

Emergence of linear response at macroscopic scales

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Introduction

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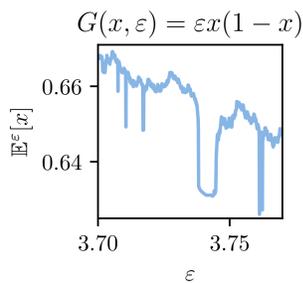
A system has **linear response** if for "nice" observables Φ ,

$$\mathbb{E}^\varepsilon[\Phi] := \int \Phi d\mu^\varepsilon$$

is differentiable with respect to ε . Derivatives can be calculated using **linear response theory (LRT)**.

LRT has been **successfully applied** to various climate models (e.g. Lucarini *et al.* '10).

However, some systems exhibit a **failure of LRT** (e.g. Chekroun *et al.* '14), and recently Baladi and others proved that **logistic maps have no linear response** (see right).



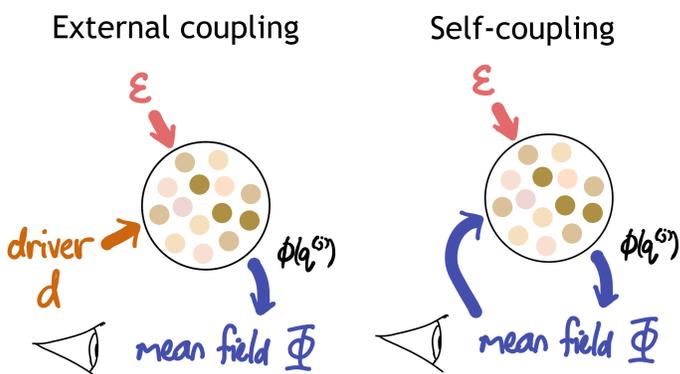
What determines the existence of linear response in complex systems at large spatial scales?

Model

We consider an **inhomogeneous ensemble** of $M \gg 1$ chaotic subsystems $q^{(j)}$, with random system parameters $a^{(j)} \sim \nu$.

We observe a mean field Φ .

We consider two different couplings:



Dynamics:

$$\begin{cases} q_n^{(j)} &= f(q_{n-1}^{(j)}; d_{n-1}/\Phi_{n-1}, a^{(j)}, \varepsilon) \\ \Phi_n &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \phi(q_n^{(j)}) \end{cases}$$

Macroscopic reduction

• Externally coupled system has large- M CLT reduction

$$(1) \quad \Phi_n = F(d_{n-1}, d_{n-2}, \dots; \varepsilon) + M^{-1/2} \eta_n^{d, \varepsilon} + M^{-1/2} \zeta_n^d + o(M^{-1/2})$$

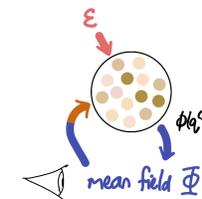
$$:= \iint \phi(q) d\mu_n^{d, a, \varepsilon}(q) d\nu(a)$$

where $\mu_n^{d, a, \varepsilon}$ are the time-dependent physical measures of cocycle $q_{n+1} = f(q_n; d_n, a, \varepsilon)$

Variation in selection of parameters $a^{(j)}$ (i.e. pre-set for dynamics)

All parameters derived from **averaged microscopic statistics**

Dynamical variation **Centred Gaussian process** with decay of correlations



• For self-coupled system, coupling can be modelled as external:

$$(2) \quad \Phi_n = F(\Phi_{n-1}, \Phi_{n-2}, \dots; \varepsilon) + M^{-1/2} \eta_n^{\Phi, \varepsilon} + M^{-1/2} \zeta_n^{\Phi, \varepsilon} + o(M^{-1/2})$$

