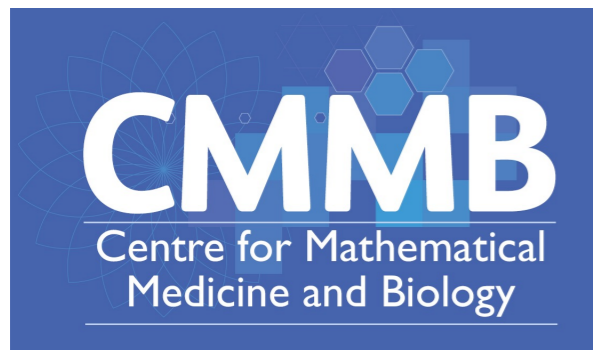
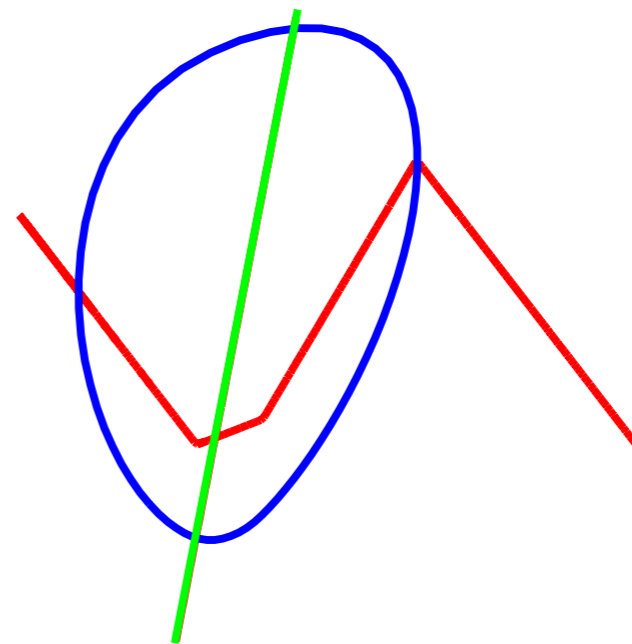
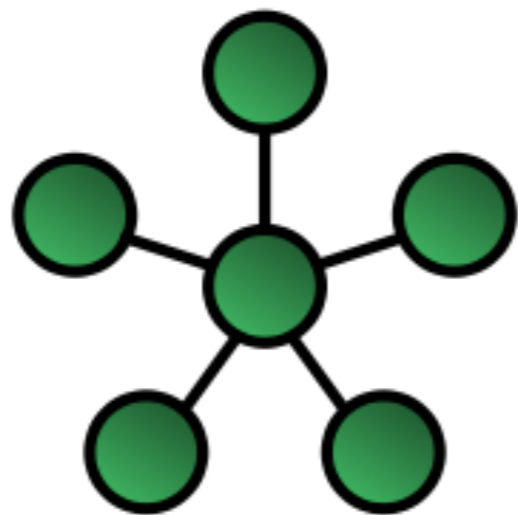


# Networks of ~~Non~~smooth Oscillators & Applications in Neuroscience



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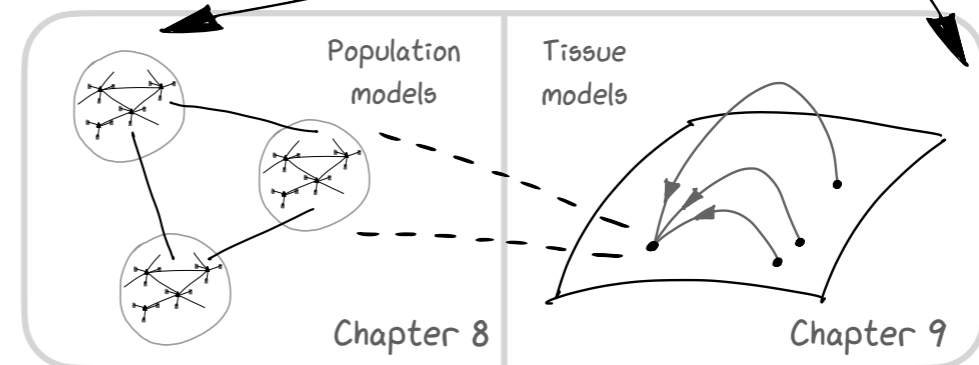
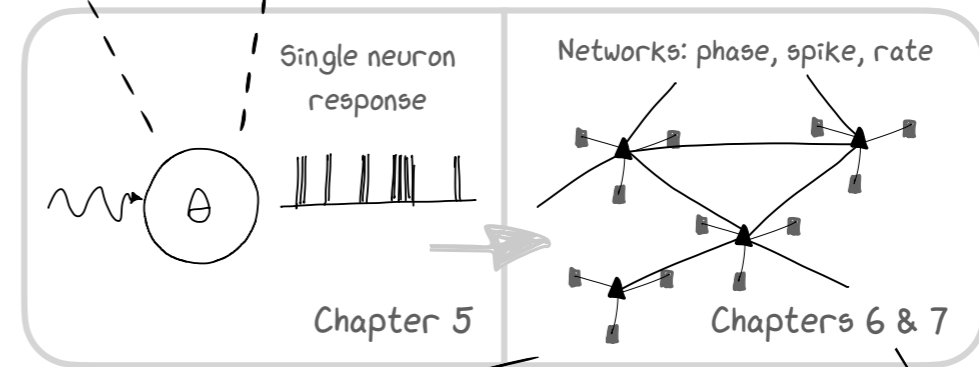
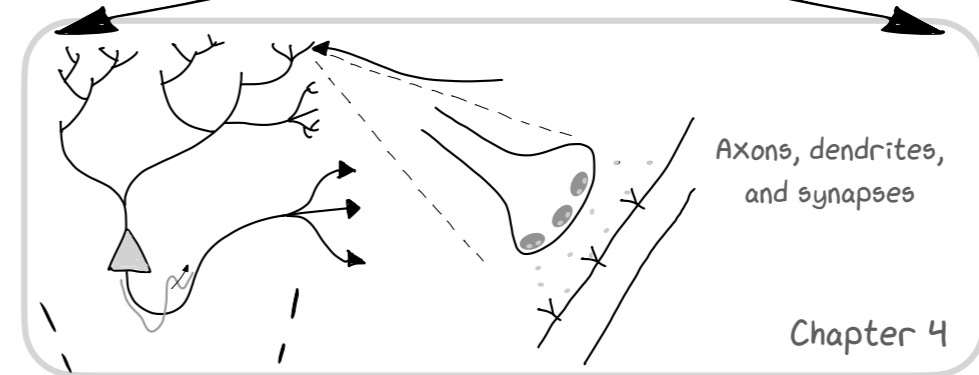
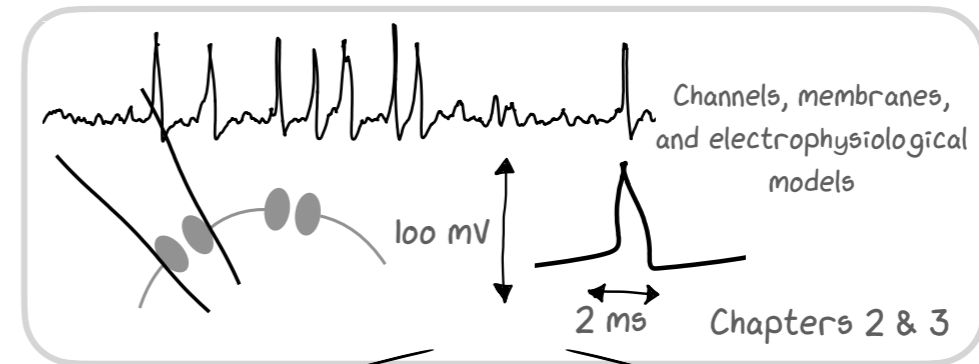
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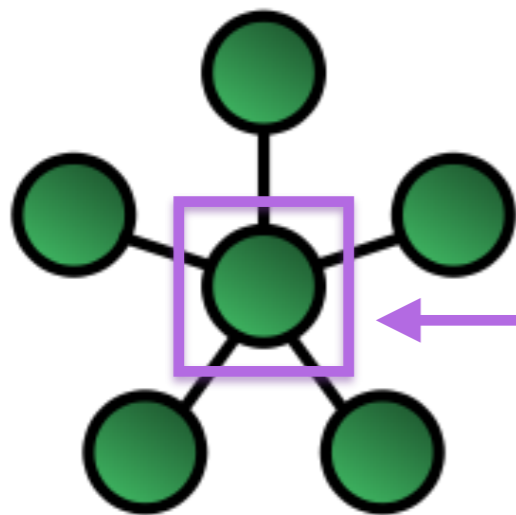
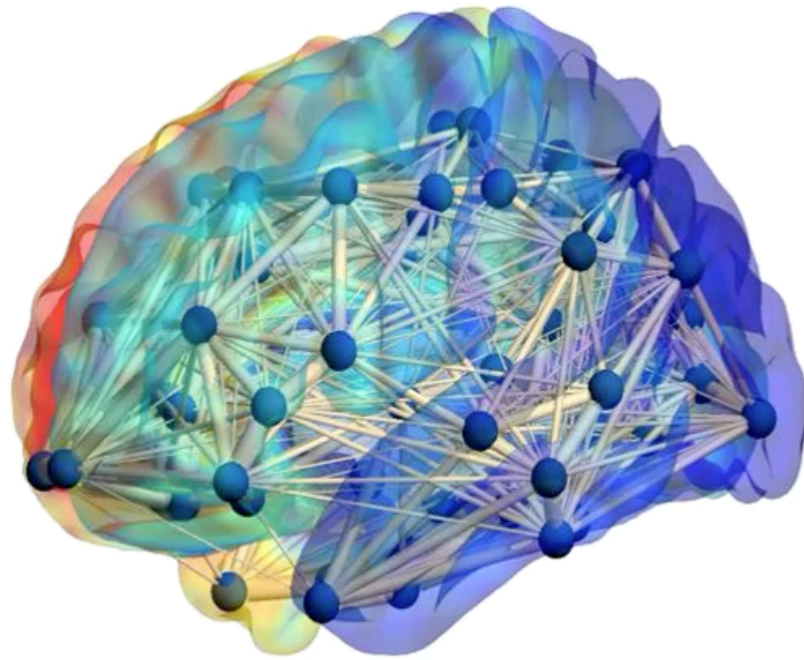
# Neurodynamics

