

Synchronization and chaos in the systems of two inductively connected thermo-resistor auto-generators

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Abstract. - We consider a system of inductively coupled oscillators on the basis of self-heating. It is demonstrated that the system has a metastable chaos. A metastable phase state that has a spectrum of Lyapunov exponents (0.0123, 0.0006, -0.2019, -0.223, -3.9748, -8.2018) and a fractional Lyapunov dimension ($D_L = 0.98$) is found. A strange non-chaotic attractor, which has a fractal structure (the correlation dimension is $D_c = 1.24$) and zero dominant Lyapunov exponents, is also found. The presence of two limit cycles is revealed. It is shown that synchronization is characteristic for the identical semiconductors and relatively weak force of inductive coupling.

Keywords: - auto-generator, Lyapunov numbers, strange non-chaotic attractor, synchronization

I. INTRODUCTION

S-shaped current-voltage characteristics exist in semiconductor systems, due to the self-heating of the sample studied repeatedly (see, eg. [1-9]). In particular, in [7], it was shown that in such a system auto-oscillations may exist. However, synchronization, de-synchronization and chaos in ensembles of such auto-generators are practically unexplored. As is known, in the case where there are multiple interacting oscillators in the system, such phenomena as synchronization (see, eg. [10-15]), de-synchronization, as well as various chaotic regimes (see, eg. [16-19]), take place. In addition, the evolution of such a system over time significantly depends on the type of connection between auto-generators. In this paper, we study a system of two inductively interacting auto-generators based on the mechanism of self-heating.

II. A SYSTEM OF TWO INDUCTIVELY COUPLED OSCILLATORS BASED ON THE MECHANISM OF SELF-HEATING

Consider a system consisting of two identical inductive coupling semiconductors, represented by sufficiently thin bars (such that the area of the ends is much smaller than that of the other faces). The point model for one semiconductor generator [7] contains three equations for three dimensionless variables (sample temperature, voltage and current):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dt} &= IU - T + 1 \\ z \frac{dI}{dt} &= U - I \exp\left(\frac{E_{g0}}{T}\right) \\ y \frac{dU}{dt} &= I_{in} - I \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $C \frac{\alpha 2 H L_s}{c m \sigma_0} = y$, $\frac{\alpha 2 H \sigma_0 L_s L}{c m} = z$, - are dimensionless constants that, respectively, represent the ratio of the characteristic times of the processes of accumulation of charge (capacitive time) and the inductance to the time of heat exchange; H , L_s are the width and length of the bar.

Consider a situation where two samples may interact inductively; thus, we can write the equation

$$I_1 = \sigma_0 \left(U_1 - L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} - M_{12}^* \frac{dI_2}{dt} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{E_{g01}}{2kT_1}\right) \quad (2)$$

Accordingly, equations of the system will take the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT_1}{dt} &= I_1 U_1 - T_1 + 1 & \frac{dT_2}{dt} &= I_2 U_2 - T_2 + 1 \\ z_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} &= U_1 - I_1 \exp\left(\frac{E_{g01}}{T_1}\right) - M_{12} \frac{dI_2}{dt} & z_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} &= U_2 - I_2 \exp\left(\frac{E_{g02}}{T_2}\right) - M_{12} \frac{dI_1}{dt} \\ y_1 \frac{dU_1}{dt} &= I_{in1} - I_1 & y_2 \frac{dU_2}{dt} &= I_{in2} - I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $M_{12} = \frac{\alpha 2 H \sigma_0 L_s M_{12}^*}{cm}$, $C = \frac{\alpha 2 H L_s}{cm \sigma_0} = y$, $\frac{\alpha 2 H \sigma_0 L_s L_1}{cm} = z_1$, $\frac{\alpha 2 H \sigma_0 L_s L_2}{cm} = z_2$

III. DYNAMICAL MODEL OF THE SYSTEM

Numerical solution (LSODE- Livermore Solver for Ordinary Differential Equations [20] approach with accuracy in 10^{-8} , control of numerical results is performed in Mathematica and MathLab programs) of the system (3) shows that the system of inductively coupled semiconductor auto-generators has a sufficient pool of complex attracting sets. Let us illustrate this with a few examples of the qualitative behavior of the system of two coupled auto-generators.

First, it was found that, if the system consisting of identical oscillators is in identical conditions and for a sufficiently strong attractive force connection, it first enters a metastable phase curve, which, after staying on it for some period of time, "dumps" (presumably due to the limited accuracy of the computer simulation) in the attractor of the limiting cycle type. As a result, chaos in the system disappears.

Let us illustrate this effect in several areas with examples of parametric dependencies (Table 1).

Table 1. Parameters and constants of the example.

