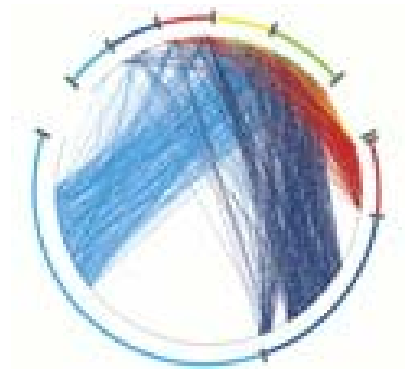


# Lecture 22&23: Dynamical Systems & Synchronization

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# Dynamical systems

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- **Dynamics** is the study of systems that evolve with time.
- The same framework of dynamics can be applied to biological, chemical, electrical, mechanical systems.
- Typically expressed as differential equation(s) (or discrete difference equation but we will focus on ODEs)
- Systems that evolve with time and they have a “memory”
- State at time  $t$  depends upon the state at a slightly earlier time
- They are therefore inherently *deterministic*: state is determined by the earlier state

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$$

Where  $x$  is going in future time

Is determined by where  $x$  is now



# Linear vs Nonlinear terms

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- **Linear Terms:** one that is first degree in its dependent variables and derivatives
  - $x$  is 1<sup>st</sup> degree and therefore a linear term
  - $xt$  is 1<sup>st</sup> degree in  $x$  and therefore a linear term
  - $x^2$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in  $x$  and there not a linear term
- **Nonlinear Terms:** any term that contains higher powers, products and transcendentals of the dependent variable is nonlinear
  - $x^2$ ,  $e^x$ ,  $x(x+1)^{-1}$  all nonlinear terms
  - $\sin x$  nonlinear term



# Linear vs Nonlinear terms

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- Linear

$$\frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

$$\sin t \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

← 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
not  
2<sup>nd</sup> degree

- Nonlinear

$$\left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$\sin x \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

$$xy$$

$$x^3$$



# Linear vs Nonlinear equations

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**linear equation:** consists of a sum of linear terms

$$y = x + 2$$

$$y(t) + x(t) = N$$

$$dy/dt = x + \sin t$$

**nonlinear equation:** all other equations

$$y + x^2 = 2$$

$$x(t) * y(t) = N$$

$$dy / dt = xy + \sin x$$

most nonlinear differential equations  
are impossible to solve analytically!  
So what do we do???



# Linear vs Nonlinear equations

system 1

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = 2y_1 + y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_1 + 3y_2$$

**linear system:** system of linear equations

system 2

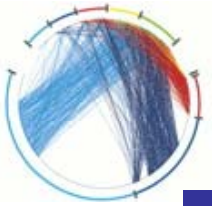
$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = 2y_1y_2 + y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_1y_2 + 3y_2$$

**nonlinear system:** system of equations containing at least 1 nonlinear term

we can use tools such as Laplace transformations to assist in solving linear systems of differential equations

can't use for nonlinear systems!!



# What is nonlinear conceptually?

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- Nonlinearity implies interactions!!

$$y = 2x_1 + x_2$$

The impact of  $x_1$  is always the same

$$y = 2x_1x_2 + x_2$$

The impact of  $x_1$  on  $y$  depends on the value of  $x_2$

There is an *interaction* between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$



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So,

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- **Dynamical system**

- A system of one or more variables which evolve in time according to a given rule
- Two types of dynamical systems:
  - Differential equations: time is continuous

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X, t)$$

- Difference equations (iterated maps): time is discrete

$$X(t + \Delta t) = F(X(t))$$

$$X_{n+1} = F(X_n)$$



So,

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- **Linear vs. nonlinear**

- A linear dynamical system is one in which the rule governing the time-evolution of the system involves a linear combination of all the variables.

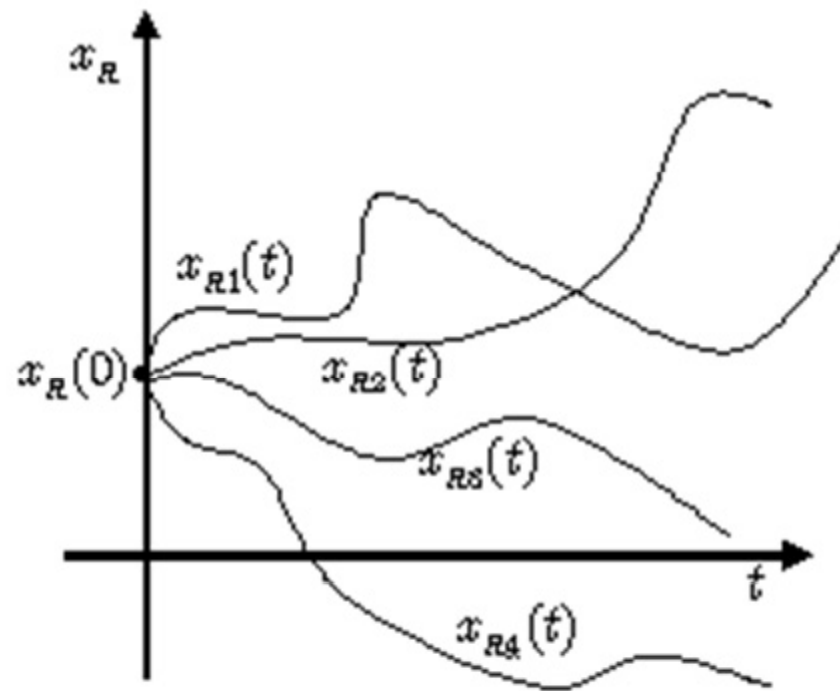
- EXAMPLE: 
$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + B$$

- A nonlinear dynamical system is simply...  
... not linear



So,

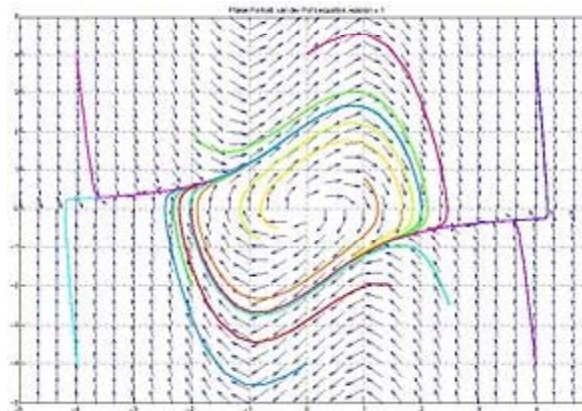
- Usually we study the trajectories of the states in dynamical systems:
- Trajectory: The path a moving object follows through space as a function of time.





# 1-D ODEs

- $dx/dt = f(x,t)$
- If the system is time-invariant:  $dx/dt = f(x)$
- Fixed points: where the derivative is zero (no variation in the system)  $\rightarrow dx/dt = f(x^*) = 0$
- A fixed point can be **stable** or **unstable**  
stable:  $f'(t) < 0$       unstable:  $f'(t) > 0$
- A usual method for analysis is **phase portrait**:
- Plotting  $dx/dt$  vs  $x$

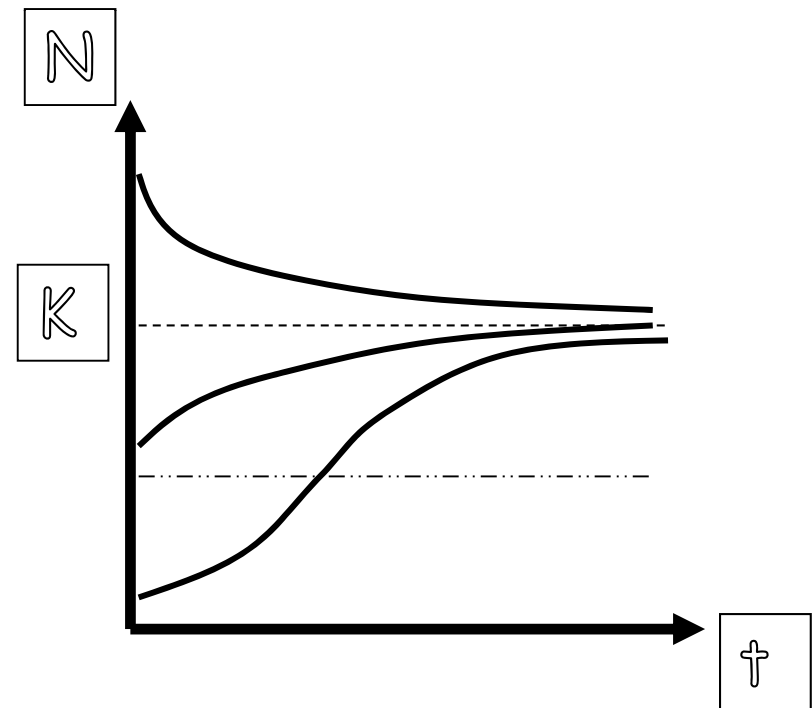
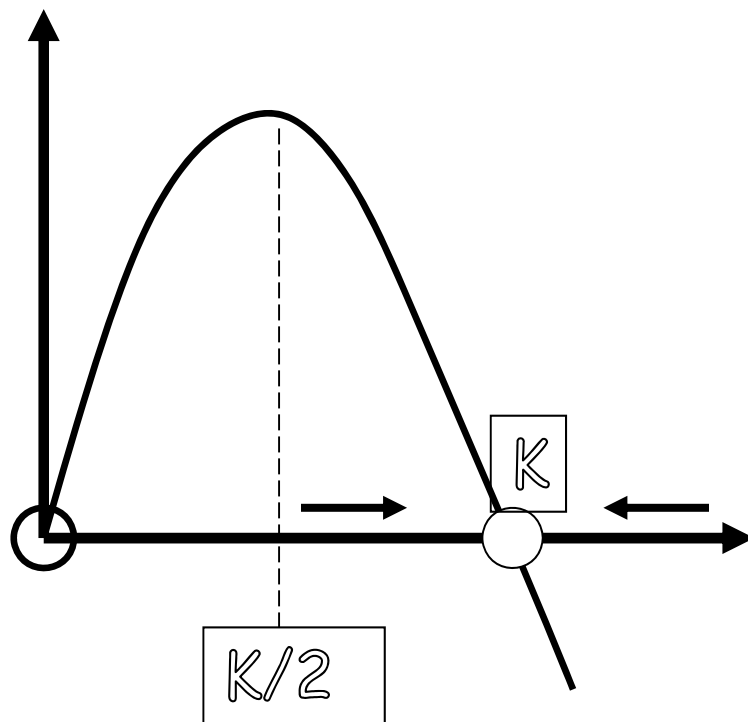




# Example

- A simple model for growth

$$\dot{N} = rN \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right)$$





# Linearization

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- Linearization is a technique for analyzing stability of nonlinear systems:
- $x^*$  : fixed point,  $dy/dt = yf'(x^*)$ : linear zed version
- stable:  $f'(x^*) < 0$       unstable:  $f'(x^*) > 0$
- However, the results are locally valid (around the fixed point)



# Numerical solution of ODEs

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- An approximate solution is obtained based on difference equations:
- Euler's method:

$$X(n+1) = x(n) + f(x(n))\Delta t$$

- Improved Euler's method:

$$x_1(n+1) = x(n) + f(x(n))\Delta t$$

$$x(n+1) = x(n) + 0.5[f(x(n)) + f(x_1(n+1))]\Delta t$$

- Runge-Kutta methods:

$$k_1 = f(x(n))\Delta t, k_2 = f(x(n) + 0.5 k_1)\Delta t$$

$$k_3 = f(x(n) + 0.5 k_2)\Delta t, k_4 = f(x(n) + k_3)\Delta t$$

$$x(n+1) = x(n) + 1/6[k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4]\Delta t$$



# Bifurcation

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- Consider a parameter dependent system
- If change in parameter
  - Structurally stable: no significant change
  - Bifurcation: sudden change in dynamics





# Transcritical Bifurcation

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- Consider the ODE

$$\dot{x} = x(\alpha - x)$$

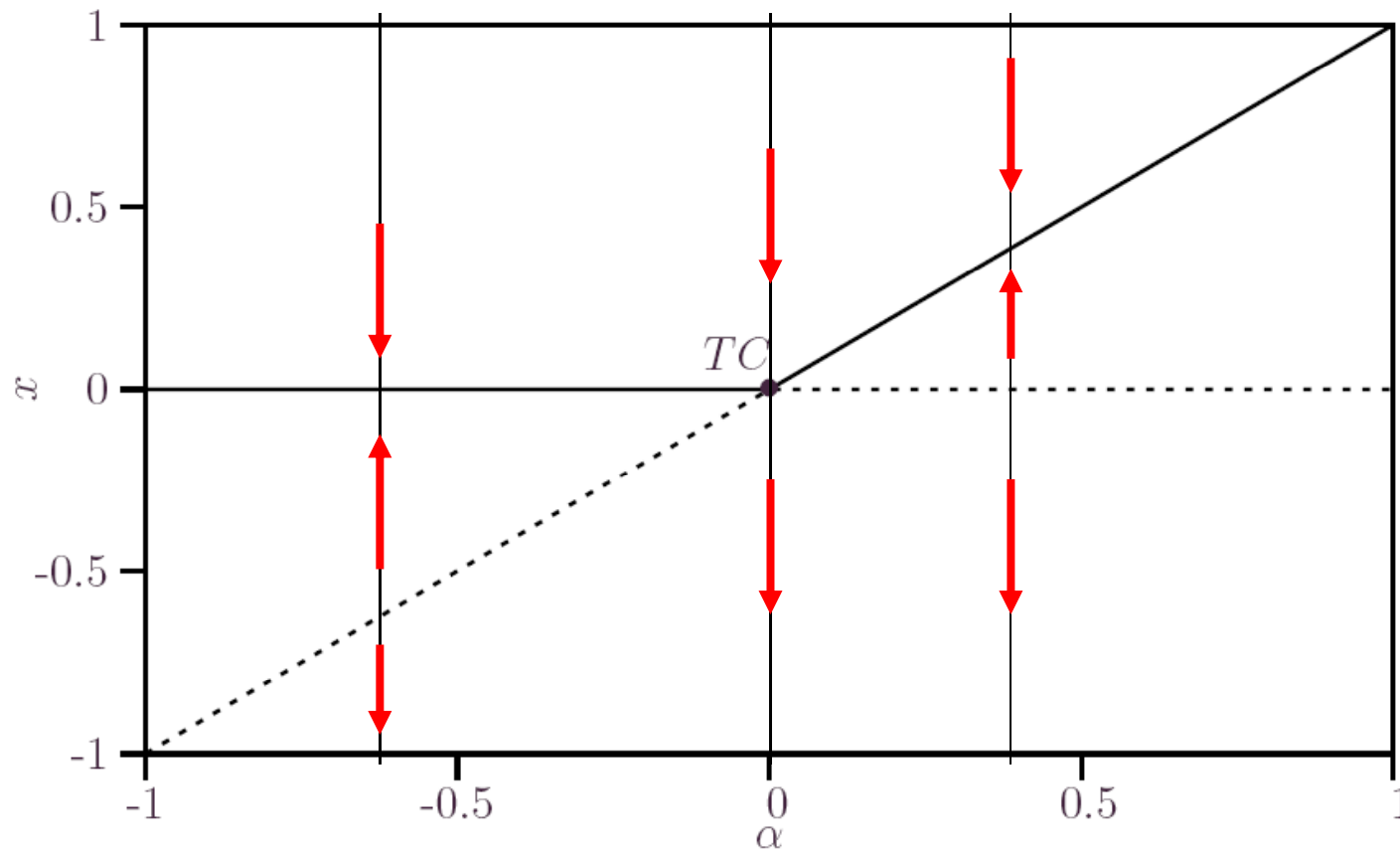
- Two equilibria

$$x = 0, \quad x = \alpha$$

- Example:  $a = 1$
- Equilibria:  $x = 0, x = 1$
- Derivative:  $-2x + a$
- Stability
  - $x = 0 \rightarrow f'(x) > 0$  (unstable)
  - $x = a \rightarrow f'(x) < 0$  (stable)



# Transcritical Bifurcation



Transcritical bifurcation point  $\alpha = 0$



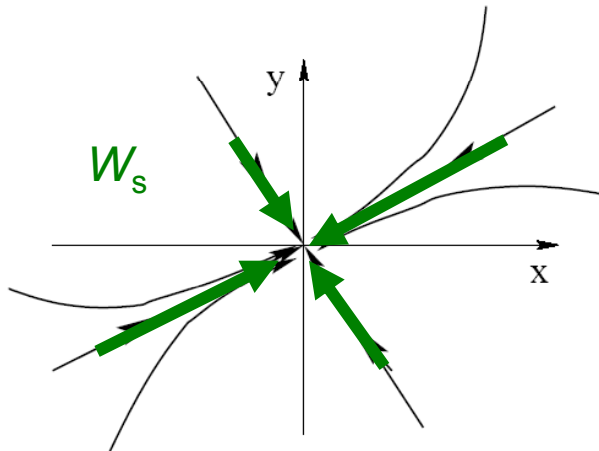
# 2-D systems

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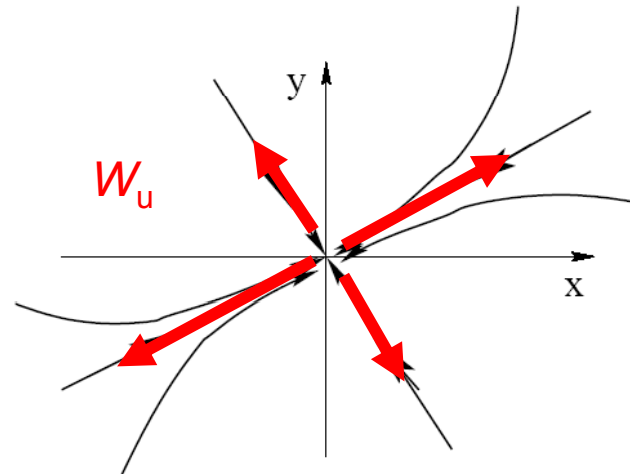
- Consider 2D ODE:
$$\begin{aligned}dx/dt &= f(x,y) \\ dy/dt &= f(x,y)\end{aligned}$$
- Different kinds of analysis for 2D ODE systems
  - Equilibria: determine type(s)
  - Transient or long term behaviour
- Different types of equilibria
- Stability
  - Stable
  - Unstable
  - Saddle
- Convergence type
  - Node
  - Spiral (or focus)



# Equilibria: nodes



Stable node



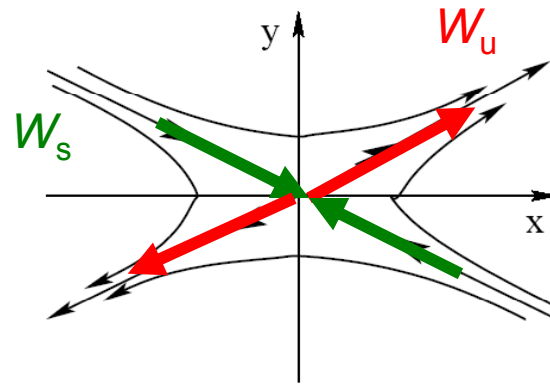
Unstable node

Node has two (un)stable manifolds



# Equilibria: saddle

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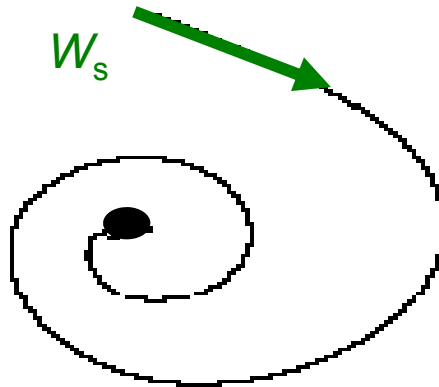
Saddle point

Saddle has one stable & one unstable manifold

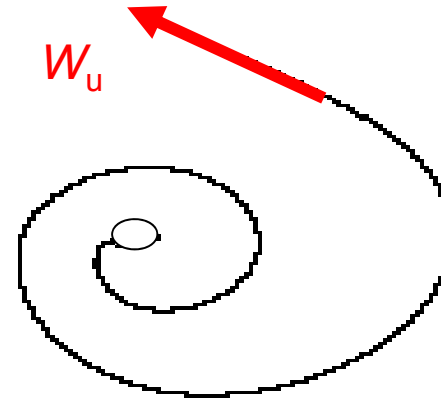


# Equilibria: foci

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Stable spiral



Unstable spiral

Spiral has one (un)stable (complex) manifold



# Equilibria: determination

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- How do we determine the type of equilibrium?
- Linearisation of point
- Eigenfunction
- Linearisation of equilibrium in more than one dimension  
→ partial derivatives
- Jacobian:

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{df}{dx} & \frac{df}{dy} \\ \frac{dg}{dx} & \frac{dg}{dy} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Eigenfunction

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- Determine eigenvalues ( $\lambda$ ) and eigenvectors ( $\mathbf{v}$ ) from Jacobian

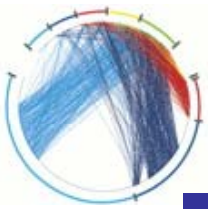
$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

- Of course there are two solutions for a 2D system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{df}{dx} & \frac{df}{dy} \\ \frac{dg}{dx} & \frac{dg}{dy} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $\lambda < 0 \rightarrow$  stable,  $\lambda > 0 \rightarrow$  unstable
- If two  $\lambda$  complex pair  $\rightarrow$  spiral





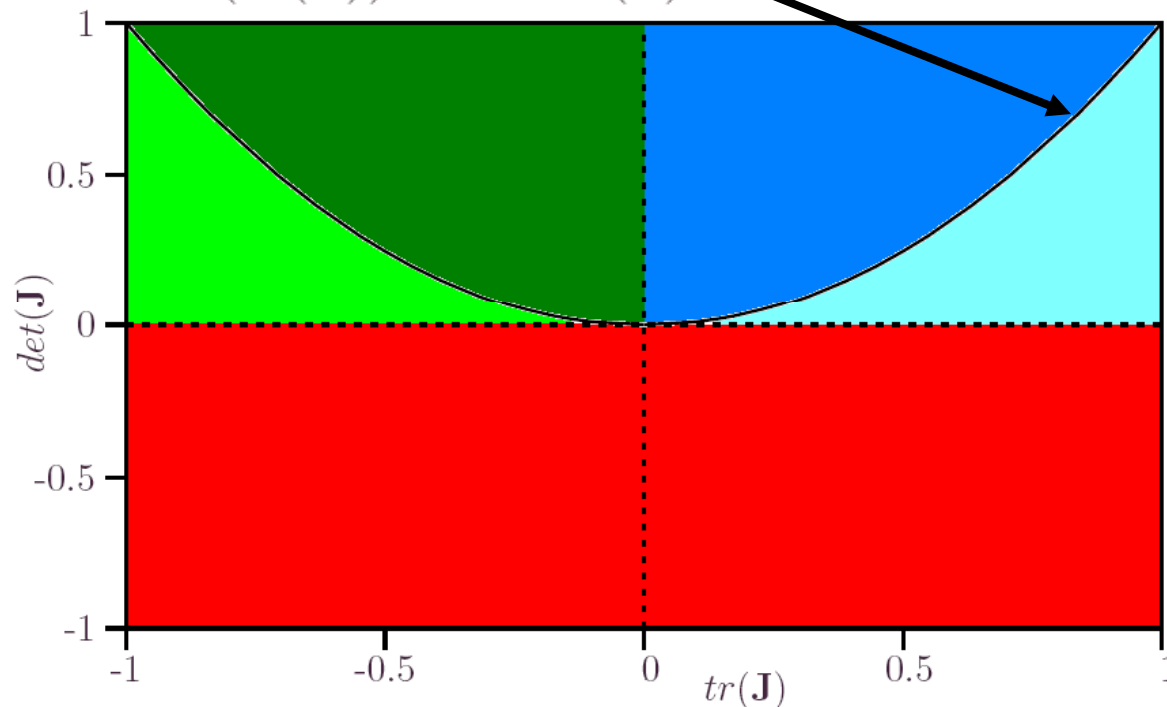
# Determinant & trace

- Alternative in 2D to determine equilibrium type (much less computation)

