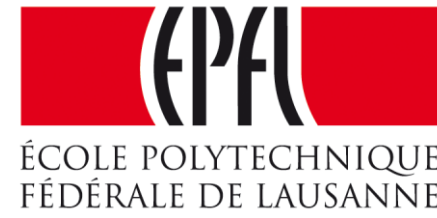


Week 4: Reducing Detail – 2D models-Adding Detail



Biological Modeling of Neural Networks

Week 4

– Reducing detail

- Adding detail

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√ 3.1 From Hodgkin-Huxley to 2D

√ 3.2 Phase Plane Analysis

√ 3.3 Analysis of a 2D Neuron Model

4.1 Type I and II Neuron Models

- limit cycles

- where is the firing threshold?

- separation of time scales

4.2. Adding Detail

- synapses

- dendrites

- cable equation

Neuronal Dynamics – Review from week 3

- Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley to 2 dimension**
 - step 1: separation of time scales
 - step 2: exploit similarities/correlations

Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley model

$$C \frac{du}{dt} = - \overbrace{g_{Na} [m(t)]^3 h(t) (u(t) - E_{Na})}^{I_{Na}} - \overbrace{g_K [n(t)]^4 (u(t) - E_K)}^{I_K} - \overbrace{g_l (u(t) - E_l)}^{I_{leak}} + I(t)$$

$$C \frac{du}{dt} = -g_{Na} m_0(u)^3 (1-w)(u - E_{Na}) - g_K \left[\frac{w}{a}\right]^4 (u - E_K) - g_l (u - E_l) + I(t)$$

1) dynamics of m are fast $\longrightarrow m(t) = m_0(u(t))$

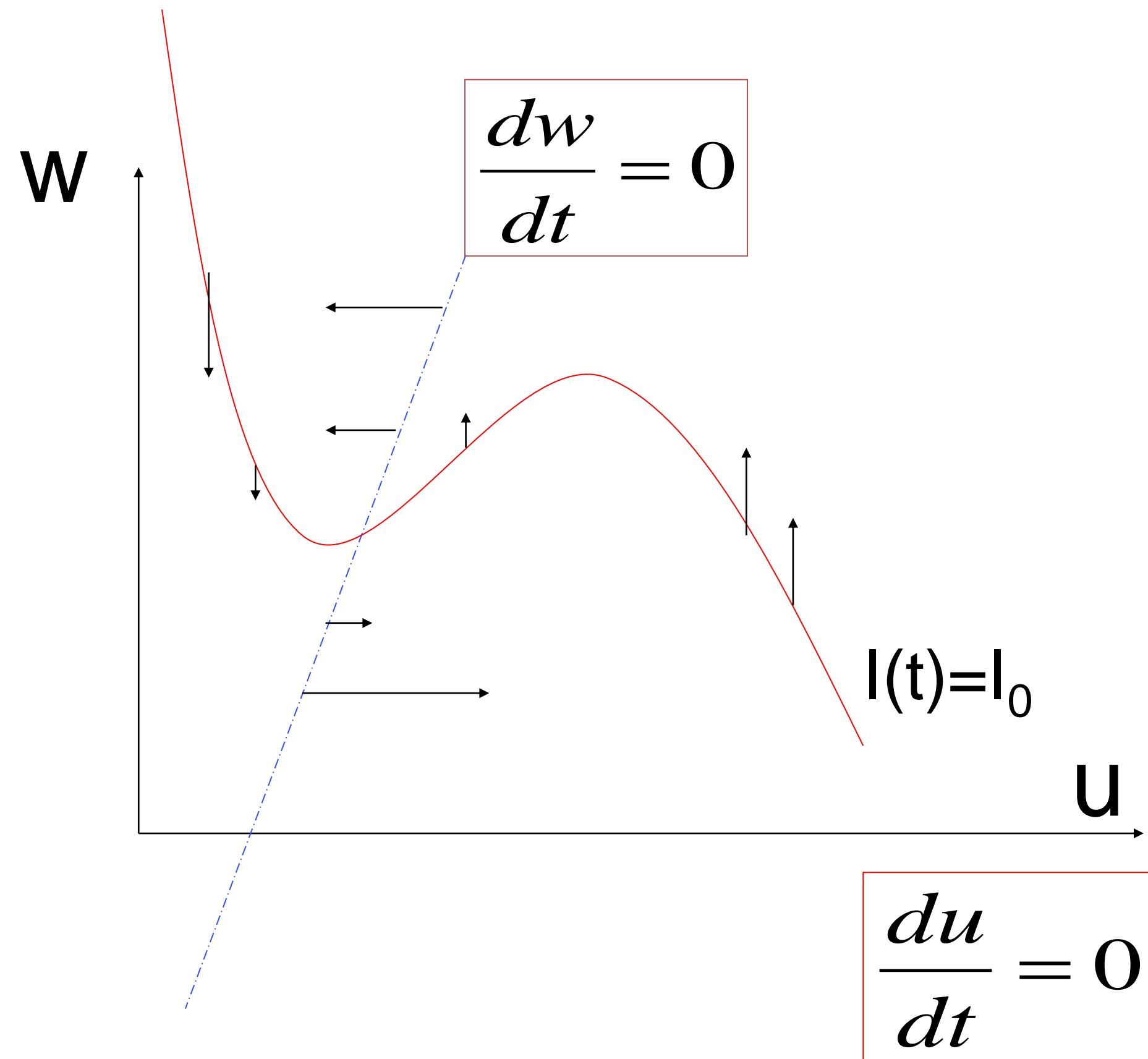
2) dynamics of h and n are similar $\longrightarrow \underbrace{1-h(t)}_{w(t)} = \underbrace{a n(t)}_{w(t)}$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = - \frac{h - h_0(u)}{\tau_h(u)}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = - \frac{n - n_0(u)}{\tau_n(u)}$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{dw}{dt} = - \frac{w - w_0(u)}{\tau_{eff}(u)}$$

Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Analysis of a 2D neuron model



2-dimensional equation
stimulus

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

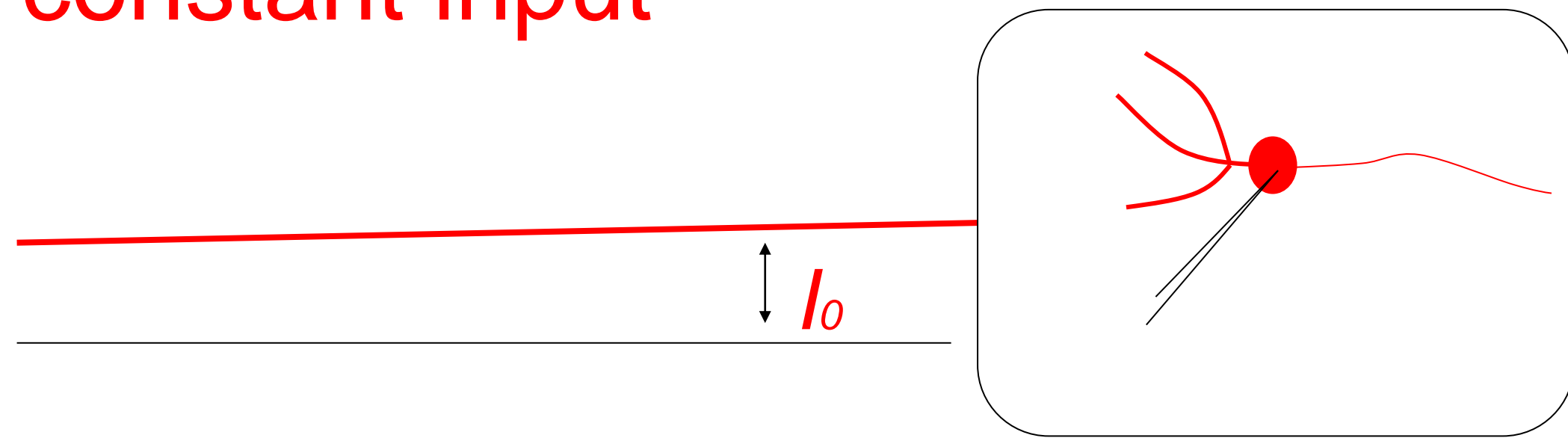
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

Enables graphical analysis!

- Pulse input
 - AP firing (or not)
- Constant input
 - repetitive firing (or not)
 - limit cycle (or not)

Week 4 – part 1: Reducing Detail – 2D models

ramp input/
constant input



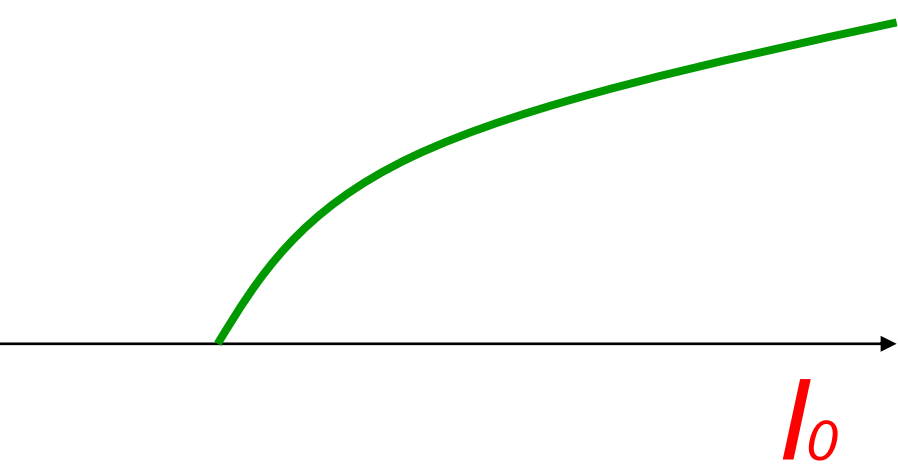
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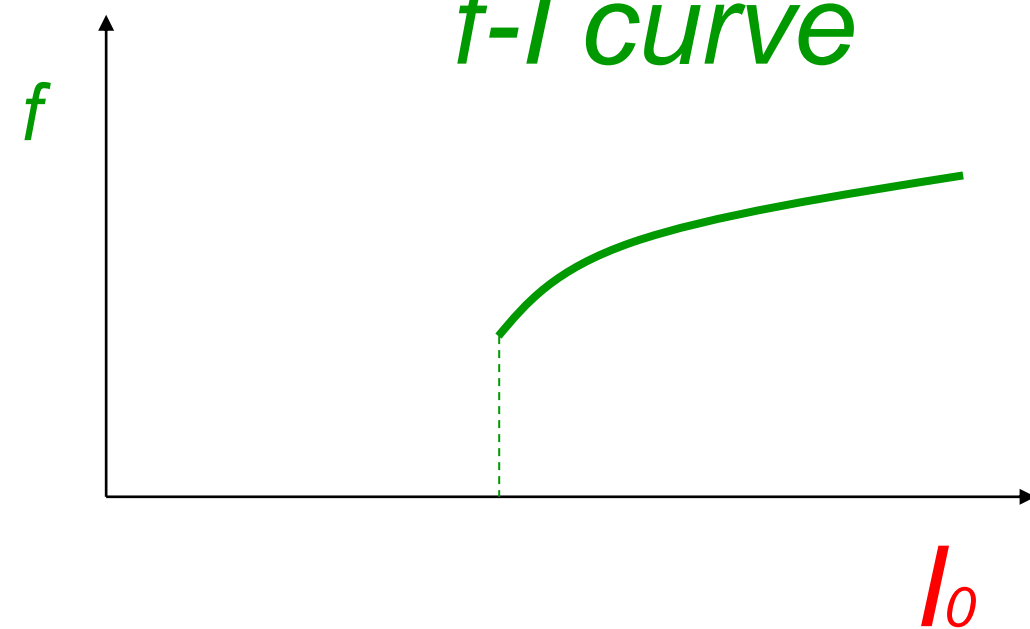
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Type I and type II models

f-I curve



f-I curve



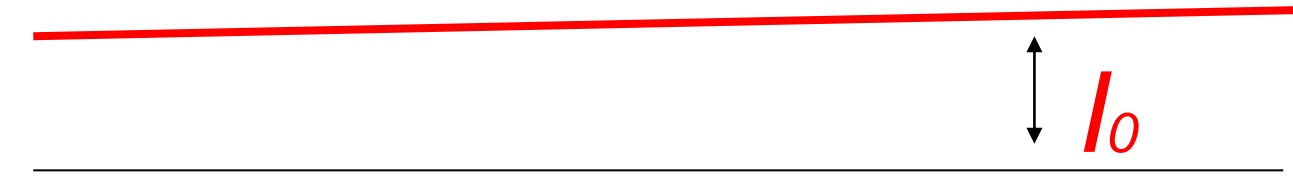
4.1 Type I and II Neuron Models

- limit cycles
- where is the firing threshold?
- separation of time scales

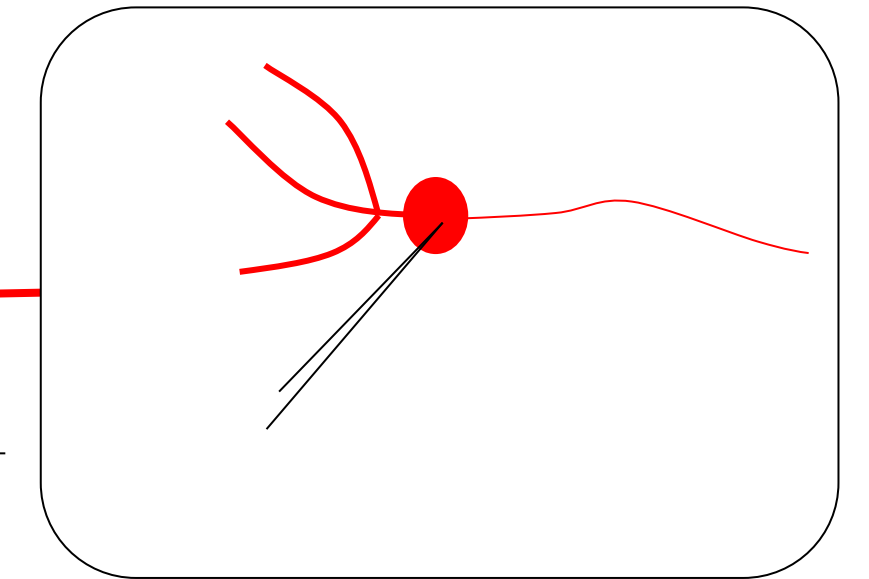
4.2. Dendrites

Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Type I and II Neuron Models

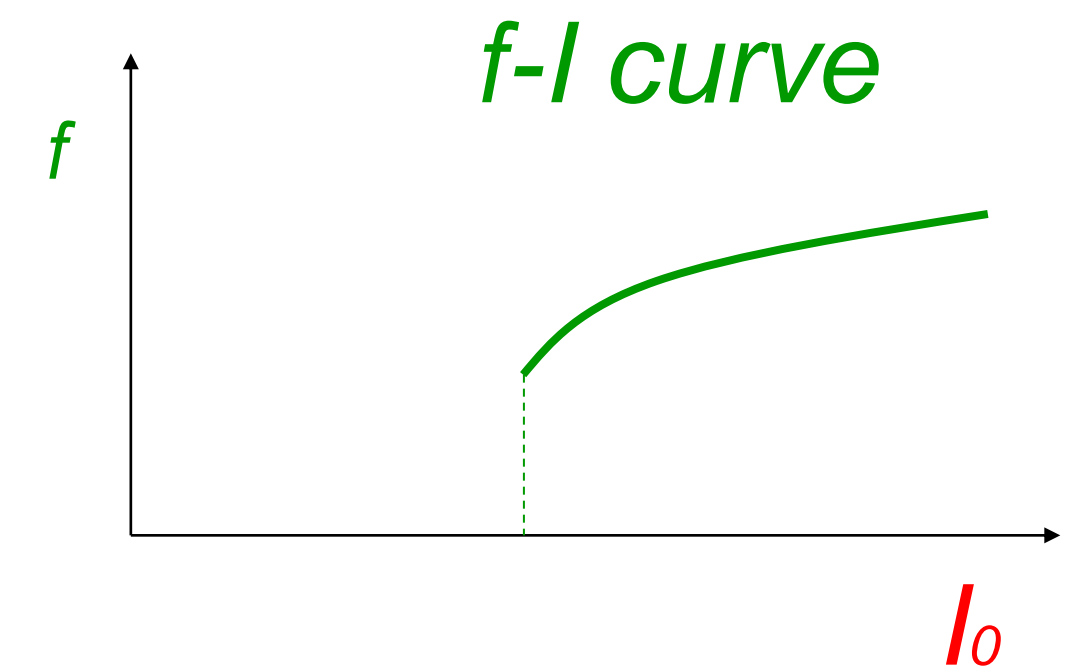
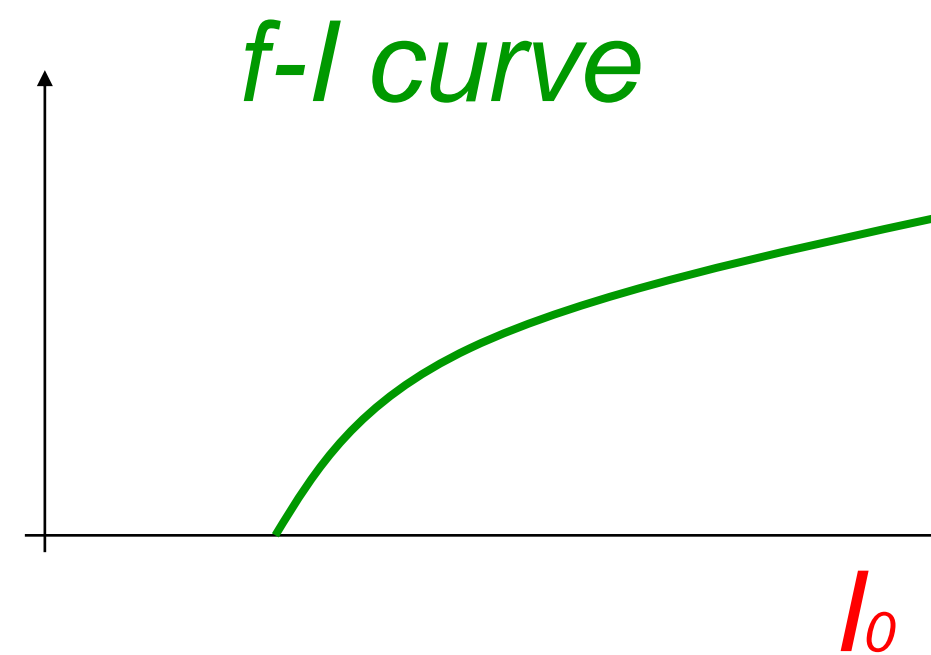
ramp input/
constant input



neuron



Type I and type II models



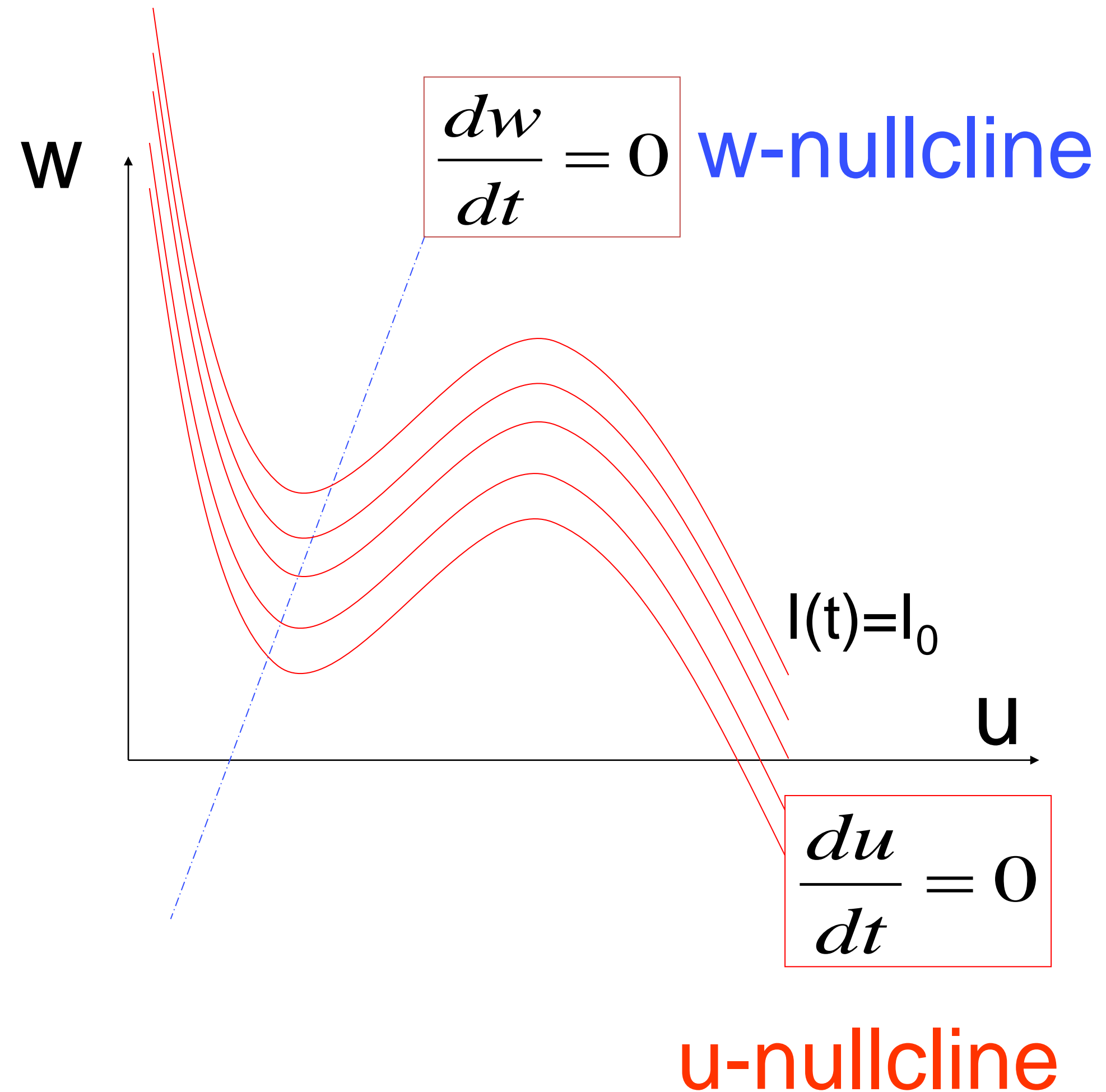
2 dimensional Neuron Models

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

stimulus



apply constant stimulus I_0

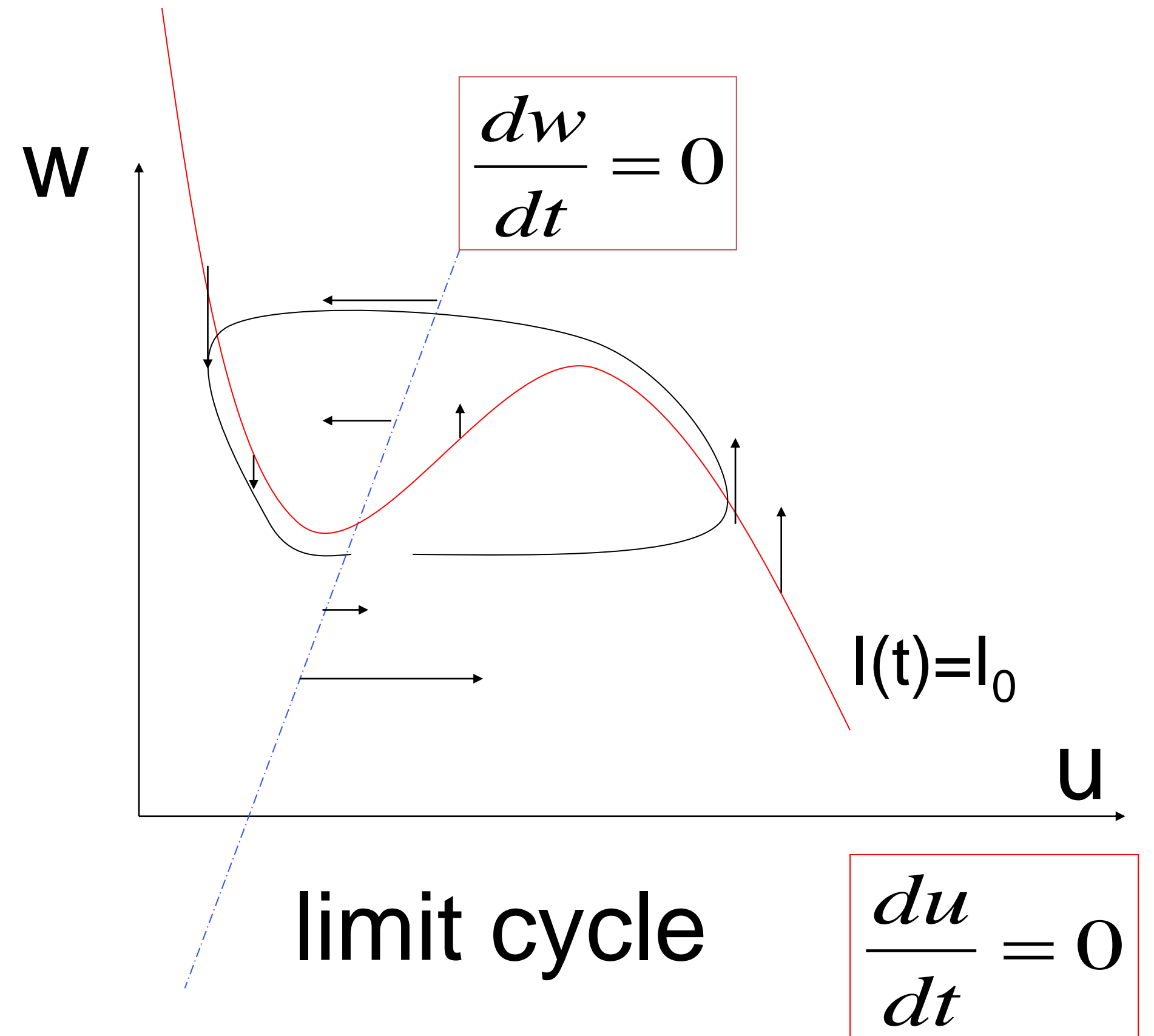


FitzHugh Nagumo Model – limit cycle

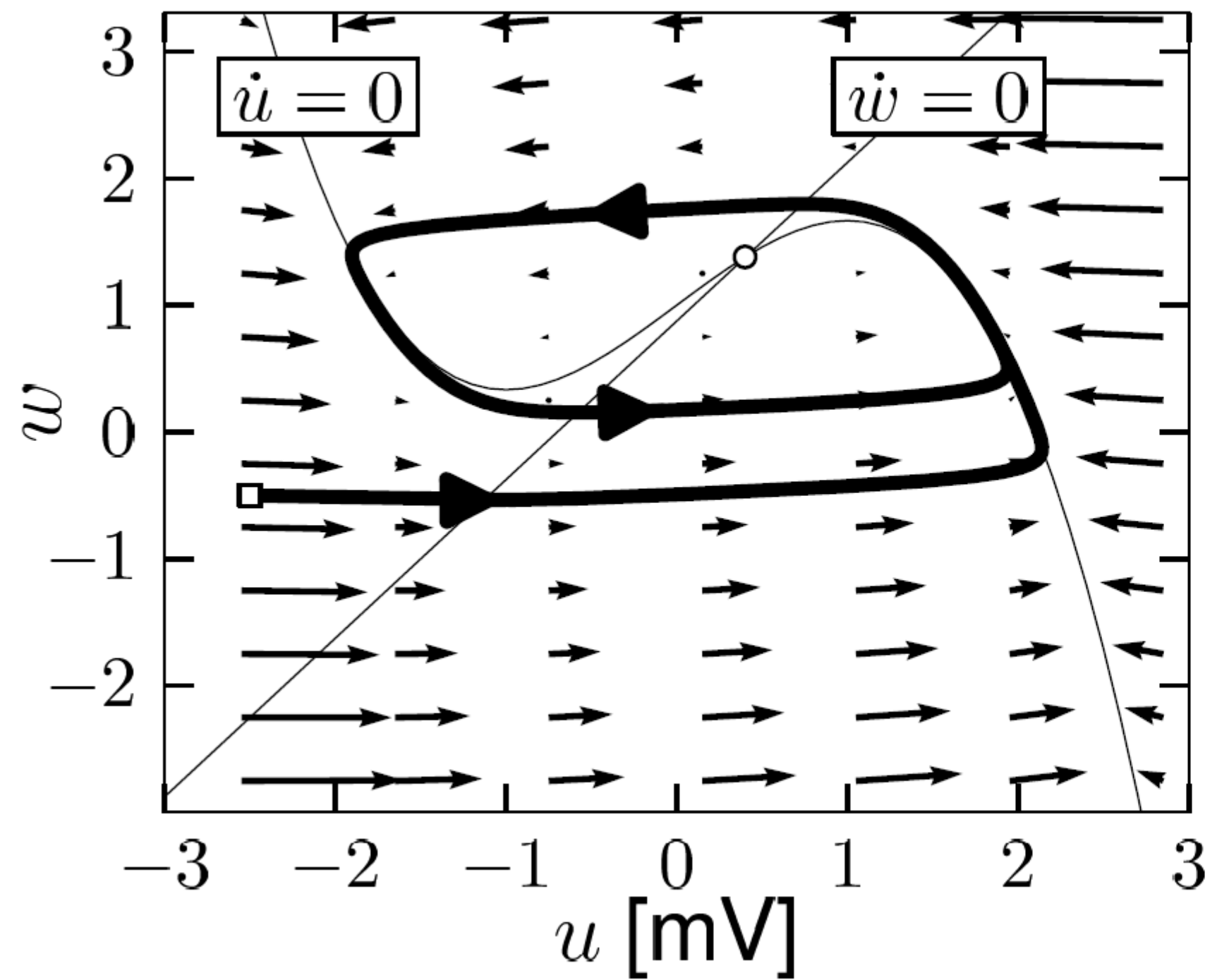
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$
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- unstable fixed point
 - closed boundary
with arrows pointing inside
- > limit cycle

