

# Null Controllability for Population Dynamics with age, size Structuring and Diffusion

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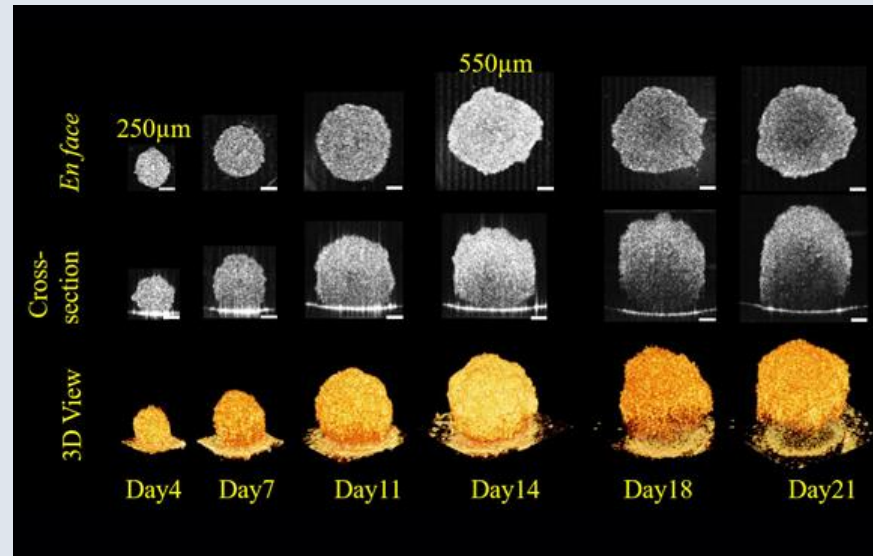


Figure: Tumor Growth: Imaging technology could better monitor tumor growth, drug effectiveness



## Description of age and size structured model

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial(g(s)y)}{\partial s} - \Delta y + \mu(a, s)y = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, +\infty), \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad (x, a, s, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty), \\ y(x, 0, s, t) = y_i(x, s, t) \quad (x, s, t) \in \Omega \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty) \\ y(x, a, s, 0) = y_0(x, a, s) \quad (x, a, s) \in \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S); \\ y(x, a, 0, t) = 0 \quad (x, a, t) \in \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, \infty). \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

Here  $y(x, a, s, t)$  (carcinogenic cells) is a distribution of individuals of age  $a$  size  $s$  at time  $t$  and location  $x \in \Omega$ .  $A$  and  $S$  are respectively the maximal live expectancy and the maximal size,  $\mu(a, s)$  natural death rate of individuals of individual.

1.  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial a}$  is the aging
2.  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$  is the growing
3.  $\mu(a, s)y$  is the damping
4.  $y_i(x, s, t)$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  is the birth the rate, here we consider two type of birth rate.
  - 4.1  $y_2(x, s, t) = \int_0^A \beta_2(a, s)y(x, a, s, t)da$ , where  $\beta_2$  is the fertility function;
  - 4.2  $y_1(x, s, t) = \int_0^A \int_0^S \beta_1(a, \hat{s}, s)y(x, a, \hat{s}, t)dad\hat{s}$ , where the fertility  $\beta_1$  can mean the probability of an individual of age  $a$  and of size  $\hat{s}$  giving birth to an individual of size  $s$ .

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According to Gleen Webb, if the mortality and fertility rates  $\mu(a, s) = \mu_1(a) + \mu_2(s)$  and  $\beta_i$  are such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(H1)} : & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_1(a) \geq 0 \text{ for every } a \in (0, A) \\ \mu_1 \in L^1([0, a^*]) \text{ for every } a^* \in [0, A) \\ \int_0^A \mu_1(a) da = +\infty \end{array} \right. , & \text{(H2)} : & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_2(s) \geq 0 \text{ for every } s \in (0, S) \\ \mu_2 \in L^1([0, s^*]) \text{ for every } s^* \in [0, A) \\ \int_0^S \mu_2(s) ds = +\infty \end{array} \right. \\ \text{(H3)} : & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_i \in L^\infty, i \in \{1, 2\} \\ \beta_i \geq 0 \text{ a.e. } i \in \{1, 2\}, \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

for any initial condition  $y_0 \in K = L^2(\Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S))$ , the system (1) admits a unique solution.

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## The Null controllability problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial(g(s)y)}{\partial s} - \Delta y + \mu(a, s)y = u\chi_{\Theta} \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty), \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad (x, a, s, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty), \\ y(x, 0, s, t) = y_i(x, s, t) \quad (x, s, t) \in \Omega \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty), i \in \{1, 2\} \\ y(x, a, s, 0) = y_0(x, a, s) \quad (x, a, s) \in \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S); \\ y(x, a, 0, t) = 0 \quad (x, a, t) \in \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, \infty). \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

where  $\Theta = \omega \times (a_1, a_2) \times (s_1, s_2)$

1.  $u(x, a, s, t)$  is the control;
2.  $\omega \times (a_1, a_2) \times (s_1, s_2) \subset \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S)$  is the support of the control;
3. Goal: To drive the solution to equilibrium at a given final time  $T > 0$

$$y(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, T) \equiv 0$$

## The dual observation

Consider the adjoint system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} - \Delta q + \mu(a, s)q = q_i(x, s, t) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, +\infty) i \in \{1, 2\}, \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad (x, a, s, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty), \\ q(x, A, s, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } (x, s, t) \in \Omega \times (0, S) \times (0, \infty) \\ q(x, a, S, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } (x, a, t) \in \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, \infty) \\ q(x, a, s, 0) = q_0(x, a, s) \quad \text{in } (x, a, s) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S); \end{array} \right. \quad (3)$$

with the following correspondence

$$q_1(x, s, t) = \int_0^S \beta_1(a, s, \hat{s})q(x, 0, \hat{s}, t)d\hat{s} \text{ matches with } y_1, \text{ and } q_2(x, s, t) = \beta_2(a, s)q(x, 0, s, t) \text{ matches with } y_2.$$

