

Duality between dissipation-coherence trade-off and thermodynamic speed limit for noisy oscillations

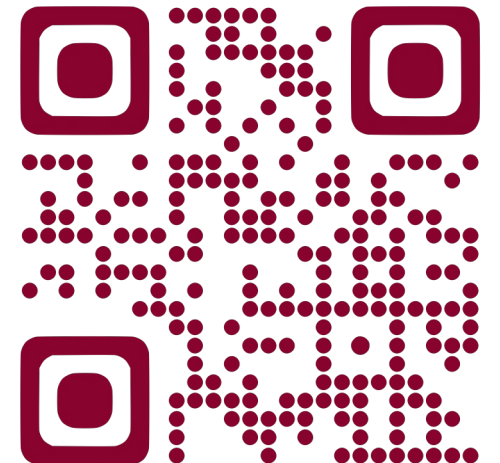
Based on [R. N. & Sosuke Ito, arXiv:2509.06421]

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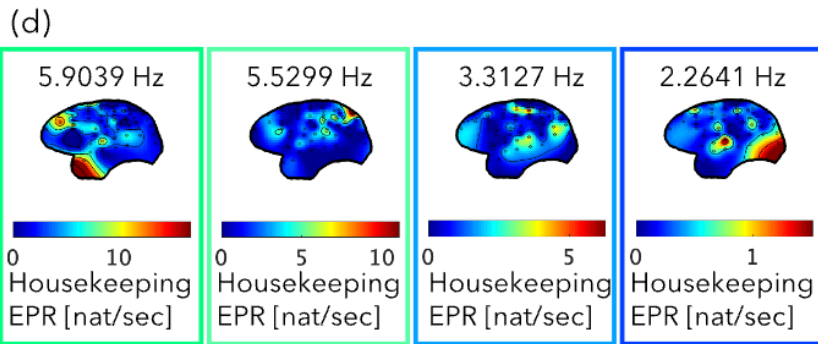
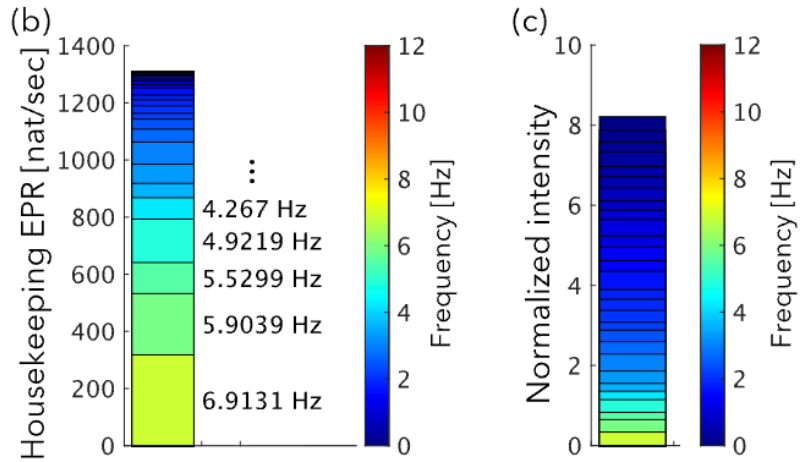
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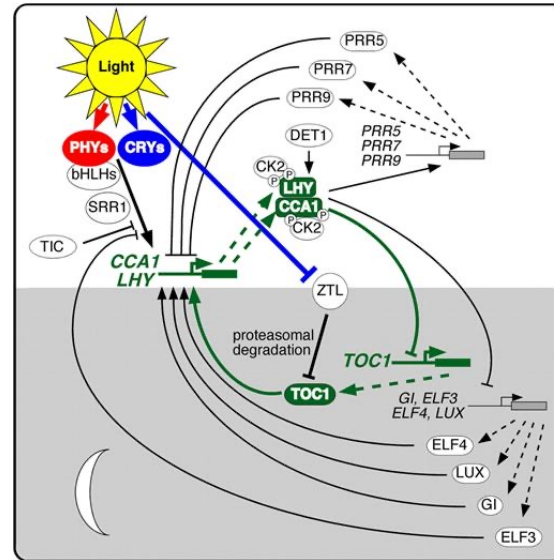
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Noisy oscillations are ubiquitous in biological phenomena

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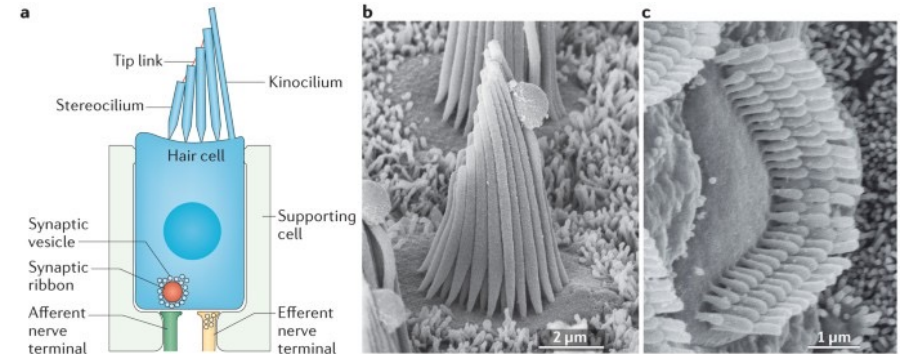
[D. Sekizawa, S. Ito, & M. Oizumi, PRX 2024]



[C. R. McClung, Plant Cell 2006]

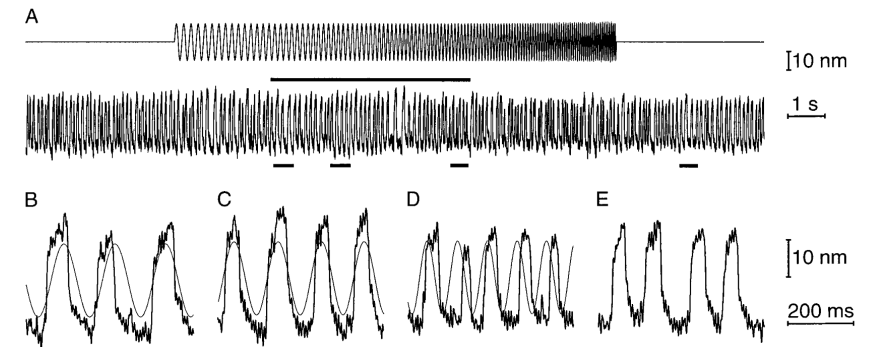
Circadian Rhythms

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[A. J. Hudspeth, Nat. Rev. Neurosci. 2014]



[P. Martin & A. J. Hudspeth, PNAS 1999]

Phase correlation (coherence) of the oscillation is essential for maintaining vital functions → measured with #coherent oscillations

$$\mathcal{N} := \tau_c \times \tau_p^{-1}$$

- τ_c : Correlation time

= characterizing the decay of the autocorrelation function $\langle a(\mathbf{x}_t)a(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle_{st} \sim e^{-t/\tau_c}$

- τ_p : Period of the oscillation (τ_p^{-1} is the frequency)

- \mathcal{N} : Number of oscillations that occur before the autocorrelations break down

Noise breaks coherence!!

