

Steady-state regimes of a helicopter ground resonance model including a nonlinear energy sink

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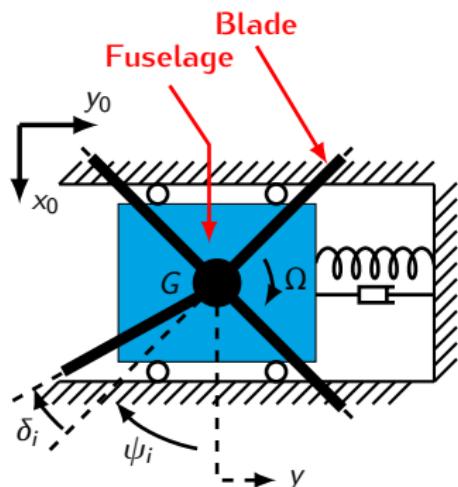
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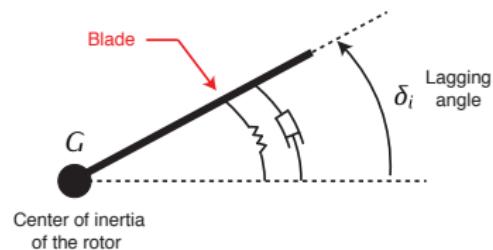
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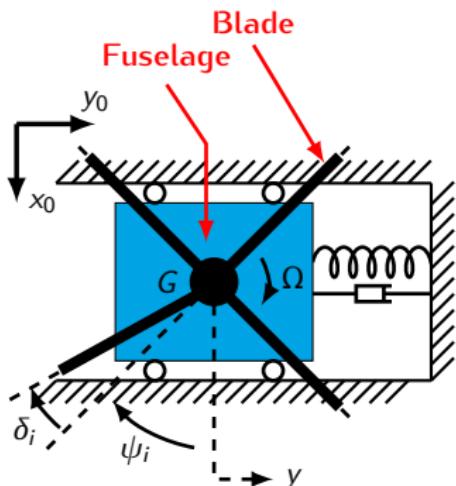


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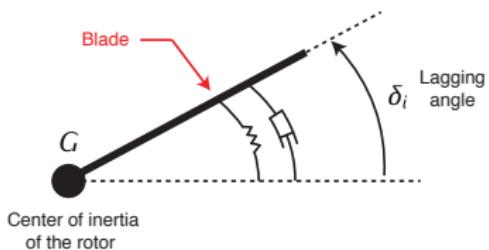


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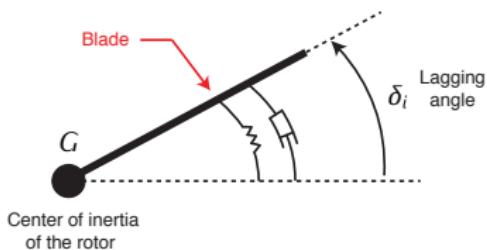
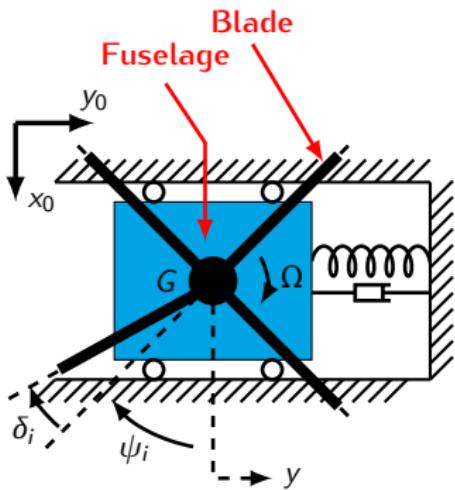
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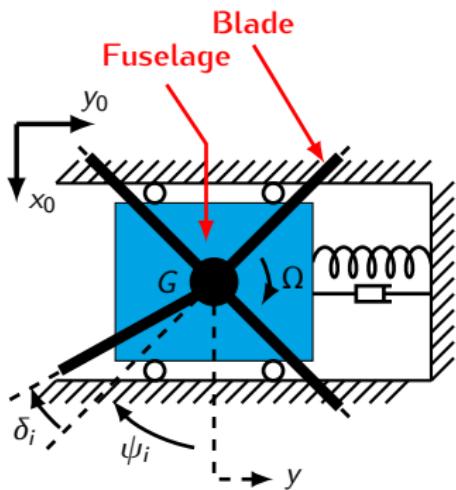
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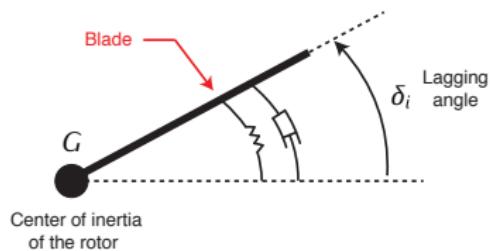
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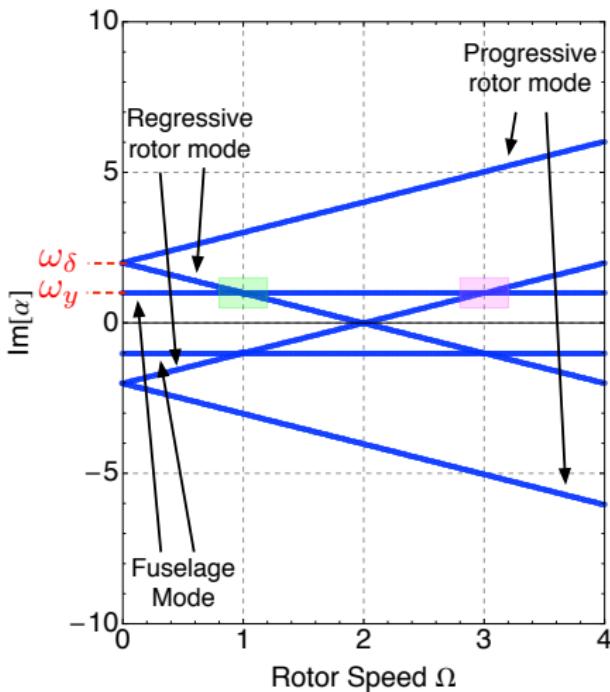
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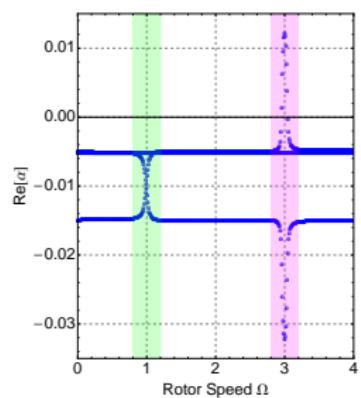
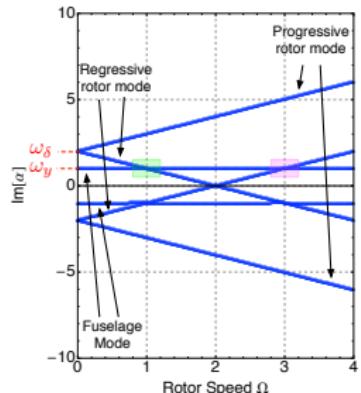
Ω (rotor speed): bifurcation parameter

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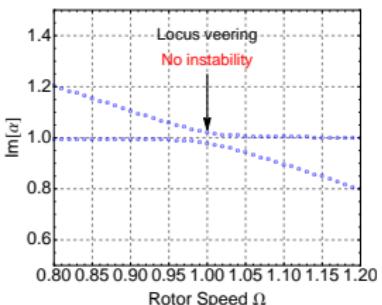