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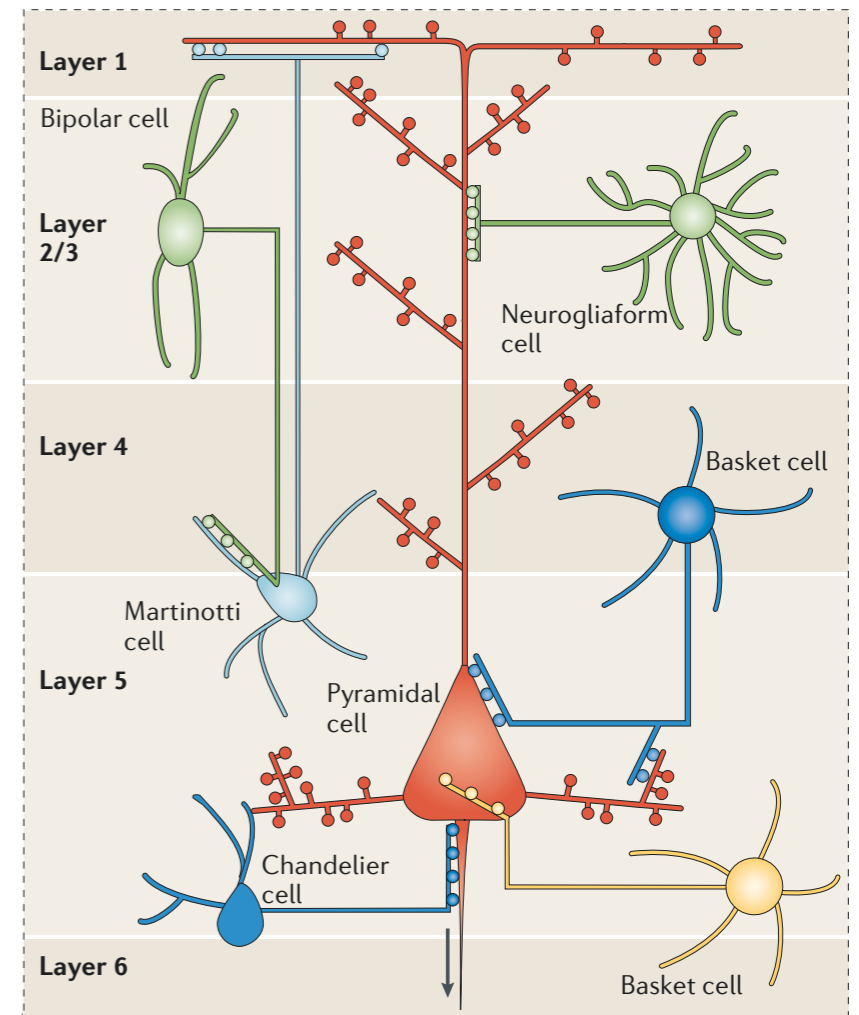
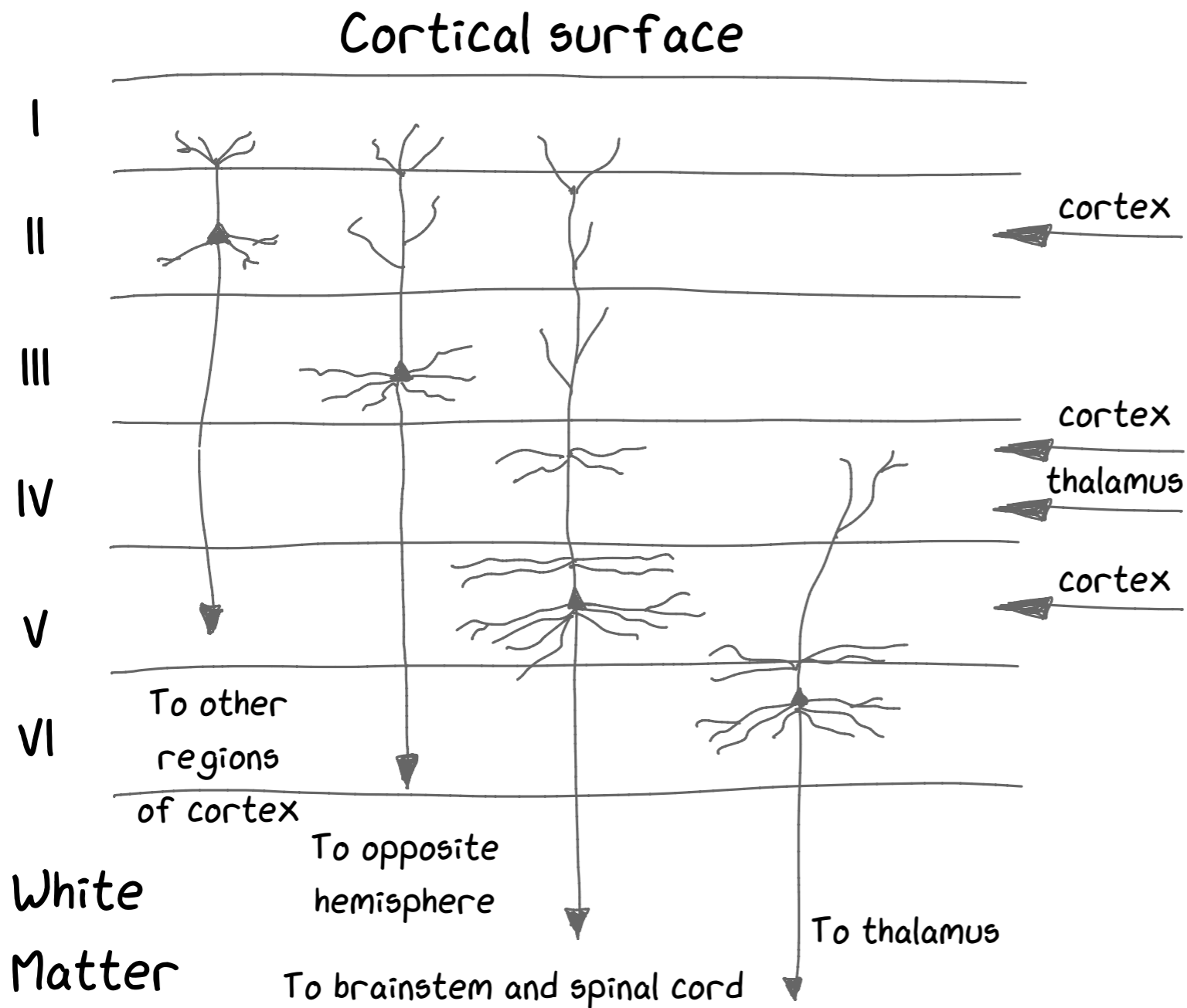
# Models of large scale brain dynamics



$$\dot{\chi} = F(\chi)$$

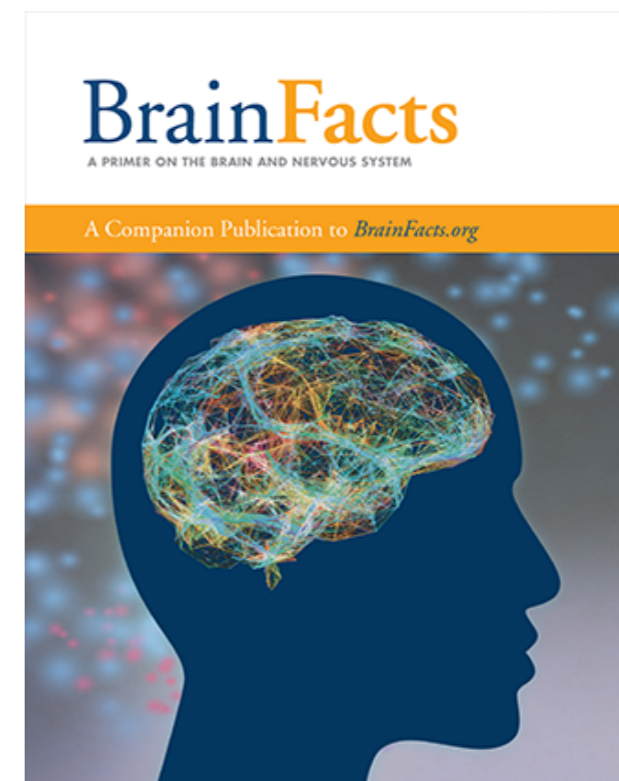
$$\chi \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

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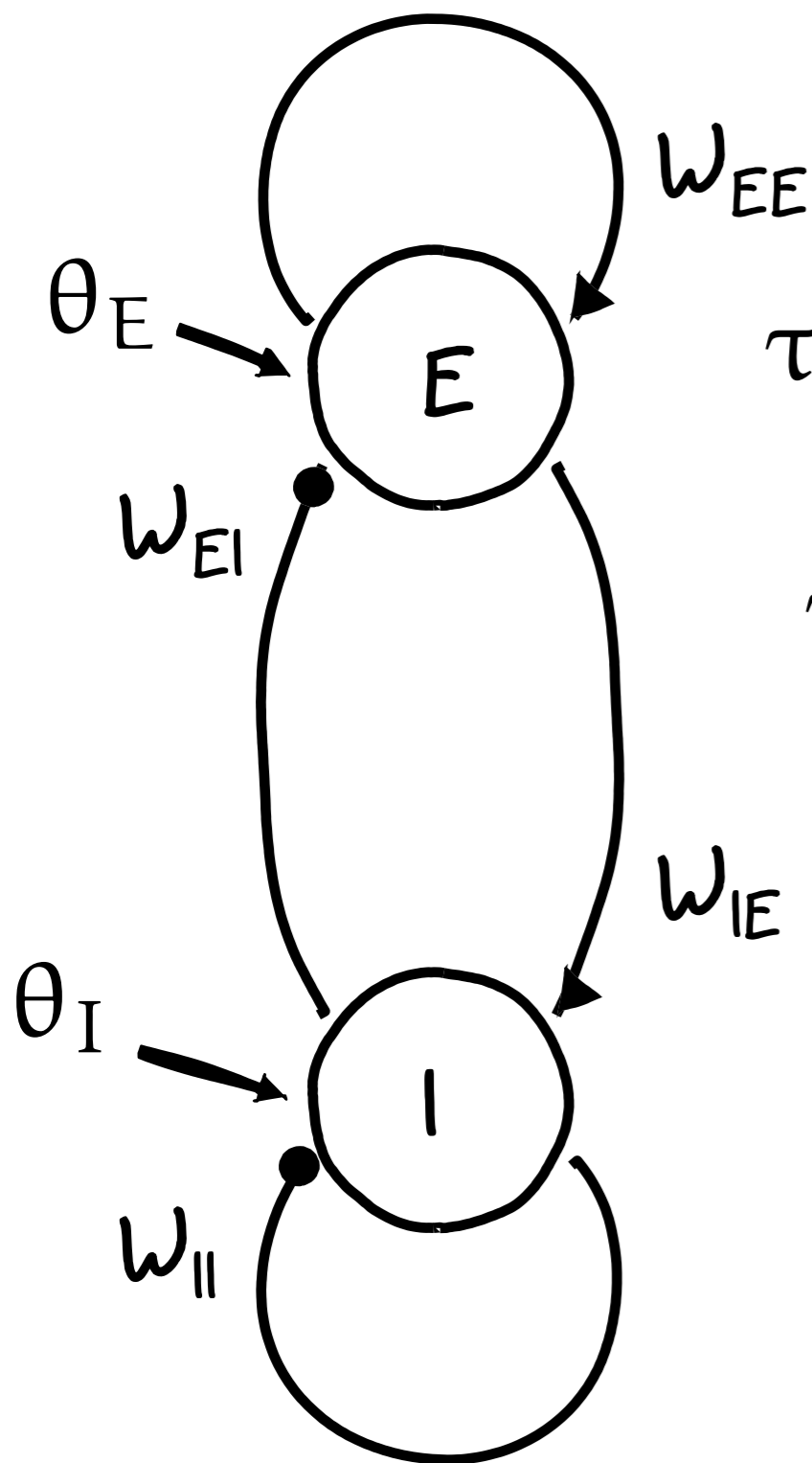


