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WORKSHOP ON PATTERN RECOGNITION AND ANALYSIS OF SEISMICITY

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INSTABILITY OF LARGE SYSTEMS

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- Fields where commonalities among dynamical behavior of systems can be found.

Mechanics

Fluid dynamics

Astrophysics

Chemistry

Electricity

Magnetism

Optics

Climatology

Ecology

Economy

Sociology

Biology

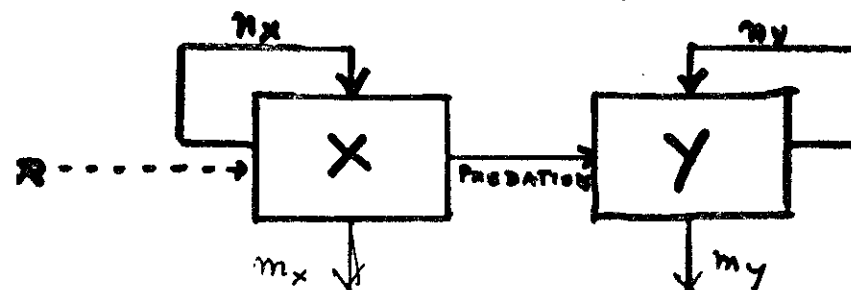
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Common features:

Systems: Open, Dissipative, Far from Thermodynamical Equilibrium

Interactions: Non linearity, feed-backs

Ecology: System PREY - PREDATOR  
(X) - (Y)



- Dynamics regulated by 2 ordinary 1<sup>st</sup> order differential equations for X and Y
- Discuss only the equation for the Prey considering Y as a parameter. Varying this parameter we will inspect solutions.
- General Form of Prey equation:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = G(X) - C(X|Y)$$

G = Term of growth (natural)

C = Term of consumption (predation) depending on level of Predator.

## Two assumptions:

$$\begin{cases} G(x) = r x (1 - \frac{x}{K}) \\ C(x|y) = \gamma \varphi(x) \end{cases}$$

$r = n_x - m_x$  (rate of increase of  $x$ )

$K =$  carrying capacity

$\varphi =$  response to predation

! Resources ( $R$ ) for the Prey are parameterized in  $K$  and  $r$  as well as other causes influencing  $r$ , except predation. —

• In this scheme of evolution of  $x$  everything now depends on the choice of  $\varphi(x)$ . —

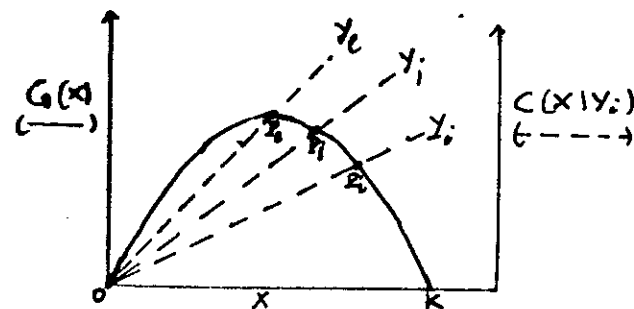
• Once  $\varphi(x)$  is chosen the behaviour will be inspected graphically.

## Case I'

Volterra choice of  $\varphi(x) = \gamma x$

so for a particular level  $\gamma_i$  of the Predator

$$C(x|\gamma_i) = \gamma \gamma_i x$$



• stability or instability conditions for  $\dot{x} = 0$   $G = C$  to be inspected in point of intersection  $P_i$ .  
For every level of Predation  $\gamma_i$ :  
 $0 \leq \gamma_i \leq r/\gamma$   $G$  and  $C$  intersect in  $x \geq 0$  which is an unstable configuration and in a point  $P_i$  which are stable configurations.

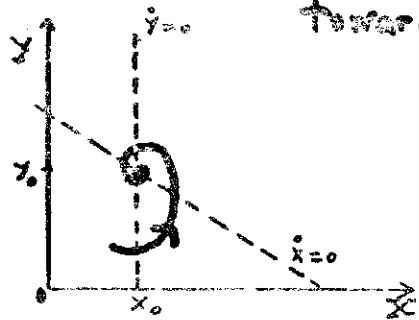
The system possesses therefore a stable branch

$$r(1 - \frac{x}{K}) - \gamma \gamma_i x = 0 \quad \begin{cases} x (0 + K) \\ \gamma (\gamma_i + 0) \end{cases}$$

points for different level of Predation  
is possible only in a controlled  
experiment

- In natural ecosystems  $Y$  is a variable and his evolution governed by a 2<sup>o</sup> differential equation coupled with that of the Prey.  
[In the case of Volterra  
 $\dot{Y} = -\gamma Y + \gamma XY$ ]

- There will be only one equilibrium point  $(X_0, Y_0)$  solution of set of equations resulting from  $\dot{X} = 0$   $\dot{Y} = 0$ .
- Basin of attraction all the possible domain of variables and approach to equilibrium via a (damped) spiral in  $X, Y$  plane toward  $(X_0, Y_0)$