Microscopic inhomogeneity

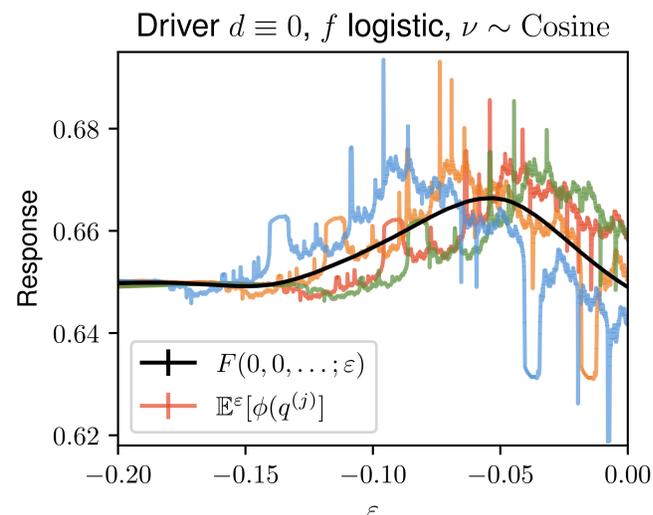
Consider the externally coupled system. From equation (1),

$$\mathbb{E}^\varepsilon[\Phi_n] = \iint \phi(q) d\mu^{d, a, \varepsilon} d\nu(a) + O(M^{-1/2})$$

So response of Φ is, to first order in M , the **average response** of the microscopic subsystems.

Suppose the microscopic variables do not have linear response. If the parameter distribution ν is discrete, neither does Φ , but however **if the microscopic variables are appropriately heterogeneous (ν smooth), this may induce linear response in the macroscopic variables:**

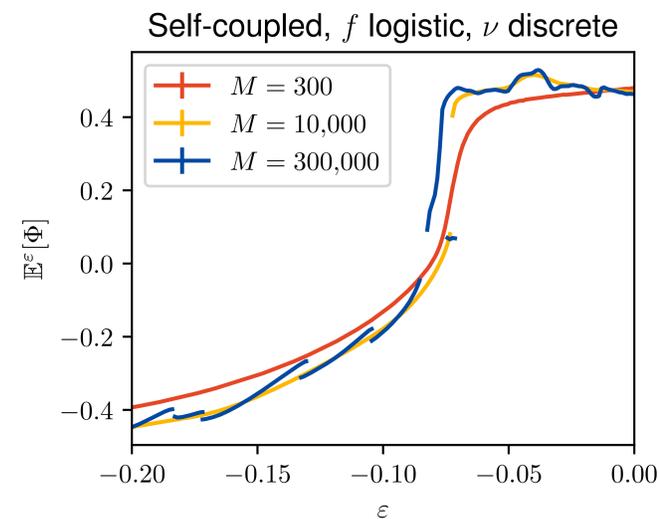
- If $f(\cdot; d, a, \varepsilon) = f(\cdot; d, \varepsilon + Ka)$ then mean field Φ has linear response **irrespective of f** .
- If f is **unimodal** (e.g. logistic) then via a conjecture of Avila *et al.*, for at least $d \equiv 0$ the mean field Φ has linear response (below)



Self-coupled finite ensemble

Consider a **self-coupled system** with $M < \infty$. Equation (2) defines a **stochastic dynamical system** via the ζ_n process. It is appropriately **smooth** if the microscopic variables obey LRT (which ζ_n induces). Thus, **self-coupled finite ensembles have linear response, independent of the microscopic variables.**

This may break down as $M \rightarrow \infty$, e.g. via bifurcations:



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Mean-field chaos

In the **thermodynamic limit** ($M \rightarrow \infty$) for the self-coupled system, equation (2) becomes