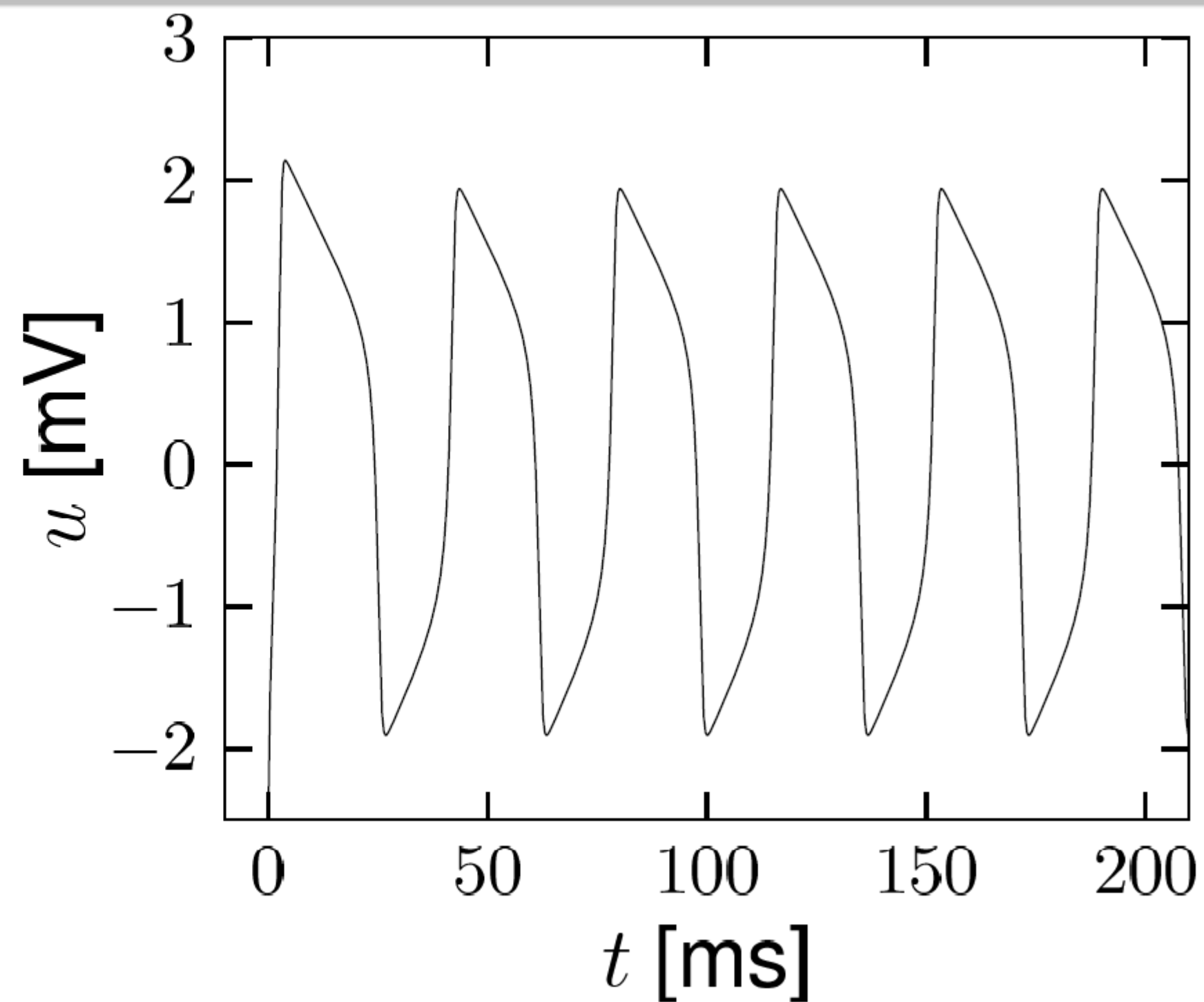
stimulus



Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Limit Cycle



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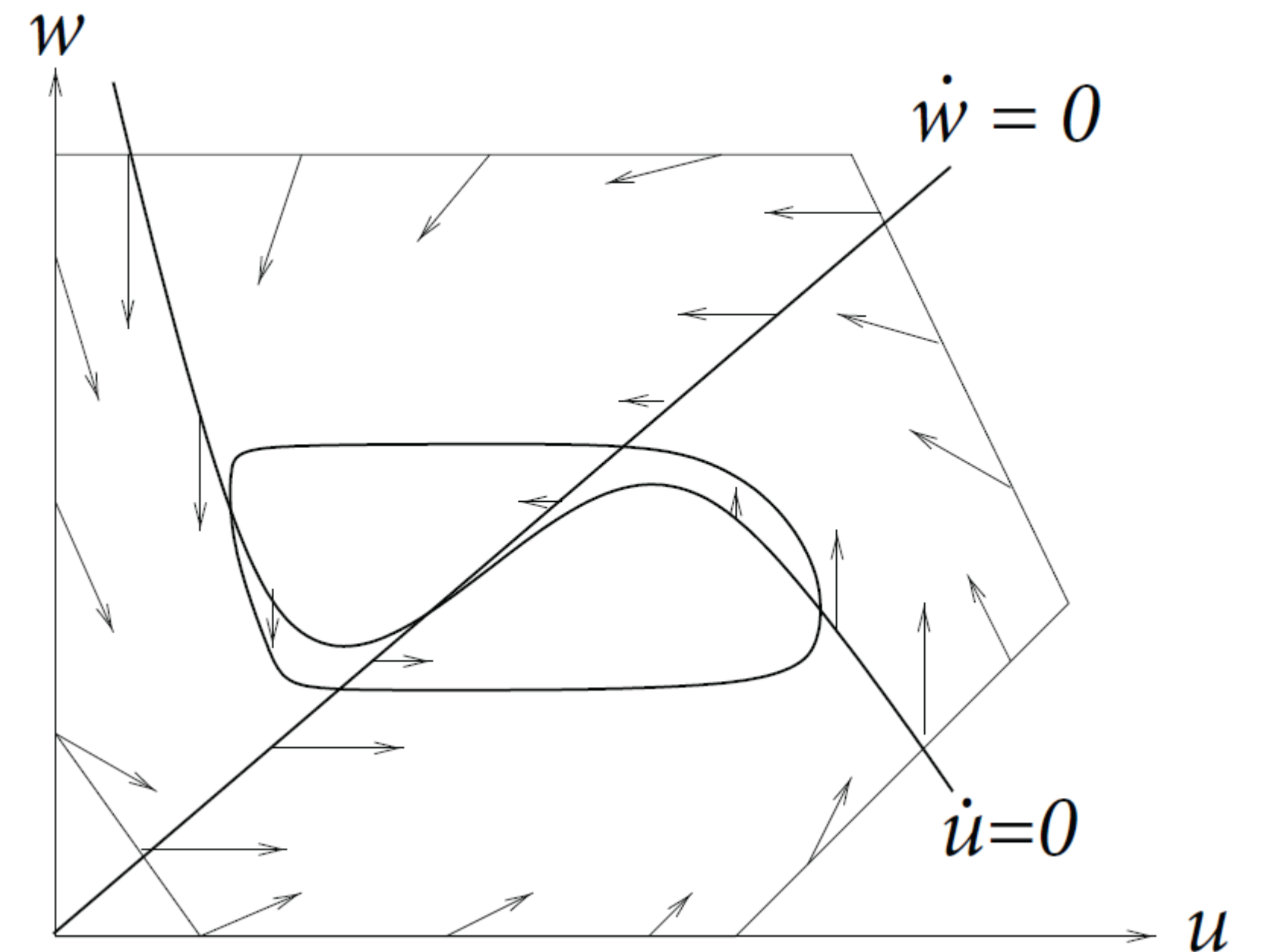
- unstable fixed point in 2D
- bounding box with inward flow
→ limit cycle (*Poincare Bendixson*)

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Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Limit Cycle

**In 2-dimensional equations,
a limit cycle must exist, if we can
find a surface**

- containing one unstable fixed point
- no other fixed point
- bounding box with inward flow
 - limit cycle (*Poincare Bendixson*)



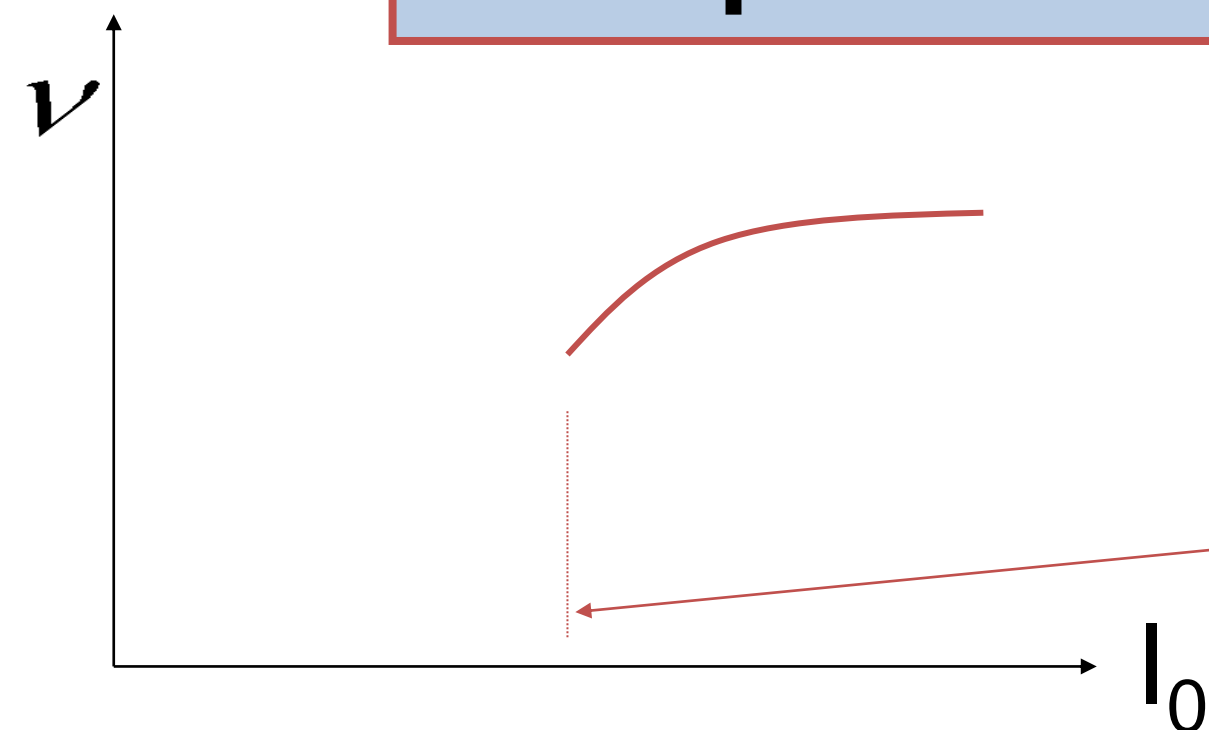
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Type II Model constant input

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$

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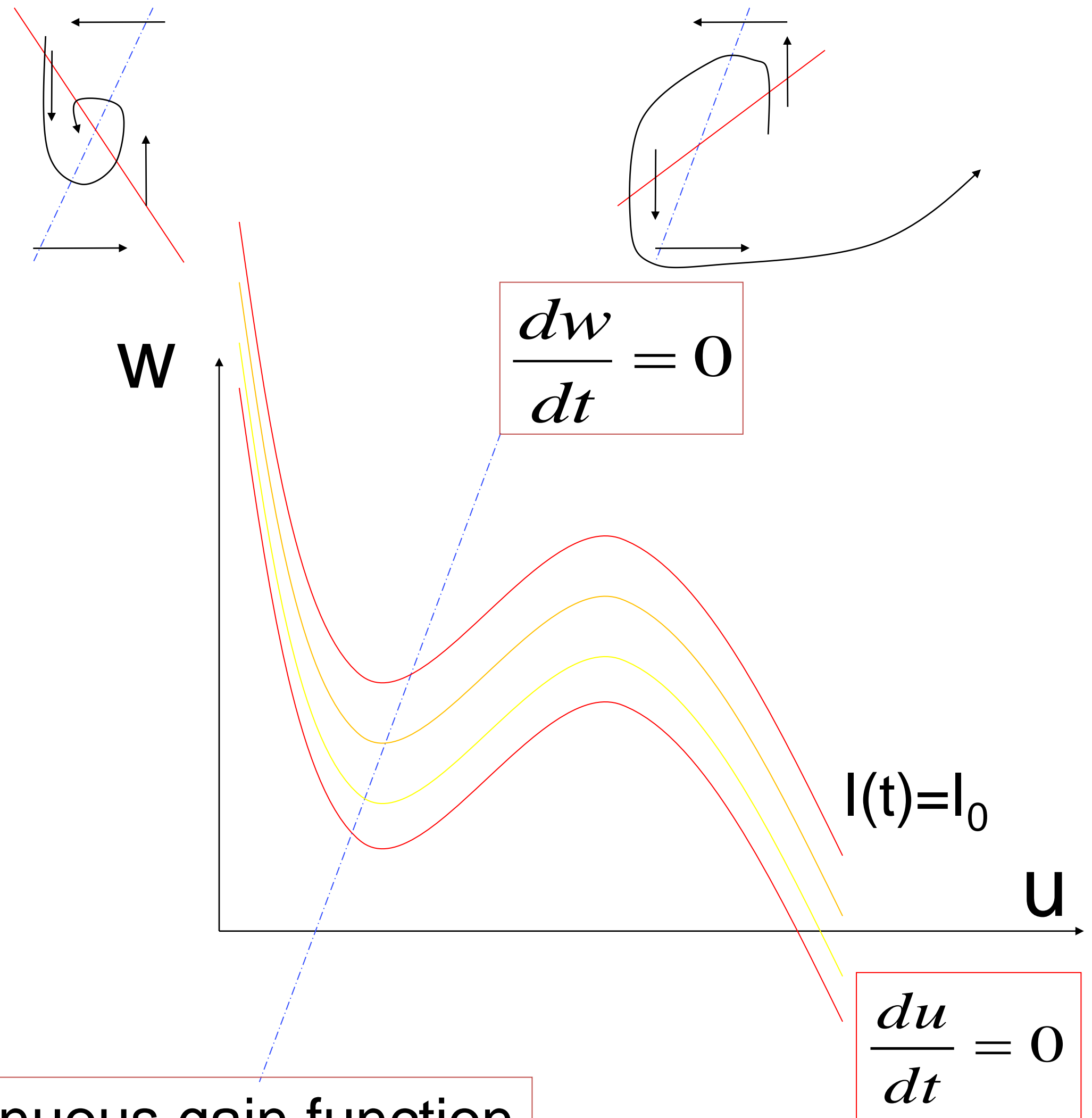
Hopf bifurcation



Discontinuous gain function

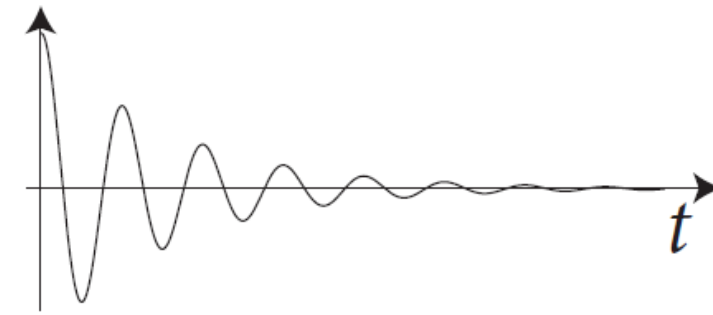
Stability lost \rightarrow oscillation with finite frequency

stimulus

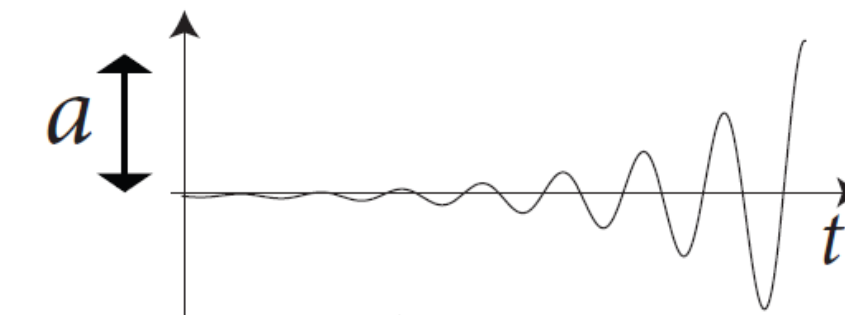


Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Hopf bifurcation

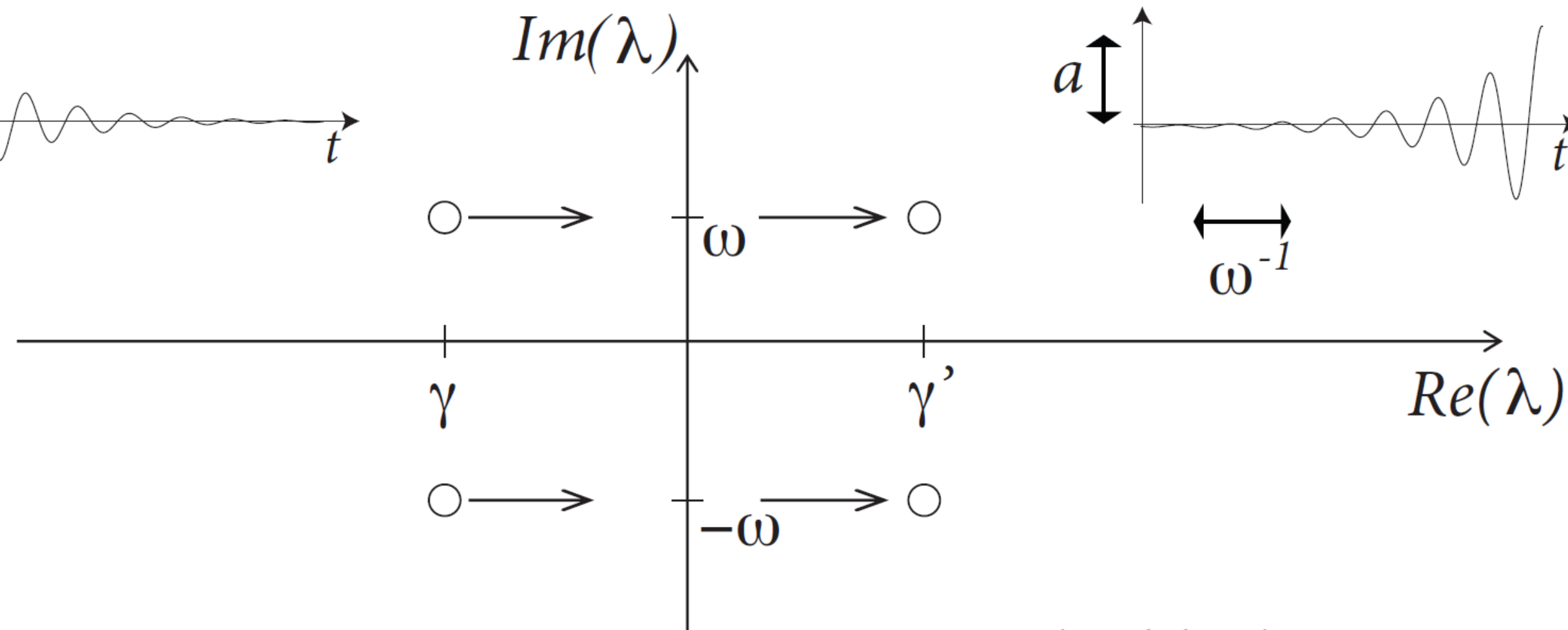
stable fixed point ($\gamma < 0$)



