

GLOBAL STABILITY ANALYSIS OF BIRHYTHMICITY IN A VAN DER POL TYPE SELF-SUSTAINED OSCILLATOR

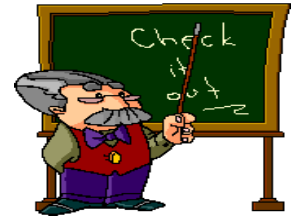
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Outline



- Birhythmic oscillators
- Global versus local stability
- Basic structure of the van der Pol-type oscillations
- Effective activation energies
- Numerical and analytical estimates
- Residence times and analogy with phase transitions
- Conclusions and Perspectives

This works deals with attractors

Attractors, or cycles, or orbits, or rhythms, are ubiquitous in biological and natural sciences.

Natural systems oscillates because of

- *Circadian, seasonal forcing*
- *Population competition*
- *Chemical instabilities*



Main question: if more than an orbit is possible, how to assess the relative stability ?

Birhythmicity

Birhythmic oscillations, e.g. two stable frequencies as in:

- [1] Chemical oscillating reactions
- [2] Enzyme-reactions (very indirect)
- [3] Cats neural electro-activity
- [4] Circadian rhythms (not clear cut evidence)
- [5] Superconducting circuits coupled to a resonator (Josephson junctions)



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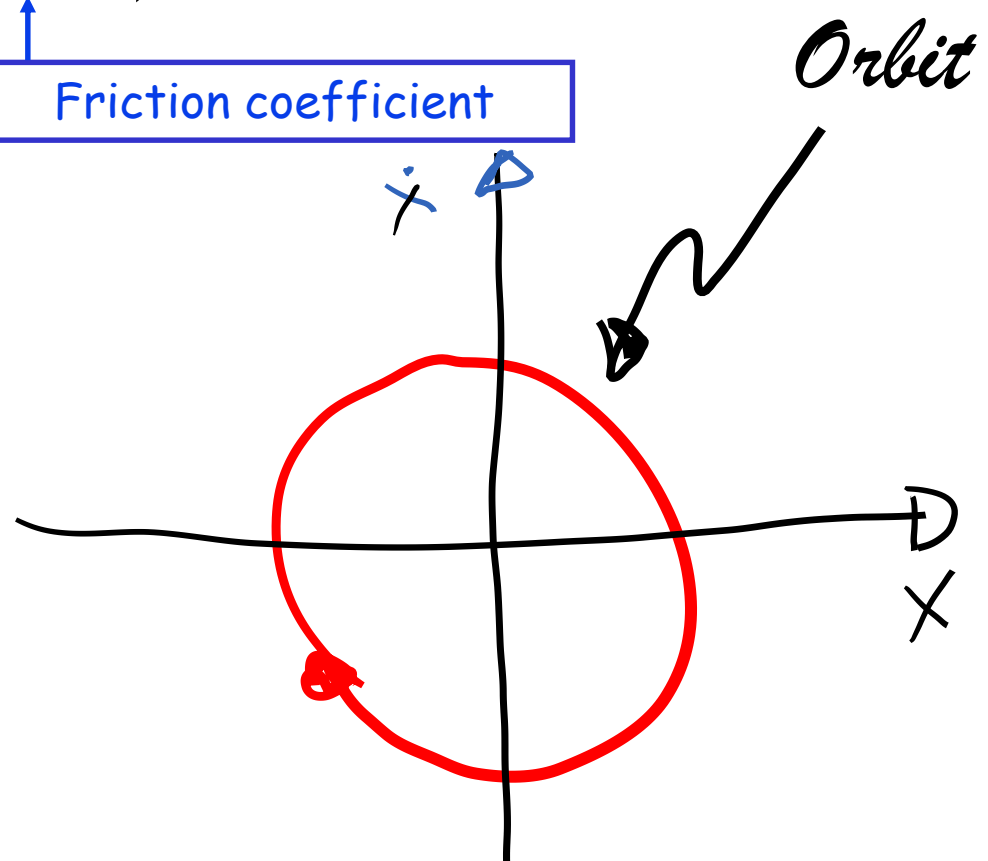


Van der Pol oscillators:

$$\ddot{x} - \mu(1 - x^2)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

Friction coefficient

Self oscillations
appear, as the
coefficient of the
friction is positive
for small x



Birhythmic van der Pol oscillators:

$$\ddot{x} - \mu(1 - x^2 + \alpha x^4 - \beta x^6)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

