



Analysis of Torus Canards & Other Delayed Loss of Stability Phenomena

Toral & Classical Canards

Forced van der Pol & Paradigm Neuroscience Models

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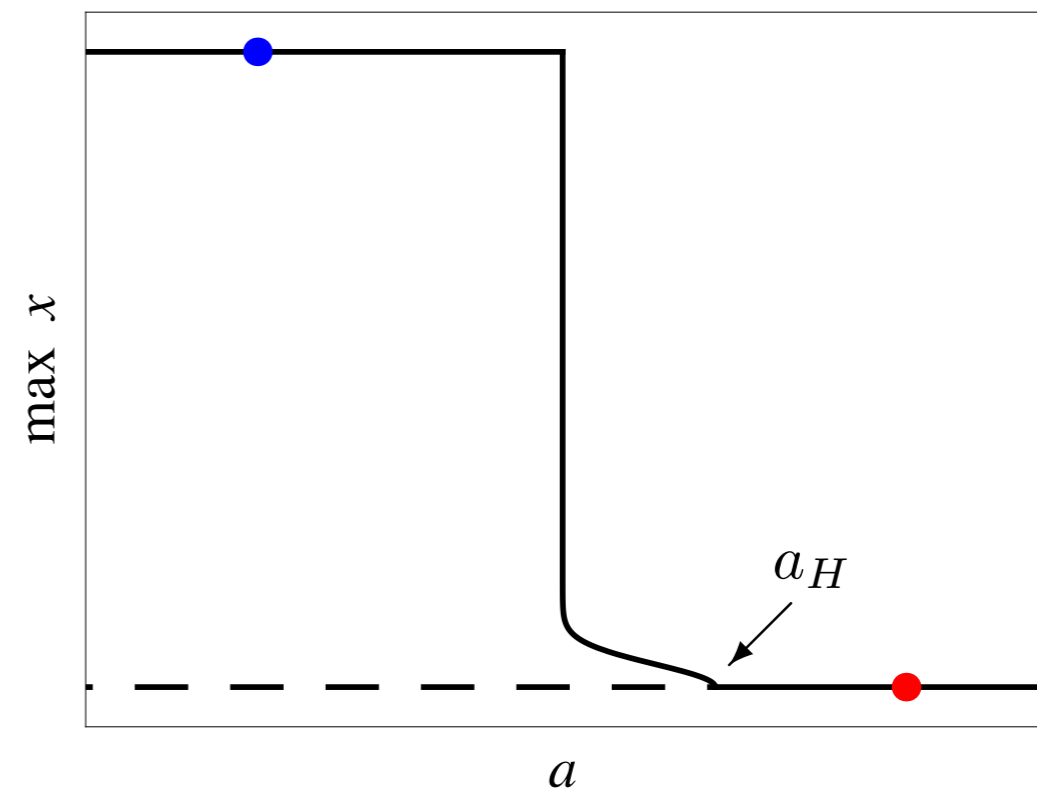
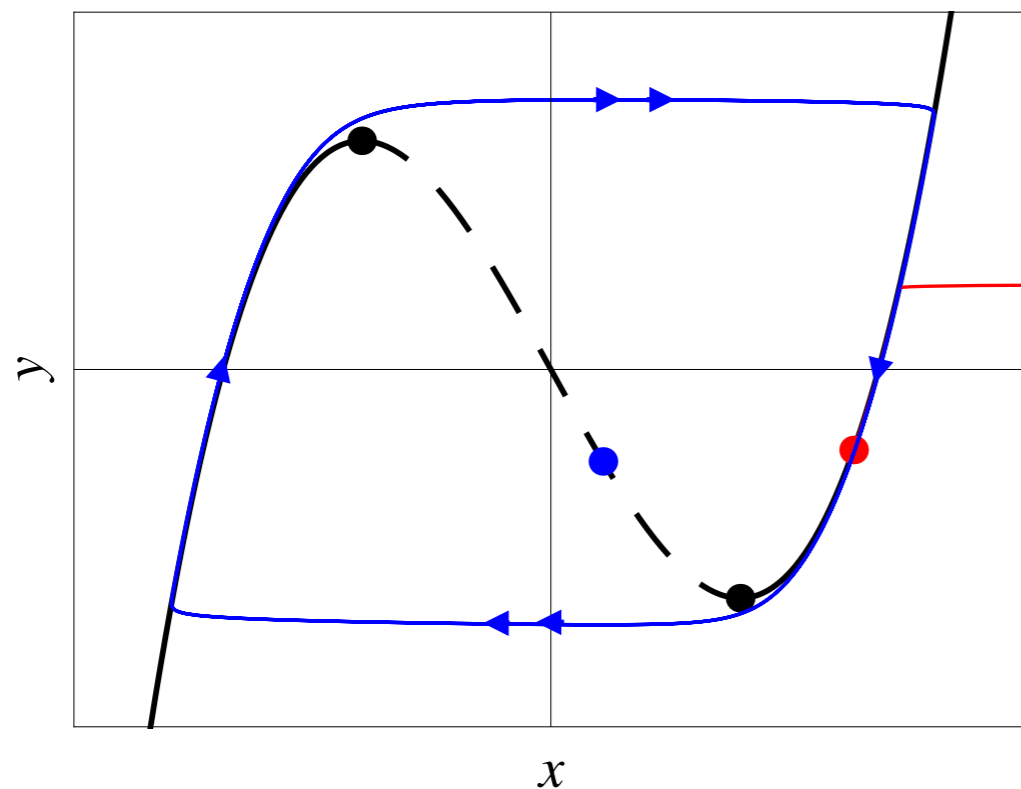
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 - transition between periodic spiking and bursting of many different types
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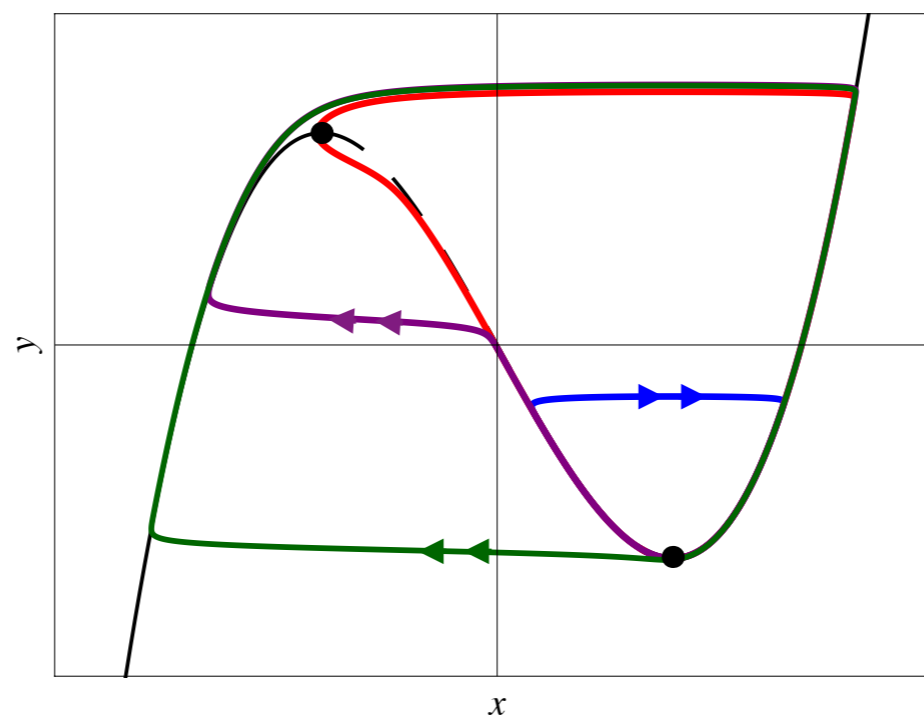
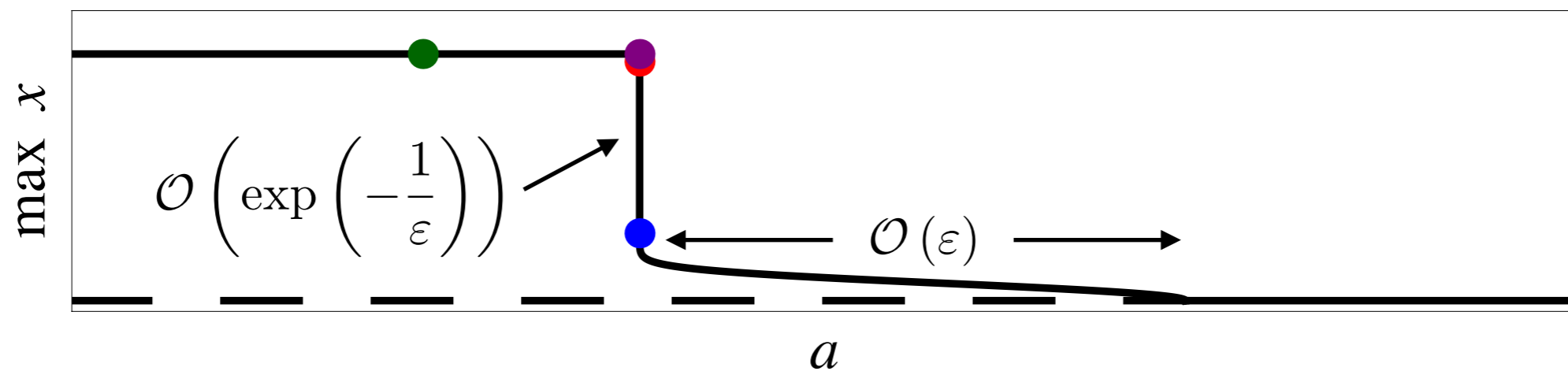


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- Hopf Bifurcation at $a = 1$
- Canard Explosion at $a = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$

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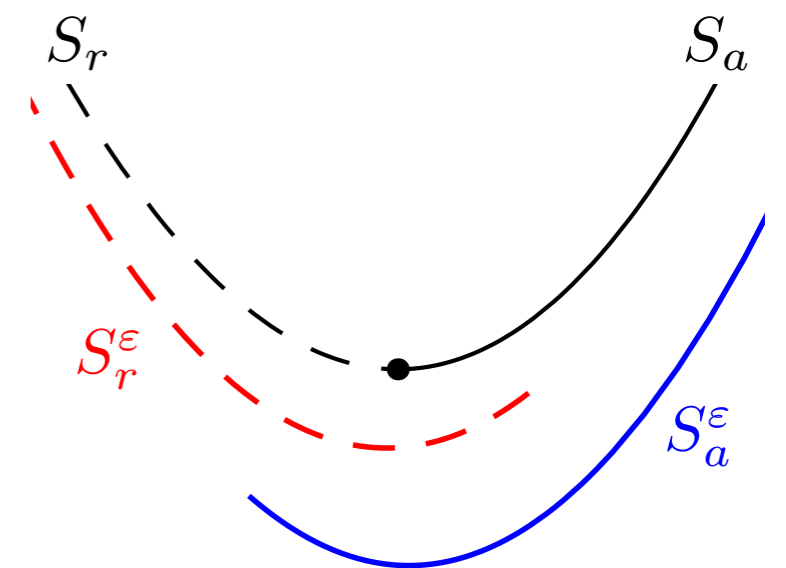
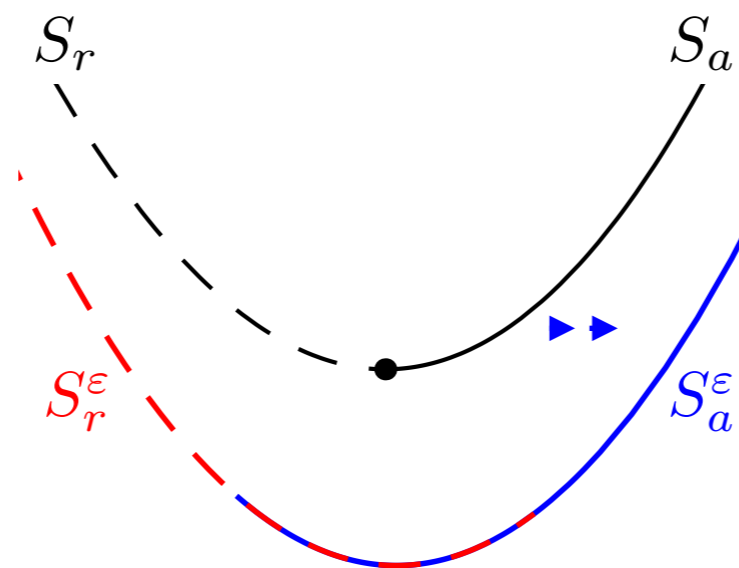
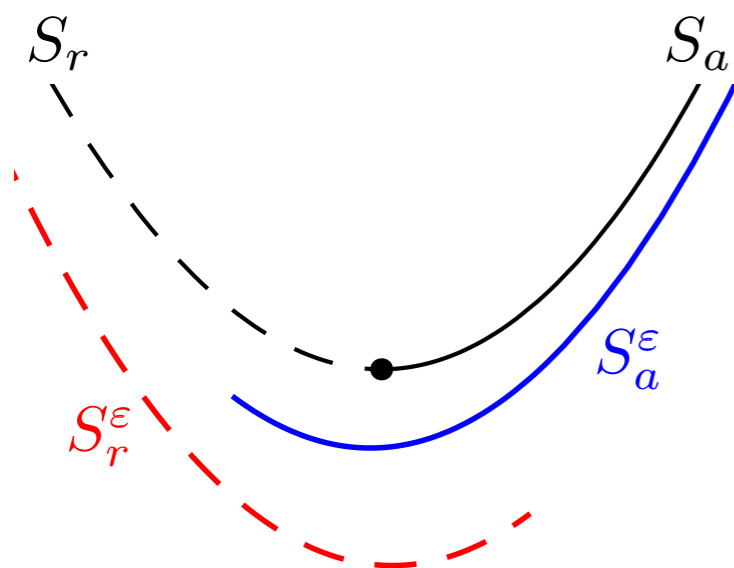
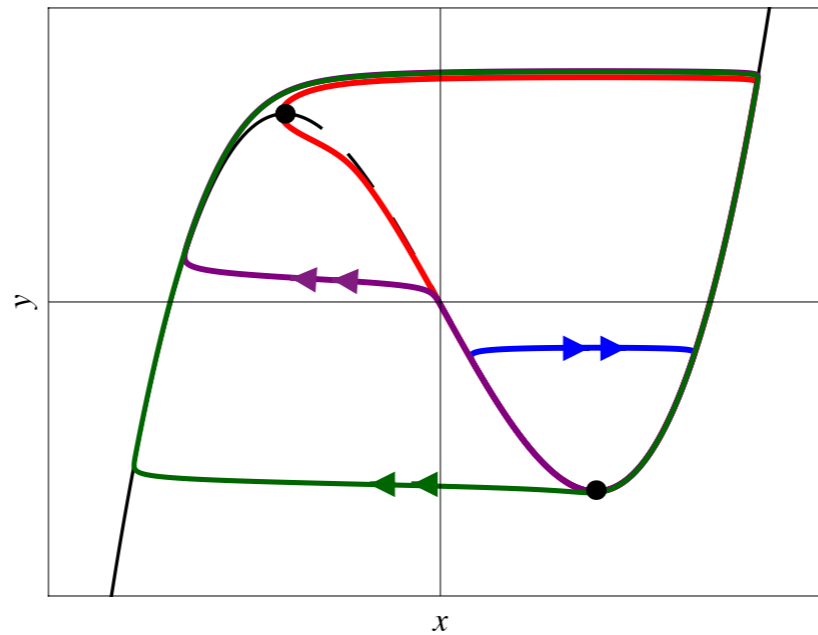


