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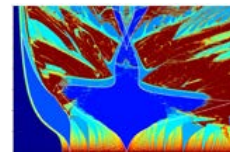


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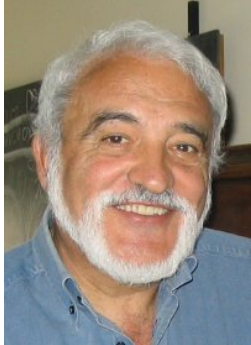


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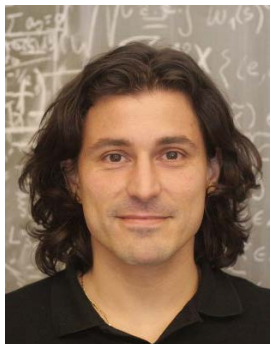
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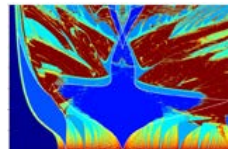
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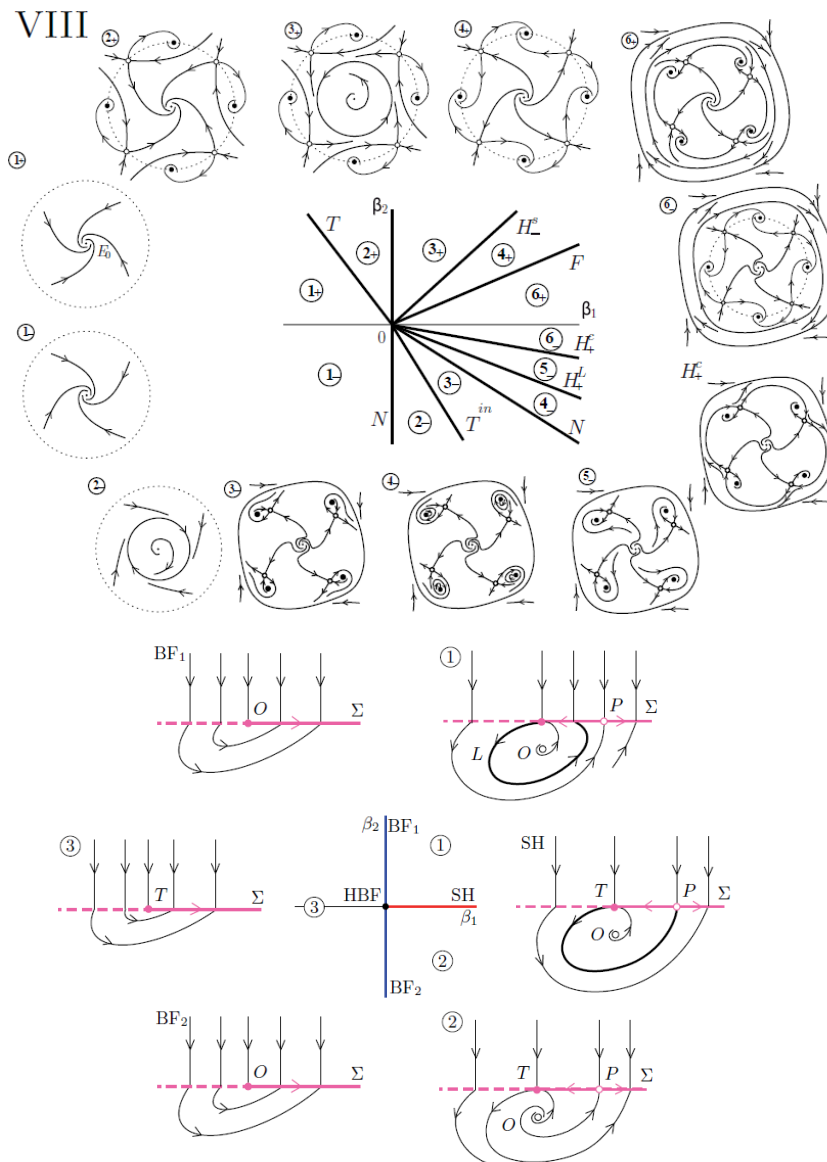


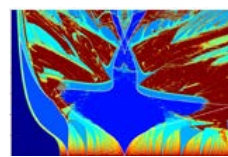
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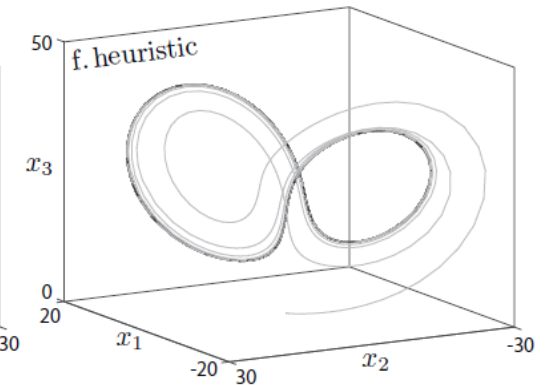
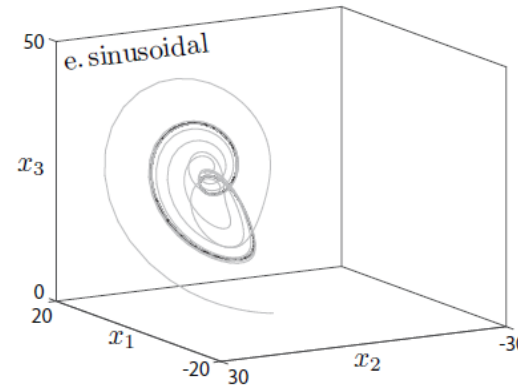
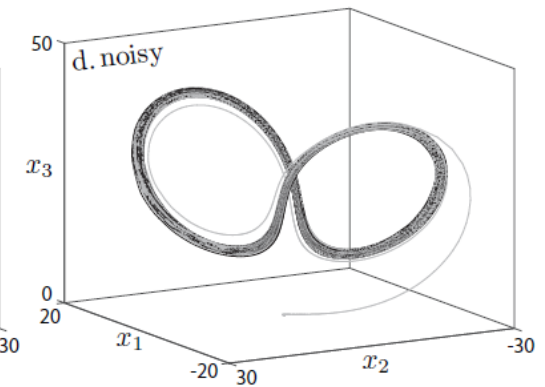
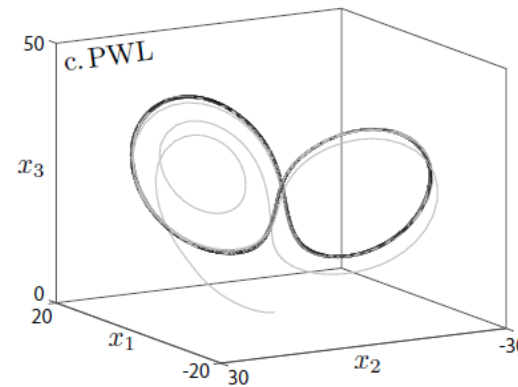
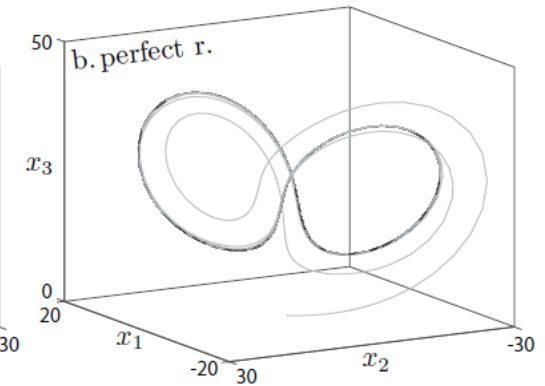
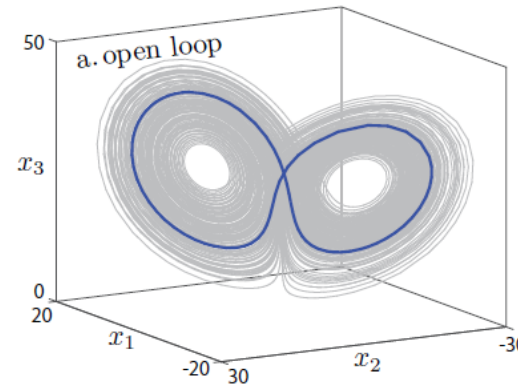
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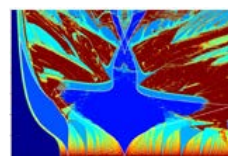




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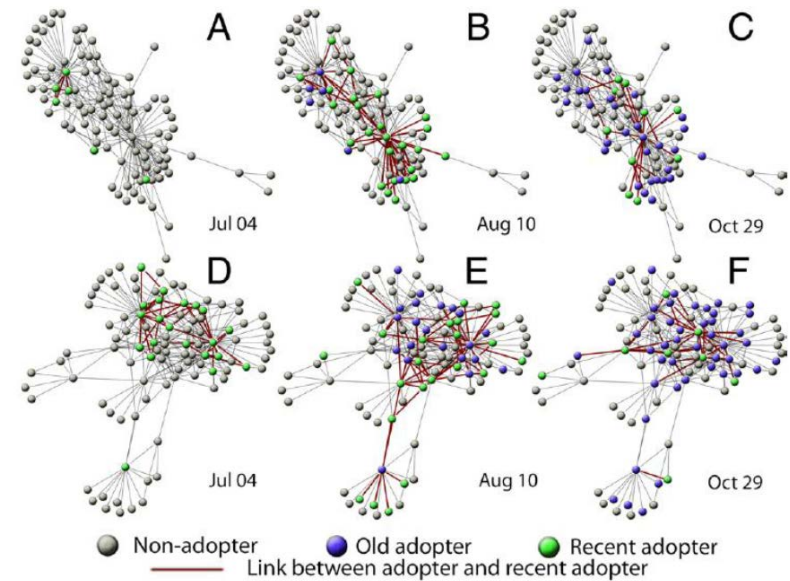
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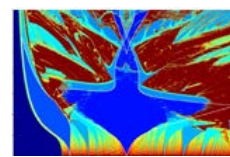




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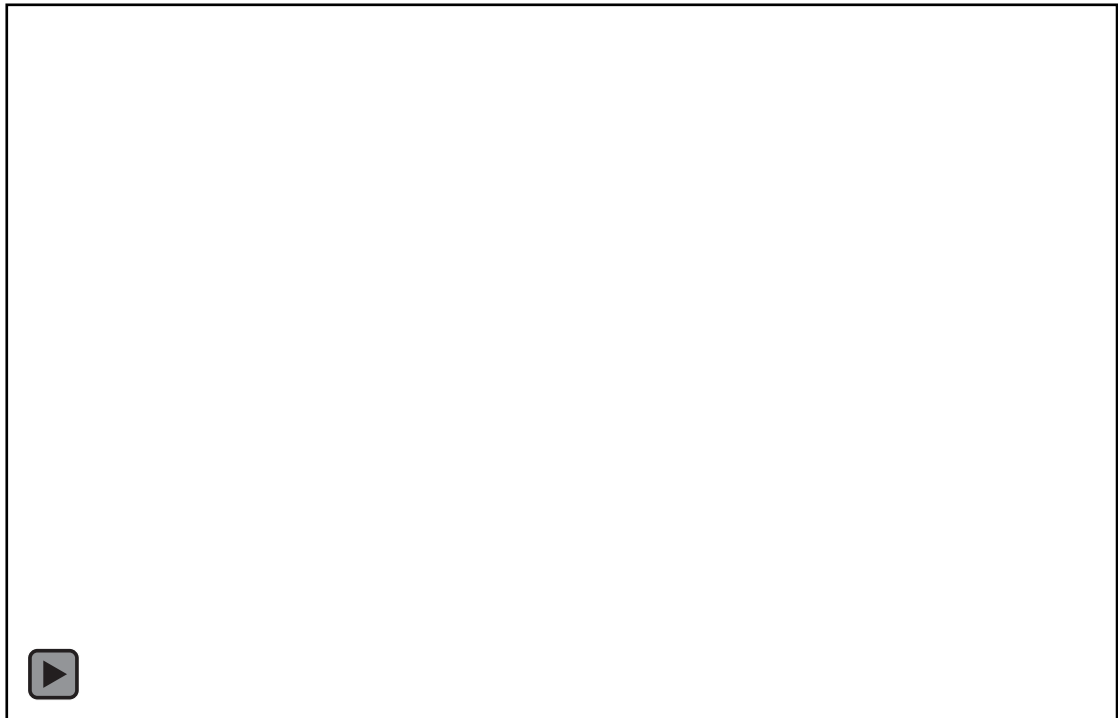
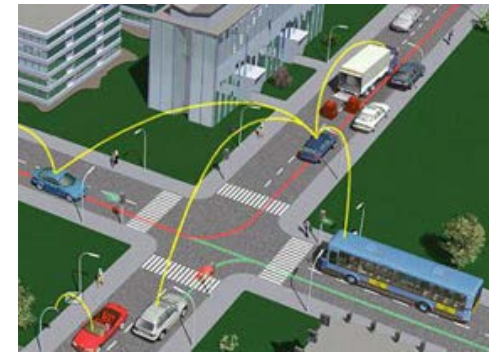
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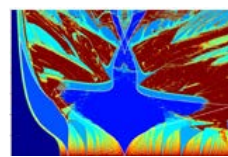




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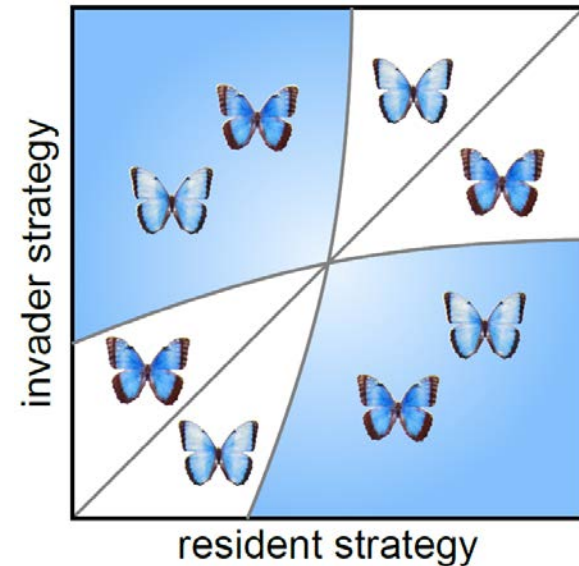
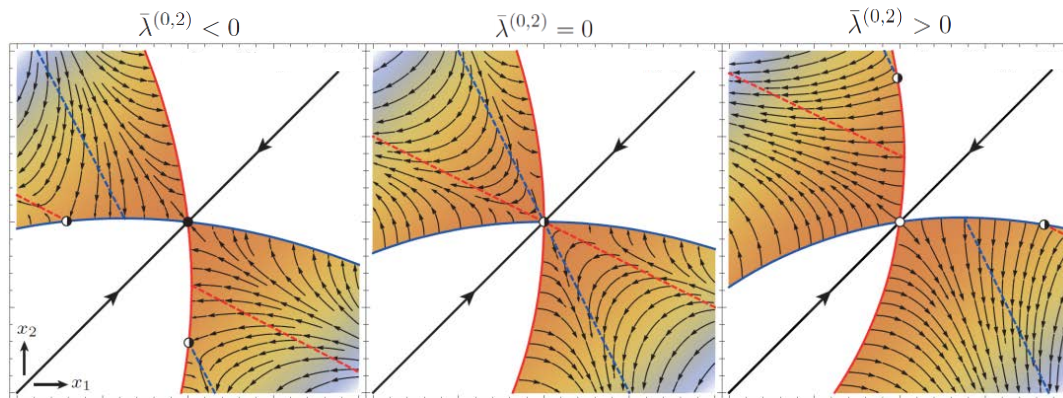
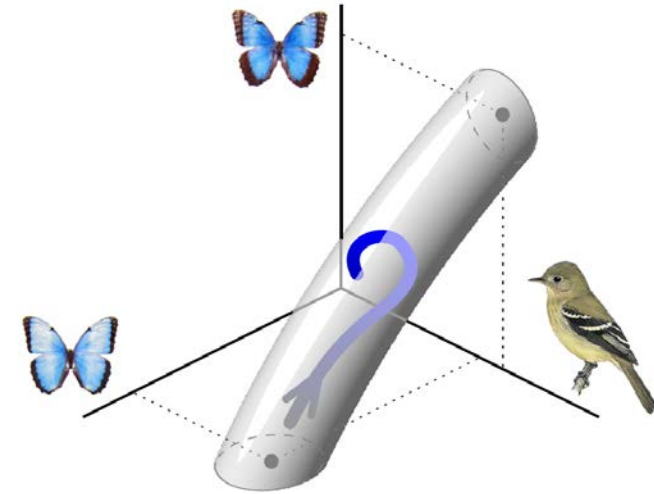
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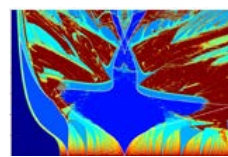




