

Characterizing nonlinear dynamics with covariant Lyapunov vectors

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Lyapunov Exponents

- Chaotic dynamics is characterized by **exponential sensitivity to initial conditions**:

$$\vec{x}_{t+1} = \vec{F}(\vec{x}_t)$$

$$\|\delta \vec{x}_t\| \approx \|\delta \vec{x}_0\| \cdot \exp[\lambda_1 t] \quad t \gg 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}_t = \vec{F}(\vec{x}_t)$$

- Tangent evolution** of linearized perturbations is ruled by the *Jacobian*:

$$\mathbf{J}_t : \quad [\mathbf{J}_t]_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial F_\mu(\vec{x}_t)}{\partial x_\nu}$$

$$\delta \vec{x}_t = \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, t) \delta \vec{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, t) = \left(\mathbf{J}_{t-1} \mathbf{J}_{t-2} \cdots \mathbf{J}_{t_0+1} \mathbf{J}_{t_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, t) = \mathbf{J}_t \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, t) \quad \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, 0) = \mathbf{I}$$

Lyapunov Exponents

- The existence of a complete set of N LEs is granted by the [Oseledets multiplicative theorem](#):

$$\Lambda_+(\vec{x}_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\mathbf{M}^T(\vec{x}_0, t) \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_0, t) \right]^{1/(2t)}$$

$$\Lambda_+(\vec{x}_0) \vec{e}_+^j(\vec{x}_0) = \gamma_j \vec{e}_+^j(\vec{x}_0)$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_N \quad \lambda_j = \ln \gamma_j$$

- There exist a sequence of nested subspaces connected with these growth rates:

$$\mathbf{R}^N = \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(1)} \supset \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(2)} \supset \dots \supset \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(N)} \quad \lambda_j \text{ exp. growth rate of } \vec{u} \in \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)} \setminus \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j+1)}$$

$$\dim(\Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)}) = N - j + 1$$

- LEs quantify the **growth of volumes in tangent space**

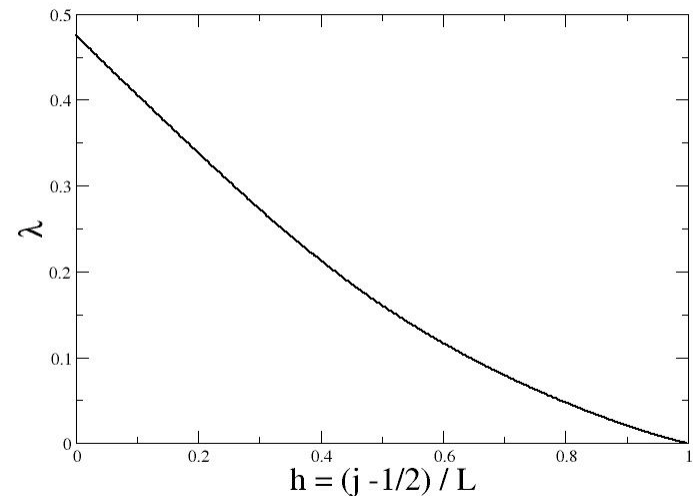
- **Entropy production** (Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy):

$$H_{KS} = \sum_{\lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i$$

- **Attractor dimension** in dissipative systems (Kaplan Yorke Formula)

$$D_{KY} = k + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i}{|\lambda_{k+1}|}$$

- There exist a **thermodynamic limit** for Lyapunov spectra in spatially ext. systems:



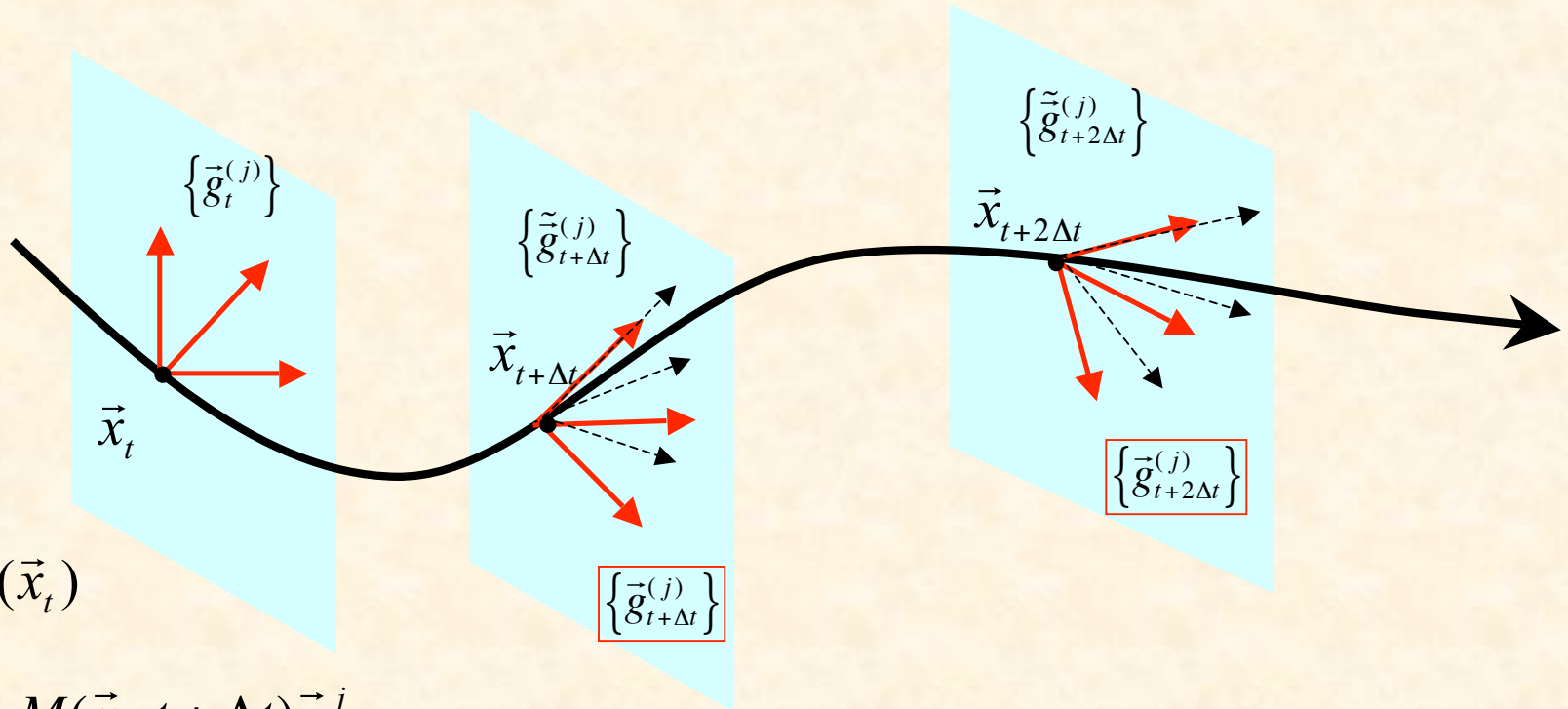
Lyapunov Vectors ?

- After exponents (i.e. **eigenvalues**), people got interested in **vectors** (i.e. **eigenvectors** ?) to quantify stable and unstable directions in tangent space.
- **Hierarchical decomposition** of spatiotemporal chaos
- **Optimal forecast** in nonlinear models (e.g. in geophysics)
- Study of “**hydrodynamical modes**” in near-zero exponents and vectors (access to transport properties ?)

But... which vectors ?

- i.e. **bred vectors**, **singular vectors**, **Gram Schmidt vectors**, **covariant vectors**...

Gram Schmidt vectors



$$\frac{d \vec{x}_t}{dt} = \vec{F}(\vec{x}_t)$$

$$\tilde{g}_{t+\Delta t}^j = M(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t) \vec{g}_t^j$$

Gram Schmidt vectors are obtained by GS
orthogonalization (Benettin *et al.* 1980)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_t = \left(\tilde{g}_t^1 \mid \cdots \mid \tilde{g}_t^N \right)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_t = \left(g_t^1 \mid \cdots \mid g_t^N \right)$$

