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# Theory and applications of random Poincaré maps

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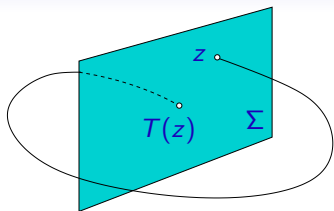
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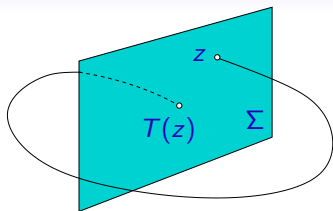
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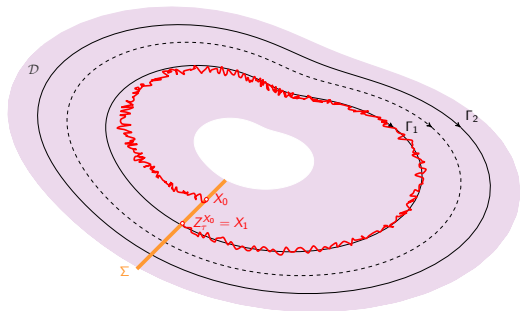
Benefits:

1. **Dimension reduction**:  $T$  is an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional map
2. **Stability** of periodic orbits: no neutral direction
3. **Bifurcations** of periodic orbits easier to study (period doubling, Hopf, ...)

Question: how about SDEs  $dz_t = f(z_t)dt + \sigma g(z_t)dW_t$  ?

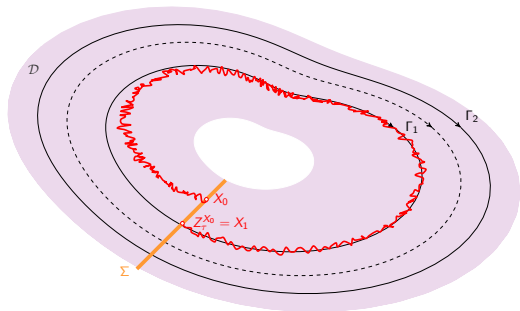
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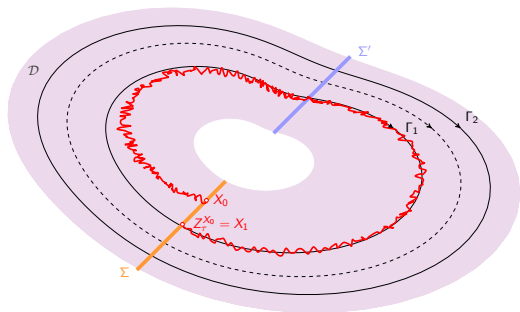
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$$X_n = Z_{\tau_n}^{X_0} \in \Sigma \quad \Rightarrow \quad (X_n)_{n \geq 0} \text{ is a Markov chain} \quad K(x, A) := \mathbb{P}^x\{X_1 \in A\}$$

$(X_n, \omega) \mapsto X_{n+1}$ : random Poincaré map

[J. Weiss, E. Knobloch, 1990], [P. Hitczenko, G. Medvedev, 2009]

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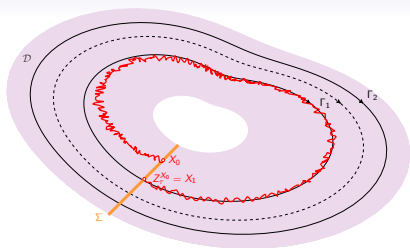
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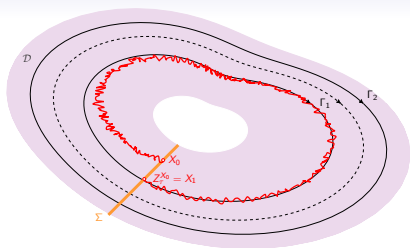
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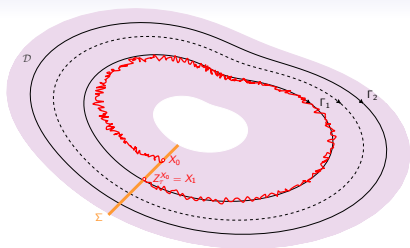
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Spectral decomposition:  $K\phi_i = \lambda_i\phi_i$      $\pi_i K = \lambda_i\pi_i$      $\langle \pi_i, \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

