

COMPLEX DYNAMIC PHENOMENA IN
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
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1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND NONLINEAR DYNAMICS

An overview of the most typical problems one encounters in environmental planning and management. Emphasis on relationships with nonlinear dynamics. Further reading: *Journal of Environmental Management* (1996), 48, 357-373.

2. THE PROBLEM OF FLOATING PLANTS IN RESERVOIRS

Description of the problem through a model of competition between floating and submerged plants. Analysis of the model: alternative stable states. Bifurcation analysis and derivation of possible control actions. Analysis of the history of Lake Kariba on the Zambesi river. Further reading: *PNAS* (2003), 100, 4040-4045.

3. FOREST EXPLOITATION AND ACID RAIN: A DANGEROUS MIX

Description of the problem through a series of minimal models. Existence of catastrophic bifurcations (forest collapse). Cusp bifurcation: negative synergistic effect of acid rain and exploitation.

Further reading: *Vegetatio* (1987), 69, 213-222

Appl. Math. Modelling (1989), 13, 674-681

Theor. Pop. Biol. (1998), 54, 257-269.

4. THE RECLAMATION OF EUTROPHIC WATER BODIES

Description of the problem in terms of minimal models involving algae, zooplankton and planktivorous fish. Analysis of the bifurcations of the model: the appearance and disappearance of clear-water regimes. Biological control.

Further reading: *OIKOS* (1997), 80, 519-532.

5. TOURISM SUSTAINABILITY: AN OVERVIEW

The three components of the problem: tourists, environment and facilities. Detection of possible scenarios. Profitable, compatible and sustainable policies. Adaptivity. The case of alternative classes of tourists and of diversified investments.

Further reading: *Conservation Ecology* (2002), 6(1): 13 [online].

Chaos and Complexity Letters (2004) first issue (in the press).

6. ENRICHMENT AND YIELD MAXIMIZATION

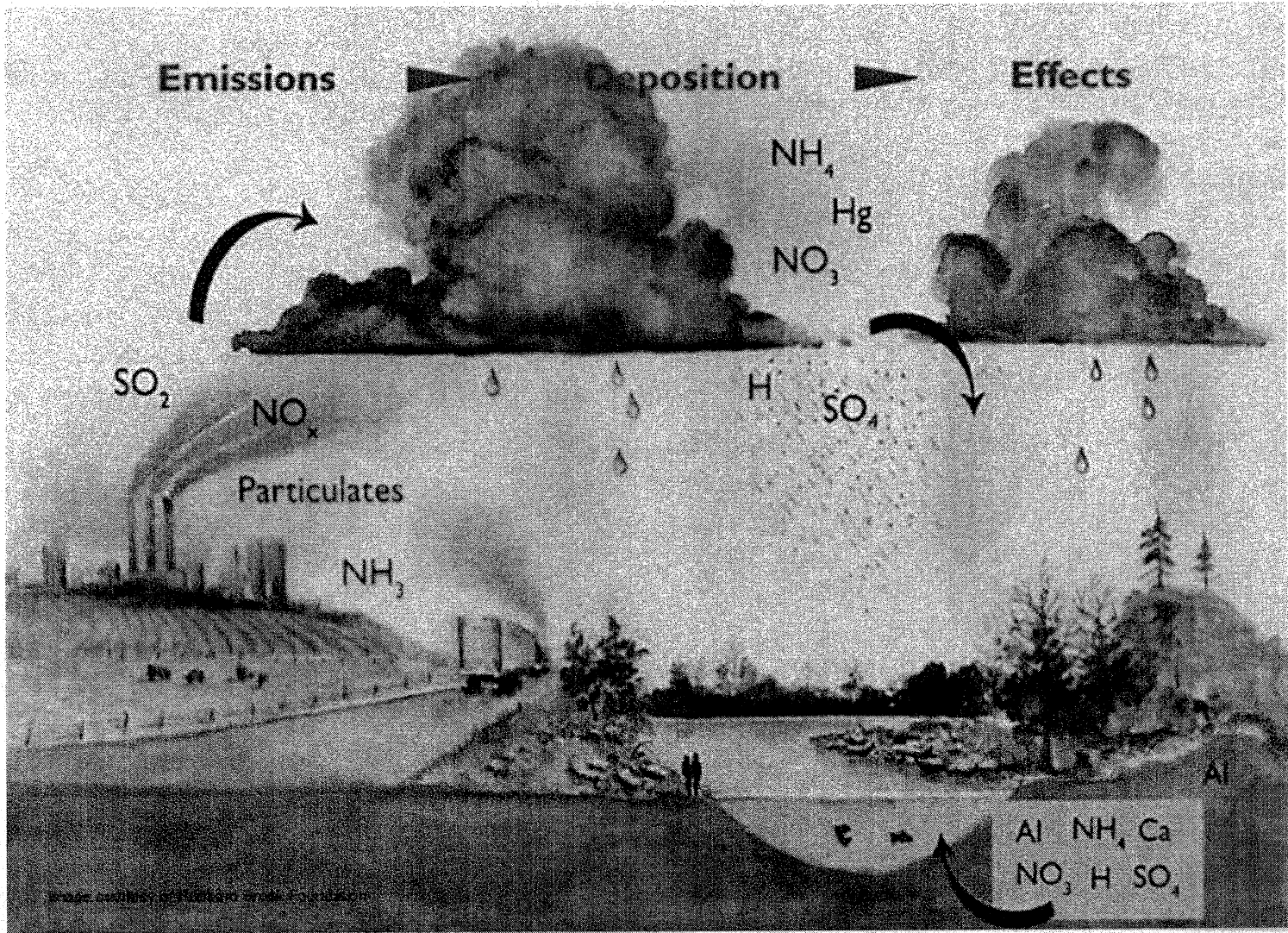
Exploitation of renewable resources. Enrichment and mean yield maximization. Analysis of the case of tritrophic food chains. Optimality at the edge of chaos. Derivation of management rules.

