

Influence of Periodic Modulation in Rare and Extreme Optical Pulses

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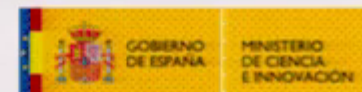
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What is a rogue wave?

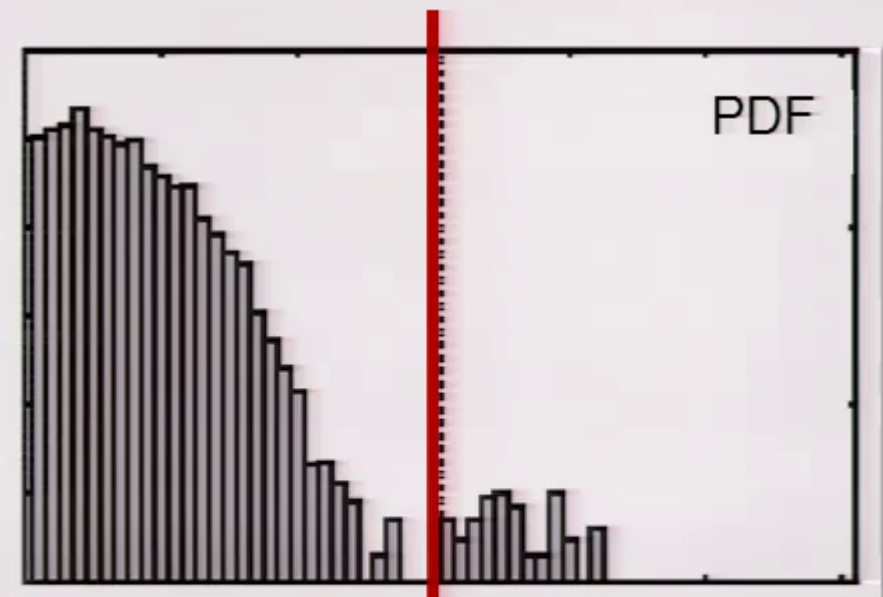
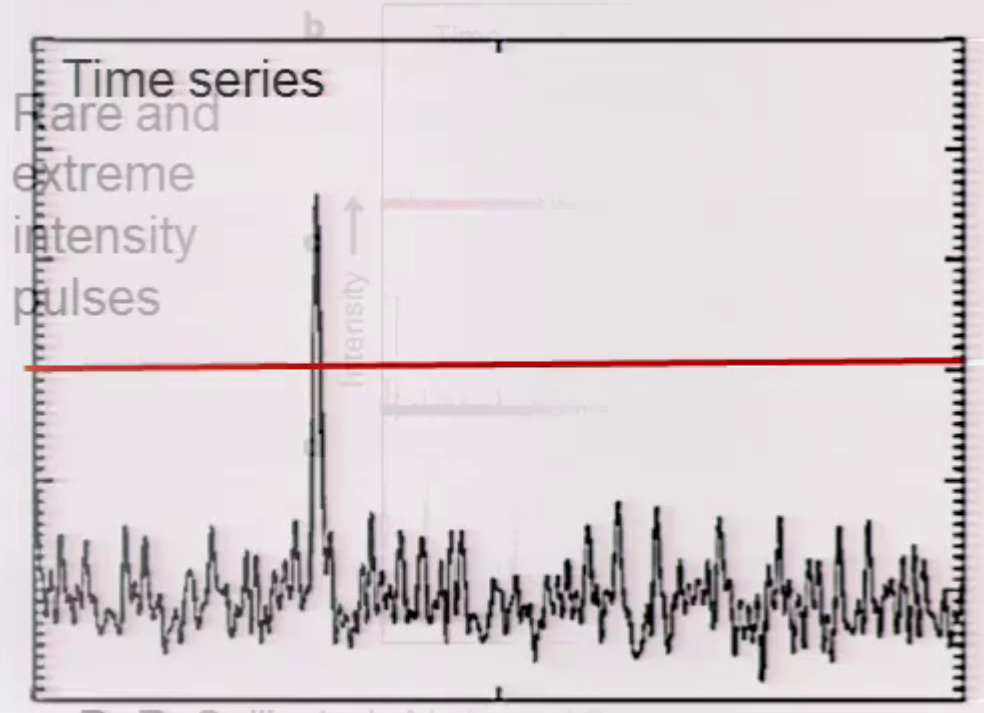
RWs are rare, ultra-high waves that fall outside (and far from) the main part of long-tailed probability distributions.



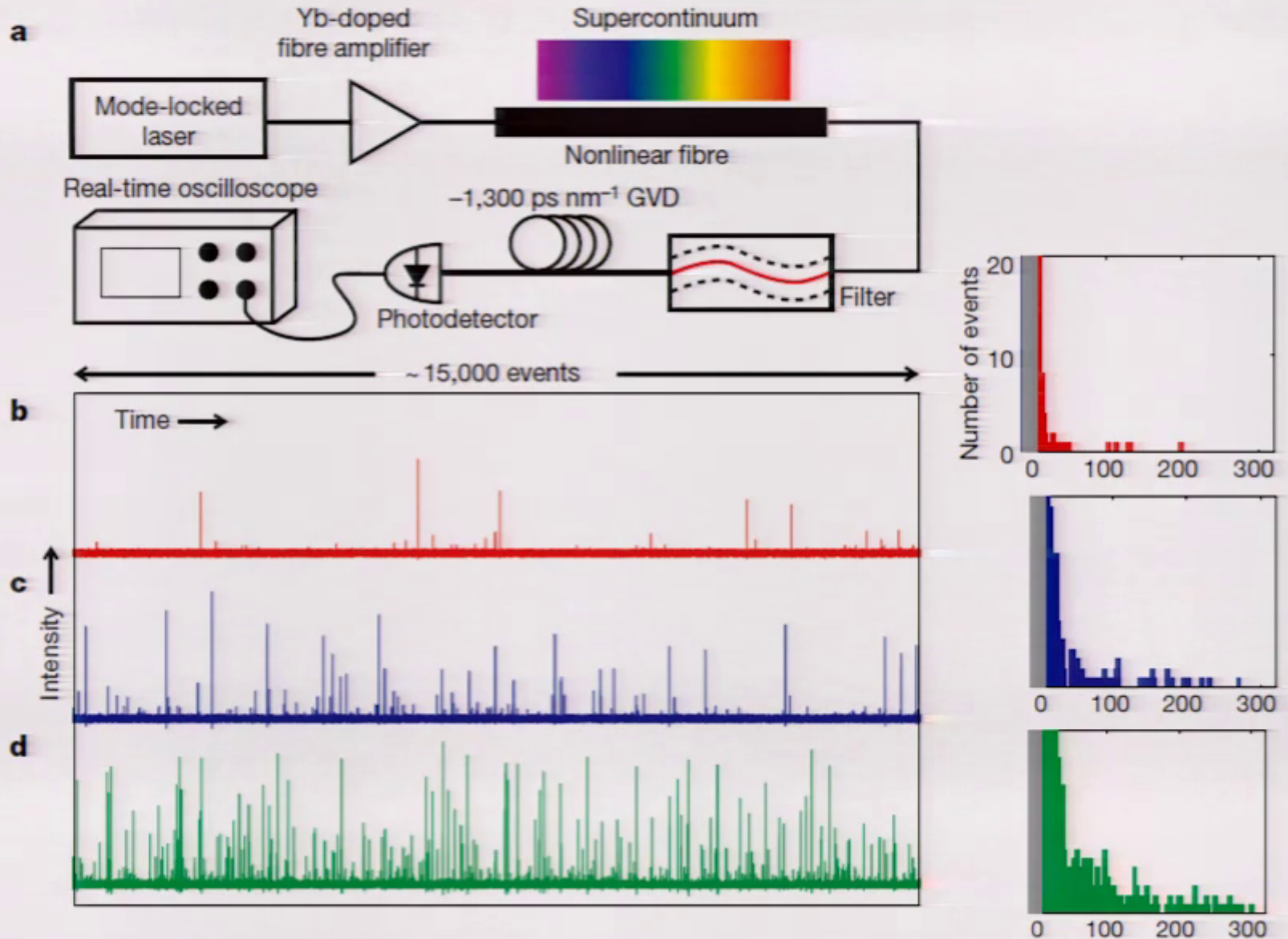
The Great Wave of Kanagawa, Katsushika Hokusai. Source: Wikipedia

Two more precise rogue wave definitions

- A RW: above **twice** the significant wave height (SWH).
SWH = $\langle \text{highest } 1/3 \text{ waves} \rangle$ that occur over a certain period of time.
- A RW: above a certain threshold ($\langle A \rangle + 4-8 \sigma$)



Optical rogue waves



Rare and extreme intensity pulses

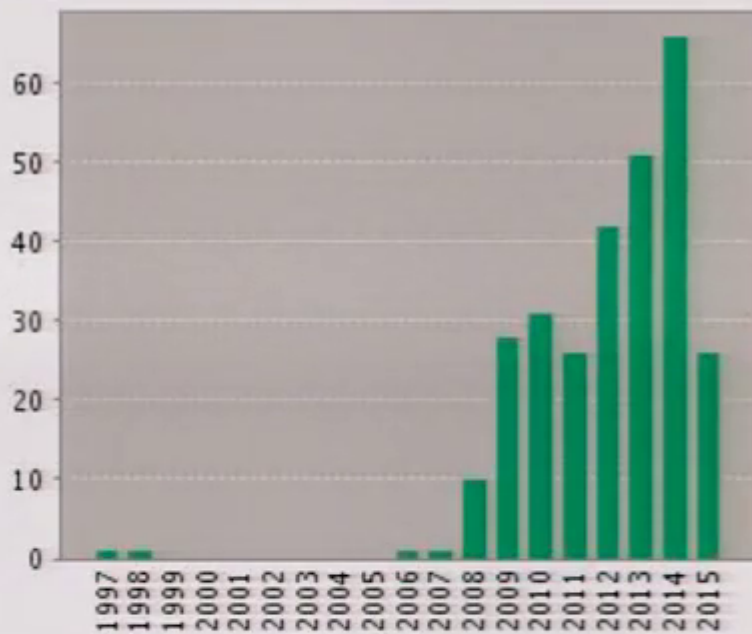


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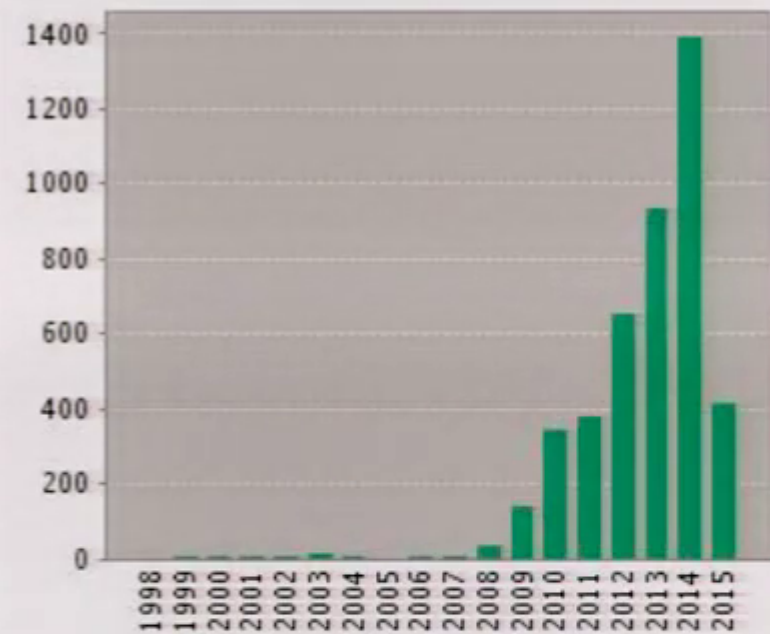
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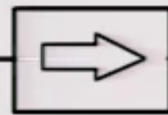
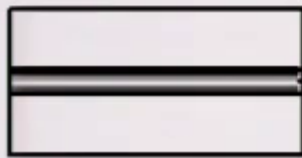


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RWs in semiconductor lasers

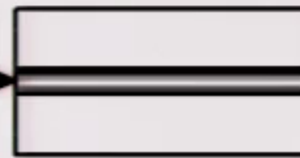
Optically injected semiconductor lasers provide an inexpensive and controllable setup to study RWs

Master Laser



Isolator

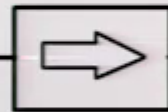
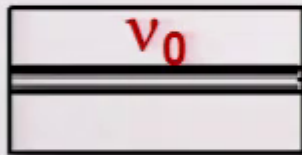
Slave Laser



Detection system
(photo detector,
oscilloscope,
spectrum
analyzer)