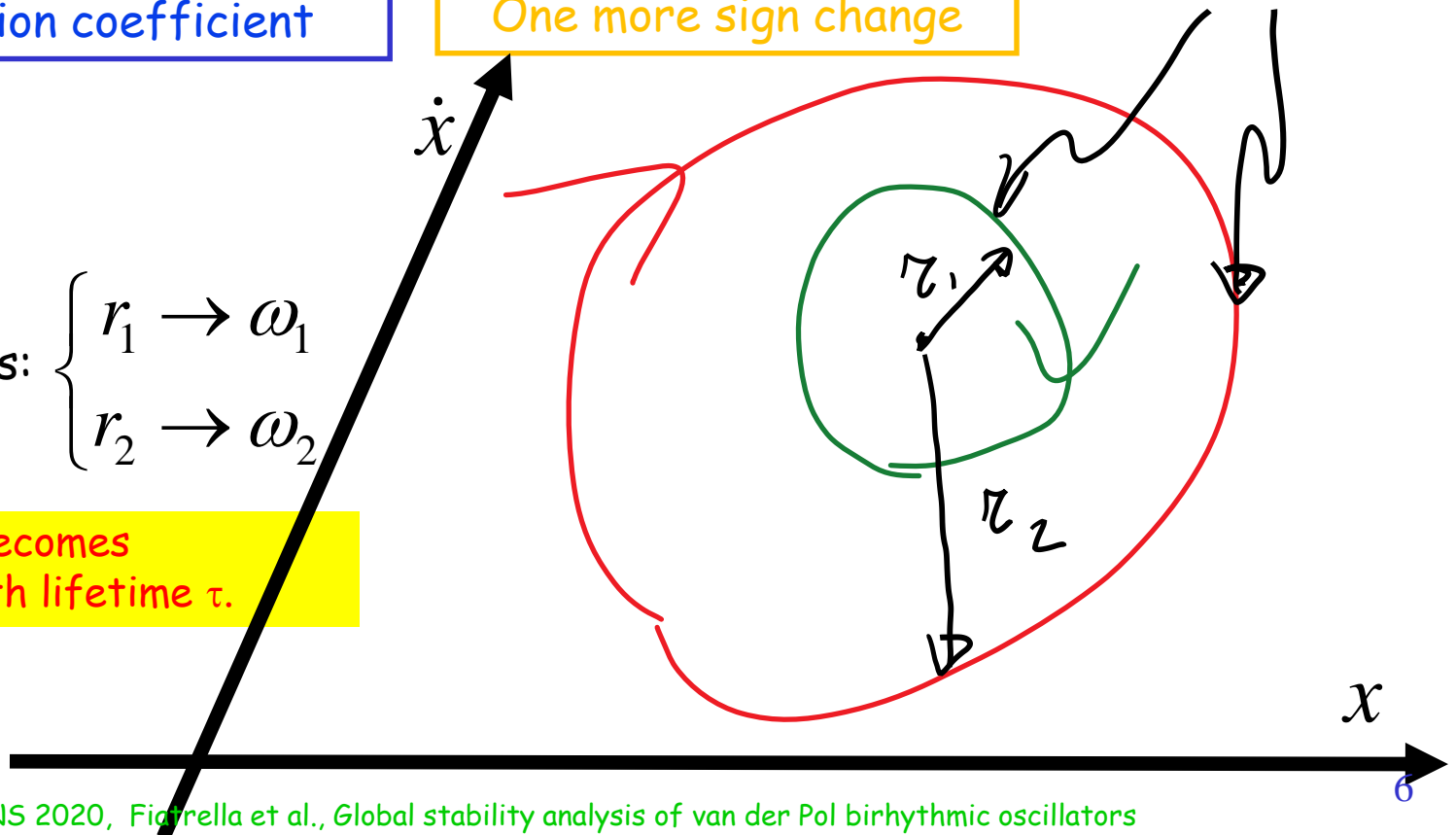
Friction coefficient

One more sign change

Orbits

Two frequencies: $\begin{cases} r_1 \rightarrow \omega_1 \\ r_2 \rightarrow \omega_2 \end{cases}$

Additive noise becomes metastable with lifetime τ .

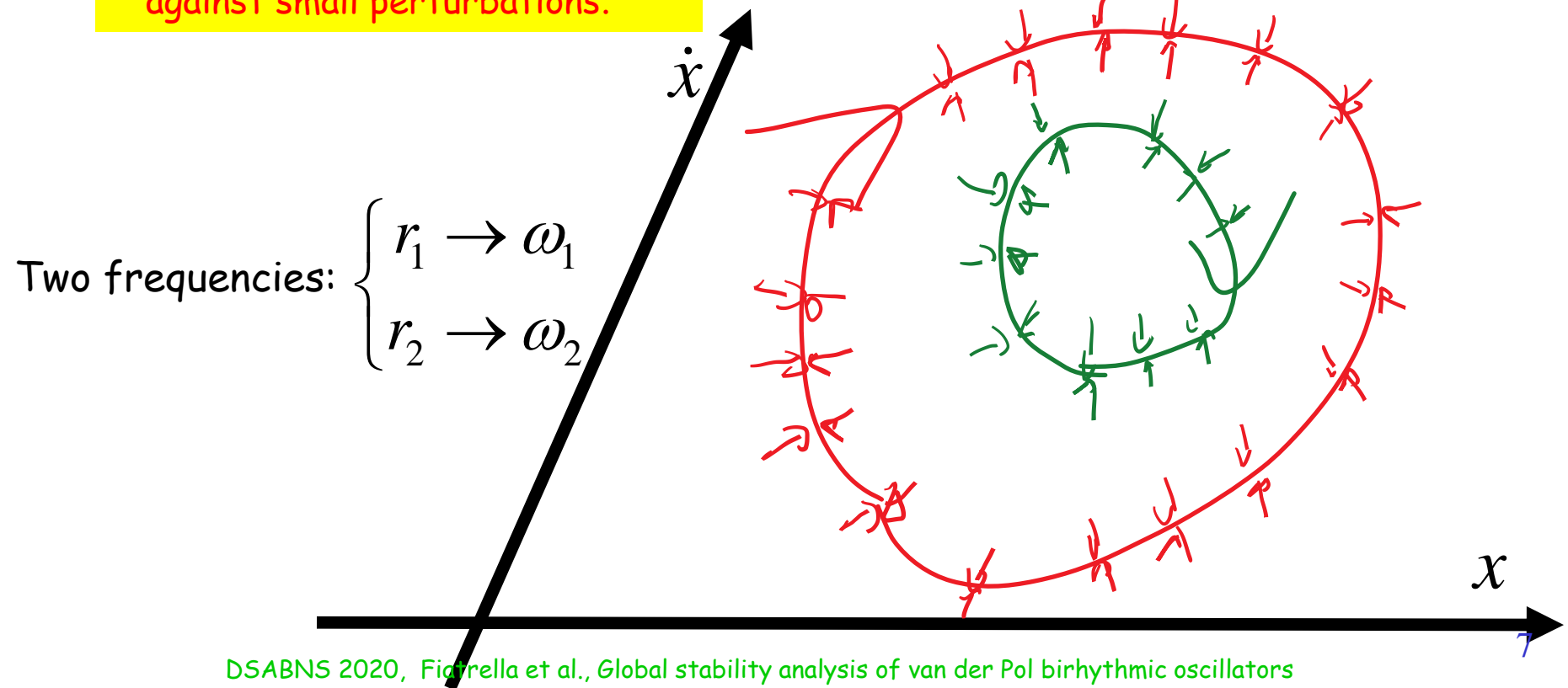


Local versus global stability



$$\ddot{x} - \mu(1 - x^2 + \alpha x^4 - \beta x^6)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

Local stability: the orbit is stable against small perturbations.