$$k(x, y) = \lambda_0\phi_0(x)\pi_0(y) + \lambda_1\phi_1(x)\pi_1(y) + \dots$$



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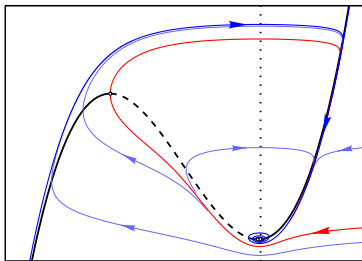
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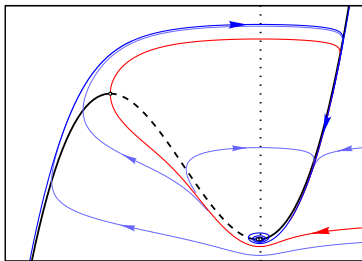
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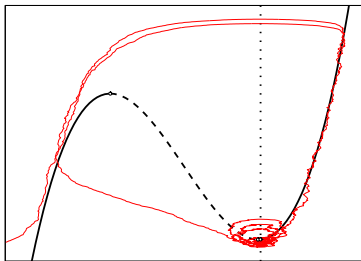
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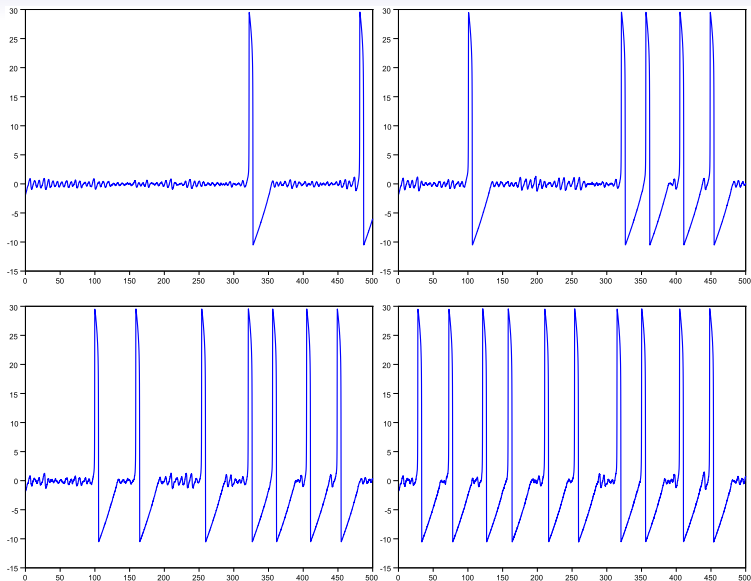
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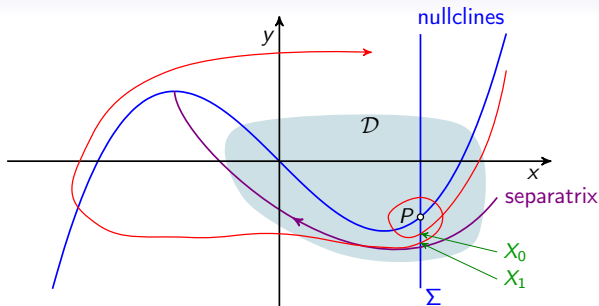


# Mixed-mode oscillations (MMOs)



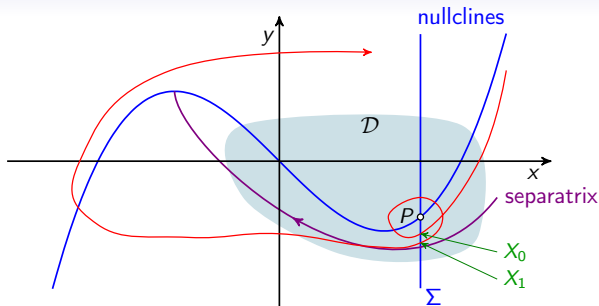
Time series  $t \mapsto -x_t$  for  $\varepsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\delta = 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $\sigma = 1.46 \cdot 10^{-4}, \dots, 3.65 \cdot 10^{-4}$