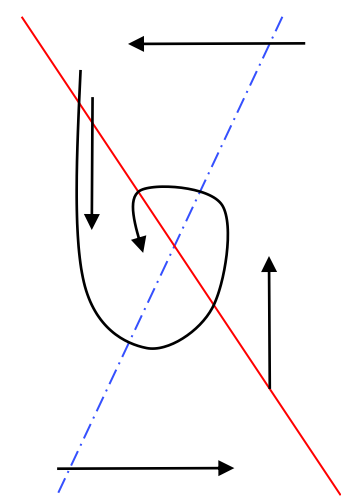
unstable fixed point ($\gamma > 0$)



$$\lambda = \gamma + i\omega$$

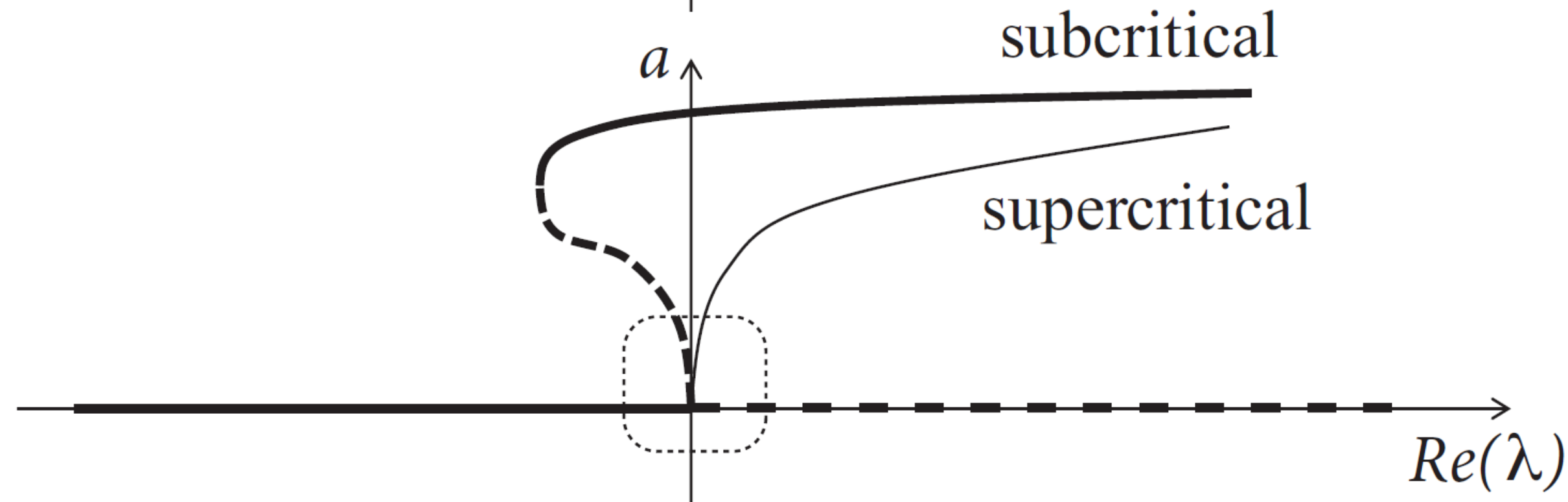


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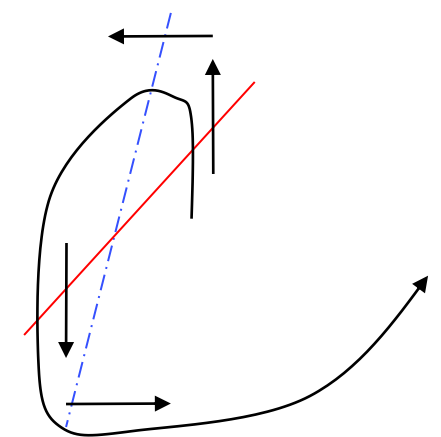


subcritical

supercritical

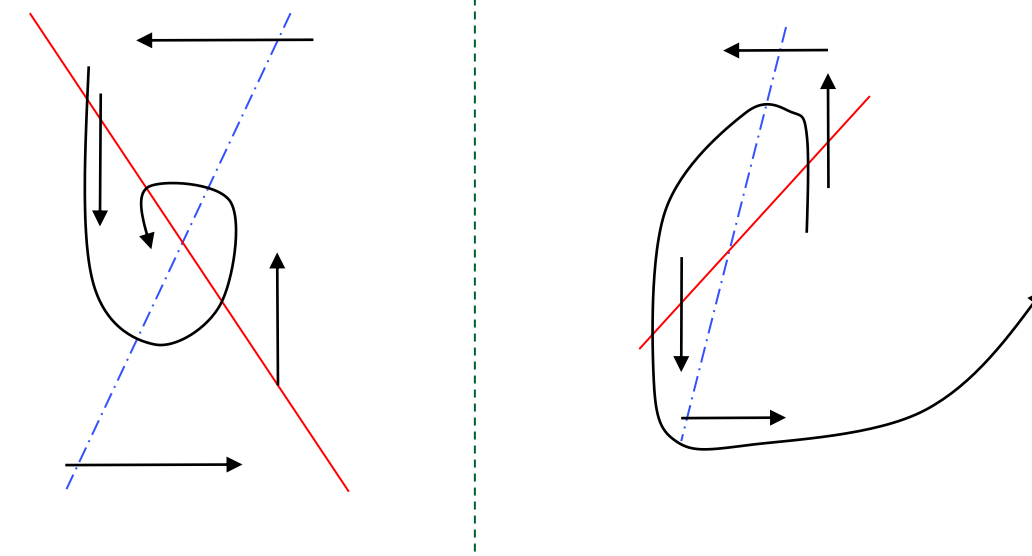
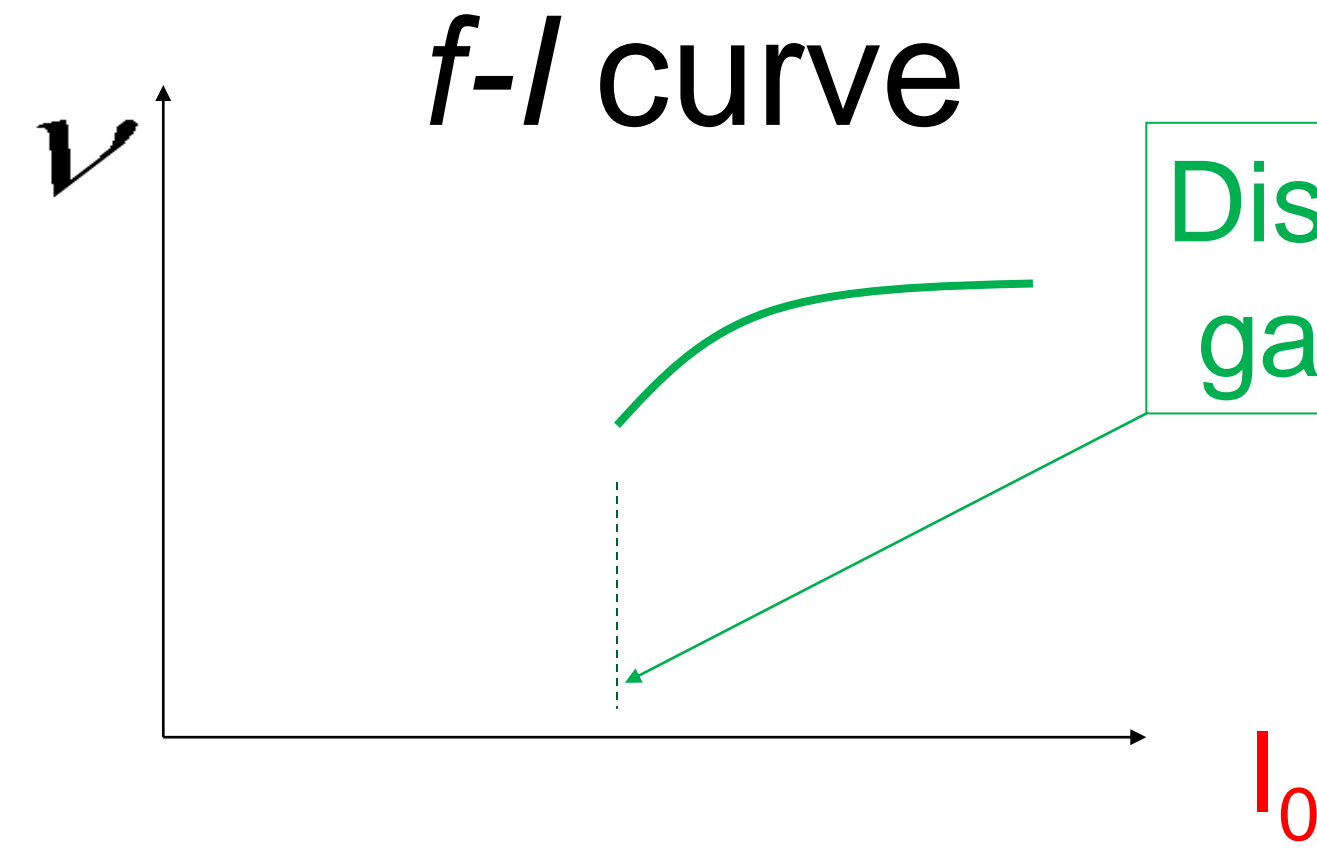
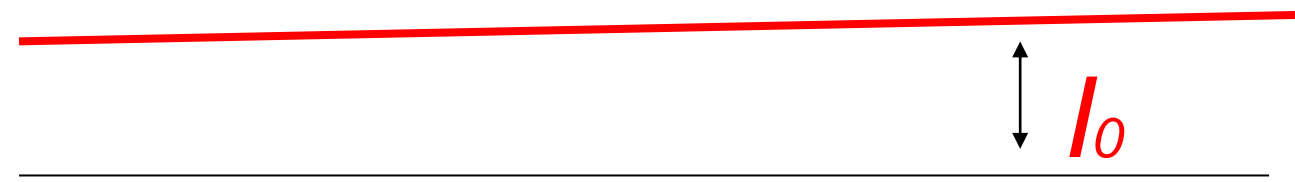
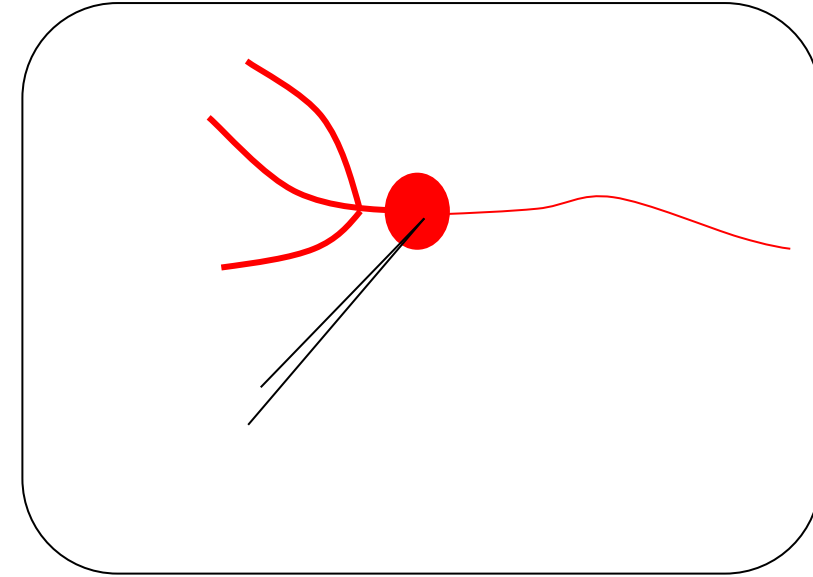


$\gamma > 0$



Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Hopf bifurcation: f - I -curve

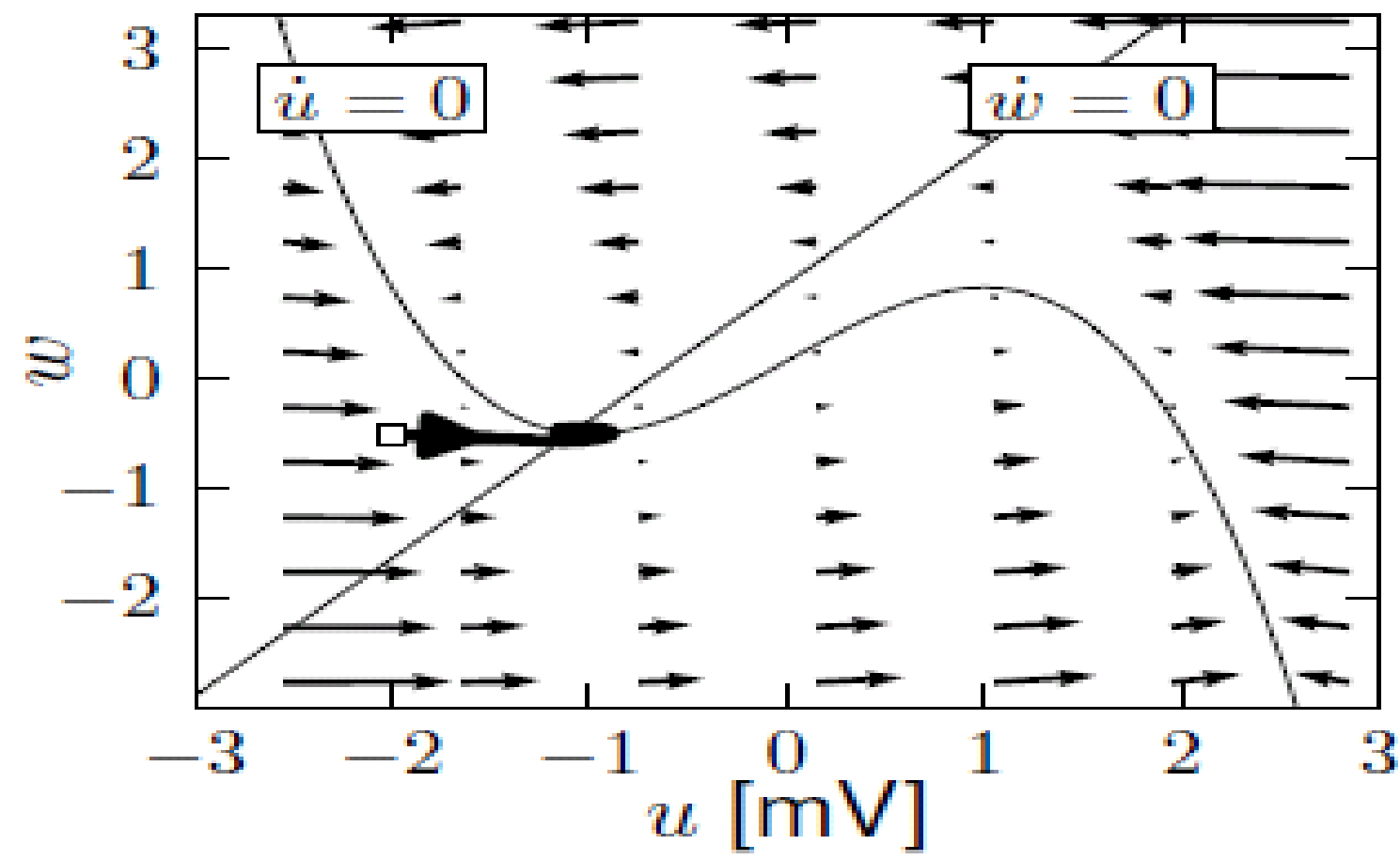
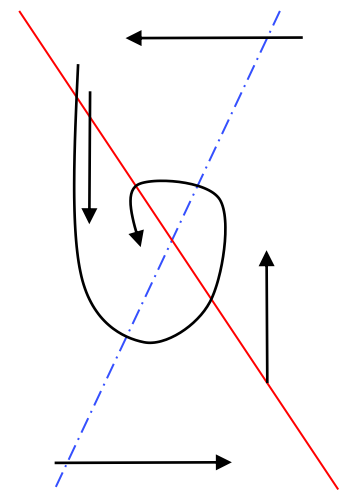
ramp input/
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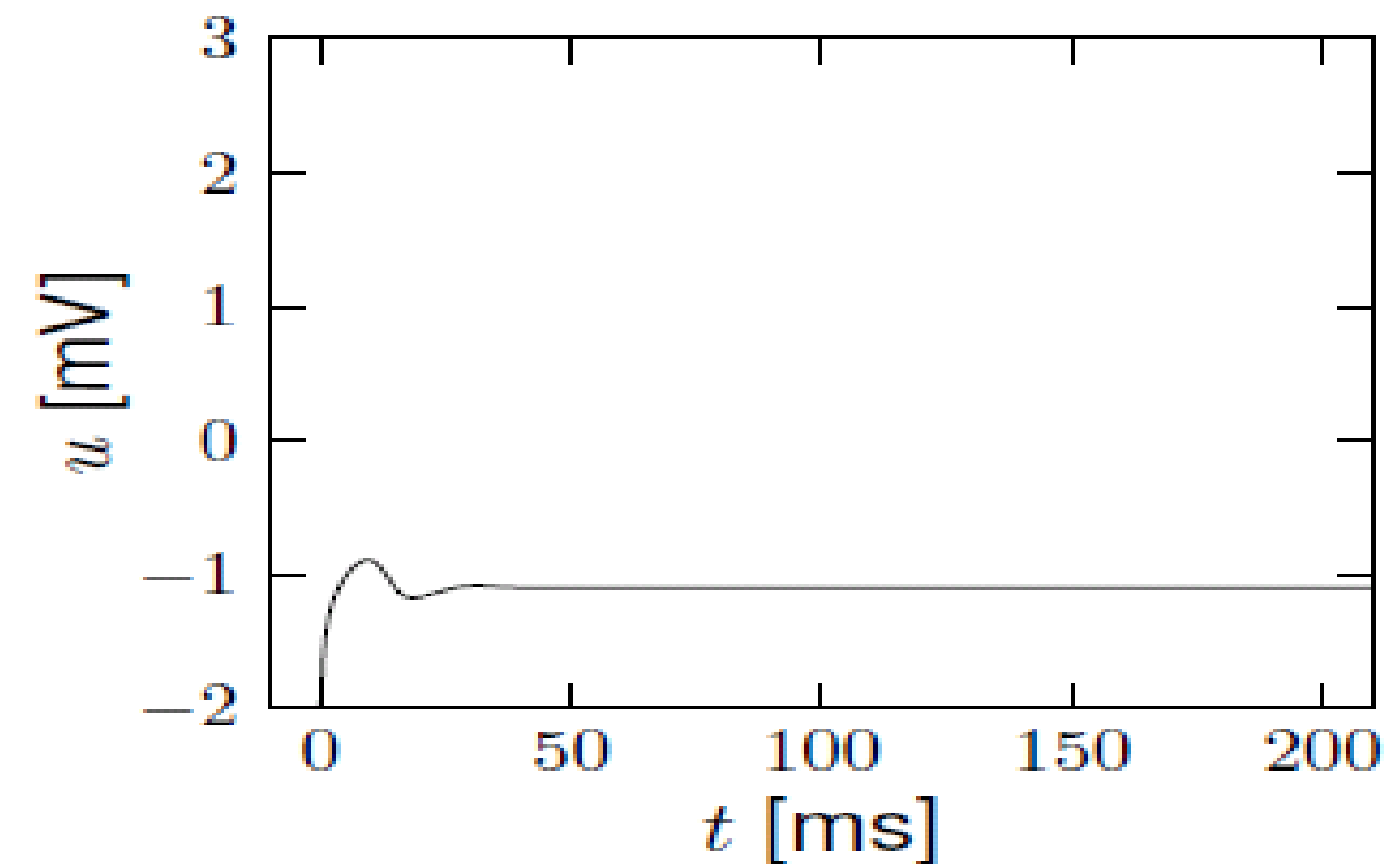
Stability lost \rightarrow oscillation with finite frequency

FitzHugh-Nagumo: type II Model – Hopf bifurcation

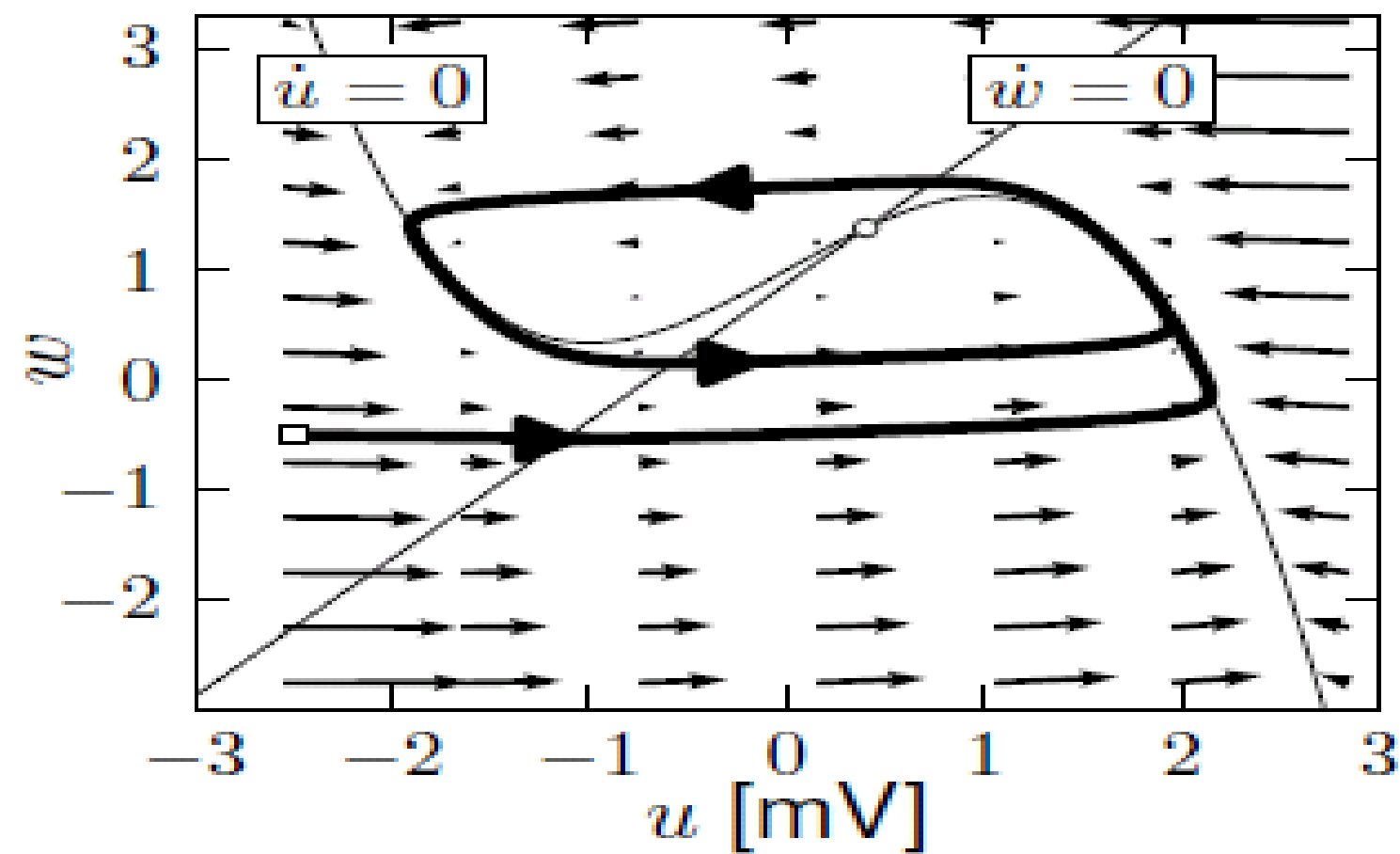
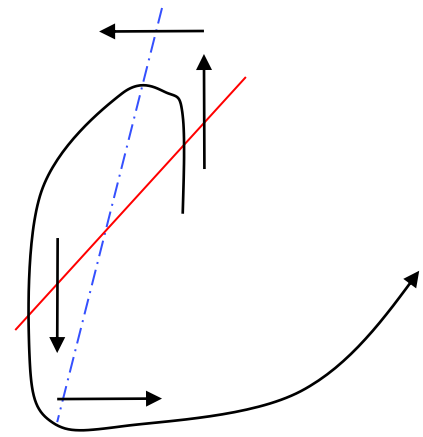
$I=0$



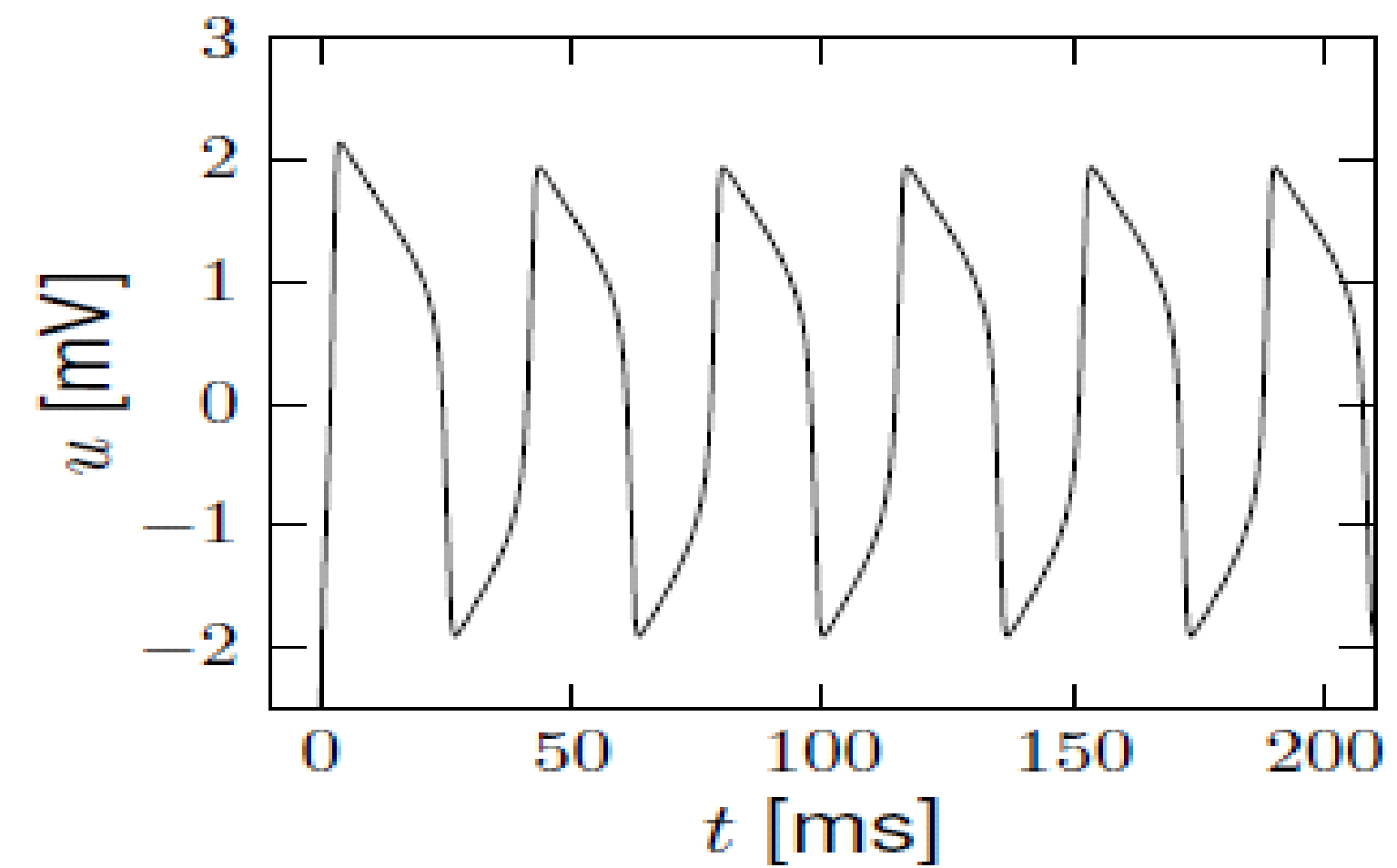
B



$I > I_c$



D

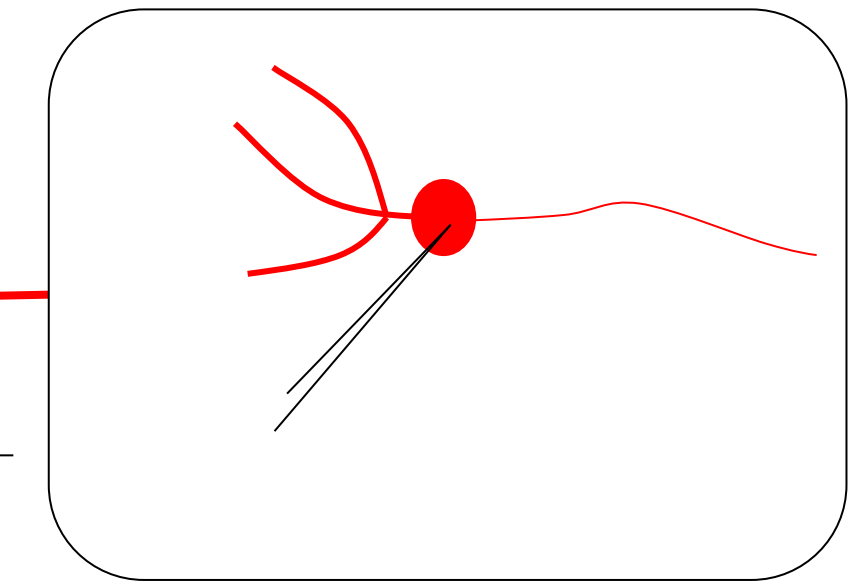


Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1, Type I and II Neuron Models