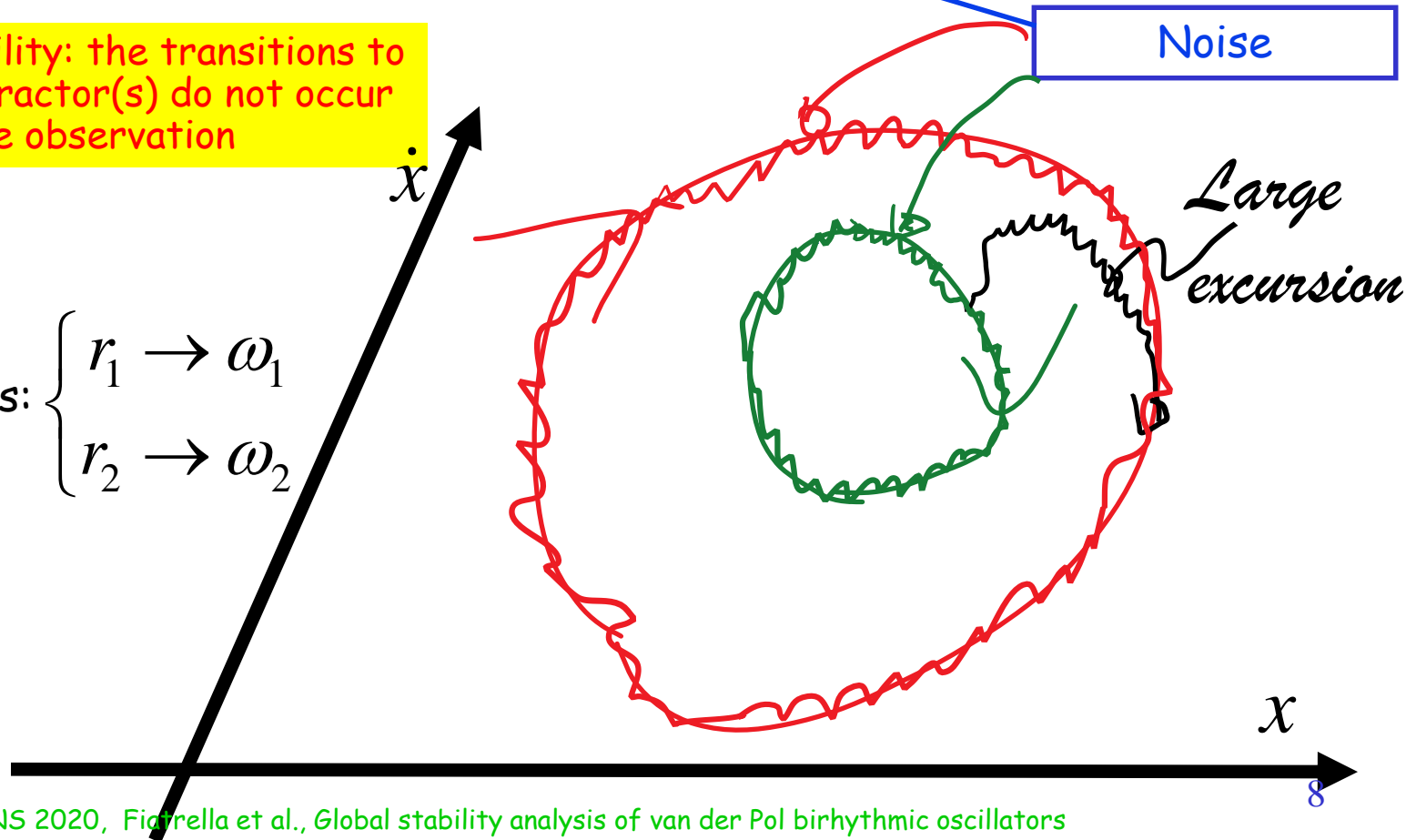
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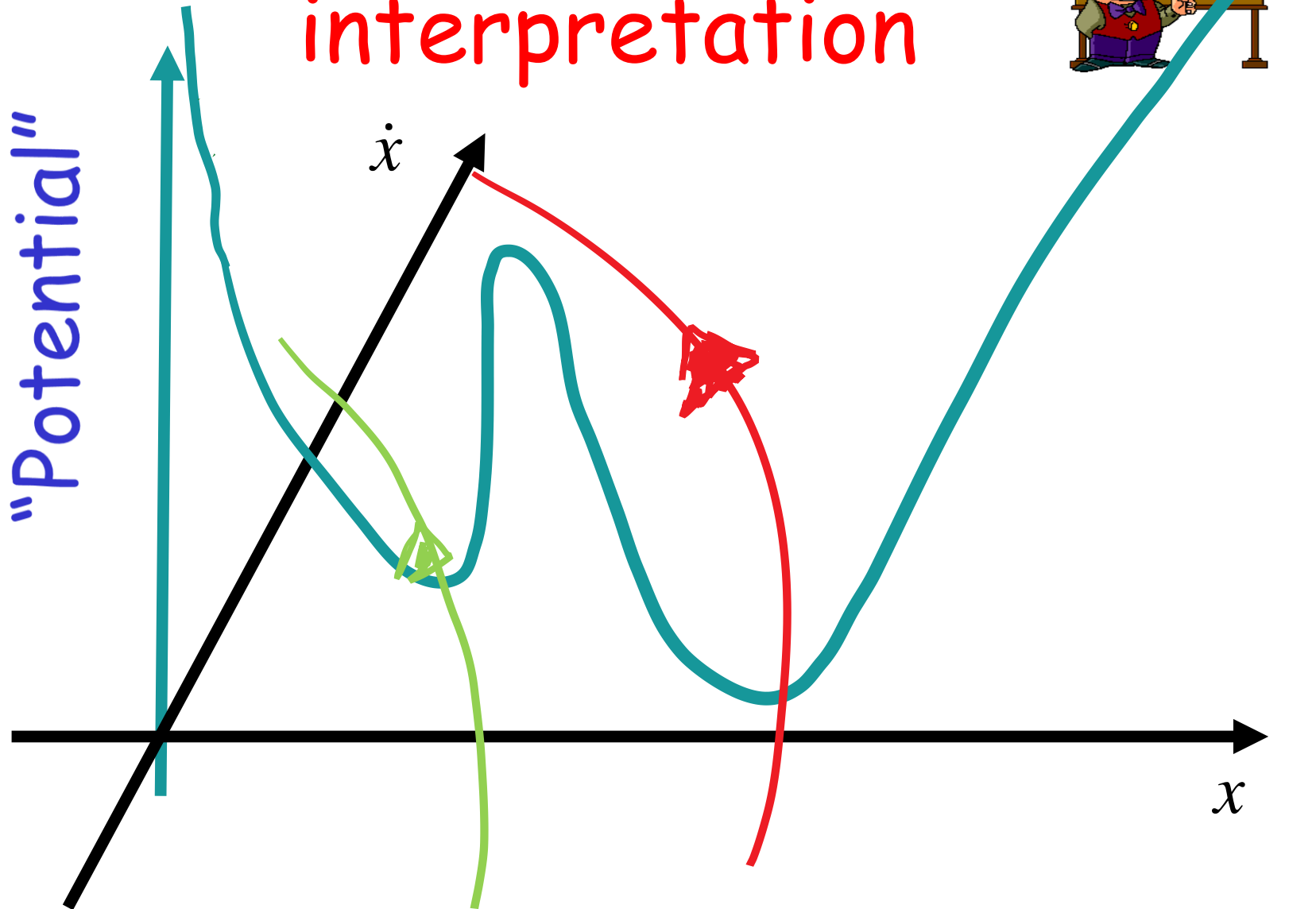
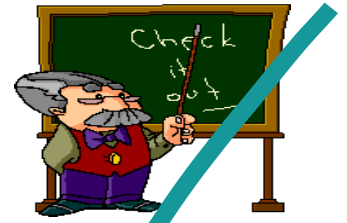
$$\ddot{x} - \mu(1 - x^2 + \alpha x^4 - \beta x^6)\dot{x} + x = \Gamma(t)$$