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	5	10	10	0.4	0.4	4

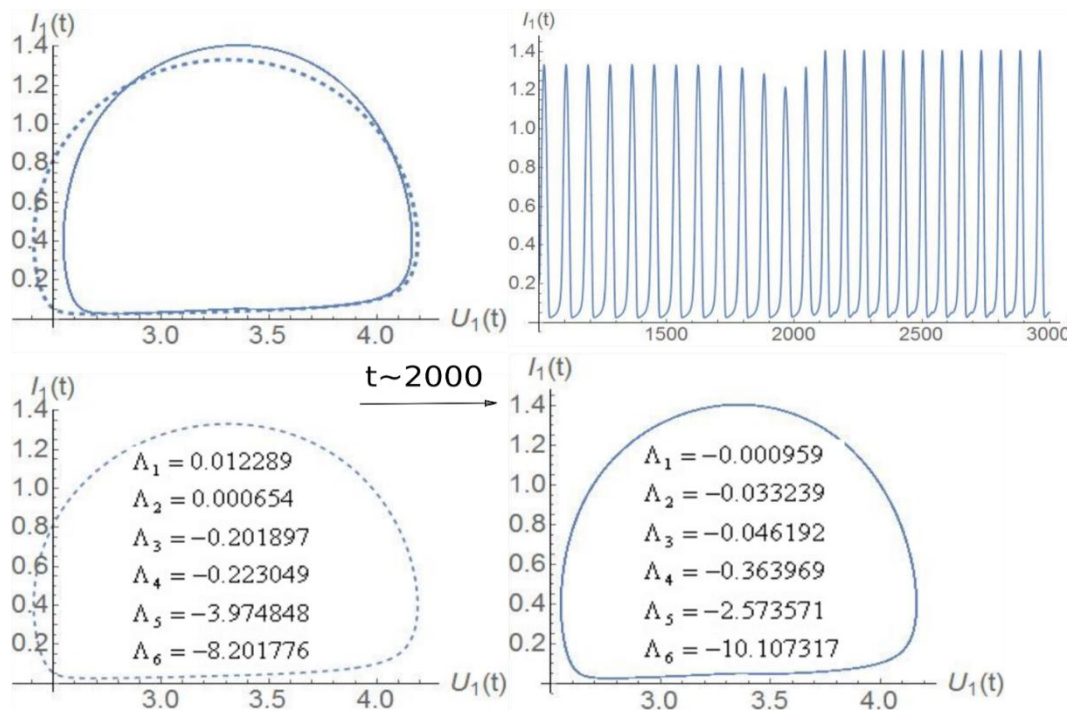


Fig. 1. Illustration of the system being a metastable phase curve with a subsequent transition to a limiting cycle.

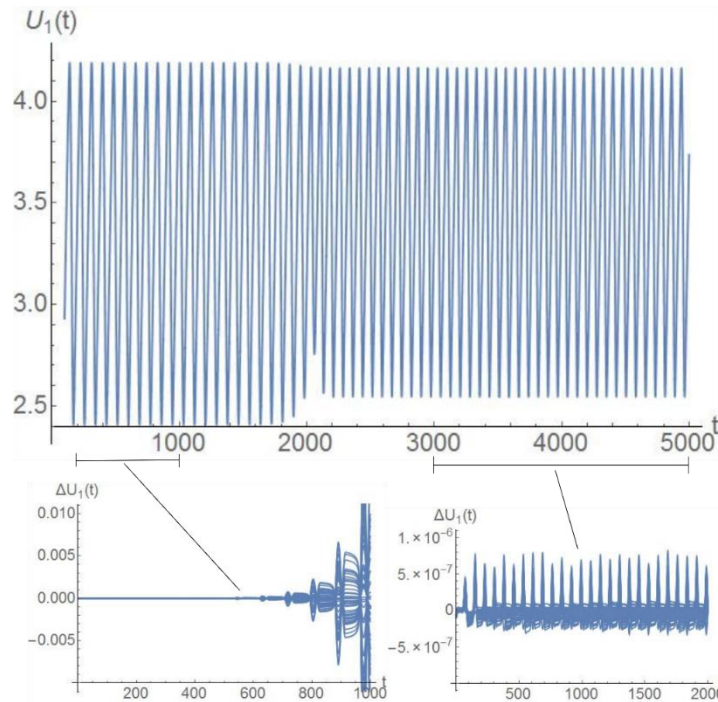


Fig. 2. Illustration of instability with respect to a small change in the initial conditions at time points of the system stay on a metastable phase curve and after the transition to the limit cycle. The graphs (multiple modeling) show the bias of the potential difference by varying the initial conditions within $\epsilon \in (-10^{-8}, 10^{-8})$. The graph clearly shows the growth of the deviation of fluctuations of the potential difference in the time interval $\in (0, 2000)$ and sustained oscillations with a very small constant deviation for the rest of the range. Calculation of Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy also points to chaos (entropy is positive ($h \cong 0.012572$)) at the initial stage, with a subsequent transition to the normal periodic motion (entropy is zero ($h \cong 0.000089$)).

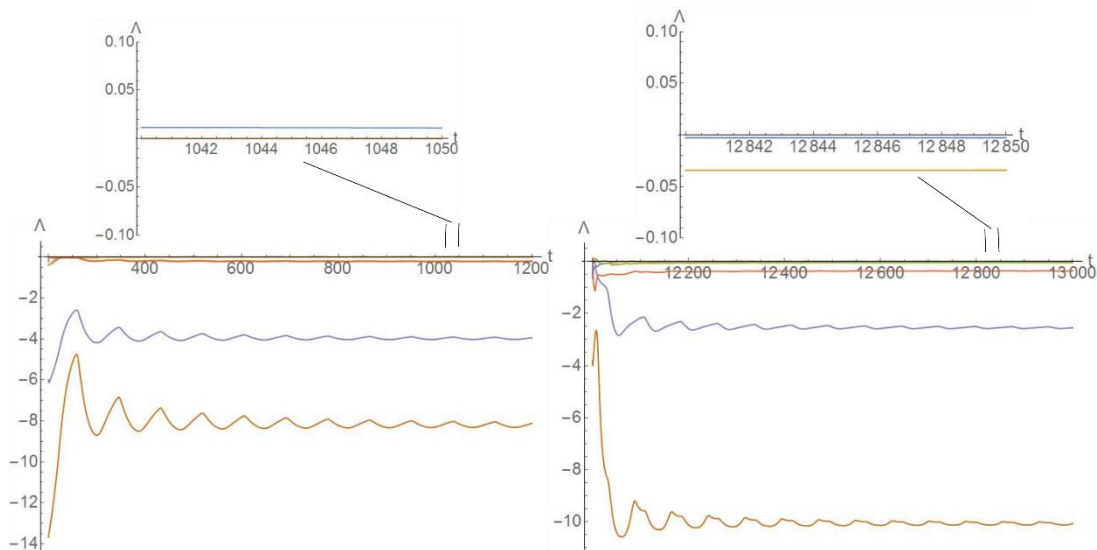


Fig. 3. Graphs of convergence of Lyapunov numbers in different time intervals.