ramp input/
constant input

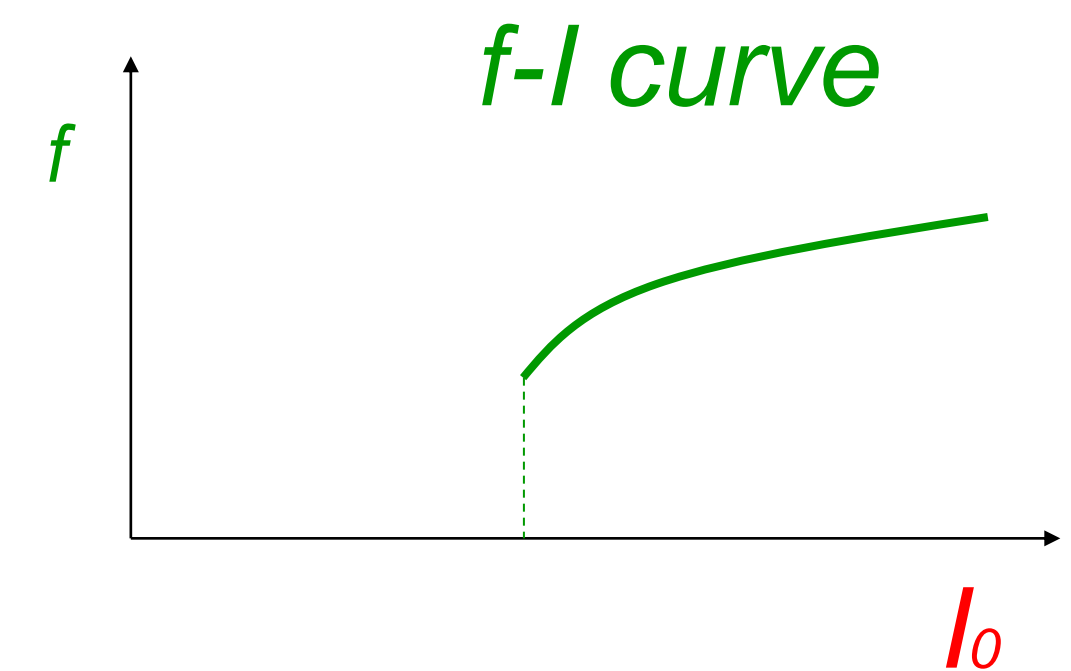
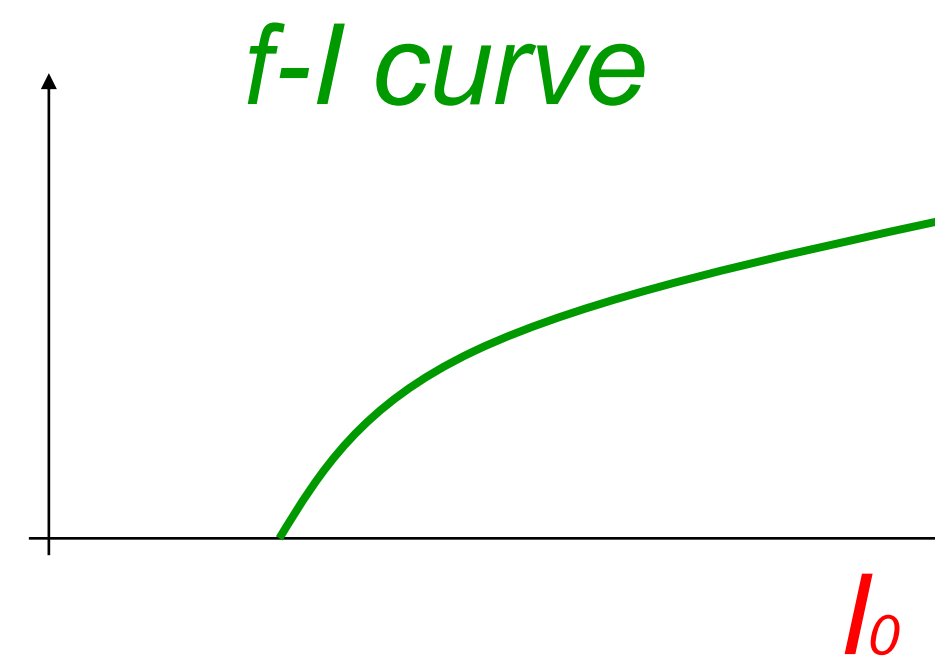


neuron



Now:
Type I model

Type I and type II models



Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Type I and II Neuron Models

type I Model: 3 fixed points

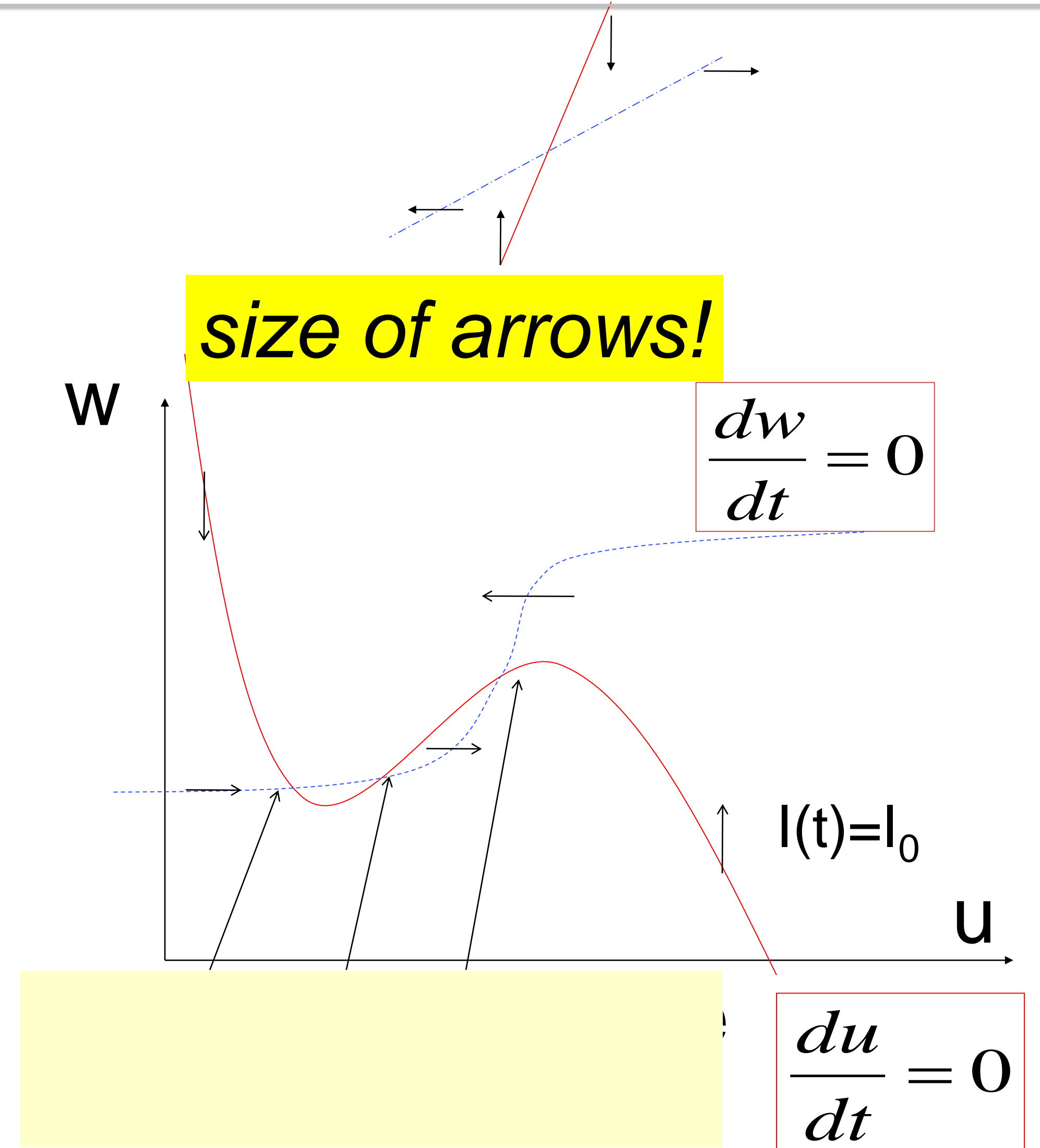
stimulus

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

apply constant stimulus I_0

Saddle-node bifurcation



Saddle-node bifurcation

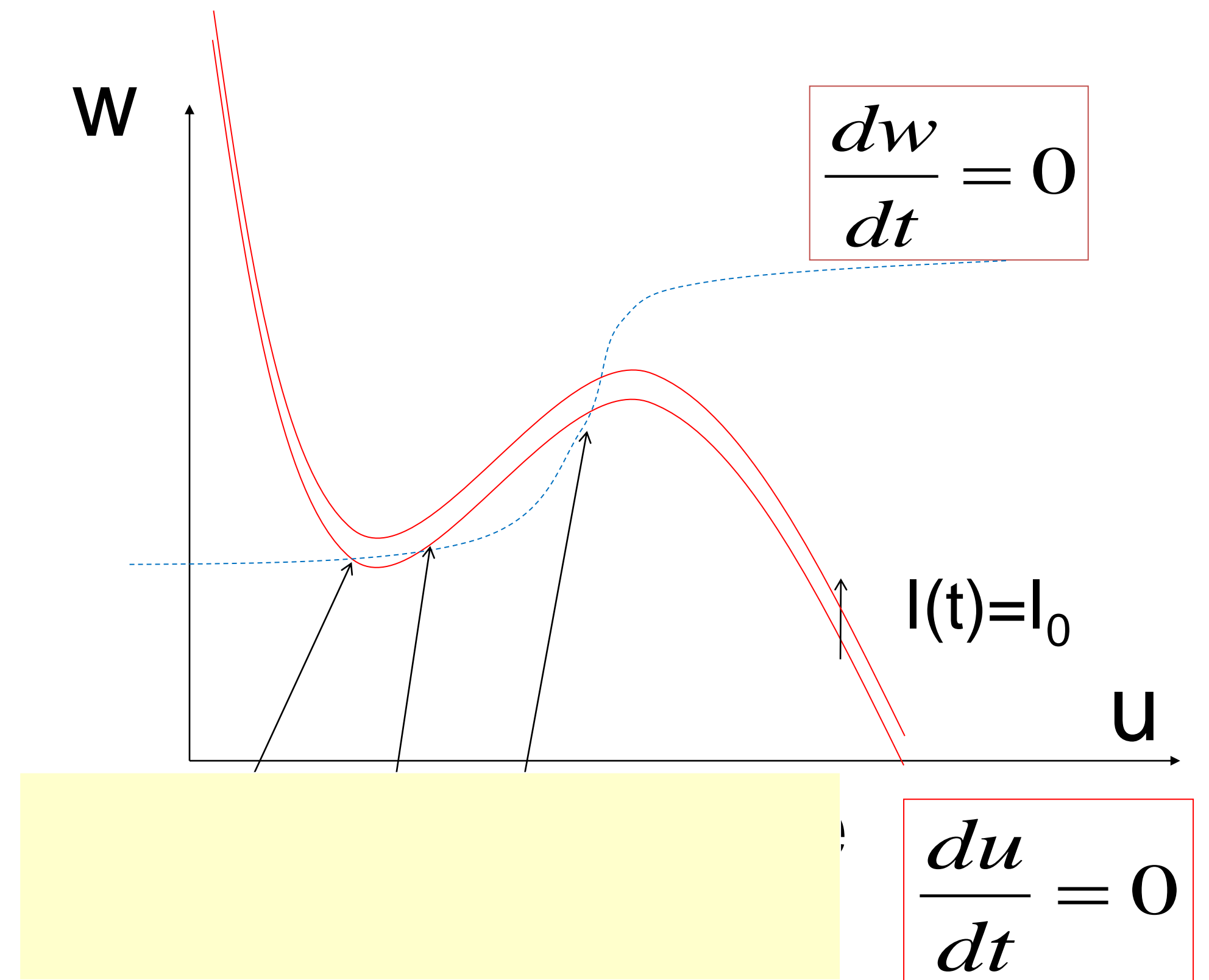
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Blackboard:
- flow arrows,
- ghost/ruins

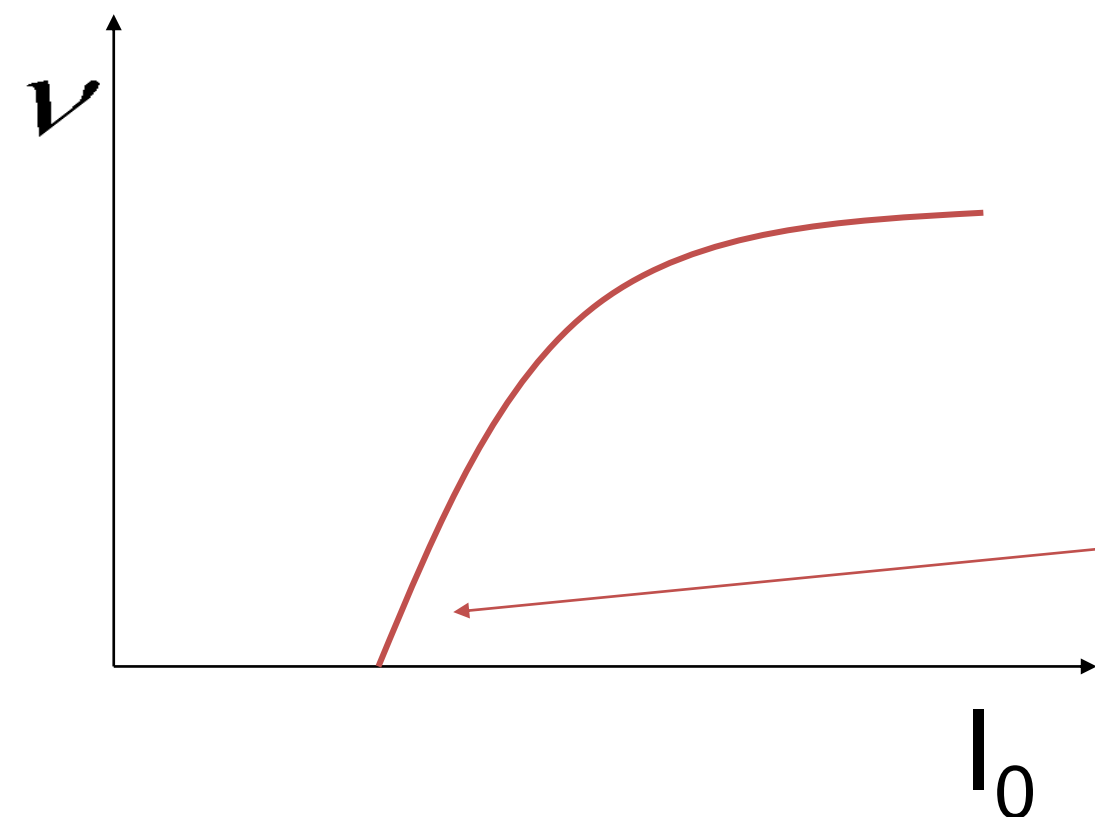


type I Model – constant input

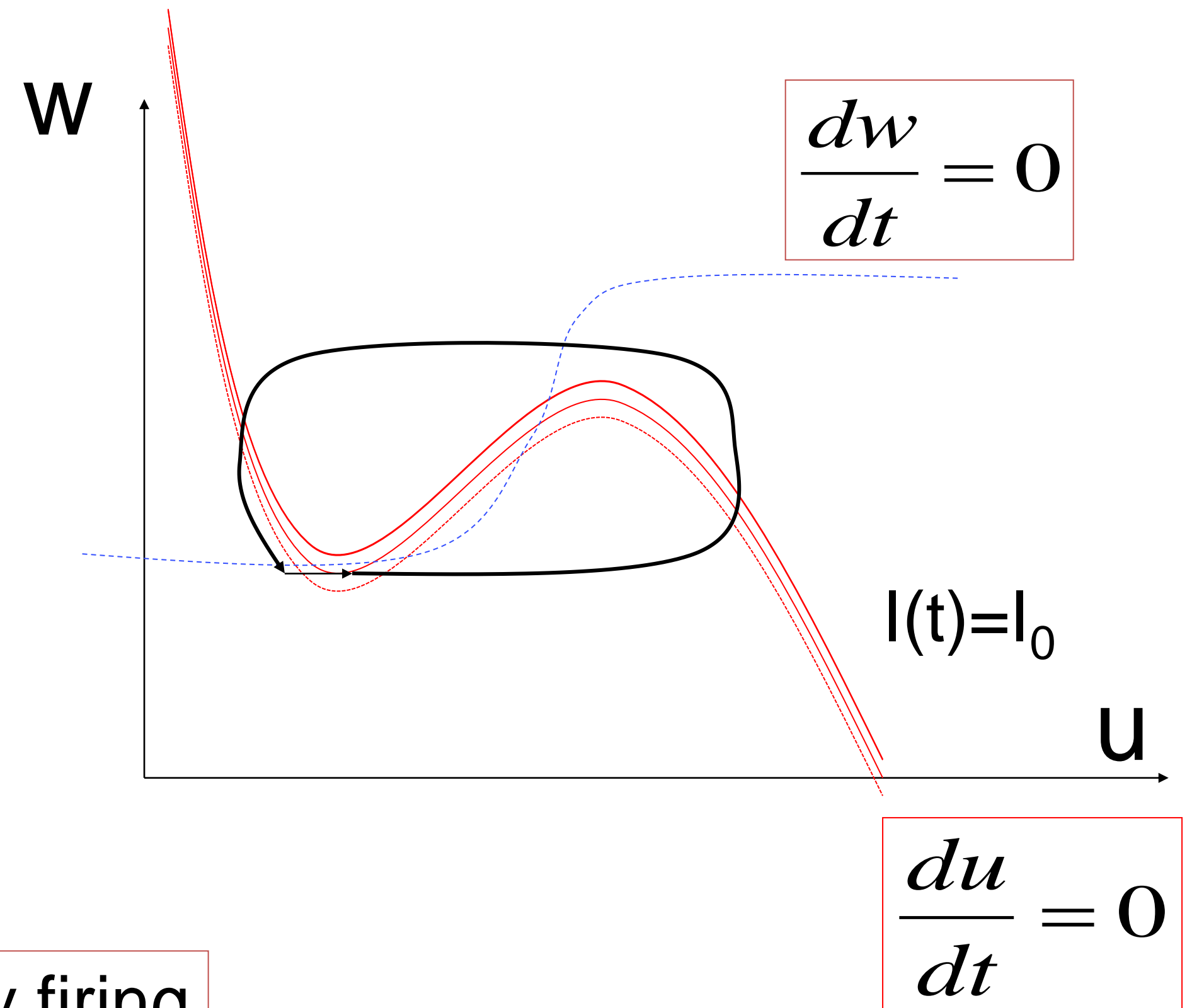
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$

stimulus
↓

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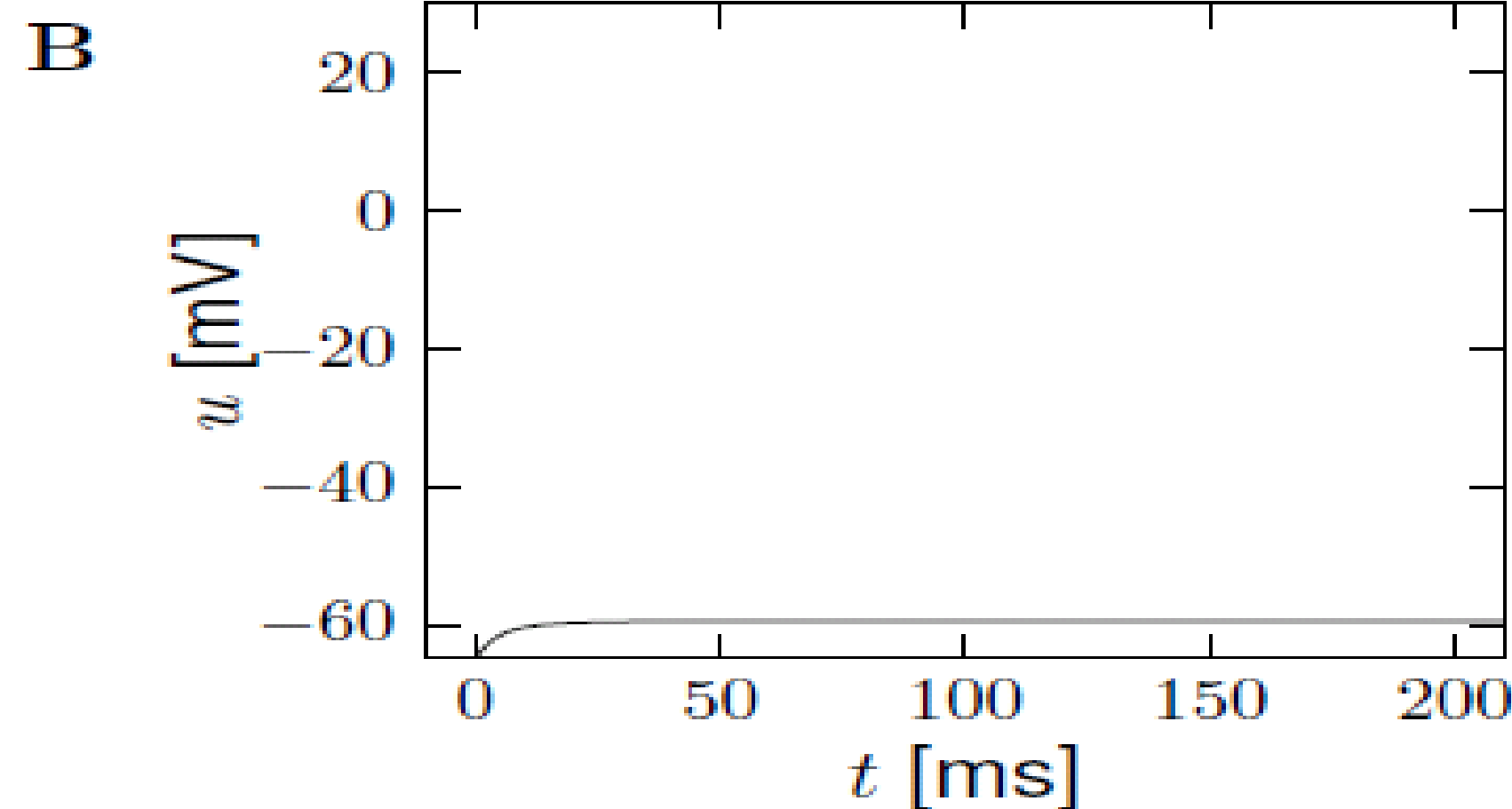
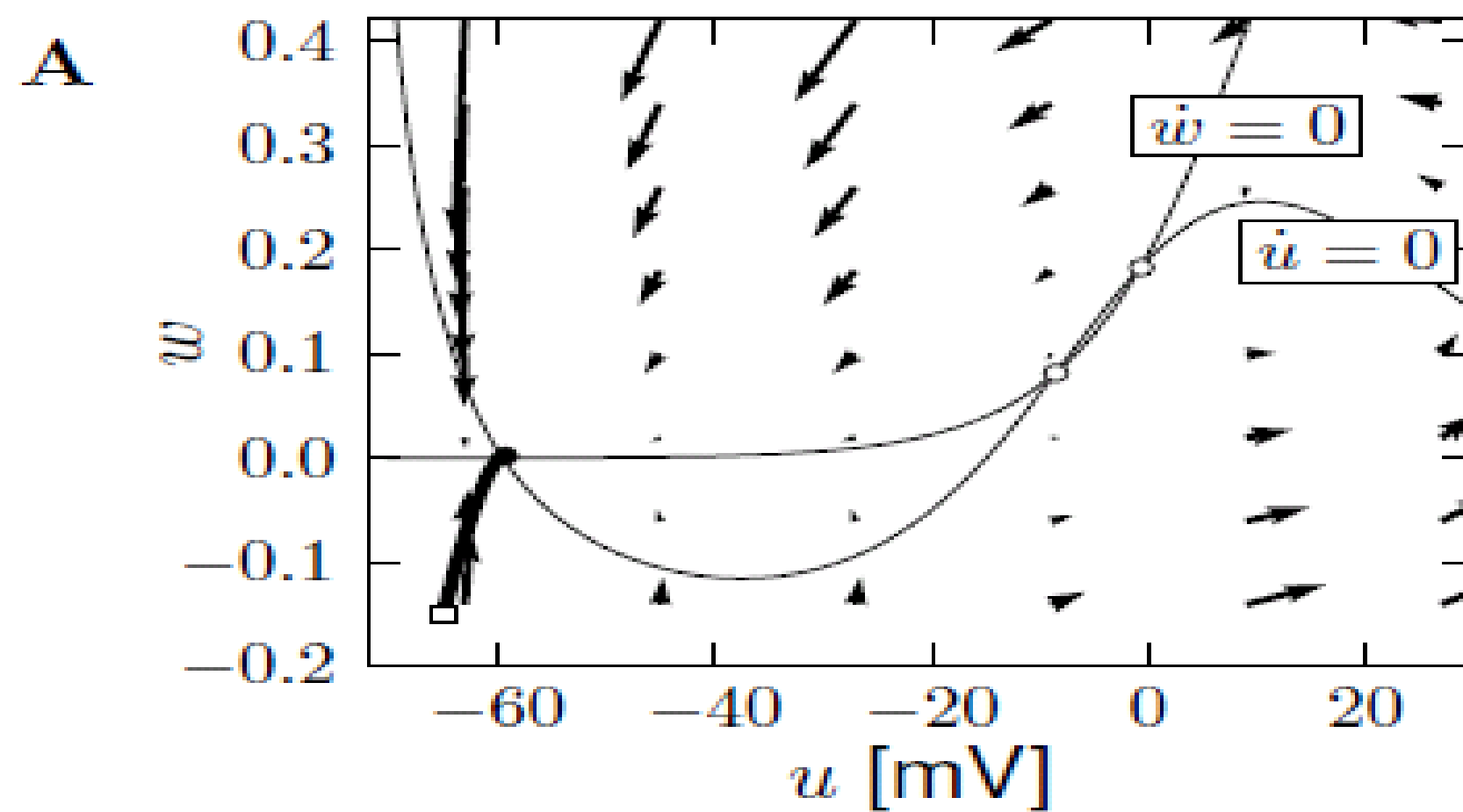