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$N$  is asymptotically geometric:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\{N = n + 1 | N > n\} = 1 - \lambda_0$

where  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ : principal eigenvalue of the kernel  $K$ ,  $\lambda_0 < 1$  if  $\sigma > 0$

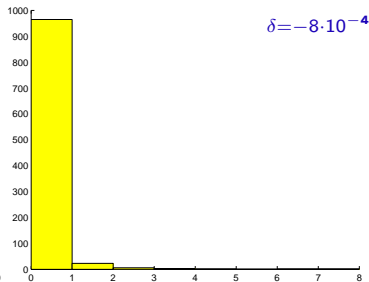
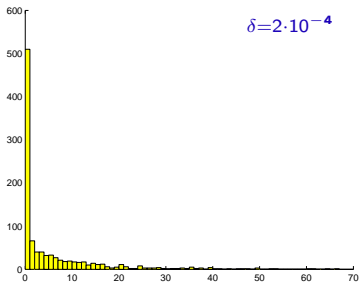
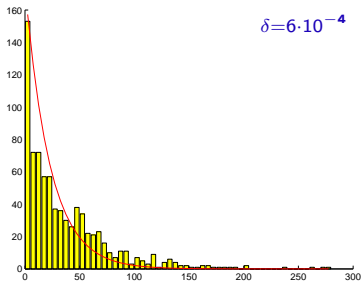
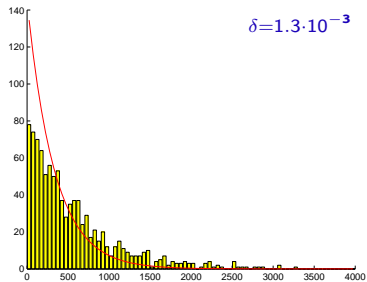
**Proof:** follows from existence of spectral gap

► Details



# Histograms of distribution of $N$ (1000 spikes)

$$\sigma = \varepsilon = 10^{-4}$$



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**Proof:** Let  $A \subset \Sigma$  have positive Lebesgue measure

$$\lambda_0 \pi_0(A) = \int_{\Sigma} \pi_0(dx) K(x, A) \geq \int_A \pi_0(dx) K(x, A) \Rightarrow \lambda_0 \geq \inf_{x \in A} K(x, A)$$

$\Rightarrow$  construct  $A$  such that  $K(x, A)$  exponentially close to 1 for all  $x \in A$

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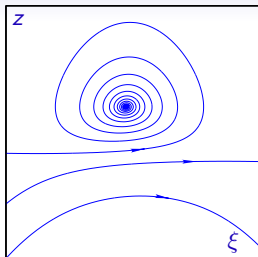
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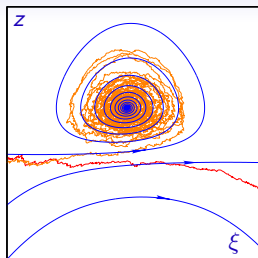
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where

$$\tilde{\mu} = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} - \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \quad \tilde{\sigma}_1 = -\sqrt{3} \frac{\sigma_1}{\varepsilon^{3/4}} \quad \tilde{\sigma}_2 = \sqrt{3} \frac{\sigma_2}{\varepsilon^{3/4}}$$

Upward drift dominates if  $\tilde{\mu}^2 \gg \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 \Rightarrow (\varepsilon^{1/4} \delta)^2 \gg \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$

Rotation around  $P$ : use that  $2z e^{-2z-2\xi^2+1}$  is constant for  $\tilde{\mu} = \varepsilon = 0$

Take  $A = \{z > \tilde{\mu}^{1-\gamma}\}$  with  $0 < \gamma < \frac{1}{4}$

□

# From below to above threshold

Linear approximation:

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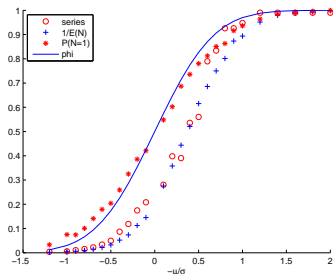
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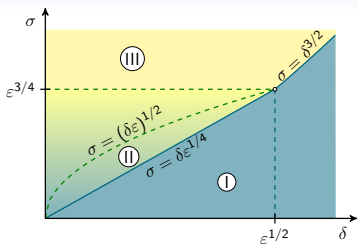
+ :  $1/\mathbb{E}[N]$