The standard deviation of the Lyapunov numbers [21, 22] was calculated on the base of five values.

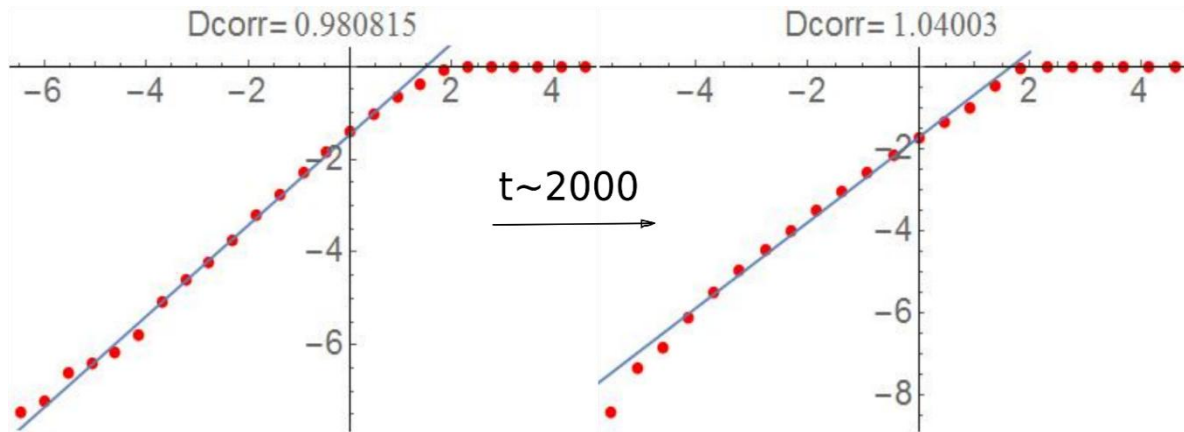


Fig. 4 Correlation dimension of attractors.

It should be noted that the correlation dimension of the non-chaotic attractor, to which the system falls, is an integer value. Thus, the attractor in which the system would become time later ($t \approx 2000$) has an integer dimension and a zero dominant Lyapunov number; thus, this is a limiting cycle.

Secondly, the numerical simulation showed that the pool of attraction has a complex structure (Table 2).

Table 2. Parameters of the example (Fig. 2).

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	5	10	10	0.4	0.4	1

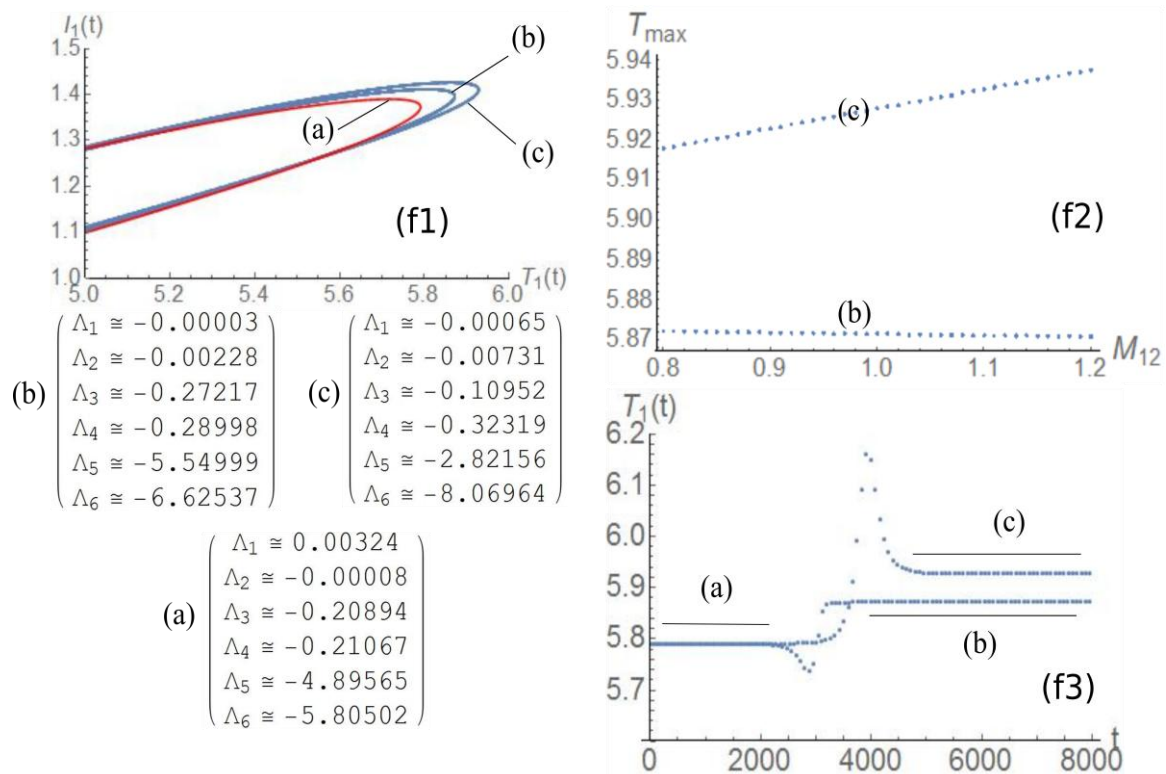


Fig. 5. This example shows the presence of complex basins of attraction. The upper right part of drawing (f2) is the bifurcation chart calculated for a local maximum of temperature depending on the force of inductive interaction.