We need to pay thermodynamic cost to maintain the coherence

→ quantified by Dissipation-coherence trade-off (DCT)

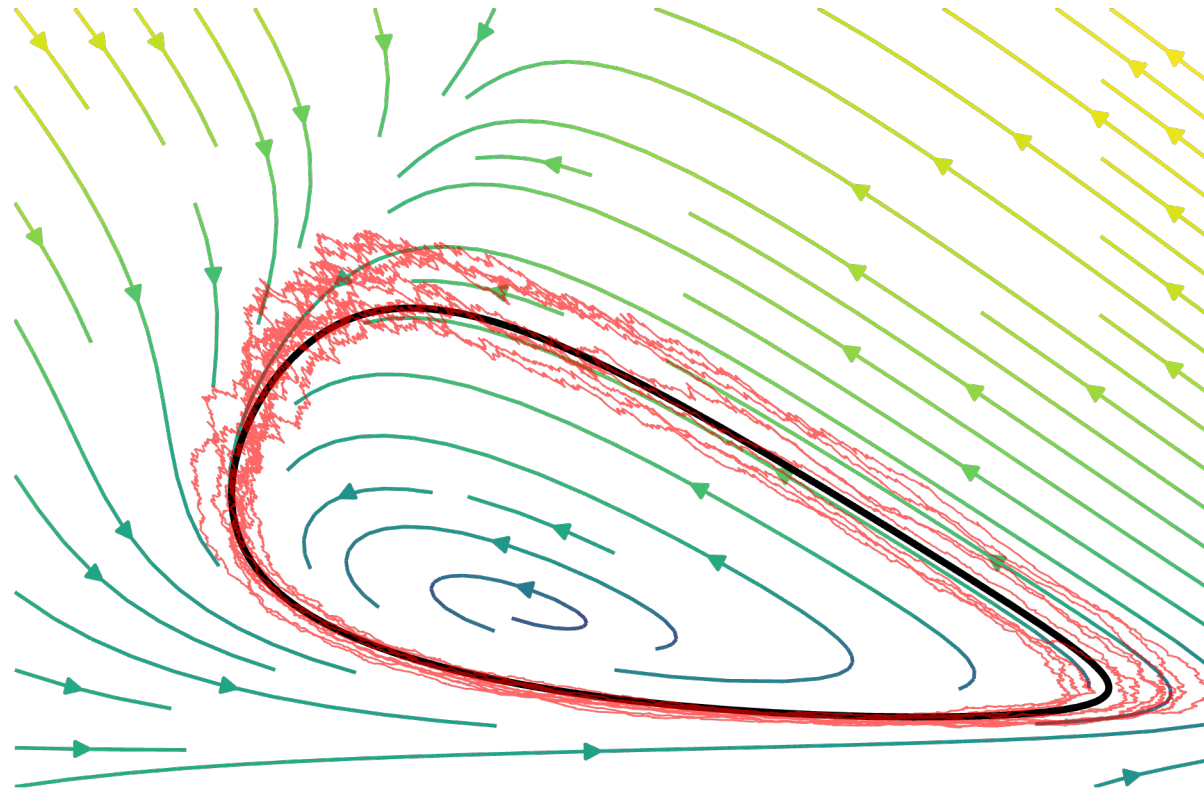
$$\Sigma_{\tau_p} \geq 4\pi^2 \mathcal{N}$$

- Σ_{τ_p} : Entropy Production (EP) required for one oscillatory period
- Conjectured in Markov jump processes [L. Oberreiter, U. Seifert, & A. C. Barato, PRE 2022]
- Proved for stochastic limit cycles in the weak-noise regime under one of the following conditions:
 - ① the diffusion coefficient matrix is proportional to the identity matrix
 - ② near the critical point of the Hopf bifurcation [D. Santolin & G. Falasco, PRL 2025]

- Can we derive the DCT for general stochastic limit cycles in the weak-noise regime?
 - Conditions in the proof are too strong to apply stochastic chemical systems
 - Numerically, the DCT holds for the systems without the conditions
- Is there any connection between the DCT and the well-known trade-offs?
 - Thermodynamic uncertainty relation (TUR) [A. C. Barato & U. Seifert, PRL 2015]
 - Thermodynamic speed limit (TSL) [N. Shiraishi, K. Funo, & K. Saito, PRL 2018]

Langevin eq.

$$\dot{x}_t = F(x_t) + \sqrt{2\epsilon}G(x_t) \bullet \xi_t$$



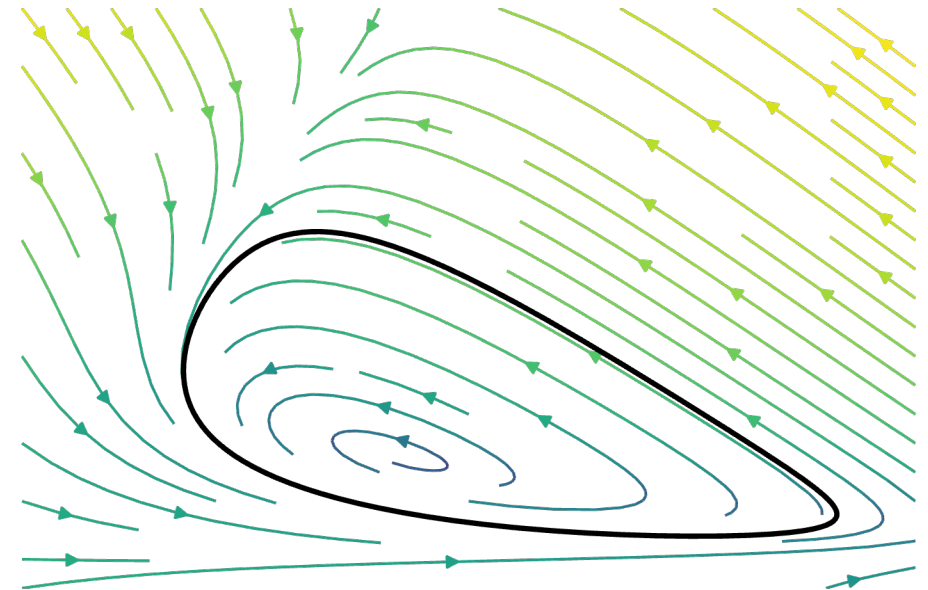
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First term: time evolution without noise

- Assumption: deterministic time evolution $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t)$ has a stable limit cycle
- Period of the limit cycle: τ_p
- Limit cycle: $\{\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t^{\text{LC}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}), \quad \mathbf{x}_{t+\tau_p}^{\text{LC}} = \mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}$$



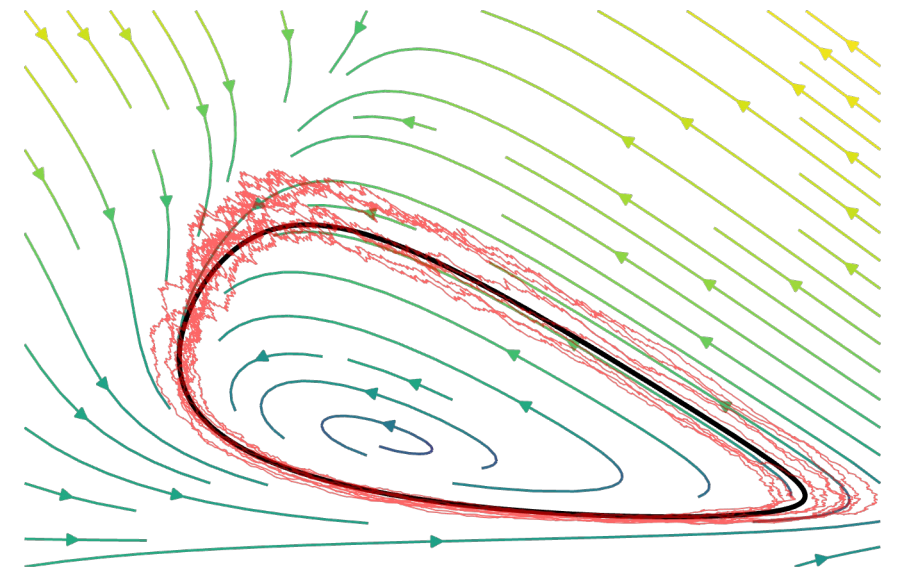
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Second term: effect of noise

