

# Pacemakers in a Large Array of Non-locally Coupled Oscillators

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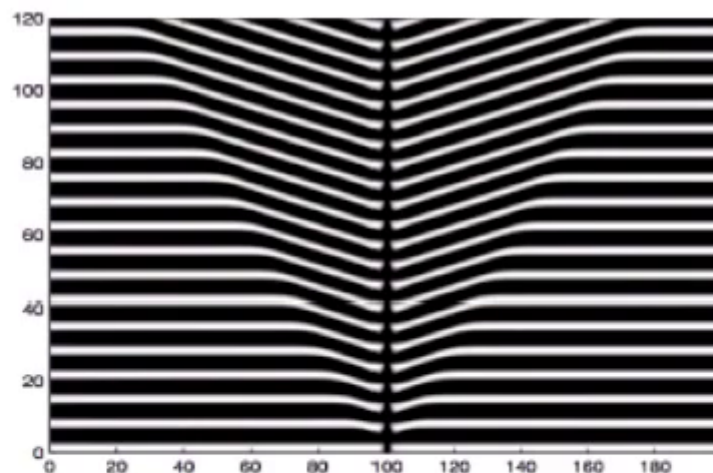
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- ▶ Motivate the following nonlocal equation

$$\phi_t = -\phi + G * \phi - (J * \phi_x)^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- ▶ Study the effects of a localized perturbation

$$\phi_t = -\phi + G * \phi - (J * \phi_x)^2 + \varepsilon g(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$



1-D Target Pattern/ Pacemaker

# Motivation

# Examples from Biology:

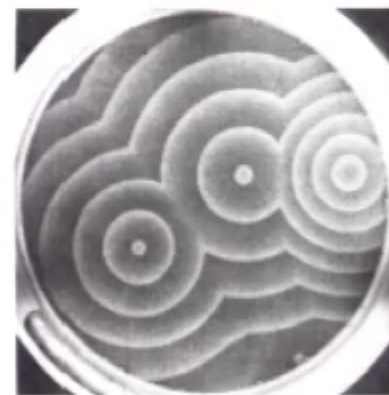
- ▶ Neural networks
- ▶ Cardiac cells
- ▶ Insulin secreting cells in pancreas
- ▶ Crickets
- ▶ Fireflies



Synchronous fireflies in Gatlinburg, Tennessee:  
[www.reservegatlinburg.com/travelguide](http://www.reservegatlinburg.com/travelguide)

# Interesting Phenomena

- ▶ Synchronization, frequency locking, incoherence, amplitude death  
*Matthews, Mirollo, Strogatz (1991).*
- ▶ 1-D traveling waves  
*Bressloff, Coombes (1999).*
- ▶ 2-D target patterns, rotating waves  
*Goel, Ermentrout (2002).*
- ▶ Chimera states, traveling chimera states  
*Abrams, Strogatz (2004), Kuramoto, Battogtokh (2002), and Xie, Knobloch, Kao (2014)*



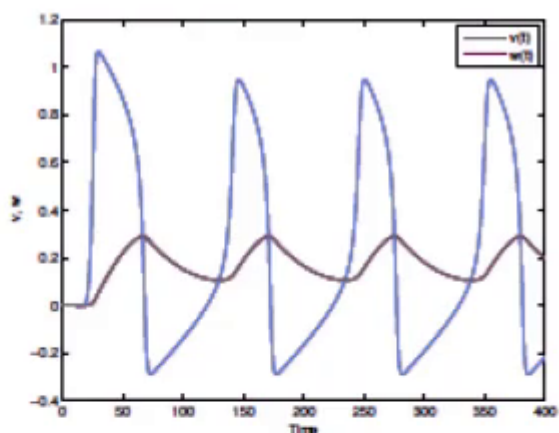
2-D target patterns in a chemical reaction. From Maselko, Reckley, Showalter, *The J. Phys. Chem.* 93.7 (1989)

# Biological Oscillators

- ▶ System of ODEs

$$\dot{u} = f(u), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ Exponentially stable limit cycle