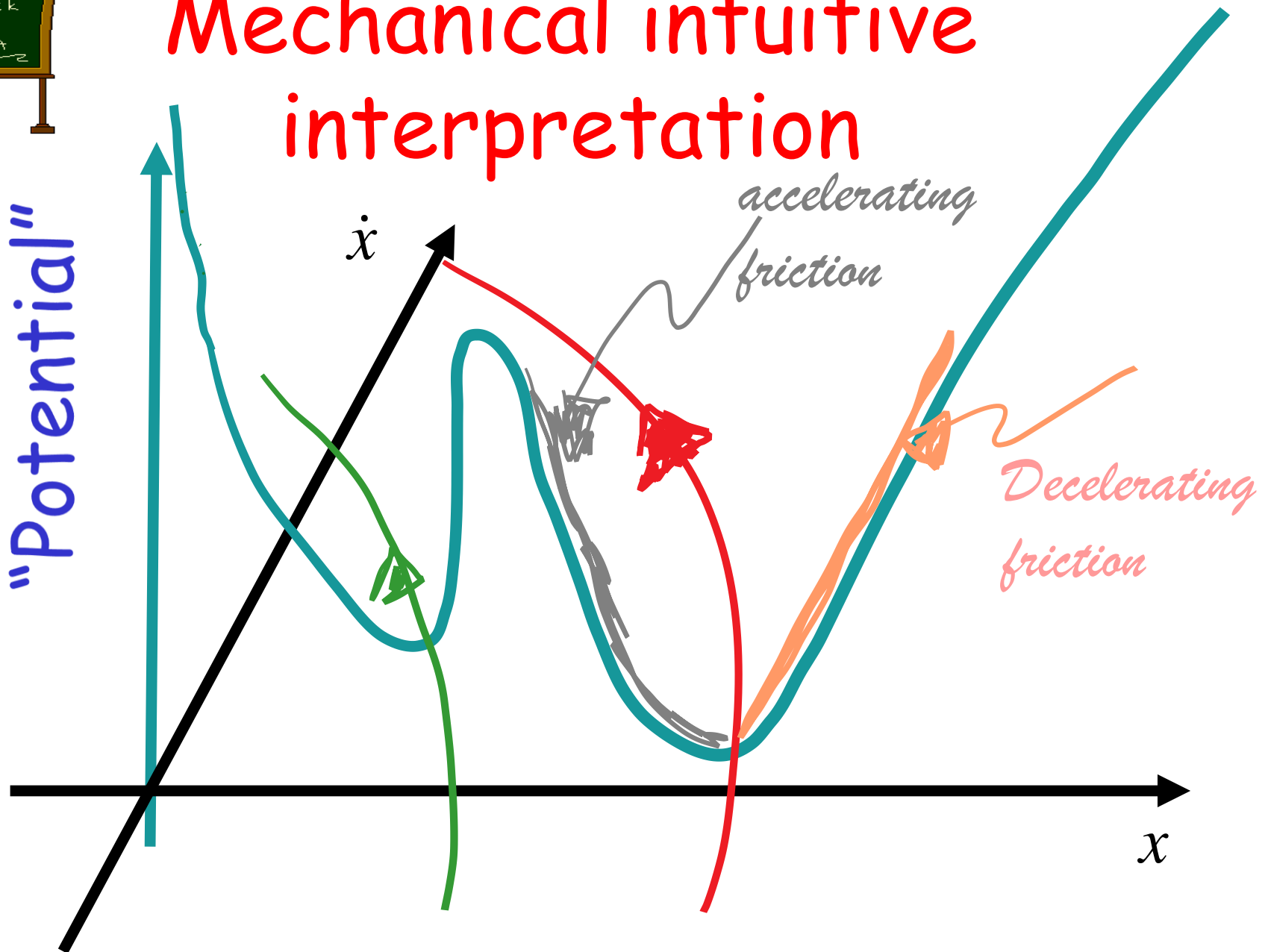
Global stability: the transitions to other attractor(s) do not occur during the observation

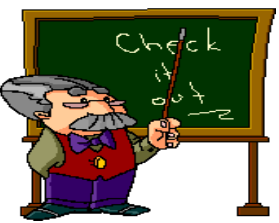
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Mechanical intuitive interpretation