Upper triangular

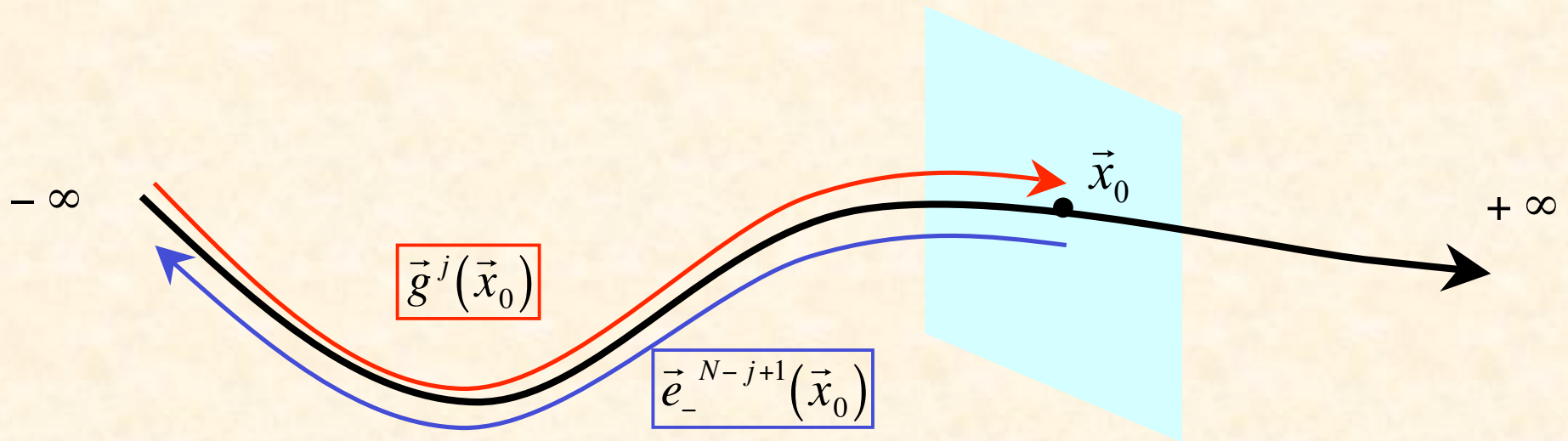
$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{t+\Delta t} = \mathbf{Q}_{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t}$$

- It can be shown that any orthonormal set of vectors eventually converge to a well defined basis (*Ershov and Potapov, 1998*)

- For time-invertible systems they coincide with the eigenvectors of the backward Oseledec matrix:

$$\vec{g}^j \rightarrow \vec{e}_-^{N-j+1}$$

$$\Lambda_-(x_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\mathbf{M}^{-1}(x_0, t)^T \mathbf{M}^{-1}(x_0, t) \right]^{1/2t}$$



But...

- They are **orthogonal**, while *stable* and *unstable* manifolds are generally not.

- Dynamical properties are “washed away” by orthonormalization, which is **norm dependent**, while LEs are not (for a wide class of norms).

- They are **not invariant under time reversal**, while LEs are (sign-wise):

$$\vec{g}_+^j \neq \vec{g}_-^{N-j+1} \quad \lambda_j^+ = -\lambda_{N-j+1}^-$$

- They are **not covariant with dynamics** and do not yield correct growth factors:

$$\mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t) \vec{g}_t^j \neq \gamma_{t, \Delta t}^{(j)} \vec{g}_{t+\Delta t}^j \quad \left\langle \ln \left\| \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t) \vec{g}_t^j \right\| \right\rangle \neq \lambda_j$$
$$\vec{g}_t^j \equiv \vec{g}^j(\vec{x}_t)$$

Covariant Lyapunov vectors ν

- Oseledets (1968) & Ruelle (1979) – Oseledets splitting

$$\vec{\nu}^j \quad \text{spans} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{E}_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)}}_{\dim[\Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)}] = N - j + 1} = \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)} \cap \underbrace{\bar{\Gamma}_{\vec{x}_0}^{(N-j+1)}}_{\dim[\bar{\Gamma}_{\vec{x}_0}^{(N-j+1)}] = j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)} &= \mathbf{U}_+^{(j)}(\vec{x}_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{U}_+^{(N)}(\vec{x}_0) & \mathbf{U}_\pm^{(j)}(\vec{x}_0) & \text{eigenspaces of } \Lambda_\pm(\vec{x}_0) \\ \bar{\Gamma}_{\vec{x}_0}^{(N-j+1)} &= \mathbf{U}_-^{(1)}(\vec{x}_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{U}_-^{(j)}(\vec{x}_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dim[\Gamma_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)}] = N - j + 1 \quad \dim[\bar{\Gamma}_{\vec{x}_0}^{(j)}] = j$$

- They are **covariant with dynamics** and **do yield correct growth factors (LEs)**:

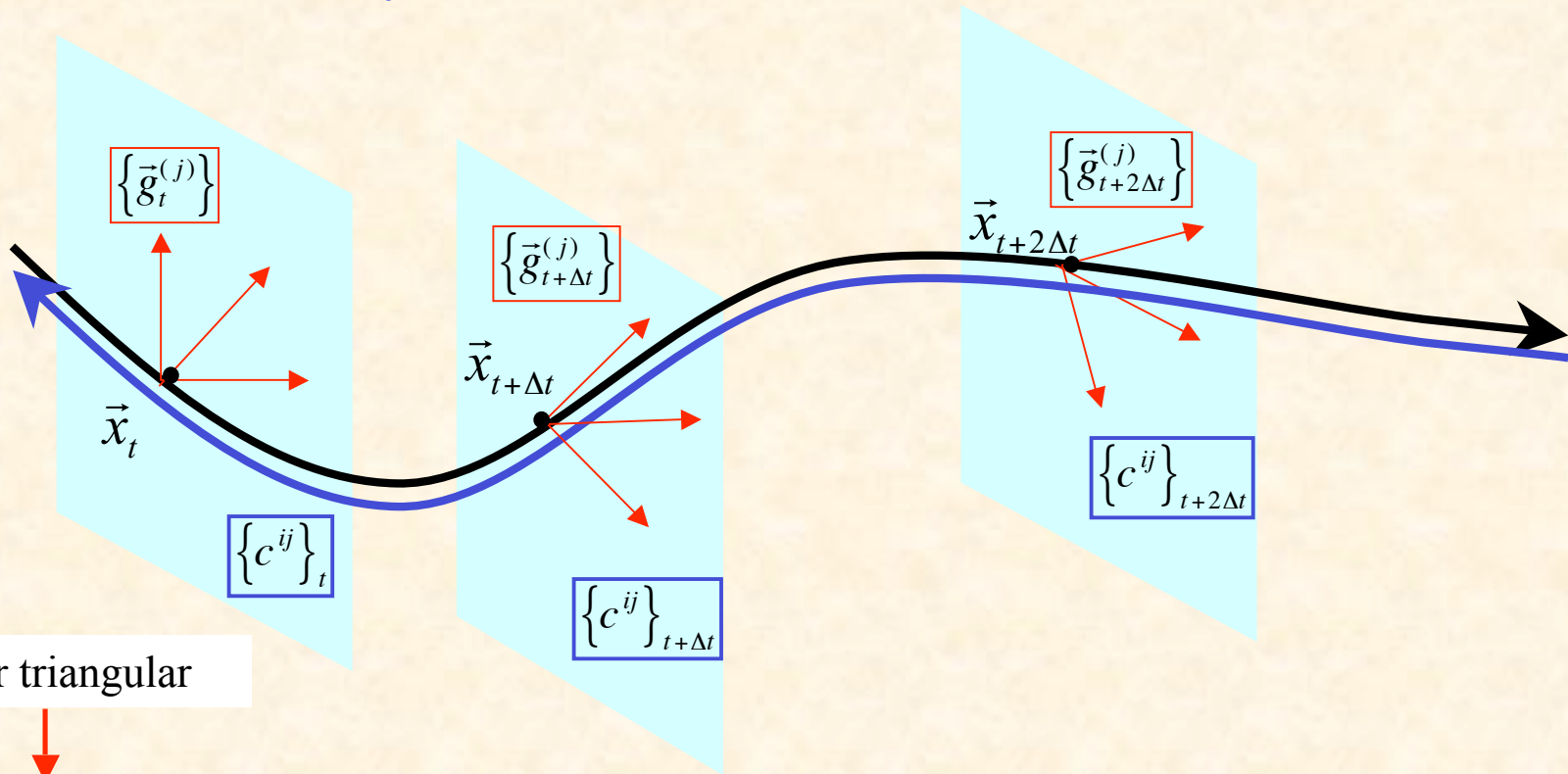
$$\mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t) \vec{\nu}_t^j = \gamma_j \vec{\nu}_{t+\Delta t}^j \quad \left\langle \ln \left\| \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t) \vec{\nu}_t^j \right\| \right\rangle = \lambda_j$$

After Ruelle

- Brown, Bryant & Abarbanel (1991) – Covariant vectors in time series data analysis
- Legras & Vautard; Trevisan & Pancotti (1996) – Covariant vectors in Lorenz 63
- Poli *et. al.* (1998) – Covariant vectors satisfy a node theorem for periodic orbits
- Wolfe & Samelson (2007) – Intersection algorithm, more efficient for $j \ll N$

Lack of a practical algorithm to compute them
No studies of ensemble properties in large systems

Computing covariant Lyapunov Vectors \mathbf{v} by forward-backward iterations



Upper triangular

$$[\mathbf{C}_t]_{ij} = c_t^{ij} = (\vec{g}_t^i \cdot \vec{v}_t^j)$$

Consider vectors which are linear combinations of the first j Gram-Schmidt vectors \mathbf{g}

$$\vec{v}_t^j = \sum_{i=1}^j c_t^{ij} \vec{g}_t^i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^j [c_t^{ij}]^2 = 1$$

1. R evolves the coefficients C according to tangent dynamics

Covariant evolution means:

$$\mathbf{V}_{t+\Delta t} \Delta_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{M}_{t,\Delta t} \mathbf{V}_t \quad (\mathbf{M}_{t,\Delta t} \equiv \mathbf{M}(\vec{x}_t, t + \Delta t))$$

