$  as test functions.

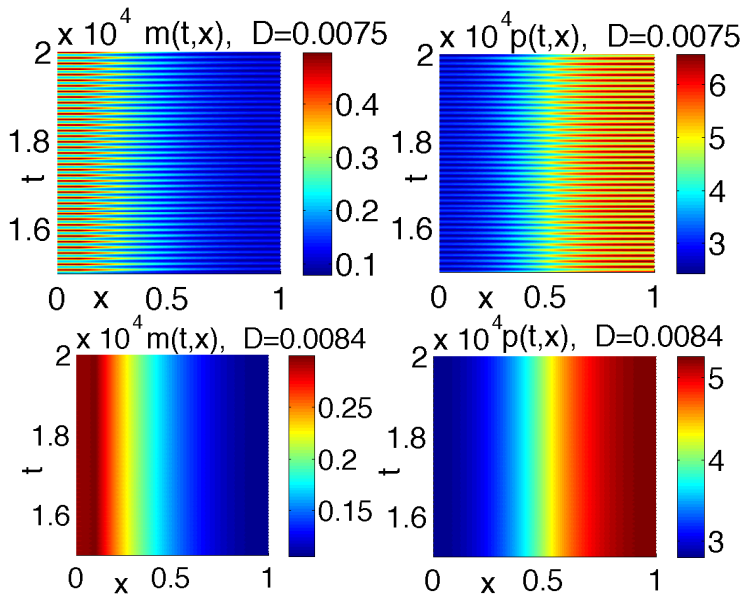
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- ▶  $K : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow C([0, 1])$  is compact
- ▶  $\mathcal{Q} = \{p \in C([0, 1]) : 0 \leq p(x) \leq C + 1 \text{ for } x \in [0, 1]\}$  closed convex bounded subset of  $C([0, 1])$
- ▶  $K(p) > 0$  for  $p \geq 0 \implies p - K(p) \neq 0$  for  $p \in \partial \mathcal{Q}$ .
- ▶ Leray-Schauder degree theory guarantees the existence of a positive stationary solution.

For nonnegative stationary solutions we have *a priori* estimates

$$\|m_\varepsilon^*\|_{H^1(0,1)} + \|m_\varepsilon^*\|_{C([0,1])} + \|p_\varepsilon^*\|_{H^1(0,1)} + \|p_\varepsilon^*\|_{H^2(0,1)} \leq C$$

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Then

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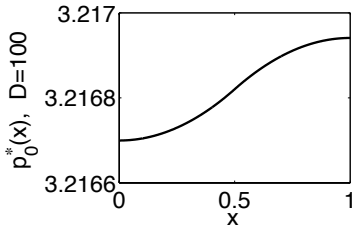
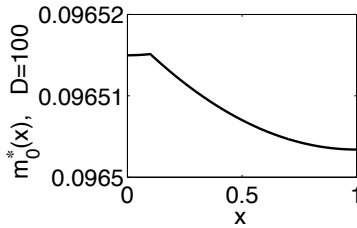
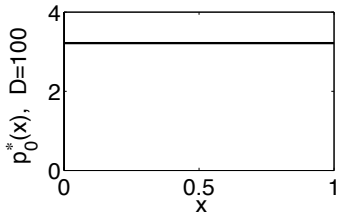
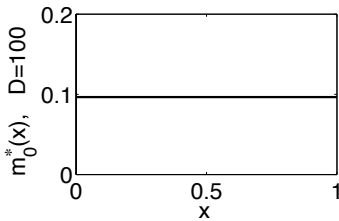
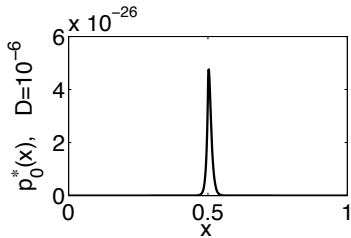
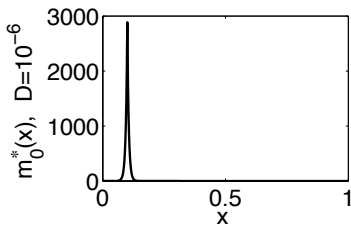
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We compute for  $x = x_M$

$$p_0^*(x_M, D) = f(p_0^*(x_M, D)) \frac{\alpha_p \alpha_m}{4} \frac{\cosh^2(\theta x_M)}{\mu D \theta \sinh^2(\theta)} \left[ \theta + \sinh(\theta) \right].$$