ω_y : natural frequency of the fuselage
 ω_δ : natural frequency of one blade

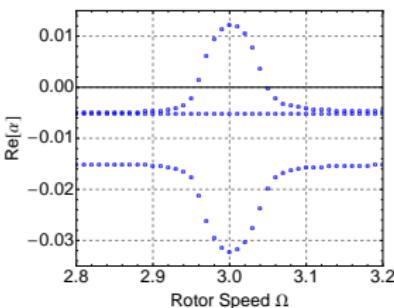
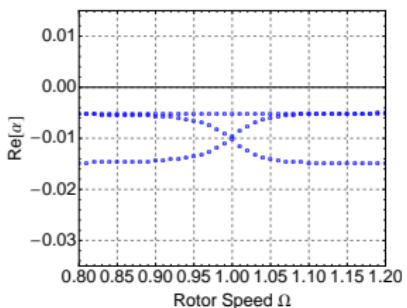
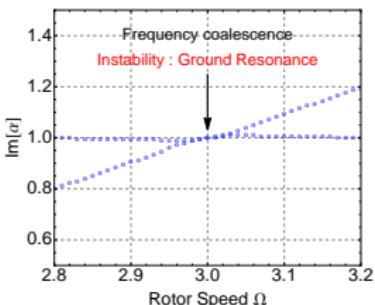
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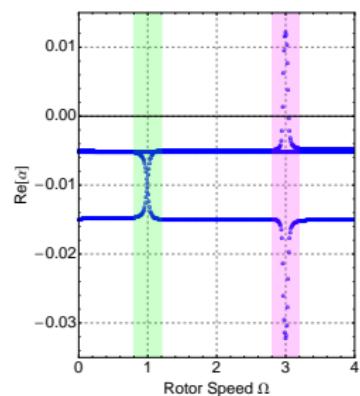
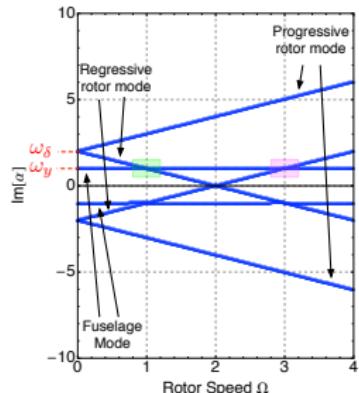
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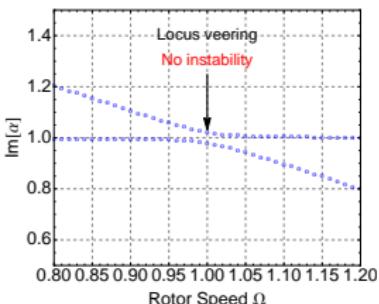
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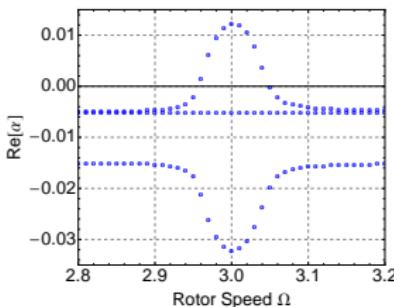
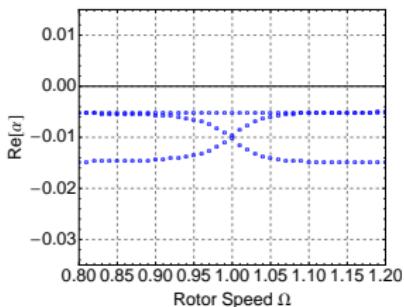
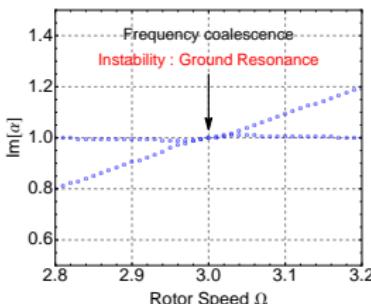
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Whole system: Fuselage + Rotor

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+
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Simplified system

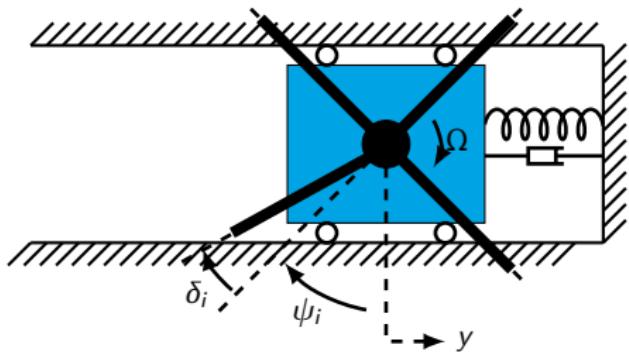
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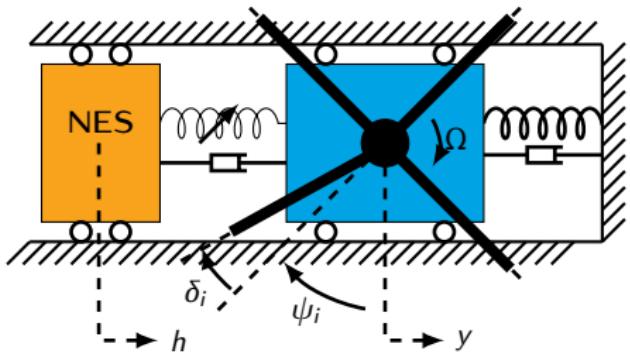
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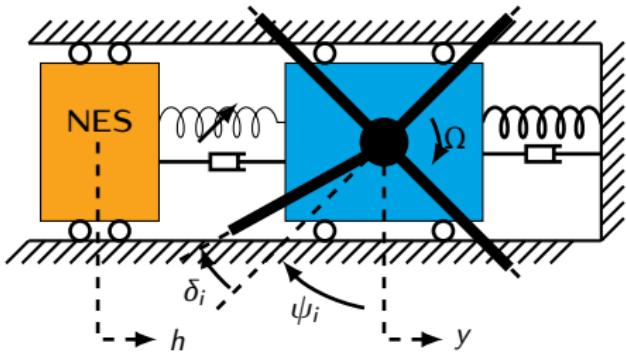
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Simplified model without
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Linear

$$\dot{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y}$$

with $\mathbf{Y} = \{y, \dot{y}, q_1, \dot{q}_1^*\}$

Use of
barycentric
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$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{y} + m_h \mathbf{h}$$

and

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

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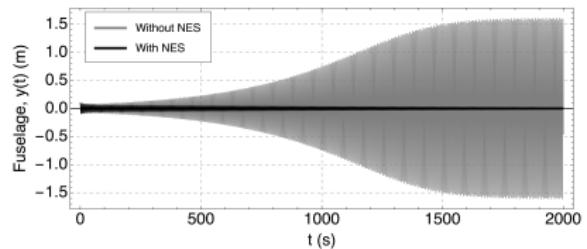
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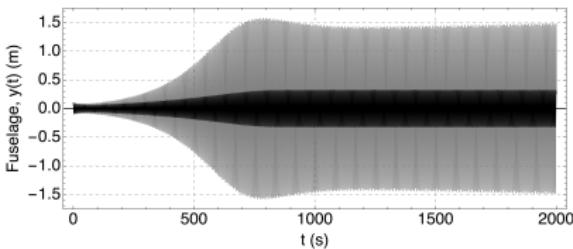
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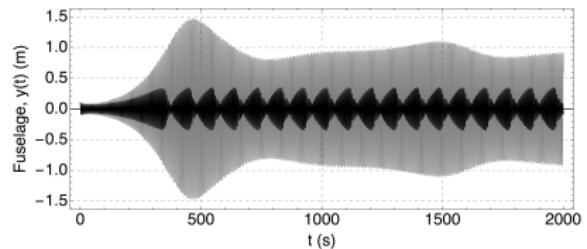
Numerical simulation: Reference model vs. Simplified model with NES



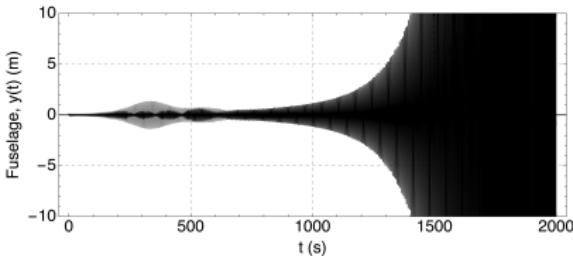
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(b) Partial suppression: PR



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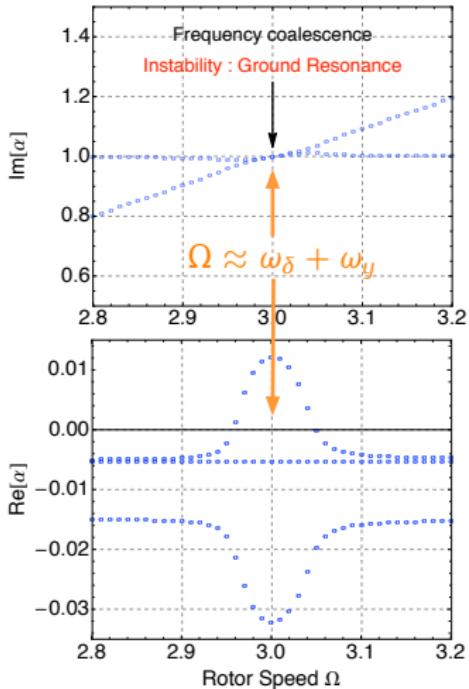
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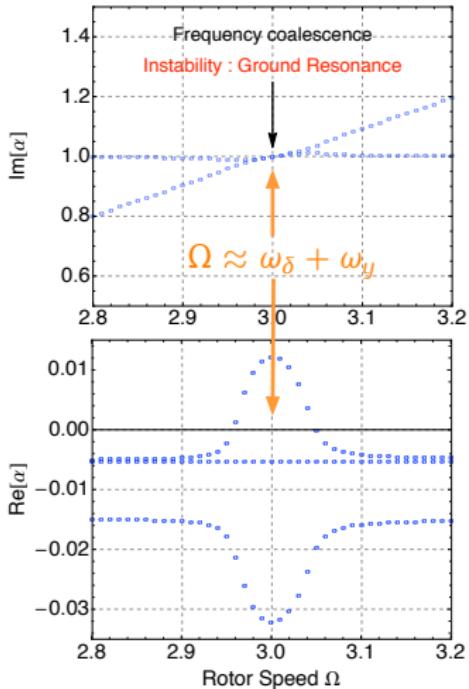
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⇒ **Presentation of the results :**

