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# Statistical Field Theory and Neural Structures Dynamics III: Effective Action for Connectivities, Interactions and Emerging Collective States

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## Abstract

This paper elaborates on the effective field theory for the connectivity field previously introduced in ([7]). We demonstrate that dynamic interactions among connectivities induce modifications in the background state. These modifications can be understood as the emergence of interacting collective states above the background state. The emergence of such states is contingent on both interactions and the shape of the static or quasi-static background, which acts as a conditioning factor for potential emerging states.

## 1 Introduction

In this series of papers, we present a field-theoretic approach to model the dynamics of connectivity within a system of interacting spiking neurons. To accomplish this, we have developed a two-field model in Part 1 that describes the dynamics of both neural activity and the connectivities between points in the thread. The first field, akin to the one introduced in ([5]), characterizes the neural assembly, while the second field delineates the dynamics of connectivity between cells. Both fields interact with themselves, describing interactions within the network, and with each other, encapsulating the intricate interplay between neural activities and network connectivities. This field-based description encompasses the collective and individual aspects of the system. The two-field system is delineated by a field action functional that portrays the system's interactions at the microscopic level. This action functional comprehensively accounts for the system's dynamics as a whole.

This field-theoretic framework has enabled us to determine the effective action of the system, as well as the associated background field, which represents the minimum of the effective action. This background field characterizes the collective state of the system. The field framework allows for the computation of shifting rates, i.e., neural activity, at each point within the system for a given background state. It also serves as a suitable framework for deriving the propagation of perturbations in neural activity from one point to another. As previously demonstrated in ([5]), we established the existence of persistent nonlinear traveling waves along the thread by considering the field action for neurons alone.

In ([6]), when considering the field for connectivity functions, our framework enabled us to derive both the background fields for neural interactions and connectivities that minimize the action

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functional. These background fields represent the collective configurations of the system and determine the potential static equilibria for neural activities and connectivities. These equilibria serve as the structural foundation of the system, governing fluctuations and the propagation of signals within it. They are contingent upon internal parameters of the system and external stimuli. We demonstrated that several background states and their associated connectivities are feasible, with the thread primarily organized into groups of interconnected points. Based on these findings, we qualitatively explored the mechanisms of emergence of collective states resulting from perturbations or signals along the thread, as well as transitions between such states.

However, this study was limited to an examination at a static level. In ([7]), we provide dynamic foundations for these transitions by considering effective actions within a specified background field. Initially, recognizing that the timescale of connectivities is slower than that of individual cells, we focused on the action related to the connectivity field. We elucidated how recurrent activations at specific points can propagate across the thread, gradually altering the connectivity functions. For oscillatory perturbations, oscillatory responses may exhibit interference phenomena. At points of constructive interference, both the background state for connectivities and average connectivities undergo modifications. These long-term alterations manifest as emerging states with enhanced connectivities between certain points. These states are reflective of external activations and can be regarded as records of such activations. They persist over time and can be reactivated by external perturbations. Furthermore, the association of these emerging states is possible when their activation occurs at proximate times. The resultant state is thus a composite of two states, describable as a modification of an initial background state at several points. Activating one of the two states reactivates their combination. Consequently, regardless of the cause of their activation, these states with enhanced connectivity exhibit the characteristics of interacting partial neuronal assemblies.

This effective formalism allows us to comprehend the system’s connectivity dynamics as modifications of the connectivity field induced by external perturbations. We interpret the system’s fluctuations due to specific external perturbations as transitions between initial and final states of this field. The results from ([6]), such as the emergence of combined structures and the reactivation of one structure by another, occur within a coherent field description of the system of connectivities. In this context, the system’s dynamics arise as a consequence of a fluctuating background state influenced by external perturbations.

However, these results were obtained by exclusively working with the connectivities field and by considering the dynamics of perturbations resulting from exogenous signals. We did not base our findings on the interactions between the neuronal field and the connectivity field, thereby excluding the internal dynamics of the system.

The present paper extends this approach by examining the system of connectivities for itself. By replacing the individual cell field as an effective quantity dependent on connectivities, we described the effective dynamics for the connectivity fields, with the integration of the cell field giving rise to self-interactions for the connectivity field.

As a result, certain internal dynamics come into play, potentially altering the static background state at specific points. These self-interactions, induced by perturbations, may initiate internal patterns of connections between certain cells. Depending on internal parameters, we observe that permanent shifts in connectivity background states may occur in certain regions of the thread while leaving others unaffected. This effective theory can also be applied to describe the mechanisms of connectivity reinforcement between several cells and the emergence of groups with altered connectivities. These collective shifts can be understood as the emergence of additional structures whose formation is contingent upon the background state.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we provide a field-theoretic description of the

spiking neuron system. Section 3 is dedicated to deriving the effective action for the system within the background state outlined in ([6]). In Section 4, we calculate the modification of this background field resulting from connectivity interactions. We establish the conditions for shifted states based on the characteristics of the background. An alternative approximated approach is introduced in Section 5, which will be well-suited for future developments involving large sets of interacting collective states. In Section 6, we extend the approach to  $n$  types of different interacting fields. Finally, in Section 7, we use the previous formalism to compute, as an example, the interactions and dynamics between two connectivity states.

## 2 Field theoretic description of the system

Based on [1][2][3][4], we gave in ([6], resume in [7]) a statistical field formalism to describe both cells and connectivities dynamics. This description relies on two fields,  $\Psi$  for cells, and  $\Gamma$  for connectivities. The field action for the system is:

$$S_{full} = -\frac{1}{2}\Psi^\dagger(\theta, Z, \omega) \nabla \left( \frac{\sigma_\theta^2}{2} \nabla - \omega^{-1} \left( J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \Psi(\theta, Z) + V(\Psi) \quad (1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\eta^2} \left( S_\Gamma^{(0)} + S_\Gamma^{(1)} + S_\Gamma^{(2)} + S_\Gamma^{(3)} + S_\Gamma^{(4)} \right) + U \left( \left\{ |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z', C, D)|^2 \right\} \right)$$

where activity satisfies:

$$\omega^{-1} \left( J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) = G \left( J(\theta) + \frac{\kappa}{N} \int T(Z, Z_1, \theta) \frac{\omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1 \right)}{\omega(\theta, Z)} \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1 \right) \right|^2 dZ_1 \right) \quad (2)$$

with  $S_\Gamma^{(1)}$ ,  $S_\Gamma^{(2)}$ ,  $S_\Gamma^{(3)}$ ,  $S_\Gamma^{(4)}$  now given by:

$$S_\Gamma^{(1)} = \int \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D) \nabla_T \left( \frac{\sigma_T^2}{2} \nabla_T - \left( -\frac{1}{\tau\omega} T + \frac{\lambda}{\omega} \hat{T} \right) \right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D) \quad (3)$$

$$S_\Gamma^{(2)} = \int \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D) \quad (4)$$

$$\times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{2} \nabla_{\hat{T}} - \frac{\rho}{\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)} \left( \left( h(Z, Z') - \hat{T} \right) C |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 h_C \left( \omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. - D \hat{T} \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 h_D \left( \omega \left( J, \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \right) \right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D)$$

$$S_\Gamma^{(3)} = \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D) \nabla_C \left( \frac{\sigma_C^2}{2} \nabla_C + \left( \frac{C}{\tau_C \omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)} \right. \quad (5)$$

$$\left. \left. - \alpha_C (1-C) \frac{\omega \left( J, \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2}{\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)} \right) \right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D)$$

$$S_{\Gamma}^{(4)} = \Gamma^{\dagger} \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D \right) \nabla_D \left( \frac{\sigma_D^2}{2} \nabla_D + \left( \frac{D}{\tau_D \omega \left( J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)} - \alpha_D (1 - D) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\times \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D \right)$$

In (1), we added a potential:

$$U \left( \left\{ |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z', C, D)|^2 \right\} \right) = U \left( \int T \left| \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D \right) \right|^2 dT d\hat{T} \right)$$

that models the constraint about the number of active connections in the system.

### 3 Effective action for $\Gamma$ above the background and interactions between connectivities

In this section, we leverage the findings from ([6]) and ([7]) to construct an effective action for the connectivity field, denoted as  $\Gamma$  above its background. This is accomplished by expressing the activity  $\omega \left( J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$  of the background state in (1) as a function of the connectivity field. The computation of  $\omega \left( J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$  was detailed in ([7]) and leads to the development of an interacting effective action for the connectivity field  $\Gamma$ , which includes self-interacting dynamics among the connectivities. The resulting effective action will present some minima that modifies the connectivities relative to the initial static background state derived in ([6]). These states represent emerging states above the background. In this section, we examine these modifications in a quasi-static context. Subsequently, a dynamic version of these modifications will be developed to establish an effective description of assemblies interactions.

#### 3.1 Replacing auxiliary variables by averages

To write the effective action for  $\Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, C, D \right)$  we start with a simplification by replacing, as in ([7])  $C$  and  $D$  by averages:

$$C \rightarrow \langle C(\theta) \rangle = \frac{\alpha_C \omega' \left\langle \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right\rangle}{\frac{1}{\tau_C} + \alpha_C \omega' \left\langle \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right\rangle} \equiv C(\theta) \quad (7)$$

$$D \rightarrow \langle D(\theta) \rangle = \frac{\alpha_D \omega \left\langle |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right\rangle}{\frac{1}{\tau_D} + \alpha_D \omega \left\langle |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right\rangle} \equiv D(\theta) \quad (8)$$

We will also disregard the threshold term  $\eta H(\delta - T)$  in the sequel. We also choose:

$$h_C \left( \omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) = \omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$$

$$h_D \left( \omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) = \omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right)$$

and the action considered is thus:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T - \left( -\frac{1}{\tau\omega} T + \frac{\lambda}{\omega} \hat{T} \right) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \\ & + \Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} - \frac{\rho}{\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)} \left( (h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 h_C(\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)) \right) \right) \right. \\ & \left. \times -D(\theta) \hat{T} \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 h_D \left( \omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \right) \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

### 3.2 Activities as functions of connectivities

At this stage, we take into account the dependency of  $\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  in the connectivity field. Actually, in (9) activity  $\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  is itself a functional of  $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  whose derivation was given in ([7]). We decompose  $\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  as:

$$\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) = \omega_0(Z) + \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \quad (10)$$

where  $\omega_0(Z)$  is the static background activity. The source-dependent part of activity  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  is given by:

$$\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \equiv \sum_i \int K(Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) \left\{ \sum_i a(Z_i, \theta) \frac{\omega_0(J, \theta, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \right\} d\theta_i \quad (11)$$

To consider an internal dynamics of the system rather than an external-source driven perturbation we replace the particular sources in (11):

$$\sum_i a(Z_i, \theta) \frac{\omega_0(J, \theta, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2}$$

by the non contracted field:

$$|\Psi(Z, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \quad (12)$$

and  $\frac{1}{\Lambda}$  by  $|\Psi|^2$  to remain in a general case.

In ([7]), we showed that in first approximation:

$$K(Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) = \int^{\theta_i} \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + |\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 - \frac{\frac{\tilde{T}}{(1-(1+|\Psi|^2)\tilde{T})} [|\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2}]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\tilde{T}}{(1-(1+|\Psi|^2)\tilde{T})} [|\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2}]} \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} (Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) \quad (13)$$

### 3.3 Decomposition of $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ as background state plus fluctuation

Starting with (9), our aim is to obtain an effective action for fluctuations of  $\Gamma$  around some quasi-static background fld. For this purpose, we decompose the field into the background field and the fluctuations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

### 3.4 Activity induced by fluctuations $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$

Since our focus in this section is on the connectivity-induced change of activities, we introduce the expression  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  for the part of  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  that depends on  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  and  $\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ . In other words:

$$\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) - \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2, \Delta\Gamma = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger = 0) \rightarrow \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$$

The connectivity independent part of  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  is written:

$$\delta\omega_0 = \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2, \Delta\Gamma = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger = 0)$$

We studied in the previous section the impact of this term  $\delta\omega_0$ . Consequently, we incorporate this contribution into the definition of  $\omega_0$  and redefine:

$$\omega_0 + \delta\omega_0 \rightarrow \omega_0$$

This is consistent with our objective in this section: we aim to isolate the self-interaction of the connectivity functions so that we can incorporate external fluctuations  $\delta\omega_0$  in the definition of  $\omega_0$ .

In conclusion, it is noteworthy that the variation  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  can be viewed as a series expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) &= \int \left( \frac{\delta(\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2))}{\delta|\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2} \right)_{\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')=0} |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2 \\ &+ \int \left( \frac{\delta(\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2))}{\delta|\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2 \delta|\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2} \right)_{\Delta\Gamma=0} \\ &\times |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2 |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z_2, Z'_2)|^2 \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

as in the second part of this work ([7]), but now, the series depend explicitly on the perturbations in the connectivities.

### 3.5 Effective action for $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$

In this paragraph, we expand the action (9) using the averages values of  $T$  and  $\hat{T}$  in the background state, we show in appendix 1 that the fluctuation part of action (9) around the background state:

$$\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'), \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

is then decomposed in three contributions:

$$\Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \Xi \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + S_f + V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger)$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} S_f &= \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T - \left( -\frac{1}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} T + \frac{\lambda}{\omega_0} \hat{T} \right) \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &+ \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') (\nabla_{\hat{T}} (\nabla_{\hat{T}} - \Delta)) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') (\nabla_T(\Phi) - \nabla_{\hat{T}}(\Xi - \Upsilon)) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (16)$$

and where we defined:

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi &= \frac{\rho}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right) \\ \Delta &= \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( \left( h(Z, Z') - \hat{T} \right) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) - D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z') \right) \\ \Upsilon &= \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( \left( C(\theta) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) + D(\theta) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \right) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \right) \\ \Phi &= \left( -\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} (T - \langle T \rangle) + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2} (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The first contribution:

$$\Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \Xi \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

translates the modifications in the background state dynamics due to fluctuations in the connectivities. This can be neglected in first approximation. The second contribution  $S_f$  computes the free transition functions in the backgroundstate, i.e. the transitions due to internal fluctuations in absence of interactions. The third contribution  $V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger)$  is an interaction term.

The term (15) is the free part of the effective action, while (16) includes the interaction terms describing the self interaction of the connectivities system, through the fluctuations in activities.

We demonstrate in appendix 1 that the first term in (16) may be neglected and the second term can be approximated using estimates of  $\delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right)$  provided in appendix 1 and 2 of ([7]). Therefore, we can alternatively use for interactions:

$$V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) = -\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') (\nabla_{\hat{T}} \Xi) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (17)$$

or its continuous approximation:

$$V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') (\nabla_{\hat{T}} \hat{\Xi}) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (18)$$

where:

$$\hat{\Xi} = \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( (Z - Z') (\nabla_Z + \nabla_Z \omega_0(Z)) + \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right)$$

Ultimately, appendix 1 shows that the free action can be rewritten using the background state equations, so that the effective actin for  $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} &S(\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')) \\ &= \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle)}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} \right) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\quad + \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where  $|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2$  is a weighted sum of the field over the two connected points:

$$|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 = \frac{C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) + D(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)} \quad (20)$$



### 3.6 Replacing $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$ in the effective action as a function of $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$

As seen from equation (13)  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  depends on  $T|\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2$ . In a fluctuating state:

$$\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

the activities  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  are modified by  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  and in each operator  $\check{T}$ , the averages:

$$T|\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2$$

may be replaced by:

$$\langle T \rangle |\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2 \left( 1 + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2}{\langle T \rangle |\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2} \right)$$

To isolate the dependency of  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  in  $|\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2$  we start with the expansion (13) including higher order corrections evaluated at  $|\Gamma_0|^2$ . Then we sum over all the possible modifications obtained by inserting at least at one point a factor:

$$\left( 1 + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2}{\langle T \rangle |\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')|^2} \right)$$

Using again estimations of appendix 1 and 2 of ([7]) for the operator  $\frac{\check{T}}{(1-(1+\check{T}))}$ , we show that the sum of these modifications is obtained by first considering the following contribution for any line  $Z, Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  of any number  $n$  of points:

$$G(\theta - \theta_1, Z - Z_1) \left[ \prod \frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma(\theta_j, Z_j, Z_{j+1})|^2}{T} |\Psi(\theta_j, Z_j)|^2 G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) \right] \quad (21)$$

$$\times G(\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n, Z_{n-1} - Z_n) |\Psi_0(Z_n, \theta_n)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_n, Z_n)}{\Lambda^2} \quad (22)$$

where:

$$G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) = \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}) - \alpha\left((c(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}))^2 - |Z_j - Z_{j+1}|^2\right)\right)}{D} \quad (23)$$

Then, we branch such series at some points  $(\theta_k, Z_k)_k$  to produce a tree with an arbitrary number of nodes. Each node can have an arbitrary number of branches originating from this point. The contribution associated with such a tree is the product of the terms associated with each branch. Finally, we sum over all possible branching points.

The contribution associated to this sum is thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* \left[ G \left( \theta - \theta_1^{(p)}, Z - Z_1^{(p)} \right) \right. \\
& \times \left[ \prod \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma \left( \theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right)|^2}{T} \left| \Psi \left( \theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)} \right) \right|^2 G \left( \theta_j^{(p)} - \theta_{j+1}^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)} - Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right] \\
& \times \left. G \left( \theta_n^{(p)} - \theta_i^{(p)}, Z_n^{(p)} - Z_i^{(p)} \right) \left| \Psi_\Gamma \left( Z_i^{(p)}, \theta_i^{(p)} \right) \right|^2 \frac{\omega_0 \left( \theta_i^{(p)}, Z_i^{(p)} \right)}{\Lambda^2} \right] \\
& = \sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

and the symbol  $\left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^*$  denotes the branching of lines at any points. The sum takes into account all the possibility of branching lines.

Ultimately, we replace  $\delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$  in (17) and (18) by:

$$\sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right) \tag{25}$$

given in (24).

