

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 Zambezi 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.

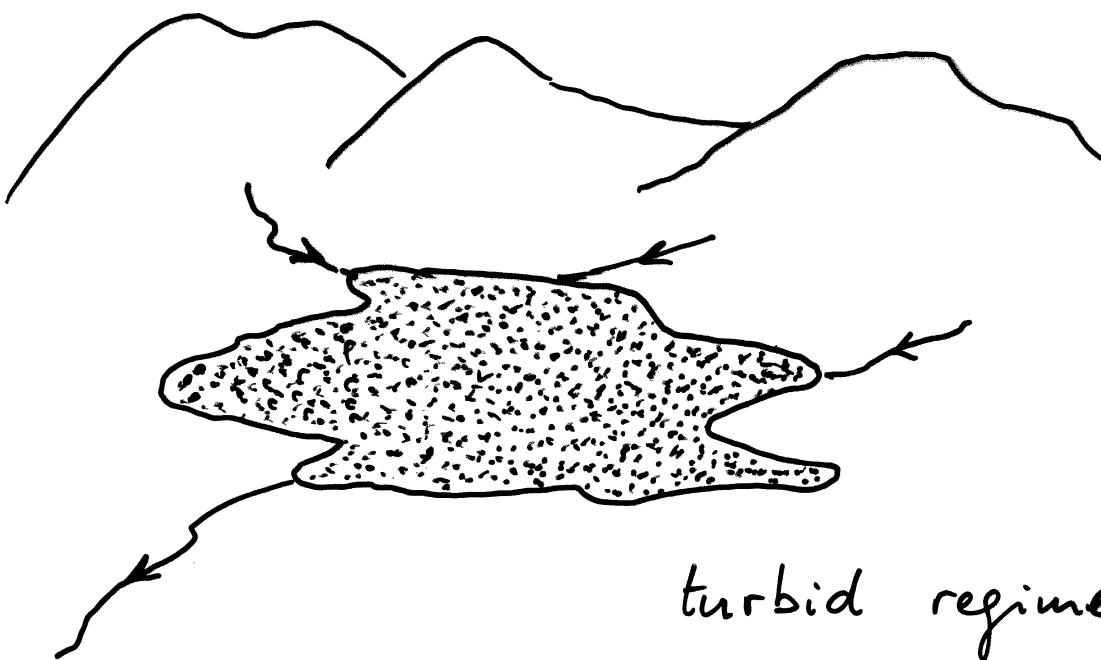
Further reading: *Am. Nat.* (1997) 150, 328-345

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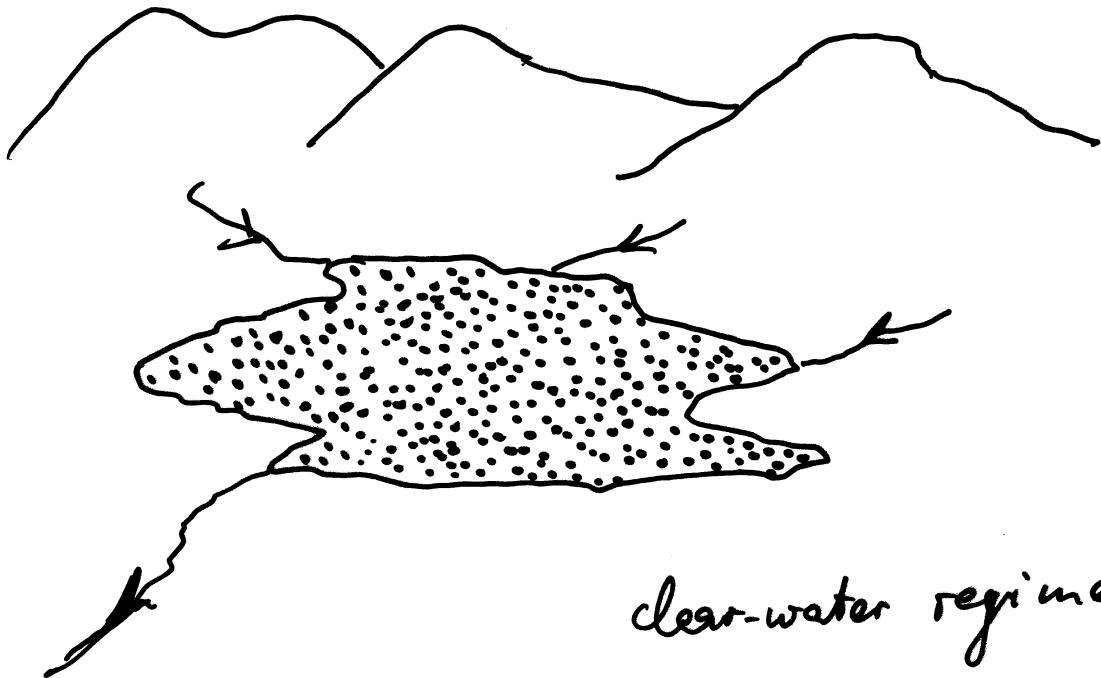
Ecol. Lett. (1999) 2, 6-10

