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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Page2: Explain the structural forces
2. Page3, second paragraph starts with a vague statement
3. Page4, second paragraph, explain and show the chaotic experiences
4. Pages 4-6, elementary staff is explained; it can be omitted or shortened
5. Page8, the 14 concepts of Fig.4 should be explained
6. Page9, third paragraph, “For a more detailed explanation on selecting membership functions see [11]”, specific reference should be made as to why these were used.
8. Page10, Results: “We applied tanh = e2x+1”, justify why.

Figure9, The horizontal axis should read Iteration NOT Time(t) (time as such has not been incorporated in this study).

Minor Essential Revisions

1. A complete list of Figures and list of Tables should be given

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'