○ :  $1 - \lambda_0$

curve:  $x \mapsto \Phi(\pi^{1/4}x)$

$$x = -\frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2}} = -\frac{\varepsilon^{1/4}(\delta - \sigma_1^2/\varepsilon)}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}}$$

# Summary: Parameter regimes



$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2:$$

$$\mathbb{P}\{N = 1\} \simeq \Phi\left(-\frac{(\pi\epsilon)^{1/4}(\delta - \sigma^2/\epsilon)}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y^2/2} dy$$

see also

[Muratov & Vanden Eijnden '08]

**Regime I:** rare isolated spikes

Theorem 2 applies ( $\delta \ll \epsilon^{1/2}$ )

Interspike interval  $\simeq$  exponential

**Regime II:** clusters of spikes

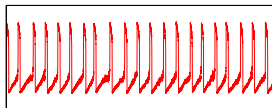
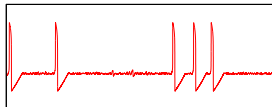
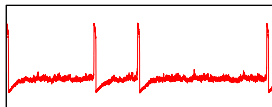
# interspike osc asympt geometric

$\sigma = (\delta\epsilon)^{1/2}$ : geom(1/2)

**Regime III:** repeated spikes

$\mathbb{P}\{N = 1\} \simeq 1$

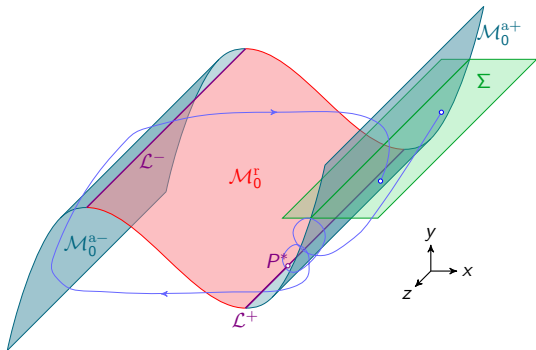
Interspike interval  $\simeq$  constant





### 3. Example 2: The Koper model

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon dx_t &= [y_t - x_t^3 + 3x_t] dt && + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sigma F(x_t, y_t, z_t) dW_t \\ dy_t &= [kx_t - 2(y_t + \lambda) + z_t] dt && + \sigma' G_1(x_t, y_t, z_t) dW_t \\ dz_t &= [\rho(\lambda + y_t - z_t)] dt && + \sigma' G_2(x_t, y_t, z_t) dW_t \end{aligned}$$

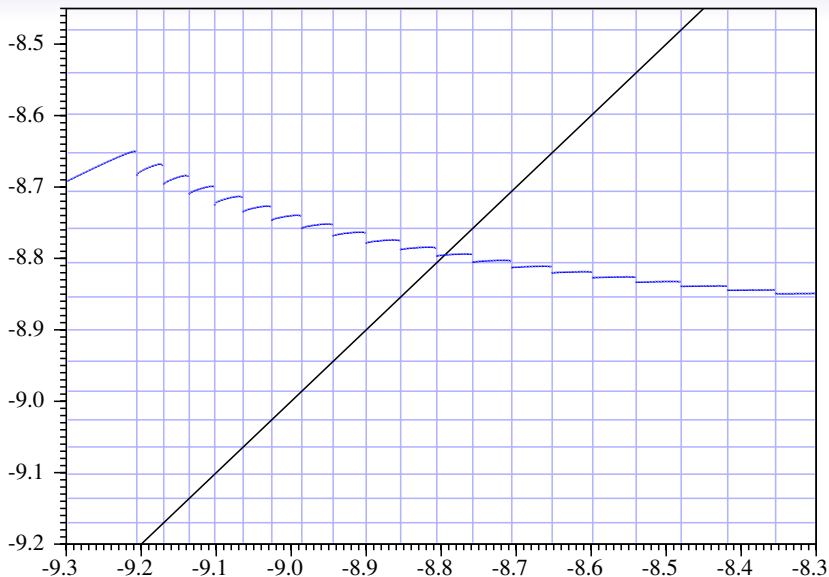


Folded-node singularity at  $P^*$  induces mixed-mode oscillations

[Benoît, Lobry '82, Szmolyan, Wechselberger '01, ...]

