

Global instability and scattering maps

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In 1964, V.I. Arnold proposed an example of a nearly-integrable Hamiltonian with $2 + 1/2$ degrees of freedom

$$H(q, p, \varphi, I, t) = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + I^2) + \varepsilon(\cos q - 1) (1 + \mu(\sin \varphi + \cos t)),$$

and asserted [Arnold64] that given any $\delta, K > 0$, for any $0 < \mu \ll \varepsilon \ll 0$, there exists a trajectory of this Hamiltonian system such that

$$I(0) < \delta \text{ and } I(T) > K \quad \text{for some time } T > 0.$$

Notice that this a **global** instability result for the variable I , since

$$\dot{I} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi} = -\varepsilon\mu(\cos q - 1) \cos \varphi$$

is zero for $\varepsilon = 0$, so I remains constant, whereas I can have a drift of finite size for **any** $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough.

Arnold's Hamiltonian can be written as a nearly-integrable with 3 degrees of freedom

$$H^*(q, p, \varphi, l, s, A) = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + l^2) + A + \varepsilon(\cos q - 1)(1 + \mu(\sin \varphi + \cos s)),$$

which for $\varepsilon = 0$ is an integrable Hamiltonian $h(p, l, A) = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + l^2) + A$. Since h satisfies the (Arnold) **isoenergetic nondegeneracy**

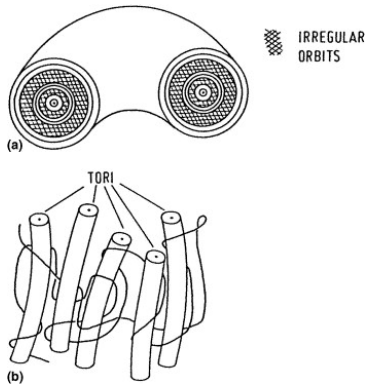
$$\begin{vmatrix} D^2 h & Dh \\ Dh^\top & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$$

By the KAM theorem [Arnold63] proven by Arnold in 1963, any 5D energy level $H = \text{const.}$ is filled, up to a set of relative measure $O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$, with 3D-invariant tori \mathcal{T}_ω with **Diophantine** frequencies $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, 1)$:

$$|k_1 \omega_1 + k_2 \omega_2 + k_0| \geq \gamma / |k|^\tau \text{ for any } 0 \neq (k_1, k_2, k_0) \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where $\gamma = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$, and $\tau \geq 2$.

Figure: a) 2D tori separate a 3D phase space. b) 3D tori do not separate a 5D phase space



Since the 3D KAM invariant tori do not separate the 5D phase space, there can exist irregular orbits 'traveling' between tori. Arnold conjectured in the KAM theorem in 1963 that this was the general case.

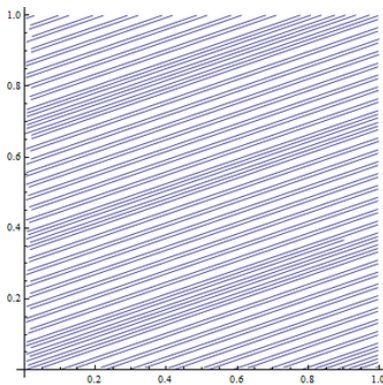
The unperturbed rôle is played by a (completely) integrable Hamiltonian with n degrees of freedom. The Liouville–Arnold theorem establishes, under certain hypotheses, the existence on **some region** of the phase space of canonical **action–angle variables** $(\varphi, I) = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n, I_1, \dots, I_n)$ in $\mathbb{T}^n \times G \subset \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, in which the Hamiltonian only depends on the action variables: $h(I)$. The associated Hamiltonian equations for a trajectory $(\varphi(t), I(t))$ are

$$\dot{\varphi} = \omega(I), \quad \dot{I} = 0,$$

where $\omega = \partial_I h$. Hence the dynamics is very simple: every n -dimensional torus $I = \text{constant}$ is invariant, with linear flow $\varphi(t) = \varphi(0) + \omega(I)t$, and thus all trajectories are stable. The motion on a torus is called quasiperiodic, with associated **frequencies** given by the vector $\omega(I) = (\omega_1(I), \dots, \omega_n(I))$.

Every n -dimensional invariant torus can be non-resonant or resonant, according to whether its frequencies are rationally independent or not. A non-resonant torus is densely filled by any of its trajectories. On the other hand, a resonant torus is foliated into a family of lower dimensional tori.

Figure: Non-resonant 2D Torus



A **nearly-integrable** Hamiltonian can be written in the form

$$H(\varphi, I) = h(I) + \varepsilon f(\varphi, I), \quad (1)$$

where ε is a small perturbation parameter. Then the Hamiltonian equations are

$$\dot{\varphi} = \omega(I) + \varepsilon \partial_I f(\varphi, I), \quad \dot{I} = -\varepsilon \partial_{\varphi} f(\varphi, I).$$

For non-resonant, even more, Diophantine frequencies, KAM theorem provides n -dimensional invariant tori. For resonant frequencies there appear, typically, lower dimensional invariant tori, which are of saddle type, and that were called **whiskered** tori by Arnold because they have associated unstable and stable invariant manifolds.

Nekhoroshev theorem, first stated in 1977, establishes **Effective stability** for **all** the trajectories of a **steep** nearly-integrable system: For every initial condition $(\varphi(0), I(0))$ one has an estimate of the type

$$|I(t) - I(0)| \leq r_0 \varepsilon^b \quad \text{for } |t| \leq T_0 \exp \{(\varepsilon_0/\varepsilon)^a\}.$$

The constants $a, b > 0$ are called **stability exponents** [Nekhoroshev77] .

If h is quasiconvex, that is, for any $I \in G$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$Dh(I)v = 0 \text{ and } v \neq 0 \implies v^\top D^2 h(I)v \neq 0,$$

the stability exponents are $a = b = \frac{1}{2n}$.

$$H^*(q, p, \varphi, I, s, A) = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + I^2) + A + \varepsilon (\cos q - 1) (1 + \mu (\sin \varphi + \cos s)),$$

Since $h(p, I, A) = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + I^2) + A$ satisfies $\begin{vmatrix} D^2 h & Dh \\ Dh^\top & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 < 0$, one can check that h is quasiperiodic, and a priori

$$|(p, I, A)(t) - (p, I, A)(0)| \leq r_0 \varepsilon^{1/6} \quad \text{for } |t| \leq T_0 \exp \left\{ (\varepsilon_0 / \varepsilon)^{1/6} \right\}.$$

A refinement [Pöschel93, D-Gutiérrez96] for orbits close to the **single resonance** $p = 0$, using resonant normal forms, gives

$$|I(t) - I(0)| \leq r_0 \varepsilon^{1/4} \quad \text{for } |t| \leq T_0 \exp \left\{ (\varepsilon_0 / \varepsilon)^{1/4} \right\}.$$

For a **nearly-integrable** Hamiltonian with $n + 1$ degrees of freedom

$$H(\varphi, I) = h(I) + \varepsilon f(\varphi, I), \quad (\varphi, I) \in \mathbb{T}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

Select $I^* = 0$, and assume that the associated frequency vector $\lambda^* = \partial_I h(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ has a **single resonance**: $\langle k^*, \lambda^* \rangle = 0$ for some $0 \neq k^* \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ and $\langle k, \lambda^* \rangle \neq 0$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ not co-linear to k^* . By a classical algebraic result, we can assume λ^* of the form

$$\lambda^* = (0, \omega^*),$$

where $\omega^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is non-resonant. (If necessary, one can assume a Diophantine condition on ω^* to apply later a KAM theorem.) The unperturbed Hamiltonian can be written (up to a constant) as:

$$h(I) = \langle \lambda^*, I \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle QI, I \rangle + O_3(I).$$

Replace $\varphi \rightarrow (q, \varphi)$ and $I \rightarrow (p, I)$, and thus split $(\varphi, I) \in \mathbb{T}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ as $(q, p, \varphi, I) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, and the matrix $Q = \partial_I^2 h(0)$ as

$$\partial_{p,I}^2 h(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 & \lambda^\top \\ \lambda & Q \end{pmatrix},$$

where we have put $\beta^2 > 0$ in order to fix ideas, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **shift** vector, and the new matrix Q is $n \times n$. We will assume $\beta = 1$; this can be achieved replacing p, I by $p/\beta, I/\beta$ (changing in this way the time scale by a factor β), and rewriting $\omega^*/\beta, \lambda/\beta^2, Q/\beta^2$ as ω^*, λ, Q respectively, and redefining also the function f .

