

Conditional propagation of chaos for mean field systems of interacting neurons

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A process λ is the stochastic intensity of Z if :

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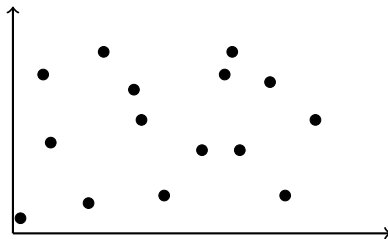
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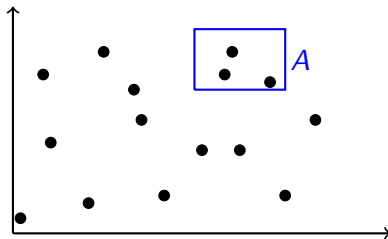


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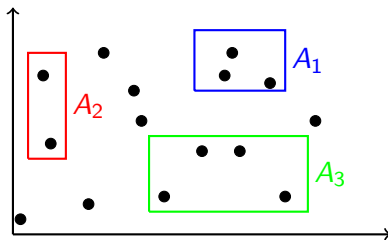


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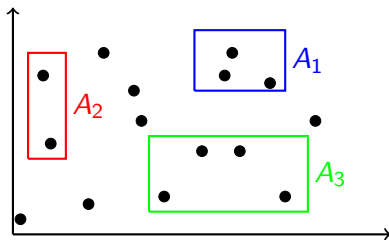


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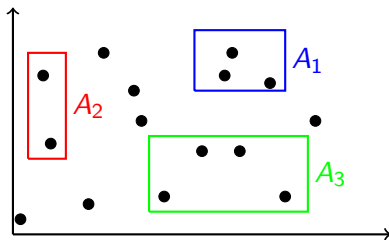
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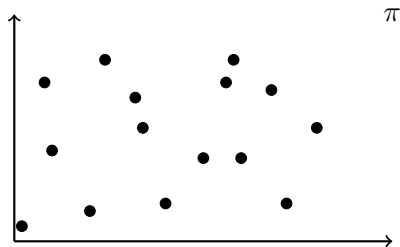


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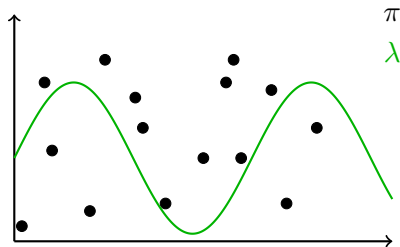
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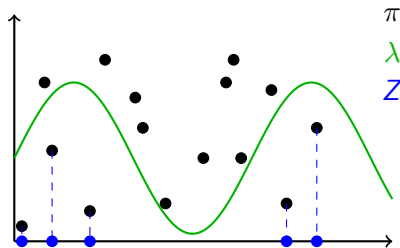


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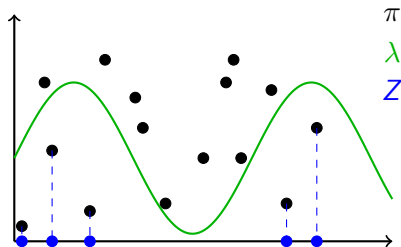
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[De Masi et al. (2015)] and [Fournier & Löcherbach (2016)]

Generalization to McKean-Vlasov frame [Andreis et al. (2018)]

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- $X_t^{N,i} = X_{t-}^{N,i} + \frac{U}{\sqrt{N}}$ if a neuron $j \neq i$ emits a spike at t
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Solution : consider $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ increasing, bounded, lower-bounded, C^2 such that