FitzHugh-Nagumo: variables vs. time

- ▶ Phase oscillators

$$\dot{\phi} = \omega$$

- ▶ Gauge-invariant phase amplitude oscillators

$$\dot{A} = (1 + i\omega)A - (1 + i\gamma)A|A|^2$$

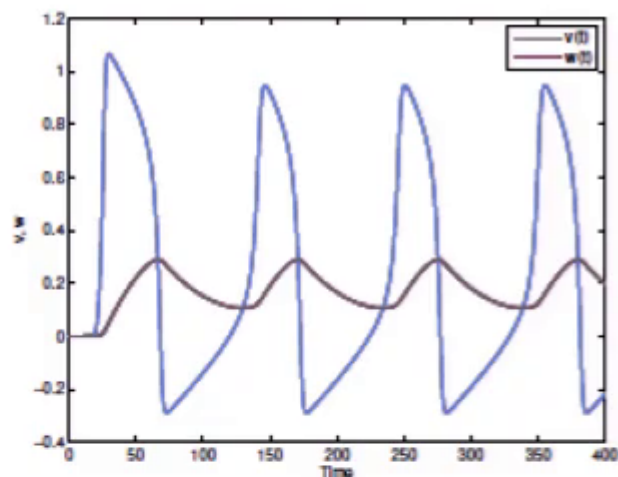


# Weak Coupling

- ▶ System of ODEs

$$\dot{u} = f(u), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ Exponentially stable limit cycle



FitzHugh-Nagumo: variables vs. time

- ▶ Assume weak coupling

$$\dot{u}_i = f_i(u_i) + \varepsilon h(u_i, u_j), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\varepsilon \ll 1, \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

- ▶ Leads to study phase dynamics

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \omega_i + \varepsilon H(u_i(\phi_i), u_j(\phi_j))$$

$$\phi_i \in S^1, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1, \quad i, j = 1, 2$$



# Number of Oscillators

- ▶ N oscillators

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \omega_i + \frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N G_{ij} H(\phi_i, \phi_j), \quad \varepsilon \ll 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

- ▶ Infinite number of oscillators
  - Continuum limit

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(x, t) = \omega(x) + \varepsilon \int G(|x - y|) H(\phi(y, t) - \phi(x, t)) dy$$

# Chemical Oscillators

$$\dot{U} = F(U) + D\Delta U, \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

For long temporal and spatial scales

$$\phi_t = \alpha\Delta\phi - \beta|\nabla\phi|^2 + \omega_*, \quad \phi \in \mathbb{R}/(2\pi\mathbb{Z}), \quad \omega_* = 0$$

Has solutions of the form

$$\phi(t, x) = kx - \omega t, \quad \omega = \beta|k|^2.$$

Similar to

- ▶ Periodic wave trains:  $u(k \cdot x - \omega t)$  in R-D eq.
- ▶ Plane waves :  $\sqrt{1 - |k|^2} e^{i(k \cdot x - \omega t)}$  in CGL eq.

# Chemical Oscillations

Adding a localized inhomogeneity

$$\phi_t = \alpha \Delta \phi - \beta |\nabla \phi|^2 + \varepsilon g(x),$$

we expect to obtain target patterns.

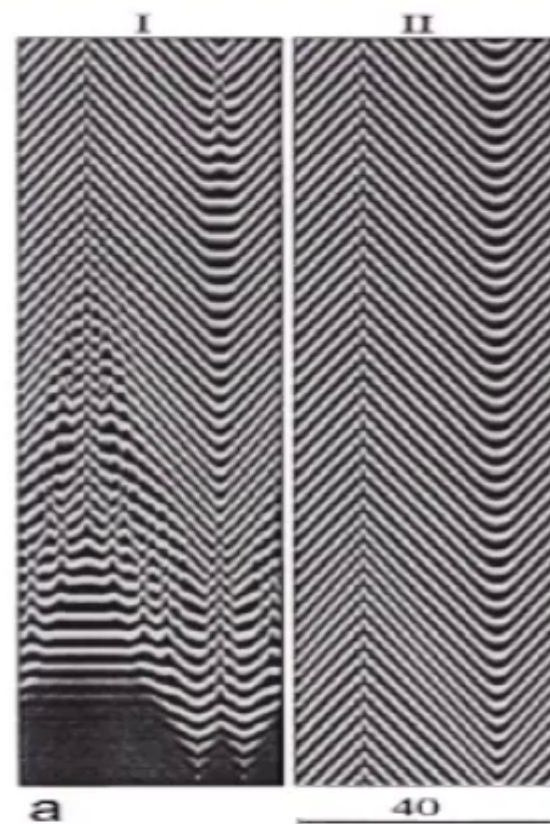
For  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$

$$\phi(t, x) = kx - \omega t, \quad \omega = \beta |k|^2.$$

with group velocity

$$c_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$$

$$c_g = 2\beta k$$



Space time plot for target patterns in chemical reaction. From Zhabotinsky's et. al. in The J. Chem. Phys. 103.23 (1995)

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$$\phi_t = -\phi + G * \phi - (J * \phi_x)^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- ▶ Biological oscillator
- ▶ Phase dynamics
- ▶ An infinite number of oscillators
- ▶ Array topology

# Our Model

$$\phi_t = -\phi + G * \phi - (J * \phi_x)^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Assumptions on  $L\phi = (G(x) - \delta) * \phi$ :

▶  $G$  is continuous, even, and exponentially localized

▶  $\hat{L}(0) = \hat{L}'(0) = 0$ ,  $\hat{L}''(0) \neq 0$  because

$$\int G(x) dx = 1, \quad \int x^2 G(x) dx > 0,$$

Therefore,  $\implies \phi_t = L\phi$  is a diffusive operator for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

▶  $J$  &  $J_x$  are continuous and  $\int J dx = J_0 \neq 0$ .