Low-frequency firing

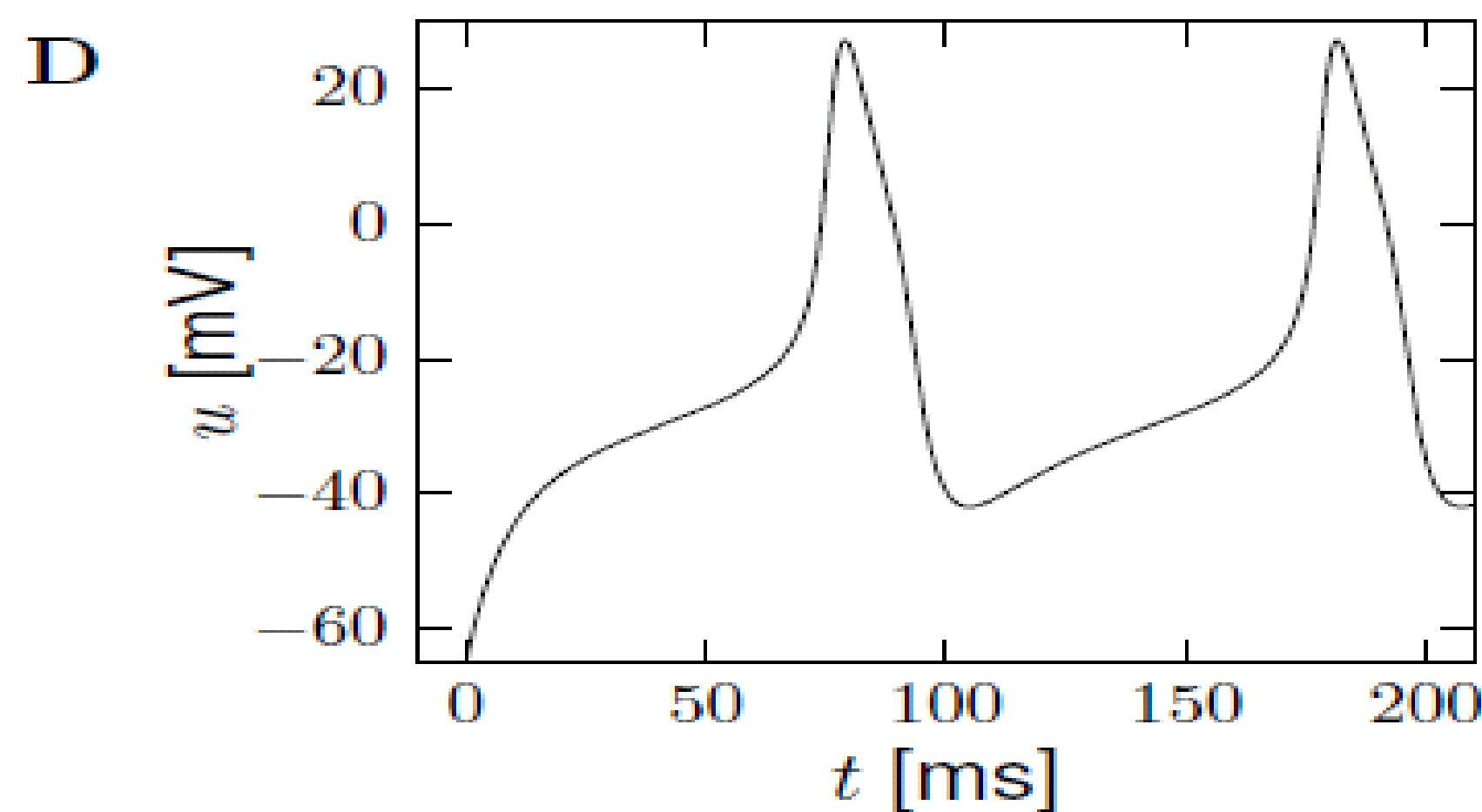
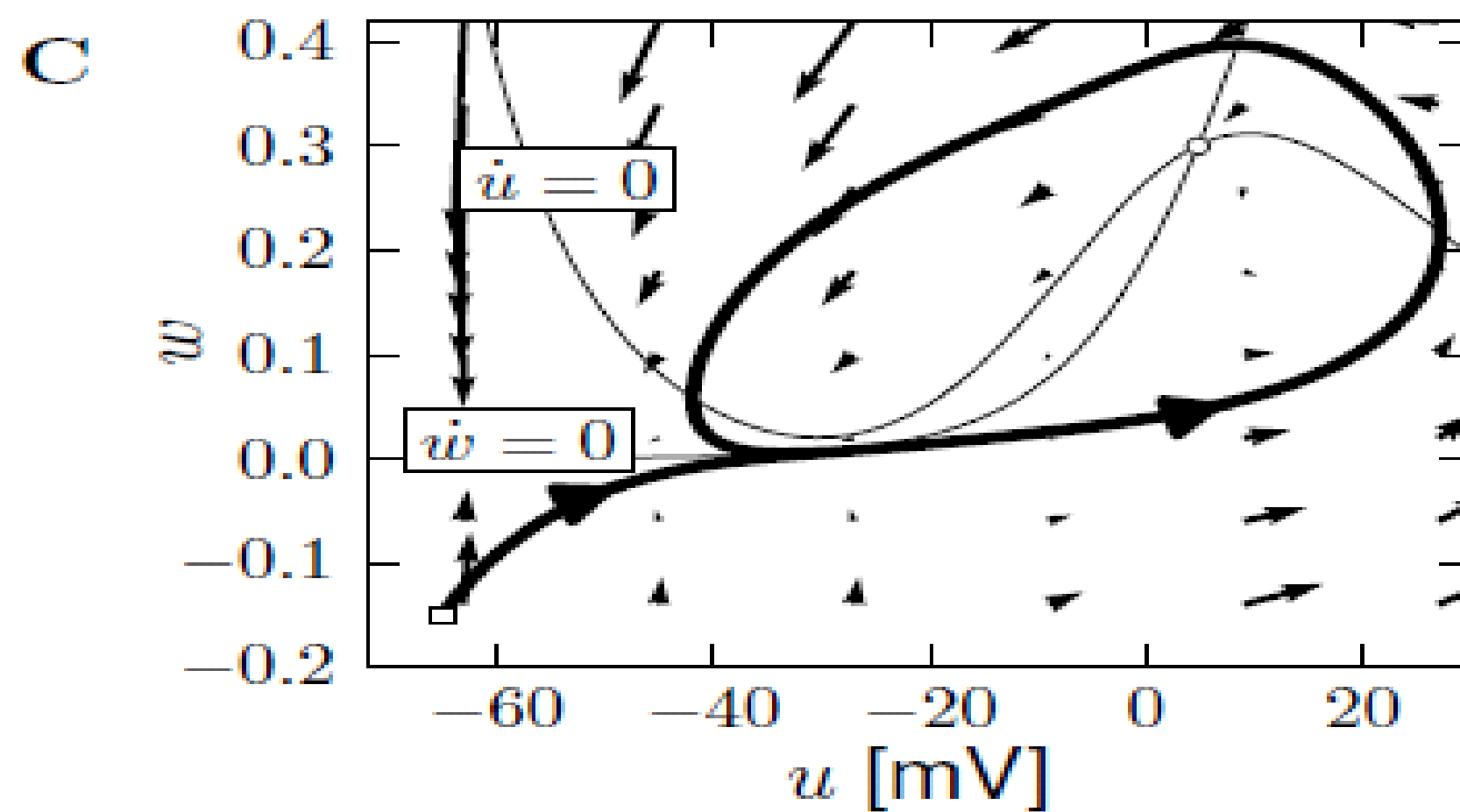


Morris-Lecar, type I Model – constant input

$I = 0$



$I > I_c$



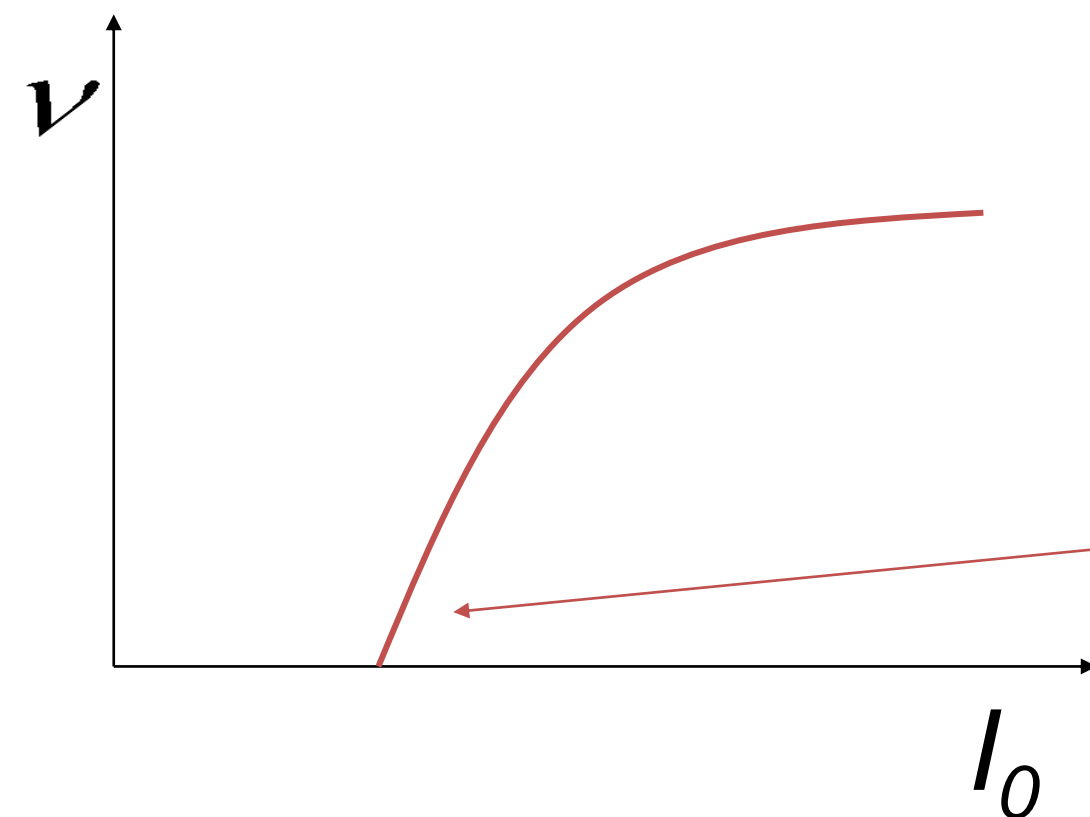
type I Model – Morris-Lecar: constant input

stimulus

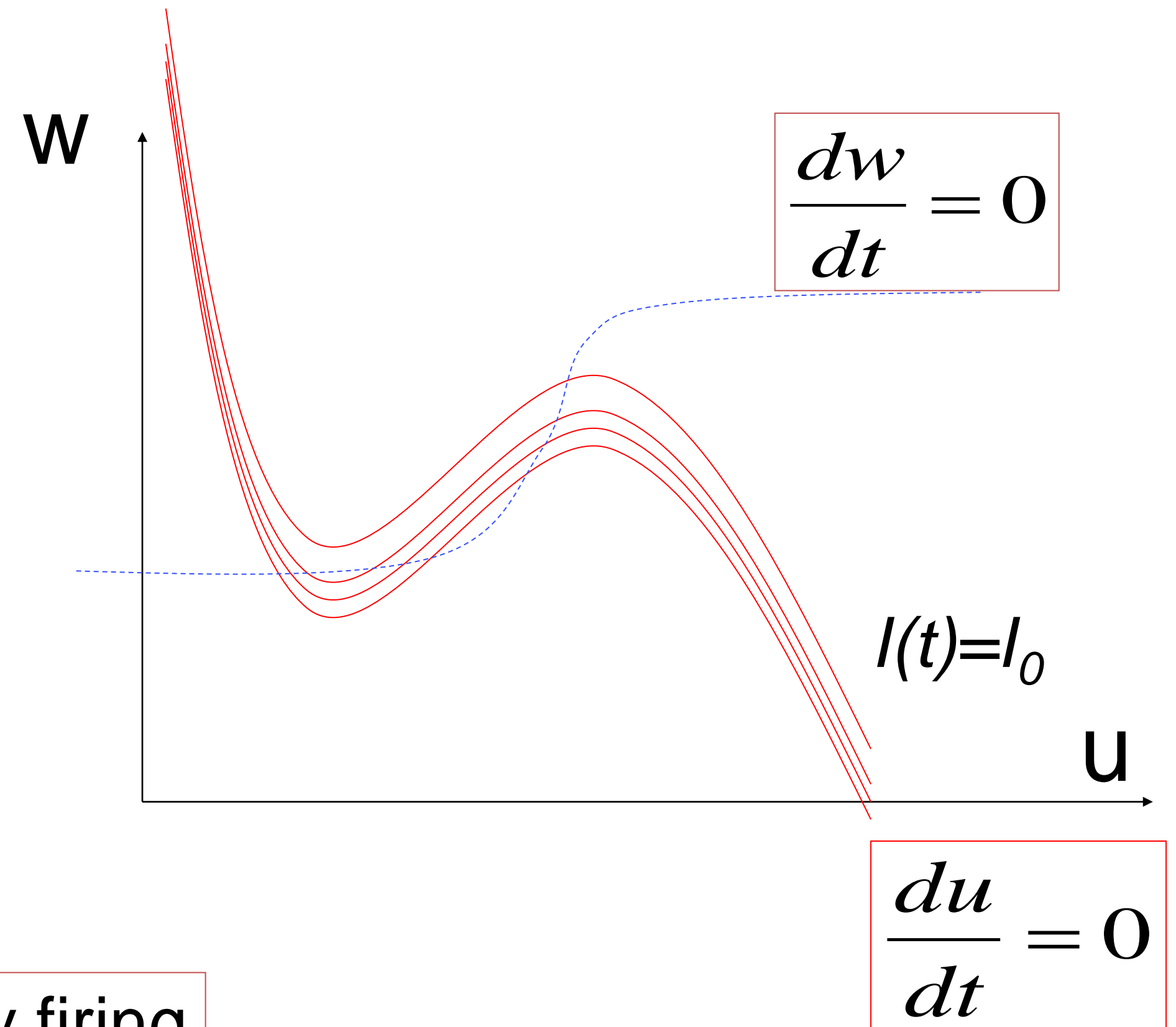
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + I(t)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = -\frac{w - w_0(u)}{\tau_{eff}(u)}$$

$$w_0(u) = 0.5 \left[1 + \tanh\left(\frac{u - \theta}{d}\right) \right]$$



Low-frequency firing



Type I and type II models

Response at firing threshold?

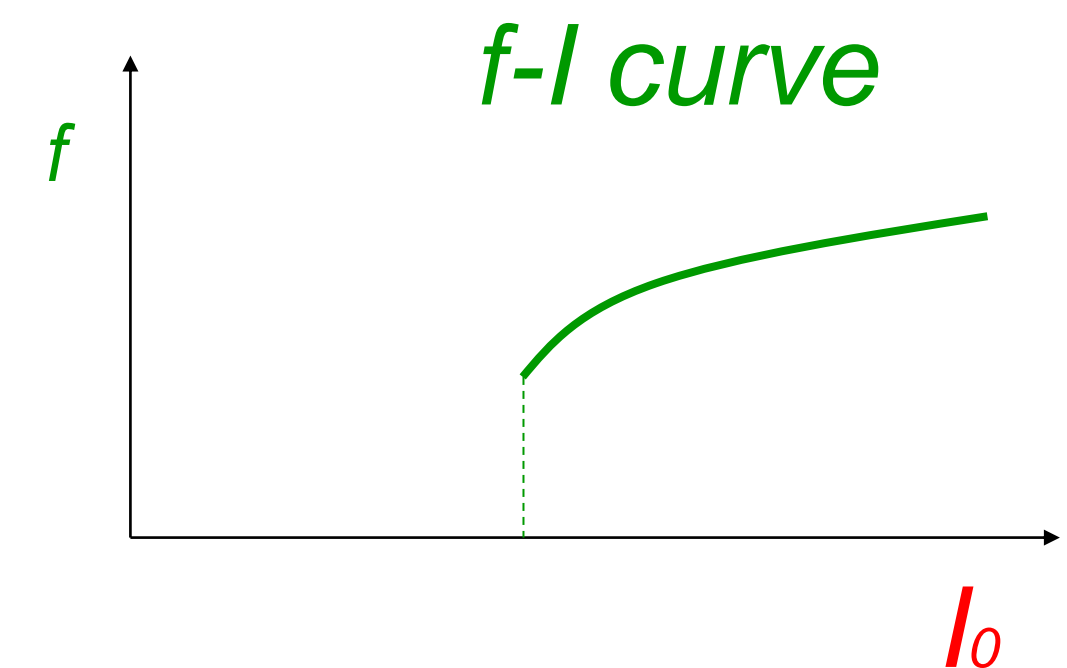
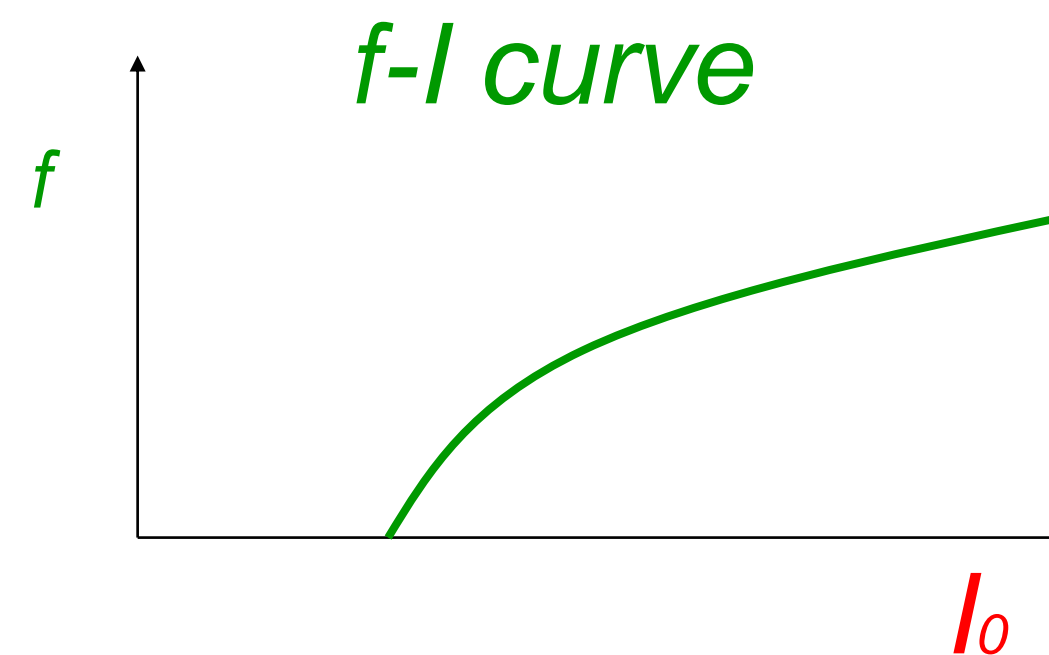
Type I

type II

Saddle-Node
Onto limit cycle

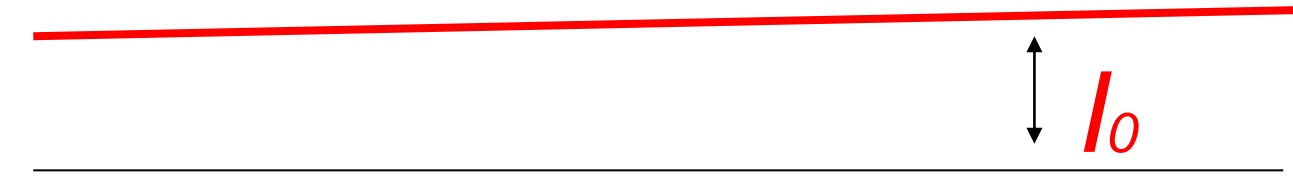
For example:
Subcritical Hopf

ramp input/
constant input

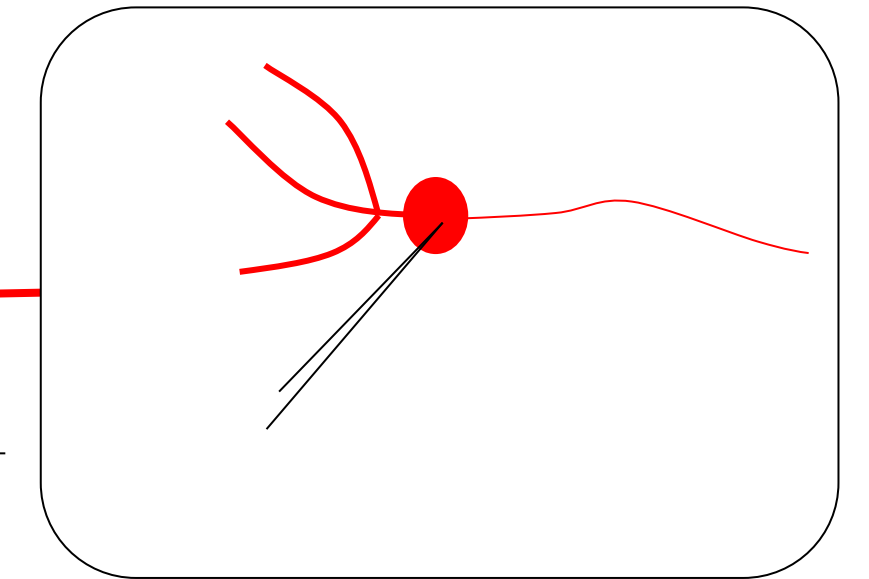


Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Type I and II Neuron Models

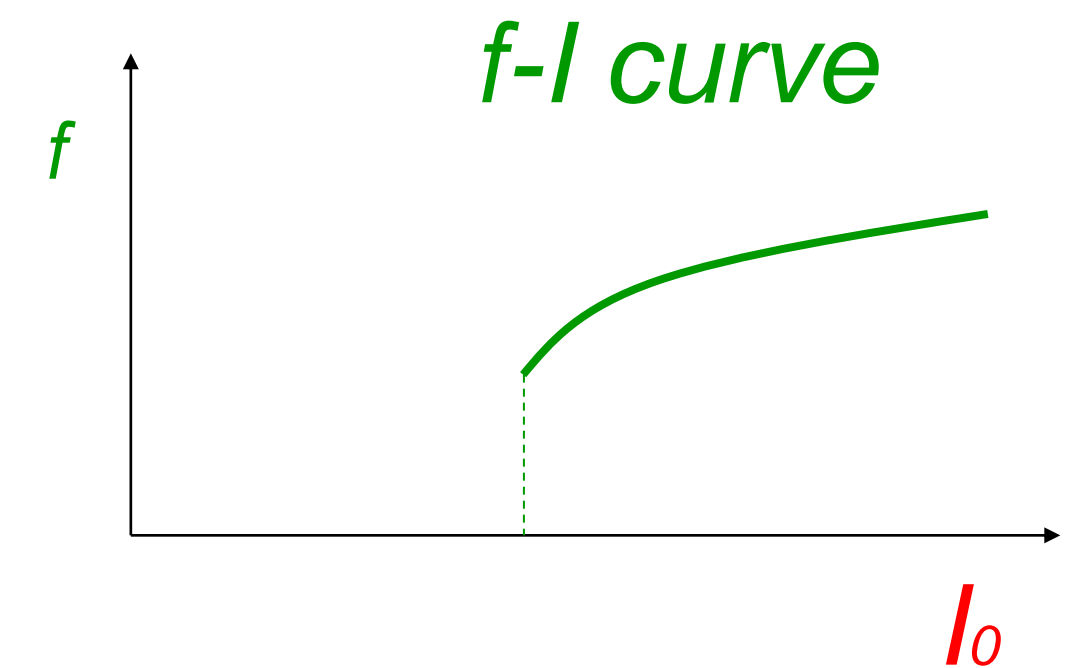
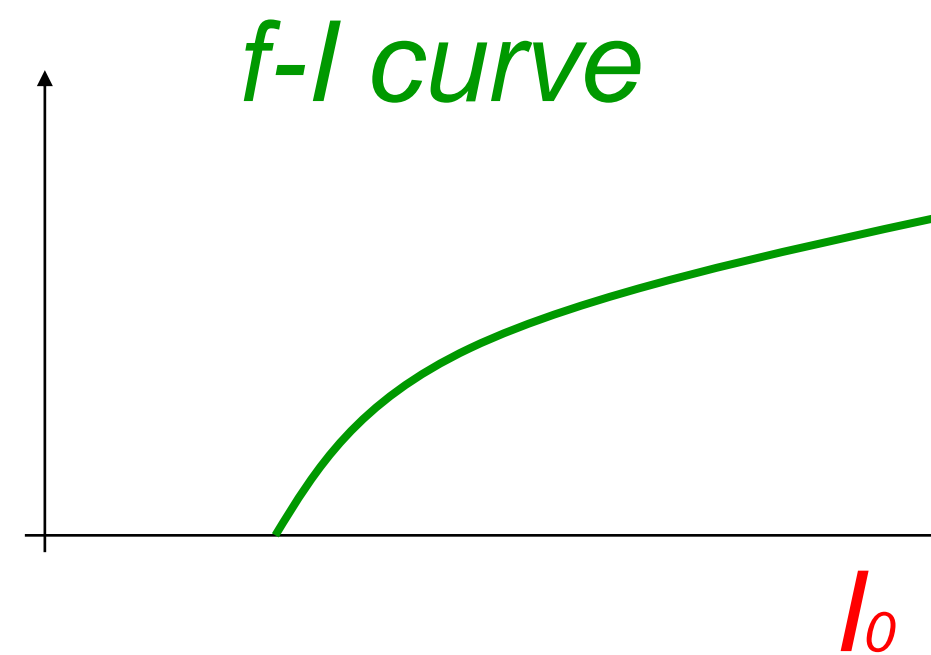
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neuron



Type I and type II models



Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 4.1.