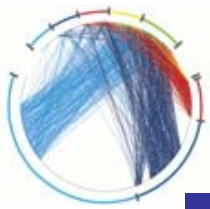
$$\det(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{df}{dx} \frac{dg}{dy} - \frac{df}{dy} \frac{dg}{dx}$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dy}$$

$$(\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}))^2 < 4\det(\mathbf{J})$$

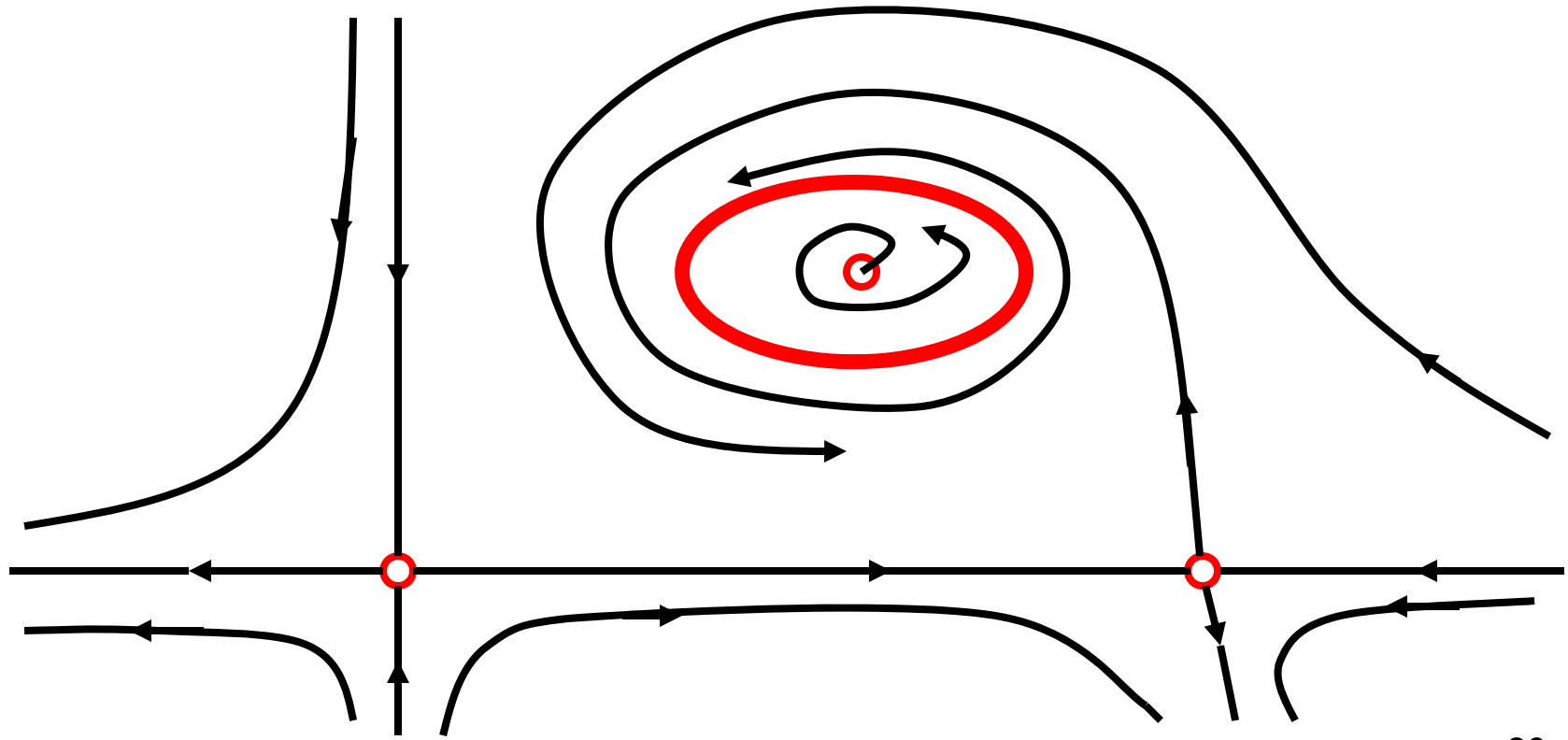


**Saddle**  
**Stable node**  
**Stable spiral**  
**Unstable spiral**  
**Unstable node**



# Typical phase portrait of 2-D Nonlinear Systems

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# Linear Stability Analysis

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- For nonlinear systems, we study the qualitative behavior near the fixed points
  - 1) Finding the fixed points
  - 2) Linearizing the system near the fixed points
  - 3) Classifying the fixed points



# Finding the fixed points

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y)$$

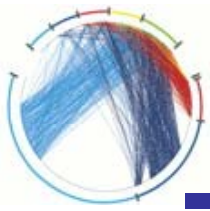
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y)$$

- NullClines:

$$x \text{ nullcline} : \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y) = 0$$

$$y \text{ nullcline} : \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y) = 0$$

● The intersections of nullclines are the fixed points



# Example: Lotka-Volterra competition

- Rabbits  $x(t)$  vs. Sheep  $y(t)$

- Rabbits reproduce more
- Sheep reproduce less

logistic growth :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r_x x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k_x}\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = r_y y \left(1 - \frac{y}{k_y}\right)$$

$$r_x > r_y, k_x > k_y$$

- Sheep are stronger
- Rabbits are weaker

logistic growth + competition :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r_x x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k_x} - c_y y\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = r_y y \left(1 - \frac{y}{k_y} - c_x x\right)$$

$$c_y > c_x$$



# Lotka-Volterra competition

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r_x x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k_x} - c_y y\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = r_y y \left(1 - \frac{y}{k_y} - c_x x\right)$$

- Numerical example:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(3 - x - 3y)$$

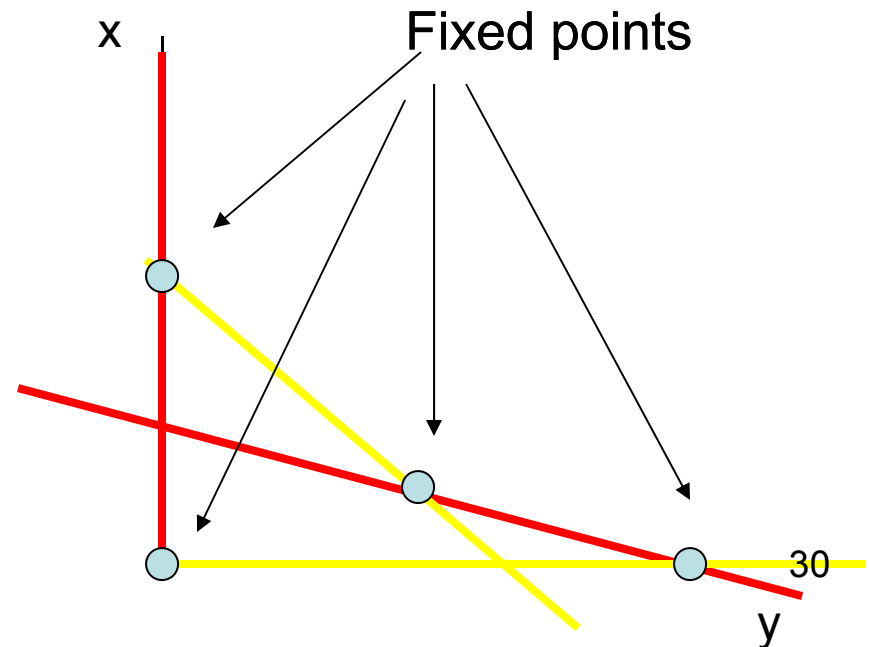
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(2 - x - y)$$

$x$  nullclines :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow x(3 - x - 3y) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ x = 3 - 3y \end{cases}$$

$y$  nullclines :

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow y(2 - x - y) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x = 2 - y \end{cases}$$





# Linearization

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- Equations:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, t)$
- Fixed point:  $(x_0, y_0)$   $(\frac{dx_0}{dt} = 0, \frac{dy_0}{dt} = 0)$ 
  - Intersection of nullclines
- Perturbation:  $x = x_0 + \varepsilon$   
 $y = y_0 + \eta$
- Stability:  $\varepsilon(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0, \eta(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$



# Linearization

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$$x = x_0 + \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon = x - x_0$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = \frac{d(x - x_0)}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = f(x, y) = f(x_0 + \varepsilon, y_0 + \eta) = f(x_0, y_0) + \varepsilon \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y} + O(2)$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \approx \varepsilon \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y}$$

*Similarly :*

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} \approx \varepsilon \frac{\partial g(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial g(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y}$$





# Linearization

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \approx \varepsilon \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} \approx \varepsilon \frac{\partial g(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial g(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\varepsilon} \\ \dot{\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

→  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)}$  The Jacobian Matrix: 2D equivalent of derivative



# Lotka-Volterra competition

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(3 - x - 3y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(2 - x - y)$$

Fixed Points :

(0,0)

(0,2)

(1.5,0.5)

(3,0)

Jacobian matrix :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - 2x - 2y & -2x \\ -y & 2 - x - 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

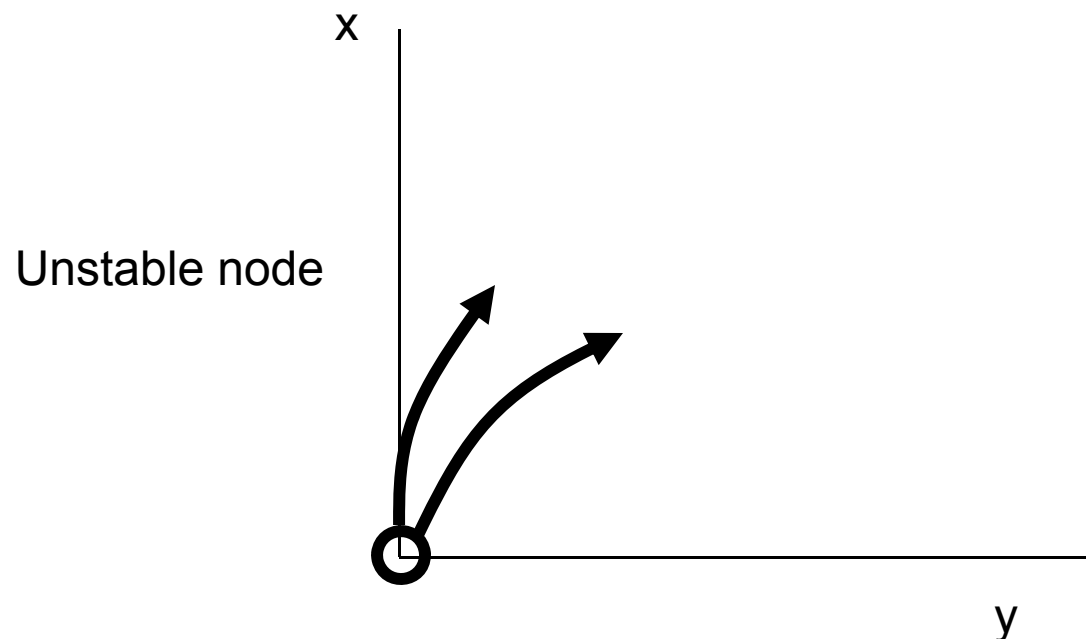


# Lotka-Volterra competition

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Fixed Point :      Jacobian matrix :      eigenvalue s

$(0,0)$        $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$        $\lambda = 3, 2$

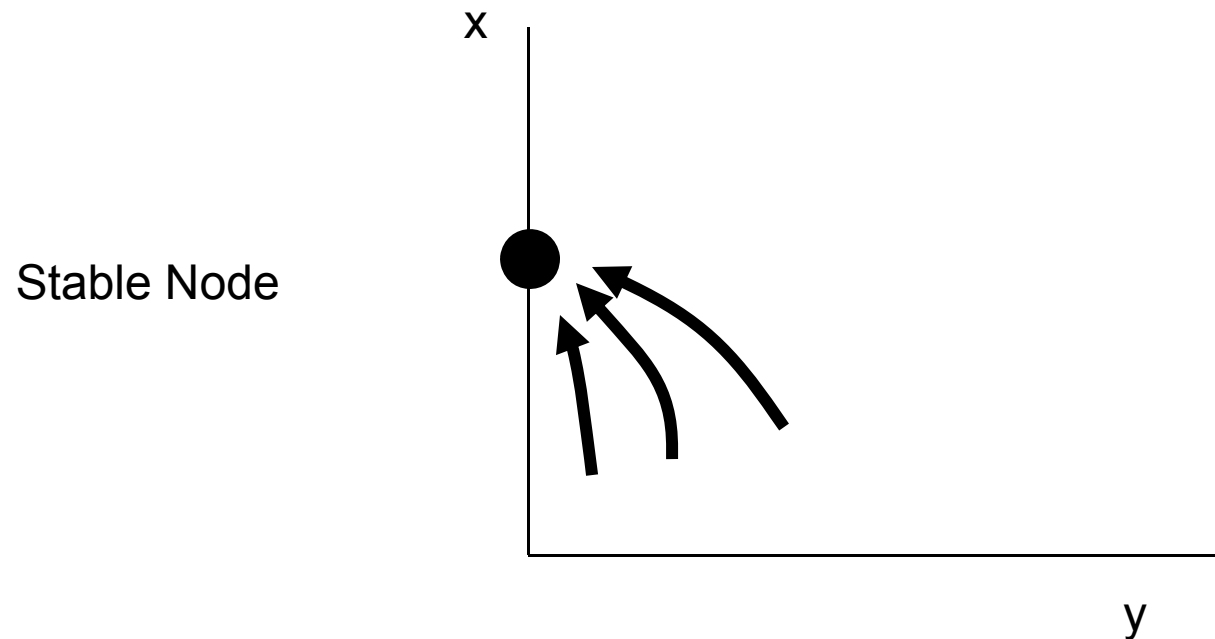




# Lotka-Volterra competition

Fixed Point :      Jacobian matrix :      eigenvalue  $s$

$(0,2)$        $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$        $\lambda = -1, -2$



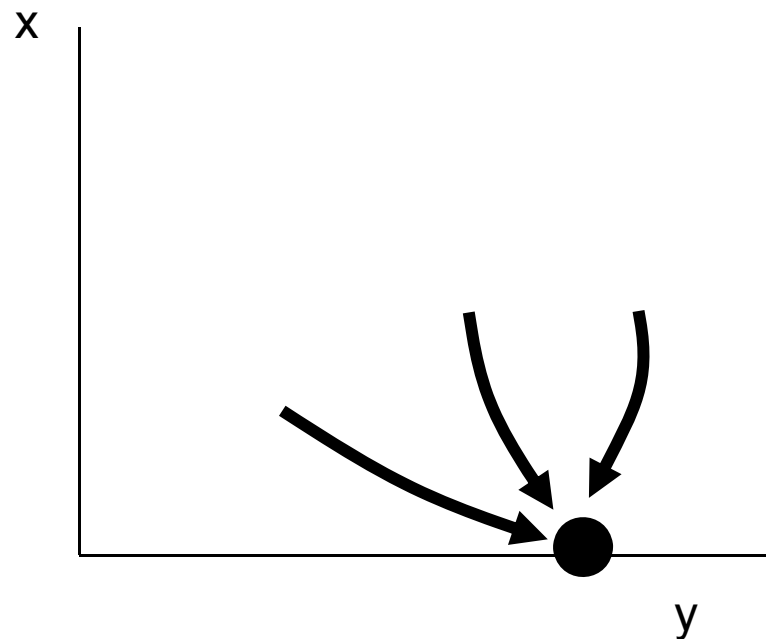


# Lotka-Volterra competition

Fixed Point :      Jacobian matrix :      eigenvalue s

$(3,0)$        $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$        $\lambda = -3, -1$

Stable Node

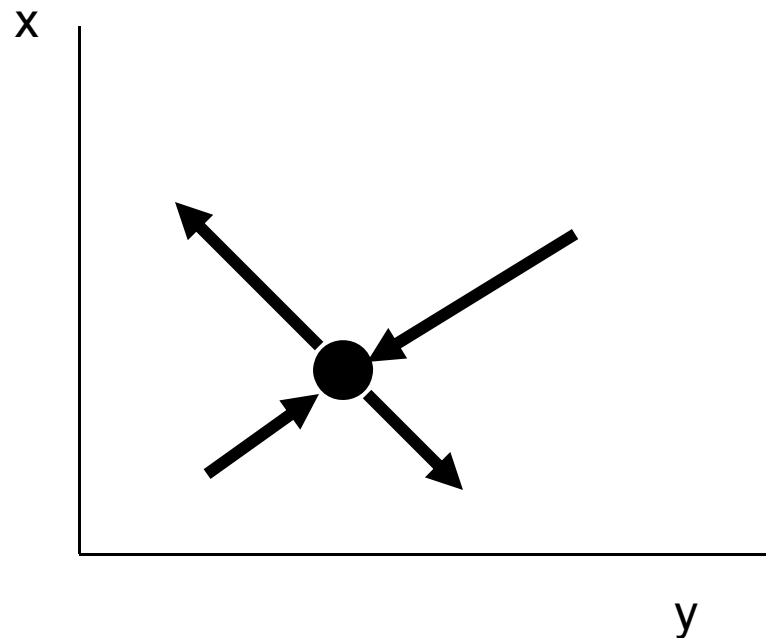




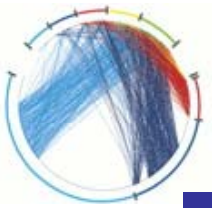
# Lotka-Volterra competition

Fixed Point :	Jacobian matrix :	eigenvalue s
(1,1)	$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$

Saddle Point





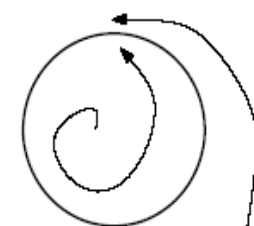
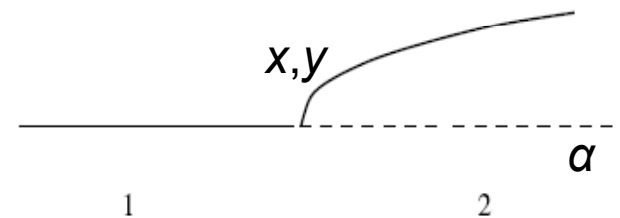


# Hopf bifurcation

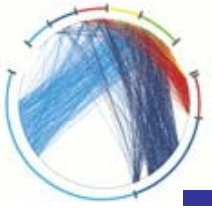
## Andronov-Hopf bifurcation:

- Transition from stable spiral to unstable spiral (equilibrium becomes unstable)
- Or vice versa
- Periodic orbit (limit cycle), stable
- Or vice verse, respectively
- Conditions:

$$\Re(\lambda) = 0, \Im(\lambda) \neq 0, \Im(\lambda_1) = -\Im(\lambda_2)$$

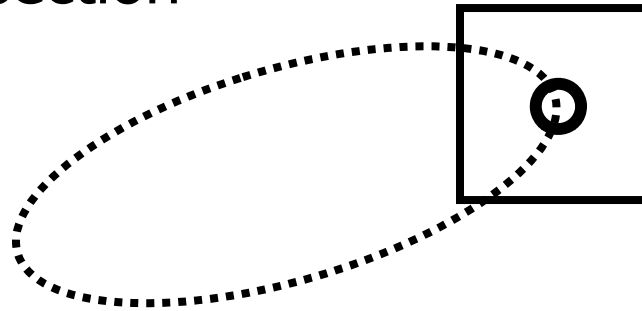




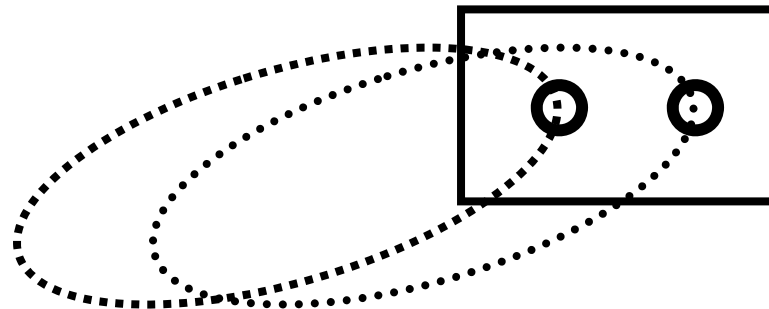
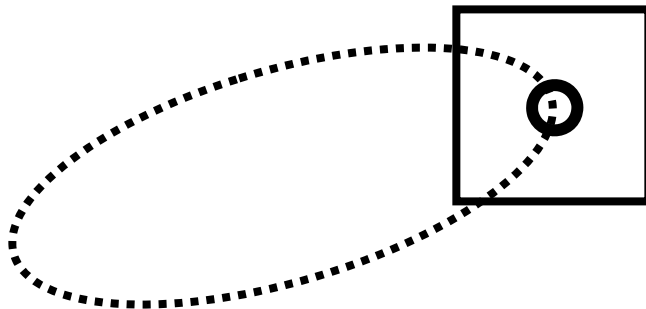


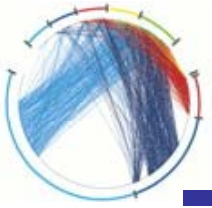
# Limit cycle bifurcations

- For limit cycles same bifurcations as for equilibria
- Imagine cross section



- Transcritical  $\rightarrow$  Cycle on axis (mostly)
- Tangent  $\rightarrow$  Birth or destruction cycle(s)

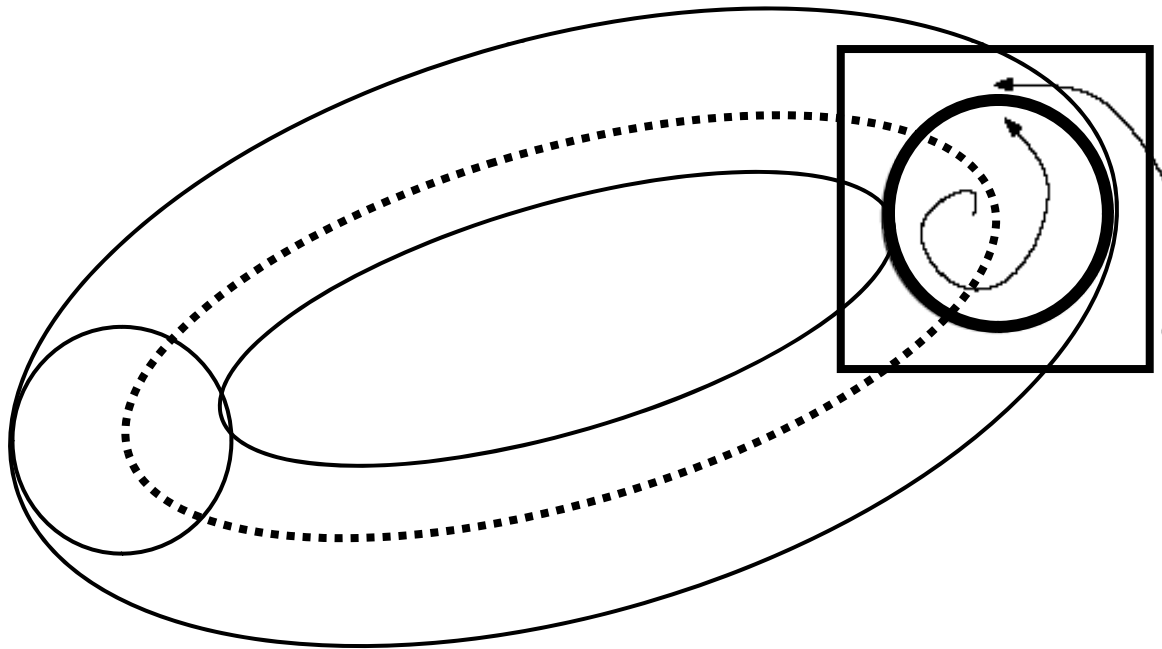




# Limit cycle bifurcations

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- Hopf (called Neimark-Sacker)  $\rightarrow$  Torus