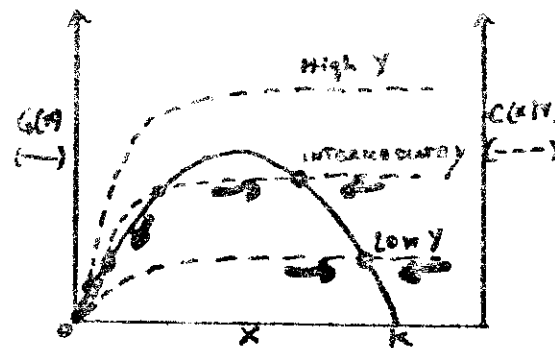
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Case 2 - Chain of  $\varphi(X)$  in form of so-called Holling type III  
[limited for vegetation + herbivores]  
[vegetation + predator]  
[etc. - ]

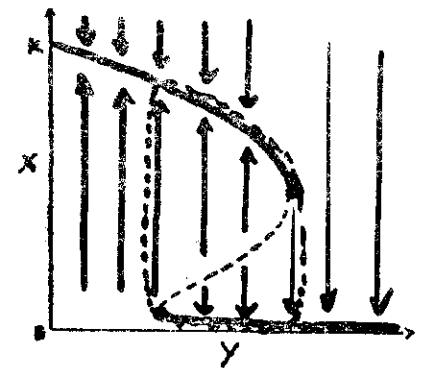
Equation with Predator as parameter

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \lambda X \left(1 - \frac{X}{K}\right) - \gamma Y \frac{X^2}{X_0^2 + X^2}$$

Stationary points for  $\dot{X} = 0$ , beside the obvious solution  $X = 0$  which represent an unstable point are to be found at the crossing of  $G(X)$  and  $C(X/Y)$



• stable state  
• unstable state



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# Relaxation oscillation in electrical circuits

## Van der Pol Oscillator (see scheme)

Dynamic of the system can be described, with particular choice of variables "Voltage" as

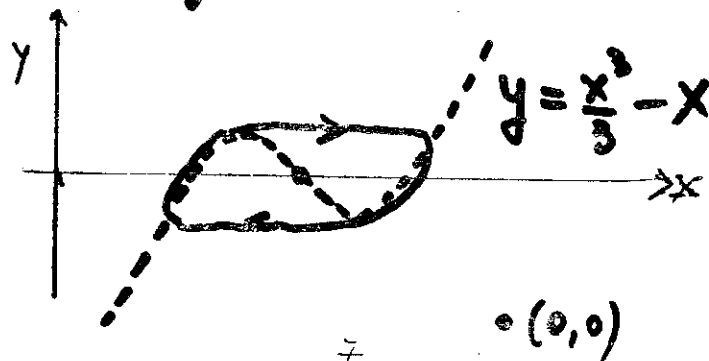
$$1) \ddot{x} + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

~ the equivalent 1<sup>st</sup> order autonomous system.

$$2) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = \epsilon \left[ y - \left( \frac{x^3}{3} - x \right) \right] \\ \dot{y} = -\frac{x}{\epsilon} \end{cases}$$

• Obvious solution of  $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$  as  $x = y = 0$  unstable.

→ Limit cycle



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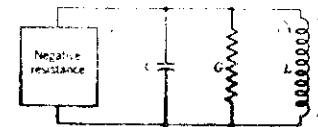


Fig. 4.1. Nonlinear oscillatory circuit.

$$i_1 = F(v),$$

$$F(v) + C(dv/dt) + Rv + i = 0,$$

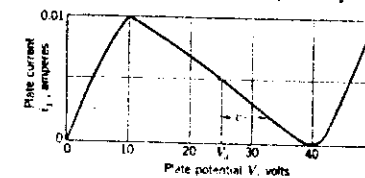


Fig. 4.2. Characteristic of a tetrode as a dynamon (idealized).

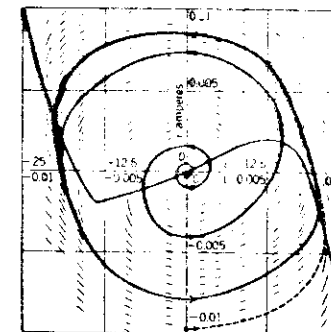


Fig. 4.4. Isocline diagram for harmonic oscillation.

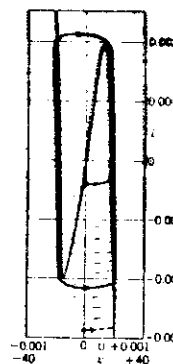


Fig. 4.5. Isocline diagram for relaxation oscillation.

### Parameters

Case 4.4

$2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mho}$   $G$

$2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ henry}$   $L$

$4 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ farad}$   $C$

$2500$

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

Case 4.5

$2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mho}$

$4 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ henry}$

$2.5 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ farad}$

$40000$

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### The van der Pol oscillator

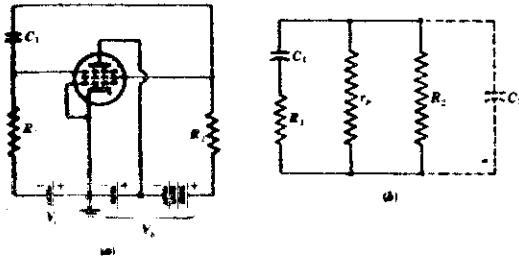


FIG. 12.6. Van der Pol relaxation oscillator: (a) circuit diagram and (b) equivalent circuit.