Transition from attracting fixed point to attracting relaxation oscillation must be via sequence of canard cycles

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Canards

FAST SYSTEM

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ y' &= \varepsilon g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \varepsilon \\ \downarrow \\ 0 \end{array}$$

FAST SUBSYSTEM

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f(x, y, 0) \\ y' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

SLOW SYSTEM

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

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SLOW SUBSYSTEM

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f(x, y, 0) \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leftarrow \begin{array}{c} t = \varepsilon \tau \\ \hline \rightarrow \end{array}$$

$$0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} x \in \mathbb{R}^m & \dots & \text{FAST} \\ y \in \mathbb{R}^n & \dots & \text{SLOW} \end{array}$$

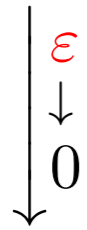
$$S := \{ (x, y) : f(x, y, 0) = 0 \}$$

Canard: solution that spends $\mathcal{O}(1)$ slow time on a repelling manifold of states (equilibria/limit cycles/ n -torus) of the fast subsystem

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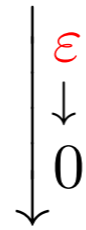


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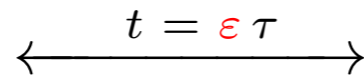
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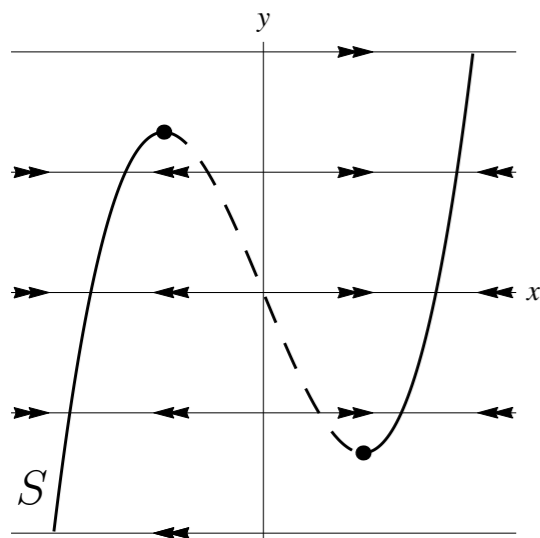
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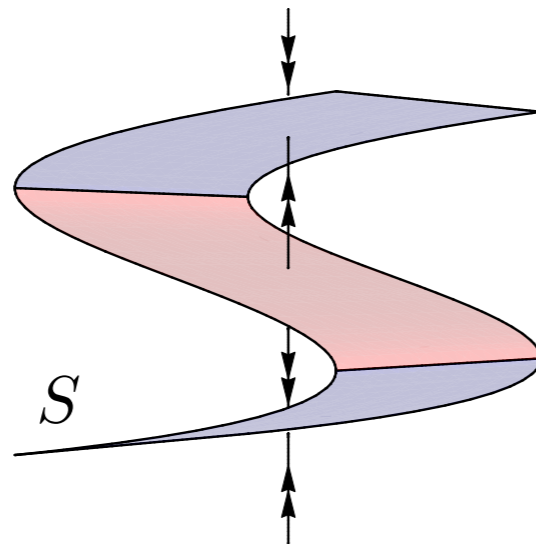
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$x \in \mathbb{R}^m$... FAST
 $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$... SLOW

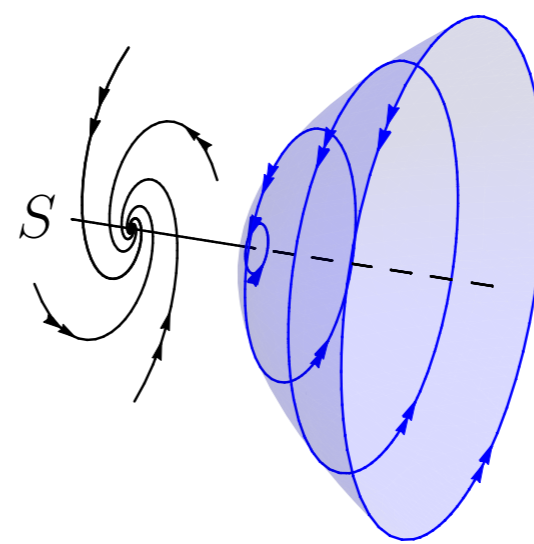
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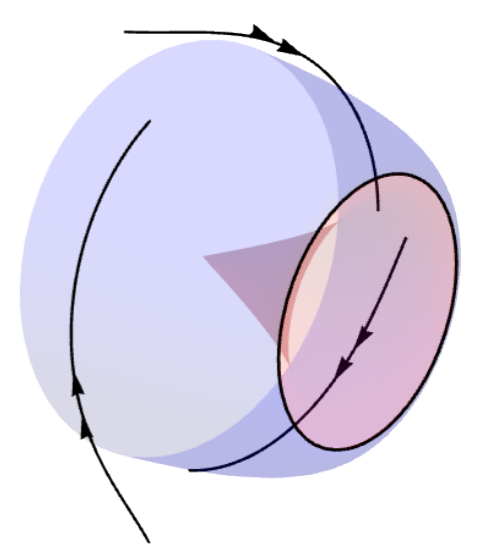
1D + Fold



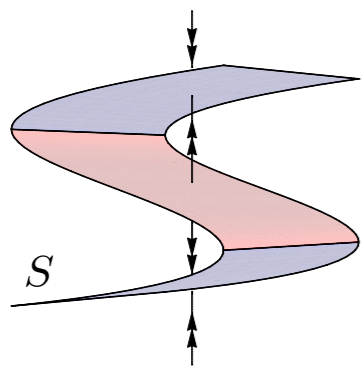
2D + Fold



1D + Hopf



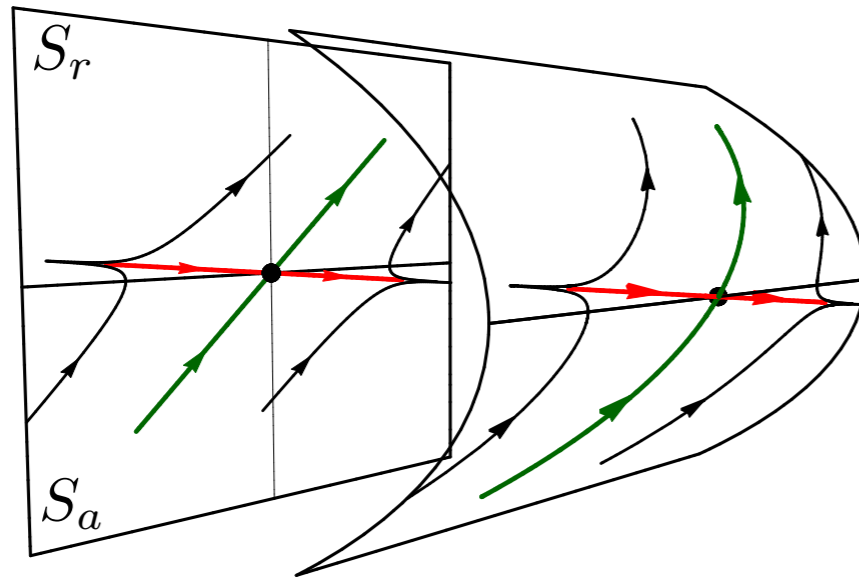
2D + SNPO



Folded Singularity Canards^{1,2}

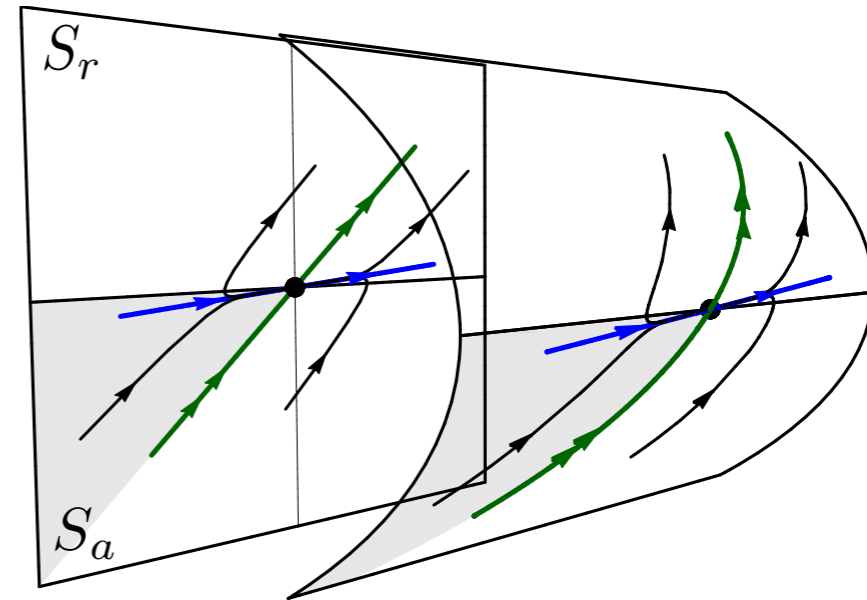
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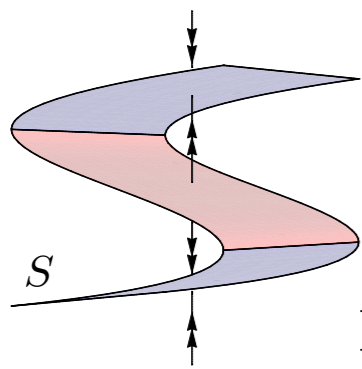
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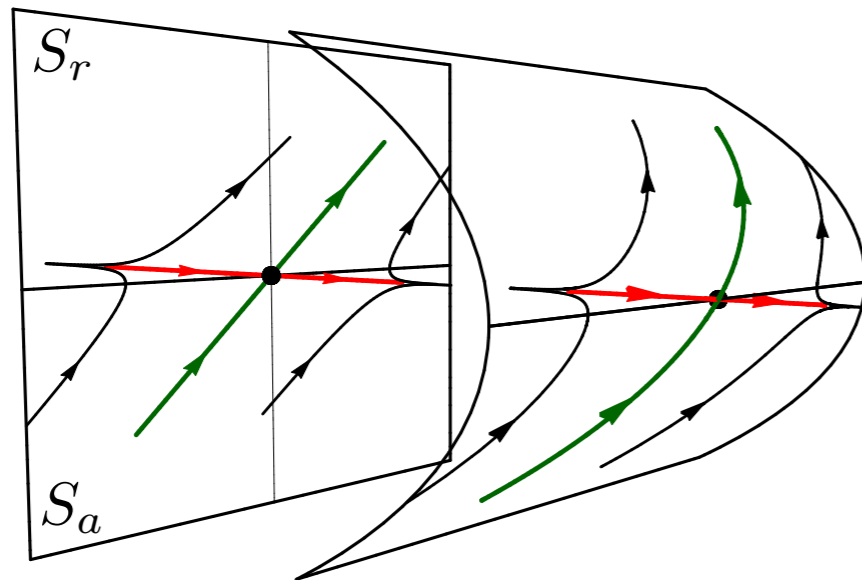
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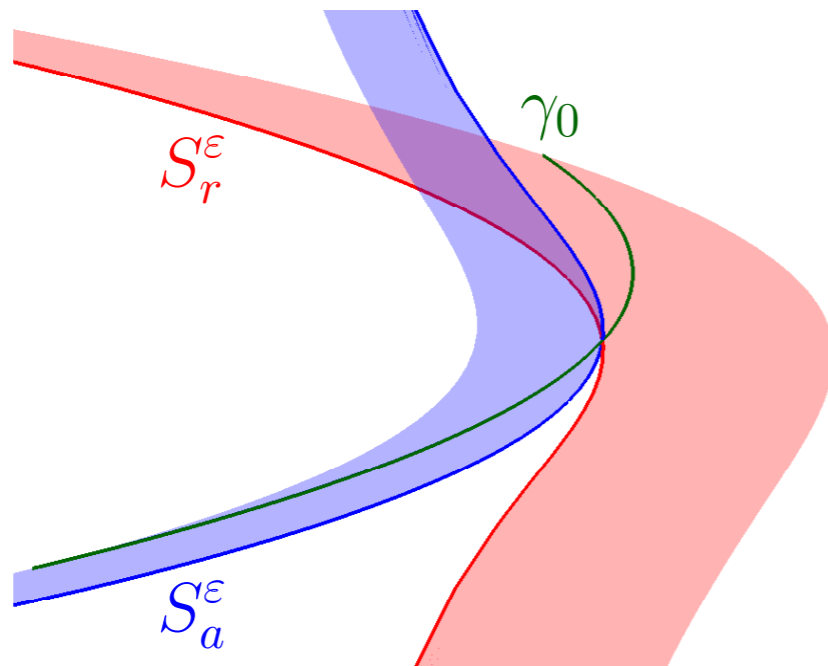


