

Improved linear response for stochastically driven systems

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- We denote the *response* of A as the difference between the perturbed and unperturbed averages:

$$\delta_t \langle A \rangle = \langle \hat{A} \rangle_t - \langle A \rangle_t = \int \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{x}}^t[A] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}^t[A] \right) d\rho(\mathbf{x})$$

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- One can also replace measure average by time average:

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = - \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^r A(\mathbf{x}(t + s)) [\nabla \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \nabla \log p](\mathbf{x}(s)) ds$$

Quasi-Gaussian linear response

- Explicit approximation is needed for p
- When the Gaussian density with appropriate mean state and covariance matrix is used, it is called the quasi-Gaussian response
- Not too precise when p is not Gaussian

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- A different formula is available:

$$\mathbf{R}_{SST}(t) = \int \mathbb{E} [\nabla A(\mathbf{x}(t)) \mathbf{T}_x^t \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x})] d\rho(\mathbf{x}),$$

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- Does not require a density approximation, however, can be numerically unstable for longer response times

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- SST-FDT, classical (with Gaussian p) FDT (qG-FDT), and blended SST/qG (at 3 Lyapunov characteristic times) are compared with the “ideal” directly measured response

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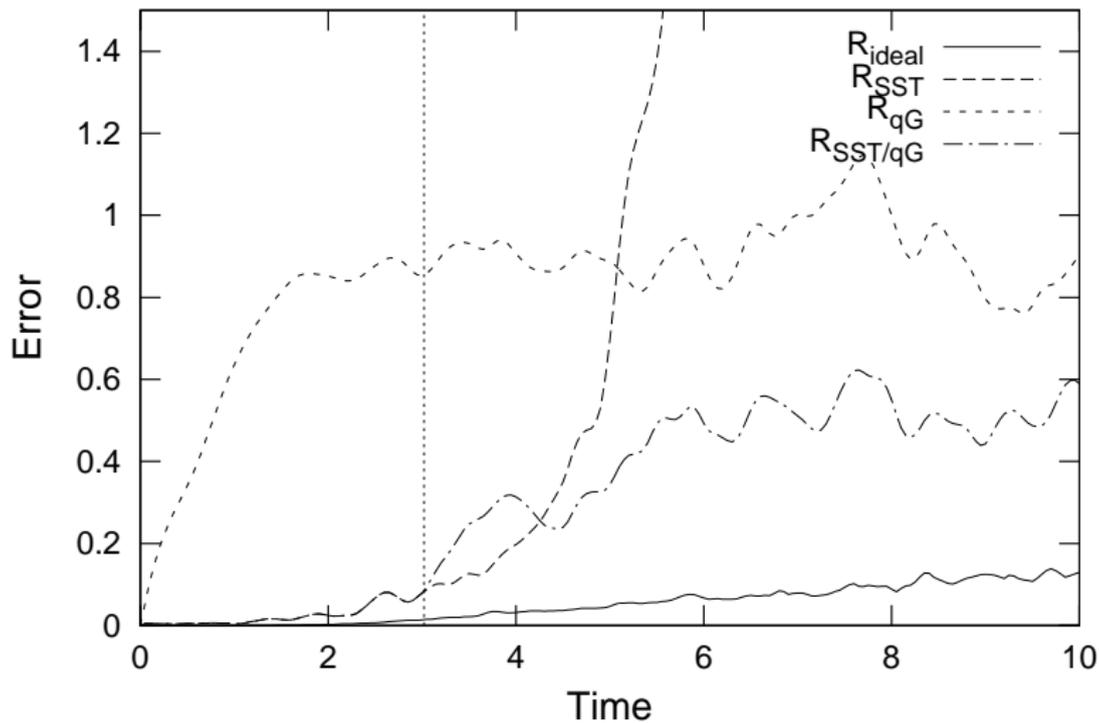
