

# Steady-state regimes of a helicopter ground resonance model including a nonlinear energy sink

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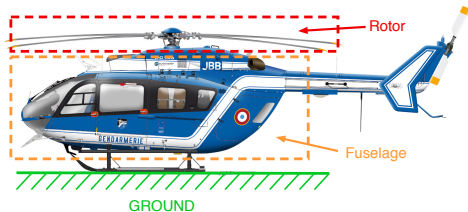


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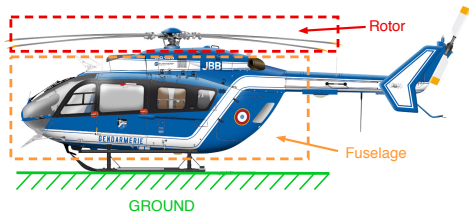
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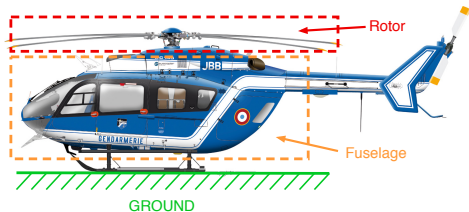
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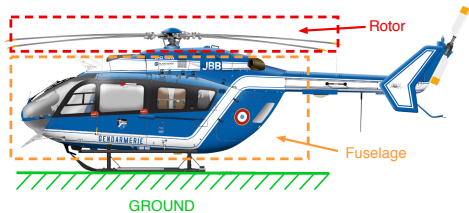
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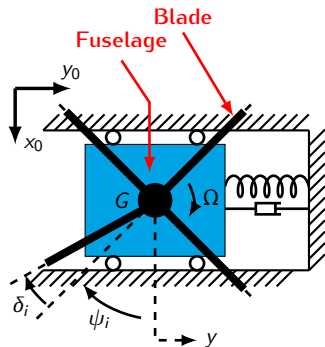
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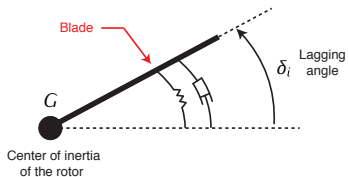
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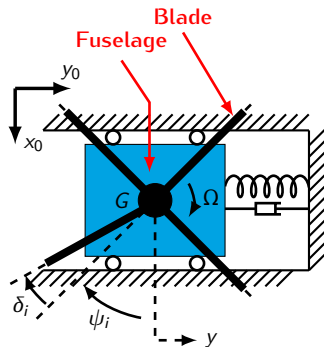
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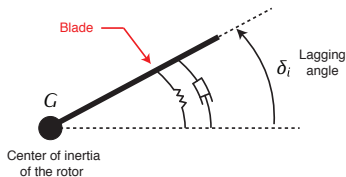
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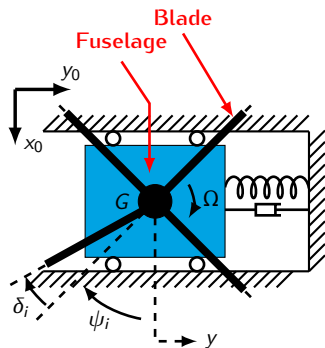
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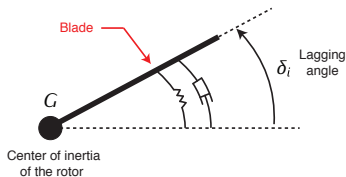
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### Linearization



Linear system with 5 unknown variables,  
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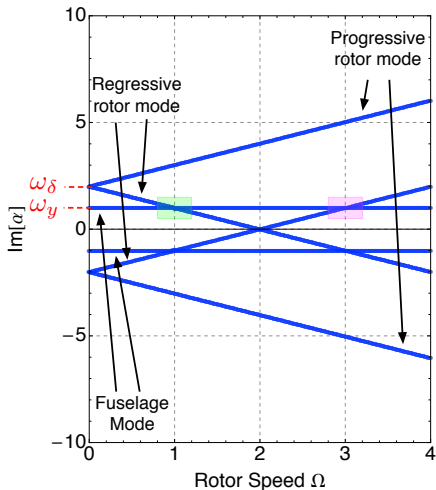
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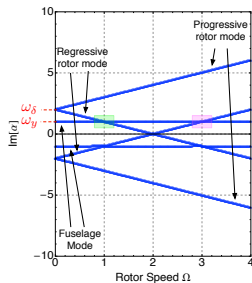
$\Omega$  (rotor speed): bifurcation parameter

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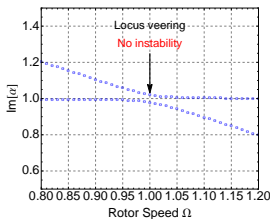


$\omega_y$ : natural frequency of the fuselage  
 $\omega_\delta$ : natural frequency of one blade