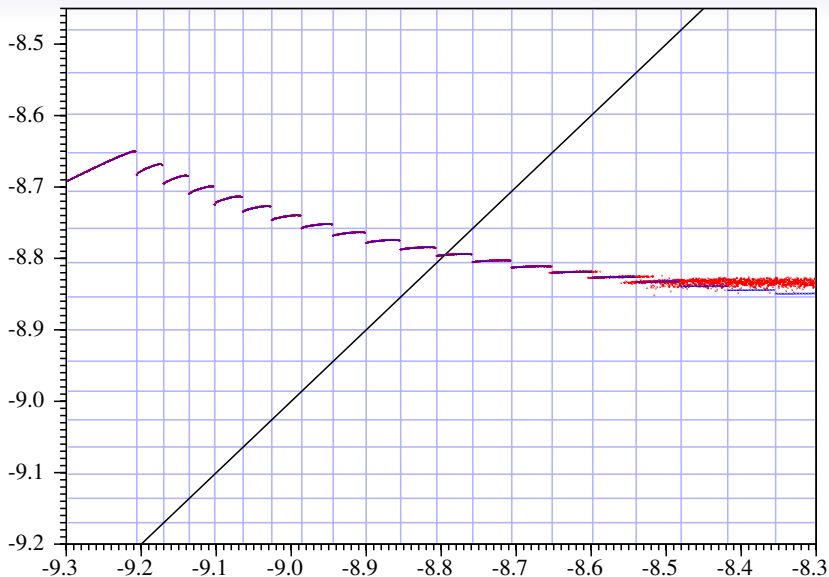
Poincaré map  $\Pi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  is almost 1d due to contraction in  $x$ -direction