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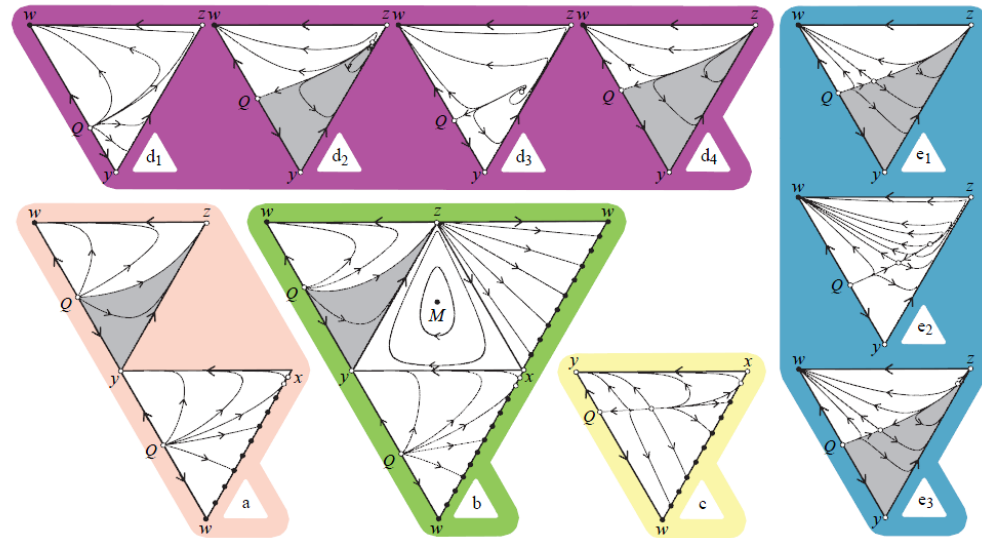
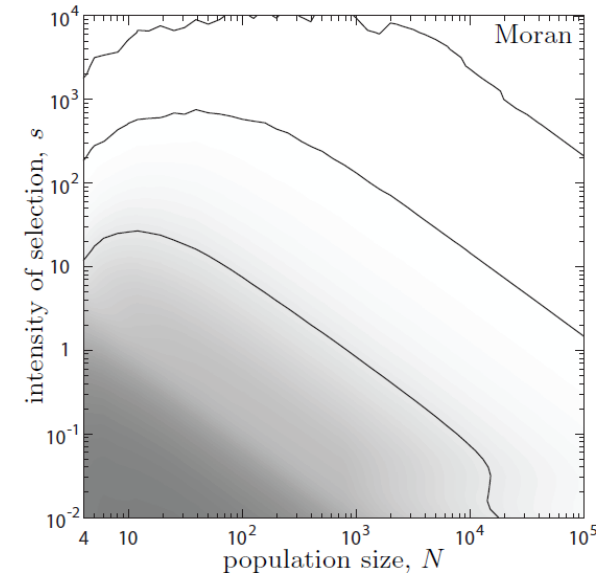
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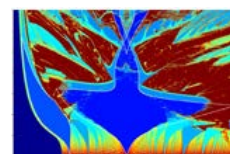




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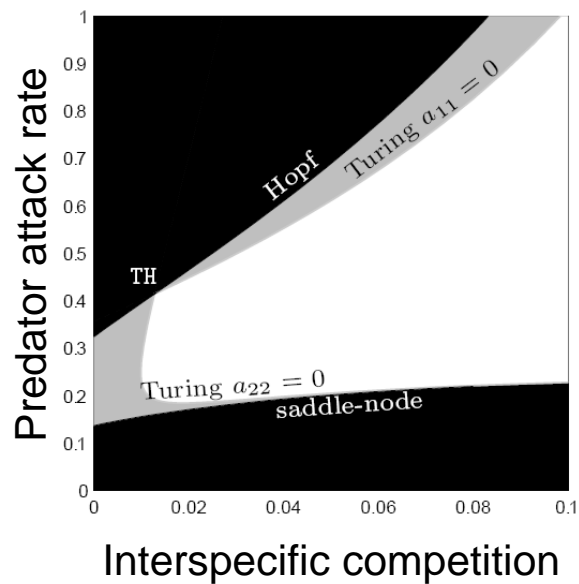
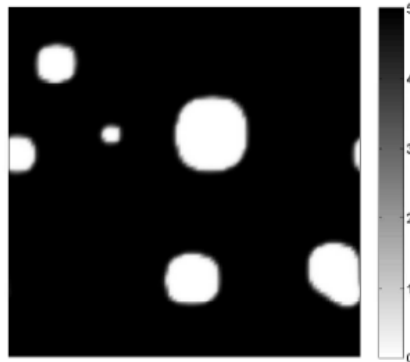
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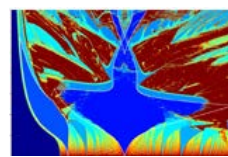
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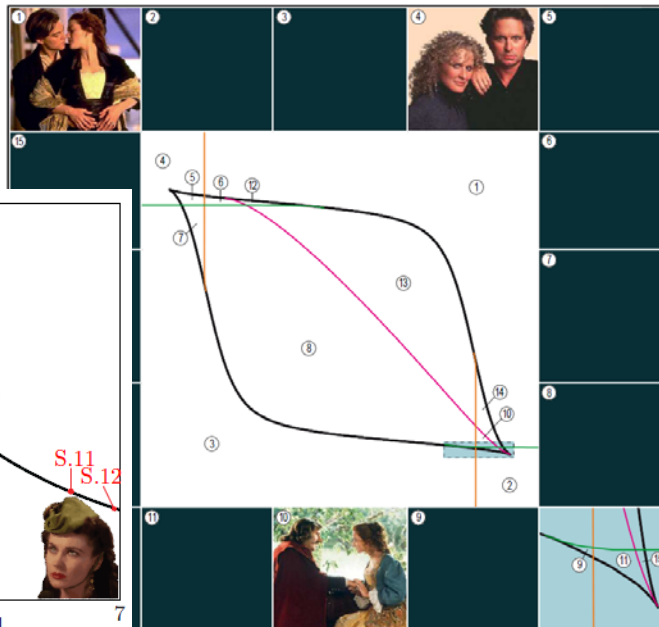


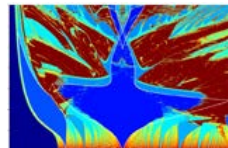
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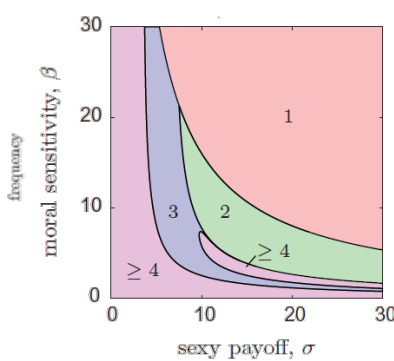
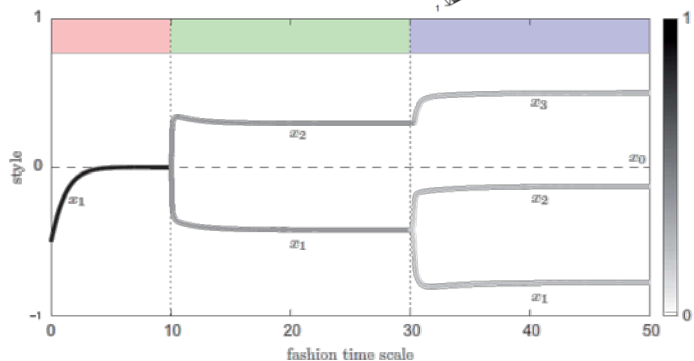
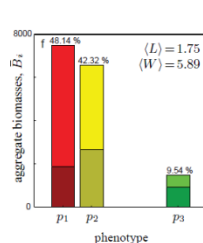
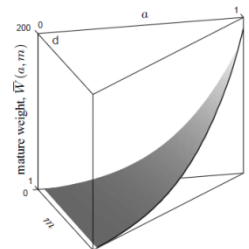
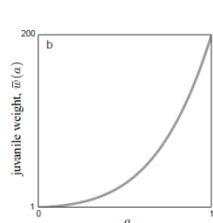
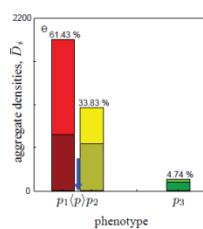
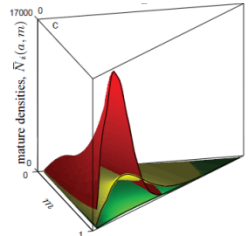
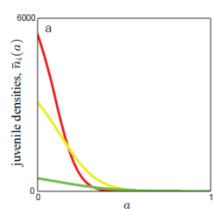
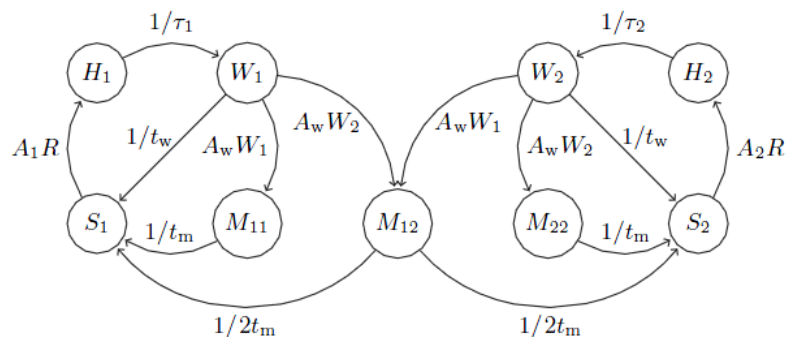
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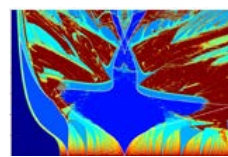




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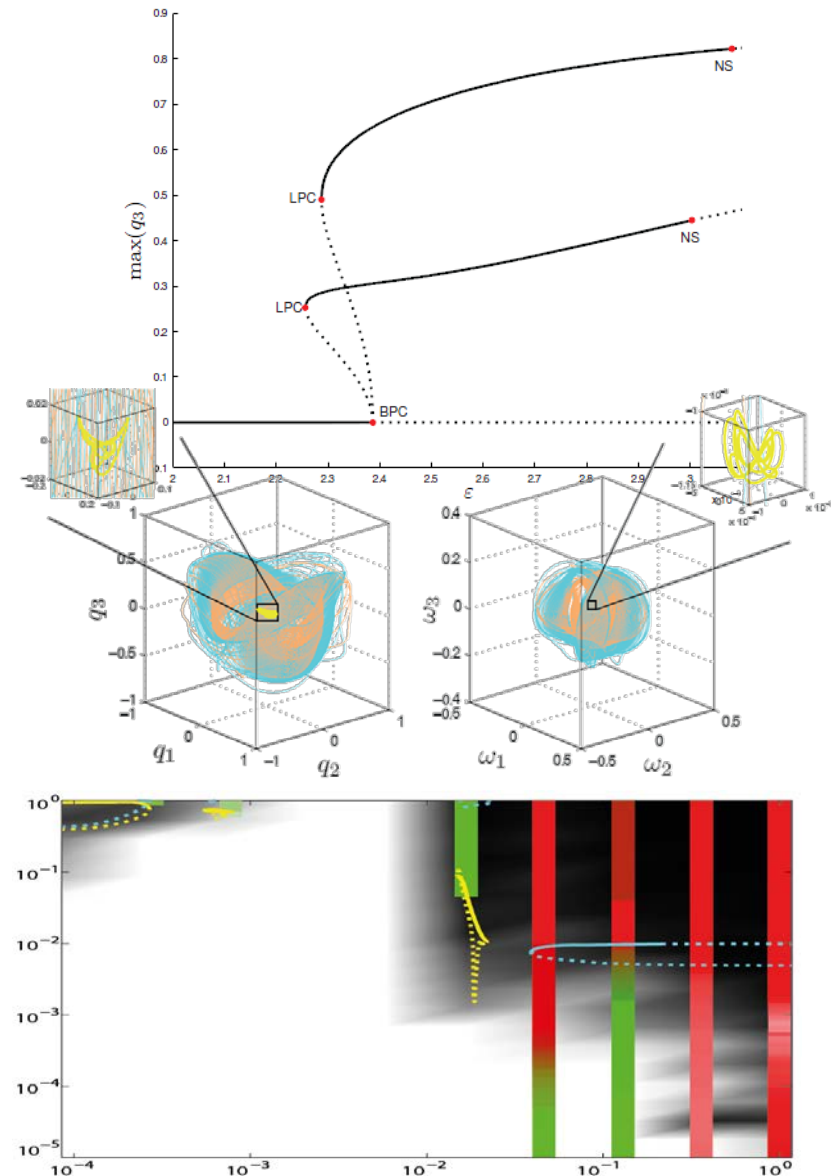
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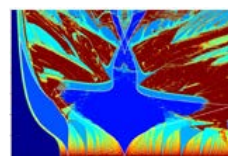




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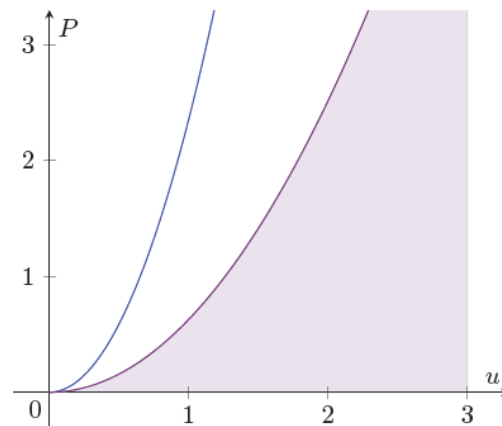
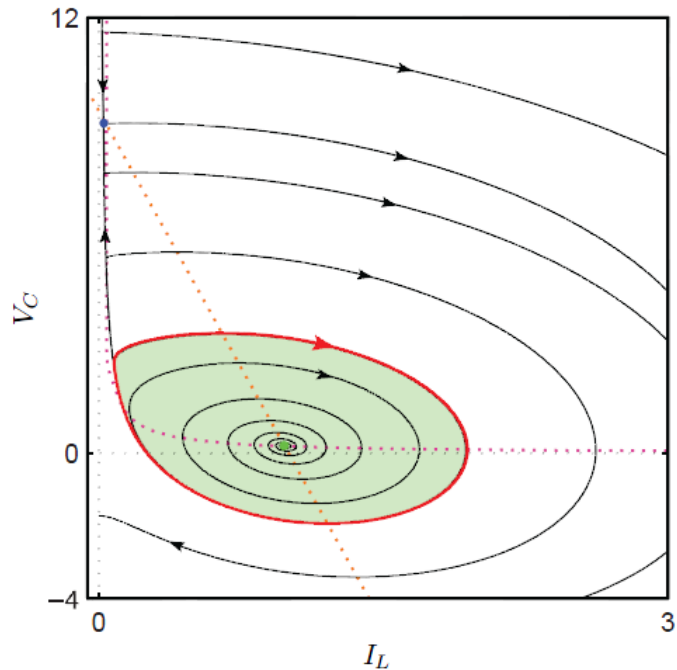
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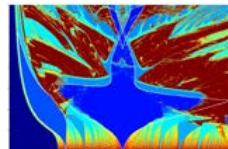




