

# NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE 7-STAGE BELOUSOV-ZHABOTINSKII'S REACTION MODEL

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## ABSTRACT

The 7-stage model of the Belousov-Zhabotinskii reaction proposed by R. J. Field, R. M. Noyes, E. Koros including organic reactants is considered in this paper. The mathematical model shows complex oscillating kinetics and close to the real reaction.

Key words: Oscillating reaction, BZ-reaction, Oscillation, Oregonator model, Mathematical modeling.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Belousov-Zhabotinskii reaction is well known for its long sequences and forms of fluctuations. The reaction demonstrates stable oscillations in a closed system, bistability, double oscillations, and complex periodic modes<sup>1</sup>. In 1959, B. P. Belousov discovered sustained repetitive oscillations of the ions of cerium (IV) and cerium (III) concentration in sulfuric acid during the oxidation reaction of citric acid by bromate catalyzed with ions of cerium (III). In 1954, similar oscillations were received by A. M. Zhabotinskii in the same system, but with malonic acid as the reducing agent. Subsequently, Zhabotinskii has shown that oscillating reaction can be carried out if citric acid is substituted for malonic acid or any other acid with an active methylene group, the redox couple Ce(IV)/Ce(III) is substituted for a pair Mn(II)/Mn(III) or ferroin/ferrini<sup>2</sup>.

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#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

In 1972, american scientists R. Field, R. Noyes, E. Koros developed the first mechanism of Belousov-Zhabotinskii's reaction to explain the nature of oscillations. This mechanism is called "Oregonator"<sup>3</sup>.

One of the mechanisms of the reactions proposed by Field, Koros, Noyes, comprising also an organic step is<sup>4</sup>:

 $Br^{-} + HOBr + H^{+} \longrightarrow Br_{2} + H_{2}O$   $Br^{-} + HBrO_{2} + H^{+} \longrightarrow 2 HOBr$   $BrO_{3}^{-} + Br^{-} + 2 H^{+} \longrightarrow HBrO_{2} + HOBr$   $2 HBrO_{2} \longrightarrow BrO_{3}^{-} + HOBr + H^{+}$   $BrO_{3}^{-} + HBrO_{2} + H^{+} \longrightarrow 2 BrO_{2} + H_{2}O$   $BrO_{2} + Ce(III) + H^{+} \longrightarrow HBrO_{2} + Ce(IV)$ 

$$2 \text{ Ce(IV)} + \text{CH}_2 (\text{COOH})_2 + \text{BrCH} (\text{COOH})_2 \longrightarrow \text{fBr}^- + \text{Products}$$

The system of differential equations corresponding to the above mechanism is:

$$\frac{d[Br^{-}]}{dt} = 0.5 \text{ fR}1 - R2 - R3 - R4$$
$$\frac{d[HOBr]}{dt} = R5 + R3 - 2 R2 - R4$$
$$\frac{d[H^{+}]}{dt} = R6 - R2 + R5 - 2 R3 - R7 - R4$$
$$\frac{d[HBrO_{2}]}{dt} = -R6 + R2 - R5 + R3 + R7$$
$$\frac{d[BrO_{3}]}{dt} = -R6 + R5 - R3$$

$$\frac{d[Ce(III)]}{dt} = -R1 - R7$$
$$\frac{d[Ce(IV)]}{dt} = -R1 + R7$$
$$\frac{d[CH_2 (COOH)_2]}{dt} = -R1$$
$$\frac{d[BrO_2]}{dt} = 2R6 - R7$$

 $R1 = k_7 [CH_2 (COOH)_2][Ce(IV)]$ 

 $R2 = k_2 [HbrO_2][Br^-][H^+]$ 

 $R3 = k_3 [BrO_3][Br^-][H^+]$ 

 $R4 = k_1 [Br^{-}][HOBr][H^{+}]$ 

 $R5 = k_4[HBrO_2][HBrO_2]$ 

 $R6 = k_5 [BrO_3][HBrO_2][H^+]$ 

 $R7 = k_6 [BrO_2][Ce(III)][H^+]$ 

Kinetic constants  $k_i$  (i = 1..7) accept the following values<sup>5</sup>:

$$k_{1} = 8.10^{9} \text{ (mole}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{2} = 10^{6} \text{ (mole}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{3} = 2 \text{ (mole}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{4} = 2.10^{3} \text{ (mole}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{5} = 10^{9} \text{ (mole}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{6} = 6.10^{5} \text{ (mole}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$k_{7} = 1 \text{ (mole}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results of the integration of the system with the initial conditions (mole):

 $[Br^{-}]_{0} = 6.25.10^{-4}, [HOBr]_{0} = 1.10^{-6}, [H^{+}]_{0} = 2, [HBrO_{2}]_{0} = 1.10^{-6}, [BrO_{3}^{-}]_{0} = 6.25.10^{-2},$ [Ce(III)]\_0 = 10^{-6}, [Ce(IV)]\_0 = 2.10^{-3}, [CH\_{2}(COOH)\_{2}]\_{0} = 0.275, [BrO\_{2}]\_{0} = 1.10^{-6}, F = 2 is shown on Fig. 1-9.