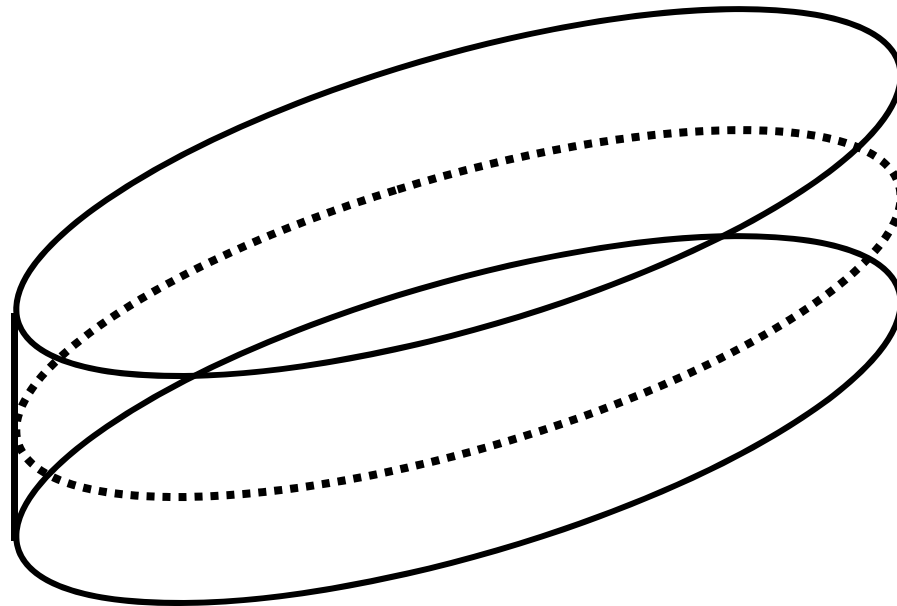




# Limit cycle bifurcations

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- Flip bifurcation
- Manifold around cycle

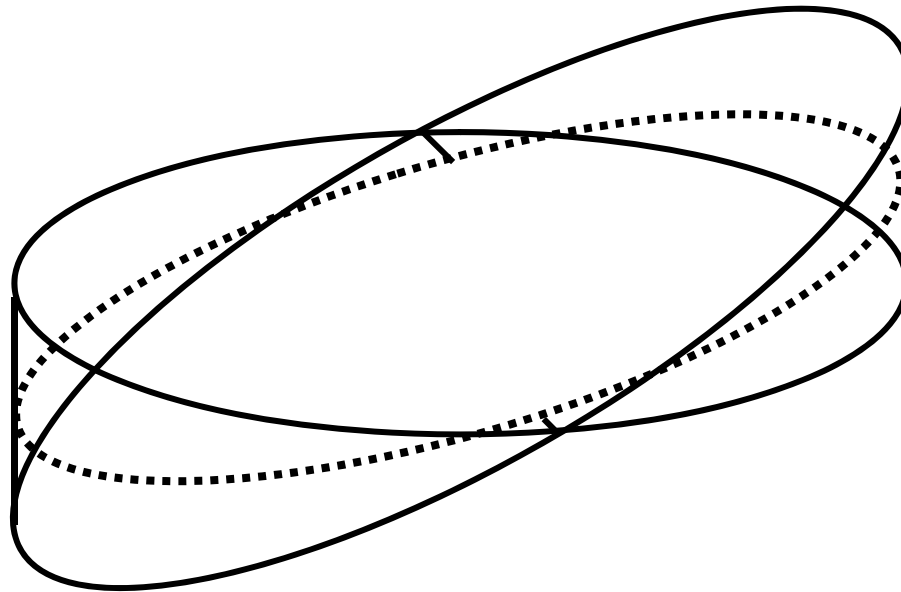




# Flip bifurcations

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- Manifold twisted





# Example

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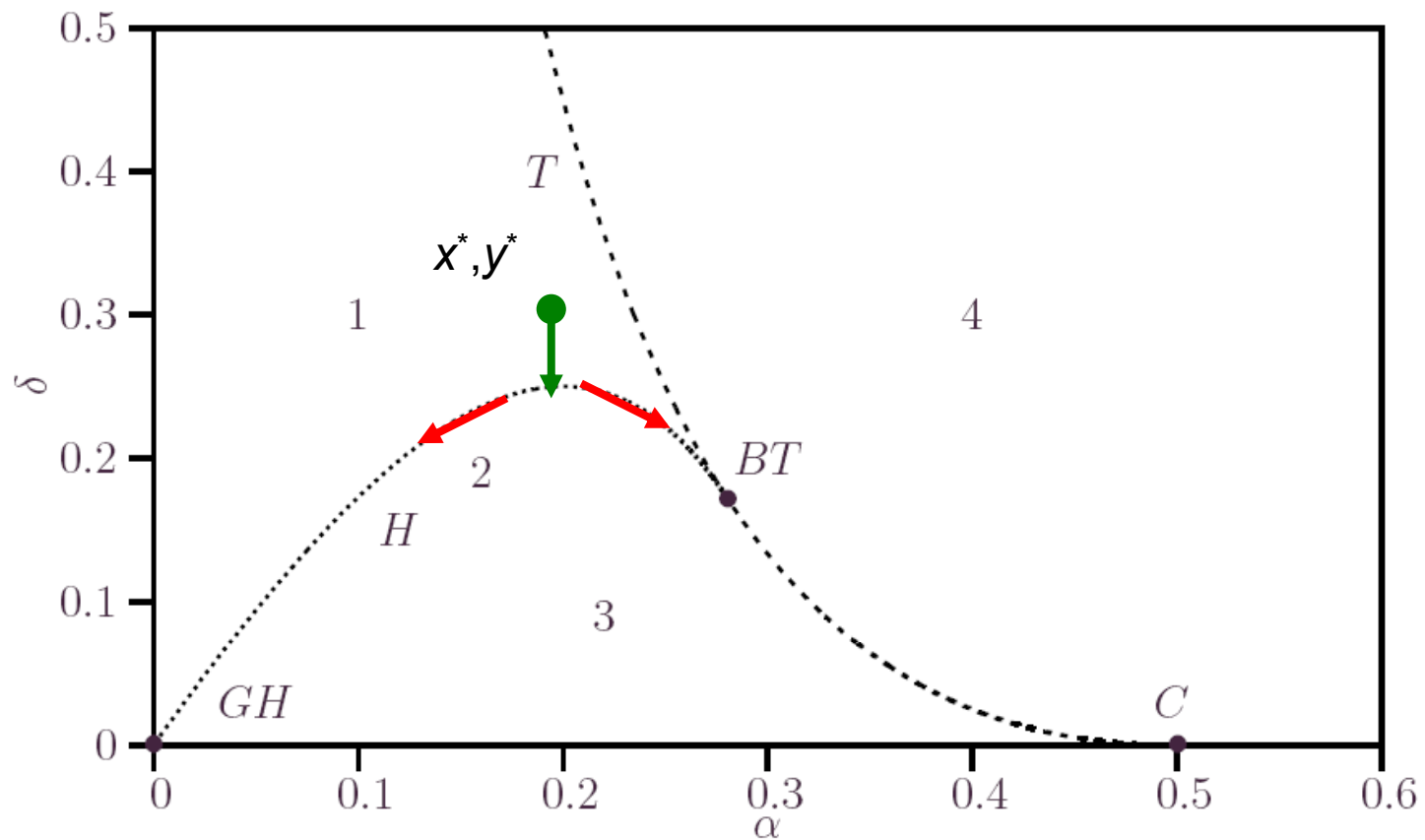
- Bazykin model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x - \frac{xy}{1+\alpha x}, \\ \dot{y} &= \frac{xy}{1+\alpha x} - 2y - \delta y^2\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate equilibrium
- Vary one parameter until a bifurcation is encountered