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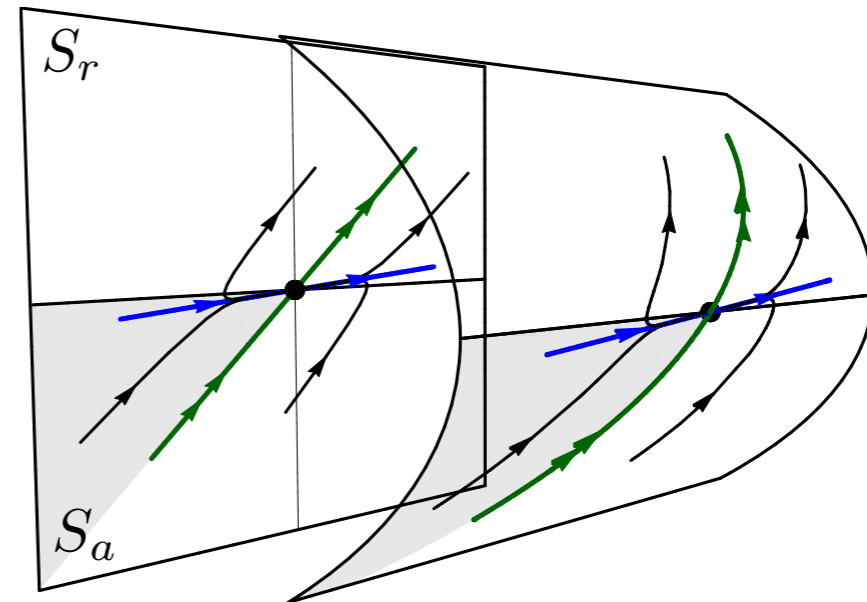


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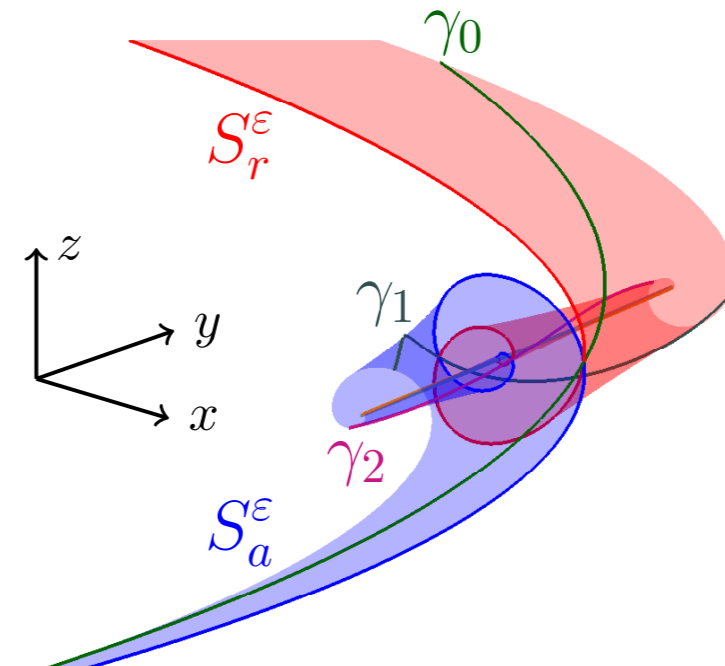


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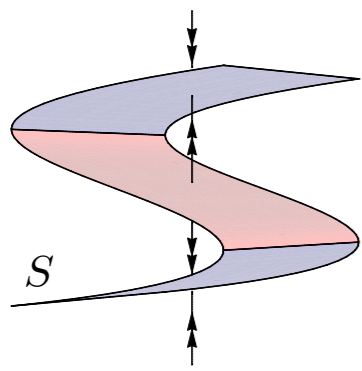
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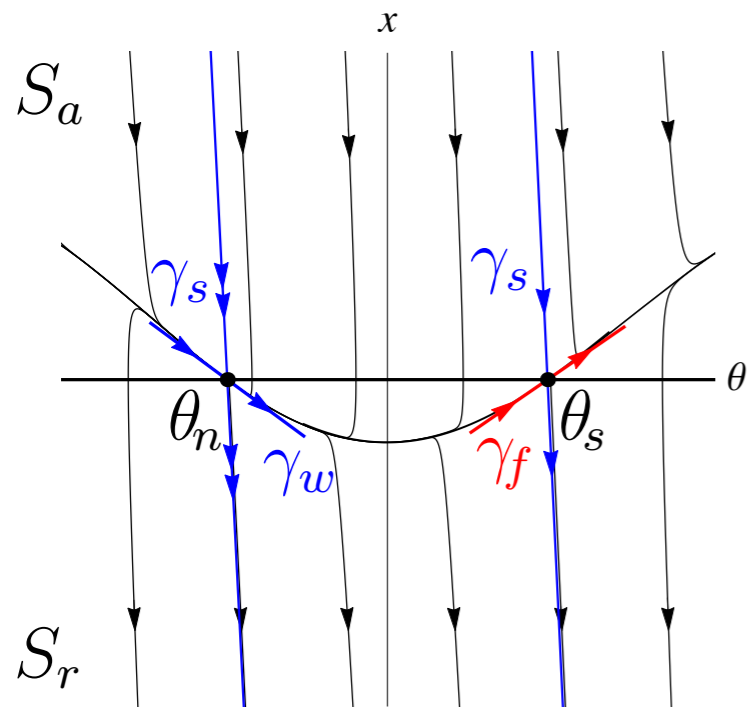
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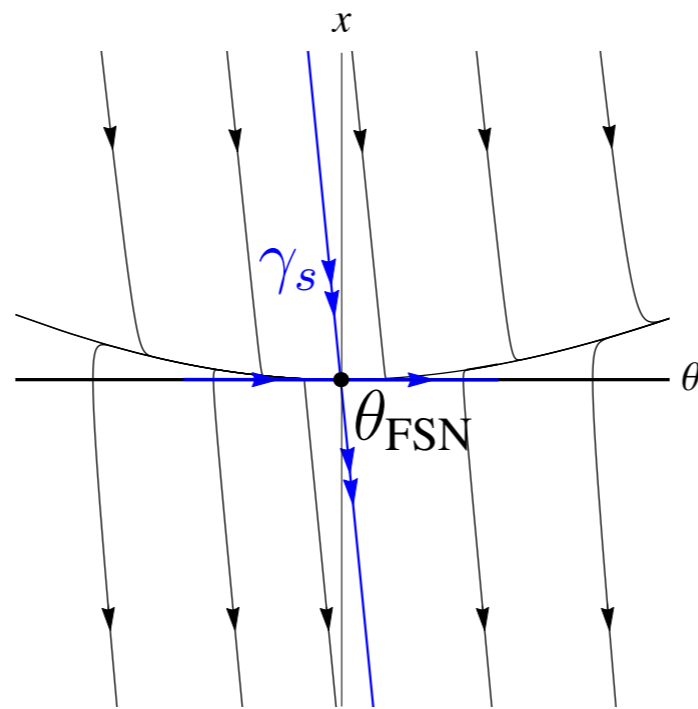
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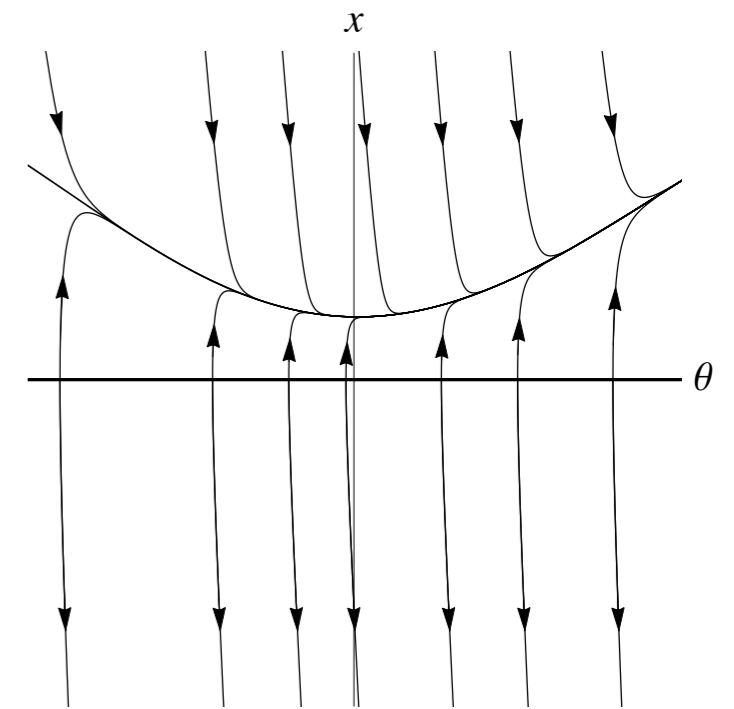
Folded Saddle-Node Canards



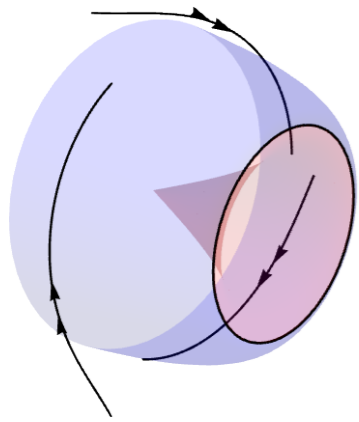
Before FSN



At FSN



After FSN



Torus Canards

$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, y)$$

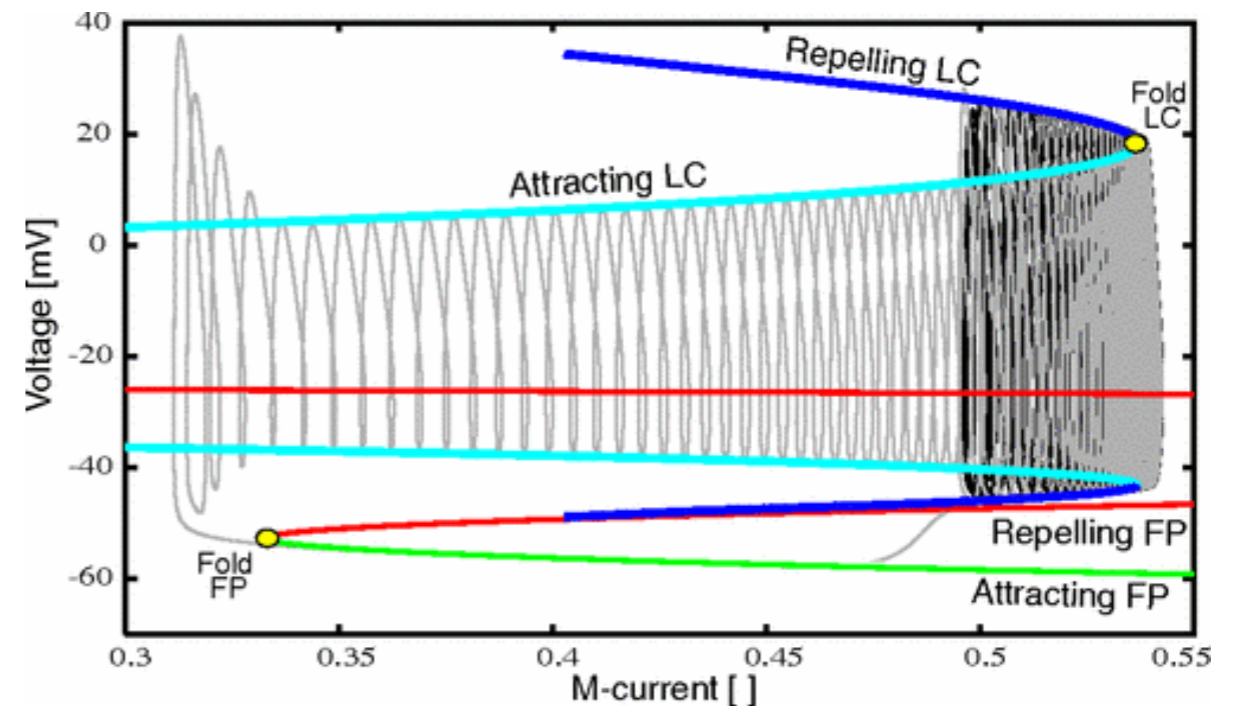
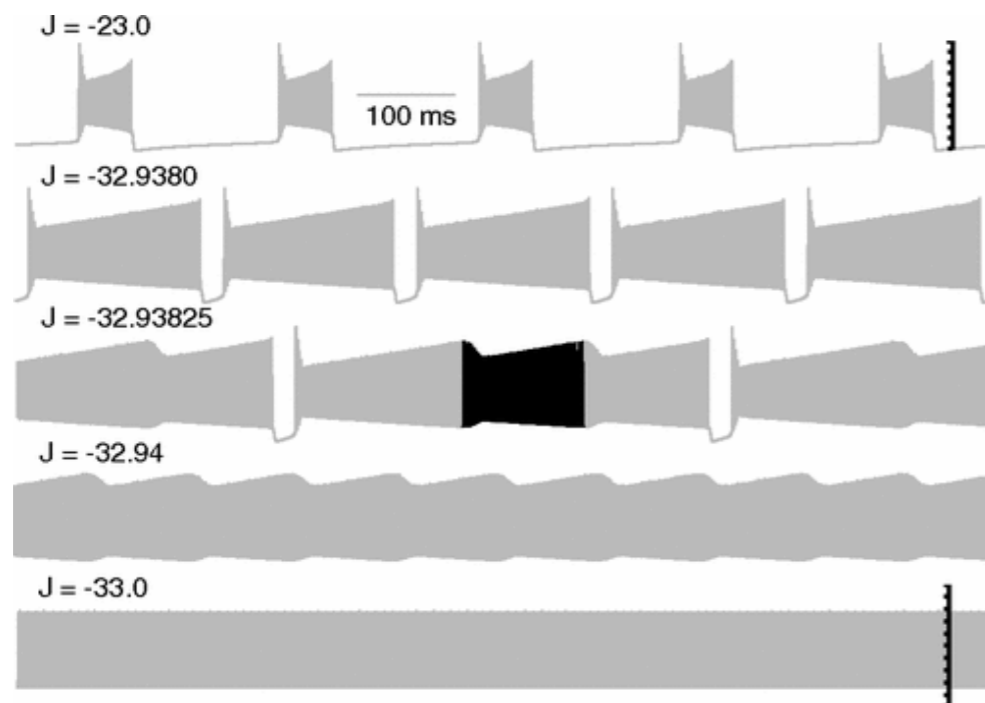
$x_1 \dots$ FAST