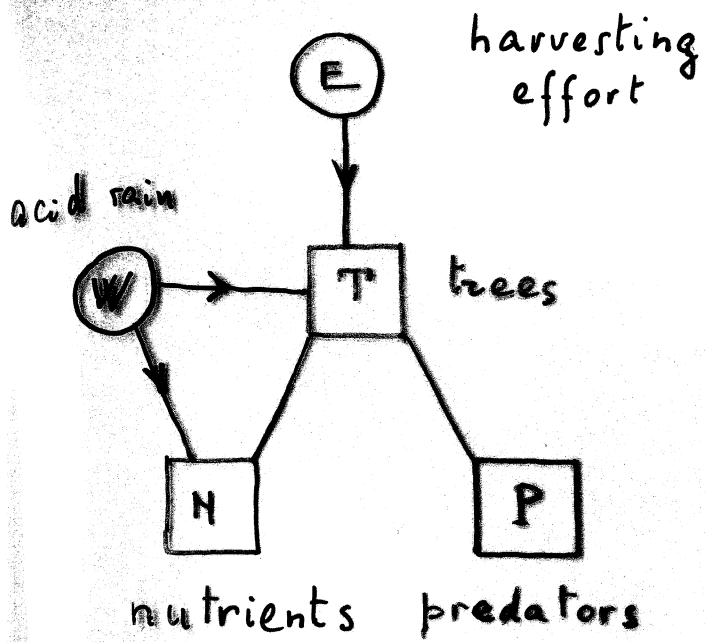
Further reading: *Am. Nat.* (1997) 150, 328-345

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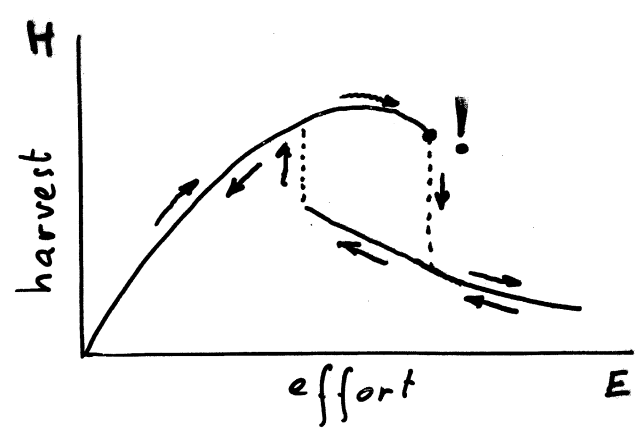
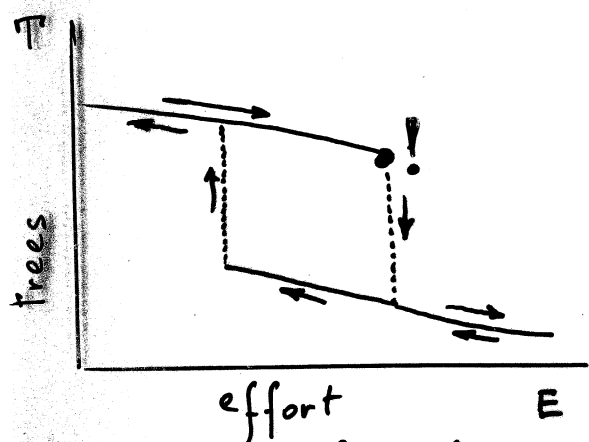
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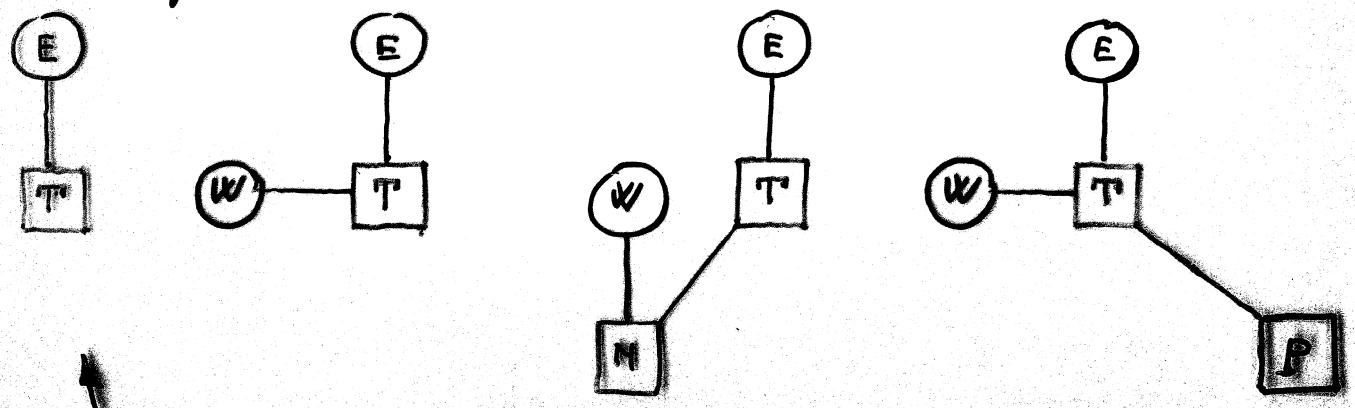


