Wave pattern selection in excitable media

V.S. Zykov and E. Bodenschatz, MPI Goettingen



- Introduction
- Stabilized segments of TT waves
- Spiral selection for TT waves
- Stabilized segments of TP waves
- Spiral selection for TP waves
- Summary

Rotating spiral waves and wave segments



Aggregation of Dictyoselium discoideum



The Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction



Electrical activity in cardiac tissue



NADH waves during the glycolysis

Simulation of wave processes



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F(u, v) + D\nabla^2 u,$$
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \varepsilon G(u, v)$$

D. Barkley (1991)



The FitzHugh-Nagumo model



 $v^* = 0, \quad \Delta = v^* - v_0, \quad G^* = G(u(v^*), v^*) \qquad c_p(v) = \alpha \sqrt{D} \Delta \equiv \sqrt{\frac{D}{2}} \Delta \qquad d_u = \frac{2\Delta}{G^* \varepsilon}$

Kinematical model of a stabilized wave segment

 $\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{c_t}{c_t} + \frac{c_n}{c_n} + \frac{c_n}{c_t} + \frac{$

 $c_n = c_p(v) - Dk$ $k^{\pm} = -d\Theta^{\pm} / ds$

$$c_0 - Dk^+ = c_t \cos(\Theta^+)$$

$$c_{p}(v^{-}) - Dk^{-} = c_{t}\cos(\Theta^{-})$$
$$c_{t}dv / dx = -\varepsilon G^{*}$$

"Critical finger" Karma, PRL, 1991; "Wave segment" Zykov, Showalter, PRL, 2005

Front of the wave segment

$$D\frac{d\Theta^{+}}{ds} = c_{t}\cos(\Theta^{+}) - c_{0}$$
$$dy^{+} = -ds\cos(\Theta^{+}), \quad dx^{+} = ds\sin(\Theta^{+})$$

$$\frac{dx^{+}}{d\Theta^{+}} = \frac{D\sin(\Theta^{+})}{c_{t}\cos(\Theta^{+}) - c_{0}}, \qquad \frac{dy^{+}}{d\Theta^{+}} = -\frac{D\cos(\Theta^{+})}{c_{t}\cos(\Theta^{+}) - c_{0}}$$

$$\frac{x^{+}}{D} = \frac{1}{c_{t}} \ln \frac{c_{0}}{c_{0} - c_{t} \cos(\Theta^{+})},$$

$$\frac{y^{+}}{D} = -\frac{\Theta^{+}}{c_{t}} + \frac{2c_{0}}{c_{t}\sqrt{c_{0}^{2} - c_{t}^{2}}} \arctan \frac{(c_{0} + c_{t})\tan(\Theta^{+}/2)}{\sqrt{c_{0}^{2} - c_{t}^{2}}}.$$



 $Y^- = 0, \Theta^- = \pi$

Selected values



$$\begin{split} C_t &= 1 - (B_c - B) / 0.63, \quad 0.1 < B < B_c = 0.535 \\ C_t &= \sqrt{B}, \qquad 0 < B < 0.1 \\ \\ C_t &= \sqrt{B + (1 - B_c) \left(\frac{B}{B_c}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}}}, \qquad 0 < B < B_c \\ \\ W &= \frac{2}{C_t \sqrt{1 - C_t^2}} \arctan \frac{(1 + C_t)}{\sqrt{1 - C_t^2}} - \frac{\pi}{2C_t}. \\ \\ W &= 1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \sqrt{B} + O(B), \quad B << B_c. \end{split}$$

Kothe, Zykov, Engel, PRL, 2009

Kinematics of a rigidly rotating curve

$$\frac{dc_n}{ds} = \omega + kc_\tau$$
$$\frac{dc_\tau}{ds} = -kc_n$$



$$c_n = c_p - Dk$$

$$k = k(s), \quad \alpha(s) = \alpha_0 - \int_0^s k ds'$$

$$x(s) = x_0 + \int_0^s \cos \alpha \, ds', \quad y(s) = y_0 + \int_0^s \sin \alpha \, ds'$$



Kinematics of a wave back



Two selected relationships



 $\Omega = 0.198(1-C_t)^{3/2} + 0.133(1-C_t)^2$ Zykov, 2008

$$\Omega = \Omega_{FB}(B)$$

 $\Omega = 0.198(1 - C_t)^{3/2}$ Hakim and Karma, 1999

The Kessler-Levine model



D. Kessler and H. Levine (1993); H. Levine, I. Aranson, L. Tsimring, and T. Truong (1996)

Kinematical model of a stabilized wave segment in the KL model

$$C_t = c_t / c_0, \quad X = xc_0 / D, \quad K = kD / c_0$$



$$C_{t} = 1 - K_{m}$$

$$C_{n} = 1 - K$$

$$\frac{d\Theta}{dS} = C_{t} \cos(\Theta) - 1$$

$$\frac{dX}{d\Theta} = \frac{\sin(\Theta)}{C_t \cos(\Theta) - 1}$$
$$\frac{dY}{d\Theta} = -\frac{\cos(\Theta)}{C_t \cos(\Theta) - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{1}{C_t} \ln \frac{1}{1 - C_t \cos(\Theta)}, \\ Y &= -\frac{\Theta}{C_t} + \frac{2}{C_t \sqrt{1 - C_t^2}} \arctan \frac{(1 + C_t) \tan(\Theta/2)}{\sqrt{1 - C_t^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Kinematical model of a stabilized wave segment in the KL model

$$X_b = X - C_t \frac{\tau c_0^2}{D}, \quad Y_b = Y$$



$$x(\Theta_{mp}) + \tau c_t = x(\Theta_{mp} - \pi)$$
$$y(\Theta_{mp}) = y(\Theta_{mp} - \pi)$$

$$\Theta_{mp} = 2 \arctan\left(-\frac{\mu}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{4}} - 1\right),$$

$$\mu = \left[\frac{2c_t}{\sqrt{c_0^2 - c_t^2}} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2c_0}\sqrt{c_0^2 - c_t^2}\right)\right]$$

$$\tau = \frac{D}{c_t^2} \ln\frac{c_0 - c_t \cos\Theta_{mp}}{c_0 + c_t \cos\Theta_{mp}}$$

$$\frac{W}{D} = \frac{2c_0}{c_t\sqrt{c_0^2 - c_t^2}} \arctan\sqrt{\frac{(c_0 + c_t)}{(c_0 - c_t)}} - \frac{\pi}{2c_t}$$

$$B = \frac{2D}{c_0^2 \tau}$$

Wave segment selection



 $C_t \cong B + 0.025 B^3$

 $B_{cp} = 0.977$

$$W = \frac{2}{C_{t}\sqrt{1 - C_{t}^{2}}} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{1 + C_{t}}{1 - C_{t}}} - \frac{\pi}{2C_{t}}$$

Spiral wave selection



Spiral wave selection



Spiral wave selection



Two selected relationships



 $R_q = C_t / \Omega$

Two selected relationships



V.S. Zykov, N. Oikawa, and E. Bodenschatz, PRL (2011)

What is a pulse duration?





-Free-boundary approach reveals the selection principle, which determines spiral wave and wave segments parameters vs the medium excitability specified by the parameter B in the case of both TT and TP waves

-The critical value of the parameter B found for TP waves differs from one obtained earlier for TT waves. The minimal value of the parameter B is the same in both cases

-The results obtained in the framework of the free-boundary approach are in a good agreement with the data of the reactiondiffusion computations