Then, we can write our Hamiltonian in the form

$$H(q, p, \varphi, I) = h(p, I) + \varepsilon f(q, p, \varphi, I),$$

$$h(p, I) = \langle \omega^*, I \rangle + \frac{p^2}{2} + \langle \lambda, I \rangle p + \frac{1}{2} \langle QI, I \rangle + O_3(p, I).$$

We now perform **one** step of resonant normal form procedure: following the Lie method, we seek for functions $S(q, \varphi)$ and $R(q, p, \varphi, I) = O(p, I)$ such that

$$\{S, h\} + V + R = f, \quad (2)$$

where $V(q)$ is the periodic function obtained by averaging $f(q, 0, \varphi, 0)$ with respect to the angles φ :

$$V(q) = \overline{f(q, 0, \cdot, 0)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(q, 0, \varphi, 0) d\varphi, \quad q \in \mathbb{T}.$$

The construction of S and R is easily carried out: assuming a Diophantine condition on ω^* , one first solves the equation

$$\langle \omega^*, \partial_\varphi S \rangle + V = f(\cdot, 0, \cdot, 0)$$

with the help of standard small divisors estimates, and then one takes R simply by fitting equation (2). The time-1 symplectic flow Φ of the generating Hamiltonian εS leads to

$$H \circ \Phi = H + \{H, \varepsilon S\} + O(\varepsilon^2) = h + \varepsilon(V + R) + O(\varepsilon^2) = H_0 + H_1,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(q, p, I; \varepsilon) &= \langle \omega^*, I \rangle + \frac{p^2}{2} + \varepsilon V(q) + \langle \lambda, I \rangle p + \frac{1}{2} \langle QI, I \rangle, \\ H_1(q, p, \varphi, I; \varepsilon) &= \varepsilon R(q, p, \varphi, I) + O_3(p, I) + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

Note: $\omega^* = \lambda = 0$, $V(q) = \cos q - 1$, $H_1 = O(\varepsilon\mu)$ in the Arnold example.

This expression generalizes Arnold's example.

Concerning V , except for degenerate cases, the function $V(q)$ will have a unique and nondegenerate maximum q_0 ; we denote $\alpha^2 = -V''(q_0) > 0$.

Then, for $\varepsilon > 0$, the 1-degree-of-freedom Hamiltonian

$$P(q, p; \varepsilon) = \frac{p^2}{2} + \varepsilon V(q),$$

has a saddle point in $(q_0, 0)$, with (homoclinic) separatrices. The case $\varepsilon < 0$ is analogous, provided one considers a minimum instead of a maximum. Then, the Hamiltonian H_0 has whiskered tori with coincident whiskers associated to this saddle point.

Note that H_0 constitutes a Hamiltonian situated between the unperturbed Hamiltonian h and the perturbed one H , which possesses hyperbolic invariant tori but their whiskers still coincide.

Note also that, **in general**, H_0 is not an uncoupled Hamiltonian because of the **coupling term** $\langle \lambda, l \rangle p$.

The Lyapunov exponents of the saddle point of the “pendulum” P are $\pm\sqrt{\varepsilon}\alpha$, which tend to zero for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$.

To have fixed Lyapunov exponents, we can replace p, l by $\sqrt{\varepsilon}p, \sqrt{\varepsilon}l$. The new system is still Hamiltonian if we divide the Hamiltonian by ε (making in this way a change of time scale by a factor $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$):

$$H_0 = \langle \omega, l \rangle + \frac{p^2}{2} + V(q) + \langle \lambda, l \rangle p + \frac{1}{2} \langle Ql, l \rangle, \quad (3)$$

$$H_1 = R(x, \sqrt{\varepsilon}y, \varphi, \sqrt{\varepsilon}l) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} O_3(\sqrt{\varepsilon}y, \sqrt{\varepsilon}l) + O(\varepsilon) = O(\mu), \quad (4)$$

where

$$\omega = \frac{\omega^*}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}, \quad \mu = \sqrt{\varepsilon}.$$

For $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$, the study of the Hamiltonian (3–4) is a singular perturbation problem, due to the **fast frequencies** $\omega = \omega^*/\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ in the unperturbed Hamiltonian H_0 . We are thus confronted with a **singular** system, often referred to as **weakly hyperbolic**, and also called **a-priori stable** [Chierchia-Gallavotti94]. In fact, this case can be referred to as **totally singular**, because **all** the frequencies are fast.

The singular problem can be avoided if one considers independent parameters, namely a **fixed** $\varepsilon > 0$ (that is, a **fixed** ω in (3)) and $\mu \rightarrow 0$. In such a case, the system (3–4) has the property that the hyperbolicity and the homoclinic orbits are present in the unperturbed Hamiltonian ($\mu = 0$), and are simply perturbed for $|\mu|$ small. In this case, we are confronted with a **regular** or **strongly hyperbolic** system, or also **a-priori unstable**.

This strategy of keeping $\varepsilon > 0$ fixed and letting $\mu \rightarrow 0$ was introduced by Poincaré in 1889 and followed in Arnold's example to avoid dealing with a singular perturbation problem.

Unfortunately, the **exponentially small splitting of separatrices** predicted by a direct application of the Poincaré-Arnold-Melnikov (PMA) method

$$\text{Splitting distance} = \varepsilon \text{ PMA prediction} + O(\varepsilon\mu)$$

when the PMA prediction $= O(e^{-c/\varepsilon^a})$ could then be justified only for μ exponentially small in ε .

$$H(q, p, \varphi, I, s) = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \varepsilon(\cos q - 1) + \frac{1}{2}I^2 + \varepsilon\mu f(q)g(\varphi, s)$$

$$f(q) = \cos q - 1, \quad g(\varphi, s) = \sin \varphi + \cos s,$$

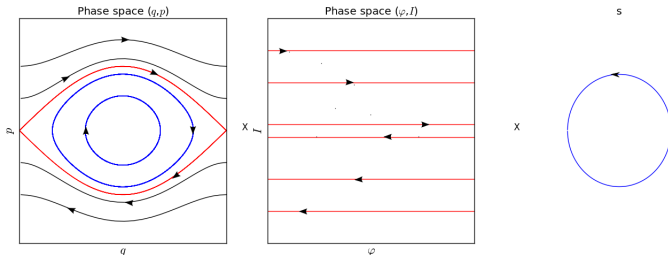


Figure: Phase Space - Unperturbed problem for $\varepsilon = 0$

- Invariant tori (2D)

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_I = \{(0, 0, I, \varphi, s) : (\varphi, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2\}$$

- Invariant manifolds (3D):

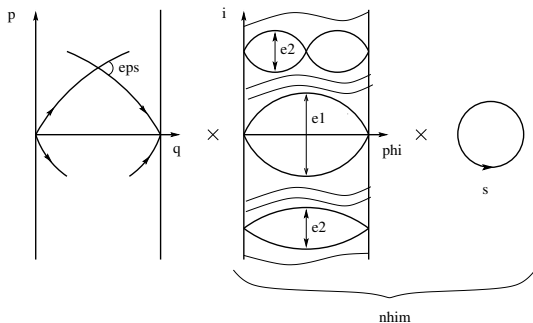
$$W^s \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_I = W^u \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_I = \{(q_0(\sqrt{\varepsilon}\tau), \sqrt{\varepsilon}p_0(\sqrt{\varepsilon}\tau), I, \varphi, s) : \tau \in \mathbb{R}, (\varphi, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2\}$$

where

$$q_0(t) = 4 \arctan e^{\pm t}, \quad p_0(t) = 2/\cosh t.$$

is the **separatrix** for positive p of the standard pendulum

$$P(q, p) = p^2/2 + \cos q - 1.$$



- By the special form of the perturbation, \tilde{T}_l **persist** to $\tilde{T}_l^\varepsilon = \tilde{T}_l$
- $W^s \tilde{T}_l^\varepsilon$ and $W^u \tilde{T}_l^\varepsilon$ are ε -close to the unperturbed ones.
- Using Poincaré-Melnikov theory, $W^s \tilde{T}_l^\varepsilon \cap W^u \tilde{T}_l^\varepsilon$ with an angle of size $e^{-\pi/(2\sqrt{\varepsilon})}$.
- Therefore $W^s \tilde{T}_{l_i}^\varepsilon \cap W^u \tilde{T}_{l_{i+1}}^\varepsilon$ for $|l_i - l_{i+1}| \leq e^{-\pi/(2\sqrt{\varepsilon})}$ and a shadowing (**transition chain mechanism**) gives the diffusion path.

- Minor** 4 pages paper in **Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR**. “The details of the proof must be formidable, although the idea of the proof is clearly outlined.” (J. Moser in the **MathSciNet** review)
- Fixable** The perturbation maintains fixed **all** the invariant tori \mathcal{T}_I . In general, there appear **gaps** around resonant tori (rational I) which prevent $W^s \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_I^\varepsilon \cap W^u \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{I_{i+1}}^\varepsilon$ because $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_I^\varepsilon$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{I_{i+1}}^\varepsilon$ are too far. The **Scattering map** can fix it.
- Major** The **exponentially small size of the splitting** $e^{-\pi/(2\sqrt{\varepsilon})}$ computed from a direct application of the PMA method is much less than the Nekhoroshev estimates $e^{-\pi/(2\varepsilon^{1/4})}$.
- Major** Arnold example only shows global instability along a single resonance, where the associated normal form is integrable, but does not deal with **multiple resonances**, where the normal form is **not** integrable.

Exponentially small splitting of separatrices

The **exponentially small splitting of separatrices** was already found by Poincaré in 1890, and first addressed in 1984 by Neishtadt with upper bounds using normal forms and by Lazutkin with asymptotic estimates using complex parameterizations of the stable and unstable invariant manifolds.

