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BOOK REVIEW

L.E. Reichl and W.C. Schieve (Editors). Instabilities, Bifurcations and Fluctuations in Chemical Systems. Austin: University of Texas Press. £26.25. ISBN 292 738293.

This collection of articles arose from the proceedings of a workshop with the above title held in 1980. It contains eighteen articles with authors heavily biased geographically towards Brussels and Austin.

All the articles are plagued by typographical errors and loose editing, particularly the more mathematical ones in the earlier sections.

The first group of papers deals with bifurcation phenomena in nonlinear chemical systems, with articles on the effects of external fields and numerical analysis of bifurcation branches amongst others.

A second group, on experimental properties contains articles on the Zhabotinskii reaction, some biochemical kinetic work and the inevitable morphogenesis.

The third group of papers contains some more interesting material on fluctuation phenomena and stochastic theory in both driven and autonomous systems.

Not recommended for your personal library, but a useful addition to the library shelves.

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