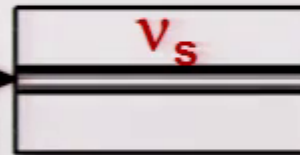
Key parameters and main dynamical regimes

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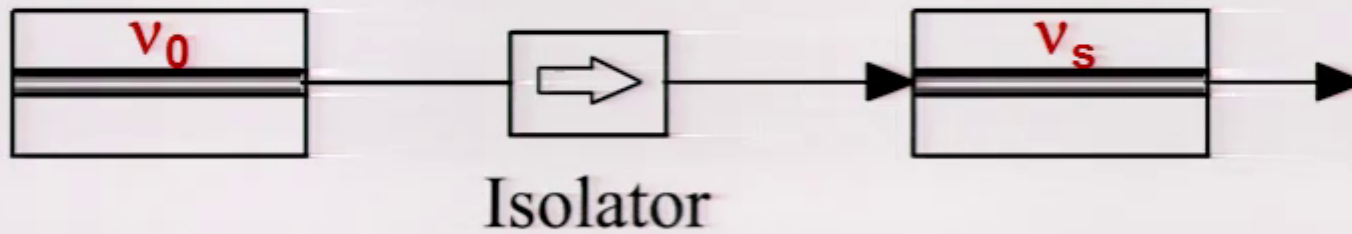


- Injection ratio
- Frequency detuning $\Delta\nu = \nu_s - \nu_0$

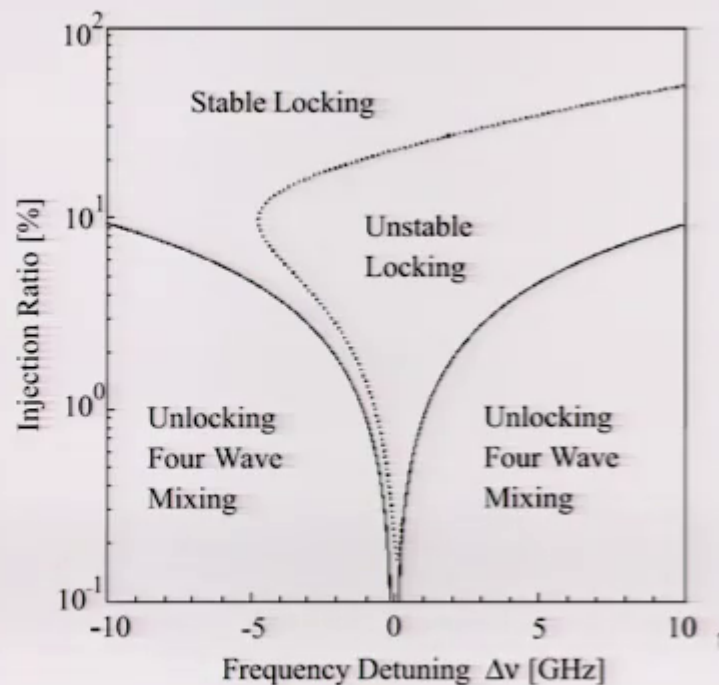
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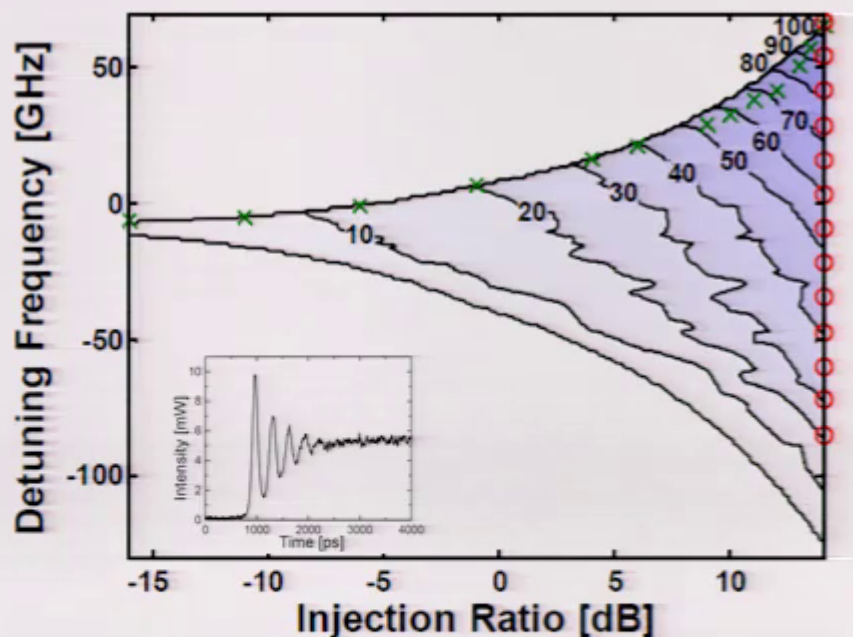


- Regimes:
 - Stable locking: stable output at the frequency of the master laser
 - Regular oscillations
 - Excitability and Chaos

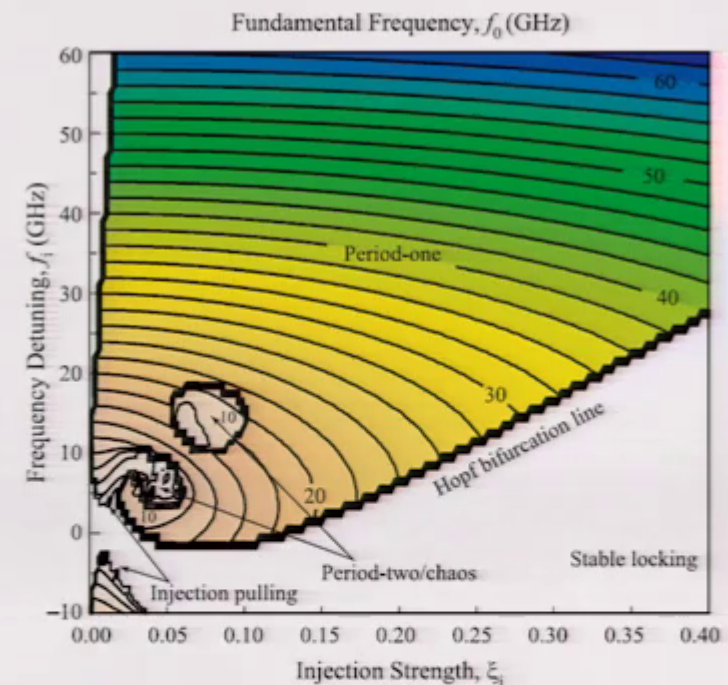
Adapted from J. Ohtsubo, *Semiconductor Lasers: Stability, Instability and Chaos*. Springer, 2006.

Practical use of optical injection

- Inside the locking region: increased resonance frequency and modulation bandwidth.
- Outside the locking region: regular oscillations, with tunable frequency (controlled by the injection parameters).



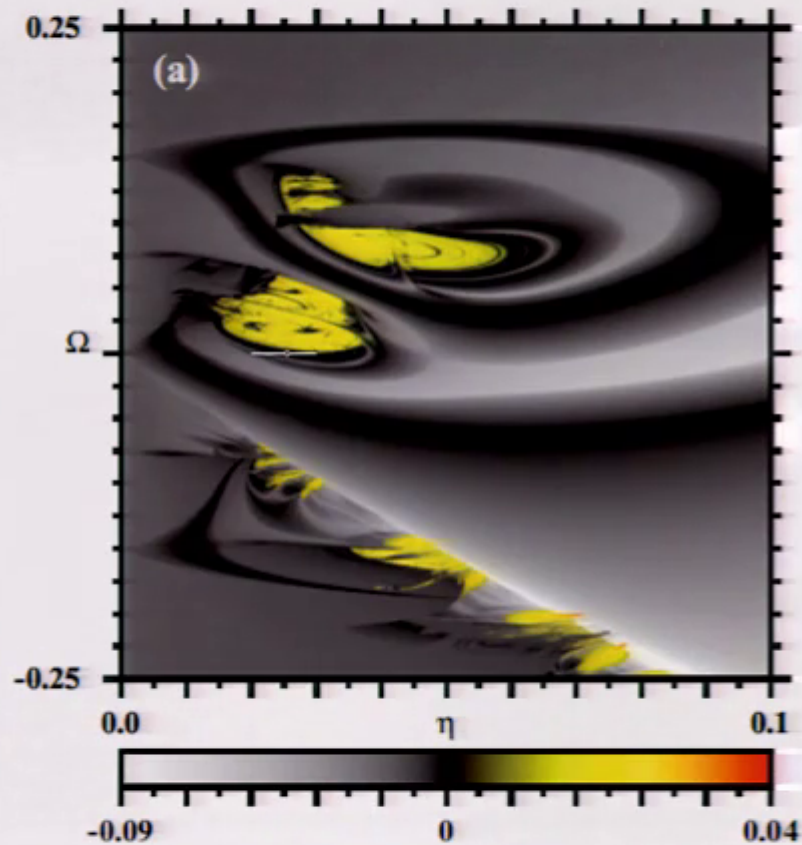
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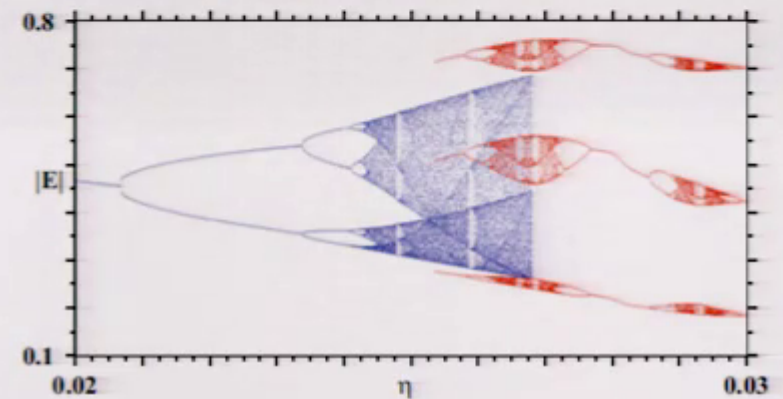
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Chaotic oscillations, bistability, etc.