# Bazykin



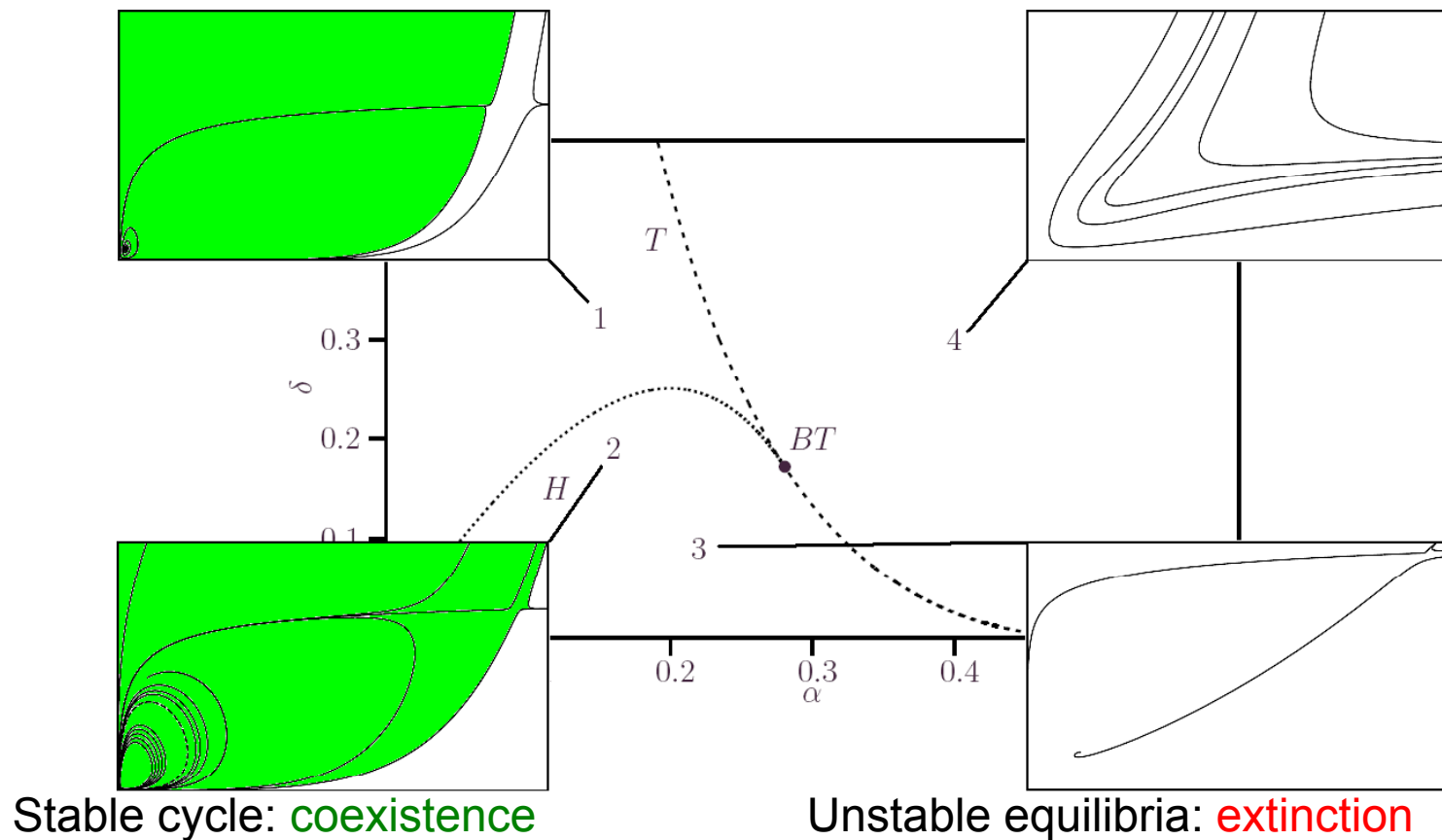
Continuation in two-parameter space



# Bazykin: dynamics

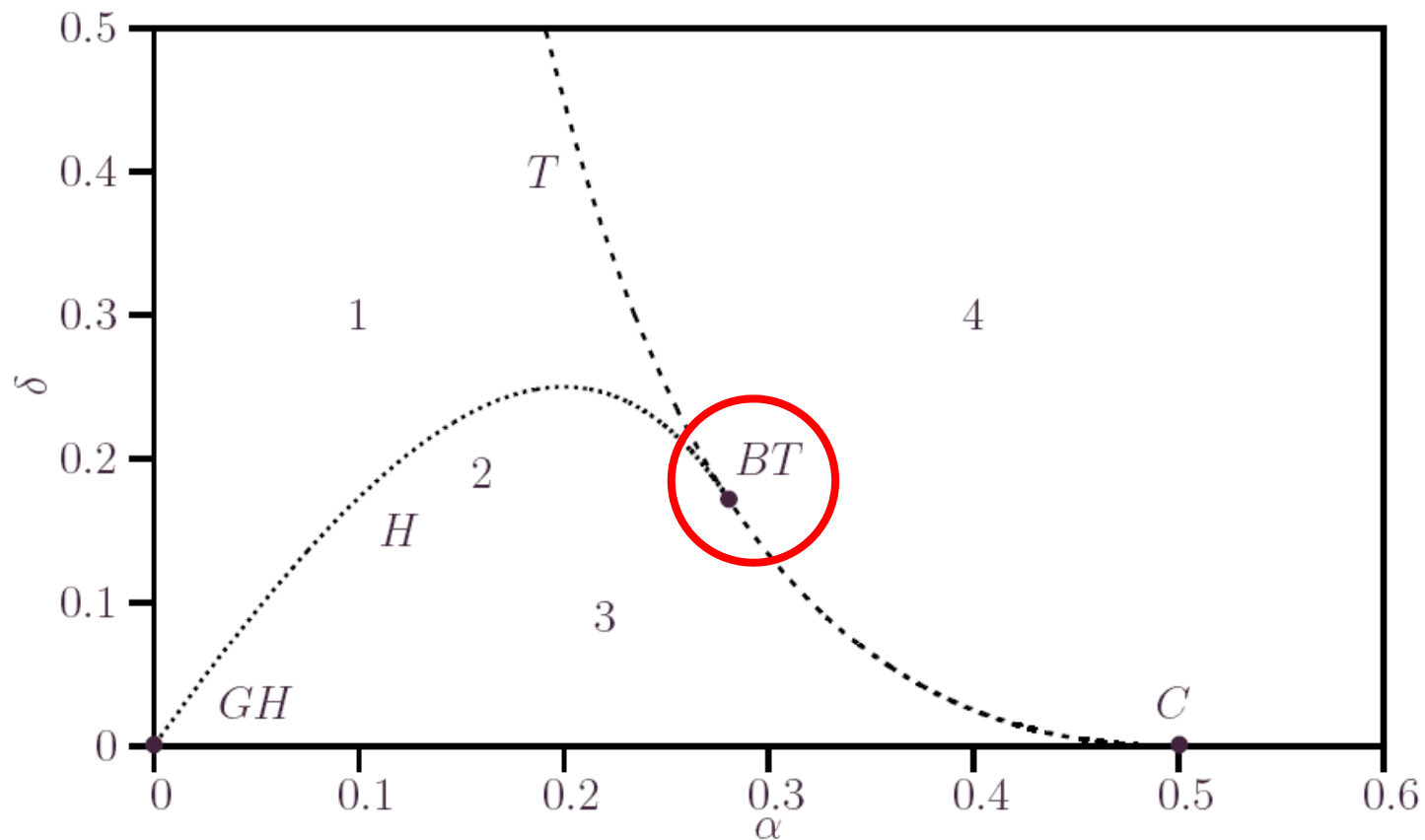
Stable node: **coexistence**

No positive equilibria: **extinction**



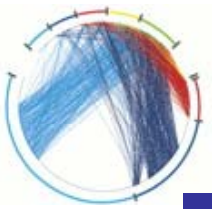


# Bazykin: BT point

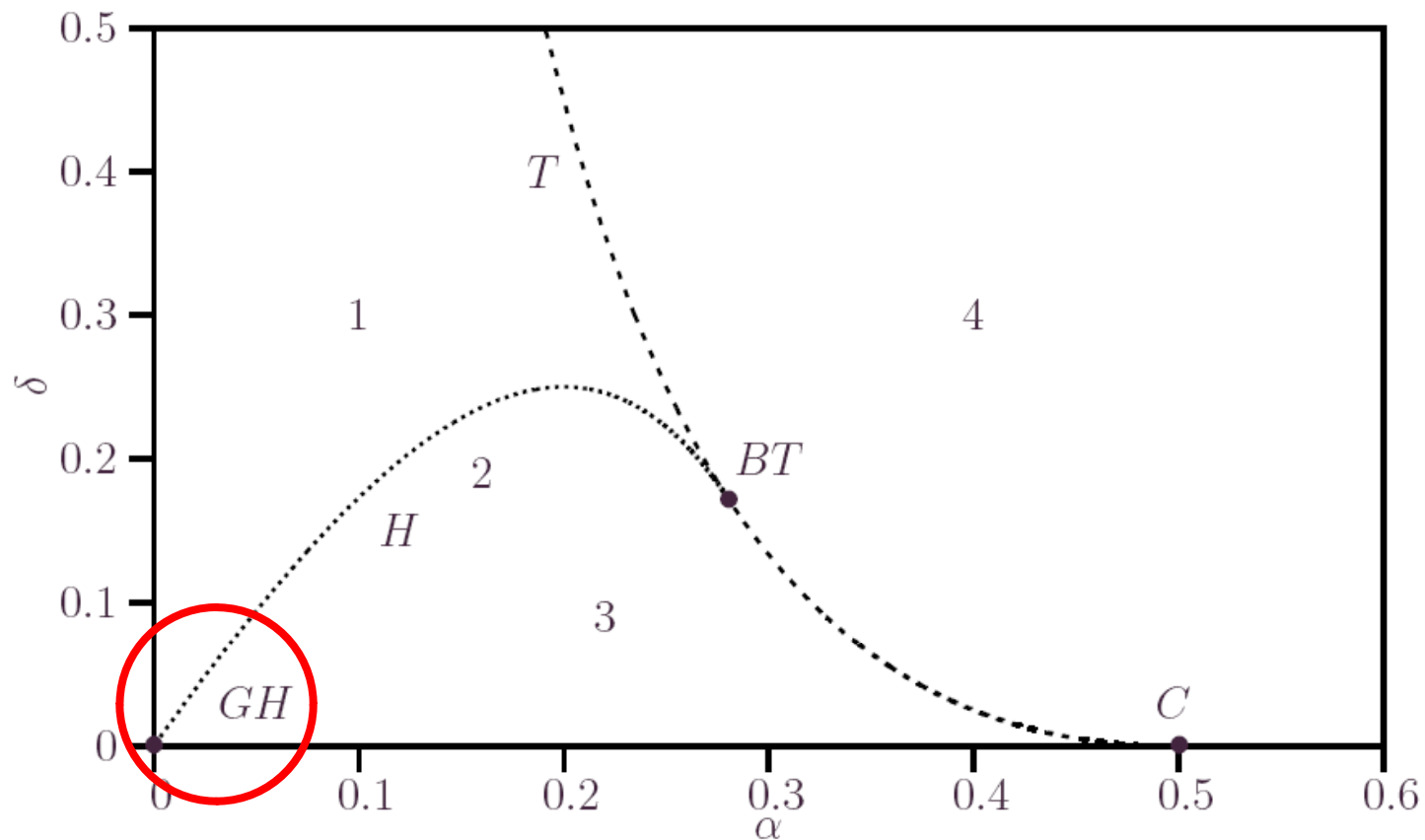


Bogdanov-Takens point  $\rightarrow$  tangent & Hopf





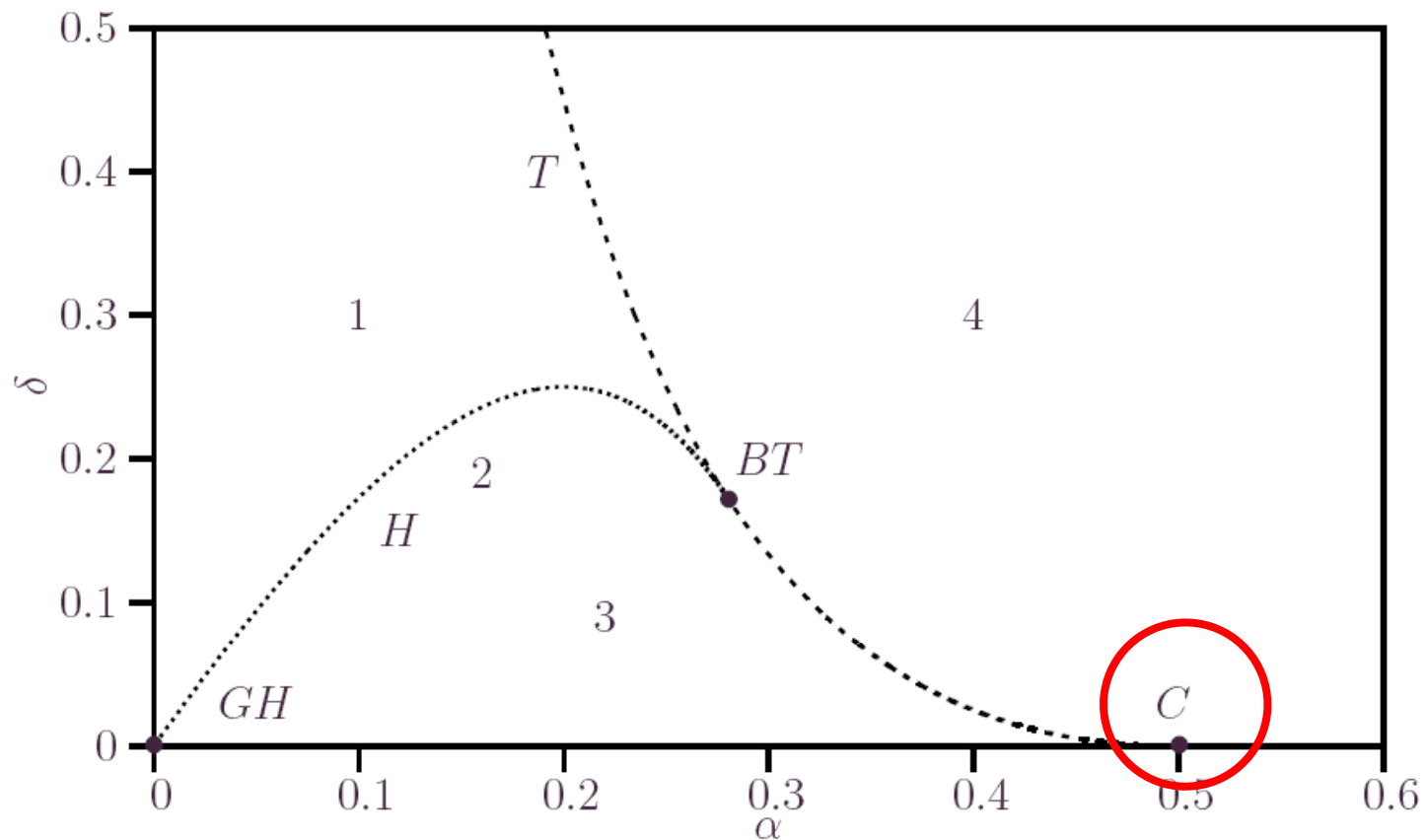
# Bazykin: GH point



Bautin point  $\rightarrow$  transition Hopf from stable to unstable point



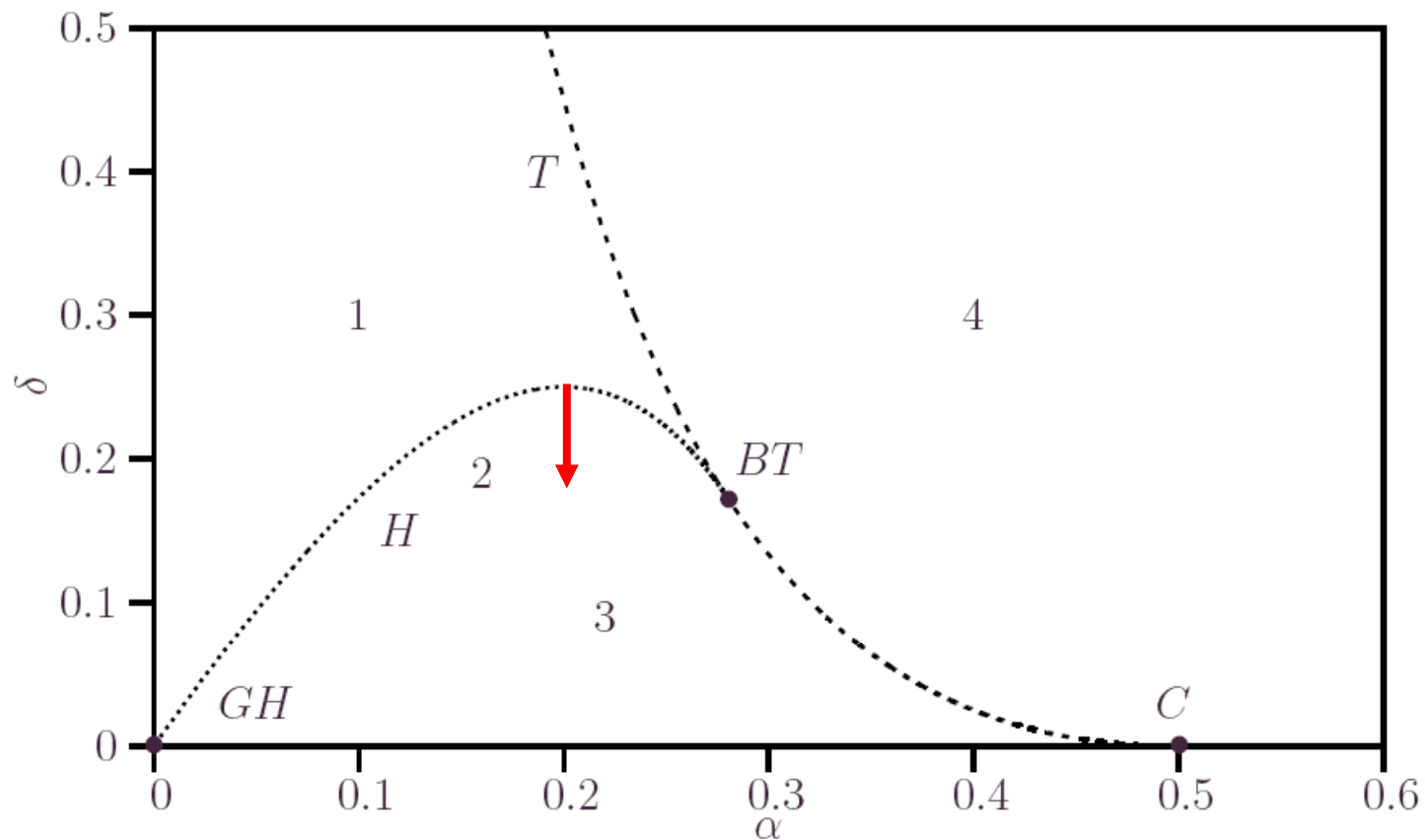
# Bazykin: cusp point



Cusp point  $\rightarrow$  collision two tangent points



# Bazykin: homoclinic

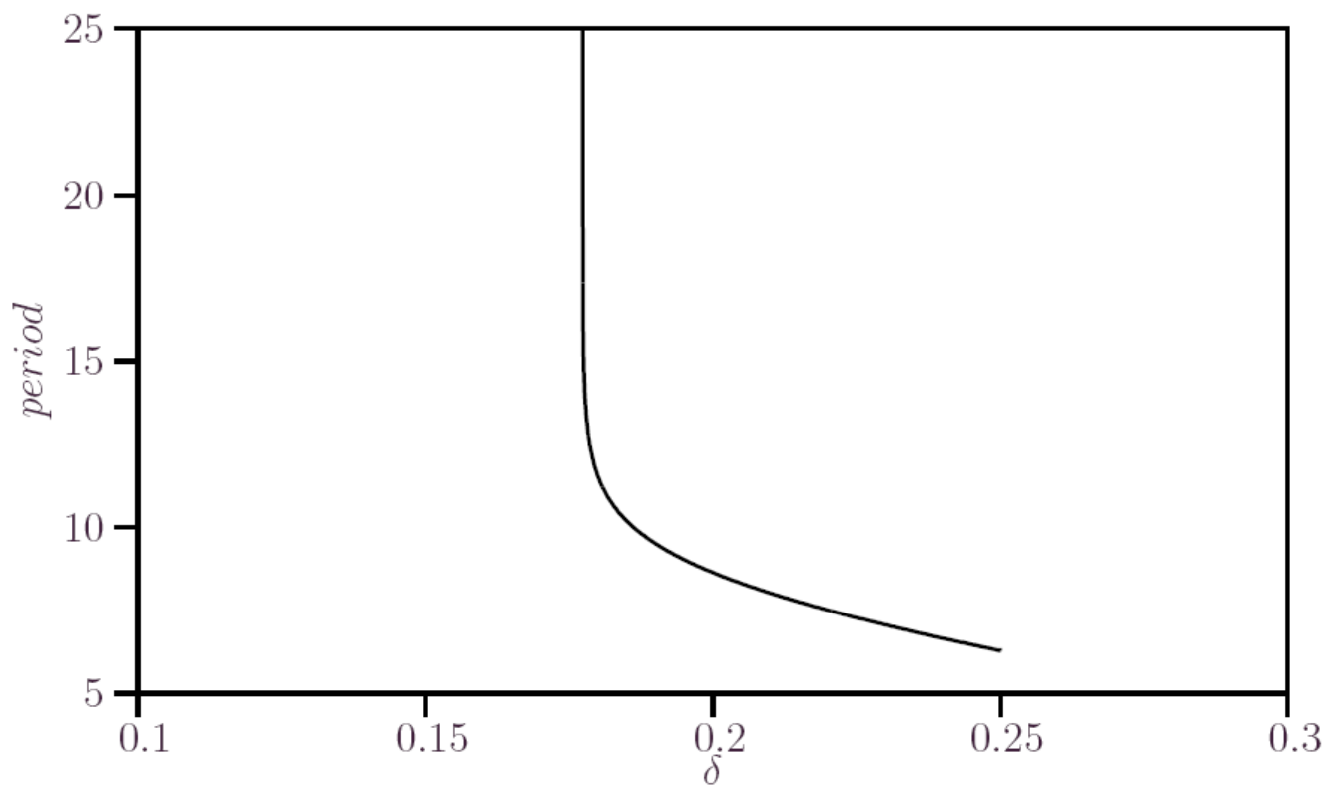


Starting at Hopf continue cycle. What happens?



# Bazykin: homoclinic

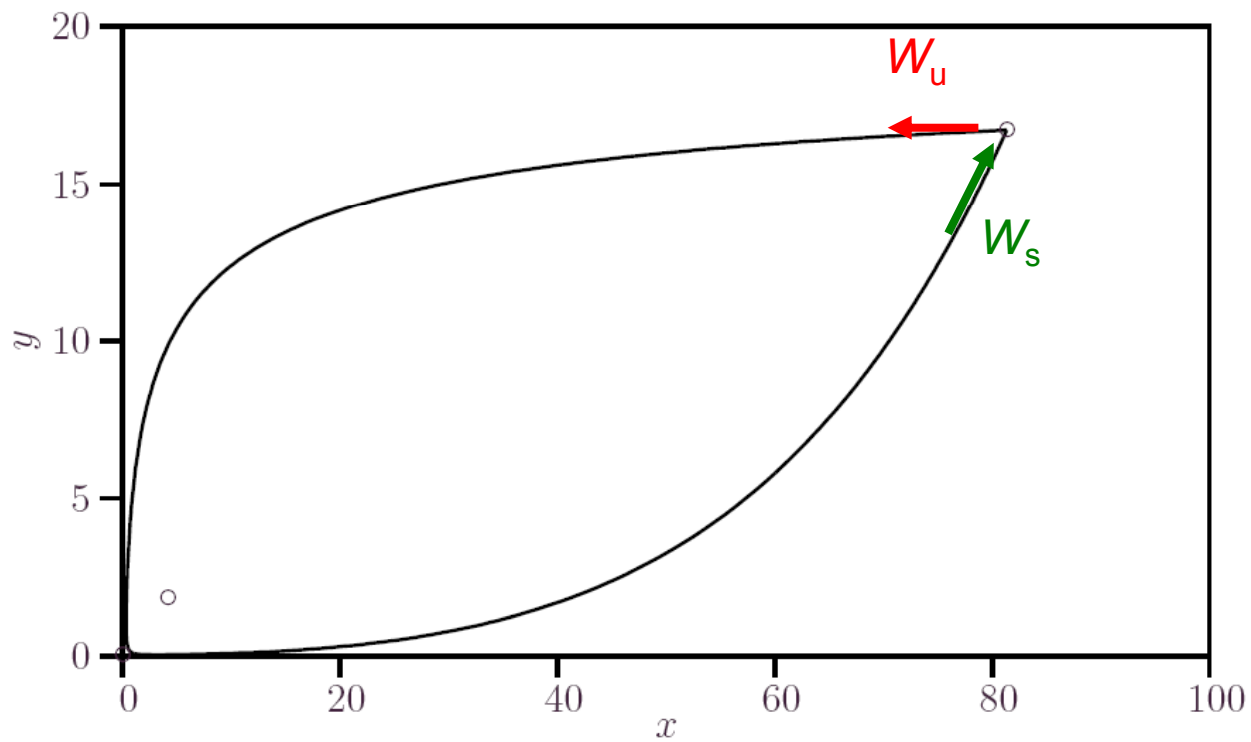
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Limit cycle period to infinity. Why?



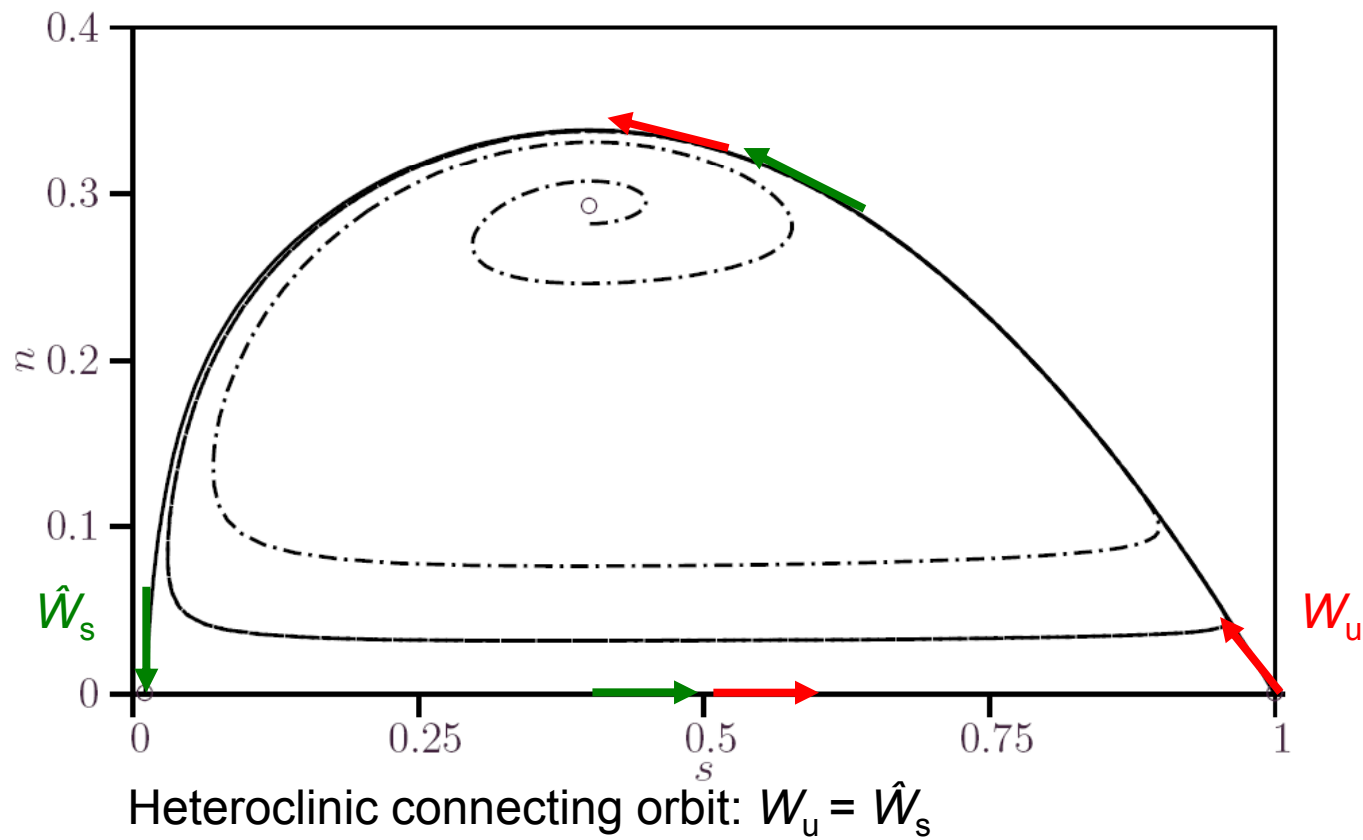
# Homoclinic connection



Homoclinic connecting orbit:  $W_u = W_s$   
Time to infinity near equilibrium

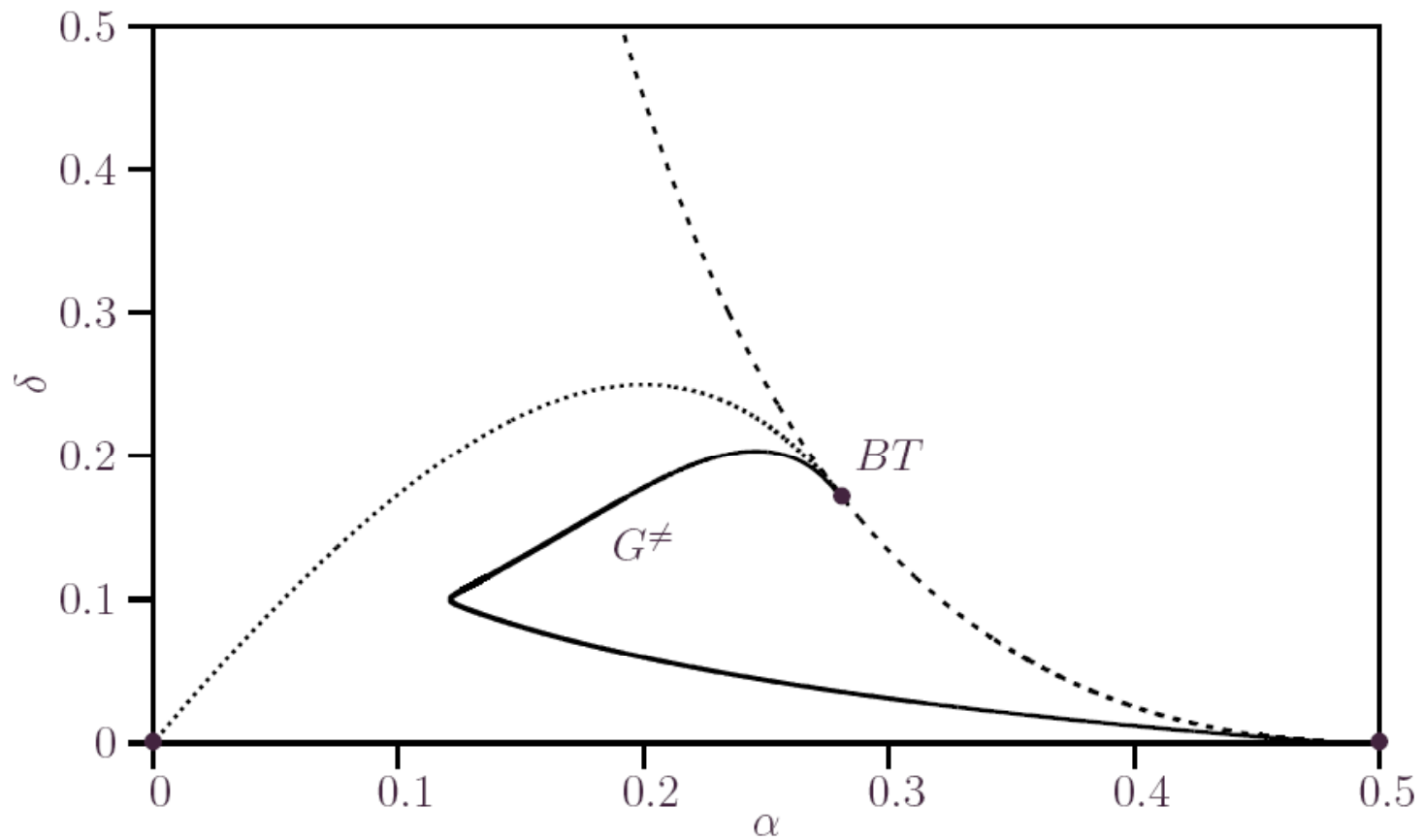


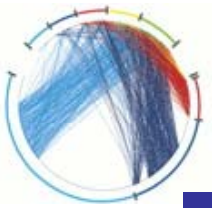
# Heteroclinic connection





# Bazykin: homoclinic





# Lyapunov method

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- Basic idea:
- If the total energy of a mechanical (or electrical) system is continuously dissipated, then the system, where linear or nonlinear, must eventually settle down to an equilibrium point.
- **Definition:** A scalar continuous function  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is said to be locally positive definite if  $V(0) = 0$  and
$$\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V(\mathbf{x}) > 0$$
- If  $V(0)$  and the above property holds over the whole state space, then  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is said to be globally positive definite.





# Lyapunov method

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- $V(\mathbf{x})$  represents an implicit function of time  $t$ .
- Assuming that  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is differentiable:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{dV(\mathbf{x})}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

- **Definition:** If, the function  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is positive definite and has continuous partial derivatives, and if its time derivative along any state trajectory of system is negative definite, i.

e.,

$$\dot{V}(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$$

then  $V(\mathbf{x})$  is said to be a Lyapunov function for the system.

- **If a Lyapunov function can be found for a system, it is globally asymptotically stable.**



## Example

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A simple pendulum with viscous damping

$$\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} + \sin \theta = 0$$

Consider a locally positive definite

$$V(x) = (1 - \cos \theta) + \frac{\dot{\theta}^2}{2} : \text{total energy of the pendulum}$$

–The origin is a stable equilibrium point

$$\dot{V}(x) = \dot{\theta} \sin \theta + \dot{\theta} \ddot{\theta} = -\dot{\theta}^2 \leq 0$$



# Chaos

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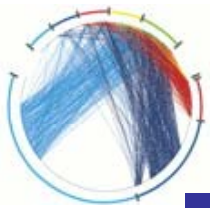
- Do not confuse **chaotic** with **random**:

## **Random:**

- irreproducible and unpredictable

## **Chaotic:**

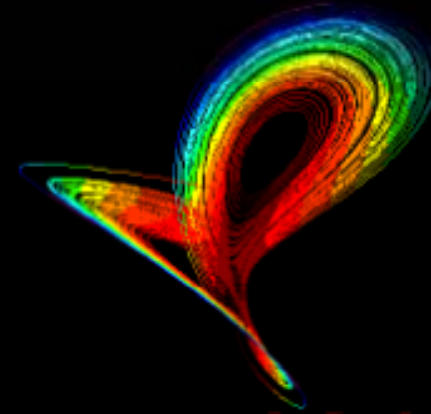
- deterministic - same initial conditions lead to same final state...  
**but the final state is very different for small changes to initial conditions**
- *difficult or impossible to make long-term predictions*



# Chaos: history

## 2.2 Lorenz Chaos

- In 1963 Lorenz was trying to improve weather forecasting
- Using a computer, he discovered the first chaotic attractor
- Three variables ( $x, y, z$ ) define convection of the atmosphere
- Changing in time, these variables give a trajectory in a 3D space
- From all starts, trajectories settle onto a strange, chaotic attractor
- Right and left flips occur as randomly as heads and tails
- Prediction is impossible



$$x' = -10(x - y)$$

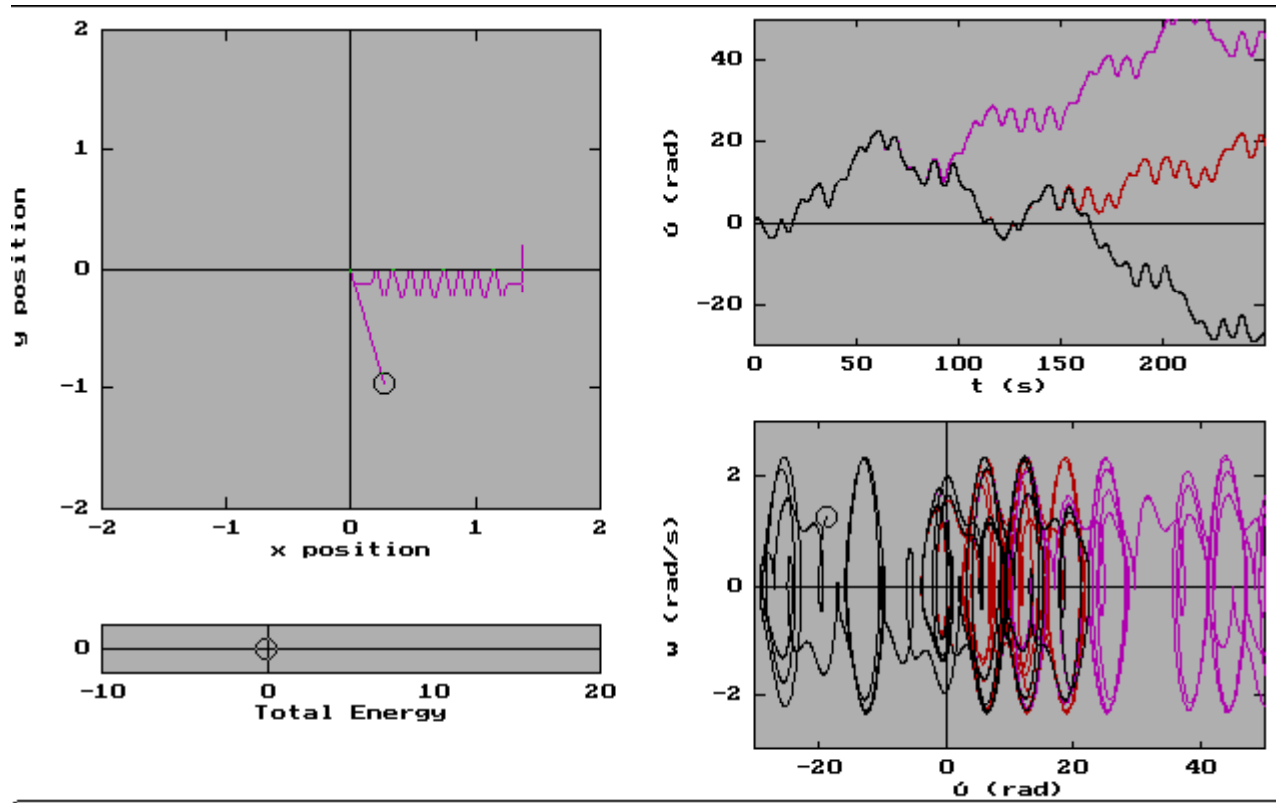
$$y' = 28x - y - xz$$

$$z' = xy - (8/3)z$$



# An example: chaotic pendulum

- starting at 1, 1.001, and 1.000001 rad:





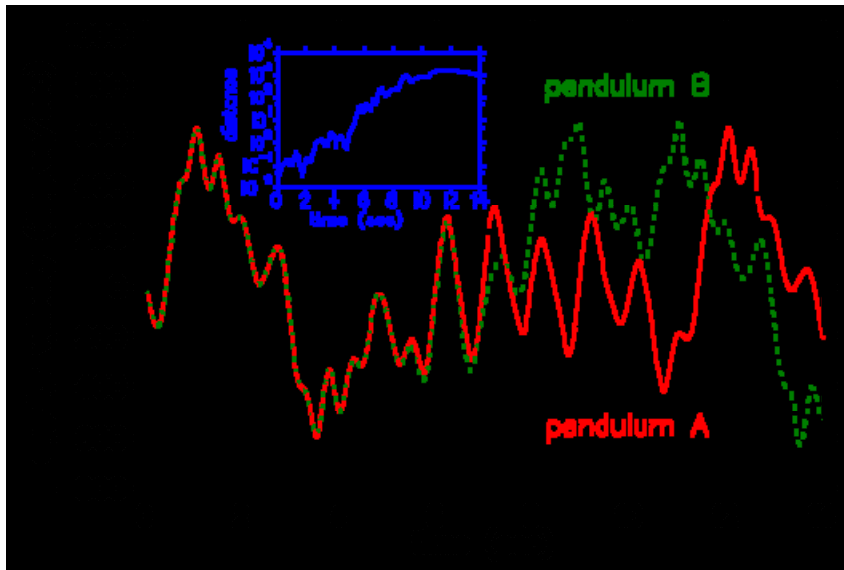
# Attractor

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- A non-wandering set may be stable or unstable
- **Lyapunov stability:** Every orbit starting in a neighborhood of the non-wandering set remains in a neighborhood.
- **Asymptotic stability:** In addition to the Lyapunov stability, every orbit in a neighborhood approaches the non-wandering set asymptotically.
- **Attractor:** Asymptotically stable minimal non-wandering sets.
- **Basin of attraction:** is the set of all initial states approaching the attractor in the long time limit.
- **Strange attractor (or chaos):** attractor which exhibits a sensitive dependence on the initial conditions.