### 3.7 Graphs expansion for the effective action

The interaction terms (25) terms allow to compute the transitions from one state  $\left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n}$  of  $n$  connections to an other  $\left( \Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j^{(f)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n}$ .

The amplitudes are given by the sum over  $k$  of products of  $k$  vertices:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \left| \left\{ \int \Delta \Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \right. \right. \right. \\
& \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( \alpha |Z - Z_1|^2 + \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \right) + (Z' - Z) \nabla_{Z \omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \right) \right) \\
& \times \left. \left. \left. \left( \sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right) \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \right\}^k \left| \left( \Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j^{(f)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \right\rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

The computation can be expressed in terms of graphs, as explained in appendix 1. Due to the form of the propagators, some simplifications arise. We show that the sum of vertices can be simplified and that the interaction term  $\delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$  in (15) writes recursively.

At the first order

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) & = \check{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \check{T} \right)^{-1} \left( Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1 \right) \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma \left( \theta_1, Z_1, Z_1 \right)|^2}{T} d\theta_1 \right] \\
& \equiv \sum_i \int K \left( Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1 \right) \left\{ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma \left( \theta_1, Z_1, Z_1 \right)|^2}{T} \right\} d\theta_1
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

and recursively, the corrections are obtained order by order by replacing:

$$(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T}$$

by:

$$\left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle - \frac{\frac{\check{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]} \right) \check{T}$$

### 3.8 Effective action at the first order in perturbation

The effective action for  $\Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  can be rewritten at the lower order in perturbation using approximation (18):

$$\begin{aligned} & S(\Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')) \tag{28} \\ &= -\Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) - \lambda(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\quad - \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\quad - V(\Delta \Gamma, \Delta \Gamma^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

with  $|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2$  defined in (20) and:

$$\begin{aligned} & V(\Delta \Gamma, \Delta \Gamma^\dagger) = \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{29} \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \check{T} (1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T})^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right] \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$O(Z, Z', Z_1) = -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \frac{\nabla_{Z_1}^2}{2} + \frac{\nabla_{\theta_1}^2}{2c^2} - \frac{\nabla_{Z_1}^2 \omega_0(Z)}{2} \right) \tag{30}$$

We close this section by considering the potential for connectivities:

$$U \left( \left\{ \left| \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z', C, D) \right|^2 \right\} \right)$$

This potential adds an additional term to (28). Assuming the variation  $\Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  to be orthogonal to  $\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z', C, D)$ , we write the effective potential:

$$\begin{aligned} & U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \left\{ \Delta \left| \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') \right|^2 \right\} \right) \\ &= \sum_k \int \left( \frac{\delta^k U \left( \left\{ \left| \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z', C, D) \right|^2 \right\} \right)}{\delta^k \left| \Gamma(T_i, \hat{T}_i, Z_i, Z'_i) \right|^2} \right)_{\Gamma_0(T_i, \hat{T}_i, Z_i, Z'_i)} \prod_{i \leq k} \left| \Delta \Gamma(T_i, \hat{T}_i, Z_i, Z'_i) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

We assume a slowly increasing function of  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2$ , i.e. a function of the global activity at each point  $(Z, Z')$ :

$$U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right) = \sum_k \int_{\Gamma_0(Z, Z')} \left( \frac{\delta^k U \left( \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta^k \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right) \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^{2k} \quad (31)$$

with:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 = \int \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 d(T, \hat{T})$$

where the coefficients satisfy:

$$\left| \left( \frac{\delta^k U \left( \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta^k \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right)_{\Gamma_0(Z, Z')} \right| \ll 1 \quad (32)$$

It allows to discard the potential term in the sequel, but it ensures that the norm at point  $(Z, Z')$  of  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ :

$$\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2$$

written  $\|\Delta\Gamma\|$ , is bounded by a maximum, representing a maximum in the shift in activity. We will also assume that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\delta U \left( \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right)_{\Gamma_0(Z, Z')} &< 0 \\ \left( \frac{\delta^k U \left( \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta^k \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right)_{\Gamma_0(Z, Z')} &> 0 \text{ for } k > 2 \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

so that  $U \left( \|\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)$  has a minimum.

We will also assume that the global connectivity:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 = \int \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 d(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z')$$

is constrained to be closed to some value  $\overline{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}$ . This corresponds to some overall modifications corresponding to some external modification.

## 4 Application 1: Interactions and modifications of the background

The introduction of effective interactions among connectivities in (28) should modify the background state of the system. This section is dedicated to the computation and description of these modifications. The modified states closely resemble fundamental modifications occurring above the background state, which results from self-interactions.

## 4.1 Equations for background field in interaction

The saddle point equation derived from (28) writes:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \left( \nabla_T \left( \sigma_T^2 \nabla_T + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) - \lambda (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& + \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& + \left( V_0(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) + (V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) (1 + V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma))) \Delta T + \alpha (\|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

with:

$$|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 = \frac{C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) + D(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)} \tag{35}$$

$$V_0(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) = \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \check{T} \left( 1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T} \right] \right) \tag{36}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) \tag{37} \\
= & \int \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2) \nabla_{\hat{T}_2} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z'_2)|^2}{\omega_0(Z_2)} \left[ \check{T} \left( 1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T} \right)^{-1} O \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}^{(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)} \right) \\
& \times \Delta \Gamma(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2) d(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) = \int \left[ \check{T} \left( 1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T} \right)^{-1} \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T} \right] d(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1) \tag{38}$$

and:

$$\alpha (\|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2) = - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta \Gamma} (\|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)}{\delta \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} + \alpha_0$$

$\alpha$  implements the potential described in the previous paragraph and  $\alpha_0$  implements the constraint. Given our assumptions (see (33)),  $\alpha (\|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)$  increases from zero to a maximum, then decreases. We will write  $\alpha$  for  $\alpha (\|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2) + \alpha_0$  and thus consider  $\alpha > 0$ .

Operator  $O$  has a kernel given by (30):

$$O(Z, Z', Z_1) = - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \frac{\nabla_{Z_1}^2}{2} + \frac{\nabla_{\theta_1}^2}{2c^2} - \frac{\nabla_{Z'}^2 \omega_0(Z)}{2} \right) \tag{39}$$

Note that the kernel  $\left[ \check{T} \left( 1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T} \right) O \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}^{(T_i, \hat{T}_i, \theta_i, Z_i, Z'_i)}$  and  $\left[ \check{T} \left( 1 - (1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \check{T} \right) \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}^{(T_i, \hat{T}_i, \theta_i, Z_i, Z'_i)}$  are computed with the average values of  $\hat{T}$ . As a consequence they do not depend on  $T$  and  $\hat{T}$ . That's why  $V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma)$  and  $V_{2,i}(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma)$  do not depend on  $T$  and  $\hat{T}$ . We will define:

$$V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) = V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) + V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) \tag{40}$$

## 4.2 Formal solutions

We solve (34) by the same method as in appendix 2 in ([6]). The detailed computations are given in appendix 7. Starting by writing (34):

$$\left(\nabla^2 + (\nabla)^t (\gamma \Delta \mathbf{T} + V_0 \mathbf{a}_0) + V(\mathbf{a})^t \Delta \mathbf{T} + \alpha\right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (41)$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta \mathbf{T})^t &= (\Delta T, \Delta \hat{T}), \quad (\mathbf{a}_0)^t = (0, 1), \quad (\mathbf{a})^t = (1, 0) \\ \gamma &= \begin{pmatrix} u & s \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \\ v &= \rho C \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2 h_C(\omega_0(Z))}{\omega_0(Z)} + \rho D \frac{|\Psi_0(Z')|^2 h_D(\omega_0(Z'))}{\omega_0(Z)} \\ s &= -\frac{\lambda |\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \end{aligned}$$

The potential  $V_0(Z, Z')$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} V_0(Z, Z') &= \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \check{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right) \check{T}\right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T} \right] \right) \quad (42) \\ &\simeq A_0(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$A_0(Z, Z') = \left\langle \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \check{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right) \check{T}\right)^{-1} O \right\rangle^{Z, Z'}$$

We solve equation (41) by shifting the variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{T} + \gamma^{-1} V_0 \mathbf{a}_0 &\rightarrow \Delta \mathbf{T} \\ -V(\mathbf{a})^t \gamma^{-1} V_0 \mathbf{a}_0 + \alpha &\rightarrow \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

so that (41) writes:

$$\left(\nabla^2 + (\nabla)^t \gamma \Delta \mathbf{T} + V(\mathbf{a})^t \Delta \mathbf{T} + \alpha\right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (44)$$

This equation is solved by considering the Fourier transform of this equation:

$$\left(-\mathbf{k}^2 - (\mathbf{k})^t \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} - iV(\mathbf{a})^t \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\right) \Gamma(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (45)$$

with solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\delta(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k}\right) \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\delta}{2\alpha u}} \left(\left(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \\ &\times \exp\left(-i \left(\frac{\alpha \delta}{u} \arctan\left(\frac{k_1 u}{V}\right) + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \arctan\left(\frac{(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2) v}{V}\right)\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{u} \left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) & -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} \\ -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} & \frac{1}{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

We impose that  $\alpha > 0$  to ensure the solutions are well defined.

In the limit of large interactions, the solution to (34) is, up to some constant:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= i^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \\ &\times \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \left(\left(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s}k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{T} &= \begin{pmatrix} T - \langle T \rangle \\ \hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha}{V} \\ -\frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{Vs} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

The estimation of the integral is presented in appendix 1. It uses the diagonalization of  $N = PDP^{-1}$ . It thus implies that  $\Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= i^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D \mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T}' - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'})\right) \times \\ &\times (k_1 \cos x - k_2 \sin x)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left(k_1 \left(\cos x + \frac{v-u}{s} \sin x\right) + \left(\frac{v-u}{s} \cos x - \sin x\right) k_2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'} &= P^t (\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}}) \\ D &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{pmatrix}, P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_\pm &= \frac{\frac{1}{u} \left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) + \frac{1}{v}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{1}{u} \left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) - \frac{1}{v}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s}{v(u+v)}\right)^2} \\ x &= -\frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{4su}{v^2 - u^2 + s^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

In the approximation given in the text, we have  $s \ll 1$  so that  $x \ll 1$  and the computations of appendix 2 in ([6]) apply. We find for relatively large interaction  $V > 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_\delta (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{47} \\
& \simeq \left( \frac{v-u}{s} \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} 2^{\frac{\alpha}{u}+1} \prod_{i=1}^2 \exp \left( - \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)^2 \right) \\
& \times \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \nabla_{(\Delta T')_1} \nabla_{(\Delta T')_2} \left\{ x\alpha \frac{\delta \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)}{u} - \frac{s\alpha (1-\delta) \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)}{v(u-v)} \right\} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned}
p_1 &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u}, p_2 = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \\
p_1^{(1)} &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} - 1, p_2^{(1)} = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} + 1 \\
p_1^{(1)} &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + 1, p_2^{(1)} = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Ultimately, equation (41) has an equivalent for  $\Gamma^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ , obtained by transposition:

$$\left( \nabla^2 - (\gamma \Delta \mathbf{T} + V_0 \mathbf{a}_0)^t (\nabla) + V (\mathbf{a})^t \Delta \mathbf{T} + \alpha \right) \Gamma^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \tag{48}$$

that can be solved similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_\delta^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{49} \\
& \simeq \left( \frac{v-u}{s} \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} 2^{\frac{\alpha}{u}+1} \prod_{i=1}^2 \exp \left( \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)^2 \right) \\
& \times \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \nabla_{(\Delta T')_1} \nabla_{(\Delta T')_2} \left\{ x\alpha \frac{\delta \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)}{u} - \frac{s\alpha (1-\delta) \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left( \left( \frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P^t (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta \mathbf{T}})}{4} \right)_i \right)}{v(u-v)} \right\} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta T$  and  $\Delta \hat{T}$  can be either positive or negative, to ensure the solutions to be integrable over  $\mathbb{R}$ , the parameters  $p_1 = \frac{\alpha\delta}{u}, p_2 = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}$  have the form  $\frac{1}{2} + k$  and  $\frac{1}{2} + l$  respectively. This implies some constraint on the background state as well as on the repartition of shift in connectivity functions in the thread.

Note that equations (47) and (49) are defined up to a normalization factor at each point  $(Z, Z')$ , written  $\|\Delta \Gamma_\delta (Z, Z')\|^2$ . If this normalization factor is nul, the solutions are trivial at this point:

$$\Gamma_\delta = \Gamma_\delta^\dagger = 0$$



and no shift occurs. To find the normalization  $\|\Delta\Gamma_\delta(Z, Z')\|^2$ , we need to find at which condition the state  $\Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  is a minimum of the action. Doing so, we need to compute the shift in average connectivity induced by states  $\Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ .

Note that, for  $V \gg 1$ , solutions (47) and (49) further simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \simeq \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})N^{-1}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{k}^t N\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \\ & = \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})N^{-1}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_\delta^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \simeq \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})N^{-1}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T}-\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \\ & = \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \end{aligned}$$

### 4.3 Equation for shift in connectivity functions

We derive in appendix 1 the equations for the shifts in average connectivity at each point  $(Z, Z')$ . This shift is given by  $\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}}$  as defined in (46), plus additional contributions arising from the successive change of variables. We find:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{V(Z, Z')} \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right)V_0 - \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{V(Z, Z')s} \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Given our assumptions, the terms  $V_0$  and  $V$  are relatively large. Moreover,  $V_0$  measures the modification due to sources terms, and  $V$  the backreaction of the system on the sources.

### 4.4 Average shift

#### 4.4.1 Equations for the average shift

To solve (50) we first compute the averages over space:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta T \rangle &= \langle \Delta T(Z_i, Z'_i) \rangle_{(Z_i, Z'_i)} \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= \langle \Delta \hat{T}(Z_i, Z'_i) \rangle_{(Z_i, Z'_i)} \end{aligned}$$

by averaging all quantities in (50) over space. Appendix 1 shows that these functions satisfy a system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta T \rangle &= \frac{d}{\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle (1 + f \langle \Delta T \rangle)} \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= g \langle \Delta T \rangle + \frac{h}{\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle (1 + f \langle \Delta T \rangle)} \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

where the parameters are:

$$\begin{aligned}
d &= -\frac{\alpha}{A_1 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} \\
f &= A_2 \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \\
g &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right) A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \\
h &= -\left\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \right\rangle \frac{\alpha}{A_1 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} = \left\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \right\rangle d
\end{aligned}$$

and the constants  $A$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle V_0(Z, Z') \rangle &= A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \\
\langle V_1(Z, Z') \rangle &= A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2, \quad \langle V_2(Z, Z') \rangle = A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

The appendix provides estimations for  $A$  and  $A_i$   $i = 1, 2$ .

Equations (51) can be solved for  $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$  as a function of  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ :

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle = \langle \Delta T \rangle \frac{h + dg}{d} \tag{53}$$

and  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$  satisfies:

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle^3 + \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle^2 - \frac{d^2 f^2}{(h + dg)} = 0 \tag{54}$$

with:

$$\Delta \tilde{T} = f \Delta T$$

#### 4.4.2 Several type of solutions

From equation (54) we find the conditions for the solutions. A particular case arises when  $\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \gg 1$ . In such case:

$$-\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h + dg)} < 0$$

and equation (54) has a single negative root. Too many fluctuations in connectivities leads ultimately to a lower shift in this variable. For  $\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2$  of order 1 there are three cases depending on  $\frac{d^2}{(h+dg)} f^2$

**1. Lowered connectivity** If:

$$\frac{d^2}{(h + dg)} f^2 < 0$$

equation (54) has a single negative root. We can check that given our assumption  $s \ll 1$ , this case corresponds to:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\langle \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \left\langle \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right\rangle^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle > 0
\end{aligned}$$

We show in appendix 1, that this quantity computes, in the continuous approximation, the opposite effect between output and input spikes in the connection process:

$$-\left(\omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega\left(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2\right)\right)$$

When this term is positive, the following inequality is satisfied in average:

$$\omega_0(Z') \delta\omega\left(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2\right) > \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right)$$

It implies that incoming spikes are not matched by an equivalent amount of output spikes: points  $Z$  and  $Z'$  decorrelate and the connectivity function is shifted to an lower value. Dynamically, the variations in connectivity did not exhibit positive associations, leading to a decrease in connections.

### 2. System backreaction and multiple solutions If:

$$\frac{d^2}{(h+dg)} f^2 > 0, \quad \frac{4}{27} - \frac{d^2}{(h+dg)} f^2 > 0$$

There are three different real roots. Two of them are negative, and one is positive. This case corresponds to a mild modification. The variation in connectivities may induce a positive or negative shift, due to the backreaction of the system, which tends to counteract any variation. Several equilibrium shifts may result from the interactions.

### 3. Increased connectivity If:

$$\frac{4}{27} - \frac{d^2}{(h+dg)} f^2 < 0$$

there is a single positive root. This corresponds to the case:

$$\left\langle \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right\rangle < 0$$

which implies that the variations in connectivity induce a higher correlations between input and output spikes. Points  $Z$  and  $Z'$  bind and the connectivity function is shifted to a higher value. However, this situation is not symmetric with the first case.

