

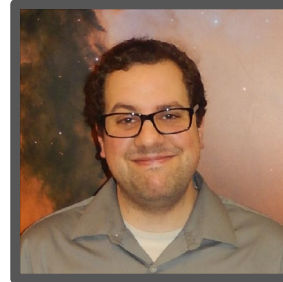
The Interplay of Rate and Noise

Tipping and Applications

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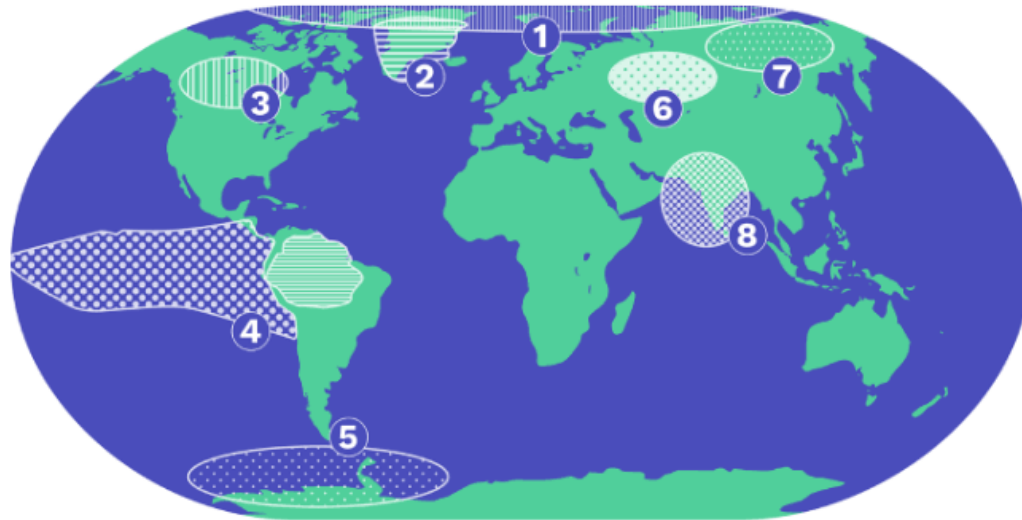


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Wake Forest



Motivation

Map of some Tipping Points



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| 1 Arctic Sea-Ice Loss | 4 Change in ENSO Amplitude or Frequency | 7 Permafrost and Tundra Loss? |
| 2 Atlantic Deep Water Formation | 5 Instability of West Antarctic Ice Sheet | 8 Indian Monsoon Chaotic Multistability |
| 3 Boreal Forest Dieback | 6 Boreal Forest Dieback | |

Source: Lenton, T. et al., "Tipping Elements in the Earth's climate system" PNAS, February 12th 2008

Rate-Induced Tipping



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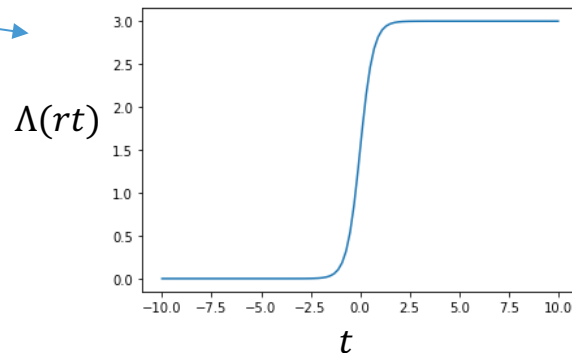
Start with the autonomous differential equation: $\dot{x} = f(x, \lambda)$

Ashwin, P., Wieczorek, S., Vitolo, R., & Cox, P. (2012).

Replace λ with $\Lambda(rt)$ and fixed $r > 0$.

Specifically assume:

1. $\lambda_- < \Lambda(rt) < \lambda_+ \forall t$.
2. $\Lambda(rt) \rightarrow \lambda_-$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ and $\Lambda(rt) \rightarrow \lambda_+$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$



This leads us to a nonautonomous system: $\dot{x} = f(x, \Lambda(rt))$

Rate-Induced Tipping

We convert back into an autonomous system.

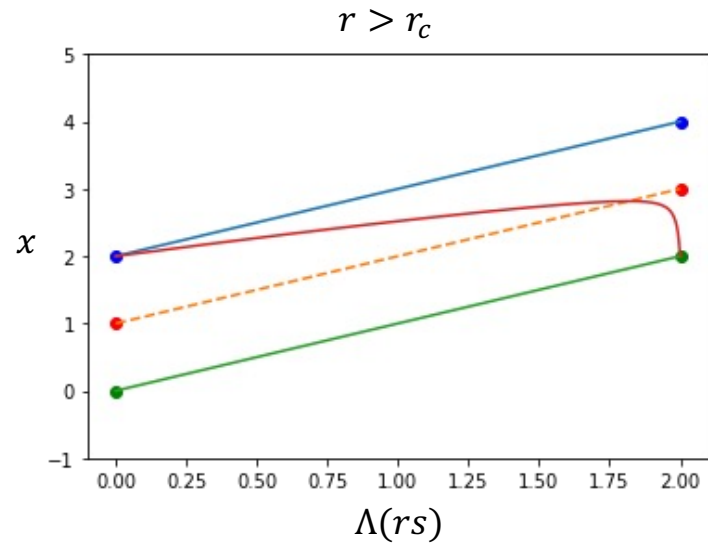
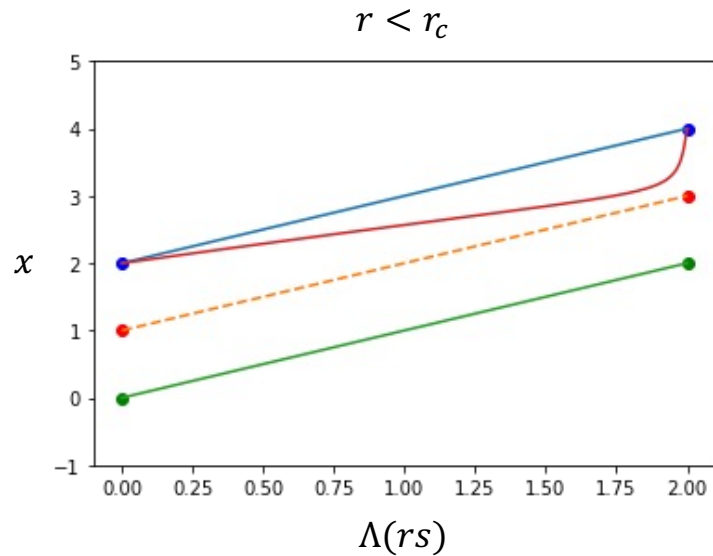
Approach:

If Λ is invertible, you can find an explicit expression for $\dot{\Lambda}$, in terms of Λ .

***Compactification**

Wieczorek, S., Xie, C., & Jones, C. K. (2021)

Rate-Induced Tipping Example 1



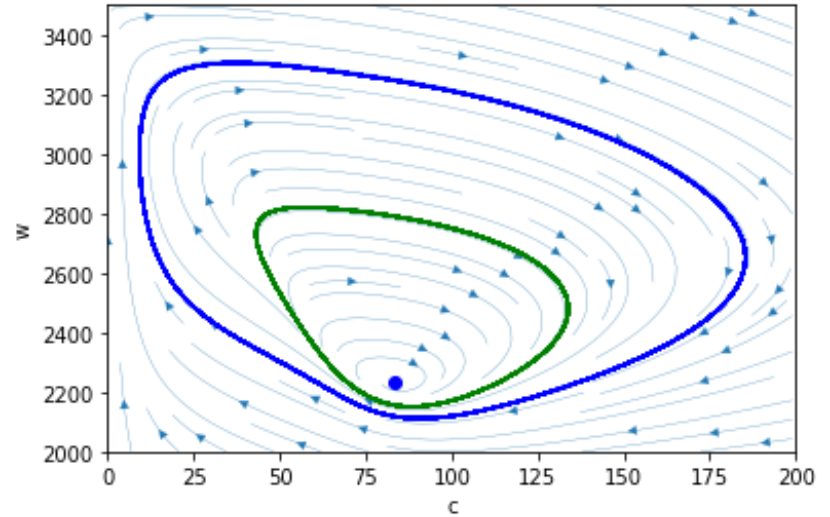
$$\dot{x} = -1(x - \Lambda(rs))(x - \Lambda(rs) - 1)(x - \Lambda(rs) - 2)$$