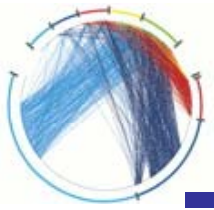
# Sensitive to initial condition



pendulum A:  $\varphi = -140^\circ$ ,  $d\varphi/dt = 0$   
pendulum B:  $\varphi = -140^\circ 1'$ ,  $d\varphi/dt = 0$

- **Definition:** A set  $S$  exhibits *sensitive dependence* if  $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and  $\forall x \in S$   $\exists y$  s.t.  $|x - y| < \varepsilon$  and  $|x_n - y_n| > r$  for some  $n$ .

The sensitive dependence of the trajectory on the initial conditions is a key element of deterministic chaos!



# Lyapunov exponent

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- A quantitative measure of the sensitive dependence on the initial conditions is **the Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda$** .
- It is the averaged rate of divergence (or convergence) of two neighboring trajectories in the phase space.
- Actually there is a whole spectrum of Lyapunov exponents. Their number is equal to the dimension of the phase space. If one speaks about *the* Lyapunov exponent, the largest one is meant.

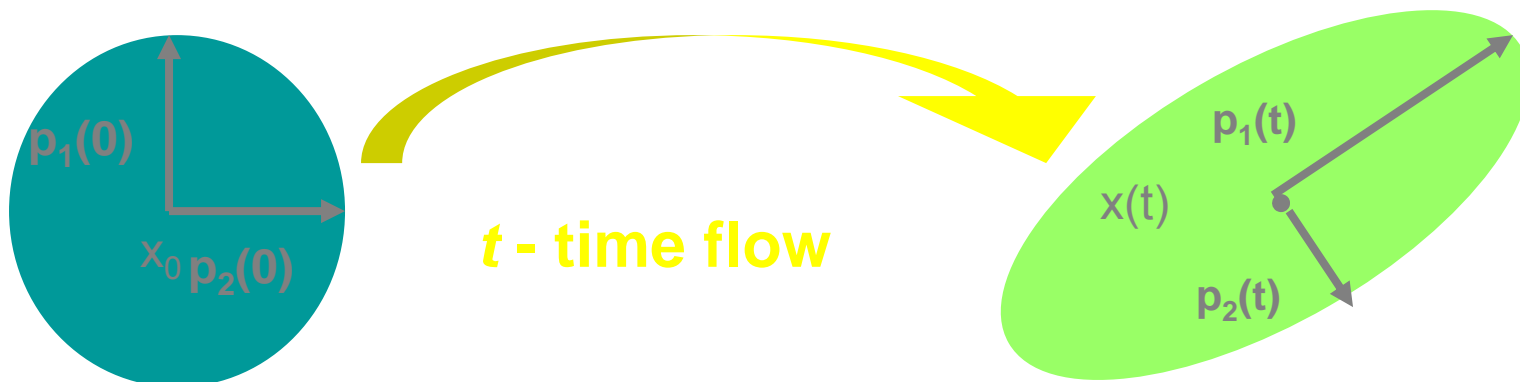




# Lyapunov exponent

- Given a continuous dynamical system in an  $n$ -dimensional phase space, we monitor the long-term evolution of an *infinitesimal*  $n$ -sphere of initial conditions.
- The sphere will become an  $n$ -ellipsoid due to the locally deforming nature of the flow.
- The  $i$ -th one-dimensional Lyapunov exponent is then defined as following:

$$\lambda_i = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log_2 \frac{p_i(t)}{p_i(0)}$$





# Lyapunov exponent

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- Order:  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n$
- The linear extent of the ellipsoid grows as  $2^{\lambda_1 t}$
- The area defined by the first 2 principle axes grows as  $2^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t}$
- The volume defined by the first 3 principle axes grows as  $2^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)t}$  and so on...
- The sum of the first  $j$  exponents is defined by the long-term exponential growth rate of a  $j$ -volume element.
- Any continuous time-dependent DS without a fixed point will have  $\geq 1$  zero exponents.
- The sum of the Lyapunov exponents must be negative in dissipative DS  $\Rightarrow \exists$  at least one negative Lyapunov exponent.
- A positive Lyapunov exponent reflects a “direction” of *stretching* and *folding* and therefore determines chaos in the system.



# The sign of Lyapunov exponent

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- 1D maps:  $\exists! \lambda_1 = \lambda$ :
  - $\lambda = 0$  – a marginally stable orbit;
  - $\lambda < 0$  – a periodic orbit or a fixed point;
  - $\lambda > 0$  – chaos.
- 3D continuous dissipative DS:  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ 
  - $(+, 0, -)$  – a strange attractor (chaos);
  - $(0, 0, -)$  – a two-torus;
  - $(0, -, -)$  – a limit cycle;
  - $(-, -, -)$  – a fixed point.



# The sign of Lyapunov exponent

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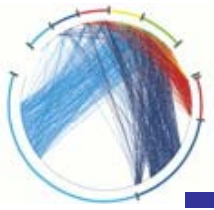
- $\lambda < 0$  - the system attracts to a fixed point or stable periodic orbit. These systems are non conservative (dissipative) and exhibit asymptotic stability.
- $\lambda = 0$  - the system is neutrally stable. Such systems are conservative and in a steady state mode. They exhibit Lyapunov stability.
- $\lambda > 0$  - the system is chaotic and unstable. Nearby points will diverge irrespective of how close they are.



# Synchronization

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- Cellular clocks in the brain
- Pacemaker cells in the heart
- Pedestrians on a bridge
- Electric circuits
- Laser arrays
- Oscillating chemical reactions
- Bubbly fluids
- Neutrino oscillations
- Parkinson's disease



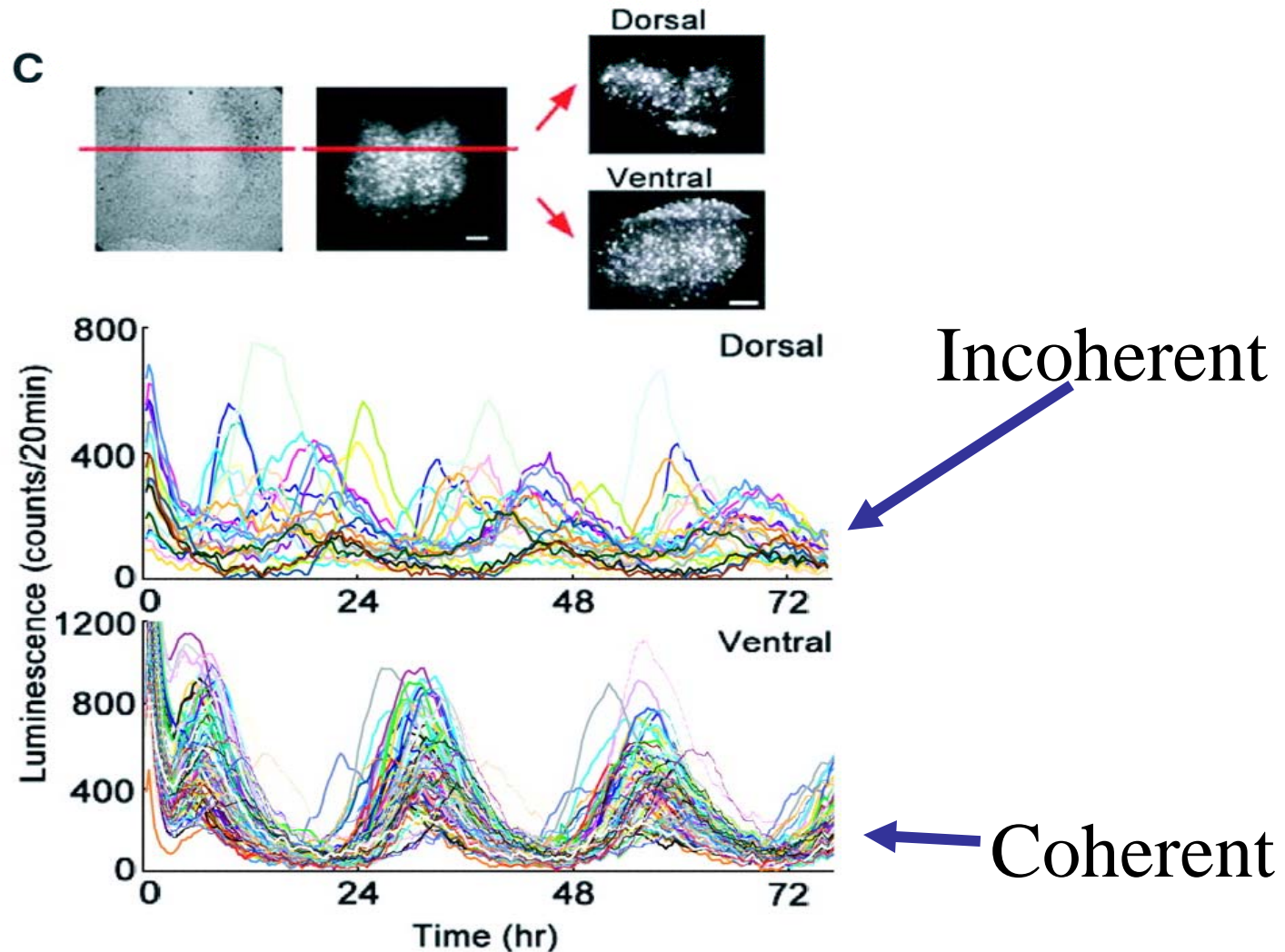
# Male fireflies flashing in unison

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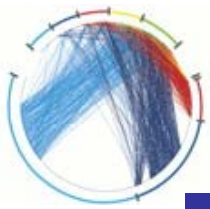


# Circadian Rhythm

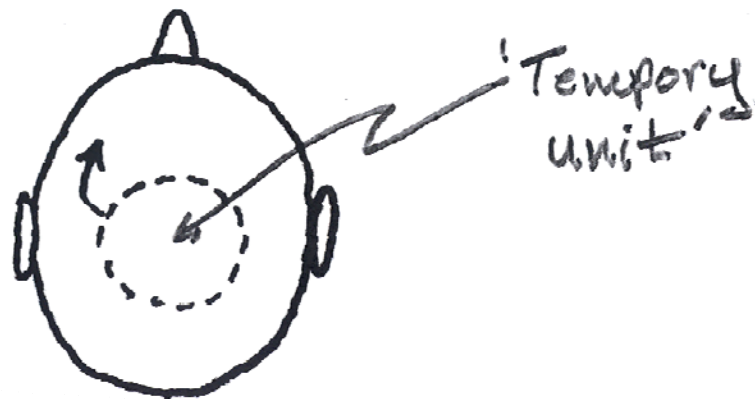
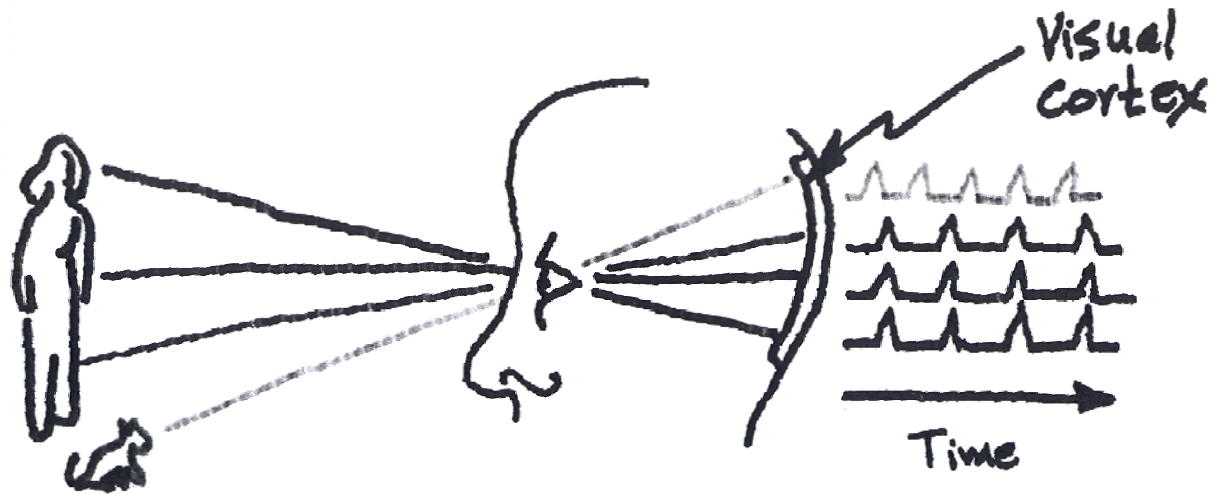


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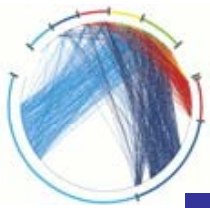




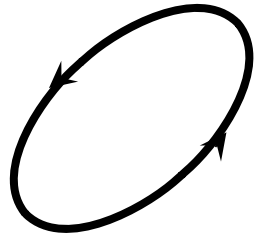
# Synchrony in the brain







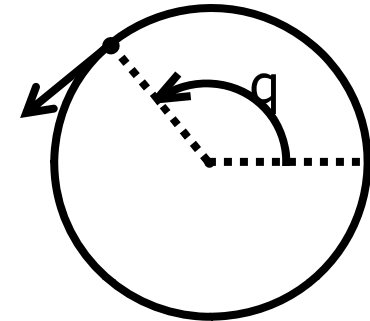
# Coupled phase oscillators



Limit cycle in phase space

Change of variables

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega$$



Many such 'phase oscillators':  $\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i$  ;  $i=1,2,\dots,N \gg 1$

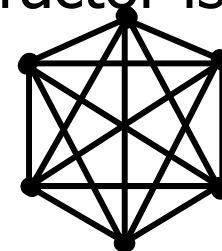
Couple them:  $\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \sum_{j=1}^N k_{ij}(\theta_j - \theta_i)$

$$k_{ii}(\phi) = 0, \quad k_{ij}(\phi) = k_{ij}(\phi \pm 2\pi)$$

Assumption: Attraction to limit cycle attractor is 'strong'.

Kuramoto 1975:  $k_{ij}(\phi) = k \sin(\phi)$

(H.Daido: PRL 1994)

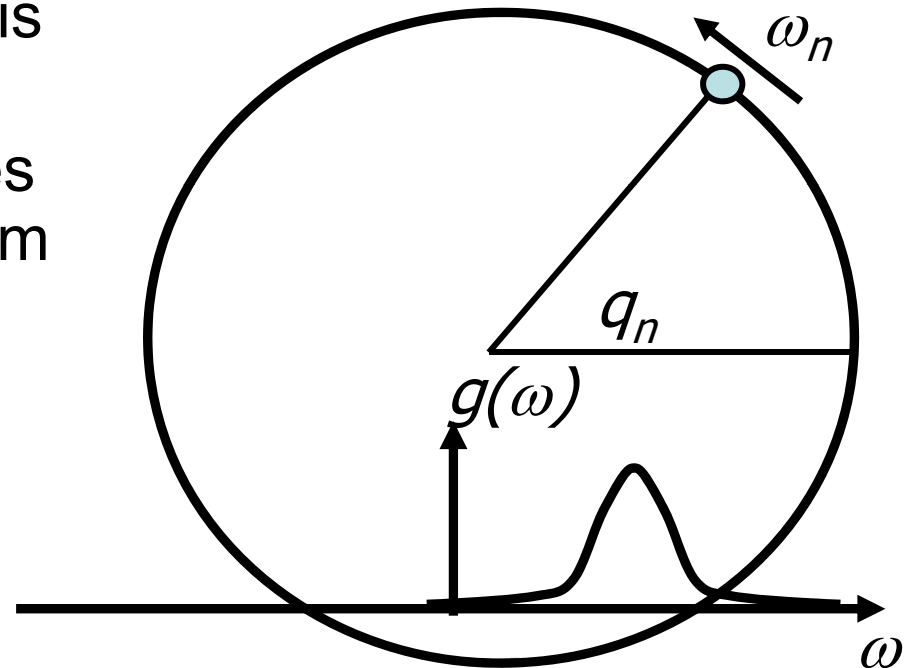


$N = 6$ :  
Global coupling



# Framework

- N oscillators described only by their phase  $q$ . N is very large.
- The oscillator frequencies are randomly chosen from a distribution  $g(\omega)$  with a single local maximum.
- We assume the mean frequency is zero





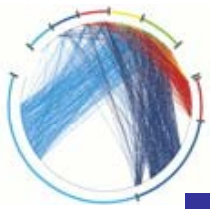
# Kuramoto model: all-to-all coupling

$$\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = \omega_n + k \sum_{m=1}^N \sin(\theta_m - \theta_n)$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots, N$       $k = (\text{coupling constant})$

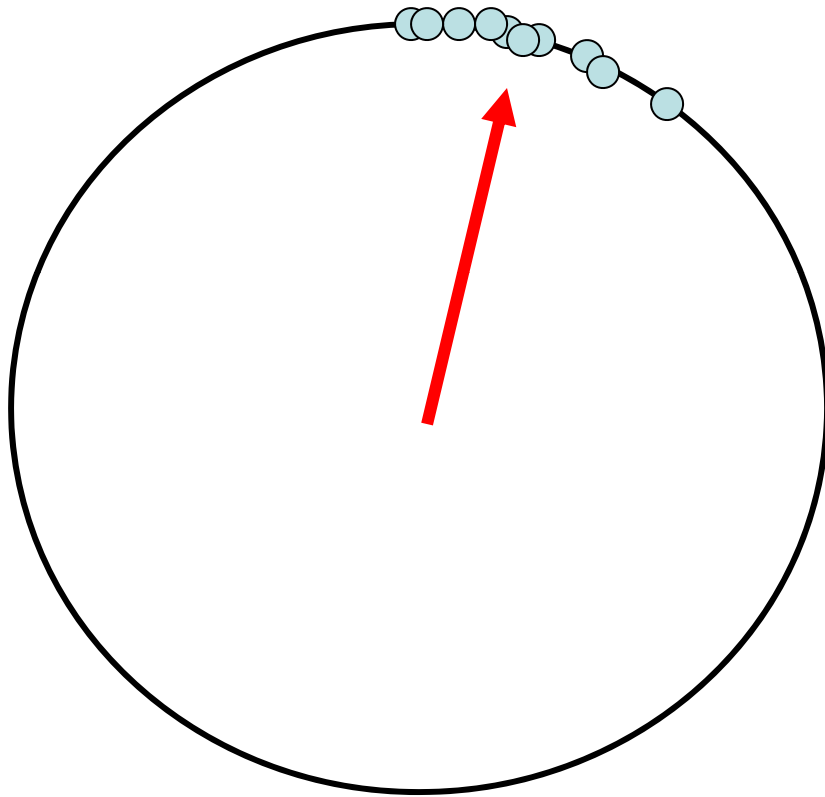
- Assumes sinusoidal *all-to-all* coupling.
- Macroscopic coherence of the system is characterized by

$$r = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N \exp(i\theta_m) \right| = \text{"order parameter"}$$