Lyapunov diagram



Bifurcation diagram

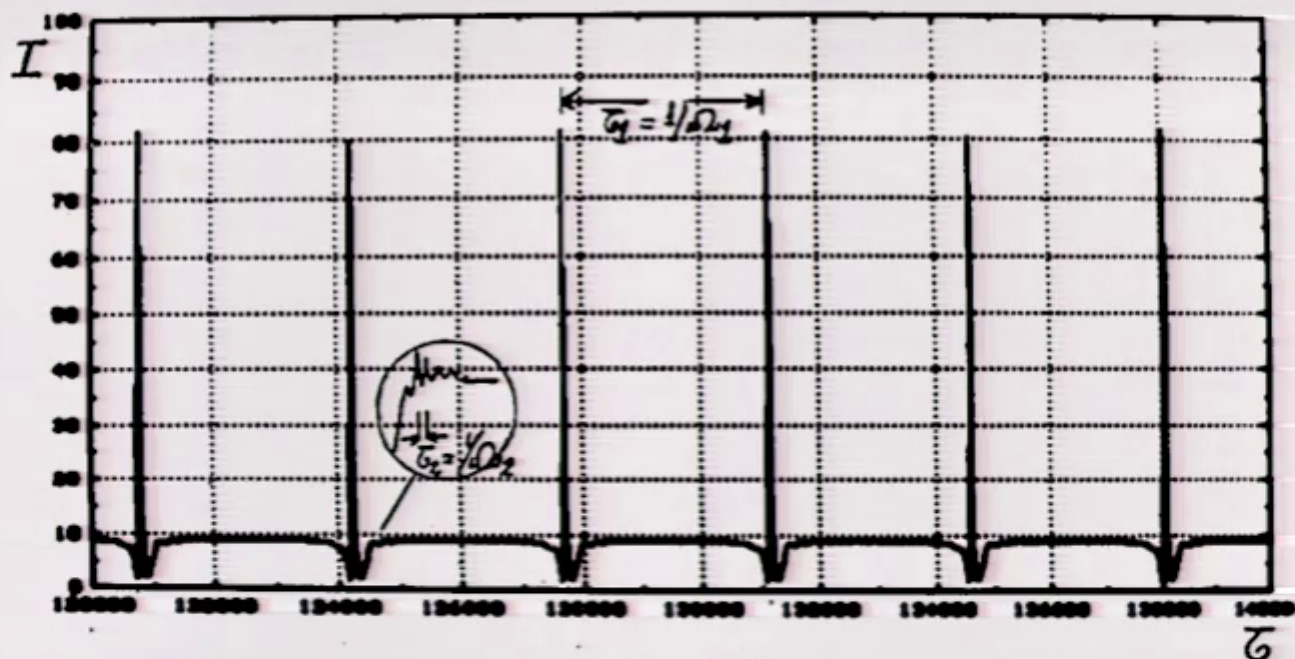


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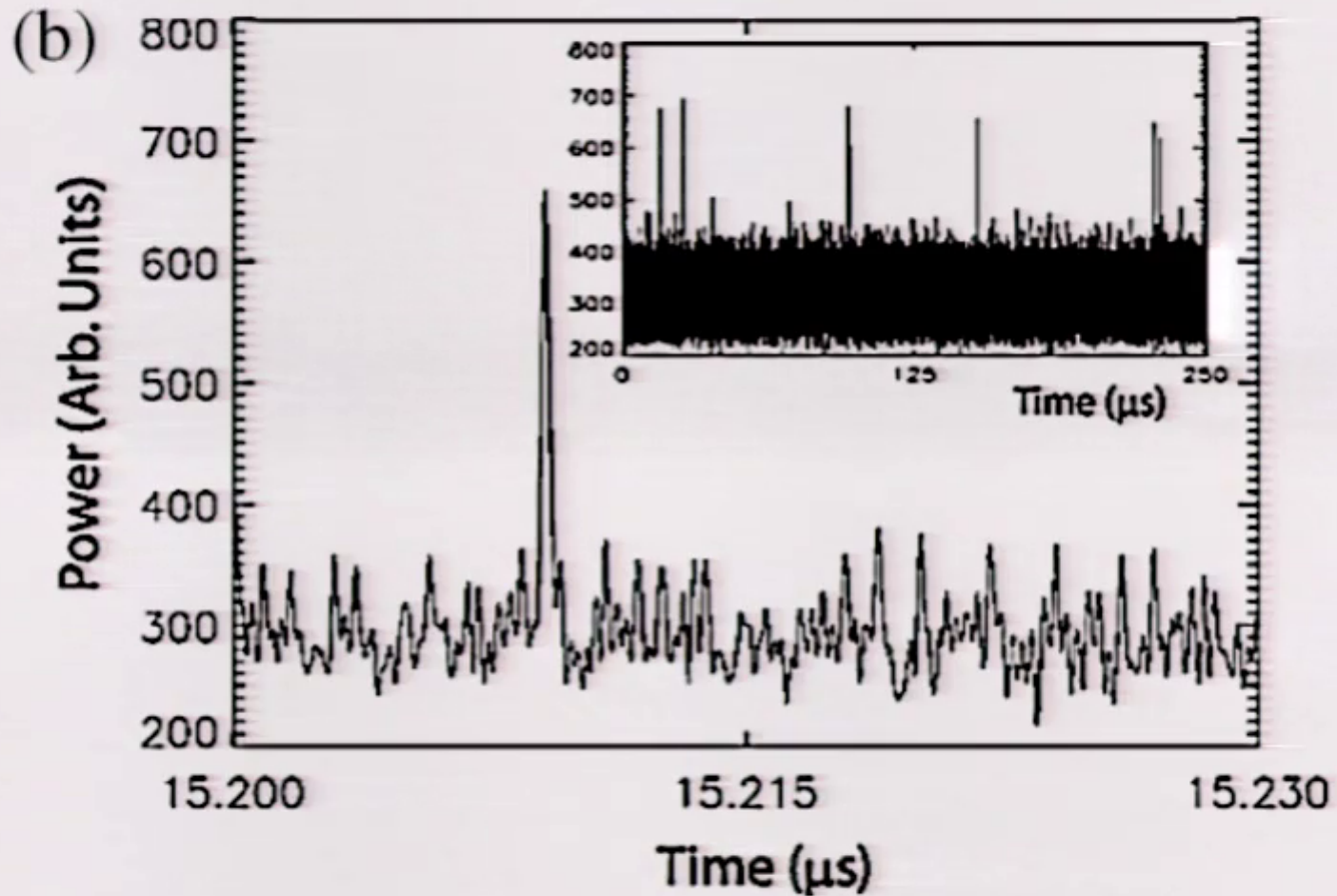
Instabilities in lasers with an injected signal

J. R. Tredicce, F. T. Arecchi, G. L. Lippi, and G. P. Puccioni

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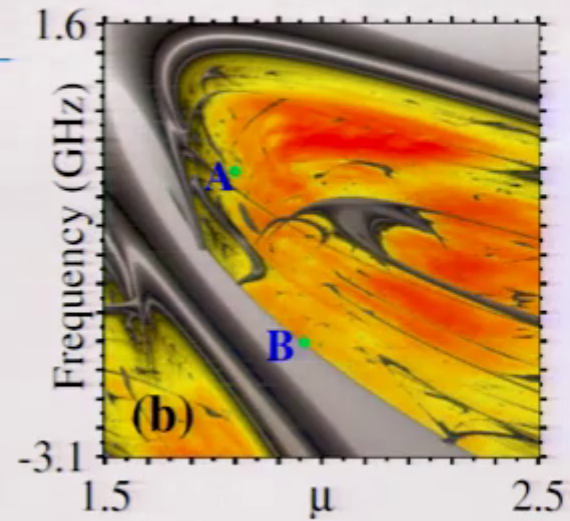
Experimental observation



C. Bonatto, M. Feyereisen, S. Barland, M. Giudici, C. Masoller, J. R. Rios Leite, and J. R. Tredicce, "*Deterministic optical rogue waves*", PRL 107, 053901 (2011)

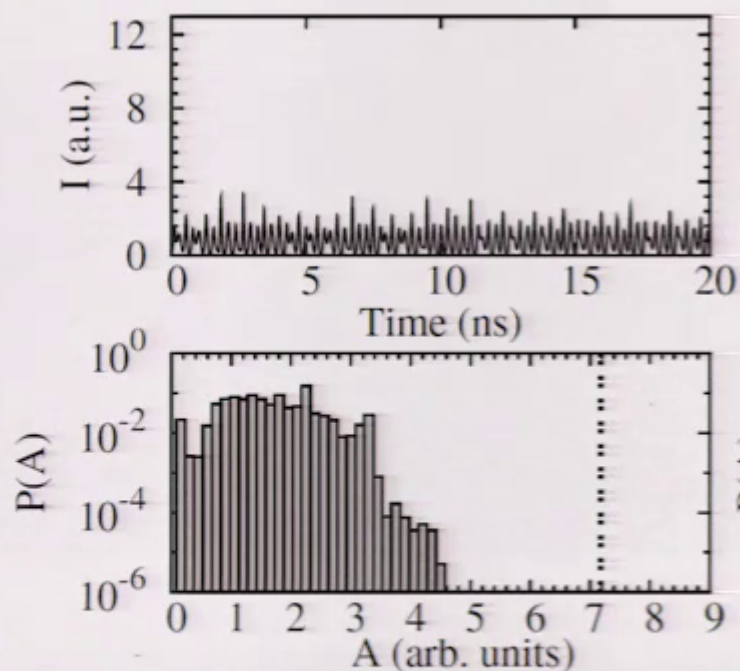
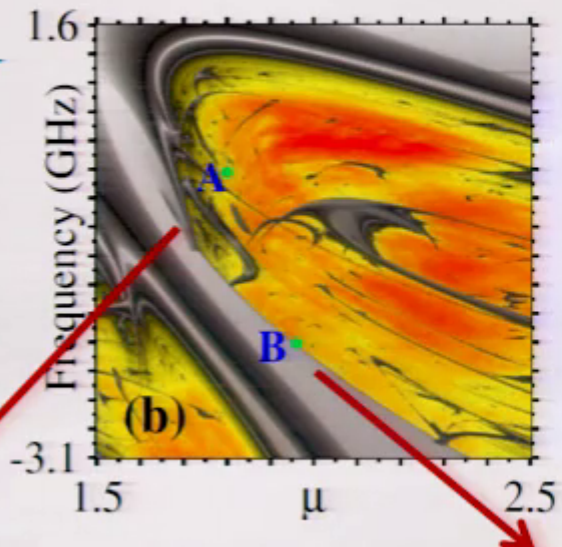
Deterministic simulations ($\beta_{sp}=0$)

Lyapunov diagram
(detuning, pump current)

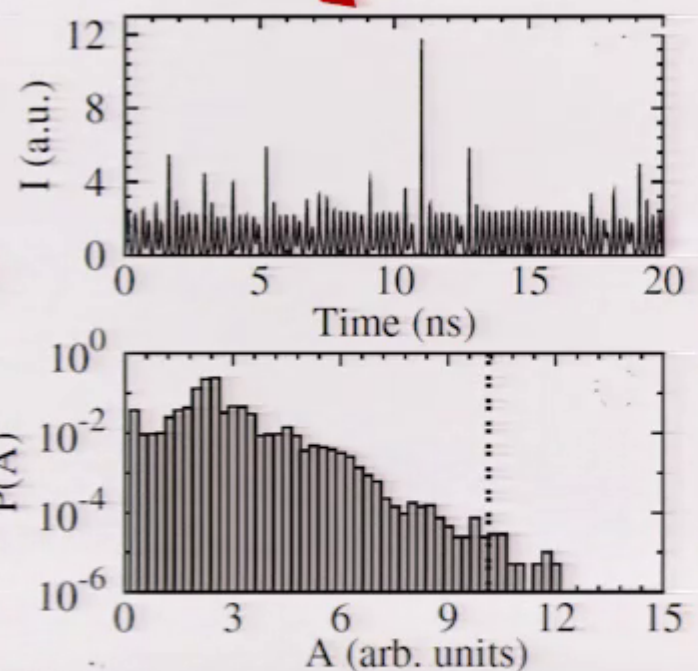


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Chaos without RWs



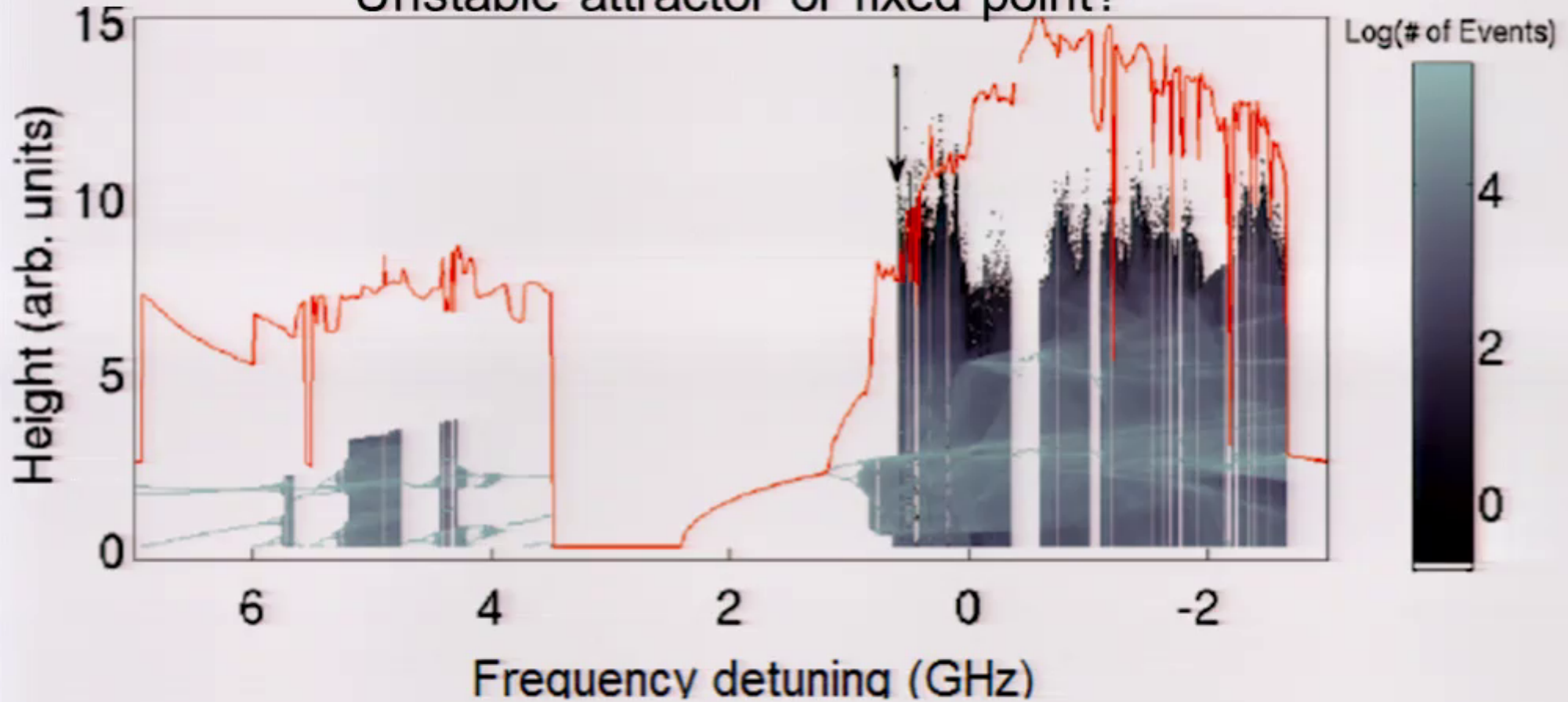
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What triggers a RW?