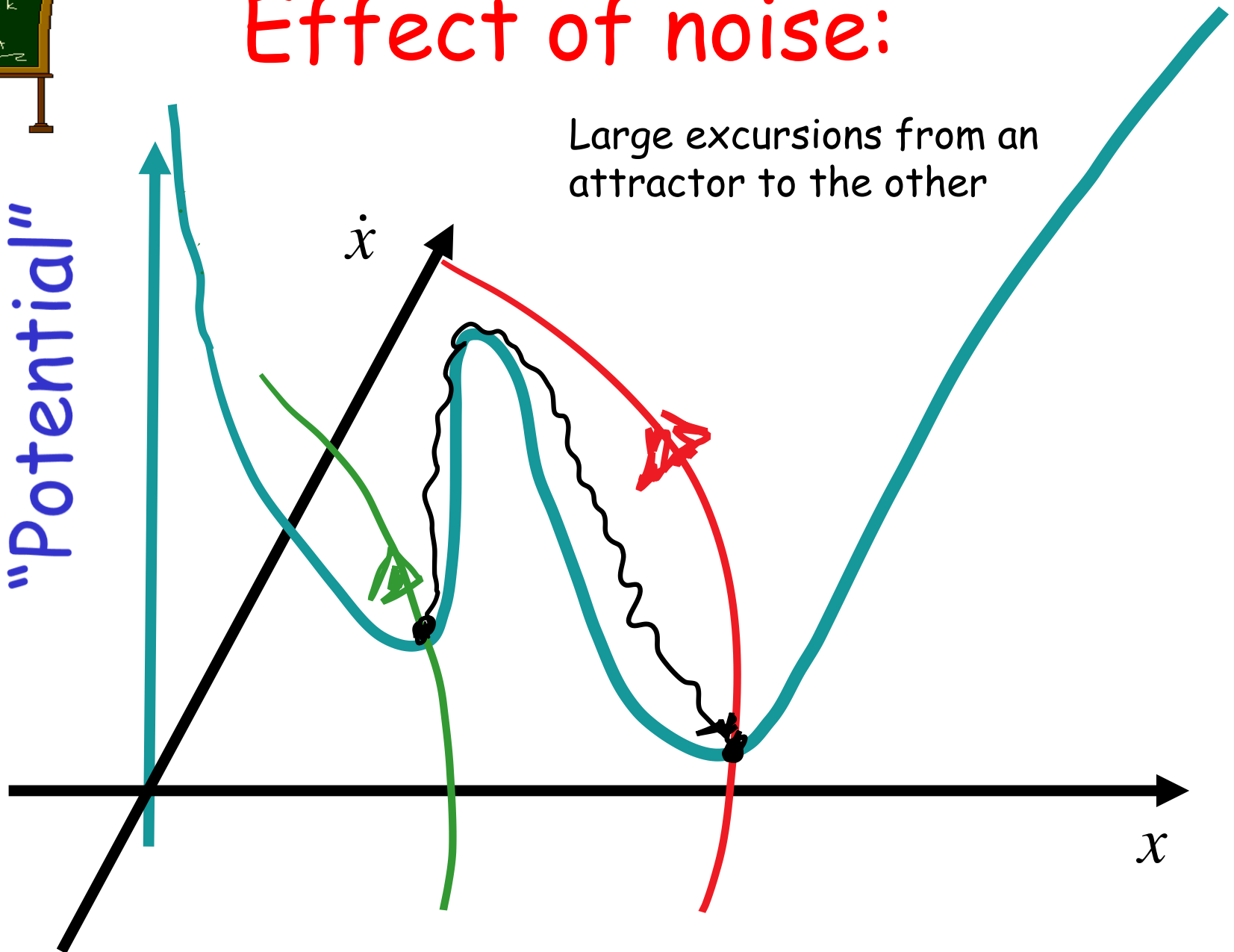




Effect of noise:

Large excursions from an attractor to the other

"Potential"



Numerical energy barriers through Kramers escape



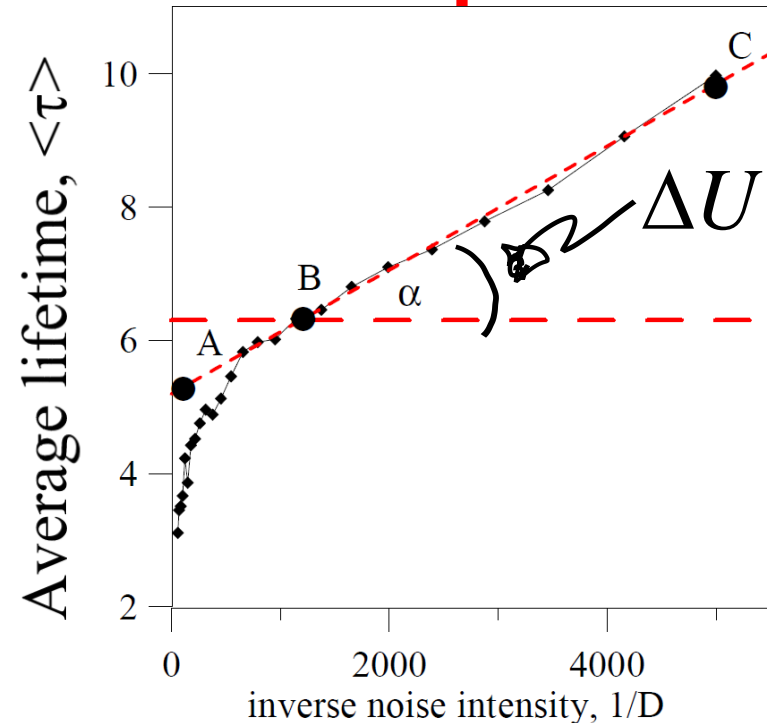
$$\langle \tau \rangle \propto e^{+\frac{\Delta U}{D}}$$

Quasipotential: reverse the logic:

$$\Delta U \equiv \frac{\log[\langle \tau(D + \Delta D) \rangle] - \log[\langle \tau(D) \rangle]}{\Delta(1/D)}$$