(Expand CLV on GS basis)

$$\downarrow \quad \left(v_t^1 | v_t^2 | \dots | v_t^N \right) \equiv \mathbf{V}_t = \mathbf{Q}_t \mathbf{C}_t$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{C}_{t+\Delta t} \Delta_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{M}_{t,\Delta t} \mathbf{Q}_t \mathbf{C}_t$$

(use QR decomposition)

$$\downarrow \quad \mathbf{M}_{t,\Delta t} \mathbf{Q}_t = \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{t+\Delta t} = \mathbf{Q}_{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{C}_{t+\Delta t} \Delta_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{Q}_{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t} \mathbf{C}_t$$

one gets the evolution rule

$$\downarrow \quad \mathbf{C}_{t+\Delta t} \Delta_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t} \mathbf{C}_t$$

2. Moving backwards insures convergence to the “right” covariant vectors

$$\mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \tilde{\Delta}_{t,\Delta t} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_t$$

(consider two different random initial conditions)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \tilde{\Delta}_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t \quad \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \tilde{\tilde{\Delta}}_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t} \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_t$$

A. If \mathbf{C} are upper triangular with non-zero diagonal, one can verify that

$$\tilde{\tilde{\Delta}}_{t,\Delta t}, \tilde{\Delta}_{t,\Delta t} \xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \text{diag}(e^{\pm\Delta t \lambda_1}, e^{\pm\Delta t \lambda_2}, \dots, e^{\pm\Delta t \lambda_N})$$

B. By simple manipulations

$$\mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t} = \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \tilde{\Delta}_{t,\Delta t} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t^{-1} = \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_{t+\Delta t} \tilde{\tilde{\Delta}}_{t,\Delta t} \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_t^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_{t+\Delta t}^{-1} \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_{t+\Delta t} \right] = \tilde{\tilde{\Delta}}_{t,\Delta t} \left[\tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_t^{-1} \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}_t \right] \tilde{\tilde{\Delta}}_{t,\Delta t}^{-1}$$

(by matrix components)

$$\Rightarrow \left[\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \right]_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \exp[\Delta t (\lambda_\mu - \lambda_\nu)] \left[\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t \right]_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \right]_{\mu\nu} \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \mu > \nu \\ \exp[\Delta t (\lambda_\mu - \lambda_\nu)] & \mu < \nu \\ \phi_\mu & \mu = \nu \end{cases} \quad \lambda_\mu - \lambda_\nu > 0$$

If we follow the reversed dynamics

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi \quad (\text{diagonal matrix})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow -\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{t+\Delta t} \Phi$$

All random initial conditions converge to the same ones, apart a prefactor

Thus this reversed dynamics converges to covariant vectors for almost any initial condition

Covariant Lyapunov Vectors properties

- They coincide with *stable* and *unstable* manifolds
- They are **invariant under time reversal**.

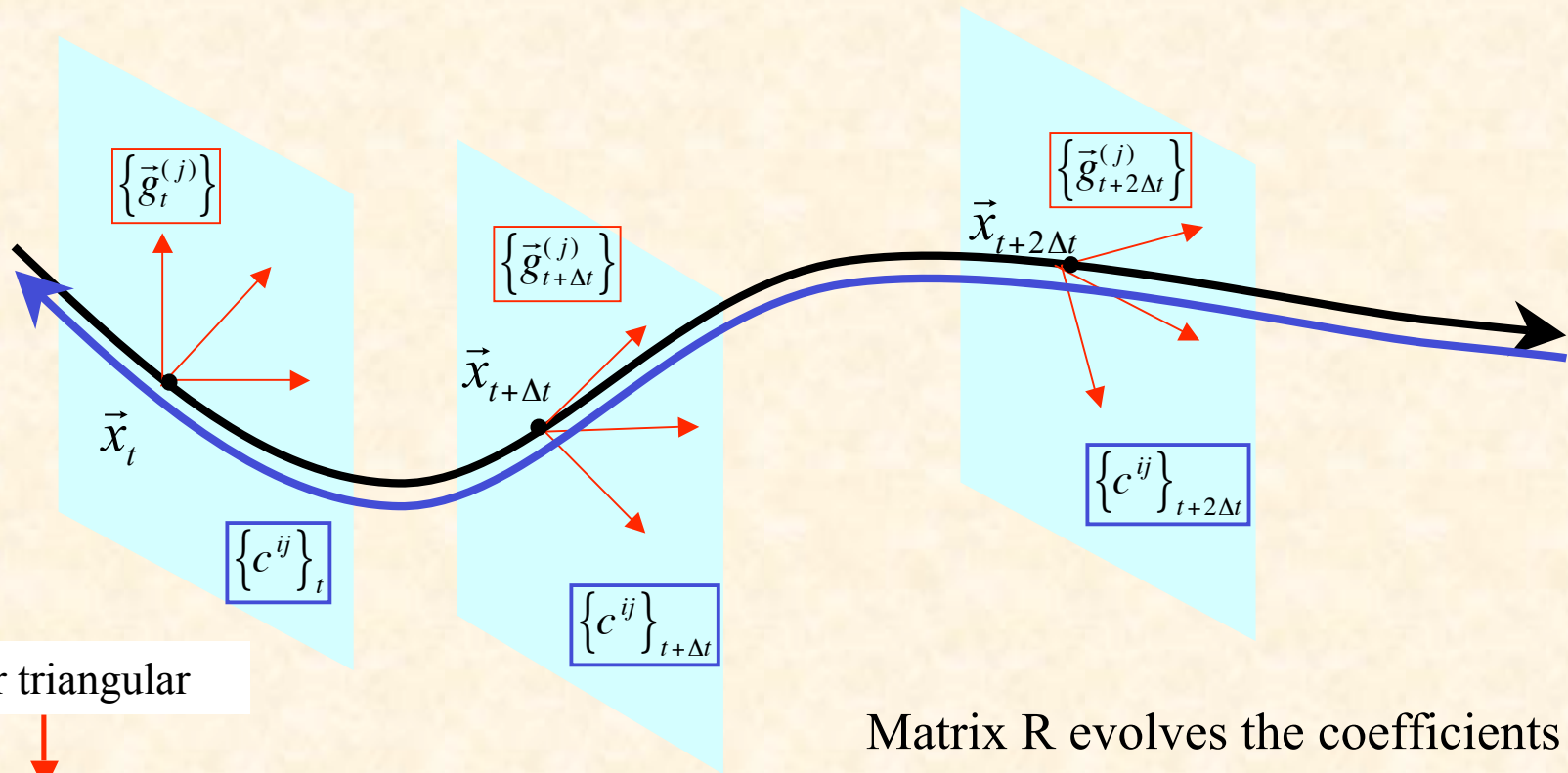
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- They are **norm independent** and, for time reversible systems, coincide with the **Oseledec splitting** (*Ruelle 1979*)
- They can be computed for **non time reversible systems too** by **following backward a stored forward trajectory**

The stable algorithm for covariant Lyapunov Vectors



Upper triangular

$$[\mathbf{C}_t]_{ij} = c_t^{ij} = (\vec{g}_t^i \cdot \vec{v}_t^j)$$

$$\vec{v}_t^j = \sum_{i=1}^j c_t^{ij} \vec{g}_t^i$$

Matrix \mathbf{R} evolves the coefficients \mathbf{C} according to tangent dynamics

$$(\mathbf{R}_{t,\Delta t})^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{t+\Delta t} \Delta_{t,\Delta t} = \mathbf{C}_t$$

This linearized evolution is **convergent** in the time reversed (linearized) dynamics

A Simple recipe

- Start from a random initial condition.
- Run a **forward transient** to obtain convergence of GS vectors
- Continue your phase space trajectory continuously storing the QR decomposition of tangent space.
- Run a final **backward transient** only storing the R matrices from QR
- Generate a random upper triangular matrix C
- Evolve C backward by inverting R matrices along the backward transient
- **Convergence to CLV coefficients is ruled by difference between nearest LEs**
- Once backward transient has been done and CLV coefficients are converged, continue to move backward along trajectories. CLV can be recovered as $V=QC$
- Some further tricks to ease memory storage in RAM are possible

Some applications

- Measure angles between CLV or linear combinations of CLV: numerical measures of hyperbolicity violations.
- Study the so called Lyapunov Hydrodynamic modes in Hamiltonian systems...
- Data assimilation algorithms ?
- Study the localization of modes associated to LE: hierarchical decomposition of ST chaos ?
- Tangent space decomposition may reveal the effective degrees of freedom large dissipative systems
- Analyze collective behavior in large dynamical system

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Collective behavior

$$x_i^{t+1} = (1 - K)f(x_i^t) + \frac{K}{N} \sum_j f(x_j^t) + \eta_i^t$$

$$X^t = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j x_j^t$$

- Collective, apparently **low dimensional** behavior of some global, **mean field variable(s)**, possibly varying on time scales much larger than the ones of the individual elements. Individual oscillators stay unlocked.