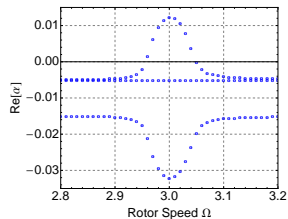
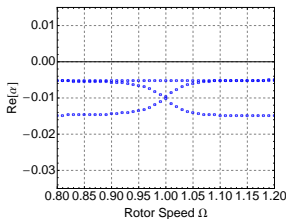
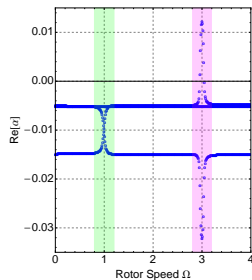
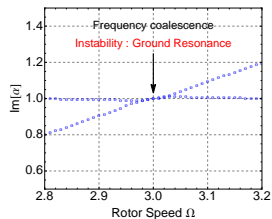
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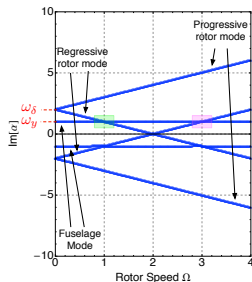
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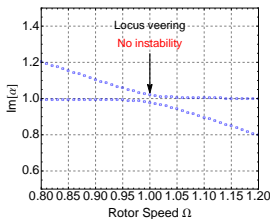
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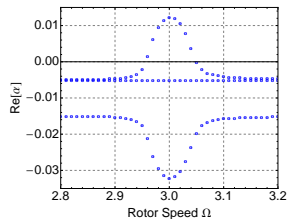
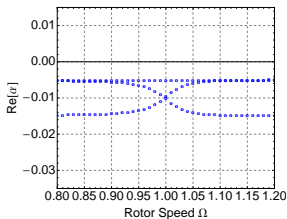
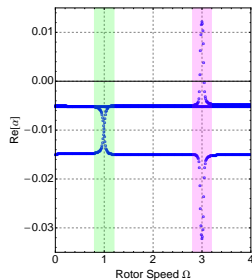
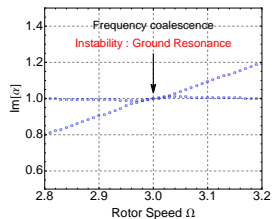
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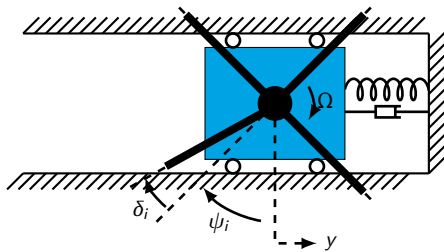
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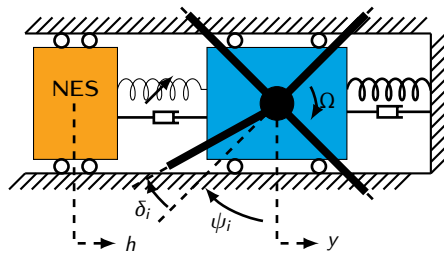
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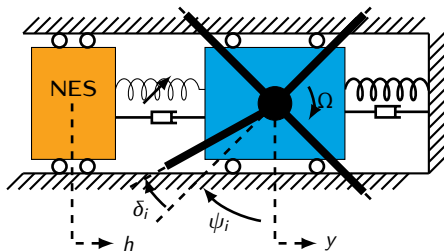
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Simplified model without NES:

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Use of  
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$\Rightarrow$

and

$$w = y - h$$

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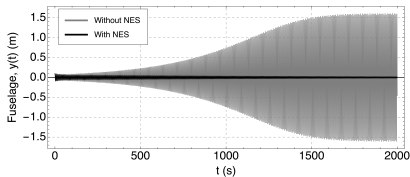
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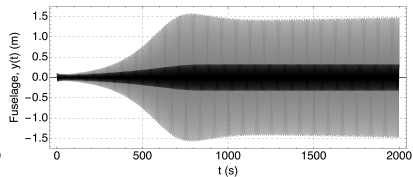
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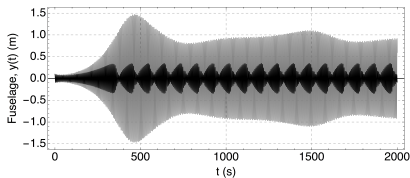
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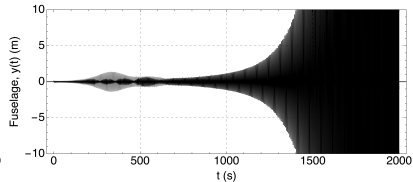
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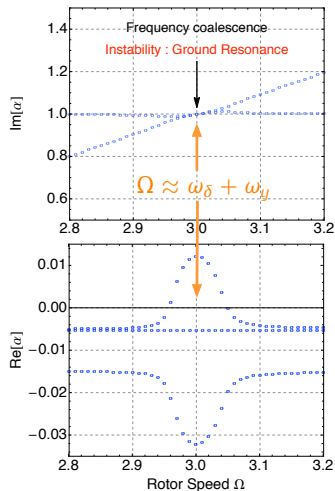
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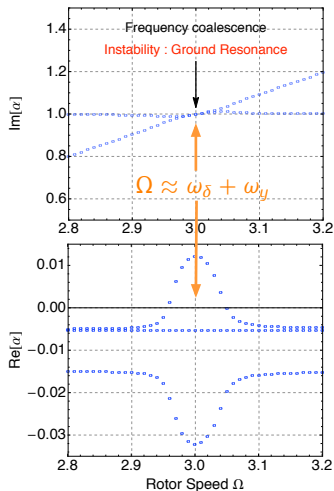
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Domain of existence of the steady-state regimes in a plane  $\{a, \lambda_\delta\}$ :