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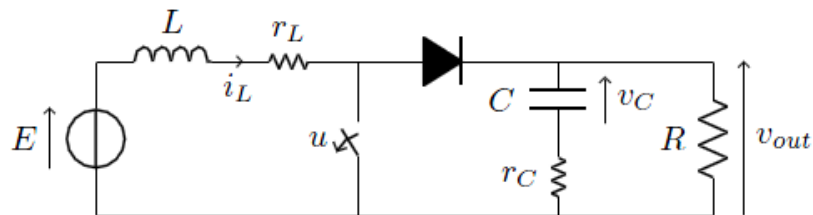
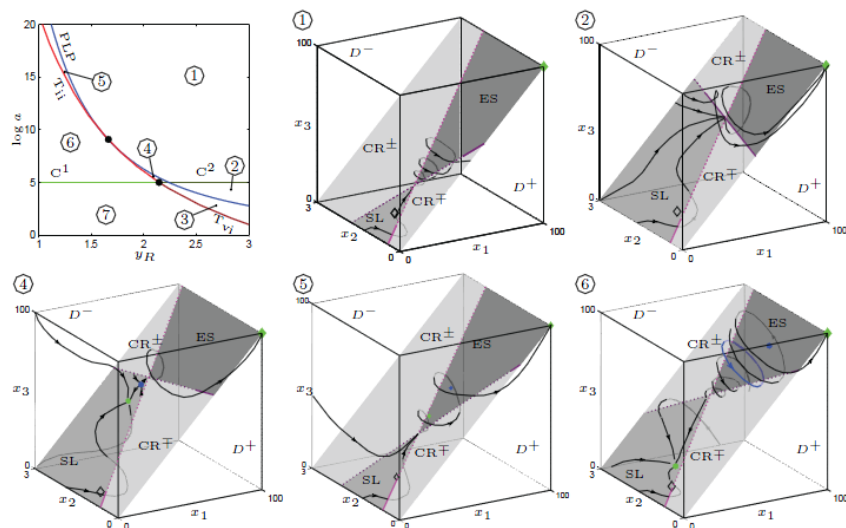
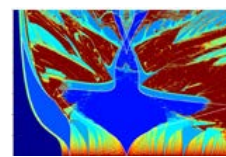


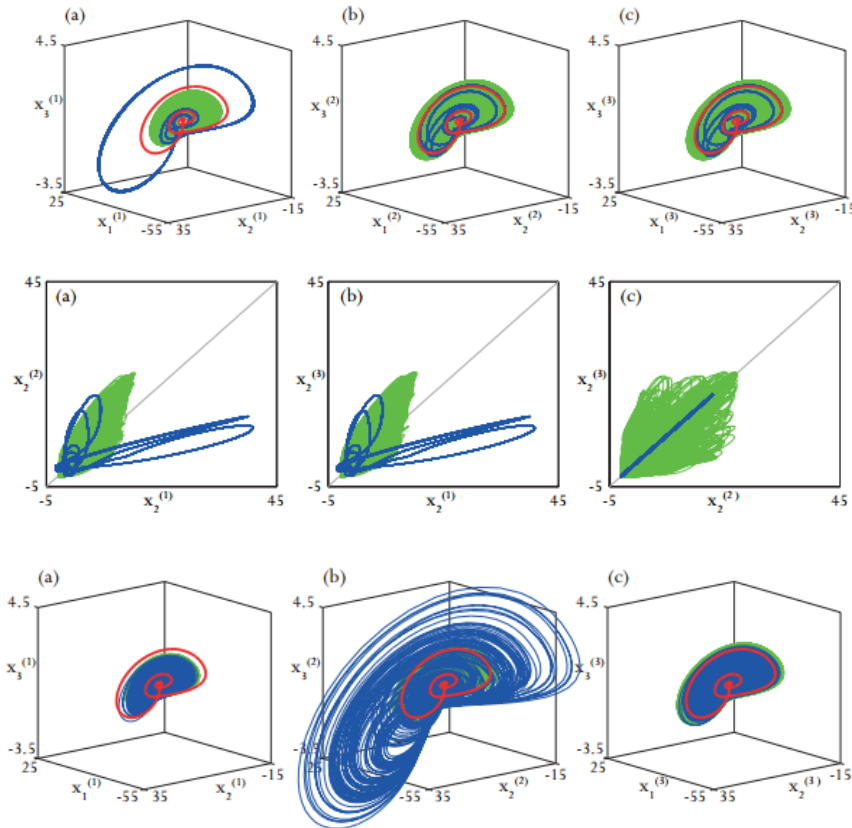
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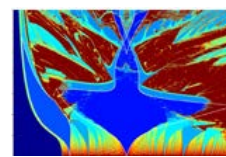
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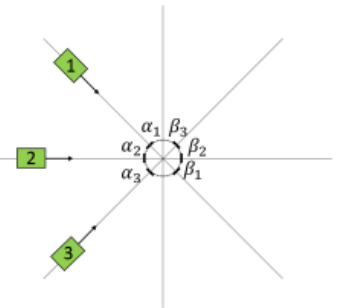
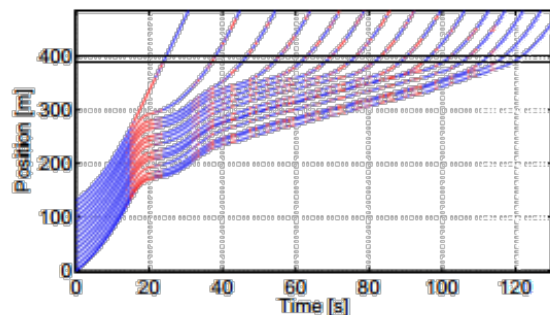
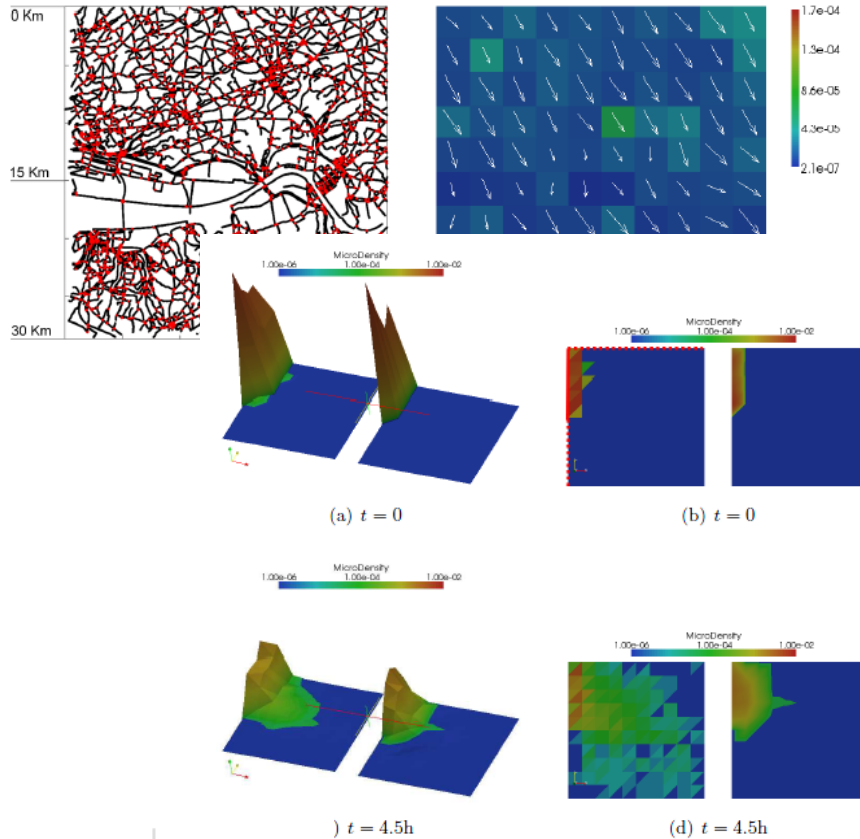


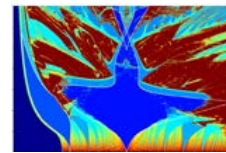
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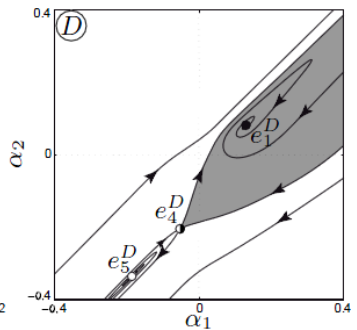
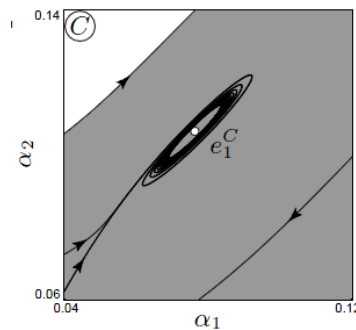
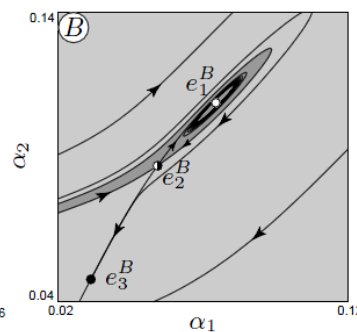
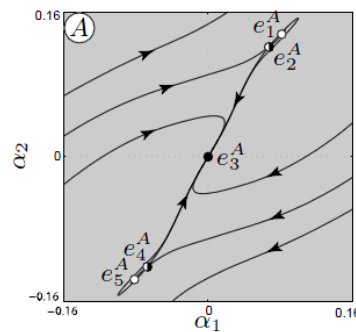
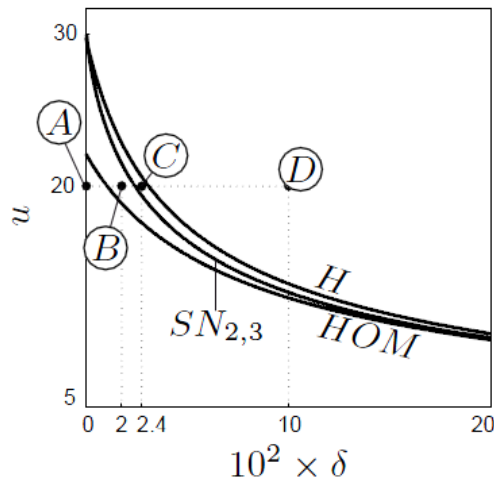
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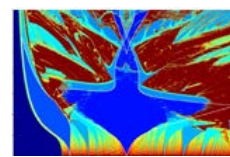




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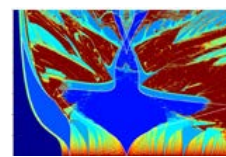


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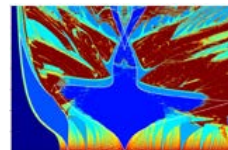


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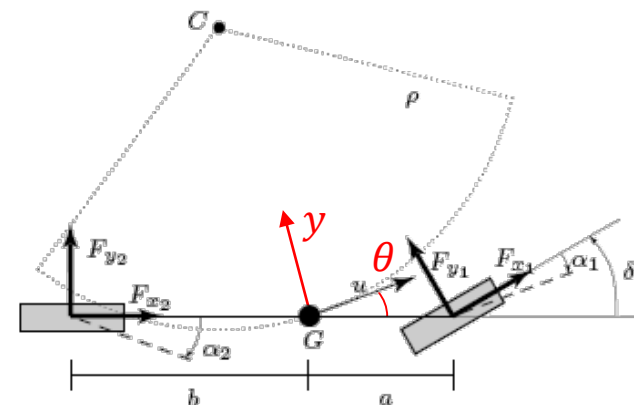
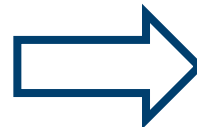
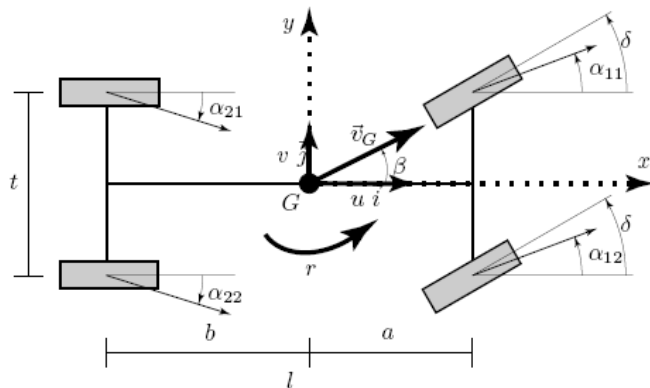
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THE HUMAN-IN-THE-LOOP SYSTEM

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The single track model



SIMPLIFYING HYPOTHESES

- the forward speed u is constant;
- the centre of gravity lies at the ground level;
- the vehicle body is modelled referring to its longitudinal axis;
- the resultant of the forces acting at the front and rear axles are applied at the centres of the axles;
- the slip angles α_i , $i = 1, 2$, and the steering angle δ (Figure 1) are small and
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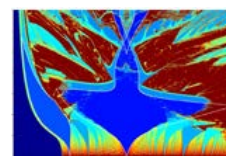
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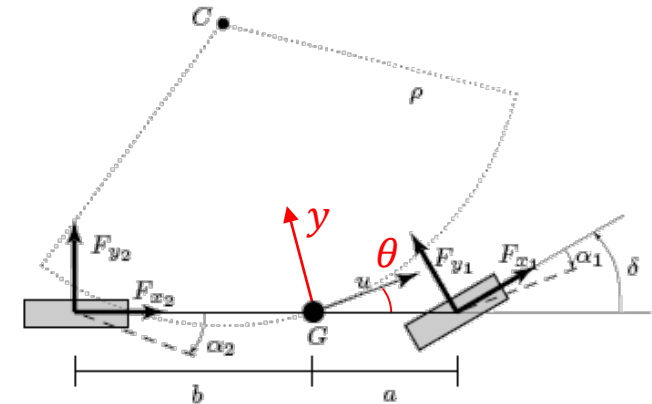
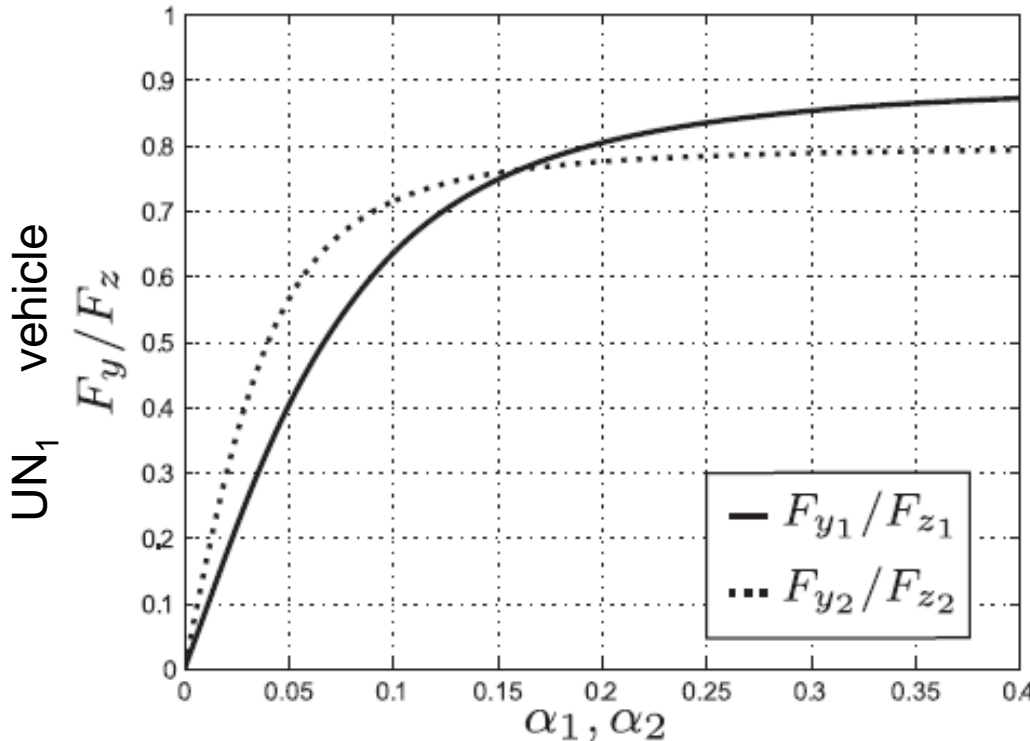
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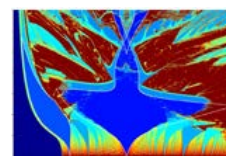