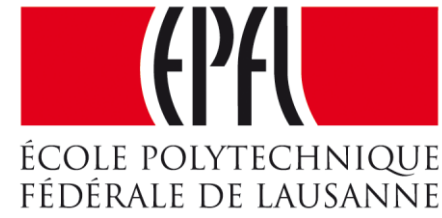
A. 2-dimensional neuron model with (supercritical) saddle-node-onto-limit cycle bifurcation

- The neuron model is of type II, because there is a jump in the f-I curve
- The neuron model is of type I, because the f-I curve is continuous
- The neuron model is of type I, if the limit cycle passes through a regime where the flow is very slow.
- in the regime below the saddle-node-onto-limit cycle bifurcation, the neuron is at rest or will converge to the resting state.

B. Threshold in a 2-dimensional neuron model with subcritical Hopf bifurcation

- The neuron model is of type II, because there is a jump in the f-I curve
- The neuron model is of type I, because the f-I curve is continuous
- in the regime below the Hopf bifurcation, the neuron is at rest or will necessarily converge to the resting state

Week 4 – part 1: Reducing Detail – 2D models



Biological Modeling of Neural Networks

Week 4

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4.1 Type I and II Neuron Models

√ - limit cycles

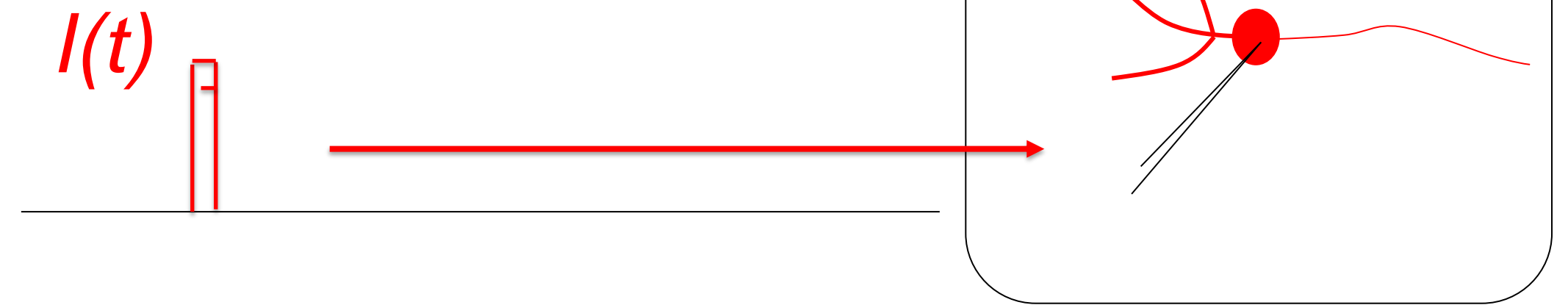
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- separation of time scales

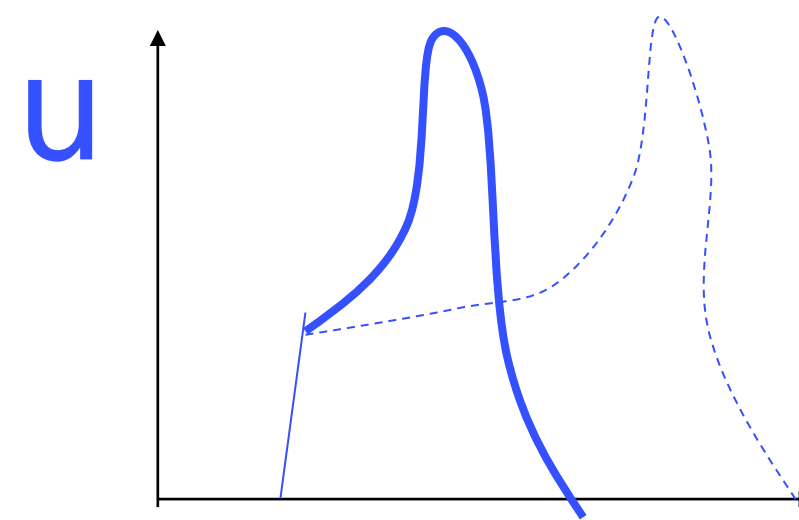
4.2. Adding detail

Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1. Threshold in 2dim. Neuron Models

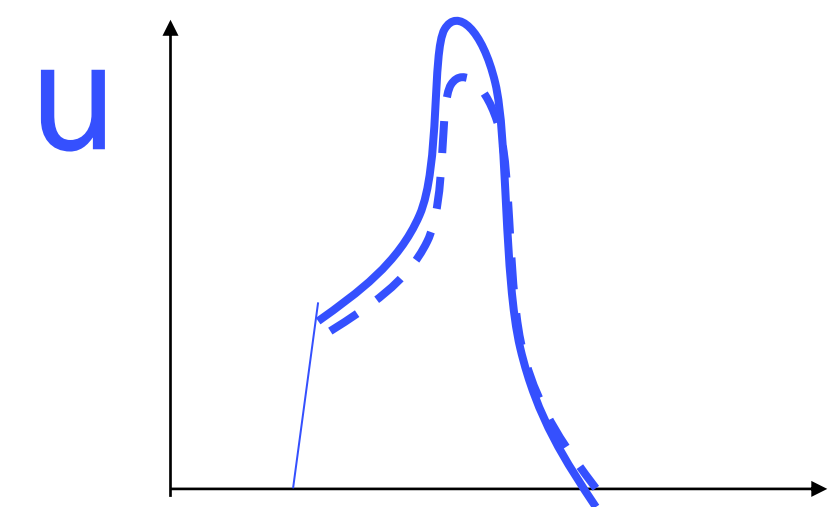
pulse input



Delayed spike



Reduced amplitude



Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1 Bifurcations, simplifications

Bifurcations in neural modeling,
Type I/II neuron models,
Canonical simplified models

*Nancy Koppell,
Bart Ermentrout,
John Rinzel,
Eugene Izhikevich
and many others*

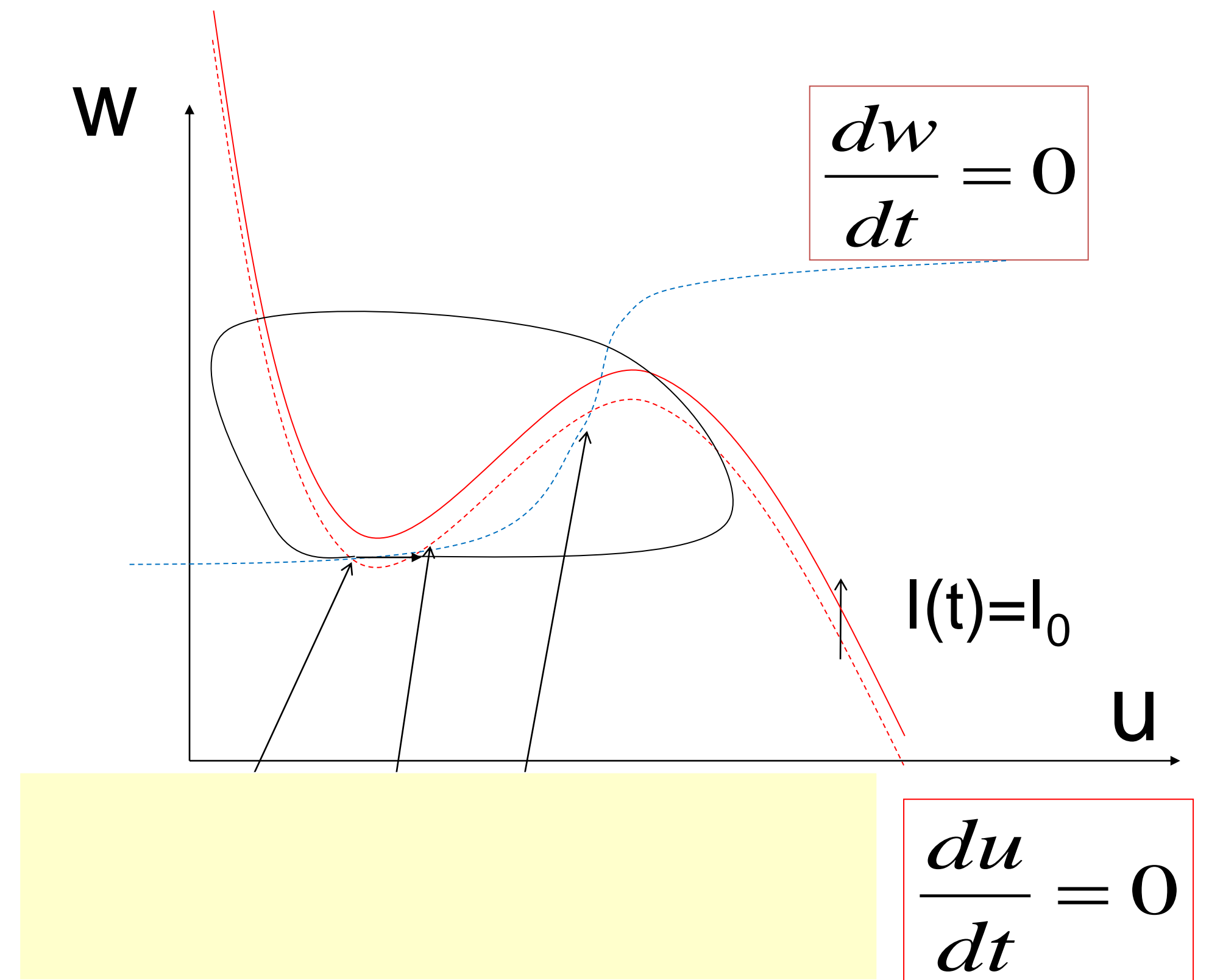
Review: Saddle-node onto limit cycle bifurcation

stimulus



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$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$



Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1 Pulse input

stimulus

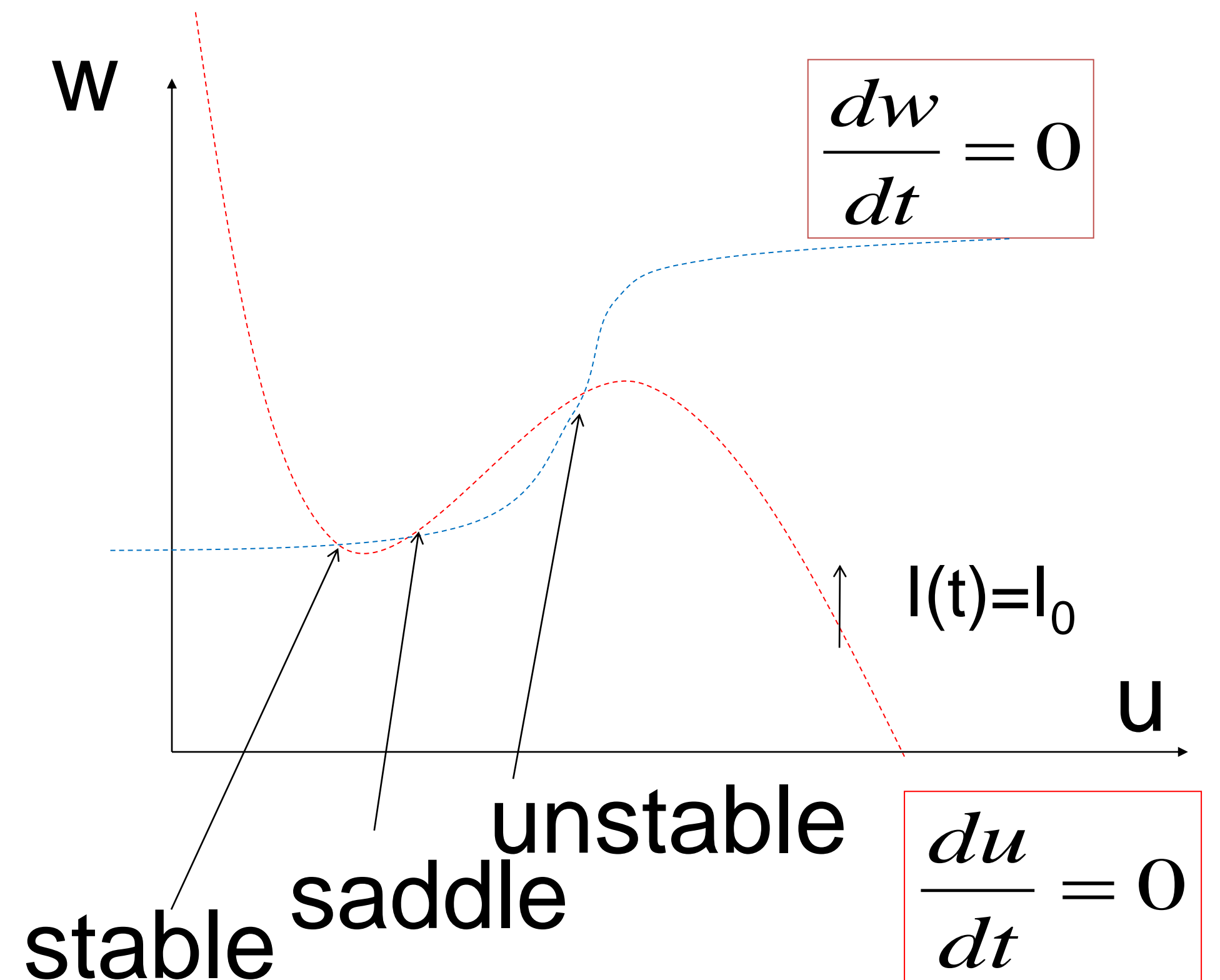
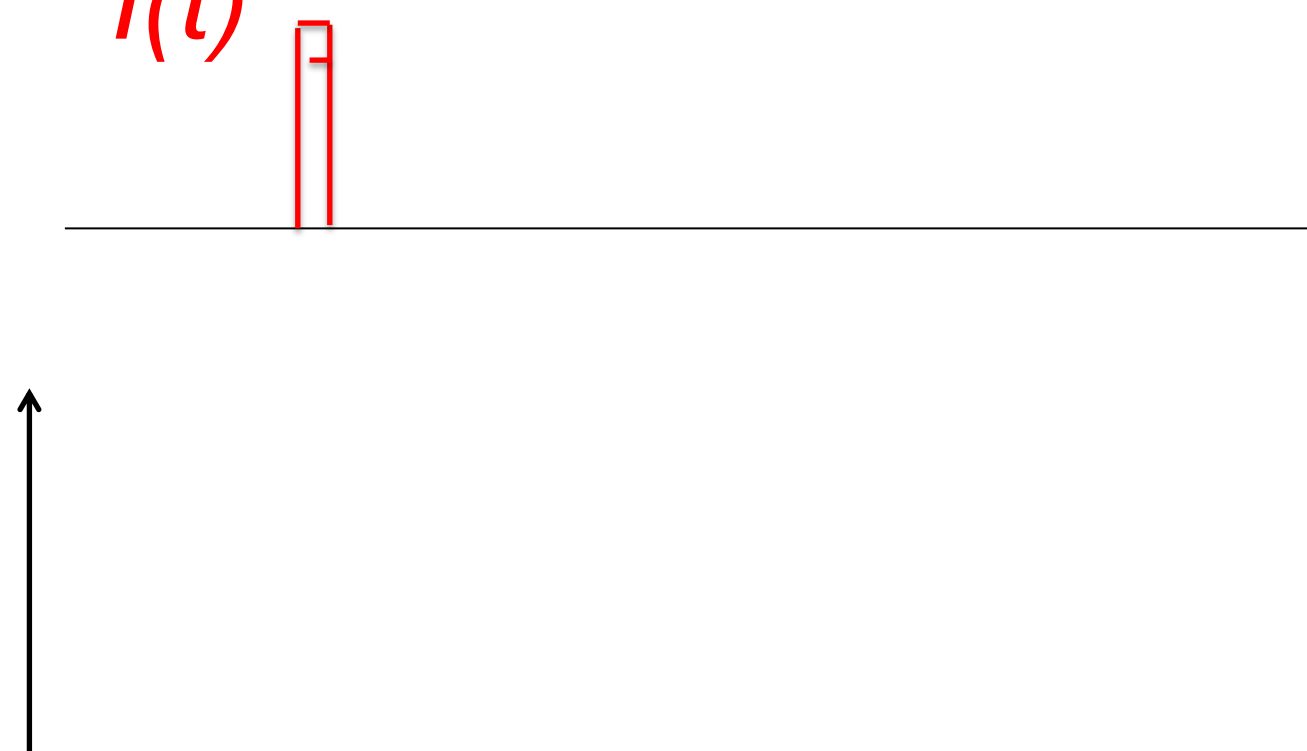


$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

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pulse input

$I(t)$

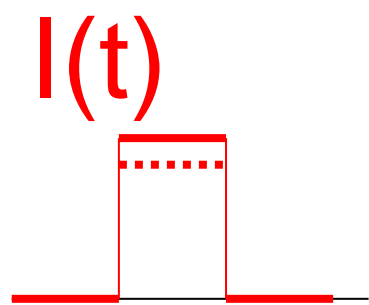


4.1 Type I model: Pulse input

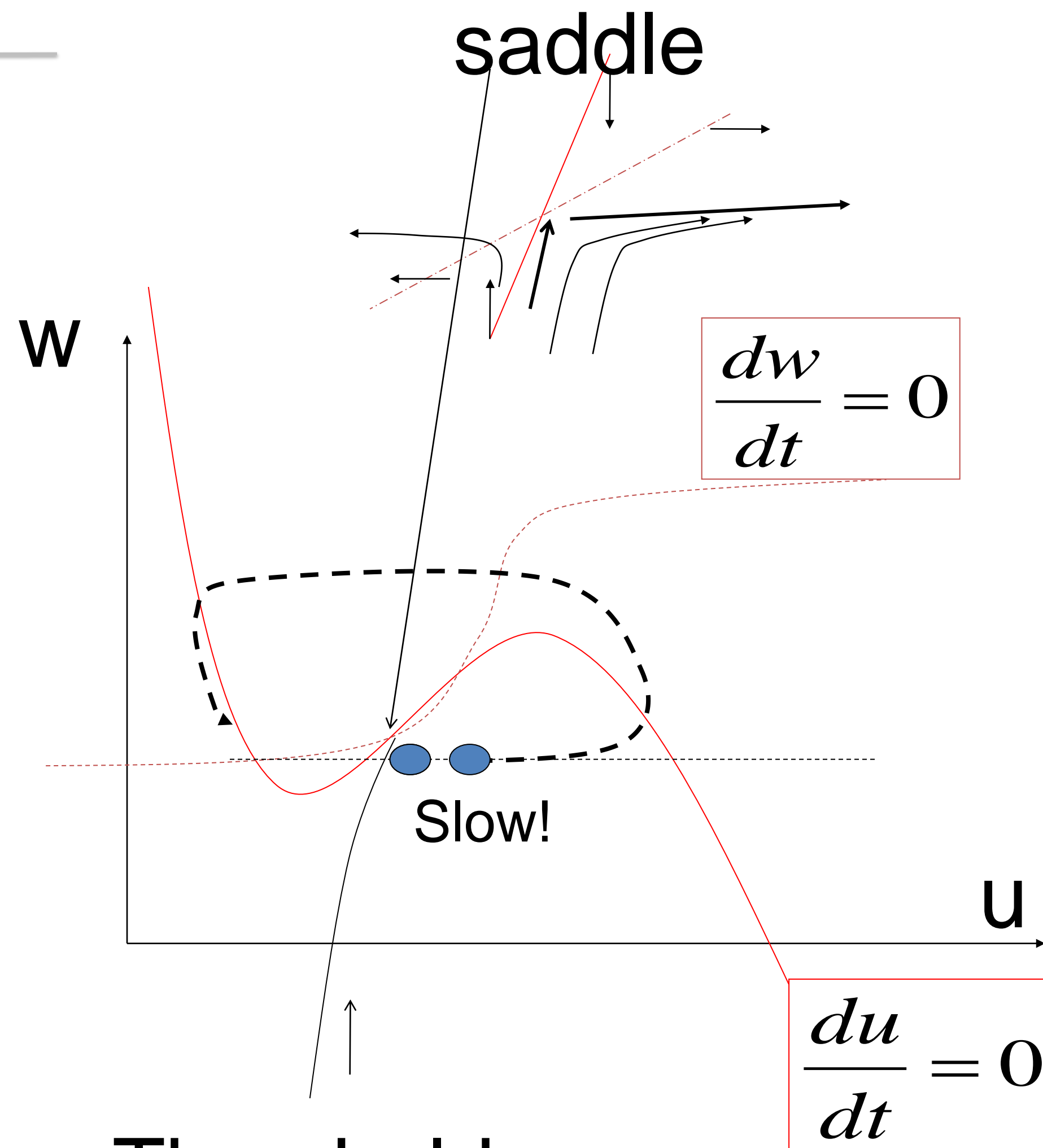
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + \overset{\text{stimulus}}{\downarrow} RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

pulse input

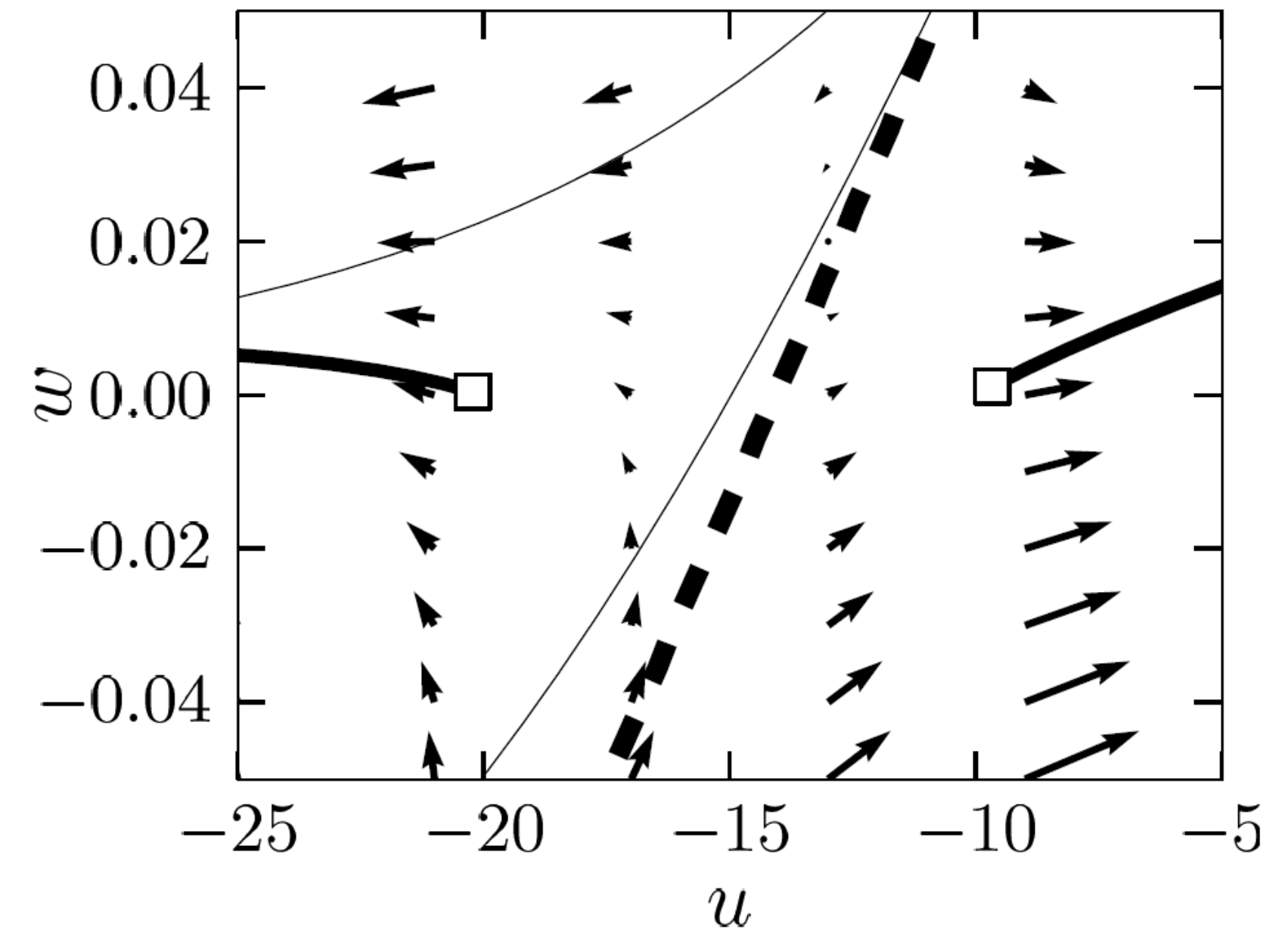
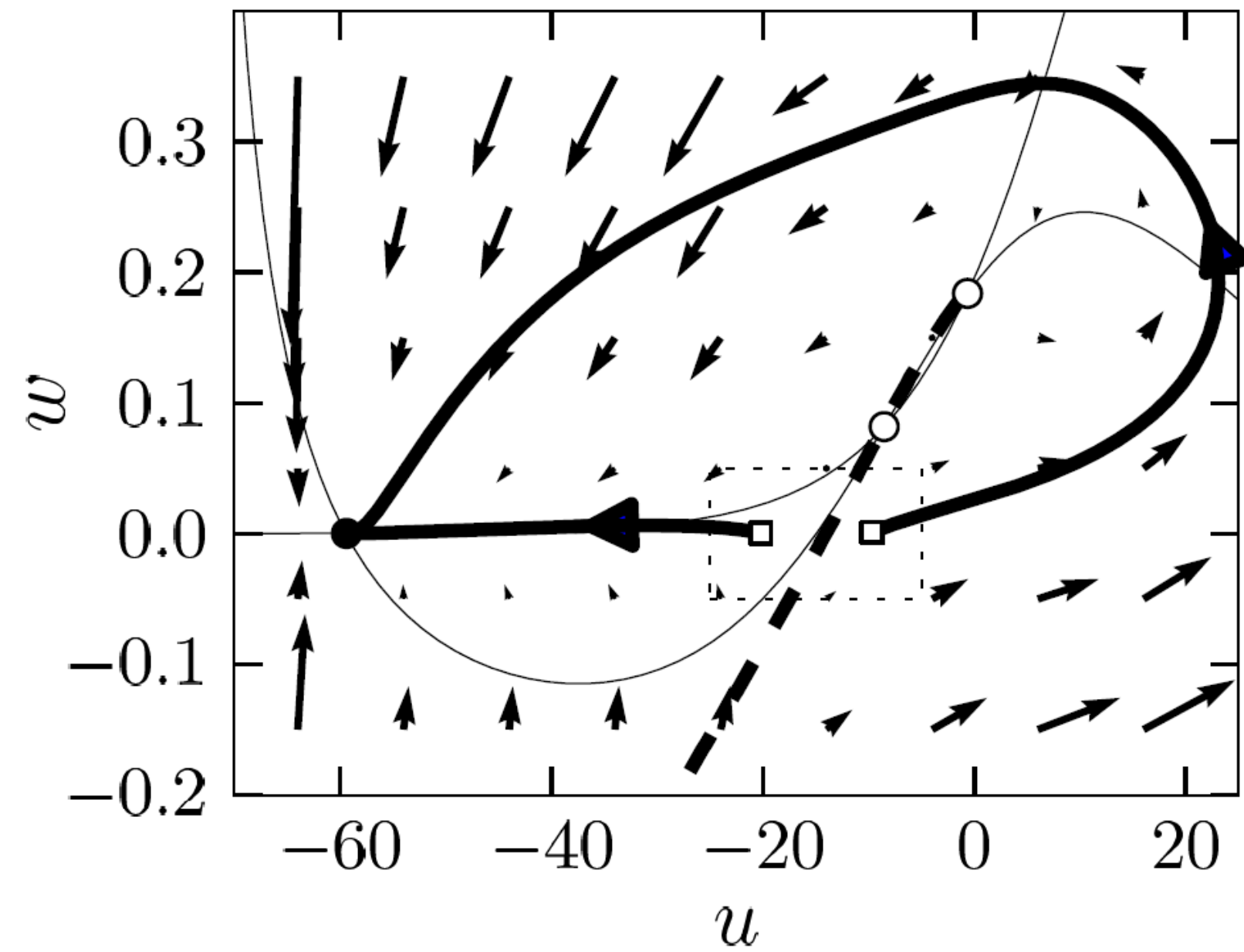