parameters

dynamical systems



and similarly for W

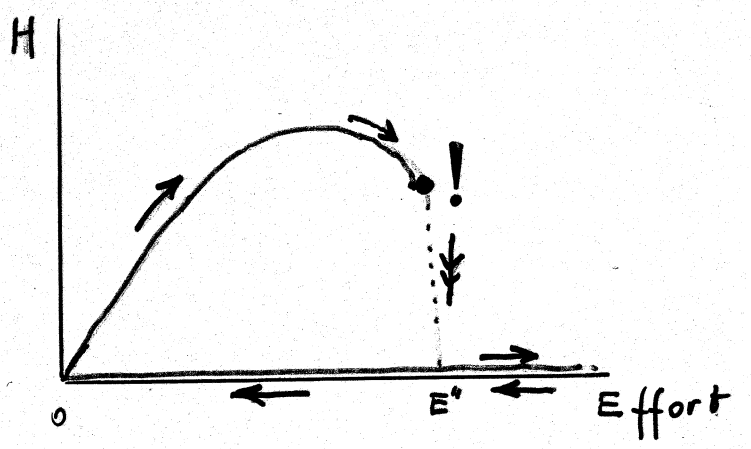
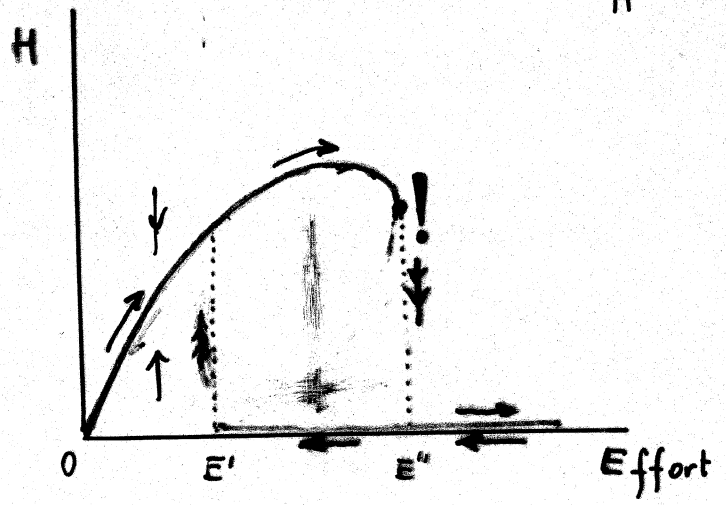
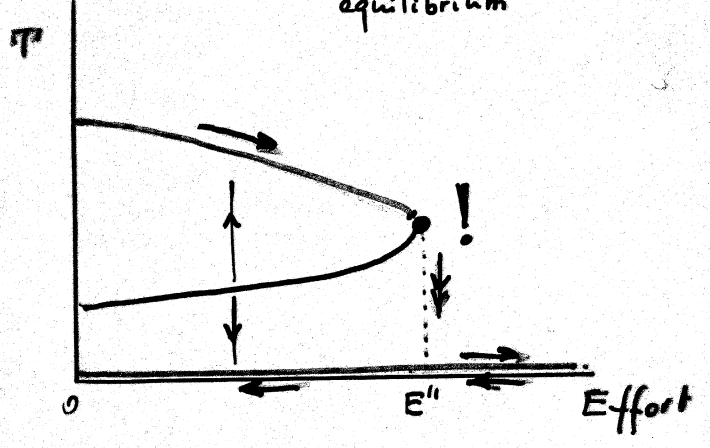
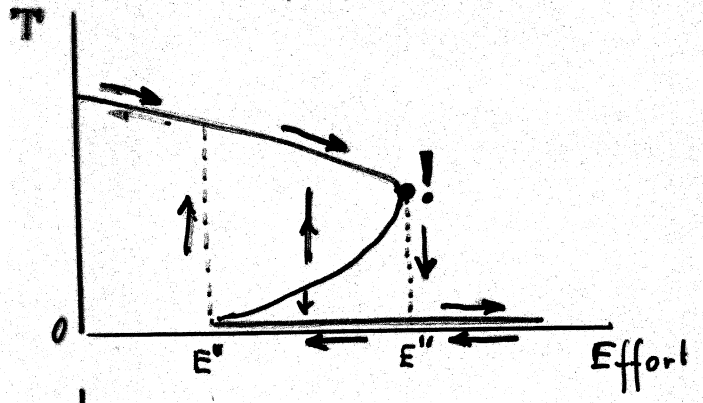
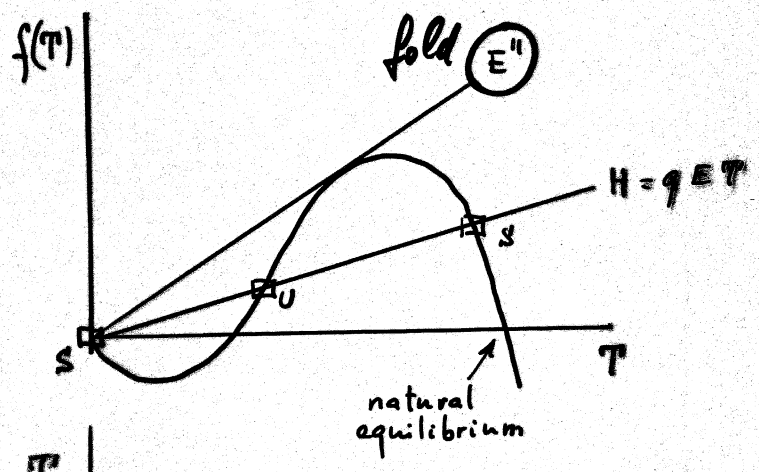
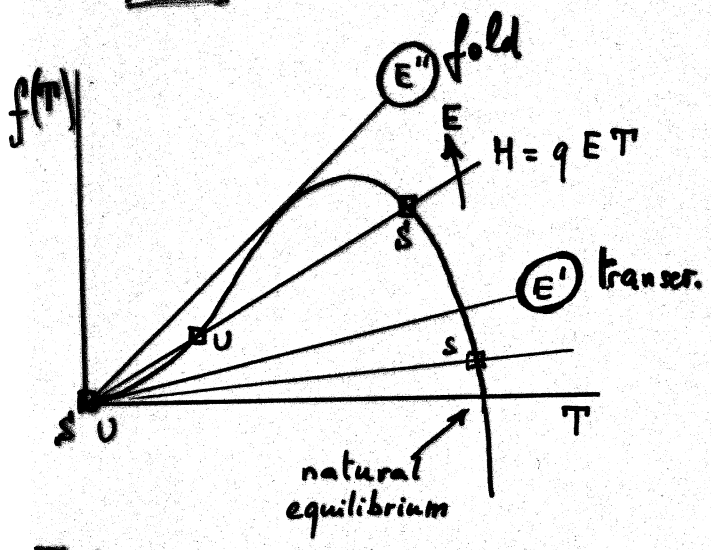


