

Technical Tools: Dynamical Mean Field Theory  
and Chaos in Generalized Lotka Volterra Equations

In this lecture, we will ask what happens beyond the region where we have Replica Symmetry Breaking (RSB)

Recall, last time we analyzed the fixed points of Generalized Lotka Volterra

$$\dot{n}_i = \frac{r_i n_i}{K_i} (K_i - n_i - \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{ij} n_j) + r_i \underbrace{\lambda}_{\min}$$

We actually rescale... T

$$N_i \geq \frac{n_i}{K_i} \quad \alpha_{ij} \xrightarrow{K_i} \tilde{\alpha}_{ij}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n_0^{\min}}{K_i} \quad (\text{assume to be small and same for all species})$$

Get..  $t \rightarrow rt$   
(taking  $r_i$  and  $K_i$  to be same for all species)

$$\dot{N}_i = N_i (1 - N_i - \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{ij} N_j) + \lambda$$

This model has some amazing phenomenology...

~~Beyond~~ As before we study this model for Random  $\alpha_{ij}$ .

but for the <sup>special</sup> case where the entries are uncorrelated

$$\langle \alpha_{ik} \alpha_{kj} \rangle - \langle \alpha_{ik} \rangle \langle \alpha_{kj} \rangle = \sigma^2 \left[ \underbrace{\delta_{ik} \delta_{kj}}_S + p \underbrace{\delta_{ij} \delta_{jk}}_{\phi S} \right]$$

$$\langle \alpha_{ij} \rangle = \frac{\mu}{S}$$

Take  $p=0$

For analysis today will need to add small "immigration rate"  
 $\Rightarrow$  Had it last time too when we said  $N_0 = \max \left[ 0, \frac{r_i^{\text{eff}}}{1-p_0^2} \right]$

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Basic phenomenology is same when  $p \neq 0$  but as we will see this allows us to write a DMFT for this model.

So what is basic phenomenology ...

Recall we derived the R.S. breaking criteria last lecture

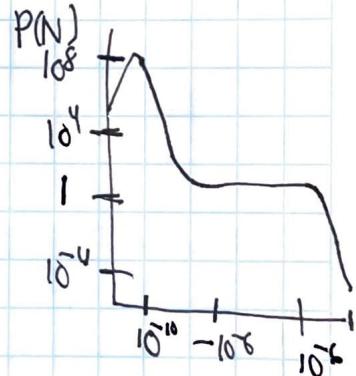
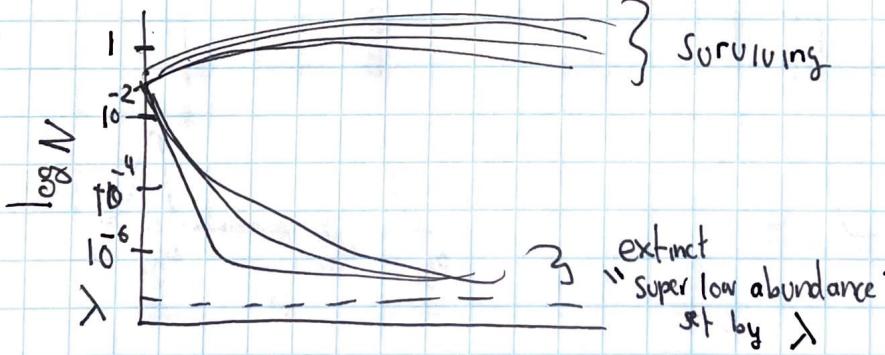
$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \frac{(1+p)}{\sqrt{2}} \xrightarrow{p=0} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Or exactly when the  $\text{Var}(\alpha) = \frac{\sigma^2}{S}$