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Threshold
for pulse input

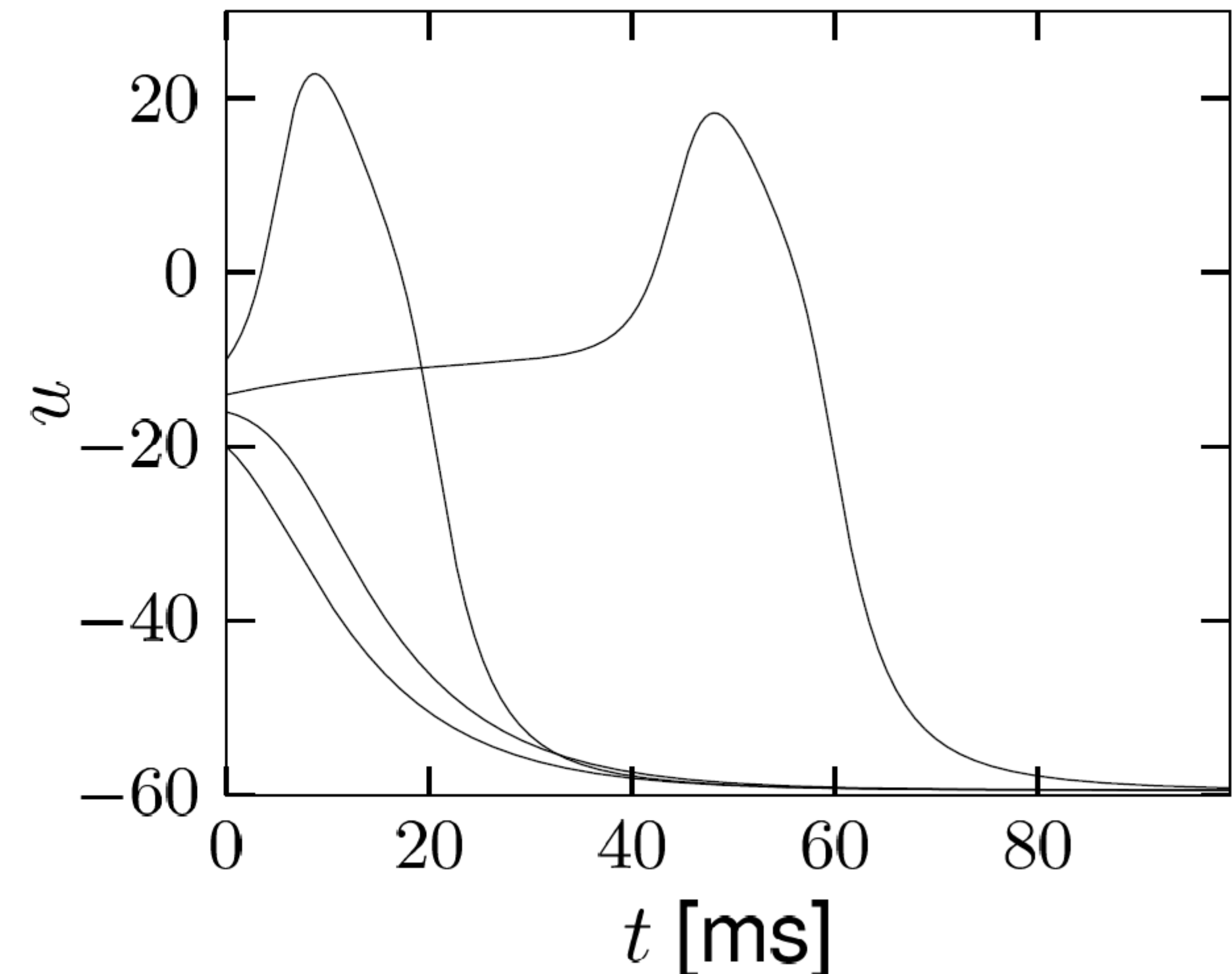
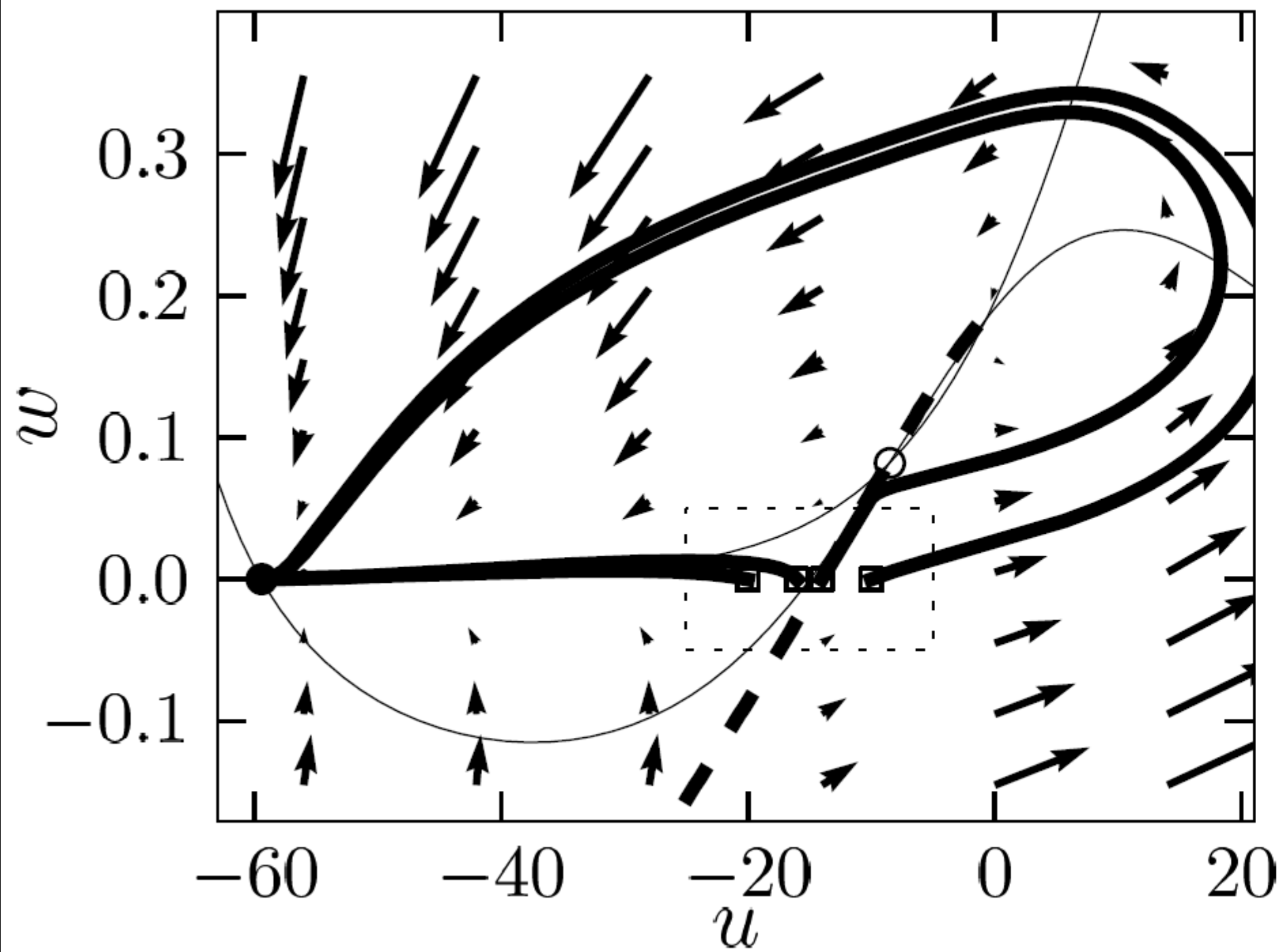
4.1 Type I model: Threshold for Pulse input



Stable manifold plays role of
'Threshold' (for pulse input)

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4.1 Type I model: Delayed spike initiation for Pulse input

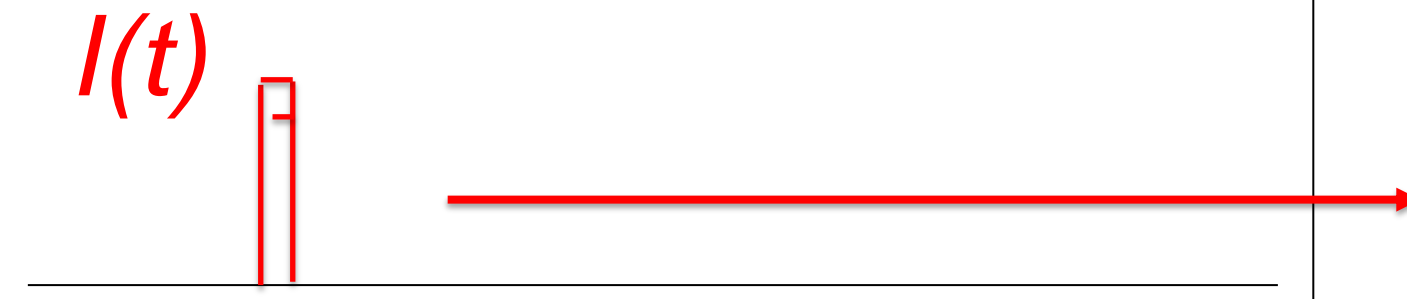


Delayed spike initiation close to
'Threshold' (for pulse input)

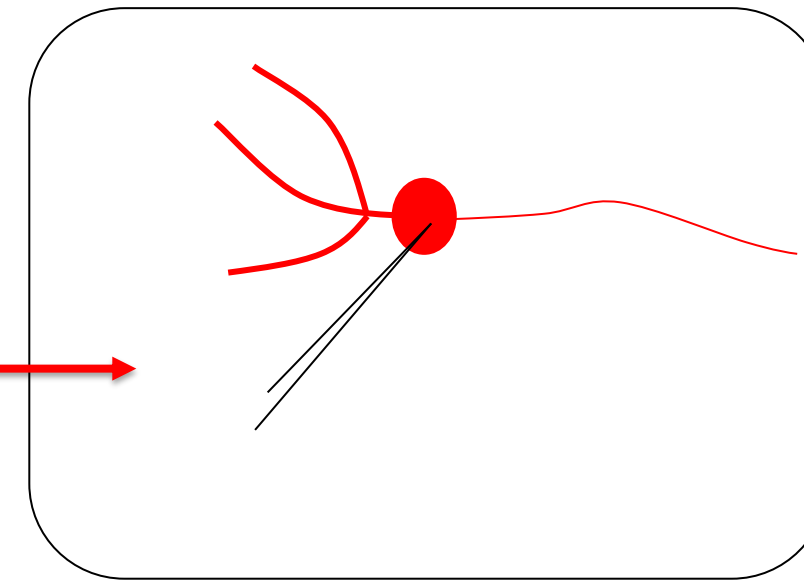
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Neuronal Dynamics – 4.1 Threshold in 2dim. Neuron Models

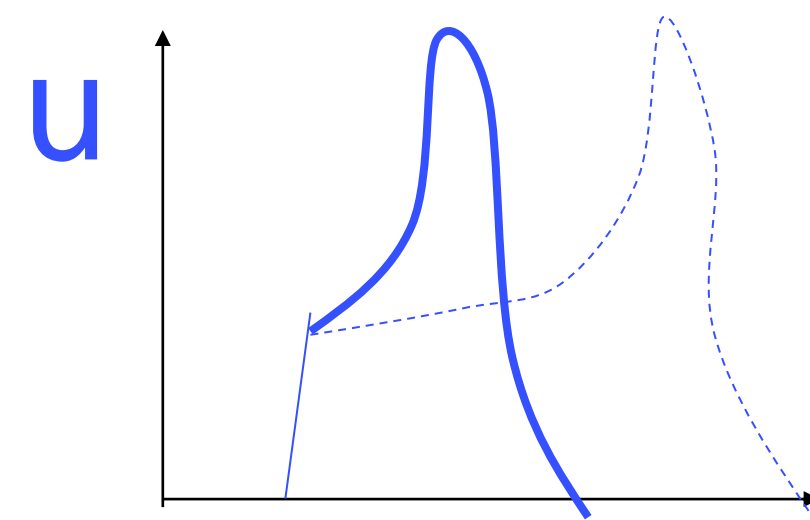
pulse input



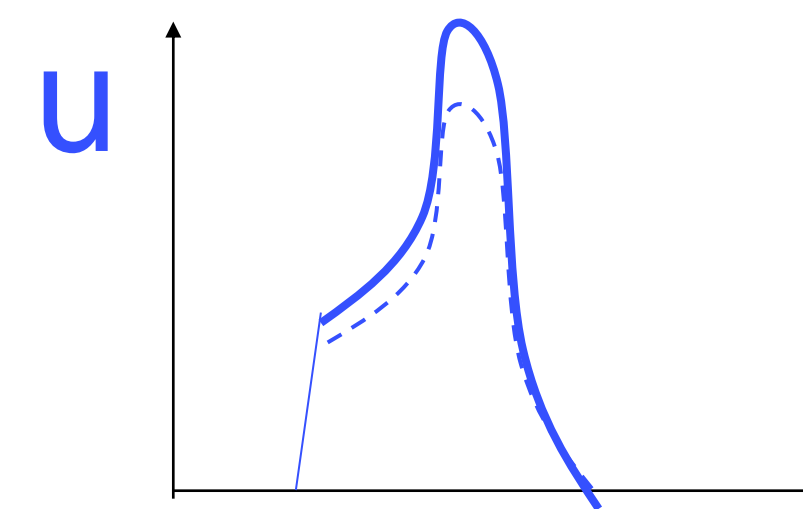
neuron



Delayed spike



Reduced amplitude



NOW: model with subc. Hopf

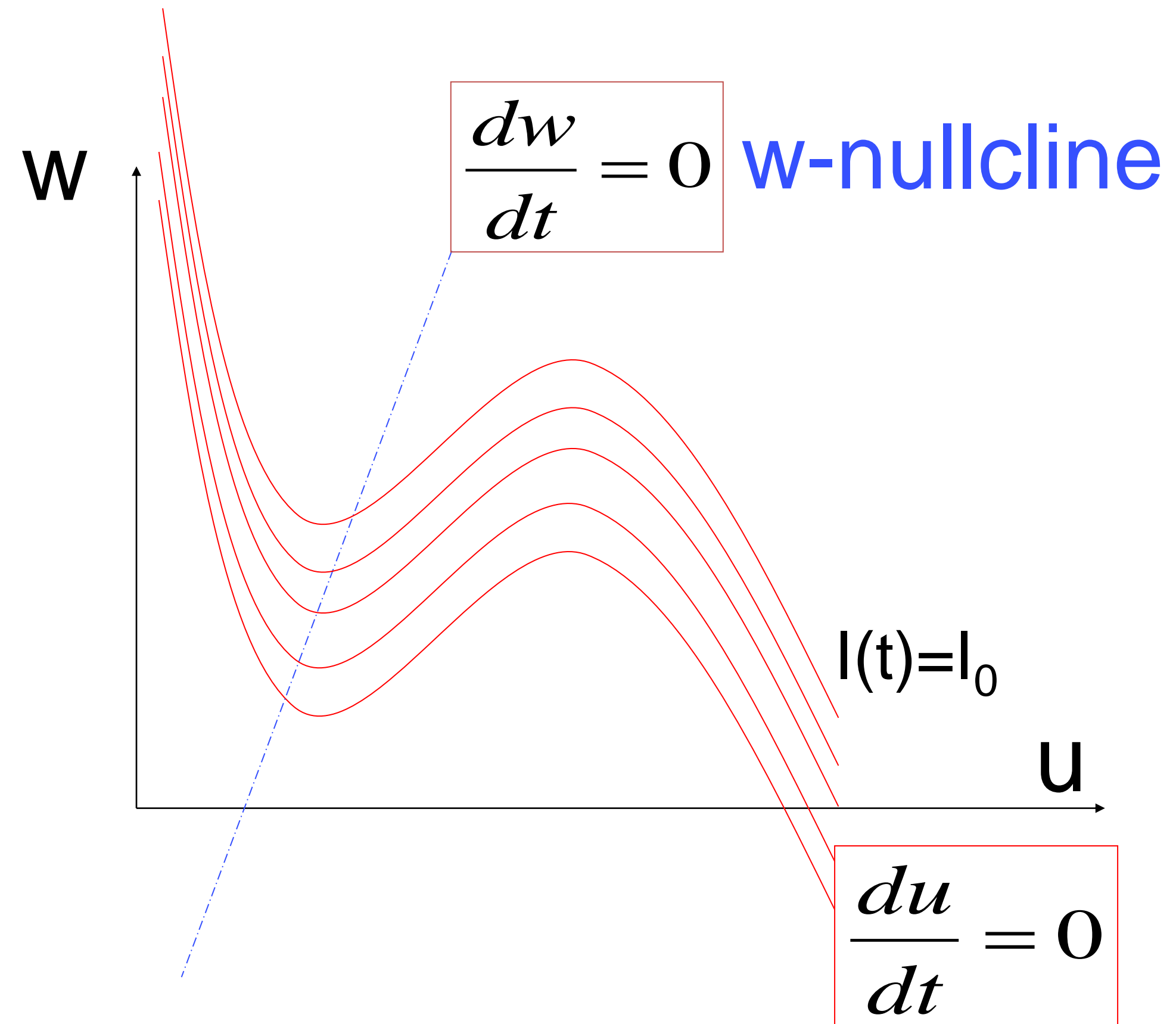
Review: FitzHugh-Nagumo Model: Hopf bifurcation

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

stimulus



apply constant stimulus I_0



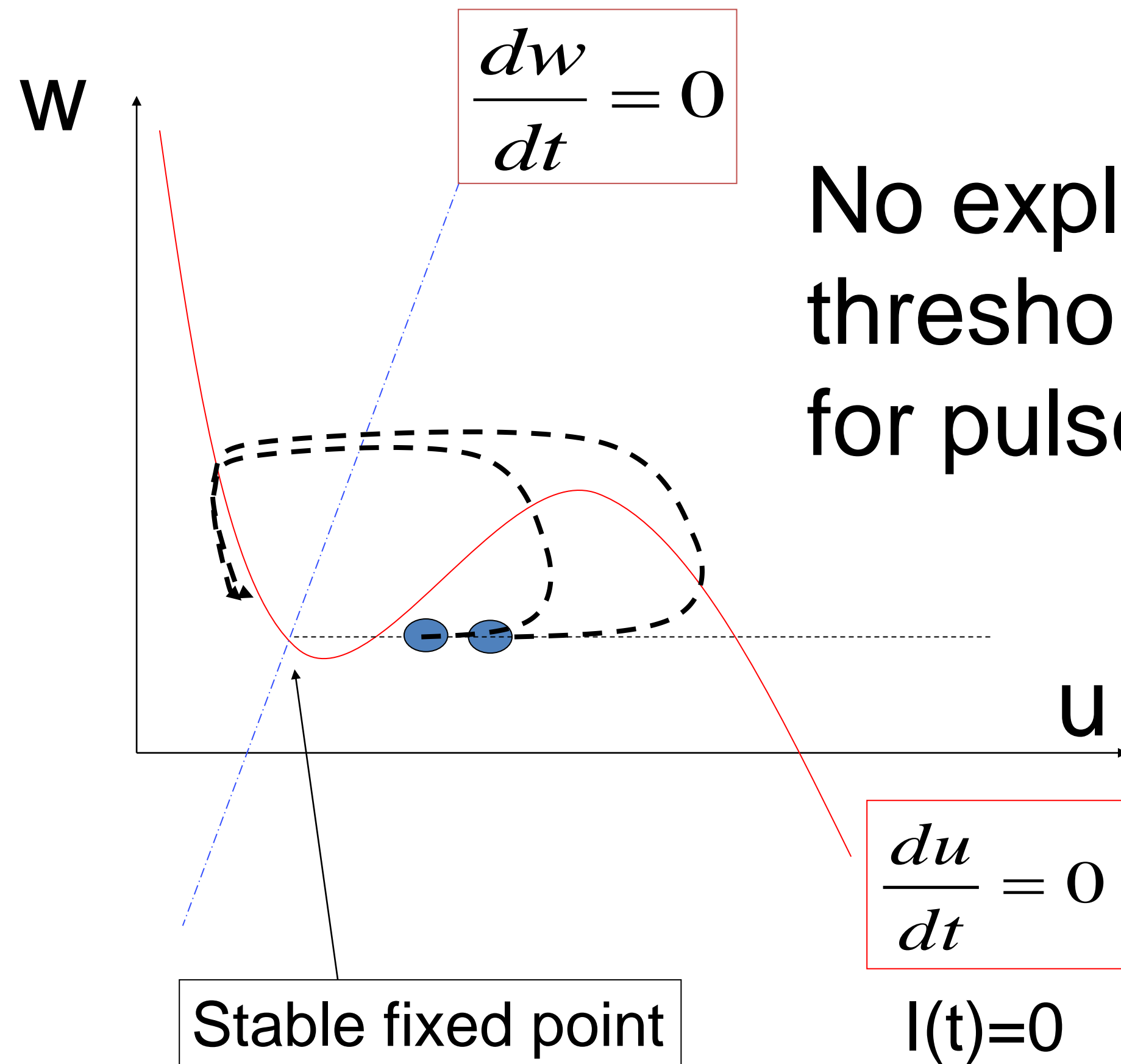
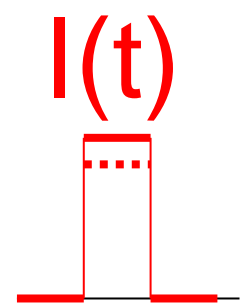
u-nullcline

FitzHugh-Nagumo Model - pulse input

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + \overset{\text{stimulus}}{\downarrow} RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

pulse input



Week 4 – part 1: Reducing Detail – 2D models



Biological Modeling of Neural Networks

Week 4

- Reducing detail
- Adding detail

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√ 3.1 From Hodgkin-Huxley to 2D

√ 3.2 Phase Plane Analysis

√ 3.3 Analysis of a 2D Neuron Model

4.1 Type I and II Neuron Models

- √ - limit cycles
- √ - where is the firing threshold?
- separation of time scales

4.2. Dendrites

FitzHugh-Nagumo Model - pulse input threshold?