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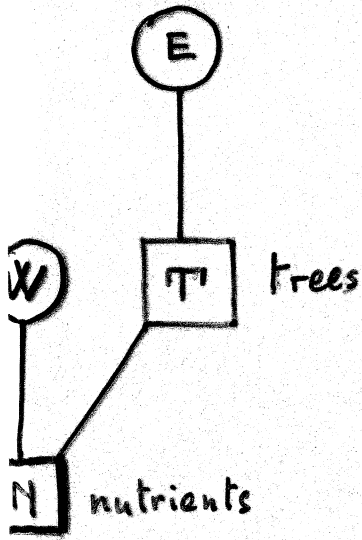
$$\dot{T} = f(T) - qET$$

↑ harvest rate H



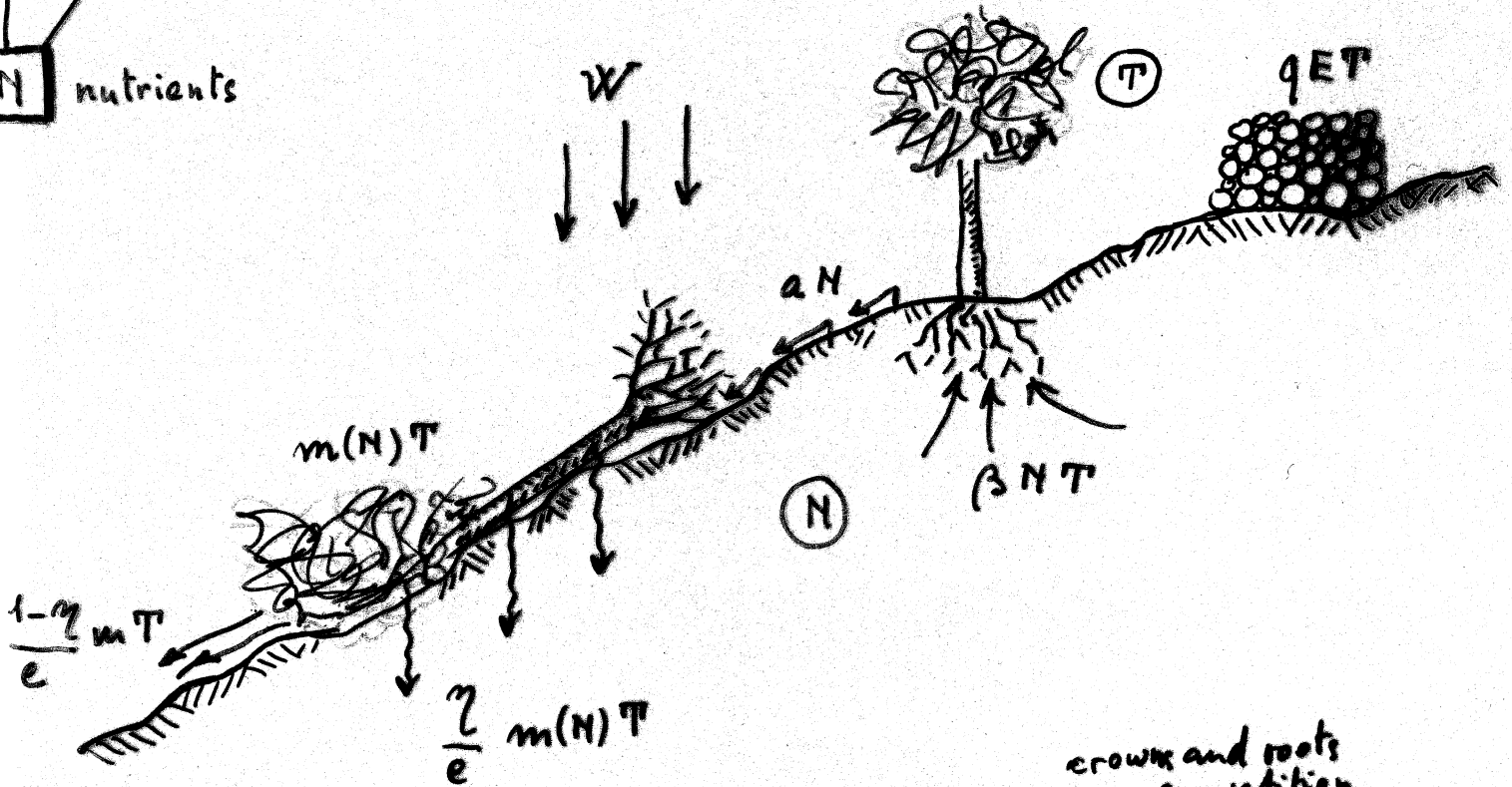
reversible catastroph.

irreversible catastroph.