- $\epsilon > 0$: Noise intensity
- $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x})$: Direction of noise (use Ito product)
- $\boldsymbol{\xi}_t$: White Gaussian noise

$$\langle (\boldsymbol{\xi}_t)_\rho \rangle = 0, \quad \langle (\boldsymbol{\xi}_t)_\rho (\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t'})_{\rho'} \rangle = \delta_{\rho\rho'} \delta(t - t')$$



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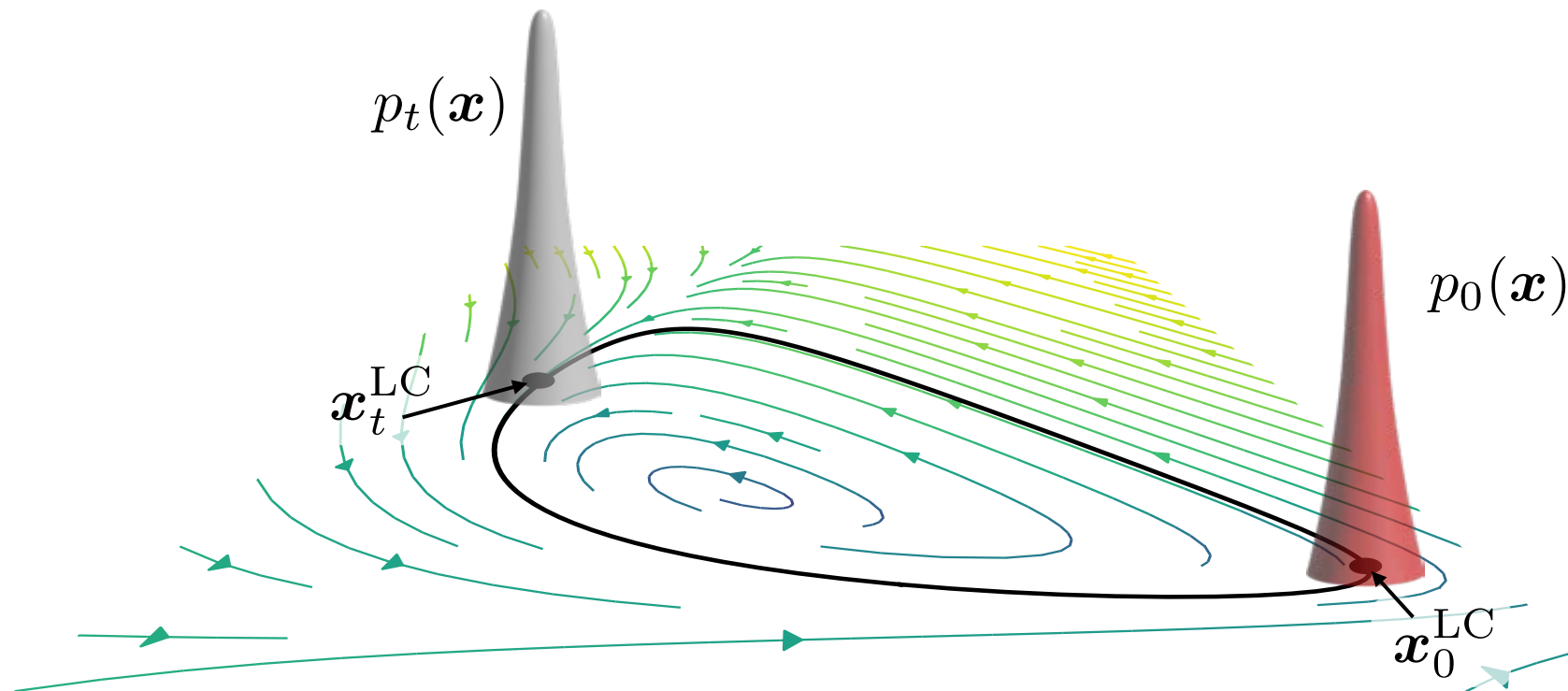
Fokker-Planck eq.

$$\partial_t p_t(\boldsymbol{x}) = -\nabla \cdot (p_t(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{\nu}_t(\boldsymbol{x}))$$

- Mean local velocity: $\boldsymbol{\nu}_t(\boldsymbol{x}) := \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \epsilon \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \epsilon \boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{x}) \nabla \ln p_t(\boldsymbol{x})$
- Diffusion coefficient matrix (assume positive-definiteness): $\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{x}) := \boldsymbol{G}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{G}(\boldsymbol{x})^\top$

Fokker–Planck eq.
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- Consider $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ & assume that $p_0(\mathbf{x})$ concentrates on \mathbf{x}_0^{LC}
→ $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ ($t \in [0, \tau_p]$) also concentrates on \mathbf{x}_t^{LC}

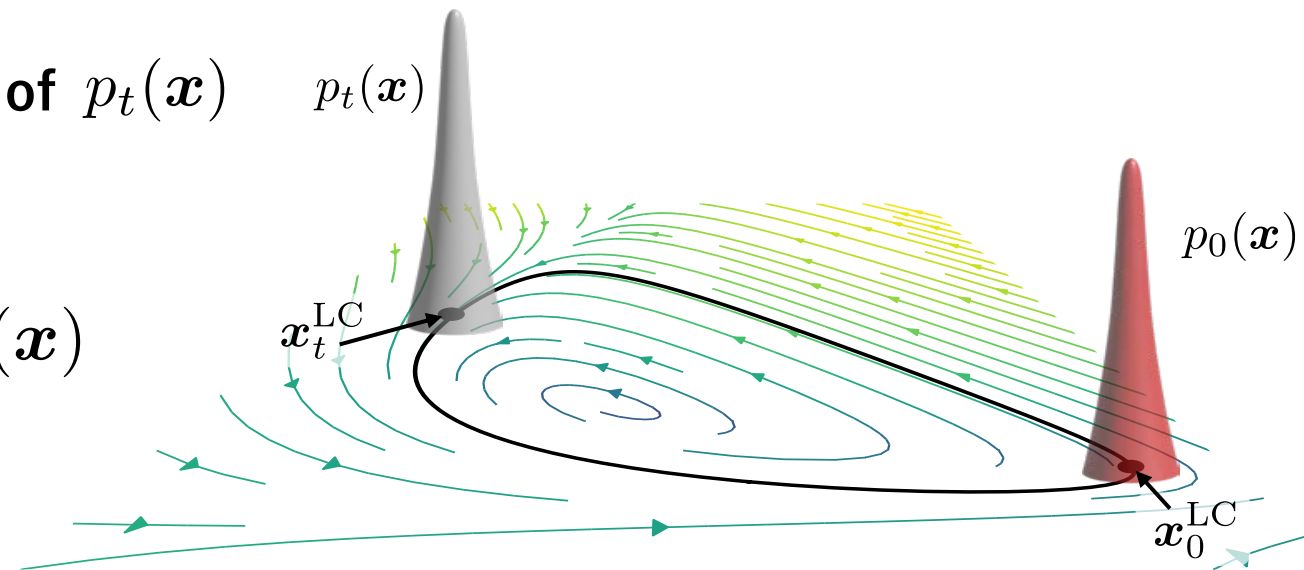


EP required for one period of the oscillation ($\epsilon \rightarrow 0$)