Proofs of its asymptotic behavior for the rapidly forced pendulum or other rapidly oscillating periodic perturbations in

[D-Seara92, Gelfreich94, Fontich93-95, Sauzin95, Treschev97, D-Seara97, Gelfreich97, Balmorá-Fontich04-05, Guardia-Olivé-Seara10, Balmorá-Fontich-Guardia-Seara12]

For maps, upper exponentially small estimates in [Fontich-Simó90]] and asymptotic estimates in

[D-Ramírez-Ros98-99, Simó-Vieiro09, Martín-Sauzin-Seara11]

Exponentially small splitting of separatrices

In the rapidly quasiperiodically forced pendulum, the rôle of the arithmetic properties was detected in [Simó94] , and established in [D-Gelfreich-Seara-Jorba97] .

For n -dimensional whiskered tori of a Hamiltonian with $n + 1$ degrees of freedom, the splitting potential and Melnikov potential were introduced [Eliasson94,D-Gutiérrez00] , sharp exponentially small upper bounds were given in [D-Gutiérrez-Seara04] , and asymptotic estimates in [Lochak-Marco-Sauzin03,D-Gutiérrez04,D-GonchenkoGutiérrez14-16] .

The multidimensional **separatrix map** introduced by Treschev in 2002 requires more study.

We consider a 2π -periodic in time perturbation of a **pendulum** and a **rotor** described by the non-autonomous Hamiltonian,

$$\begin{aligned} H_\varepsilon(p, q, I, \varphi, t) &= H_0(p, q, I) + \varepsilon h(p, q, I, \varphi, t; \varepsilon) \\ &= P_\pm(p, q) + \frac{1}{2}I^2 + \varepsilon h(p, q, I, \varphi, t; \varepsilon) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $(p, q, I, \varphi, t) \in (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T})^2 \times \mathbb{T}$ and

$$P_\pm(p, q) = \pm \left(\frac{1}{2}p^2 + V(q) \right) \quad (6)$$

and $V(q)$ is a 2π -periodic function. We will refer to $P_\pm(p, q)$ as the **pendulum**.

Note. This model just comes from the **single resonance normal form**. The perturbation is arbitrary.

Theorem (D-Llave-Seara06)

Consider the Hamiltonian (5) where V and h are uniformly C^{r+2} for $r \geq r_0$, sufficiently large. Assume also that

- H1** The potential $V : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has a unique global maximum at $q = 0$ which is non-degenerate. Denote by $(q_0(t), p_0(t))$ an orbit of the pendulum $P_{\pm}(p, q)$ homoclinic to $(0, 0)$.
- H2** The Melnikov potential, associated to h (and to the homoclinic orbit (p_0, q_0)):

$$\mathcal{L}(I, \varphi, s) = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (h(p_0(\sigma), q_0(\sigma), I, \varphi + I\sigma, s + \sigma; 0) - h(0, 0, I, \varphi + I\sigma, s + \sigma; 0)) d\sigma \quad (7)$$

satisfies concrete non-degeneracy conditions.

- H3** The perturbation term h satisfies concrete non-degeneracy conditions.

Then, there is $\varepsilon^* > 0$ such that for $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon^*$, and for any interval $[I_-^*, I_+^*]$, there exists a trajectory $\tilde{x}(t)$ of the system (5) such that for some $T > 0$,

$$I(\tilde{x}(0)) \leq I_-^*; \quad I(\tilde{x}(T)) \geq I_+^*.$$

Remark Arbitrary **excursions** in the I variable can also be realized.

Hypotheses **H1**, **H2** and **H3** are \mathcal{C}^2 generic, so, the following short version of the Theorem also holds:

Theorem (D-Huguet09)

Consider the Hamiltonian (5) and assume that V and h are \mathcal{C}^{r+2} functions which are \mathcal{C}^2 generic, with $r > r_0$, large enough. Then there is $\varepsilon^ > 0$ such that for $0 < |\varepsilon| < \varepsilon^*$ and for any interval $[I_-^*, I_+^*]$, there exists a trajectory $\tilde{x}(t)$ of the system with Hamiltonian (5) such that for some $T > 0$*

$$I(\tilde{x}(0)) \leq I_-^*; \quad I(\tilde{x}(T)) \geq I_+^*.$$

Remark A (non optimal) value of r_0 which follows from our argument is $r_0 = 242$.

Consider a periodic in time perturbation of n **pendula** and a d -dimensional **rotor** described by the non-autonomous Hamiltonian,

$$H(p, q, I, \varphi, t, \varepsilon) = P(p, q) + h(I) + \varepsilon Q(p, q, I, \varphi, t, \varepsilon), \quad (8)$$

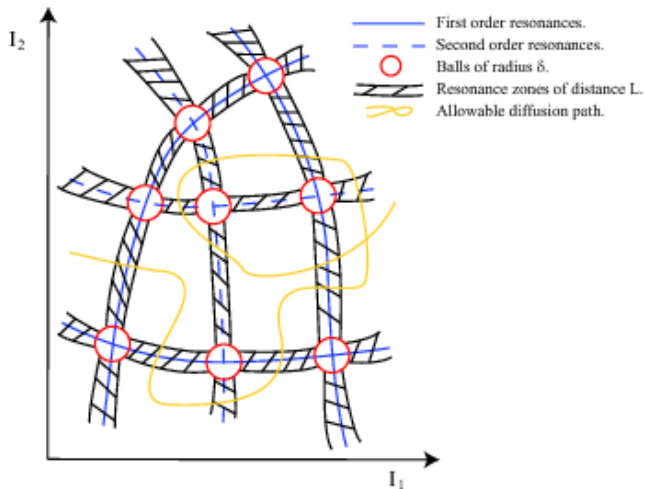
with $P(p, q) = \sum_{j=1}^n P_j(p_j, q_j)$, $P_j(p_j, q_j) = \pm \left(\frac{1}{2} p_j^2 + V_j(q_j) \right)$, where $I \in \mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{T}^d$, \mathcal{I} an open set, $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \in \mathbb{T}^1$, and $P_j(p_j, q_j)$ is a **pendulum** for the **saddle** variables p_j, q_j . For $\varepsilon = 0$, the d -dimensional action I remains constant. Under **similar hypotheses** as for $n = d = 1$,

Theorem (D-Llave-Seara12)

For every $\delta > 0$, there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, such that for every $0 < |\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$, given $I_{\pm} \in \mathcal{I}$, there exists a solution $\tilde{x}(t)$ of (8) and $T > 0$, such that

$$|I(\tilde{x}(0)) - I_-| \leq C\delta \quad \text{and} \quad |I(\tilde{x}(T)) - I_+| \leq C\delta \quad (9)$$

- One can forget about δ and prescribe arbitrary paths on a set \mathcal{I}^* . This set \mathcal{I}^* is described precisely in the course of the proof, and is determined by the non-degeneracy assumptions. The main idea is that \mathcal{I}^* is obtained from the domain of definition, just eliminating some sets of codimension 2, like **double resonances**, from the open set where the intersection of stable and unstable manifolds of a normally hyperbolic invariant manifold is transversal.
- Codimension 2 objects do not separate the regions and can be **contoured** so that they do not obstruct the change along the paths. It seems that such contouring trajectories close to double resonances are inferred from some movies related to numerical experiments in [\[Gelfreich-Simó-Vieiro13\]](#).



Other contributions

This problem of instability, also called **Arnold diffusion**, was posed first by Arnold in 1964, and there have been some other contributions, using geometrical or variational methods:

[Lochak92] , [Chierchia-Gallavotti94-98] , [Bessi-Chierchia-Valdinoci01]
[Berti-Biasco-Bolle03] , [Marco-Sauzin03] , [Mather04] , [Cheng-Yan04] ,
[Gidea-Llave06] , [Piftankin-Treschev07] , [Kaloshin-Levi08] , [ChengY09] ,
[Bernard-Kaloshin-Zhang16] , [Zhang11] , [Mather12] , [Treschev12] ,
[Gelfreich-Simó-Vieiro13] , [GelfreichT17] , [Gidea-Llave-Seara14] ,
[Kaloshin-Zhang15] , [Lazzarini-Marco-SauzinS15] ,
[Davletshin-Treschev16] , [Marco16] , [Gidea-Marco17] , [Cheng17] .

The main idea of the proof is to use the two (or more) dynamics on $\tilde{\Lambda}$.

- Find a big invariant **saddle** object: a **NHIM** (normally hyperbolic invariant manifold: a global version of a center manifold) $\tilde{\Lambda}$ with **transverse** associated stable and unstable manifolds along some homoclinic manifold Γ : $\mathcal{W}^u(\tilde{\Lambda}) \pitchfork_{\Gamma} \mathcal{W}^s(\tilde{\Lambda})$.
- Compute the invariant objects (typically tori \mathcal{T}) which may prevent instability for the **inner dynamics** of the NHIM.
- Compute an **scattering map** $S = S^{\Gamma} : H_- \subset \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow H_+ \subset \tilde{\Lambda}$ on the NHIM associated to Γ and consider it as an **outer** dynamics on the NHIM (a second dynamics on Γ).
- Check that $S(\mathcal{T}_{l_i}) \pitchfork \mathcal{T}_{l_{i+1}}$ for a sequence of tori $\{\mathcal{T}_{l_i}\}_{i=1}^N$ with $|l_N - l_1| = \mathcal{O}(1)$, and construct a **transition chain** of whiskered tori, i.e. $\mathcal{W}^u(\mathcal{T}_{l_i}) \pitchfork \mathcal{W}^s(\mathcal{T}_{l_{i+1}})$.
- Standard shadowing methods provide an orbit that follows closely the **transition chain**.