$$\lambda_- = 0, \lambda_+ = 2$$

Rate-Induced Tipping Example 2

$$\dot{w} = \mu [1 - bs(c, c_p) + \theta \bar{s}(c, c_x) + v] - w + w_0,$$

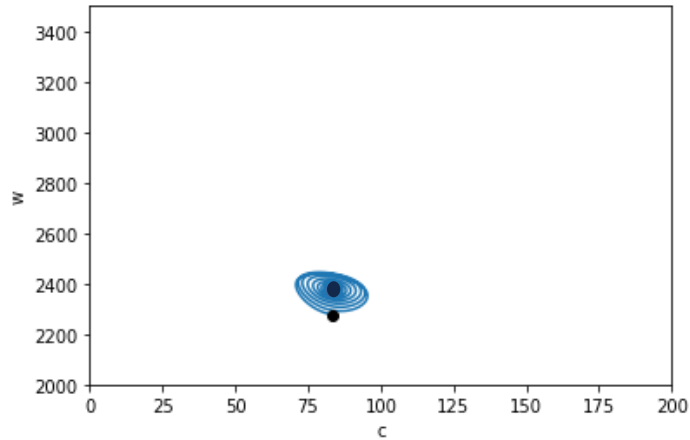
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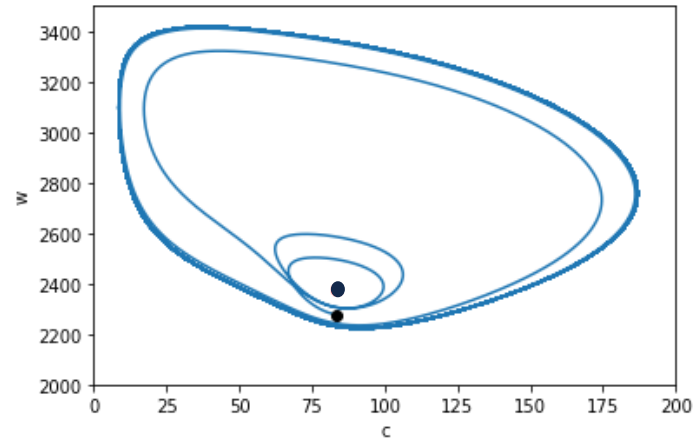
Rothman
*Characteristic disruptions of an excitable
carbon cycle (2019)*

Rate-Induced Tipping Example 2

$r < r_c$



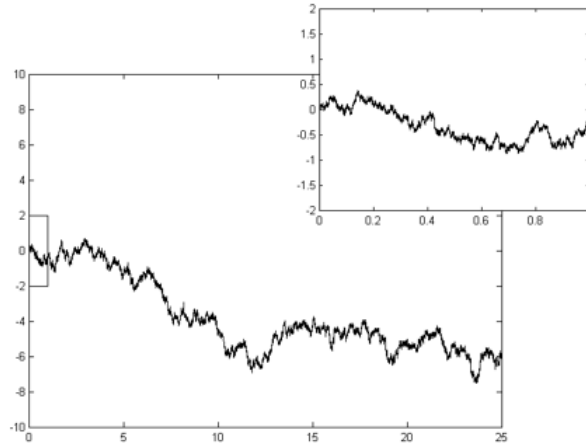
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Noise-Induced Tipping

Modifying $\dot{x} = f(x, \lambda)$ to include the possibility of random effects, consider:

$$dx = f(x, \lambda) dt + g(x, t)dW$$



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiener_process#/media/

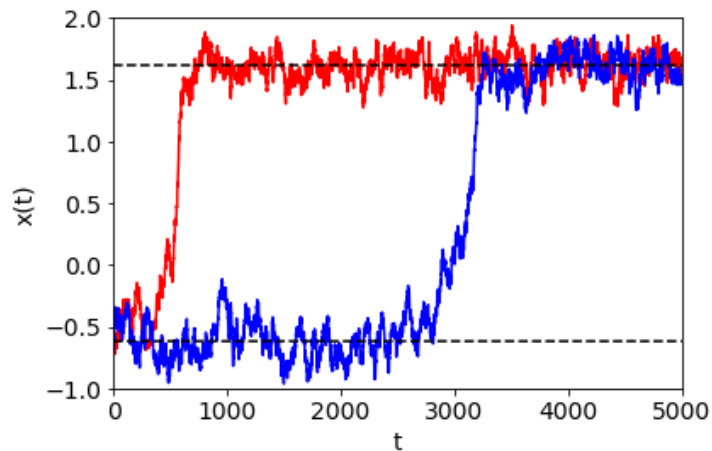
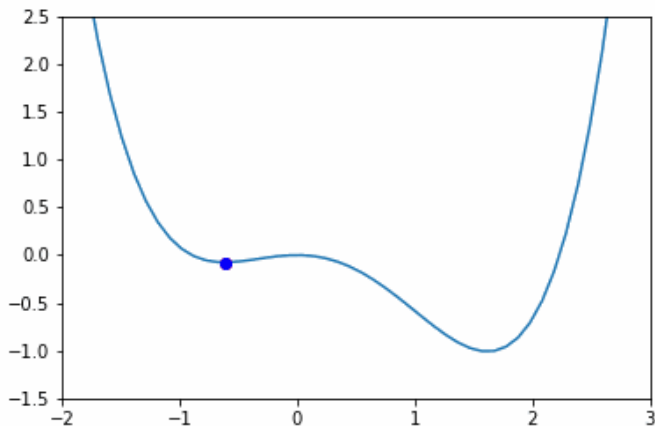
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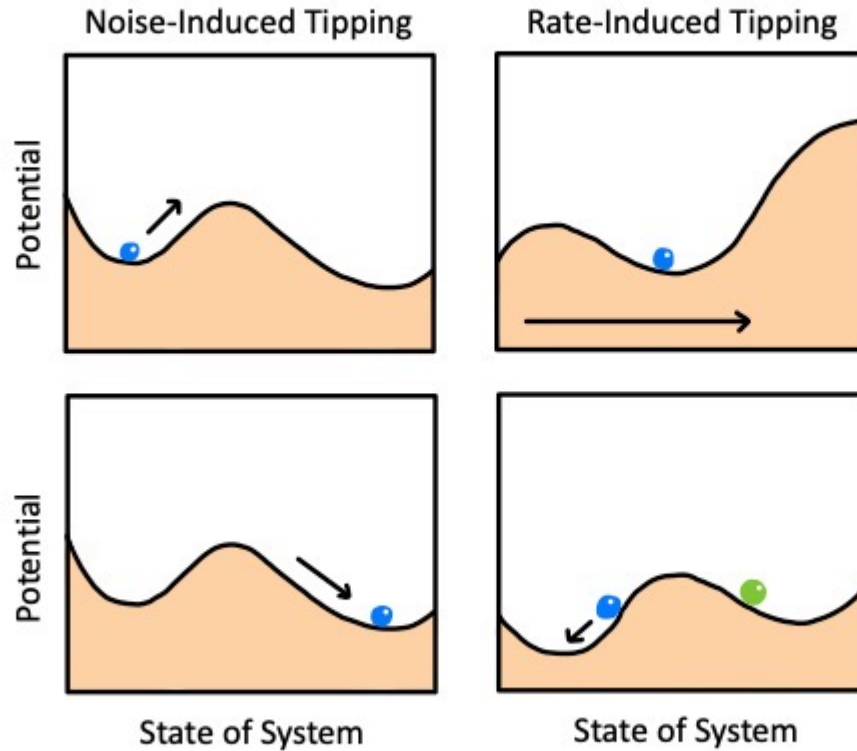
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Gradient system: $dx = -\nabla V(x(t)) = (x - x^3 + x^2)dt + \sigma dW$



Noise vs. Rate Tipping



The Interplay

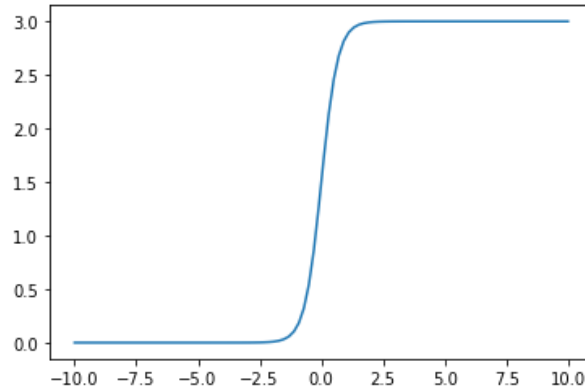
The interplay between noise and a ramp parameter results in tipping of the system before the critical rate is reached.

How does the noise strength affect the most probable path?

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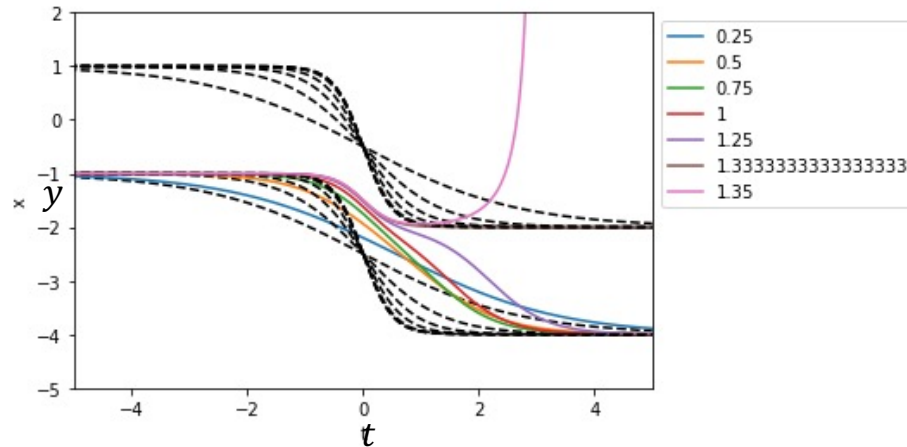
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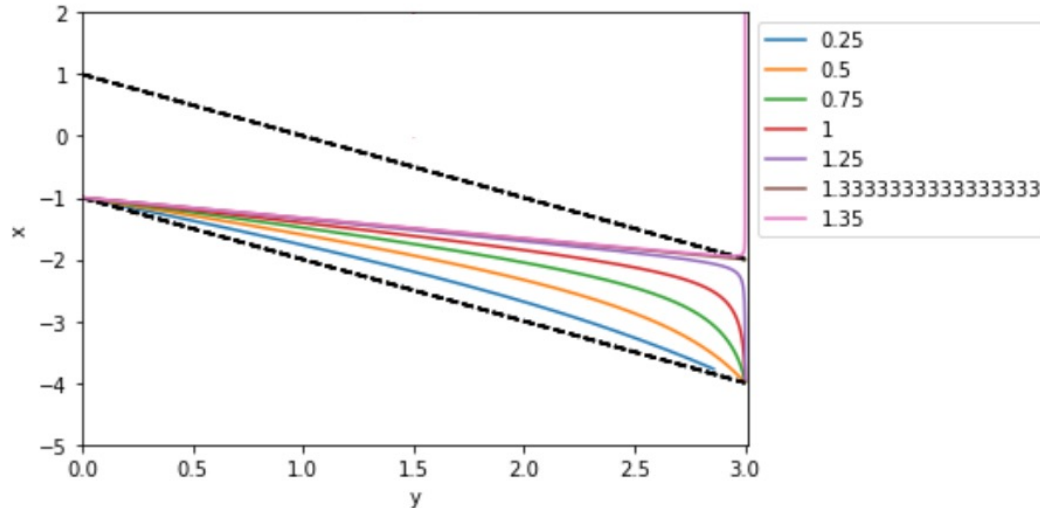
Now we are studying:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (x + y)^2 - 1$$