Domain of existence of the steady-state regimes in a plane $\{a, \lambda_\delta\}$:

we count 5 domains for 4 regimes



Domain 1: domain of existence "complete suppression"

≡ domain of local stability of the trivial equilibrium (TE) position of the simplified model with NES $\dot{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{f}_Z(\mathbf{Z})$

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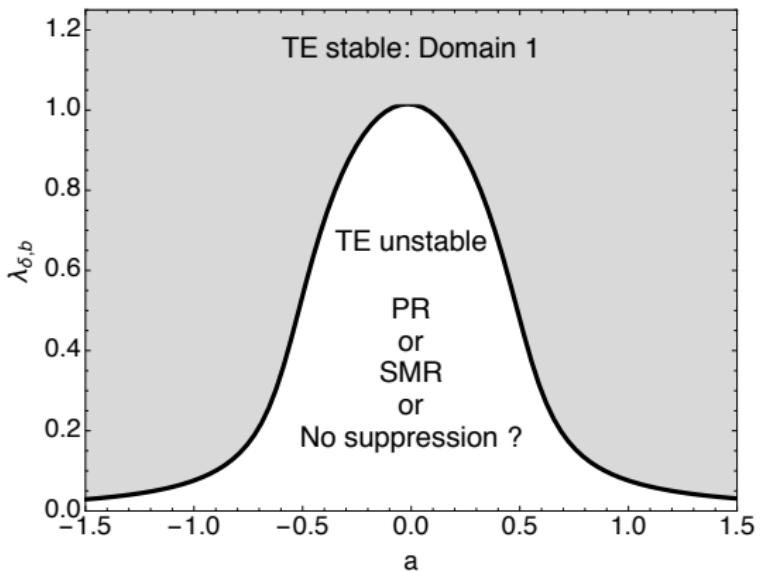
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- Studied using multi-scale approach since $\epsilon \ll 1$:
 - fast time: $t_0 = t$
 - slow time: $t_1 = \epsilon t$

ϵ^0 order of the system

$$\frac{\partial N_1}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\partial \Delta_{31}}{\partial t_0} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\omega_y}{2} (N_1 \sin \Delta_{21} + N_2 \operatorname{Im}[F(N_2)]) \\ \frac{\partial \Delta_{21}}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\omega_y}{2} \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \cos \Delta_{21} - \operatorname{Re}[F(N_2)] \right) \end{cases}$$

⇒ Fixed points of the ϵ^0 order system:

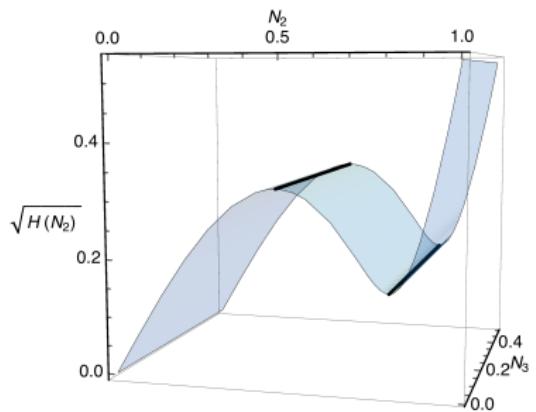
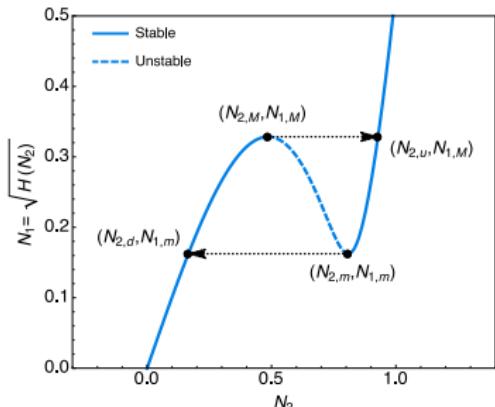
$$\lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t_0} = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \Delta_{21}}{\partial t_0} = 0$$

⇒ t_0 -invariant manifold (t_0 -IM):

$$\phi_1(t_1) = \phi_2(t_1) F(|\phi_2(t_1)|)$$

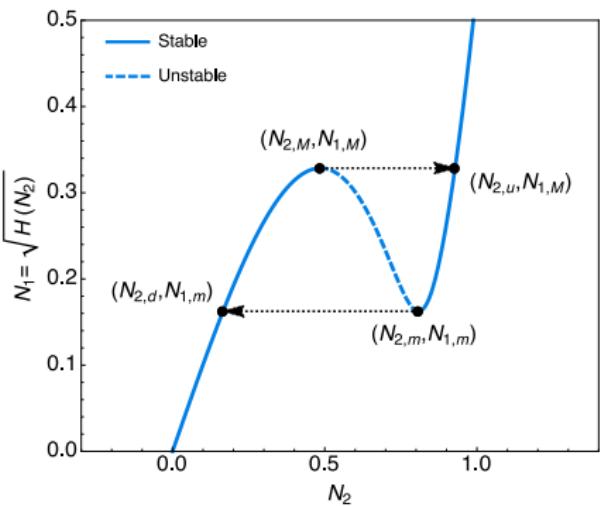
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$$N_1^2 = N_2^2 |F(N_2)|^2 = H(N_2).$$



