

Collective Effects  
in  
Equilibrium and Nonequilibrium Physics

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Today's Lecture: Symmetry Aspects of Patterns

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- Broken symmetry, phase variable and Goldstone modes
- Phase equation near stationary instabilities
- Phase equations far from onset
- Topological defects
- Amplitude and phase equations for oscillatory instabilities

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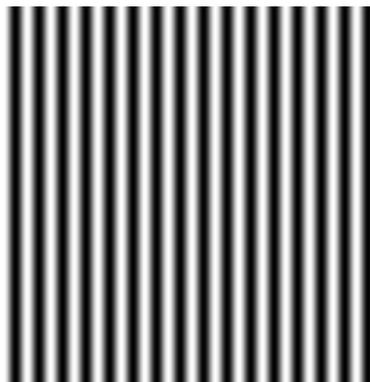
### Phase Dynamics

- The local structure of a stripe pattern is  $\propto \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \theta) + \text{harmonics}$ .
- A constant phase change is just a spatial shift of the pattern.
- A phase change that varies slowly in space (over a length  $\eta^{-1}$ , say, with  $\eta$  small) will evolve slowly in time.
- For small enough  $\eta$  the phase variation is slow compared with the relaxation of other degrees of freedom such as the magnitude or the internal structure, and a particularly simple description is obtained.
- The phase variable describes the symmetry properties of the system: the connection between symmetry and slow dynamics is known as Goldstone's theorem.
- Near onset  $\theta$  is simply the phase of the complex amplitude, and an equation for the phase dynamics can be derived from the amplitude equation for  $\eta \ll \varepsilon$  (Pomeau and Manneville, 1979)

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### Effect of a Phase Change

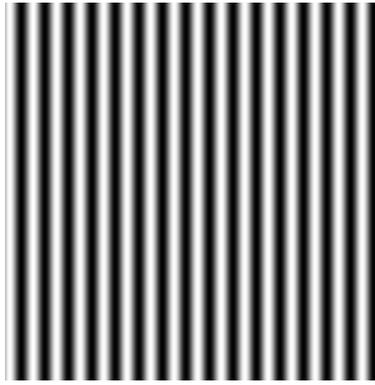


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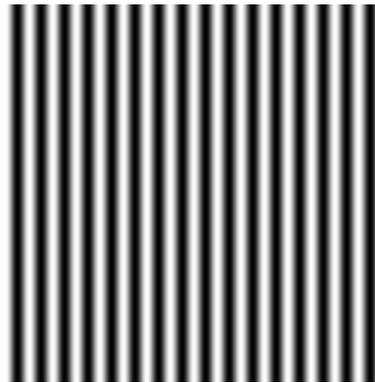
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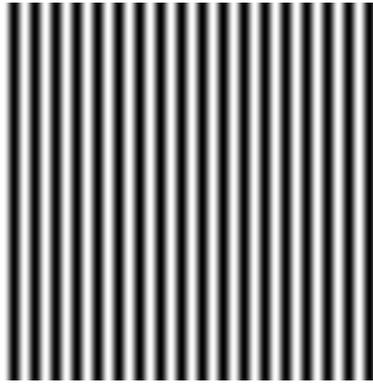
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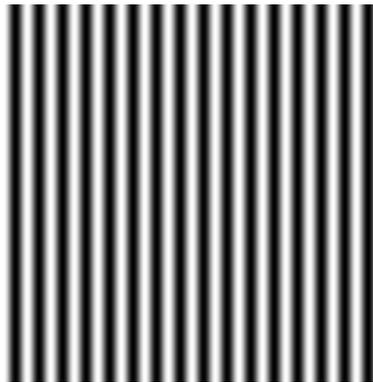
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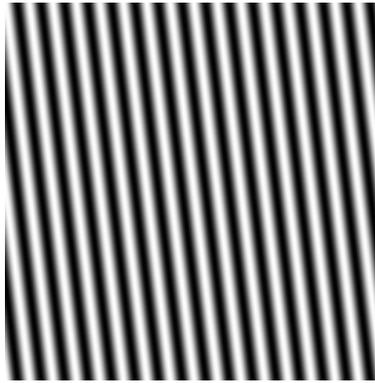
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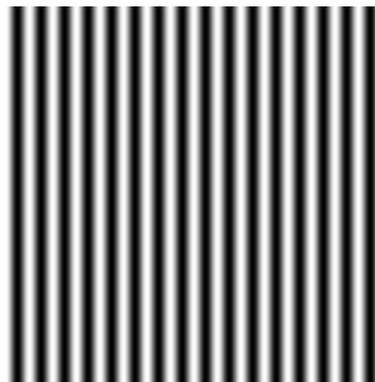
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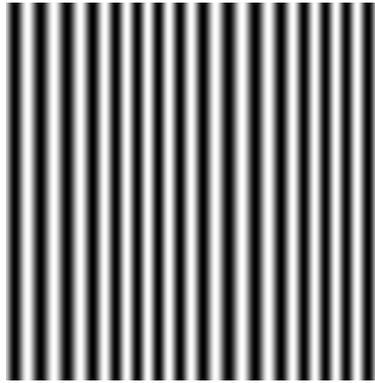
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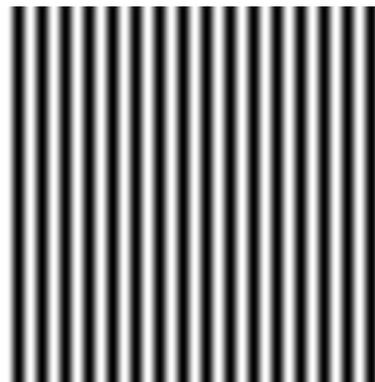
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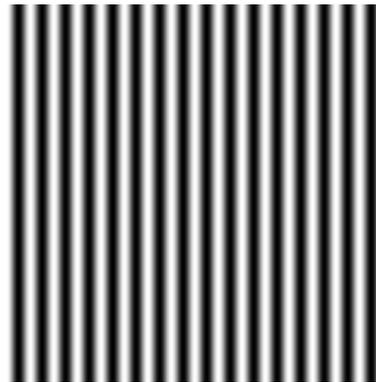