The left part of the figure (f1, f3) indicates a very close coexistence of chaotic metastable phase curve and non-chaotic attractors (b, c).

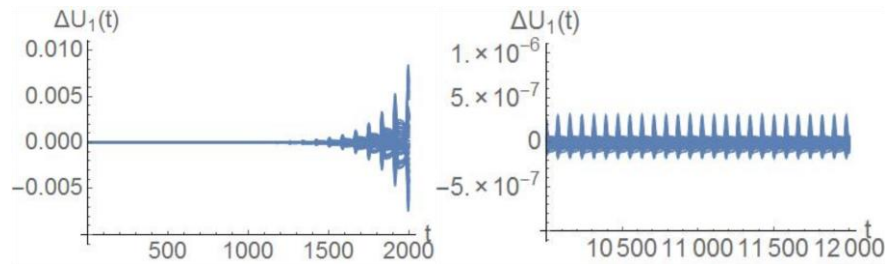


Fig. 6. Illustration of instability in relation to a small change in the initial conditions in moments of time being on a metastable phase curve and after the transition to the limiting cycle. The graphs show the potential difference deviation by varying the initial conditions within $\epsilon \in (-10^{-8}, 10^{-8})$.

These examples are indicative of a complex topology of basins of attraction. A part of the phase curves are chaotic, as evidenced by the spectrum of Lyapunov numbers of the form (+, 0, -, -, -, -) and instability to small variations in the initial conditions. Due to the limited accuracy of numerical calculations of the system for a certain period of time is always on the attractors, where the largest Lyapunov exponent is zero. Both examples indicate the presence of unstable chaos.

Calculate the area of parametric dependence of the existence of unstable chaos for several conditions (Table 3).

Table 3. Parameters of the example (Fig. 7).

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	5	10	10	0.4	0.4	$M \in (-9.5, 9.5)$

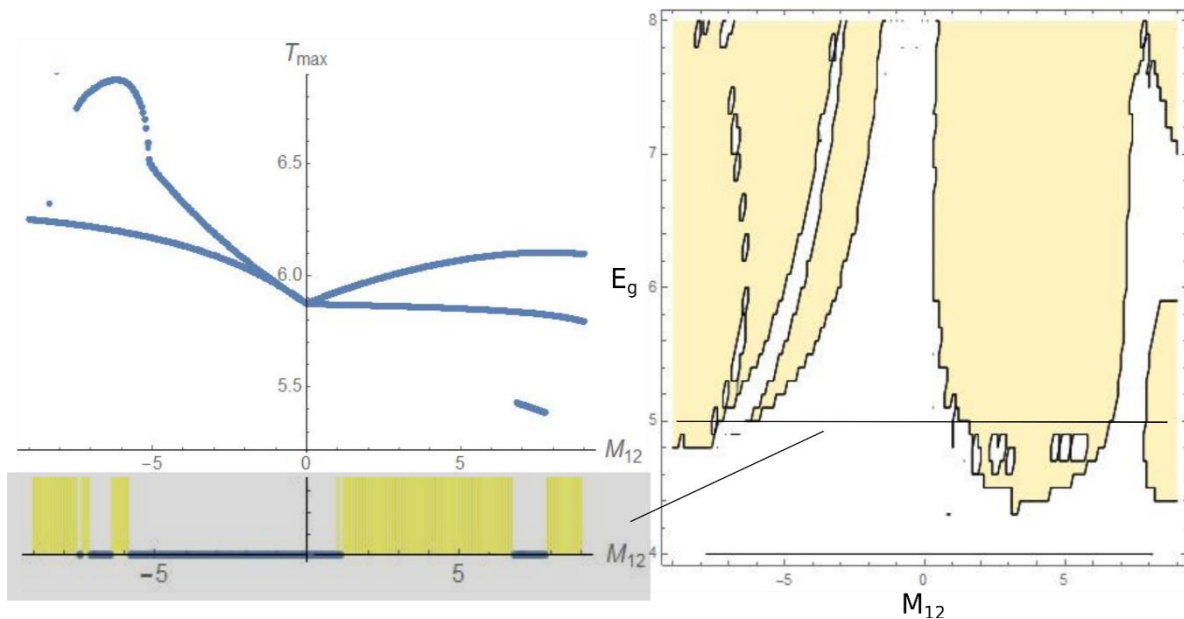


Fig. 7. Areas of metastable chaos (see also [17]) depending on the band gap and inductive coupling strength.

