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PREDICTING THE NATURE OF TRANSIENTS IN A BISTABLE LOW DIMENSIONAL MODEL OF REED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT WITH A SLOWLY TIME-VARYING CONTROL PARAMETER

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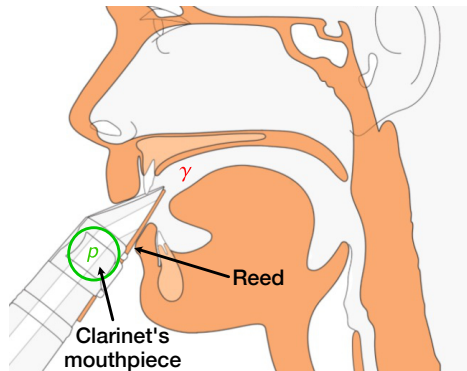
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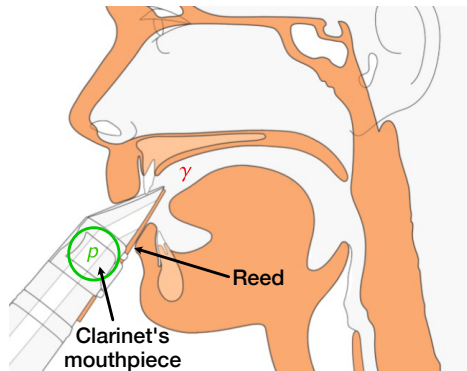
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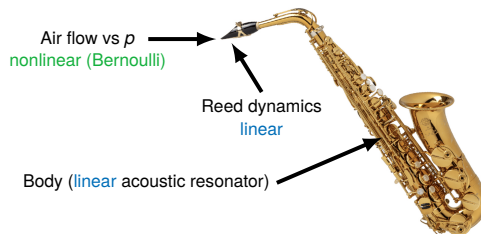
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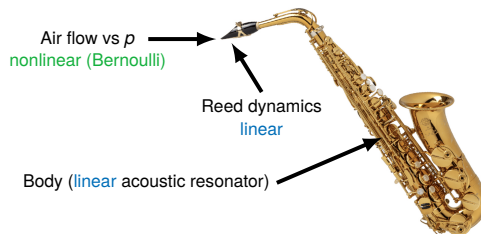
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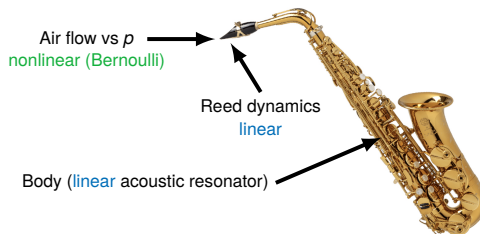


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SIMPLEST MODEL HAVING BISTABILITY

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x : amplitude of the mouthpiece pressure p

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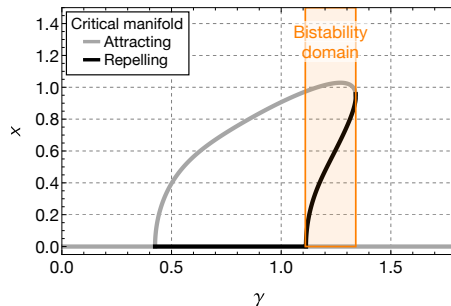
CRITICAL MANIFOLD:

► Defined by:

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = \{(x, \gamma) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(x, \gamma) = 0\}$$