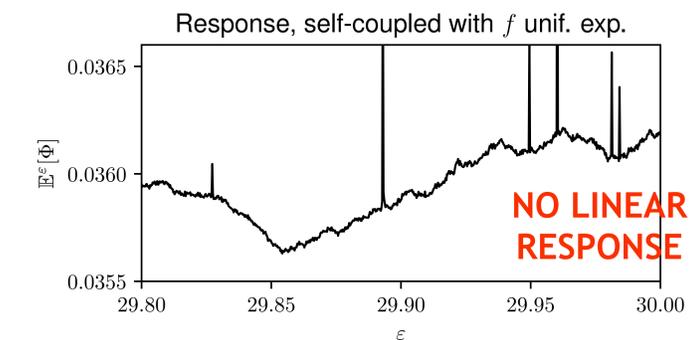
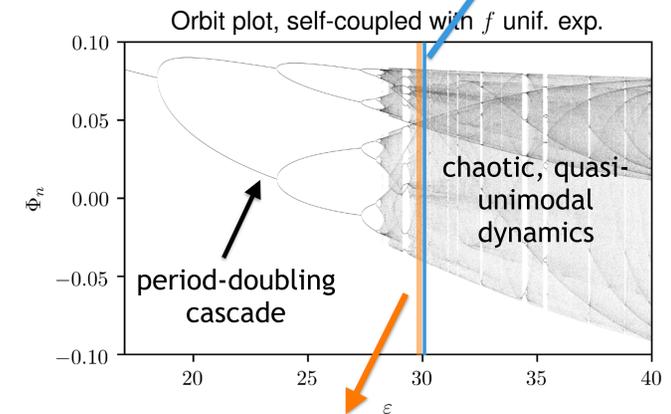
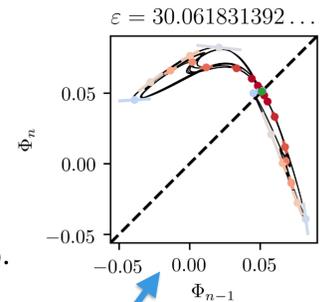
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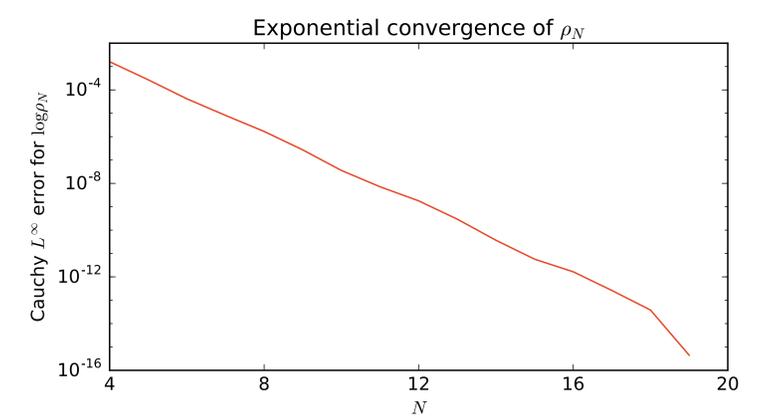
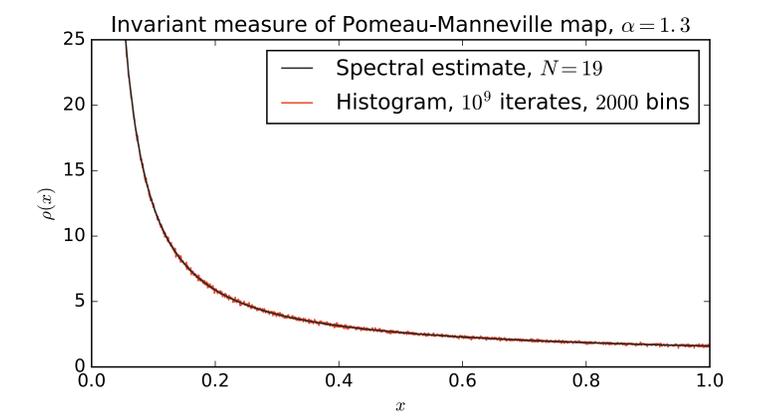
Microscopic mixing means we can ignore Φ_{n-l} for l large. If F is smooth this is a **deterministic smooth low-dimensional dynamical system**.