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# Wilson-Cowan model of cortical activity



*excitation-inhibition*

$$\tau_E \frac{d}{dt} E = -E + f(W_{EE}E - W_{EI}I + \theta_E)$$

$$\tau_I \frac{d}{dt} I = -I + f(W_{IE}E - W_{II}I + \theta_I)$$

$f(u)$

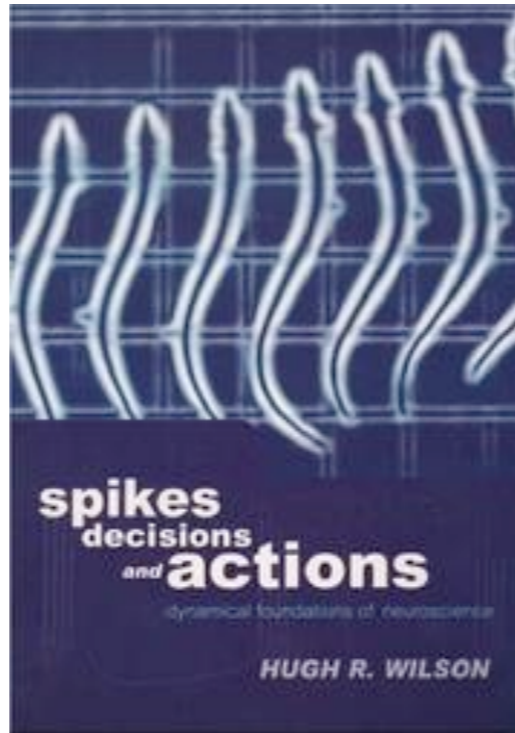
$$f(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta u}}$$

$u$

# The scientists and the science



Hugh R Wilson

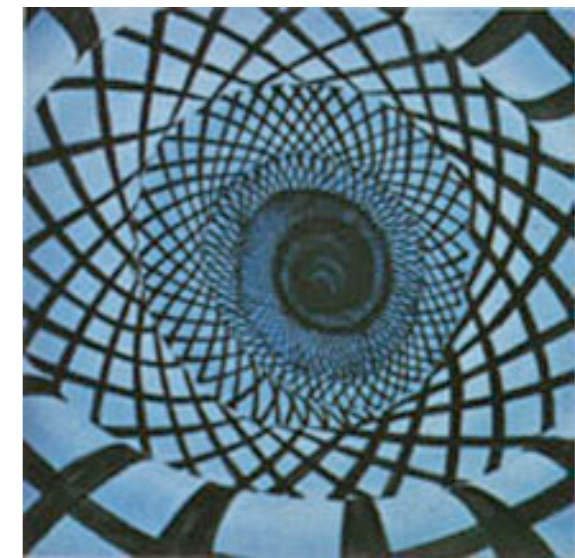


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# Applications (according to ChatGPT 3.5)

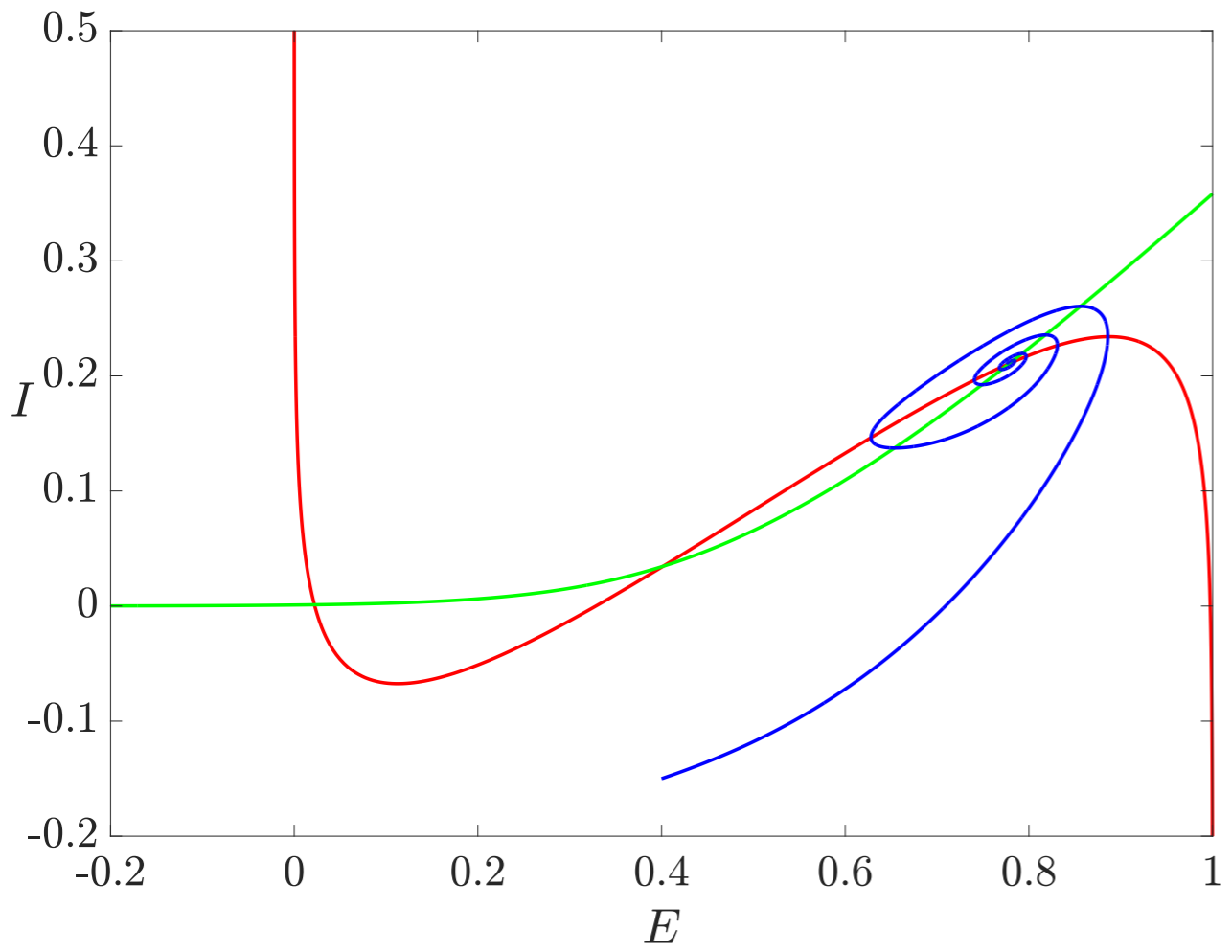
- **Neural Oscillations**
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- Cortical Maps
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- Attention Mechanisms
- **Epilepsy**
- Neurological Disorders
- Learning and Plasticity
- Brain Network Dynamics
- Computational Neuroscience



Drug induced visual hallucinations (missed by ChatGPT)

# Analysis of $Qg = f(Wg + \Theta)$ $g = \begin{bmatrix} E \\ I \end{bmatrix}$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_E \frac{d}{dt} + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_I \frac{d}{dt} + 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} W_{EE} & -W_{EI} \\ W_{IE} & -W_{II} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_E \\ \theta_I \end{bmatrix}$$



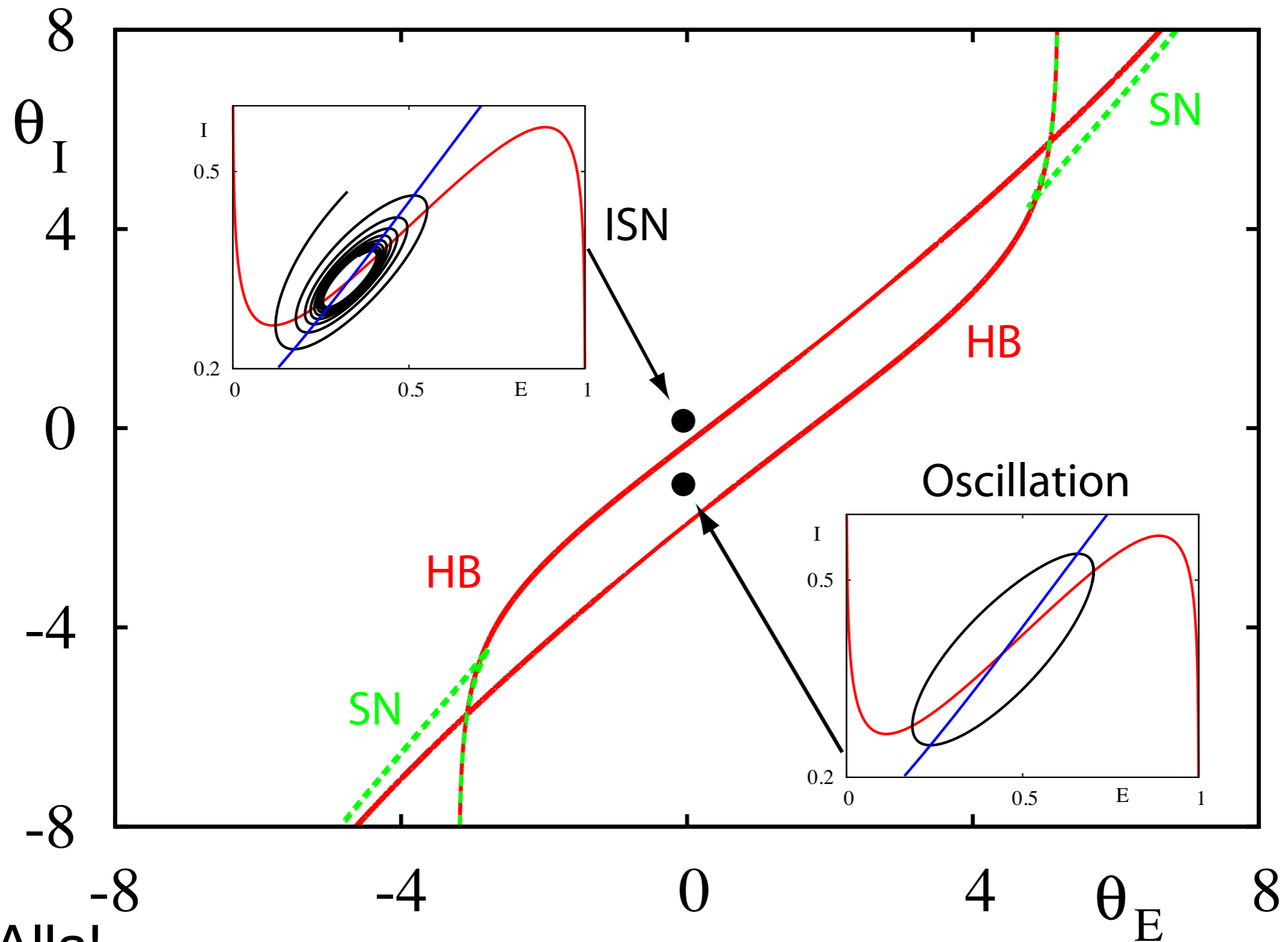
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%draw the nullclines
[E,I]=meshgrid(linspace(-1,1,500),linspace(-1,1,500));
contour(E,I,F(E,I,P),[0 0], 'r-', 'LineWidth',2)
hold on
contour(E,I,G(E,I,P),[0 0], 'g-', 'LineWidth',2)

%evolve the model in time
X0 = [0.4; -0.15];
tstart = 0;
dt = 0.01;
tend = 100;
[t, X] = ode45(@RHS, [tstart : dt : tend], X0, [], P);
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Phase-plane, linear stability, numerical bifurcation analysis, direct simulation, ...