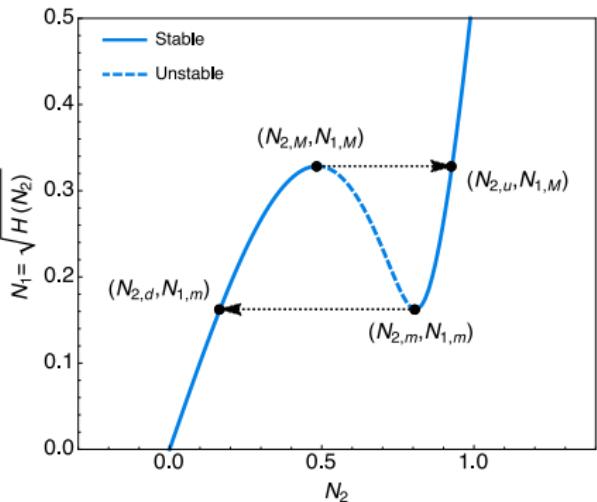
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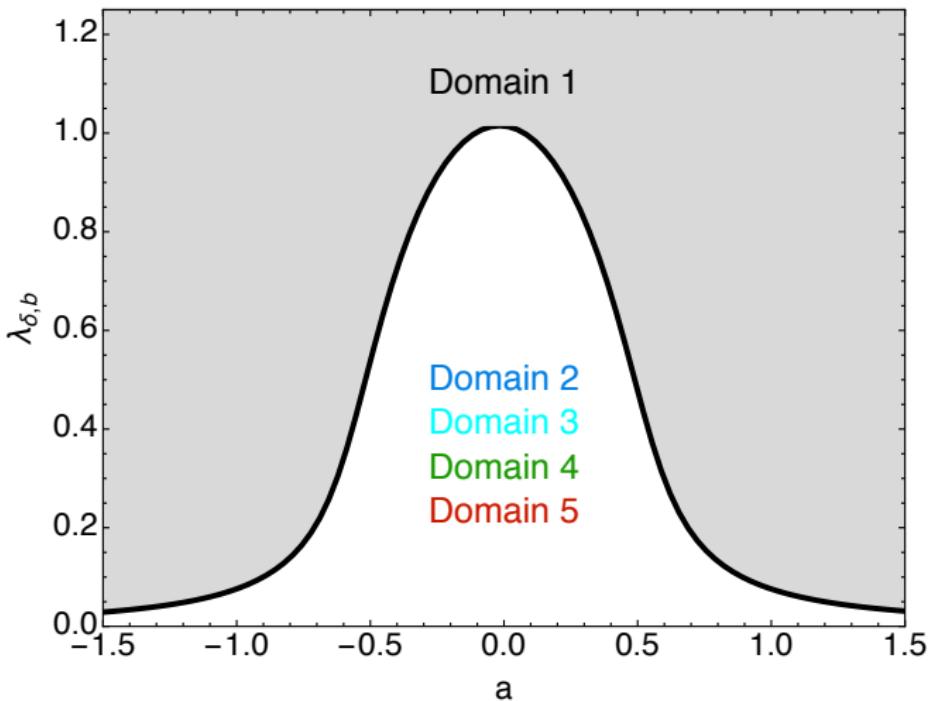
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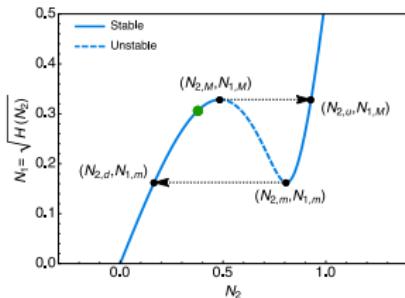
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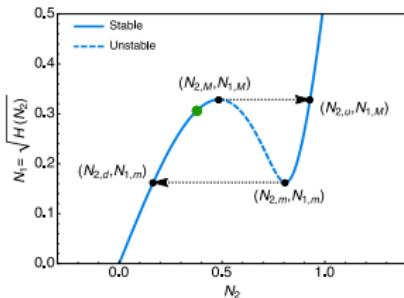
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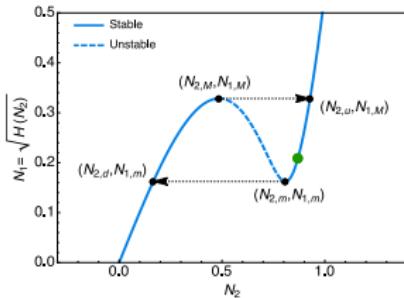
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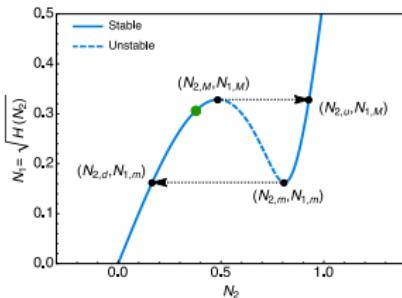
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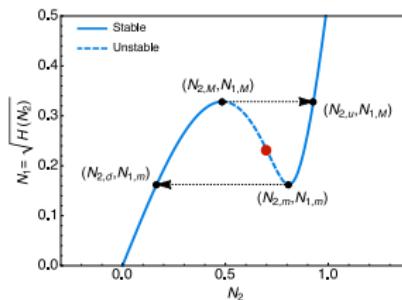
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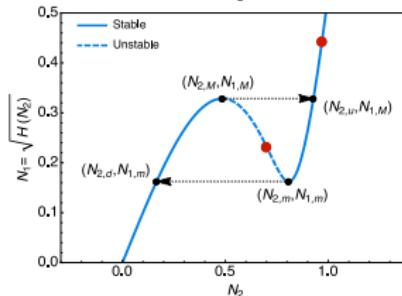
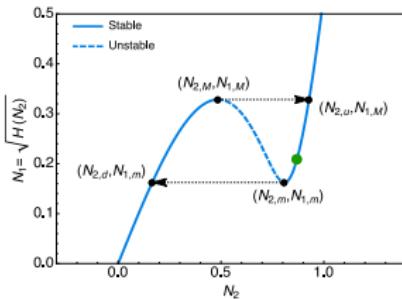
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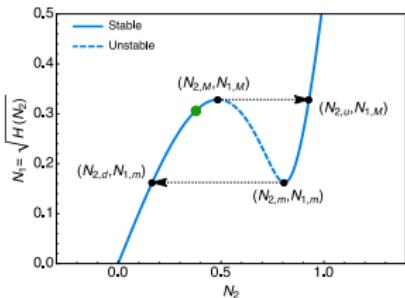
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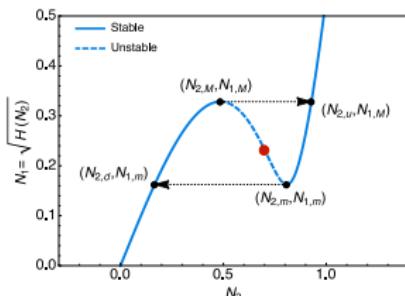
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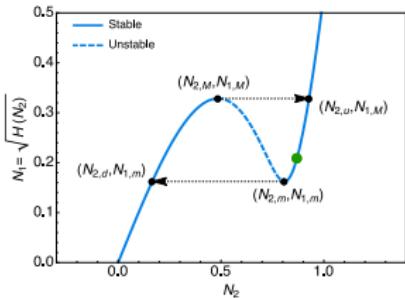
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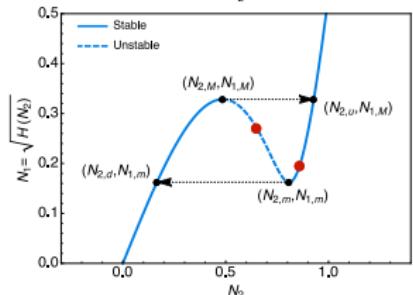
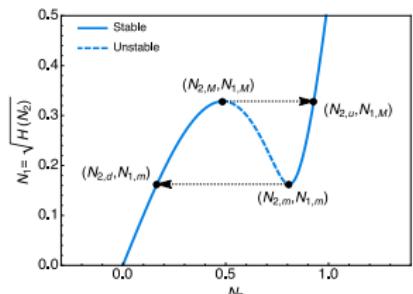
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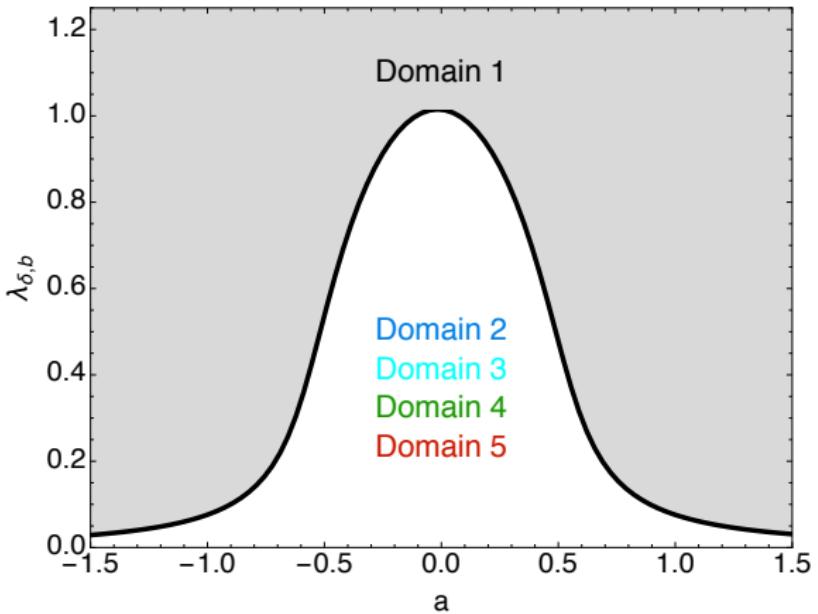
Domain 5: "no suppression"

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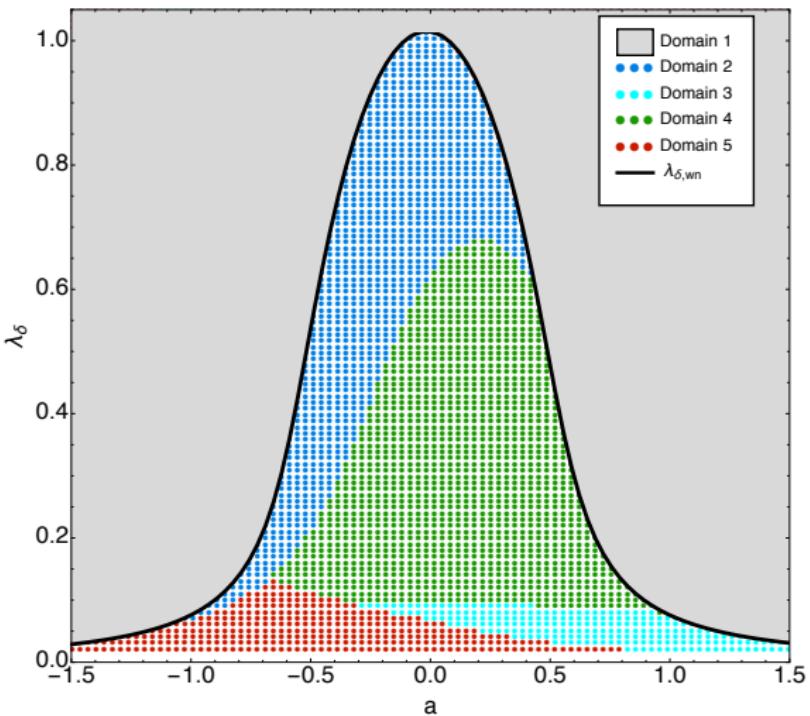