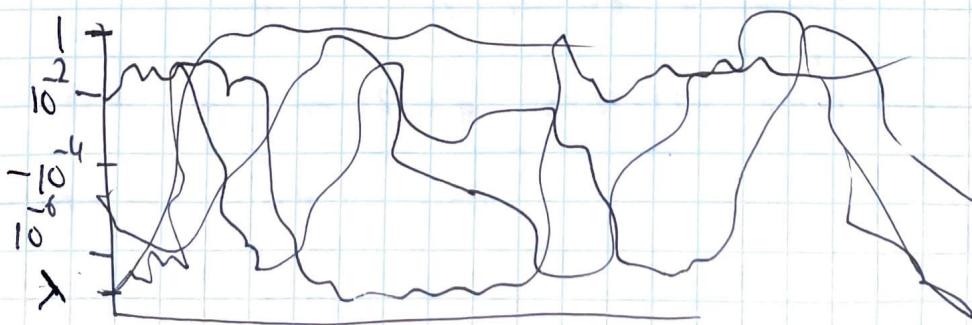
$(S \text{Var}(\alpha) < \sqrt{2})$  This is precisely May Criteria for Stability

So we see that number of surviving species  $S^*$  have  $S^*$  less than May bound

R.S.



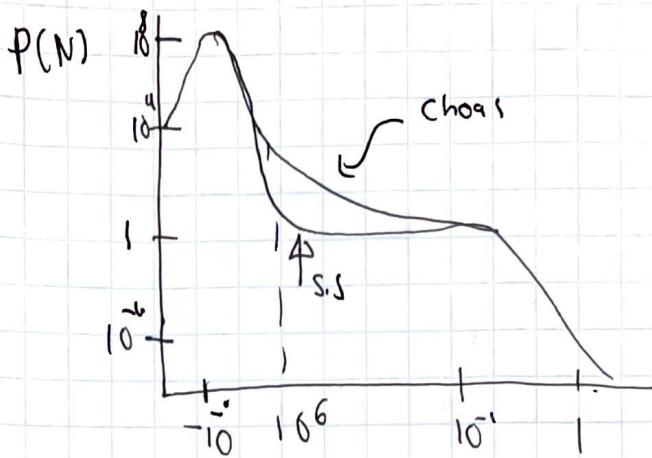
Beyond RS Transition Chaos with "boom + bust"



(low abundance boom to high abundance and then go back down)

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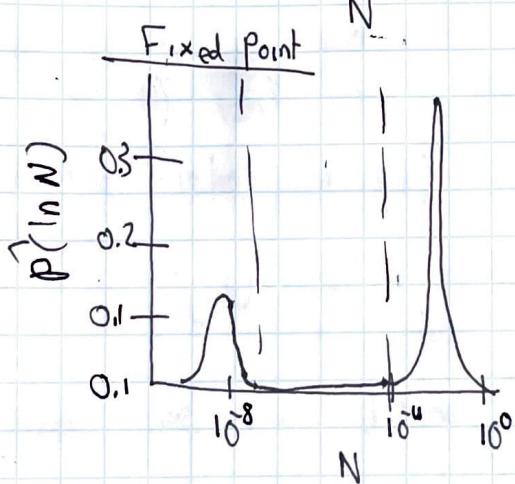
In this chaotic phase  $P(N)$  actually looks surprisingly just like steady-state



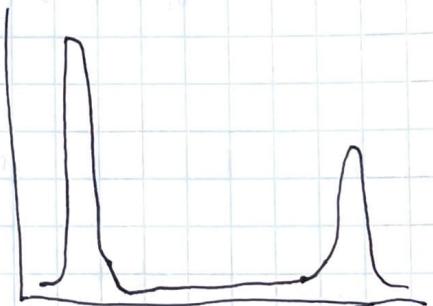
Actually useful to define probability density for  $\log N$

$$\hat{P}(\log N) \propto d(\log N) = P(N) dN$$

$$-\frac{\hat{P}(\log N)}{N} = P(N)$$



Chaos / RSB



Both are peaked... suggests that

$\ln N$  is natural variable..

How can we possibly describe such complicated  
chaotic dynamics?

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The basic idea of DMFT is to do a "dynamic" version of the cavity...

Let us introduce a new species  $N_0$  and ask how the dynamics of remaining system changes...

Again, we can do this perturbatively.