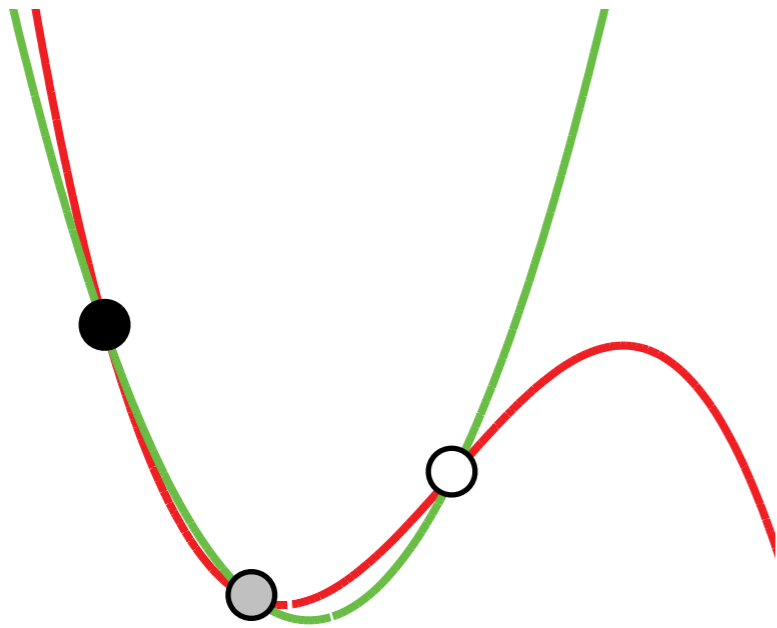


# Two parameter bifurcation diagram



Ask Alla!

# Pen & Paper calculations

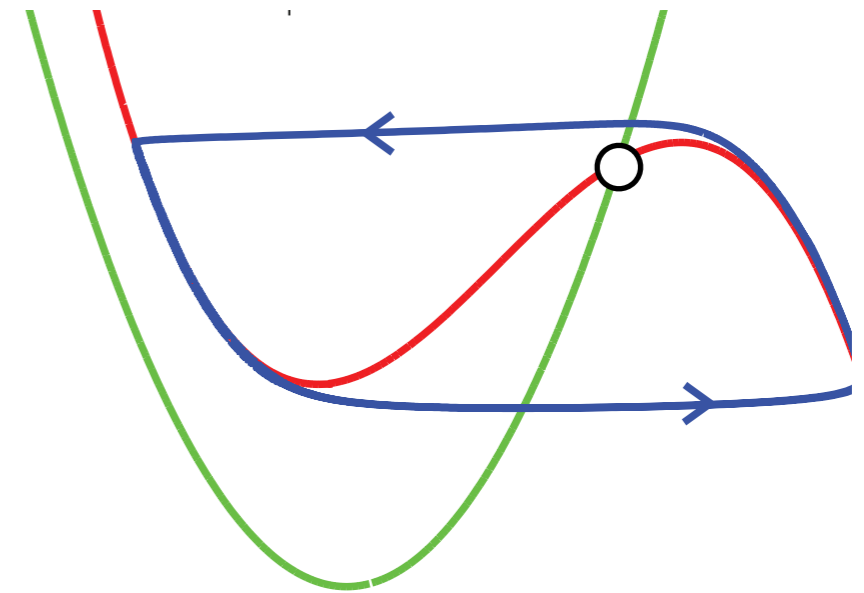


Steady state

$$0 = F(\bar{x})$$

Saddle-node bifurcation

$$\det DF(\bar{x}) = 0$$



Linear stability:  $x(t) = \bar{x} + u(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}u = DF(\bar{x})u$$

Hopf bifurcation

$$\det DF(\bar{x}) > 0$$

$$\text{Tr } DF(\bar{x}) = 0$$

**Ricatti equation:**  $f'(u) = \beta f(u)(1 - f(u))$

Steady state  $\theta_E = f^{-1}(\bar{E}) - W_{EE}\bar{E} + W_{EI}\bar{I}$

$$\theta_I = f^{-1}(\bar{I}) - W_{IE}\bar{E} + W_{II}\bar{I}$$

$DF(\bar{E}, \bar{I}) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-1 + \beta W_{EE}\bar{E}(1 - \bar{E}))/\tau_E & -\beta W_{EI}\bar{E}(1 - \bar{E})/\tau_E \\ \beta W_{IE}\bar{I}(1 - \bar{I})/\tau_I & (-1 - \beta W_{II}\bar{I}(1 - \bar{I}))/\tau_I \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g., for Hopf, setting  $\text{Tr}=0$  gives a quadratic in  $I$  that can be solved as

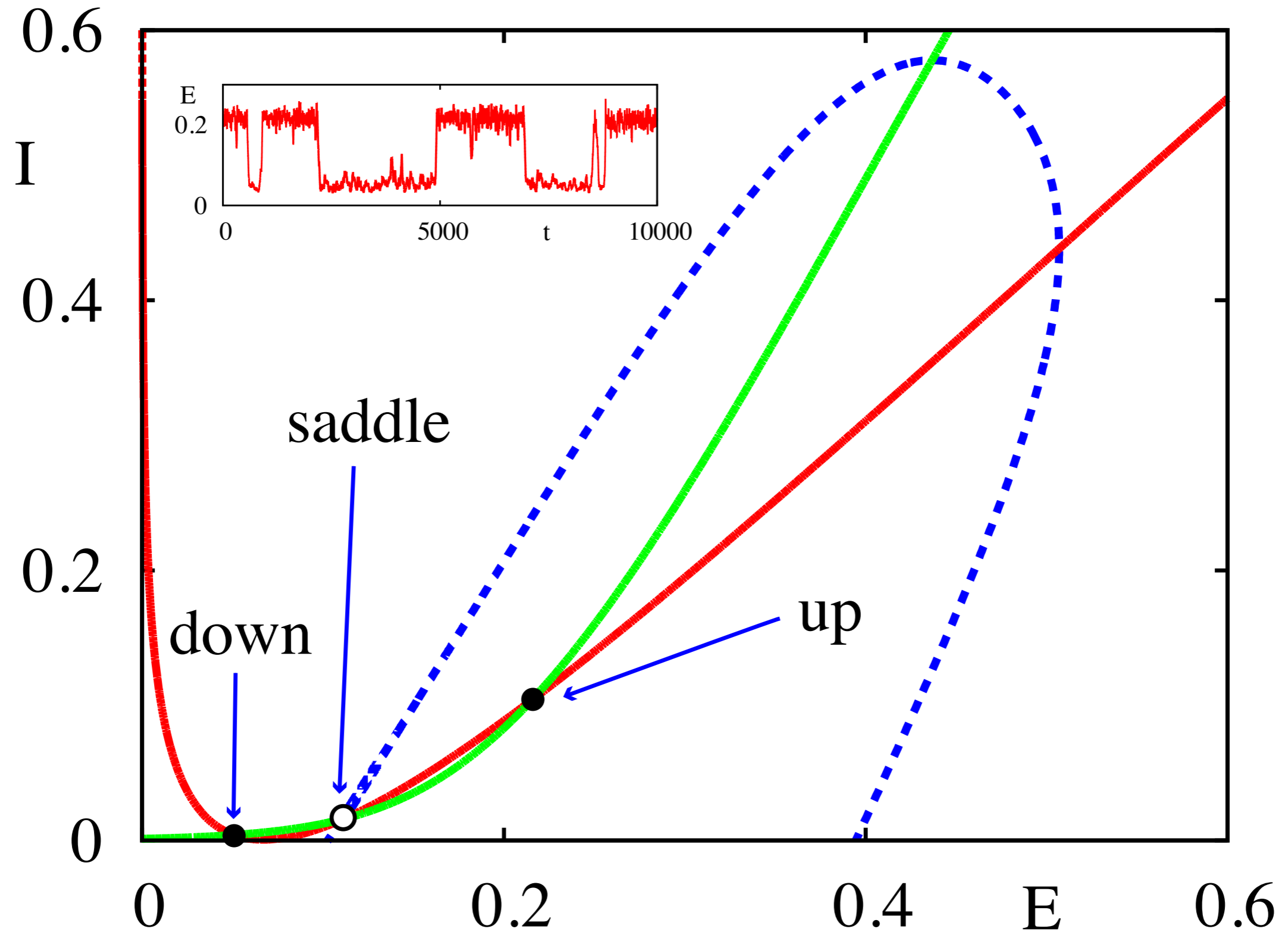
$$\bar{I} = \bar{I}(\bar{E})$$

Hence, a parametric eqn for the locus of Hopf bifurcations:

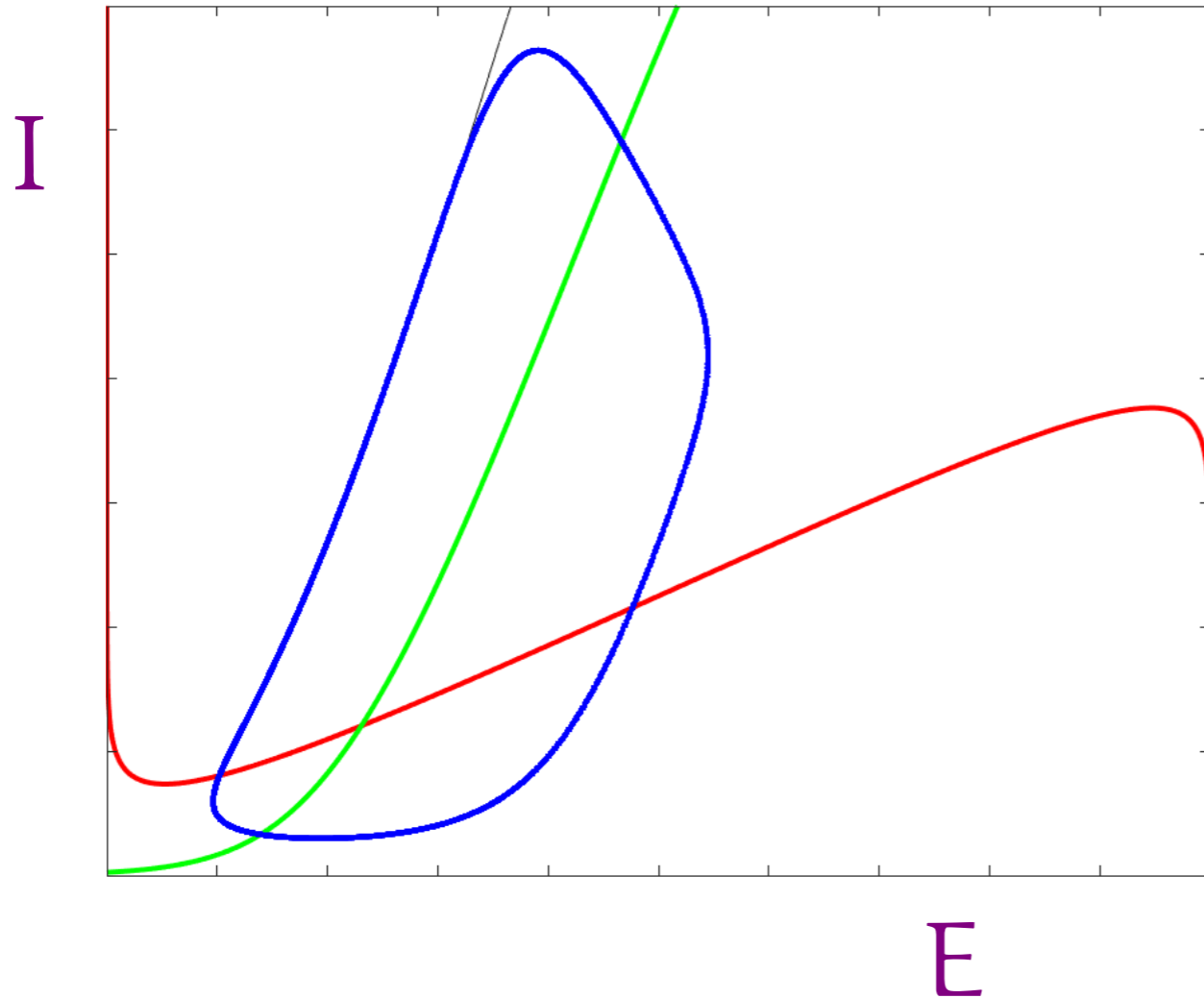
$$(\theta_E, \theta_I) = (\theta_E(\bar{I}), \theta_I(\bar{I}))$$

... and similarly for saddle-node.

# Noise? ... ask Benjamin!



# Delay induced oscillations



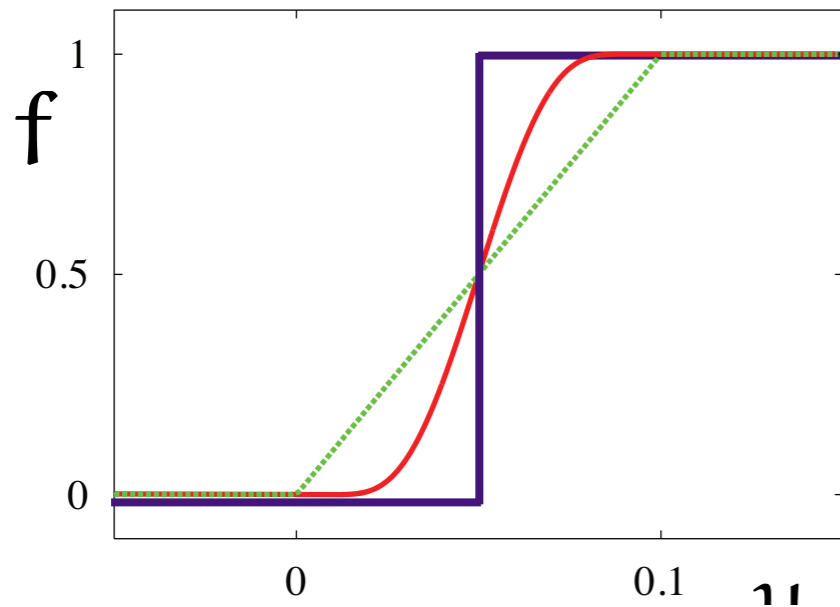
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$$\tau_E \frac{d}{dt} E(t) = -E(t) + f(W_{EE} E(t - \tau_{EE}) - W_{EI} I(t - \tau_{EI}) + \theta_E)$$

$$\tau_I \frac{d}{dt} I(t) = -I(t) + f(W_{IE} E(t - \tau_{IE}) - W_{II} I(t - \tau_{II}) + \theta_I)$$

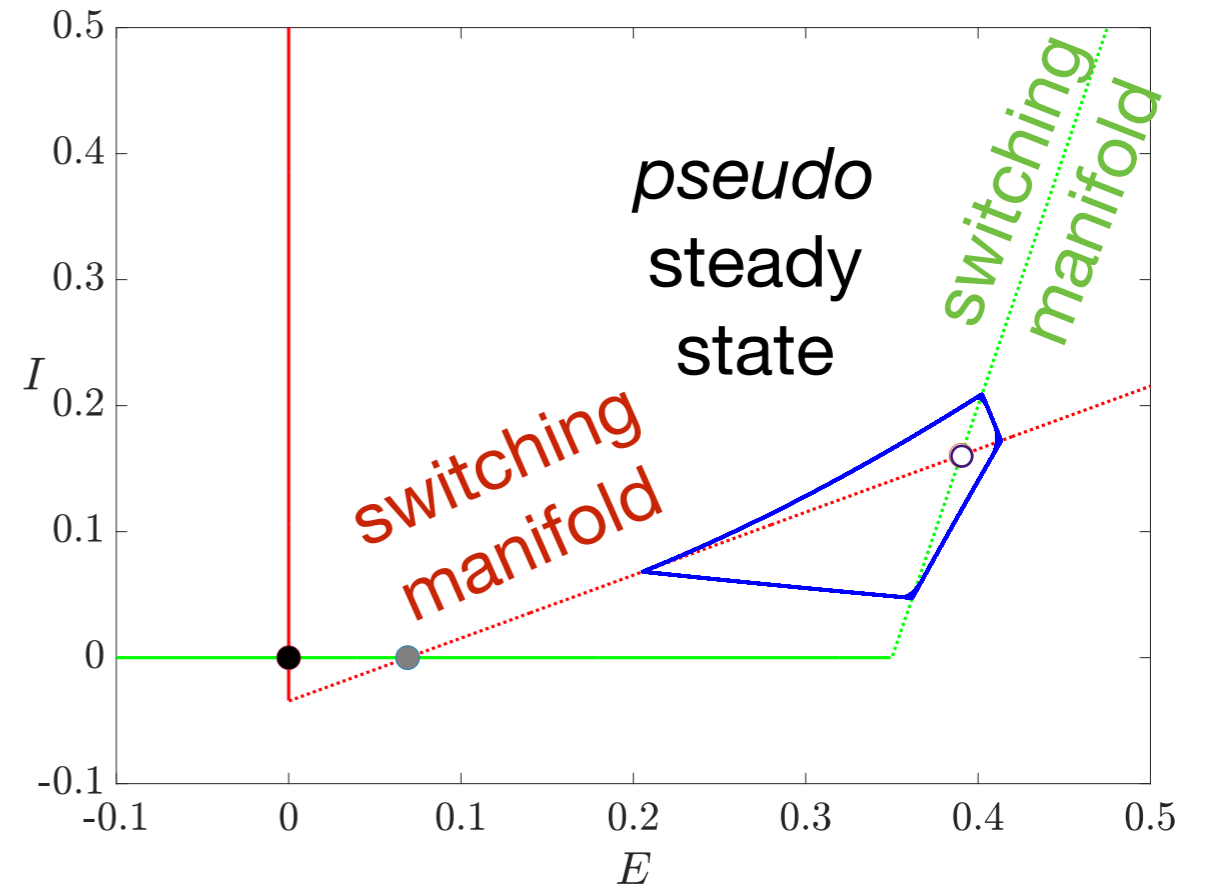
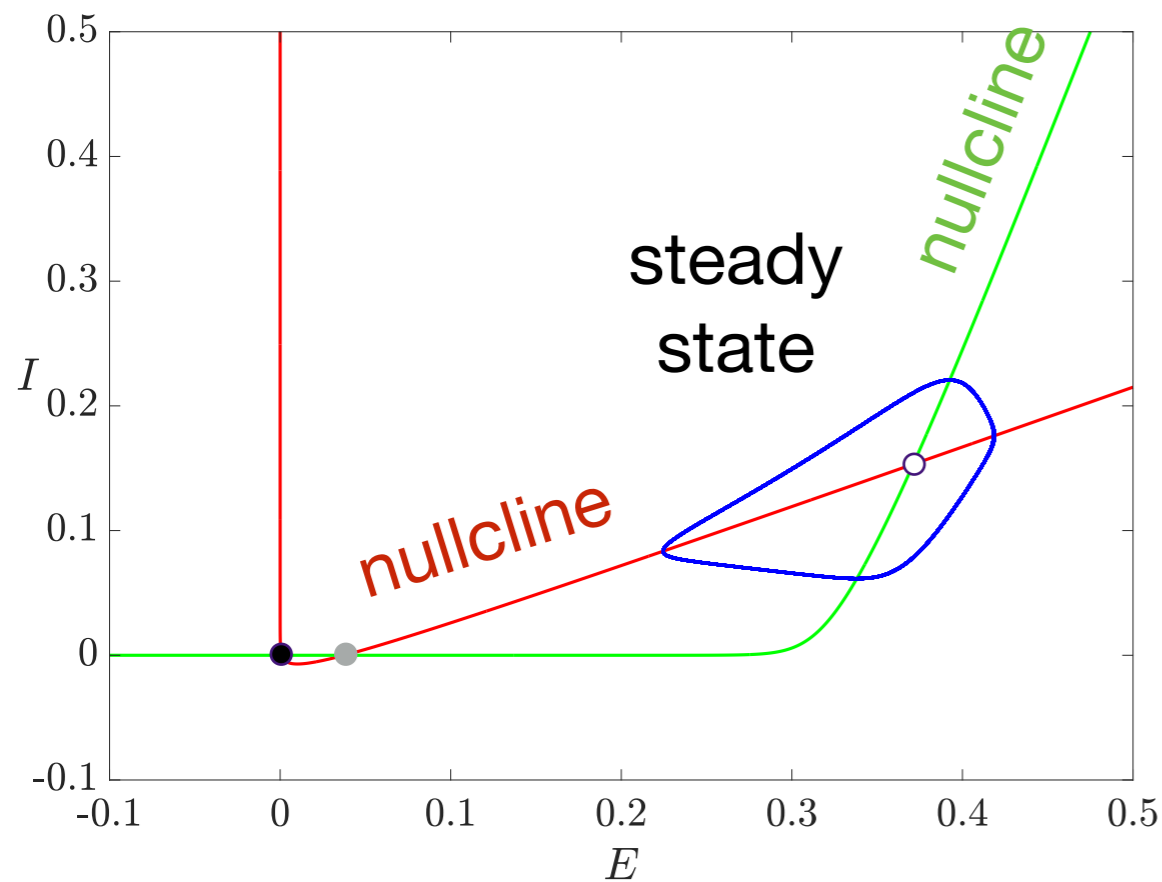
... can still do linear stability analysis of a steady state + numerical bifurcation ~ [DDE-BIFTOOL](#)