Microscopic chaos

- (infinitely) many DOFs
- disordered, chaotic behavior

Collective behavior

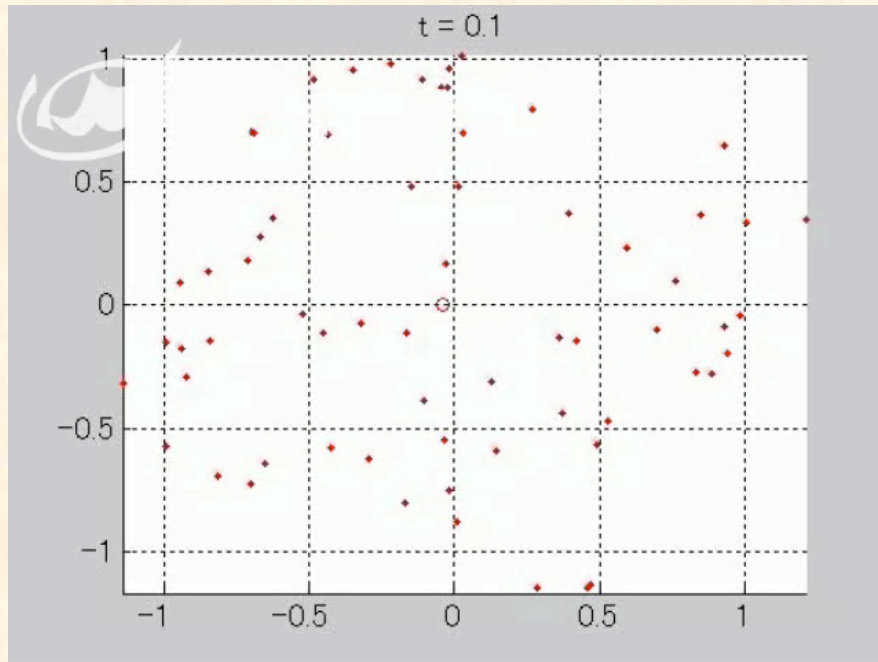
- fewer DOFs (possibly finite)
- various time-dependent behavior

Lyapunov analysis?

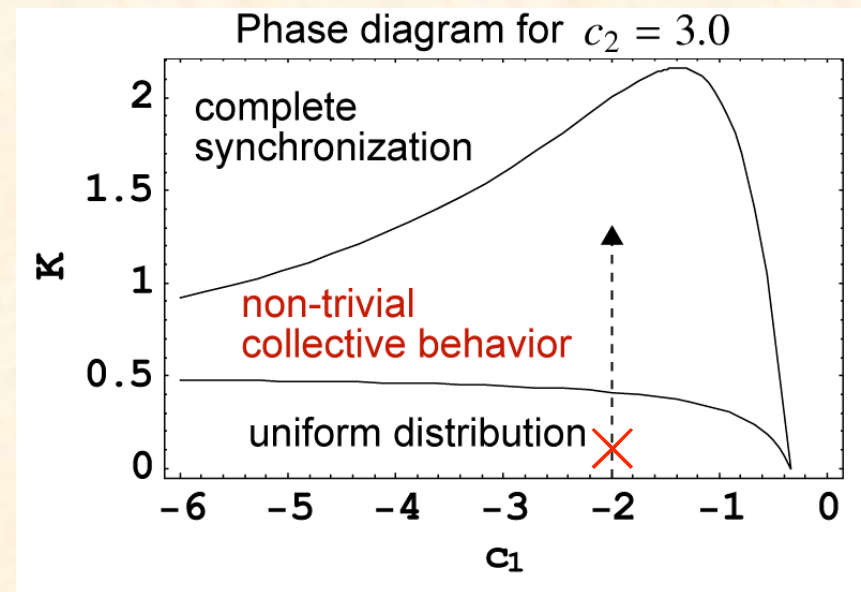
A model system: Globally coupled limit cycle oscillators

Landau Stuart oscillators Kuramoto & Nakagawa (1994, 1995)

$$\dot{W}_j = W_j - (1 + ic_2)|W_j|^2 W_j + K(1 + ic_1)(\bar{W} - W_j) \quad \bar{W} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N W_j$$



$K = 0.1$

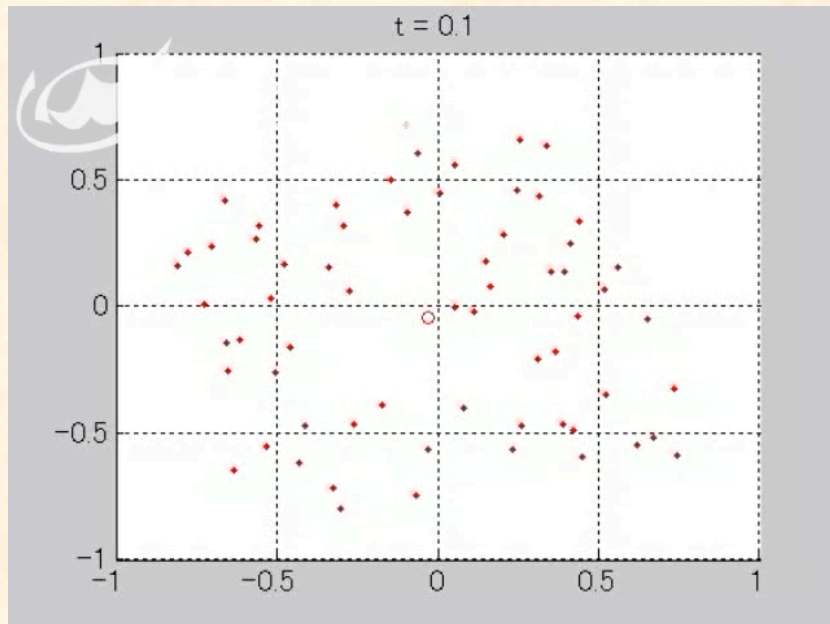


- : individual oscillators
- : collective dynamics

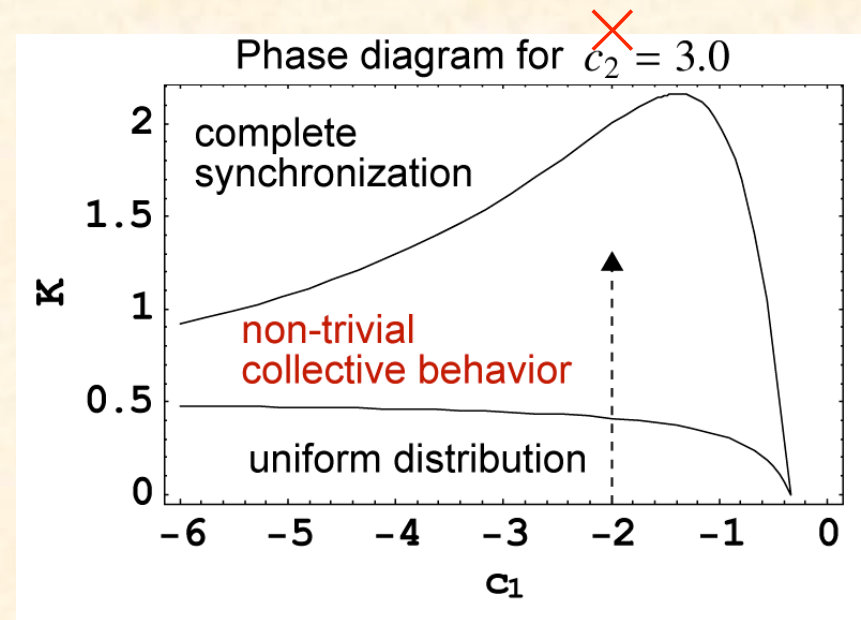
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Ginzburg Landau oscillators Kuramoto & Nakagawa (1994, 1995)