J. Math. Biol. (2002) 45, 396-418.

RECLAMATION OF EUTROPHIC WATER BODIES

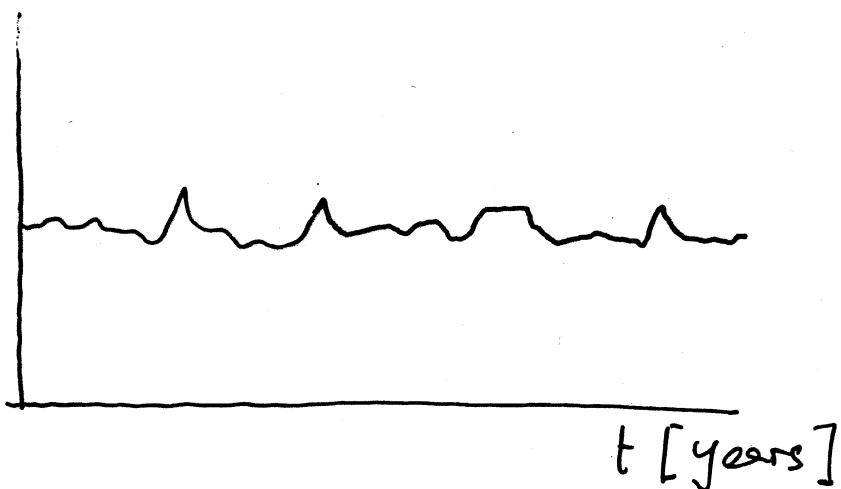


turbid regime



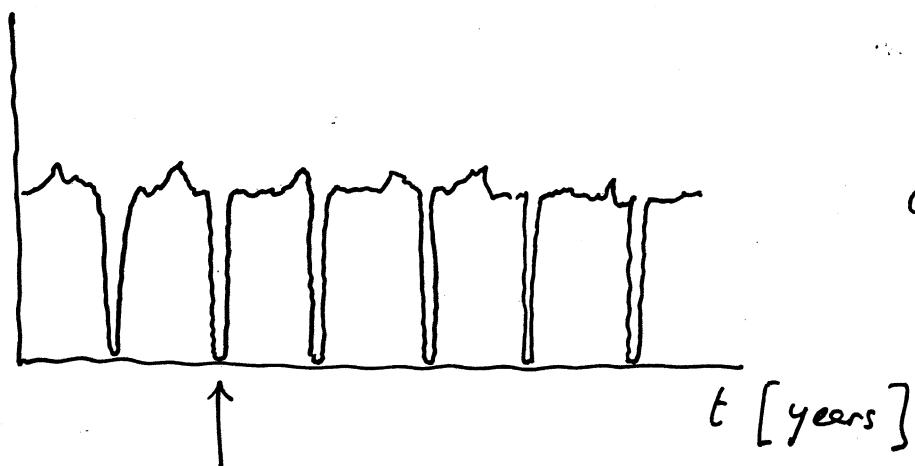
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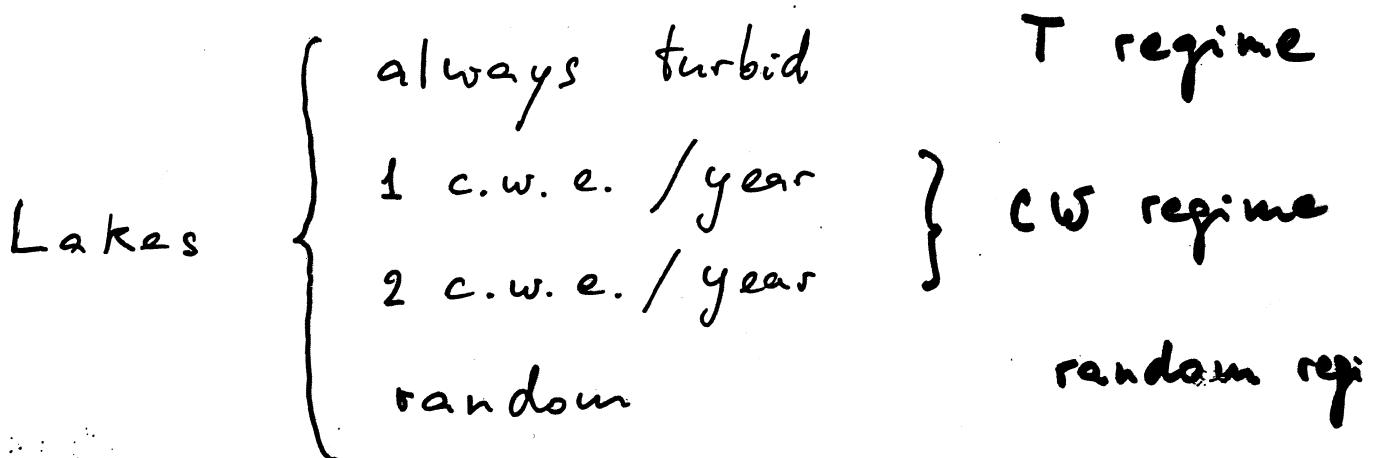
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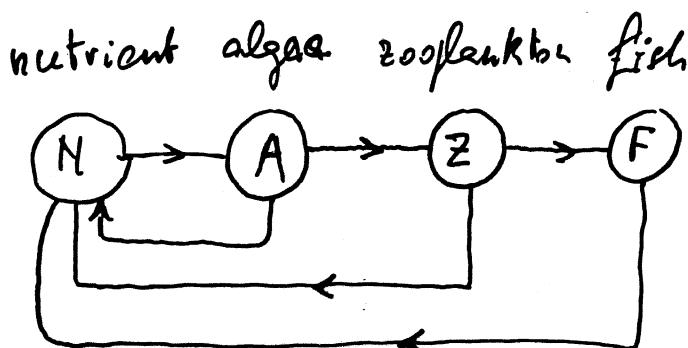


clearwater regime
CW

clearwater
episode



STRUCTURE OF THE MODEL



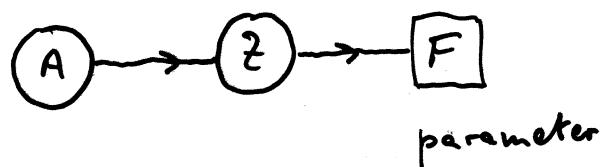
$$\dot{N} = f_N(N, A, Z, F)$$

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$$\dot{Z} = f_Z(A, Z, F)$$

$$\dot{F} = f_F(Z, F)$$

high nutrient concentration \Rightarrow N does not count
 different time scales \Rightarrow F is exogenous