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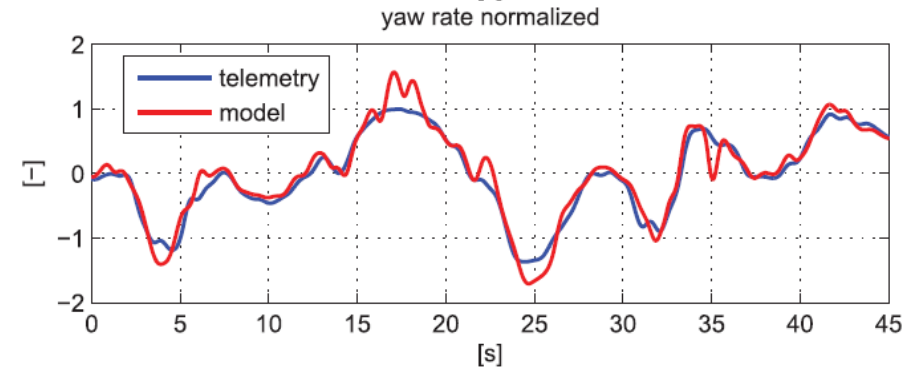
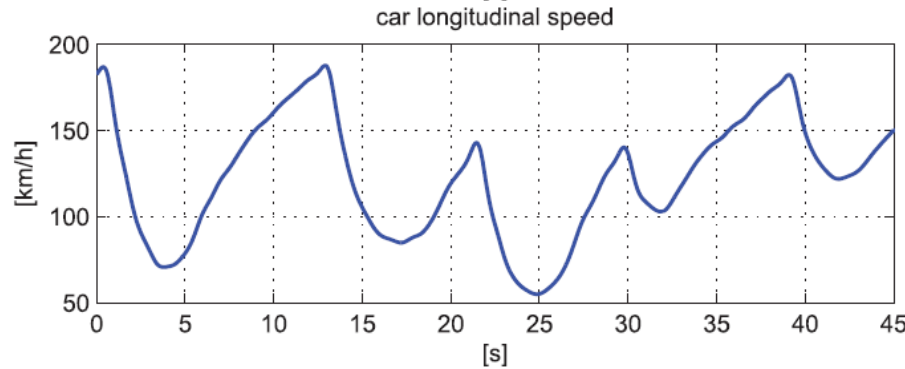
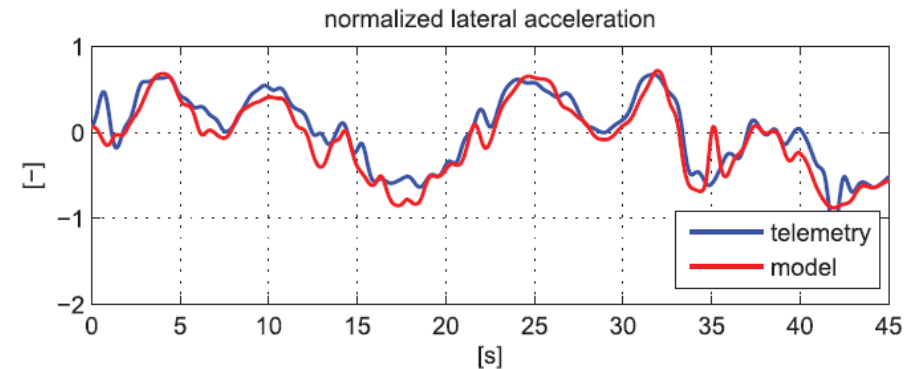
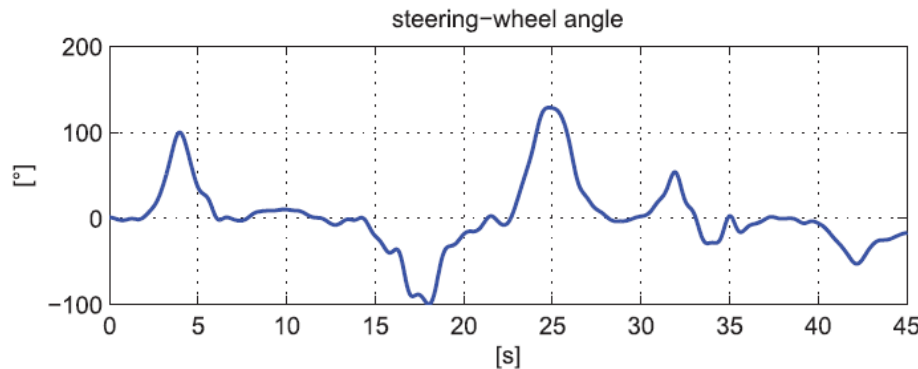
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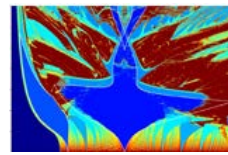
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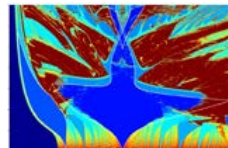
Model validation

	Value	Unit
Vehicle mass (m)	550	kg
Vehicle yaw moment of inertia (I_z)	750	kg m ²
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Distance from rear axle to c.g. (b)	0.98	m

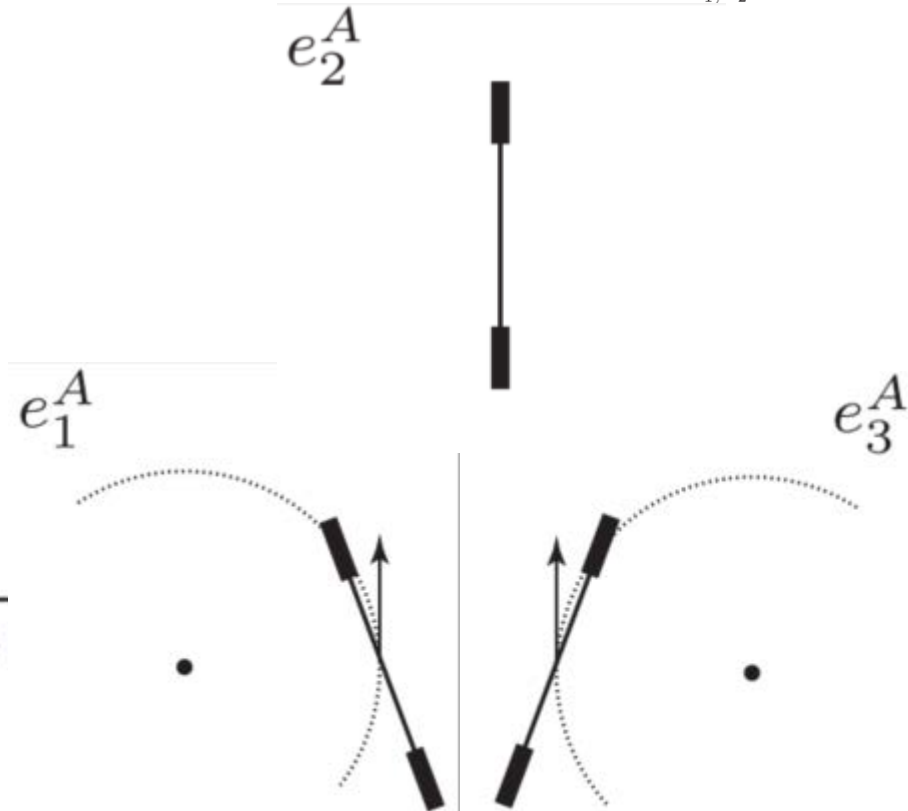
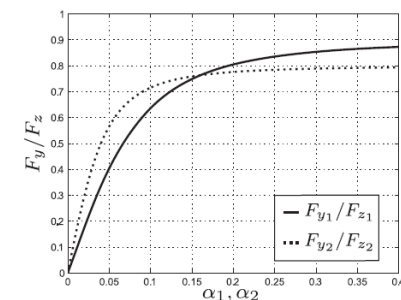
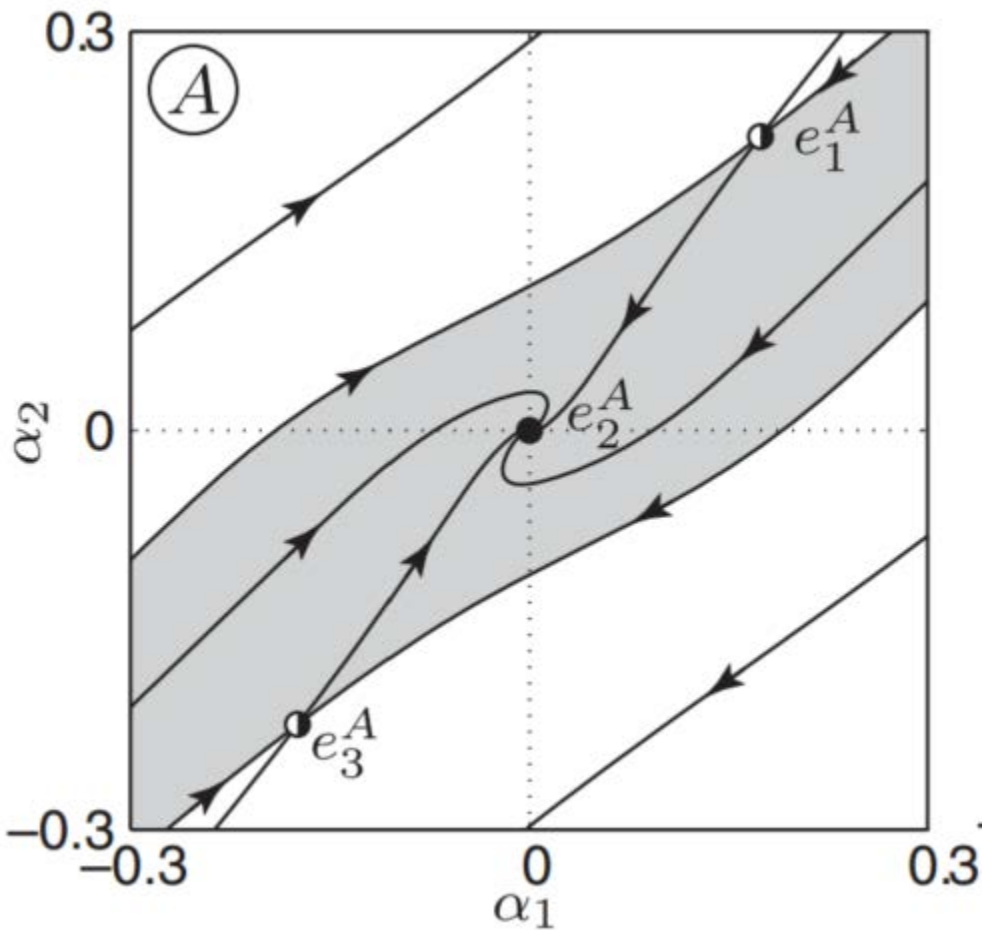


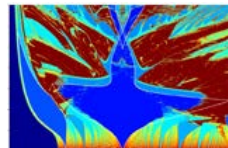


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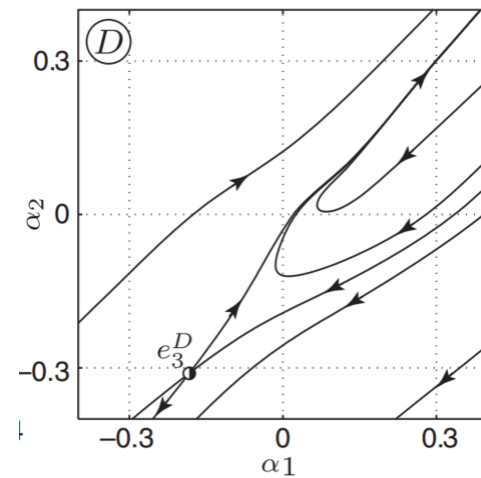
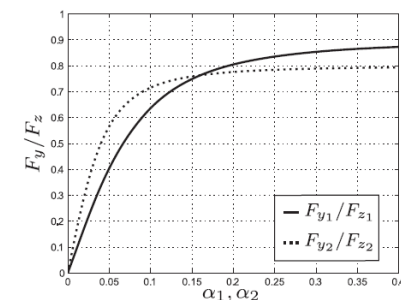
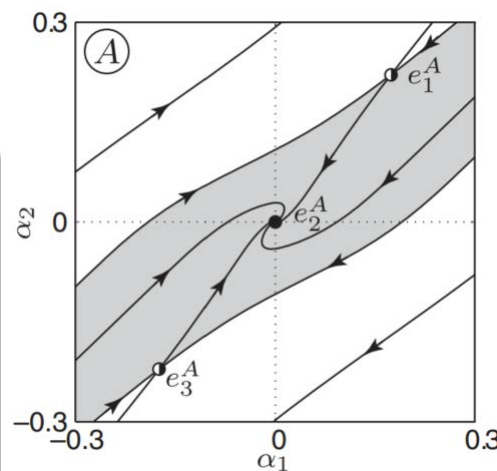
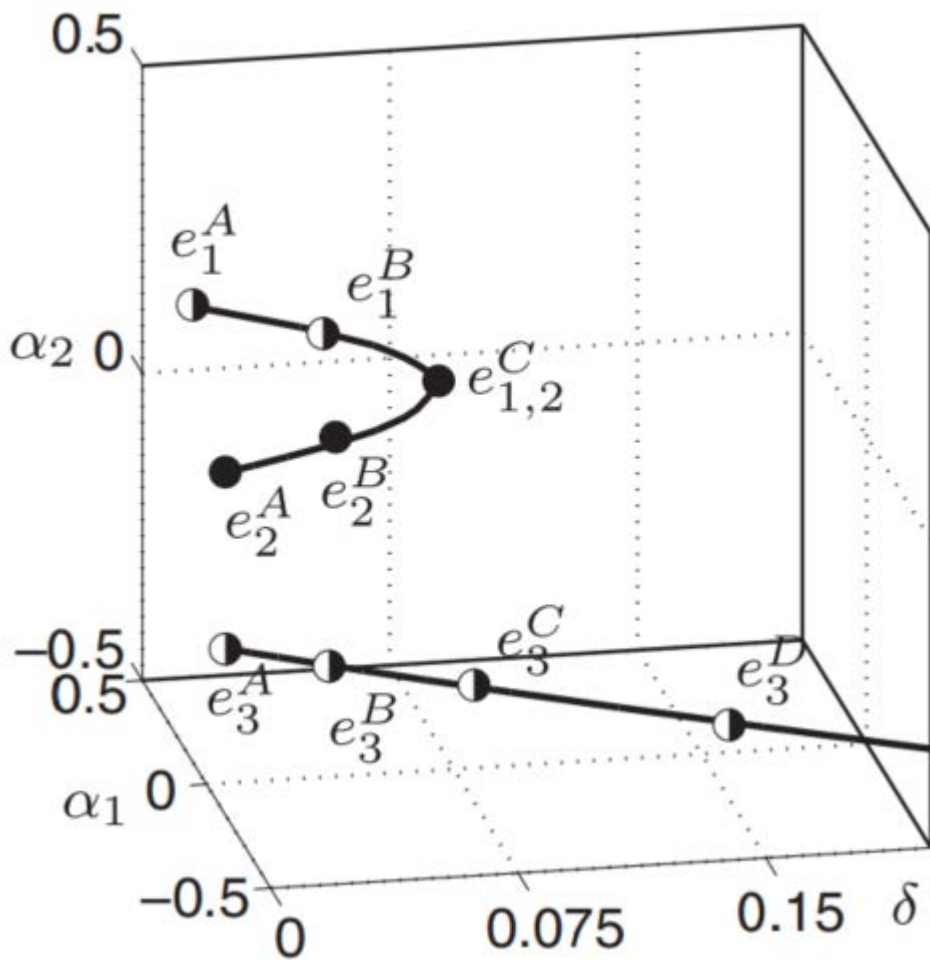


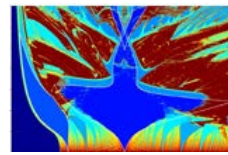
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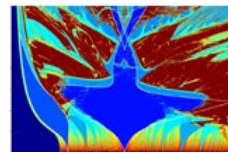