we count 5 domains for 4 regimes



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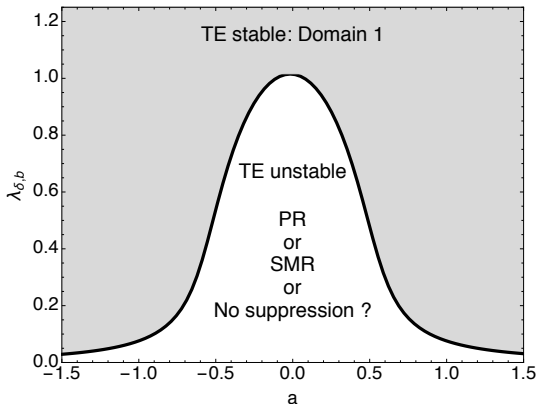
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- Studied using multi-scale approach since  $\epsilon \ll 1$ :
  - fast time:  $t_0 = t$
  - slow time:  $t_1 = \epsilon t$

$\epsilon^0$  order of the system

$$\frac{\partial N_1}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\partial \Delta_{31}}{\partial t_0} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\omega_y}{2} (N_1 \sin \Delta_{21} + N_2 \operatorname{Im}[F(N_2)]) \\ \frac{\partial \Delta_{21}}{\partial t_0} = \frac{\omega_y}{2} \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \cos \Delta_{21} - \operatorname{Re}[F(N_2)] \right) \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Fixed points of the  $\epsilon^0$  order system:

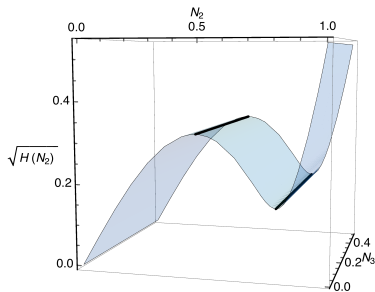
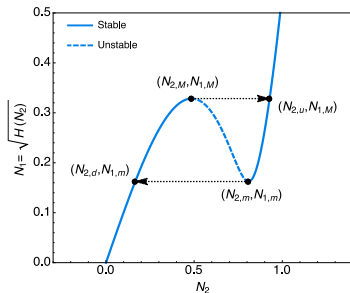
$$\lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t_0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \Delta_{21}}{\partial t_0} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$   $t_0$ -invariant manifold ( $t_0$ -IM):

$$\phi_1(t_1) = \phi_2(t_1) F(|\phi_2(t_1)|)$$

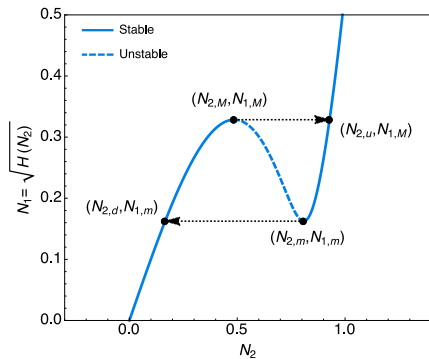
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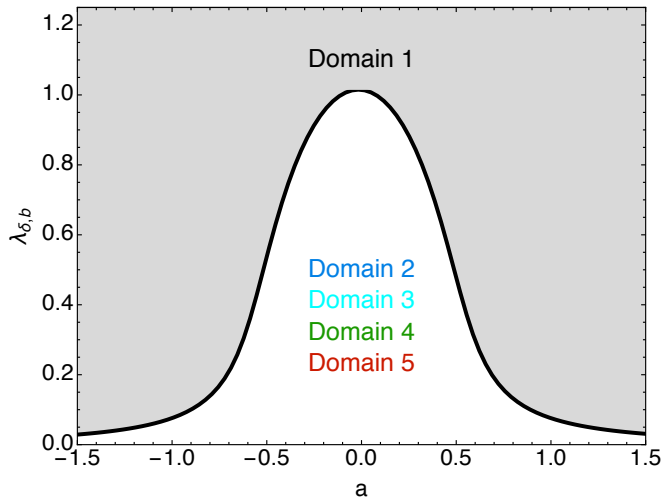
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⇒ Explanation of the 3 steady-state regimes