Introduce new species  $N_0$

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = N_i \left( r_i - \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{ij} N_j - \alpha_{i0} N_0 \right) + \lambda$$

(we have introduced  $r_i$ , which we will set all to zero.)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_0}{dt} &= N_0 \left( r_0 - \sum_j \alpha_{0j} N_j \right) + \lambda \\ &= N_0 (r_0 - N_0 - m(t)) + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

As before we can view  $\delta\omega N_0(t)$  as a small perturbation of  $N_0(t)$  but now viewed as a time-dependent perturbation on the field  $r_i(t)$

$$r_i(t) \rightarrow r_i(t) + \delta r_i(t) \Rightarrow \delta r_i(t) = -\delta\omega N(t)$$

Now we can define two-time susceptibility matrix

$$\left[ \mathcal{V}_{jk}(t, t') = \frac{\delta N_j(t)}{\delta r_k(t')} \right] \text{ Clearly}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{jk}(t, t') = 0 \quad \text{if } t < t'$$

For  $t > t'$ , we assume that this is a "Gaussian Process"  $\Rightarrow$  Essentially two-time functions can be described as one big Gaussian.

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From this we see that as before we can write

$$N_j(t) = N_{j,0}(t) - \sum_k \int dt' V_{jk}(t,t') \alpha_{kj} N_k(t')$$

Substituting this in original equation we have that

$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = N_0 (1 - N_0 - \sum_j \alpha_{0j} N_{j,0}(t) + \sum_{jk} \alpha_{0j} \alpha_{kj} \int dt' V_{jk}(t,t') N_k(t') N_j(t))$$

Now as before we will average. Since this is a double sum..

~~$\int dt^2 S_{jk}(\tau) V_{jk}(t,t') N_k(t') N_j(t)$~~

In general very complicated. If

$$\langle \alpha_{0j} \alpha_{kj} \rangle = p \frac{1}{S} \delta_{jk}$$

( $p$  is correlation  
 $p=1$  Symmetric  
 $p=-1$  Anti-symmetric  
 $p=0$  Uncorrelated)

$$p \frac{1}{S} \sum_j \int dt' V_{jj}(t,t') N_j(t) N_j(t')$$

However, for  $p=0$ ... This TAP correction disappears and we can say something... )

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In particular, in this case the equations become

$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = N_0(1 - N_0 - m(t) - \sum_j a_{0j} N_{j,0})$$

$\delta r_0(t)$

But we know that

$$\langle \delta r_0(t) \rangle = \sum_j \langle a_{0j} \rangle N_{j,0} = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta r_0(t) \delta r_0(t') \rangle &= \sum_{jk} \langle a_{0j} a_{0k} \rangle N_{j,0}(t) N_{k,0}(t') \\ &= \sigma^2 \langle N_{j,0}(t) N_{j,0}(t') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Where we have defined the empirical expectation value

$$\langle N_{j,0}(t) N_{j,0}(t') \rangle = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{j=1}^S N_{j,0}(t) N_{j,0}(t')$$

Thus, ~~we~~ we are almost there, we can now invoke self averaging to get..

$$(A) \quad \langle N_{j,0}(t) N_{j,0}(t') \rangle = \langle N_0(t) N_0(t') \rangle$$

$$(B) \quad m(t) = \langle N_0(t) \rangle$$

To get a self-consistency equation, (now dropping zero subscript)

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N(t) [1 - N(t) - \mu m(t) + \sigma \xi(t)] + \lambda$$

where  $m(t) = \langle N(t) \rangle$  and  $\langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = \langle N(t) N(t') \rangle$