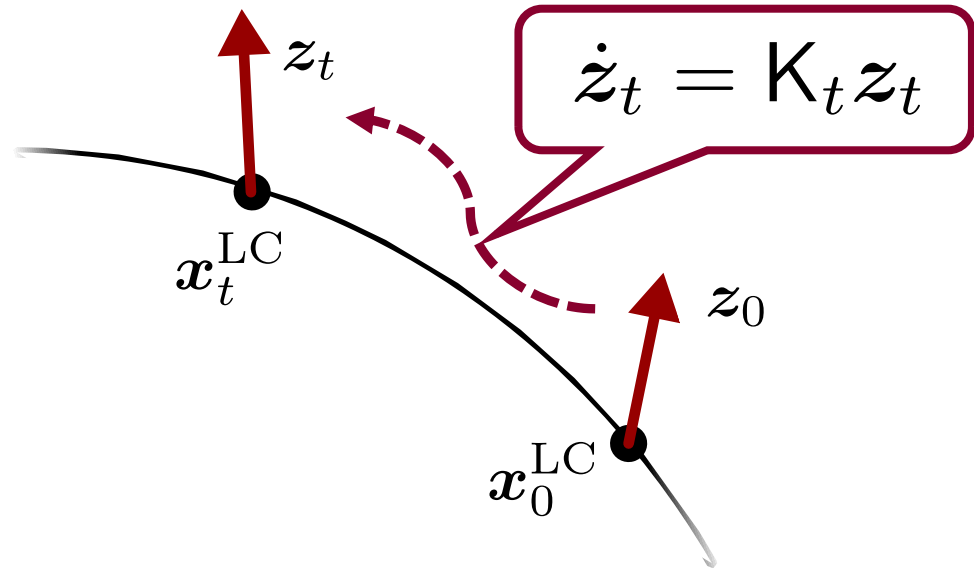
$$\Sigma_{\tau_p} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})^\top \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})$$

- EP = entropy change in heat bath + change in system's Shannon entropy
- Regarded as a thermodynamic cost
- Derivation ... Use the large deviation form of $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ & Laplace approximation in the EP rate

$$\dot{\Sigma}_t = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int d\mathbf{x} p_t(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\nu}_t(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_t(\mathbf{x})$$

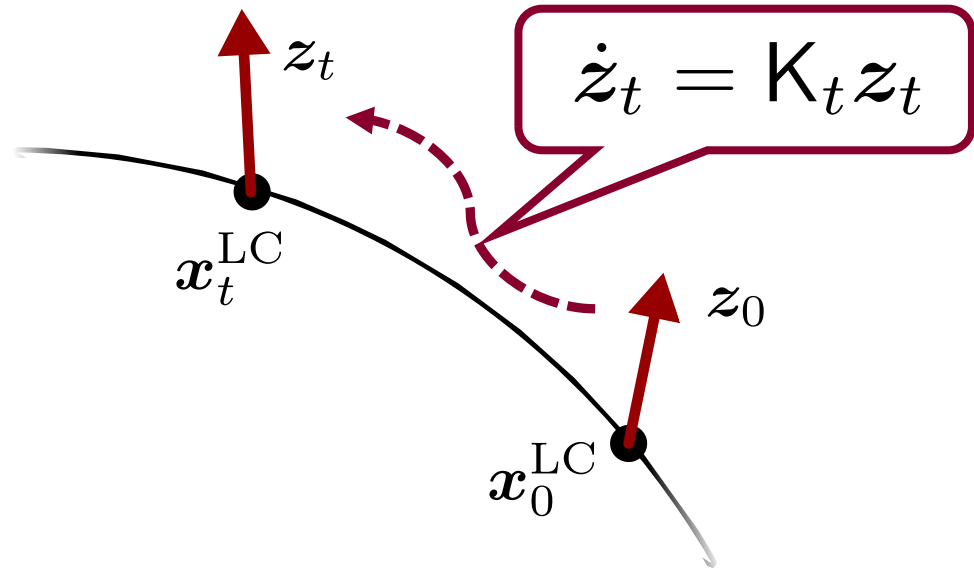


Deterministic time evolution of small deviation from the limit cycle



- $[K_t]_{ij} := \partial_{x_i} F_j(x_t^{LC})$: Jacobian on the limit cycle
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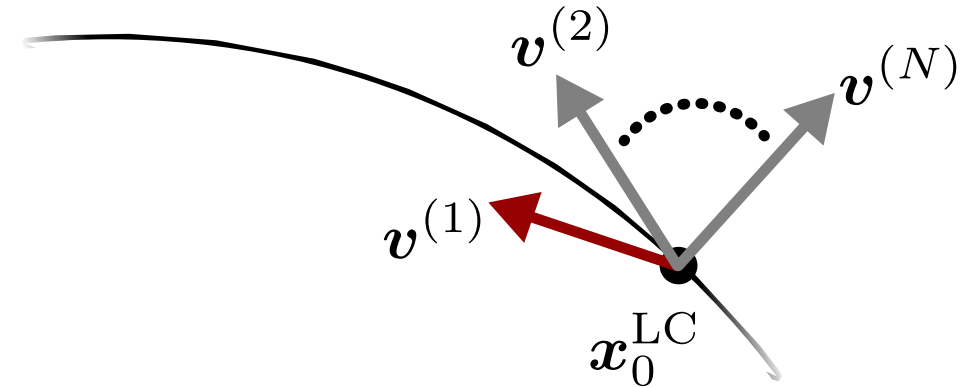
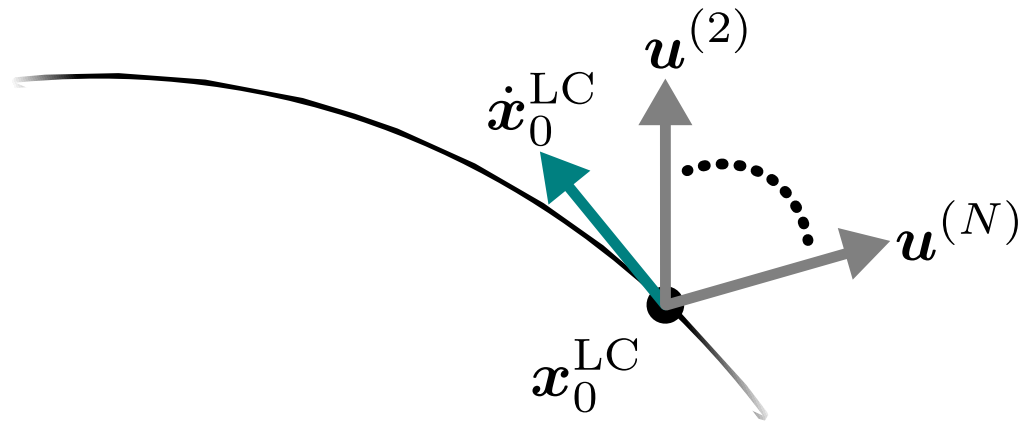
Stability is characterized by the monodromy matrix Φ_{τ_p}

Spectral decomp.
$$\Phi_{\tau_p} = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0^{\text{LC}} \mathbf{v}^{(1)\top} + \sum_{i=2}^N \lambda_i \mathbf{u}^{(i)} \mathbf{v}^{(i)\top} \quad (|\lambda_i| < 1)$$