Consider a pendulum and a rotor plus a time periodic perturbation depending on two harmonics in the variables (φ, s) :

$$H_\varepsilon(p, q, I, \varphi, s) = \pm \left(\frac{p^2}{2} + \cos q - 1 \right) + \frac{I^2}{2} + \varepsilon h(q, \varphi, s) \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(q, \varphi, s) &= f(q)g(\varphi, s), & f(q) &= \cos q, \\ g(\varphi, s) &= a_1 \cos(k_1\varphi + l_1s) + a_2 \cos(k_2\varphi + l_2s), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for some $k_1, k_2, l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem

Assume that $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ and $\begin{vmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \\ l_1 & l_2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ in (10)-(11). Then, for any $I^* > 0$, there exists $\varepsilon^* = \varepsilon^*(I^*, a_1, a_2) > 0$ such that for any ε , $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon^*$, there exists a trajectory $(p(t), q(t), I(t), \varphi(t))$ such that for some $T > 0$

$$I(0) \leq -I^* < I^* \leq I(T).$$

Remark: $I(t) \equiv \text{constant}$ for $\varepsilon = 0$.

- To review the construction of scattering maps initiated in [D-Llave-Seara00] , designed to detect **global instability**.
- To compute **explicitly** several scattering maps to prove global instability for the action I for any $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough.
- To estimate the time of diffusion in some cases (at least for $k_1 = l_2 = 1$ and $l_1 = k_2 = 0$).
- To play with the parameter $\mu = a_1/a_2$ to prove global instability for **any value** of $\mu \neq 0, \infty$.
- To describe bifurcations of the scattering maps.
- To get a glimpse of the $3 + \frac{1}{2}$ degrees of freedom case.

It is easy to check that if

$$\Delta := k_1 l_2 - k_2 l_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a_2 = 0$$

there is no global instability for the variable l .

If $\Delta a_1 a_2 \neq 0$, after some rational linear changes in the angles, we only need to study two cases:

- The first (and easier) case [\[D-Schaefer17\]](#)

$$g(\varphi, s) = a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos s$$

- The second case [\[D-Schaefer18\]](#)

$$g(\varphi, \sigma) = a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos \sigma,$$

where $\sigma = \varphi - s$.

We deal with an **a priori unstable** Hamiltonian [Chierchia-Gallavotti94] .

In the **unperturbed** case $\varepsilon = 0$, the Hamiltonian H_0 is **integrable** formed by the standard pendulum plus a rotor

$$H_0(p, q, I, \varphi, s) = \pm \left(\frac{p^2}{2} + \cos q - 1 \right) + \frac{I^2}{2}.$$

$$I \text{ is constant: } \Delta I := I(T) - I(0) \equiv 0.$$

For any $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$, there is a **finite** drift in the action of the rotor I : $\Delta I = \mathcal{O}(1)$, so we have **global instability**.

In short, this is also frequently called **Arnold diffusion**.

Basically, we ensure the Arnold diffusion performing the following scheme:

- To construct iterates under several **Scattering maps** and the **Inner map**, giving rise to diffusing **pseudo-orbits**.
- To use previous results about Shadowing [[Fontich-Martín00](#)] , [[Gidea-Llave-Seara14](#)] , for ensuring the existence of real orbits close to the pseudo-orbits.

We have two important dynamics associated to the system: the **inner** and the **outer** dynamics on a large invariant object $\tilde{\Lambda}$:

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \{(0, 0, I, \varphi, s); I \in [-I^*, I^*], (\varphi, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2\},$$

which is a 3D **Normally Hyperbolic Invariant Manifold** (NHIM) with associated 4D stable $W_\epsilon^s(\tilde{\Lambda})$ and unstable $W_\epsilon^u(\tilde{\Lambda})$ invariant manifolds.

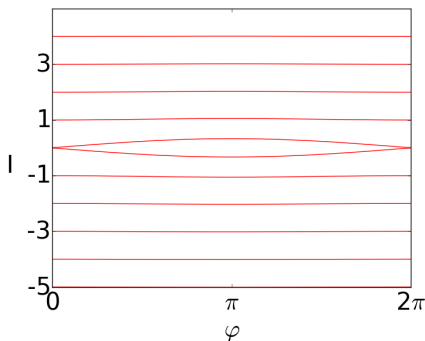
- The **inner dynamics** is the dynamics restricted to $\tilde{\Lambda}$. (**Inner map**)
- The **outer dynamics** is the dynamics along the invariant manifolds to $\tilde{\Lambda}$. (**Scattering map**)

Remark: Due to the form of the perturbation, $\tilde{\Lambda} = \tilde{\Lambda}_\epsilon$.

For the first case $g(\varphi, s) = a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos s$, the inner dynamics is described by the Hamiltonian systems with the Hamiltonian

$$K(I, \varphi, s) = \frac{I^2}{2} + \varepsilon (a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos s).$$

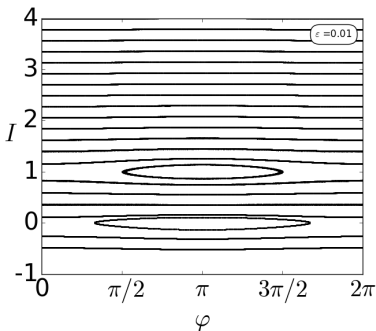
In this case the inner dynamics is integrable.



For $g(\varphi, \sigma)$, the inner dynamics is by the Hamiltonian

$$K(I, \varphi, \sigma) = \frac{I^2}{2} + \varepsilon (a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos \sigma),$$

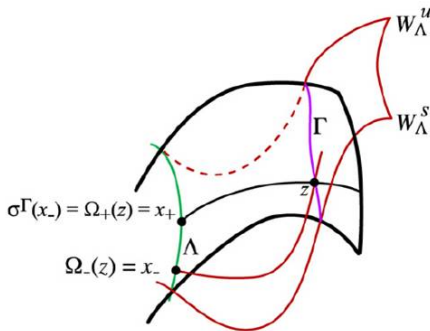
where $\sigma = \varphi - s$. The system associated to this Hamiltonian is not integrable and two resonances arise in $I = 0$ and $I = 1$.



Let $\tilde{\Lambda}$ be a NHIM with invariant manifolds intersecting transversally along a homoclinic manifold Γ . A scattering map is a map S defined by $S(\tilde{x}_-) = \tilde{x}_+$ if there exists $\tilde{z} \in \Gamma$ satisfying

$$|\phi_t^\varepsilon(\tilde{z}) - \phi_t^\varepsilon(\tilde{x}_\mp)| \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \longrightarrow \mp\infty$$

that is, $W_\varepsilon^u(\tilde{x}_-)$ intersects transversally $W_\varepsilon^s(\tilde{x}_+)$ in \tilde{z} .



S is symplectic and exact [D-Llave-Seara08] and takes the form:

$$S_\varepsilon(I, \varphi, s) = \left(I + \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial \theta}(I, \theta) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \theta - \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial I}(I, \theta) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), s \right),$$

where $\theta = \varphi - Is$ and $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$ is the **Reduced Poincaré function**, or more simply in the variables (I, θ) :

$$\mathcal{S}_\varepsilon(I, \theta) = \left(I + \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial \theta}(I, \theta) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \theta - \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial I}(I, \theta) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right),$$

- The variable s remains **fixed** under S_ε : it plays the role of a parameter
- Up to **first order** in ε , \mathcal{S}_ε is the **$-\varepsilon$ -time flow** of the Hamiltonian $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$
- The scattering map jumps $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ distances along the level curves of $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$

To get a scattering map we search for homoclinic orbits to $\tilde{\Lambda}_\varepsilon$

Proposition

Given $(I, \varphi, s) \in [-I^*, I^*] \times \mathbb{T}^2$, assume that the real function

$$\tau \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{L}(I, \varphi - I\tau, s - \tau) \in \mathbb{R}$$

has a non degenerate critical point $\tau^* = \tau(I, \varphi, s)$, where

$$\mathcal{L}(I, \varphi, s) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\cos q_0(\sigma) - \cos 0) g(\varphi + I\sigma, s + \sigma; 0) d\sigma.$$

Then, for $0 < |\varepsilon|$ small enough, there exists a transversal homoclinic point \tilde{z} to $\tilde{\Lambda}_\varepsilon$, which is ε -close to the point $\tilde{z}^*(I, \varphi, s) = (p_0(\tau^*), q_0(\tau^*), I, \varphi, s) \in W^0(\tilde{\Lambda})$:

$$\tilde{z} = \tilde{z}(I, \varphi, s) = (p_0(\tau^*) + O(\varepsilon), q_0(\tau^*) + O(\varepsilon), I, \varphi, s) \in W^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_\varepsilon) \pitchfork W^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_\varepsilon).$$

In our model $q_0(t) = 4 \arctan e^t$, $p_0(t) = 2/\cosh t$ is the **separatrix** for positive p of the standard pendulum $P(q, p) = p^2/2 + \cos q - 1$.