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## Effect of a Phase Change



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## Phase Dynamics Near Onset

- Near threshold the phase reduces to the phase of the complex amplitude, and the phase equation can be derived by *adiabatically eliminating* the relatively fast dynamics of the magnitude.
- Basic assumption: we are looking at the dynamics driven by gradual spatial variations of the phase, i.e. derivatives of  $\theta$  are small.
- For simplicity also assume that we are looking at small deviations from a straight stripe pattern, so that the phase perturbations may also be considered small.
- This leads to the *linear phase diffusion equation* first derived by Pomeau and Manneville (1979). We will consider the full nonlinear phase equation in the more general context away from threshold.

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## Derivation of Phase Equation from Amplitude Equation I

Consider the (scaled) amplitude equation

$$\partial_T \bar{A} = \bar{A} + \left( \partial_X - \frac{i}{2} \partial_Y^2 \right)^2 \bar{A} - |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

Look at small perturbations about the state  $\bar{A} = a_K e^{iKX}$  with  $a_K^2 = 1 - K^2$ ,

$$\bar{A} = a e^{iKX} e^{i\theta}, \quad a = a_K + \delta a$$

Expand in

- small phase perturbations  $\theta$  and amplitude perturbations  $\delta a$
- low order derivatives of  $\theta$  (up to second order)

Then using

$$e^{-iKX} e^{-i\theta} \partial_T A = \partial_T a + ia \partial_T \theta,$$

the real part of the equation gives the dynamical equation for  $a$ , and the imaginary part of the equation gives the dynamical equation for  $\theta$ .

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### Derivation of Phase Equation from Amplitude Equation II

Real part

$$\partial_T \delta a = -2a_K^2 \delta a - 2K a_K \partial_X \theta + \partial_X^2 \delta a$$

For time variations on a  $T$ -scale much longer than unity, the term on the left hand side is negligible, and  $\delta a$  is said to adiabatically follow the phase perturbations. The term in  $\partial_X^2 \delta a$  will lead to phase derivatives that are higher than second order, and so can be ignored. Hence

$$a_K \delta a \simeq -K \partial_X \theta.$$

Imaginary part

$$a_K \partial_T \theta \simeq 2K \partial_X \delta a + a_K \partial_X^2 \theta + a_K K \partial_Y^2 \theta.$$

Eliminating  $\delta a$  and using  $a_K^2 = 1 - K^2$  gives

$$\partial_T \theta = \left[ \frac{1 - 3K^2}{1 - K^2} \right] \partial_X^2 \theta + K \partial_Y^2 \theta.$$

the phase *diffusion equation* in scaled units.