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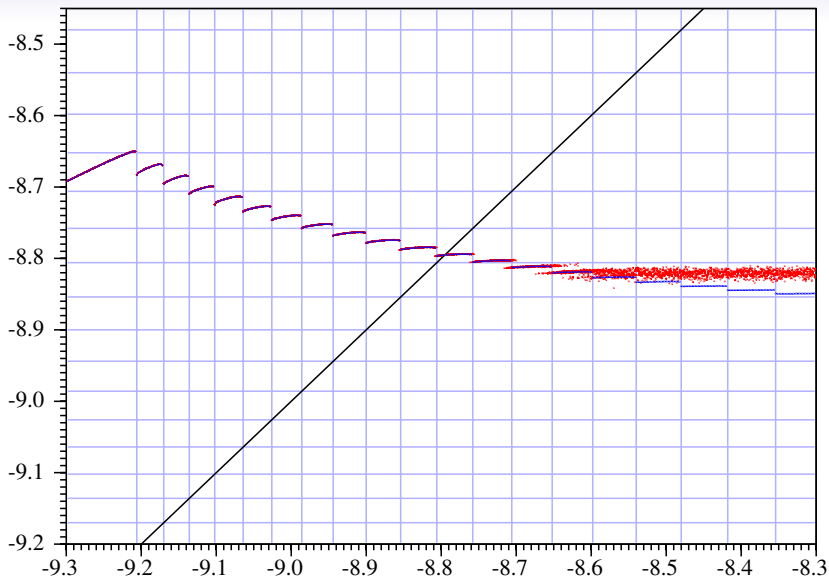
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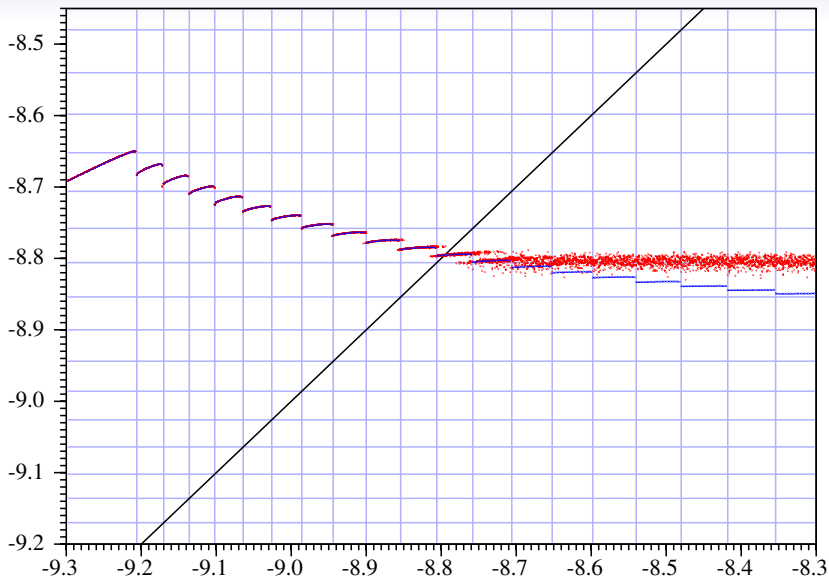
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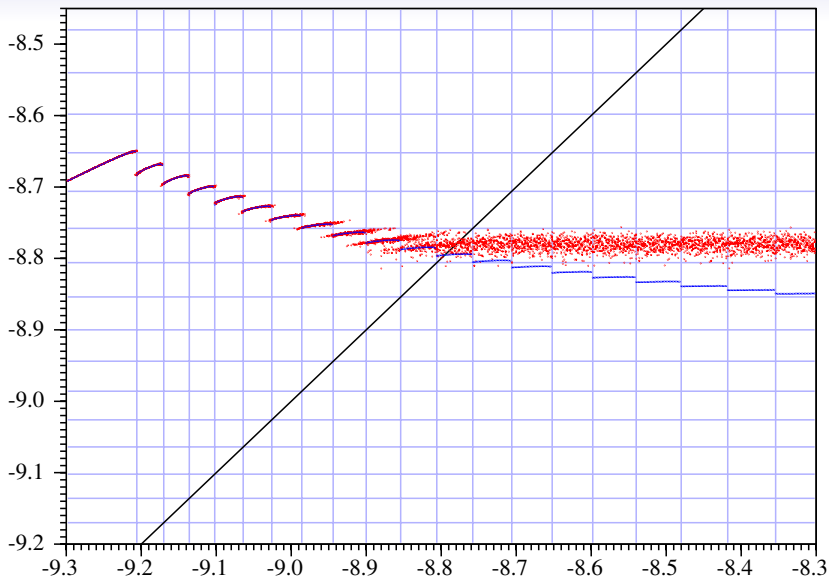
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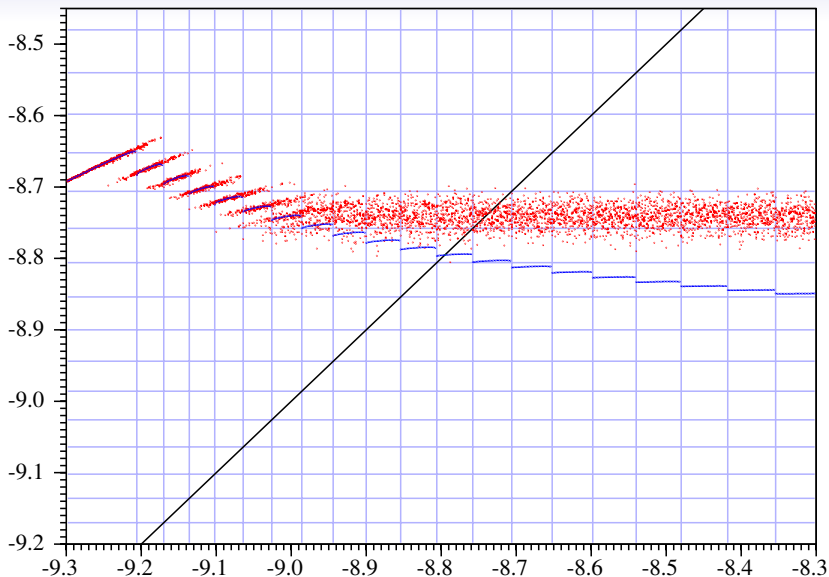
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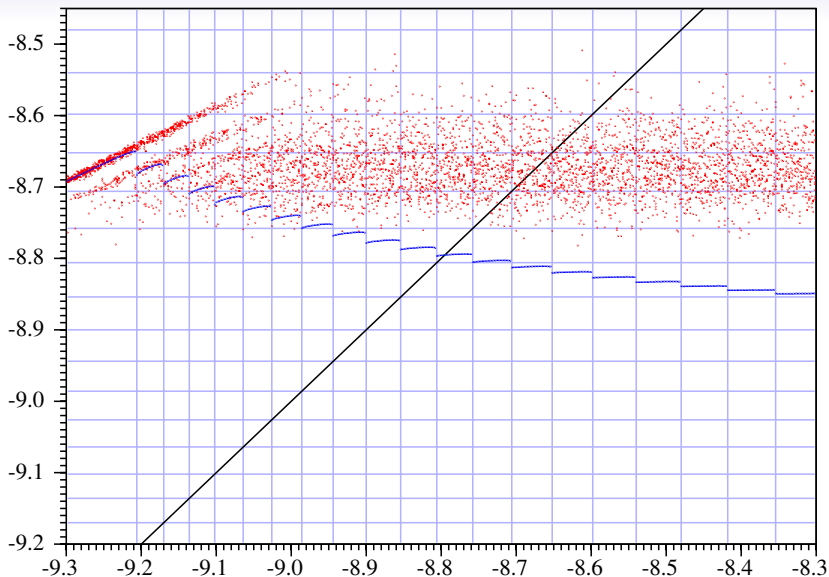
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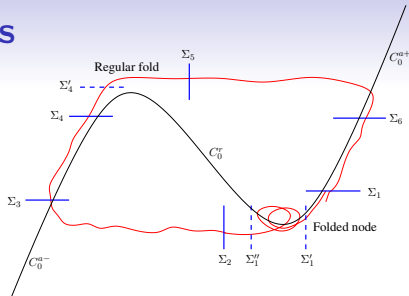