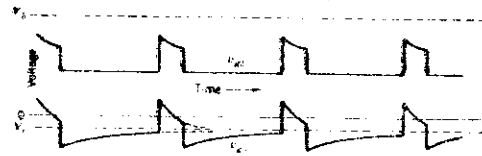


FIG. 12.7. Voltage wave forms in van der Pol oscillator.

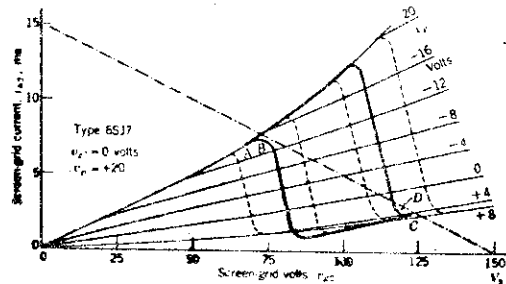


FIG. 12.8. Operation of van der Pol oscillator.

### Theorem of Poincaré-Bendixon

- Let consider a system of two ordinary differential equations of autonomous type.

$$a) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = P(x, y) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x, y)$$

with  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  having continuous first partial derivatives in a region  $G$ .

- Let  $D$  be a bounded region, such as  $D$  and its boundary are contained in  $G$ .
- Let  $D$  + its boundary do not contain critical point of the system (1).
- Then if  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  is a solution of system (1) that exist and stay in  $D$  + its boundary for  $t \geq t_0$  (some value  $t_0$ )

- $\therefore$  a) - The solution is periodic, or
  - b) - The solution spirals toward a periodic solution as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- In either case, the system possess a periodic solution.

- Different applications - inspection of  $\vec{V}$

- Other less general, more practical criteria exists for certain classes of equations.

- Example: Liénard equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + f(x)\frac{dx}{dt} + g(x) = 0$$

under certain condition for  $f$  and  $g$  and their integrals  $F$  and  $G$ .  
has a periodic solution

Therefore

- Systems described by equation (4) show a periodic solution in terms of Limit cycle

Other type of stability is a Fixed Point.

- There are the two forms of normal attractors.

## OSCILLATING CHEMICAL REACTIONS

### Historical Background

1828 - Fechner - Oscillation in the current of, an electrochemical cell. —

1896 - Liesegang - Periodic structures in Precipitation

1899 - Ostwald - Oscillation in the rate of dissolution of chromium in acid.

1920 - Bray - Oscillation in colour in a mixture of  $H_2O_2$ ,  $KIO_3$ ,  $H_2SO_4$  diluted.  
(Variation in concentration of free  $I_2$ )

Comment - Little attention and even incredulity  
Belief in monotonous approach to equilibrium in homogeneous systems.

1910 and 1920 - Lotka demonstrated with very simple models of a set of reactions including autocatalytic and catalytic ones that oscillation of damped and even permanent character are possible.

- Next 40 years little interest and no development.

1958 - Belousov and afterwards Zhabotinsky  
change of colour periodically in a mixture of:  $Ce(NH_4)_2(NO_3)_6$ ,  $KBrO_3$ ,  $CH_2(COOH)_2$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ , Ferroin. [And Variants]



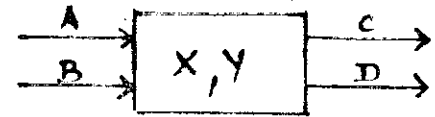
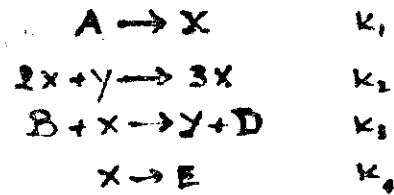
• Last 20 years great interest both experimental and theoretical. (CH-2)

- There are now families of groups of chemical reactions which show oscillations [and much more complicated things.]
  - What are general conditions for appearance of persistent oscillations of some character of a mixture of chemically interacting substances?
- i) - Open system far from equilibrium r.p.
  - ii) - Presence of autocatalytic reactions
  - iii) - Existence of more than one stable branch of existence (at least bistability)

To realize point i) for an homogeneous condition best way is to operate in a continuous-flow, stirred-tank, reactor

- In general a Belousov type of mixture reacting implies a great number of simultaneous reactions, too large to be treated analytically. Therefore simplified models have been developed. The simplest one, involving 2 catalytic reactions, is the following, studied in particular by the Brusselles Group:

System



$A, B, C, D$  are steady quantities and in particular used as parameters. The kinetics for the species  $X, Y$  are

$$1) \begin{cases} \frac{dX}{dt} = k_1 A + k_2 X^2 Y - k_3 B X - k_4 X \\ \frac{dY}{dt} = -k_2 X^2 Y + k_3 B X \end{cases}$$

- Again a system of 2 autonomous diff eqns. Qualitative inspection of 1) under the simplifying assumption of  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 1$  gives the following results:

- ① - Critical relation between  $B$  and  $A$  as  $B_c = A^2 + 1$  which separates two different dynamical domains
- ② - For  $B < B_c$  the system possesses an attractor for  $Y_0/X_0 = B$
- ③ - For  $B > B_c$  the system possesses a limit cycle

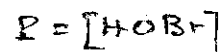
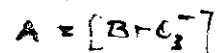
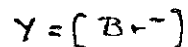
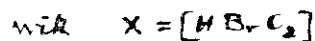
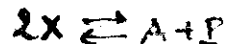
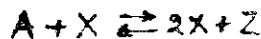
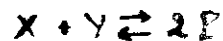
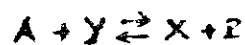


Important: Existence of different behaviour in different domain of parameters! [CH-4]

This is not the whole story!