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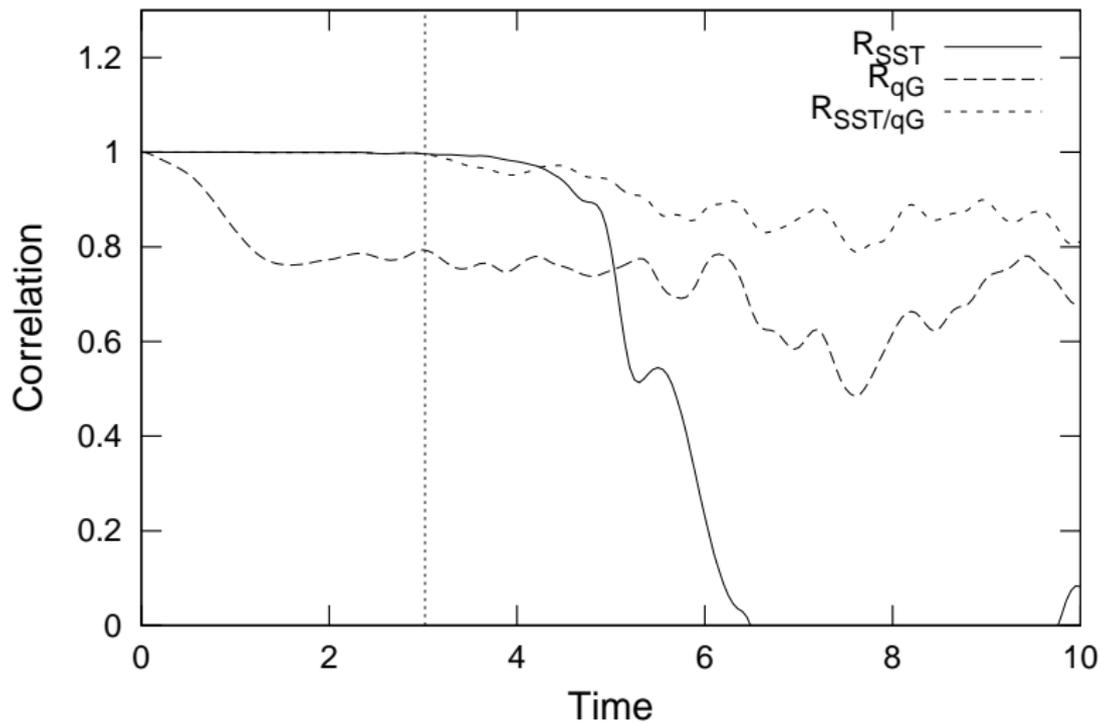
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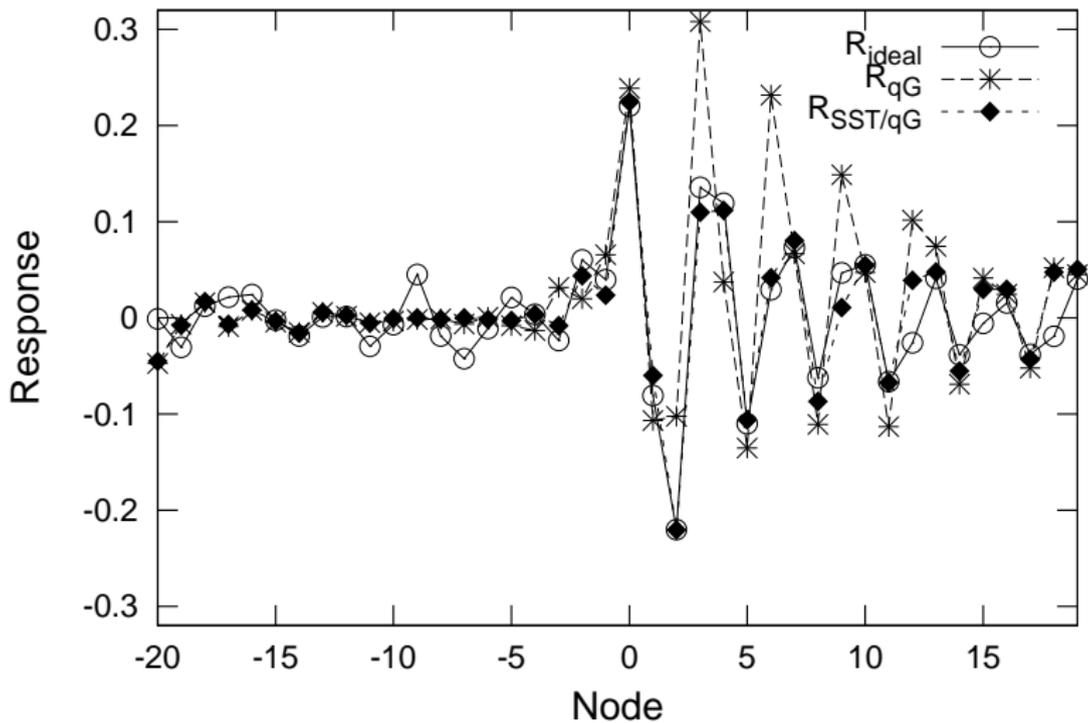
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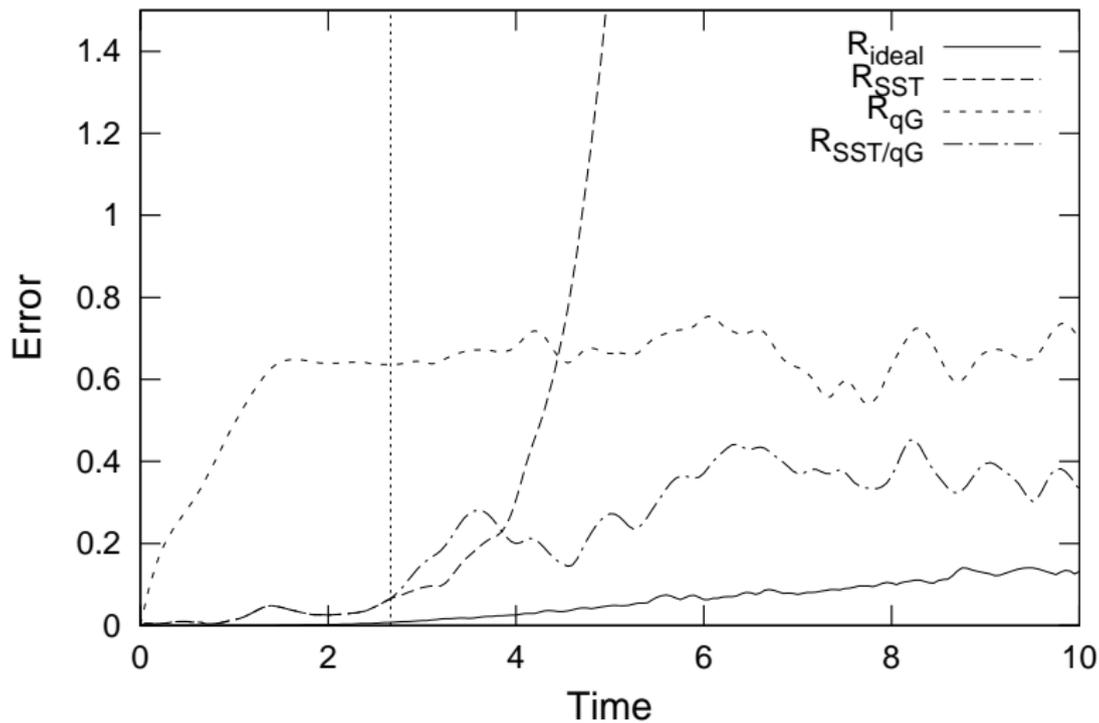
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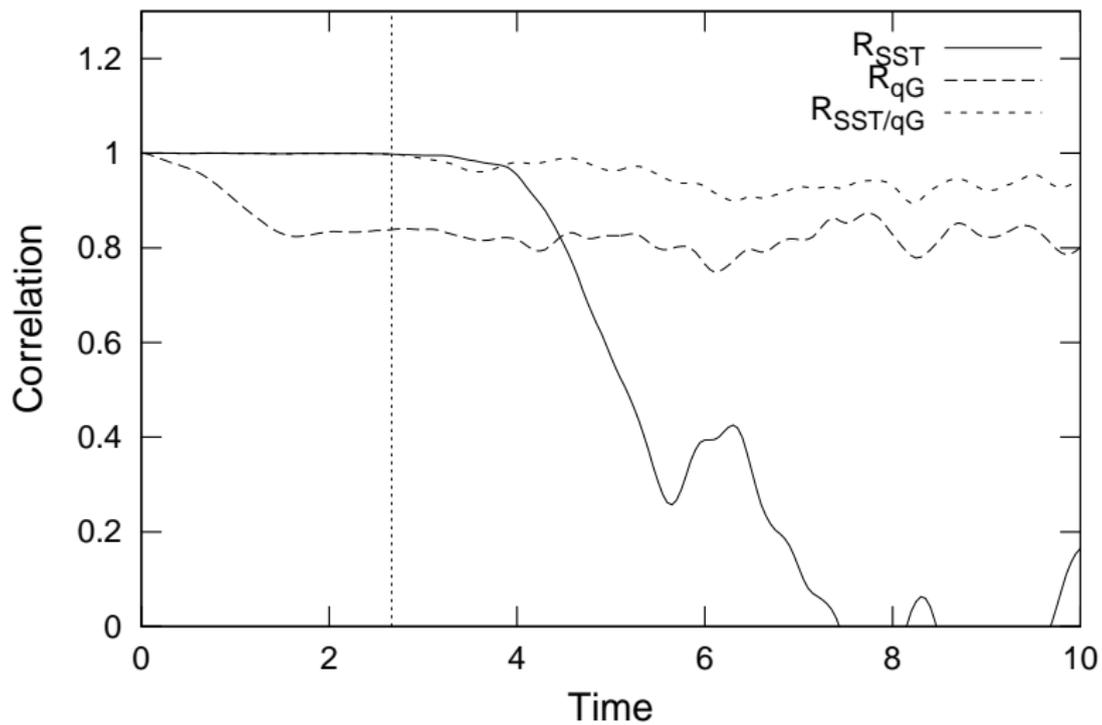