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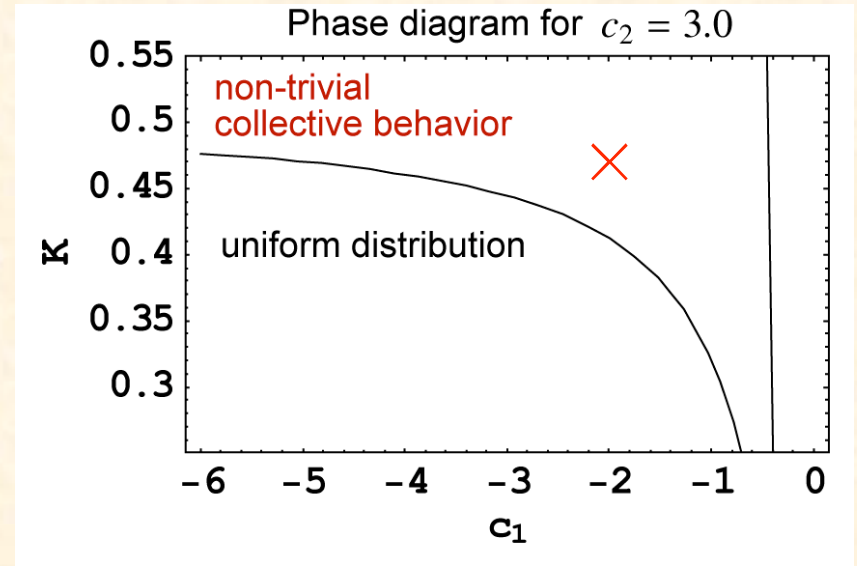
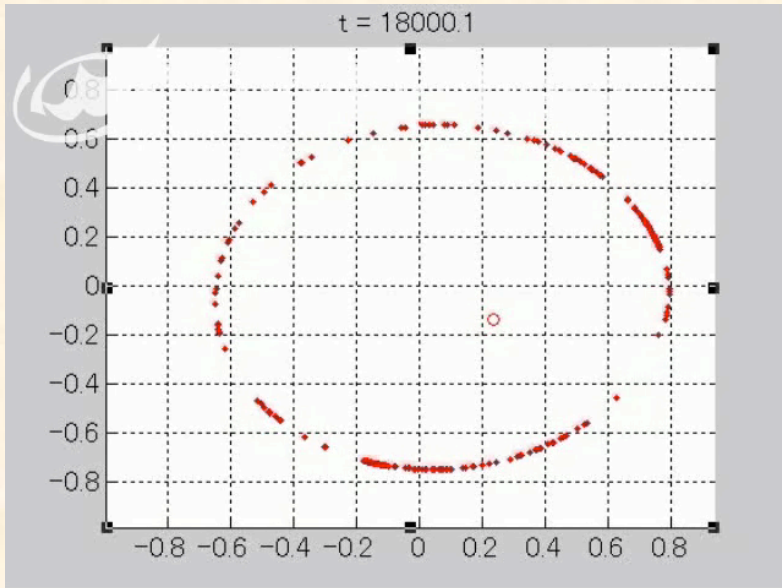


$K = 2.5$

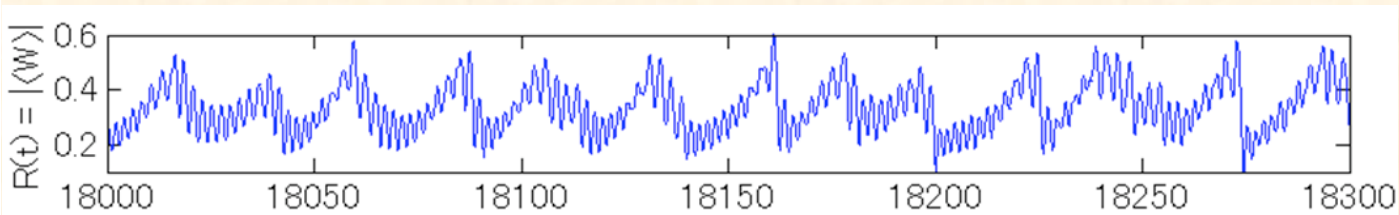


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- : collective dynamics

Intermediate coupling: nontrivial collective behavior

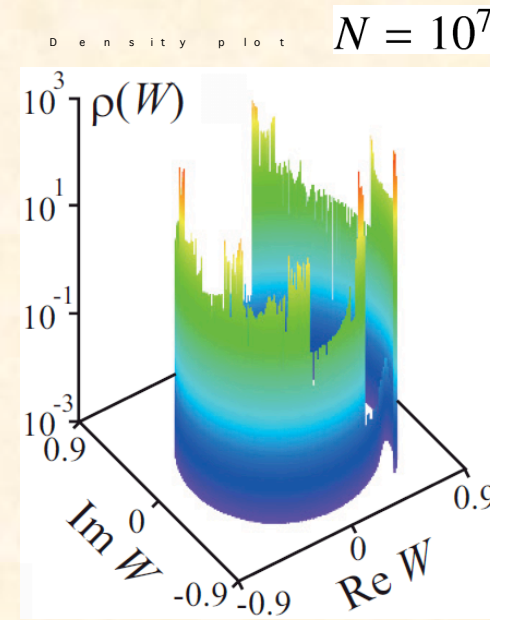


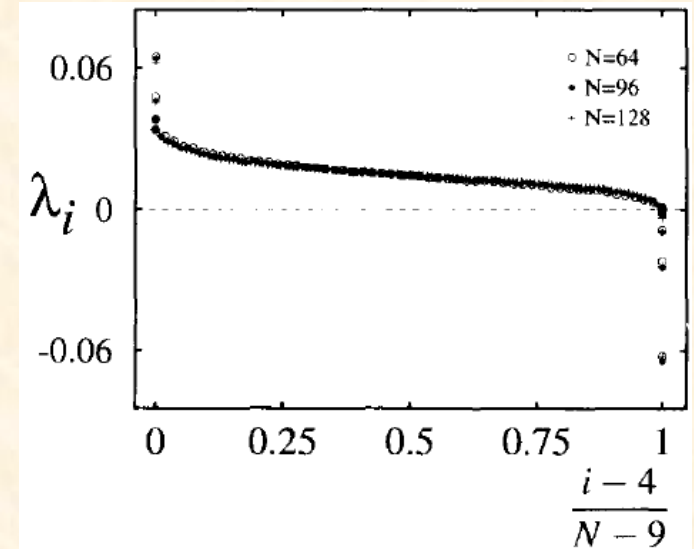
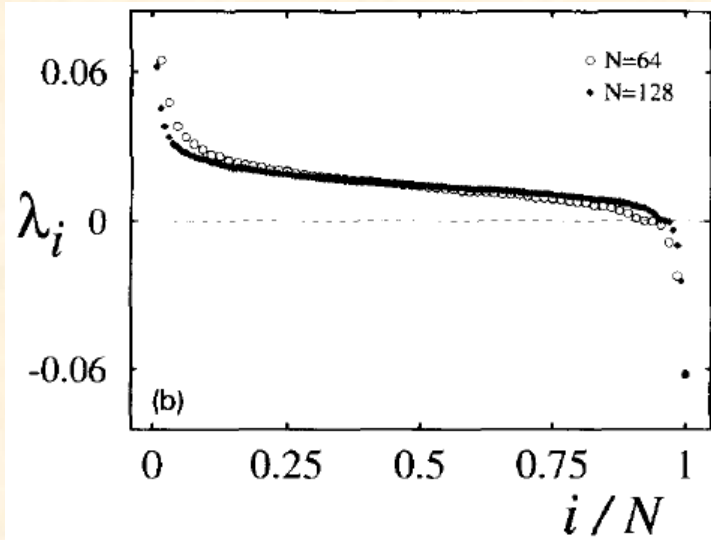
$K = 0.470$



individual oscillators:
collective dynamics:

chaotic
weakly chaotic





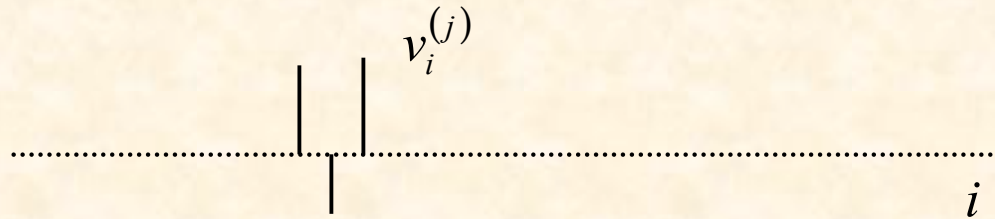
• **Can one detect collective modes by infinitesimal Lyapunov analysis?**

• **Extensive LE**, continuous part of the Lyapunov spectrum corresponding to **microscopic dynamics**

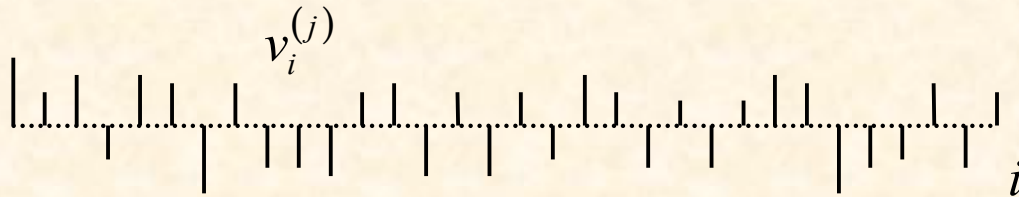
• **Non extensive LE**, discrete part of the Lyapunov spectrum corresponding to **coherent modes**

• Does it exist a well defined **thermodynamic limit** for Lyapunov spectra in globally coupled systems (i.e. *extensivity*)?