The basin of attraction of the system is complicated, as a chaotic metastable phase curve coexists with limiting cycles (Fig. 1, 5). The spectrum of Lyapunov numbers of the form (+, 0, -, -, -, -) and the instability to small variations (Fig. 2, 6) indicate the presence of non-hyperbolic chaotic attractors. Time spent by the system on such metastable phase curves is limited and, under certain conditions, quite considerable ($T \approx 2000$, presumably because of the limited accuracy of numerical calculations), hence the chaos is unstable. However, it is impossible to call such long-running processes transitional because the graphic of behavior (Fig. 1, 5) of the system in the transition from chaotic metastable phase curve to limiting cycles shows much less time ($T \approx 1000$) than that of being on the chaotic metastable phase curve. This leads to the need to consider such phenomena and study them.

IV. CHAOS IN THE SYSTEM OF COUPLING AUTO-GENERATORS

Along with the unstable chaos, stable chaos was found for a system consisting of non-identical semiconductors. For example, the chaotic attractor can be obtained with the following parameters and initial conditions (Table 4).

Table 4. Parameters and constants.

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	6.1	10	10	0.4	0.4	5

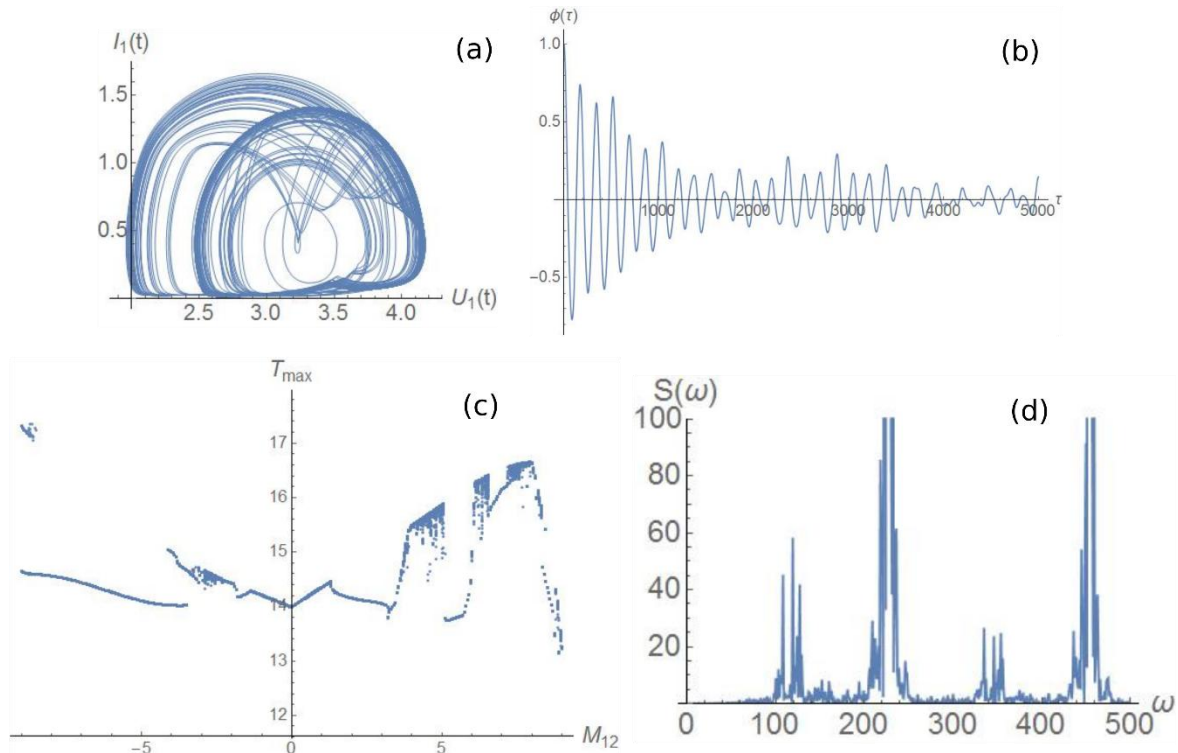


Fig. 8. Chaotic attractor (a), bifurcation diagram (c), the power spectrum (d), the autocorrelation function (b). Fig. 8 shows a typical non-hyperbolic chaotic attractor because the Lyapunov number spectrum is as follows: (+, 0, -, -, -); there is a splitting of the correlations (Fig. 8b) and the power spectrum (Fig. 8d). The presence of a chaotic stable attractor was found for the system of inductively interacting semiconductors (Fig. 8), and it has the following properties: fractional Lyapunov dimension [22] $D_L \approx 2.019$, splitting correlations (autocorrelation functions of (Fig. 8b) show a decline from the envelope, but it obviously does not tend to zero) and, continuous (the profile is very uneven) power spectrum (Fig. 8d), correspond to a non-hyperbolic system type (+, 0, -, -, -).

V. SYNCHRONIZATION OF AUTO-OSCILLATIONS

Let us calculate the area of synchronization based on long transition times to simple limiting cycles. We carry out research to identify the parametric dependence of different types of synchronization for the fixed parameters of Tab. 5.