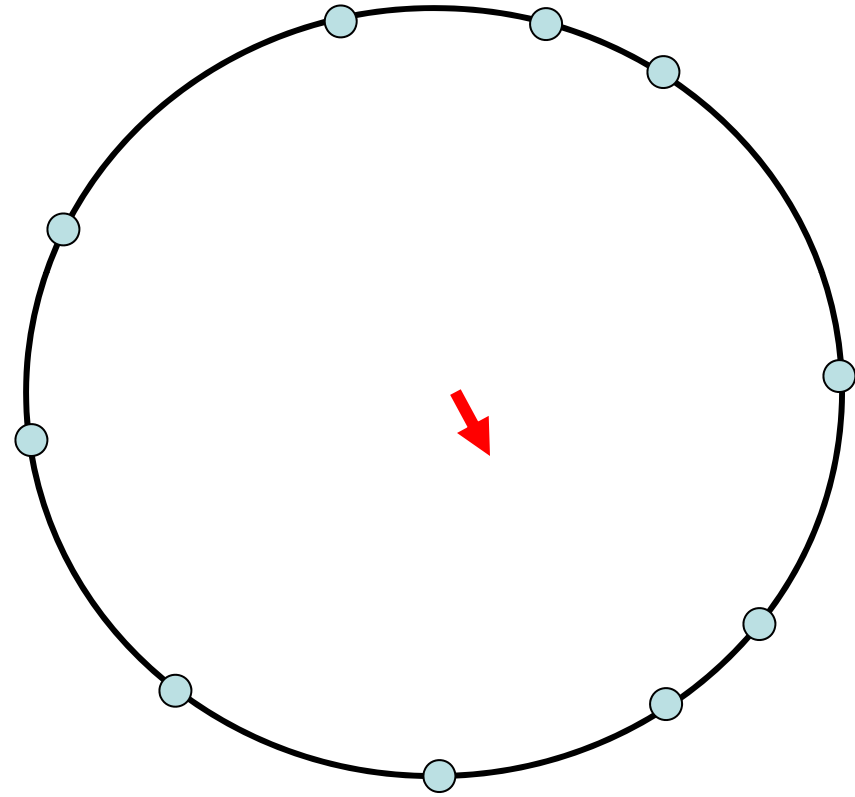


# Order parameter measures coherence

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$$r \approx 1$$



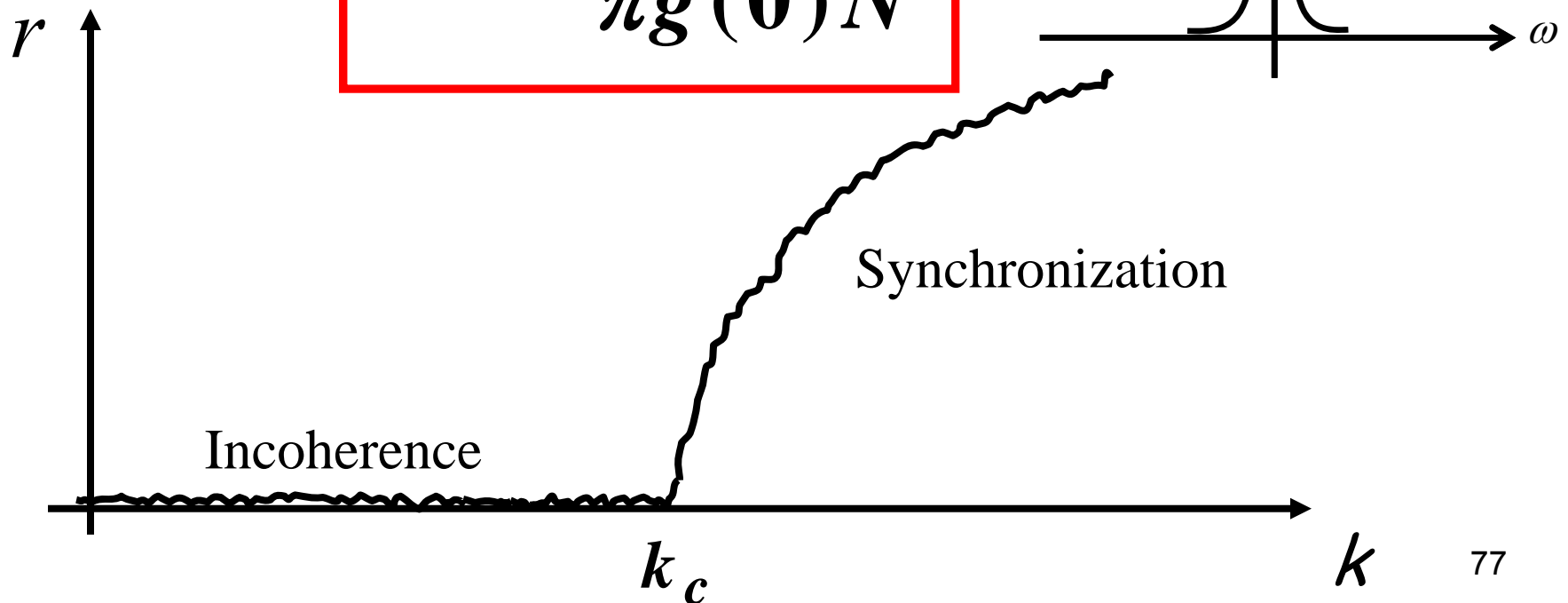
$$r \approx 0$$



# Results of Kuramoto model

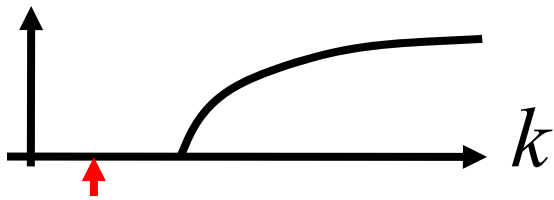
There is a transition to synchrony at a critical value of the coupling constant.

$$k_c = \frac{2}{\pi g(0)N}$$

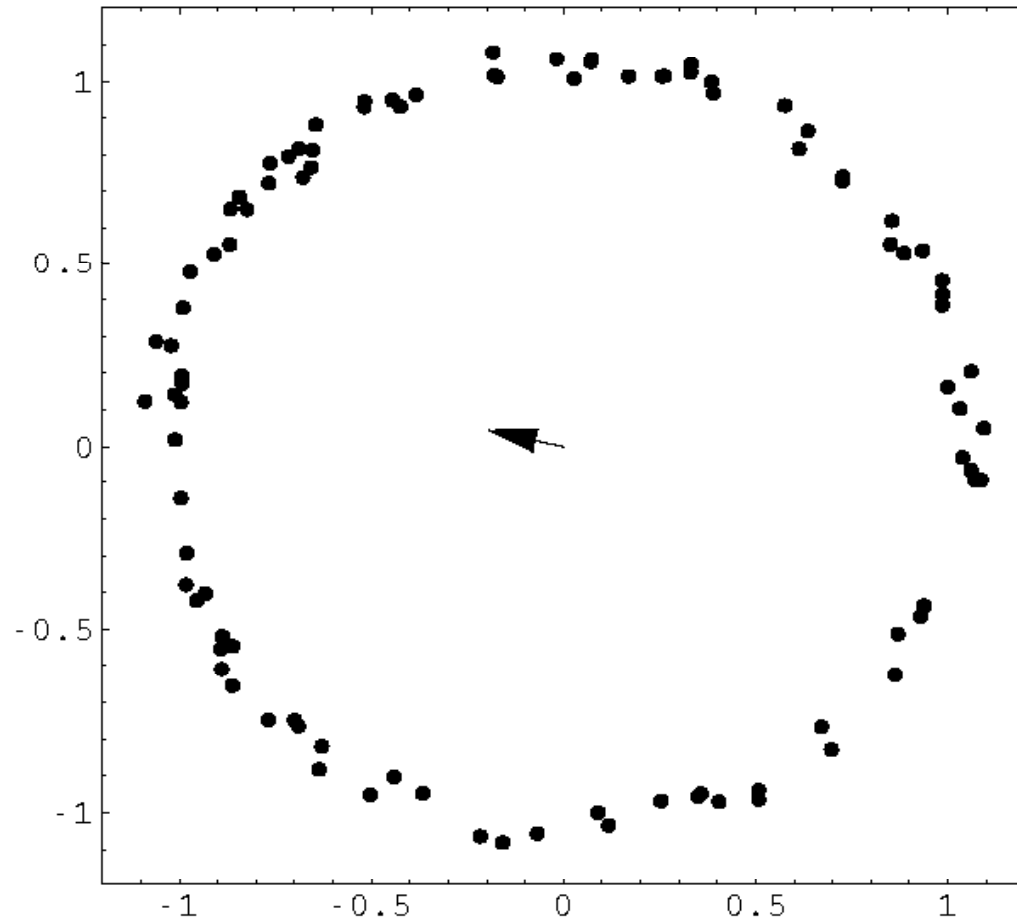




# Example for incoherent case

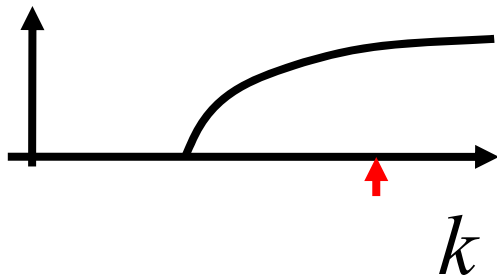


$$k < k_C$$

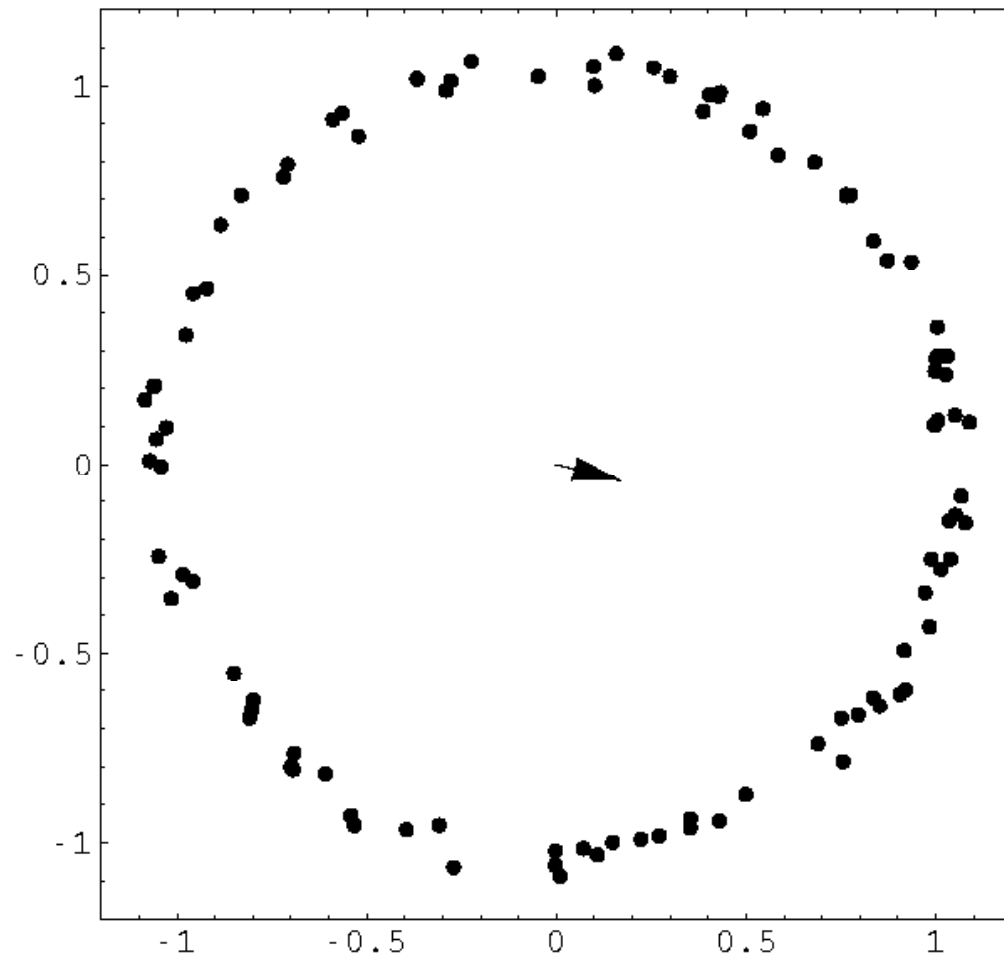


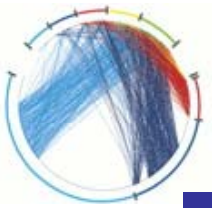


# Example for coherent case



$$k > k_C$$





## Derivation of $k_c$

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{k}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i(\theta_j - \theta_i)} \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Im} \left\{ e^{-i\theta_i} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j} \right)}_{r e^{i\psi}} \right\} = \operatorname{Im} \left[ r e^{i(\psi - \theta_i)} \right] = r \sin(\psi - \theta_i)$$

“The order parameter”

$$d\theta_i/dt = \omega_i + k r \sin(\psi - \theta_i)$$

$$r e^{i\psi} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}$$





$N \rightarrow \infty$

Introduce the distribution function  $F(q, \omega, t)$

$$F(\theta, \omega, t) d\omega d\theta = [\text{the fraction of oscillators with phases in the range } (q, q+dq) \text{ and freqs. in the range } (\omega, \omega+d\omega)]$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} F d\theta \equiv g(\omega)$$

Conservation of number of oscillators:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \frac{d\theta}{dt} F \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left[ \frac{d\omega}{dt} F \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ [\omega + k r \sin(\psi - \theta)] F \} = 0$$

$$r e^{i\psi} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty F e^{i\theta} d\theta d\omega$$



# Incoherent solution

$$F(\theta, \omega, t) = \frac{g(\omega)}{2\pi} \quad (\text{uniform distribution in angle})$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} F \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ \omega F \} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

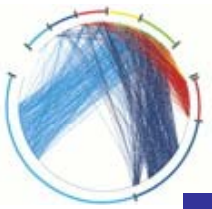
Q. Is it stable?

A. Yes, for  $k < k_c$ . No, for  $k > k_c$ .

## Stability analysis

$$F(\theta, \omega, t) = g(\omega) / 2\pi + \underbrace{f(\theta, \omega)}_{\text{perturbation}} e^{st}, \quad r(t) = \hat{r} e^{st}.$$

$\text{Re}(s) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable.} \quad \text{Re}(s) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{stable.}$



# Dispersion relation

$$sf + w \frac{f}{q} - k \hat{r} \frac{g(w)}{2p} \cos(y - q) \hat{r} e^{iy} = \iint dw dq f(q, w) e^{iq}$$

$$\cos(\psi - \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{i(\psi - \theta)} + e^{-i(\psi - \theta)} \right)$$

Look for a solution of the form

$$f = f_1 e^{i(\psi - \theta)} + f_2 e^{-i(\psi - \theta)}$$

Get

$$f = \frac{g(\omega)}{4\pi} k \hat{r} \left( \frac{e^{i(\psi - \theta)}}{s - i\omega} + \frac{e^{-i(\psi - \theta)}}{s + i\omega} \right)$$

$$D(s) \equiv 1 - \frac{k}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{g(\omega)}{s - i\omega} d\omega, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 0$$

$$D(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{determines } s$$



# Kuramoto model on a network

The network is introduced by means of a matrix **A**

$$\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = \omega_n + k \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm} \sin(\theta_m - \theta_n)$$

m is not connected to n  $\longleftrightarrow A_{nm} = 0$ .

PDF of frequencies symmetric about 0.

The nonzero elements of A can have any positive or negative value and correspond to the interaction strength at each link.



# Order parameter description

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Local order parameter for node  $n$

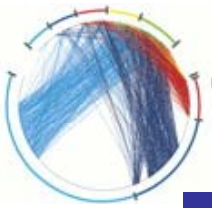
$$r_n \exp(i\psi_n) \equiv \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm} \langle \exp(i\theta_m(t)) \rangle_t$$

where  $\langle \dots \rangle_t$  = time average.

Global order parameter: 
$$r = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N d_n}$$

where  $d_n$  is the node degree: 
$$d_n = \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm}$$

**PROBLEM:** Find  $r$  vrs.  $k$



# Order parameter from the dynamics

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$$\dot{\theta}_n = \omega_n + k \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm} \sin(\theta_m - \theta_n)$$

*and*

$$r_n e^{i\psi_n} \equiv \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm} \left\langle e^{i\theta_m(t)} \right\rangle_t$$

*yield*

$$\dot{\theta}_n = \omega_n - k r_n \sin(\theta_n - \psi_n) - k h_n(t)$$

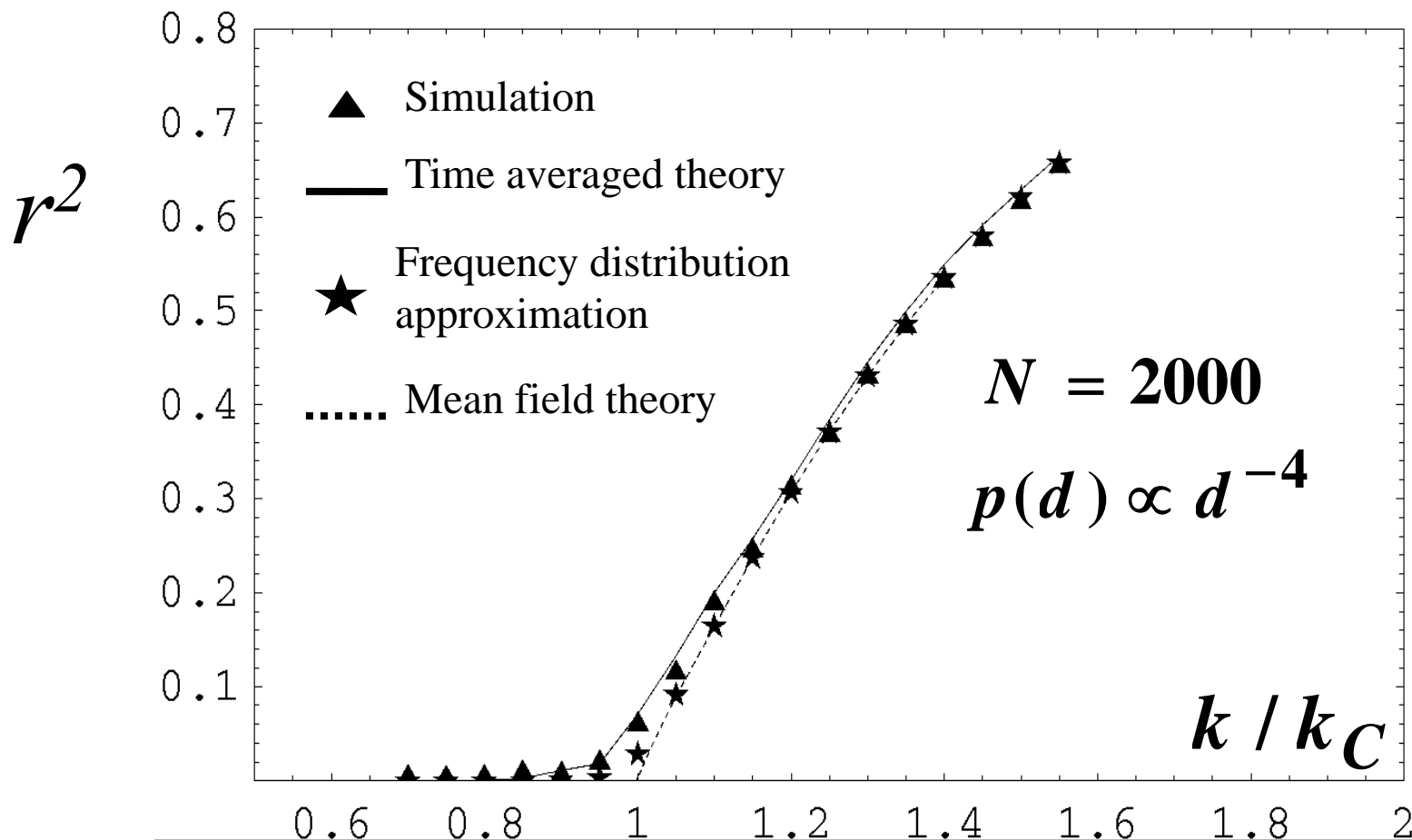
*where*

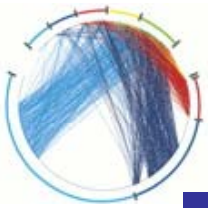
$$h_n(t) = \text{Im} \left\{ e^{-i\theta_n} \sum_{m=1}^N A_{nm} \left( \left\langle e^{i\theta_m} \right\rangle_t - e^{i\theta_m} \right) \right\}$$



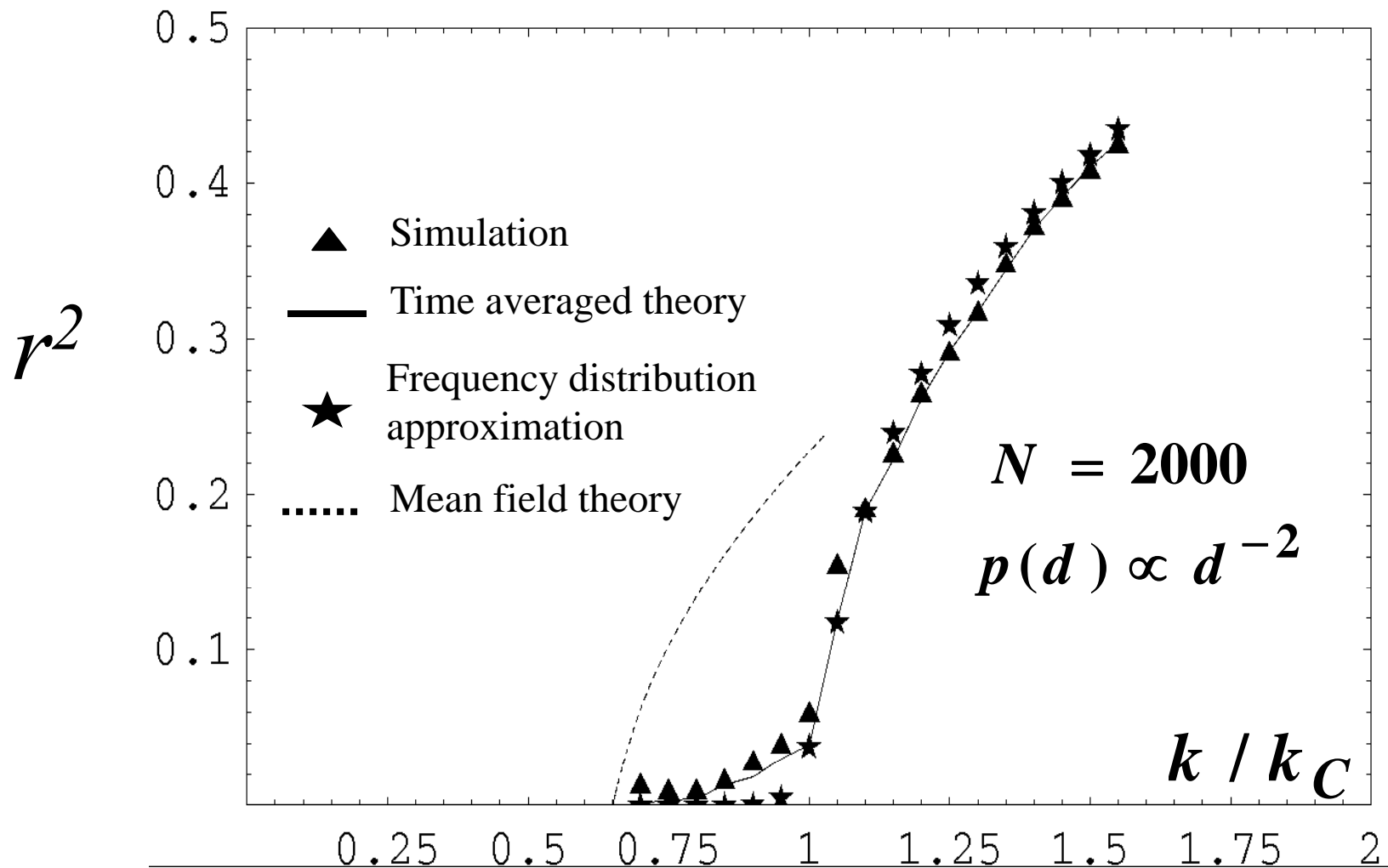
# Example: scale-free networks

We prescribe a degree distribution of the form  $p(d) \propto d^{-\gamma}$ ,  $d \geq 50$ , and  $N = 2000$ .