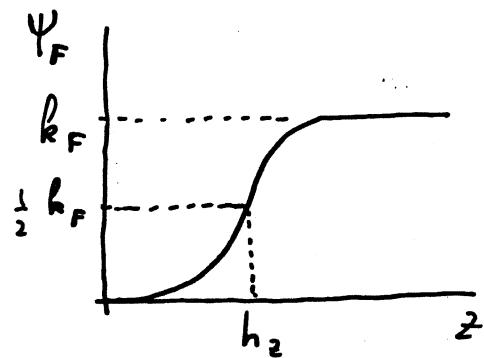
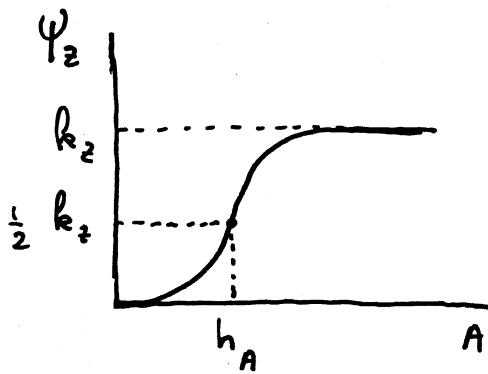
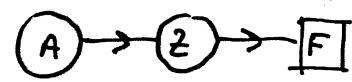


THE MODEL

$$\dot{A} = r A \left(1 - \frac{A}{K}\right) - e \Psi_z(A) \quad \text{algae}$$

$$\dot{z} = e \Psi_z(A) - m z - F \Psi_F(z) \quad \text{zooplankton}$$

↑
planktivorous
fish



$$\Psi_z(A) = k_z \frac{A^2}{A^2 + h_A^2}$$

$$\Psi_F(z) = k_F \frac{z^2}{z^2 + h_z^2}$$

9 parameters $r, K, e, m, [F], k_z, h_A, k_F, h_z$

Seasons : parameters vary periodically

No seasons : parameters are constant

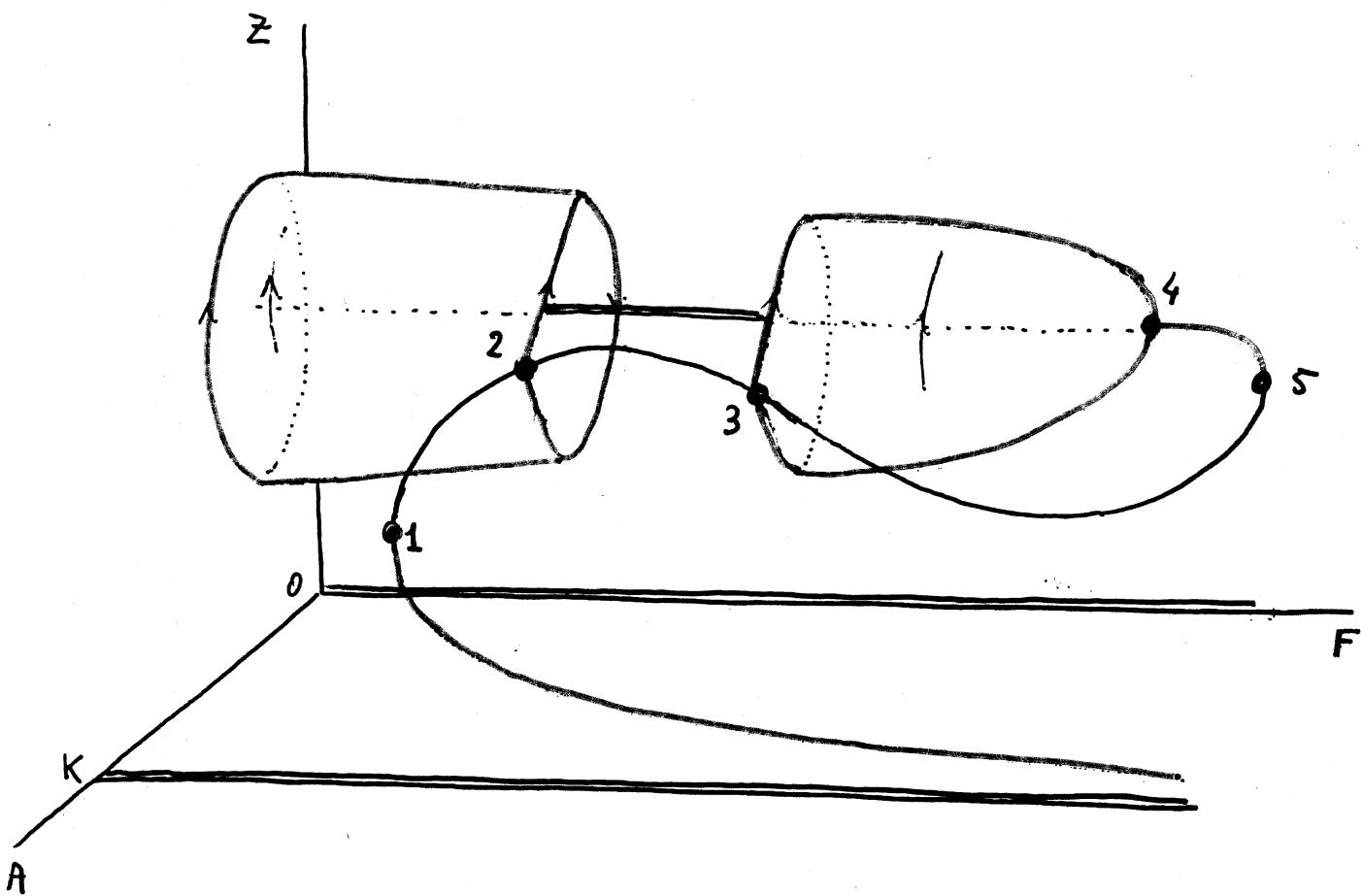
CONSTANT ENVIRONMENT (constant parameters)