Unstable attractor or fixed point?

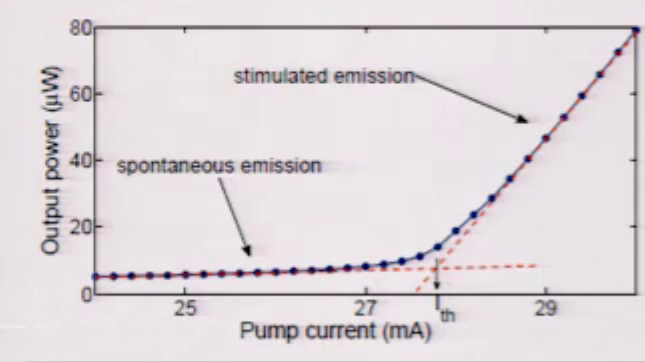
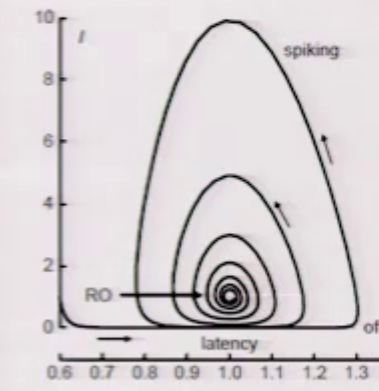
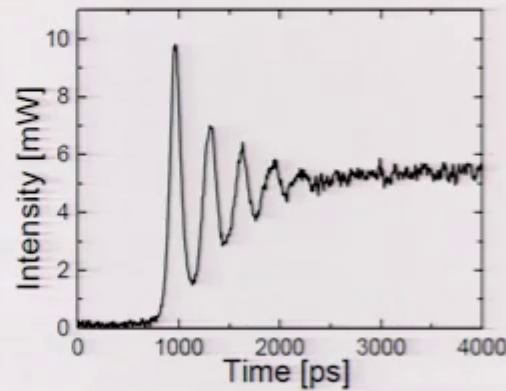


Threshold: $\langle H \rangle + 8\sigma$

Fixed point solutions

Solitary
laser: two
fixed points.

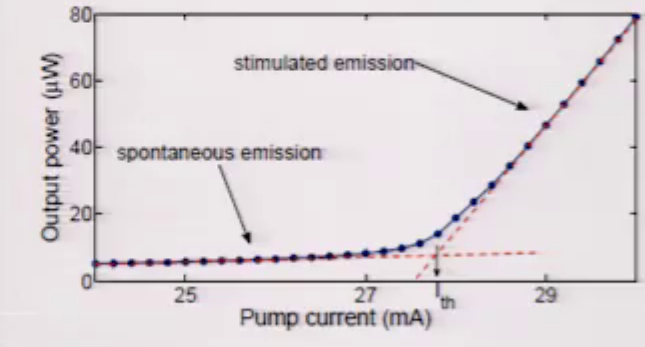
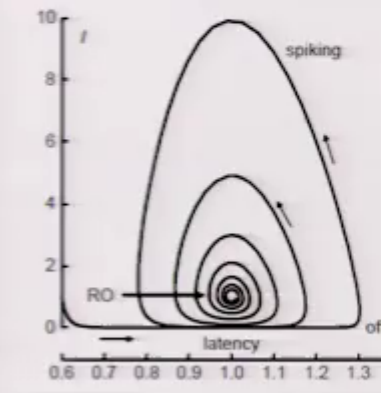
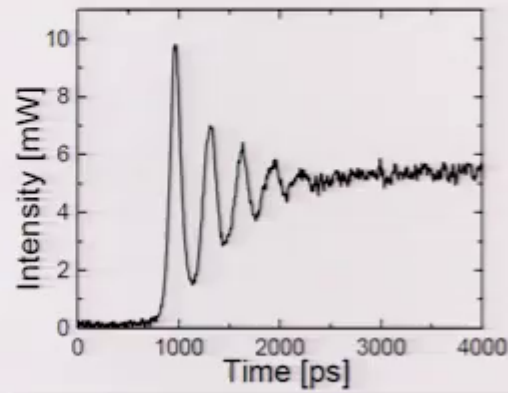
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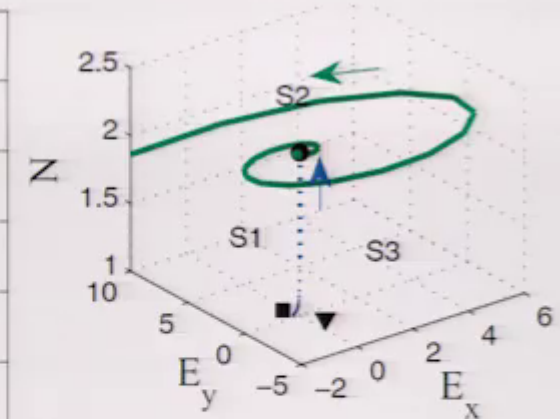
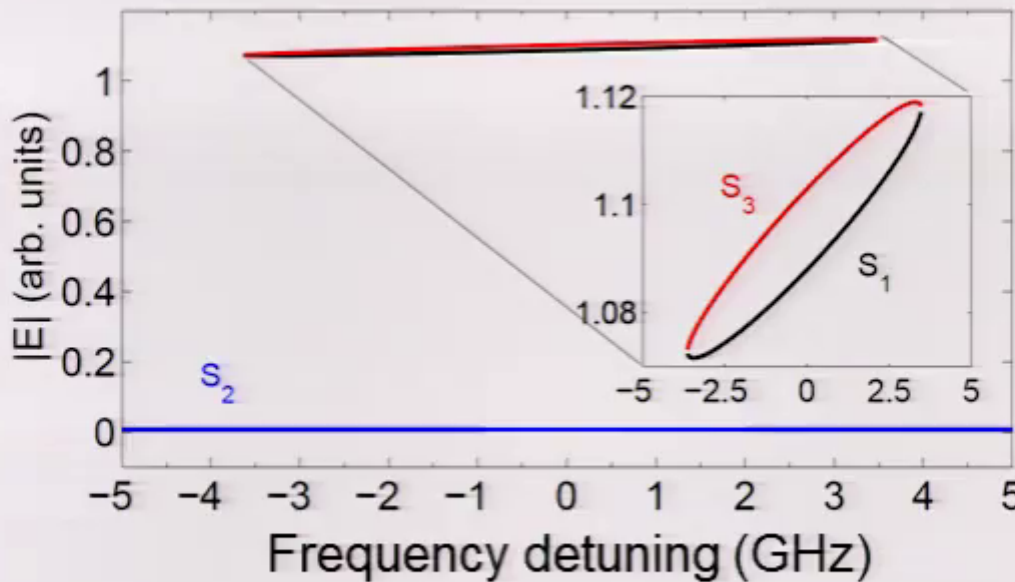
Solitary laser: two fixed points.

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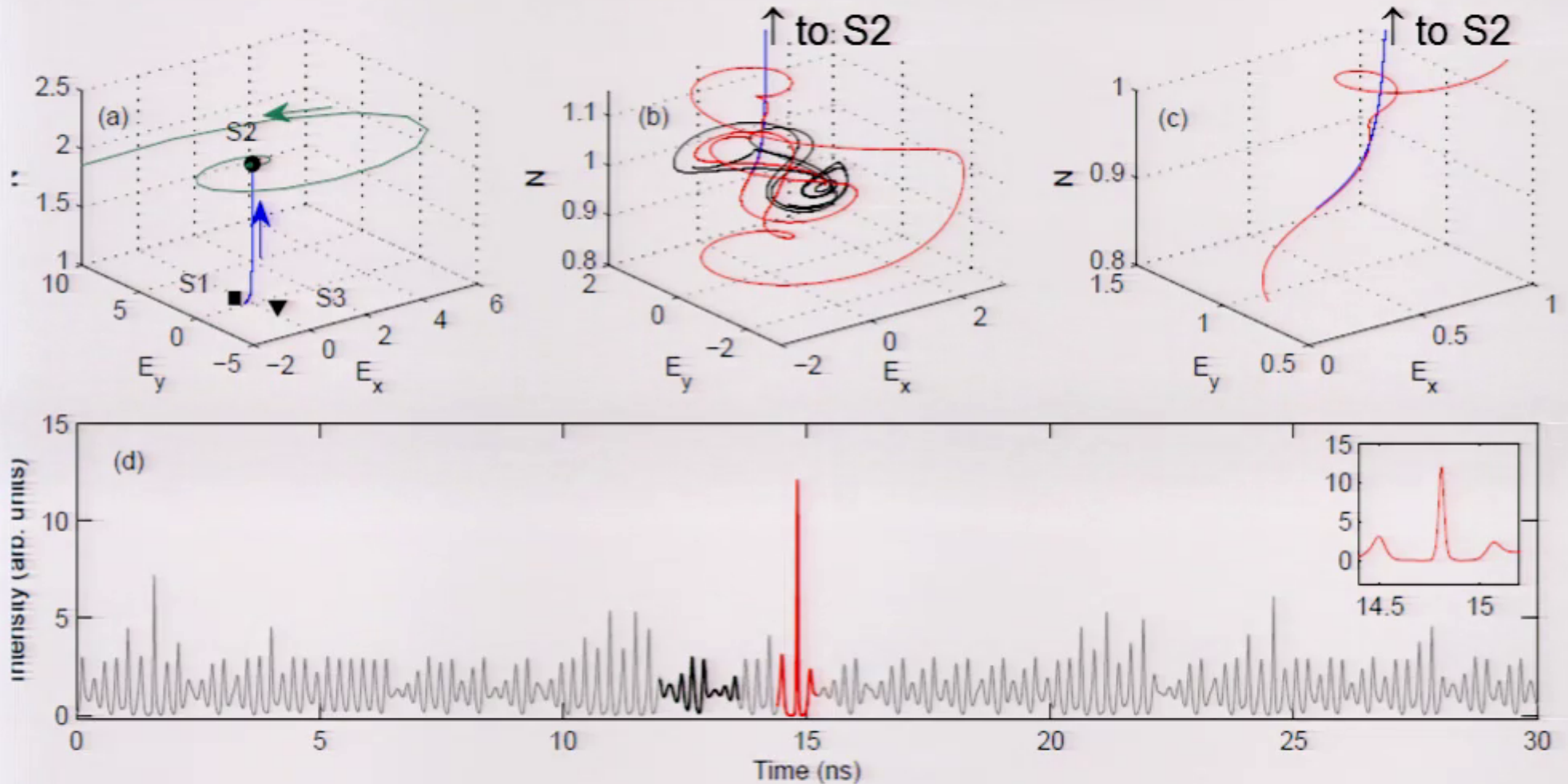


Injected laser: three fixed points.