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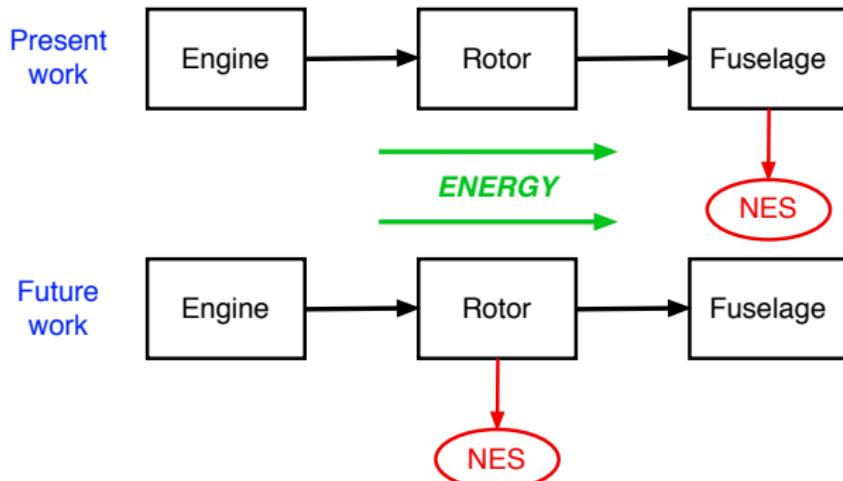
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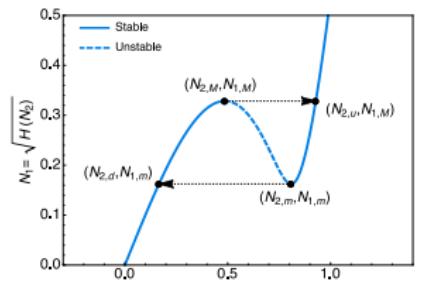
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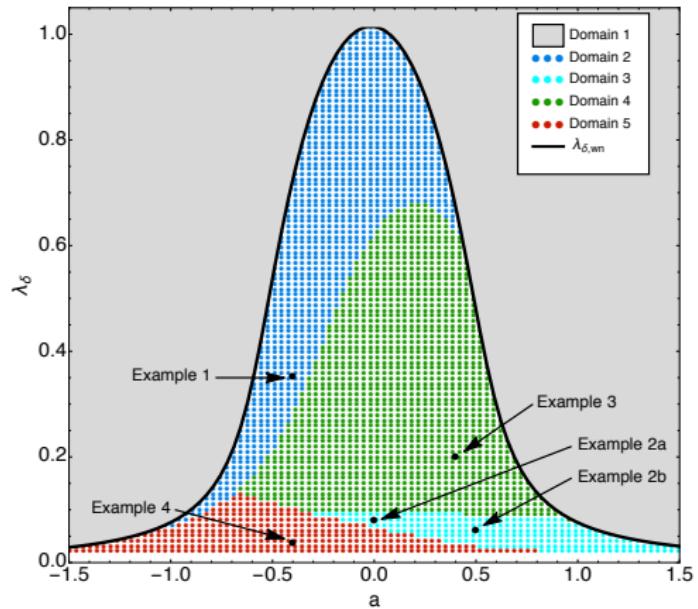
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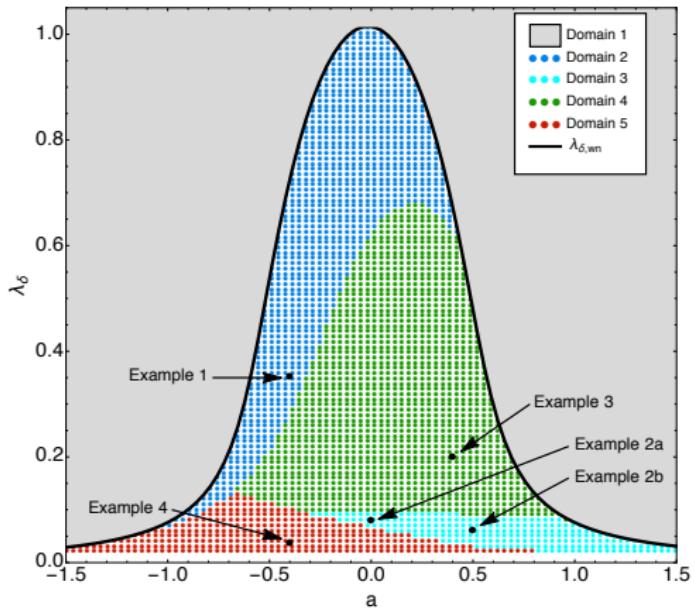
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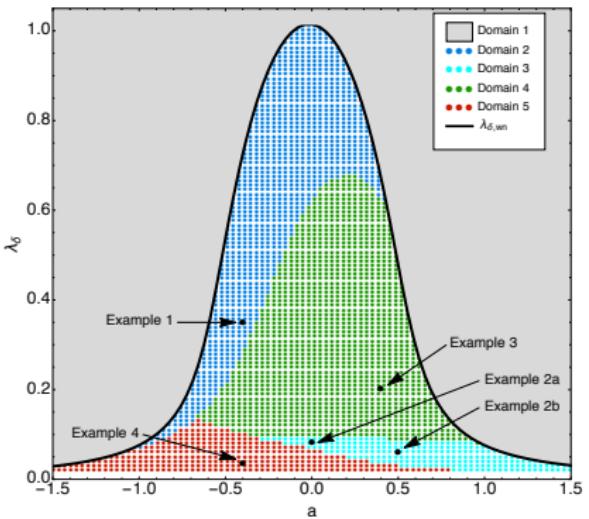
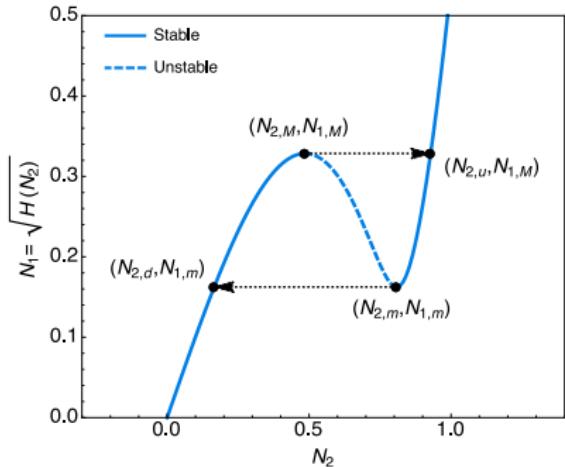
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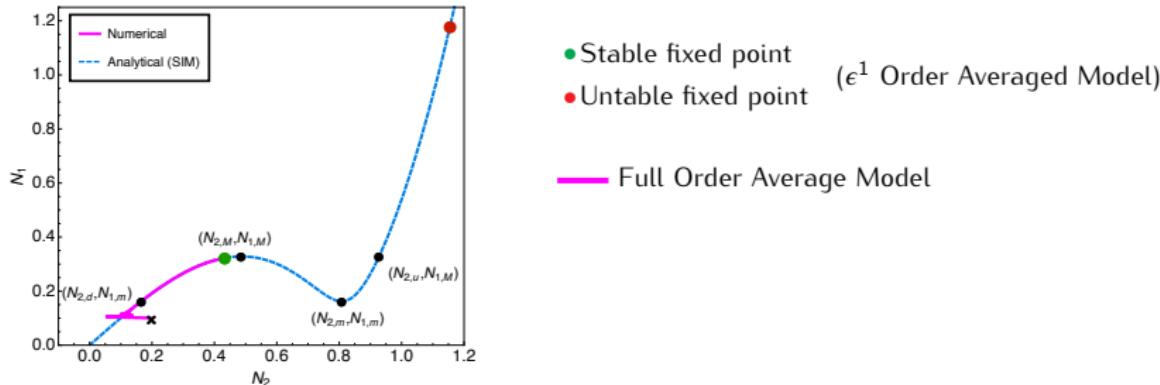
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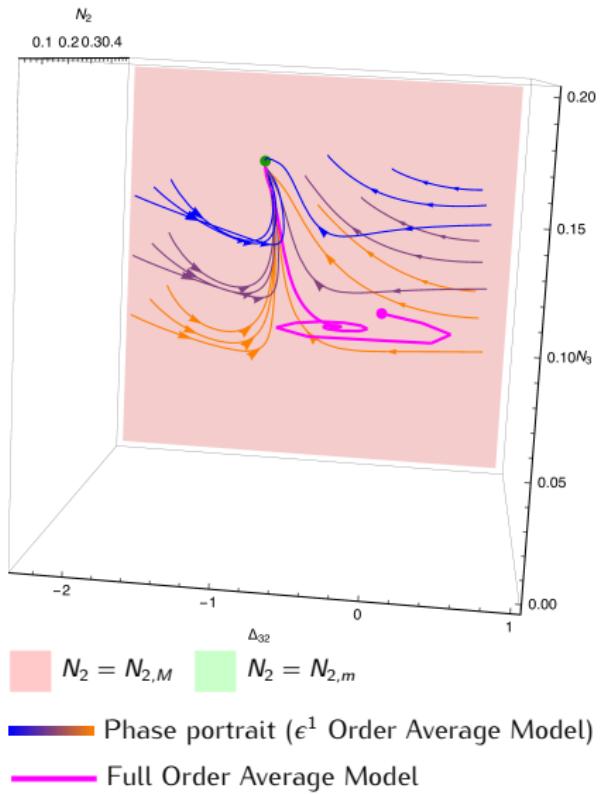
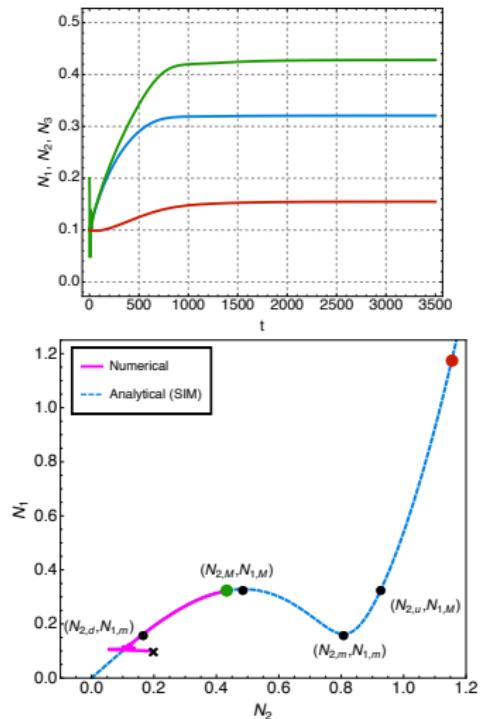