The polynomial in  $p_0^*(x_M, D)$  has a unique positive solution

$\implies$  unique positive  $(m_0^*, p_0^*)$  and also unique positive  $(m_\varepsilon^*, p_\varepsilon^*)$ .





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- ▶  $X^\varepsilon = ((-\mathcal{A}_0)^\varepsilon)$  Hilbert subspace of  $H^{2s}(0, 1) \times H^{2s}(0, 1)$
- ▶  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^2$  is smooth and

$$\tilde{f}(y+z) = \tilde{f}(y) + B(y)z + r(y, z),$$

where

$$\|r(y, z)\|_{\mathbb{R}^2} \leq C_\varepsilon(y) \|z\|_{\mathbb{R}^2}^2, \quad B(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_m f'(y_2) \delta_{x_M}^\varepsilon \\ \alpha_p g(x) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶  $B(u_\varepsilon^*) : X^\varepsilon \rightarrow X$  - bounded linear, for  $s \in (0, 1)$ ,  
 $u_\varepsilon^* = (m_\varepsilon^*, p_\varepsilon^*) \in H^1 \times H^2$
- ▶ For  $s \in [5/6, 1)$  : estimates uniform in  $\varepsilon$

$$\|B(u_\varepsilon^*)z\|_X \leq C \|z\|_{X^s}, \quad \|r(u_\varepsilon^*, z)\|_X \leq C \|z\|_{X^s}^2.$$

- ▶  $\implies$  We can apply linearised stability analysis

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- ▶ The spectrum of  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded from above: for  $\mathcal{R}e(\lambda_{\varepsilon_j}) \geq 0$

$$\lambda_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow \tilde{\lambda} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{R}e(\tilde{\lambda}) \geq 0, \text{ as } \varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0, j \rightarrow \infty$$

- ▶  $\bar{m}^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \bar{m}$  weakly in  $H^1(0,1)$  and strongly in  $C([0,1])$  and  $\bar{p}^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \bar{p}$  weakly in  $H^2(0,1)$  and strongly in  $C^1([0,1])$ .
- ▶ For  $\lambda$  with  $\mathcal{R}e(\lambda) \geq 0$ , taking  $\mathcal{R}e(\bar{m}^\varepsilon) - i\mathcal{I}m(\bar{m}^\varepsilon)$

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2. Equations reduced to the central manifold in the normal form

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \lambda_{j,\varepsilon}^c A + a_{j,\varepsilon} \tilde{D} A + b_{j,\varepsilon} A |A|^2 + O(|A|(|\tilde{D}| + |A|^2)^2),$$

where  $\tilde{D} = D - D_{j,\varepsilon}^c$ . The solutions on the centre manifold

$$u = A\xi + \overline{A}\bar{\xi} + \Phi(A, \bar{A}, \tilde{D}), \quad A \in \mathbb{C},$$

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# Central manifold theory and Normal Form

For  $\Phi$  a polynomial ansatz can be made:

$$\Phi(A, \bar{A}, \tilde{D}) = \sum_{r,s,q} \Phi_{rsq} A^r \bar{A}^s \tilde{D}^q,$$

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# Normal form and weakly-nonlinear analysis

Taking

$$\tilde{m}(t, x) = m(t, x) - m_\varepsilon^*(x, D) \approx \delta$$

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$$\tilde{D} \approx \delta^2 \nu \quad \text{and} \quad T = t/\delta^2$$

into normal form implies

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Thank you very much for your attention



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