### The impossible period-doubling of a spiral wave

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# Simple and complicated patterns

### Patterns in the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction



[Park,Lee], [Zhou, Ouyang], [Agladze, Krinsky, Pertsov]

### From simple to complicated dynamics

### Routes to chaos in dynamical systems



### Hopf bifurcations

1 frequency  $\rightarrow$  2 frequencies  $\rightarrow$  3 frequencies

#### Occurrence of Strange Axiom A Attractors Near Quasi Periodic Flows on $T^m, m \ge 3$

S. Newhouse<sup>1</sup>, D. Ruelle<sup>2\*</sup>, and F. Takens<sup>3\*</sup>

### **Period doubling cascades**



# From simple to complicated patterns — spiral waves

$$rac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}u=D\Delta u+f(u), \hspace{1em} u\in X=C^2(\mathbb{R}^n,\mathbb{R}^N)$$



Two generic instability mechanisms (ex. FHN, Roessler):

Hopf bifurcation two frequencies

Period-doubling half frequency





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## **Bifurcations and spiral waves — oddities**

More Hopf instabilities...







### **Euclidean symmetry**



 $egin{aligned} &\gamma\in SE(2) ext{, rotations and translations} \ &\gamma=(arphi,z)\in S^1 imes \mathbb{C} & \gamma\cdot x= ext{e}^{ ext{i}arphi}(x+z)\in \mathbb{R}^2\sim \mathbb{C} \ &u(t,x) ext{solution} \iff &u(t,\gamma^{-1}x) ext{ solution} \end{aligned}$ 



### Spirals are relative equilibria

$$u_{
m sp}(t,x) = u_{
m sp}(0,\gamma^{-1}(t)x) \quad \gamma(t) = \exp(\omega_{
m sp}t\partial_arphi)$$

# **Bifurcations from Relative Equilibria**

[Barkley], [Sandstede,AS,Wulff], [Fiedler, Sandstede, AS, Wulff], [Golubitsky, LeBlanc, Melbourne]



Reduction to principal fiber bundle

$$(\gamma,v)\in {\color{black}{SE(2)}} imes V$$

 $\dot{\gamma} = \gamma \ a(v)$  "group"

 $\dot{v} = h(v)$  "shape"

### **Resonances and drift**

 $egin{array}{lll} \dotarphi &=& \omega_{
m sp} & {
m rotation} \ \dot z &=& {
m e}^{{
m i}arphi} v & {
m translation} \ \dot v &=& h(v) & {
m Hopf} \end{array}$ 

Periodic Orbit  $v(t) = \sum_k v_k e^{-ik\omega_H t}$ 

Position  $\dot{z} = \sum_k v_k \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\omega_{\mathrm{sp}} - k\omega_{\mathrm{H}})t}$ 

Unbounded motion if  $\omega_{
m H}=\omega_{
m sp}/k$  for some  $k\in\mathbb{Z}$ 

# The paradox

Spirals are relative equilibria  $\implies$  period-doubling is non-generic ... yet is *is* observed

More precisely...

Linearizing at a spiral wave  $u_{sp}(t,x)$  we find

Linearized period map:

 $\partial_u \Phi_{2\pi/\omega_{sp}}$ , where

 $u(t) = \Phi_t(u(0))$  is the flow map

Linearization in corotating frame:  $\mathcal{L} = D\Delta + \omega_{sp}\partial_{\omega} + f'(u_{sp})$ 

Since spirals are equilibria,

$$\partial_u \Phi_{2\pi/\omega_{
m sp}} = {
m e}^{{\cal L}(2\pi/\omega_{
m sp})}$$

### The doubling eigenvalue -1 cannot be simple!

... but we would expect multiple eigenvalues to split generically.

## An explanation with caveats

- $\lambda = -1$  is double eigenvalue of  $\partial_u \Phi$  since
- $lpha=\pm \mathrm{i}\omega_{\mathrm{sp}}/2$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{L}_{*}$

### **Problems:**

- Genericity: Why is the Hopf frequency in exact resonance?
- Drift: If there is an eigenvalue at  $\lambda=\mathrm{i}\omega_{\mathrm{sp}}/2$ , we expect drift!