The values of the shifts in case 1 and 3 are.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta T \rangle &= \frac{1}{f} \left( \frac{1}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h+dg)} + \frac{1}{27}} + \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h+dg)} + \frac{1}{27}\right)^2}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{f} \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h+dg)} + \frac{1}{27}} - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h+dg)} + \frac{1}{27}\right)^2}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^2} \right) \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= \frac{h+dg}{d} \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

## 4.5 Solving equation (50) for $\Delta T(Z, Z')$ and $\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')$

We use (40) and (36), (37), (38), to write (50):

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{\left(1 + \frac{A_2(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\right) A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2} \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right) \frac{F(Z, Z') A_0(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{s \left(1 + \frac{A_2(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\right) A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}\end{aligned}\tag{56}$$

with  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$  and  $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$  given by (55). The coefficients involvd in (56) are:

$$F(Z, Z') = \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)}\tag{57}$$

$$A_0(Z, Z') = \left\langle \tilde{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \left(1 + \frac{\Delta T}{\langle T \rangle}\right) \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\right) \tilde{T}\right)^{-1} O \right\rangle_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_1(Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) & \\ \simeq -k \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &\left\langle \left[ F(Z_2, Z_2) \left[ \tilde{T} \left(1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\right)^{-1} O \right] \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \\ = A_1(Z, Z') &\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\end{aligned}\tag{58}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_2(Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) &= \left\langle \left[ \tilde{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\right) \tilde{T}\right)^{-1} \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \\ &= A_2(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2\end{aligned}\tag{59}$$

and where the notation:

$$\langle [O]_{(X)} \rangle, \langle [O]^{(X)} \rangle$$

for an operator with kernel  $O(X, Y)$  denotes  $\int O(X, Y) dY$  and  $\int O(Y, X) dY$  respectively.

## 4.6 Condition for existence of shifted state and associated shift

### 4.6.1 Condition for shifted state

The stability of a shifted state depends on the sign of the associated action in this state. For states (47) and (49) the action is given by:

$$S\left(\Delta \Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right)\right) + U_{\Delta \Gamma}\left(\|\Delta \Gamma\left(Z, Z'\right)\|^2\right)\tag{60}$$

where the first term is given by (28) and the potential by (31). A stable state is possible if (60) is negative.

Given (34), the action functional (60) reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned}
& S\left(\Delta\Gamma\left(T,\hat{T},\theta,Z,Z'\right)\right)+U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\right) \\
&= \int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger\left(T,\hat{T},\theta,Z,Z'\right)\left(\left(V_1\left(\theta,Z,Z',\Delta\Gamma\right)\left(1+V_2\left(\theta,Z,Z',\Delta\Gamma\right)\right)\right)\Delta T\right)\Delta\Gamma\left(T,\hat{T},\theta,Z,Z'\right) \\
&+U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\right)+\int\left(\alpha_0-\frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\right)}{\delta\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2}\right)\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{61}$$

Using computations similar to the previous paragraphs, we show in appendix 1 that this simplifies ultimately:

$$S\left(\Delta\Gamma\left(T,\hat{T},\theta,Z,Z'\right)\right)=\int U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\right)$$

and the minimization of:

$$\int U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\right) \tag{62}$$

yields:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2=\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2$$

This value determines the norm  $\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)$  and, consequently, the values of the shifted connectivities. Since the potential is negative at its minimum, this corresponds to a stable state.

However, a constraint has to be included to obtain admissible solutions for the states (47) and (49). Since  $\Delta T$  and  $\Delta\hat{T}$  can be both positive or negative, and the parabolic cylinder functions are not bounded for a negative argument and non integer parameters, we impose:

$$p_1=\frac{\alpha\delta}{u},p_2=\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}$$

to belong to  $\frac{1}{2}+\mathbb{N}$ . This allow to obtain integrable solutions  $\Delta\Gamma\left(T,\hat{T},Z,Z'\right)$  over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we have the condition:

$$\frac{(\alpha+(V\frac{s}{uv}V_0))\delta}{u},\frac{(1-\delta)(\alpha+(V\frac{s}{uv}V_0))}{v}\in\frac{1}{2}+\mathbb{N} \tag{63}$$

The minimization of (62) under constraint (63) is computed in appendix 1. It yields the multiplier  $\alpha$ , the normalization factor  $\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2$  and the condition for a shifted state at  $(Z,Z')$ :

$$\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|^2\simeq\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V}+\Delta\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2-\frac{\Delta\left(\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2\right)} \tag{64}$$

where  $\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2$  is the minimum of the potential  $U_{\Delta\Gamma}$  at  $(Z,Z')$ , and:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2 &= \|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2-\left\langle\|\Delta\Gamma\left(Z,Z'\right)\|_{\min}^2\right\rangle \\
\Delta\left(\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right) &= \frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}-\left\langle\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

are the deviations of these quantities from their averages over the entire space. Formula(64) shows that due to the constraint, the existence of a shifted state depends on the full system, through the overall norm  $\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V}$ .

The potential (62) for this value is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right) \\
&= \int U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \int U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \right)^2
\end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

Assuming a  $U$  shape form for the potential so that  $U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) > 0$ , implies that states with  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 > 0$  exists if the quantity (65) is negative i.e.:

$$\left| \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \right| < \sqrt{\frac{2U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)}} \tag{66}$$

Based on (66) and assuming by consistency that  $\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle = 0$ , appendix 1 shows that points for which:

$$|(u+v) - \langle u+v \rangle| < \sqrt{-8U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \tag{67}$$

have a shifted states, others present  $\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z') = 0$ . Appendix 1 also studies the case for which the consistency is not satisfied, i.e.:

$$\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

#### 4.6.2 Value of the shift

Ultimately, we obtain, the value for  $\alpha$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha &= \alpha_0 - U'_{\Delta\Gamma}(\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')) \\
&= \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}
\end{aligned}$$

and as a consequence the shifts are:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Delta T \rangle &\simeq - \frac{(ku+lv)}{\left(1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}\right) A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left(1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)} \\
\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &\simeq - \left( \frac{1}{\langle v \rangle} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{\langle u \rangle \langle v \rangle} \right) A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 - \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \frac{\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \rangle}{A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left(1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)}
\end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

## 4.7 Dynamics for shifts

To conclude this section, we restore the time dependency in the point averages of the connectivity shift  $\Delta T(Z, Z')$  and derive a propagation type equation for the perturbations in these variables.

Start with (50):

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{V(Z, Z')} \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right) V_0 - \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{V(Z, Z')s}\end{aligned}\quad (69)$$

and expand this system around  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$  and  $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$  by redefining:

$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta T(Z, Z') - \langle \Delta T \rangle) |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 &\rightarrow \Delta T(Z, Z') \\ (\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') - \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle) |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 &\rightarrow \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')\end{aligned}$$

and this expansion leads to<sup>1</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\int K_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta T(Z_1, Z'_1) + \int K_1(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta \hat{T}(Z_1, Z'_1) \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\int \left( cK_0(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) + \int dK_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \right) \Delta T(Z_1, Z'_1) \\ &\quad + c \int K_1(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta \hat{T}(Z_1, Z'_1)\end{aligned}\quad (70)$$

with kernels defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}K_0(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) &= \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z) \langle T \rangle |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \\ K_1(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) &= -k \frac{\alpha \rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z'_1)|^2 \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}}{\omega_0(Z_1) \left( 1 + \frac{A_2 \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right) \left( A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right)^2 |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} \\ K_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) &= \frac{\alpha \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}}{\left( 1 + \frac{A_2 \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right)^2 A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2}\end{aligned}\quad (71)$$

and constants:

$$\begin{aligned}c &= \left( \frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv} \right) \\ d &= \frac{\alpha (1-\delta)(v-u)}{s}\end{aligned}$$

Operator  $O$  is local and is defined by:

$$O = -\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z'-Z)^2}{2} \left( \frac{\nabla_{Z_1}^2}{2} + \frac{\nabla_{\theta_1}^2}{2c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{2} \right)\quad (72)$$

<sup>1</sup>The integrals are implicitly over  $Z_1$  and  $Z'_1$ .

Kernels  $K_0(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1)$  and  $K_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1)$  are both backward looking, so that we combine them to define:

$$K_{0,2}(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) = cK_0(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) + dK_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1)$$

and (70) writes:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T(Z, Z') &= - \int K_2(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta T(Z_1, Z'_1) + \int K_1(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta \hat{T}(Z_1, Z'_1) \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= - \int K_{0,2}(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta T(Z_1, Z'_1) + c \int K_1(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta \hat{T}(Z_1, Z'_1) \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

The various kernels define operators  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  and  $K_{0,2}$ . Both  $K_2$  and  $K_{0,2}$  backward looking, and  $K_1$  forward looking. We write (73) as a system:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + K_2) \Delta T - K_1 \Delta \hat{T} &= 0 \\ -K_{0,2} \Delta T + (1 + cK_1) \Delta \hat{T} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and replace:

$$\Delta \hat{T} = (1 + cK_1)^{-1} K_{0,2} \Delta T$$

to find the dynamics for connectivities:

$$\left( (1 + K_2) - K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} K_{0,2} \right) \Delta T = 0 \quad (74)$$

the kernel  $K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1}$  is forward-looking and:

$$K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} K_{0,2} \Delta T$$

has the form:

$$\int d(Z_2, Z'_2) \left[ K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} \right] (Z_2, Z'_2, Z, Z') \int K_{0,2}(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) \Delta T(Z_1, Z'_1) d(Z_1, Z'_1)$$

Given (71), the first integral has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \int d(Z_2, Z'_2) \left[ K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} \right] (Z_2, Z'_2, Z, Z') &= \int d(Z_2, Z'_2) d(\hat{Z}_2, \hat{Z}'_2) \left[ K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} \right] (\hat{Z}_2, \hat{Z}'_2, Z_2, Z'_2) \\ &\quad \times G(Z_2, Z'_2, Z, Z') O(Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

where  $G(Z_2, Z'_2, Z, Z')$  is the kernel of the inverse operator of  $O$ . Writing:

$$C(Z, Z') = \int d(Z_2, Z'_2) d(\hat{Z}_2, \hat{Z}'_2) \left[ K_1 (1 + cK_1)^{-1} \right] (\hat{Z}_2, \hat{Z}'_2, Z_2, Z'_2) G(Z_2, Z'_2, Z, Z')$$

Equation (74) reduces to:

$$(1 + K_2 - COK_{0,2}) \Delta T = 0 \quad (75)$$

As shown in appendix 1, the operator  $O$  can be moved on the left of  $\check{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \check{T} \right)^{-1}$ . Then factoring:

$$K_\eta(Z, Z', Z_1, Z'_1) = \bar{K}_\eta(Z, Z') \left[ \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \check{T} \right)^{-1} \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}$$

and multiplying (75) by  $\left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \check{T} \right)$ , we obtain the following equation for:

$$\left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \check{T} \right)^{-1} \Delta T \rightarrow \Delta T$$



$$\left(1 + \left(-\left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right)\hat{T} + \bar{K}_2\hat{T} - CO\bar{K}_{0,2}\hat{T}\right)\right) \Delta T = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{K}_{0,2}(Z, Z') &= \frac{c\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z) \langle T \rangle |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} O(Z, Z') + \frac{d\alpha}{\left(1 + \frac{A_2 \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)^2 A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} \quad (76) \\ \bar{K}_2(Z, Z') &= \frac{\alpha}{\left(1 + \frac{A_2 \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)^2 A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Ultimately, we use that in the local approximation, the kernel  $\hat{T}$  can be replaced by a differential operator of the form:

$$M = \tau - \tau_1 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \tau_1^2 \frac{\nabla_{Z_1}^2}{2} + \tau_1^2 \frac{\nabla_{\theta_1}^2}{2c^2} \right)$$

and we obtain the differential equation:

$$\left(1 + \left(\bar{K}_2 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right)\right) - C_2(Z, Z') O - C_1(Z, Z') O^2\right) M \Delta T = 0$$

The factors are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1(Z, Z') &= \frac{d\alpha}{\left(1 + \frac{A_2 \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)^2 A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} C(Z, Z') \\ C_2(Z, Z') &= \frac{c\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z) \langle T \rangle |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2} C(Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

This is a propagation equation, including fourth order corrections.

## 5 Application 1 continued: First approximation approach

In the perspective of developing an effective theory for large number of collective states, i.e. groups of connected cells, it is useful to reconsider the modification in the background states in the limit of relatively small interactions. This will simplify the computations, and provide some hints about the emergence of collective states. The saddle points equations for the modifications of the background become second order differential equations plus some potential. Condition of existence, shift in connectivities as well as the form of the background states are easier to derive compared to the previous section. This more convenient representations will allow in the fourth paper of the series to develop the field theory for interactions of large number of such backgrounds.

## 5.1 Equation for background state

We can consider the case  $s \ll 1$  directly. Performing a change of variables along with a shift in variables, we show in appendix 1 that (34) writes in first approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}}^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left( \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \Delta \hat{T} + \frac{\rho \left( V_0 - \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_T^2} \lambda \Delta T \right)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (77) \\
& + \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_T^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma_T^2} \left( \frac{\Delta T - \lambda \tau \Delta \hat{T}}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& - \left( \frac{\rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2}{2} + \frac{|\Psi(Z)|^2}{2\tau \omega_0(Z)} + V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) \Delta T - \alpha \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned}$$

with:

$$V_0(Z, Z') = \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T} \right] \right) \quad (78)$$

$$V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) = V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma) (1 + V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta \Gamma))$$

with  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  given by (37) and (38) respectively. Operator  $O$  is defined by (72). Recall that  $\alpha$  implements the constraint  $\|\Delta \Gamma\| = \|\Delta \Gamma\|$ . As in the previous paragraph  $\alpha$  stands for:

$$\alpha_0 + U'(|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2) \quad (79)$$

where  $\alpha_0$  is the Lagrange multiplier for the overall constraint, and  $U(\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z'))$  is the potential. However, it should be noted that here, we are considering the case of weak interactions. As a consequence, we could omit any global constraint on  $\|\Delta \Gamma\|$  and set  $\alpha_0 = 0$ . This will be discussed at the end of the paragraph.

After diagonalization of the potential by a matrix  $P = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w'_1 & w'_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , whose components are given in the appendix, we show that this background state equation (77) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 = & \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}'}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+^2}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}'}^2} \left( \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_2 V}{\lambda_+} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (80) \\
& + \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_T^2 + \frac{\lambda_-^2}{\sigma_T^2} \left( \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_1 V}{\lambda_-} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& - \left( u + v + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} V^2 + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} V^2 \right) - \alpha \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned}$$

where the coefficients are:

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (u^2 + v^2) + s^2 \pm \frac{(u+v)}{2} \sqrt{(u-v)^2 + 4s^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \\
v &= \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \\
s &= -\frac{\lambda |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \sigma_{\hat{T}}}{\omega_0(Z) \sigma_T}
\end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\left(\Delta T_0, \Delta \hat{T}_0\right) \simeq \left(-\frac{\lambda \tau V_0}{\sigma_T \omega_0(Z) |\Psi_0(Z, Z')|^2}, \frac{\Delta T_0 \sigma_T}{\lambda \tau \sigma_{\hat{T}}}\right) \quad (81)$$

The notation  $(X', \hat{X}')$  stands for the coordinates of any vector in the diagonal basis of the potential:

$$(X', \hat{X}')^t = P^{-1}(X, \hat{X})$$

Note that:

$$\lambda_+ + \lambda_- = u + v$$

## 5.2 Solutions of (80)

### 5.2.1 Condition for non-trivial solutions

The operators:

$$\left(-\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left(\Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_+} V\right)^2\right)$$

and:

$$\left(-\sigma_T^2 \nabla_{T'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_-}{\sigma_T^2} \left(\Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_-} V\right)^2\right)$$

are positive and the saddle point equation (80) has a non trivial solution if:

$$u + v + \left(\frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-}\right) V^2 \geq \frac{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-}{2} + \alpha$$

that is, if:

$$\frac{u + v}{2} + \left(\frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-}\right) V^2 \geq \alpha$$

This establishes the condition for a shift in connectivity functions at each point  $(Z, Z')$ . Considering that  $u$  and  $v$  depend on the point, but  $V^2$  depends on the field  $\Delta\Gamma$  over the entire space, this condition may not be achievable.

Specifically, for points such that:

$$\frac{u + v}{2} + \left(\frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-}\right) V^2 < \alpha$$

then:

$$\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0$$

whereas, for points such that:

$$\frac{u + v}{2} + \left(\frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-}\right) V^2 - \alpha > 0 \quad (82)$$

there are several solutions to (196).

### 5.2.2 Form of the solutions

Since the variables in (196) are separated, a solution is a product of solutions of:

$$0 = \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left( \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_+} V \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} + p_1 \right) \lambda_+ \right) \Delta \Gamma (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

and:

$$0 = \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_{T'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_-}{\sigma_T^2} \left( \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_-} V \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} + p_2 \right) \lambda_- \right) \Delta \Gamma (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

with  $p_1 > 0$ ,  $p_2 > 0$  and :

$$p_1 \lambda_+ + p_2 \lambda_- = \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} V^2 + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} V^2 \right) - \alpha$$

As a consequence, taking into account (193) and (194), Let  $0 < \delta < p_1 \lambda_+ + p_2 \lambda_-$ , the solutions have the form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \Gamma_\delta (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{4} (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}})^t \hat{U} (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}) \right) \\ & \times D_\delta \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \right) D_{p-\delta} \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \Gamma_\delta^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{1}{4} (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}})^t \hat{U} (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}) \right) \\ & \times D_\delta \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \right) D_{p-\delta} \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

where the variables are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T - \Delta T_0 - \Delta T_1 \\ \Delta \hat{T} - \Delta \hat{T}_0 - \Delta \hat{T}_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Delta \mathbf{T}' - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}' &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_+} V \\ \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_-} V \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} (\Delta \mathbf{T} - \Delta \bar{\mathbf{T}}) \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

with parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_0 &\simeq -\frac{\lambda \tau V_0}{\omega_0(Z) |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2} \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0 &\simeq \frac{\Delta T_0}{\lambda \tau} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_1 \\ \Delta \hat{T}_1 \end{pmatrix} = P D^{-1} P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} V \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} V \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the matrix  $\hat{U}$  given by:

$$\hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}} \end{pmatrix} U \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s^2+u^2}{\sigma_T^2} & -\frac{s(u+v)}{\sigma_T \sigma_{\hat{T}}} \\ -\frac{s(u+v)}{\sigma_T \sigma_{\hat{T}}} & \frac{s^2+v^2}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The solutions  $\Delta\Gamma_\delta$  and  $\Delta\Gamma_\delta^\dagger$  are defined for a pair of points  $(Z, Z')$ . We can now describe the potential modified background state globally. Given (82), these modifications of the system are thus defined by considering the set:

$$W = \left\{ (Z, Z'), p_1(Z, Z') \lambda_+ + p_2(Z, Z') \lambda_- = \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2 - \alpha > 0 \right\} \quad (86)$$

and by associating to each function  $\delta(Z, Z') : W \rightarrow [0, p(Z, Z')]$ , the potential background state:

$$\prod_W \Delta\Gamma_{\delta(Z, Z')} (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

and:

$$\prod_W \Delta\Gamma_{\delta(Z, Z')}^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

At each point of  $W$ , the shift in connectivity  $\Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}$  is defined by (85).