# Pen & Paper for periodic orbits?



Heaviside limit:

$$H(u) = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} f(u)$$



# Filippov convention

Switching manifolds described with an indicator function: e.g.,

$$h(E, I) = 0; \quad h(E, I) = W_{EE}E - W_{EI}I + \theta_E$$

Convex differential inclusion: e.g.,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ I \end{bmatrix} \in F(E, I) = \begin{cases} F_+(E, I) & \text{on one side} \\ \overline{\text{co}}(\{F_+, F_-\}, \kappa) & \text{on the switch} \\ F_-(E, I) & \text{on other side} \end{cases}$$

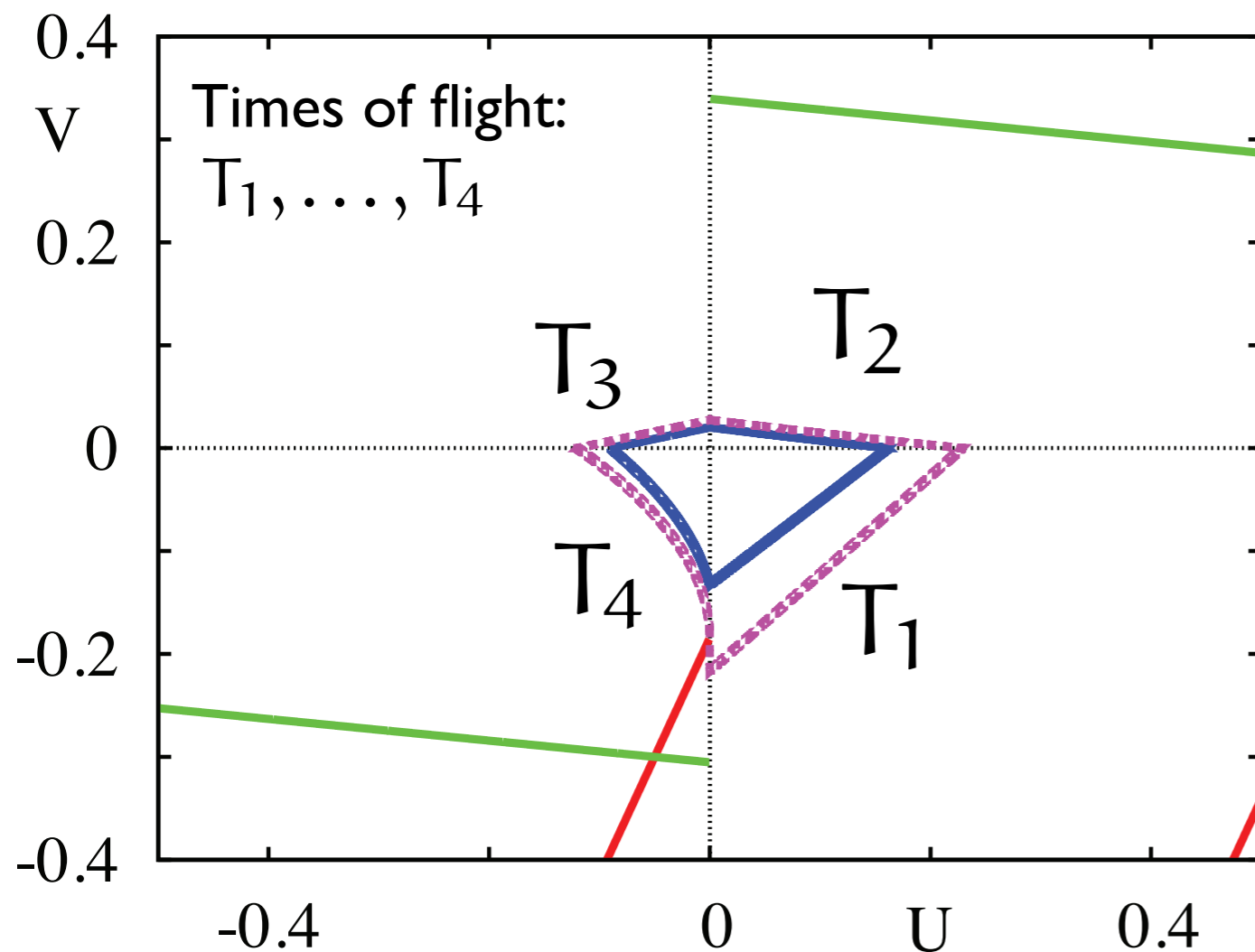
$$\overline{\text{co}}(\{f, g\}, \kappa) = \kappa f + (1 - \kappa)g, \quad \kappa \in [0, 1]$$

Choose  $\kappa$  so that

$$\dot{h} = \nabla h \cdot F|_{\text{on switch}} = 0$$

New variables (linear transformation)  $A = -WJW^{-1}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} U - \theta_E \\ V - \theta_I \end{bmatrix} + WJ \begin{bmatrix} H(U) \\ H(V) \end{bmatrix} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_E^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_I^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Switching manifolds

$$h_1(U, V) = U = 0$$

$$h_2(U, V) = V = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U(t) \\ V(t) \end{bmatrix} = e^{At} \begin{bmatrix} U(0) \\ V(0) \end{bmatrix} + (I_2 - e^{At}) \begin{bmatrix} \theta_E \\ \theta_I \end{bmatrix} - A^{-1}WJ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use matrix exponentials to patch a trajectory

$$\text{Period: } \Delta = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4$$



... or use Fourier series (if averse to expm)

$$\tau_E \frac{d}{dt} E = -E + H^E$$

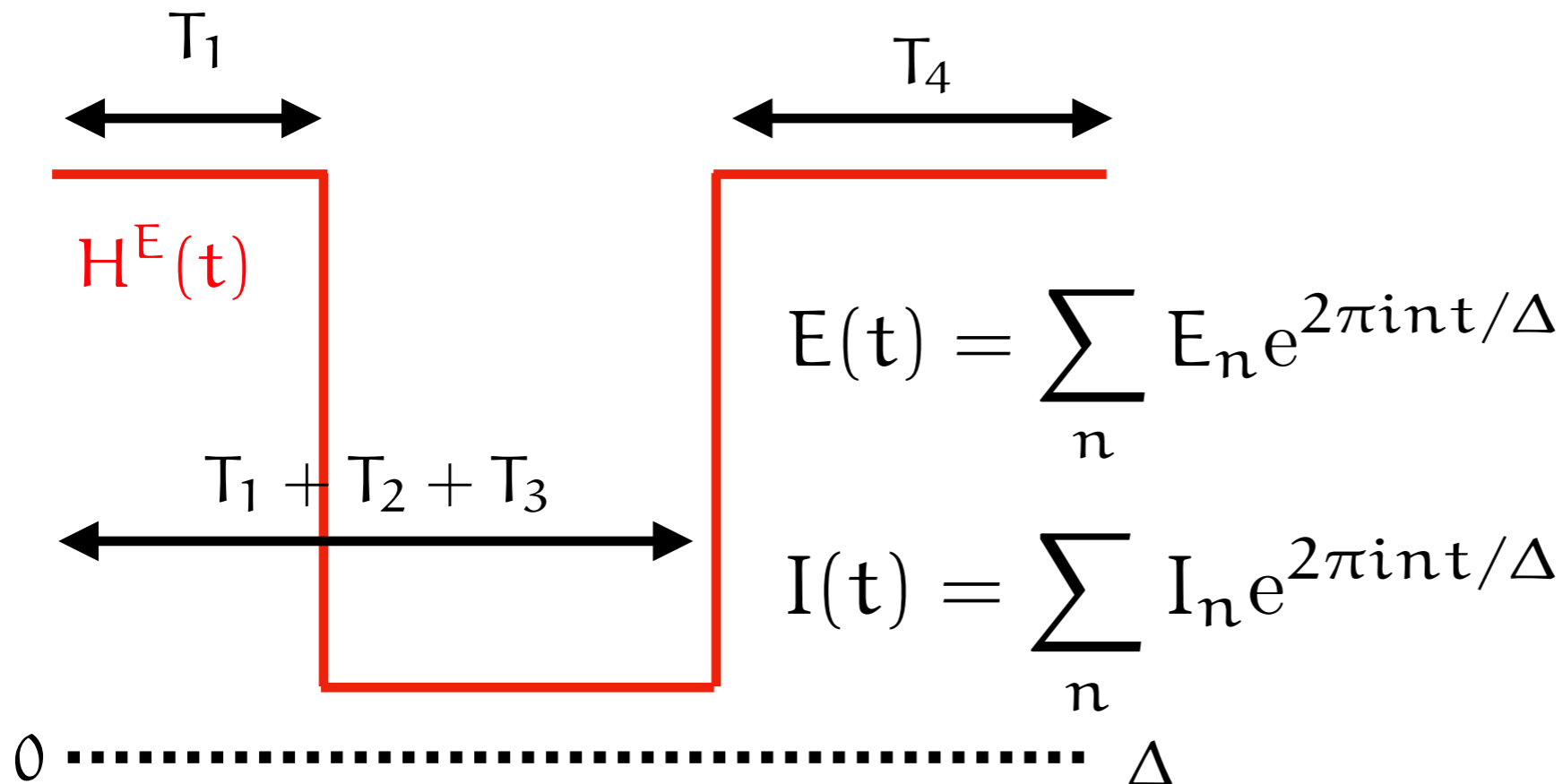
$$\tau_I \frac{d}{dt} I = -I + H^I$$

$$H^E(t) = H(W_{EE}E(t) - W_{EI}I(t) + \theta_E) = \sum_n H_n^E e^{2\pi i n t / \Delta}$$

$$H^I(t) = H(W_{IE}E(t) - W_{II}I(t) + \theta_I) = \sum_n H_n^I e^{2\pi i n t / \Delta}$$

$$H_n^I = \frac{1}{2\pi i n} \left[ 1 - e^{-2\pi i n (T_1 + T_2) / \Delta} \right]$$