Proof that it exists and it is a Lyapunov function:

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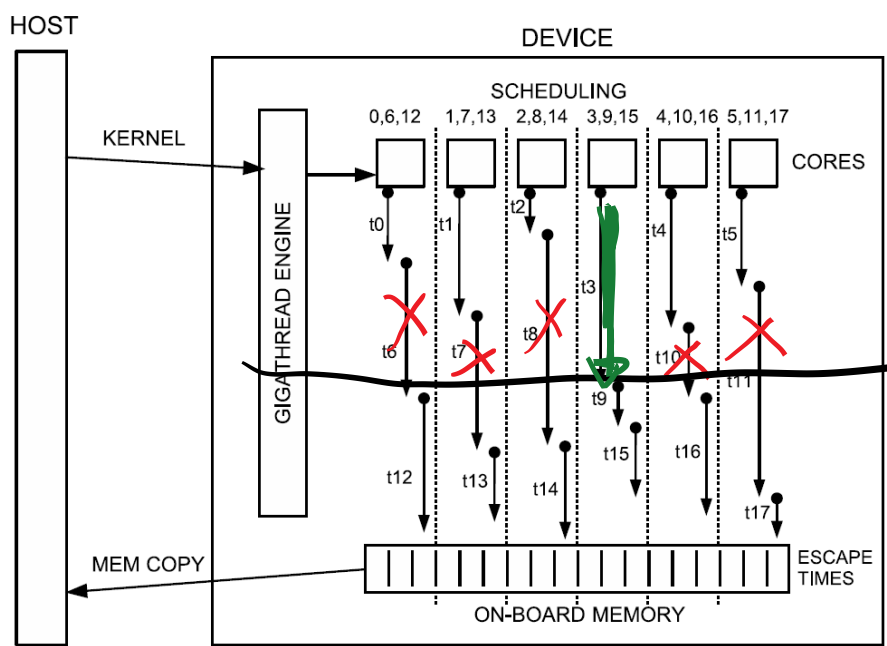




Delicate point in numerical simulations

First passage time cannot be straightforwardly parallelized, for the completion occurs at random points

- Assignment of the jobs to the processors is not trivial

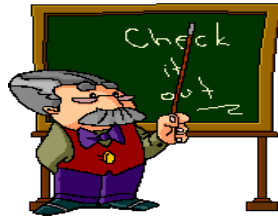


Many processors stay idle

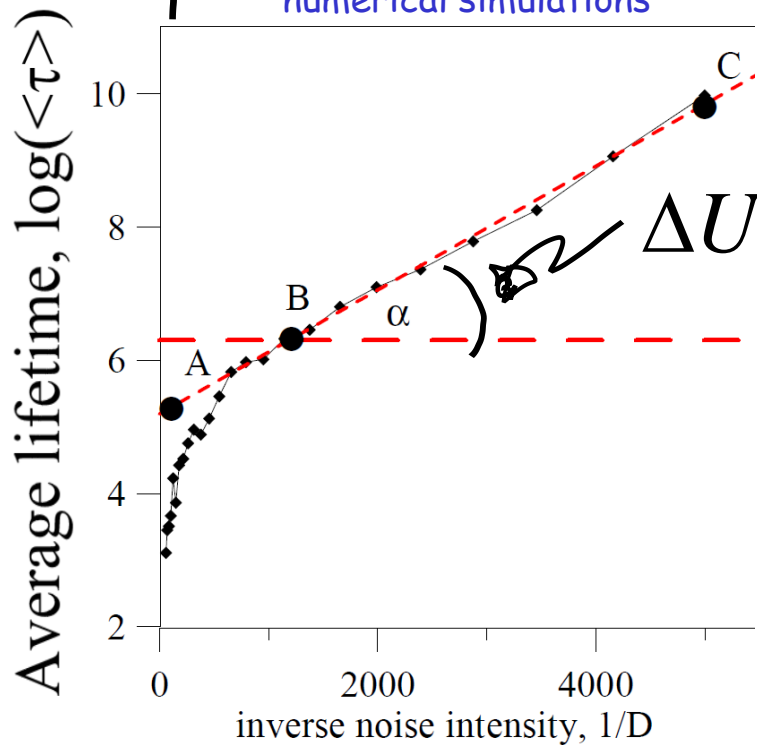
Naïve parallelization waits for the slowest escape to occur

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Why it useful the concept of quasipotential



The scape time contains the information about the stability (in the form or average escape time) , the quasipotential allows to extrapolate to low noise levels not (easily) accessible with numerical simulations



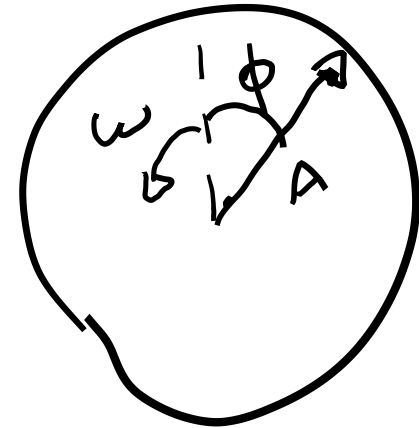
Practical application:
superconducting devices,
thermal disturbances in
quantum computing

Analytical estimate through stochastic averaging



Assume the oscillations to occur with a certain frequency ω , with time dependent phase Φ and radius A - then perturb the fluctuations of the two quantities with noise

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = A(t) \cos(\omega t + \Phi(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) = -\omega A(t) \sin(\omega t + \Phi(t)) \end{cases}$$