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Q: What happens when we add a localized inhomogeneity?

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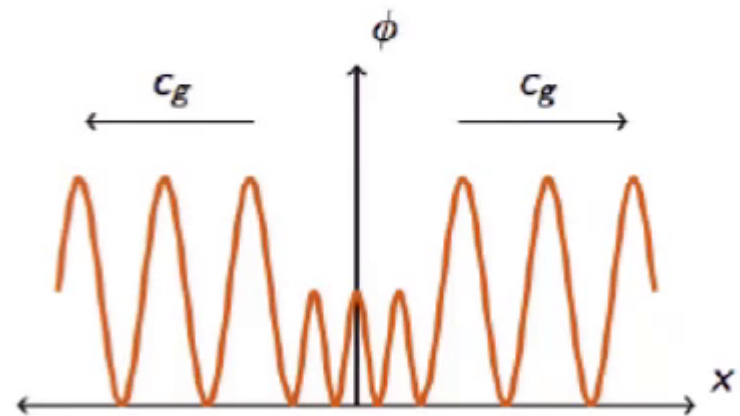
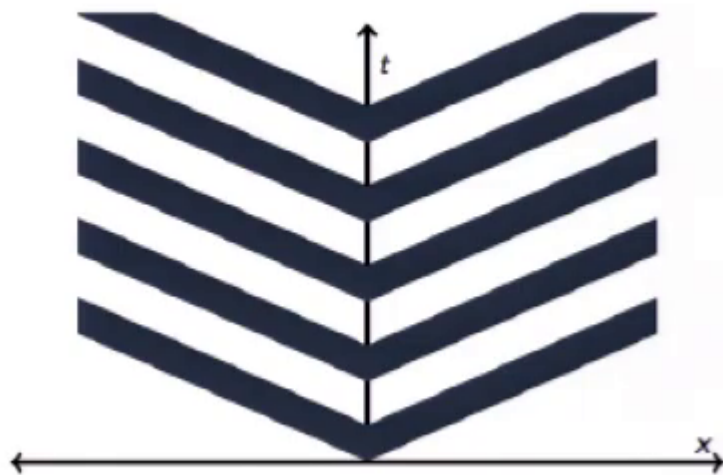
We find solutions of the form

$$\Phi(x, t; \varepsilon) = \phi(x, \varepsilon) + (\phi_0(\varepsilon) + k(\varepsilon)x) \tanh(x) - \omega_{nl}(k(\varepsilon))t.$$

For  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

$$\Phi(x, t; \varepsilon) = \phi_0(\varepsilon) \pm k(\varepsilon)x - \omega_{nl}(k(\varepsilon))t$$

with  $c_g = 2J_0^2 \nabla \phi \cdot x > 0$ .



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We would like to use the Implicit Function Theorem.

$$F(u; \varepsilon) = Lu + N(u) + \varepsilon g(x) = 0$$

$$u = \varepsilon u_1 + \varepsilon^2 u_2 + \varepsilon^3 u_3 + \dots$$

At  $O(\varepsilon)$ :

$$Lu_1 + g(x) = 0 \implies u_1 = L^{-1}g$$

The linear operator  $L$  is **not invertible** in regular Sobolev spaces.

But  $L$  is a **Fredholm** operator in Kondratiev spaces.

# Kondratiev Spaces

**Definition:** We denote **Kondratiev Spaces** by  $M_\gamma^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})$ , and define them as the completion of  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  under the norm,

$$\|u\|_{M_\gamma^{s,p}}^p = \sum_k^s \|(1 + |x|^2)^{(\gamma+k)/2} \partial_x^k u\|_{L^p},$$

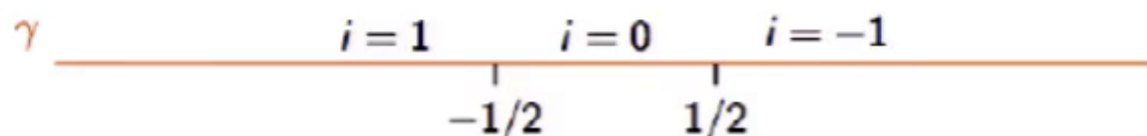
where  $s$  is a nonnegative integer,  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- ▶ Example:  $u(x) = x \in M_\gamma^{2,2}$  if  $\gamma < -3/2$
- ▶  $M_\gamma^{s,p} \not\subset L_{\gamma+s}^p$
- ▶ For  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ , we have  $(M_\gamma^{s,p})^* = M_{-\gamma}^{-s,q}$