\Rightarrow **low-dimensional bifurcation theory works**

We used Chebyshev basis transfer operator methods in Poltergeist.jl to **accurately** (13 d.p.) simulate F dynamics for f uniformly expanding.

We find **LRT-violating, non-hyperbolic chaos in macroscopic dynamics**, despite **hyperbolic microscopic variables**. We confirmed non-hyperbolicity numerically by finding **homoclinic tangencies** (right).







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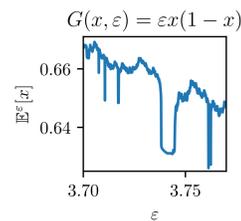
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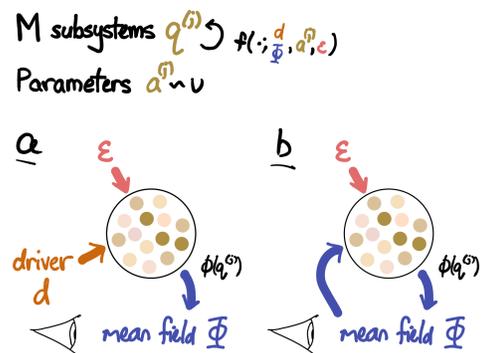
LRT has been applied to climate models with **some success, particularly at macroscopic scales** (cite survey?).

However, some systems exhibit a **failure of LRT** (e.g. Chekroun *et al.* '14), and recently Baladi and others proved that **logistic maps have no linear response** (see right).



What determines the existence of linear response at large scales in complex systems?

Two "simple" complex systems



Macroscopic reduction

Uncoupled system has reduction

$$\Phi_n = F(d_{n-1}, d_{n-2}, \dots; \varepsilon) + M^{-1/2}(\zeta_n + \eta_n^{d,\varepsilon}) + o(M^{-1/2}), \quad (1)$$

where

$$F(d_{n-1}, d_{n-2}, \dots; \varepsilon) := \iint \phi d\mu_n^{d,a,\varepsilon} d\nu(a)$$

and $\mu_n^{d,a,\varepsilon}$ are the time-dependent physical measures of the cocycle $q_{n+1} = f(q_n; d_n, a, \varepsilon)$.

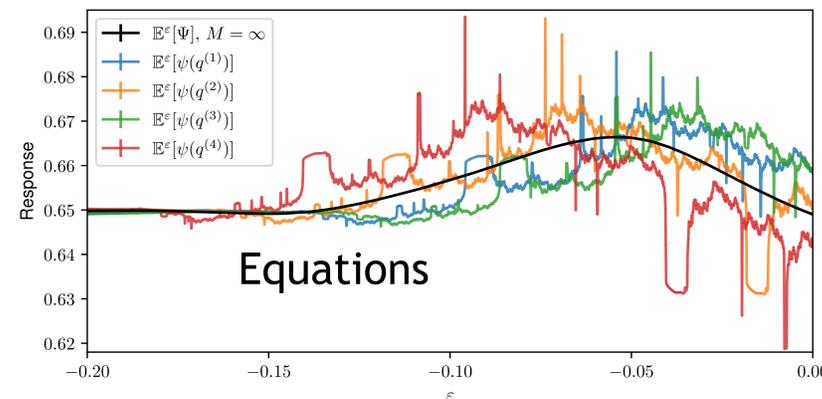
Path 1: "collective" LRT

Consider the first model and for simplicity that $d_n \equiv 0$. From (1),

$$\mathbb{E}^\varepsilon[\Phi] = \iint \phi(q) d\mu^{0,a,\varepsilon} d\nu(a) + O(M^{-1/2}).$$

So the response of Φ is, to first order, the **average response** of the **microscopic subsystems**.

