MODELS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

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These first three "maps" of sexuality are often referenced in academic circles. They are presented here as stepping stones to our continuously evolving understanding of identity and sexuality.

LIMITATIONS: These models are all based on the presumption that sex is a binary category. Furthermore, sex and gender identity are conflated, at least in the common usage of these maps (as well as in mainstream culture). To their credit, these researchers did their work in a specific time and location (in the United States, 1940-1980), and each, using what was known in their time and place, made significant contributions to the field.

That said, our understanding of sex and gender continues to grow ever more complex, and there is growing awareness that SEX, GENDER IDENTITY and GENDER EXPRESSION are distinct categories, and that individuals may experience themselves between or beyond the binaries of each these categories. Thus, I present the OCHS MAP OF ATTRACTION, a community-informed work in progress.

THE KINSEY SCALE (1948)
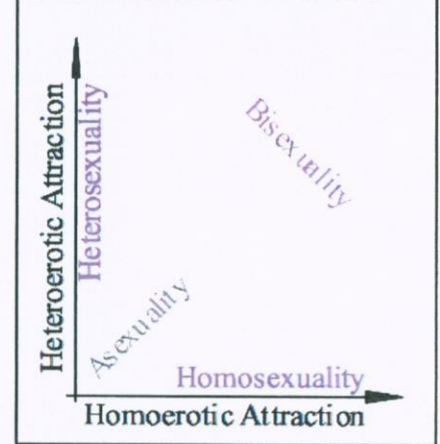
0	Exclusively heterosexual
1	Predominantly heterosexual, only incidentally homosexual
2	Predominantly heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual
3	Equally heterosexual and homosexual
4	Predominantly homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual
5	Predominantly homosexual, only incidentally heterosexual
6	Exclusively Homosexual

THE STORMS (1980) SEXUALITY AXIS

Heteroerotic Attraction — Heterosexuality — Bisexuality — Asexuality — Homosexuality — Homoerotic Attraction

KLEIN SEXUAL ORIENTATION GRID (1978)

On the Klein Sexual Orientation Grid, people rate themselves on a 7-point scale as follows:

	Past	Present	Ideal
Sexual Attraction			
Sexual Behavior			
Sexual Fantasies			
Emotional Preference			
Social Preference			
Het/Homo Lifestyle			
Self-Identification			

1 Other sex Only
2 Other Sex Mostly
3 Other Sex Somewhat More
4 Both Sexes Equally
5 Same Sex Somewhat More
6 Same Sex (G/L) Mostly)
7 Same Sex (G/L) Only

OCHS MAP OF ATTRACTION (2018*)

*Work in Permanent Progress

1 Different Gender[s] — Similar Gender 7