- For $g(\varphi, s) = a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos s$, the Melnikov potential becomes

$$\mathcal{L}(I, \varphi, s) = A_1(I) \cos \varphi + A_2 \cos s,$$

$$\text{where } A_1(I) = \frac{2\pi I a_1}{\sinh\left(\frac{I\pi}{2}\right)} \text{ and } A_2 = \frac{2\pi a_2}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}.$$

- For $g(\varphi, \sigma) = a_1 \cos \varphi + a_2 \cos \sigma$ ($\sigma = \varphi - s$), the Melnikov potential becomes

$$\mathcal{L}(I, \varphi, \sigma) = A_1(I) \cos \varphi + A_2(I) \cos \sigma,$$

$$\text{where } A_1(I) \text{ is as before but now } A_2(I) = \frac{2(I-1)\pi a_2}{\sinh\left(\frac{(I-1)\pi}{2}\right)}.$$

The Melnikov potentials are similar in both cases.

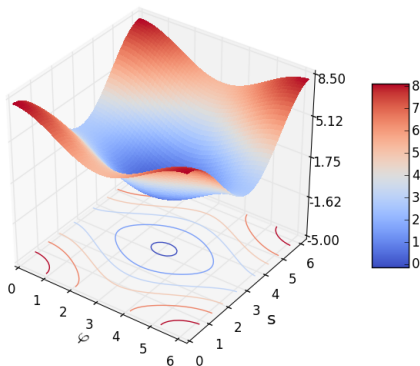


Figure: The Melnikov Potential, $\mu = a_1/a_2 = 0.6$, $l = 1$, $g(\varphi, s)$.

Finally, the function $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$ can be defined:

Definition

The **Reduced Poincaré function** is

$$\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta) = \mathcal{L}(I, \varphi - I \tau^*(I, \varphi, s), s - \tau^*(I, \varphi, s)),$$

where $\theta = \varphi - I s$.

Therefore the definition of $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$ depends on the function $\tau^*(I, \varphi, s)$.

From the Proposition given above, we look for τ^* such that

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tau}(I, \varphi - I\tau^*, s - \tau^*) = 0.$$

Different view-points for $\tau^* = \tau^*(I, \varphi, s)$

- Look for critical points of \mathcal{L} on the straight line, called **NHIM line**
 $R(I, \varphi, s) = \{(\varphi - I\tau, s - \tau), \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}.$
- Look for intersections between $R(I, \varphi, s) = \{(\varphi - I\tau, s - \tau), \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and a **crest** which is a curve of equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tau}(I, \varphi - I\tau, s - \tau)|_{\tau=0} = 0.$$

Note that the crests are characterized by $\tau^*(I, \varphi, s) = 0$.

Definition - Crests [D-Huguet11]

For each I , we call **crest** $\mathcal{C}(I)$ the set of curves in the variables (φ, s) of equation

$$I \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi}(I, \varphi, s) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial s}(I, \varphi, s) = 0. \quad (12)$$

which in our case can be rewritten as

$$g(\varphi, s): \mu \alpha(I) \sin \varphi + \sin s = 0, \quad \text{with } \alpha(I) = \frac{I^2 \sinh(\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sinh(\frac{\pi I}{2})}, \quad \mu = \frac{a_1}{a_2}.$$

$$g(\varphi, \sigma = \varphi - s): \mu \alpha(I) \sin \varphi + \sin \sigma = 0, \quad \text{with } \alpha(I) = \frac{I^2 \sinh(\frac{(I-1)\pi}{2})}{(I-1)^2 \sinh(\frac{\pi I}{2})}, \quad \mu = \frac{a_1}{a_2}.$$

- For any I , the critical points of the Melnikov potential $\mathcal{L}(I, \cdot, \cdot)$ $((0, 0), (0, \pi), (\pi, 0)$ and (π, π) : one maximum, one minimum point and two saddle points) always belong to the crest $\mathcal{C}(I)$.
- $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta)$ is nothing else but \mathcal{L} evaluated on the crest $\mathcal{C}(I)$.
- $\theta = \varphi - Is$ is constant on the NHIM line $R(I, \varphi, s)$

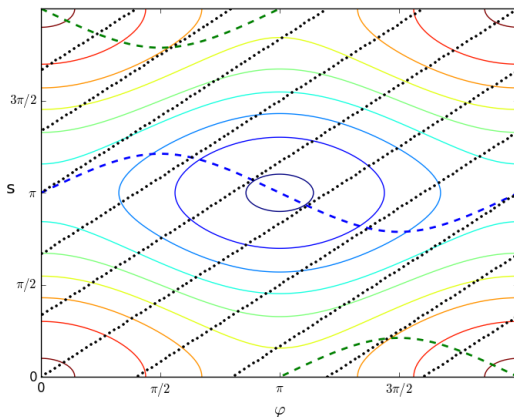


Figure: Level curves of \mathcal{L} for $\mu = a_1/a_2 = 0.5$, $l = 1.2$ and $g(\varphi, s)$.

Understanding the behavior of the crests



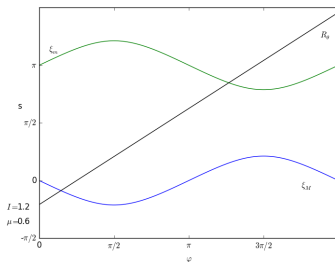
Understanding the behavior of the Reduced Poincaré function



Understanding the Scattering map

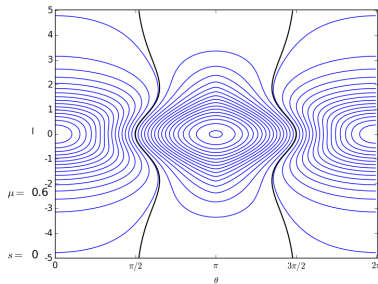
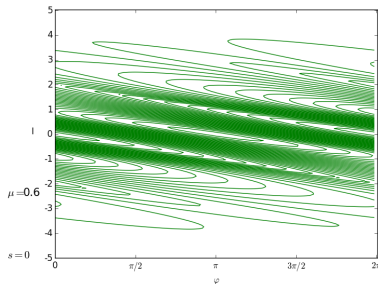
- For $|\mu\alpha(I)| < 1$, there are two crests $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$ parameterized by:

$$\begin{aligned} s = \xi_M(I, \varphi) &= -\arcsin(\mu\alpha(I) \sin \varphi) \quad \text{mod } 2\pi \\ \xi_m(I, \varphi) &= \arcsin(\mu\alpha(I) \sin \varphi) + \pi \quad \text{mod } 2\pi \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

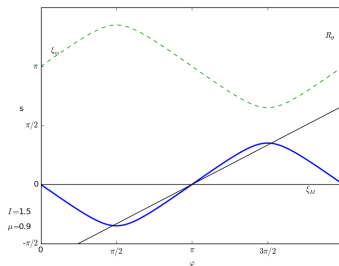


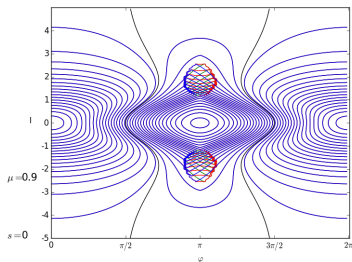
They are “horizontal” crests

- For each I , the NHIM line $R(I, \varphi, s)$ and the crest $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$ has only one intersection point.
- The scattering map S_M associated to the intersections between $\mathcal{C}_M(I)$ and $R(I, \varphi, s)$ is well defined for any $\varphi \in \mathbb{T}$. Analogously for S_m , changing M to m . In the variables $(I, \theta = \varphi - Is)$, both scattering maps S_M, S_m are globally well defined.

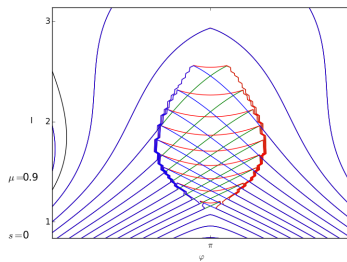
(a) Level curves of $\mathcal{L}_M^*(I, \theta)$ (b) Level curves of $\mathcal{L}_m^*(I, \theta)$

- There are **tangencies** between $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I, \varphi)$ and $R(I, \varphi, s)$. For some value of (I, φ, s) , there are **3** points in $R(I, \varphi, s) \cap \mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$.
- This implies that there are **3** scattering maps associated to each crest with different domains. (**Multiple Scattering maps**)





(c) The three types of level curves.

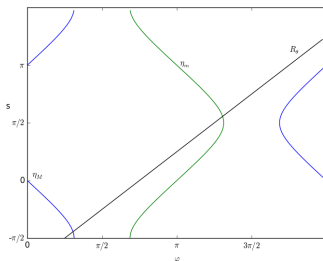


(d) Zoom where the scattering maps are different

Figure: Level curves of $\mathcal{L}_M^*(I, \theta)$, $\mathcal{L}_M^{*(1)}(I, \theta)$ and $\mathcal{L}_M^{*(2)}(I, \theta)$

- For some values of I , $|\mu\alpha(I)| > 1$, the two crests $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}$ are parameterized by:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi = \eta_M(I, s) &= -\arcsin(\mu\alpha(I) \sin s) \mod 2\pi \\ \eta_m(I, s) &= \arcsin(\mu\alpha(I) \sin s) + \pi \mod 2\pi\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$



They are “vertical” crests

For the values of I for which horizontal crests become vertical, it is not always possible to prolong in a continuous way the scattering maps, so the domain of the scattering map has to be restricted.