Conjecture: CLV are a tool to characterize collective modes



- Localized, extensive covariant Lyapunov vectors corresponding to microscopic dynamics



- Delocalized, nonextensive covariant Lyapunov vectors corresponding to collective modes

- Localization properties of vector j can be characterized by the **inverse participation ratio**

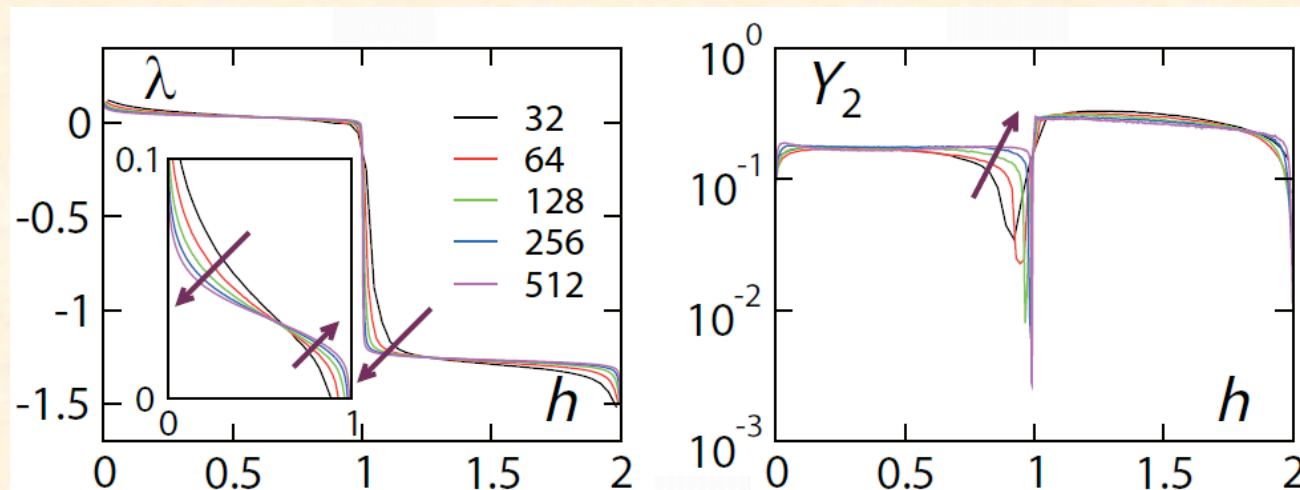
$$Y_2(j) = \left\langle \sum_i [v^{(j)}]_i^4 \right\rangle$$

- **Localized**: nonvanishing Y_2

$$Y_2(j) \approx 1/\ell + L^{-\gamma}$$

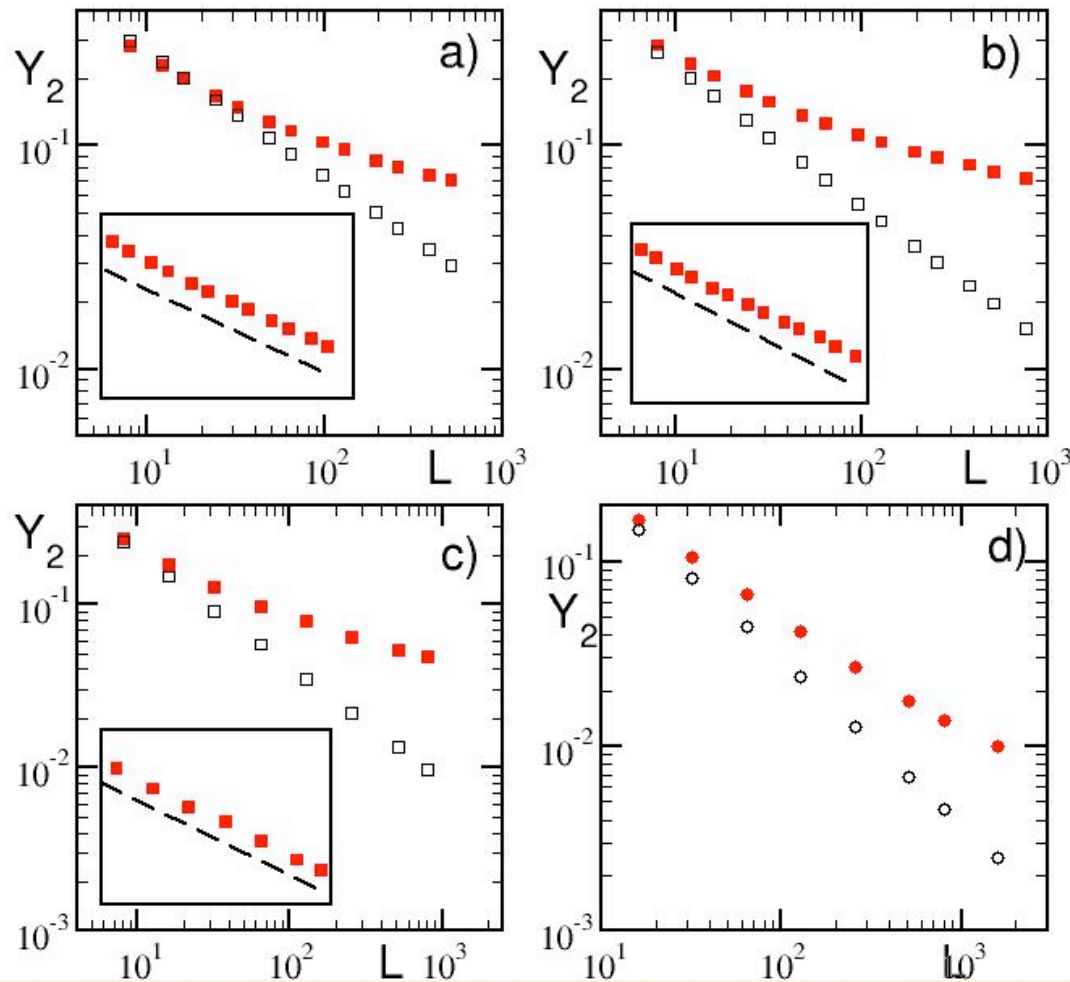
- **Delocalized**: vanishing Y_2

$$Y_2(j) \approx 1/L$$



$$h \equiv (i - 0.5)/N \quad \text{: r e s c a l e d}$$

Localization in spatially extended systems – Numerical results



CLV

GSV

$$h = i/L = 0.2$$

a) CML of Tent maps

$$x_{t+1}^i = (1 - 2\varepsilon)f(x_t^i) + \varepsilon[f(x_t^{i+1}) + f(x_t^{i-1})]$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax & 0 \leq x < 1/a \\ \frac{a}{1-a}(x-1) & 1 \geq x \geq 1/a \end{cases}$$

b) Symplectic Maps

$$p_{t+1}^i = p_t^i + \mu[g(q_t^{i+1} - q_t^i) - g(q_t^i - q_t^{i-1})]$$

$$q_{t+1}^i = q_t^i + p_{t+1}^i \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi x)$$

Continuous time Hamiltonian systems

$$\ddot{q}_i = F(q_{i+1} - q_i) - F(q_i - q_{i-1})$$

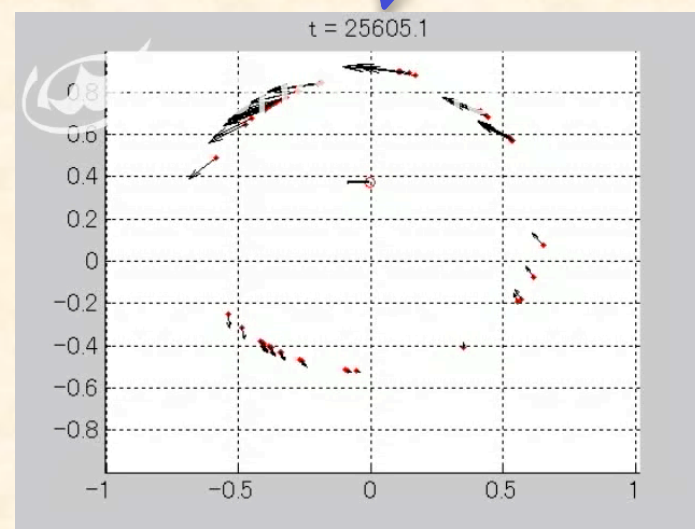
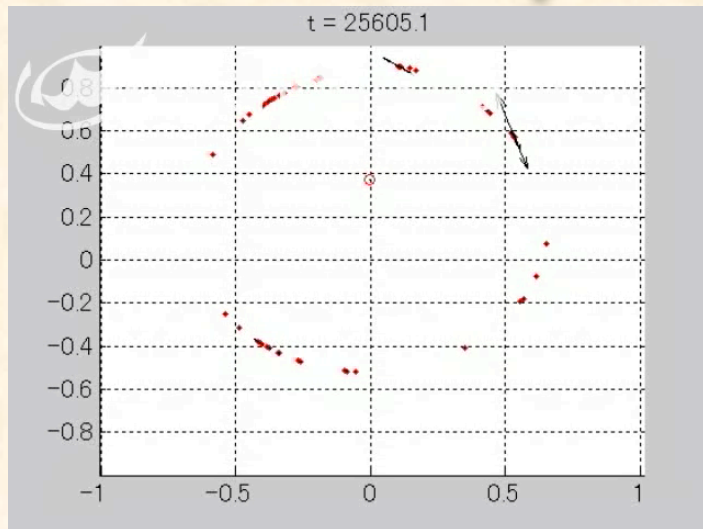
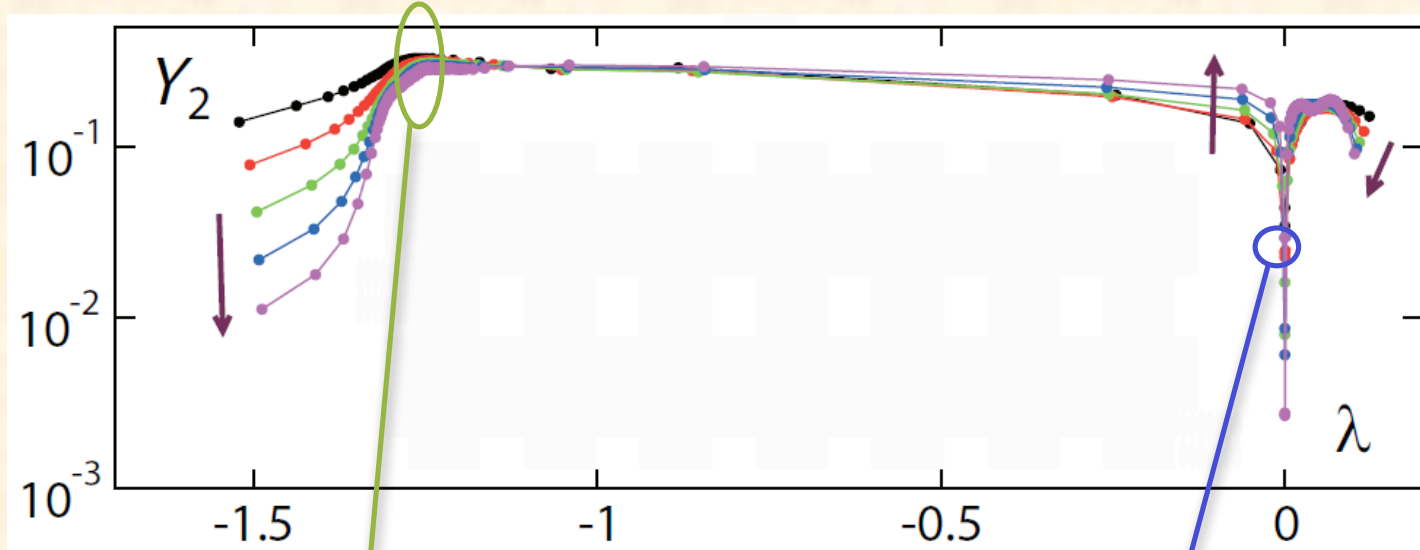
c) Rotators