Deviations perpendicular to the limit cycle decay after one period

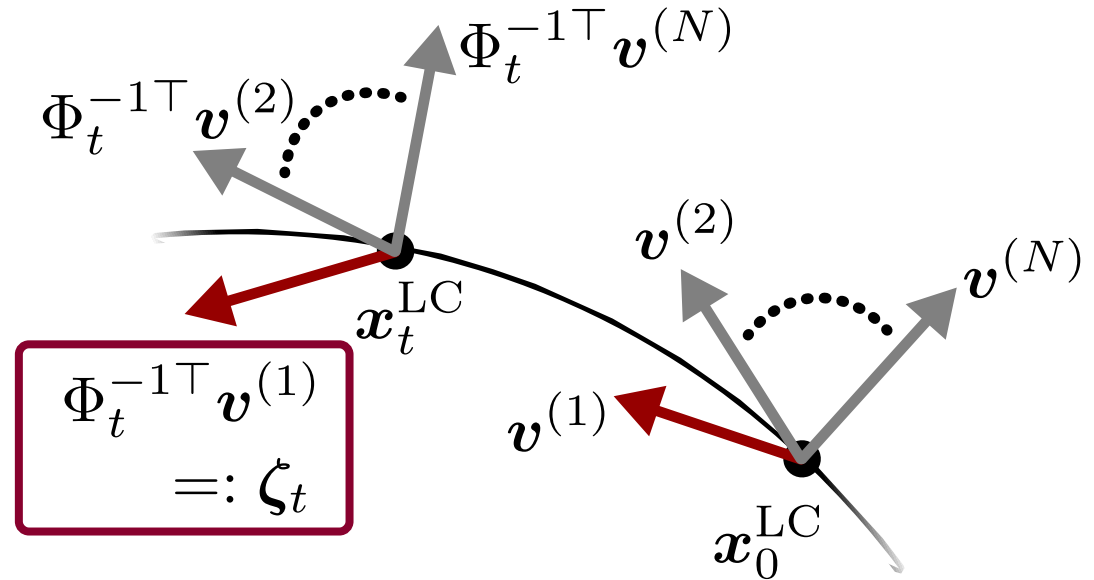
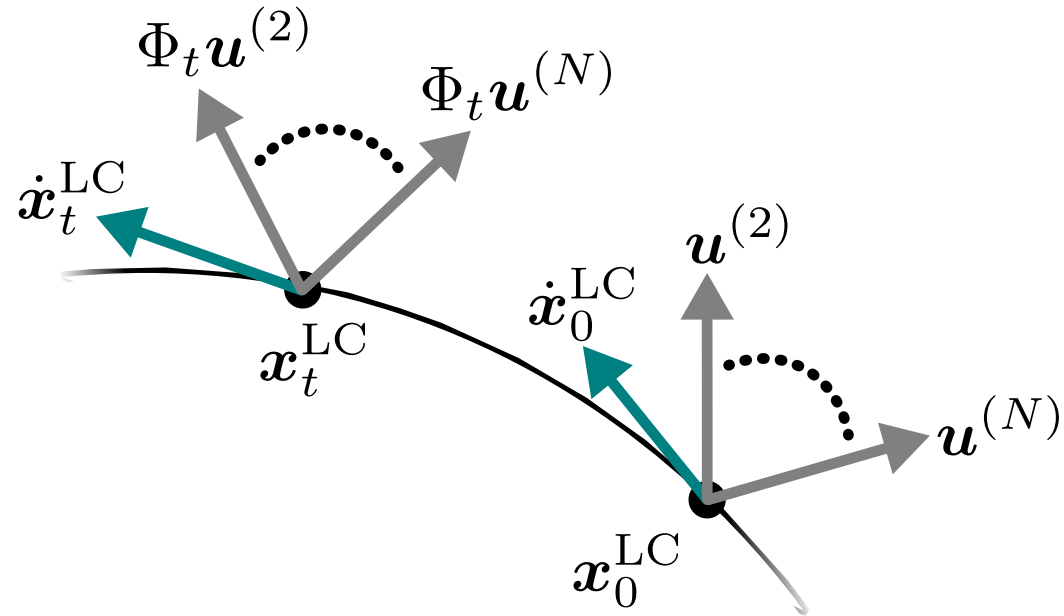
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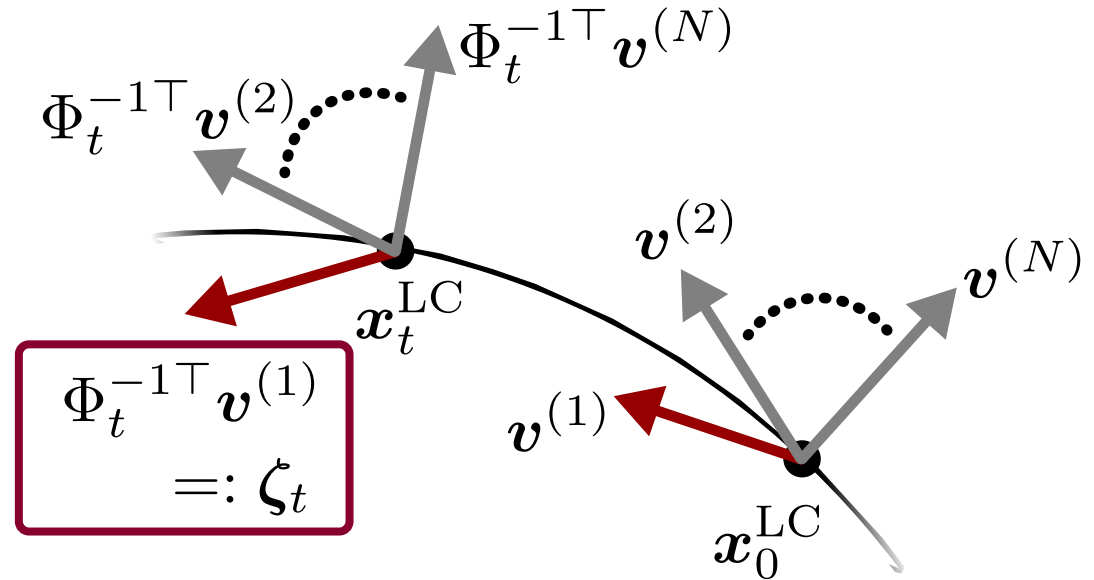
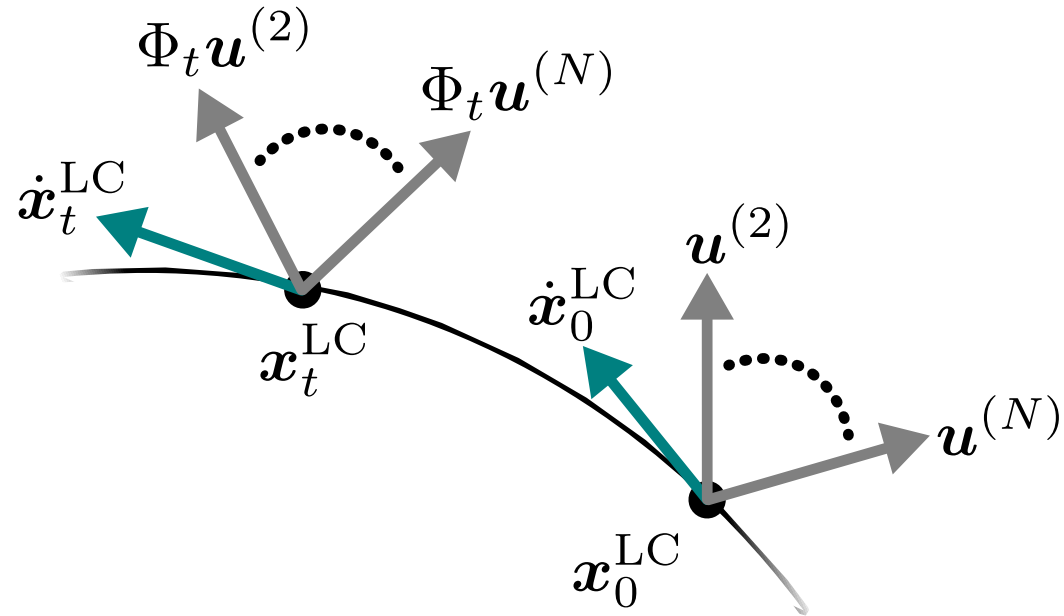
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- Chain rule in $\ddot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} = d_t[\mathbf{F}(x_t^{\text{LC}})] \rightarrow \ddot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} = \mathbf{K}_t \dot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} \rightarrow \dot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} = \Phi_t \dot{x}_0^{\text{LC}}$
- Biorthogonality b/w right & left eigenvectors \rightarrow Biorthogonality b/w $\{\Phi_t \mathbf{u}^{(n)}\}$ & $\{\Phi_t^{-1\top} \mathbf{v}^{(n)}\}$
- $\zeta_t := \Phi_t^{-1\top} \mathbf{v}^{(1)}$ is the dual of $\Phi_t \dot{x}_0^{\text{LC}} = \dot{x}_t^{\text{LC}}$