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

stimulus

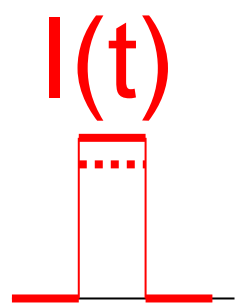


$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

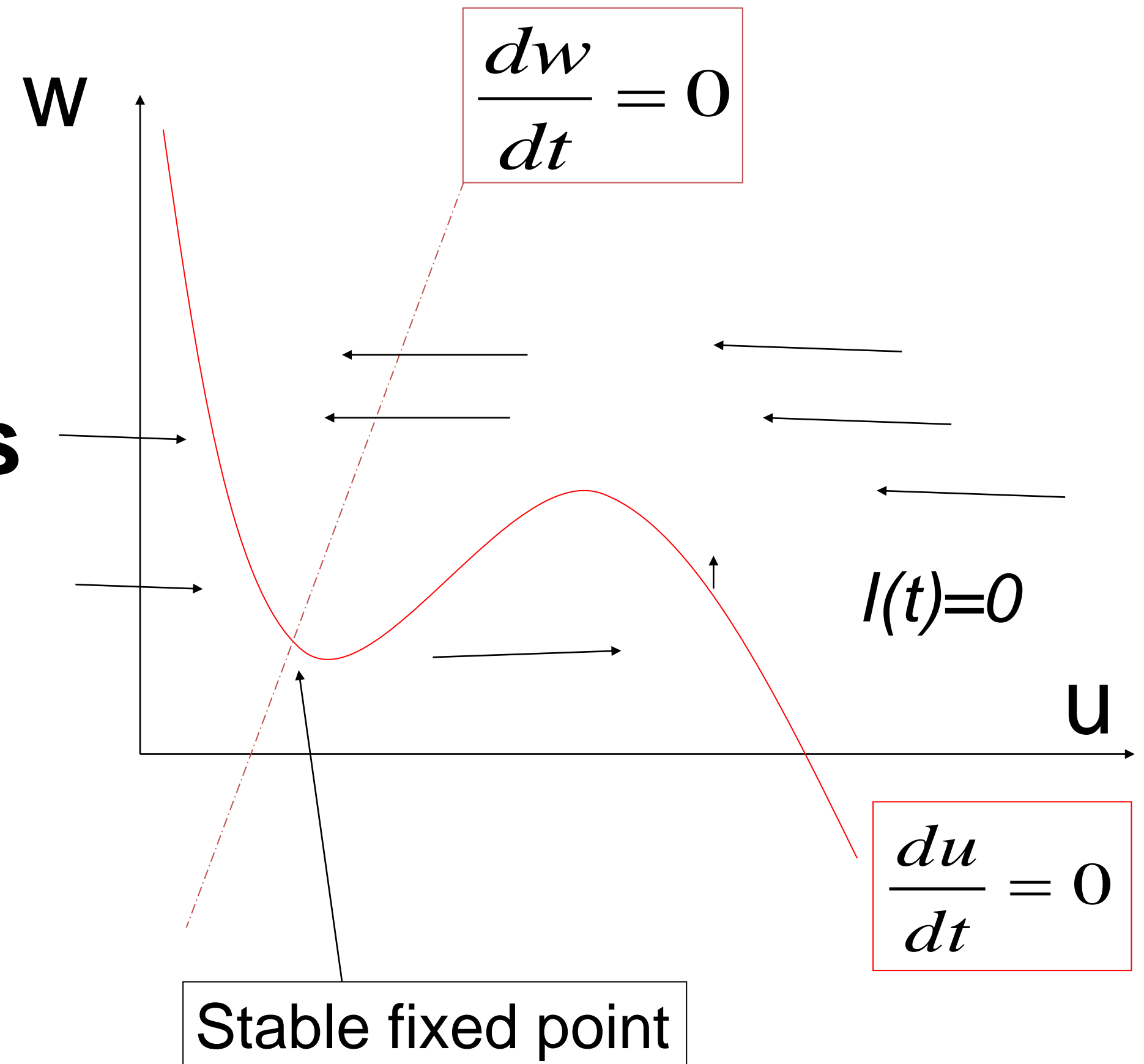
Separation of time scales

pulse input

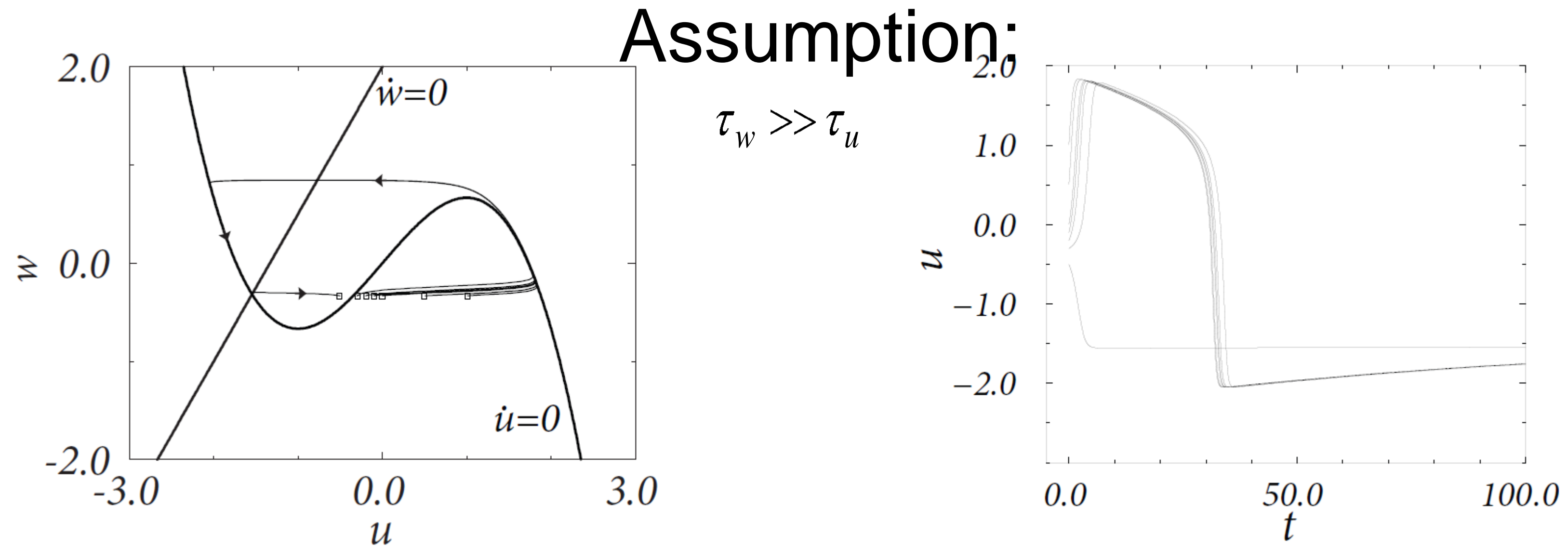
$$\tau_w \gg \tau_u$$



blackboard



4.1 FitzHugh-Nagumo model: Threshold for Pulse input



Middle branch of u -nullcline
plays role of
'Threshold' (for pulse input)

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4.1 Detour: Separation of time scales in 2dim models

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + \overset{\text{stimulus}}{\downarrow} RI(t)$$
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

Assumption:

$$\tau_w \gg \tau_u$$

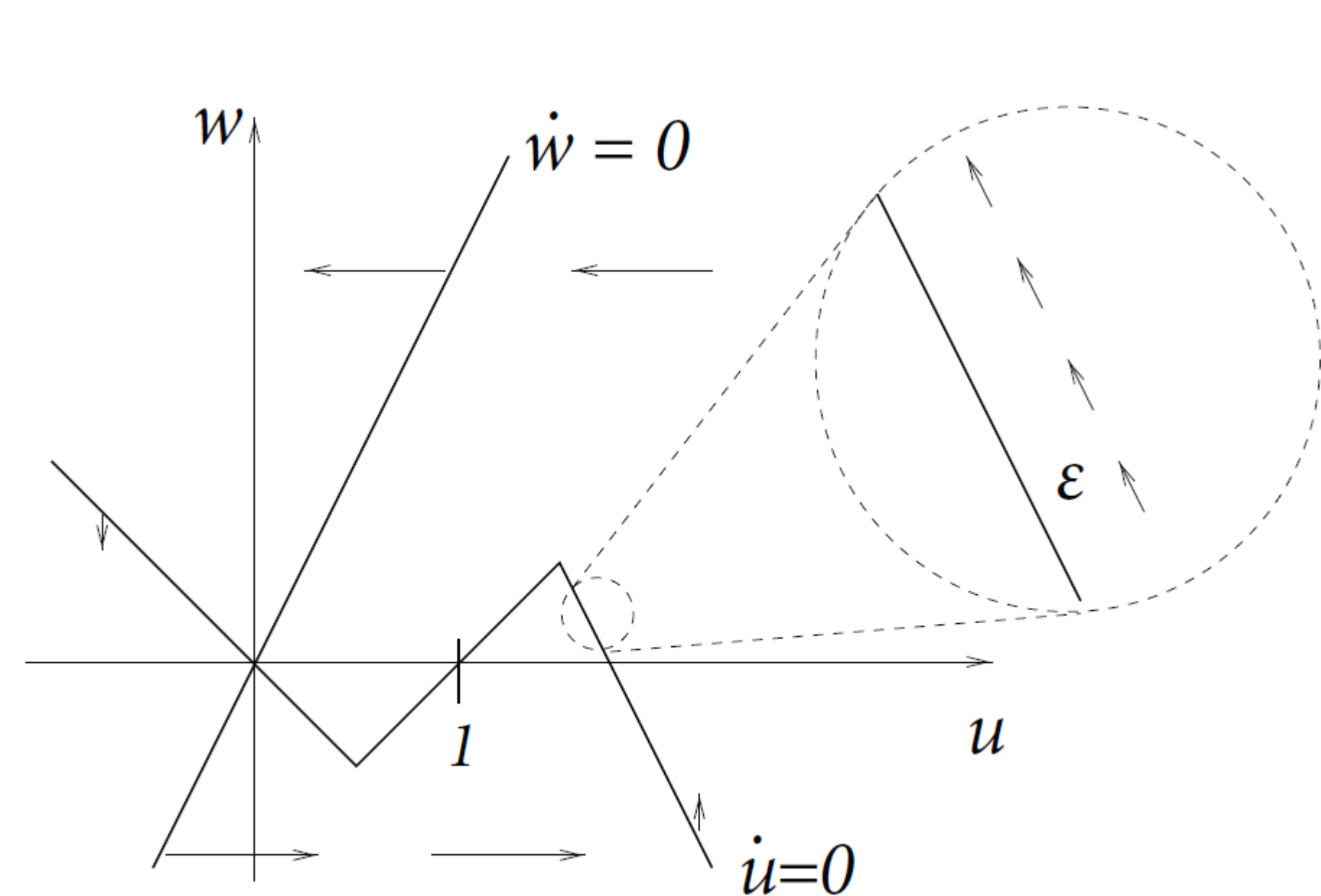
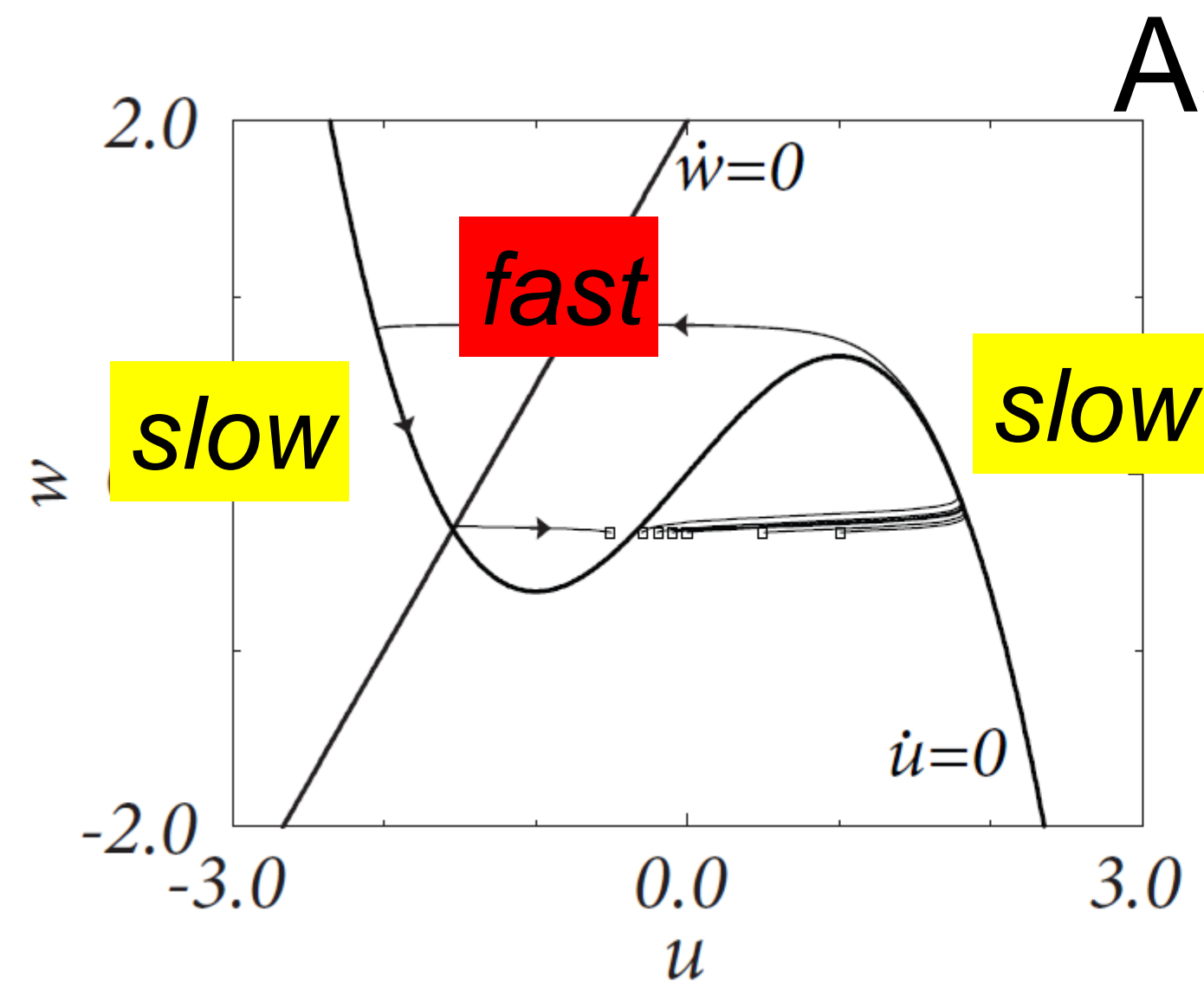


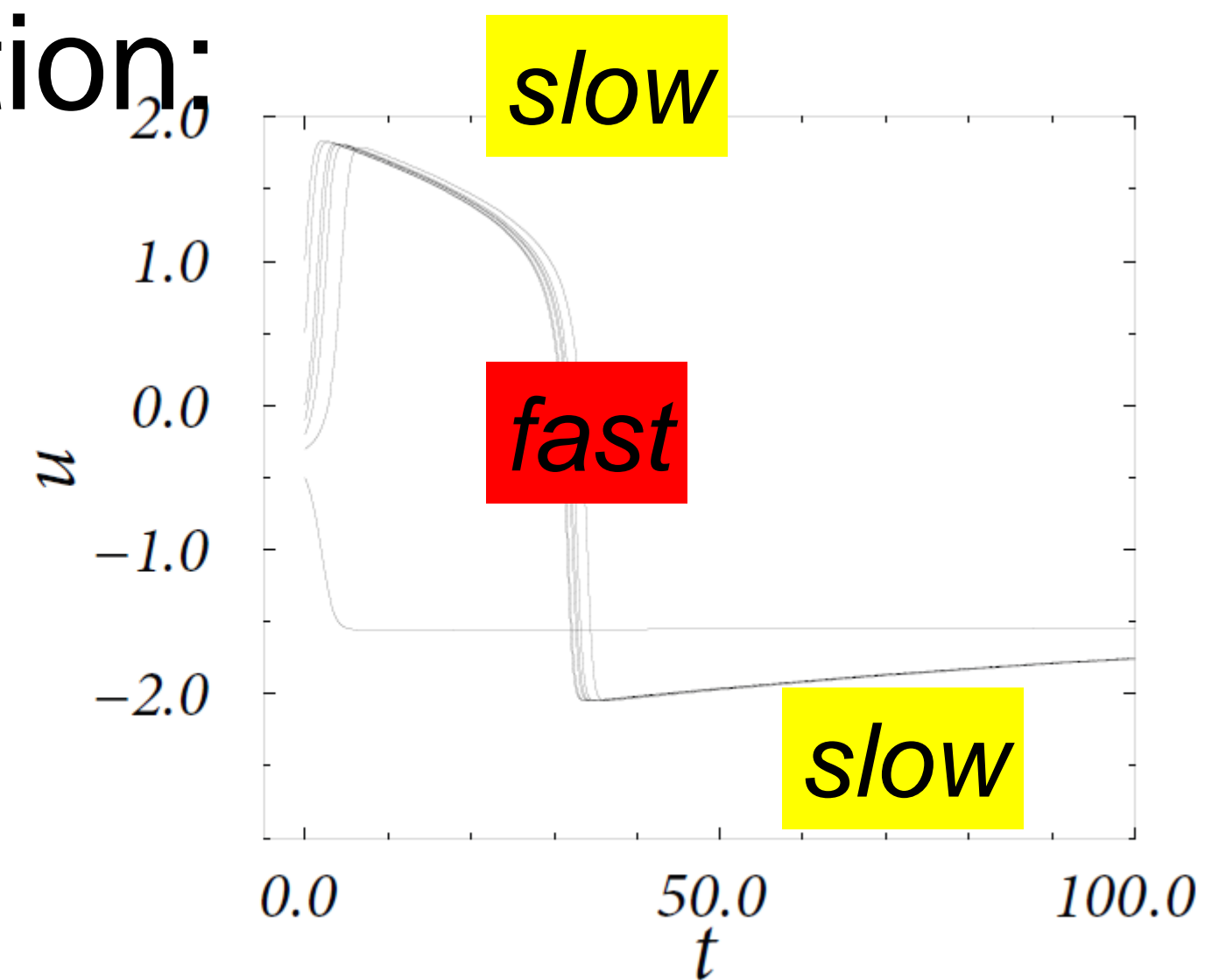
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4.1 FitzHugh-Nagumo model: Threshold for Pulse input



Assumption:

$$\tau_w \gg \tau_u$$



trajectory

-follows u -nullcline: **slow**

-jumps between branches: **fast**

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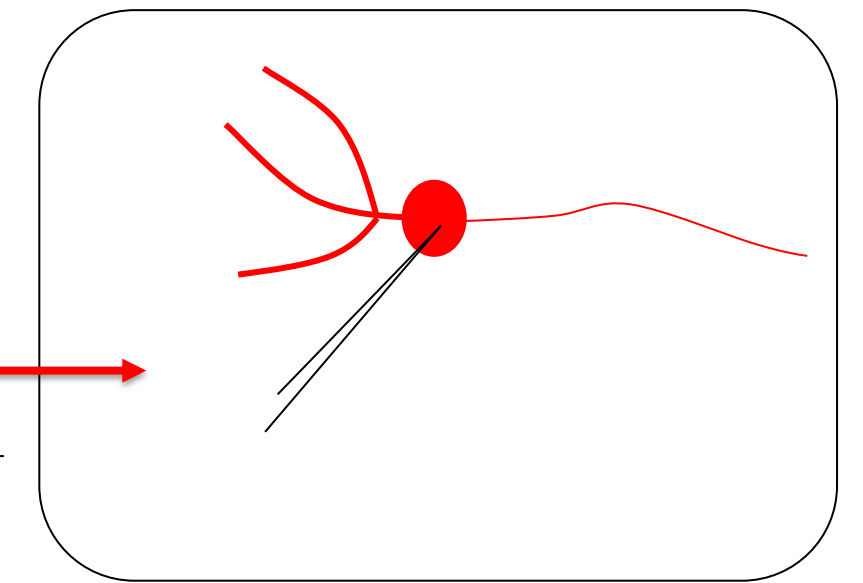
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Biological input scenario

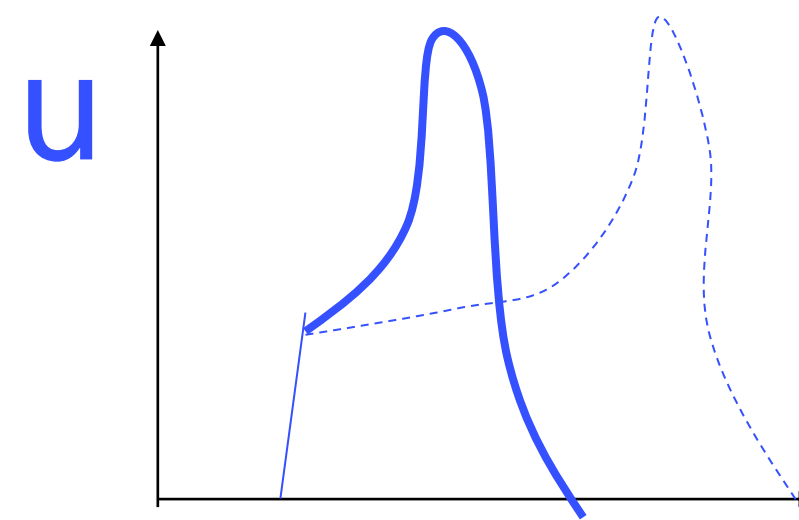
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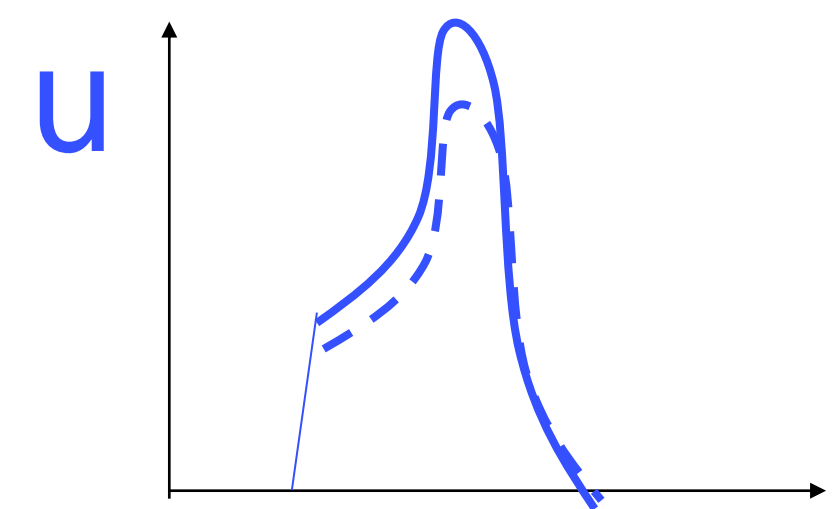
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Delayed spike



Reduced amplitude

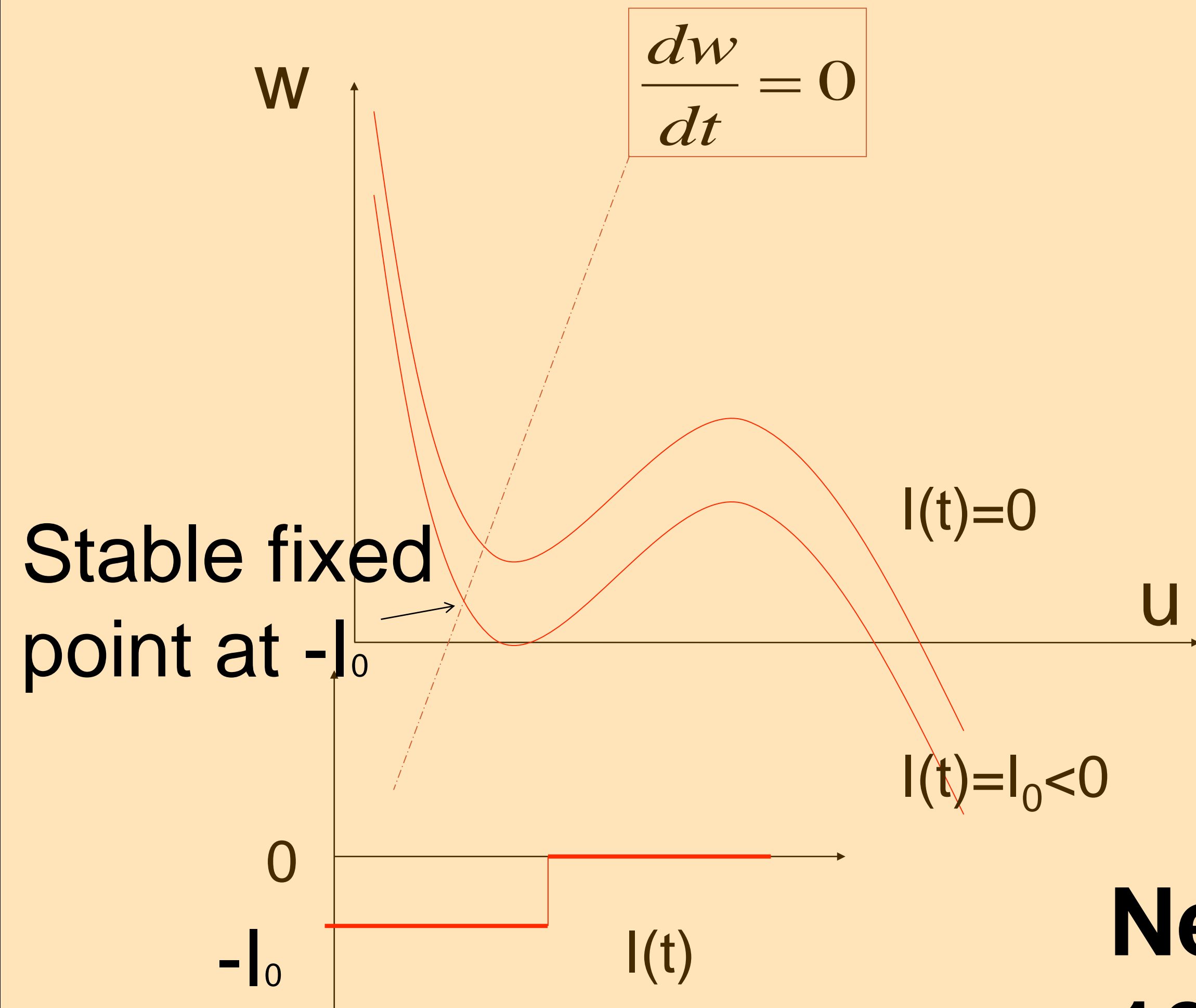


Mathematical explanation:
Graphical analysis in 2D

Exercise 1: NOW!

inhibitory rebound

Assume separation
of time scales



**Next lecture:
10:55**

Neuronal Dynamics – Literature for week 3 and 4.1

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Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 4.2.

A. Threshold in a 2-dimensional neuron model with saddle-node bifurcation

- The voltage threshold for repetitive firing is always the same as the voltage threshold for pulse input.
- in the regime below the saddle-node bifurcation, the voltage threshold for repetitive firing is given by the stable manifold of the saddle.
- in the regime below the saddle-node bifurcation, the voltage threshold for repetitive firing is given by the middle branch of the u-nullcline.
- in the regime below the saddle-node bifurcation, the voltage threshold for action potential firing in response to a short pulse input is given by the middle branch of the u-nullcline.
- in the regime below the saddle-node bifurcation, the voltage threshold for action potential firing in response to a short pulse input is given by the stable manifold of the saddle point.

B. Threshold in a 2-dimensional neuron model with subcritical Hopf bifurcation

- in the regime below the bifurcation, the voltage threshold for action potential firing in response to a short pulse input is given by the stable manifold of the saddle point.
- in the regime below the bifurcation, a voltage threshold for action potential firing in response to a short pulse input exists only if $\tau_w \gg \tau_u$