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### Derivation of Phase Equation from Amplitude Equation III

Returning to the unscaled units we get the phase diffusion equation for a phase variation

$$\theta = kx + \delta\theta$$

$$\partial_t \theta = D_{\parallel} \partial_x^2 \theta + D_{\perp} \partial_y^2 \theta$$

with diffusion constants for the state with wave number  $q = q_c + k$  (with  $k$  related to  $K$  by  $k = \xi_0^{-1} e^{1/2} K$ )

$$D_{\parallel} = (\xi_0^2 \tau_0^{-1}) \frac{\varepsilon - 3\xi_0^2 k^2}{\varepsilon - \xi_0^2 k^2}$$

$$D_{\perp} = (\xi_0^2 \tau_0^{-1}) \frac{k}{q_c}.$$

A negative diffusion constant leads to exponentially growing solutions, i.e. the state with wave number  $q_c + k$  is *unstable* to long wavelength phase perturbations for

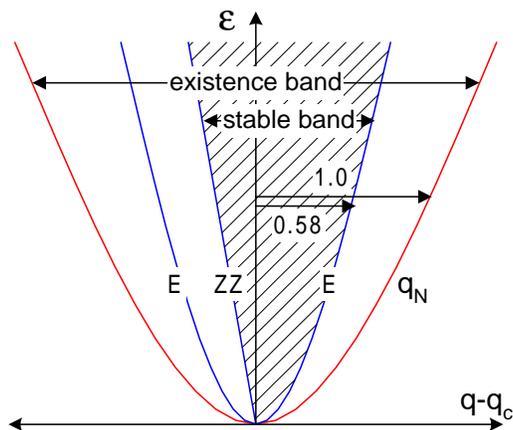
$$|\xi_0 k| > \varepsilon^{1/2} / \sqrt{3} \quad D_{\parallel} < 0: \text{longitudinal (Eckhaus)}$$

$$k < 0 \quad D_{\perp} < 0: \text{transverse (ZigZag)}$$

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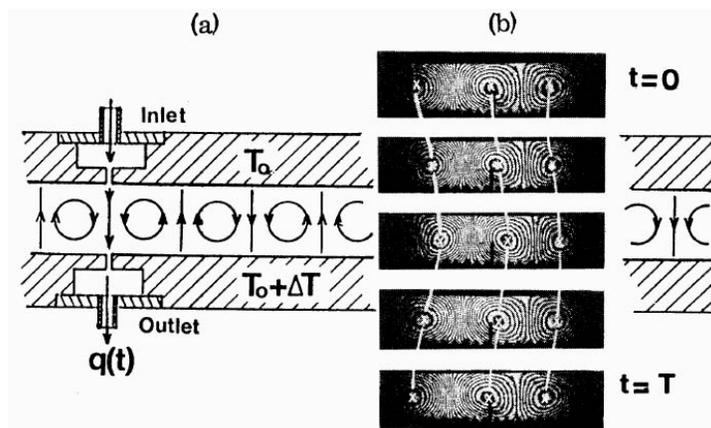
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### Experimental Test of Phase Diffusion

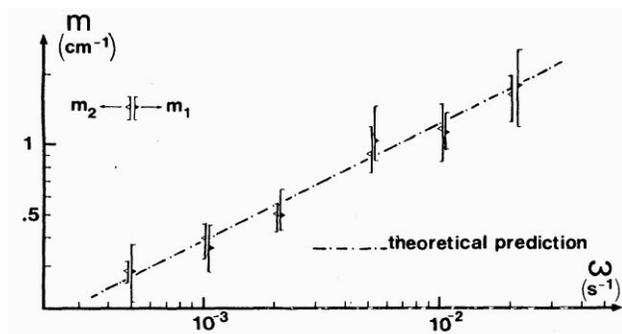


Wesfried and Croquette (1980)

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## Experimental Test of Phase Diffusion



Solution to phase equation with periodic driving at frequency  $\omega$

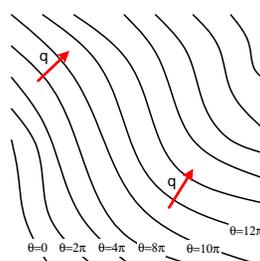
$$\theta(x, t) = \theta_0 e^{-m_1|x|} \cos(m_2|x| - \omega t) \text{ with } m_1 = m_2 = \sqrt{\omega/2D_{\parallel}}$$

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## Phase Dynamics Away From Threshold (MCC and Newell, 1984)

Away from threshold the other degrees of freedom relax even more quickly, and so idea of a slow phase equation remains.