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Correlation time $\tau_c = \frac{\tau_p^3}{4\pi^2 \epsilon} \left[\int_0^{\tau_p} dt \zeta_t^\top D(x_t^{\text{LC}}) \zeta_t \right]^{-1}$

[P. Gaspard, J. Stat. Phys. 2002]

Stability determines the time until correlation breaks down

$$\dot{\Sigma}_t \geq \frac{2\mathbb{E}[J_t^\omega]^2}{\Delta t \text{Var}[J_t^\omega]}$$

[S. Otsubo, S. Ito, A. Dechant, & T. Sagawa, PRE 2020]

- Current of observable $\omega(x)$ in the short-time limit $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$: $J_t^\omega \Delta t = \omega(x_t) \circ dx_t$
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Use weak-noise regime & Perform time integration

$$\Sigma_{\tau_p} \geq \frac{\left[\int_0^{\tau_p} dt \omega(x_t^{\text{LC}})^\top \mathbf{F}(x_t^{\text{LC}}) \right]^2}{\epsilon \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \omega(x_t^{\text{LC}})^\top \mathbf{D}(x_t^{\text{LC}}) \omega(x_t^{\text{LC}})}$$

Using $F(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})$ as $\omega(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}) \dots$

$$\Sigma_{\tau_p} \geq \frac{l_{\text{LC}}^2}{\tau_p D_{\text{LC}}}$$

- Euclidean length of the limit cycle: $l_{\text{LC}} := \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \|\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t^{\text{LC}}\| = \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})\|$
- Diffusion intensity along the limit cycle: $D_{\text{LC}} := \frac{\epsilon \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t^{\text{LC}\top} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}) \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t^{\text{LC}}}{\int_0^{\tau_p} dt \|\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t^{\text{LC}}\|^2}$

Large-amplitude or **high-frequency** oscillations \rightarrow **More** dissipation

Using ζ_t as $\omega(x_t^{\text{LC}})$...

$$\sum \tau_p \geq 4\pi^2 \mathcal{N}$$

Derivation: use $\zeta_t^\top \dot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} = 1$ and the closed form of $\mathcal{N} = \tau_c \times \tau_p^{-1}$ in the time-integrated TUR

- Applicable even when $D(x)$ is not proportional to the identity matrix
- Applicable far from the critical point of the Hopf bifurcation
- ζ_t is the dual of $\dot{x}_t^{\text{LC}} = F(x_t^{\text{LC}}) \rightarrow$ DCT is the **dual** of the TSL in terms of TUR's observable

Maintaining coherence for a **longer** time \rightarrow **More** dissipation

Example: Noisy Rössler model

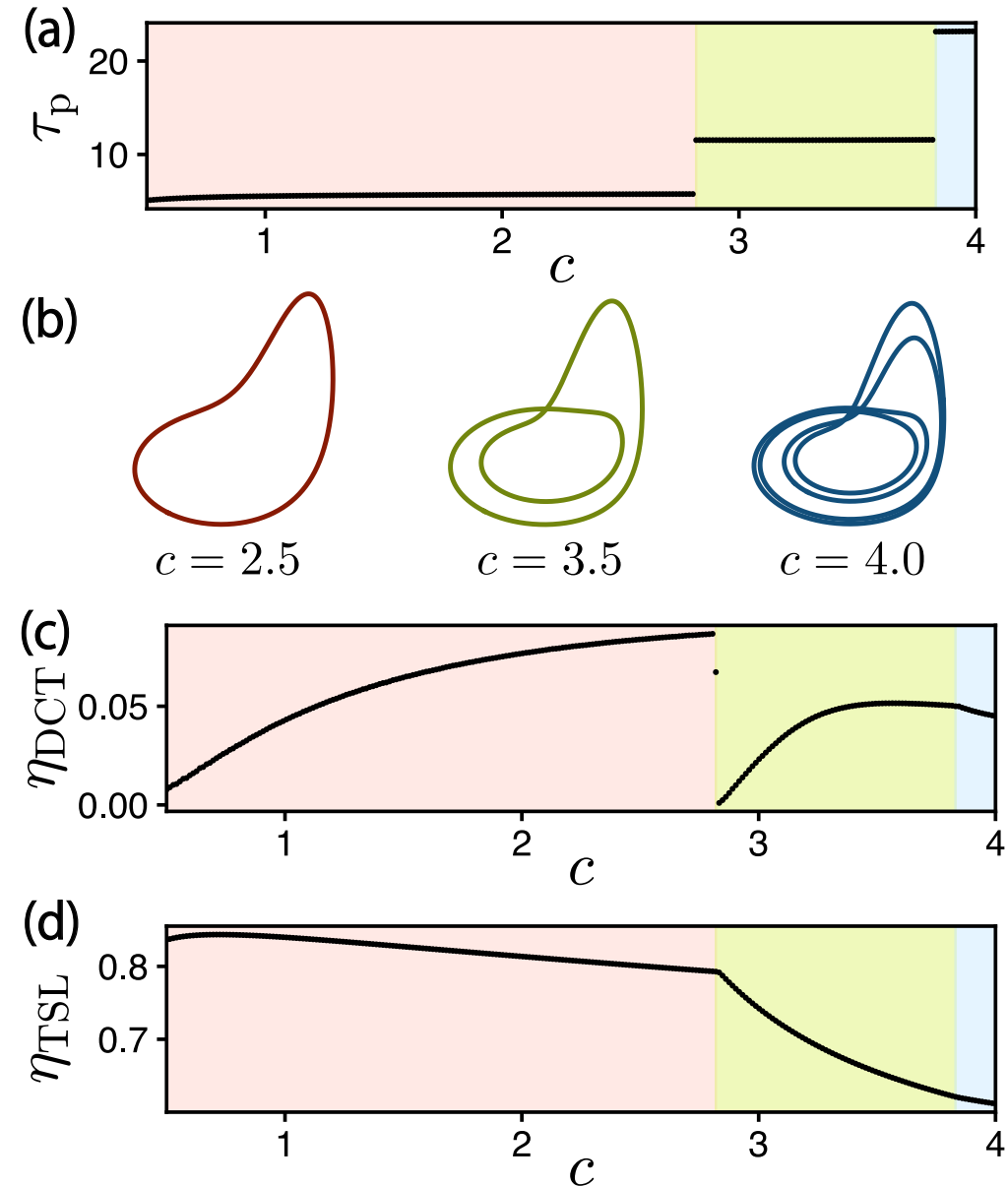
$$F(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_1 + 0.2x_2 \\ 0.2 + x_1x_3 - cx_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$c \in [0.5, 40]$: Period-doubling bifurcation