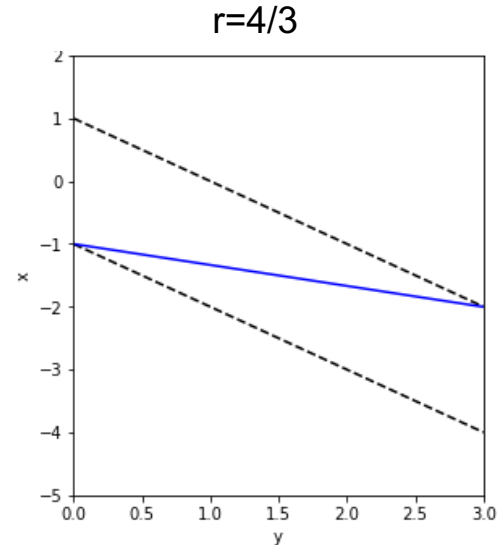
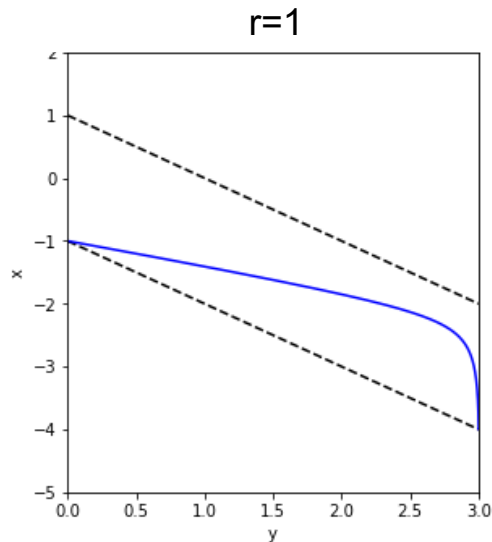
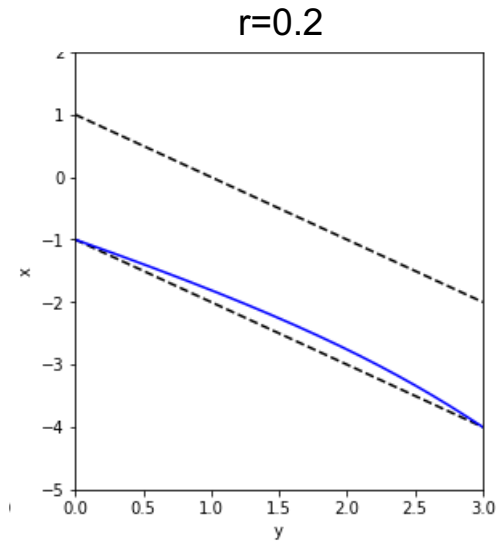
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry(3 - y)$$



$(-1,0)$, $(-2,3)$ are saddle points.
 $(1,0)$ is a repeller.
 $(-4,3)$ is an attractor.



Sample Trajectories



At r_c , there is a heteroclinic connection between $(-1, 0)$ and $(-2, 3)$.

[Perryman and Wiczorek \(2015\)](#) found that $r_c = 4/3$ and that the connecting orbit is

$$x = -\frac{y}{3} - 1.$$

Freidlin-Wentzell Theory

Rewrite as stochastic: $dx = ((x + y)^2 - 1)dt + \sigma_1 dW_1 = f(x, y)dt + \sigma_1 dW_1$
 $dy = (ry(3 - y))dt + \sigma_2 dW_2 = g(y)dt + \sigma_2 dW_2$

The most probable path is a curve $\vec{r}(t)$ that minimizes the Freidlin-Wentzell functional:

$$I[r_1, r_2] = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{(\dot{r}_1 - f)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(\dot{r}_2 - g)^2}{\sigma_2^2} dt$$

Most Probable Path Equations

Using calculus of variations results in the following Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{r}_1 &= f_y \dot{r}_2 + f f_x \\ \ddot{r}_2 &= \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} (-\dot{r}_1 f_y + f f_y) + g g_y\end{aligned}$$

We create a Hamiltonian system: $\dot{x} = f + \sigma_1^2 p$

$$\dot{p} = -f_x p$$

$$\dot{y} = g$$

$$\dot{q} = -g_y q$$

$$H(x, p, y, q) = f p + g q + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2} p^2$$

Most Probable Path Equations

$$\dot{x} = (x + y)^2 - 1 + p$$

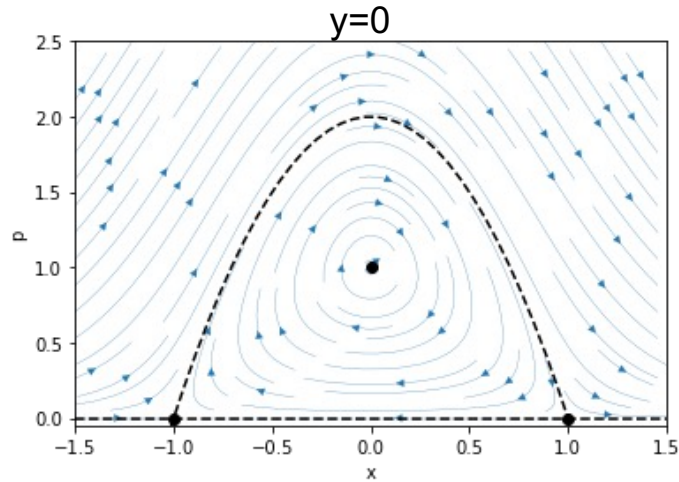
$$\dot{p} = -2(x + y)p$$

$$\dot{y} = ry(3 - y)$$

$$H(x, p, y) = ((x + y)^2 - 1)p + \frac{1}{2}p^2$$

New Phase Space

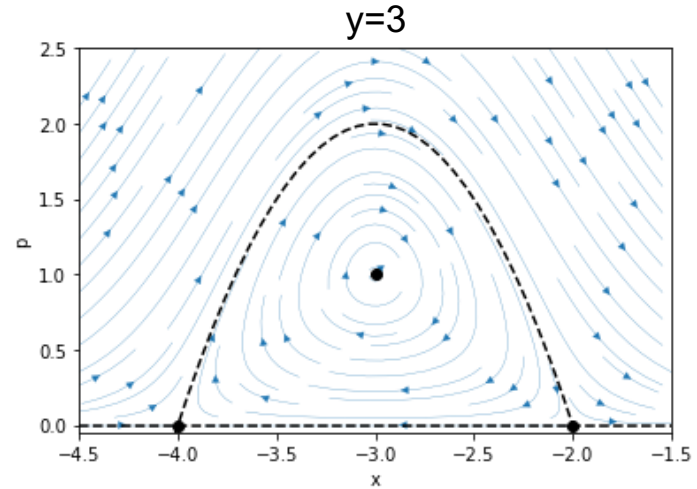
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 2(x+y) & 1 & 2(x+y) \\ -2p & -2(x+y) & -2p \\ 0 & 0 & 3r - 2ry \end{pmatrix}$$



$(-1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0)$ -- saddles, $(0, 1, 0)$ -- center



Eigenvalues: $-2, 2, 3r$



$(-4, 0, 3), (-2, 0, 3)$ -- saddles, $(-3, 1, 3)$ -- center

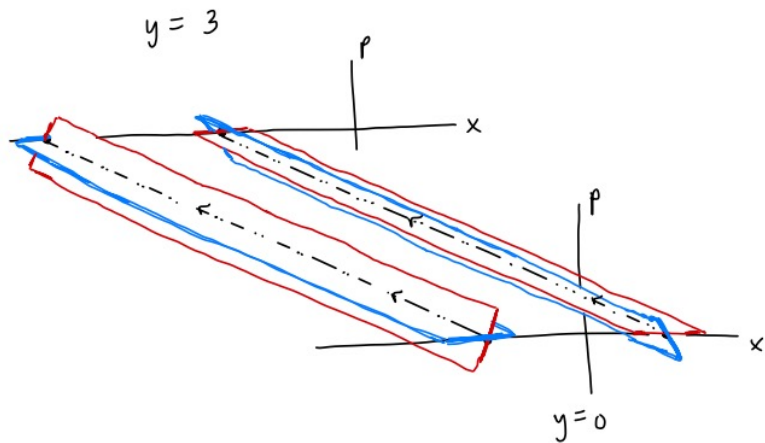


Eigenvalues: $2, -2, -3r$

Theorem

There exists a heteroclinic connection between the saddle points $(-1,0,0)$ and $(-2,0,3)$ that goes through the plane $y = -x$ at $y = \frac{3}{2}$ for $r \leq r_c$.