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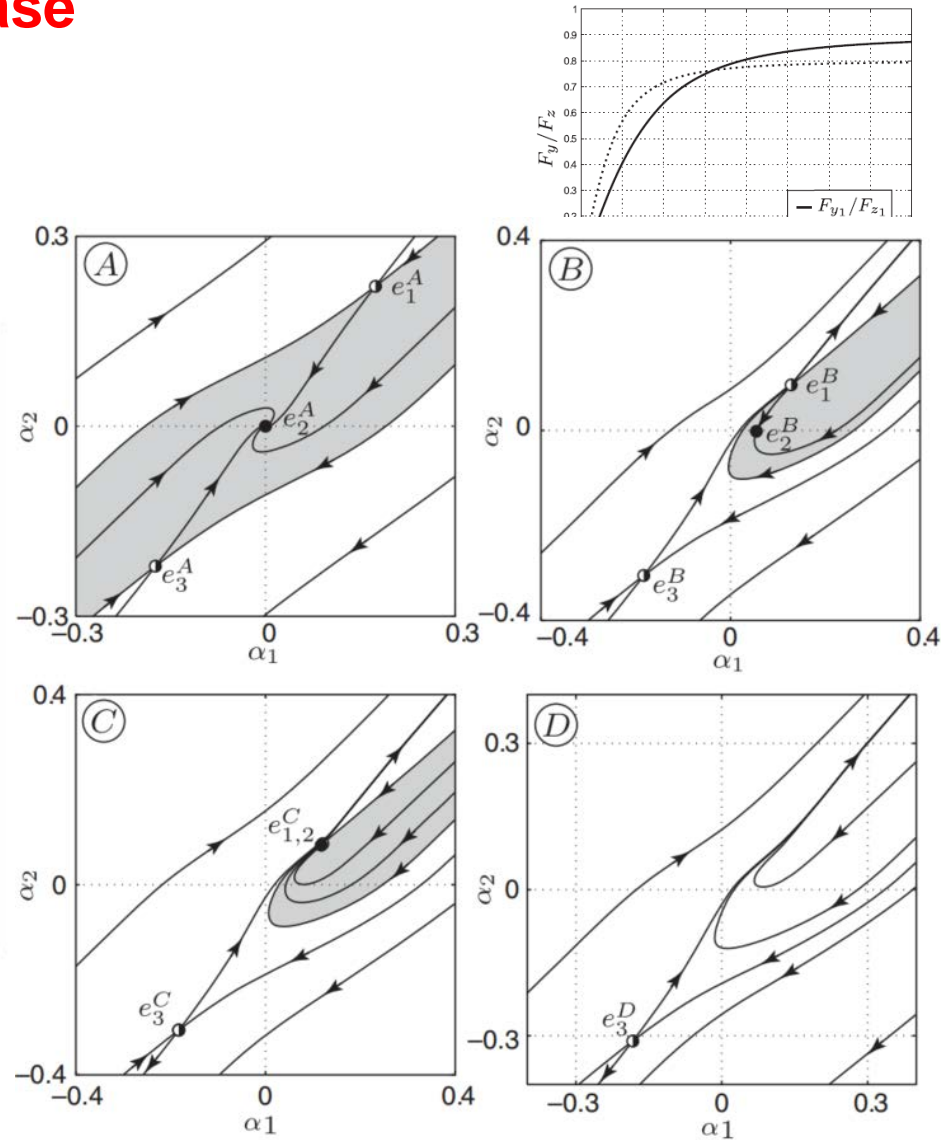
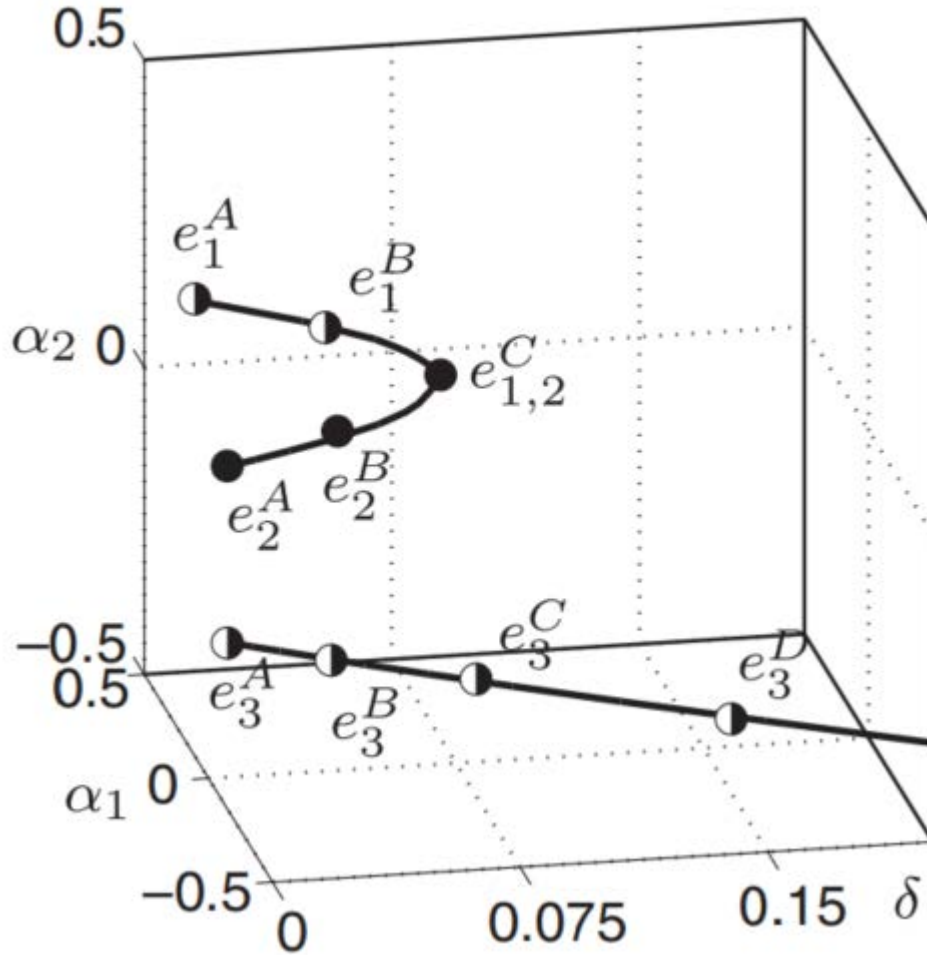


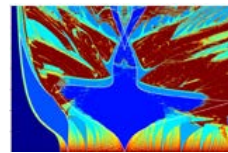


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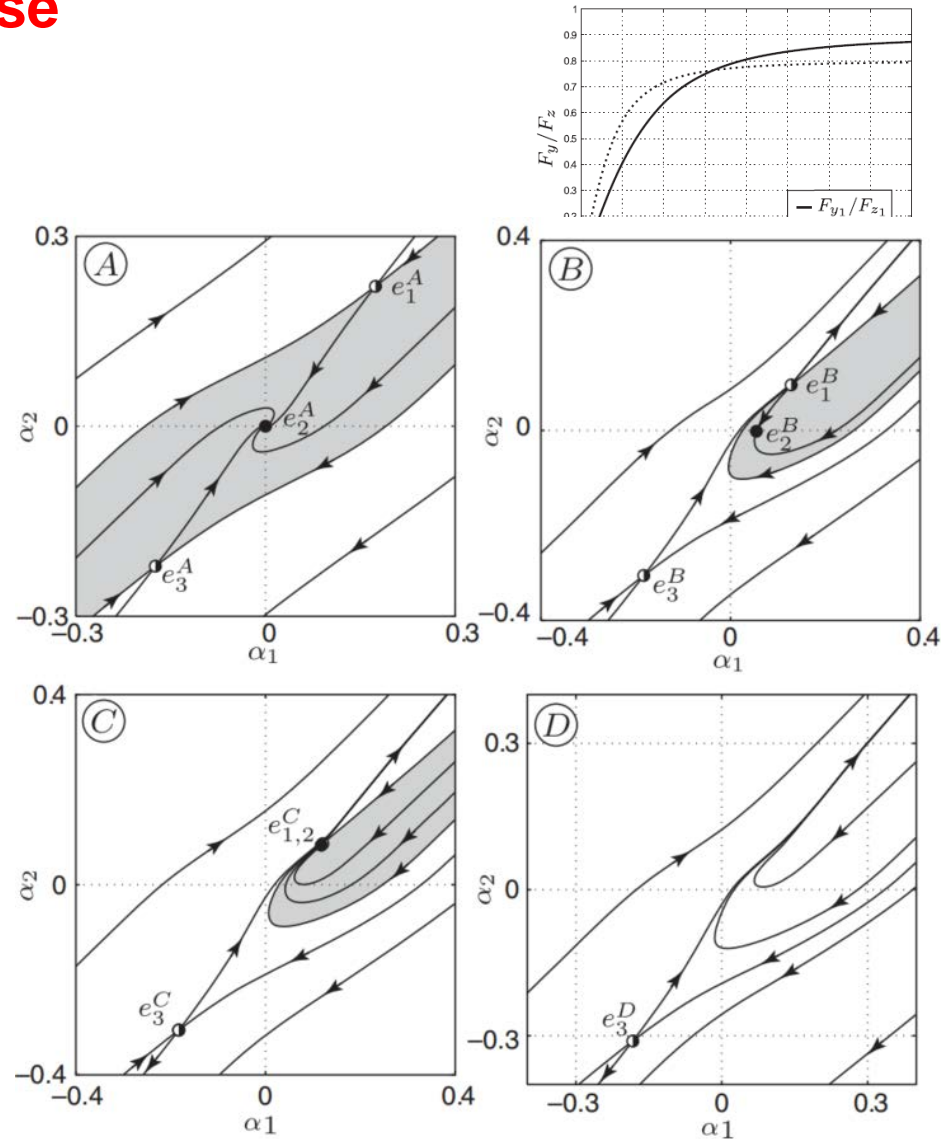
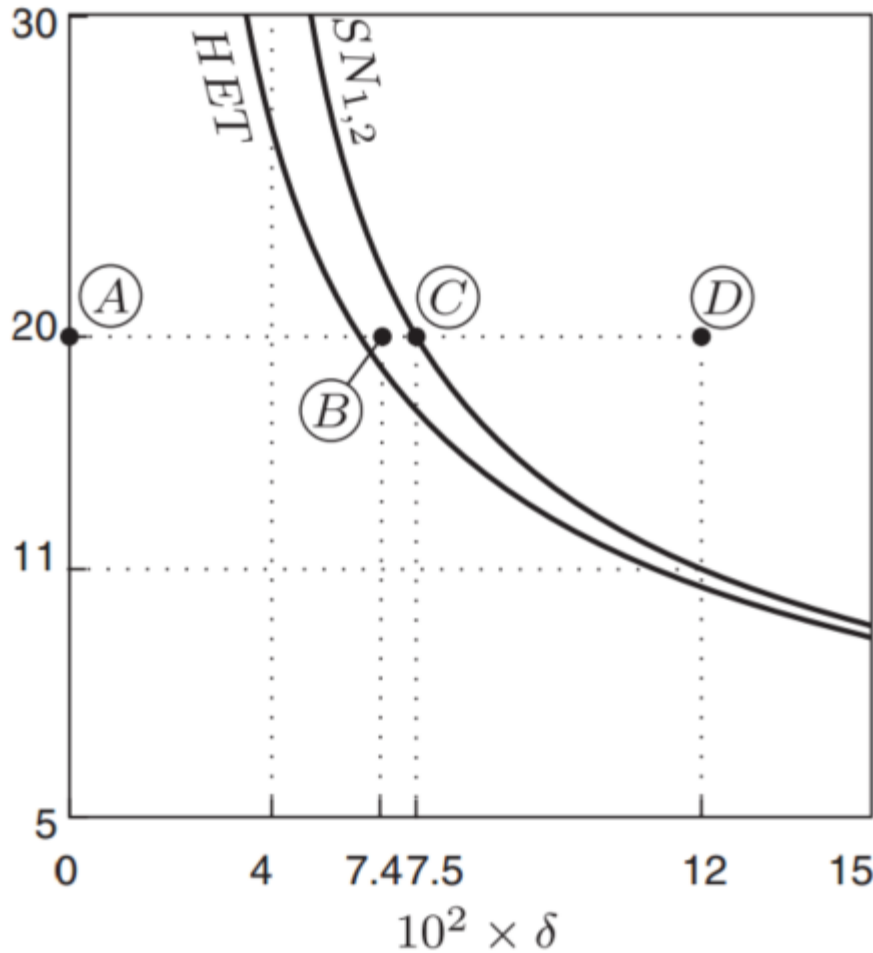


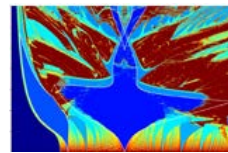
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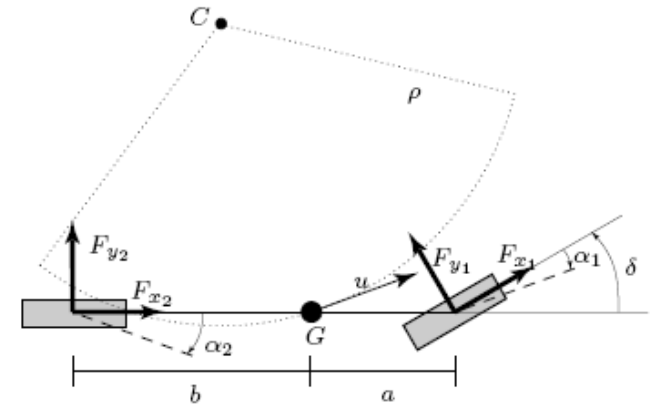
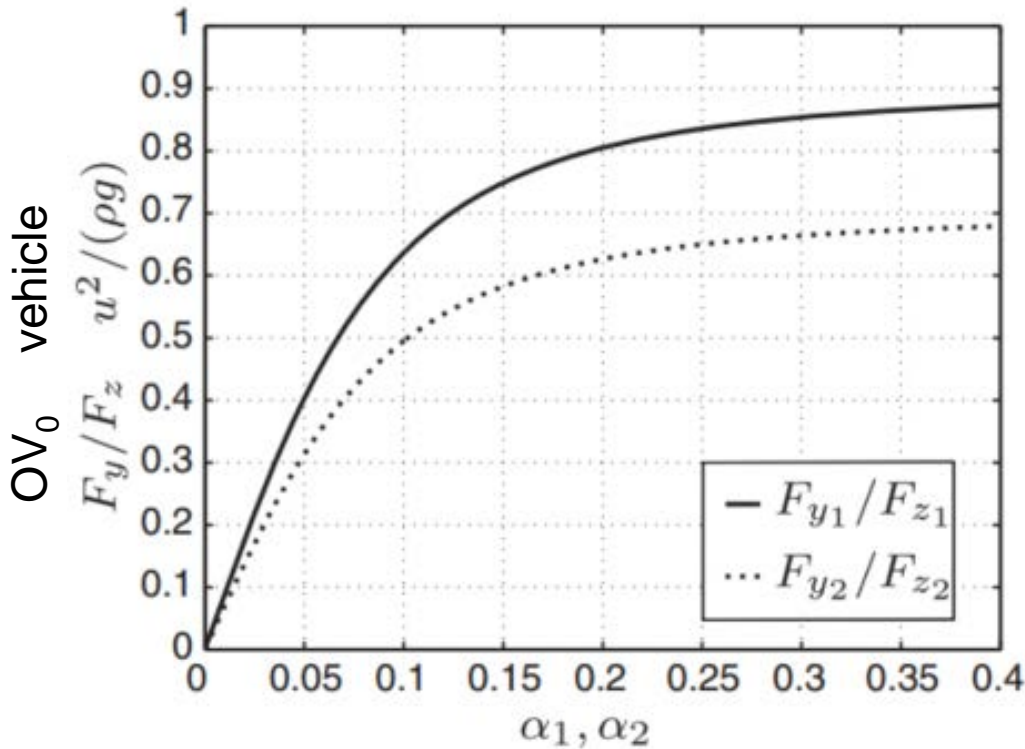
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The single track model – non-linearities