$$\dot{T} = ?$$

$$\dot{N} = ?$$

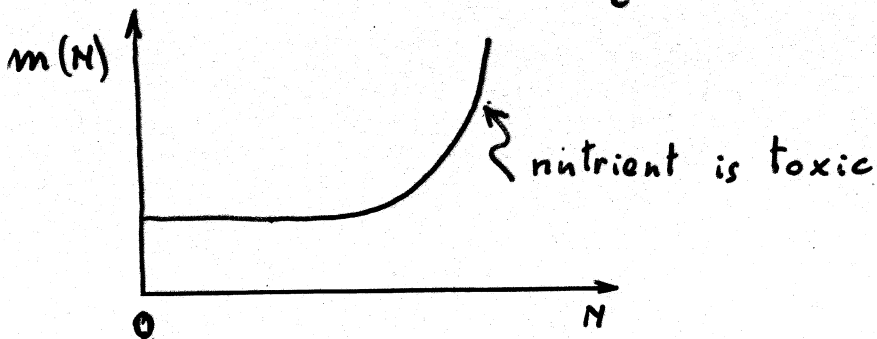


$$\dot{T} = (-m(N) + e\beta N)T - \overbrace{qET}^{\text{harvest}} - dT^2$$

$$\dot{N} = W - aN - \beta NT + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\gamma}{e}\right)}_c m(N)T$$

crowns and roots competition

$\beta \Rightarrow b$ in the paper



ANALYSIS OF THE MODEL

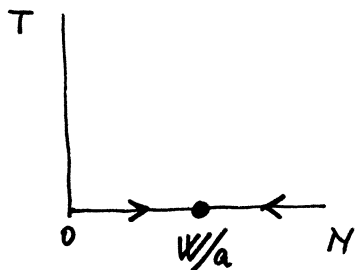
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$$\dot{N} = W - aN - bNT + cm(N)T$$

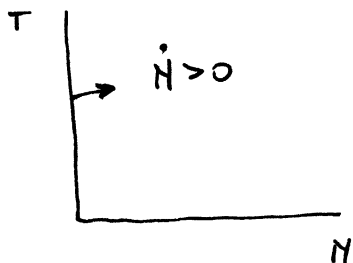
$$\dot{T} = (ebN - dT - m(N) - E)T$$

- The model is positive

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T=0 \Rightarrow \dot{T}=0 \Rightarrow T=\text{const.} \Rightarrow T \equiv 0 \text{ i.e. } T \text{ remains equal to zero} \\ \text{the } N \text{ axis is invariant} \end{array} \right.$$



$$N=0 \Rightarrow \dot{N} = W + cm(0)T > 0 \text{ i.e. } N \text{ becomes positive}$$



- There are no cycles (never been proved)
- There can be multiple equilibria
- There are transcritical and fold bifurcations

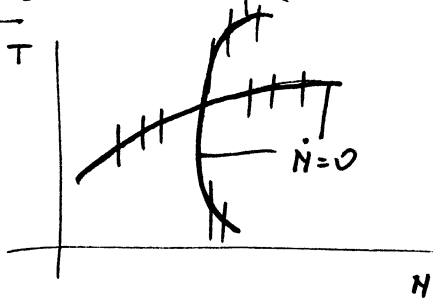
The last two points will be discussed graphically

EQUILIBRIA AND ISOCLINES

$$\dot{N} = f(N, T, W)$$

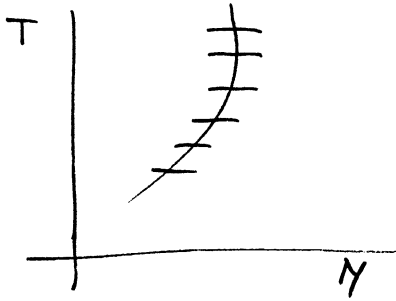
$$\dot{T} = g(N, T, E)$$

Isocline $\dot{N} = 0$ $\Rightarrow f(N, T, W) = 0$



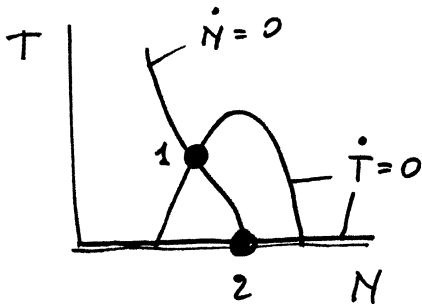
On the isoclines $\dot{N} = 0$
the trajectory is vertical

Isocline $\dot{T} = 0$ $\Rightarrow g(N, T, E) = 0$



On the isoclines $\dot{T} = 0$
the trajectory is horizontal

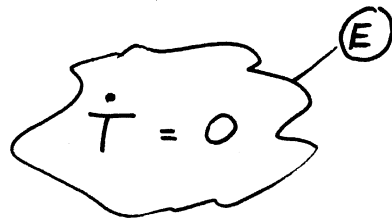
Equilibria are at the intersections of the isoclines



The stability of the equilibria
can be studied through li-
nearization (or intuitively!)

Remark The isoclines $\dot{N} = 0$ vary with the parameter W
The isoclines $\dot{T} = 0$ vary with the parameter E