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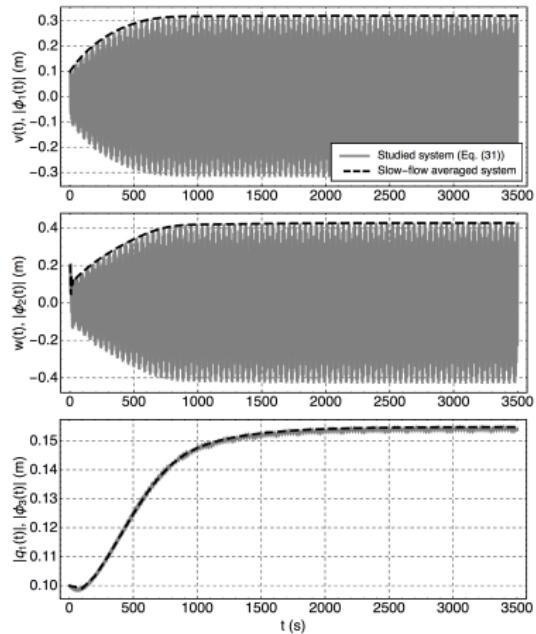
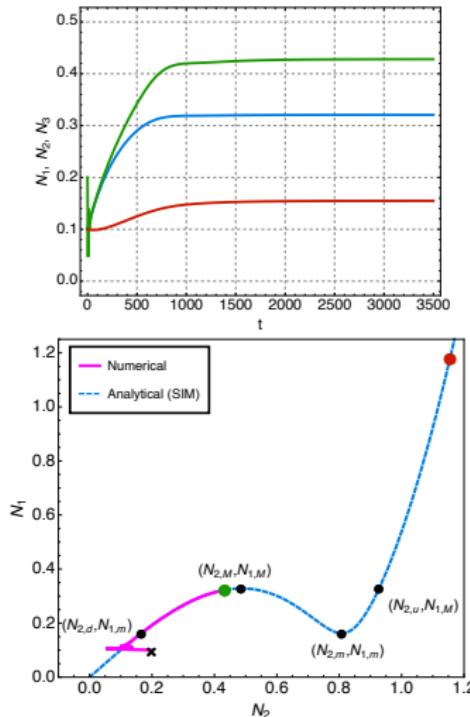
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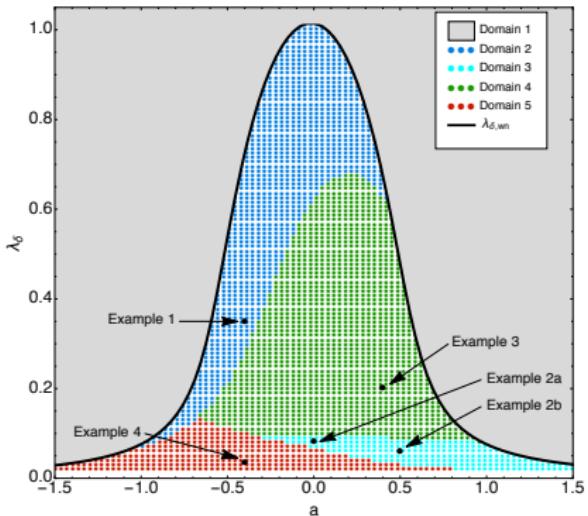
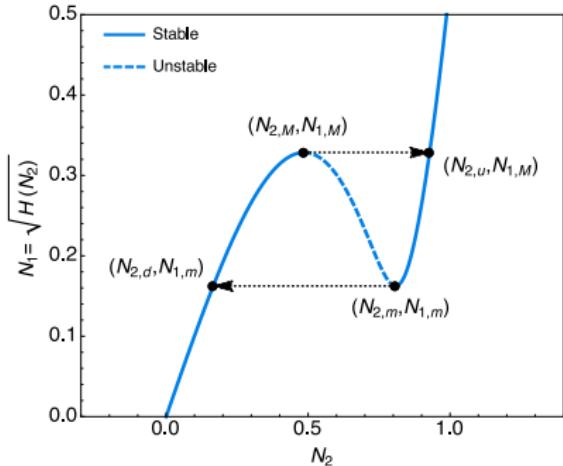
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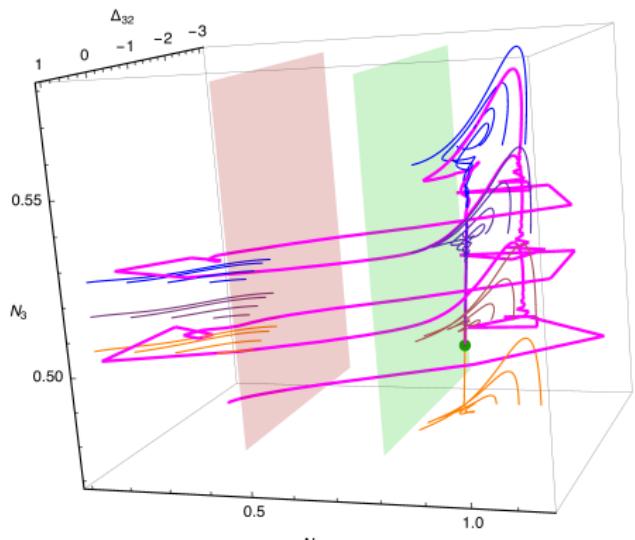
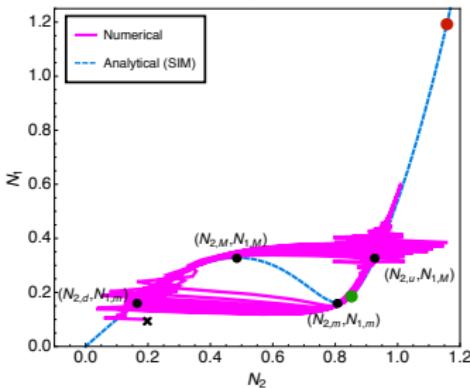
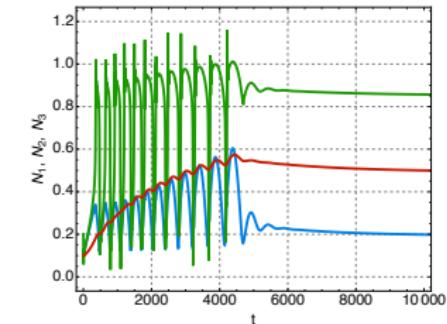
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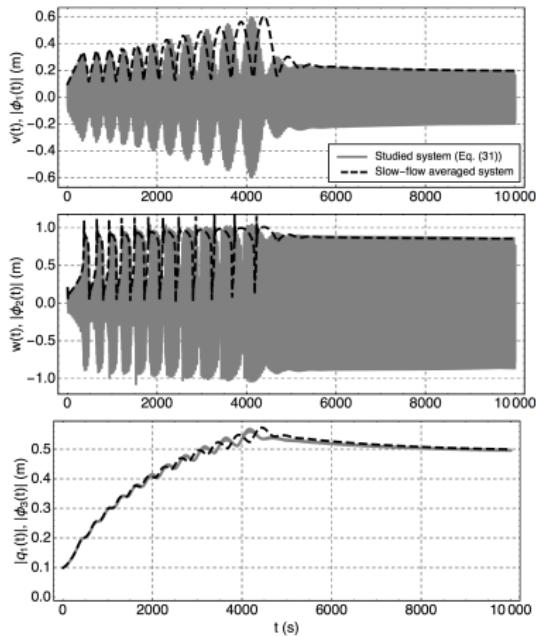
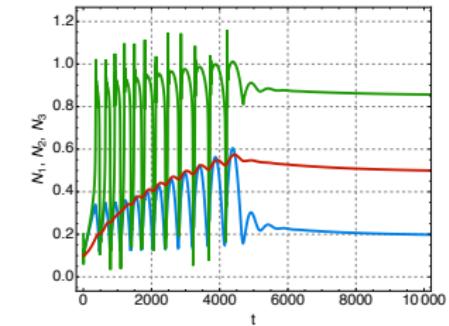
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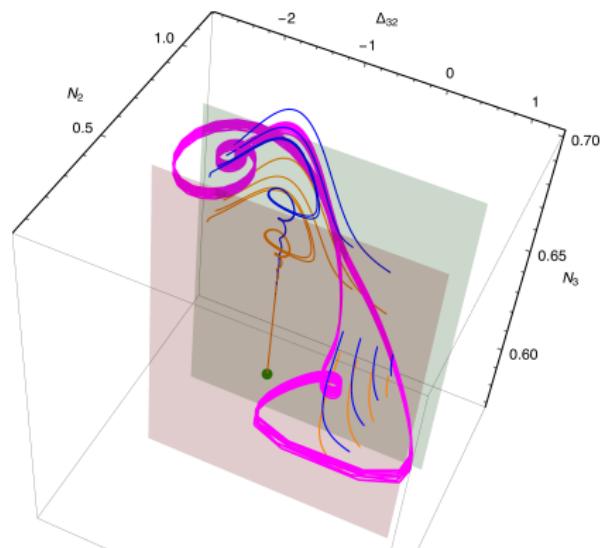
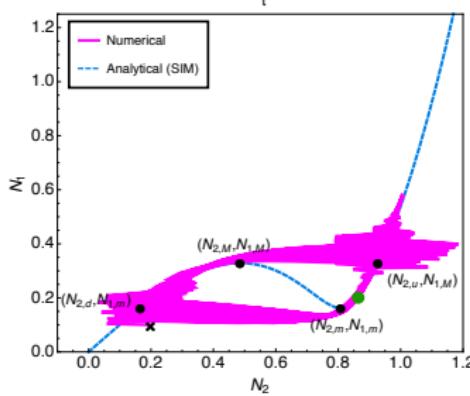
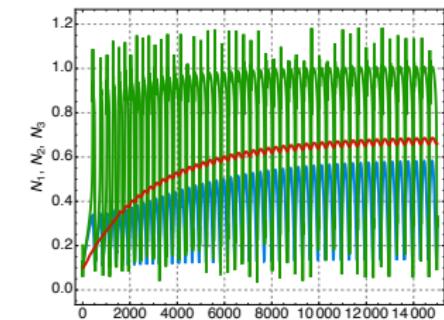