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, y)$$

$x_2 \dots$ FAST

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon g(x_1, x_2, y)$$

$y \dots$ SLOW



Discovery: Kramer, Traub & Kopell (2008), Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 068103

- Torus bifurcation for $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$
- $\varepsilon = 0$ subsystem has fold of limit cycles (aka SNPO)

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The Forced van der Pol Equation¹⁻⁴

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right) \\ \dot{y} &= \varepsilon (-x + a + b \cos \theta) \\ \dot{\theta} &= \omega\end{aligned}$$

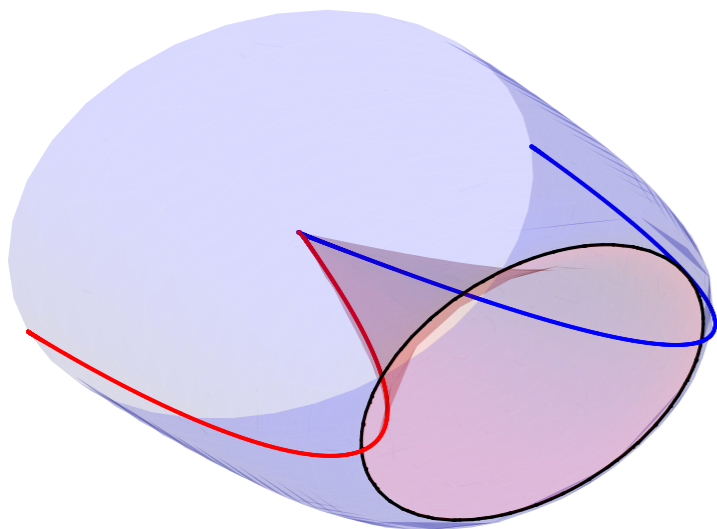
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Other types of forcing of the van der Pol equation^{5,6}

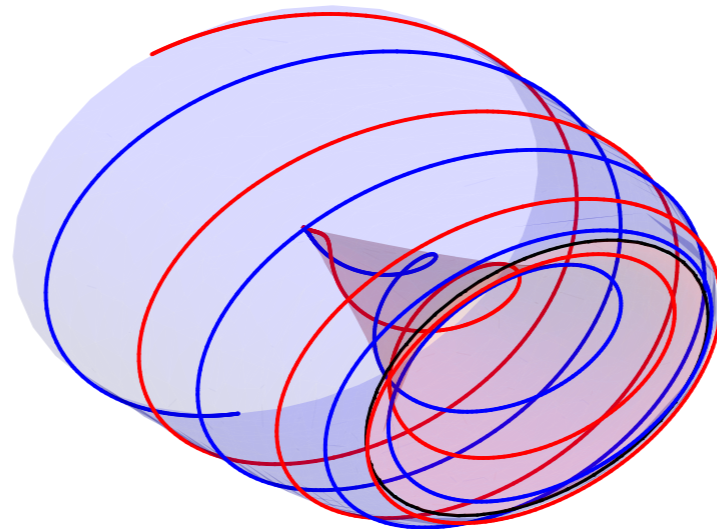
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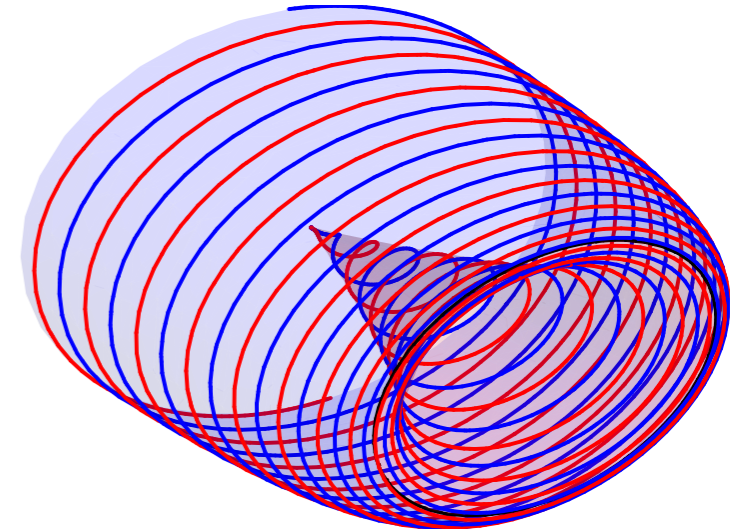
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$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$



$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$



$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Low-Frequency Forcing ($\omega = \varepsilon \bar{\omega}$): Fold Curve

FAST SYSTEM

$$x' = y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right)$$

$$y' = \varepsilon (-x + a + b \cos \theta)$$

$$\theta' = \varepsilon \bar{\omega}$$

ε
↓
0

FAST SUBSYSTEM

$$x' = y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right)$$

$$y' = 0$$

$$\theta' = 0$$

SLOW SYSTEM

$$\varepsilon \dot{x} = y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right)$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + a + b \cos \theta$$

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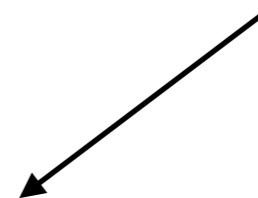
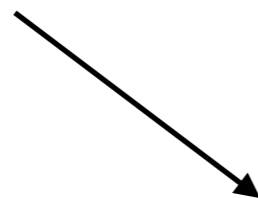
SLOW SUBSYSTEM

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$t = \varepsilon \tau$



$$S := \left\{ (x, y, \theta) : y = \frac{x^3}{3} - x \right\}$$

Low-Frequency Forcing ($\omega = \varepsilon \bar{\omega}$): Folded Singularities

$$0 = y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right)$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + a + b \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \bar{\omega}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dt} 0 = \frac{d}{dt} \left(y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right) \right)}$$

PROJECTION ONTO (x, θ)

$$(x^2 - 1) \dot{x} = -x + a + b \cos \theta$$

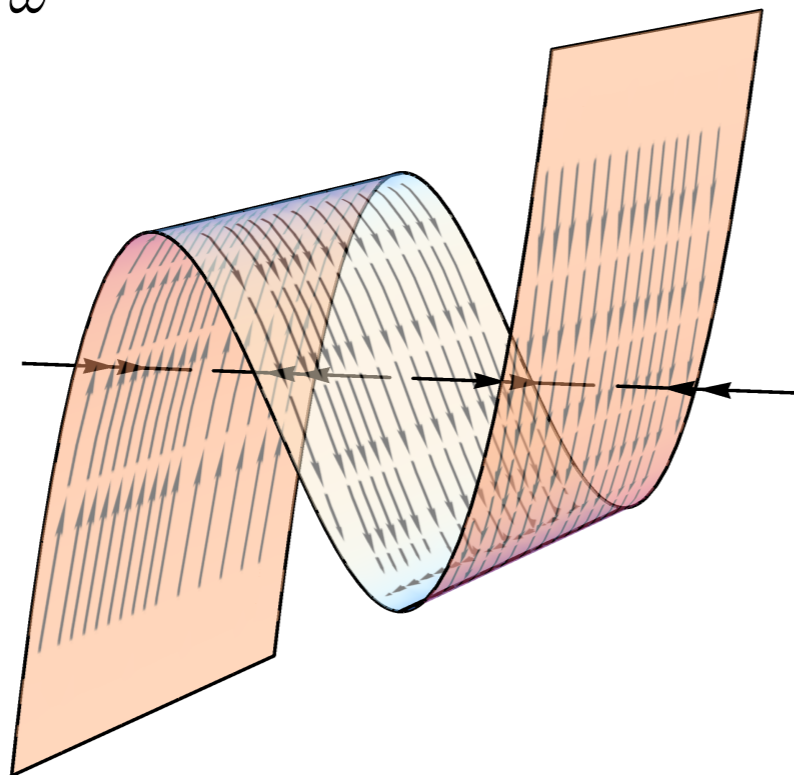
$$\dot{\theta} = \bar{\omega}$$

$$\downarrow dt = (x^2 - 1) ds$$

DESINGULARIZED SYSTEM

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$$\dot{\theta} = \bar{\omega} (x^2 - 1)$$