- chaotic attractor develops from S_3



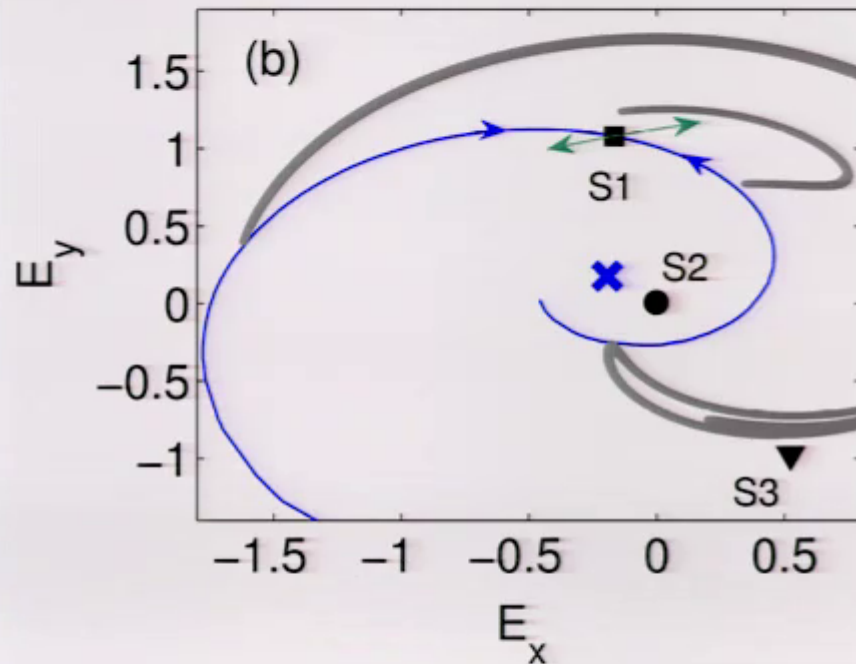
Stable manifold of S2: "RW door"



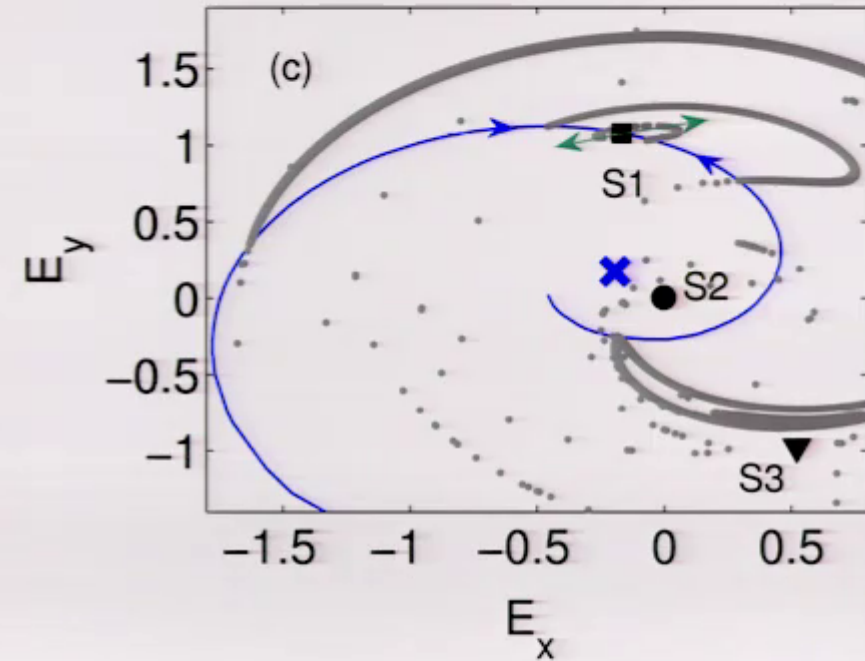
A **RW** is triggered when the trajectory closely approaches the stable manifold of S2 (RW door)

Why chaos with RWs and chaos without them?

Before attractor explosion

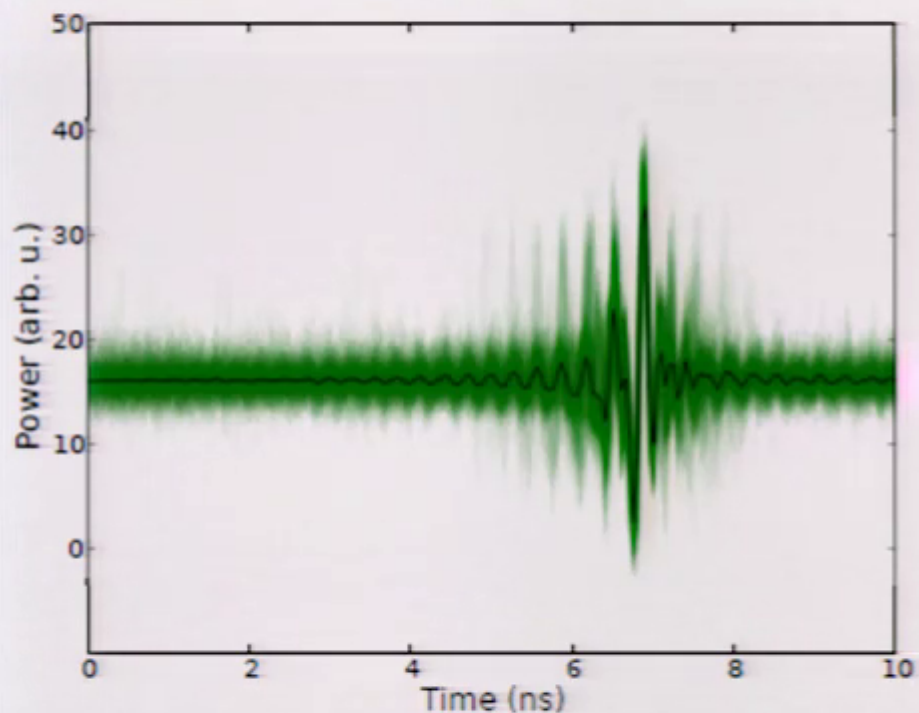


Just after attractor explosion

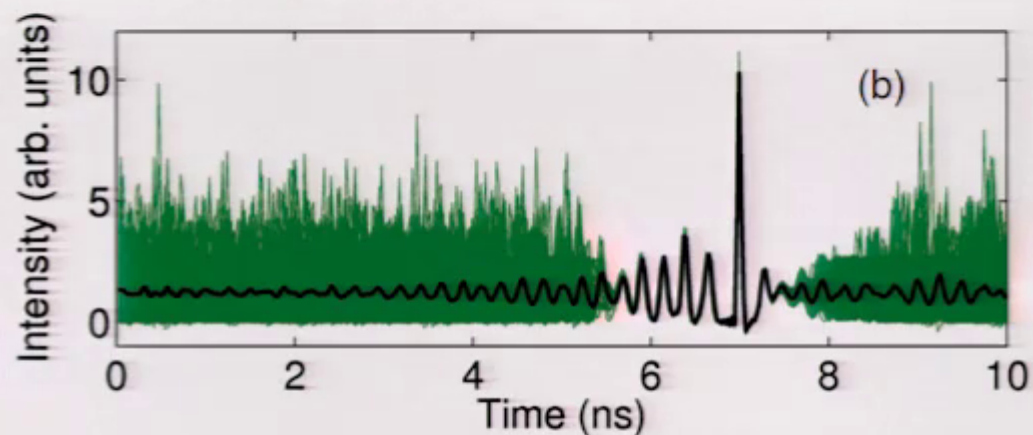


- In between the attractor originated from S_3 and the “RW door” there is a “barrier”: the stable manifold of S_1
- A **crises-like** process enables access to the region where the “RW door” is.

Experiments



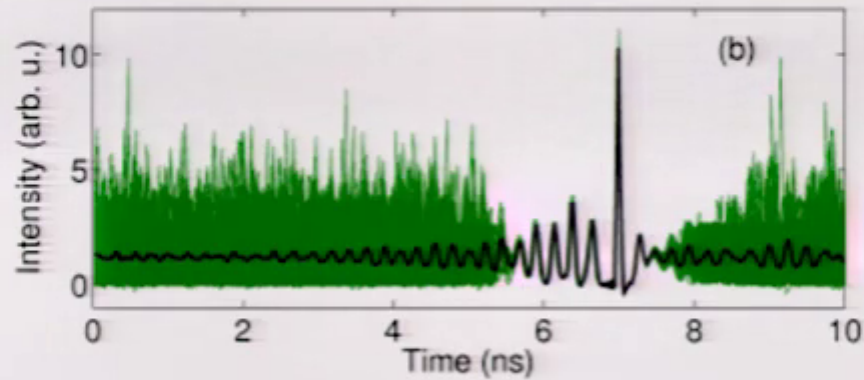
Simulations



Superposition of 500 time series at the RW peak

Influence of noise & RW threshold

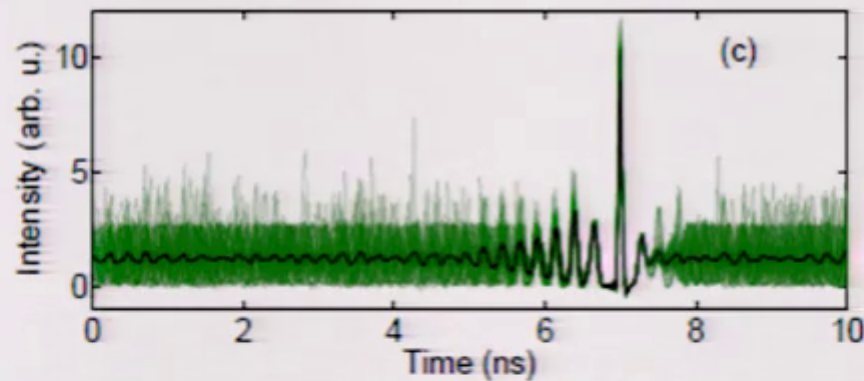
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$$\langle A \rangle + 8\sigma$$