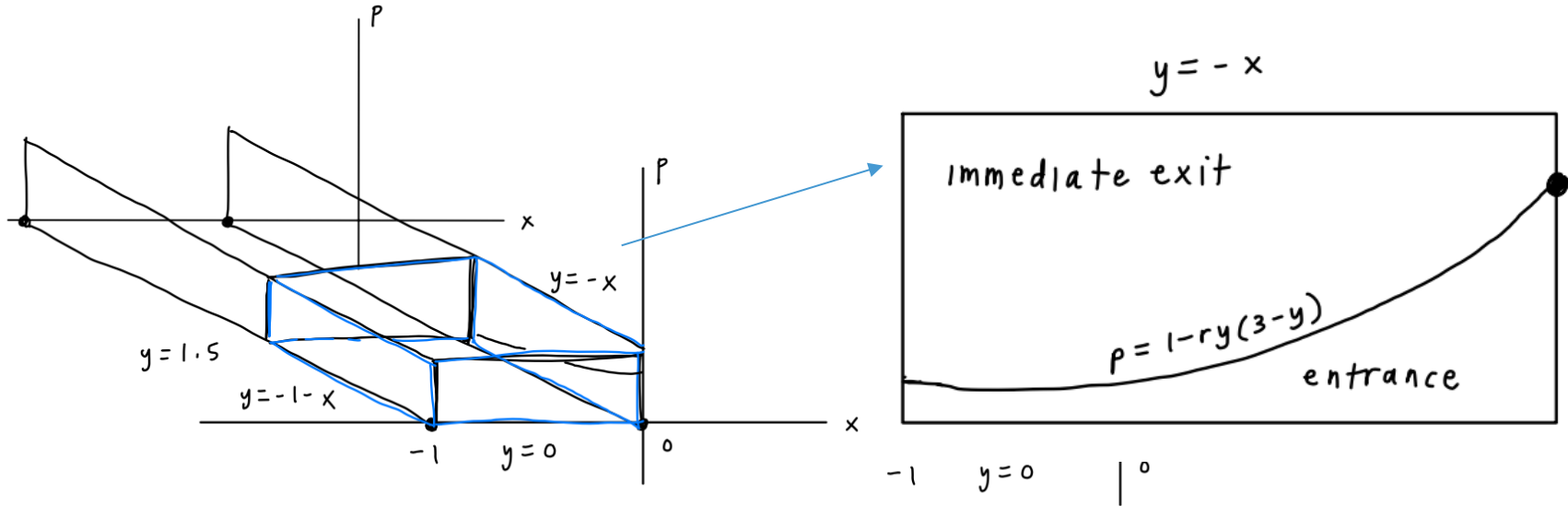
**We will show this is the most probable path!*



Wazewski

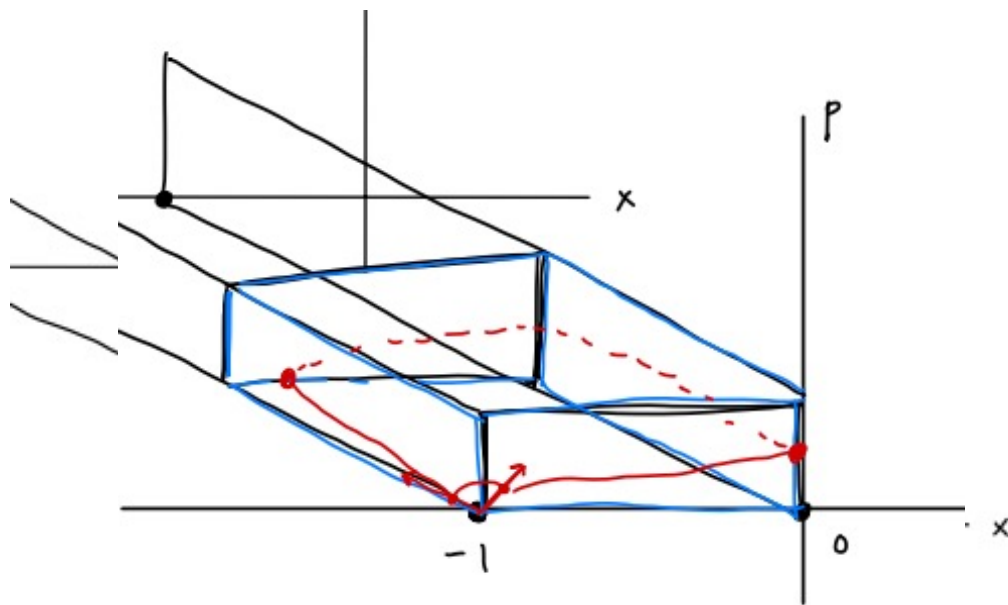
Wazewski Principle:

Let W^- be the immediate exit set of W and let W^0 be the eventual exit set of W . If W^- is closed relative to W^0 , then W is a Wazewski set and the map $K: W^0 \rightarrow W^-$, that takes each point to the first where it exits W is continuous. Note that $W^- \subset W^0$.



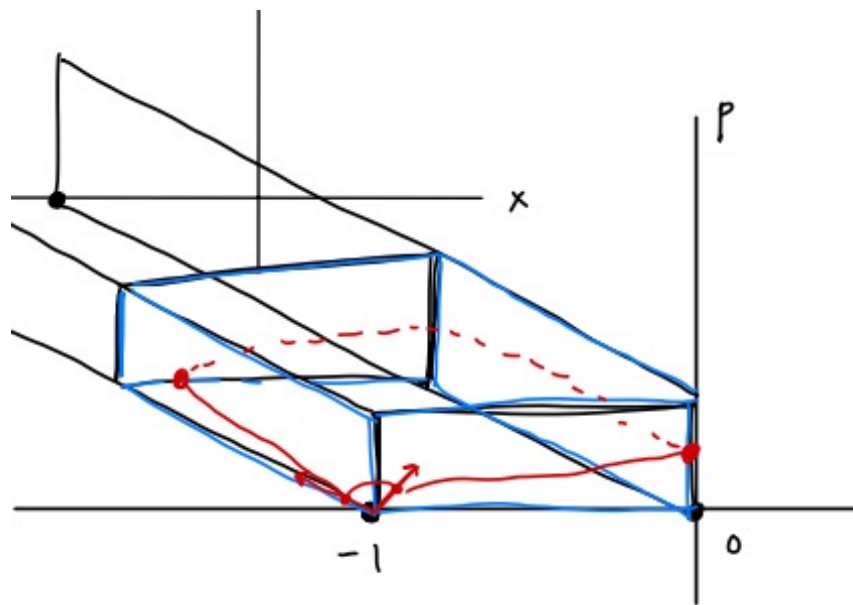
Wazewski

Take a sphere of small radius around $(-1, 0, 0)$ and intersect it with the unstable manifold of $(-1, 0, 0)$ that lies in W .



Wazewski

Shooting Argument!



Symmetry

Make the change of variables $\tau = -t$ to get the time reversed system.