# Example: scale-free networks







# Nets with general node dynamics

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Uncoupled node dynamics:

$$d \underline{x}_i(t) / dt = \underline{F}_i(\underline{x}_i(t)) \quad (\text{continuous time})$$

or

$$\underline{x}_i^{(n+1)} = \underline{M}_i(\underline{x}_i^{(n)}) \quad (\text{discrete time})$$

Could be periodic or chaotic.

Kuramoto is a special case:  $\underline{x}_i \rightarrow \theta_i, \underline{F}_i \rightarrow \omega_i$



# Types of chaos synchronization

## Complete Synchronization

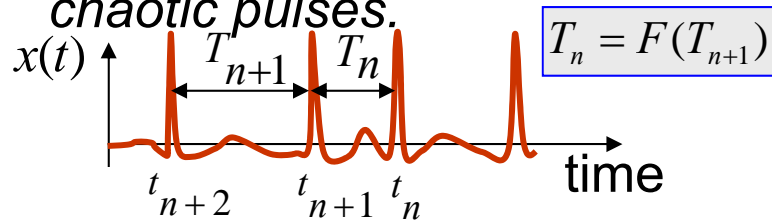
- *Identical synchronous chaotic oscillations.*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t) - y(t)| = 0$$

- *Generalized synchronized chaos.*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t) - \Phi(y(t))| = 0$$

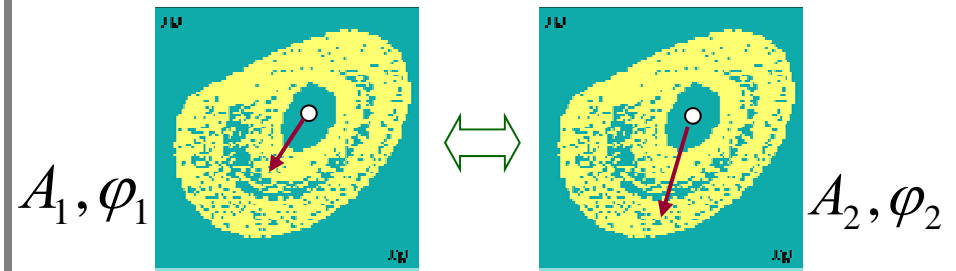
- *Threshold synchronization of chaotic pulses.*



$$x(t) \Rightarrow t_n^{(x)}, y(t) \Rightarrow t_n^{(y)} \quad t_n^{(x)} = t_n^{(y)} + \Delta$$

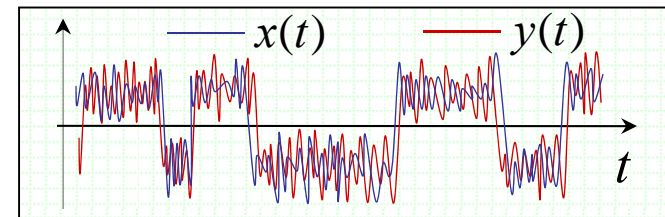
## Partial Synchronization

- *Phase Synchronization.*

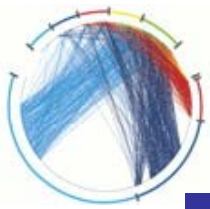


$$|\varphi_1 - \varphi_2| < \text{const}$$

- *Synchronization of switching.*



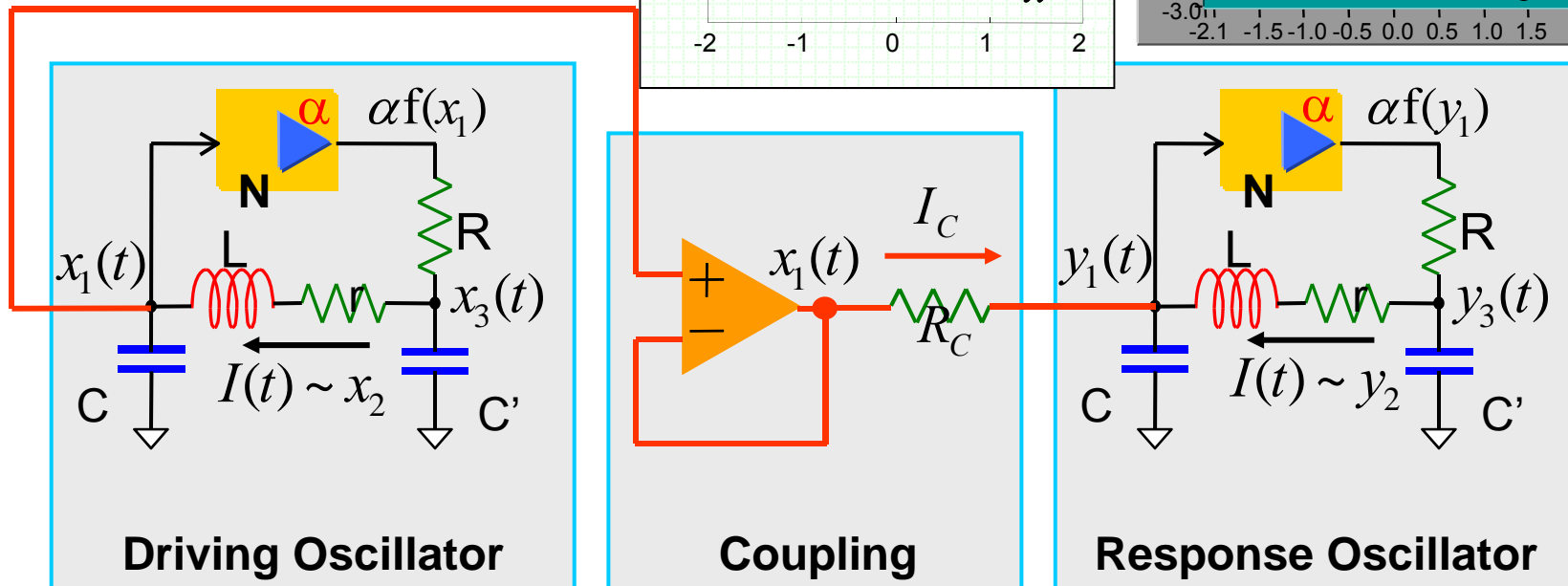
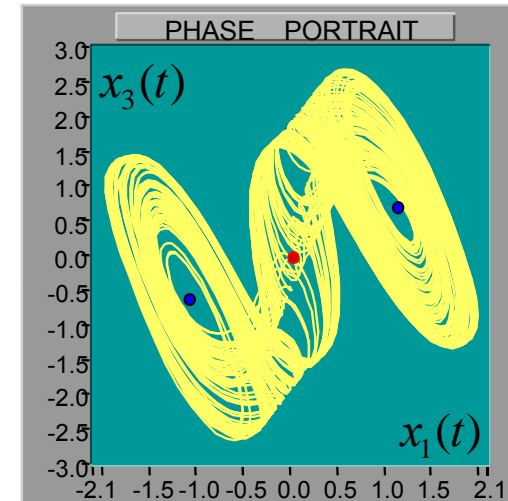
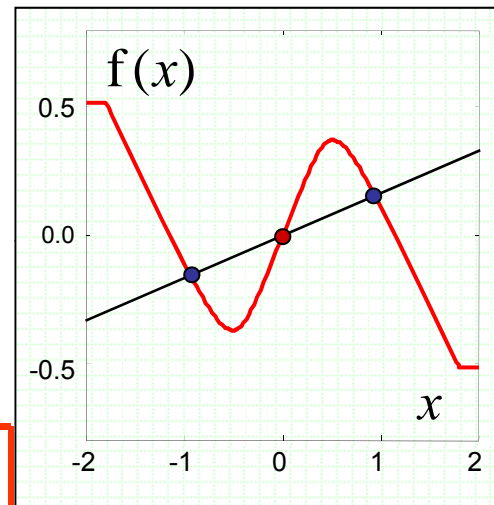
- *Others*



# Synchronization of chaos in electrical circuits

Unidirectional coupling

$$I_C = \frac{1}{R_C} (x_1(t) - y_1(t))$$





# Synchronization Manifold

The model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 & \dot{y}_1 &= y_2 + g(x_1 - y_1) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - \delta x_2 + x_3 & \dot{y}_2 &= -y_1 - \delta y_2 + y_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= \gamma[\alpha f(x_1) - x_3] - \sigma x_2 & \dot{y}_3 &= \gamma[\alpha f(y_1) - y_3] - \sigma y_2\end{aligned}$$

The coupling parameter:

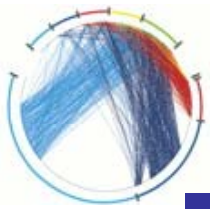
$$g = \frac{1}{Rc} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

There exists a 3-dimensional invariant manifold:

$$x_1 = y_1$$

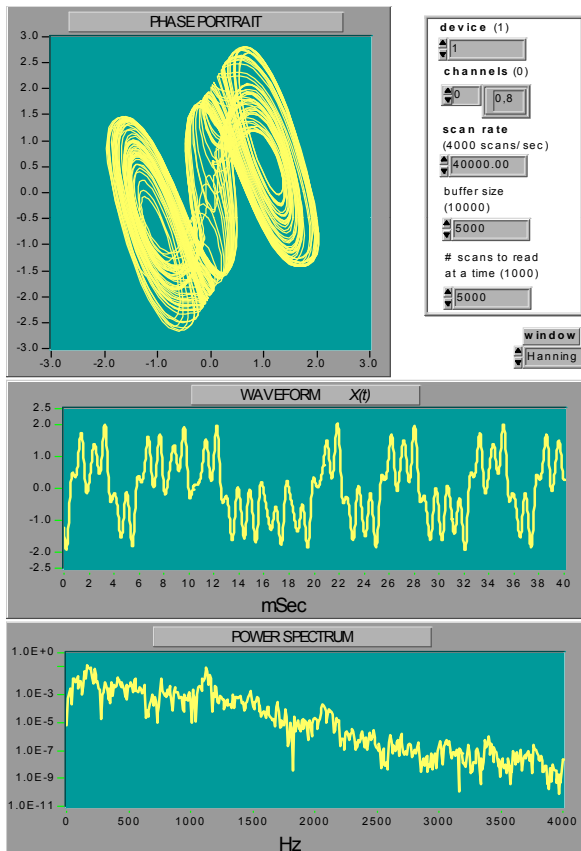
$$x_2 = y_2$$

$$x_3 = y_3$$

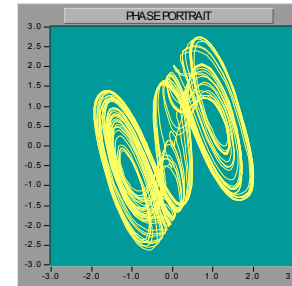
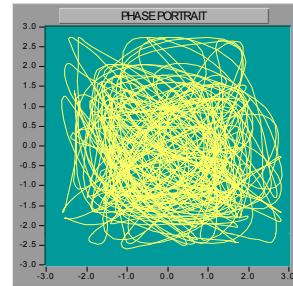


# Synchronization of chaos: Experiment

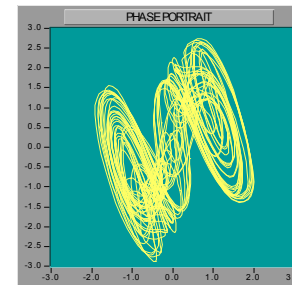
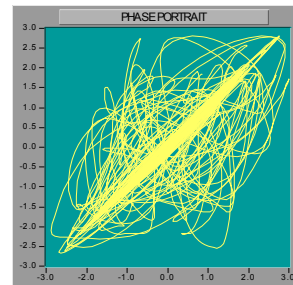
*Driving Oscillator*



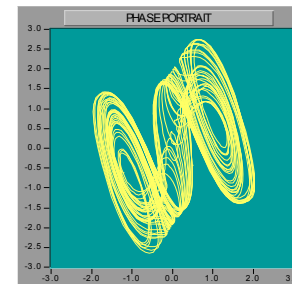
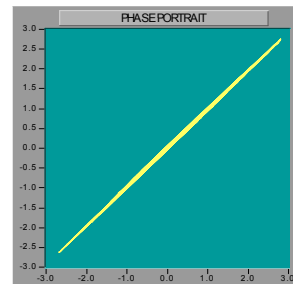
*Response Oscillator*



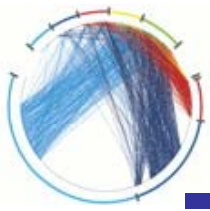
Uncoupled  
Oscillators



Coupling below  
the threshold of  
synchronization



Coupling above  
the threshold of  
synchronization



# Stability of the Synchronization Manifold: Identical Synchronization

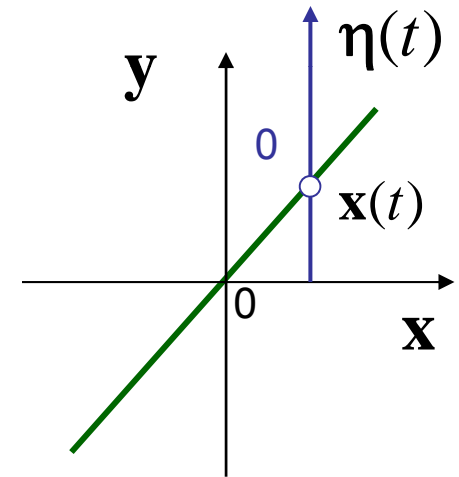
Driving System:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n,$

Response System:  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}^n, \quad \mathbf{G}(0) = 0$

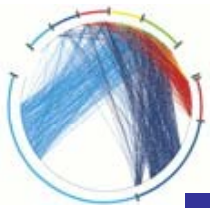
Synchronization Manifold:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

Perturbations transversal to  
the Synchronization Manifold:  $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t) = \mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t)$

Linearized Equations for  
the transversal perturbations:



$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(t) = [\mathbf{DF}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{DG}(0)] \times \boldsymbol{\eta}, \quad DF(\mathbf{x}(t))_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$$



# Chaos Synchronization Regime

A regime of dynamical behavior should have a qualitative feature that is an invariant for this regime.

Consider dynamics in the phase space  $(\mathbf{x}, \eta)$

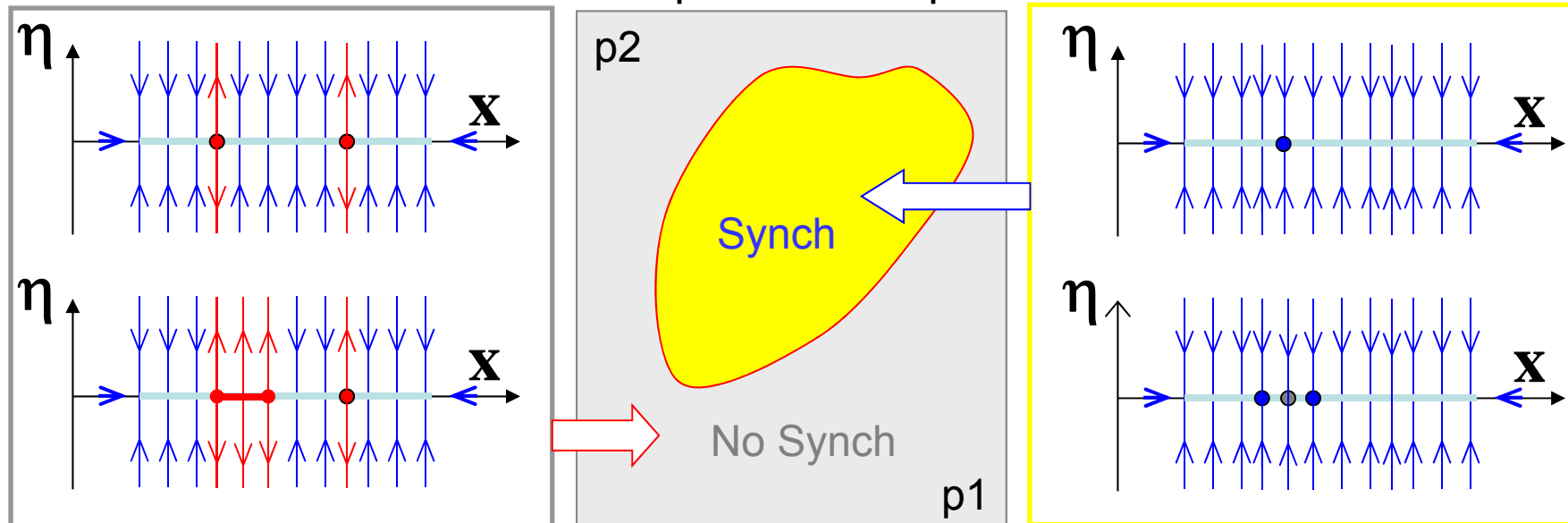
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\dot{\eta}(t) = [\mathbf{DF}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{DG}(0)] \times \eta$$

No Synchronization

The parameter space

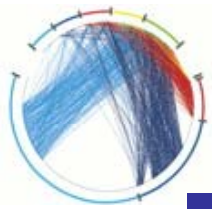
Synchronization



— - Projection of chaotic limiting set

• • - Limit cycles

— — — — — Transient trajectories

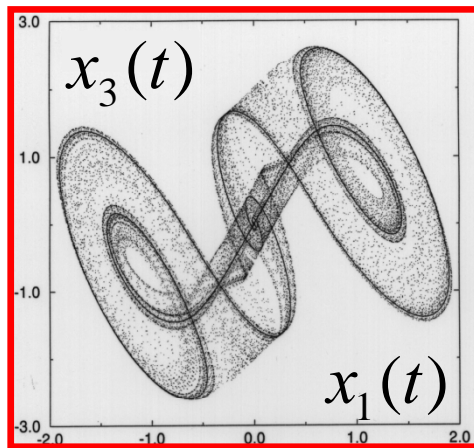


# Synchronization of Chaos in Numerical Simulations

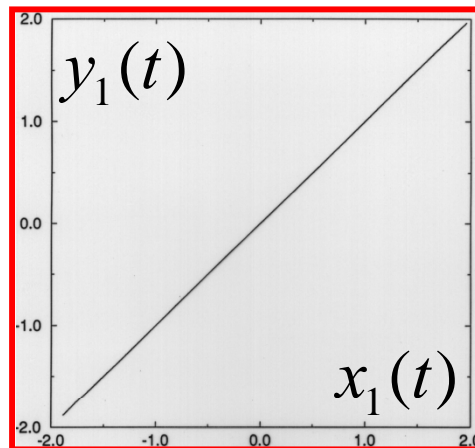
Coupling:  $g=1.1$

Transversal Lyapunov exponent evaluated for the chaotic trajectory  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  equals  $\lambda_{\max}^{\perp} = -0.03$

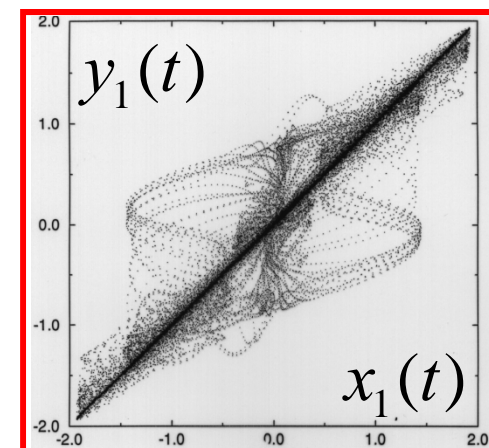
Attractor in the Driving Circuit ( $\lambda_{\max} = 0.1$ )



Simulation without noise and parameter mismatch



Simulation with 0.4% of parameter mismatch







# Networks with N nodes

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$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + \sum_{k=1}^N D_{ik} x_k, i = 1, \dots, N$$

$x_i$   $m$  - dimensional vector

$D_{ik}$  an  $m \times m$  real matrix

Assumptions:  $D_{ik} = g_{ik} H$   
 $H$  an  $m \times m$  real matrix  
 $g_{ik}$  real number

Synchronization manifold:  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_N$

Connectivity matrix:  $G = (g_{ik})$   $N \times N$  real matrix  
 $\sum_j g_{ij} = 0$



# Variation equation

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$$\dot{x}_k = (J + l_k H) x_k, k = 1, \dots, N$$

$\lambda_k$  eigenvalue of the connectivity matrix  
 $\lambda_1 = 0$

Master Stability Function

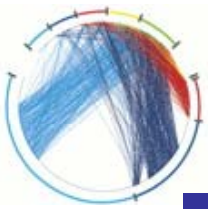
$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i)$$

$$\dot{V}_k = [J + (a + i b) H] V_k$$

$$W = \{(a, b) : l_{\max}(a, b) < 0\}$$

Connectivity Matrix

$$G = (g_{ik})$$



# Properties of master stability function

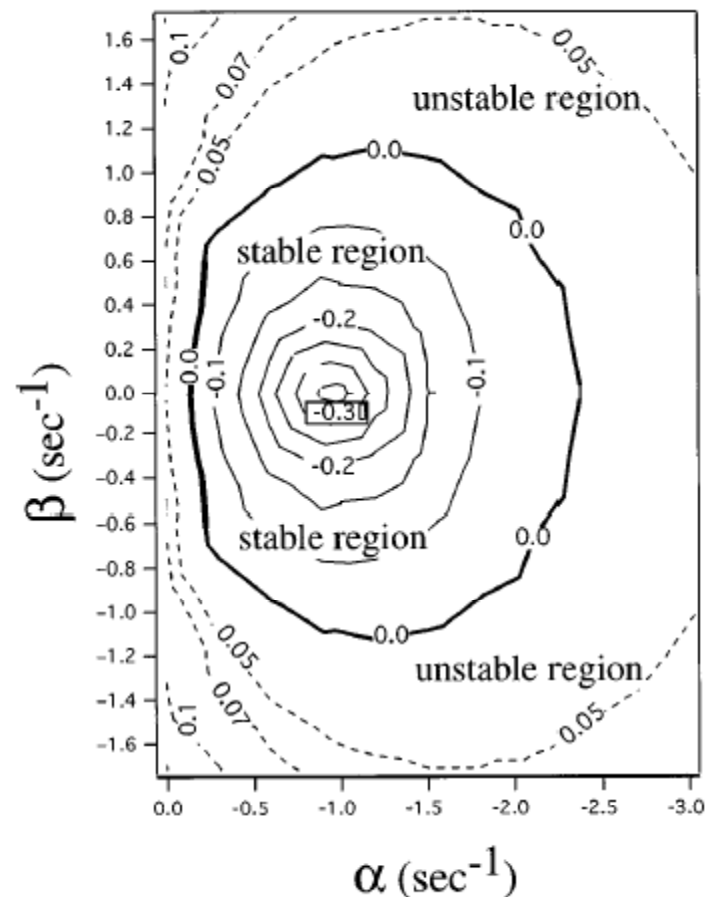
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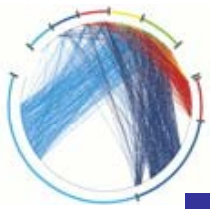
- Empty set
- Ellipsoid
- Half plane

The master stability function for  $x$  coupling in the Rossler circuit.

The dashed lines show contours in the unstable region.

The solid lines are contours in the stable region.