$$\beta_{sp} = 0$$

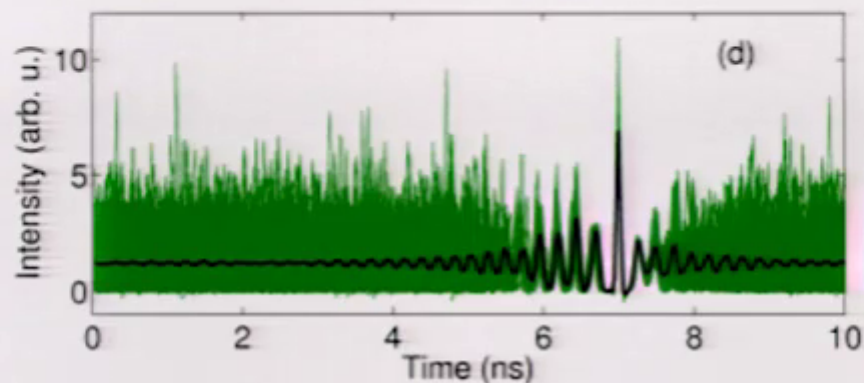
459 RWs



$$\langle A \rangle + 8\sigma$$

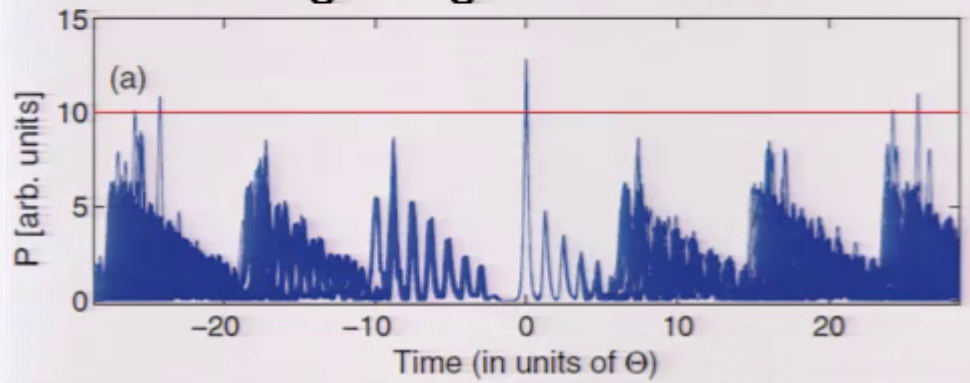
$$\beta_{sp} = 10^{-2}$$

53 RWs

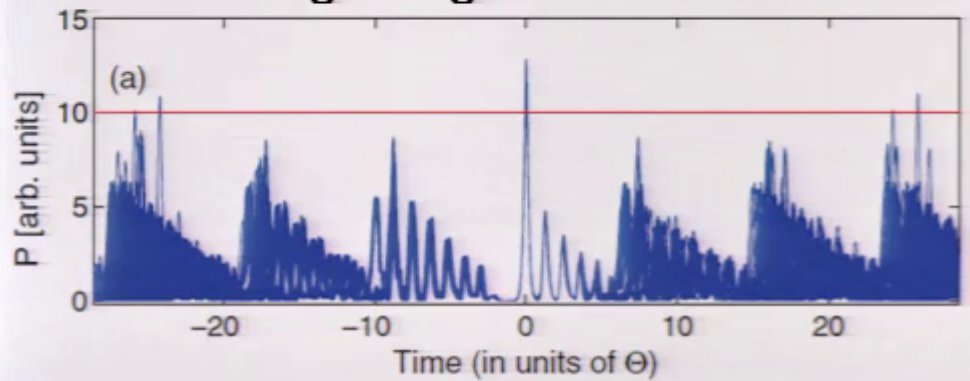


$$\langle A \rangle + 4\sigma$$

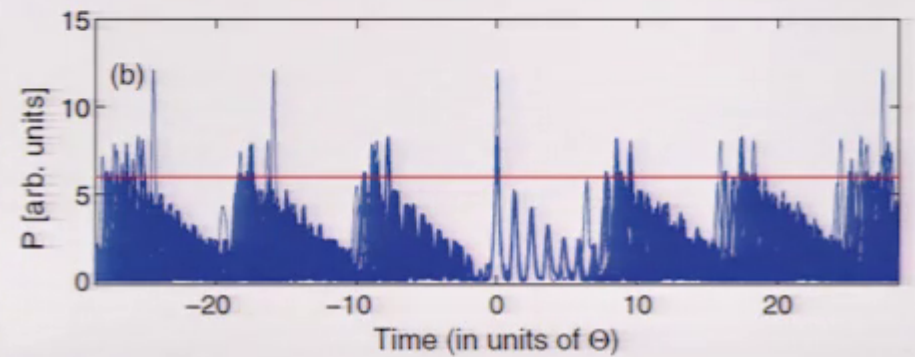
Using a high threshold



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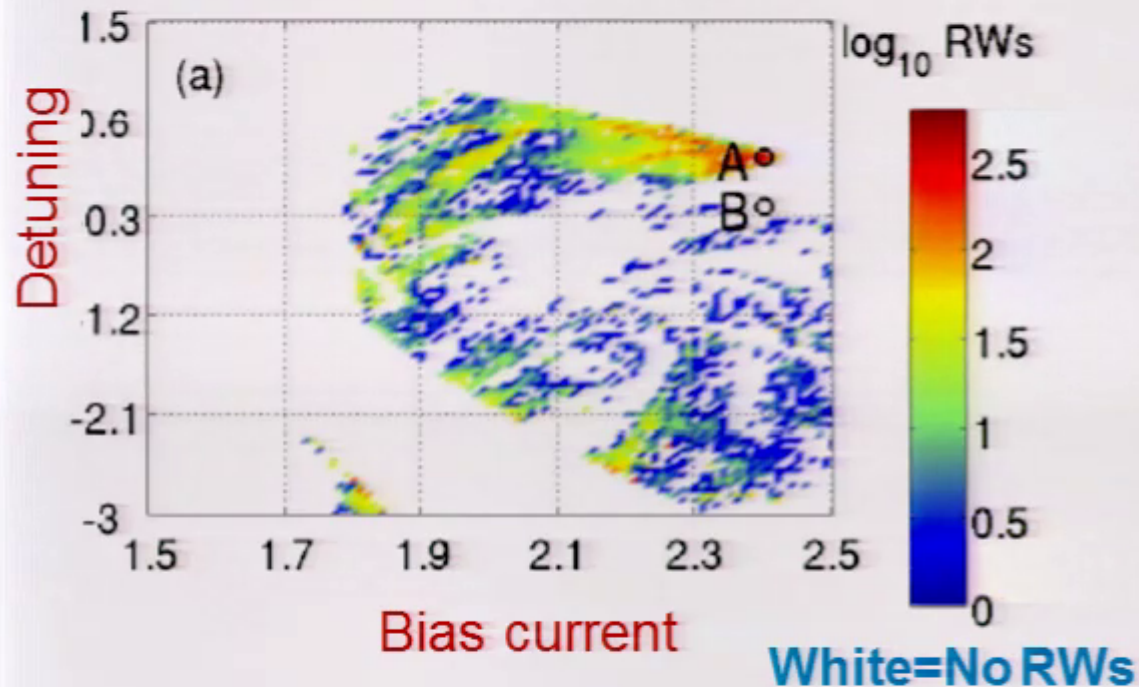
Using a lower threshold





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Number of RWs in noiseless simulations

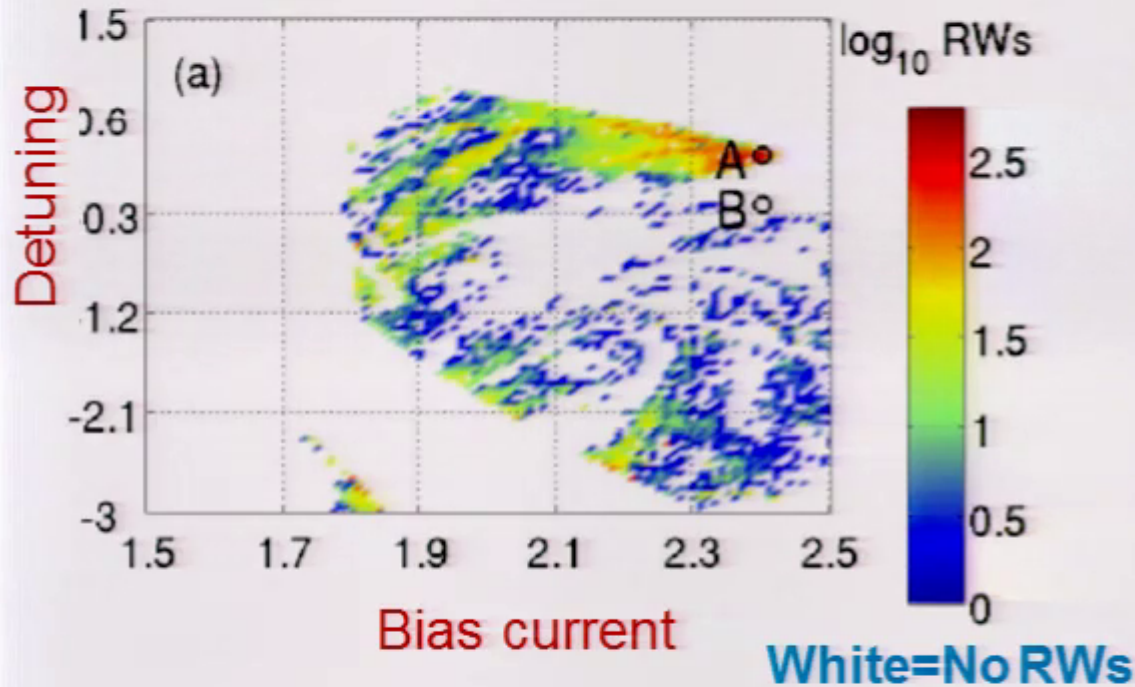


In point A: Deterministic RWs

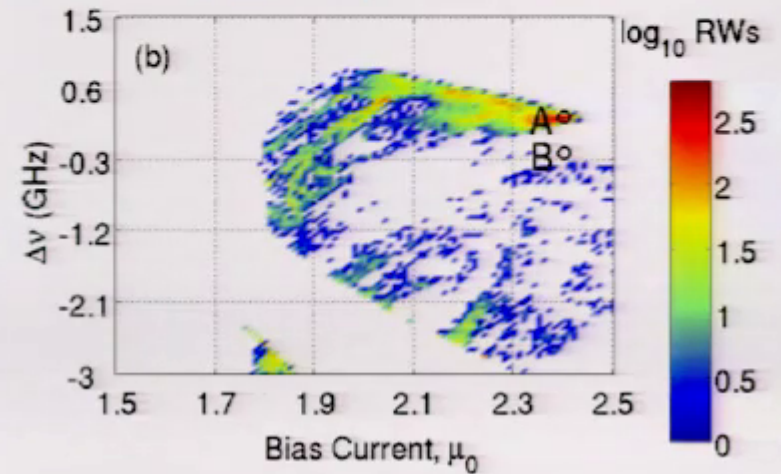
In point B: no RWs

Influence of noise

Number of RWs in noiseless simulations



Weak noise ($\beta_{sp}=0.0001$)

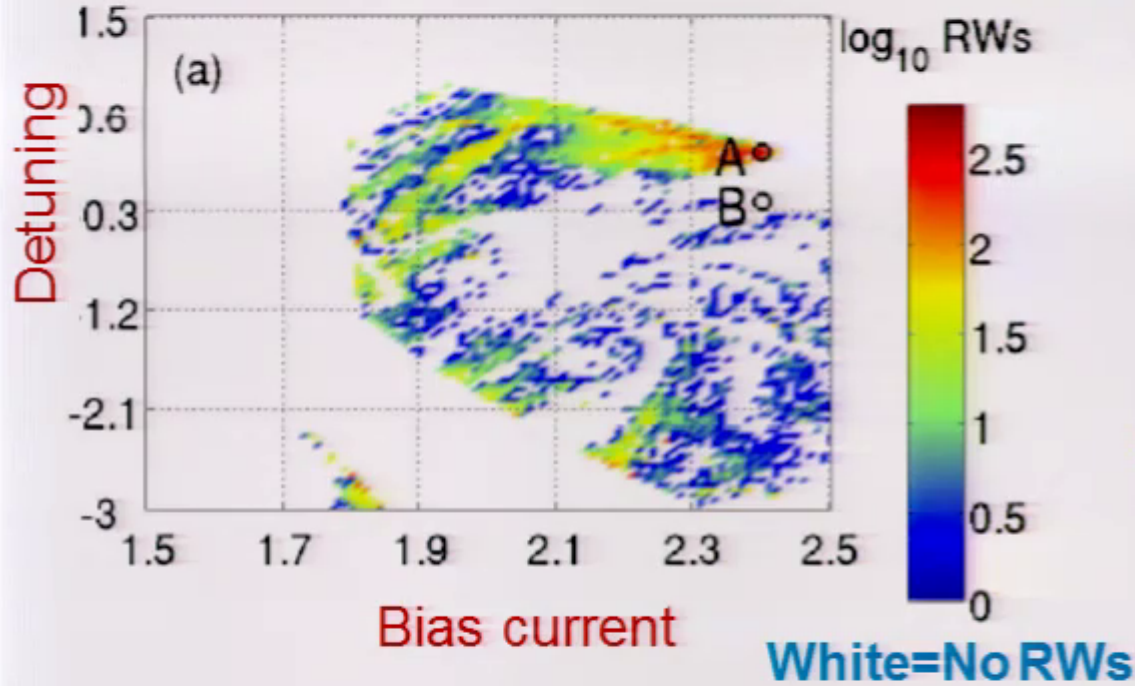


In point A: Deterministic RWs

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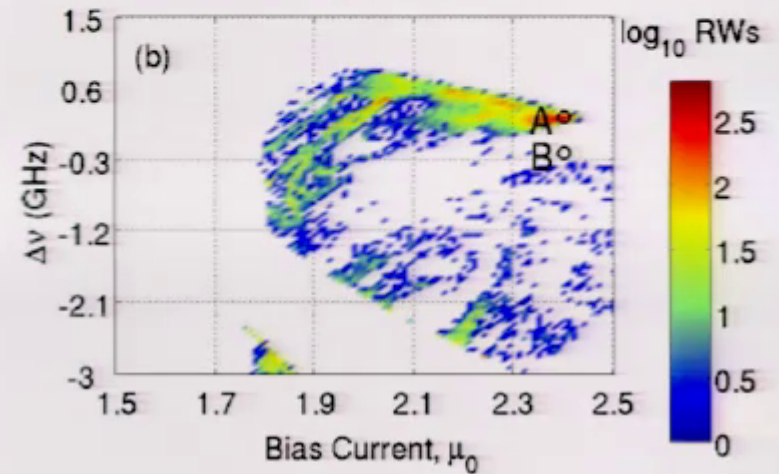
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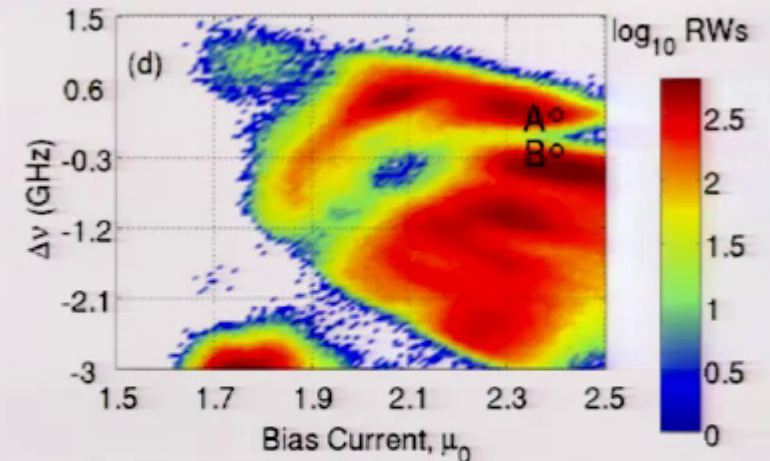
In point A: Deterministic RWs

In point B: no RWs

Weak noise ($\beta_{sp}=0.0001$)



Stronger noise ($\beta_{sp}=0.01$)