$$F(x) = \sin(x)$$

d) FPU

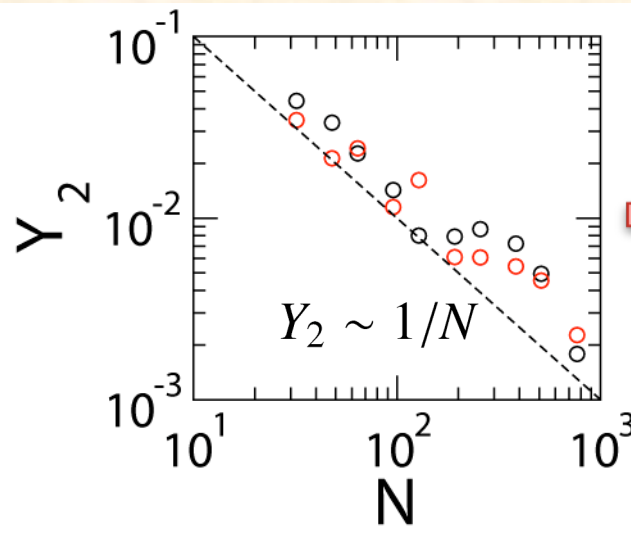
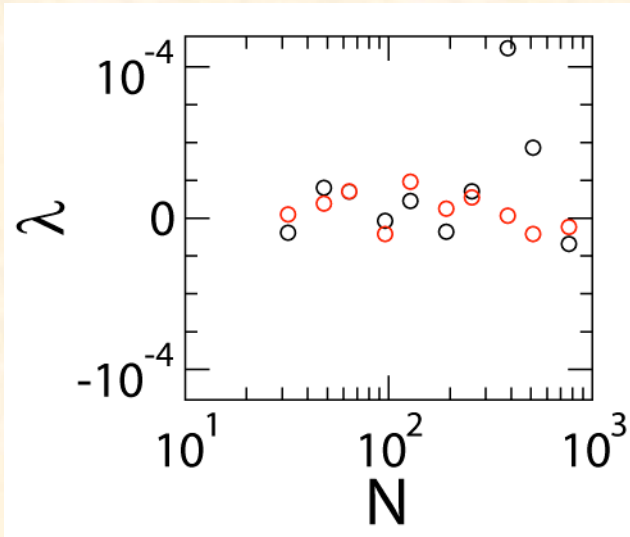
$$F(x) = x + x^3$$

⇒ Parametric plot of Y_2 vs λ



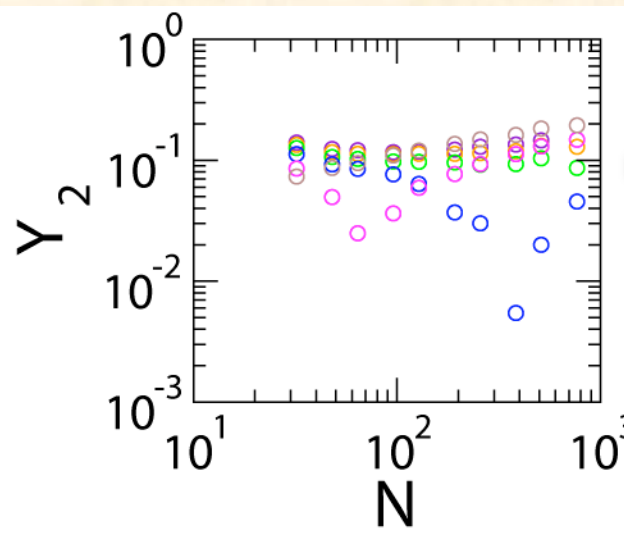
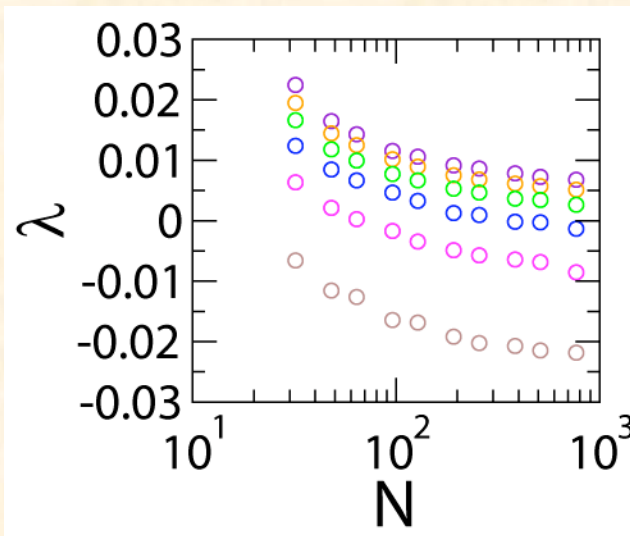
Zero-modes

two numerical zeros



→ collective!