Tyre characteristics

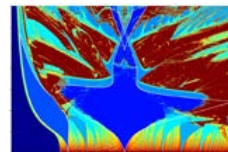


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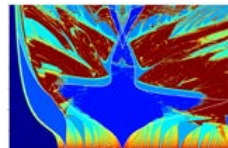
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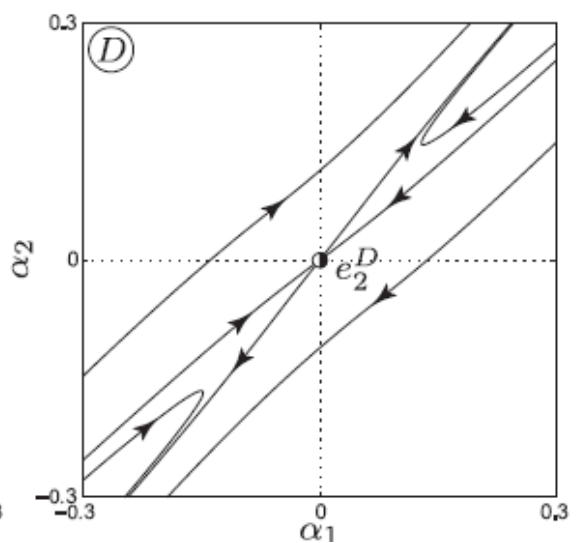
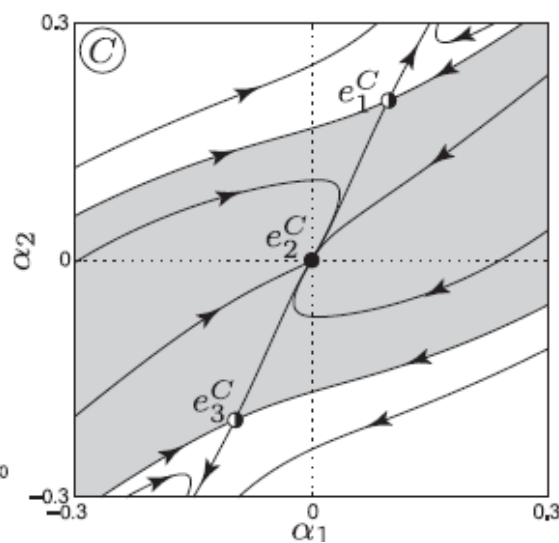
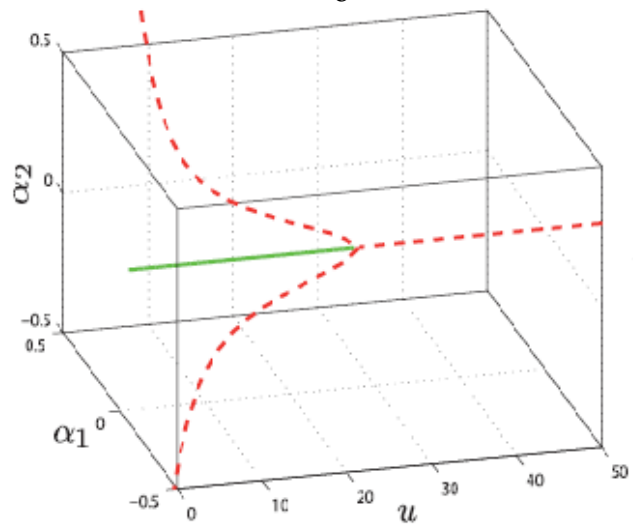
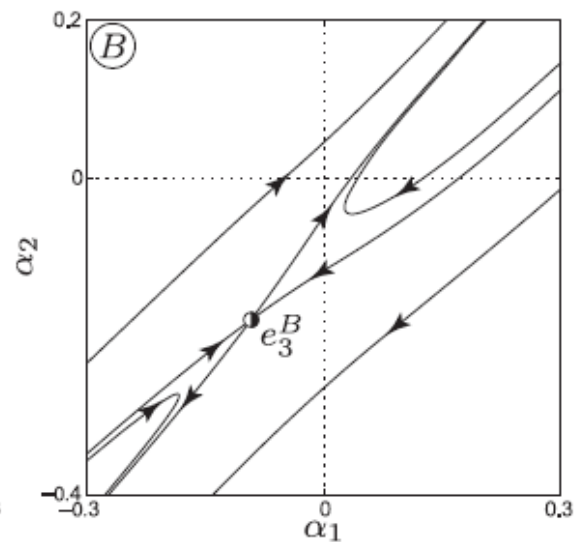
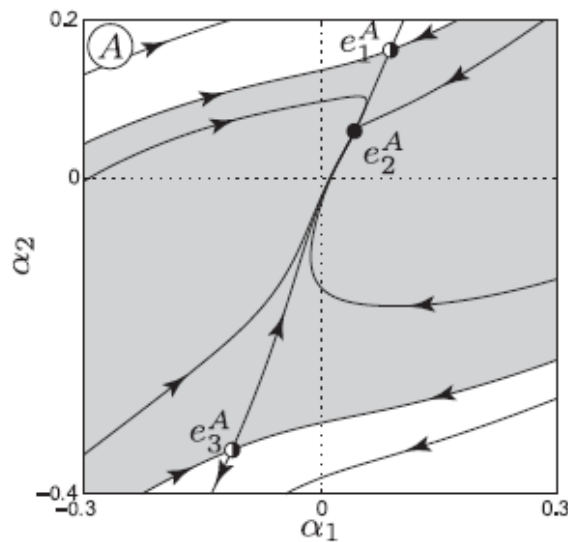
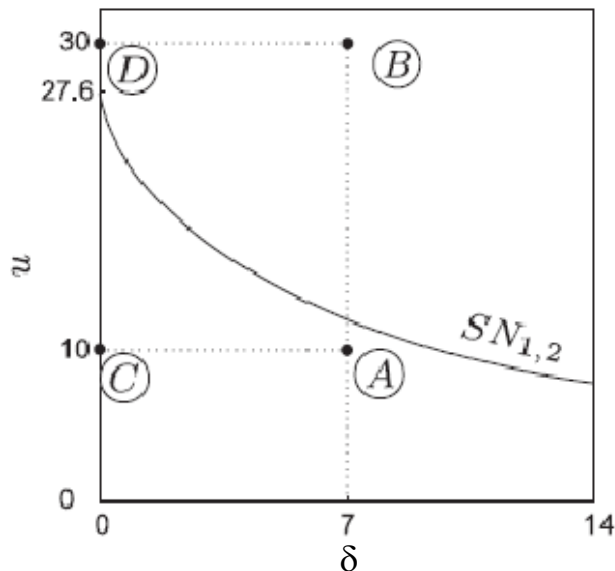
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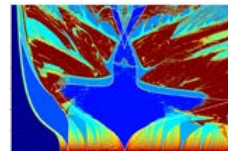


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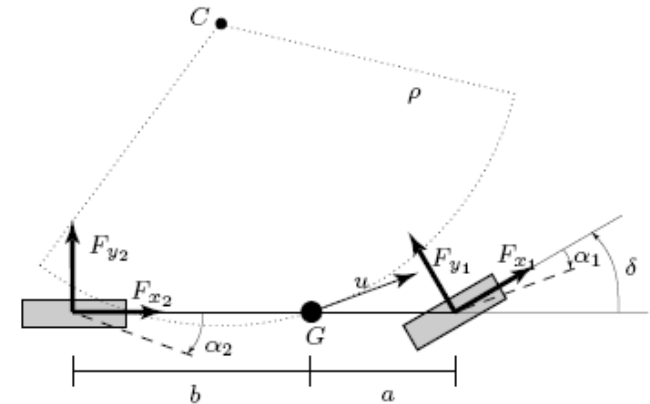
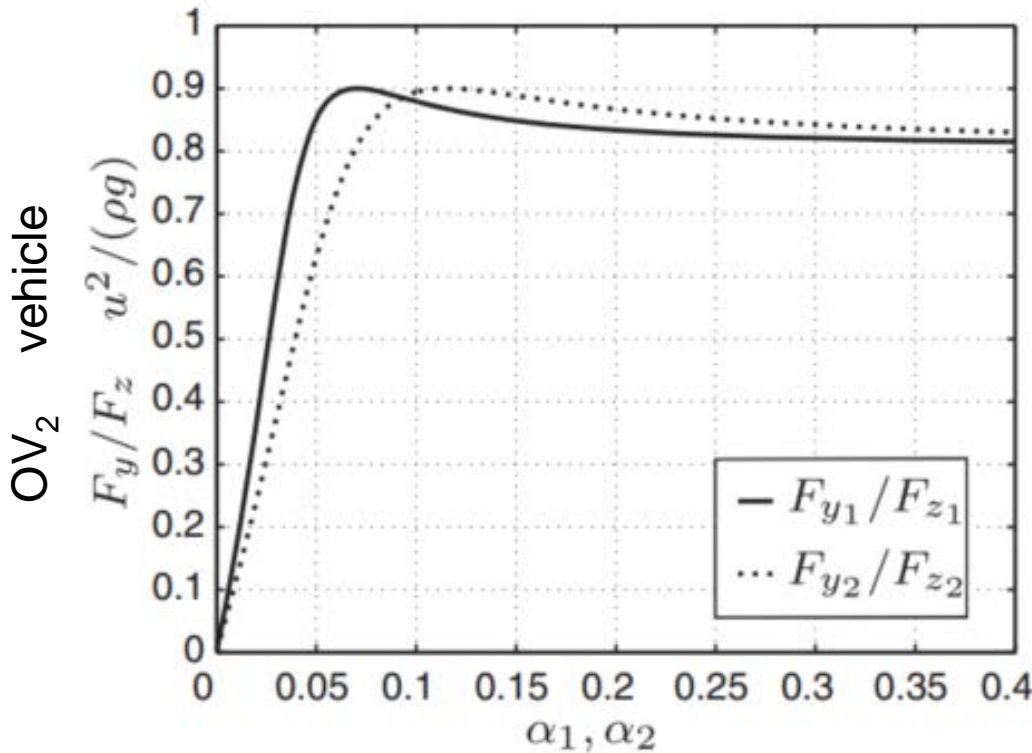
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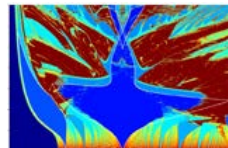


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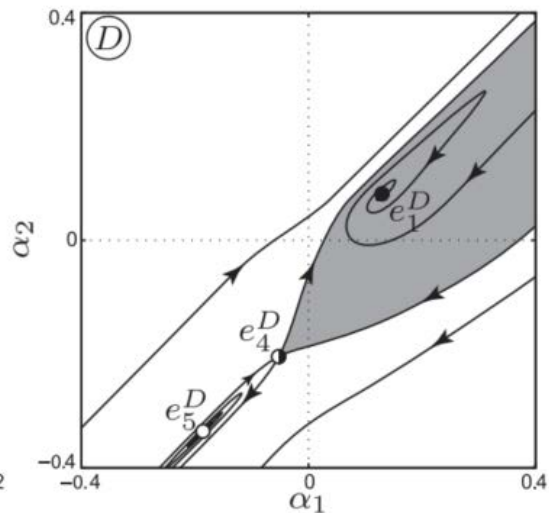
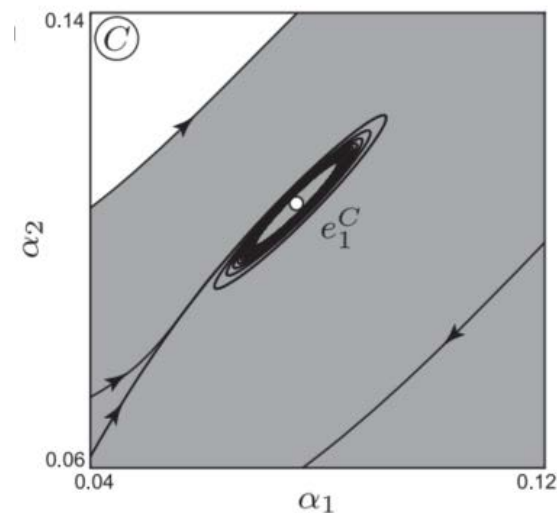
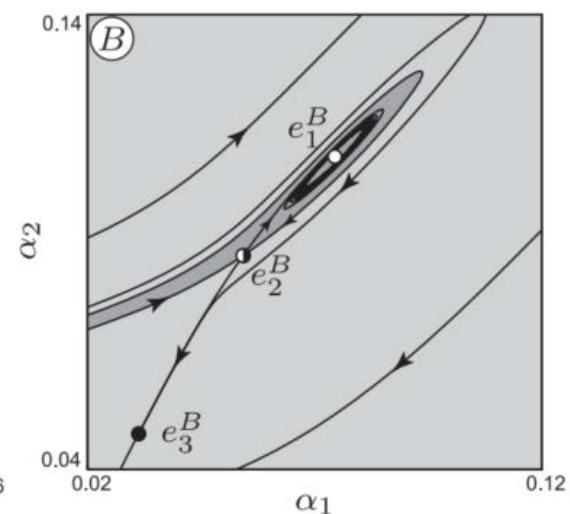
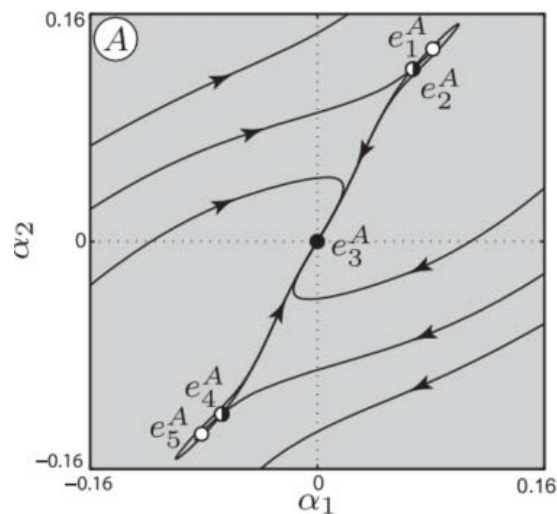
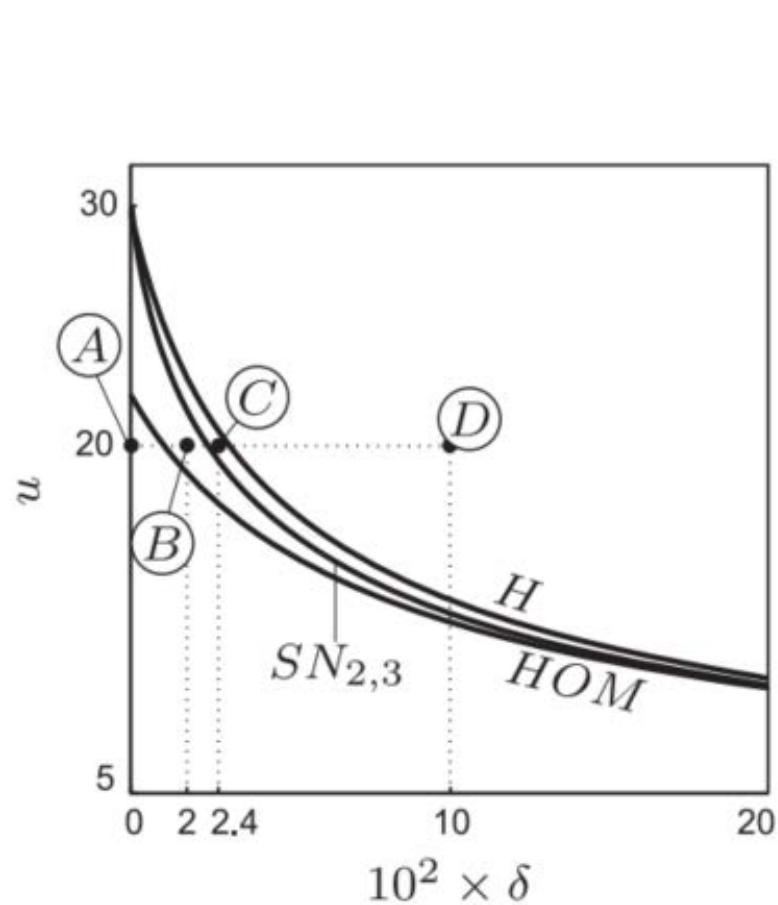
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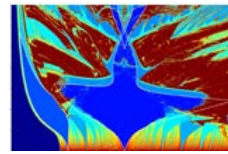
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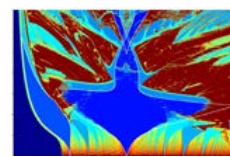
Bifurcation analysis – OV_2 case