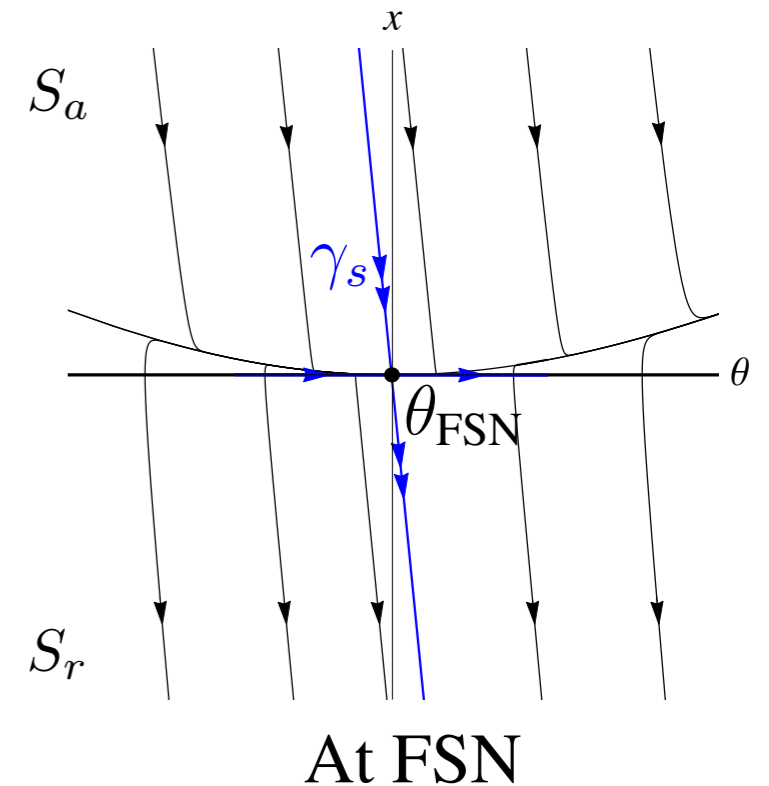
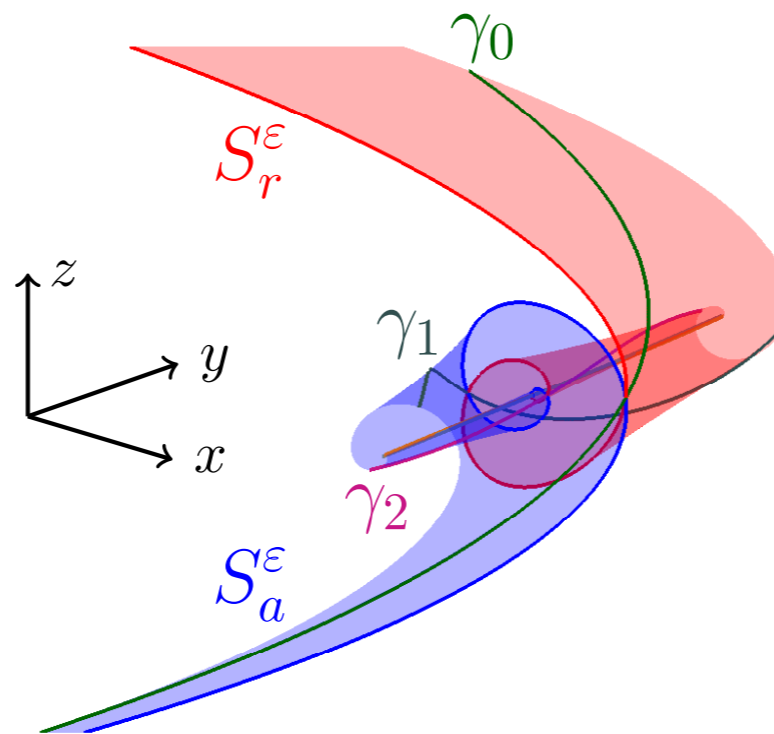
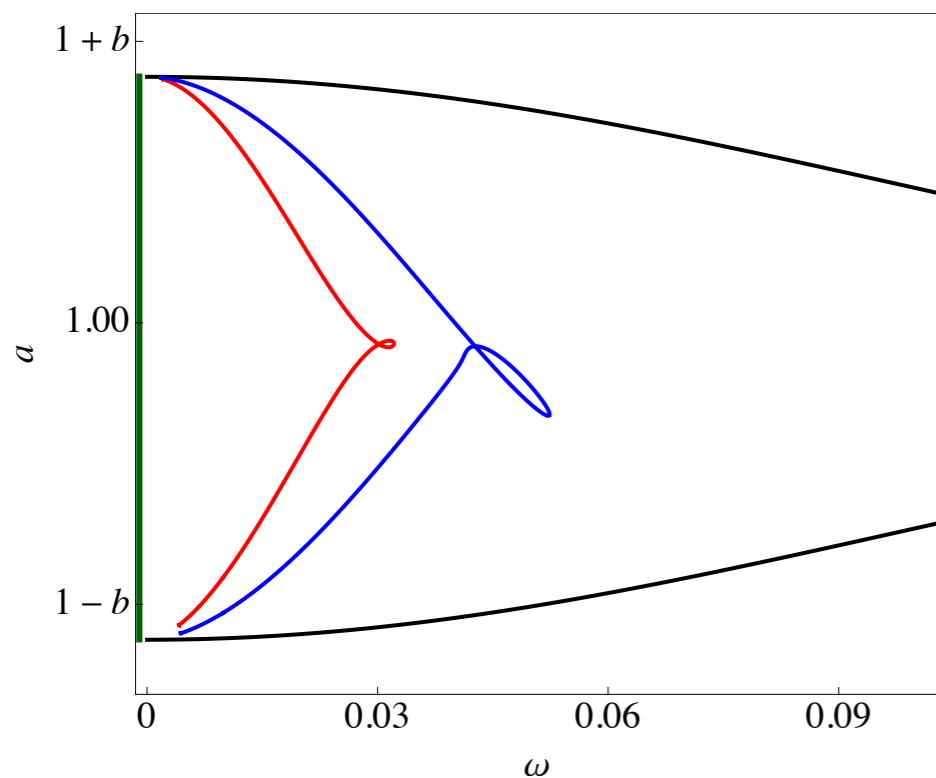


FOLDED SINGULARITIES : $(x, y, \theta) = \left(1, -\frac{2}{3}, \pm \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-a}{b} \right) \right)$

$$\theta_S = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-a}{b} \right) \quad \dots \quad \text{FOLDED NODE} \quad \theta_S = -\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-a}{b} \right) \quad \dots \quad \text{FOLDED SADDLE}$$

Low-Frequency Forcing ($\omega = \varepsilon \bar{\omega}$): Folded Singularity Canards

Folded Saddle-Node (Type I) Bifurcation at $a = 1 \pm b$ for $\varepsilon = 0$



Idea: geometric desingularization of the FSN point

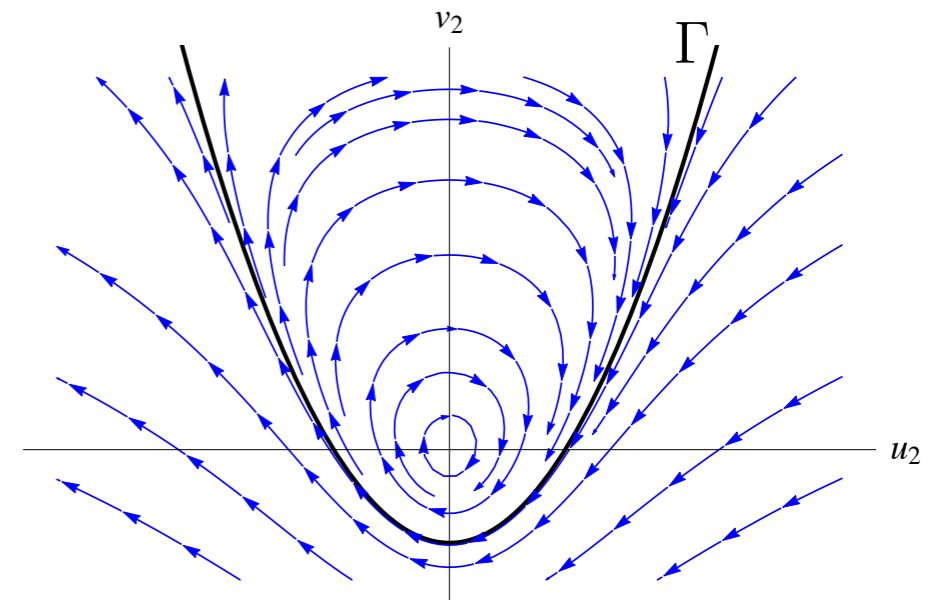
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Geometric desingularization of the FSN I

$$\text{Blow-up : } x = 1 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} u_2 \quad y = -\frac{2}{3} + \varepsilon v_2 \quad \theta = \varepsilon^{1/4} \theta_2 \quad a = 1 \pm b + \varepsilon \alpha_2 \quad b = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \beta_2 \quad t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} t_2$$

$$\dot{u}_2 = v_2 - u_2^2 - \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\varepsilon} u_2^3$$

$$\dot{v}_2 = -u_2 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \alpha_2 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \left(\cos(\sqrt{\varepsilon \bar{\omega}} t_2) \cos(\varepsilon^{1/4} \theta_{2,0}) - 1 \right)}_{\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})} - \underbrace{\beta_2 \sin(\sqrt{\varepsilon \bar{\omega}} t_2) \sin(\varepsilon^{1/4} \theta_{2,0})}_{\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{3/4})}$$



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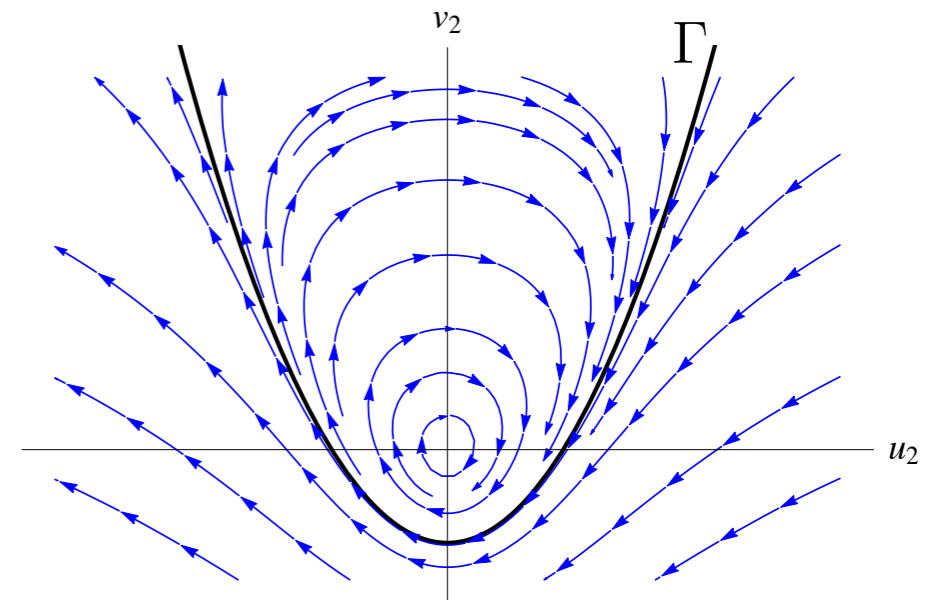
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$$\mathcal{D} = d_1 \sqrt{\varepsilon} + d_2 \varepsilon^{3/4} + \dots = 0$$

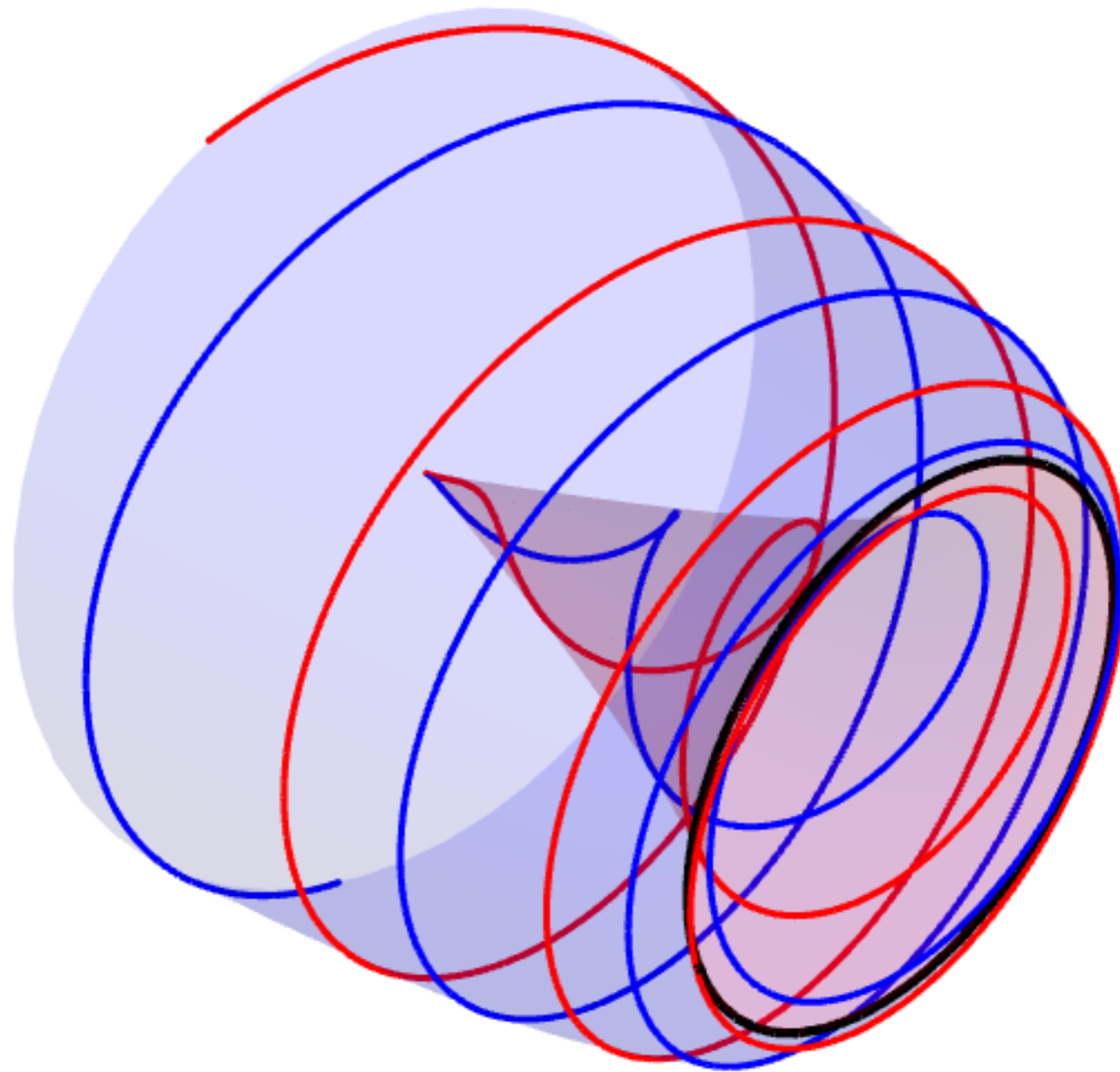
$$d_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nabla H|_{\Gamma} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} u_{\Gamma}^2 \\ \alpha_2 + \frac{\beta_2}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \left(\cos(\sqrt{\varepsilon \bar{\omega}} t_2) \cos(\varepsilon^{1/4} \theta_{2,0}) - 1 \right) \end{pmatrix} dt_2$$

$$d_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nabla H|_{\Gamma} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{\beta_2}{\varepsilon^{3/4}} \sin(\sqrt{\varepsilon \bar{\omega}} t_2) \sin(\varepsilon^{1/4} \theta_{2,0}) \end{pmatrix} dt_2$$



$$a = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{8} \pm b \exp\left(-\frac{\omega^2}{2\varepsilon}\right)$$