- pattern is given by the lines of constant phase  $\theta$  of a local stripe solution;
- wave vector  $\mathbf{q}$  is the gradient of this phase  $\mathbf{q} = \nabla\theta$ .

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A nonlinear saturated straight-stripe solution with wave vector  $\mathbf{q} = q\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_q(\theta, z, t) \quad \theta = qx$$

For slow spatial variations of the wave vector over a length scale  $\eta^{-1}$  this leads to the ansatz for a pattern of slowly varying stripes

$$\mathbf{u} \approx \mathbf{u}_q(\theta, z, t) + O(\eta), \quad \mathbf{q} = \nabla\theta(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}(\eta\mathbf{x})$  so that  $\nabla\mathbf{q} = O(\eta)$ .

We can develop an equation for the phase variation by expanding in  $\eta$

$$\tau(q)\partial_t\theta = -\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{q}B(q)]$$

The form of the equation derives from symmetry and smoothness arguments, and expanding up to second order derivatives of the phase.

The parameters  $\tau(q)$ ,  $B(q)$  are system dependent functions depending on the equations of motion,  $\mathbf{u}_q$ , etc.

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### Small Deviations from Stripes

$$\tau(q)\partial_t\theta = -\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{q}B(q)]$$

For  $\theta = qx + \delta\theta$  this reduces to

$$\partial_t\delta\theta = D_{\parallel}(q)\partial_x^2\delta\theta + D_{\perp}(q)\partial_y^2\delta\theta$$

with

$$D_{\perp}(q) = -\frac{B(q)}{\tau(q)}$$

$$D_{\parallel}(q) = -\frac{1}{\tau(q)} \frac{d(qB(q))}{dq}$$

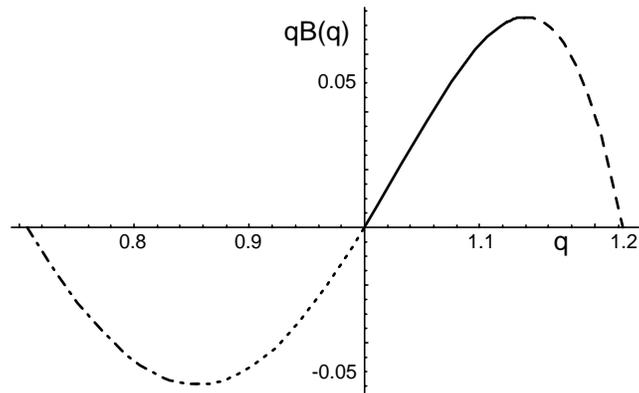
A negative diffusion constant signals instability:

- $[qB(q)]' < 0$ : Eckhaus instability
- $B(q) < 0$ : zigzag instability

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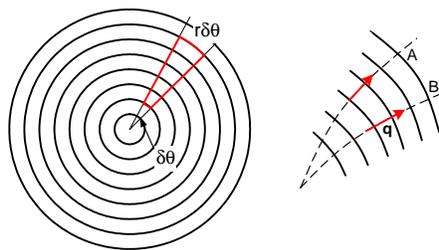
## Phase Parameters for the Swift-Hohenberg Equation



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## Application: Wave Number Selection by a Focus



$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{q}B(q)) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint B(q)\mathbf{q} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dl = 0$$

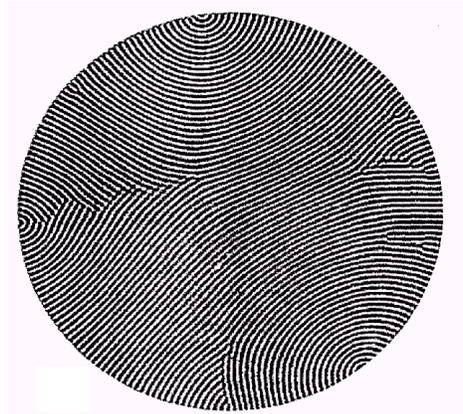
$$qB(q) = \frac{C}{r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

i.e.  $q \rightarrow q_f$  with  $B(q_f) = 0$ , the wave number of the zigzag instability!