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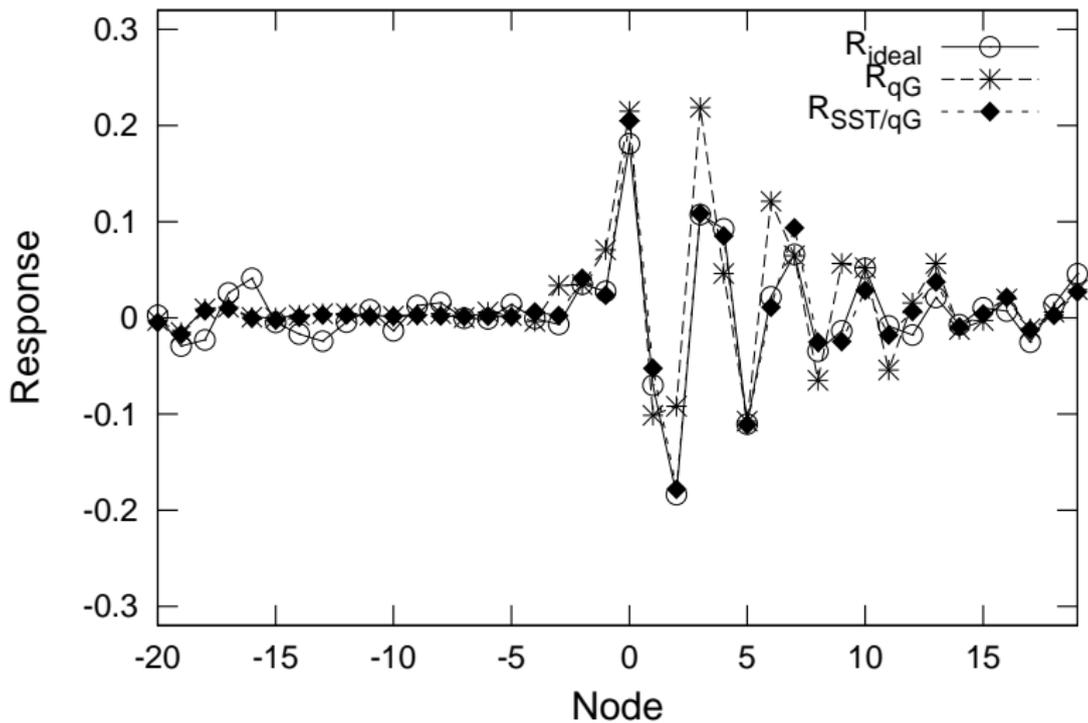
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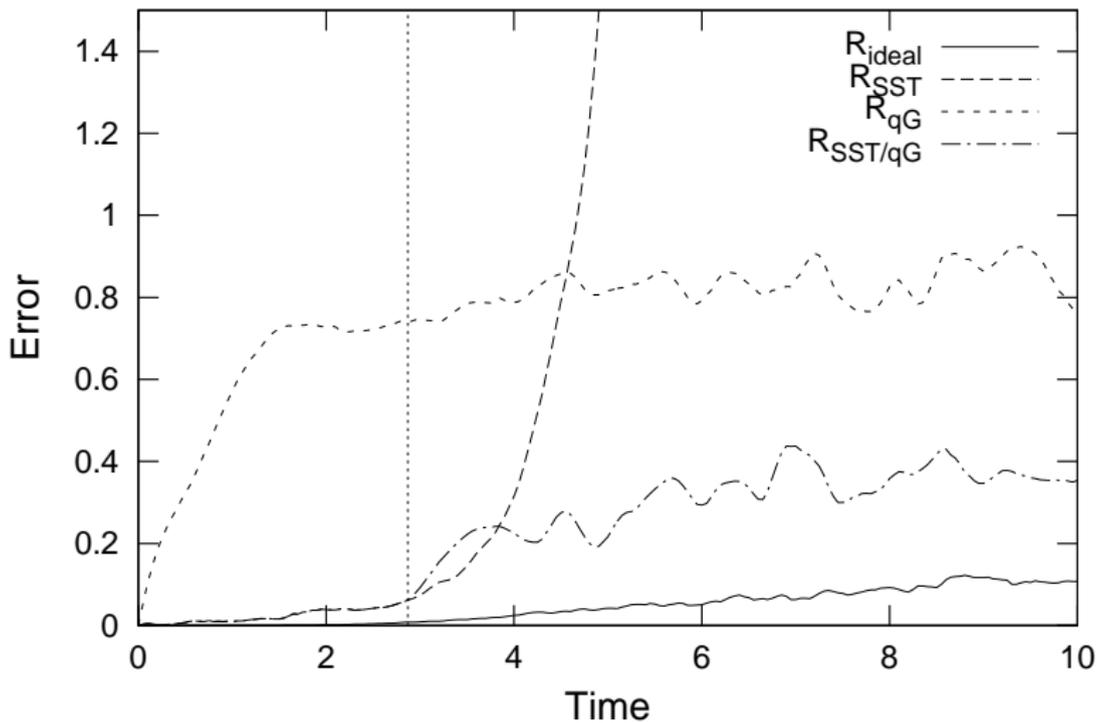
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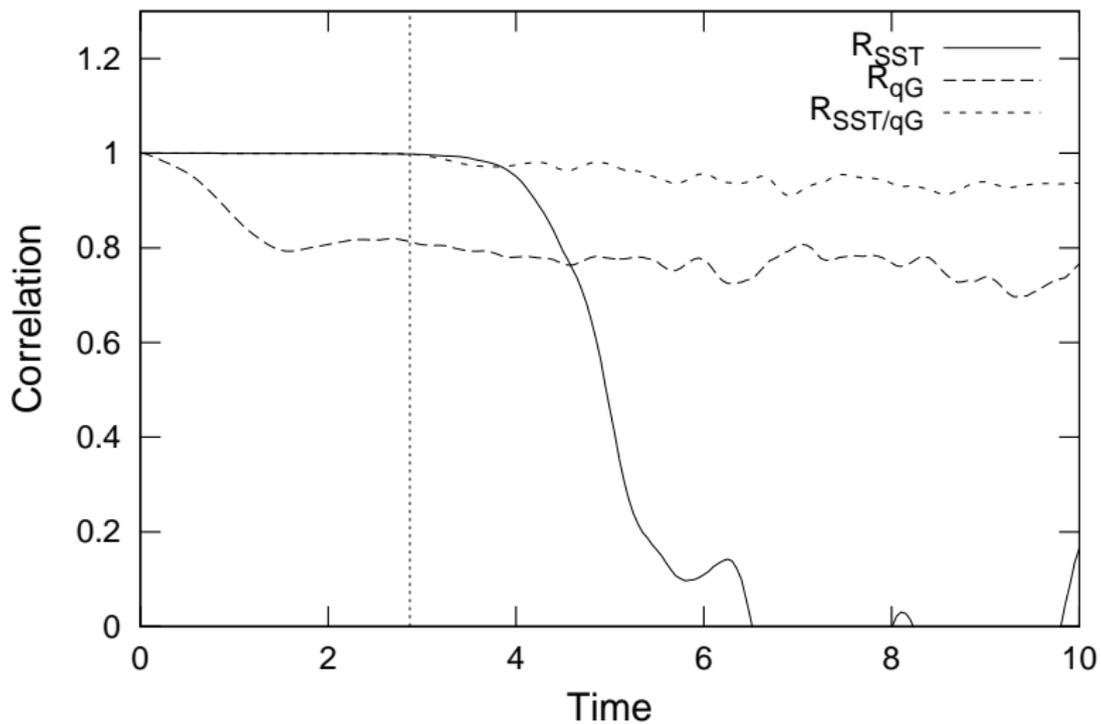
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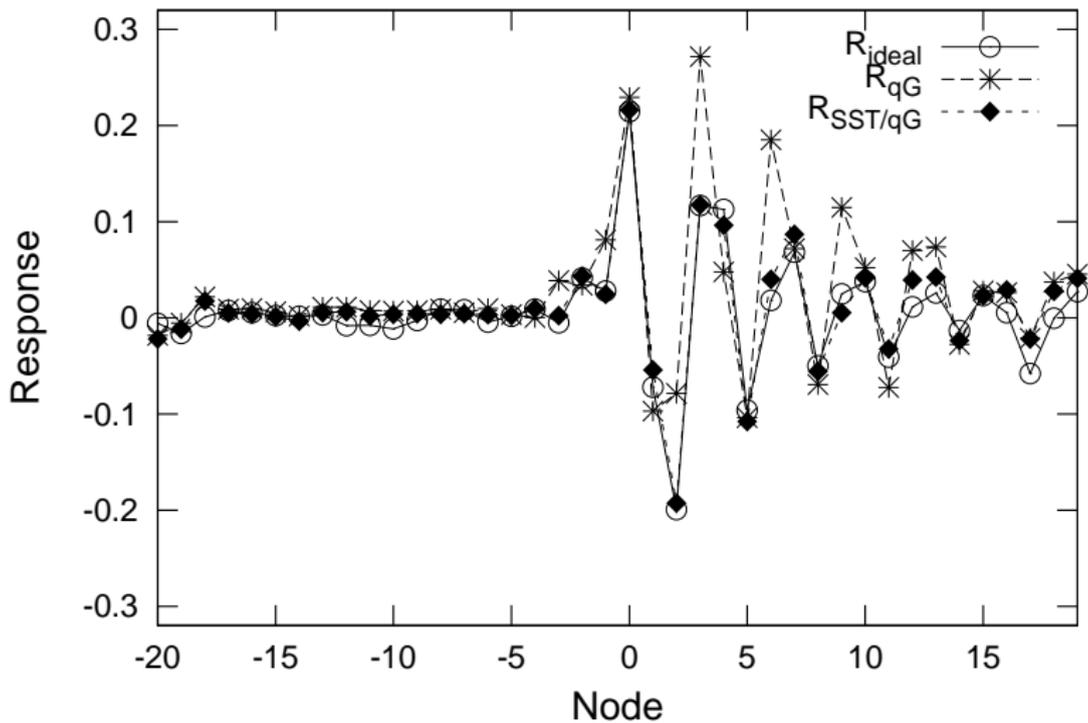