Problem Fix all parameters but F and find all bifurcations w.r.t. F

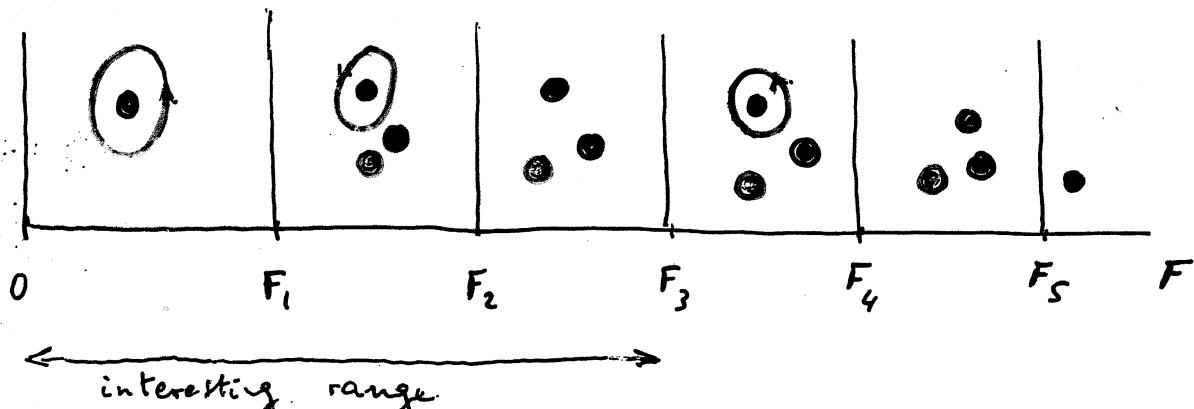
- Interest of this analysis $\rightarrow 0$ (only chemostat)
- But analysis is needed for the seasonal version^(*)
- Why only F ? Because it works.

(*) See Dikos 80 519-532 (1997) for the analysis of seasonal effects

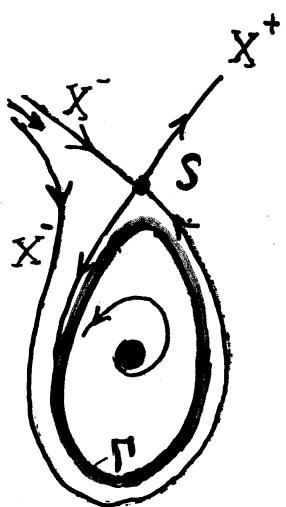
CONTROL DIAGRAM



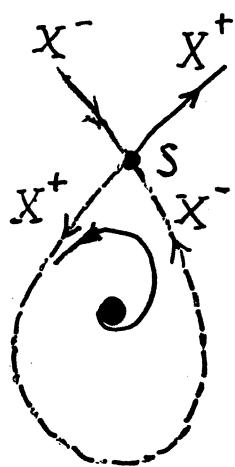
- 1 saddle-node (fold)
- 2 homoclinic
- 3 homoclinic } global bifurcations (?)
- 4 Hopf
- 5 saddle-node (fold)