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## Defects

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## Defects and Broken Symmetries

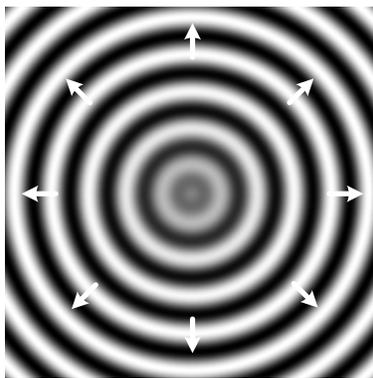
There are *two* broken symmetries: rotational and translational.  
Correspondingly there are two types of topological defects:

- Rotational (associated with direction of wavevector  $\mathbf{q}$ )
  - ◇ Focus, disclination (point defect)
  - ◇ Grain boundary (line defect)
- Translational (associated with phase  $\theta$ )
  - ◇ Dislocation (point defect)

Unfortunately the rotational defects cannot be considered independently of the broken translational symmetry, and this complicates the discussion.

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## Focus/target defect



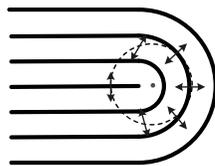
Wavevector winding number = 1

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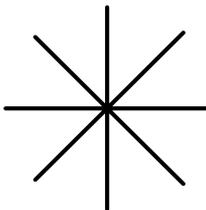
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## Disclinations

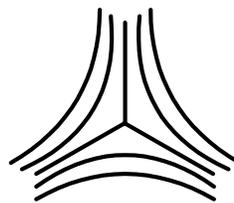
(a)



(b)



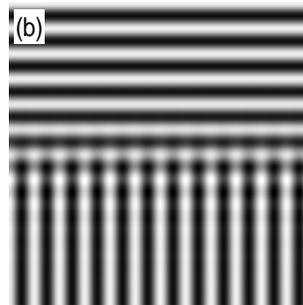
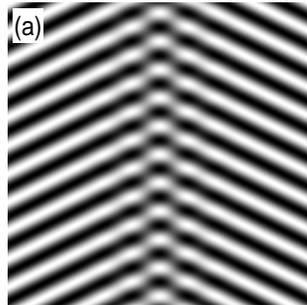
(c)

Winding numbers: (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; (b) 1; (c) -1

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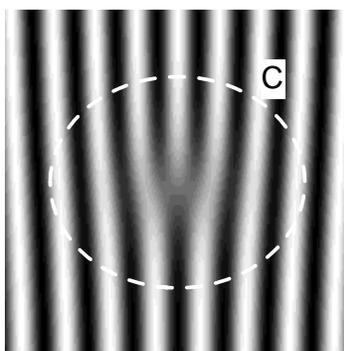
## Grain Boundaries



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## Dislocation

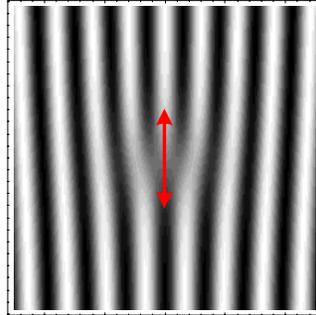


$$\text{Phase winding number} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C \nabla \theta \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 1$$

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## Dislocation Climb



Climb motion is through symmetry related states and is smooth

Climb velocity

$$v_d \approx \beta(q - q_d)$$

What is  $q_d$ ? Easy in equilibrium systems, not in ones far from equilibrium.

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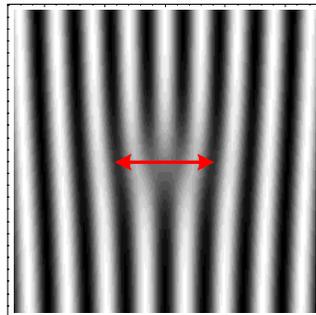
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Convection experiments (from website of Eberhard Bodenschatz)

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## Dislocation Glide



Glide motion involves stripe pinch off, and is pinned to the periodic structure

Dislocation motion is important in the relaxation of patterns.