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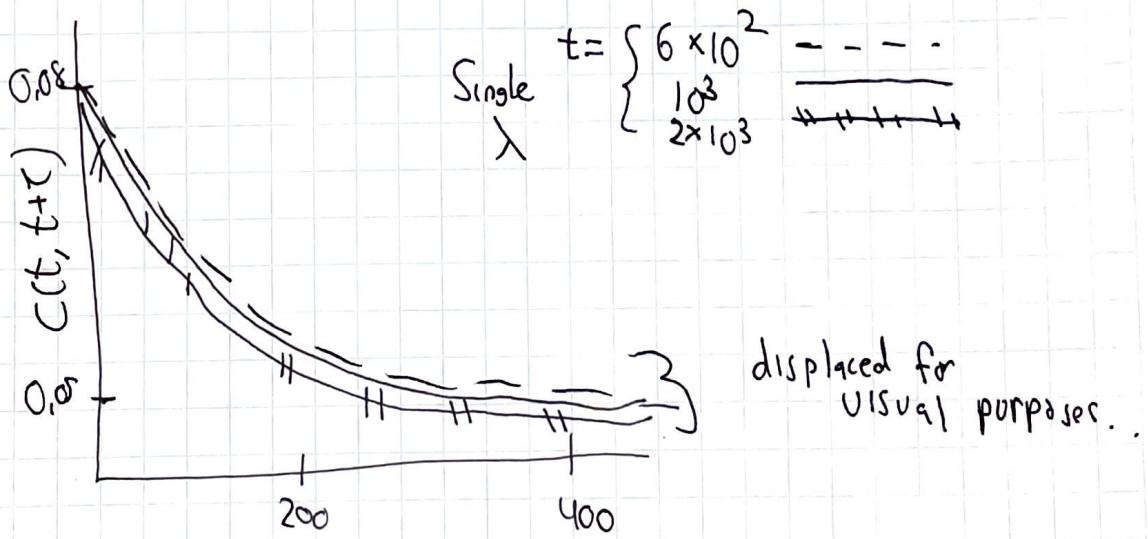
$\xi(t)$  is a Gaussian process. ~

(In other words it is defined by the first two moments  $\langle \xi(t) \rangle$   $\langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle \dots$ )

So how do we proceed? We need some ansatz for the correlation function

$$\langle N(t) N(t') \rangle \equiv C(t, t')$$

From numerics, we see that after sufficiently long time scale, the correlations no longer grow with  $t$

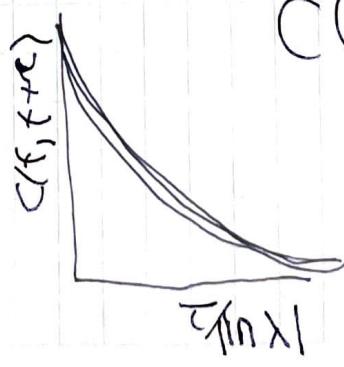
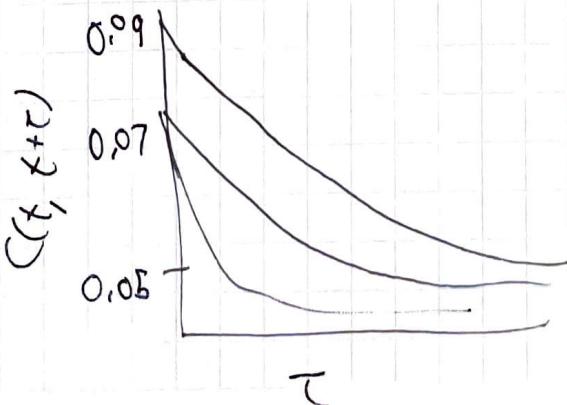


This implies

$$C(t, t') \approx C(t - t') \text{ for } t \text{ long enough...}$$

~~at short times~~

Actually key observation, is that for different  $\lambda$ , the



$$C(t, t+\tau) \text{ collapses if } \tau \rightarrow \frac{\tau}{\ln \lambda}$$

What is  $|\ln \lambda|$   $\Rightarrow$  time it takes species starting out at  $N^{\min}$  to reach  $O(1)$  abundance... (8)

So we have  $C_\lambda(t, t + |\ln \lambda| s) \rightarrow \hat{C}(s) \dots$

The second general observation is that we should work in rescaled abundance...