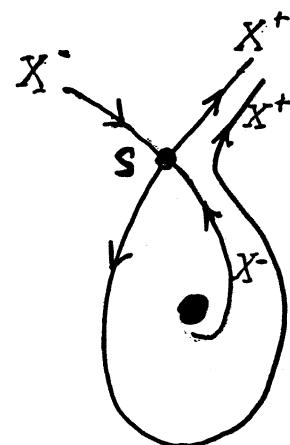
HOMOCLINIC BIFURCATION



$$p < \bar{p}$$

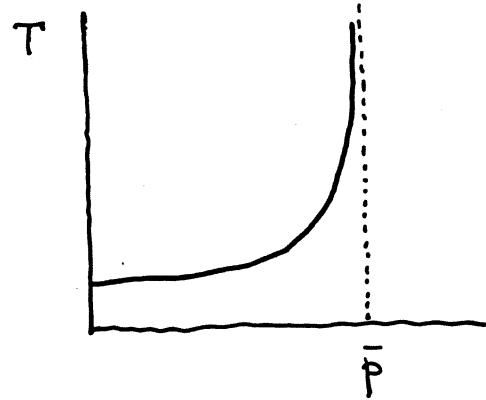
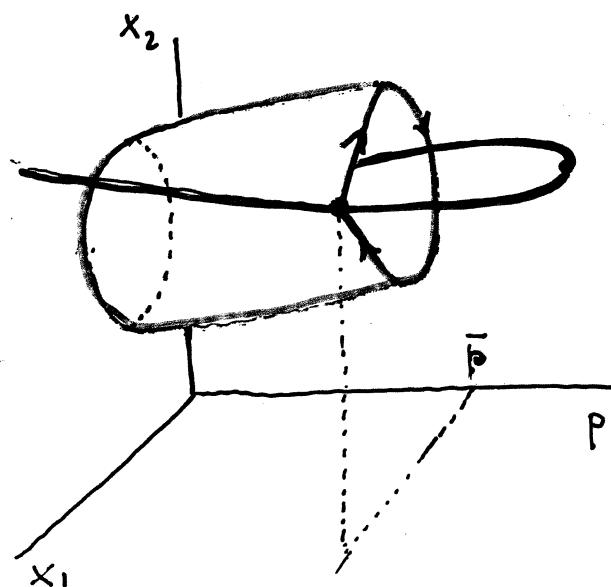