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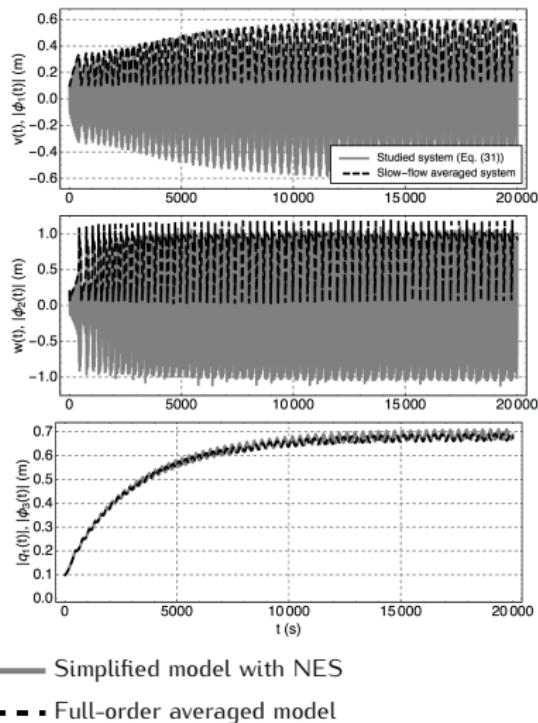
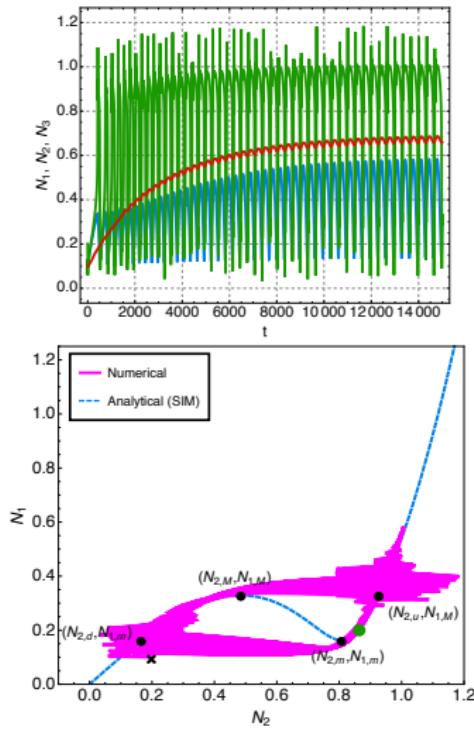
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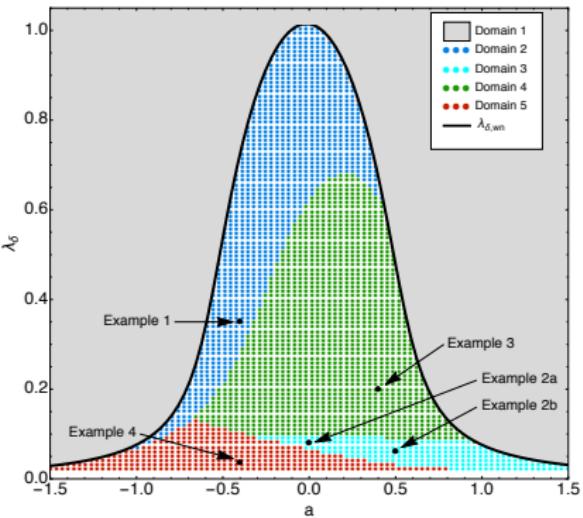
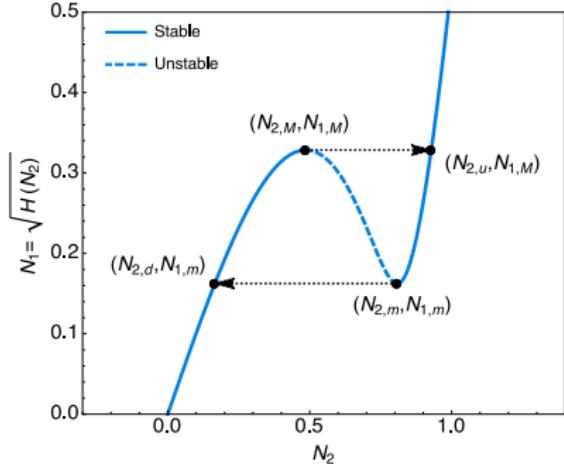
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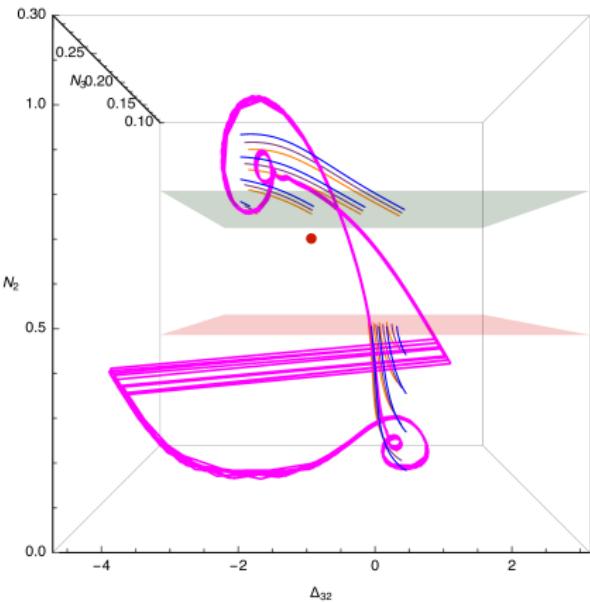
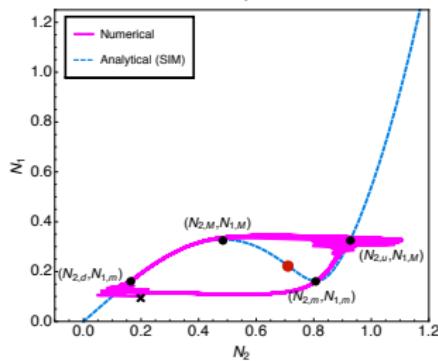
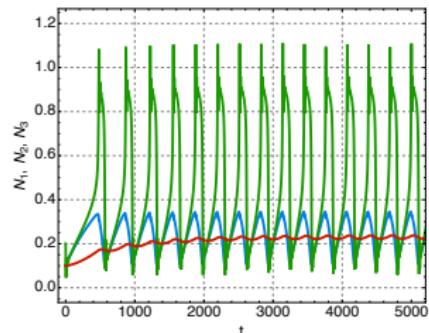