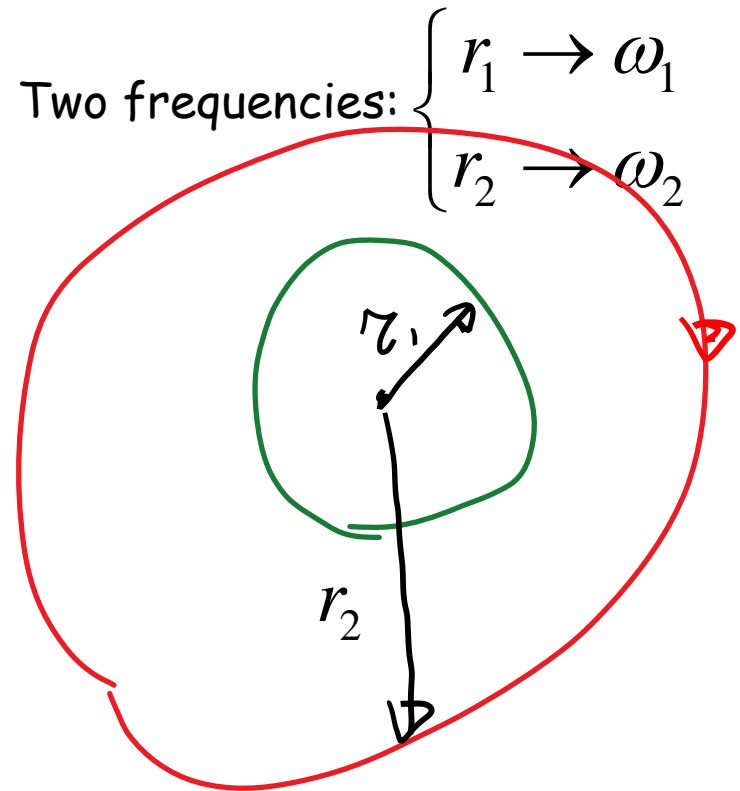
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Delicate point in analytical estimate

For birhythmic systems the frequency of the approximate solution is ambiguous

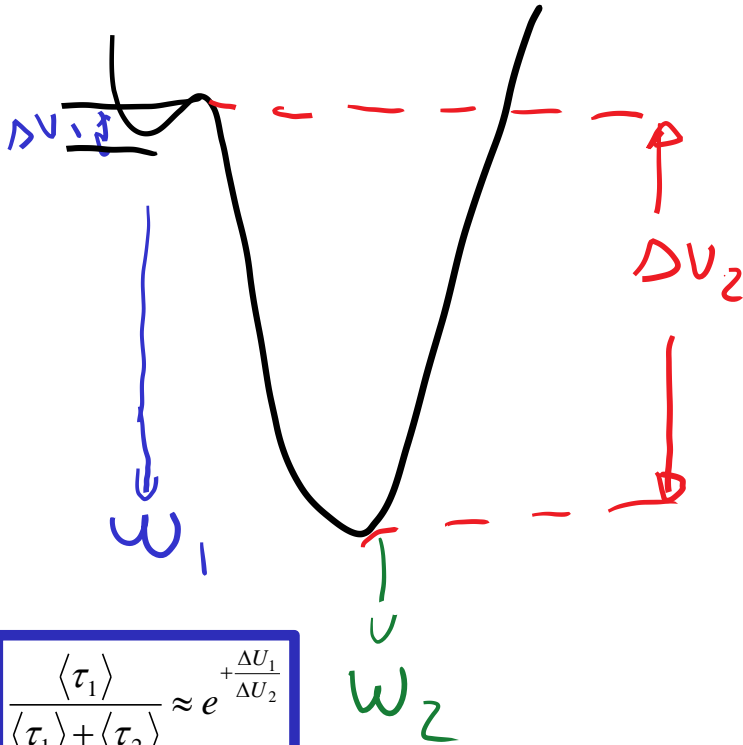
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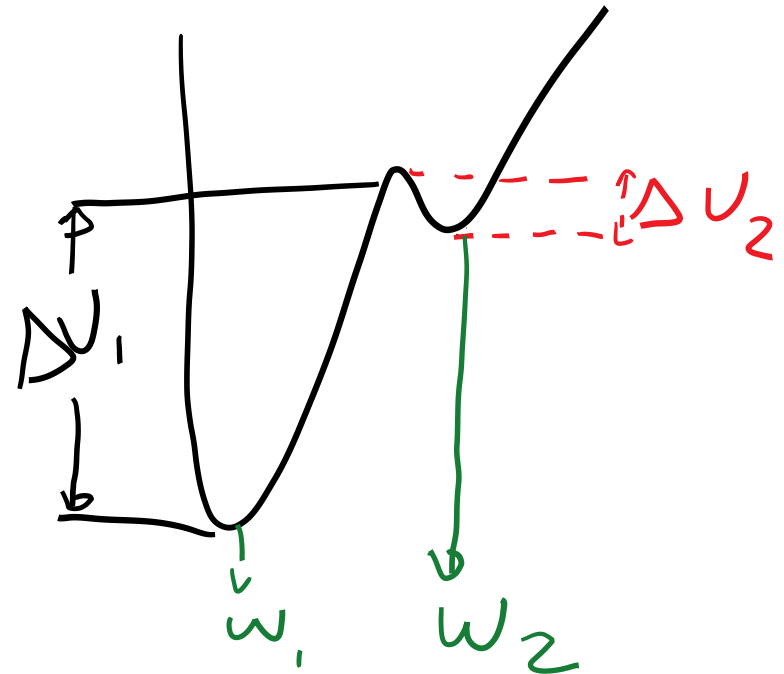
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Main findings - 1

The two attractors are very different =>
The residence time are exponentially different