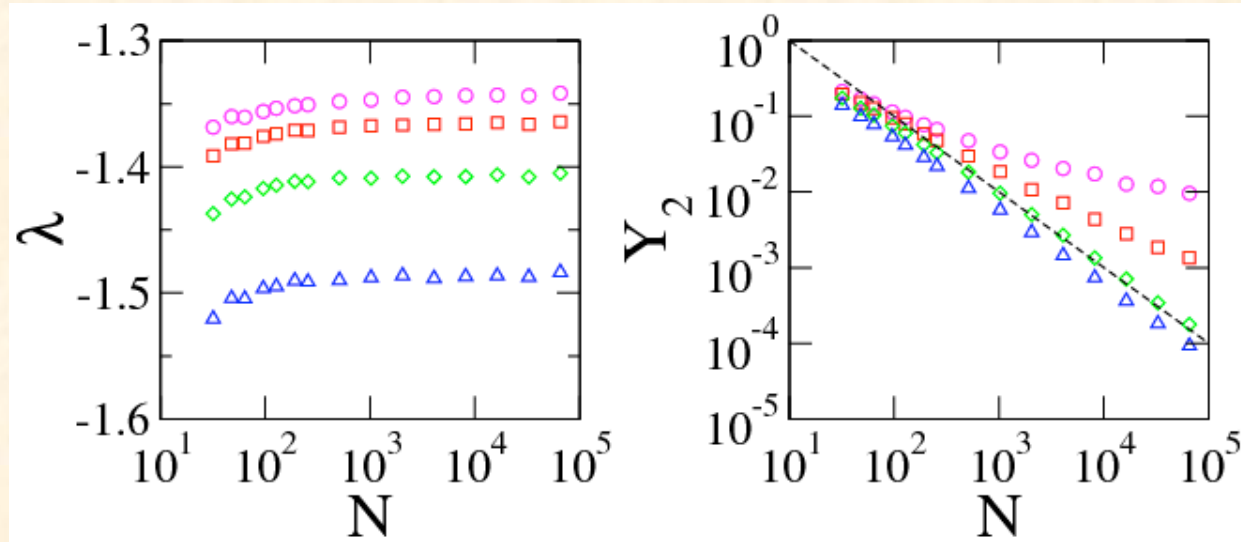
others around zero



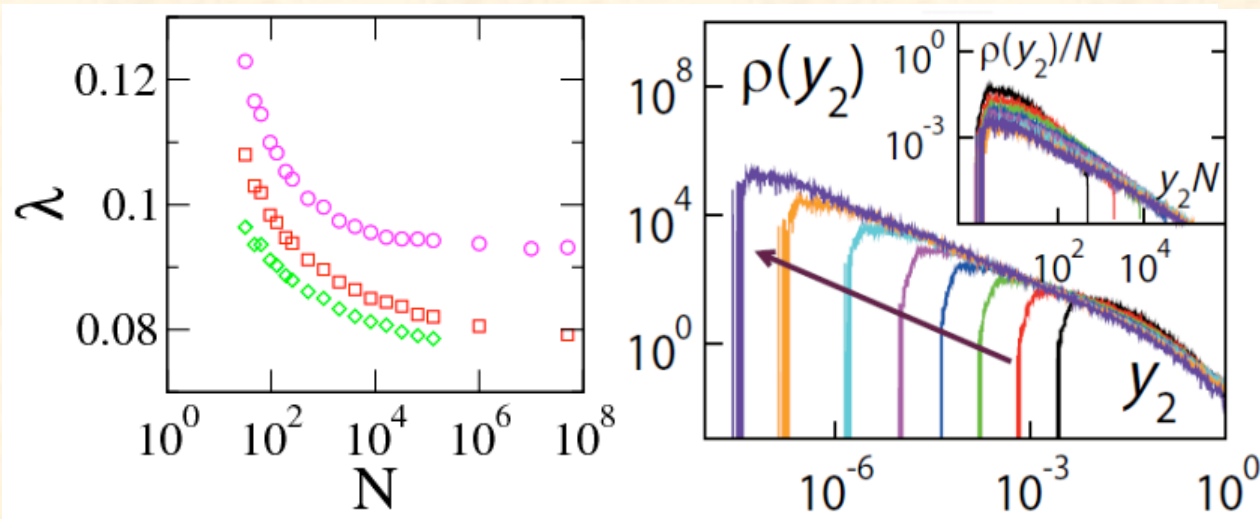
→ microscopic

Most Positive & Negative Modes

most negative modes



most positive modes



⇒ 1 positive collective mode!

On collective CLV structure

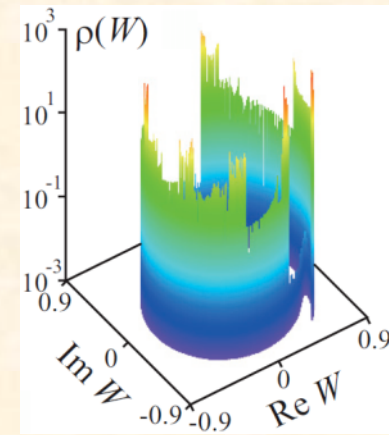
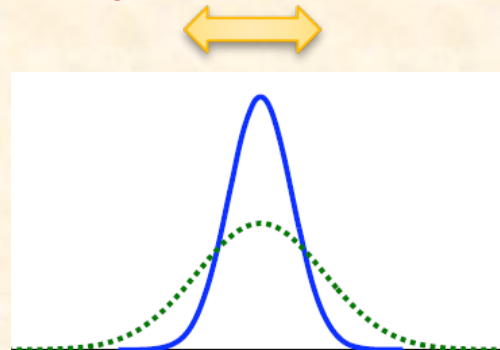
$\lambda > 0$ collective

moves peaks entirely



$\lambda < 0$ collective

adjust peak width



$\lambda = 0$ collective

Degenerate: global change in phases
and traslation along the trajectory

Relation to Perron-Frobenius description

We can “directly” look at the thermodynamic limit through evolution of distribution function via PF equation.

Globally coupled logistic maps with bounded smooth noise (Karumaswamy dist.)

$$x_i^{t+1} = (1 - K)f(x_i^t) + K\langle f(x) \rangle + \xi_i^t$$

$$f(x) = 1 - ax^2, a = 1.57$$

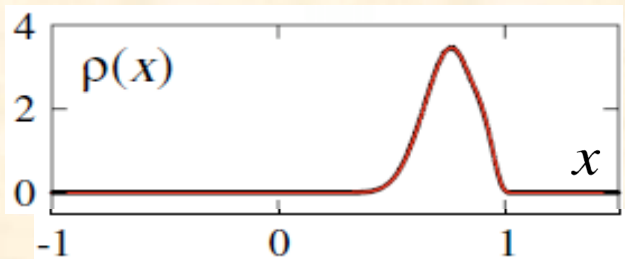
$$\rho^{t+1}(x) = \int \rho_{\text{noise}}(F^t(y) - x) \rho^t(y) dy$$

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$$F^t(y) = (1 - K)f(y) + K \int f(z) \rho^t(z) dz$$

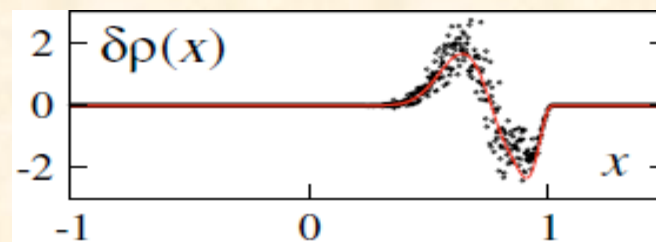
$$\rho_N(\xi) = 15\chi^2(1 - \chi^3)^4$$

$$\chi = (\xi/\sigma + 1)/2 \in [0,1]$$

➡ We compare Lyapunov modes from PF dynamics
and delocalized Lyapunov modes from maps



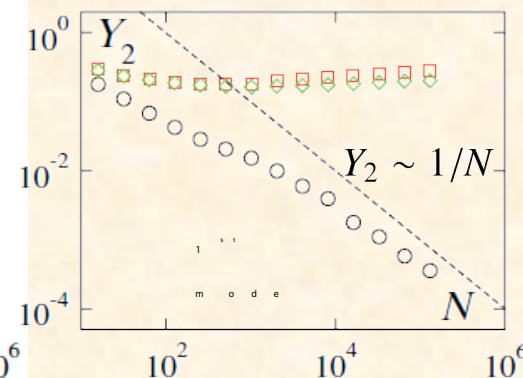
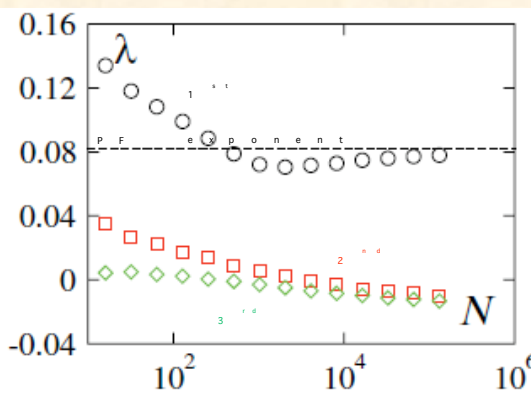
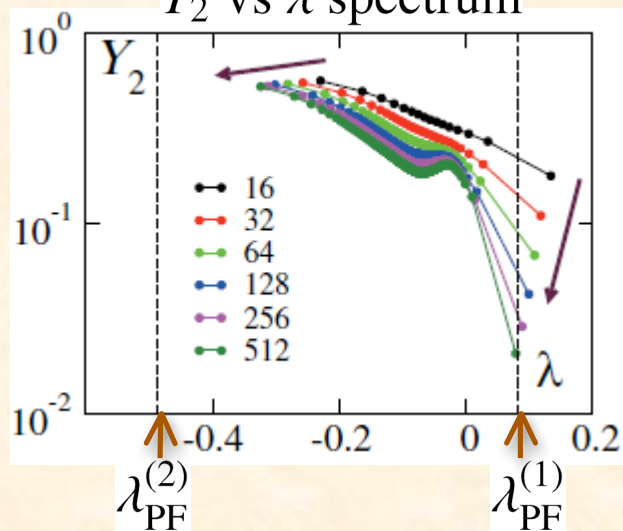
profile of 1st vector



— PF
• maps (N=10⁷)

$K = 0.28$ $\sigma = 0.1$

Y_2 vs λ spectrum



Quantitative correspondence
between
PF mode & delocalized collective mode!

Conclusions

- **Covariant Lyapunov Vectors** are the right vectorial quantities to analyze spatiotemporal dynamics.
- They are **covariant** with dynamics, **invariant** under time reversal, **norm independent** and allow to compute **LEs by ensemble averages**
- For time reversible systems they coincide with **Oseledec splitting**
- **CLVs yield drastically different behavior with respect to GSV** (where orthonormalization induced “noise” disrupt dynamical properties) for what concerns spatially extended systems.
- They can be used to detect and analyze **collective modes in globally coupled systems**, thus they can be used to analyze/discriminate different time and length scales in spatiotemporal chaotic systems.

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