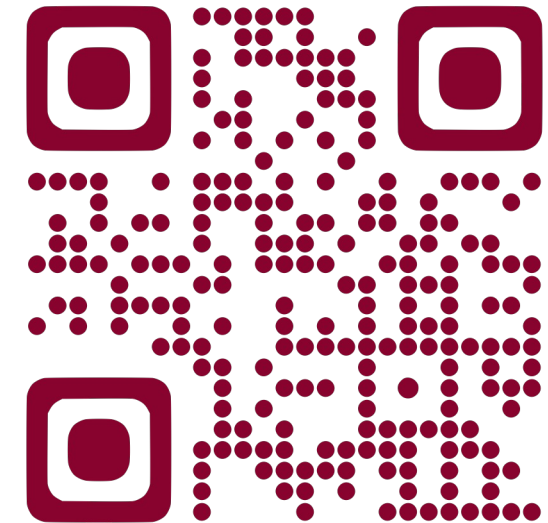
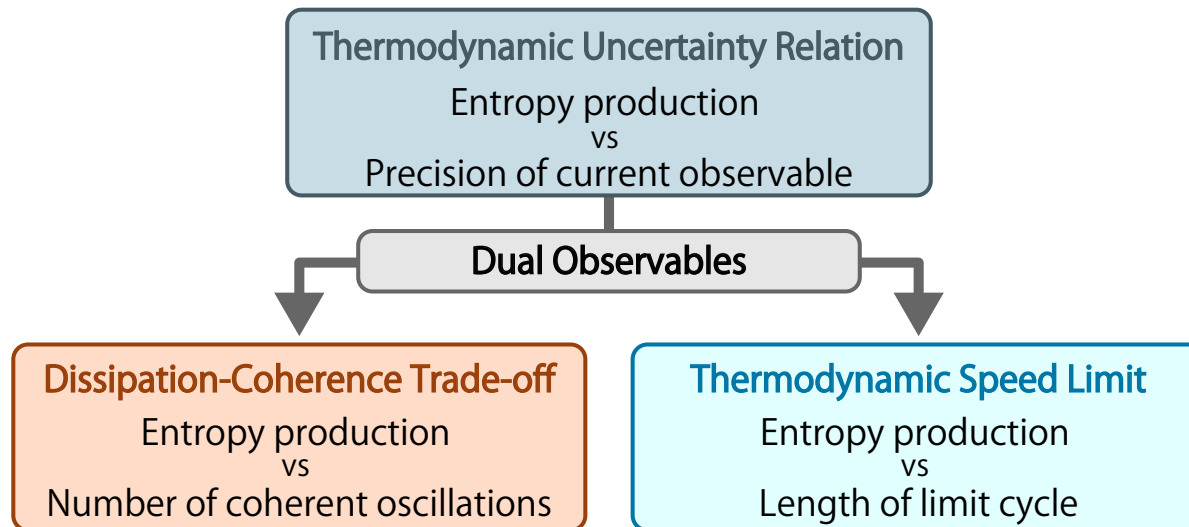
Efficiencies: $\eta_{\text{DCT}} := \frac{4\pi^2 \mathcal{N}}{\Sigma_{\tau_p}}$, $\eta_{\text{TSL}} := \frac{l_{\text{LC}}^2}{\tau_p D_{\text{LC}} \Sigma_{\tau_p}}$

- Before the first bifurcation η_{DCT} increases, while η_{TSL} decreases
- At the first bifurcation η_{DCT} changes discontinuously, while η_{TSL} changes continuously

Different trade-off \rightarrow Different behavior



- We derived the DCT in the weak-noise limit without further assumptions
- We also derived a new TSL as the dual of the DCT based on TUR
- The bounds are also generalized to chemical systems with positive semi-definite diffusion coefficient matrices
- Another proof with finite-time TUR & steady-state EP [A. Kolchinsky, arXiv:2510.14101]



Appendix

Chemical Langevin eq.
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \sqrt{2\epsilon}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{x}_t) \bullet \boldsymbol{\xi}_t$$

- $(\mathbf{x}_t)_\alpha$: Concentration of species α at time t
- $(\mathbf{S})_{\alpha\rho}$: Stoichiometric matrix (Net increase in #molecules of species α through reaction ρ)
- $(\mathbf{j})_\rho$: Net current of reaction ρ (Decomposed into fw/rev fluxes as $(\mathbf{j})_\rho = j_\rho^+ - j_\rho^-$)
- ϵ^{-1} : System size (weak-noise regime = macroscopic limit)
- $(\mathbf{A})_{\rho\rho'} := \delta_{\rho\rho'}(j_\rho^+ + j_\rho^-)/2$: Dynamical activity matrix
- $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^\top$: Scaled diffusion coefficient matrix

Some eigenvalues of the scaled diffusion coefficient matrix can be 0 due to the linear **conservation laws** in $\ker \mathbf{S}^\top$

→ Impossible to define \mathbf{D}^{-1} and the EP

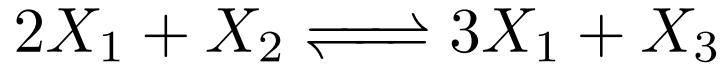
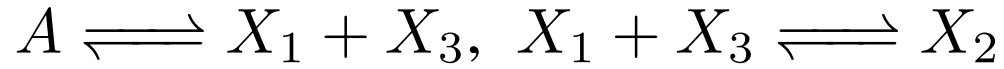
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 Reduction of degrees of freedom

- $N_L := \# \text{Independent conservation laws} = \dim(\ker S^\top)$
- The conservation laws determine the time evolution of N_L species using other $N - N_L$
- Removing these species → D becomes positive-definite
- EP for reduced Langevin eq. is a lower bound of the EP for corresponding chemical master eq.
- Trade-offs are consequences of the TUR for deterministic chemical systems