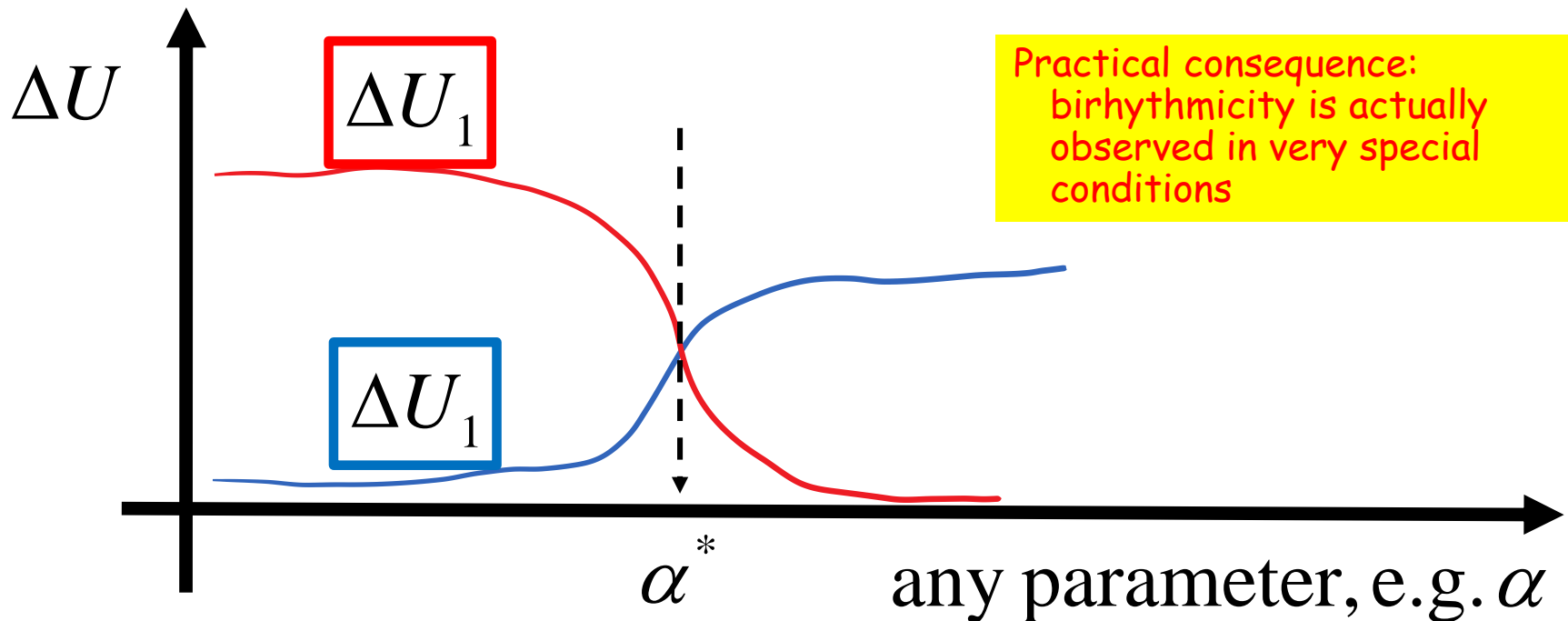
$$\frac{\langle \tau_1 \rangle}{\langle \tau_1 \rangle + \langle \tau_2 \rangle} \approx e^{\frac{\Delta U_1}{\Delta U_2}}$$



$$\frac{\langle \tau_2 \rangle}{\langle \tau_1 \rangle + \langle \tau_2 \rangle} \approx e^{\frac{\Delta U_2}{\Delta U_1}}$$

Main findings - 2

The transition from one dominant stable orbit to the other resembles phase transitions:

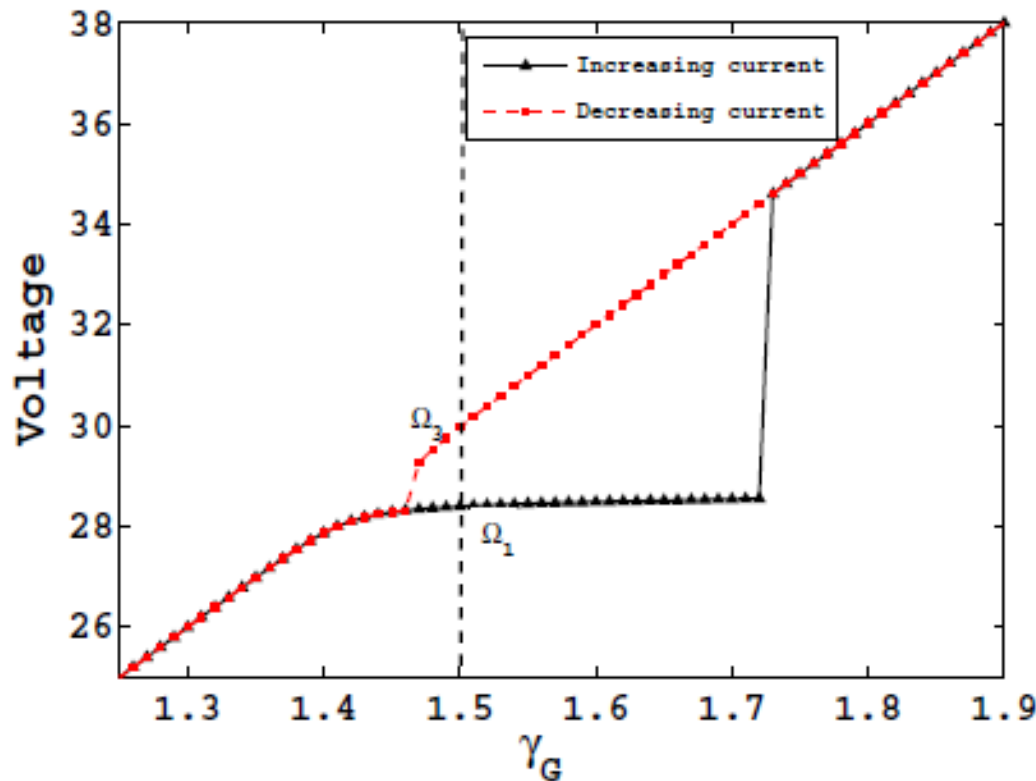


General feature of quasipotential:

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Other systems: superconducting Josephson junctions coupled to a resonator

The transition from one attractor to another depending on the initial conditions



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Conclusions

- ❑ Birhythmic oscillations can be modelled with a variation of the well-known van der Pol model
- ❑ The non-local or global stability can be estimated numerically and analytically, with consistent results
- ❑ The properties of the two attractors can be very different, and therefore only one is effectively stable (statistically visited the overwhelming time)
- ❑ The passage from a dominant attractor to the other occurs very fast, in analogy with phase transitions

Perspectives

- ❑ Experimental data on birhythmic systems
- ❑ Non Gaussian noise

One sentence conclusion



The stability against noise of attractors in non-potential systems can be ascertained with the help of the quasi-potential.

Thanks for your attention