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## Oscillatory Instabilities

The same set of ideas can be applied to oscillatory instabilities

$\text{Im } \sigma(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_c) \neq 0$

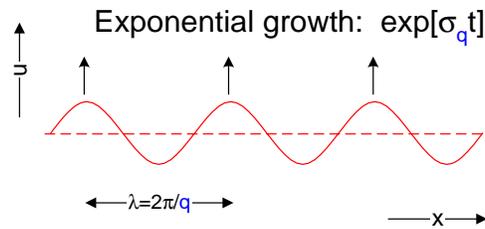
- Now the amplitude equation is the Complex Ginzburg-Landau (CGL) equation (complex coefficients)
- Phase equation can be used to understand shocks

I will briefly discuss the case of an instability to spatially uniform oscillations ( $q_c = 0$ )

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## Linear Instability



$$\delta \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t) = \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{q}}(z) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{\perp}} e^{\sigma_{\mathbf{q}} t}$$

If  $\omega_c = -\text{Im} \sigma_{q_c} \neq 0$  we have an instability to

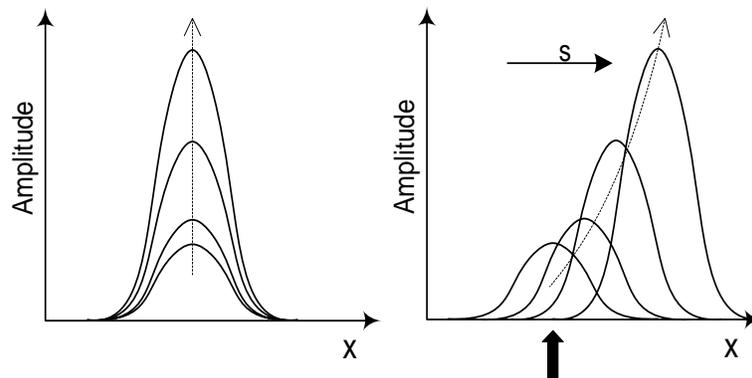
- for  $q_c = 0$ : a nonlinear oscillator which also supports travelling waves
- for  $q_c \neq 0$ : a wave pattern (standing or travelling)

Important new concept: absolute v. convective instability

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## Absolute and Convective Instability



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## Conditions for Convective and Absolute Instability

- **Convective instability:** same as condition for instability to Fourier mode

$$\text{Max}_{\mathbf{q}} \text{Re } \sigma(\mathbf{q}) = 0$$

- **Absolute instability:** for a growth rate spectrum  $\sigma_q$ , the system is absolutely unstable if

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\mathbf{q}_s) = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{q}_s$  is a *complex* wave vector given by the solution of the stationary phase condition

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\mathbf{q}}}{d\mathbf{q}} = 0$$

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## Derivation of Condition for Absolute Instability

In the linear regime the disturbance growing from any given initial condition  $u_p(\mathbf{x}, t = 0)$  can be expressed as

$$u_p(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq e^{iqx + \sigma_q t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' u_p(x', 0) e^{-iqx'}$$

Rewrite the integral as

$$u_p(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' u_p(x', 0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq e^{iq(x-x') + \sigma_q t}$$

For large time and at fixed distance the integral can be estimated using the stationary phase method: the integral is dominated by the region around the complex wave number  $q = q_s$  given by the solution of

$$\frac{d\sigma_q}{dq} = 0$$

Estimating the integral from the value of the integrand at the stationary phase point gives

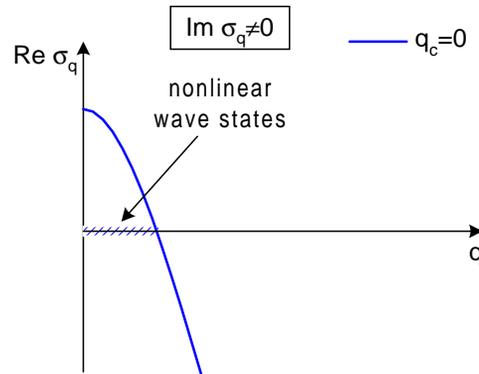
$$u_p(x = 0, t) \sim e^{\sigma_{q_s} t}$$

Thus the system will be absolutely unstable for  $\text{Re } \sigma_{q_s} > 0$ .