Transform the x , p , and y by: $\hat{x} = -x - 3$

$$\hat{p} = p$$

$$\hat{y} = 3 - y$$

Once substituted: $\hat{x}' = (\hat{x} + \hat{y})^2 - 1 + \hat{p}$

$$\hat{p}' = -2(\hat{x} + \hat{y})\hat{p}$$

$$\hat{y}' = r\hat{y}(3 - \hat{y})$$

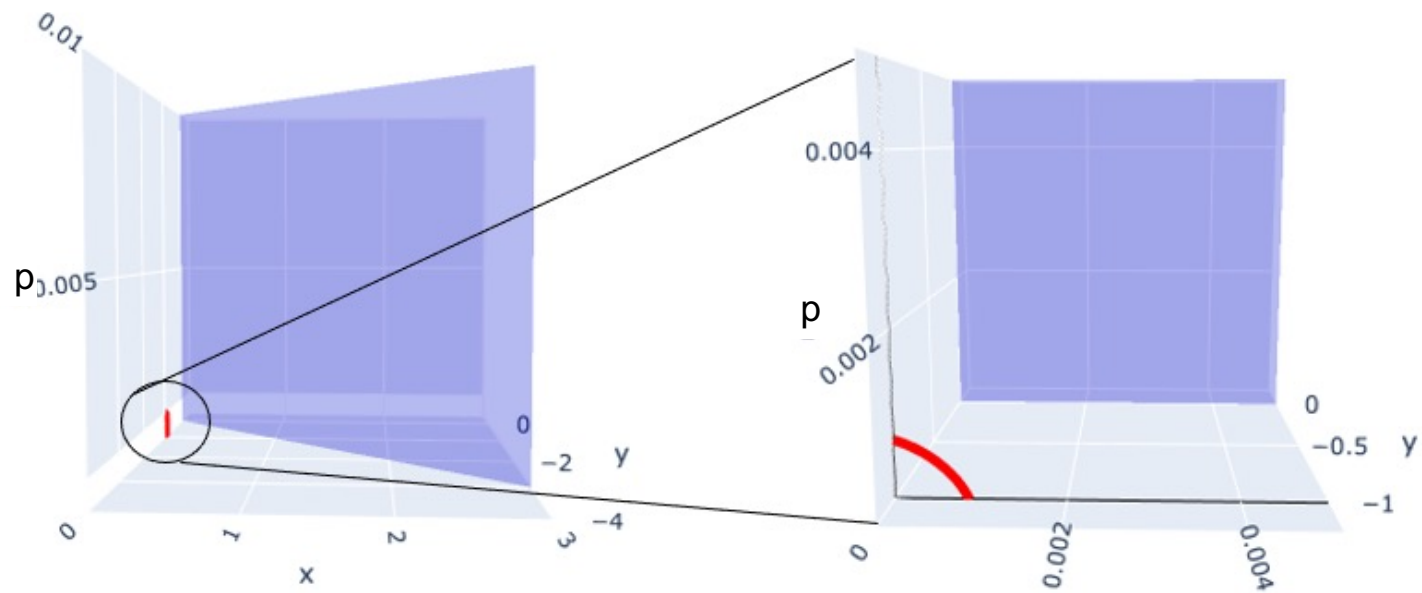
The Model Problem- Conclusion

The intersection of the unstable manifold of $(-1,0,0)$ and the plane $y = -x$ was continuous for $y \leq \frac{3}{2}$ for $r \leq r_c$.

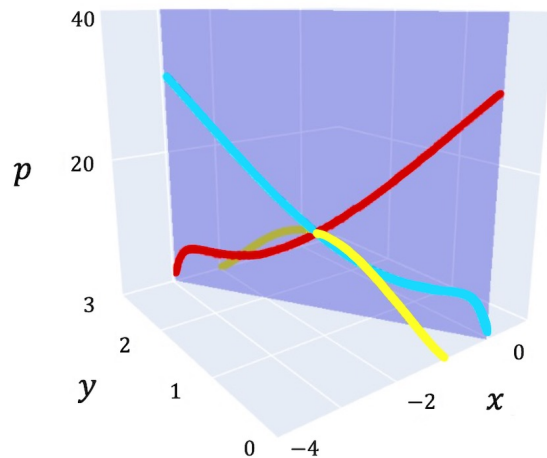
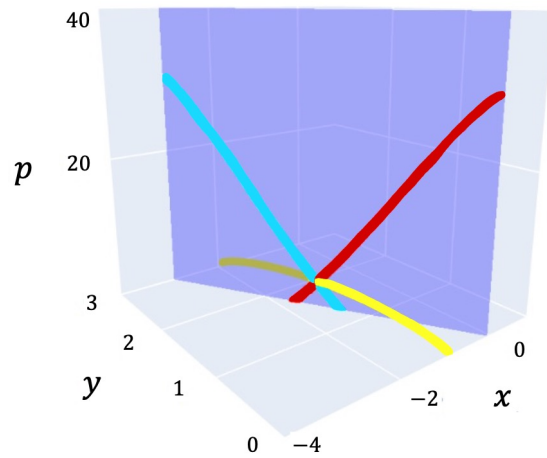
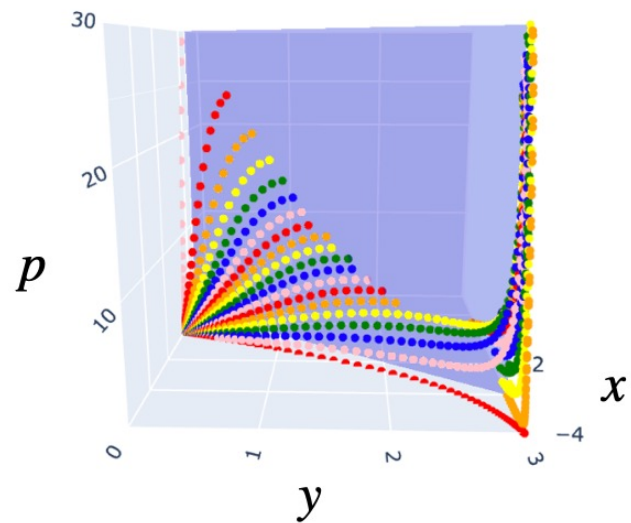
The intersection of the stable manifold of $(-2,0,3)$ and the plane $y = -x$ is continuous for $y \geq \frac{3}{2}$ for $r \leq r_c$.

The unstable and stable manifolds will always intersect in the plane $y = -x$ at $y = \frac{3}{2}$, implying a heteroclinic connection between the saddles for $r \leq r_c$.

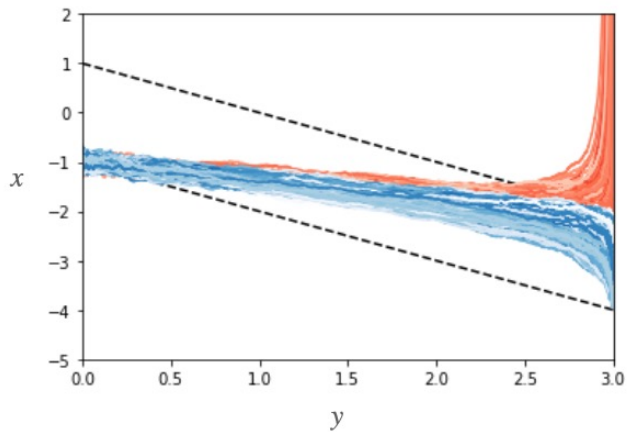
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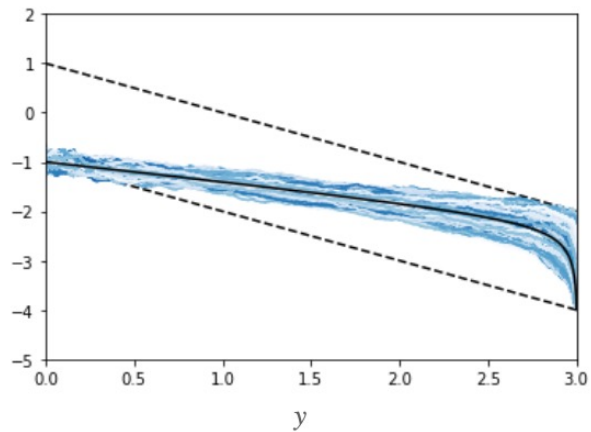
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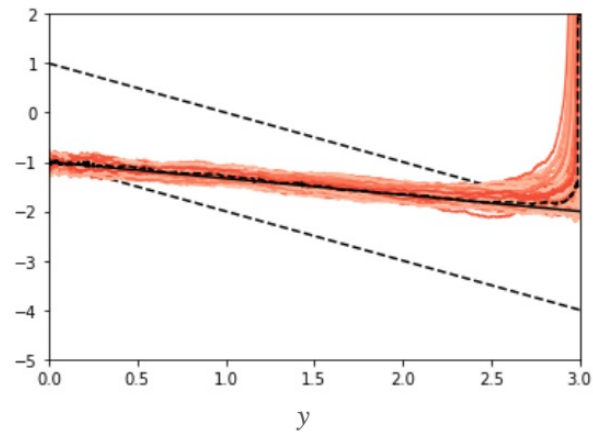
Simulations



1000 realizations



923 do not tip



77 tip

$$r = 1, \sigma = .15$$

Too Much Noisy Influence?

$$dx = -\nabla V + \sigma dW = (x^2 - 1)dt + \sigma dW$$

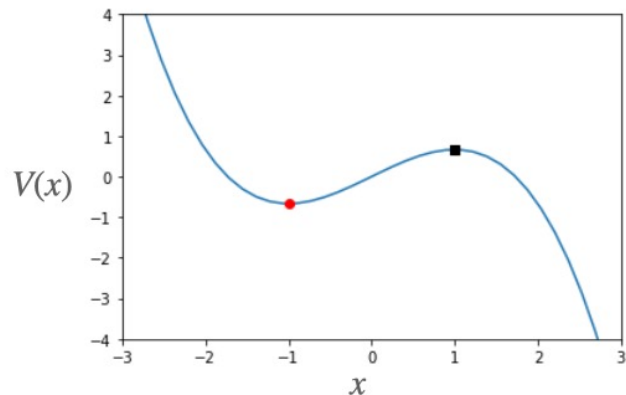


$$V = -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\tau] \approx e^{\frac{2\Delta V}{\sigma^2}} > 10^{12}$$

Without the ramp, tipping will be extremely rare!