### 5.3 Restrictions to integer values of $p$

However, since the variables  $\Delta T$  and  $\Delta\hat{T}'$  can be both positive or negative, solutions (83) are not suitable for  $\Delta T \ll 0$  or  $\Delta\hat{T}' \ll 0$ . It implies that we have to reduce the solutions to feasible ones. This corresponds in first approximation, to impose  $p_1$  and  $p_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is equivalent to impose  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\delta \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $p - \delta \geq 0$ . We will see below that this approximation can be partially relaxed.

The solutions (83) become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma_\delta (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta\mathbf{T} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}})^t \hat{U} (\Delta\mathbf{T} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}) \right) \\ & \times H_p \left( \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \right) H_{p-\delta} \left( \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

and (84):

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma_\delta^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &= H_p \left( \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \right) H_{p-\delta} \left( \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( \Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}' \right)_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

where  $H_p$  and  $H_{p-\delta}$  are Hermite polynomials.

We conclude by considering an example of solutions of (196), and consider  $(Z, Z')$  such that:

$$\frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2 - \alpha = 0$$

Taking into account (193) and (194), the background state for (196) is:

$$\Delta\Gamma (T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_+} V \\ \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_-} V \end{pmatrix}^t D \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_+} V \\ \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_-} V \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Coming back to the initial variables and reintroducing  $\sigma_T$  and  $\sigma_{\hat{T}}$ , it yields:

$$\Delta\Gamma (T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T - \Delta T_0 - \Delta T_1 \\ \Delta \hat{T} - \Delta \hat{T}_0 - \Delta \hat{T}_1 \end{pmatrix}^t \hat{U} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T - \Delta T_0 - \Delta T_1 \\ \Delta \hat{T} - \Delta \hat{T}_0 - \Delta \hat{T}_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (89)$$

and for  $\Delta\Gamma^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, Z, Z')$ :

$$\Delta\Gamma^\dagger (T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') = 1 \quad (90a)$$

## 5.4 Stability and condition for shifting state

The possibility for a shifted state, i.e. a state for which  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 > 0$  depends on the value of the action for this state. If the corresponding action is negative, the state  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z')$  is the minimum of the system. Otherwise, the state  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') = 0$  is the background state at point  $(Z, Z')$ .

In states (83) and (84) the value of (28) at  $(Z, Z')$  is obtained by a change of variables given in appendix 2. It yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}}^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left( \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \Delta\hat{T} + \frac{\rho \left( V_0 - \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_T^2} \lambda \Delta T \right)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right)^2 \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & + \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_T^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma_T^2} \left( \frac{\Delta T - \lambda \tau \Delta \hat{T}}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \right)^2 \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & - \left( \frac{\rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2}{2} + \frac{|\Psi(Z)|^2}{2\tau \omega_0(Z)} - U(|\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

and given the saddle point equation (see (77)), this reduces to:

$$\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') (V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) \Delta T - \alpha) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (92)$$

Using (85):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0 \end{pmatrix} + P \begin{pmatrix} \frac{w_1}{\lambda_+} V \\ \frac{w_2}{\lambda_-} V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0 \end{pmatrix} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) V \quad (93)$$

action (92) is equal to:

$$\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( U(|\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2) + \Delta T_0 + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) V^2 - \alpha \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

Using (196) and (86), the action at point  $(Z, Z')$  reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \left( U(|\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2) + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} V^2 + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} V^2 \right) + (\Delta T_0 - \alpha) \right) |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z')|^2 d(T, \hat{T}) \\ & = \left( U(|\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2) + \left( \frac{1}{2} + p_1 \right) \lambda_+ + \left( \frac{1}{2} + p_2 \right) \lambda_- + \Delta T_0 - (u + v) \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

and over the whole space:

$$S = \int \left( U(|\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2) + \Delta T_0 - \frac{u + v}{2} \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \quad (95)$$

As a consequence of (94), a state with  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \neq 0$  exists and is stable, if at point  $(Z, Z')$  where (94) is minimum, condition:

$$(u(Z, Z') + v(Z, Z')) - \Delta T_0 - U(|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2) > \frac{u + v}{2} \quad (96)$$

is realized. In such cases, the minimum is reached for  $p = 0$ , and the background state is given by expressions (89) and (90a).

On the contrary, if

$$(u(Z, Z') + v(Z, Z')) - \Delta T_0 - U \left( |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right) < \frac{u+v}{2}$$

then,  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 = 0$ .

The minimization of (94) is implemented under the constraint (82) with  $p = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2 - \alpha \\ &= \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2 - \alpha_0 + U' \left( |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

Given that  $\Delta T_0$  in (94) depends on  $\Delta T$  and thus on  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2$ , we have to compute this quantity to derive the shifted states minimizing (94).

### 5.5 Estimation of $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ , $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$

To find  $\Delta T$ , we first compute its average  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$  over all space. We use (52) to estimate  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle V_0(Z, Z') \rangle &= A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \\ \langle V_1(Z, Z') \rangle &= A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2, \quad \langle V_2(Z, Z') \rangle = A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

Using (78) and (81) leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_0(Z, Z') &= \frac{s}{uv} V_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0(Z, Z') &= -\frac{1}{v} V_0 \end{aligned} \quad (99)$$

Taking the average over space of (93) yields the equation for the average shift:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta T \rangle &\simeq \langle \Delta T_0 \rangle + \left\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle \langle V \rangle \\ &\simeq \left\langle \frac{s}{uv} \right\rangle A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 + \left\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= \langle \Delta \hat{T}_0 \rangle + \left( \frac{w_1 w'_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w'_2}{\lambda_+} \right) \langle V \rangle \\ &\simeq -\frac{1}{v} A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 + \left\langle \frac{w_1 w'_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w'_2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Combination of these equations yields  $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$  as a function of  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ :

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle = \hat{A} \langle \Delta T \rangle \quad (100)$$

with:

$$\hat{A} = \left( \frac{\left\langle \frac{w_1 w'_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w'_2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle} \left( 1 - \left\langle \frac{s}{uv} \right\rangle A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) - \frac{1}{v} A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) \quad (101)$$

At our order of approximation, since  $s \ll (u, v)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w_1 w'_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w'_2}{\lambda_+} &= - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)} (\lambda_+ - \lambda_-) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2} \right)} |v - u| \simeq s \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\hat{A} \simeq -\frac{1}{v} A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \quad (102)$$

Equation (100) this leads to the following first approximation for  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ :

$$\langle \Delta T \rangle \simeq \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\langle \frac{s}{uv} \rangle A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}{|A_1 \hat{A}| \left\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} - 1 \right) \frac{\langle T \rangle}{A_2 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} \quad (103)$$

Given that:

$$\left\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right\rangle \simeq \frac{1}{\lambda_-} \simeq \frac{1}{\max(u, v)}$$

and using (102), formula (103) reduces to:

$$\langle \Delta T \rangle \simeq \left( \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{\langle \frac{s}{uv} \rangle A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) v \max(u, v)}{|A_1| A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^4} \langle T \rangle - 1 \right) \frac{\langle T \rangle}{A_2 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}$$

Given our order of approximation this is positive, except if:

$$\frac{\left( 1 - \frac{\langle \frac{s}{uv} \rangle A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) v \max(u, v)}{|A_1| A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^4} \langle T \rangle < 1$$

In most case  $u < v$ , so that the dependency in the background parameters are of order:

$$\langle \Delta T \rangle \simeq \frac{\omega_0(Z) \langle T \rangle}{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 k \underline{A}_1 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^6} \left\langle \rho \frac{|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2}{A} \right\rangle^2 \langle T \rangle \quad (104)$$

with:

$$A_1(Z, Z') = \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \underline{A}_1(Z, Z')$$

and:

$$\underline{A}_1(Z, Z') = \left\langle \left[ F(Z_2, Z'_2) \left[ \hat{T} \left( 1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)^{-1} O \right] \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle$$



## 5.6 Estimation of $\Delta T(Z, Z')$ and $\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')$

Using (57), (58), (59), we obtain  $\Delta T(Z, Z')$  and  $\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= \Delta T_0(Z, Z') + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) V \\ &= \frac{s}{uv} V_0 + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) V_1 (1 + V_2) \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\frac{1}{v} V_0 + \left( \frac{w_1 w_1'}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w_2'}{\lambda_+} \right) V_1 (1 + V_2)\end{aligned}$$

Given (101) and (103) writes:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= \left( \frac{s A_0(Z, Z')}{uv \langle T \rangle} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) \frac{A_1(Z, Z') \hat{A}}{\langle A_1 \hat{A} \rangle} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\langle \frac{s}{uv} \rangle A \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}{\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2} \right) \right) \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \langle \Delta T \rangle \quad (105) \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= \left( -\frac{A_0(Z, Z')}{v \langle T \rangle} + \left( \frac{w_1 w_1'}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2 w_2'}{\lambda_+} \right) \frac{A_1(Z, Z') \hat{A}}{\langle A_1 \hat{A} \rangle} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\langle \frac{s}{uv} \rangle A \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}{\langle \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2} \right) \right) \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \langle \Delta T \rangle\end{aligned}$$

With our approximations and using (102) this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T(Z, Z') &= \frac{A_1(Z, Z') A(Z, Z') \langle v^2 \rangle}{\langle A_1(Z, Z') \rangle \langle A_0(Z, Z') \rangle v^2} \langle \Delta T \rangle \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= \frac{A_0(Z, Z')}{\langle A_0(Z, Z') \rangle} \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

## 5.7 Minimization of (94)

The minimization of (94) with constraint (97) is thus:

$$U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) + \Delta T_0 - \frac{u+v}{2} + \lambda \frac{\delta h(\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z'), (Z, Z'))}{\delta \Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')} = 0 \quad (106)$$

and the constraint:

$$h(\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z'), (Z, Z')) = \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2(Z, Z') - \alpha_0 + U' \left( |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right) = 0 \quad (107)$$

with:

$$V(Z, Z') = A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right)$$

so that:

$$\frac{\delta h(\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z'), (Z, Z'))}{\delta \Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')} = U'' \left( |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right)$$

Equation (106) allows to compute the Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda^{-1} = -\frac{U'' \left( |\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right)}{U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) + \Delta T_0 - \frac{u+v}{2}}$$

while (97) yields the solution for  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2$  as a function of  $\alpha_0$ :

$$|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z', \alpha_0)|^2 = (U')^{-1} \left( - \left( \frac{u+v}{2} + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} \right) V^2(Z, Z') - \alpha_0 \right) \right)$$

This solution, written  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z', \alpha_0)|^2$ , is then used to compute  $\alpha_0$ :

$$\int |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z', \alpha_0)|^2 d(Z, Z') = \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2$$

Once the solution  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z', \alpha_0)|^2$  is found, the action for the solution becomes:

$$S = U \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) + \left( \Delta T_0 - \frac{u+v}{2} \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \quad (108)$$

and given (106), this writes:

$$S = U \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) - U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 - \lambda \frac{\delta h(\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z'), (Z, Z'))}{\delta \Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')} |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \quad (109)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} S &= U \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) - U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2}{U'' \left( |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right)} \left( U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) + \Delta T_0 - \frac{u+v}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (110)$$

Expression (110) yields the condition for shifted state. At points  $(Z, Z')$  such that (110) is negative, a shifted state exists.

Given (104), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta T_0 \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{s}{uv} \right\rangle A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \\ &\simeq \frac{\left\langle \frac{s}{u} \right\rangle \langle T \rangle \left\langle |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z) \right\rangle}{D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 k_{A1} A \|\Delta\Gamma\|^4} \ll \frac{u+v}{2} \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, the most relevant parameter for emergence of some shifted connectivity due to interactions is :

$$\frac{u+v}{2} = \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2$$

This is a decreasing function of background activity at point  $Z$ . Lower activity favors a switching in connectivity.

## 6 Application 1, last: Extension to $n$ interacting fields

The extension to a system of  $n$  interacting field (see ([6])) is straightforward. It amounts to replace:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0(Z) &\rightarrow \omega_{0i}(Z) \\ \omega_0(Z') &\rightarrow \omega_{0j}(Z') \\ \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) &\rightarrow \delta\omega_i(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\ \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) &\rightarrow \delta\omega_j\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 &\rightarrow |\Psi_{0i}(Z)|^2 \\ |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 &\rightarrow |\Psi_{0j}(Z')|^2 \end{aligned}$$

along with:

$$\begin{aligned} T &\rightarrow T_{ij}, \langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle T_{ij} \rangle \\ \hat{T} &\rightarrow \hat{T}_{ij}, \langle \hat{T} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

in the expressions for the activities and action functionals.

## 6.1 Effective action

The effective action for  $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  is obtained directly by modifying (28) and (29):

$$\begin{aligned} &S(\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')) \tag{111} \\ &= \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle)}{\tau\omega_{0i}(Z)} |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &+ \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &+ V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &V(\Delta\Gamma, \Delta\Gamma^\dagger) = -\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{112} \\ &\times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_{0j}(Z')|^2}{\omega_{0i}^2(Z)} \left( \omega_{0i}(Z) \delta\omega_j \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) - \omega_{0j}(Z') \delta\omega_i(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right) \\ &\times \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

whr:

$$|\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2 = \frac{C(\theta) |\Psi_{0i}(Z)|^2 \omega_{0i}(Z) + D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_{0j}(Z')|^2 \omega_{0j}(Z')}{\omega_{0i}(Z)}$$

## 6.2 Saddle point equation

The saddle point equation for the background state  $\Delta\Gamma(T_{ij}, \hat{T}_{ij}, \theta, Z, Z')$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}_{ij}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'_{ij}}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+^2}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}_{ij}}^2} \left( \Delta\hat{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\hat{T}'_{0ij} - \frac{w_2}{\lambda_+} V \right)^2 \right) \Delta\Gamma(T_{ij}, \hat{T}_{ij}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{113} \\ &+ \left( -\sigma_{T_{ij}}^2 \nabla_{T'_{ij}}^2 + \frac{\lambda_-^2}{\sigma_{T_{ij}}^2} \left( \Delta T'_{ij} - \Delta T'_{0ij} - \frac{w_1}{\lambda_-} V \right)^2 \right) \Delta\Gamma(T_{ij}, \hat{T}_{ij}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &- \left( u + v + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} V^2 + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} V^2 \right) - \alpha \right) \Delta\Gamma(T_{ij}, \hat{T}_{ij}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (u^2 + v^2) + s^2 \pm \frac{(u+v)}{2} \sqrt{(u-v)^2 + 4s^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{|\Psi_{0i}(Z)|^2}{\tau\omega_{0i}(Z)} \\
v &= \rho |\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2 \\
s &= -\frac{\lambda |\Psi_{0i}(Z)|^2 \sigma_{\hat{T}_{ij}}}{\omega_{0i}(Z) \sigma_{T_{ij}}} \\
(\Delta T_{0ij}, \Delta \hat{T}_{0ij}) &\simeq \left( -\frac{\lambda \tau V_0 \omega_{0i}(Z)}{\sigma_T |\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2}, \frac{\Delta T_{0ij} \sigma_{\hat{T}_{ij}}}{\lambda \tau \sigma_{T_{ij}}} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{114}$$

and  $(X', \hat{X}')$  are the coordinates of any vector in the diagonal basis of the potential:

$$(X', \hat{X}')^t = P^{-1} (X, \hat{X})$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w'_1 & w'_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V(Z, Z') = V_1(Z, Z') (1 + V_2(Z, Z'))$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned}
V_1(Z, Z') &= A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \\
V_2(Z, Z') &= A_2(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T_{ij} \rangle}{\langle T_{ij} \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

We also define:

$$V_0(Z, Z') = A_0(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \tag{115}$$

with the various functions defined by:

$$A_0(Z, Z') = F(Z, Z') \left\langle \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta T}{\langle T \rangle} \right) \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} \mathcal{O} \right\rangle_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \tag{116}$$

$$A_1(Z, Z') \simeq \left\langle \left[ F(Z_2, Z'_2) \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right)^{-1} \mathcal{O} \right] \right] \right\rangle_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \tag{117}$$

and:

$$A_2(Z, Z') = \left\langle \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} \right] \right\rangle_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \tag{118}$$

with the intermediate function defined by:

$$F(Z, Z') = \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \tag{119}$$

### 6.2.1 Solutions of (113)

The solutions (83) become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma_\delta \left( T_{ij}, \hat{T}_{ij}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta\mathbf{T}_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{ij})^t \hat{U} (\Delta\mathbf{T}_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{ij}) \right) \\ & \times H_p \left( (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_1 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2\sqrt{2}} (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_1 \right) H_{p-\delta} \left( (\Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2\sqrt{2}} (\Delta\mathbf{T}' - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}')_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (120)$$

and (84):