ISOCINES



$$W - aN - bNT + c m(N)T = 0$$

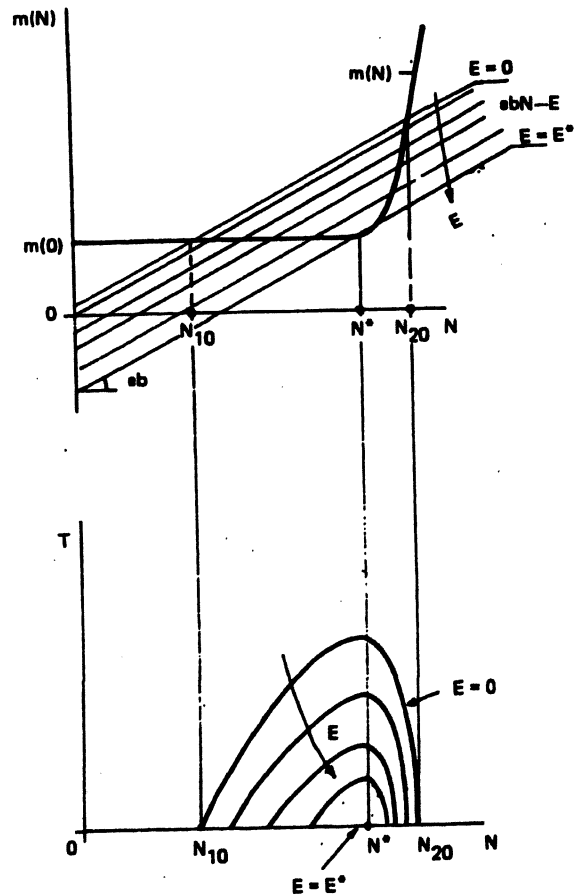
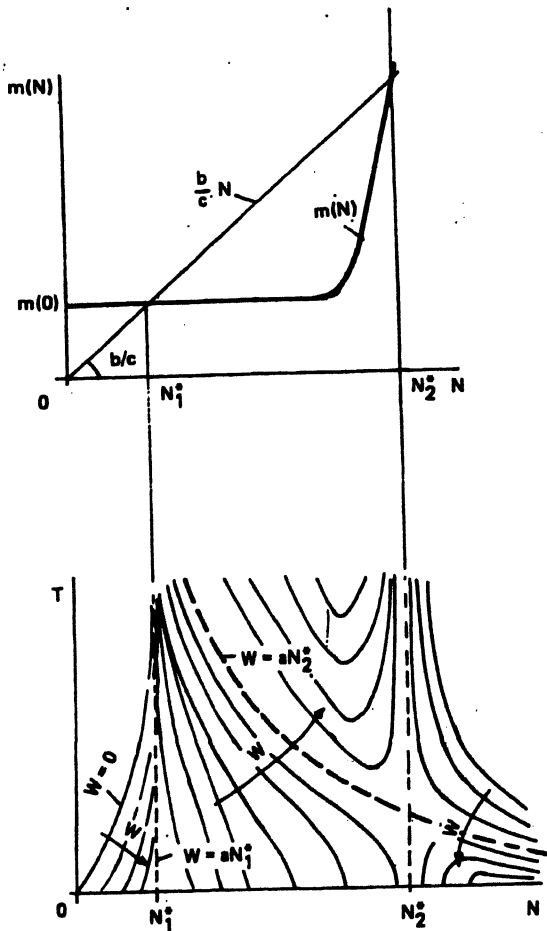
$$\begin{cases} T = 0 \\ T = \frac{1}{d} [ebN - m(N) - E] \end{cases}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{c} \frac{W - aN}{\frac{b}{c}N - m(N)}$$

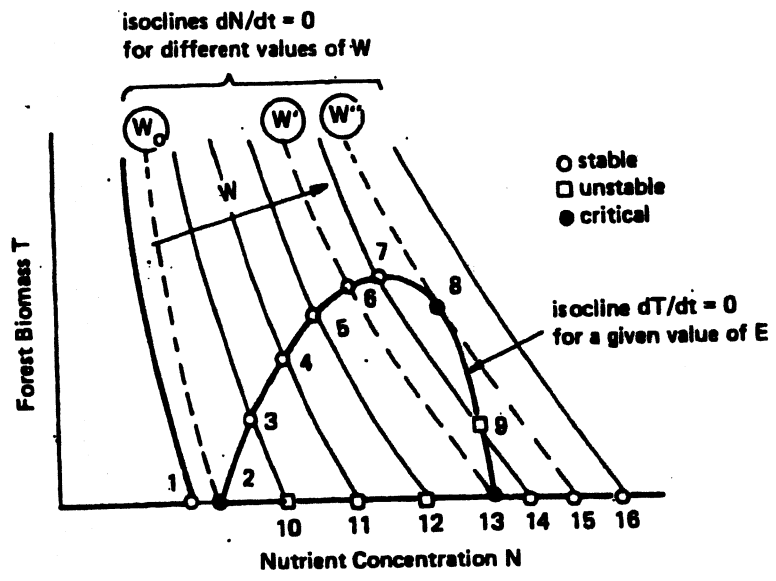
$$T = 0 \text{ for } N = \frac{W}{a}$$

$$T = \infty \text{ for } m(N) = \frac{b}{c}N$$

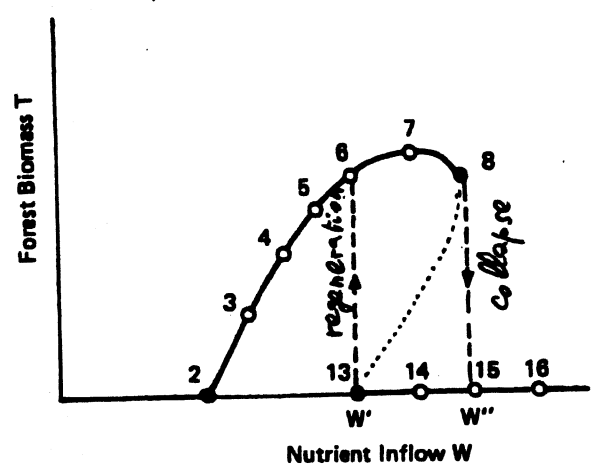
two branches :
 one is the N axis
 the other is a sort of parabola with intersections with the N axis at $m(N) = ebN - E$