Table 5. Fixed parameters (current and constant).

z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}
10	10	0.4	0.4

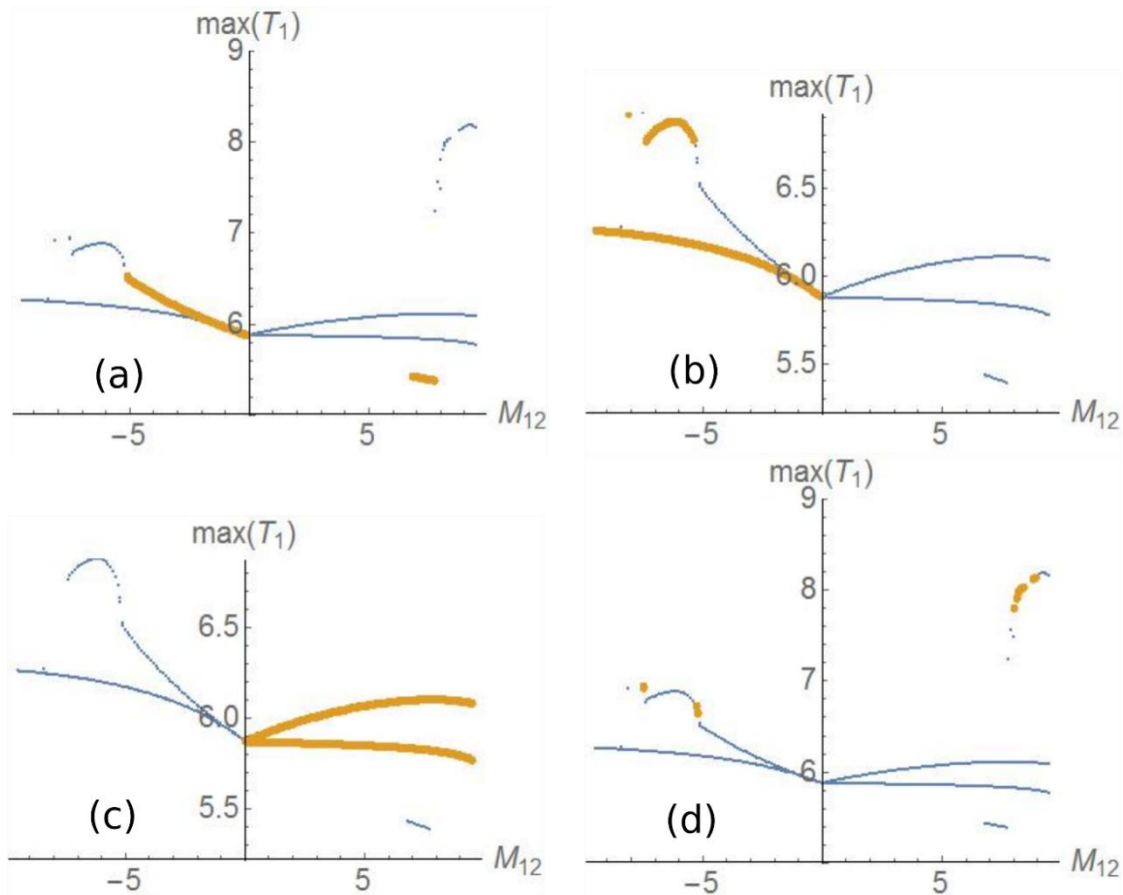


Fig. 9. Areas of various types of synchronization and de-synchronization ((a)-full in-phase synchronization, (b)-full sync in antiphase, (c)-synchronization, (d)-desync), depending on the coupling strength (the band gap $E_{g1} = E_{g2} = 5$).

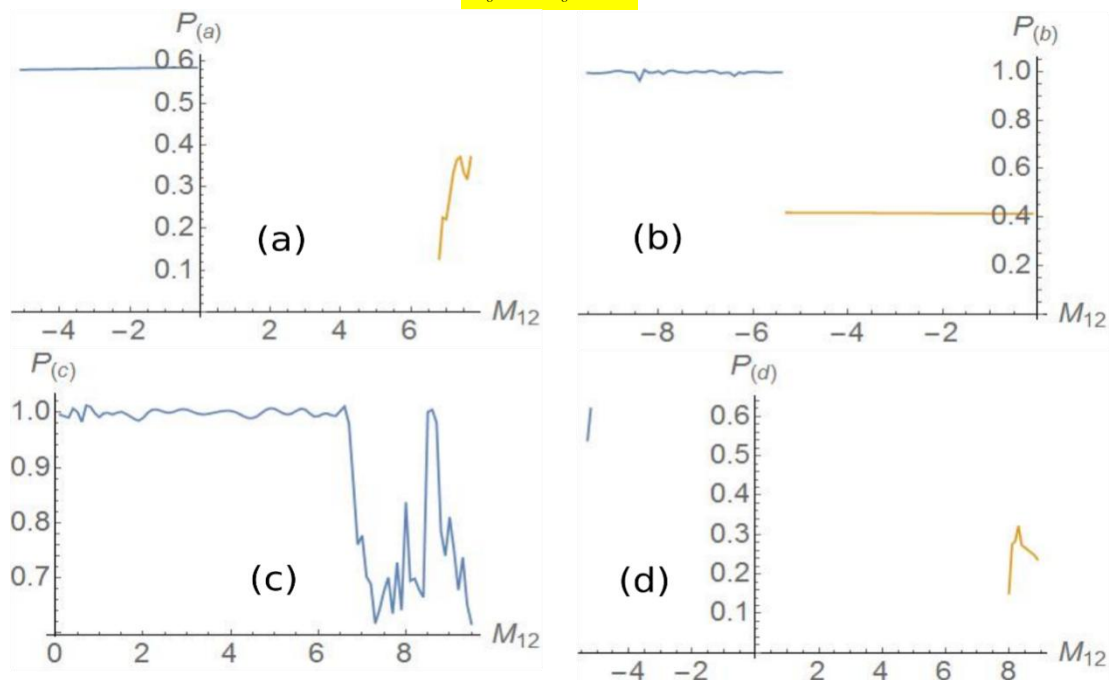


Fig. 10. The probability of various types of synchronization and de-synchronization ((a)-full in-phase synchronization, (b)-full sync in antiphase, (c)-synchronization, (d)-desync), depending on the coupling strength (the band gap $E_{g1} = E_{g2} = 5$).