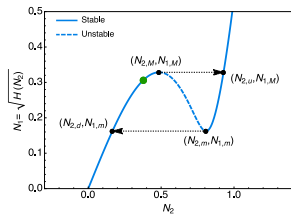






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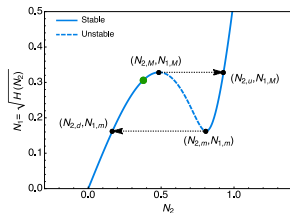
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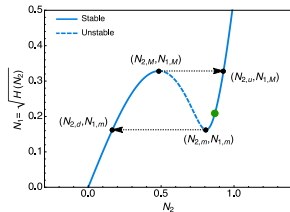
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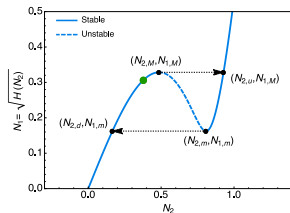
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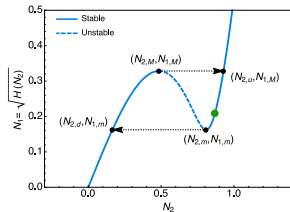
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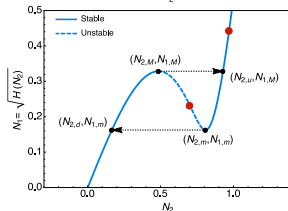
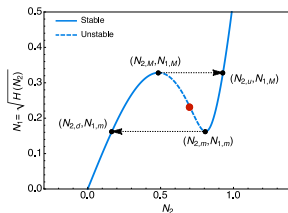
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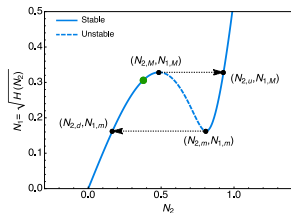
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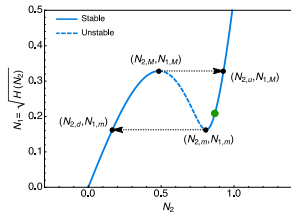
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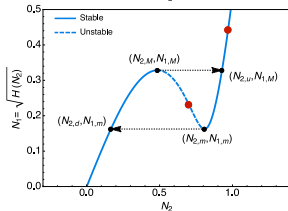
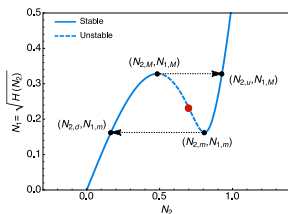
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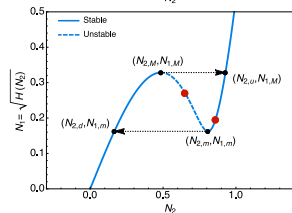
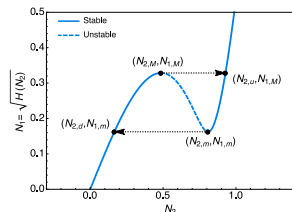


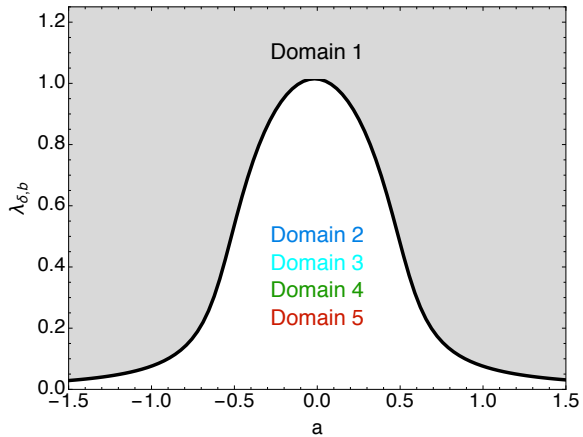
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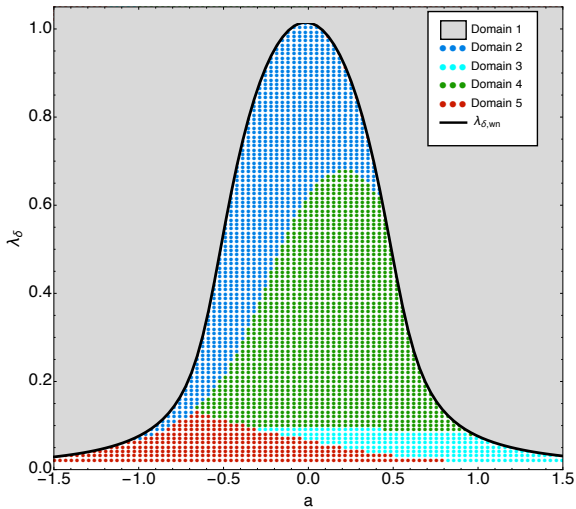
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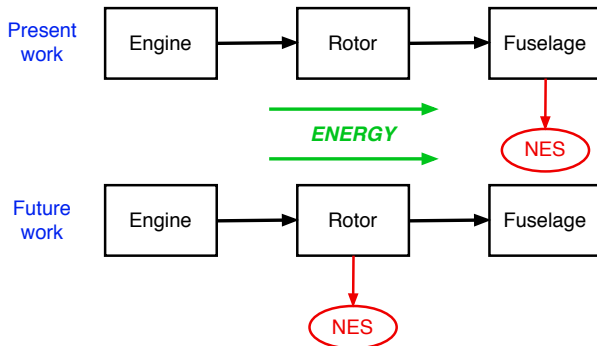
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Thank you for your attention