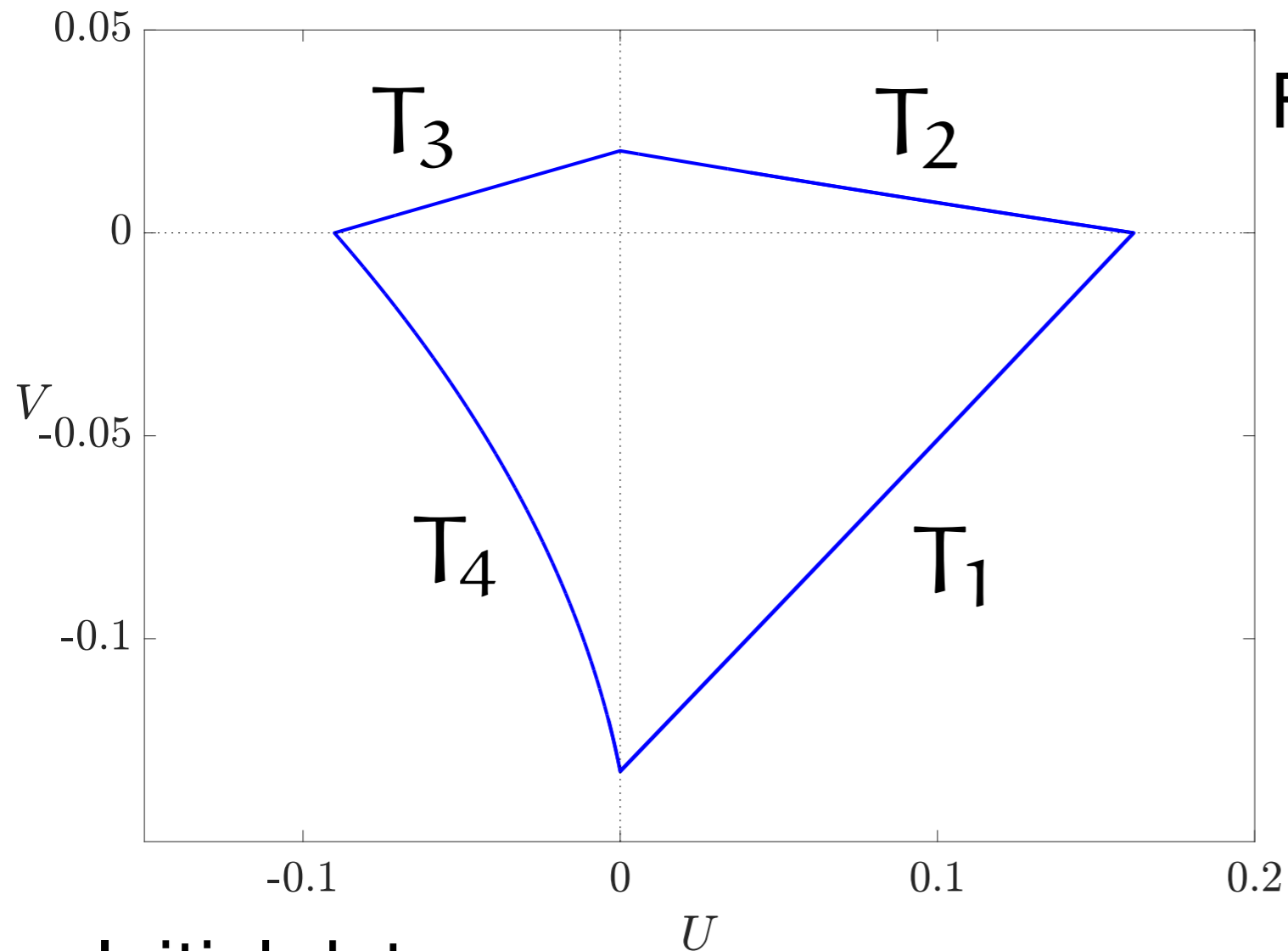
$$H_n^E = \frac{1}{2\pi i n} \left[ 1 - e^{-2\pi i n T_1 / \Delta} + e^{-2\pi i n (T_1 + T_2 + T_3) / \Delta} (1 - e^{-2\pi i n T_4 / \Delta}) \right]$$



$$E_n = \frac{H_n^E}{1 + \frac{2\pi i n}{\Delta} \tau_E}$$

$$I_n = \frac{H_n^I}{1 + \frac{2\pi i n}{\Delta} \tau_I}$$

# Self consistent periodic orbit



Four switching conditions:

$$V(T_1) = 0$$

$$U(T_2) = 0$$

$$V(T_3) = 0$$

$$U(T_4) = 0$$

Initial data:

$$(0, V_0)$$

Five unknowns:

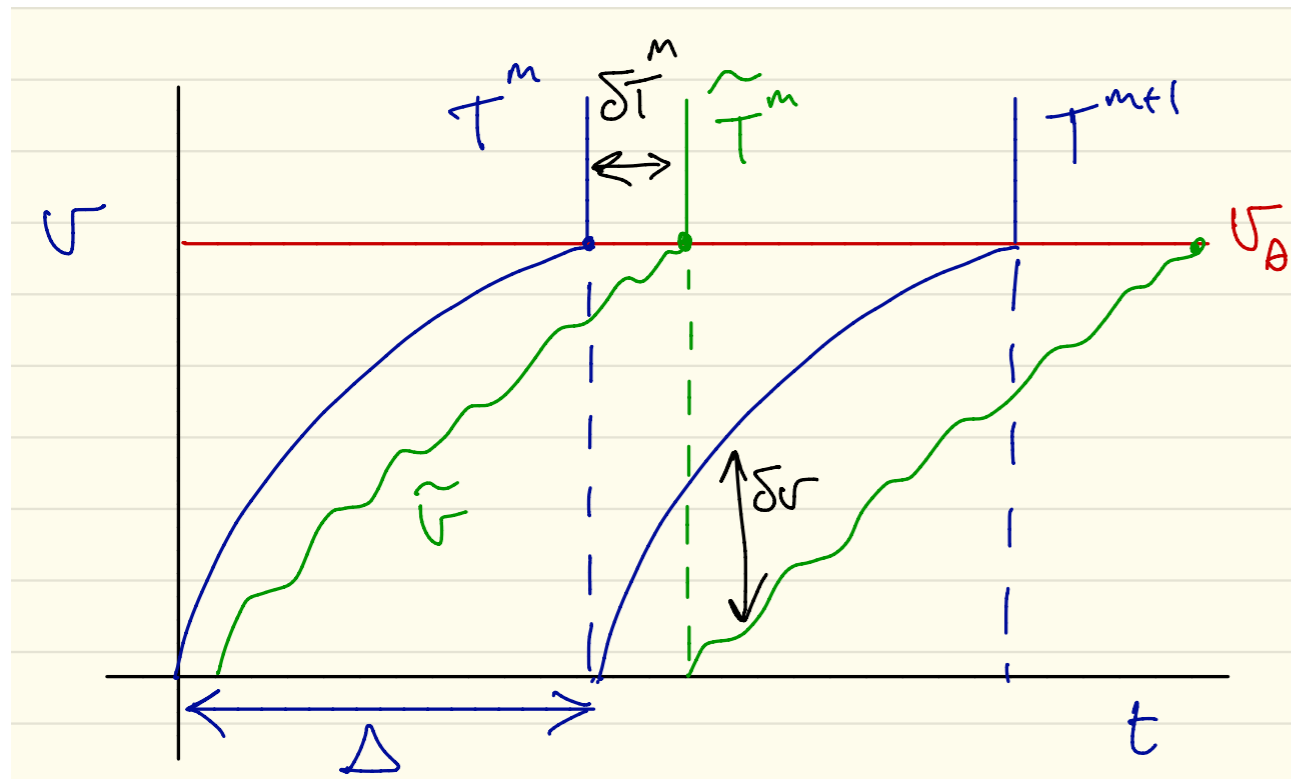
$$(V_0, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)$$

One periodicity condition:

$$V_0 = V(\Delta)$$

# Linear stability (non-smooth)

Propagation of perturbations through switching manifolds - periodic IF example



$$\dot{v} = -v + I$$

Indicator function :  $h(v) = v - v_\theta$

$$h(v(T^m)) = 0 = h(\tilde{v}(\tilde{T}^m))$$

Taylor expand :

$$\delta T^m = - \left. \frac{\delta v(t)}{\dot{v}(t)} \right|_{t=m\Delta^-}$$

$$\delta v(m\Delta + \delta T^m) \simeq \delta v(m\Delta) + [\dot{\tilde{v}}(m\Delta^+) - \dot{v}(m\Delta^+)] \delta T^m$$

$$\simeq \left( \frac{\dot{v}(m\Delta^+)}{\dot{v}(m\Delta^-)} \right) \delta v(m\Delta)$$

**Saltation**

# Makes sense ... and generalises

Floquet multiplier is unity :

$$\delta v(\Delta) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{v}(m\Delta^+) \\ \dot{v}(m\Delta^-) \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Saltation}} e^{-\Delta} \delta v(0) = \frac{\text{Linearised flow}}{-v_\theta + \text{I}} e^{-\Delta} = 1 \cdot \delta v(0)$$

In general

$$\delta z^+ = K(T) \delta z^- \quad \text{Reset: } z \rightarrow g(z)$$

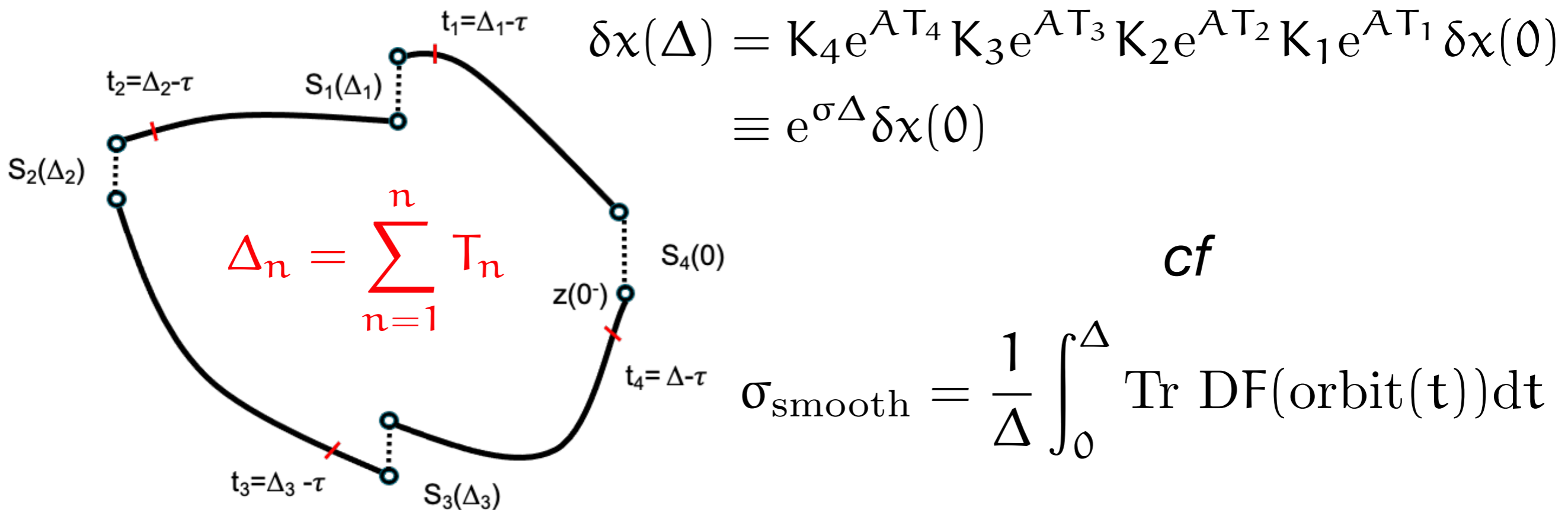
$$K(T) = Dg(z(T^-)) + \frac{[\dot{z}(T^+) - Dg(z(T^-))\dot{z}(T^-)][\nabla_z h(z(T^-))]^\top}{\nabla_z h(z(T^-)) \cdot \dot{z}(T^-)}$$