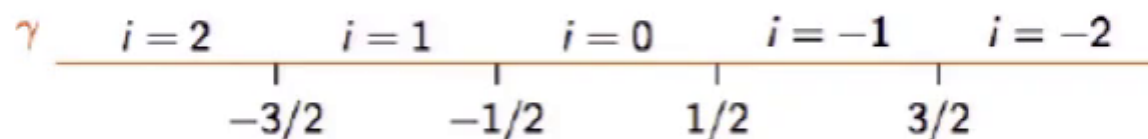
# Kondratiev Spaces

**Proposition:** For the corresponding  $\gamma$ , the following operators are Fredholm with Fredholm index  $i$ .

$$\partial_x : M_\gamma^{1,2} \longrightarrow L_{\gamma+1}^2$$



$$\partial_{xx} : M_\gamma^{2,2} \longrightarrow L_{\gamma+2}^2$$



# If $\partial_{xx}$ is Fredholm $\implies L$ is Fredholm

Assume

- ▶ Domain  $M_\gamma^{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ .
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Then we can define  $L$  as a composition of  $\partial_{xx}$  with invertible operators.

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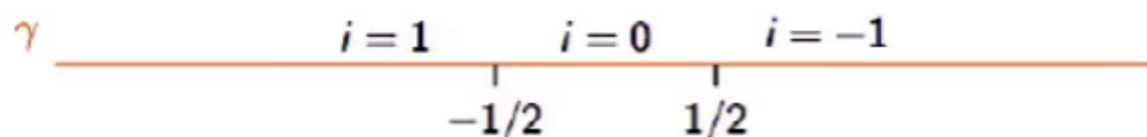
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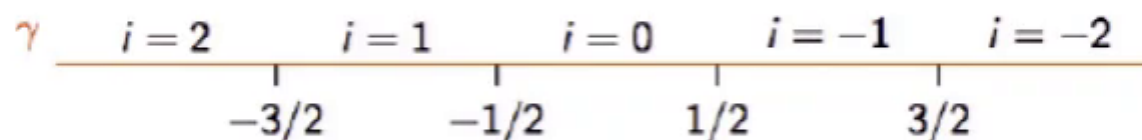
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# Proof

$$L\phi + N(\phi) + \varepsilon g = 0$$

- ▶  $L : M_\gamma^{2,2} \rightarrow H_{\gamma+2}^2$ ,  $\gamma > 3/2$ , is Fredholm index  $i = -2$ .

$$\implies \phi = \underbrace{\bar{\phi}}_{M_\gamma^{2,2}} + \underbrace{(a + bx) \tanh(x)}_{\text{far field corrections}}$$

$$\implies \bar{L}(\bar{\phi}, a, b) + \bar{N}(\bar{\phi}, a, b; \varepsilon) = 0, \quad \bar{N} \notin L_{\gamma+2}^2$$

- ▶ If  $\bar{L}(\phi_1, a_1, b_1) = g$ , then

$$\phi = \varepsilon(\phi_1 + \rho), \quad a = \varepsilon(a_1 + \alpha), \quad b = \varepsilon(b_1 + \beta)$$

gives

$$(\rho, \alpha, \beta) + \underbrace{\tilde{L}^{-1}}_{\text{loses loc.}} \underbrace{\tilde{N}(\rho, \alpha, \beta; \varepsilon)}_{\text{gains loc.}} = 0$$

# Theorem

**Model**  $\phi_t = -\phi + G * \phi - (J' * \phi)^2 + \varepsilon g(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\star)$

**Define**  $g_0 := \int g \, dx, \quad g_b = \int xg \, dx, \quad G_2 = \int x^2 G(x) \, dx.$

**Theorem:** We can find  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  s.t. for all  $0 < |\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$  and  $\text{sign}(\varepsilon) = -\text{sign}(g_0)$ , there exists a solution to  $(\star)$  of the form

$$\Phi(x, t; \varepsilon) = \phi(x, \varepsilon) + (\phi_0(\varepsilon) + k(\varepsilon)x) \tanh(x) - \omega_{nl}(k(\varepsilon))t$$

where

1.  $\phi_0(\varepsilon), k(\varepsilon)$  are  $C^1$
2.  $\phi_0'(0) = -\frac{g_b}{G_2}, \quad k'(0) = \frac{g_0}{G_2},$
3.  $|\phi(x, \varepsilon)| \rightarrow 0$ , for  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $\varepsilon$ .