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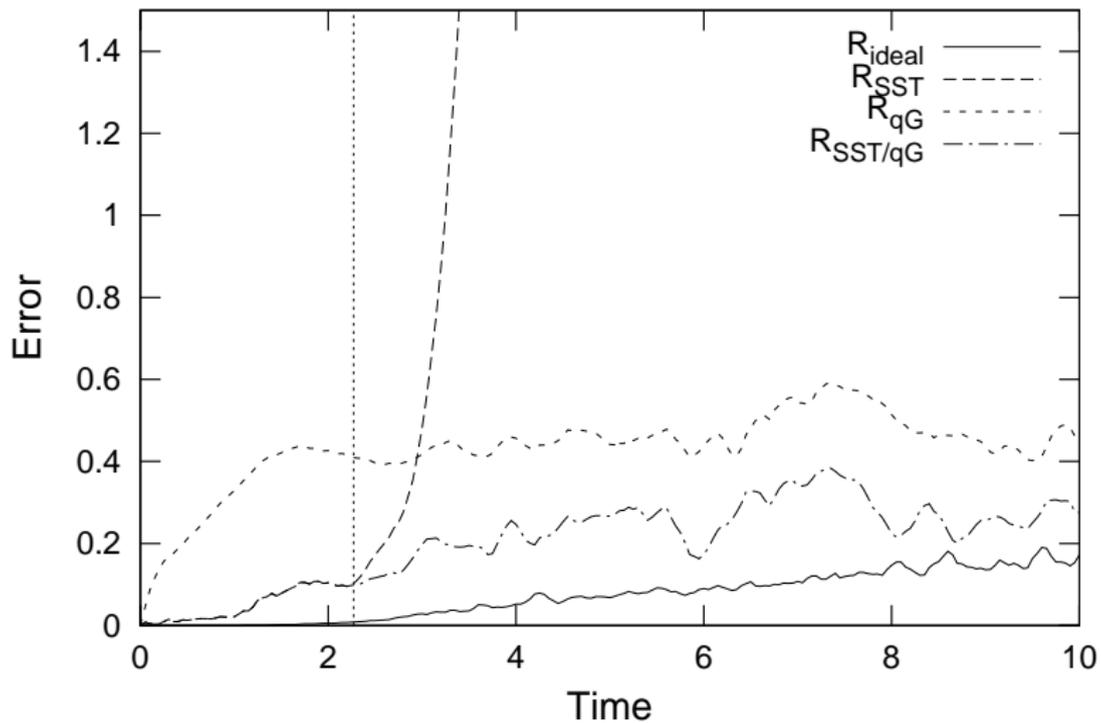
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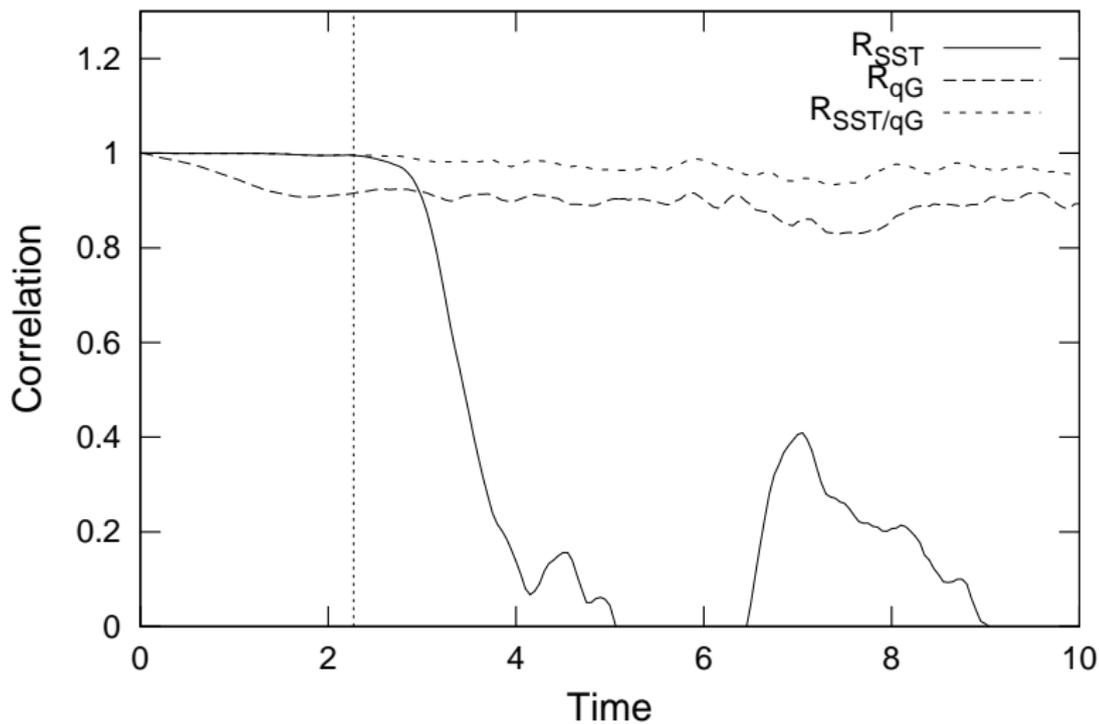
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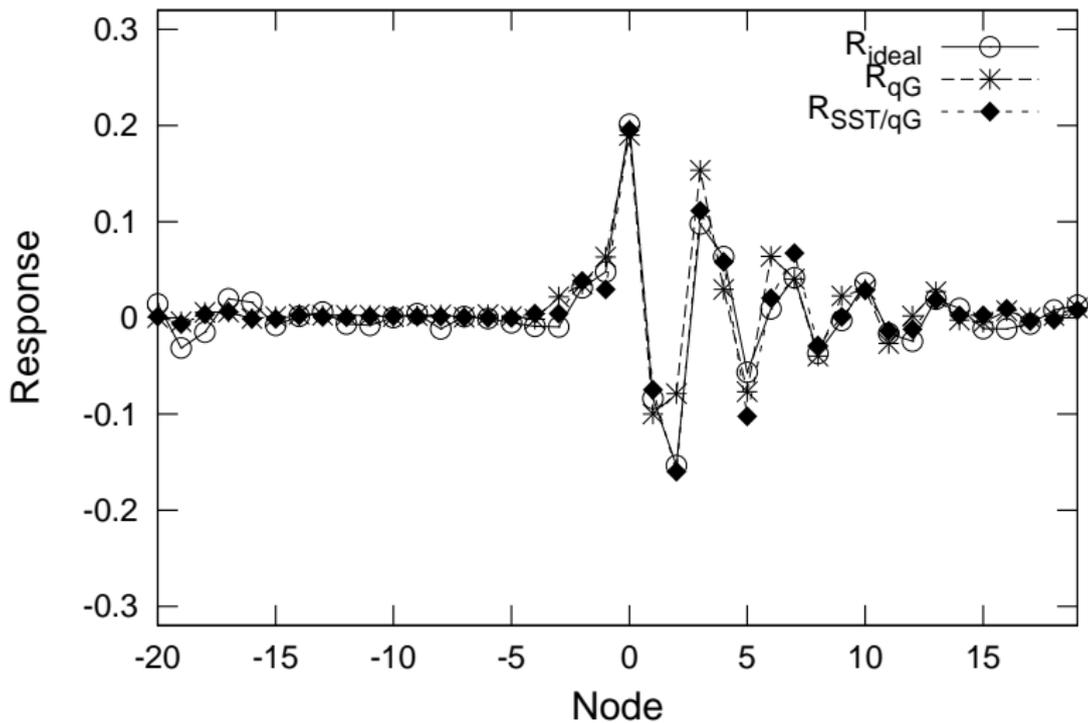
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