Bifurcation analysis – some conclusions

- Propose a method that, for each car, shows in the parameter space the safety boundaries
- Find some behaviour that was already been seen in experiments but was never been founded in simulations
- Classify all the possible behaviours of this system and understand which are the causes that make vehicle unstable (or not robust)



THE AUTOMOBILE MODEL AND ITS BA

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- Bifurcation analysis of the vehicle model
- Understeering vs. Oversteering vehicles

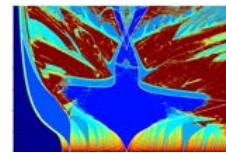
THE HUMAN-IN-THE-LOOP SYSTEM

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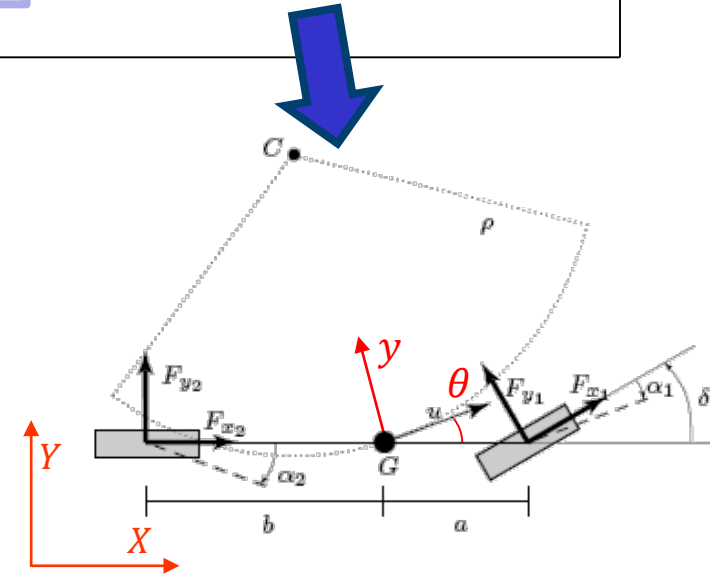
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Vehicle+Driver model



SIMPLIFYING HYPOTHESES

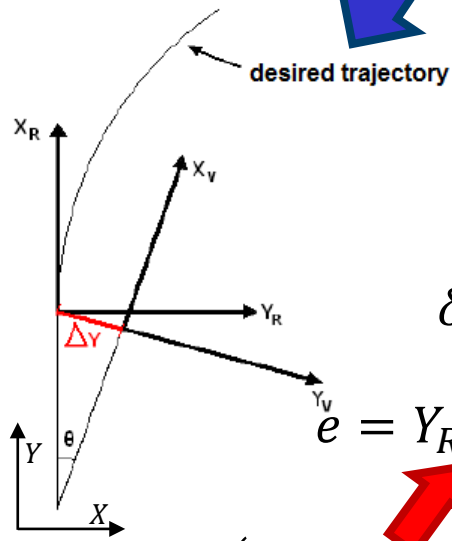
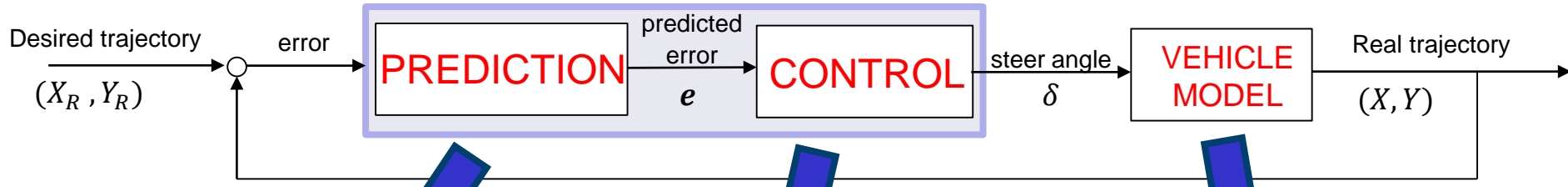
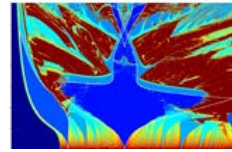
- the forward speed u is constant;
- the centre of gravity lies at the ground level;
- the vehicle body is modelled referring to its longitudinal axis;
- the resultant of the forces acting at the front and rear axles are applied at the centres of the axles;
- the slip angles α_i , $i = 1, 2$, and the steering angle δ (Figure 1) are small and
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Vehicle+Driver model



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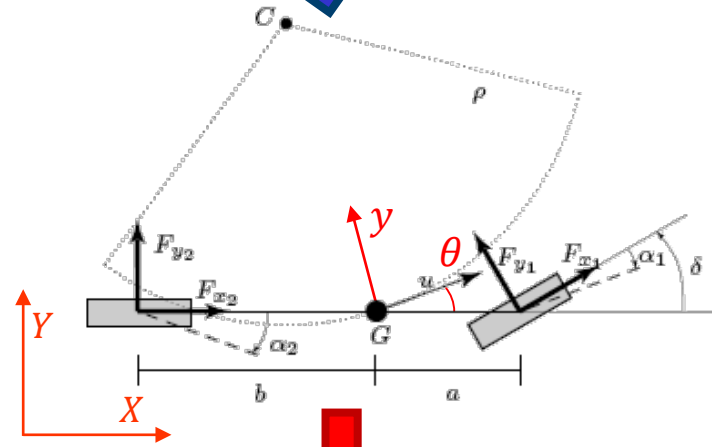
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SIMPLIFYING HYPOTHESES

- ...
- the desired trajectory is going straight at $Y_R = 0$;
- frequency of human steering < 3 Hz;

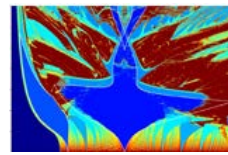


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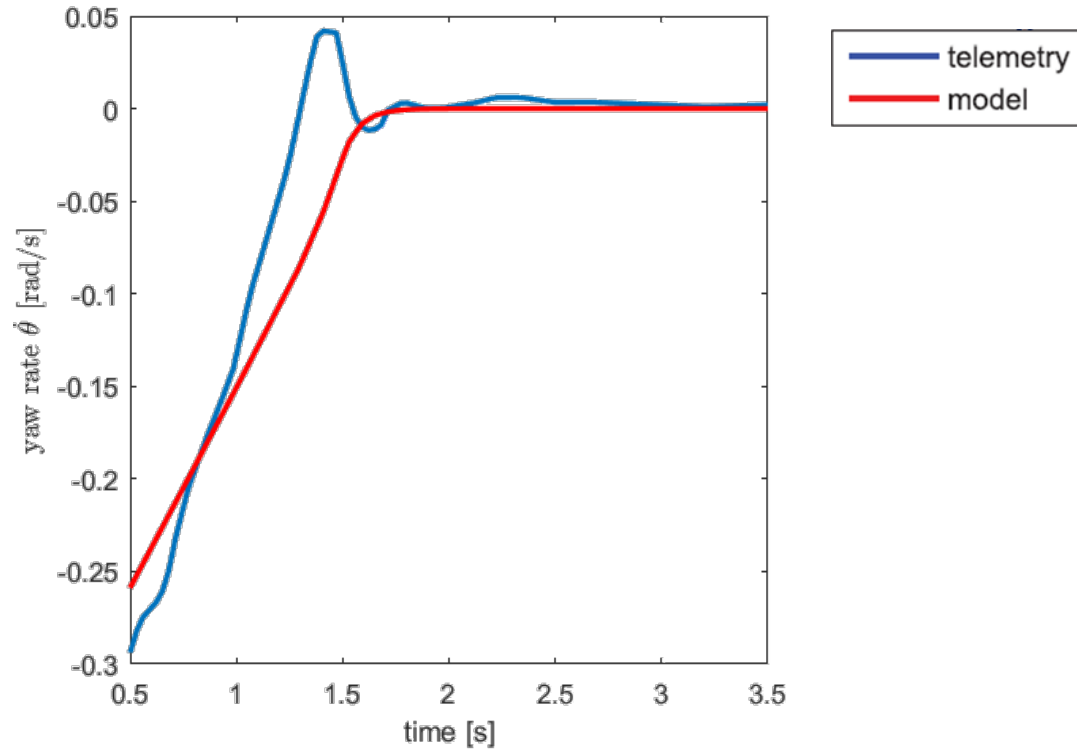
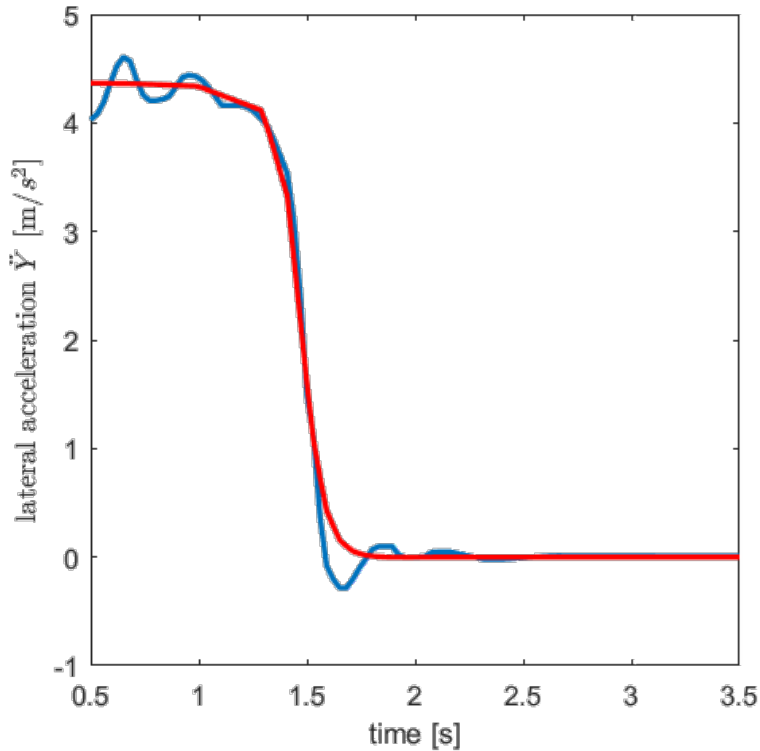
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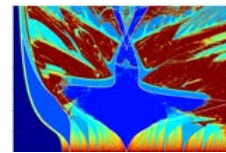
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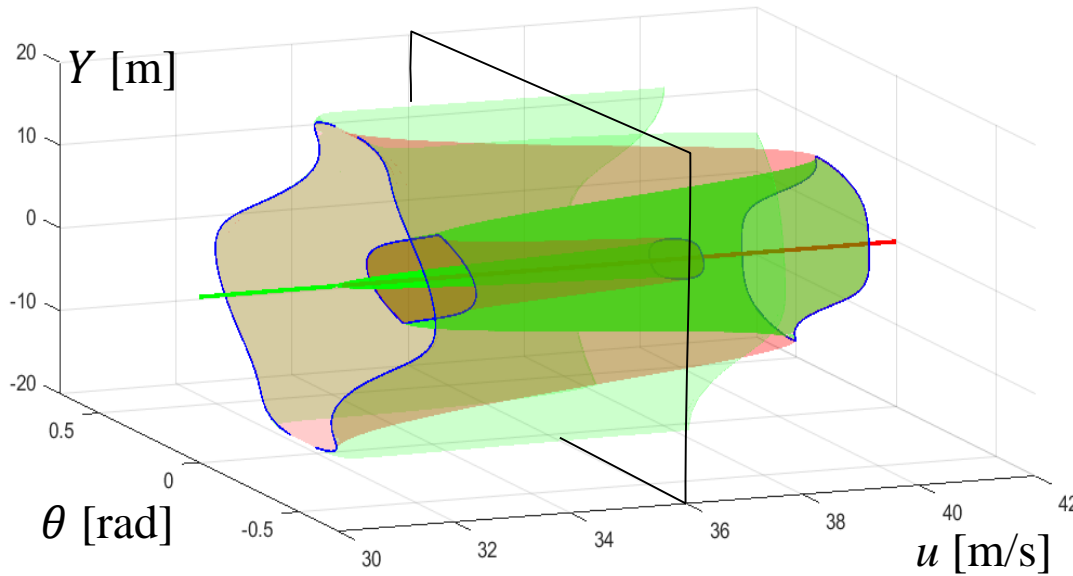
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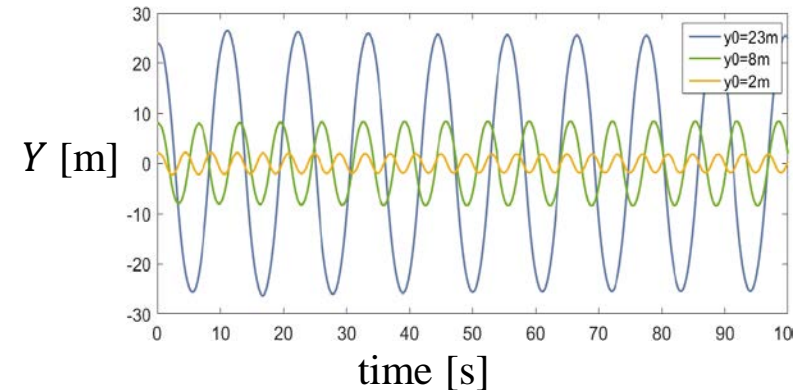
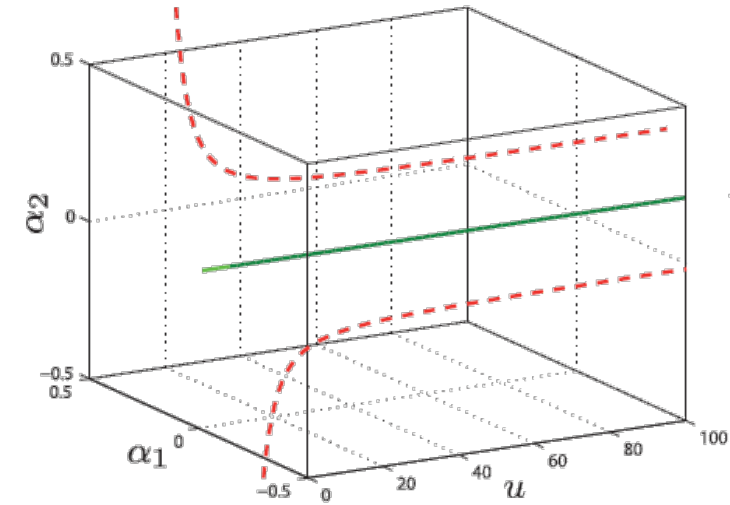


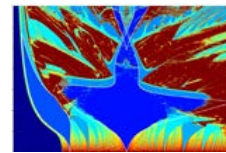
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UN case