recall, that the plots are all most natural in terms of the ~~rescaled~~ quantity  $\ln N \dots$ . This motivates us to define

$$z = \frac{\ln N_c}{\ln \lambda} \quad (\text{in non-rescaled variables this is just } \ln \frac{N_c}{\ln \frac{N_c}{N^{\min}}})$$

$$s = \frac{t}{|\ln \lambda|}$$

Very strange but understandable...  
Log ratio of min and actual abundance.,

In terms of these rescaled variables we have that we can rewrite our DMFT as

$$\frac{1}{N(t)} \frac{dN}{dt} = \underbrace{[1 - m(t) + \sigma g(t)]}_{\cancel{1 - N(t)}} + \frac{\lambda}{N(t)} \cancel{\frac{\lambda}{N(t)}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(effective growth rate at low abundances)} \\ \cancel{\text{self interaction}} \end{matrix}$$

$$z'(s) = g(s) + \exp\{-|\ln \lambda|(z(s) + 1)\} - \exp\{|\ln \lambda|z(s)\}$$

as we take  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(\ln \lambda)(z+1)}{e^{|\ln \lambda|(z+1)}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > -1 \\ +\infty & \text{if } z < -1 \end{cases}$$

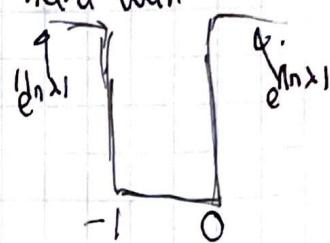
$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} e^{|\ln \lambda|z} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ +\infty & \text{if } z > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(s) \approx N(s)$$

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So we see that as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ , this becomes a hard wall and we can see

$$z'(s) = g(s) + \underbrace{W(z-1) - W(z)}_{\text{random walker}}$$



where  $W(z) = \begin{cases} \infty & z > 0 \\ 0 & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$

We further know that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g(s)g(s') \rangle &= \langle g(s') \rangle \langle g(s) \rangle = \sigma^2 \langle N(s)N(s') \rangle \\ &= \sigma^2 \underbrace{C(s-s')}_{\text{Translationally invariant.}} \end{aligned}$$

(Want to get self-consistent equation for  $g(s) \Rightarrow$  not  $N(s)$  on right..)

When  $z < 0$ , it is clear  $N(s) = \exp[|\ln \lambda| z(s)] = 0$

But what do we do in limit  $z \rightarrow 0$  and  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$

We need to impose boundary conditions at  $z=0$ ...

Here we know that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } z'(s) \\ \text{does not } = \infty \dots \end{array} \right] \quad z'(s) = 0 \quad \text{when } z=0 \quad (\text{infinite barrier..})$$

So  $g(s) = W(z) \approx N(s) = g(s)$

so that  $N(s) = g(s) \theta(z(s))$  with  $\theta(0) = 1$  ..

Inoperable...

Same as saying high abundance fixed points are in approximate steady-state  $\dot{N} = N(g(s)-N(s)) \approx 0$   $\frac{\partial N}{\partial s} \approx 0$   $\frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \approx N(s)$

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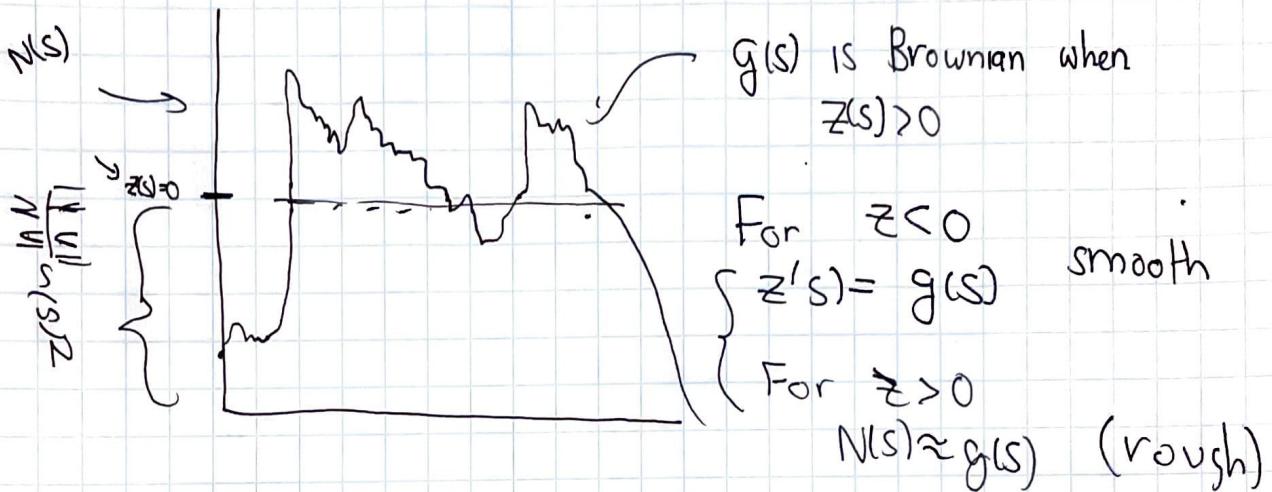
$$\langle g(s) \rangle = 1 - \mu \langle g(s) \theta(z(s)) \rangle$$