Application to chemical systems



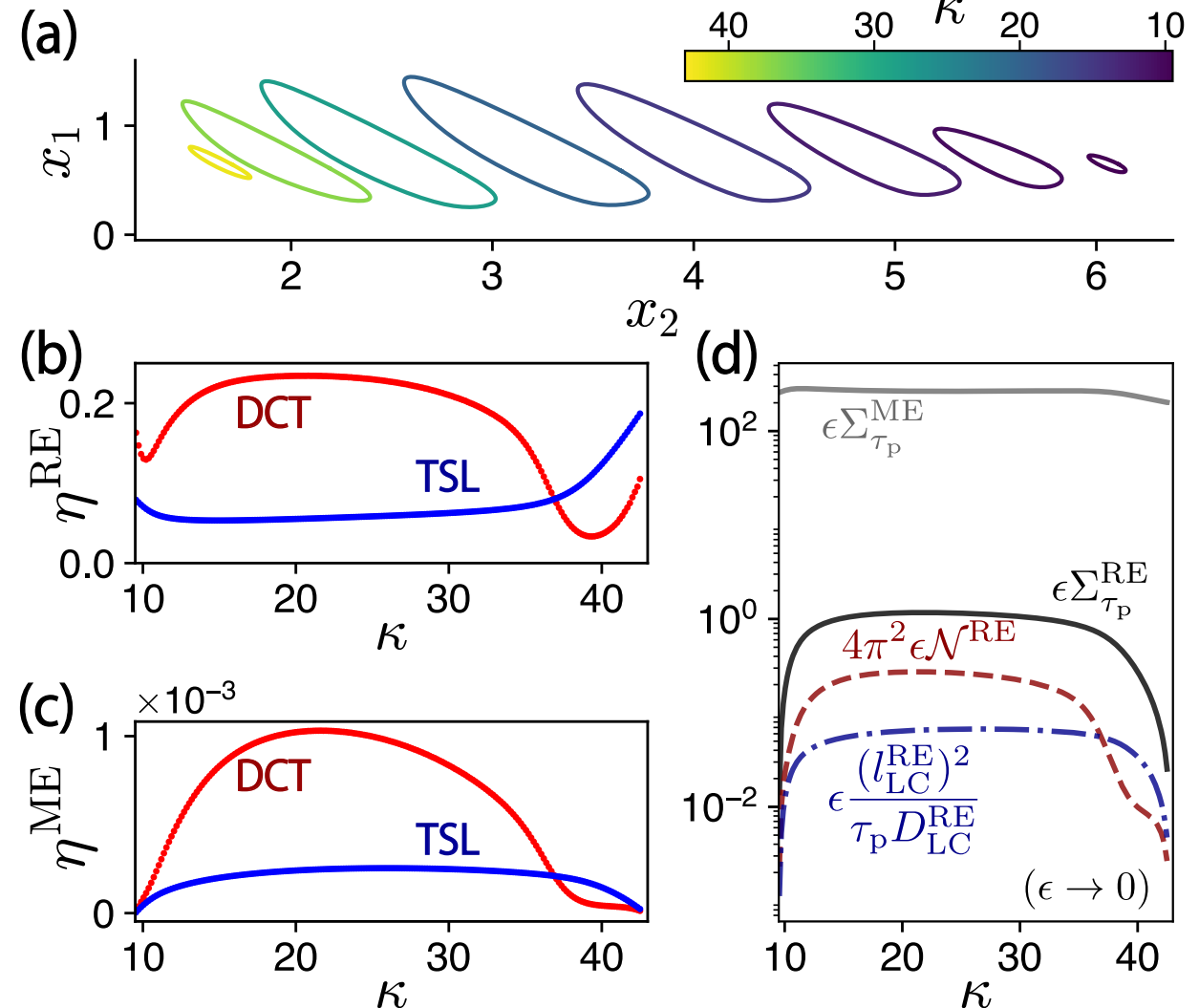
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - x_1 x_3 \\ 30x_1 x_3 - x_2 \\ \kappa x_1^2 x_2 - x_1^3 x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_1 - x_3$ is conserved \rightarrow Reduce x_3

The EP for chemical master eq.

$$\Sigma_{\tau_P}^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^{\tau_P} dt \sum_{\rho=1}^M j_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}}) \ln \frac{j_{\rho}^+(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})}{j_{\rho}^-(\mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})}$$

[D. Santolin & G. Falasco, PRL 2025]



- Conventional derivations: Gaussian approximation of the rate function + Hamilton–Jacobi
- Without Large deviation = Gaussian approximation is enough [Y. -C. Cheng & H. Qian, J. Stat. Phys. 2021]

STEP1: Definition of correlation function

$$\langle a(\mathbf{x}_t)a(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle_{\text{st}} = \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{x}' a(\mathbf{x})a(\mathbf{x}')p_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}')p^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{x}')$$

Steady-state distribution in the weak-noise limit

$$p^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\tau_p} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_t^{\text{LC}})$$

$$\langle a(\mathbf{x}_t)a(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle_{\text{st}} = \frac{1}{\tau_p} \int d\mathbf{x} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt' a(\mathbf{x})a(\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}})p_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}})$$

STEP2: Gaussian approximation of the propagator

$$\langle a(\mathbf{x}_t)a(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle_{\text{st}} = \frac{1}{\tau_p} \int d\mathbf{x} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt' a(\mathbf{x}) a(\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}}) \underline{p_t(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}})}$$

- Starting from $\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}}$, the state at time t is in the neighborhood of $\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}$
- Linearized time evolution of $\mathbf{z}_{t|t'} := \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}$: $\dot{\mathbf{z}}_{t|t'} = \mathbf{K}_{t'+t} \mathbf{z}_{t|t'} + \sqrt{2\epsilon} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}_t$
- Covariance matrix $\mathbf{V}_{t|t'} := \langle \mathbf{z}_{t|t'} \mathbf{z}_{t|t'}^\top \rangle$ (Mean is always zero/Covariance is initially zero)
- Time evolution $\dot{\mathbf{V}}_{t|t'} = \mathbf{K}_{t'+t} \mathbf{V}_{t|t'} + \mathbf{V}_{t|t'} \mathbf{K}_{t'+t}^\top + 2\epsilon \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}})$
 - ← Solved by $\mathbf{V}_{t|t'} = 2\epsilon \Phi_{t'+t} \left\{ \int_0^t ds \Phi_{t'+s}^{-1} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}_{t'+s}^{\text{LC}}) \Phi_{t'+s}^{-1\top} \right\} \Phi_{t'+t}^\top$
- $p_t(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}})$ is approximated by the Gaussian $\mathcal{G}[\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}; \mathbf{V}_{t|t'}]$

STEP3: Long time approximation

$$V_{t|t'} = 2\epsilon\Phi_{t'+t} \left\{ \int_0^t ds \Phi_{t'+s}^{-1} D(\mathbf{x}_{t'+s}^{\text{LC}}) \Phi_{t'+s}^{-1\top} \right\} \Phi_{t'+t}^\top$$

- The monodromy matrix satisfies $\Phi_{t+\tau_p} = \Phi_t \Phi_{\tau_p}$
- Large t & stability of the limit cycle $\rightarrow \Phi_{t'+t} \simeq \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}} \mathbf{v}^{(1)\top}$
- Periodicity leads to $V_{t|t'} \simeq \frac{2\epsilon t}{\tau_p} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}} \left\{ \int_0^{\tau_p} ds \zeta_s^\top D(\mathbf{x}_s^{\text{LC}}) \zeta_s \right\} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}\top}$

STEP4: Gaussian integral

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a(\mathbf{x}_t)a(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle_{\text{st}} &\simeq \frac{1}{\tau_p} \int d\mathbf{x} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt' a(\mathbf{x})a(\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}}) \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{x}}[\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}; \mathbf{V}_{t|t'}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau_p} \int d\mathbf{z} \int_0^{\tau_p} dt' a(\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}} + \mathbf{z})a(\mathbf{x}_{t'}^{\text{LC}}) \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{z}}[\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{V}_{t|t'}]\end{aligned}$$

- Long time approximation \rightarrow Gaussian dist. is delta function-like for \mathbf{z}_{\perp}
(the components perpendicular to the limit cycle)
- For the component parallel to the limit cycle, we can introduce $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_{\perp}) \|\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}}\|^{-1}$
& rewrite $a(\mathbf{x}_{t'+t}^{\text{LC}} + \mathbf{z}) \Rightarrow a(\mathbf{x}_{t'+t+z}^{\text{LC}})$
- Gaussian integral for $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow$ The closed form of correlation time