The integration step is  $h = 10^{-3}$ . Due to the large spread of values of the rate constants, the system of differential equations (1) has a high coefficient of stiffness. So the integration is carried out by L-stable Rosenbrock's method with complex coefficients. Because of this, integration will not be effective with a small step with explicit and A-stable methods.<sup>6,7</sup>

Figures are shown that there are oscillations of concentrations of reagents, the system monotonically tends to equilibrium over time. The oscillations of concentrations of reagents  $Br^-$ ,  $HBrO_2$  characterized by damped oscillations over time with gradual increasing of the oscillation period and decreasing of the amplitude. Concentrations of  $H^+$ , malonate,  $BrO_3^-$  monotonically tends to their stationary state.

Valence of the catalyst Ce(III) is periodically varies from 3 to 4, and vice versa. These changes are well seen in Fig. 6-7. The frequency and periods are similar-oscillations are opposite.

Period was numerical investigated and equals 63 sec and slowly increasing. Stationary state occurs after about 3 hrs after the start of the reaction, and the oscillations stop.

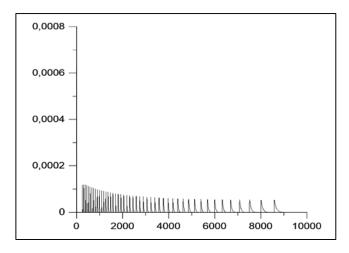


Fig. 1: Oscillations of values Br<sup>-</sup> concentration over time

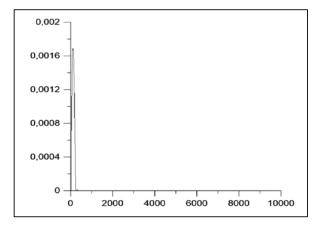


Fig. 2: Oscillations of values BrO<sub>2</sub> concentration over time

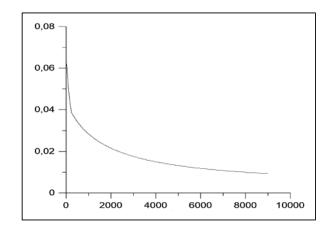


Fig. 3: Oscillations of values BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> concentration over time

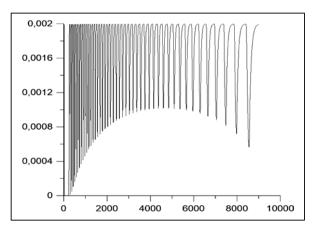


Fig. 4: Oscillations of values Ce(III) concentration over time

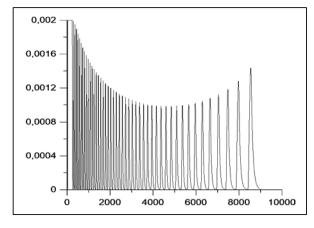


Fig. 5: Oscillations of values Ce(IV) concentration over time

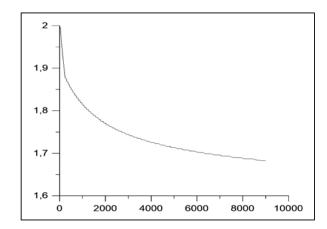


Fig. 6: Oscillations of values H<sup>+</sup> concentration over time

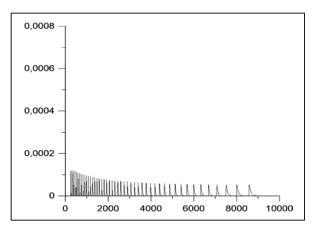


Fig. 7: Oscillations of values HBrO<sub>2</sub> concentration over time

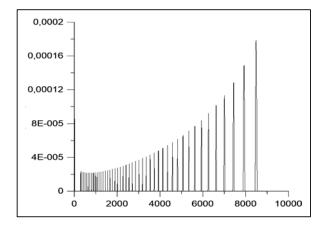


Fig. 8: Oscillations of values HOBr concentration over time

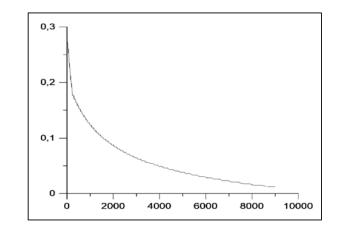


Fig. 9: Oscillations of values CH<sub>2</sub>(COOH)<sub>2</sub> concentration over time

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, we consider a model of the Belousov-Zhabotinskii reaction, which shows a similar behavior with reaction. The model shows decrease of the concentration of the initial reactants and accumulation of reaction products and intermediates oscillations. Also, the model adequately describes the transition to the steady state with the consumption of the starting reagents.

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