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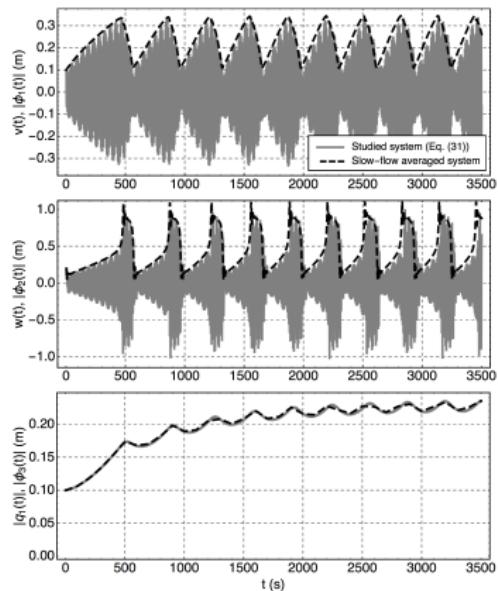
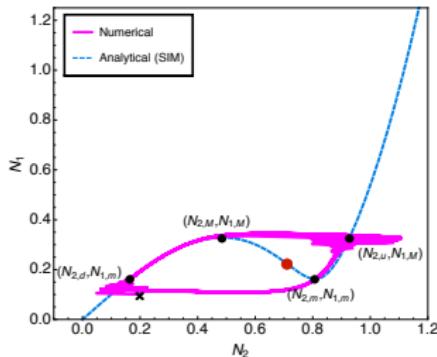
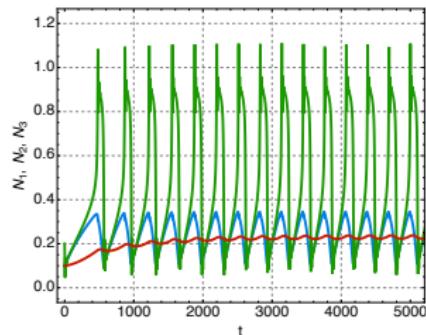
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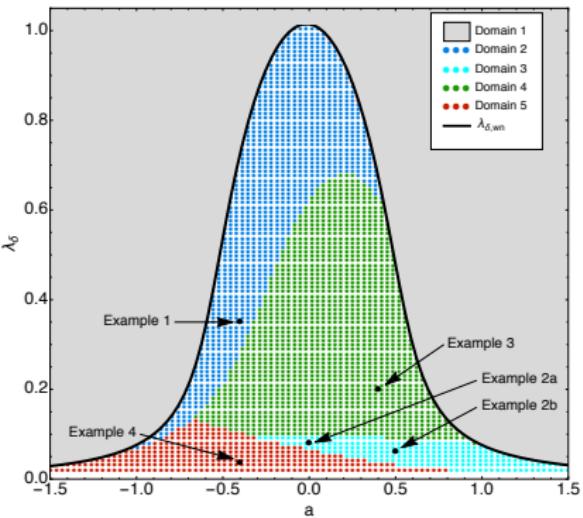
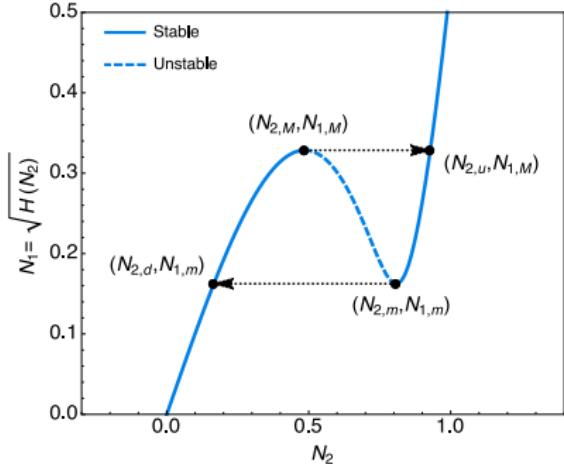
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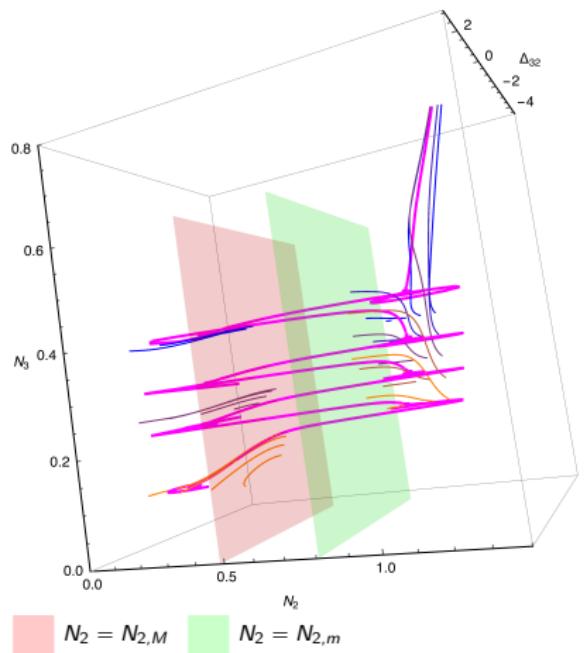
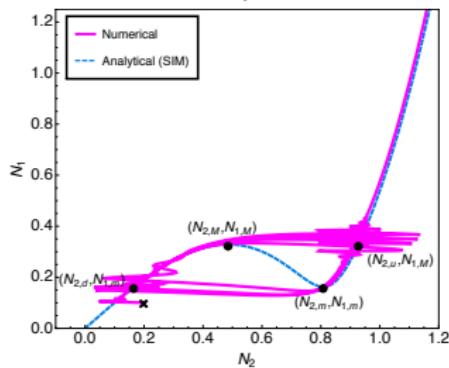
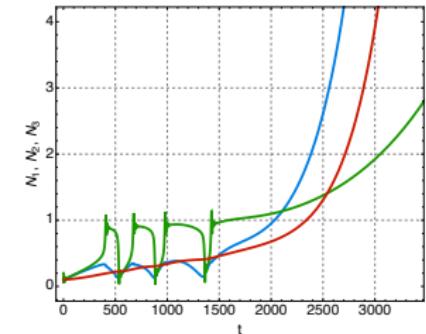
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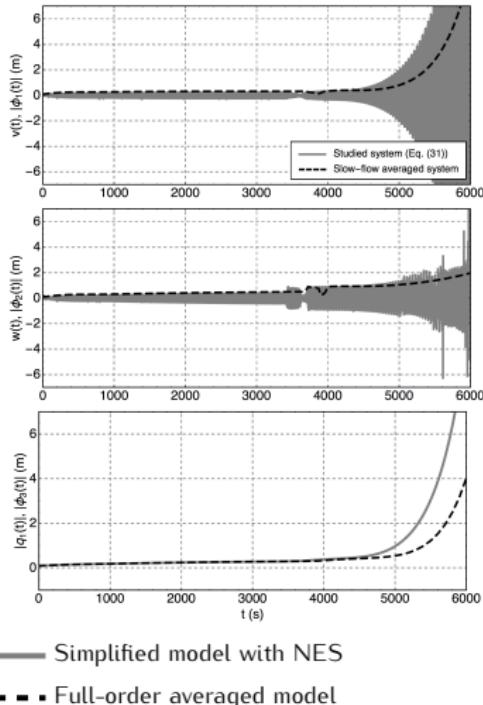
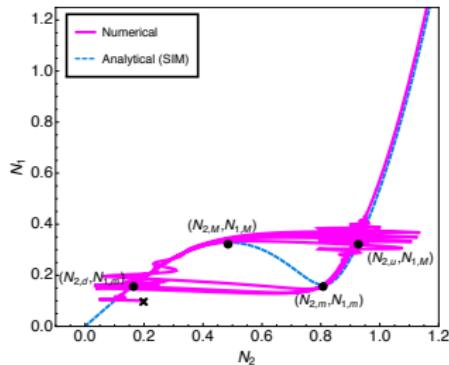
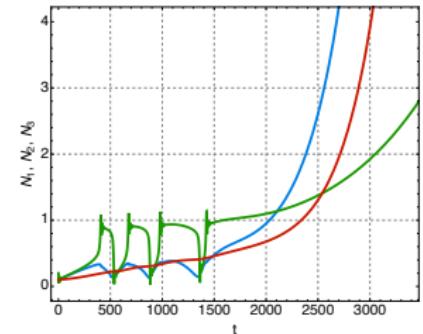
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