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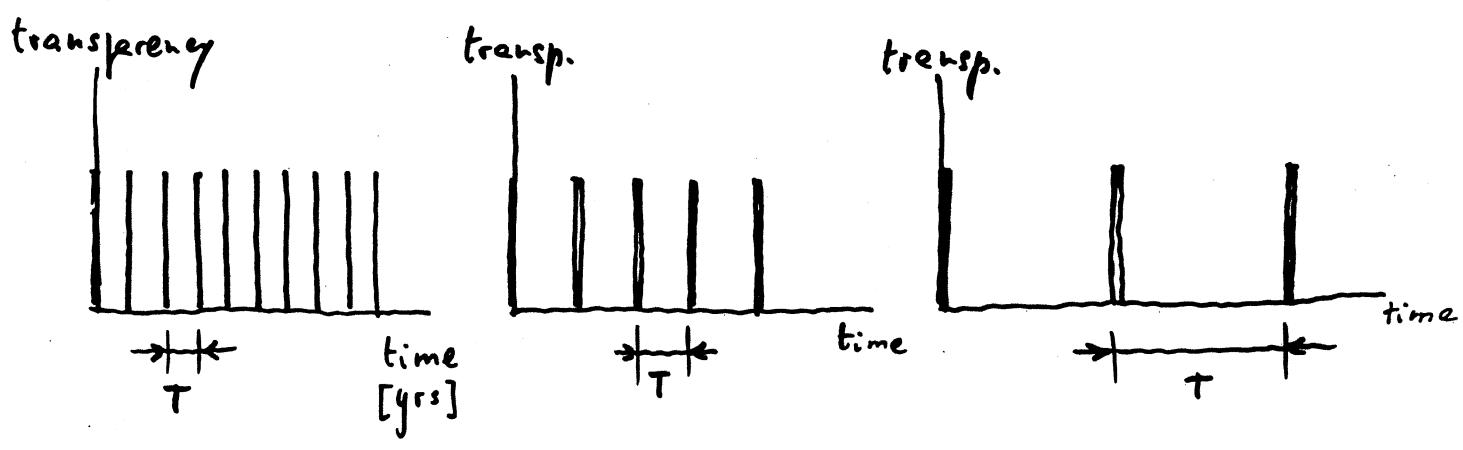
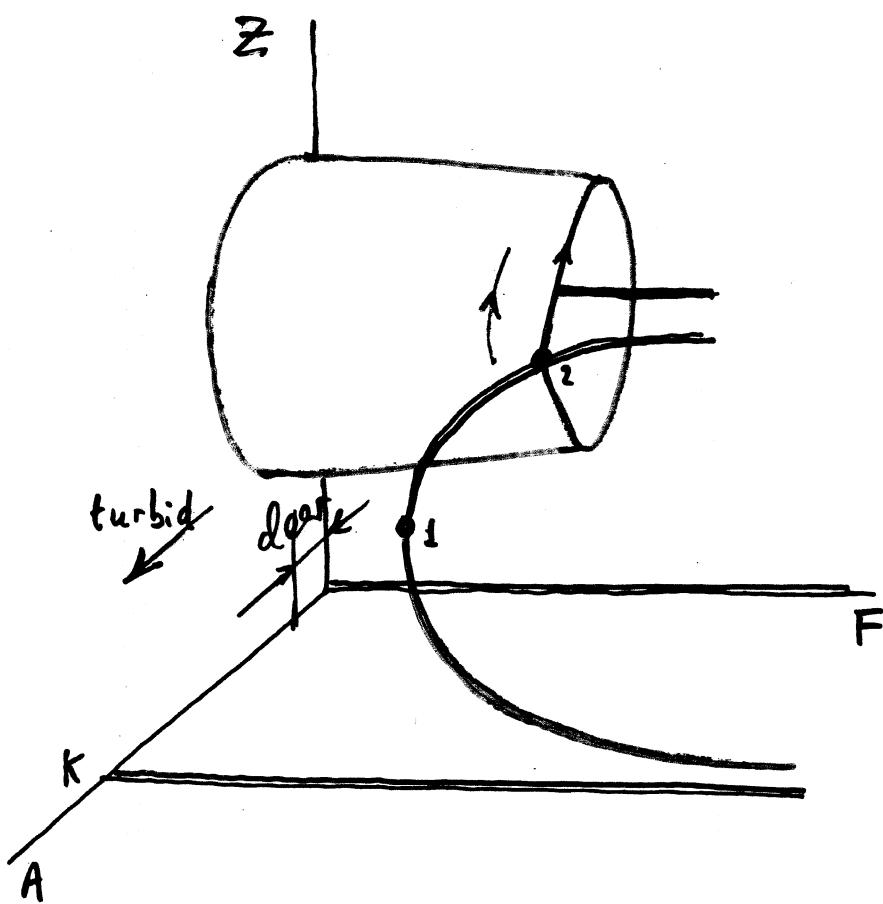
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$$X^+ \cap X^- \neq \emptyset$$



The period of the cycle tends to ∞ approaching the homoclinic bifurcation point.

\uparrow actually their frequency



$$F \ll F_2$$

$$F < F_2$$

$$F = F_2 - \varepsilon$$

CW episodes are always strong, but more and more rare if F is increased. If F is sufficiently high the lake is permanently turbid.

Restoration: release carnivorous fish $\Rightarrow F \downarrow$