In complex chemically reacting systems in continuous flow-stirred tank reactor, as a function of flow rates of chemicals other periodic states appear in terms of period doubling sequence and of chaotic regime.

To obtain this feature models need to be expanded to at least 3 variables. (Still far from nature complex) (Reversible Operator)



Results of numerical integration of corresponding system of differential equation: Alternation of periodic and chaotic regimes.

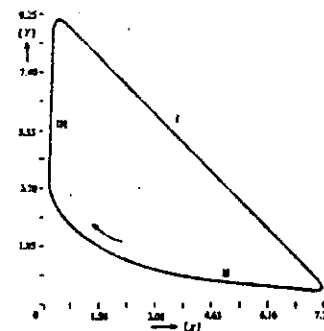


Fig. 2 Limit cycle of the chemical reaction scheme in Fig. 1. The conditions are the same as for Fig. 1. The scaling of concentration of  $X$  and  $Y$  is dimensionless. The motion on the limit cycle is discussed in detail by Lavenda *et al.*<sup>16</sup> for a scheme comprising the reactions  $R_1$  through  $R_6$ . In part I the autocatalytic step  $R_1$  determines the transformation of  $Y$  into  $X$ . In part II  $X$  disappears by the steps  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  while  $Y$  remains small. In part III,  $X$  remains small while  $Y$  is accumulated by the step  $R_4$ . The additional step  $R_5$  contributes to the movement only at high concentrations of  $Y$  at the end of part III. Here most of the  $Y$  produced by the step  $R_4$  is consumed by  $R_5$  resulting in a very slow approach to the critical concentration, which activates the autocatalytic step of part I. This analysis clearly demonstrates that in different portions of the limit cycle different chemical processes determine the motion of the system.

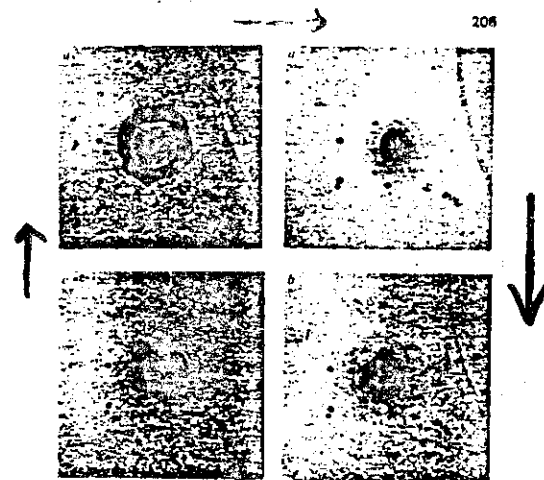
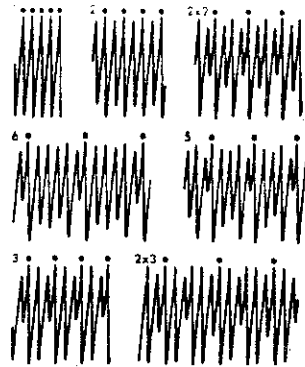
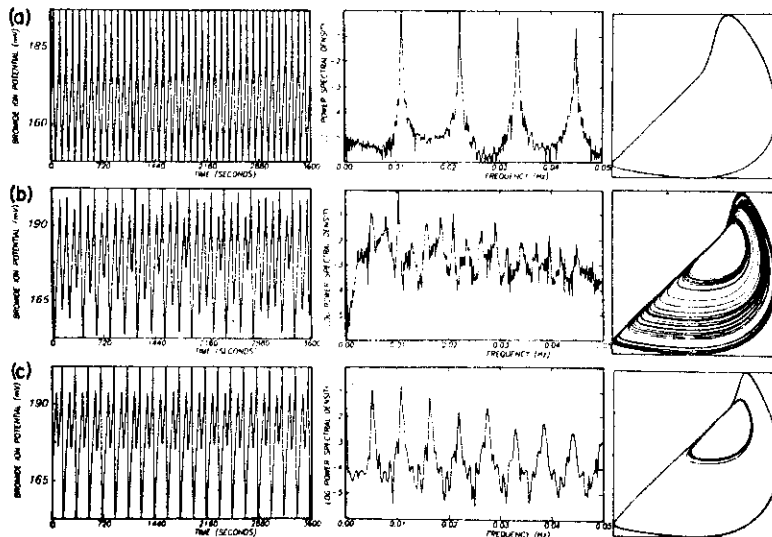


Fig. 5 Propagation of a signal in an oscillatory chemical reaction system. The initial concentrations of the solutions are  
 $[KBrO_3] = 0.35 \text{ M}$ ;  $[H_2C(COOH)_2] = 1.2 \text{ M}$ ;  
 $[Ce(SO_4)_2] = 3.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ;  $[Fe(III)] = 0.48 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  in 3 N  $H_2SO_4$ .