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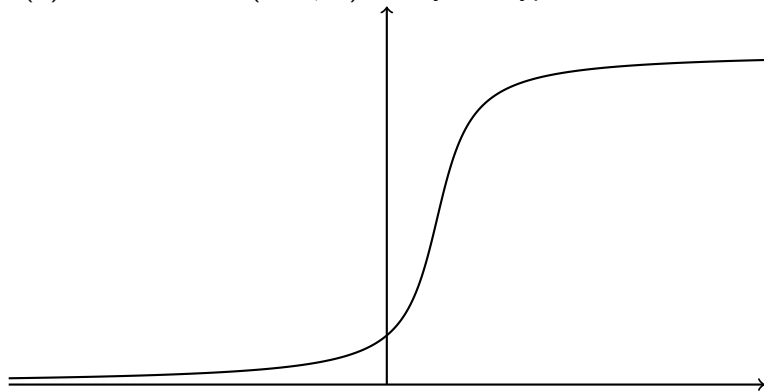
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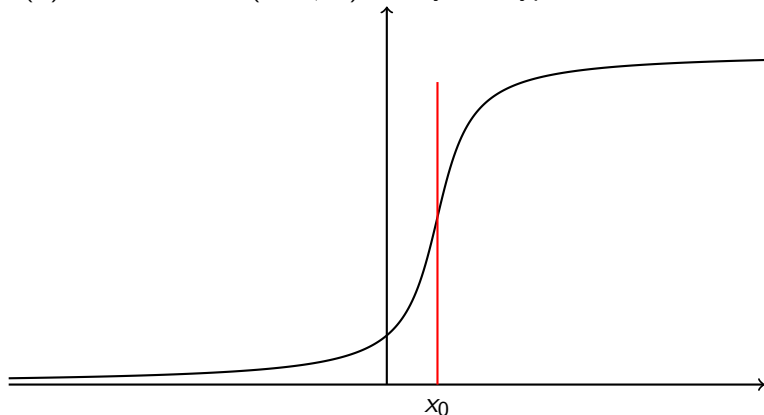
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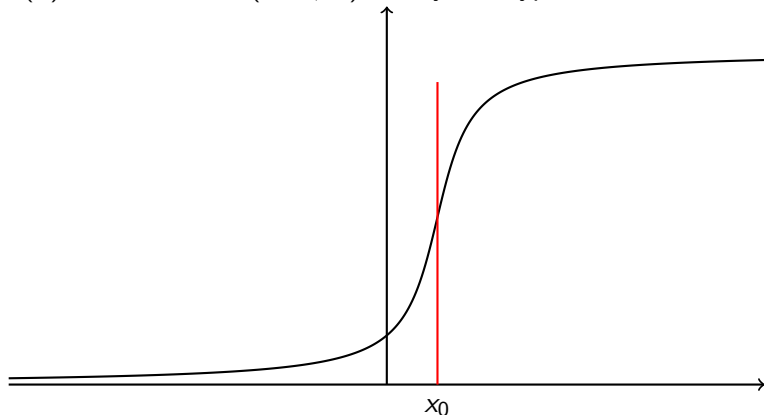
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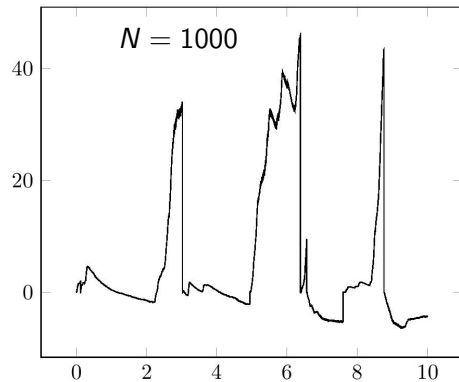
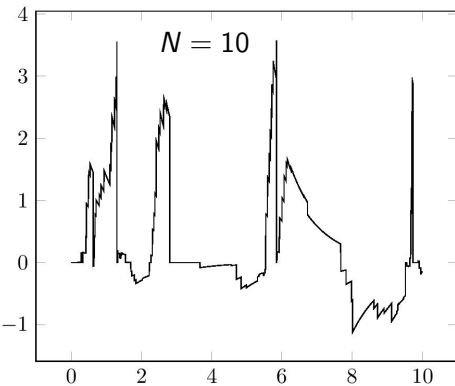
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The expression of $\phi(X^{N,i}, X^{N,j})$

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Thank you for your attention !

Questions ?