► = bifurcation diagram of the **fast subsystem**

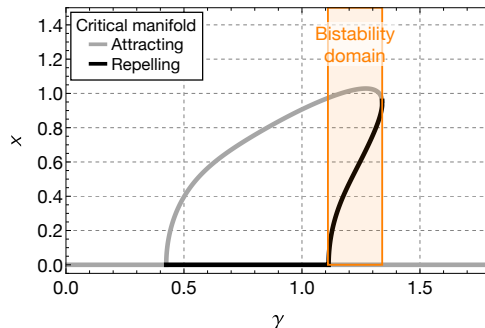
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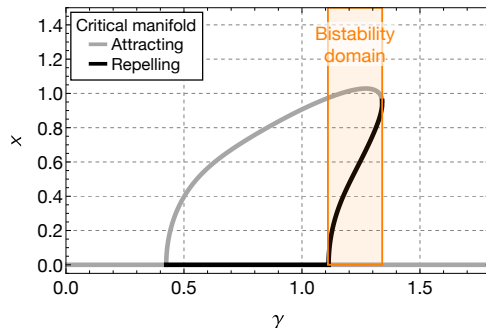
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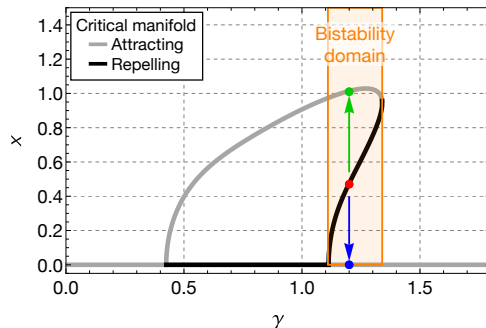
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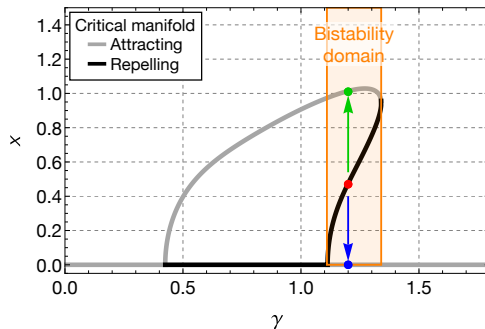
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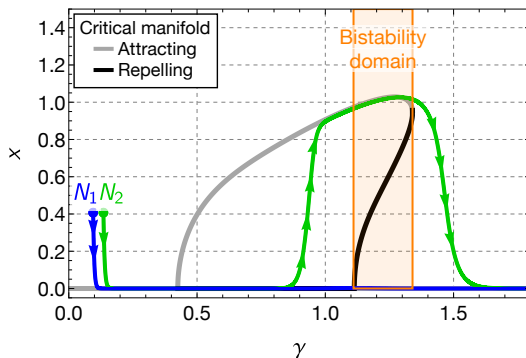
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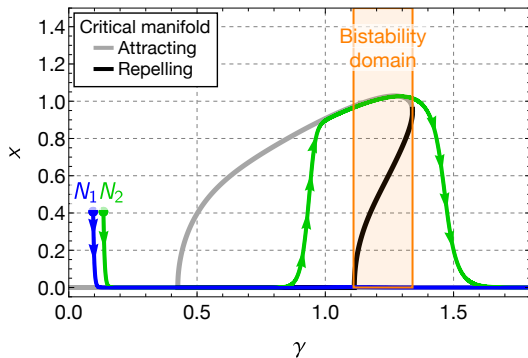
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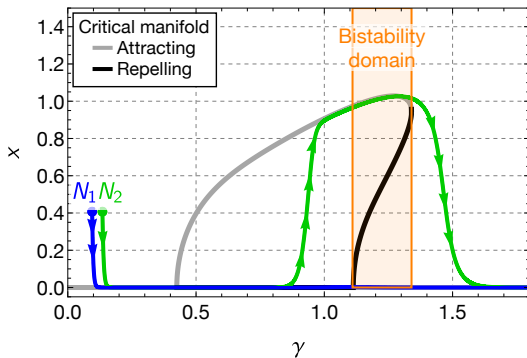
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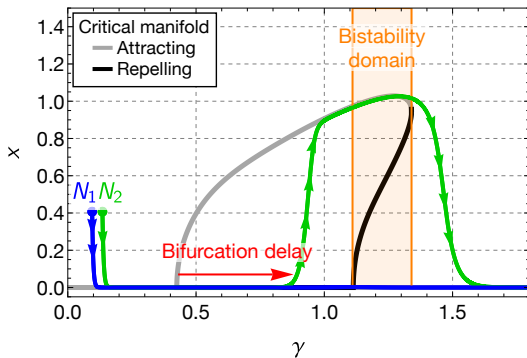
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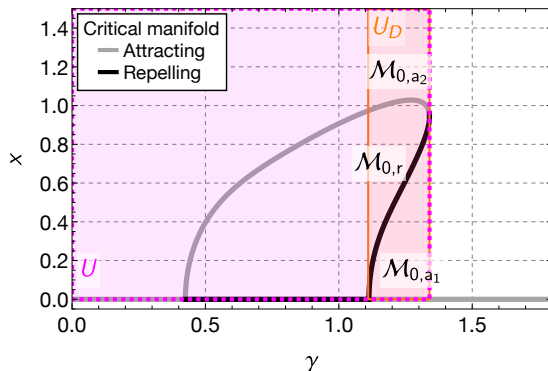
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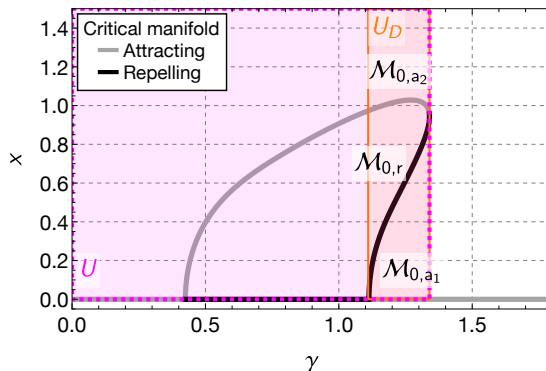