About 15 min after initiation of the reaction by addition of the catalyst the ultraviolet pulse is given and shortly afterwards pictures are taken with an interval of 0.5 s. The sequence of the pictures shown is clockwise from (a) to (d). The white ring represents the blue outward moving wave, the spot in the centre was irradiated. Further explanations see text. In d, the following wave is already forming. Other conditions do not show both wave rings simultaneously, but the irradiated spot always turns blue ahead of the bulk solution to form a new wave centre.



Observed bromide-ion potential time series with periods  $\tau$  (115 s),  $2\tau$ ,  $2 \times 2\tau$ ,  $6\tau$ ,  $5\tau$ ,  $3\tau$ , and  $2 \times 3\tau$ ; the dots above the time series are separated by one period.



Experimental results for three residence times: (a) regime  $P_1$ ,  $\tau = 0.49$  h, (b) regime  $C_1$ ,  $\tau = 0.90$  h, (c) regime  $P_2$ ,  $\tau = 1.03$  h. For each  $\tau$  the graphs show the time dependence of the bromide ion potential (proportional to  $-\log([Br^-])$ ) and the corresponding power spectrum and 2-D phase portrait.

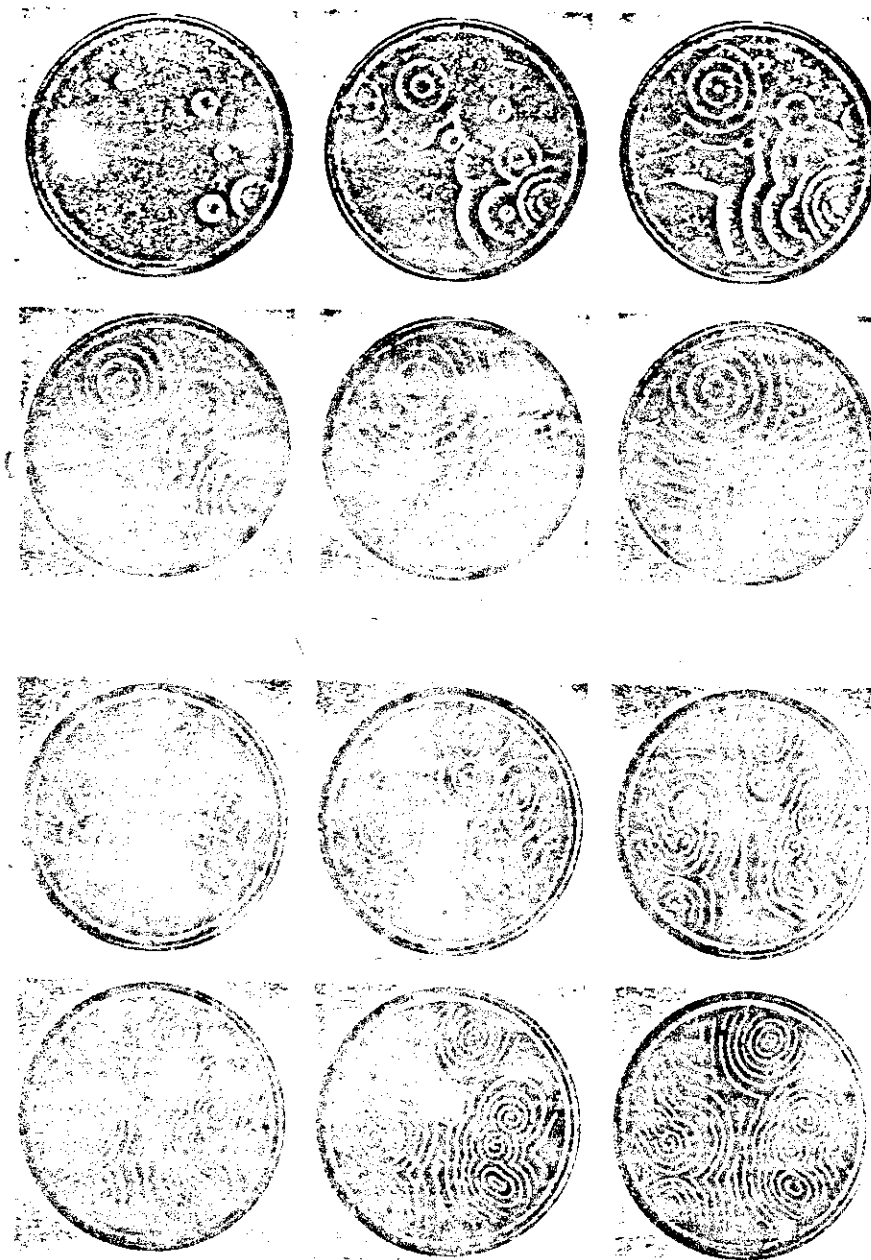
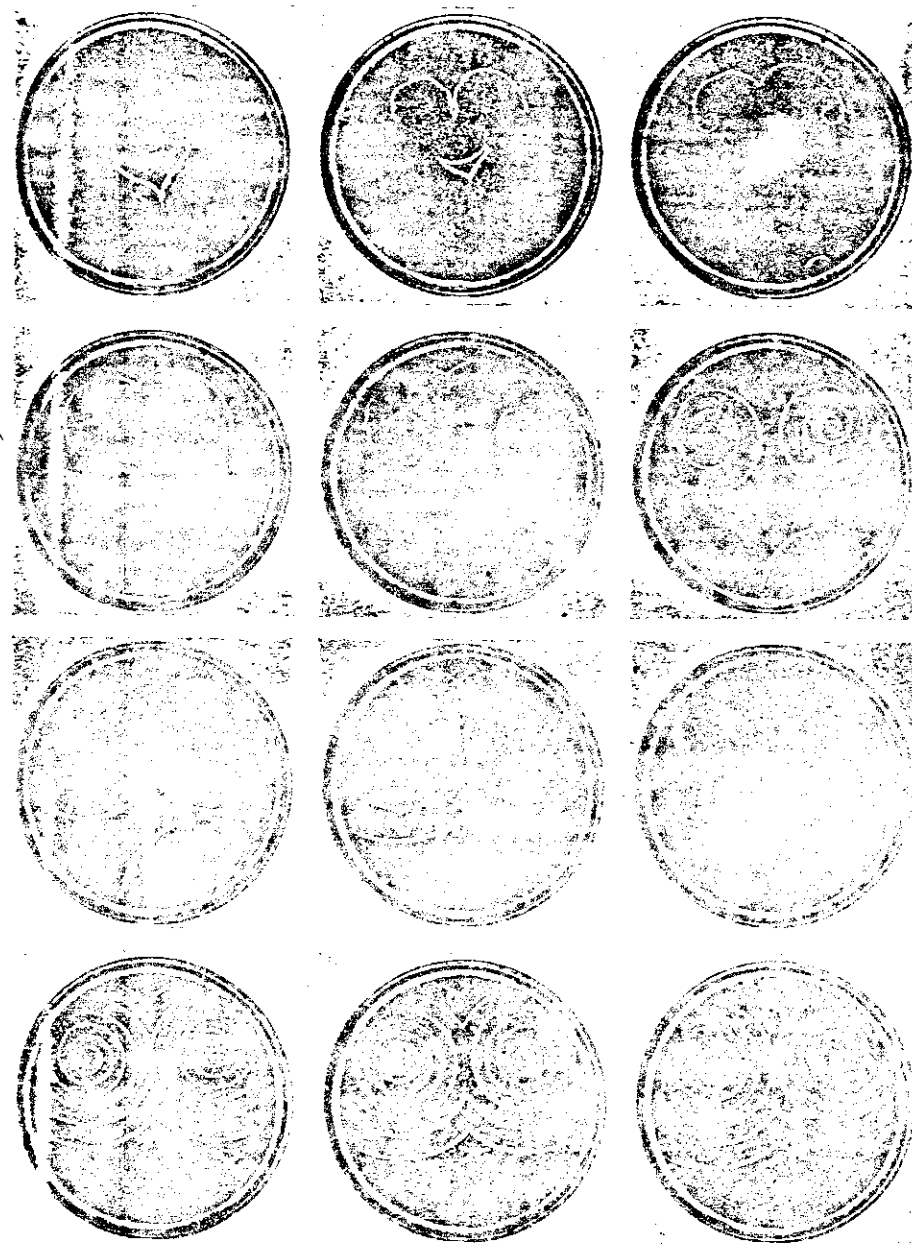
If homogeneity condition is relaxed or local perturbations introduced of persistent or transitory character then space-like structure appear indicating self-organization and well defined rules of evolution. This possibility shown by systems containing autocatalytic reaction being proposed by Turing in 1952 as a way to understand:

## Morphogenesis in biology

## Breakthrough !

Chaotic behaviour appear in models containing at least 3 differential equations of 1<sup>st</sup> order

• First found by Lorenz (1962) on the basis of a fluid dynamic example  $\rightarrow$  Used to argue about predictability in weather forecast.



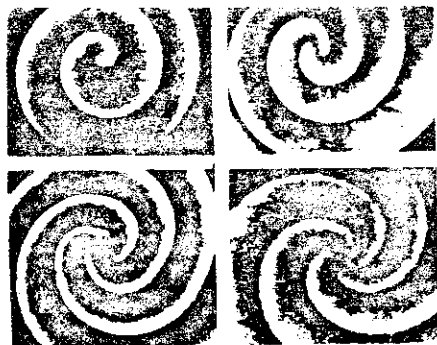


Fig. 1 One-, two-, three- and four-armed vortices in an active excitable chemical medium. A Petri dish 90 mm in diameter was filled with 4.5 ml of reagent similar to that proposed by Winfree: 0.3 M  $\text{NaBrO}_3$ , 0.4 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 0.1 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ , 0.85 M  $\text{CHBrCOOH}$ , 0.045 M ferrous.

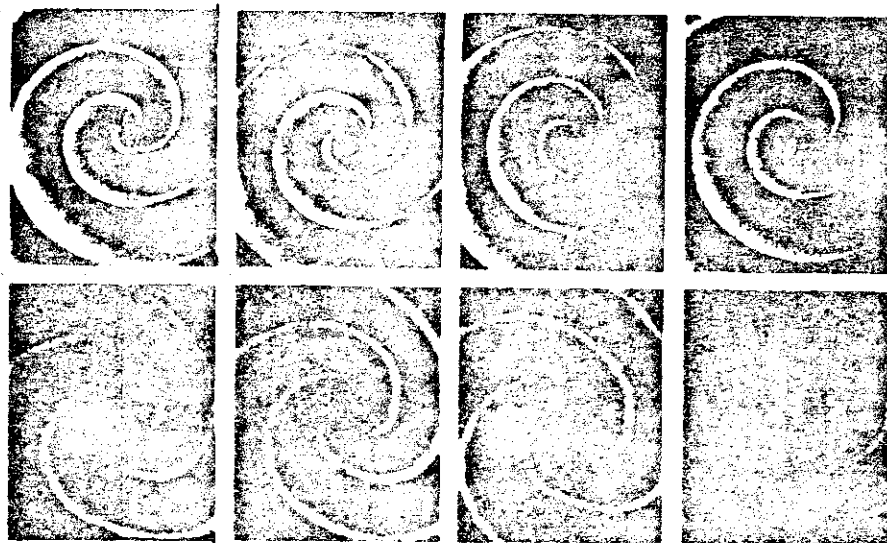
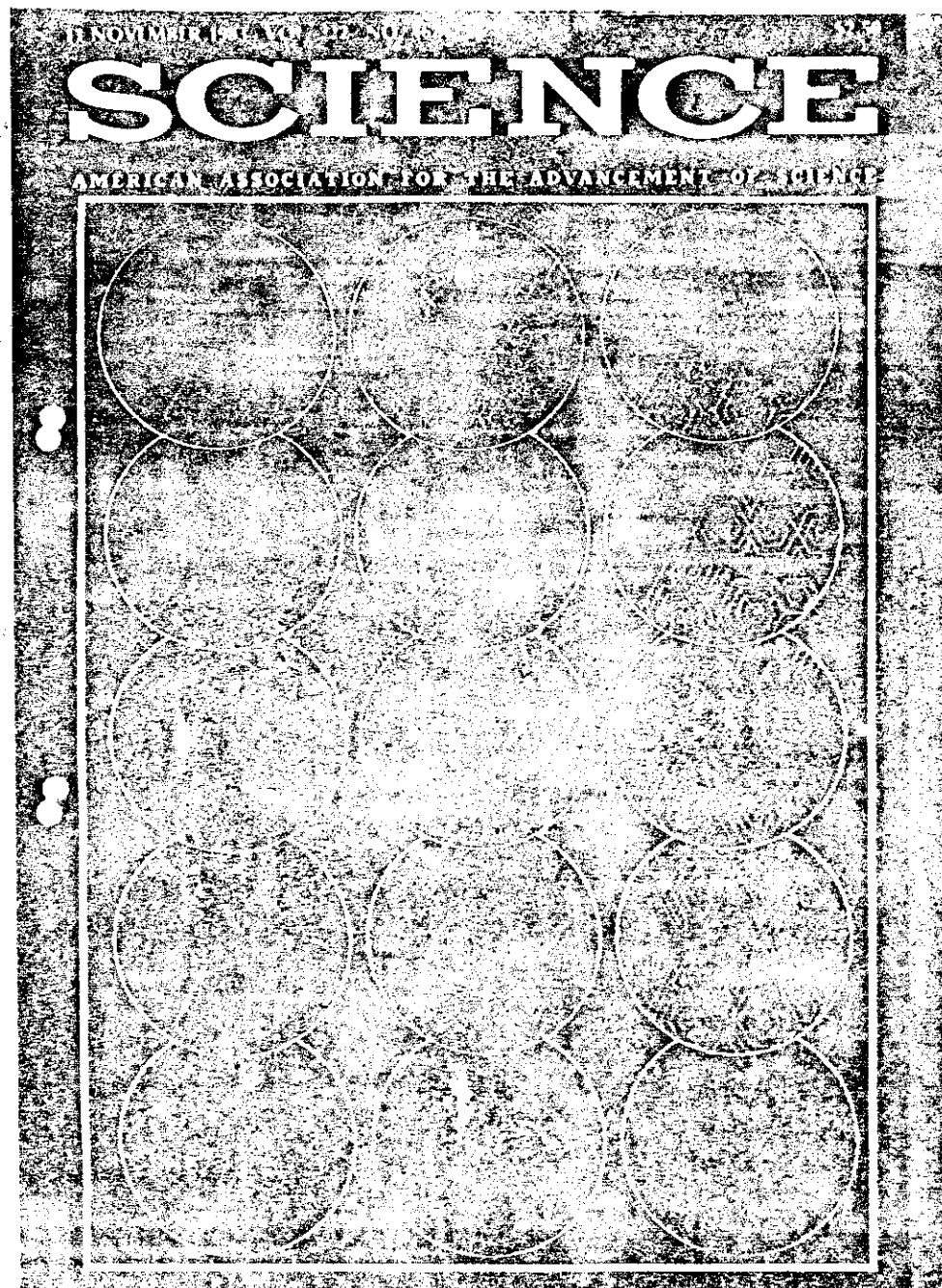


Fig. 2 Wave movement in the cores of two- and three-armed vortices. Time interval is 15 s. Other conditions as in Fig. 1



Fig. 3 The closely spaced multi-armed vortex formed from two-armed vortices. The photograph was taken 58 min after mixing the reagents.