Torus Canards: Intermediate-Frequency Forcing



Idea: geometric desingularization of the SNPO curve

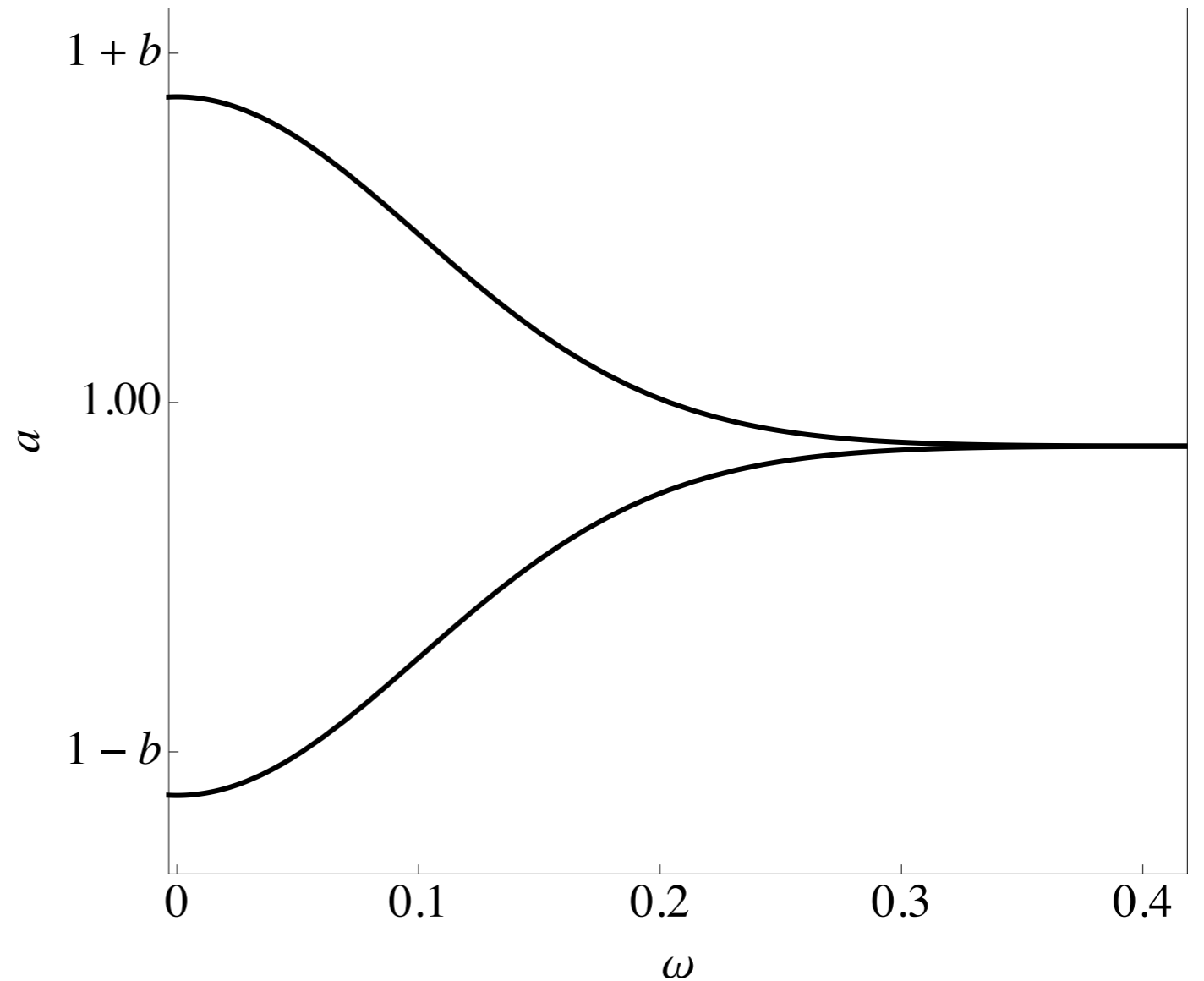
$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$

Main Result¹

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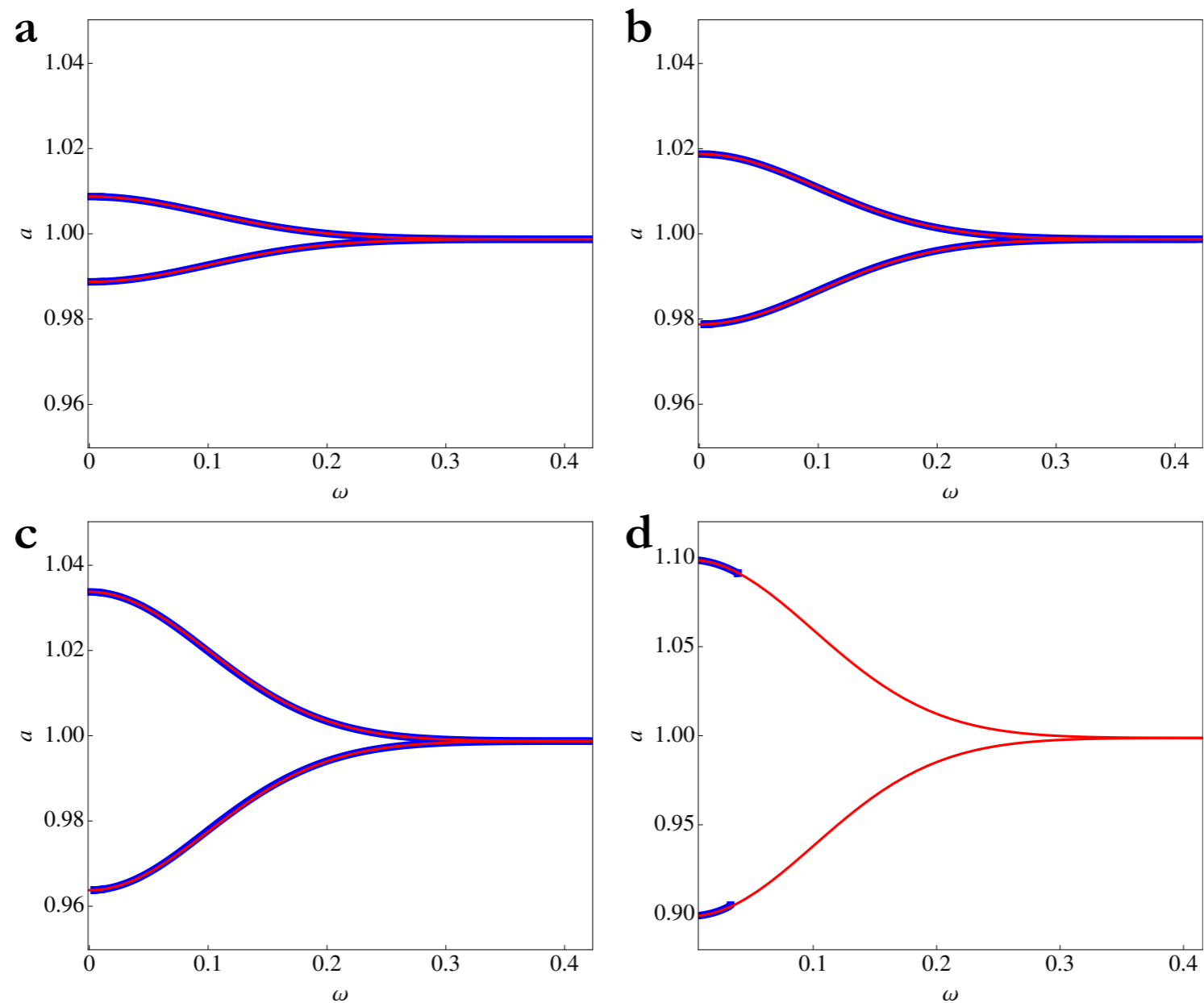
$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon (-x + a + b \cos \theta)$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega$$



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Main Result¹



Curves of folds of maximal canards in the (ω, a) plane as obtained from the analytic formula (red curves) and 2-parameter numerical continuation (blue curves) for $\varepsilon = 0.01$ and **(a)** $b = 0.01$; **(b)** $b = 0.02$; **(c)** $b = 0.035$; and, **(d)** $b = 0.1$. For $b = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ (**a-c**), there is good agreement between theoretical (red) and numerical (blue) results over the entire range of forcing frequencies, including for both the primary maximal canards which exist for $\omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ and the maximal torus canards which exist for $\omega = \mathcal{O}(1)$. Note that the scales in **a-c** are the same. For $b = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$ (**d**, in which the vertical scale is different), we find that the numerical continuation terminates when ω is no longer $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$.

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Why do we care? Reason 1

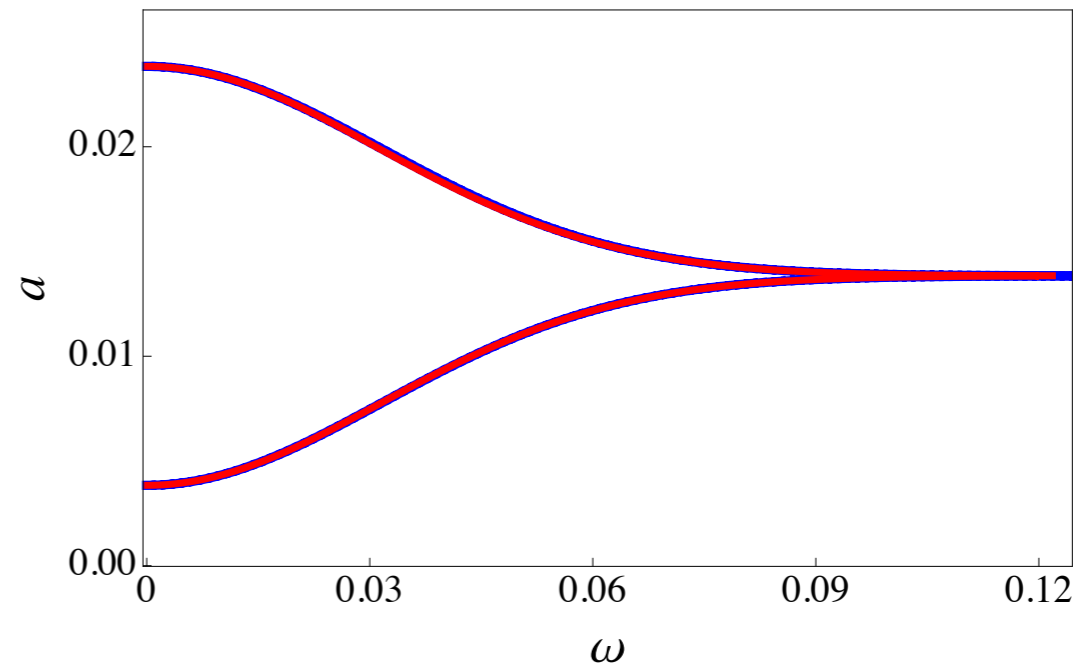
Toral & Classical Canards in Forced Planar Slow/Fast Systems

Example: forced FitzHugh-Nagumo

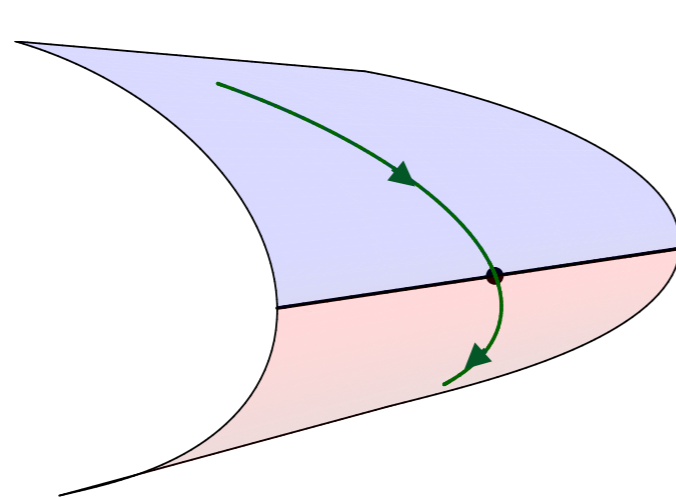
$$\dot{x} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} - y + I$$

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon (x + a - cy + b \cos \theta)$$

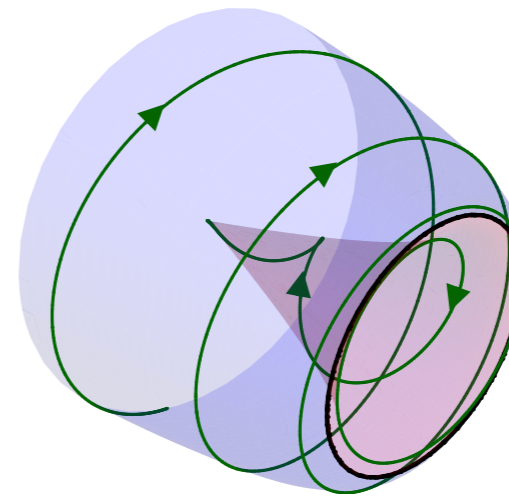
$$\dot{\theta} = \omega$$



$$a = -1 + \left(\frac{2}{3} + I\right) c + \frac{1 + 2c}{8} \varepsilon \pm b \exp\left(-\frac{\omega^2}{2\varepsilon}\right)$$