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$\epsilon^1$  order of the system in the limit  $t_0 \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\Phi_1(t_1) = \Phi_2(t_1)F(|\Phi_2(t_1)|)$

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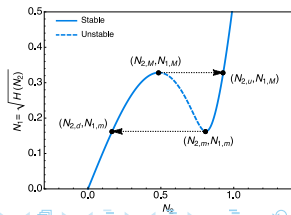
$\Rightarrow$  Fixed points  $\{N_2^e, N_3^e, \Delta_{32}^e\}$  of the  $\epsilon^1$  order system: solution of  $\begin{cases} f_{N_2} = 0 \\ f_{\Delta_{32}} = 0 \\ f_{N_3} = 0 \end{cases}$

0, 1 or 2 fixed points:

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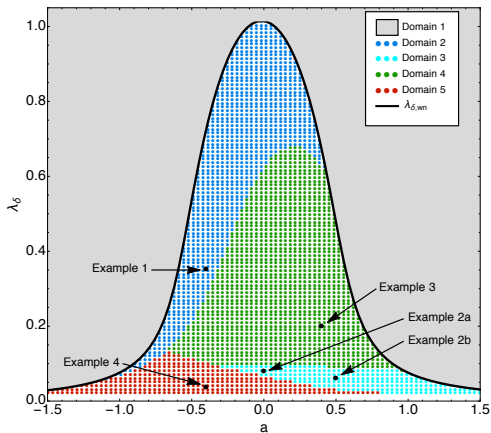
$\Rightarrow$  Definition of the domains of existence of PR, SMR and "No suppression":

- Local stability of the fixed point  $\{N_2^e, N_3^e, \Delta_{32}^e\}$
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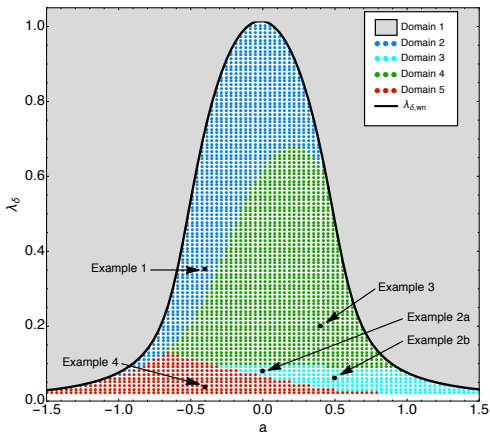
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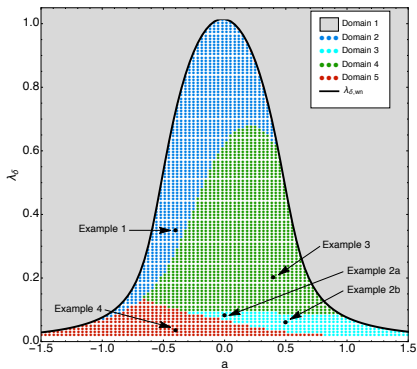
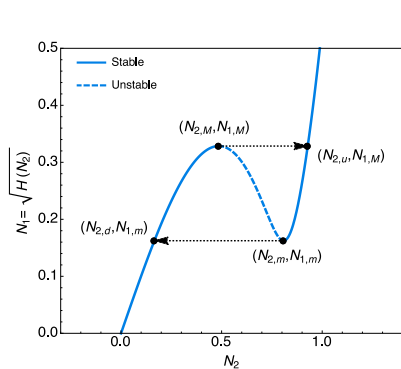
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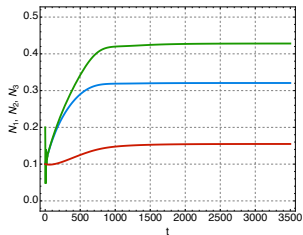
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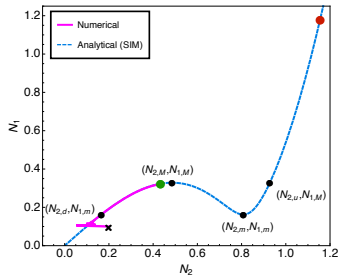
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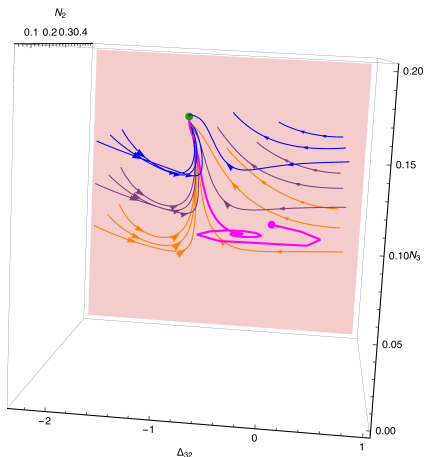
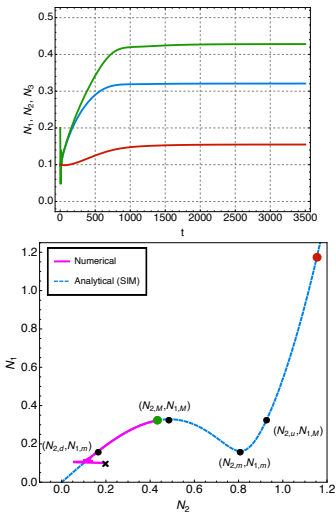