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# Size of fluctuations

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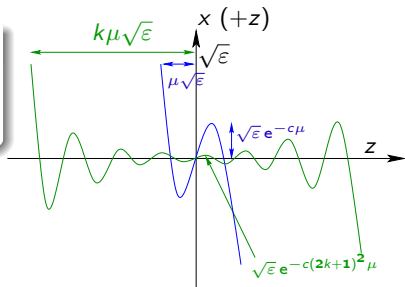
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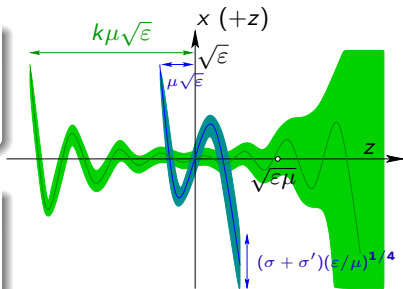
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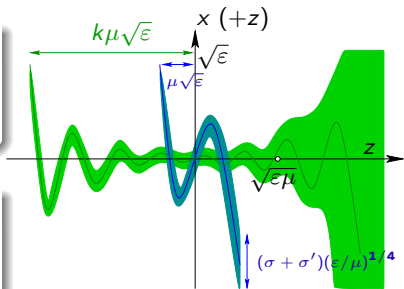
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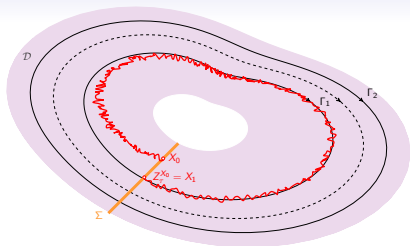
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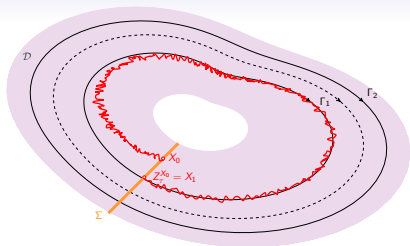
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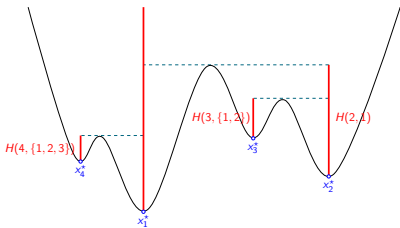
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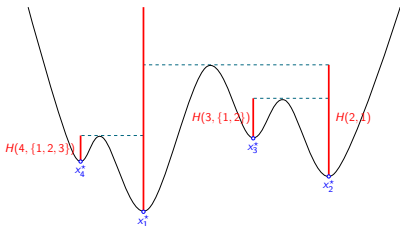
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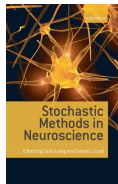
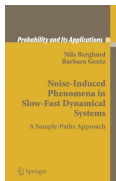
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# Outlook