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma_\delta^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \\ &= H_p \left( (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_2 \frac{\sigma_T \lambda_+}{2\sqrt{2}} (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_2 \right) H_{p-\delta} \left( (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_2 \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}} \lambda_-}{2\sqrt{2}} (\Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij})_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (121)$$

where  $H_p$  and  $H_{p-\delta}$  are Hermite polynomials and the variables are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{T} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_{ij} - \langle \Delta T_{ij} \rangle \\ \Delta \hat{T}_{ij} - \langle \Delta \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ \Delta\mathbf{T}'_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}'_{ij} &= P^{-1} (\Delta\mathbf{T}_{ij} - \Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{ij}) \end{aligned} \quad (122)$$

and the matrix  $\hat{U}$  given by:

$$\hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}} \end{pmatrix} U \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s^2+u^2}{\sigma_T^2} & -\frac{s(u+v)}{\sigma_T \sigma_{\hat{T}}} \\ -\frac{s(u+v)}{\sigma_T \sigma_{\hat{T}}} & \frac{s^2+v^2}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The potential background field of the system are thus defined by:

$$\prod_W \Delta\Gamma_{\delta(Z, Z')} \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$$

and:

$$\prod_W \Delta\Gamma_{\delta(Z, Z')}^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$$

### 6.2.2 Estimation of $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ , $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$

At each point of  $W$ , the shift in connectivity  $\Delta\bar{\mathbf{T}}$  is defined by (122):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_{ij}(Z, Z') &= \frac{A_1(Z, Z') A_0(Z, Z') \langle v^2 \rangle}{\langle A_1(Z, Z') \rangle \langle A_0(Z, Z') \rangle v^2} \langle \Delta T_{ij} \rangle \\ \Delta \hat{T}_{ij}(Z, Z') &= \frac{A_0(Z, Z')}{\langle A_0(Z, Z') \rangle} \langle \Delta \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \Delta T_{ij} \rangle \simeq \frac{\omega_0(Z) \langle T_{ij} \rangle}{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 k_{\underline{A}_1} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^6} \left\langle \rho \frac{|\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2}{A} \right\rangle^2 \langle T_{ij} \rangle \quad (123)$$

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T}_{ij} \rangle = -\frac{1}{v} A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T_{ij} \rangle} \langle \Delta T_{ij} \rangle \quad (124)$$

where averages of structural parameters are:

$$\langle A_0(Z, Z') \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \right\rangle \left\langle \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta T}{\langle T \rangle} \right) \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} O \right\rangle \quad (125)$$

$$\langle A_1(Z, Z') \rangle \simeq \left\langle \left[ F(Z_2, Z_2) \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)^{-1} O \right] \right] \right\rangle \quad (126)$$

along with the constant  $\underline{A_1}$ :

$$\underline{A_1} \simeq \left\langle \left[ \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)^{-1} O \right] \right\rangle \quad (127)$$

### 6.2.3 Stability and condition for shifting state

The possibility for a shifted state, i.e. a state for which  $|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 > 0$  depends on the value of the action for this state. If the corresponding action is negative, the state  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z')$  is the minimum of the system. Otherwise, the state  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z') = 0$  is the background state at point  $(Z, Z')$ .

The condition of existence for the shift is:

$$S = U \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) - U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 + \frac{|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2}{U'' \left( |\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')|^2 \right)} \left( U' \left( |\Gamma(\theta, Z, Z')|^2 \right) + \Delta T_0 - \frac{u+v}{2} \right) \quad (128)$$

Expression (128) yields the condition for shifted state. At points  $(Z, Z')$  such that (128) is negative, a shifted state exists.

In our order of approximation  $\Delta T_0 \ll \frac{u+v}{2}$  and:

$$u + v = \frac{|\Psi_{0i}(Z)|^2}{\tau\omega_{0i}(Z)} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_{0ij}(Z, Z')|^2$$

Background activity  $\omega_{0i}(Z)$  is lower with inhibitory interactions rather than without.

## 7 Application 2: Dynamics between $T(Z, Z')$ and $T(Z', Z)$

We study the interactions between  $T(Z, Z')$  and  $T(Z', Z)$ , i.e. the connectivity in both direction, by computing the transition function:

$$G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z))$$

Neglecting the interaction, this is at the zeroth order given by a product of two transition function. We use the large  $t$  approximation, and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\ & \simeq G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) G_0(\Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \end{aligned}$$

This formula can be corrected by using the formula (140) for the interaction term:

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \times \\
& \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega\left(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2\right) \right) \right)}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned} \tag{129}$$

We then replace  $\delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right)$  and  $\delta\omega\left(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2\right)$  using (140) at lowest order:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) & \simeq \frac{\omega_0(Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - 2\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z\right) \right|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \\
\delta\omega\left(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2\right) & \simeq \frac{\omega_0(Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z'\right) \right|^2}{\langle T \rangle}
\end{aligned}$$

and (129) writes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& \nabla_{\hat{T}} \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \times \\
& \times \left( \frac{\omega_0(Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - 2\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z\right) \right|^2}{\langle T \rangle} - \frac{\omega_0(Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z'\right) \right|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) \\
& \times \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
= & -\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - 2\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z\right) \right|^2 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta\Gamma\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z'\right) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \times \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}
a(Z', Z) & = \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z) \langle T \rangle} \\
b(Z, Z') & = \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0^2(Z) \langle T \rangle}
\end{aligned} \tag{130}$$

The graphs that compute mutual interactions between  $T(Z, Z')$  and  $T(Z', Z)$  at the lowest order are given by the squared interaction term averaged between an initial and a final 2- state that writes in an expanded form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z) | \{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \} \rangle \quad (131) \\
& \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \} \{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \\
& \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 - b(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \} \\
& | \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z', Z) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

developping the square leads to three contributions that are computed in appendix 3.

Writing  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_i$  for  $\Delta T_i(Z, Z')$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{T}'_i$  for  $\Delta T_i(Z', Z)$  and similarly for  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_1$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1$  we compute the effect of some fluctuations in the connectivity, by assume that  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_i = 0$ , so that we study the impact of a deviation  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \neq 0$  on both final states  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_f$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f$ . Correction (131) adds to the free transition function and leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}
& G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \quad (132) \\
& = G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
& + \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i) \right)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) \left( \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i) \right) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \right)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \right) \right) \\
& \times (a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1) (a(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1 - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1 \right)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1 \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}
& G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
& = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1 \right)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) \left( (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1 \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Appendix 3, shows that the maximum of the correction (132) is obtained for:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) & \simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \\
(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) & \simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \overline{(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)}
\end{aligned}$$



with  $\overline{(\Delta T'_1)}$  a given value:

$$\overline{(\Delta T'_1)} \in \left[ \inf \left( \frac{\omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)}, \frac{\omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z')} \right), \sup \left( \frac{\omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)}, \frac{\omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z')} \right) \right]$$

As a consequence, the most likely configuration for the system is:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) &\simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \\ (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) &\simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \overline{(\Delta T'_1)} \end{aligned}$$

which means that the connectivity fluctuations leads then the system from a state:

$$(\Delta \mathbf{T}_i), (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_i) = 0$$

to a state:

$$(\Delta \mathbf{T}_f), (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) \simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \overline{(\Delta T'_1)}$$

The fluctuation has propagated to  $(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f)$  with the tendency to symetrize the connection from  $Z$  to  $Z'$  and  $Z'$  to  $Z$ .

## 8 Conclusion

The use of effective theory to analyze fluctuations in the connectivity field above a background state has enabled us to comprehend the emergence of specific collective states that interact with one another. The concept of a state above the background state corresponds to additional activity in comparison to an average, persistent baseline. This arises from a description in which individual neurons may participate in various connected states, meaning that cells may exhibit different activation patterns. Furthermore, within this perspective, this implies that we should consider families of collective states, taking into account the possibility of multiple activations or deactivations of such states. Consequently, an effective field theory for emerging and interacting states should be considered on its own. This is the objective of the fourth paper in this series, which aims to develop such a formalism.

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## Appendix 1. Effective action for $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, C, D)$ : interactions

### 1.1 Effective action for connectivities

#### 1.1.1 Full contributions

As explained in the text, the effective action for  $\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, C, D)$  is written by replacing  $C$  and  $D$  with their averages and disregarding the threshold term  $\eta H(\delta - T)$ . The result of these simplifications is the action (9).

$$\begin{aligned}
S(\Gamma, \Gamma^\dagger) &= \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T - \left( -\frac{1}{\tau\omega} T + \frac{\lambda}{\omega} \hat{T} \right) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
&\quad + \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} - \frac{\rho}{\omega(J, \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)} \left( (h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 h_C(\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)) \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left. \times -D(\theta) \hat{T} \left| \Psi \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 h_D \left( \omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned} \tag{133}$$

We also use (10) to replace  $\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  by  $\omega_0(Z) + \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  where  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  is given by (12) and (13):

$$\begin{aligned}
&\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\
&= \int^{\theta_i} \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + |\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 - \frac{\frac{\tilde{T}}{(1-(1+|\Psi|^2)\tilde{T})} \left[ |\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \right]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\tilde{T}}{(1-(1+|\Psi|^2)\tilde{T})} \left[ |\Psi(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \right]} \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} (Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) \\
&\quad \times \left[ |\Psi(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \right] \\
&\equiv \sum_i \int K(Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) \left\{ |\Psi(Z, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \right\} d\theta_i
\end{aligned}$$

As explained in the text, we decompose the fields  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma^\dagger$  as sums:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')
\end{aligned}$$

In the sequel, the expression  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  will stand for the part of  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  depending on  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  and  $\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ , while the constant part is written  $\delta\omega_0$ . In other words:

$$\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) - \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2, \Delta\Gamma = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger = 0) \rightarrow \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$$

and:

$$\delta\omega_0 = \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2, \Delta\Gamma = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger = 0)$$

Moreover, the constant  $\delta\omega_0$  will be now included in the background activity  $\omega_0$ .

The second order expansion in  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  and  $\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  of action (133) around the background state:

$$\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'), \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

writes:

$$S(\Gamma, \Gamma^\dagger) \simeq S(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_0^\dagger) + \int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \delta\Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

is decomposed in two parts. The first one, noted  $C_1$  computes the "free" transition functions in the background state

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T - \left( -\frac{1}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} T + \frac{\lambda}{\omega_0} \hat{T} \right) |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &+ \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} - \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \right. \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. \left( (h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) - D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z') \right) \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (134)$$

The second term includes two perturbative contributions:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{2,1} &= \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\times \left( \nabla_T \left( \left( -\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} T + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2} \hat{T} \right) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &- \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( (h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. - D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \right) \right) \times \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (135)$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{2,2} &= \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\times \left( \nabla_T \left( \left( -\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} T + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2} \hat{T} \right) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &- \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( (h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. \times -D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (136)$$

We use that in the background state:

$$\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'), \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

the following relations stand:

$$-\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} \langle T \rangle + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0} \langle \hat{T} \rangle = 0$$

and:

$$(h(Z, Z') - \hat{T}) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) - D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z') = 0$$

As a consequence we have the following identities:

$$-\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} T + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2} \hat{T} = -\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} (T - \langle T \rangle) + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2} (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( h(Z, Z') - \hat{T} \right) C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) - D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \\ = & D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \frac{\omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)} \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) - \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

These relations enable to rewrite the various contributions to the action. The first contribution  $C_1$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 = & \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \times \left( \nabla_T \left( \nabla_T + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) - \lambda(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)}{\tau\omega_0(Z)} |\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & + \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} + \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (137)$$

where:

$$|\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 = \frac{(C(\theta) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \omega_0(Z) + D(\theta) \hat{T} |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \omega_0(Z'))}{\omega_0(Z)}$$

The contribution  $C_{2,1}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{2,1} = & \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (138)$$

While.  $C_{2,2}$  writes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \times \left( \nabla_T \left( \left( -\frac{\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\tau\omega_0^2(Z)} (T - \langle T \rangle) + \frac{\lambda\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}{\omega_0^2(Z)} (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) \right) |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & + \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \right) \right) \right) \right) \\ & + \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho \left( C(\theta) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) + D(\theta) \delta\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2\right) \right)}{\omega_0(Z)} |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle) |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \right) \\ & \times \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned} \quad (139)$$

### 1. 1.2 Several approximations for interaction terms

The contribution  $C_{2,1}$  describes the modification of the background by the fluctuations. In first approximation it can be neglected.

Moreover, while studying the internal dynamics of connectivities, the activities oscillations  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  is proportional to  $(T - \langle T \rangle)$ . As a consequence, the first and last terms in (139) can

also be neglected for small oscillations. As a consequence, the interaction terms to be considered reduce to:

$$C_{2,2} = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \quad (140)$$

$$\times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0^2(Z)} \left( \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$$

In first approximation we can assume that in the fluctuation state  $\Delta\Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$ ,  $(T - \langle T \rangle) = (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)$ . We approximate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \\ \simeq & \omega_0(Z) \left( (Z' - Z) \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta - (Z' - Z) \frac{\nabla_Z \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left( (Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j} + \frac{|Z-Z'|^2}{c^2} \nabla_\theta^2 - (Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \frac{\nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j} \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Inserted in integrals, the first order odd term  $(Z' - Z) \nabla_Z \omega_0(Z)$  cancel in first approximations. Similarly the terms:

$$(Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \frac{\nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j} \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)}$$

and:

$$(Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j}$$

also cancel for  $i \neq j$ , and previous formula reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_0(Z) \delta\omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \quad (141) \\ \simeq & \omega_0(Z) \left( (Z' - Z) \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z-Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left( (Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j} + \frac{|Z-Z'|^2}{c^2} \nabla_\theta^2 - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and we have the interaction term:

$$C_{2,2} = \Delta\Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \quad (142)$$

$$\times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( -\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \right) \right) \right) \Delta\Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$$

Note that the term (138) can also be written similarly, if we want to keep its contribution:

$$C_{2,1} = \Gamma_0^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \quad (143)$$

$$\times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( -\frac{|Z-Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \right)$$

$$\times \Gamma_0 \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$$

## 1.2 Derivation of $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$ as a function of connectivities fluctuations

### 1.2.1 Compact formula for the first order

In a fluctuating state:

$$\Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') + \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

the activities  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  are modified by fluctuations  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$ . Actually, the averages connectivities in the background:

$$T(Z, Z_1, \theta) = \langle T \rangle \left| \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 = \int T \left| \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 dT d\hat{T}$$

become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T \rangle \left| \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 + (T - \langle T \rangle) \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2 \\ &= T(Z, Z_1, \theta) \left( 1 + \frac{(T - \langle T \rangle) \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right|^2}{T(Z, Z_1, \theta)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, the activity equation defined by (2):

$$\omega^{-1}(\theta, Z) = G \left( J(\theta) + \frac{\kappa}{N} \int T(Z, Z_1, \theta) \frac{\omega\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right)}{\omega(\theta, Z)} \left| \Psi\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right) \right|^2 dZ_1 \right) \quad (144)$$

is modified by replacing the background value:

$$T(Z, Z_1, \theta) \left| \Psi\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right) \right|^2$$

with:

$$\left( 1 + \frac{(T - \langle T(Z) \rangle) \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z_1) \right|^2}{T(Z, Z_1, \theta)} \right) \left| \Psi\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right) \right|^2$$

Since we are interested in the self interactions of  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z_1)$ , we will approximate  $\left| \Psi\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right) \right|^2$  by its static value, so that in (2), we replace:

$$T(Z, Z_1, \theta) \left| \Psi\left(\theta - \frac{|Z-Z_1|}{c}, Z_1\right) \right|^2 \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{(T - \langle T(Z) \rangle) \left| \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z_1) \right|^2}{T(Z, Z_1, \theta)} \right) |\Psi_0(Z_1)|^2$$

Thus, at the first order, including the corrections to the activities due to the fluctuations  $\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z_1)$  leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta\omega_f(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\ &= \int \check{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 - \frac{\frac{\check{T}}{(1+(|\Psi_\Gamma|^2)\check{T})} \left[ |\Psi_\Gamma(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \right]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\check{T}}{(1+(|\Psi_\Gamma|^2)\check{T})} \left[ |\Psi_\Gamma(Z, \theta)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta, Z)}{\Lambda^2} \right]} \right) \check{T} \right)^{-1} (Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i) \\ & \times \left[ |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \right] d(Z_i, \theta_i) \end{aligned} \quad (145)$$

where:

$$= |\Psi_\Gamma(Z, \theta)|^2 = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T}\right) |\Psi|^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T} = \frac{(T - \langle T(Z) \rangle) |\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z_1)|^2}{T(Z, Z_1, \theta)}$$

and the formula has to be inserted in formula for the interaction terms of the effective action (142) or (143).

