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Claudius Gros' *Complex and Adaptive Dynamical Systems: A Primer* is a welcome addition to the literature. A particular strength of the book is its emphasis on analytical techniques for studying complex systems. (David P. Feldman, *Physics Today*, July, 2009).

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