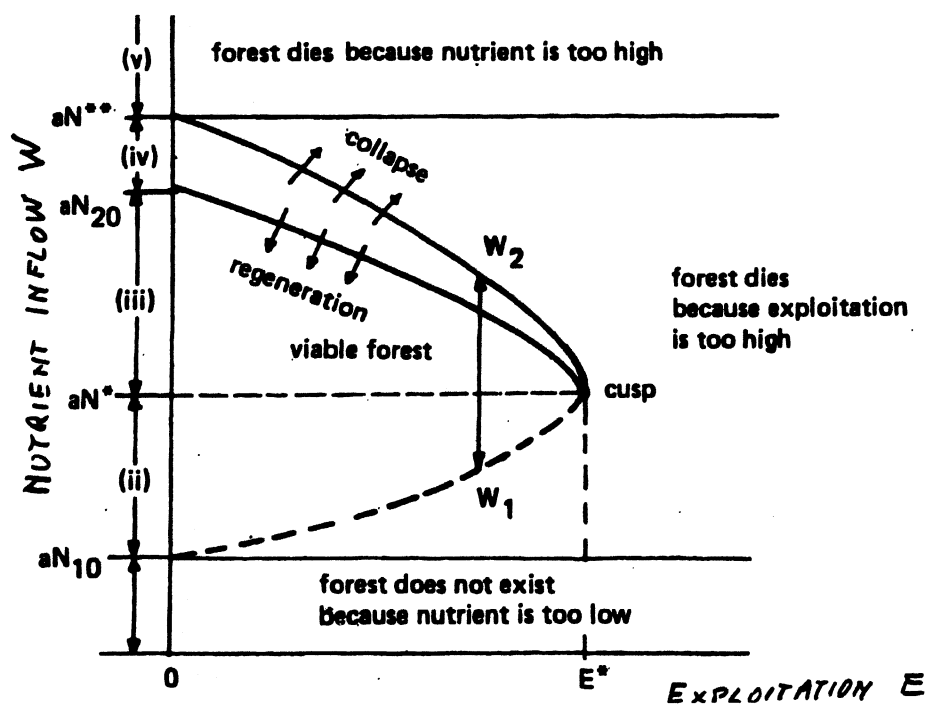
BIFURCATIONS WITH RESPECT TO W



E is fixed

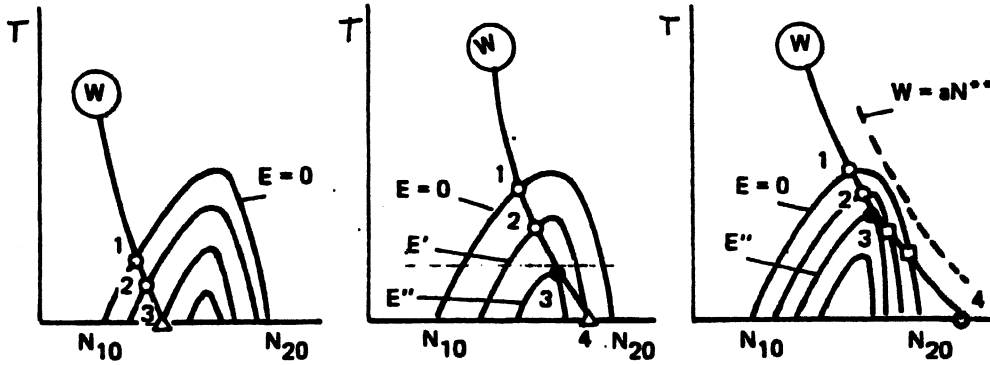


8 = fold bifurcation
13 = transcr. bifurc.
2 = transcr. bifurc.

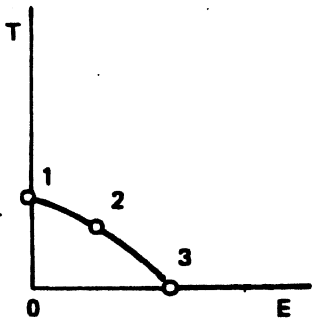


8 = collapse
13 = regeneration
2 = smooth transition to death (-----)

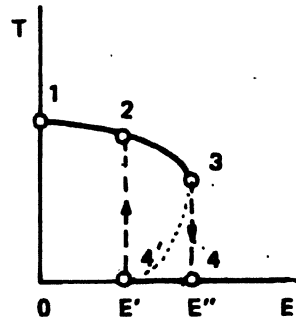
BIFURCATIONS WITH RESPECT TO E



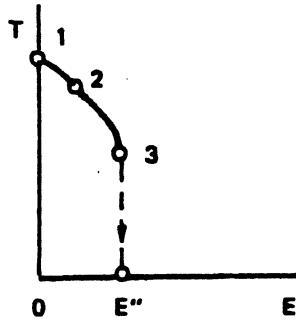
$W = \text{fixed}$
(at different values)



Case (ii)



Case (iii)