Weak noise reduces the number of RWs,
strong noise increases it



Influence of current modulation when RWs are deterministic

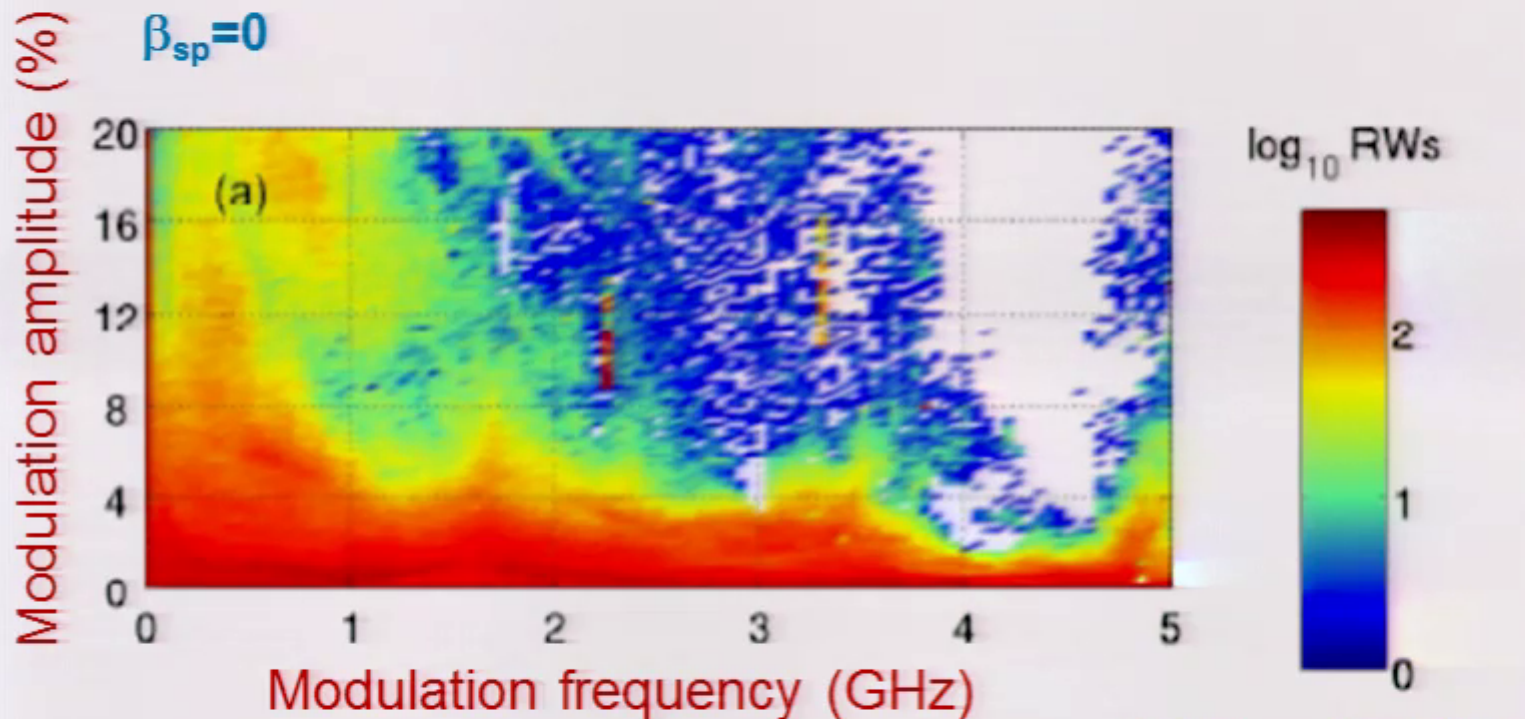
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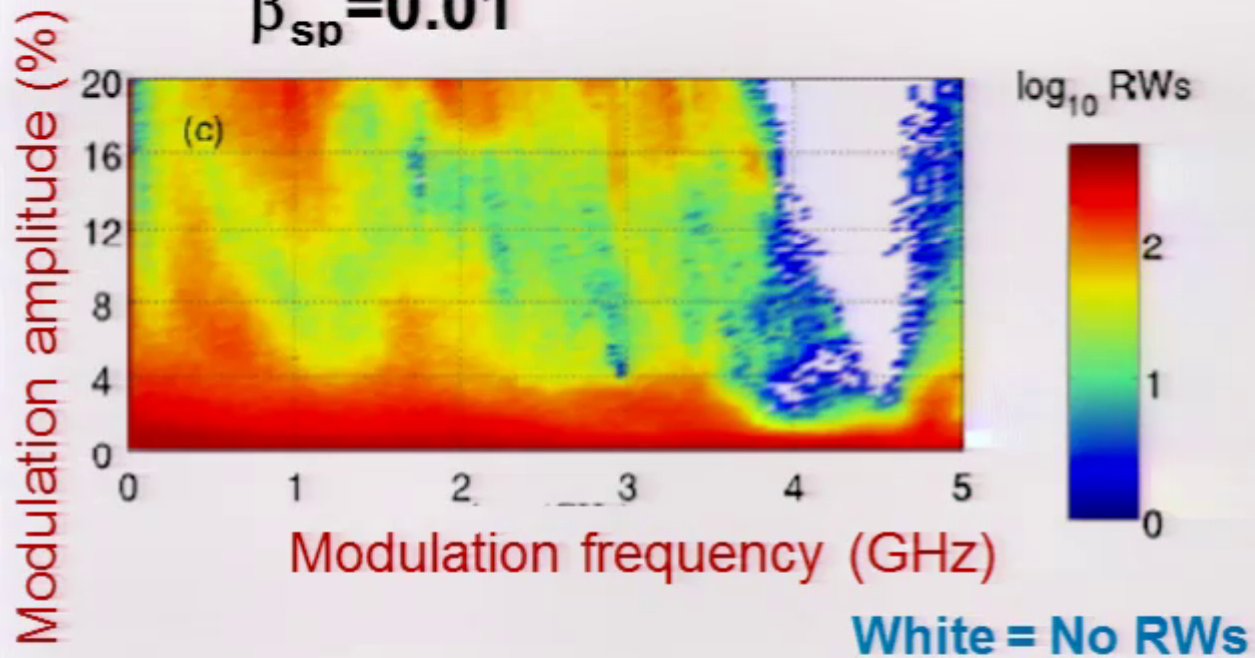
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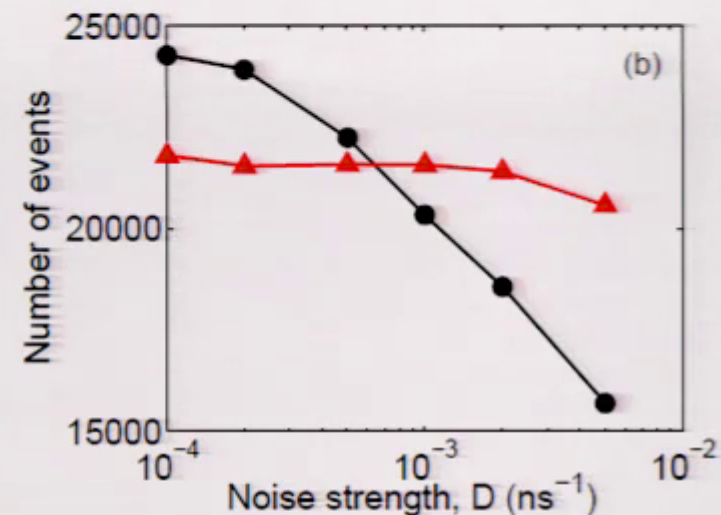
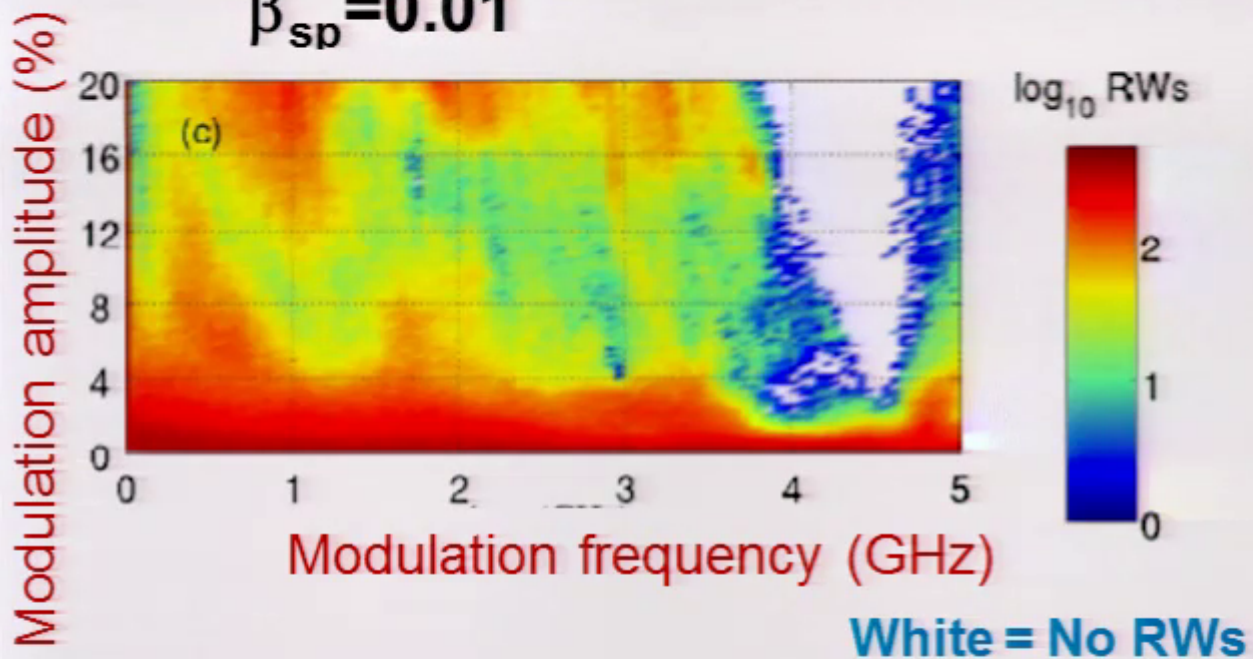
Current modulation with frequency close to the **natural resonance frequency** fully suppresses RWs: there is a “**safe parameter region**” where no RWs occur.

$$\beta_{sp} = 0.01$$



Role of noise

$$\beta_{sp} = 0.01$$

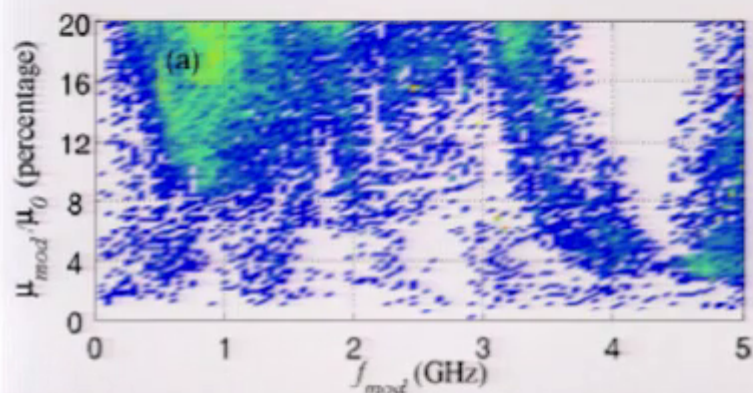


The “safe region” is robust to noise.

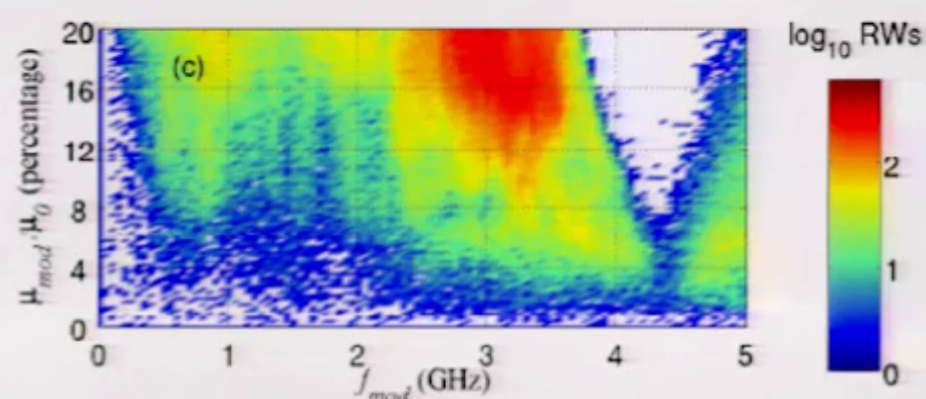
- Without modulation: noise reduces the number of RWs
- With modulation: noise does not affect the RW number

Influence of current modulation when there are no deterministic RWs (Point B)

$$\beta_{sp}=0$$



$$\beta_{sp}=0.01$$

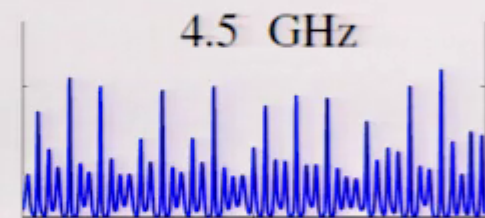
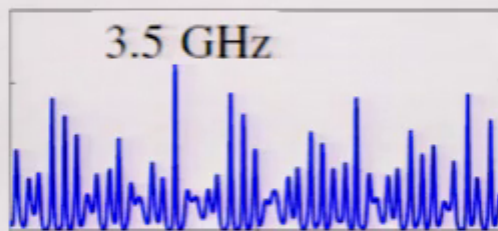
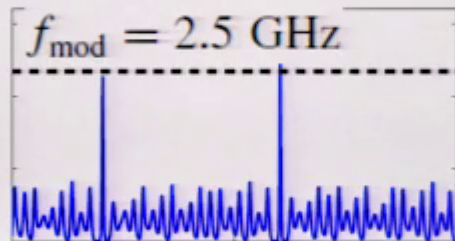


White = No RWs

Current modulation can induce RWs but the “safe region” remains and is robust to noise.