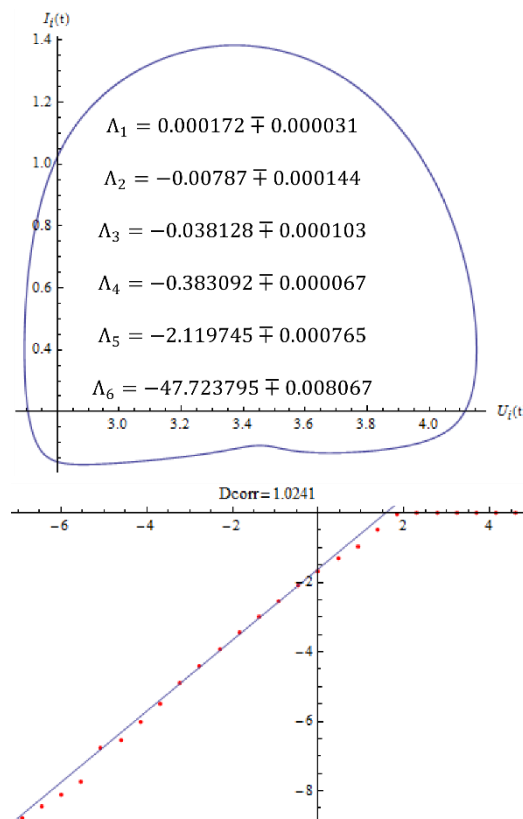
In the case of identical auto-generators (Fig. 9), there are different types of synchronization, namely the in-phase, antiphase and effect similar to the lag-synchronization (we also see a complete in-phase synchronization with delay on the phase of oscillations) [23]. For the realization of the in-phase synchronization and in-phase synchronization with delay, small forces and the relatively weak dependence of the band-gap are needed, whereas antiphase synchronization is implemented with a strong attracting connection.

VI. STUDY OF THE BASIN OF ATTRACTION OF NON-CHAOTIC ATTRACTING SETS

The system revealed the presence of several types of non-chaotic attractors of limiting cycle-type, which can be obtained, for example, under the following conditions (Table 6).

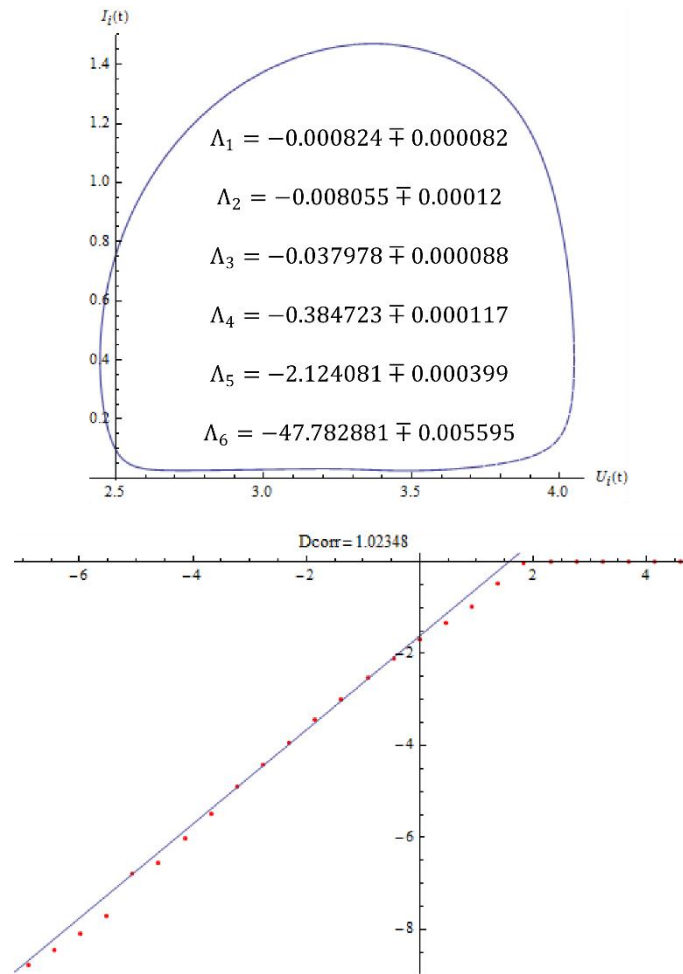
Table 6. Systems parameters

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	5	10	10	0.4	0.4	9



IC: $T_1(0) = 1, I_1(0) = 1, U_1(0) = 1 \quad T_2(0) = 1, I_2(0) = -1, U_2(0) = 1$

Fig. 11. Limiting cycle, zero dominant Lyapunov exponent and integer correlation dimension of the attractor.