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## Oscillatory Intability: Complex Ginzburg-Landau



$$1d: \quad \partial_T \bar{A} = (1 + ic_0) \bar{A} + (1 + ic_1) \partial_X^2 \bar{A} - (1 - ic_3) |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

$$2d: \quad \partial_T \bar{A} = (1 + ic_0) \bar{A} + (1 + ic_1) \nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{A} - (1 - ic_3) |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

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## Simulations of the CGL Equation

General equation (2d)

$$\partial_T \bar{A} = (1 + ic_0) \bar{A} + (1 + ic_1) \nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{A} - (1 - ic_3) |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

Case simulated:

- $c_0 = -c_3$  (no loss of generality) for simplicity of plots
- $c_1 = 0$  (choice of parameters)

$$\partial_T \bar{A} = (1 - ic_3) \bar{A} + \nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{A} - (1 - ic_3) |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

Simulations...

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## Nonlinear Wave Patterns

As well as uniform oscillations, CGL equation supports travelling wave solutions, but with properties that are strange to those of us brought up on linear waves:

- Waves annihilate at shocks rather than superimpose
- Waves disappear at boundaries rather than reflect (not shown)
- Defects: importance as persistent sources
- Spiral defects play a conspicuous role, because they are topologically defined persistent sources
- Shocks between spiral defects lead to exponential decay of interaction (not  $1/r$  as in real amplitude equation)
- Instabilities can lead to spatiotemporal chaos

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## Wave Solutions

$$\partial_T \bar{A} = (1 + ic_0) \bar{A} + (1 + ic_1) \nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{A} - (1 - ic_3) |\bar{A}|^2 \bar{A}$$

Travelling wave solutions

$$\bar{A}_K(\mathbf{X}, T) = a_K e^{i(\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{X} - \Omega_K T)}$$

$$a_K^2 = 1 - K^2 \quad \Omega_K = -(c_0 + c_3) + (c_1 + c_3) K^2$$

Group speed

$$S = d\Omega_K/dK = 2(c_1 + c_3)K$$

Standing waves, based on the addition of waves at  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $-\mathbf{K}$  can be constructed, but they are unstable towards travelling waves

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### Stability Analysis

$$\bar{A}_K(\mathbf{X}, T) = (a_K + \delta a)e^{i(\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{X} - \Omega_K T + \delta\theta)}$$

For *small, slowly varying* phase perturbations

$$\partial_T \delta\theta + S \partial_X \delta\theta = D_{\parallel}(K) \partial_X^2 \delta\theta + D_{\perp}(K) \partial_Y^2 \delta\theta$$

with longitudinal and transverse diffusion with constants

$$D_{\parallel}(K) = (1 - c_1 c_3) \frac{1 - \nu K^2}{1 - K^2} \quad D_{\perp}(K) = (1 - c_1 c_3)$$

with

$$\nu = \frac{3 - c_1 c_3 + 2c_3^2}{1 - c_1 c_3}$$

- $D_{\parallel} = 0 \Rightarrow$  Benjamin-Feir instability (longitudinal sideband instability analogous to Eckhaus) for

$$|K| \geq \Lambda_B = \nu^{-1}$$

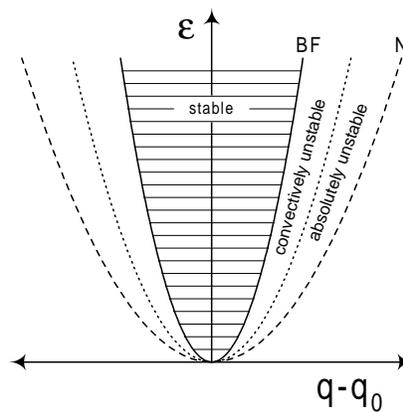
leaving a stable band of wave numbers with width a fraction  $\nu^{-1}$  of the existence band.

- For  $1 - c_1 c_3 < 0$  *all* wave states are unstable (Newell)

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### Stability Balloon



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## Nonlinear Phase Equation

For slow phase variations about spatially uniform oscillations (now keeping all terms up to second order in derivatives)

$$\partial_T \theta = \Omega + \alpha \nabla_{\perp}^2 \theta - \beta (\nabla_{\perp} \theta)^2$$

with

$$\alpha = 1 - c_1 c_3$$

$$\beta = c_1 + c_3$$

$$\Omega = c_0 + c_3$$

Can be used to understand shocks

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## Cole-Hopf Transformation

The Cole-Hopf transformation

$$\chi(X, Y, T) = \exp[-\beta \theta(X, Y, T)/\alpha]$$

transforms the nonlinear phase equation into the *linear* equation for  $\chi$

$$\partial_T \chi = \alpha \nabla_{\chi}^2 \chi$$

Plane wave solutions

$$\chi = \exp\left[(\mp \beta K X + \beta^2 K^2 T)/\alpha\right]$$

correspond to the phase variations

$$\theta = \pm K X - \beta K^2 T$$

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### Cole-Hopf Transformation (cont)