$$\langle g(s)g(s') \rangle - \langle g(s) \rangle \langle g(s) \rangle$$

$$= \sigma^2 \langle g(s)g(s') \theta(z(s)) \theta(z(s')) \rangle$$

Self consistency equations for  $g(s)$

So what does this look like... Brownian



$N(t) \approx 0$  for high abundance species... once  
 $z(s) > 0$   
we have rough Brownian motion..

Our approximation is that we have ignored immigration  
Slowly low abundance species rise to high abundance  
destabilize high abundance species (competition)  
and they cause crash..

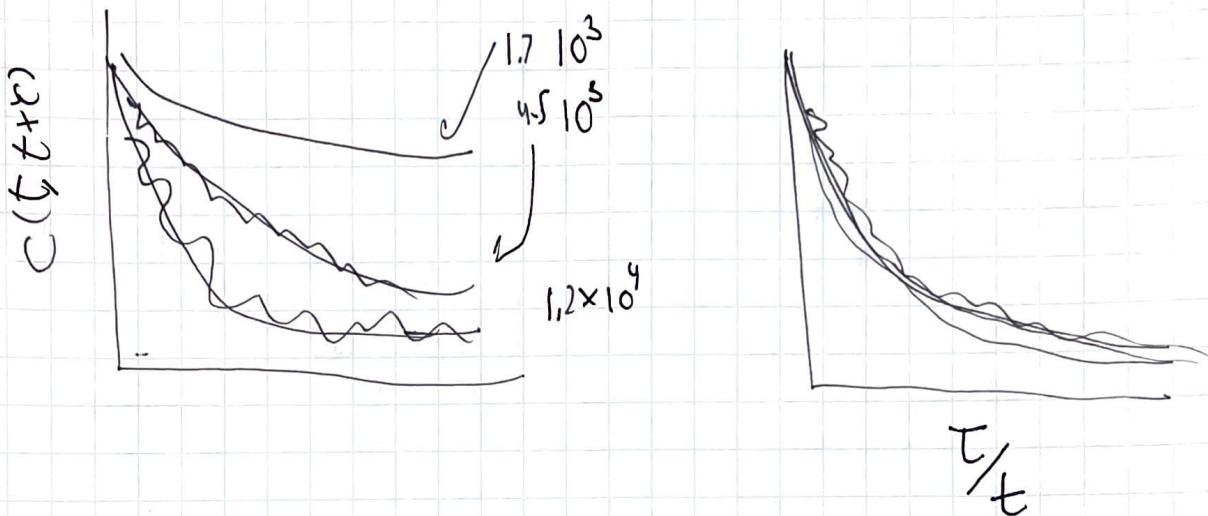
Boom + Bust dynamics..

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Something qualitatively different happens when  
 $\lambda = 0$  (strictly no immigration)

System exhibits aging..

Data collapse



Collapase with  $\frac{\tau}{t}$  ...

$$C_{\lambda=0}(t, t+t') \rightarrow \hat{C}(t')$$

In other words the system exhibits aging

Linear growth of correlation time with age of the system

This is common phenomena in glasses..

So we have seen GLVs are a nice place to learn

⇒ Cavity

⇒ Susceptibility related to resolvent RMT

⇒ RS breaking when solution becomes unstable

⇒ A solvable example of DMFT...