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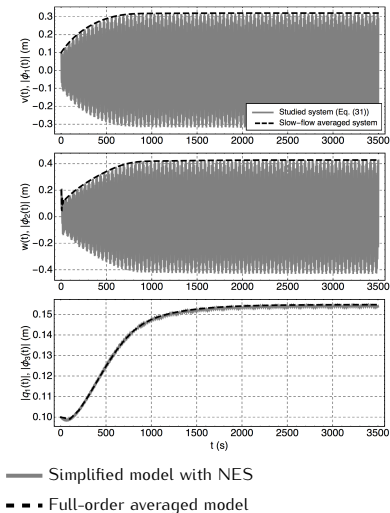
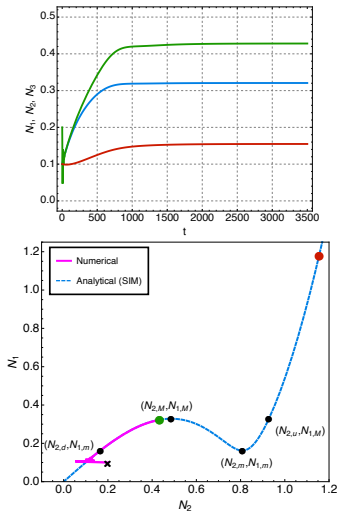
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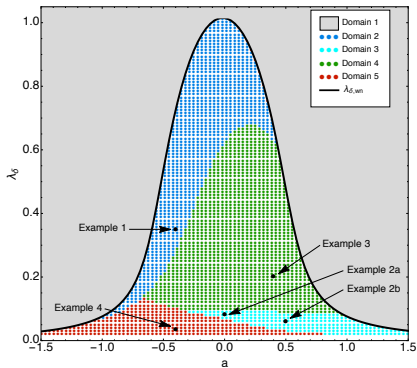
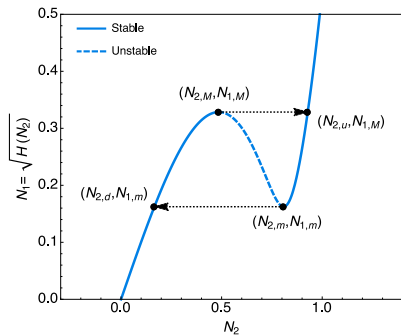
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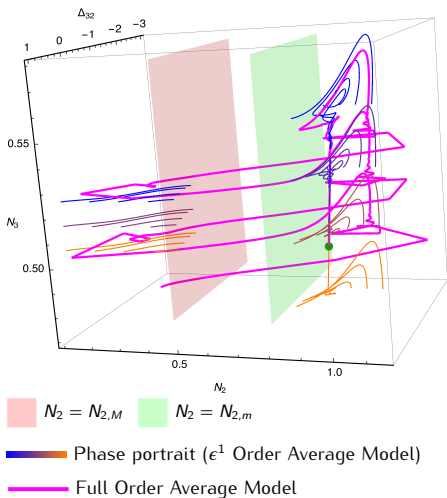
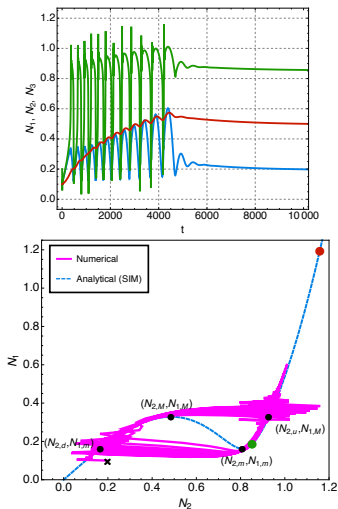
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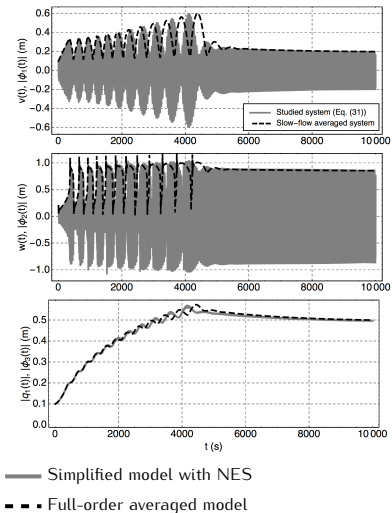
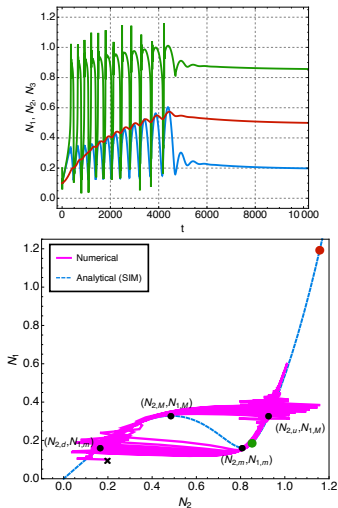
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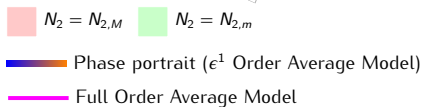
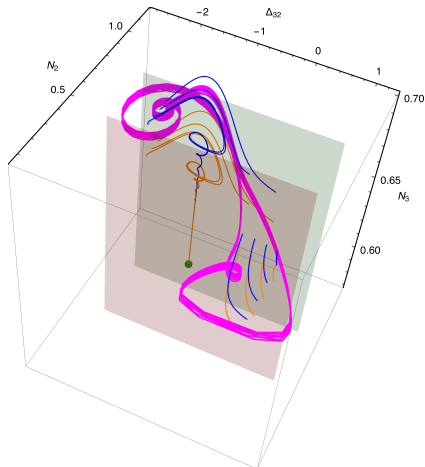
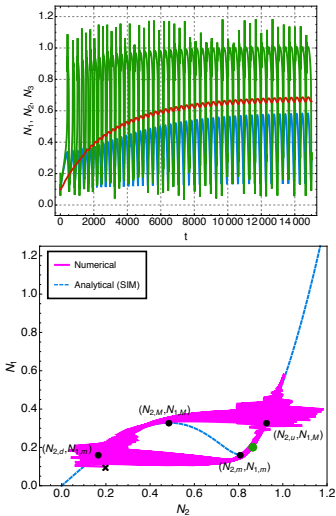
