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Discontinuous Patterns in Reaction-Diffusion Models from Mathematical Biology

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Abstract: In the first part of the talk, I will present an introduction to the mathematical modeling of biological phenomena using partial differential equations. Then, I shall review recent results on a certain class of reaction-diffusion systems from Mathematical Biology, where ordinary differential equations are coupled with a single reaction-diffusion equation. Such systems may have regular (i.e. continuous) stationary solutions, but all of them are unstable. We showed that solutions to such problems may behave in a singular way for large values of time and converge towards discontinuous stationary solutions.

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