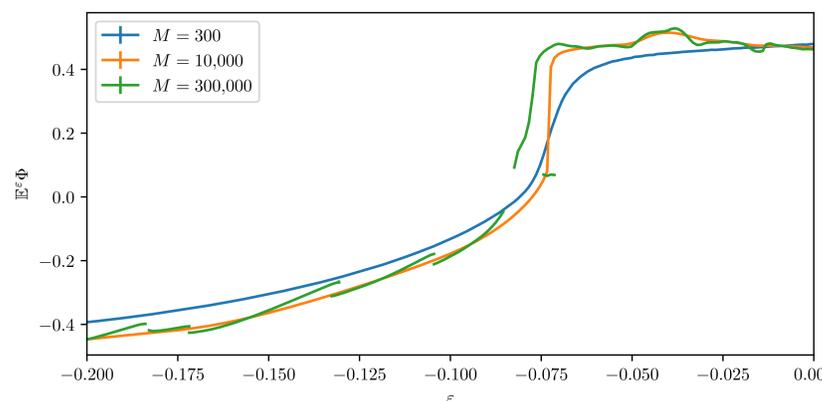
- If the microscopic subsystems have LR then so does Φ ; but,
- If $f(\cdot; d, a, \varepsilon) = f(\cdot; d, \varepsilon + Ka)$ then Φ has LR **irrespective of f**.
- If f is unimodal (e.g. logistic) then via a conjecture of Avila and others, the mean field Φ has **linear response** (see figure below)



Path 2: emergent noise

For $M < \infty$, equation (2) defines a **stochastic dynamical system** due to the ζ_n process. It is appropriately **smooth** if the microscopic variables obey LRT (which ζ_n induces). Thus, it has linear response.

This may break down as $M \rightarrow \infty$, e.g. by dense bifurcations:



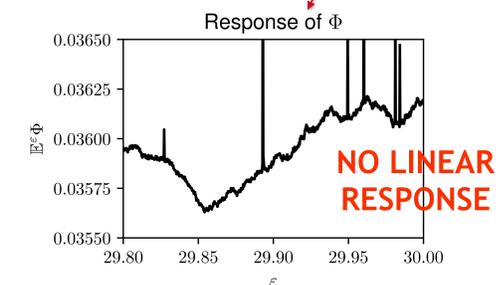
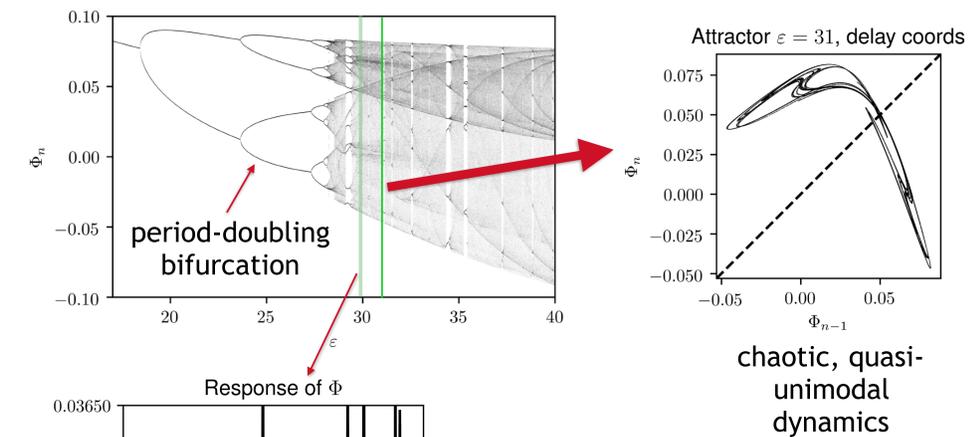
Anti-Path: thermodynamic limit

In the self-coupled case, as $M \rightarrow \infty$ we have deterministic dynamics:

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Microscopic mixing means we can ignore Φ_{n-l} for l large. With collective LRT this is a smooth **low-dimensional dynamical system**.

With `Poltergeist.jl` we used transfer operator methods to **very accurately simulate the dynamics of F for uniformly hyperbolic microscopic variables**. Find **non-hyperbolic chaos** (confirmed by numerically finding **homoclinic tangencies**).



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