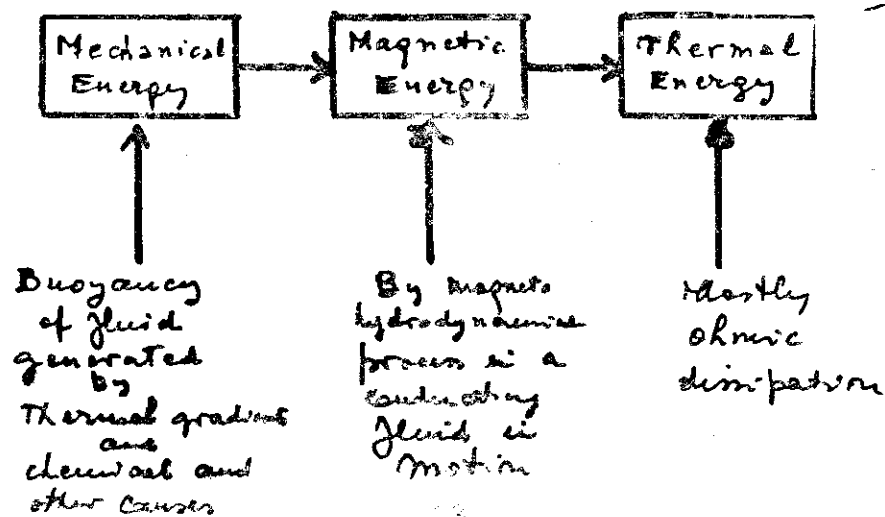


# EARTH MAGNETIC FIELD

Target of investigation is understanding of changes in Polarity and Intensity of earth's magnetic field, apparently random behaviour on time scales  $\approx 10^5 \div 10^6$  y.

Hypothesis - Properties of m.f. determined by magneto-hydrodynamical behaviour of an electrically conducting fluid in relative motion with respect to the rotating earth.

## Energetics:



## Model

A simple dynamo's model (Pikis & Rake) regulated by 3 differential equations of autonomous type.  
(2 coupled dynamos.)

## Symbols:

$G$  = Torque on rotation's axis (cause)  
 $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  = Angular velocities {effects}  
 $I_1, I_2$  = Currents

$L_1 = L_2 = L$  self inductances

$R_1 = R_2 = R$  resistances

$M$  mutual inductance

$C_1 = C_2 = C$  moments of inertia

4 variables  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, I_1, I_2$  but

from

$$\begin{cases} C \frac{d\Omega_1}{dt} = G - M I_1 I_2 \\ C \frac{d\Omega_2}{dt} = G - M I_1 I_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega_1 - \Omega_2 = A = \text{constant}$$

System described by 3 equations.

$$\begin{cases} L \frac{dI_1}{dt} + RI_1 = M \Omega, I_2 \\ L \frac{dI_2}{dt} + RI_2 = M(\Omega, -A) I_1 \\ C \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = G - M I_1 I_2 \end{cases}$$

~~For  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  fixed points~~

~~on  $\Omega$  axis~~

$$\left[ I_1, I_2 = \frac{G}{M}, \quad \Omega_1 = \frac{R}{G} I_1^2, \quad \Omega_2 = A + \frac{R}{G} I_2^2 \right]$$

• With  $X_1 = \sqrt{\frac{M}{G}} I_1, \quad X_2 = \sqrt{\frac{M}{G}} I_2$

$$\Omega_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{GL}{CM}} Y_{1,2}$$

Governing equation are

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}_1 + \mu X_1 = Y X_2 \\ \dot{X}_2 + \mu X_2 = (Y - A) X_1 \\ \dot{Y} = 1 - X_1 X_2 \end{cases}$$

Two fixed points with signs of currents reversed. (N and R) unstable - orbit around F.P.

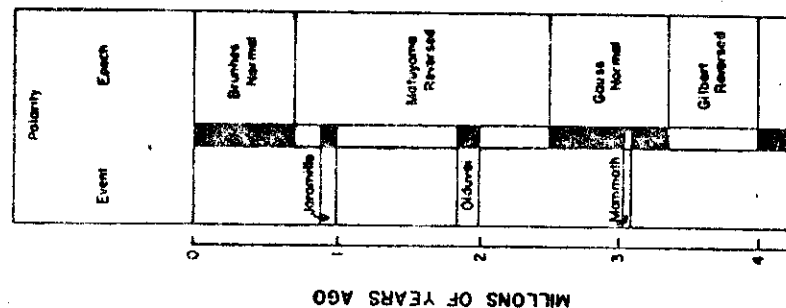


Figure 36. Magnetic history of the earth. Epochs and events of normal polarity are shown as black bars. Epochs and events of reversed polarity are shown as white bars.

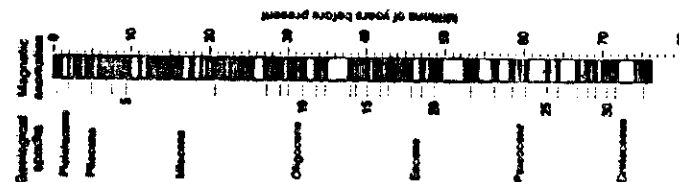


FIG. 8-66 The geomagnetic time scale. The scale is determined by measuring the age of known reversals as listed and corresponding to the reversals detected in the ocean rocks (see Figure 8-56). The numbers on the left correlate with the magnetic anomaly numbers shown in Figure 8-56. The black areas indicate times when the poles were in their normal position, the white areas, when the poles were reversed. (From Haxel and others, Journal of Geophysical Research, Fig. 3, 73, 1968, pp. 2118-2126.)