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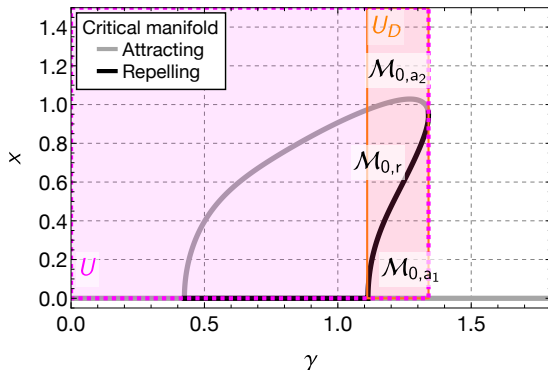
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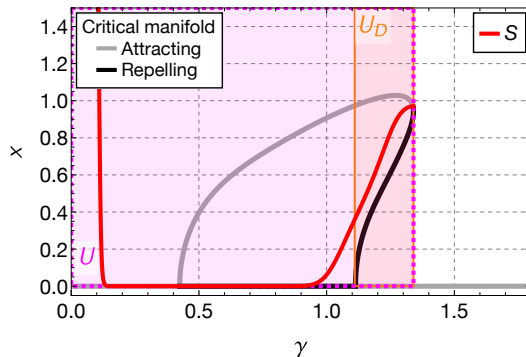
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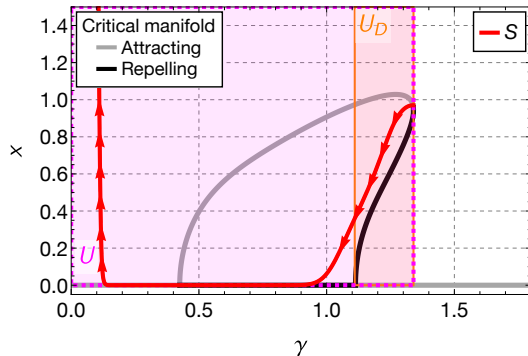
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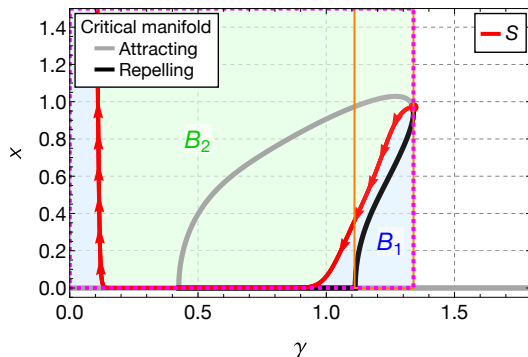
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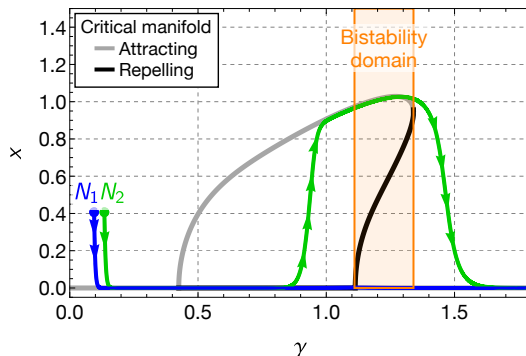
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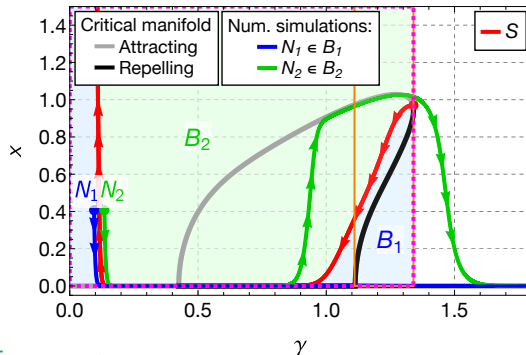
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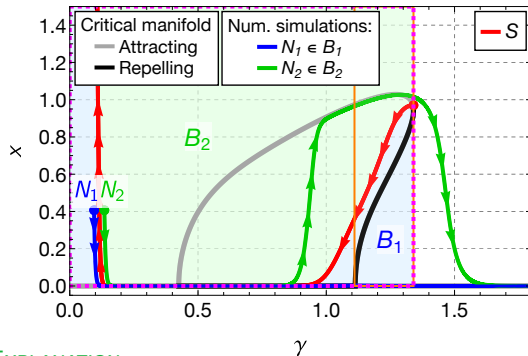
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S relates to *rate-tipping thresholds* and *quasithresholds* rigorously defined in [Wieczorek et al. (2023), Nonlinearity] for asymptotically autonomous dynamical system (which is not the case here)

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