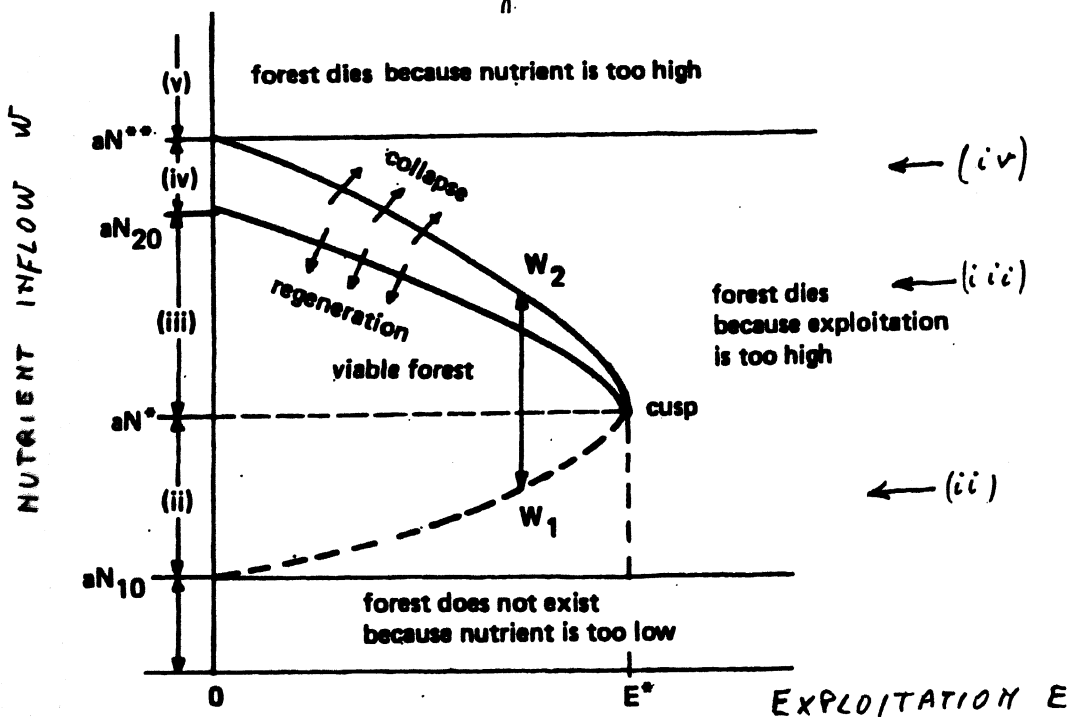
Case (iv)

3 = transcrit.

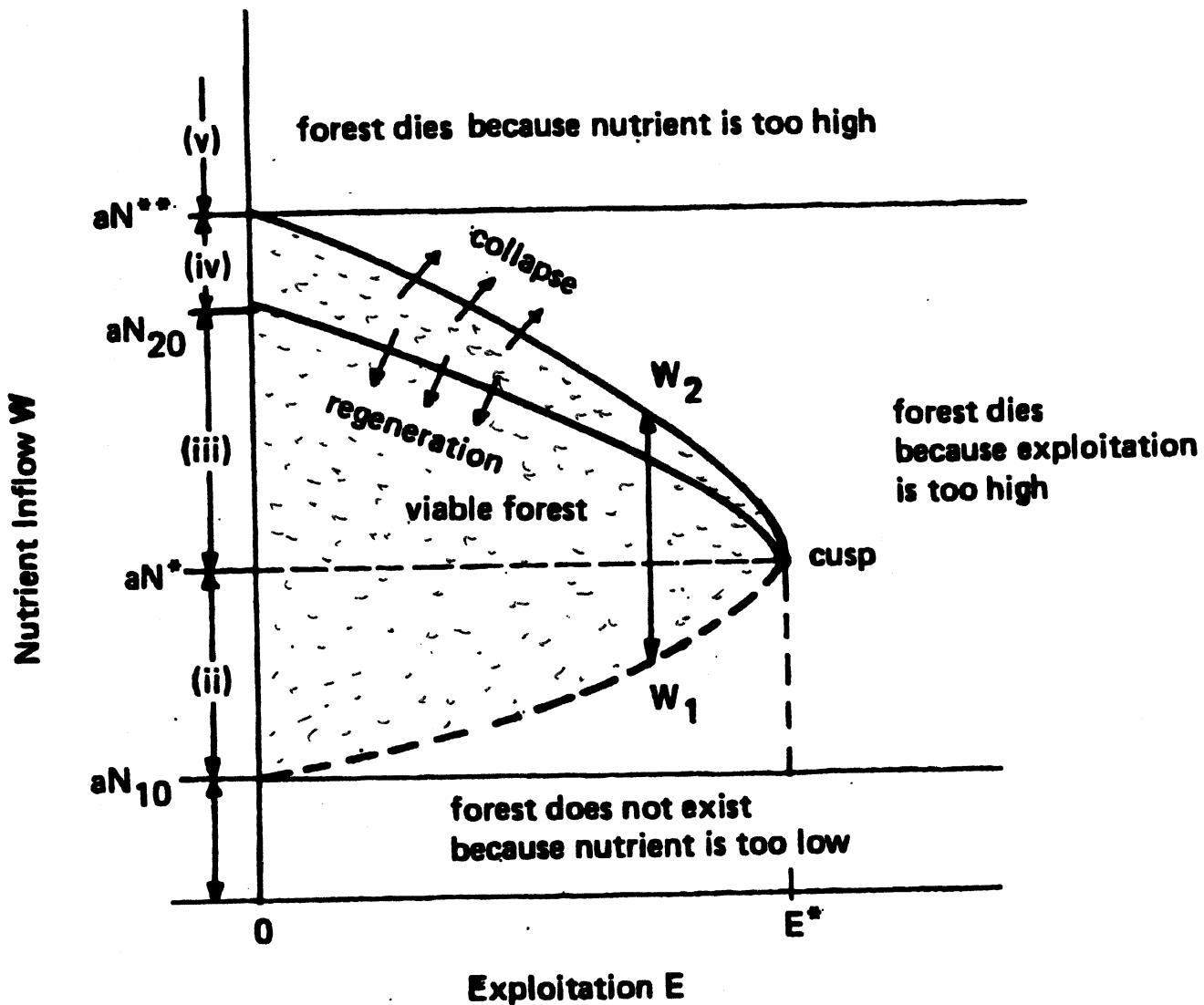
smooth transition
to death

3 = fold
4 = transcrit.
collapse
and
regeneration

3 = fold
collapse
no. regeneration



SUMMARY OF RESULTS



Exploited forests are more fragile w.r.t. acid rain
Forests exposed to acid rain are more fragile w.r.t. exploitation

The cusp is a codimension-2 bifurcation point because at the cusp there are two independent degeneracies.