$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

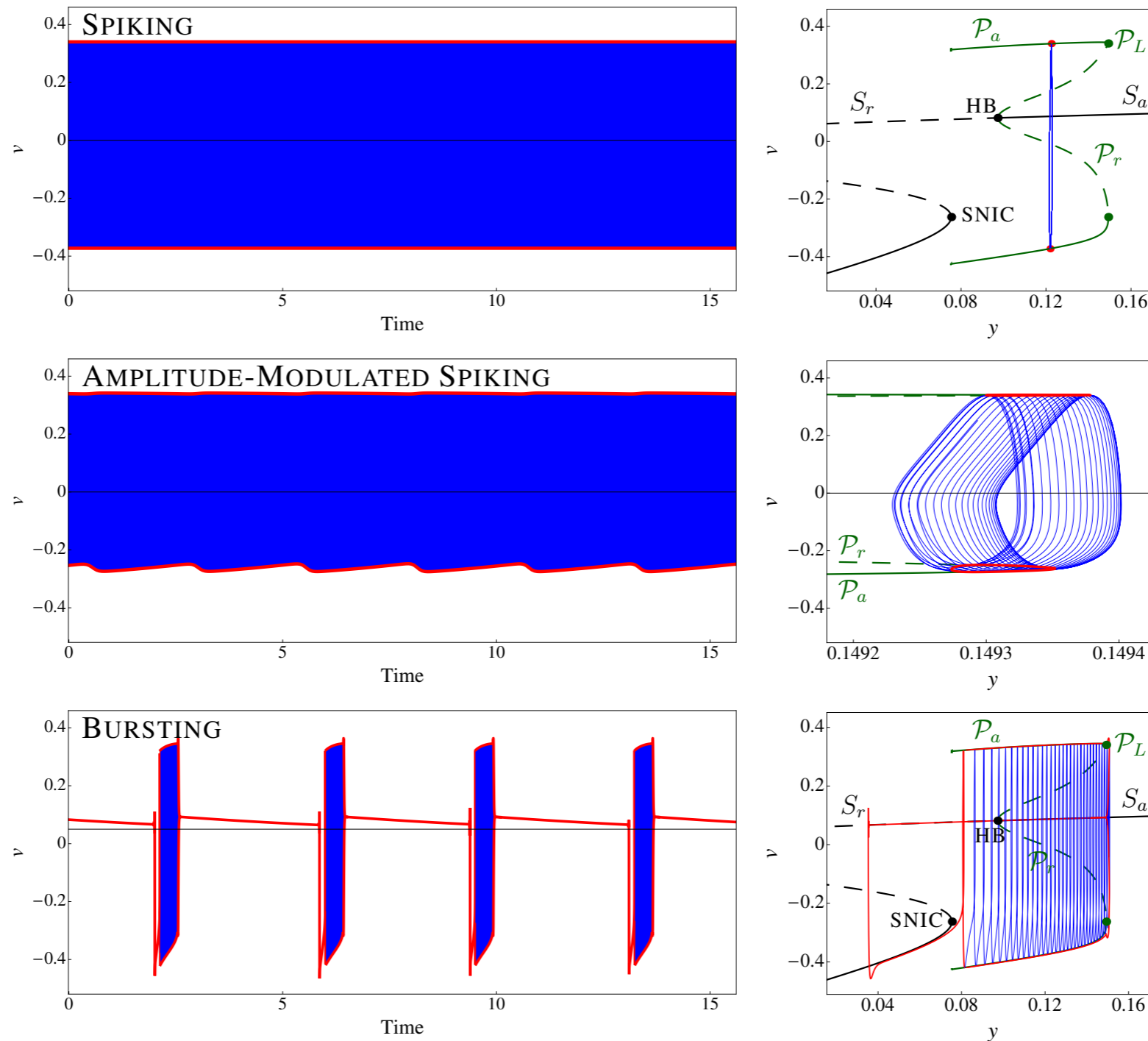


$$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$

Why do we care? Reason 2

Torus Canards & The Spiking/Bursting Transition

Attractors of Morris-Lecar with (slow) feedback current control, y



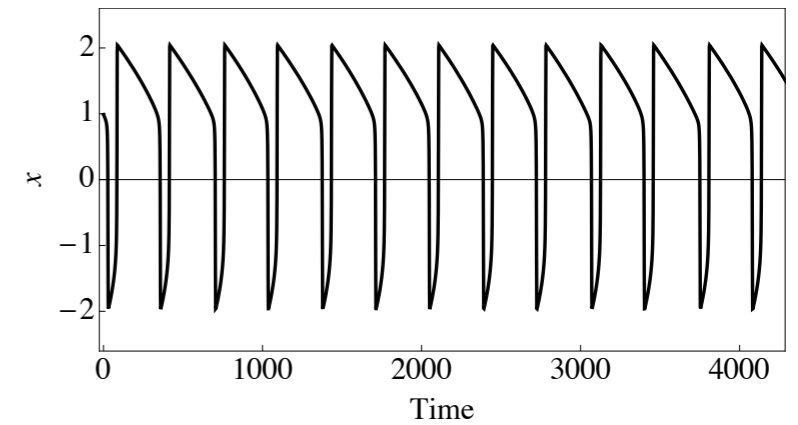
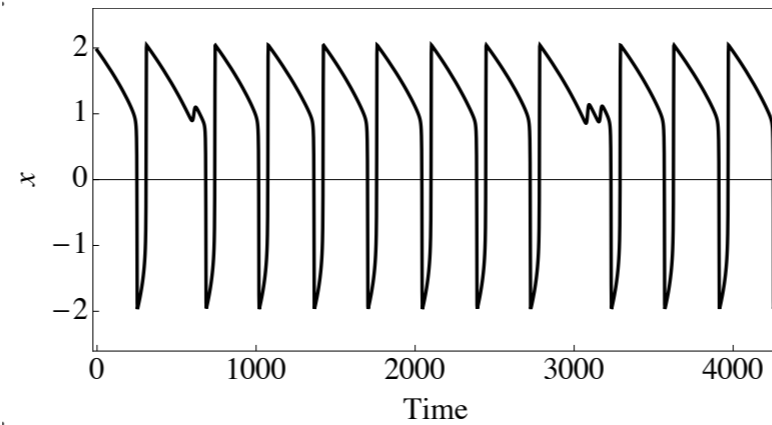
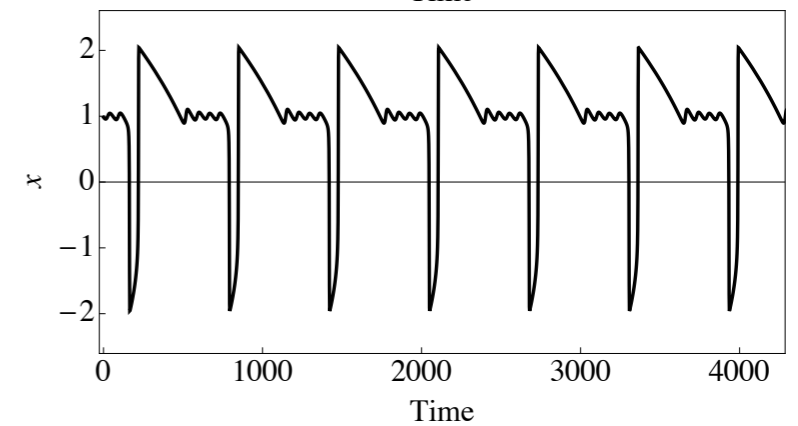
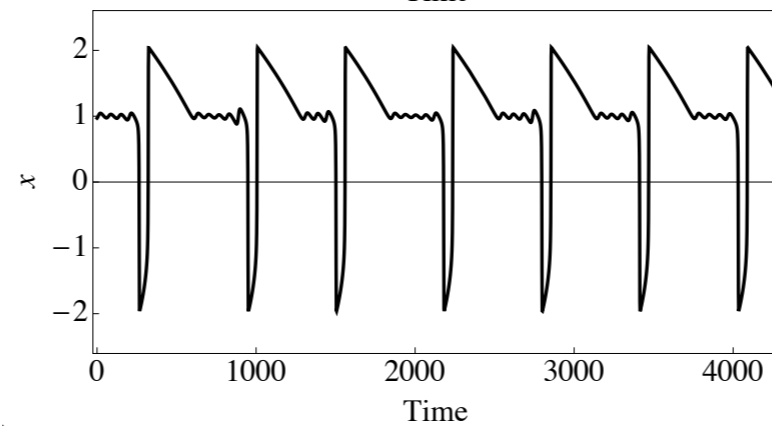
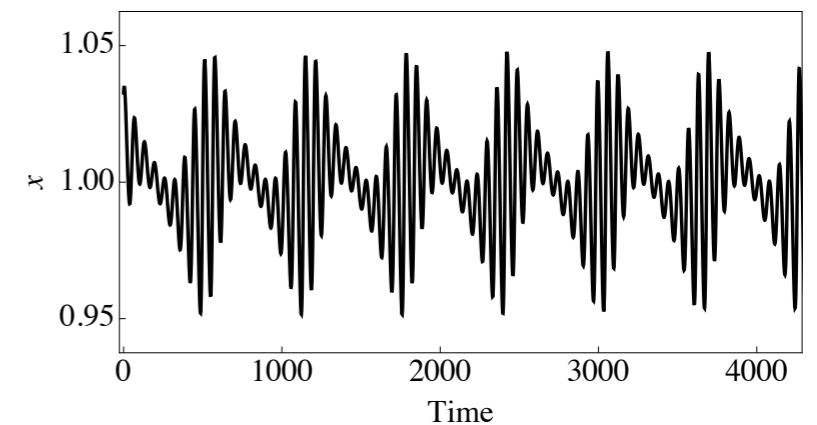
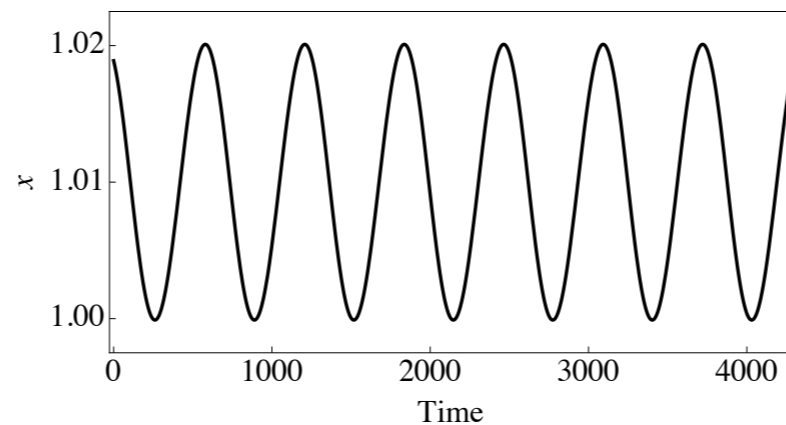
Why do we care? Reason 3

Small-Amplitude, Large-Amplitude & Mixed-Mode Oscillations The Curves of Maximal Canards Organize the Parameter Plane

Forced van der Pol

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y - \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right) \\ \dot{y} &= \varepsilon (-x + a + b \cos \theta) \\ \dot{\theta} &= \omega \end{aligned}$$

$a \approx 1$ b small



Why do we care? Reason 3 (continued)

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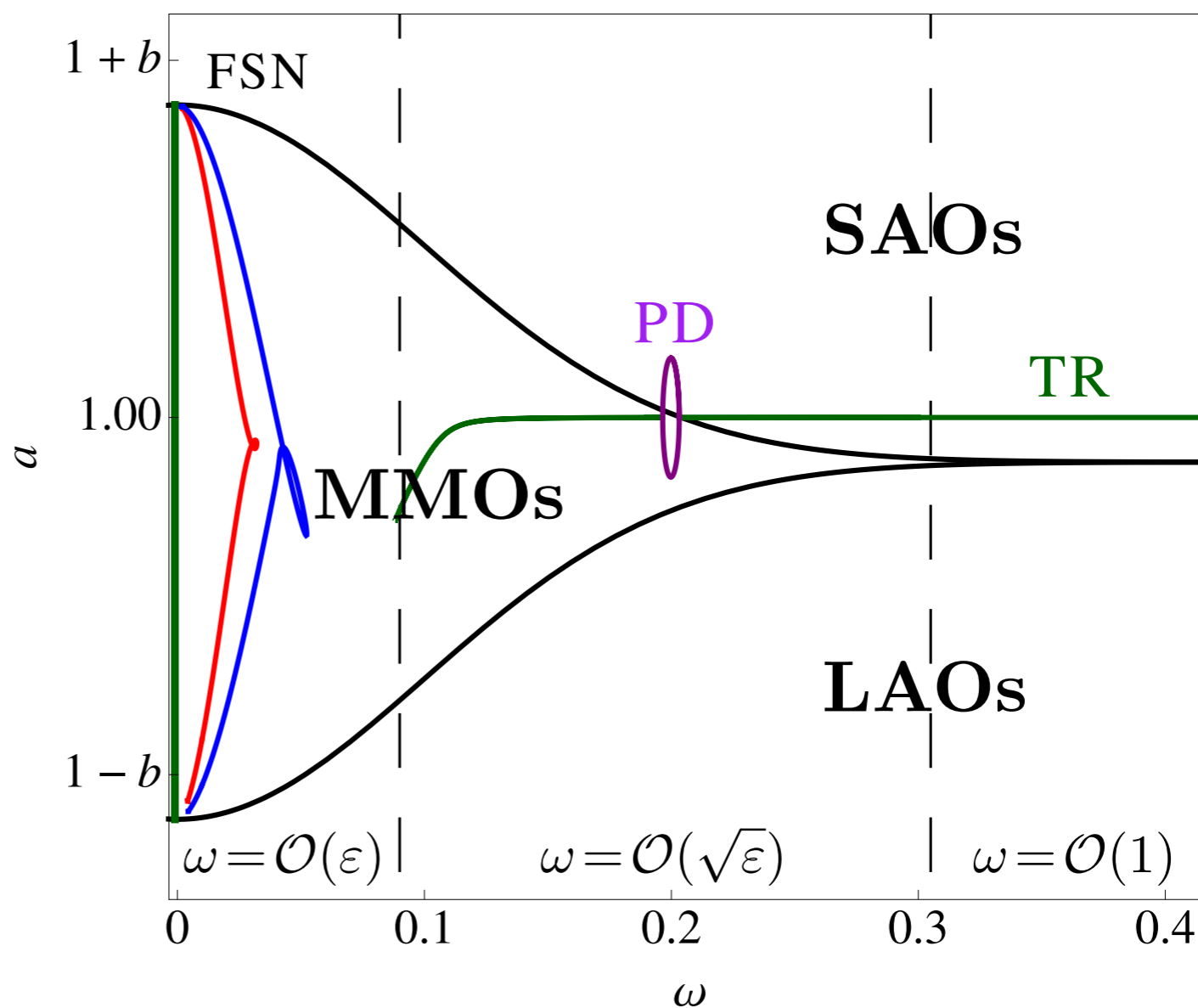
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$\varepsilon = 0.01$