The question is whether:

$$\int_0^S \int_0^A \int_{\Omega} q^2(x, a, s, T)dxdad s \leq K_T \int_0^T \int_{\Theta} q^2(x, a, s, t)dx d\Theta. \quad (4)$$

## Null controllability results

We denote by

$$T_1 = \max\{a_1 + S - s_2, s_1\} \text{ and } T_0 = \max\{S - s_2, s_1\}.$$

## Theorem

*The null controllability result holds in*

$$\omega \times (a_1, a_2) \times (s_1, s_2) \subset \Omega \times (0, A) \times (0, S)$$

*with  $T_0 < \min\{a_2 - a_1, \gamma\}$ ; provided the fertility rate is such that*

$$\beta_i(a, \cdot) \equiv 0 \text{ in } (0, a_1 + \gamma),$$

*and the time  $T$  is large enough as follows:*

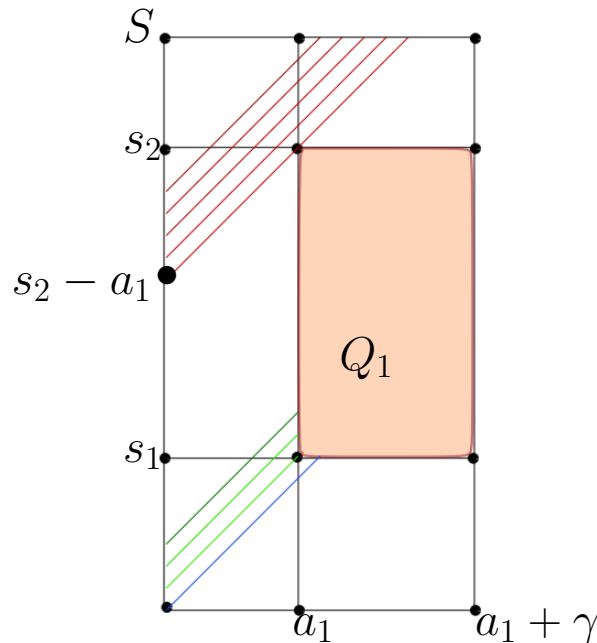
- 1. for the birth rate equal  $y_1$ ,  $T > A - a_2 + T_1 + T_0$  and*
- 2. for the birth rate equal  $y_2$ ,  $T > A - a_2 + a_1 + S - s_2 + s_1$ .*

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## Graphical proof of the estimation of $q(x, 0, s, t)$

As  $\beta_i(a, \cdot) \equiv 0$  in  $(0, a_1 + \gamma)$ , the first equation of the adjoint system become.

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} - \Delta q + \mu(a, s)q = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, a_1 + \gamma) \times (0, S) \times (0, T). \quad (5)$$



$T_0 < \min\{a_2 - a_1, \gamma\}$  we choose  $a_2 = a_1 + \gamma$ . And we need to estimate

$$q(x, 0, s, t)$$

If  $s \in (0, s_2 - a_1)$  and  $t > \max\{a_1, s_1\}$  all the backward characteristics starting from  $(0, s, t)$  enters the observation domain and if  $s \in (s_2 - a_1, S)$  and  $t > a_1 + S - s_2$  (the green and blue lines), all the backward characteristics starting from  $(0, s, t)$  without the domain by the boundary  $s = S$  (red line) and then  $q(x, 0, s, t) = 0$ .

## Proof of observability inequality: Estimation of $q$ at finale time $T$

1. For the birth rate  $y_2$ , we can split the section  $t = T$  by two section  $U_1 = [0, A] \times [0, s_1 - a_1] \times \{T\}$  and  $U_2 = [0, A] \times [s_2 - a_1, S] \times \{T\}$  and we use the previous estimation of  $q(x, 0, s, t)$  on  $(0, s_2 - a_1)$  and  $(s_2 - a_1, S)$  to obtain the observability inequality in time  $T > A - a_2 + S - s_2 + a_1 + s_1$ .
2. For the birth rate  $y_1$ , we can not split the section  $t = T$  because the second member of the adjoint system is the sum of  $q(x, 0, s, t)$  with respect to the size variable given by  $q_1$  then, we have the estimation of  $q_1$  if  $t > T_1$  and then observability inequality is true if  $T > A - a_2 + T_0 + T_1$ .



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- Extend the study to:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial(g(s)y)}{\partial s} - Ly + \mu(a, s)y = 0$$

where

$$Ly = \alpha(\cdot)\Delta y - \nabla \cdot (\chi(\cdot)y)$$

- Modeling, control and simulation of tumour growth

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