## 1.2.2 Series expansion of interaction terms

**1.2.2.1 Expression for  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$**  More generally, we can expand  $\delta\omega_f(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  in series. The operator:

$$\frac{\check{T}}{\left(1 - \left(1 + |\Psi_\Gamma|^2\right) \check{T}\right)}$$

arising in (145) has the following series expansion:

$$\sum \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})} |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1)|^2 \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})} \dots |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_n, Z_n)|^2 \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})}$$

with the kernel  $\frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})}$  estimated previously (see ([7])):

$$\frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})}(Z, Z_1, l_1) \simeq \frac{\exp\left(-cl_1 - \alpha\left((cl_1)^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} H(cl_1 - |Z - Z_1|) \quad (146)$$

where the constant  $D$  depends on the average values of  $\check{T}$  in the background field. Then the interaction term becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \quad (147) \\ = & \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})} |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1)|^2 \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})} \dots |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1)|^2 \frac{\check{T}}{(1 - (1+) \check{T})} |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \\ = & \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \\ & \times |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1)|^2 \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - \alpha\left((c(\theta_1 - \theta_2))^2 - |Z_1 - Z_2|^2\right)\right)}{D} \\ & \dots |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_n, Z_n)|^2 \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta_n - \theta_i) - \alpha\left((c(\theta_n - \theta_i))^2 - |Z_n - Z_i|^2\right)\right)}{D} |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \\ = & G(\theta - \theta_1, Z - Z_1) \left[ \prod |\Psi_\Gamma(\theta_j, Z_j)|^2 G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) \right] G(\theta_n - \theta_i, Z_n - Z_i) |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_i, Z_i)}{\Lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

Keeping only the fluctuations corrections  $\frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T} |\Psi(Z_i, \theta_i)|^2$  in the series yields the interaction terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & G(\theta - \theta_1, Z - Z_1) \left[ \prod \frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma(\theta_j, Z_j, Z_{j+1})|^2}{T} |\Psi(\theta_j, Z_j)|^2 G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) \right] \quad (148) \\ & \times G(\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n, Z_{n-1} - Z_n) |\Psi_0(Z_n, \theta_n)|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_n, Z_n)}{\Lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$



where:

$$G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) = \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}) - \alpha\left((c(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}))^2 - |Z_j - Z_{j+1}|^2\right)\right)}{D} \quad (149)$$

The insertion of corrections of the same type amounts to branch such series at some  $(\theta_k, Z_k)$  and leads to sum of terms of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_p \prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^* \left[ G\left(\theta - \theta_1^{(p)}, Z - Z_1^{(p)}\right) \right. \\ & \left[ \prod \frac{\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma\left(\theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)}\right) \right|^2}{T} \left| \Psi\left(\theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)}\right) \right|^2 G\left(\theta_j^{(p)} - \theta_{j+1}^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)} - Z_{j+1}^{(p)}\right) \right] \\ & \left. \times G\left(\theta_n^{(p)} - \theta_i^{(p)}, Z_n^{(p)} - Z_i^{(p)}\right) \left| \Psi_\Gamma\left(Z_i^{(p)}, \theta_i^{(p)}\right) \right|^2 \frac{\omega_0\left(\theta_i^{(p)}, Z_i^{(p)}\right)}{\Lambda^2} \right] \\ & = \sum_p \prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^* V\left(\left(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)}\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (150)$$

where the sign  $\prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^*$  denotes the branching of lines at any points. The sum takes into account all the possibility of branching lines.

**1.2.2. Inserting  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  in the effective action** Once the series for  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$  obtained, it can be inserted in the interaction terms (143) and (142):

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (151) \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \left( \sum_p \prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^* V\left(\left(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)}\right)\right) \right) \times \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (152) \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \left( \sum_p \prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^* V\left(\left(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)}\right)\right) \right) \times \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.3 Graphs expansion

**1.2.3.1 Vertices expansion and amplitudes** In formula (152), we replace the term:

$$\left( \sum_p \prod_{(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)})}^* V\left(\left(Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)}\right)\right) \right)$$

by the sum of vertices:

$$\sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right)$$

defined in (150).

These terms allow to compute the transitions from one state  $\left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n}$  of  $n$  connections to an other  $\left( \Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j'^{(f)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n}$ .

The amplitudes given by products of  $k$  vertices:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \left| \left\{ \int \Delta \Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \right. \right. \right. \\ & \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \left( \left( \alpha |Z - Z_1|^2 + \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \right) - (Z' - Z) \nabla_Z \omega_0(Z) \right) \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left. \left( \sum \prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right) \right\}^k \left| \left( \Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j'^{(f)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (153)$$

**1.2.3.2 Amplitudes computation** The calculus of:

$$\left\langle \left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \left| \prod V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right) \left| \left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \right\rangle$$

for a given  $\prod V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right)$  is obtained by wick theorem.  $\prod V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right)$  is represented as before by branched lines, with inserted points along the lines, corresponding to the:

$$\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right|^2$$

The  $n$  external lines  $\left\langle \left( \Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \right|$ , are contracted with  $n$  conjugate fields  $\Delta \Gamma^\dagger \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$ , and the  $\left| \left( \Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j'^{(f)} \right) \right)_{j \leq n} \right\rangle$  are contracted with  $n$  of the  $\Delta \Gamma \left( T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z' \right)$ .

The remaining fields in (153) are then contracted to produce internal lines joining the external vertices. The contracted vertices produce all possible graphs with others internal vertices. Once a graph is drawn, some vertices may remain disconnected from the graph. These vertices can be removed, since their contributions are cancelled while normalizing the Green function by dividing by the partition function. We impose that the external vertices in (153) are part of the set of contracted vertices.

The graph produced may include some internal loops: due to the branching points, some edges may start from the same initial point, and end at the same final point. However we will see that the contributions of such graphs can be neglected.

The quantity associated to a graph is obtained by associating to each internal vertex a factor  $\frac{\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right|^2}{T}$  and a propagator to each internal line. A propagator is associated to each external line, with a given initial value  $\Delta T_j^{(i)} \left( Z_j^{(i)}, Z_j'^{(i)} \right)$  or final value  $\Delta T_j^{(f)} \left( Z_j^{(f)}, Z_j'^{(f)} \right)$ . The vertices are connected by the lines in the developpement of:

$$\prod_p \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right)^* V \left( \left( Z_j^{(p)}, \theta_j^{(p)} \right) \right)$$

A factor  $G \left( \theta - \theta_1^{(p)}, Z - Z_1^{(p)} \right)$  is associated to each of these line.

### 1.2.3.3 Simplifications

Some simplifications arise.

First, as for the activities graphs, the loop produced by contracting the fields along different lines is negligible. Actually, considering two lines and contracting two fields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right) \right|^2 \right) \left( \Delta T' \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T', \left( \theta_j^{(p)} \right)', \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right)' \right) \right|^2 \right) \\ \rightarrow & \overbrace{\Delta T \Delta T' \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma^\dagger \left( \Delta T', \left( \theta_j^{(p)} \right)', \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right)' \right)} \\ & \overbrace{\Delta \Gamma^\dagger \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T', \left( \theta_j^{(p)} \right)', \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right)' \right)} \end{aligned}$$

implies that:  $\left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) = \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right)'$  and  $\theta_j^{(p)} = \left( \theta_j^{(p)} \right)'$ . This implies that the loop sums over the set of doublet of lines with the same length. The measure of this set is nul, and the loops can be neglected.

As a consequence, the sum of graphs is computed for tree graphs.

Second, if the graph is computed with some perturbation arising at some "far in the past"-points, and if we assume that the fluctuations  $\Delta \Gamma(\Delta T, \theta, (Z, Z'))$  cancel before this perturbations, the graphs to consider are trees made of branched lines joining some initial modifications.

For these graphs:

1) the internal factors  $\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \Delta T, \theta_j^{(p)}, \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right) \right|^2$  are contracted and yield a factor  $\langle \Delta T \rangle_{\Delta \Gamma(\theta_j^{(p)}, (Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)}))}$  where this symbol denotes the average of  $\Delta T$  in the state defined by the field  $\Delta \Gamma$  at the point  $\left( \theta_j^{(p)}, \left( Z_j^{(p)}, Z_{j+1}^{(p)} \right) \right)$ .

2) The terminal points of the graphs are contracted with the perturbations and between themselves through propagators.

These conditions allows also to rewrite the interaction terms in the following form. Each line in (148):

$$\begin{aligned} G(\theta - \theta_1, Z - Z_1) & \left[ \prod \frac{\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma(\theta_j, Z_j, Z_{j+1}) \right|^2}{T} \left| \Psi(\theta_j, Z_j) \right|^2 G(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}, Z_j - Z_{j+1}) \right] \quad (154) \\ & \times G(\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n, Z_{n-1} - Z_n) \left| \Psi_0(Z_n, \theta_n) \right|^2 \frac{\omega_0(\theta_n, Z_n)}{\Lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

and these terms can be summed to produce a factor:

$$\frac{\tilde{T}}{\left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \tilde{T} \right)} \frac{\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1) \right|^2}{T}$$

with:

$$\langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle = \left( 1 + \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle_{\Delta \Gamma}}{T} \right) |\Psi|^2$$

As a consequence, the analysis of the fluctuations in activities applies, so that we can replace the sum of graph by:

$$\delta \omega^{-1}(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) = \frac{\int \tilde{T} \Lambda^\dagger(Z, \theta) \exp\left(-S(\Lambda) + \int \Lambda(X, \theta) \omega_0^{-1}(J, \theta, Z) \frac{\Delta T \left| \Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1) \right|^2}{T} d(X, \theta)\right) \mathcal{D}\Lambda}{\int \exp(-S(\Lambda)) \mathcal{D}\Lambda}$$

and the action for the auxiliary field  $S(\Lambda)$  is obtained by replacing  $|\Psi(\theta, Z)|^2$  with  $\langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle$ :

$$S(\Lambda) = \int \Lambda(Z, \theta) \left(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right) \tilde{T} \Lambda^\dagger(Z, \theta) d(Z, \theta) - \int \Lambda(Z, \theta) \tilde{T} \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z^{(1)}|}{c}, Z, Z^{(1)}, \omega_0^{-1} + \tilde{T} \Lambda^\dagger \right) \\ \times \Lambda^\dagger \left( Z^{(1)}, \theta - \frac{|Z - Z^{(1)}|}{c} \right) dZ dZ^{(1)} d\theta$$

As the derivation of (10) we can approximate the saddle point equation by

$$\tilde{T} \left( Z, Z', \omega + \hat{T} \Lambda^\dagger \right) - \tilde{T} \simeq - \frac{\frac{\tilde{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \tilde{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\tilde{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \tilde{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]}$$

This allows to solve the saddle point equation at the zeroth order:

$$\int^{\theta_i} \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} (Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} d\theta_1 \right] \quad (155)$$

then at the first order:

$$\int^{\theta_i} \tilde{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle - \frac{\frac{\tilde{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \tilde{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]}{\omega_0(Z) + \frac{\tilde{T}}{(1 - \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle) \tilde{T})} \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right]} \right) \tilde{T} \right)^{-1} (Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \\ \times \left[ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} d\theta_1 \right] \\ \equiv \sum_i \int K(Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right\} d\theta_1$$

The next orders, of approximation for  $K(Z, \theta, Z_i, \theta_i)$  have been detailed in ([7]).

**1.2.3.4 Approximation of interaction terms** In the effective action (152), the term:

$$\omega_0(Z) \delta\omega \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z', |\Psi|^2 \right) - \omega_0(Z') \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \\ \simeq \left( -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right)$$

can be approximated which implies that we can go further in the computation of (142). Given (147), (149) and (150), we have in first approximation:

$$\delta\omega \left( \theta, Z, |\Psi|^2 \right) \simeq \int^{Z, \theta} \frac{\exp \left( -c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha \left( (c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2 \right) \right)}{D} \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_1, \theta_1)|^2}{\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1$$

Since we are interested in the fluctuations  $\Delta T$ , we can replace  $\frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) |\Psi_\Gamma(Z_1, \theta_1)|^2}{\Lambda^2}$  by:

$$\frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta \Gamma|^2}{T \Lambda^2}$$

Thus we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\
&= \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right) \\
& \int^{Z, \theta} \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1
\end{aligned} \tag{157}$$

Expression (157) includes implicitly an heaviside function  $H\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)$ . As a consequence, this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\
&= \int^{Z, \theta} \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right) \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1 \\
&= - \int^{Z, \theta} \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_{Z_1} - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} \right) \\
& \times \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1
\end{aligned}$$

and this is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_Z - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\
&= \int^{Z, \theta} \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \left( (Z - Z') \nabla_{Z_1} - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} \right) \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \left( (Z' - Z)_i (Z' - Z)_j \nabla_{Z_i} \nabla_{Z_j} + \frac{|Z - Z'|^2}{c^2} \nabla_\theta^2 \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int^{Z, \theta} \frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D} \left( ((Z' - Z)^2) \nabla_{Z_1}^2 + \frac{|Z - Z'|^2}{c^2} \nabla_{\theta_1}^2 \right) \\
& \times \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma|^2}{T\Lambda^2} dZ_1 d\theta_1
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the action of:

$$\left( -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right)$$

consists in inserting the operator:

$$\left( (Z - Z') \nabla_{Z_1} - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \nabla_{Z_1}^2 + \frac{|Z - Z'|^2}{2c^2} \nabla_{\theta_1}^2 - \frac{(Z' - Z)^2 \nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{2} \right)$$

on the source term. Using then the general form for  $\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)$ :

$$\delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) = \int K(Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T\Lambda^2} \right\}$$

where the notation corresponds to inserting a factor  $\left\{ \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T} \right\}$  at each end of the tree graph expansion of  $K(Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1)$  (see (156) and (157)), we can replace:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_\theta + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \left( \nabla_Z^2 + \frac{\nabla_\theta^2}{c^2} - \frac{\nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right) \right) \delta\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) \\ &= \int \bar{K}(Z, Z', \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1)|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\bar{K}(Z, Z', \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) = K(Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) O(Z, Z', Z_1)$$

and where:

$$O(Z, Z', Z_1) = -\frac{|Z - Z'|}{c} \nabla_{\theta_1} + \frac{(Z' - Z)^2}{2} \nabla_{Z_1}^2 + \frac{|Z - Z'|^2}{2c^2} \nabla_{\theta_1}^2 - \frac{(Z' - Z)^2 \nabla_Z^2 \omega_0(Z)}{2}$$

This generalization is the consequence of the expansion (146) arising in (156) and (157). The convolution of kernels:

$$\frac{\exp\left(-c(\theta - \theta_1) - \alpha\left((c(\theta - \theta_1))^2 - |Z - Z_1|^2\right)\right)}{D}$$

allow to recursively move the operator  $O(Z, Z', Z_1)$  to the right of the kernel  $K(Z, \theta, Z_1, \theta_1)$ .

While integrating over  $Z'$  we can assume that the first order term cancels, so that the interaction terms are:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_0^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{158} \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \int \bar{K}(Z, Z', \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right\} \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \Gamma_0(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & + \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \int \bar{K}(Z, Z', \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right\} \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

or, if we neglect the background displacement:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{159} \\ & \times \left( \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \int \bar{K}(Z, Z', \theta, Z_1, \theta_1) \left\{ \frac{\omega_0(\theta_1, Z_1) \Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right\} \right) \right) \right) \\ & \times \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

At the lowest order approximation (155), this writes in a compact operatorial form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \tag{160} \\ & \times \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( \frac{\rho}{\omega_0(Z)} \left( D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2 \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z_1')|^2}{T \Lambda^2} \right] \right) \right) \\ & \times \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \end{aligned}$$

## Appendix 2. Application: Background states for connectivity field in interaction

### 2.1 Solving for the Background field

We solve equation (34) by the same method as in appendix 2. Starting by writing (34):

$$\left(\nabla^2 + (\nabla)^t (\gamma \Delta \mathbf{T} + V_0 \mathbf{a}_0) + V (\mathbf{a})^t \Delta \mathbf{T} + \alpha\right) \Gamma \left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) = 0 \quad (161)$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta \mathbf{T})^t &= (\Delta T, \Delta \hat{T}) \\ (\mathbf{a}_0)^t &= (0, 1) \\ (\mathbf{a})^t &= (1, 0) \\ \gamma &= \begin{pmatrix} u & s \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \\ v &= \rho C \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2 h_C(\omega_0(Z))}{\omega_0(Z)} + \rho D \frac{|\Psi_0(Z')|^2 h_D(\omega_0(Z'))}{\omega_0(Z)} \\ s &= -\frac{\lambda |\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_0 = \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \hat{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right) \hat{T}\right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta \Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T} \right] \right)$$

shifting variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{T} + \gamma^{-1} V_0 \mathbf{a}_0 &\rightarrow \Delta \mathbf{T} \\ -V (\mathbf{a})^t \gamma^{-1} V_0 \mathbf{a}_0 + \alpha &\rightarrow \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (162)$$

equation (41) writes:

$$\left(\nabla^2 + (\nabla)^t \gamma \Delta \mathbf{T} + V (\mathbf{a})^t \Delta \mathbf{T} + \alpha\right) \Gamma \left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) = 0 \quad (163)$$

This is solved by considering the Fourier transform of this equation:

$$\left(-\mathbf{k}^2 - (\mathbf{k})^t \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} - iV (\mathbf{a})^t \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\right) \Gamma(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (164)$$

and writing the solution:

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k}\right) \hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

where the matrix  $N$  satisfies:

$$-\mathbf{k}^2 + (\mathbf{k})^t \gamma N \mathbf{k} = 0$$

with solution:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{u} \left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) & -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} \\ -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} & \frac{1}{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

This factorization yields the equation for  $\hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z')$ :

$$\left( \left( -(\mathbf{k})^t \gamma - iV(\mathbf{a})^t \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \alpha \right) \hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (165)$$

that is:

$$\left( \left( -(\mathbf{k} + iV(\gamma^t)^{-1} \mathbf{a})^t \gamma \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \alpha \right) \hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = 0 \quad (166)$$

The solution is similar to appendix 2, shifting:

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} + iV(\gamma^t)^{-1} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{k} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{iV}{u} \\ -\frac{isV}{uv} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{k}'$$

and defining:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{v-u}{s} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{k}}' = P^t \mathbf{k}'$$

We find:

$$\hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') = \hat{k}'_1^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \hat{k}'_2^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}}$$

where  $\hat{k}'_1$  and  $\hat{k}'_2$  are the component of  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}'$ :

$$\hat{k}'_1 = k'_1 = k_1 + \frac{iV}{u}$$

$$\hat{k}'_2 = k'_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k'_2 = k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2 + i\frac{V}{v}$$

Due to the presence of the gaussian factor  $\exp(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k})$  we aim at expanding around  $k_1 \rightarrow 0$ , so that we write:

$$\left( k_1 + \frac{iV}{u} \right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left( k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2 + i\frac{V}{v} \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} = i^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \left( \frac{V}{u} - ik_1 \right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left( \frac{V}{v} - i \left( k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2 \right) \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}}$$

and ultimately the solution of (45) is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\delta}(\mathbf{k}, \theta, Z, Z') &= i^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k}\right) \left( \frac{V}{u} - ik_1 \right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u}} \left( \frac{V}{v} - i \left( k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2 \right) \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k}\right) \left( k_1^2 + \left( \frac{V}{u} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \left( \left( k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{V}{v} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-i \left( \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \arctan\left(\frac{k_1 u}{V}\right) - \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \arctan\left(\frac{(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2) v}{V}\right) \right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