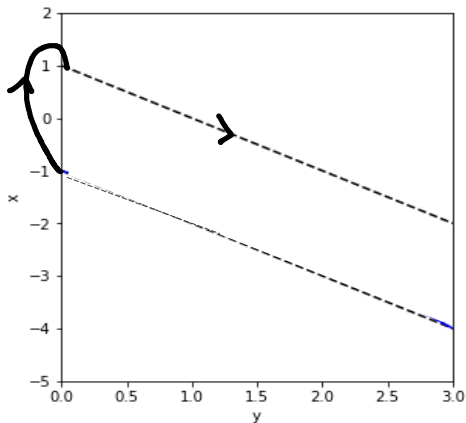
- Ramp only – no tipping
- Noise only – tipping extremely rare
- Interplay – facilitates tipping on finite timescale



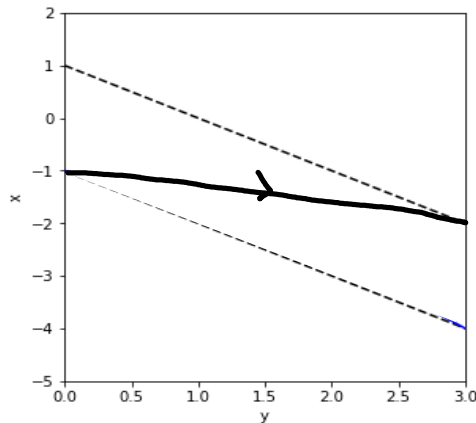
r	σ_1 range	MC time to tip
.75	.15 – .3	13 – 14
.85	.1 – .3	11.5 – 12.5
1	.08 – .25	9.7 – 10.5
1.1	.08 – .25	8.6 – 9.5

Considering the Action Value

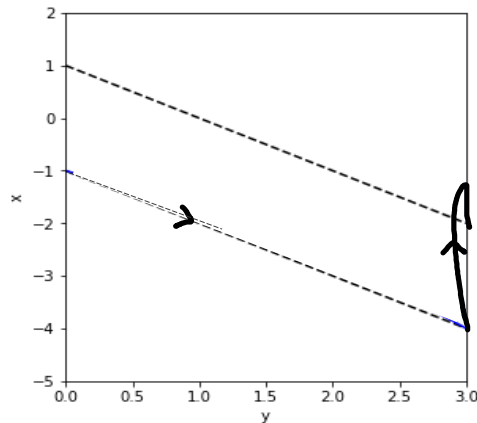
3 ways to tip:



Action=5.33



$r = 1.1$, Action= .023
 $r = 1$, Action= .054
 $r = .75$, Action= .226
 $r = .5$, Action= .684
 $r = .01$, Action= 5.30*

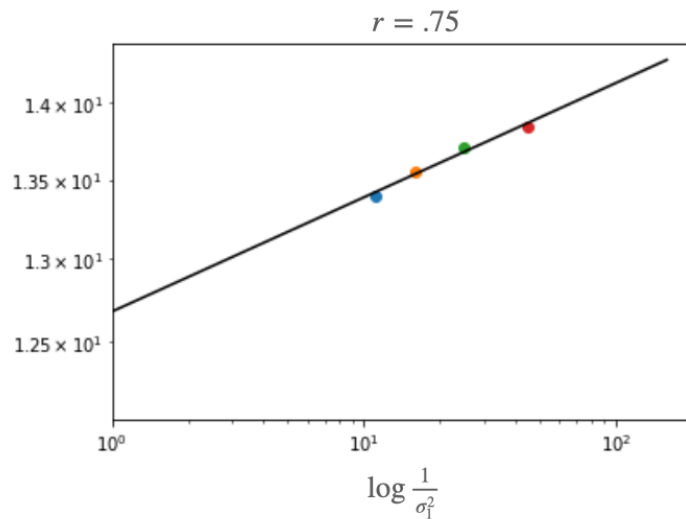
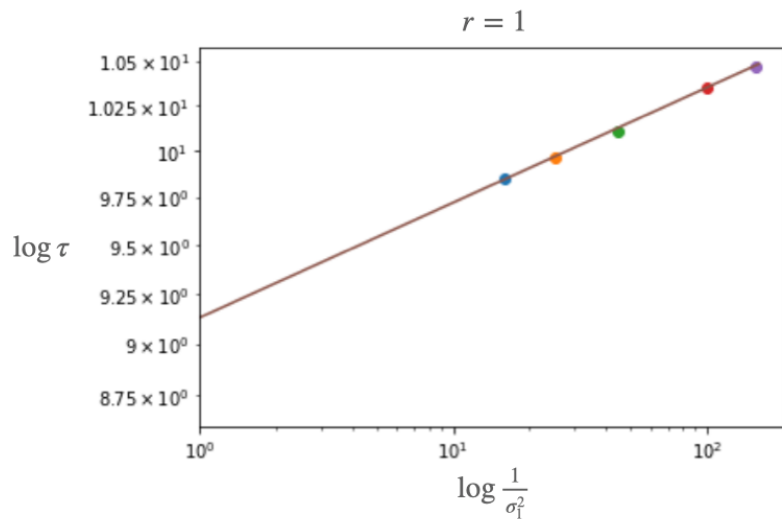


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Expected Time to Tip?

Scaling law emerges! *Found using converged Monte Carlo simulations

Linear relationship in log-log space holds true for multiple r, σ



Impacts of Tropical Cyclones

- Some of the most costly natural disasters
 - Property damages and lives lost

- Hurricane Dorian
 - ~ \$7 billion, 400+ missing, reef damage
 - tourism and fishing industries

- Further understanding needed
 - Formation, intensification, tracking, dissipation
 - Risk and damage prediction



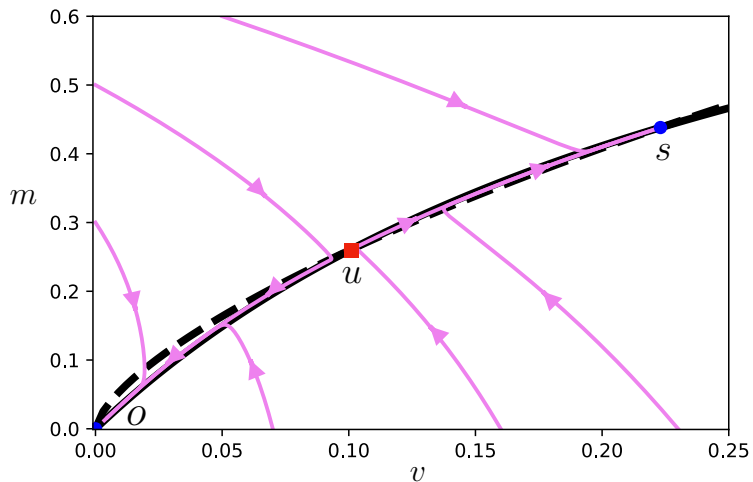
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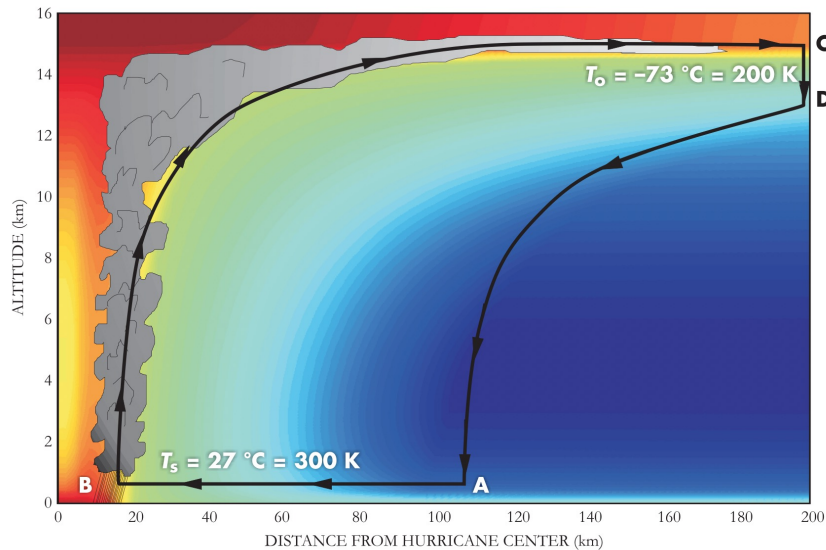
Hurricane Problem

$$\frac{dv}{d\tau} = (1 - \gamma) \left(\frac{V_p}{V_p^-} \right)^2 m^3 - (1 - \gamma m^3)v^2,$$

$$\frac{dm}{d\tau} = (1 - m)v - cm,$$



- v – wind speed
- m – inner core moisture
- V_p – full potential intensity
- c – wind shear