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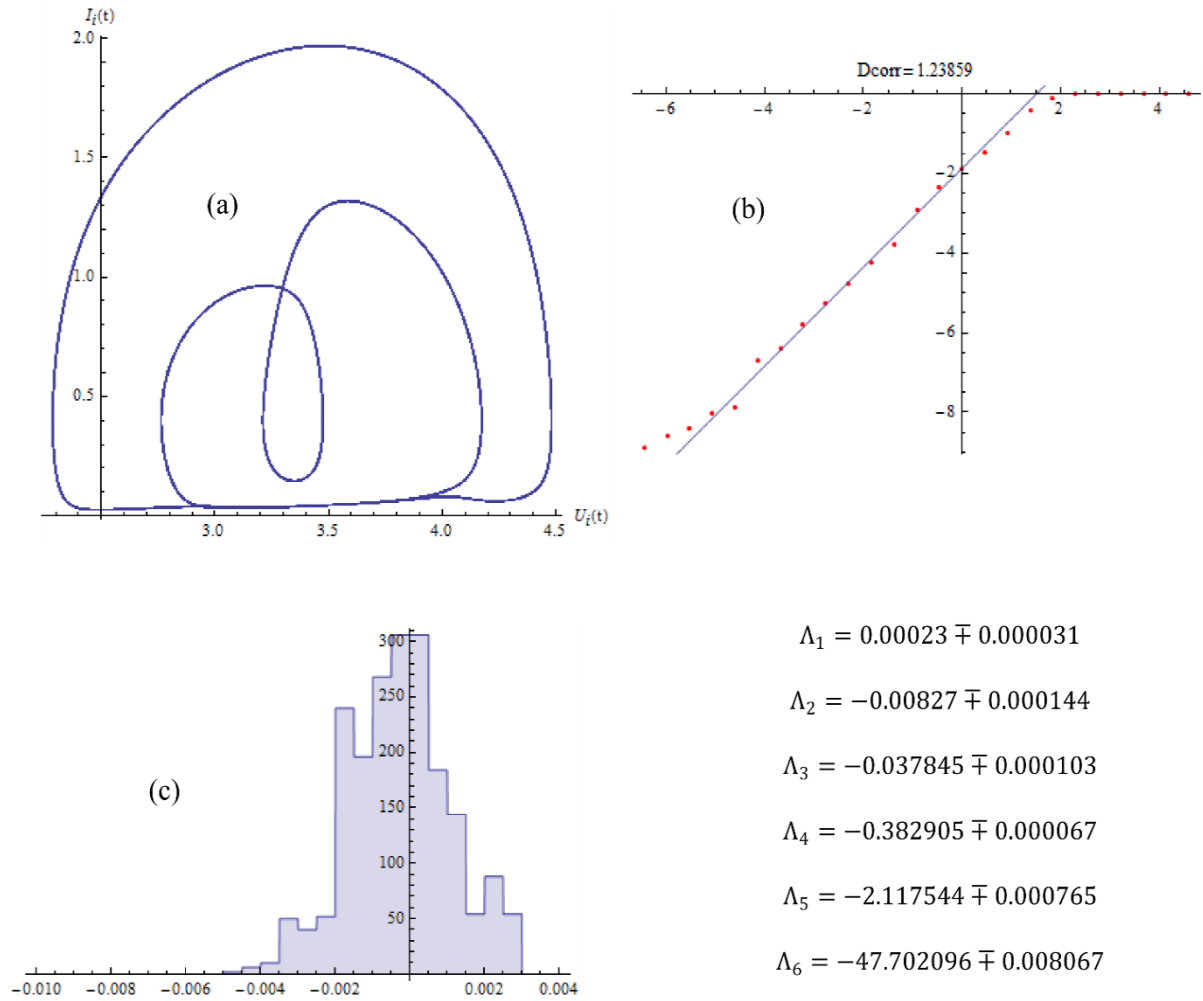
Fig. 12. Limiting cycle, zero dominant Lyapunov exponent and the whole correlation dimension of the attractor.

VII. STRANGE NON-CHAOTIC ATTRACTOR

Among attractors of the system, a strange non-chaotic attractor (SNA, see, for example, [24, 25]) was discovered for the case of the identical semiconductors. This type of attractor is characterized mainly by a fractional dimension and non-positive dominant (averaged over the entire attractor, while the distribution of the local exponent can have a 'tail' in the positive half-axis) Lyapunov exponent. To receive this attractor is possible by setting the following parameters (Table 7) and the initial conditions.

Table 7. Parameters of the system of auto-generators

E_{g1}	E_{g2}	z	y	I_{in1}	I_{in2}	M_{12}
5	5	10	10	0.4	0.4	9



IC: $T_1(0) = 1, I_1(0) = 1, U_1(0) = 1 \quad T_2(0) = 1, I_2(0) = 10, U_2(0) = 1$

Fig. 13. The strange non-chaotic attractor of the system, (a) – is the attractor, (b) – is the correlation integral, (c) – is the distribution of the dominant local Lyapunov numbers.

It should be noted that the system consists of identical band-gap semiconductors; however, there exists an SNA-type attractor.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

Thus, the system of inductively coupled auto-generators demonstrates metastable chaos (Fig. 5), the residence time on which is estimated as $T \approx 2000$ dimensionless units (Fig. 1). In addition to the metastable chaos, a chaotic attractor is found (Fig. 8), which has a spectrum of Lyapunov exponents (0.0044, -0.0005, -0.1535, -0.4971, -3.9358, -33.6911) and a fractional Lyapunov dimension ($D_L = 2.026$). A strange non-chaotic attractor is found (Fig. 13, for identical auto-generators), which has a fractal structure (the correlation dimension is equal to $D_c = 1.24$) and a zero dominant Lyapunov exponent ($\Lambda = 0.00023$). The presence of two limiting cycles (Fig. 11, 12, the dominant exponents are, respectively, equal to $\Lambda = 0.00017, \Lambda = -0.00082$ and the correlation dimensions are $D_c = 1.024, D_c = 1.023$) is revealed, i.e., the system is bistable. The onset of synchronization is typical for the same characteristic of semiconductors and the relatively weak force of inductive coupling ($|M_{12}| < 5$ Fig. 9).

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