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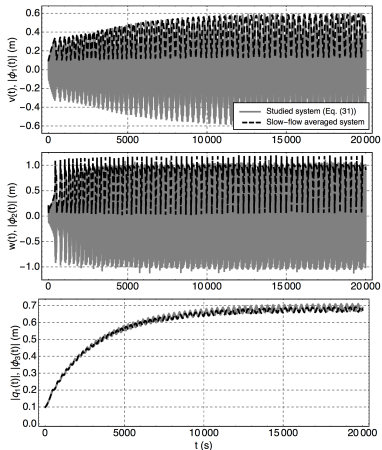
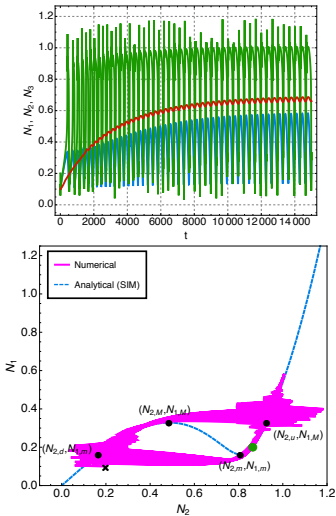
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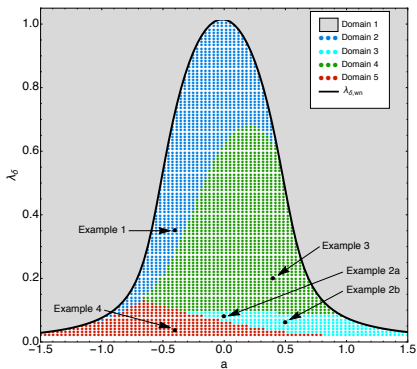
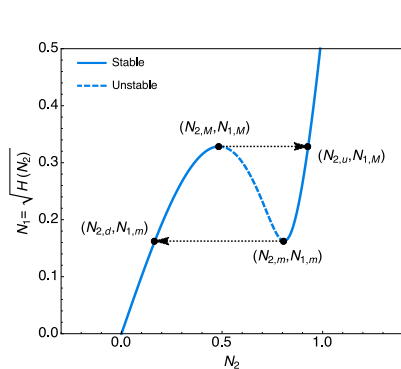
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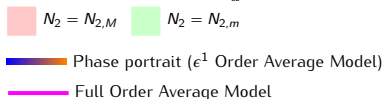
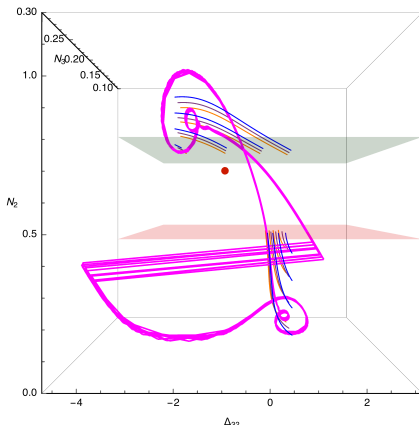
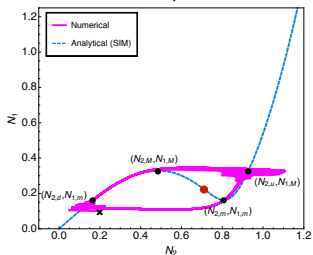
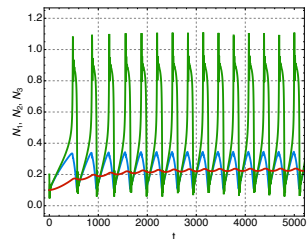
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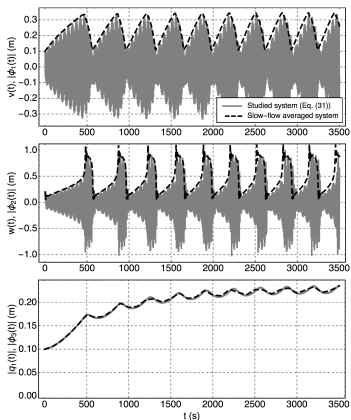
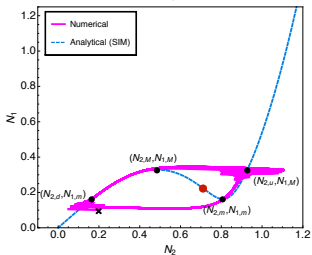
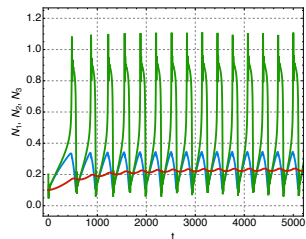
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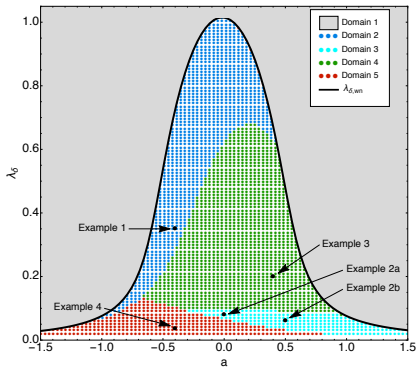
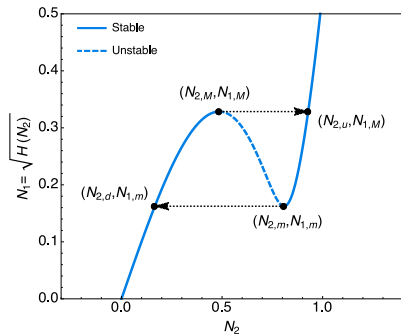