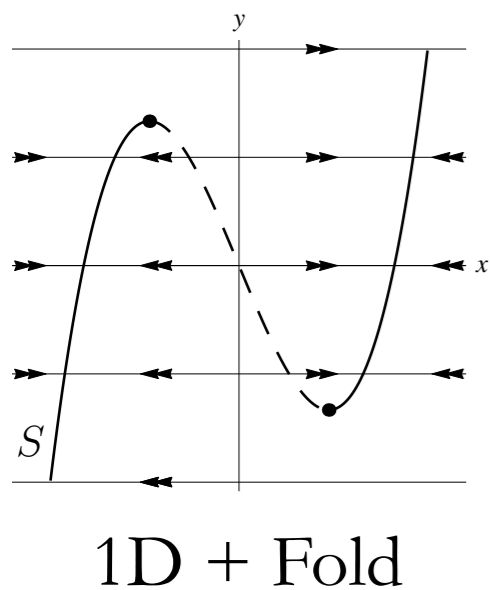
$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$... 1-Fast/2-Slow

$\omega = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$... 3-Timescales

$\omega = \mathcal{O}(1)$... 2-Fast/1-Slow

Why do we care? Reason 4

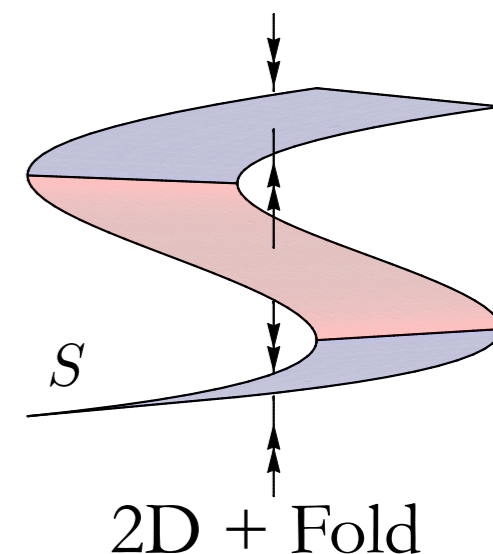
The World of Canards



1-FAST/1-SLOW
Canard Cycles

Singular Hopf
FSN II

1-FAST/2-SLOW
Folded Singularity
Canards



Averaging

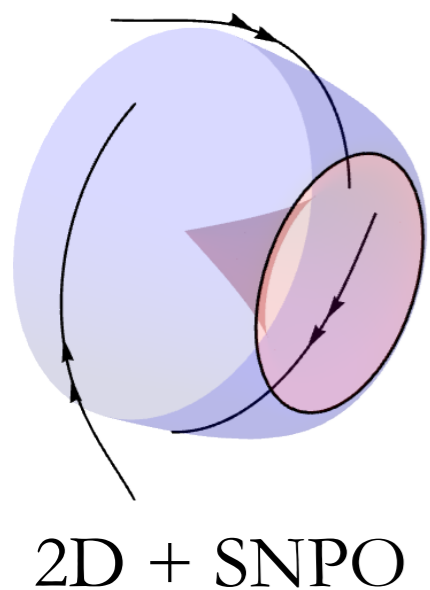
FSN I & 3-Timescales

Averaging

2-FAST/1-SLOW
Degenerate Torus
Canards

Singular Torus Bifn

2-FAST/2-SLOW
Generic Torus
Canards



Generic Torus Canards

* Theoretical Contribution

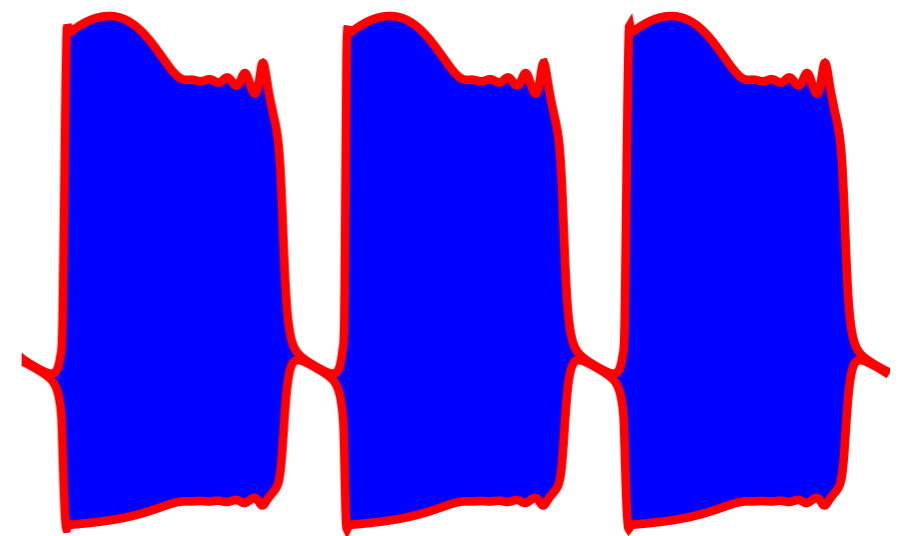
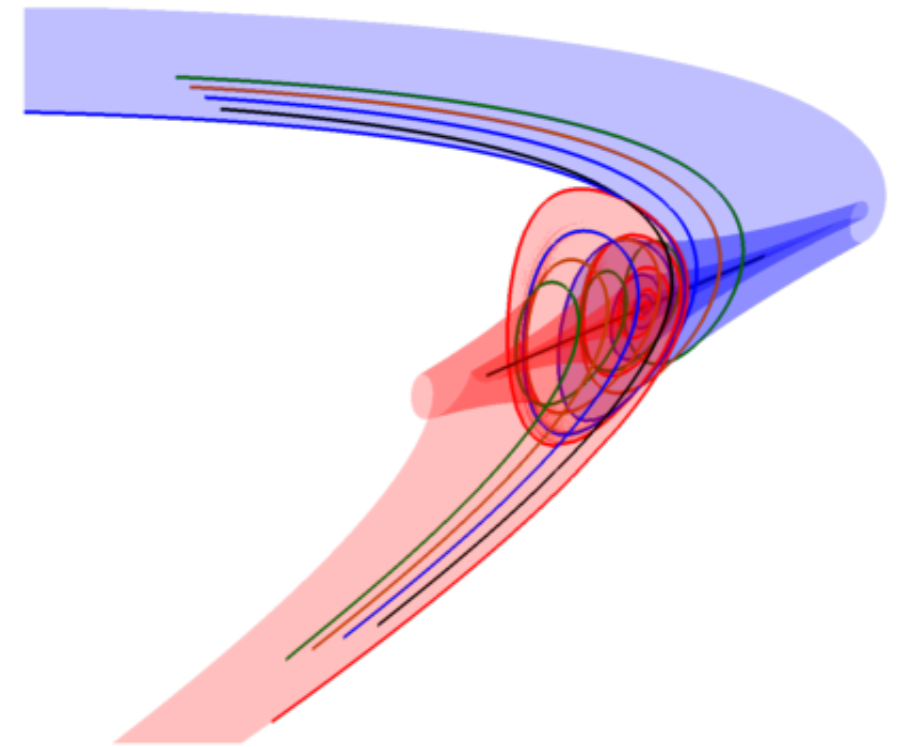
- Averaging method for folded manifolds of limit cycles
- Topological classification of torus canards

* Numerical Contribution

- Twisted invariant manifolds of limit cycles

* New Phenomena

- Genericity: should occur in models and experiments
- Neural: **amplitude-modulated bursting**
- Dynamic: torus canard-induced mixed-mode oscillations



Conclusion

* **Forced van der Pol equation**

- Existence of FSN I canards in the low-frequency regime ($\omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$)
- Existence of torus canards in the intermediate-frequency regime ($\omega = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$) and high-frequency ($\omega = \mathcal{O}(1)$) regime
- Direct connection of primary strong canards to maximal torus canards
- Primary and secondary canard curves organize parameter plane for SAO, LAO, and MMO

* **Generalized to a class of forced slow-fast systems, including fFHN**

- * **Central role in neuroscience and electrical engineering: torus canards must arise between spiking (attracting limit cycles) and bursting (of many types)**
- * **Generic torus canards (2 or more slow variables) and the new phenomenon of amplitude-modulated bursting**

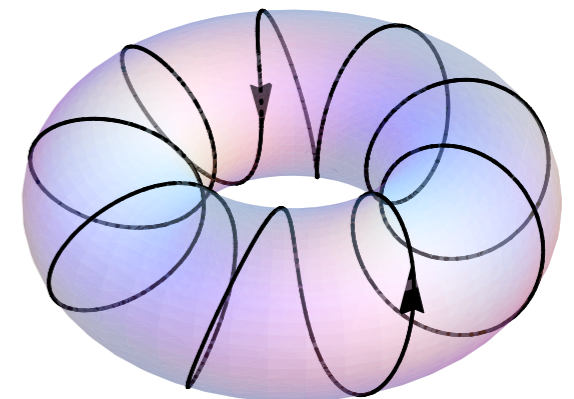
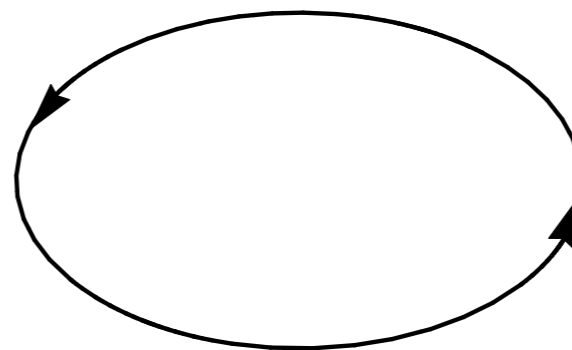
Torus Bifurcation

Forced van der Pol

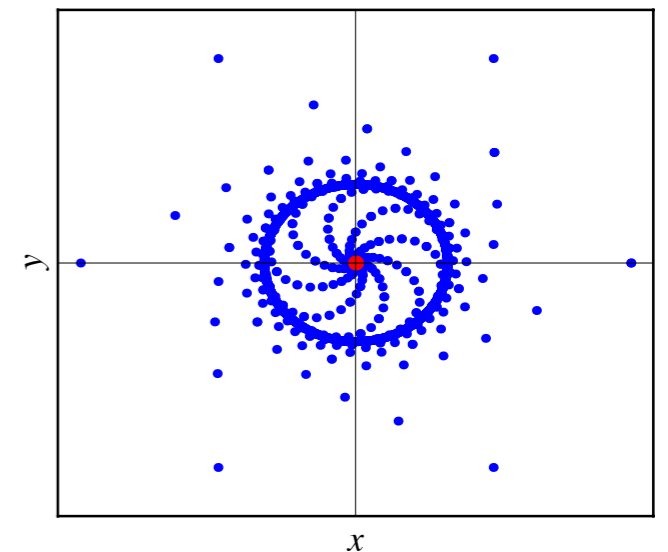
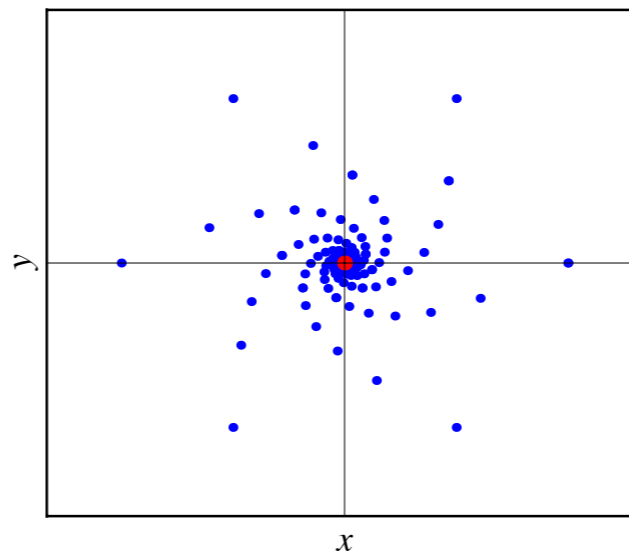
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Rescaled Averaged

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= v - u^2 - \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\varepsilon} u^3 \\ \dot{v} &= -u + \alpha \end{aligned}$$



Stroboscopic Map



Folded Saddle Canards

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y_1, y_2)$$

$x \dots$ FAST

$$\dot{y}_1 = \varepsilon g_1(x, y_1, y_2)$$

$y_1 \dots$ SLOW

$$\dot{y}_2 = \varepsilon g_2(x, y_1, y_2)$$

$y_2 \dots$ SLOW