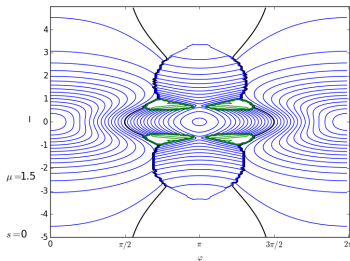


Figure: The level curves of $\mathcal{L}_M^*(I, \theta)$, $\mu = 1.5$.

In green, the region where the scattering map S_M is not defined.

Definition: Highways

Highways are the level curves of \mathcal{L}^* such that

$$\mathcal{L}^*(I, \theta) = \frac{2\pi a_1}{\sinh(\pi/2)}.$$

- The highways are “vertical” in the variables (φ, s)
- We always have a pair of highways. One goes up, the other goes down (this depends on the sign of $\mu = a_1/a_2$)
- The highways give rise to fast diffusing pseudo-orbits

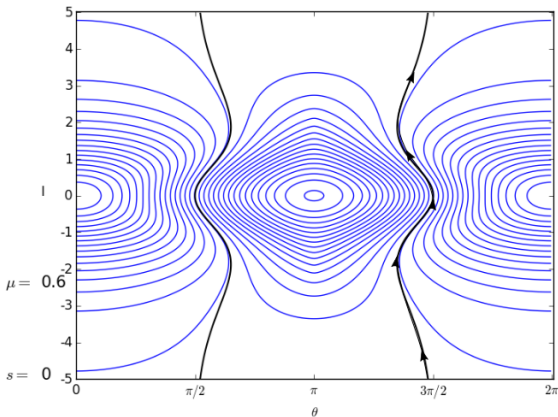


Figure: The scattering map jumps $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ distances along the level curves of $\mathcal{L}^*(l, \theta)$

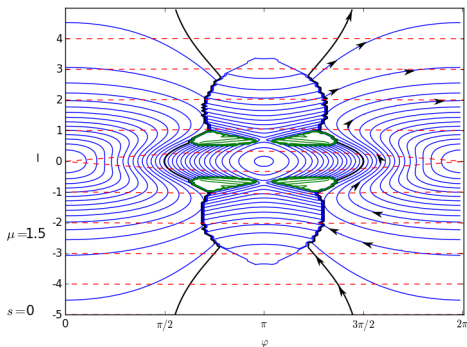


Figure: In red: Inner map, blue: Scattering map, black: Highways

An estimate of the total time of diffusion between $-I^*$ and I^* , **along the highway**, is

$$T_d = \frac{T_s}{\varepsilon} \left[2 \log \left(\frac{C}{\varepsilon} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^b) \right], \text{ for } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \text{ where } 0 < b < 1,$$

with

$$T_s = T_s(I^*, a_1, a_2) = \int_0^{I^*} \frac{-\sinh(\pi I/2)}{\pi a_1 I \sin \psi_h(I)} dI,$$

where $\psi_h = \theta - I\tau^*(I, \theta)$ is the parameterization of the highway $\mathcal{L}^*(I, \psi_h) = A_2$, and

$$C = C(I^*, a_1, a_2) = 16 |a_1| \left(1 + \frac{1.465}{\sqrt{1 - \mu^2 A^2}} \right)$$

where $A = \max_{I \in [0, I^*]} \alpha(I)$, with $\alpha(I) = \frac{\sinh(\frac{\pi}{2}) I^2}{\sinh(\frac{\pi I}{2})}$ and $\mu = a_1/a_2$.

Note: This estimate agrees with the upper bounds given in [\[Bessi-Chierchia-Valdinoci01\]](#)

and quantifies the general optimal diffusion estimate $\mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)$ of

[\[Berti-Biasco-Bolle03\]](#) and [\[Treschev04\]](#).

In the second case:

- For $|\mu\alpha(I)| < 1$, there are two crests $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$ parameterized by $\sigma = \xi_M(I, \varphi)$ and $\xi_m(I, \varphi)$. For $|\mu\alpha(I)| > 1$, $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$ parameterized by $\varphi = \eta_M(I, \sigma)$ and $\eta_m(I, \sigma)$. The crests lie on the plane (φ, σ)
- There are no Highways.
- For any value of $\mu = a_1/a_2$ is possible to find l_h and l_v such that for $l = l_h$ the crests are horizontal and for $l = l_v$ the crests are vertical.
- For any value of μ there exists l such that the crests and some NHIM line are tangent. There are always multiple scattering maps

From the definitions of $R(I, \varphi, s)$ and $\mathcal{C}(I)$, we have

$$R(I, \varphi, s) \cap \mathcal{C}(I) = \{(I, \varphi - I\tau^*(I, \varphi, s), s - \tau^*(I, \varphi, s))\}.$$

Introducing

$$\tau^*(I, \theta) := \tau^*(I, \varphi - Is), \quad \text{with } \theta = \varphi - Is = (1 - I)\varphi + I\sigma,$$

one can see that on the plane $(\varphi, \sigma = \varphi - s)$, the NHIM lines take the form

$$R_I(\varphi, \sigma) = \{(\varphi - I\tau, \sigma - (I - 1)\tau), \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and that

$$R_I(\varphi, \sigma) \cap \mathcal{C}(I) = \{(\theta - I\tau^*(I, \theta), \theta - (I - 1)\tau^*(I, \theta))\}.$$

Therefore, the function $\tau^*(I, \theta)$ is the time spent to go from a point (θ, θ) in the diagonal $\sigma = \varphi$ up to $\mathcal{C}(I)$ with a velocity vector $\mathbf{v} = -(I, I - 1)$.

The choice of the concrete curve of the crest and therefore of $\tau^*(I, \theta)$ is very important and useful.

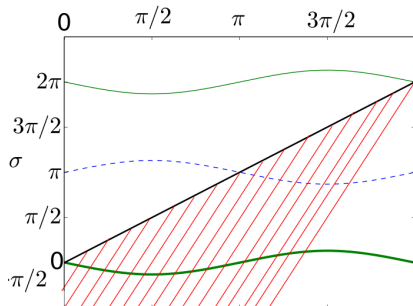


Figure: Going down along NHIM lines

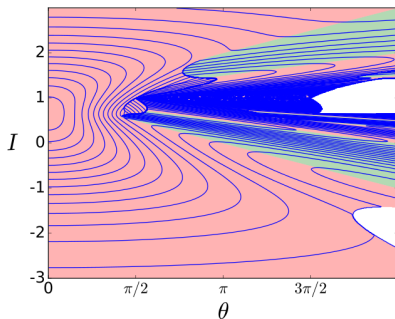


Figure: The “lower” crest

Green zones: I increases under the scattering map.

Red zones: I decreases under the scattering map.

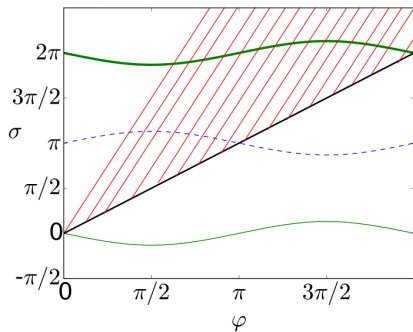


Figure: Going up along NHIM lines

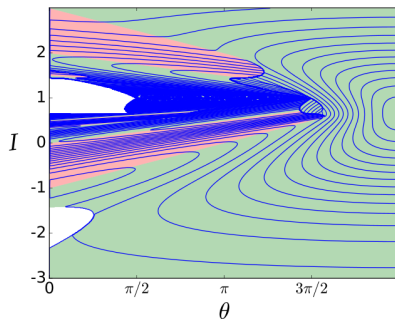


Figure: The “upper” crest

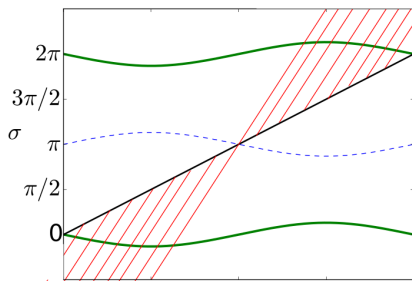


Figure: Minimal time

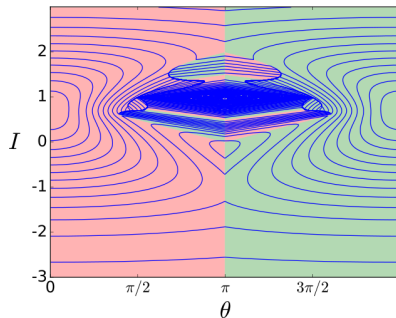


Figure: Minimal $|\tau^*|$ between “lower” and “upper” crest

In this picture we show a combination of 3 scattering maps.