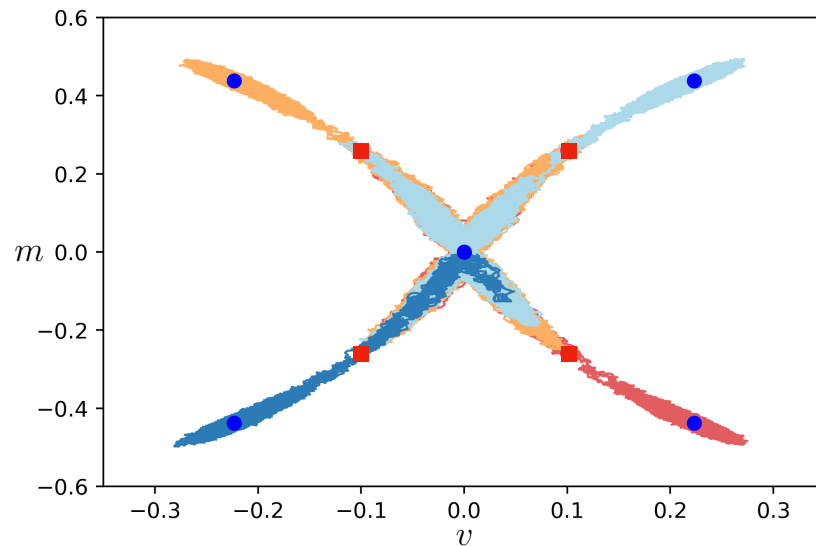


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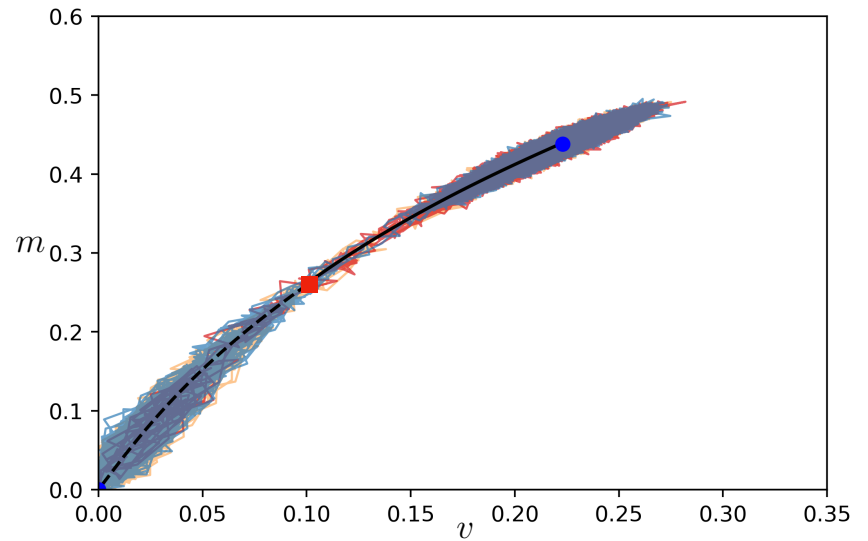
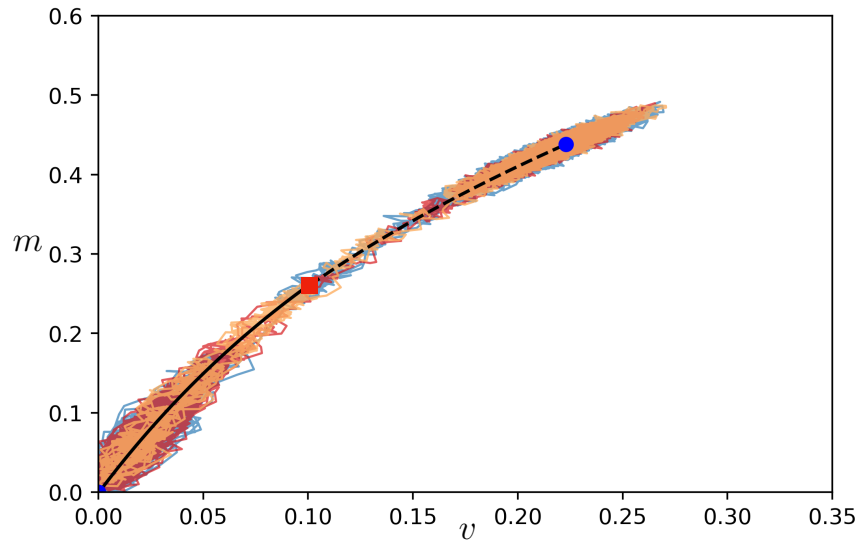


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Noise-Induced Tipping



Can form or kill a storm!

Rate-Induced Tipping



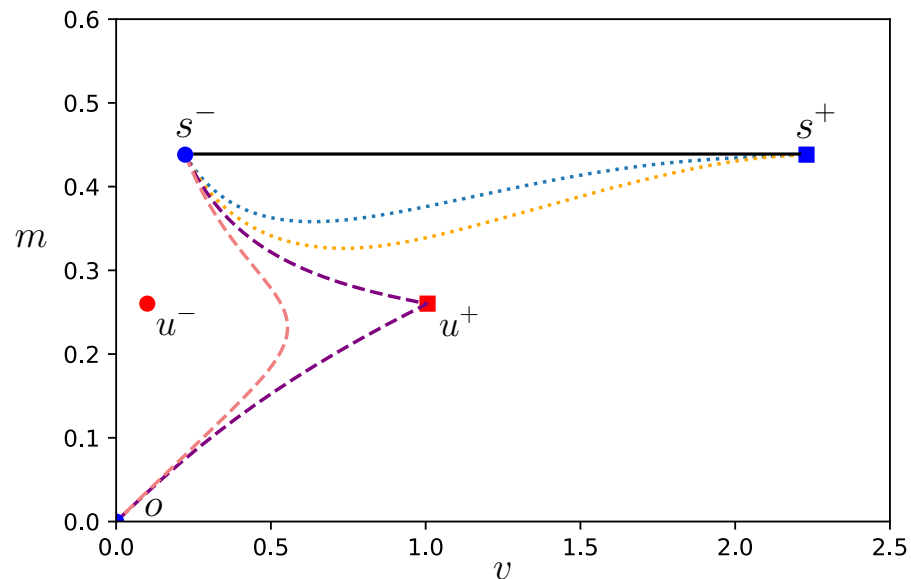
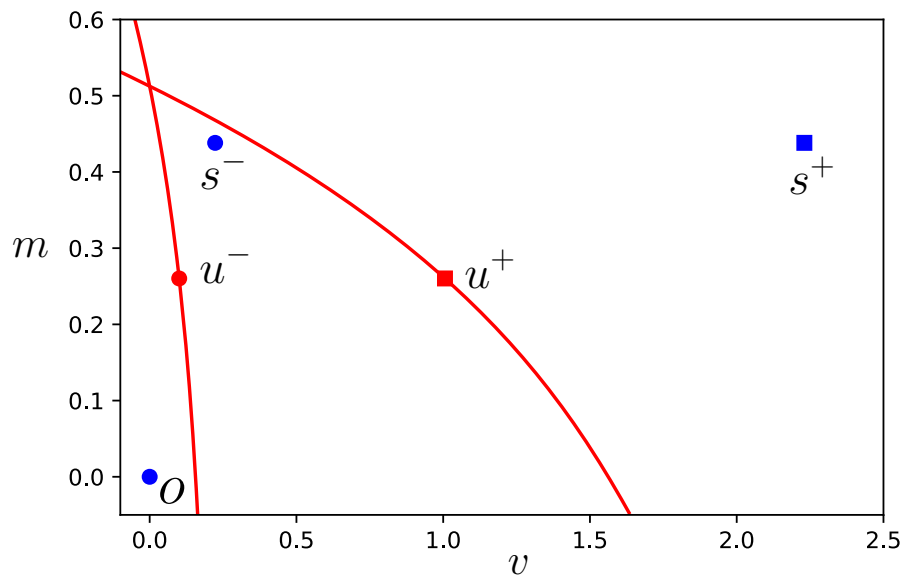
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$$\frac{dm}{d\tau} = (1 - m)v - c(\Lambda(s))m,$$