Since the  $\chi$  equation is *linear*, we can superimpose a pair of these solutions

$$\chi = \exp\left[(-\beta K X + \beta^2 K^2 T)/\alpha\right] + \exp\left[(+\beta K X + \beta^2 K^2 T)/\alpha\right]$$

The phase is

$$\theta = -\beta K^2 T - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \ln[2 \cosh(\beta K X/\alpha)].$$

For large  $|X|$  the phase is given by (assuming  $\beta K$  positive)

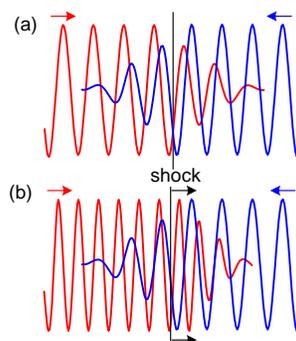
$$\theta \rightarrow -K X - \beta K^2 T - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \exp(-2\beta K X/\alpha) \quad \text{for } X \rightarrow +\infty$$

i.e. left moving waves plus exponentially decaying right moving waves with the decay length  $\alpha/2\beta K$ . Similarly for  $X \rightarrow -\infty$  get left moving waves with exponentially small right moving waves.

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### Shocks

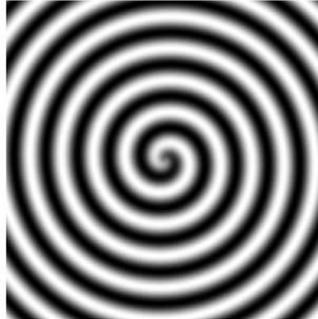


- Shocks are sinks, not sources
- For positive group speed shocks between waves of different frequency move so that the higher frequency region expands

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## Spiral Defects



m-armed spiral:  $\oint \nabla \theta \cdot \mathbf{dl} = m \times 2\pi$

$$\bar{A} = a(R)e^{i(K(R)R + m\theta - \Omega_s T)}$$

with for  $R \rightarrow \infty$

$$a(R) \rightarrow a_K \quad K(R) \rightarrow K_s \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega_K(K_s) = \Omega_s$$

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## Uniqueness

A key question is whether there is a family of spirals giving a continuous range of possible frequencies  $\Omega_s$ , or there is a unique spiral structure with a prescribed frequency that selects a particular wave number (or possibly a discrete set of possible spirals).

A perturbative treatments of the CGLE for small  $c_1 + c_3$  about the real amplitude equation predicts a unique stable spiral structure, with a wave number  $K_s$  that varies as (Hagan, 1982)

$$K_s \rightarrow \frac{1.018}{|c_1 + c_3|} \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{2|c_1 + c_3|}\right].$$

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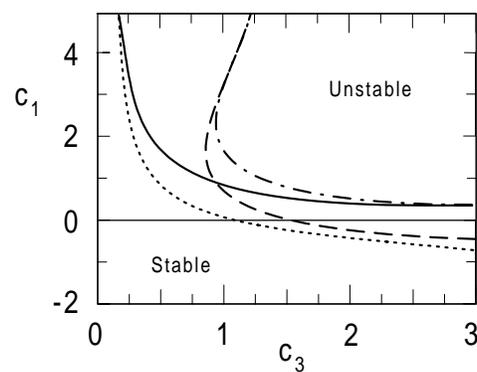
## Stability Revisited

- Wave number of nonlinear waves determined by spirals
- Only BF stability of waves at  $K_s$  relevant to stability of periodic state
- Convective instability may not lead to breakdown
- Core instabilities may intervene

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Stability lines of the CGLE (unstable states are towards larger positive  $c_1 c_3$ )



solid line: Newell criterion  $c_1 c_3 = 1$

dotted line: convective Benjamin-Feir instability of spiral-selected wavenumber

dashed line: absolute instability of spiral selected wavenumber

dashed-dotted line: absolute instability of whole wavenumber band

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## Waves in Excitable Media

Waves in reaction-diffusion systems such as chemicals or heart tissue show similar properties to waves in the CGL



[From Winfree and Strogatz (1983) and the website of G. Bub, McGill]