# Properties of master stability function

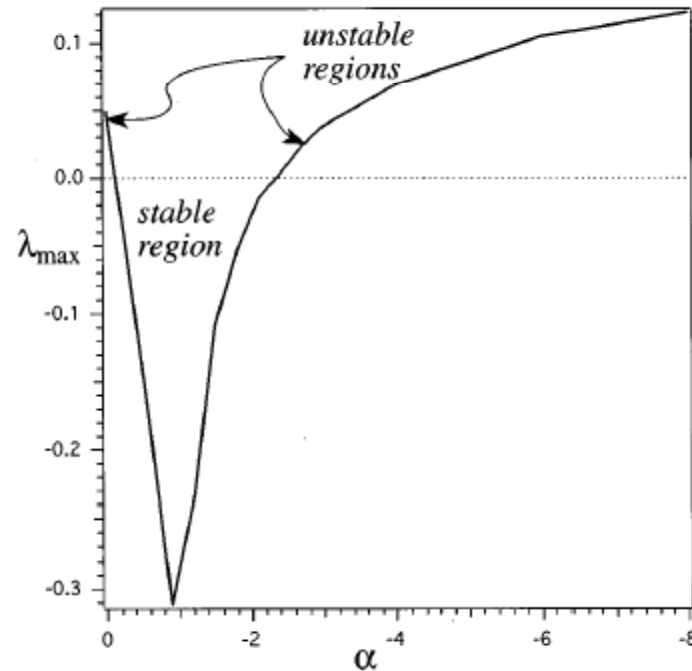
$l_{\max}(a, b)$  versus  $a$

Stable region:

$$l_{\max} \hat{\Gamma}(a_1, a_2)$$

$$l_{\max} \hat{\Gamma}(-\infty, a)$$

$$l_N \leq l_{N-1} \leq \dots \leq l_2 \leq l_1 = 0$$



$$l_{\max} \hat{\Gamma}(a_1, a_2) \text{ if } \frac{l_N}{l_2} < \frac{a_1}{a_2}$$

$$l_{\max} \hat{\Gamma}(-\infty, a) \text{ if } l_2 < a$$



# Indeed

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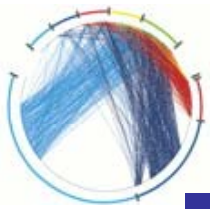
The equations of the motion of the network read

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = F(\mathbf{x}_i) - \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N A H (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = F(\mathbf{x}_i) - \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N G H \mathbf{x}_j \quad ; \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

- $\mathbf{x}_i$ :  $d$ -dimensional state vector
- $N$ : Network size
- $F$ : individual systems' dynamical equation
- $\sigma$ : unified coupling strength
- $H$ : Projection matrix determining by which components the systems are coupled
- $A = [a_{ij}]$ : The adjacency matrix
- $G = [g_{ij}]$ : The Laplacian matrix
  - Zero row-sum
  - Positive diagonal elements

The dynamical network synchronizes globally (and completely), if starting from any initial condition

$$\|\mathbf{x}_i(t) - \mathbf{x}_j(t)\| \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \forall \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$



# Master stability function

The variational equations can be diagonalized as

$$\dot{\eta}_i = JF\eta_i - \sigma\lambda_i H\eta_i \quad ; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

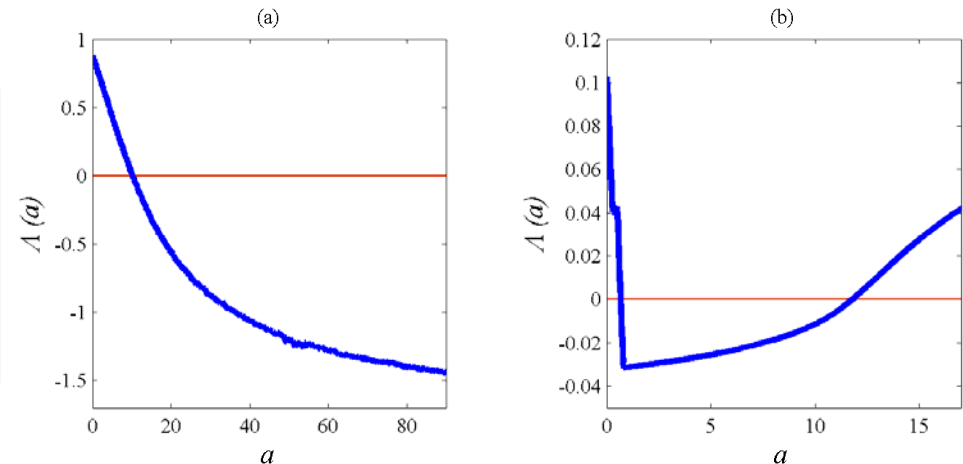
- $\lambda_i$ : eigenvalues of  $G$
- $\lambda_1 = 0 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_N$  ( $\lambda_1$  is associated with the synchronization manifold)
- MSF: The largest Lyapunov exponent of the equation  $\dot{\eta}_i = JF\eta_i - aH\eta_i$
- necessary condition for the local stability of the synchronization (Pecora and Carroll 1998)

## Type I systems:

MSF is negative within interval  $(a_1, \infty)$

## Type II systems:

MSF is negative within interval  $(a_1, a_2)$



a)  $x$ -coupled Lorenz oscillators (type I)

b)  $x$ -coupled Rössler oscillators (type II)



# Another measure

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The network synchronizes globally if (sufficient condition) (Belykh et al, 2004)

$$\sigma_{ij}(t) > \frac{a}{N} b_{ij} \quad ; \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, N \text{ and } \forall t$$

- $\sigma_{ij}$ : coupling strength of the link between the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th nodes
- $a$ : double coupling strength sufficient for global synchronization of two systems
- $b_{ij}$ : CGS-score for the link between the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th nodes

$$b_{ij} = \sum_{u=1}^{n-1} \sum_{v>u}^n \sum_{e_{ij} \in P_{uv}} |P_{uv}|$$

- $|P_{uv}|$ : length of path  $P_{uv}$  between the  $u$ -th and  $v$ -th nodes

CGS gives the sufficient strength for each link guaranteeing the global synchronization



# Synchronizability measures

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- Large range of synchronizing coupling parameter
  - The smaller the  $\lambda_N/\lambda_2$  the better the synchronizability
- The cost of synchronization  $C_{\text{syn}}$  (the sum over the coupling strengths)
  - For the same effort, the larger the  $\lambda_2$  the better the synchronizability
- The time to synchronize  $T_{\text{syn}}$

$$E(t) = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i < j} \|x_i(t) - x_j(t)\|^2$$

$$E(T_{\text{syn}}) = \varepsilon \text{ (e.g. } \varepsilon = 1\text{e-5) and } E(t) < \varepsilon \text{ for } t > T_{\text{syn}}$$

- The degree of phase synchronization: the order parameter (OP)

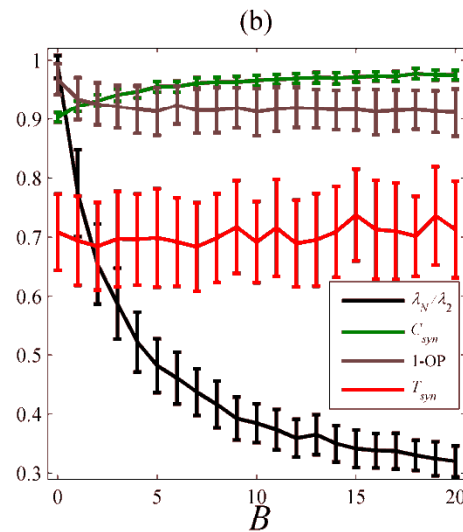
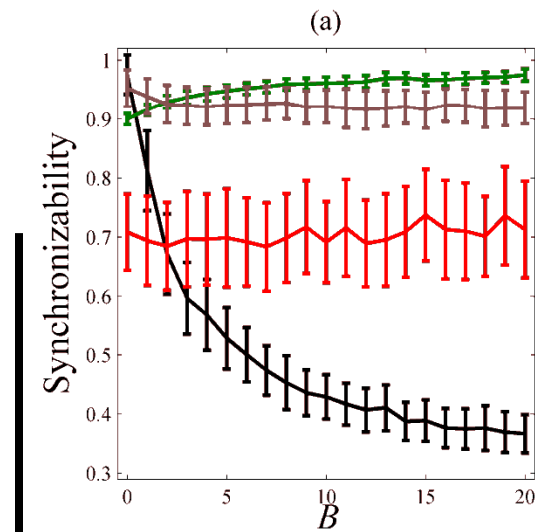
$$\Phi = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\varphi_j(t)} \right| \right\rangle_t$$

$\varphi_j$ : instantaneous phase of the  $j$ -th oscillator



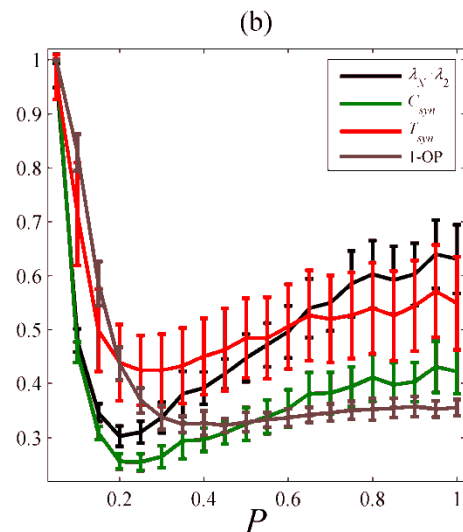
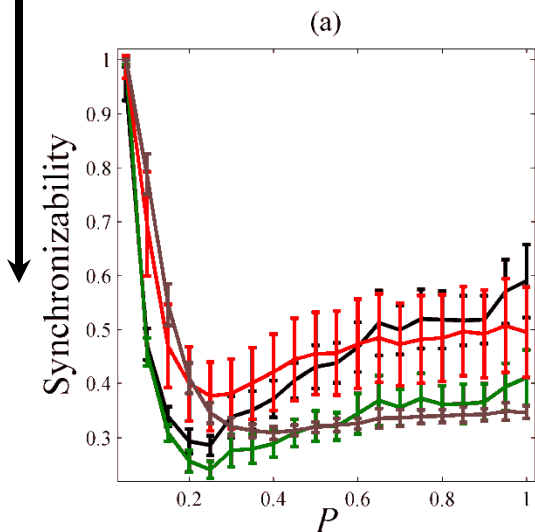


# Synchronizability measures



Scale-free networks with average degree  $\langle k \rangle = 6$  and a)  $N = 1000$ , b)  $N = 2000$

The bigger the  $B$  the less heterogeneous the network



Watts-Strogatz networks with average degree  $\langle k \rangle = 6$  and a)  $N = 1000$ , b)  $N = 2000$

$P$  is rewiring probability

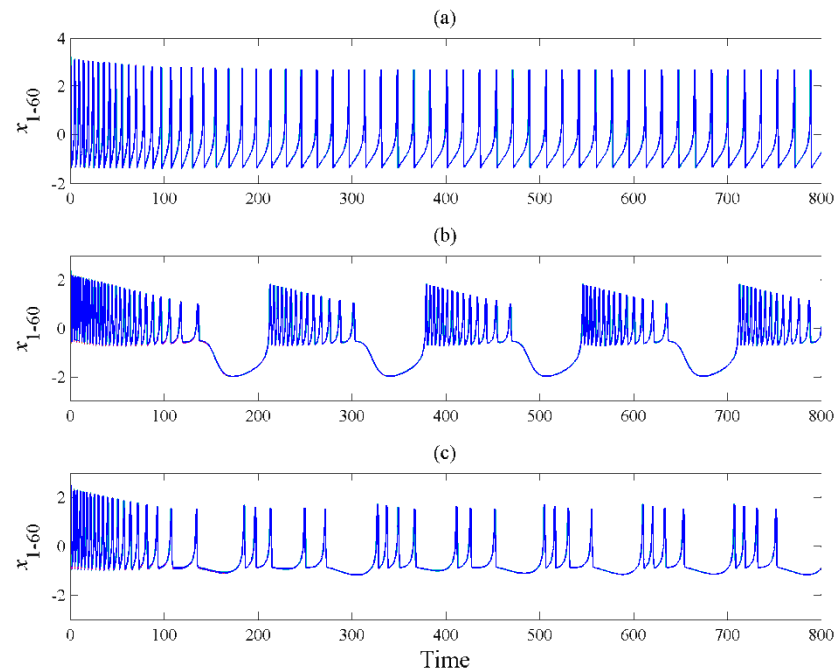


# Example: HR neurons

## Hindmarsh-Rose neuron model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y + ax^2 - x^3 - z + I \\ \dot{y} = 1 - dx^2 - y \\ \dot{z} = \mu(b(x - x_0) - z) \end{cases}$$

- a) Spiking mode
- b) Bursting mode
- c) Chaotic mode



## Newman-Watts network model

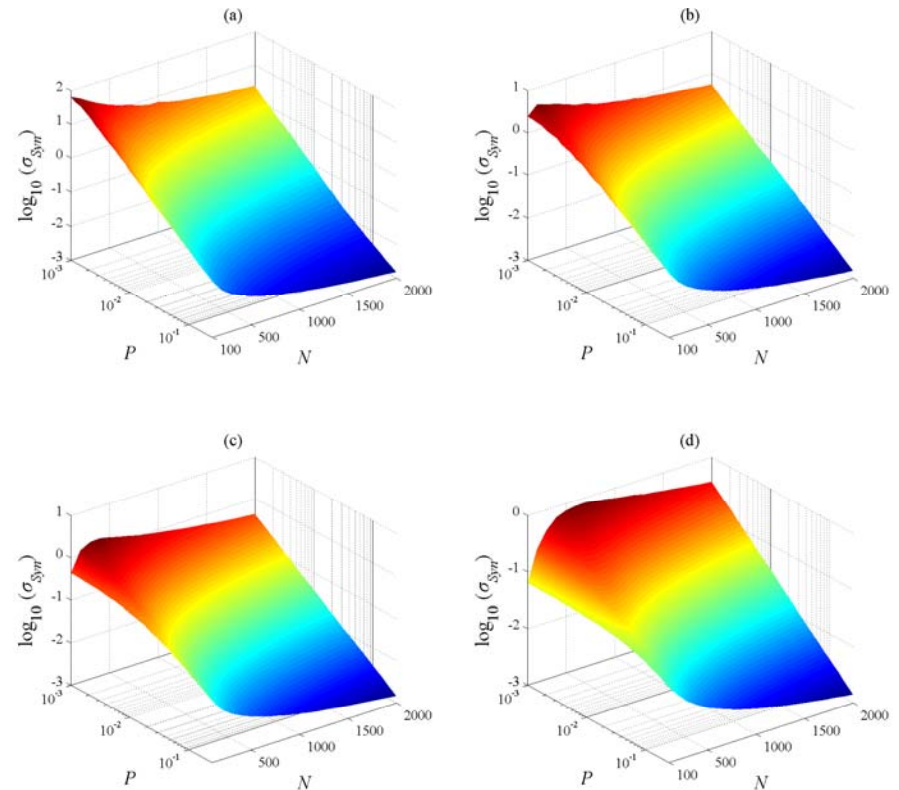
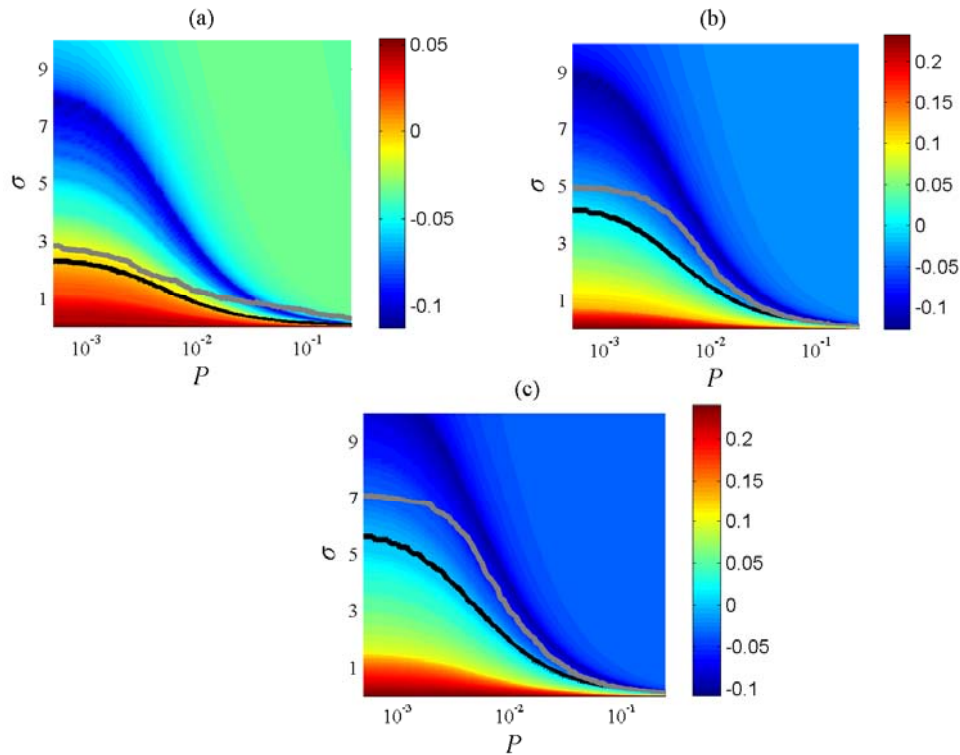
- Starting with a  $m$ -regular graph
- Connecting the unconnected nodes with probability

## Meta Newman-Watts (clustered) network model

- $k$  clusters
- Each cluster as NW network with dense intra-cluster connections
- Sparse inter-cluster connections



# Example: HR neurons



$N = 60, m = 3$

MSF results

lines show the synchronizing parameter

black line: MSF, gray line: Numerical calculation

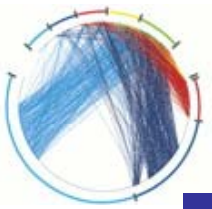
a) spiking, b) bursting, c) chaotic

only bursting mode

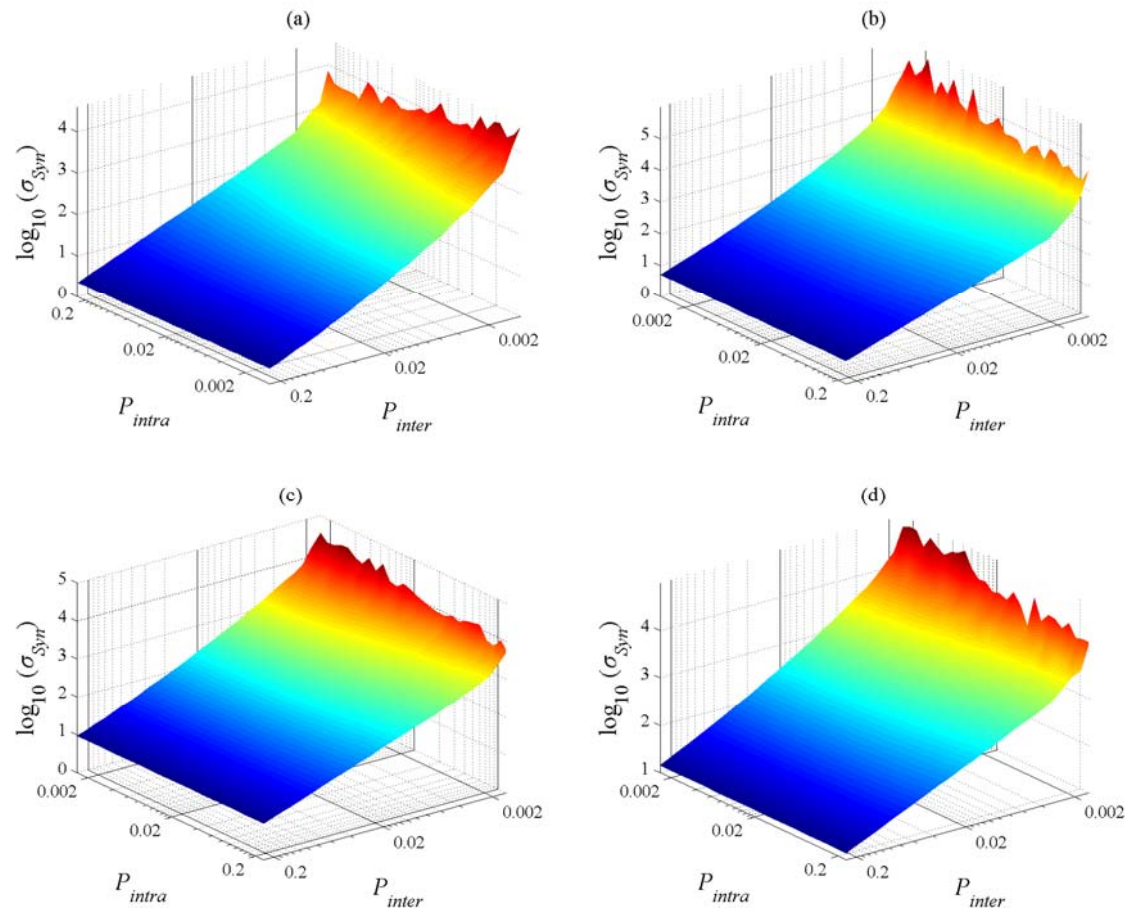
calculations based on MSF

a)  $m = 1$ , b)  $m = 5$ , c)  $m = 10$ , d)  $m = 20$

$\sigma_{Syn} = \alpha P^{-\gamma}$ , where  $\gamma \sim (1,2)$  and  $\alpha \sim (0.0001,0.1)$



# Example: HR neurons



only bursting mode, clusters with  $N_k = 50$ ,

calculations based on MSF

a)  $k = 20$ , b)  $k = 30$ , c)  $k = 40$ , d)  $k = 50$

$P_{intra}$  has almost no effect; Power-law dependence on  $P_{inter}$



# Example: HR neurons

## Fast threshold modulation model for the chemical synapses

- current  $I_{ji}$  injected from presynaptic cell  $i$  to the postsynaptic cell  $j$

$$I_{ji} = \sigma_{ch} (V_s - x_j) \Theta(x_i) ; \Theta(x_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{-\lambda(x_i - \theta_s)\}}$$

The network equations read

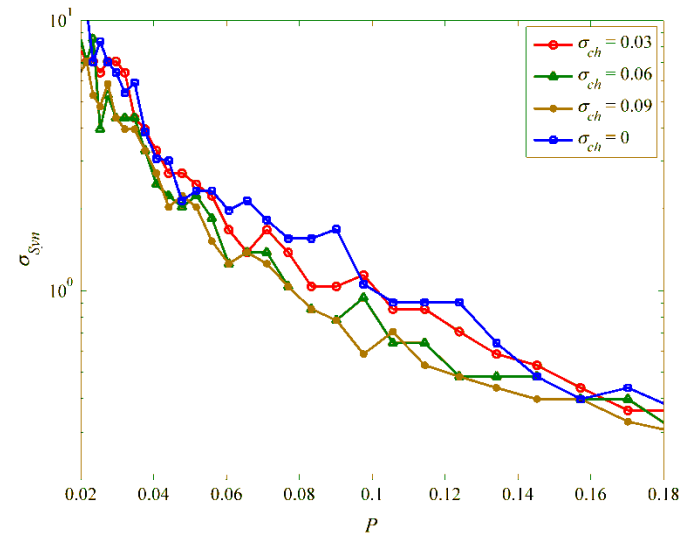
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_i = y_i + ax_i^2 - x_i^3 - z_i + I + \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} (x_j - x_i) + \sigma_{ch} (V_s - x_i) \sum_{j=1}^N c_{ij} \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{-\lambda(x_j - \theta_s)\}} \\ \dot{y}_i = 1 - dx_i^2 - y_i \\ \dot{z}_i = \mu(b(x_i - x_0) - z_i) \end{cases}$$

## Electrical coupling

- NW networks  $N = 40$  and  $m = 1$

## Excitatory chemical coupling

- random networks such that each neuron receives input from two other neurons (Belykh et al 2005)



synchronizing electrical coupling electrical coupling has  
the main role chemical coupling has complementary role



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