$$\frac{ds}{d\tau} = r.$$

Now assume ramping on the wind shear and max potential velocity

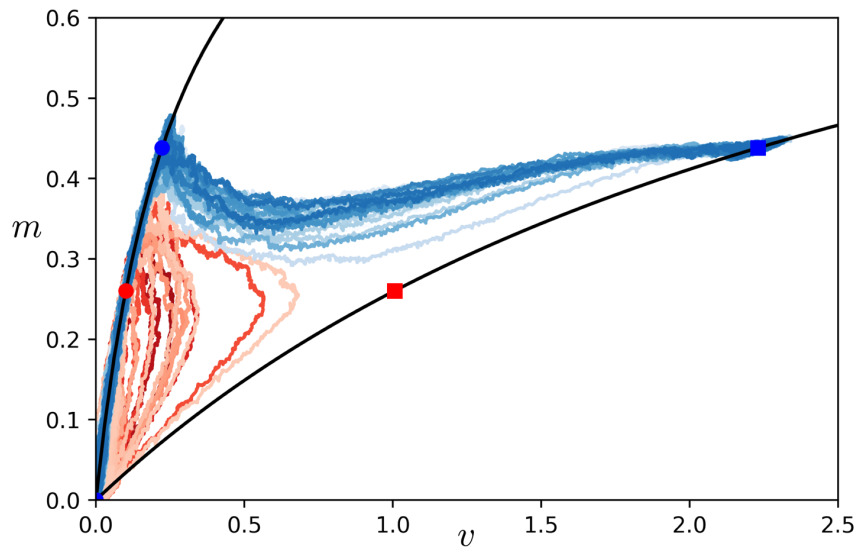
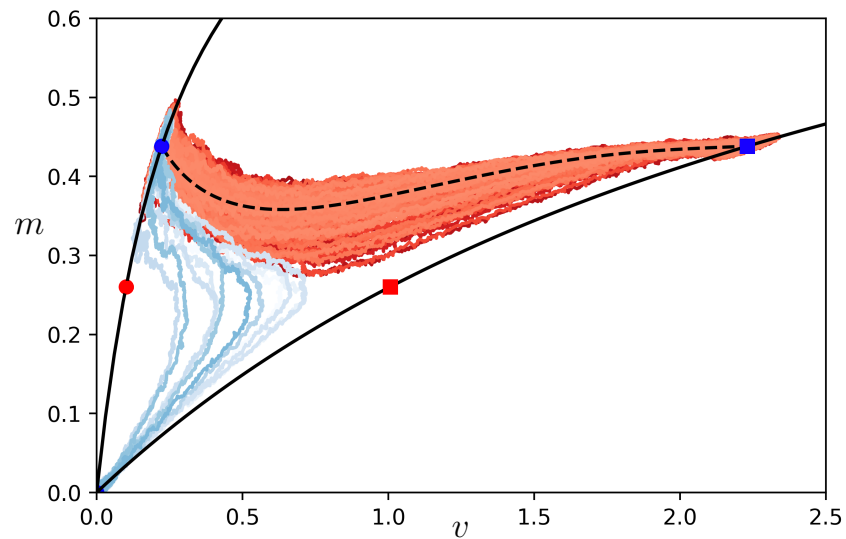
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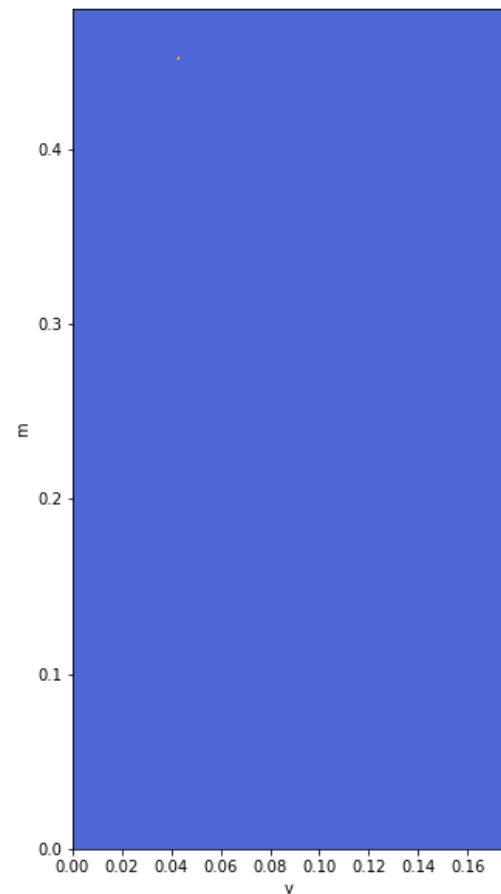
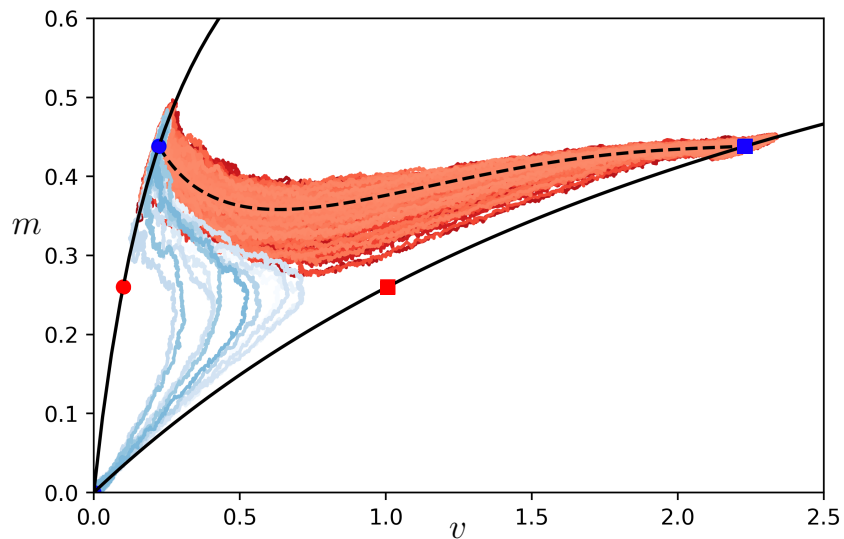
Both wind shear and max potential velocity both increasing to kill a storm!

Can kill a storm but cannot form a storm!

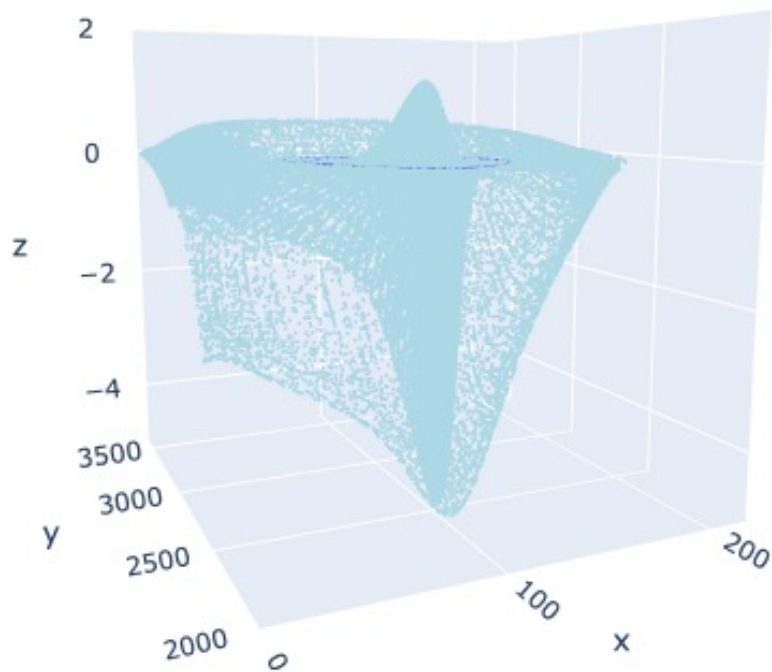
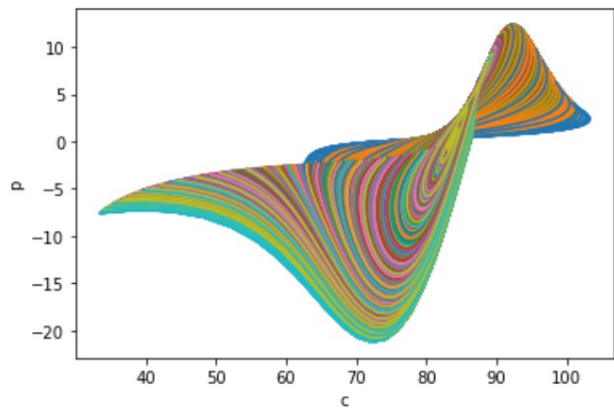
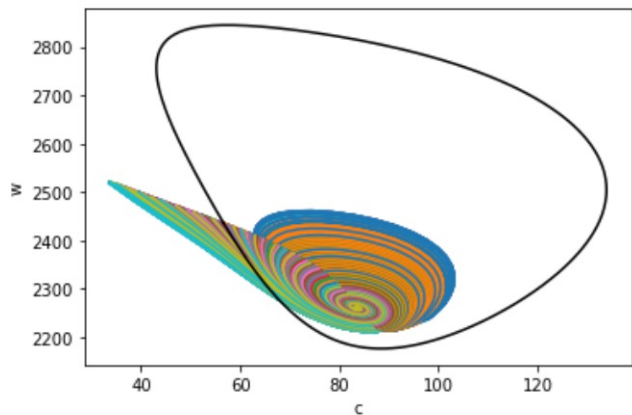
Rate and Noise Together



Rate and Noise Together



Back to the Carbon Cycle



Back to the Carbon Cycle

$$83.5809 < c < 83.5829 \text{ and } 4.6411 \times 10^{-56}$$

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$$-6.39788 \times 10^{-38} \sqrt{(-6.74368 \times 10^{67} c^2 - 1.50389 \times 10^{64} c p + 1.1273 \times 10^{70} c - \\ 7.04742 \times 10^{67} p^2 + 1.25698 \times 10^{66} p - 4.71109 \times 10^{71}) -}$$

$$0.000525393 c - 0.212229 p + 0.0439134 \text{ and } w =$$

$$1.21773 \times 10^{-34} \sqrt{(-6.74368 \times 10^{67} c^2 - 1.50389 \times 10^{64} c p + 1.1273 \times 10^{70} c - \\ 7.04742 \times 10^{67} p^2 + 1.25698 \times 10^{66} p - 4.71109 \times 10^{71}) -}$$

$$2.76038 \times 10^{-7} c - 0.000111503 p + 2260.29$$

Thank you!

Rate and Noise-Induced Tipping Working in Concert

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Rate-induced tipping occurs when a ramp parameter changes rapidly enough to cause the system to tip between co-existing, attracting states. We show that the addition of noise to the system can cause it to tip well below the critical rate at which rate-induced tipping would occur. Moreover it does so with significantly increased probability over the noise acting alone. We achieve this by finding a global minimizer in a canonical problem of the Freidlin-Wentzell action functional of large deviation theory that represents the most probable path for tipping. This is realized as a heteroclinic connection for the Euler-Lagrange system associated with the Freidlin-Wentzell action and we find it exists for all rates less than or equal to the critical rate. Its role as most probable path is corroborated by direct Monte Carlo simulations.