### Instabilities — linearization

**Reaction-diffusion system** 

 $\partial_t U = D \triangle U + F(U;\mu)$ 

Spiral waves as rotating waves

 $U(t,x) = U_{
m sp}(r,arphi-\omega_{
m sp}t)$ 

Linearization in corotating frame

 $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{sp}}U = D riangle U + F'(U_{\mathrm{sp}};\mu)U + \omega_{\mathrm{sp}}\partial_{\psi}U$ 

Stability: Re spec  $\mathcal{L} \leq 0$ 

**Eigenvalues enforced by symmetry** 

- $\lambda = 0$  rotation
- $\lambda = \pm i\omega$  translation

# Unbounded domains — the essential spectrum

Decompose the spectrum into continuous and discrete part:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{spec} \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \colon & \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} - \lambda \text{ not invertible} \\ \\ \operatorname{spec}_{\operatorname{ess}} \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \colon & \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} - \lambda \text{ not Fredholm of index 0} \\ \\ \\ \operatorname{spec}_{\operatorname{pt}} \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \colon & \mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} - \lambda \text{ Fredholm of index 0, not invertible} \end{array}$ 

Localized changes of the spiral shape are compact perturbation of  $\mathcal{L}_{\rm sp}$ , and therefore leave  ${\rm spec}_{\rm ess} \, \mathcal{L}_{\rm sp}$  unchanged



### **Spectra of spiral waves**

### Spiral waves converge to wave trains

$$U_{
m sp}(r,arphi-\omega_{
m sp}t)\sim U_{
m wt}(kr+arphi-\omega_{
m sp}t))$$
 for  $r
ightarrow\infty,$ 

they are asymptotically Archimedean

Theorem [Sandstede& AS] The essential spectrum of  $\mathcal{L}_{sp}$ is given by the Floquet spectrum of the wave trains.



# Spectra of wave trains

### Instabilities of wavetrains close to homogeneous period-doubling



Floquet theory: period-doubling of wave trains is robust  $\sim$  spatiotemporal symmetry breaking

$$egin{array}{ccc} \lambda & \mapsto & ar{\lambda} \ \lambda & \mapsto & \lambda + \mathrm{i} \omega_\mathrm{sp} \end{array} 
ight\} \, \mathrm{fix} \, \mathrm{max}$$

### Large domains [Sandstede, AS]

In a large disc  $|x| \leq R$ , with "compatible" boundary conditions

$$\operatorname{spec}_{|x|\leq R}\mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \stackrel{R \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{spec}_{\operatorname{abs}}\mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \cup \operatorname{spec}_{\operatorname{expt}}\mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}} \cup \operatorname{spec}_{\operatorname{bdy}}\mathcal{L}_{\operatorname{sp}}$$





[Barkley, Wheeler]

Absolute spectra are determined by wave trains  $\implies$  only

Robust "absolute" → period-doubling in large domains

# A first summary

- spirals resemble wave trains in the far field
- wave trains possess an additional translational symmetry
- period-doubling is symmetry-breaking of wave trains
- rigorous decomposition on the linearized level:

spiral core  $\longleftrightarrow$  point spectrum far field  $\longleftrightarrow$  essential and absolute spectra

- In unbounded and large bounded domains, period-doubling is typical when caused by essential or absolute spectrum.
- Eigenfunctions predict a stationary line defect
- In the Roessler system, the instability appears to be caused by boundary spectrum which happens to be resonant for a similar reason . . .

# Drift?

In a fixed bounded domain, the instability caused by the first eigenvalue is a resonant Hopf bifurcation, so we predict drift: We plot the position of the spiral tip and wait...



and wait some more...



### **Proofs: spatial dynamics** $\leftrightarrow$ **functional analysis**



$$\partial_t u = D\Delta u + f(u)$$





 $egin{array}{rcl} u'&=&v\ v'&=&-(rac{1}{r}v+rac{1}{r^2}\partial_{arphiarphi}u)\ &-D^{-1}(\omega\partial_arphi u+f(u))\ r'&=&1 \end{array}$ 

## The spatial dynamics dictionary

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$$-\omega u_arphi = D\Delta u + f(u)$$

$$\lambda v = D\Delta v + f'(u_{
m sp})v$$

- spiral wave
- linearization  $\leftrightarrow$  linear bundle
- Fredhom properties  $\leftrightarrow$  hyperbolicity
- point spectrum instability

$$ightarrow U_r = F(\partial_arphi, U, r)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad V_r = A(\partial_arphi, u_{
m sp}, r, \lambda) V$$

- ↔ heteroclinic orbit
- eigenfunctions  $\leftrightarrow$  heteroclinic orbits
  - $\leftrightarrow$  non-transversality
- essential spectrum instability  $\leftrightarrow$  bif' of periodic orbits at  $\infty$

# Summary: Bifurcations in large domains

- coherent structures: localized effects versus far field
- linear theory: point spectra versus essential and absolute spectra
- period-doubling is a robust wave train doubling in the far field
- nonlinear theory more generally?
- explain slow drift!



Things are not always what they seem to be —

but aren't they pretty?

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