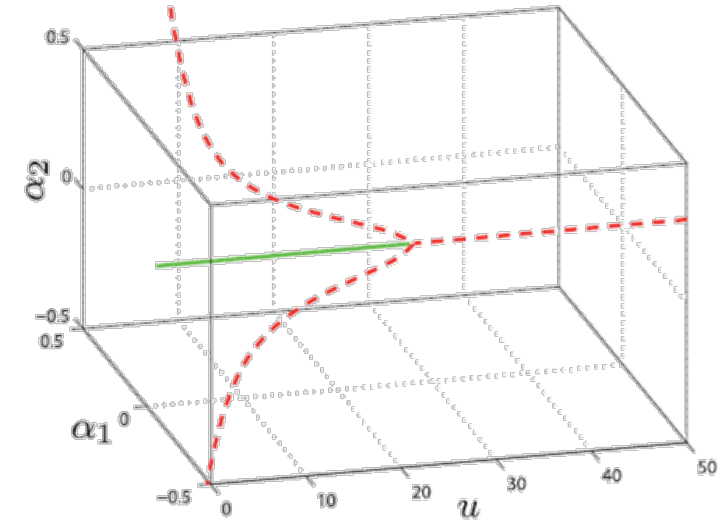
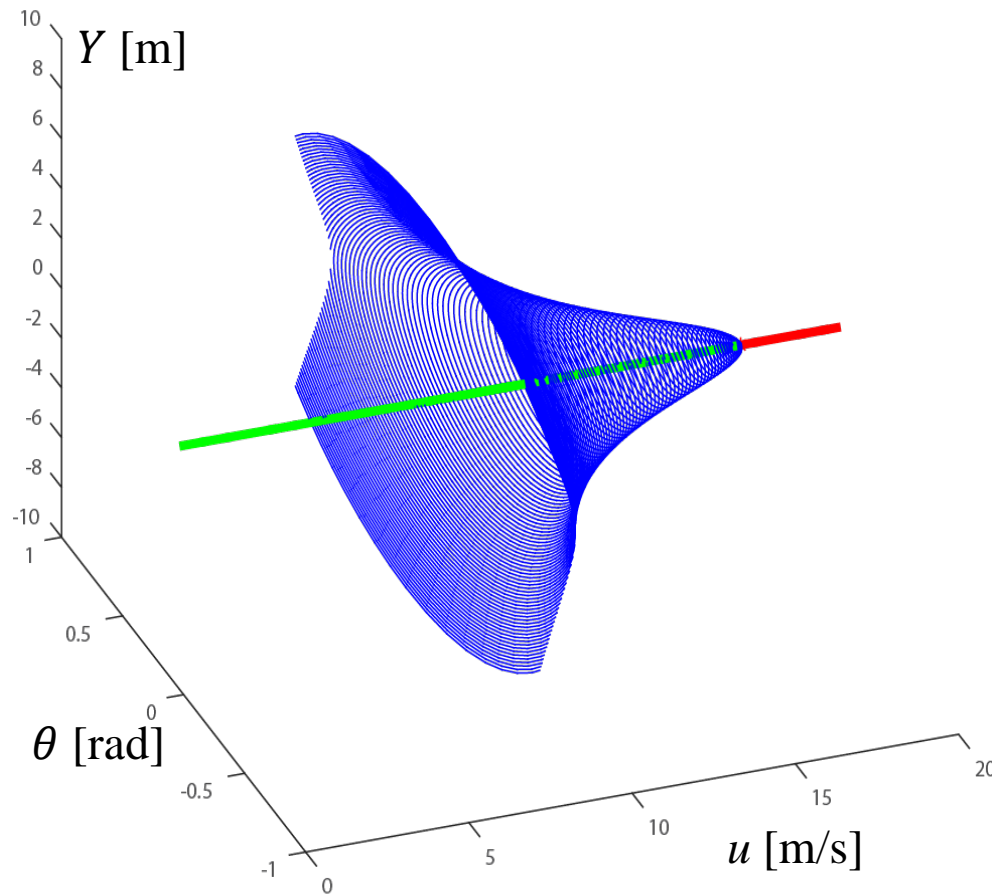
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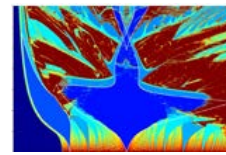


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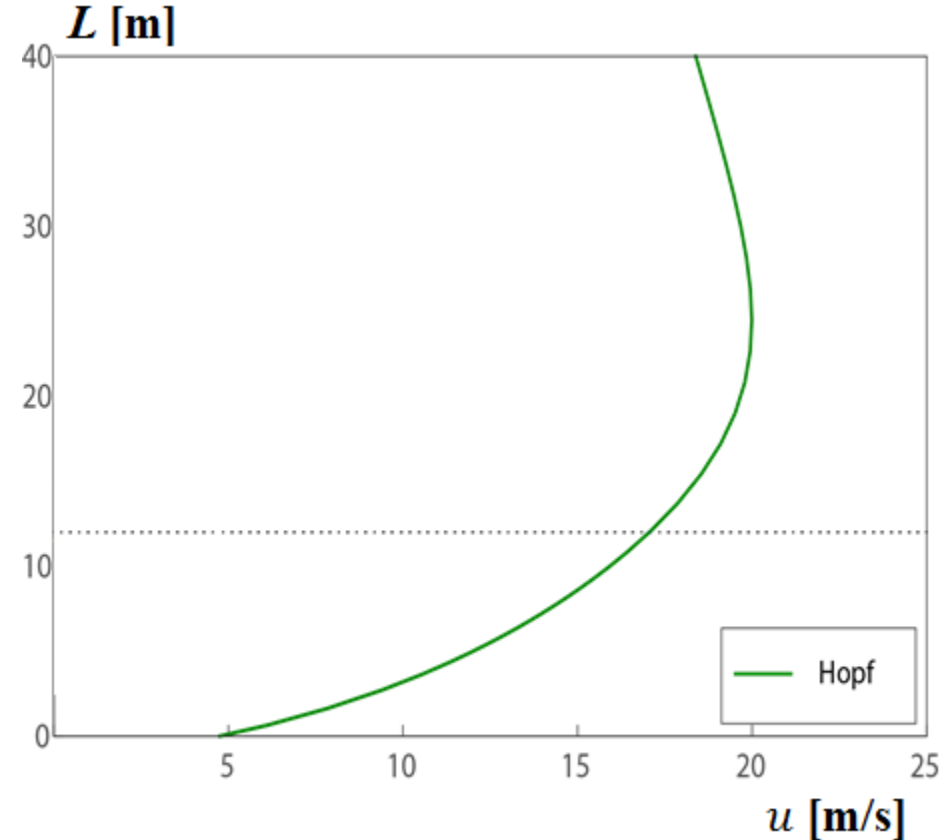
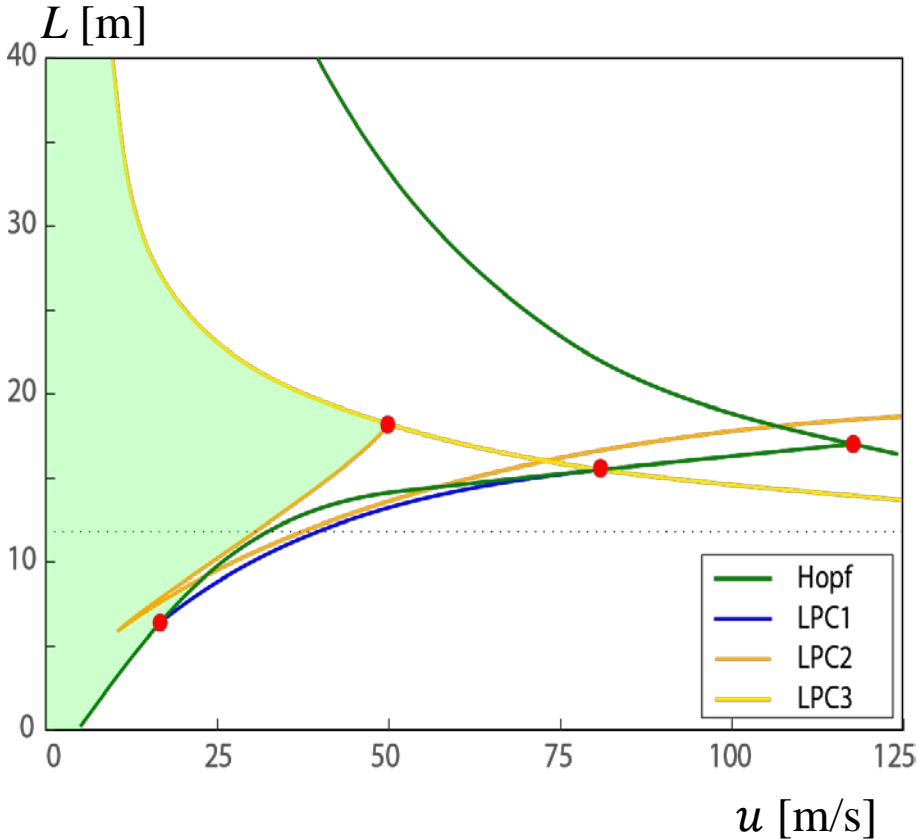
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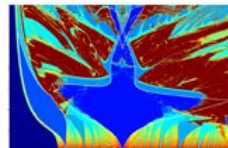
Comparison between UN and OV vehicles



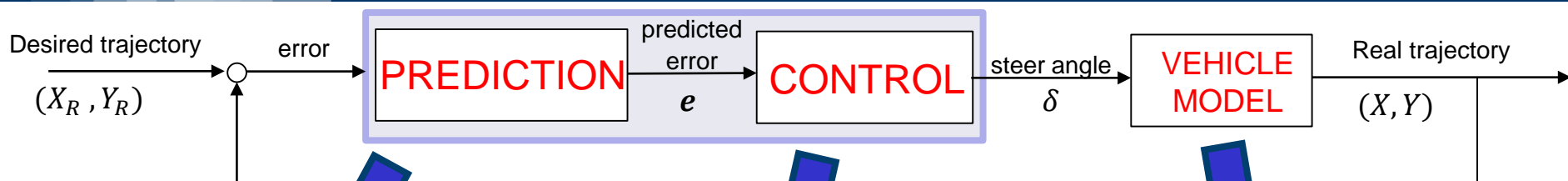
L : length of prevision (driver ability in prevision)
 u : forward velocity



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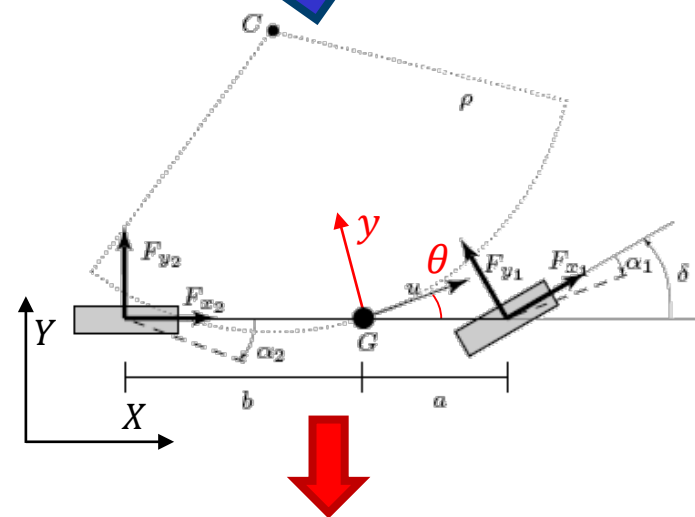
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- + More human-like response
- + Should increase stability
- + Add freedom in control design

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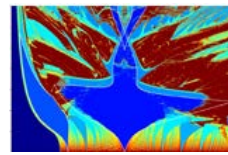


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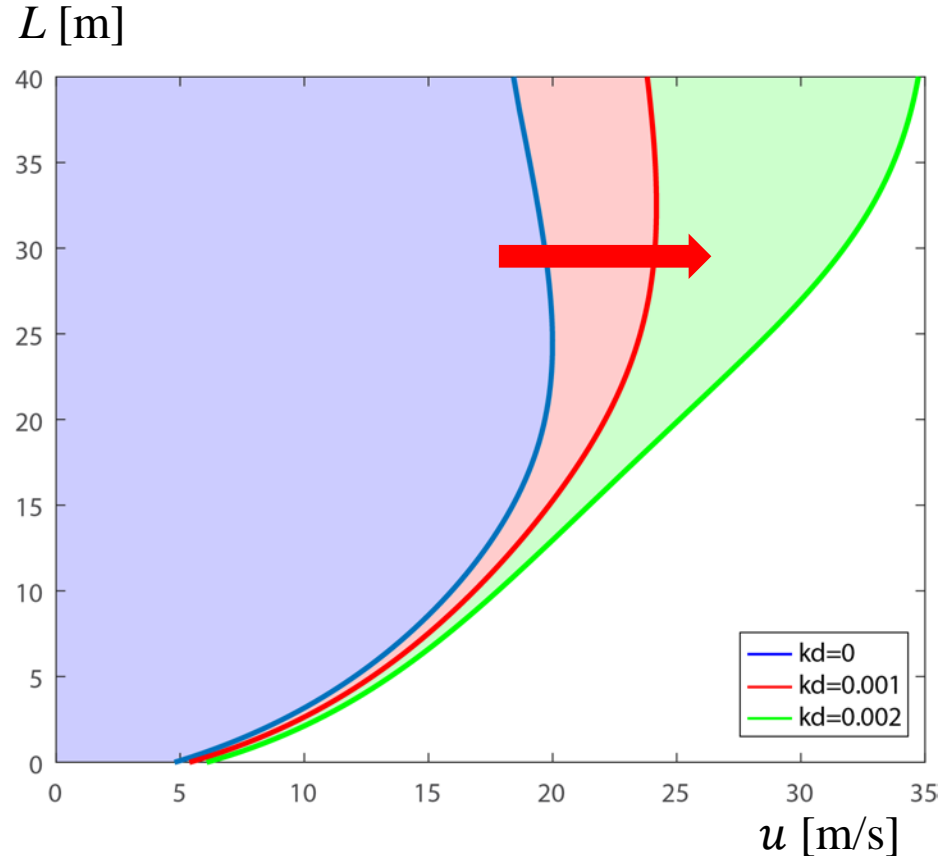
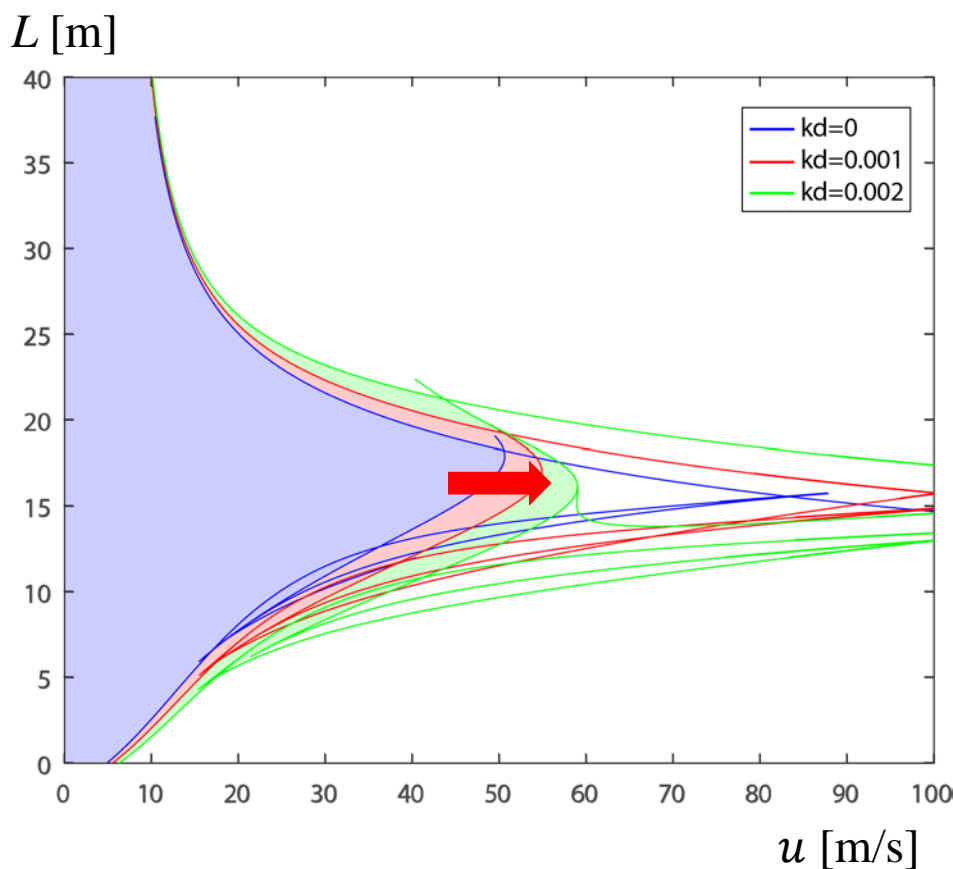
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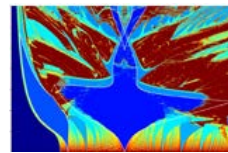
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A more human-like control law take into account also the velocity with which the error changes!

$$\delta(t + \tau_r) = h e(t) + k_d \dot{e}(t)$$





Conclusions and further extensions (master thesis proposal 😊)

- Make the analysis of the vehicle+driver model for different running conditions (steering pad experiment)
- Quantify (in terms of distance from the nearest bifurcation curve) the robustness of a driving style, hence quantifying the ability of a driver
- Use bifurcation analysis in experiments to make a simple and direct comparison between different type of vehicles and different type of drivers