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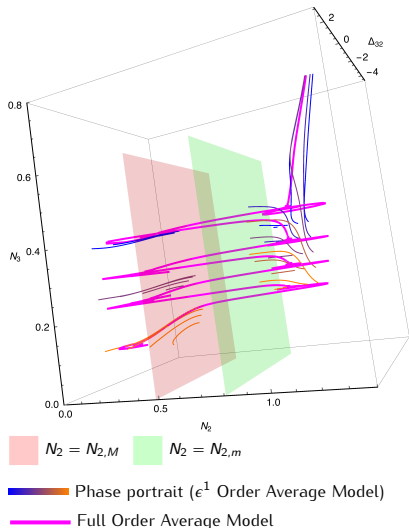
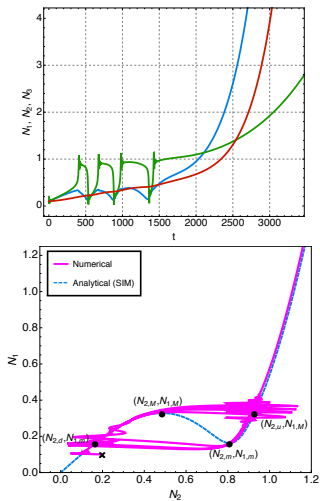
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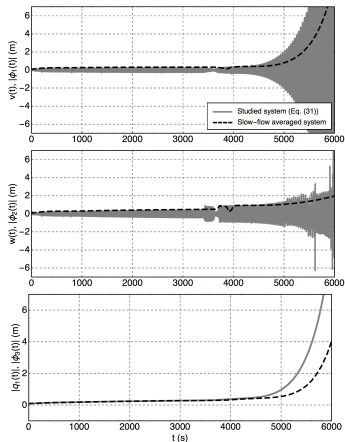
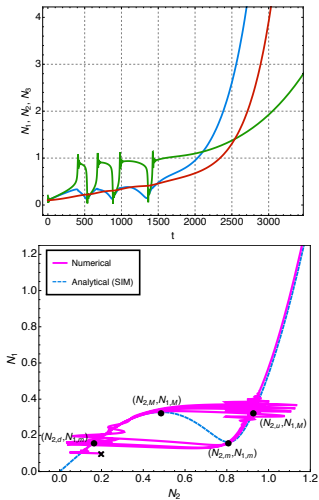
## Domain 5: domain of existence "no suppression"

### Definition:

→ No fixed points (example 4)

→ 2 unstable fixed points & for both of them  $N_{2,M} < N_2^e < N_{2,u}$

### Example 4



— Simplified model with NES  
 - - - Full-order averaged model