- ▷ **In progress:** cases **without** metastable hierarchy (eigenvalue crossings)
- ▷ **Open:** asymptotics beyond large deviations

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# Proof of asymptotically geometric distribution

**Theorem 1** [B & Landon, Nonlinearity 25:2303–2335, 2012]

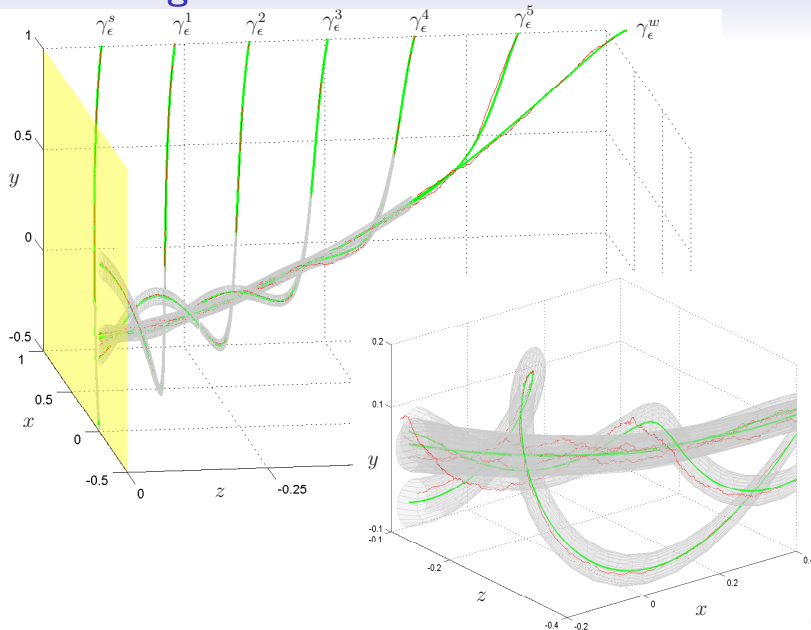
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## Proof:

Markov chain on  $\Sigma$ , kernel  $K$  with density  $k$  [Ben Arous, Kusuoka, Stroock '84]

- ▷  $\lambda_0 \leq \sup_{x \in \Sigma} K(x, \Sigma) < 1$  by ellipticity ( $k$  bounded below)
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- ▷ Existence of spectral gap follows from positivity condition [Birkhoff '57]

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**Lemma** (Bernstein-type estimate):

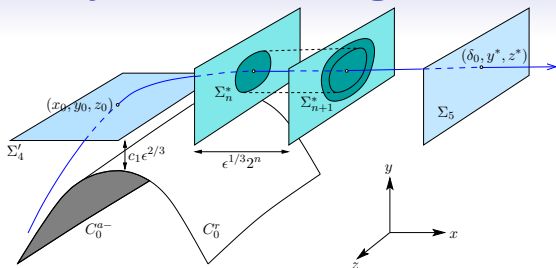
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where  $\int_0^s \mathcal{G}(\zeta_u, u) \mathcal{G}(\zeta_u, u)^T du \leq V(s)$  a.s. and  $n = 3$  space dimension

**Remark:** more precise results using ODE for covariance matrix of

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## Example: analysis near the regular fold



**Proposition:** For  $h_1 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{2/3})$

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Useful if  $\sigma, \sigma' \ll \sqrt{\varepsilon}$

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► Back

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