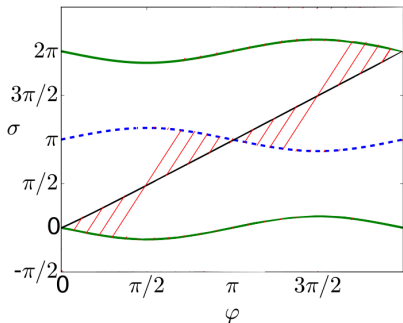


Figure: First intersection

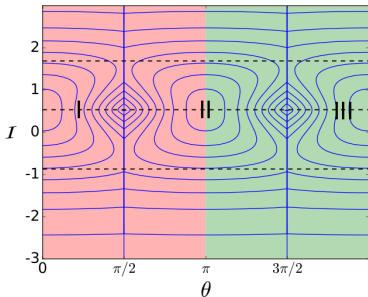


Figure: Minimal $|\tau^*|$ between $\mathcal{C}_M(I)$ and $\mathcal{C}_m(I)$

Consider a pendulum and **two** rotors plus a time periodic perturbation depending on three harmonics in the angles $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3 = s)$:

$$H_\varepsilon(p, q, l_1, l_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, s) = \pm \left(\frac{p^2}{2} + \cos q - 1 \right) + h(l_1, l_2) + \varepsilon f(q) g(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, s), \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(l_1, l_2) &= \Omega_1 l_1^2 / 2 + \Omega_2 l_2^2 / 2, & f(q) &= \cos q \\ g(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, s) &= a_1 \cos \varphi_1 + a_2 \cos \varphi_2 + a_3 \cos s. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

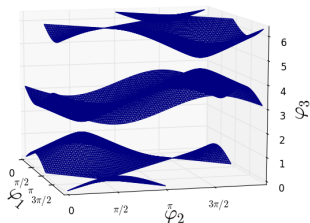
Theorem (Arnold diffusion for a two-parameter family)

Assume $a_1 a_2 a_3 \neq 0$ and $|a_1/a_3| + |a_2/a_3| < 0.625$ in Hamiltonian (15)+(16). Then, for any two actions I_\pm and any δ there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for every $0 < |\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ there exists an orbit $\tilde{x}(t)$ and $T > 0$ such that

$$|I(\tilde{x}(0)) - I_-| \leq \delta \quad \text{and} \quad |I(\tilde{x}(T)) - I_+| \leq \delta$$

For $|a_1/a_3| + |a_2/a_3| < 0.625$ there are two horizontal crests $\mathcal{C}_{M,m}(I)$, and both scattering maps $\mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{S}_m$ are globally well defined.

Figure: Horizontal crests: $a_1/a_3 = a_2/a_3 = 0.48$, $\Omega_1 I_1 = \Omega_2 I_2 = 1.219$.



Diffusing orbits are found by shadowing orbits of both scattering maps and the inner dynamics.

Remark

Actually, we can prove that given any two actions I_{\pm} and any path $\gamma(s)$ joining them in the actions space, there exists an orbit $\tilde{x}(t)$ such that $I(\tilde{x}(t))$ is δ -close to $\gamma(\Psi(t))$ for some parameterization Ψ .

Theorem (Diffusion paths using only Scattering maps)

Assume $a_1 a_2 a_3 \neq 0$ and $|a_1/a_3| + |a_2/a_3| < 0.625$ in Hamiltonian (15)+(16). Given any two $(I_{\pm}, \theta_{\pm}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{I}}$, where

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}} = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{T}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, \pi, 0), (0, 0, 0, \pi), (0, 0, \pi, \pi)\},$$

and any δ there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for every $0 < |\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ there is an orbit $(I^i, \theta^i)_{0 \leq i < N}$ of the **polyscattering map** (S_0, S_1, S_2) :

$$(I^{i+1}, \theta^{i+1}) = S_{\ell}(I^i, \theta^i), \text{ where } \ell \in \{0, 1, 2\},$$

such that

$$|(I^0, \theta^0) - (I_-, \theta_-)| < \delta \text{ and } |(I^N, \theta^N) - (I_+, \theta_+)| < \delta.$$

Theorem (Existence of Highways)

Assume $a_1 a_2 a_3 \neq 0$ and $|a_1/a_3| + |a_2/a_3| < 0.625$ in Hamiltonian (15)+(16). Given any $0 < c_j < C_j$, $j = 1, 2$, there is an orbit $(I^i, \theta^i)_{0 \leq i < N}$ of the scattering map S_0 such that

$$|I_j^0| < c_j \quad \text{and} \quad |I_j^N| > C_j, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

(Quasi)-periodic perturbations of geodesic flows

Theorem ([D-Llave-Seara06])

Let M be a n -dimensional manifold, g a C^r metric on it (r sufficiently large). Assume:

H1 There exists a closed geodesic “ Λ ” such that its *corresponding periodic orbit $\hat{\Lambda}$ under the geodesic flow* is hyperbolic.

H2 There exists another geodesic “ γ ” such that $\hat{\gamma}$ is a transversal homoclinic orbit to $\hat{\Lambda}$.

That is, $\hat{\gamma}$ is contained in the intersection of the stable and unstable manifolds of $\hat{\Lambda}$, $W_{\hat{\Lambda}}^s$, $W_{\hat{\Lambda}}^u$, in the unit tangent bundle.

Moreover, we assume that the intersection of the stable and unstable manifolds of $\hat{\Lambda}$ is *transversal along $\hat{\gamma}$* . That is,

$$T_{\gamma(t)} W_{\hat{\Lambda}}^s + T_{\gamma(t)} W_{\hat{\Lambda}}^u = T_{\gamma(t)} \mathbf{S}_1 M, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Abundance of Hypotheses **H1**, **H2**

Hypotheses **H1**, **H2** are abundant:

- They are generic on \mathbb{T}^2 [Morse24] , [Hedlund32] , [Mather93] .
- They hold on any closed surface of genus bigger or equal than 2, if $r \geq 2 + \delta$, $\delta > 0$. [Katok82]).
- They are generic in the \mathcal{C}^2 topology for **any closed surface** [Contreras-Paternain02] .

(Quasi)-periodic perturbations of geodesic flows

Let $\nu \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be Diophantine, $r \in \mathbb{N}$ be sufficiently large (depending on τ , the Diophantine exponent of ν).

Let g be a C^r metric on a compact manifold M , verifying hypotheses **H1**, **H2**, and $U : M \times \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a generic C^r function.

Consider the time dependent Lagrangian

$$L(q, \dot{q}, \nu t) = \frac{1}{2} g^q(\dot{q}, \dot{q}) - U(q, \nu t), \quad (17)$$

where g^q denotes the metric in $\mathbf{T}_q M$.

Then, the Euler-Lagrange equation of L has a solution $q(t)$ whose energy

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} g^q(\dot{q}(t), \dot{q}(t)) + U(q(t), \nu t),$$

tends to infinity as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

The (planar) elliptic restricted three body problem (**RPETB**) describes the motion q of a massless particle (a **comet**) under the gravitational field of two massive bodies (the **primaries**, say the **Sun** and **Jupiter**) with mass ratio μ revolving around their center of mass on **elliptic** orbits with eccentricity ϵ_J .

Typical models:

- Sun–Jupiter–asteroid or comet: $\epsilon_J = 0.048$
- Sun–Earth–Moon systems: $\epsilon_J = 0.016$

We search for trajectories of motion which show a **large** variation of the angular momentum $G = q \times \dot{q}$.

So we search for **global instability** (“diffusion” is the term usually used) in the angular momentum of this problem.

Theorem (The Main Result)

There exist two constants $C > 0$, $c > 0$ and $\mu^ = \mu^*(C, c) > 0$ such that for any $0 < \epsilon_J < c/C$ and $0 < \mu < \mu^*$, and for any two values of the angular momentum in the region $C \leq G_1^* < G_2^* \leq c/\epsilon_J$, there exists a trajectory of the RPETB such that $G(0) < G_1^*$, $G(T) > G_2^*$ for some $T > 0$.*

- If $\epsilon_J = 0$, the primaries revolve along **circular** orbits, and such diffusion is **not** possible, since the (planar) restricted circular three body problem (R3BP) is governed by an autonomous Hamiltonian with 2 degrees-of-freedom.
- This is not the case for the RPETB, which is a $2+1/2$ degrees-of-freedom Hamiltonian system with time-periodic Hamiltonian.

Related results about oscillatory motions and diffusion for several Restricted Three Body Problems:

- Euler libration points: [Llibre-Martínez-Simó85, Capiński-Zgliczyński11, D-Gidea-Roldán13-16, Capiński-Llave-Gidea16, Kepley-Mireless James17]
- Collisions: [Bolotin06]
- The (parabolic) infinity: [Llibre-Simó80] , [Xia93-94, Moser01, Moeckel07] , [Martínez-Pinyol94] , [Gorodetski-Kaloshin11] , [Guàrdia-Martín-Seara12] , [Martínez-Simó14]
- Mean motion resonances: [Fejoz-Guàrdia-Kaloshin-Roldán14]
- Aubry-Mather theory: [Galante-Kaloshin13]

The motion of the massless particle q (comet) is described by

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} = (1 - \mu) \frac{q_S - q}{|q_S - q|^3} + \mu \frac{q_J - q}{|q_J - q|^3}$$

where $1 - \mu$ is the mass of the primary (Sun) at q_S and μ the mass of the primary (Jupiter) at q_J .

Introducing $p = dq/dt$, this is a $2+1/2$ degree-of-freedom Hamiltonian system with time-periodic Hamiltonian

$$H_\mu(q, p, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{p^2}{2} - U_\mu(q, t; \epsilon_J)$$

with self-potential

$$U_\mu(q, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{1 - \mu}{|q - q_S(t, \epsilon_J)|} + \frac{\mu}{|q - q_J(t, \epsilon_J)|}$$

Parameters: $0 < \mu, \epsilon_J < 1$ small.