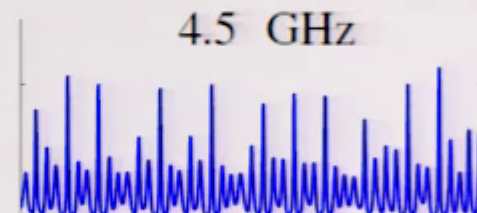
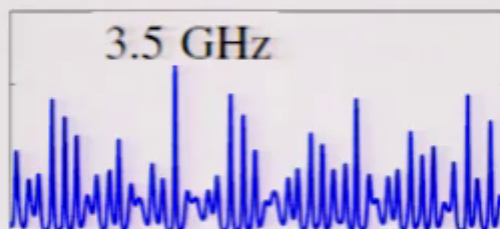
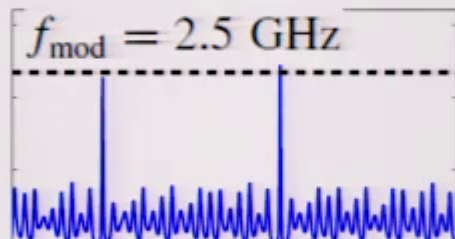


Why RWs are suppressed?



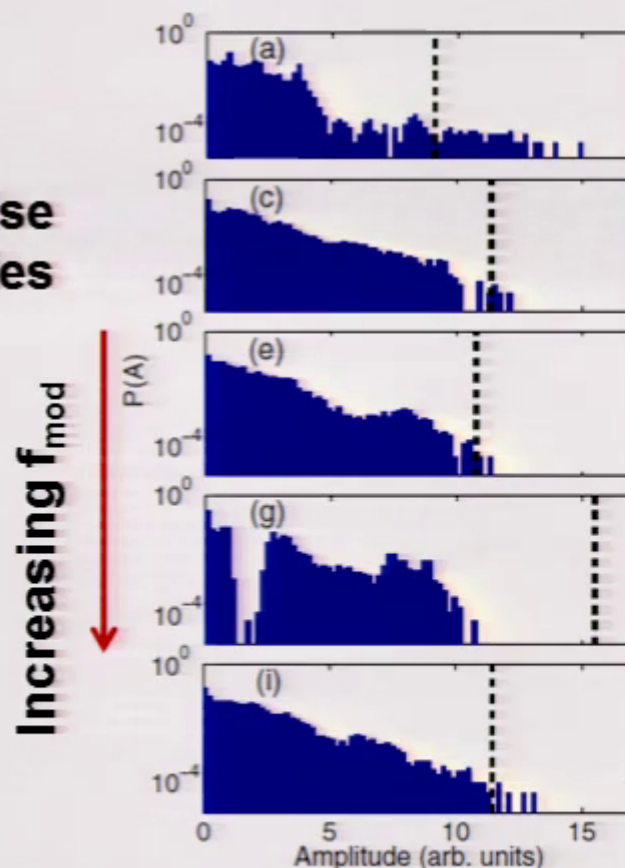
High pulses become regular, therefore, they are not RWs.

Why RWs are suppressed?



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Distribution of pulse amplitudes



Threshold = $\langle A \rangle + 6 \sigma$

← RW threshold increases.



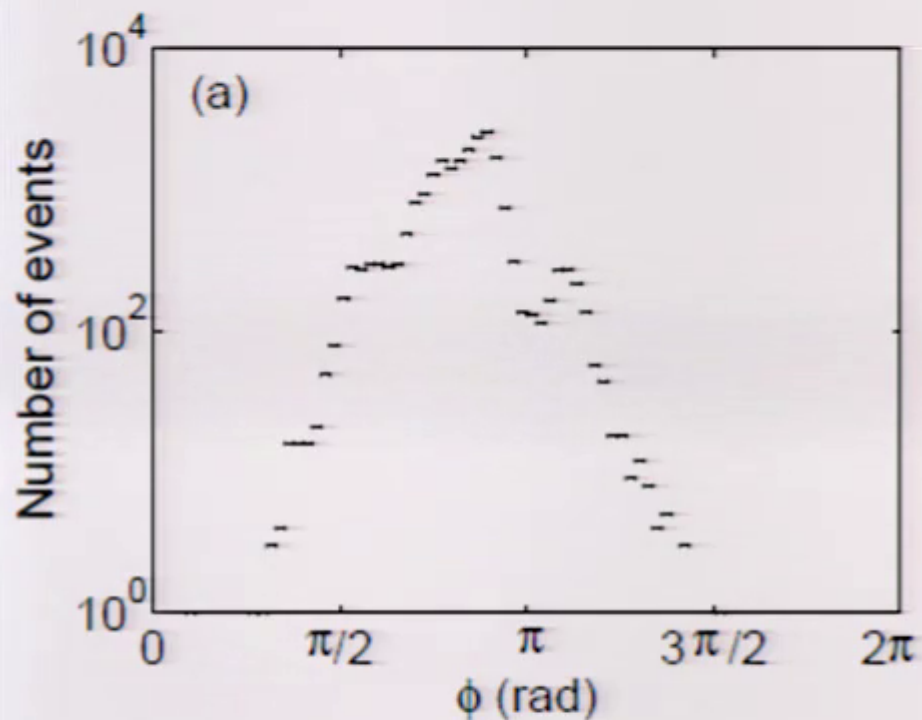
Analogy: avalanche risk

- Modulation suppressed extreme pulses:

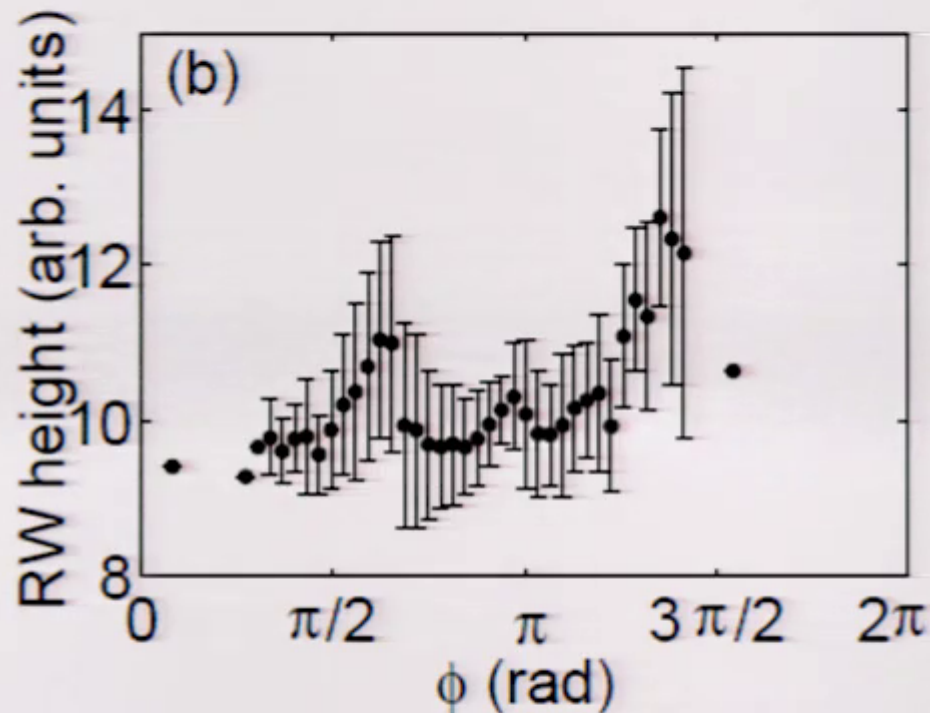
We can think of controlled avalanches in a snow-covered mountain that reduce the accumulated snow that could feed a large and dangerous avalanche.



Outside the “safe parameter region”: role of the **modulation phase**



“**safe phase window**”
where no RWs occur.

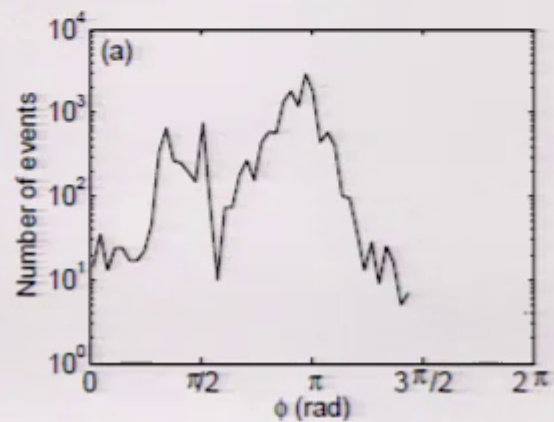


highest (most extreme) RWs
occur before “safe phase
window”.

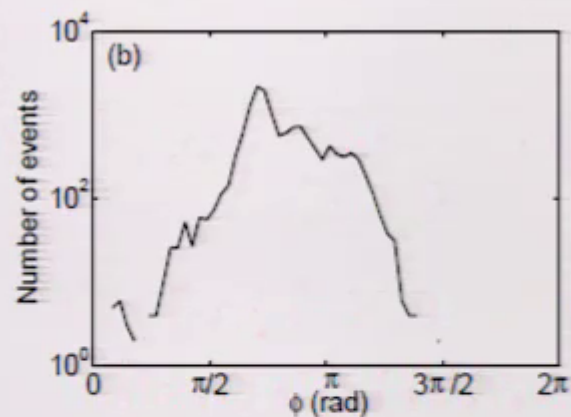
Influence of the modulation frequency

Slow modulation

2 GHz



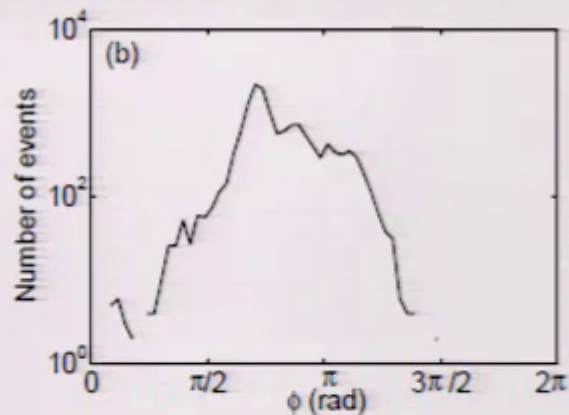
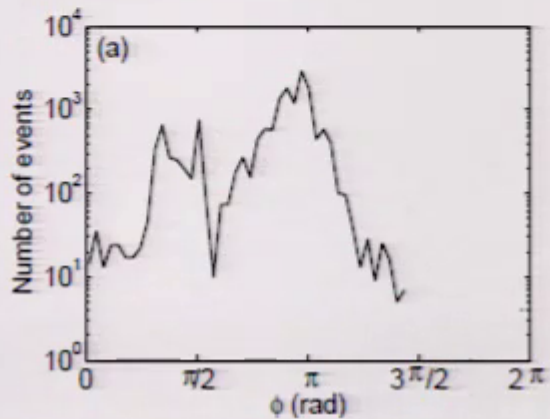
3 GHz



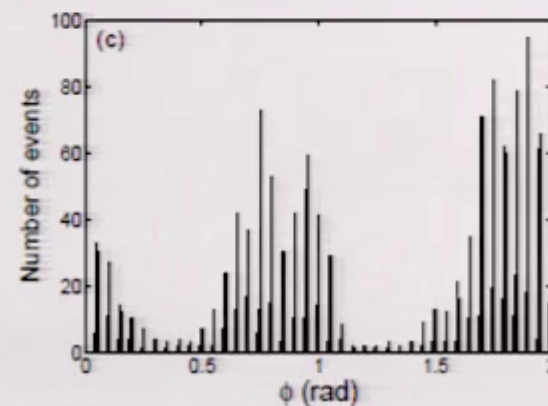
“safe” phase window
remains

Influence of the modulation frequency

Slow modulation



Faster modulation



5 GHz

“safe” phase window
remains



What we have learned

- In our system RWs can be **deterministic**, generated by a crisis-like process.
- RWs can be **predicted** with a certain anticipation time.
- RWs can be **controlled** by noise and/or modulation.