In the limit of relatively large interactions  $V > 1$ , the last exponential becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} &\exp\left(-i \left( \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \arctan\left(\frac{k_1 u}{V}\right) - \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \arctan\left(\frac{(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2) v}{V}\right) \right)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-i \left( \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \left( \frac{k_1 u}{V} \right) - \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \left( \frac{(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s} k_2) v}{V} \right) \right)\right) \end{aligned}$$



and up to a constant, the solution to (34) is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &= i^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t N \mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})\right) \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \left(\left(k_1 + \frac{v-u}{s}k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{v}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{T} &= \begin{pmatrix} T - \langle T \rangle \\ \hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha}{V} \\ -\frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{Vs} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The estimation of the integral uses the diagonalization of  $N = PDP^{-1}$ . This is done in appendix 2, we find:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{pmatrix}$$

and the eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_\pm = \frac{\frac{1}{u}\left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) + \frac{1}{v}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{1}{u}\left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) - \frac{1}{v}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s}{v(u+v)}\right)^2}$$

The matrix  $P$  is orthogonal:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $x$  satisfies:

$$\tan 2x = \frac{-\frac{2s}{v(u+v)}}{\frac{\frac{1}{u}\left(1 + \frac{s^2}{v(u+v)}\right) - \frac{1}{v}}{2}} = -\frac{4su}{v^2 - u^2 + s^2}$$

so that:

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{4su}{v^2 - u^2 + s^2}$$

It thus implies that  $\Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &= \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D \mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}(\Delta\mathbf{T}' - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}}')\right) \times \\ &\times \left((k_1 \cos x - k_2 \sin x)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \\ &\times \left(\left(k_1 \left(\cos x + \frac{v-u}{s} \sin x\right) + \left(\frac{v-u}{s} \cos x - \sin x\right) k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\Delta\mathbf{T}' - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}}' = P^t (\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}})$$

In the approximation given in the text, we have  $s \ll 1$  so that  $x \ll 1$  and the computations of appendix 2 apply. We rewrite  $\Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$  in this approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& \simeq \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}\Delta\mathbf{T}'\right) \left((k_1 - xk_2)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \\
& \quad \times \left(\left(k_1\left(1 + x\frac{v-u}{s}\right) + \left(\frac{v-u}{s} - x\right)k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \\
& \simeq \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}\Delta\mathbf{T}'\right) \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \\
& \quad \times \left(\left(\frac{v-u}{s}k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \left(1 - x\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \frac{k_2k_1}{k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{vs} \frac{(v-u)k_1k_2}{\left(\frac{v-u}{s}k_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2}\right) \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \\
& = \left(\frac{v-u}{s}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}\Delta\mathbf{T}'\right) \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \left(k_2^2 + \left(\frac{sV}{(v-u)u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \\
& \quad \times \left(1 - x\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \frac{k_2k_1}{k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v(v-u)} \frac{sk_1k_2}{k_2^2 + \left(\frac{sV}{(v-u)u}\right)^2}\right) \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \\
& \simeq \left(\frac{v-u}{s}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}^t D\mathbf{k} - i\mathbf{k}\Delta\mathbf{T}'\right) \left(k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{\alpha\delta}{2u}} \times \\
& \quad \times \left(k_2^2 + \left(\frac{sV}{(v-u)u}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{2v}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v(v-u)} \frac{s}{k_2^2 + \left(\frac{sV}{(v-u)u}\right)^2} - x\frac{\alpha\delta}{u} \frac{1}{k_1^2 + \left(\frac{V}{u}\right)^2}\right) k_1k_2\right) \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

In the approximation given in the text, we have  $s \ll 1$  and the computations of appendix 2 apply. We find:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_\delta(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\
& \simeq \left(\frac{v-u}{s}\right)^{\frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}} 2^{\frac{\alpha}{u}+1} \prod_{i=1}^2 \exp\left(-\left(\left(\frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}}P^t(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'})}{2}\right)_i\right)^2\right) \\
& \quad \times \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i}^{m_i} \left(\left(\frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}}P^t(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'})}{4}\right)_i\right) \right\} \\
& \quad + \nabla_{(\Delta T')_1} \nabla_{(\Delta T')_2} \left\{ x\alpha \frac{\delta \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left(\left(\frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}}P^t(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'})}{4}\right)_i\right)}{u} - \frac{s\alpha(1-\delta) \prod_{i=1}^2 \hat{D}_{p_i^{(1)}}^{m_i} \left(\left(\frac{D^{-\frac{1}{2}}P^t(\Delta\mathbf{T} - \overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}'})}{4}\right)_i\right)}{v(u-v)} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u}, p_2 = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} \\ p_1^{(1)} &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} - 1, p_2^{(1)} = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} + 1 \\ p_1^{(1)} &= \frac{\alpha\delta}{u} + 1, p_2^{(1)} = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= \frac{V}{u} \\ m_2 &= \frac{sV}{(v-u)u} \end{aligned}$$

and the function  $\hat{D}_p^m$  are "massive" parabolic cylinder function defined by the integral representation, up to some irrelevant constant:

$$\hat{D}_p^m(x) = \frac{2^{p+1}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}pi\right) \exp\left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) \int (x^2 + m^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} \exp(-2k^2 + 2ixk) dk$$

## 2.2 Equation for shift in connectivity functions

Given (46), the shift  $\overline{\Delta\mathbf{T}}$  is solution of:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{V(Z, Z')} \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{V(Z, Z')s} \end{aligned} \tag{167}$$

however, taking into account (43), we replace:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{T} &\rightarrow \Delta\mathbf{T} + \gamma^{-1}V_0\mathbf{a}_0 \\ \alpha &\rightarrow \alpha - V(\mathbf{a})^t \gamma^{-1}V_0\mathbf{a}_0 \end{aligned} \tag{168}$$

The first equation amounts to replace  $\Delta T(Z, Z')$  by  $\Delta T(Z, Z') - \gamma^{-1}V_0\mathbf{a}_0$ . Given that:

$$\gamma^{-1}V_0\mathbf{a}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{s}{uv}V_0 \\ \frac{1}{v}V_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$-V(\mathbf{a})^t \gamma^{-1}V_0\mathbf{a}_0 = V\frac{s}{uv}V_0$$

the shift equation writes:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{V(Z, Z')} \\ \Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right)V_0 - \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{V(Z, Z')s} \end{aligned} \tag{169}$$

Given our assumptions, the terms  $V_0$  and  $V$  are relatively large. Moreover,  $V_0$  measures the modification due to sources terms, and  $V$  the backreaction of the system on the sources.

### 2.2.1 Average shift

To solve (169) we first compute the averages:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Delta T \rangle &= \langle \Delta T(Z_i, Z'_i) \rangle_{(Z_i, Z'_i)} \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= \langle \Delta \hat{T}(Z_i, Z'_i) \rangle_{(Z_i, Z'_i)}\end{aligned}$$

by averaging all quantities in (169). We start with:

$$V_0(Z, Z') = \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T \|\Delta\Gamma(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)\|^2}{T} \right] \right) \quad (170)$$

In (170), we replace the integrated functions by their average in state  $\Delta\Gamma$ . To do so we write:

$$\int \frac{\Delta T \|\Delta\Gamma(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)\|^2}{T} d(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1) \simeq \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \quad (171)$$

so that:

$$\begin{aligned}V_0(Z, Z') &= \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \left\langle \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ O \frac{\Delta T \|\Delta\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)\|^2}{T} \right] \right\rangle^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \\ &\simeq F(Z, Z') A_0(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\end{aligned} \quad (172)$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}F(Z, Z') &= \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \\ A_0(Z, Z') &= \left\langle \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta T}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} O \right\rangle^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}\end{aligned} \quad (173)$$

and where the notation:

$$\langle [O]_{(X)} \rangle, \langle [O]^{(X)} \rangle$$

for an operator with kernel  $O(X, Y)$  denotes  $\int O(X, Y) dY$  and  $\int O(Y, X) dY$  respectively.

The corrections depending on  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  arising in (50) are computed similarly.

First, given the formal solutions, as well as the form of the operators  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , the kernel intervening in the integrals do not depend on  $T_2$  and  $\hat{T}_2$ . The quantities:

$$\int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2) \nabla_{\hat{T}_2} \Delta\Gamma(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2) d(T_2, \hat{T}_2)$$

can be computed, and given the formal solutions, they are proportional to the shift  $\langle \Delta \hat{T}(Z_2, Z'_2) \rangle$ . Given that solutions for the background field are approximatively gaussian functions, the proportionality is of negative sign. Performing the integration over the variables  $(T_i, \hat{T}_i)$  and using (171)

we thus replace:

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) \tag{174} \\
&= -k \int \Delta\hat{T}_0(Z_2, Z'_2) \left( \frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T}_2 \rangle |\Psi_0(Z'_2)|^2}{\omega_0(Z_2)} \left[ \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} O \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')}^{(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)} \right) \\
&\quad \times \|\Delta\Gamma(\theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)\|^2 d(\theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)
\end{aligned}$$

with  $k > 0$  and:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma(\theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2)\|^2 = \int \left| \Delta\Gamma(T_2, \hat{T}_2, \theta_2, Z_2, Z'_2) \right|^2 d(T_2, \hat{T}_2)$$

$$V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) = \int \left[ \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \right]_{(T_1, \hat{T}_1, \theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)}^{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \left[ \frac{\Delta T_0(Z_1, Z'_1)}{T} \right] \|\Delta\Gamma(\theta_2, Z_1, Z'_1)\|^2 d(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1) \tag{175}$$

We replace the quantities multiplied by the squared field by their average over  $(Z_i, Z'_i)$ , so that using:

$$\int \frac{\Delta T \|\Delta\Gamma(Z_1, Z'_1)\|^2}{T} d(Z_1, Z'_1) \simeq \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_1(Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) \tag{176} \\
&\simeq -k \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \left\langle \left[ F(Z_2, Z'_2) \left[ \hat{T} \left( 1 - \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)^{-1} O \right] \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \\
&= A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_2(Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) &= \left\langle \left[ \hat{T} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \langle |\Psi_0|^2 \rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{T} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \hat{T} \right)^{-1} \right]_{(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')} \right\rangle \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \tag{177} \\
&= A_2(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

Then, taking the average of equation (50) yields the defining equation for  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ ,  $\langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle$ :

$$\langle \Delta T \rangle \simeq - \frac{\alpha}{A_1 \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)} \tag{178}$$

$$\langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \simeq - \left( \frac{1}{\langle v \rangle} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{\langle u \rangle \langle v \rangle} \right) A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 - \alpha \frac{\left\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \right\rangle}{A_1 \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right)}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \langle F(Z, Z') A_0(Z, Z) \rangle \\
A_1 &= \langle A_1(Z, Z') \rangle \\
A_2 &= \langle A_2(Z, Z') \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Let define the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
d &= -\frac{\alpha}{A_1 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} \\
f &= A_2 \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \\
g &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right) A \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \\
h &= -\left\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \right\rangle \frac{\alpha}{A_1 \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} = \left\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \right\rangle d
\end{aligned}$$

to rewrite the system:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Delta T \rangle &= \frac{d}{\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle (1 + f \langle \Delta T \rangle)} \\
\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &= g \langle \Delta T \rangle + \frac{h}{\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle (1 + f \langle \Delta T \rangle)}
\end{aligned} \tag{179}$$

which can be solved for  $\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle$  as a function of  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$ :

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle = \langle \Delta T \rangle \frac{h + dg}{d} \tag{180}$$

and  $\langle \Delta T \rangle$  satisfies:

$$f \langle \Delta T \rangle^3 + \langle \Delta T \rangle^2 - \frac{d^2}{(h + dg)} = 0$$

i.e.:

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle^3 + \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle^2 - \frac{d^2 f^2}{(h + dg)} = 0 \tag{181}$$

with:

$$\Delta \tilde{T} = f \Delta T$$

From equation (181) we find the conditions for the solutions. A particular case arises when  $\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \gg 1$ . In such case:

$$-\frac{d^2 f^2}{(h + dg)} < 0$$

and equation (181) has a single negative root. Too many fluctuations in connectivities leads ultimately to a lower shift in this variable. The solutions are studied in the text.

### 2.2.2 Solving equation (50) for $\Delta T(Z, Z')$ and $\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')$

We use (172) and (173), (176), (177), to write(50):

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta T(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{\left(1 + \frac{A_2(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right) A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} \\
\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') &= -\left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}\right) \frac{F(Z, Z') A_0(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\alpha}{s \left(1 + \frac{A_2(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right) A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{182}$$

### 2.2.3 Condition for shifted state and constraint.

For states (47) and (49) the action is:

$$S\left(\Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right)\right) + U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right)$$

where the first term is given by (28) and the potential by (31). Given (34), this reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} & S\left(\Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right)\right) + U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right) \\ &= \int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) \left( (V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) (1 + V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma))) \Delta T \right) \Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) \\ & \quad + U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right) + \int \left( \alpha_0 - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right)}{\delta \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right) \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (183)$$

By the same computation as previous paragraph:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) \left( (V_1(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) (1 + V_2(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma))) \Delta T \right) \Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) \\ &= \int \Delta\Gamma^\dagger\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) \Delta T \Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right) \\ &\simeq A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left( 1 + A_2(Z, Z') \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) \langle \Delta T \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Using (182):

$$\Delta T(Z, Z') = - \frac{\alpha}{\left( 1 + \frac{A_2(Z, Z') \langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \right) A_1(Z, Z') \langle \Delta\hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2} \quad (184)$$

and given that:

$$\alpha = - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right)}{\delta \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} + \alpha_0$$

formula (183) becomes:

$$S\left(\Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z'\right)\right) = \int U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right)$$

and the minimization of:

$$\int U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2\right)$$

yields  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2$ .

However, a constraint has to be included. Actually, since  $\Delta T$  and  $\Delta\hat{T}$  can be both positive or negative, we impose:

$$p_1 = \frac{\alpha\delta}{u}, p_2 = \frac{(1-\delta)\alpha}{v}$$

to belong to  $\frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{N}$ . This allow to obtain integrable solutions  $\Delta\Gamma\left(T, \hat{T}, Z, Z'\right)$  over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we have the condition:

$$\frac{(\alpha + (V \frac{s}{uv} V_0)) \delta}{u}, \frac{(1-\delta)(\alpha + (V \frac{s}{uv} V_0))}{v} \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V \frac{s}{uv} V_0 &= \frac{uk}{\delta} - \alpha \\ V \frac{s}{uv} V_0 &= \frac{vl}{1-\delta} - \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{uk}{\delta} = \frac{vl}{1-\delta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= \frac{ku}{ku+lv} \\ 1-\delta &= \frac{lv}{ku+lv}\end{aligned}$$

$$V \frac{s}{uv} V_0 = ku + lv - \alpha$$

Rewrite the constraint as:

$$V \frac{s}{uv} V_0 - (ku + lv - \alpha)$$

Then use that;

$$\begin{aligned}V(Z, Z') &= -\frac{\alpha}{\Delta T(Z, Z')} \\ V_0(Z, Z') &= \frac{-\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)\Delta T(Z, Z')}{s}}{\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}}\end{aligned}$$

and (180):

$$\langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle = \langle \Delta T \rangle \left( \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} - \left( \frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv} \right) A \frac{\|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right)$$

yields:

$$\begin{aligned}VsV_0 &= \frac{\alpha}{\Delta T(Z, Z')} \frac{s\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z') - (1-\delta)(v-u)\Delta T(Z, Z')}{\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}} \\ &= \alpha \frac{s \frac{\Delta \hat{T}(Z, Z')}{\Delta T(Z, Z')} - (1-\delta)(v-u)}{\frac{1}{v} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{uv}} = -\frac{\alpha s A \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

constraint to add to the potential:

$$-\lambda \left( \frac{\alpha s A \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} + (ku + lv - \alpha) \right)$$

mmnz:

$$\int U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right) - \lambda \left( \frac{\alpha s A \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} + (ku + lv - \alpha) \right)$$

and replace  $\alpha$  by:

$$\alpha_0 - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2}$$

We thus find:

$$\frac{\delta U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} - \lambda \frac{\delta^2 U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta^2 \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \left( 1 - \frac{sA \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} \right) = 0$$

and the constraint:

$$\frac{\left( \alpha_0 - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right) sA \|\Delta \Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle} + ku + lv - \left( \alpha_0 - \frac{\delta U_{\Delta \Gamma} \left( \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right)}{\delta \|\Delta \Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \right) = 0$$



that leads to:

$$\lambda = \frac{\frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma}(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)}{\delta\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} - \alpha_0}{\frac{\delta^2 U_{\Delta\Gamma}(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)}{\delta^2\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} \left(1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}\right)}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma}(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)}{\delta\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} &= -\frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} + \alpha_0 \\ \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 &= (U'_{\Delta\Gamma})^{-1} \left( -\frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} + \alpha_0 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (185)$$

and  $\alpha_0$  obtained by average:

$$\begin{aligned} U'_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{Vol} \right) &\simeq \left\langle -\frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} + \alpha_0 \right\rangle \\ \alpha_0 &\simeq \left\langle \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right\rangle + U'_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{Vol} \right) \end{aligned}$$

However, denote  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2$  the minimum of  $U_{\Delta\Gamma}(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2)$ . We expand (185) around  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2$ :

$$\frac{\delta U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2}{V} + \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 - \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \right)}{\delta\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2} = -\frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} + \alpha_0$$

which leads to:

$$-\frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} + \alpha_0 = U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 - \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \quad (186)$$

Moreover, since:

$$\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} = \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right\rangle$$

we find:

$$\alpha_0 \simeq \left\langle \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right\rangle + \left\langle U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \right\rangle \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle \right) \quad (187)$$

and the equation (186) for  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2$  writes:

$$-\Delta \left( \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right) \simeq U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 - \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \Delta \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \quad (188)$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \left( \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right) &= \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} - \left\langle \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right\rangle \\ \Delta \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 &= \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

We find:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \simeq \Delta \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 + \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \quad (189)$$

By consistency, we may assume that:

$$\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} = \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle \quad (190)$$

so that:

$$-\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right) = U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 - \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)$$

This implies that, at lowest order:

$$\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 = \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 - \frac{1}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)$$

and the action for the field is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 \right) \quad (191) \\ &= \int U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 + \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle - \frac{1}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right) \right) \\ &\simeq \int U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming a  $U$  shape form for the potential so that  $U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) > 0$ , implies that state with  $\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|^2 > 0$  exists if:

$$U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right) \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \right)^2 < 0$$

i.e.:

$$\left| \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \left\langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right\rangle - \frac{\Delta \left( \frac{ku+lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)} \right| < \sqrt{\frac{2U_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma} \left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \right)}}$$

Expression (191) is minimal for:  $(k, l)$  minimizing:

$$\left| \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle - \frac{\Delta\left(\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right)} \right|$$

Under the consistency assumption (190), this reduces to minimize:

$$\left| \frac{\Delta\left(\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right)}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right)} \right| \simeq \frac{\Delta(ku+lv)}{\langle \left(1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}\right) U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right) \rangle}$$

Using that:

$$\Delta(ku+lv) = (ku+lv) - \langle (ku+lv) \rangle$$

The minimal configuration for  $k = l = \frac{1}{2}$  at every point  $(Z, Z')$ , for which:

$$\Delta(ku+lv) = \frac{1}{2}((u+v) - \langle u+v \rangle)$$

As a consequence, the points such that:

$$|(u+l) - \langle u+v \rangle| < \sqrt{-8U_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right) U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right)}$$

have a shifted states, while others present  $\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z') = 0$ .