**Saltation matrix**

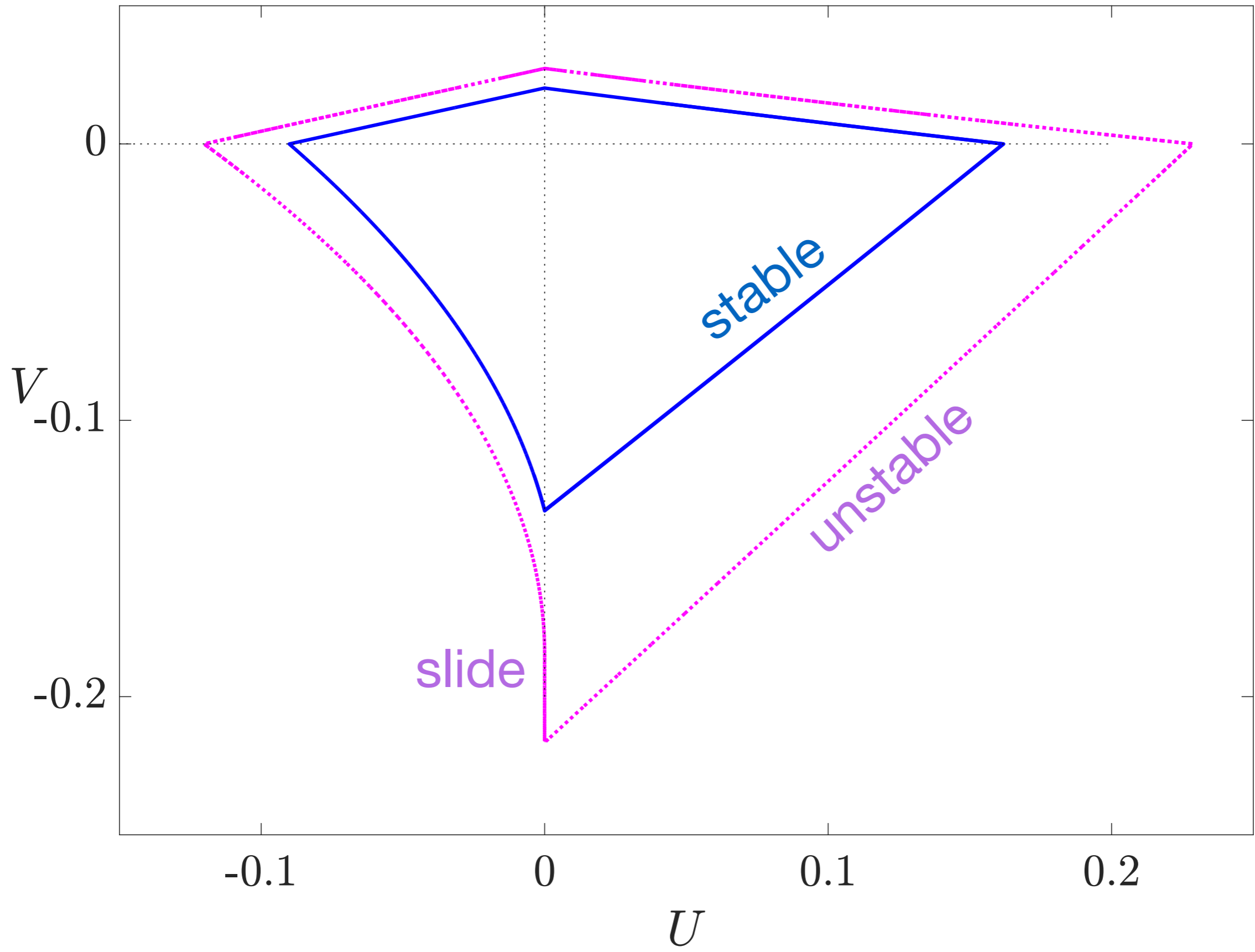
# Nonsmooth Floquet theory

Away from switching  $\dot{\delta x} = A\delta x$  (matrix exp solu)

Saltation (jumps) at switching  $\delta x^+ = K(T)\delta x^-$

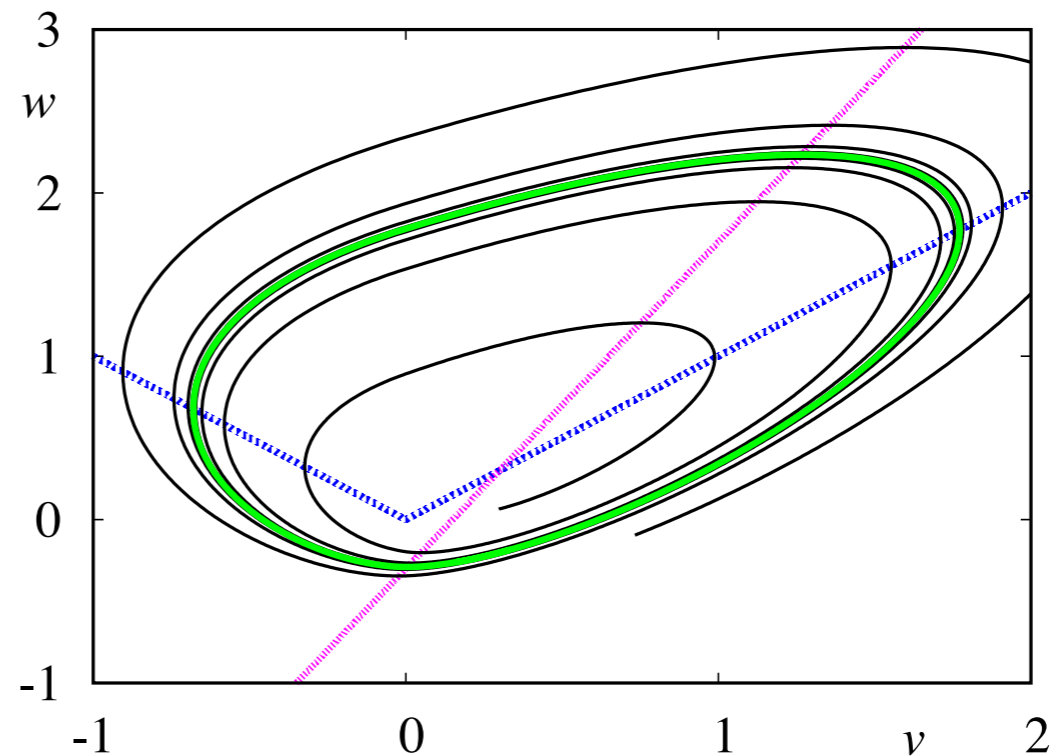
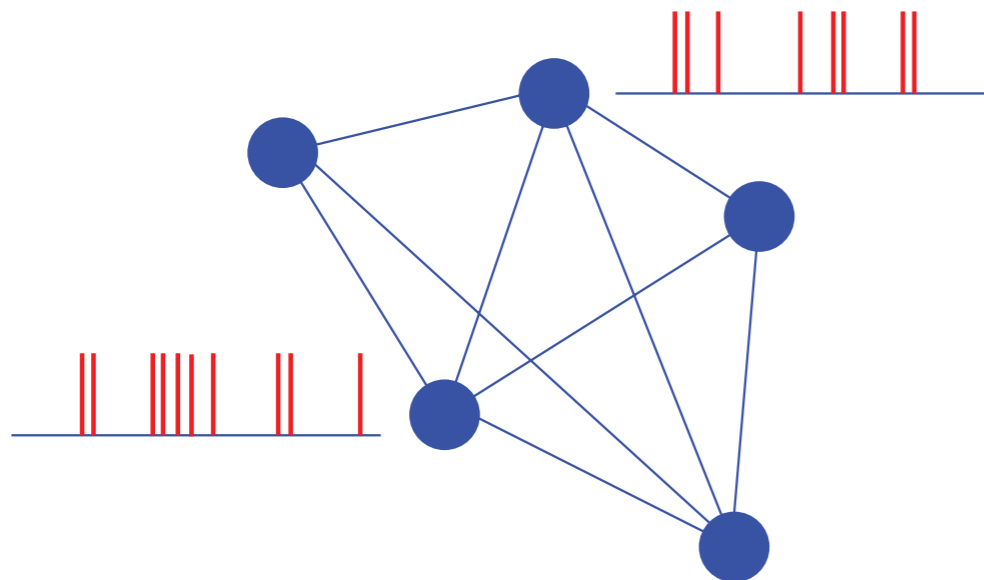


$$\sigma = - \left( \frac{1}{\tau_E} + \frac{1}{\tau_I} \right) + \frac{1}{\Delta} \log \frac{\dot{V}(\Delta_1^+) \dot{U}(\Delta_2^+) \dot{V}(\Delta_3^+) \dot{U}(\Delta_4^+)}{\dot{V}(\Delta_1^-) \dot{U}(\Delta_2^-) \dot{V}(\Delta_3^-) \dot{U}(\Delta_4^-)}$$

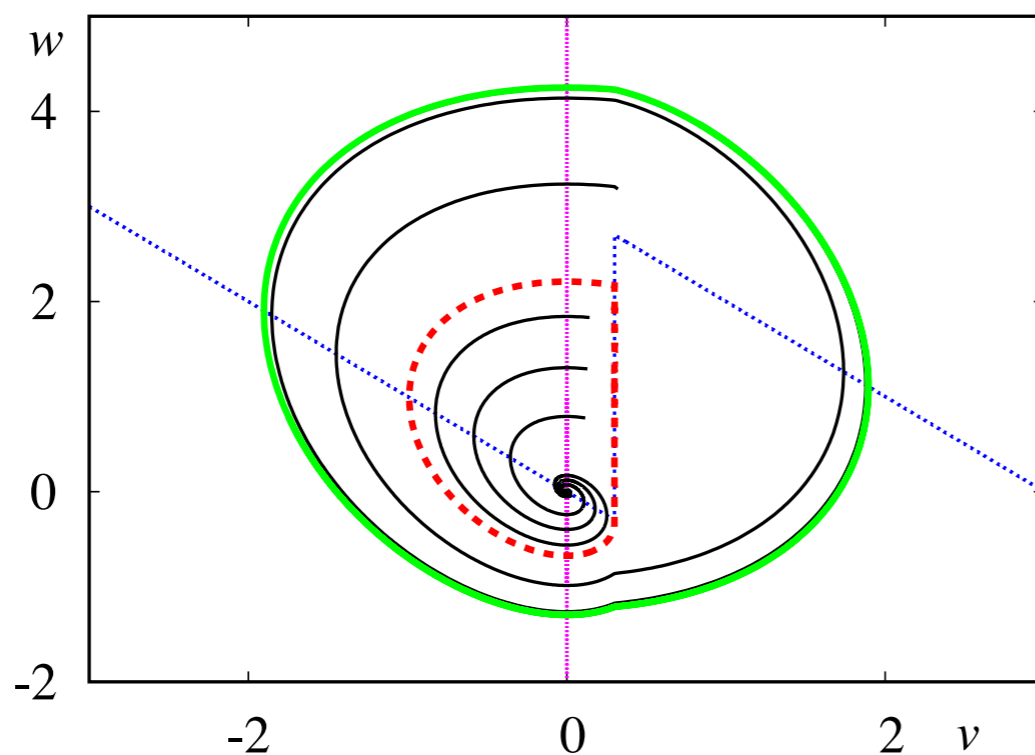


# Piece-wise linear systems

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# Next: networks