If:

$$\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

two cases are possible.

If  $\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle > 0$ , the minimum may be reached for  $k$  and  $l \neq \frac{1}{2}$  at some points mainly if  $u > \langle u \rangle$  and  $v > \langle v \rangle$ . Points such that  $u < \langle u \rangle$  and  $v < \langle v \rangle$  are rather driven towards no shift  $\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z') = 0$ .

But if  $\frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle < 0$ , the minimum may be reached for  $k$  and  $l \neq \frac{1}{2}$  at some points mainly if  $u < \langle u \rangle$  and  $v < \langle v \rangle$ . For other points, most often, no shift occurs.

## 2.2.4 Values of and averages shifts

Using (187), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \alpha_0 - U'_{\Delta\Gamma}(\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')) \simeq \left\langle \frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \right\rangle + \langle U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right) \rangle \left( \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle \right) \\ &\quad - U'_{\Delta\Gamma}\left( \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 + \frac{\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{V} - \langle \|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{U''_{\Delta\Gamma}\left(\|\Delta\Gamma(Z, Z')\|_{\min}^2\right)} \Delta\left(\frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{ku+lv}{1-\frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \end{aligned}$$

and as a consequence the shifts are:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Delta T \rangle &\simeq -\frac{\alpha(ku + lv)}{\left(1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}\right) A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left(1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)} \quad (192) \\ \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle &\simeq -\left(\frac{1}{\langle v \rangle} + \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{\langle u \rangle \langle v \rangle}\right) A \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 - \frac{ku + lv}{1 - \frac{sA\|\Delta\Gamma\|^2}{\langle T \rangle}} \frac{A_1 \langle \Delta \hat{T} \rangle \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2 \left(1 + A_2 \frac{\langle \Delta T \rangle}{\langle T \rangle} \|\Delta\Gamma\|^2\right)}{\langle \frac{(1-\delta)(v-u)}{s} \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 First approximation approach

### 2.3.1 Change of variable

We perform the following change of variables plus shift that yields the approximate states<sup>2</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &\rightarrow \exp\left(-\frac{\rho\left(\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)^2\right) + 2V_0(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}\right) \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{\left((T - \langle T \rangle)^2 - 2\lambda\tau(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)(T - \langle T \rangle)\right)}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \tau \omega}\right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')\end{aligned}\quad (193)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') &\rightarrow \exp\left(\frac{\rho\left(\omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2) |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 (\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)^2\right) + 2V_0(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \omega(\theta, Z, |\Psi|^2)}\right) \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(\frac{\left(\frac{(T - \langle T \rangle)^2}{\tau} - 2\lambda(\hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle)(T - \langle T \rangle)\right)}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \tau \omega}\right) \Delta\Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')\end{aligned}\quad (194)$$

with:

$$V_0 = \left(\frac{\rho D(\theta) \langle \hat{T} \rangle |\Psi_0(Z')|^2}{\omega_0(Z)} \hat{T} \left(1 - \left(1 + \langle |\Psi_\Gamma|^2 \rangle\right) \hat{T}\right)^{-1} \left[O \frac{\Delta T |\Delta\Gamma(\theta_1, Z_1, Z'_1)|^2}{T}\right]\right)$$

and (34) writes:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \left(-\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}}^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left(\rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \Delta \hat{T} + \frac{\rho \left(V_0 - \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \lambda \Delta T |\Psi(Z)|^2\right)}{\omega_0(Z)}\right)^2\right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\quad + \left(-\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}}^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left(\frac{\Delta T - \lambda\tau \Delta \hat{T}}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} |\Psi(Z)|^2\right)^2\right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2}{2} + \frac{|\Psi(Z)|^2}{2\tau \omega_0(Z)} + V(\theta, Z, Z', \Delta\Gamma) \Delta T\right) \Delta\Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')\end{aligned}\quad (195)$$

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<sup>2</sup>These changes of variables are similar to those defined in ([7]). More about the associated approximations and their validity can be found in this work.

Doing so, the change of variable misses a term:

$$\nabla_{\hat{T}} \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \lambda \Delta T}{2\sigma_T^2 \tau \omega} \Delta \Gamma (T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') = \nabla_{\hat{T}'} \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}'} \lambda \Delta T'}{2\sigma_T \tau \omega} \Delta \Gamma (T, \hat{T}', \theta, Z, Z')$$

where:

$$\Delta T' = \frac{\Delta T}{\sigma_T}$$

and:

$$\Delta \hat{T}' = \frac{\Delta \hat{T}}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}}$$

are normalized variables. Given our assumption that  $\frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_T^2} \ll 1$ , the error can be neglected.

### 8.0.1 2.3.2 Diagonalization

The potential:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left( \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \Delta \hat{T} + \frac{\rho \left( V_0 - \frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_T^2} \lambda \Delta T |\Psi(Z)|^2 \right)}{\omega_0(Z)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_T^2} \left( \frac{\Delta T - \lambda \tau \Delta \hat{T}}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} |\Psi(Z)|^2 \right)^2$$

writes in term of the normalized variables (with  $(\Delta T', \Delta \hat{T}') \rightarrow (\Delta T, \Delta \hat{T})$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta T - \Delta T_0 & \Delta \hat{T} - \Delta \hat{T}_0 \end{pmatrix} U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T - \Delta T_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T} - \Delta \hat{T}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{|\Psi_0(Z)|^2}{\tau \omega_0(Z)} \\ v &= \rho |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2 \\ s &= -\frac{\lambda |\Psi_0(Z)|^2 \sigma_{\hat{T}}}{\omega_0(Z) \sigma_T} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_0 &\simeq -\frac{\lambda \tau V_0}{\sigma_T \omega_0(Z) |\bar{\Psi}_0(Z, Z')|^2} \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0 &\simeq \frac{\Delta T_0 \sigma_T}{\lambda \tau \sigma_{\hat{T}}} \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u^2 + s^2 & -(u+v)s \\ -(u+v)s & v^2 + s^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

under the assumption that  $\frac{\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2}{\sigma_T^2} \ll 1$ .

Performing the diagonalization of  $U = PDP^{-1}$  with:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix}$$

and setting:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^2 + s^2 & -(u+v)s \\ -(u+v)s & v^2 + s^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix}$$

we obtain:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{pmatrix}, P = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w'_1 & w'_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$$\lambda_{\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) + s^2 \pm \frac{(u+v)}{2} \sqrt{(u-v)^2 + 4s^2}$$

and:

$$w_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)}, w_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)}$$

$$w'_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)}, w'_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{v-u}{2s}\right)^2}} \right)}$$

These relations lead to replace in (195):

$$\Delta T = w_1 \Delta T' + w_2 \Delta \hat{T}' = \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right) V$$

$$\Delta \hat{T} = w'_1 \Delta T' + w'_2 \Delta \hat{T}' = \left( \frac{w'_1 w_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w'_2 w_2}{\lambda_+} \right) V$$

$$\Delta \hat{T} = \frac{\left( \frac{w'_1 w_1}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w'_2 w_2}{\lambda_+} \right)}{\left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_-} + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_+} \right)} \Delta T$$

where  $\Delta T'$  are the coordinates in the diagonal basis that satisfies the relation:  $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta T' \\ \Delta \hat{T}' \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T \\ \Delta \hat{T} \end{pmatrix}$ .

As a consequence, the background state equations becomes:

$$0 = \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} (\Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \quad (196)$$

$$+ \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_{T'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_-}{\sigma_T^2} (\Delta T' - \Delta T'_0)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

$$- (u + v + V (w_1 \Delta T' + w_2 \Delta \hat{T}')) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

$$= \left( -\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2 \nabla_{\hat{T}'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_+}{4\sigma_{\hat{T}}^2} \left( \Delta \hat{T}' - \Delta \hat{T}'_0 - \frac{w_2 V}{\lambda_+} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

$$+ \left( -\sigma_T^2 \nabla_{T'}^2 + \frac{\lambda_-}{\sigma_T^2} \left( \Delta T' - \Delta T'_0 - \frac{w_1 V}{\lambda_-} \right)^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

$$- \left( u + v + \left( \frac{w_1^2}{\lambda_+} V^2 + \frac{w_2^2}{\lambda_-} V^2 \right) \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z')$$

where we defined:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta T'_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T}'_0 \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_0 \\ \Delta \hat{T}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Appendix 3 Example of application: dynamics between $T(Z, Z')$ and $T(Z', Z)$

We study the interactions between  $T(Z, Z')$  and  $T(Z', Z)$ , i.e. the connectivity in both direction, by computing the transition function:

$$G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z))$$

At the zeroth order in perturbation, that is, neglecting the interaction, the transition function is given by a product of two "free" transition functions:

$$\begin{aligned} & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\ & \simeq G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) G_0(\Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \end{aligned}$$

These transitions were computed in ([7]). Defining  $\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle$  to be the vector with components:

$$\left( T - \langle T \rangle, \hat{T} - \langle \hat{T} \rangle \right)$$

the transition between  $\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle$  during a time  $t$ , written  $G_0(\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle, \mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle, t)$ , is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & G_0(\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle, \mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle, t) \\ & = (2\pi)^{-1} (Det(\sigma(t)))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \exp\left(-((\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle) - M(t)(\mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle))^t \frac{\sigma^{-1}(t)}{2} ((\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle) - M(t)(\mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle))\right) \end{aligned} \tag{197}$$

where the matrices  $M(t)$  and  $\sigma(t)$  are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) & = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma(t) & = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-e^{-2tu}}{u} + s^2 \frac{(u-v)^2}{uv(u+v)} - \left( \frac{e^{-2tu}}{u} - 4 \frac{e^{-t(u+v)}}{u+v} + \frac{e^{-2tv}}{v} \right) & s \frac{\frac{v-u}{v(u+v)} - \left( 2 \frac{e^{-t(u+v)}}{u+v} - \frac{e^{-2tv}}{v} \right)}{u-v} \\ s \frac{\frac{v-u}{v(u+v)} - \left( 2 \frac{e^{-t(u+v)}}{u+v} - \frac{e^{-2tv}}{v} \right)}{u-v} & \frac{1-e^{-2tv}}{v} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In the large  $t$  approximation, the transition can be approximated by:

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle, \mathbf{T}' - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle) & = (2\pi)^{-1} (Det(\sigma(\infty)))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}((\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle))^t \sigma^{-1}(\infty) ((\mathbf{T} - \langle \mathbf{T} \rangle))\right) \end{aligned} \tag{198}$$

with:

$$\sigma(\infty) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{u} + \frac{s^2}{uv(u+v)} & -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} \\ -\frac{s}{v(u+v)} & \frac{1-e^{-2tv}}{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

As explained in the text the graphs that compute mutual interactions between  $T(Z, Z')$  and  $T(Z', Z)$  at the lowest order are given by the squared interaction term averaged between an initial and a final 2- state that writes in an expanded form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z) | \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right. \\
& \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \left. \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right\} \\
& \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - b(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \right\} | \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z', Z) \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{199}$$

Developping the square leads to three contributions to (199). Each of them is derived independently:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z) | \\
& \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 \right) \right. \\
& \left. \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right\} \\
& \times \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right) \right. \\
& \left. \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z', Z) \right\} \\
& | \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z', Z) \rangle \\
= & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z')) a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1(Z', Z) \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z')) \\
& \times G(\Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_1(Z', Z)) a(Z, Z') \Delta T_1(Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
& \langle \Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z) | \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right. \\
& \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( b(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right) \\
& \left. \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right\}^2 | \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z', Z) \rangle \\
= & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z')) b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1(Z', Z) \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z')) \\
& \times G(\Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_1(Z', Z)) b(Z, Z') \Delta T_1(Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z))
\end{aligned}$$



and:

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2 \langle \Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i(Z', Z) | \\
& \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( a(Z', Z) \Delta T(Z', Z) \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - 2 \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z \right) \right|^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right\} \\
& \times \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^\dagger(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} \left( b(Z, Z') \Delta T(Z, Z') \left| \Delta \Gamma \left( \theta - \frac{|Z - Z'|}{c}, Z' \right) \right|^2 \right) \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \right\} \\
& \Delta \Gamma(T, \hat{T}, \theta, Z, Z') \}^2 | \Delta T_f(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z', Z) \rangle \\
= & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z')) b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1(Z', Z) \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z')) \\
& \times G(\Delta T_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_1(Z', Z)) b(Z, Z') \Delta T_1(Z, Z') \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) + (Z \leftrightarrow Z')
\end{aligned}$$

Gathering all contribution leads to the contribution of (199) to the transition function:

$$\begin{aligned}
= & G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z')) (a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1(Z', Z) - b(Z, Z') \Delta T_1(Z, Z')) \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_f(Z, Z')) \\
& \times G(\Delta T_i'(Z', Z), \Delta T_1(Z', Z)) (a(Z, Z') \Delta T_1(Z, Z') - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1(Z', Z)) \nabla_{\hat{T}} G(\Delta T_1(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z))
\end{aligned}$$

Using the formula (197) for the transition functions leads to the correction to the free amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i'(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
= & \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i))^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i)) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1) \right) \\
& \times (a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T_1') (a(Z, Z') \Delta T_1' - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1' - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i'))^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1' - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i')) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f') - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1')^t \sigma^{-1}(t) ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f') - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1') \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_i$  stands for  $\Delta T_i(Z, Z')$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_i'$  for  $\Delta T_i(Z', Z)$  and similarly for  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_1$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_1'$ .

To compute the effect of some fluctuations in the connectivity, we assume that  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_i = 0$ , so that we study the impact of a deviation  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \neq 0$  on both final states  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_f$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{T}_f'$ . This correction modifies the free transition function by the contribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
& G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i'(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \tag{200} \\
= & G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T_i'(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
& + \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i))^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1 - M(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_i)) \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1) \right) \\
& \times (a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T_1') (a(Z, Z') \Delta T_1' - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1')^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}_1') \right) \\
& \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f') - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1')^t \sigma^{-1}(t) ((\Delta \mathbf{T}_f') - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1') \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}
& G_0(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \\
= & \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)\right) \\
& \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}((\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) ((\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) - M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

The maximum of the correction (200) is obtained for:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) & \simeq M(t) \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \\
(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) & \simeq \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}'_1
\end{aligned}$$

and the transition function becomes for these values:

$$\begin{aligned}
& G(\Delta T_i(Z, Z'), \Delta T_1(Z, Z'), \Delta T'_i(Z', Z), \Delta T_f(Z', Z)) \tag{201} \\
= & (1 + (a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1)(a(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1 - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1)) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)^t \sigma^{-1}(t) (\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

The correction:

$$(a(Z', Z) \Delta T_1 - b(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1)(a(Z, Z') \Delta T'_1 - b(Z', Z) \Delta T_1)$$

in (201) is positive and maximal for a value:

$$\overline{(\Delta T'_1)} \in \left[ \inf\left(\frac{b(Z, Z')}{a(Z', Z)}, \frac{b(Z', Z)}{a(Z, Z')}\right), \sup\left(\frac{b(Z, Z')}{a(Z', Z)}, \frac{b(Z', Z)}{a(Z, Z')}\right) \right]$$

that is, given (130) for  $\overline{(\Delta T'_1)}$  satisfying:

$$\overline{(\Delta T'_1)} \in \left[ \inf\left(\frac{\omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)}, \frac{\omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z')}\right), \sup\left(\frac{\omega_0(Z')}{\omega_0(Z)}, \frac{\omega_0(Z)}{\omega_0(Z')}\right) \right]$$

As a consequence, the most likely configuration for the system is given by the following final values:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta \mathbf{T}_f) & \simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{T}_1 \\
(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_f) & \simeq \begin{pmatrix} e^{-tu} & s \frac{e^{-tu} - e^{-tv}}{u-v} \\ 0 & e^{-tv} \end{pmatrix} \overline{(\Delta \mathbf{T}'_1)}
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed in the text.