When $\mu = 0$, there is no Jupiter in the equation of motion and the Sun is fixed at the origin: $q_S = 0$

The Sun q_S and the comet q form a two-body problem with the Hamiltonian $H_0(q, p, t; \epsilon_J) = H_0(q, p) = \frac{p^2}{2} - \frac{1}{|q|} = \frac{p^2}{2} - U_0(q)$.

The two-body problem is integrable, and there is no dependence on the eccentricity ϵ_J or the time t .

$$q_S = q_S(t, \epsilon_J) = \mu r(\cos f, \sin f)$$

$$q_J = q_J(t, \epsilon_J) = -(1 - \mu)r(\cos f, \sin f)$$

with

$$r = r(t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{1 - \epsilon_J^2}{1 + \epsilon_J \cos f}, \quad \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{(1 + \epsilon_J \cos f)^2}{(1 - \epsilon_J^2)^{3/2}},$$

where $f = f(t; \epsilon_J)$ is the **true anomaly**. If $q = \rho(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$,

$$|q - q_S|^2 = \rho^2 - 2\mu r \rho \cos(\alpha - f) + \mu^2 r^2,$$

$$|q - q_J|^2 = \rho^2 + 2(1 - \mu)r \rho \cos(\alpha - f) + (1 - \mu)^2 r^2.$$

Remark Also

$$r = r(t; \epsilon_J) = 1 - \epsilon_J \cos E, \quad t = E - \epsilon_J \sin E,$$

where E is the **eccentric anomaly**.

Performing a standard polar-canonical change of variables

$$(q, p) \mapsto (\rho, \alpha, P_\rho, P_\alpha)$$

$$q = (\rho \cos \alpha, \rho \sin \alpha), \quad p = \left(P_\rho \cos \alpha - \frac{P_\alpha}{\rho} \sin \alpha, P_\rho \sin \alpha + \frac{P_\alpha}{\rho} \cos \alpha \right)$$

the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, P_\rho, P_\alpha, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{P_\rho^2}{2} + \frac{P_\alpha^2}{2\rho^2} - U_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J)$$

with a self-potential U_μ^*

$$U_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J) = U_\mu(\rho \cos \alpha, \rho \sin \alpha, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{1}{\rho} + O(\mu).$$

From now on we will write

$$G = P_\alpha, \quad y = P_\rho,$$

so that Hamiltonian (80) becomes

$$H_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, y, G, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{G^2}{2\rho^2} - U_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J).$$

Remark

In the (planar) circular case $\epsilon_J = 0$ (RTBP), $r = 1$ and $f = t$, and $|q - q_S|, |q - q_J|$ depend on the time t and the angle α just through their difference $\alpha - t$. As a consequence, $U_\mu^(\rho, \alpha, t; 0)$ as well as $H_\mu^*(\rho, \alpha, y, G, t; 0)$ depend also on t and α just through the same difference $\alpha - t$, the sinodic angle. This implies that the Jacobi constant $H^* + G$ is a first integral of the system.*

Through McGehee non-canonical change of variables, for $x > 0$,

$$\rho = \frac{2}{x^2}$$

the infinity $\rho = \infty$ is sent to the origin $x = 0$ and the equations become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{4}x^3y & \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{8}G^2x^6 - \frac{x^3}{4}\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_\mu}{\partial x} \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4}x^4G & \frac{dG}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_\mu}{\partial \alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

where the self-potential \mathcal{U}_μ is given now by

$$\mathcal{U}_\mu(x, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J) = U_\mu^*(2/x^2, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{x^2}{2} \left(\frac{1-\mu}{\sigma_S} + \frac{\mu}{\sigma_J} \right)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} |q - q_S|^2 &= \sigma_S^2 = 1 - \mu r x^2 \cos(\alpha - f) + \frac{1}{4} \mu^2 r^2 x^4, \\ |q - q_J|^2 &= \sigma_J^2 = 1 + (1 - \mu) r x^2 \cos(\alpha - f) + \frac{1}{4} (1 - \mu)^2 r^2 x^4. \end{aligned}$$

Under McGehee change of variables $\rho = 2/x^2$ for $x > 0$,

$$d\rho \wedge dy + d\alpha \wedge dG \quad \text{is transformed to} \quad \omega = -\frac{4}{x^3} dx \wedge dy + d\alpha \wedge dG$$

which is a b^3 -symplectic form, the new Hamiltonian reads as

$$\mathcal{H}_\mu(x, \alpha, y, G, t; \epsilon_J) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{x^4 G^2}{8} - \mathcal{U}_\mu(x, \alpha, t; \epsilon_J),$$

and the the Hamiltonian equations become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\frac{x^3}{4} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\mu}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{dy}{dt} &= -\frac{x^3}{4} \left(-\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\mu}{\partial x} \right) \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\mu}{\partial G} & \frac{dG}{dt} &= -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_\mu}{\partial \alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

which can be written as $dz/dt = \{z, \mathcal{H}_\mu\}$ in terms of the Poisson bracket

$$\{f, g\} = -\frac{x^3}{4} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial g}{\partial G} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial G} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha}.$$

- Some sources of b^m -symplectic structures can be found in [Scott13, Kiesenhofer-Miranda-Scott15, Guillemin-Miranda-Weitsman17-18] .
- Other examples can be found in [Guardia-Martín-Seara16, D-Kiesenhofer-Miranda17, Braddell-D-Miranda-Oms-Planas17] .
- New examples in [Baldomá-Fontich-Martín18] .

For $\mu = 0$ and $G > 0$, Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_0 becomes Duffing Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_0(x, y, G) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{x^4 G^2}{8} - \mathcal{U}_0(x) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{x^4 G^2}{8} - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

\mathcal{H}_0 is autonomous and independent of ϵ_J and α . Its associated equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{4}x^3y & \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{8}G^2x^6 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4}x^4G & \frac{dG}{dt} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The angular momentum G is a conserved quantity, $G > 0$ from now on. The phase space $(x, \alpha, y, G) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ **includes** the set of equilibrium points

$$\mathcal{E}_\infty = \{z = (x = 0, \alpha, y, G) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+\}.$$

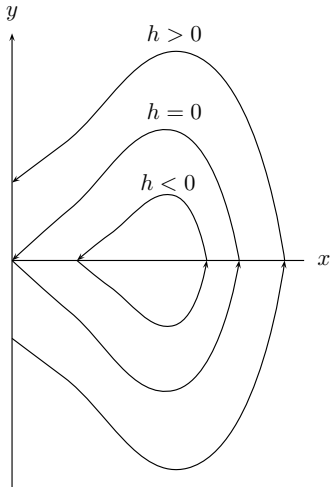


Figure: Level curves of \mathcal{H}_0 in the $(x \geq 0, y)$ plane, for fixed $G > 0$

For any fixed $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$, $G \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\Lambda_{\alpha, G} = \{(0, \alpha, 0, G)\}$$

is a parabolic equilibrium point, which is topologically equivalent to a saddle point, since it possesses stable and unstable 1D-invariant manifolds. The union of such points is the 2D-(symplectic) manifold of equilibrium points

$$\Lambda_{\infty} = \bigcup_{\alpha, G} \Lambda_{\alpha, G}.$$

which is the (parabolic) infinity manifold for the Kepler problem.

As we will deal with a time-periodic Hamiltonian, it is natural to work in the **extended** phase space

$$\tilde{z} = (z, s) = (x, \alpha, y, G, s) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}$$

just by writing s instead of t in the Hamiltonian and adding the equation

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 1$$

The extended versions of the invariant sets $\Lambda_{\alpha,G}$, Λ_∞ for the Kepler problem are the 2π -periodic orbits with motion $ds/dt = 1$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G} = \{\tilde{z} = (0, \alpha, 0, G, s), s \in \mathbb{T}\},$$

and the 3D-invariant manifold (the “parabolic” infinity manifold)

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty = \bigcup_{\alpha,G} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G} = \{(0, \alpha, 0, G, s), (\alpha, G, s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}\}, \simeq \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T},$$

which is topologically equivalent to a normally hyperbolic invariant manifold (TNHIM).

Parameterizing the points in $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0(\alpha, G, s) = (\mathbf{x}_0(\alpha, G), s) = (0, \alpha, 0, G, s) \in \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty \simeq \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}$$

the inner dynamics on $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ is trivial, since it is given by the dynamics on each periodic orbit $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}$:

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0) = (0, \alpha, 0, G, s + t) = (\mathbf{x}_0(\alpha, G), s + t) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0(\alpha, G, s + t),$$

where we denote by $\tilde{\phi}_{t,\mu}$ the flow of our system in the extended phase space

The equilibrium points $\Lambda_{\alpha,G}$ have stable and unstable 1D-invariant manifolds which coincide:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\alpha,G} &= W^u(\Lambda_{\alpha,G}) = W^s(\Lambda_{\alpha,G}) \\ &= \left\{ z = (x, \hat{\alpha}, y, G), \mathcal{H}_0(x, y, G) = 0, \hat{\alpha} = \alpha - G \int_{\mathcal{H}_0=0} \frac{x}{y} dx \right\},\end{aligned}$$

whereas the 2D-manifold of equilibrium points Λ_∞ has stable and unstable 3D-invariant manifolds which coincide and are given by

$$\gamma = W^u(\Lambda_\infty) = W^s(\Lambda_\infty) = \{z = (x, \alpha, y, G), \mathcal{H}_0(x, y, G) = 0\}.$$

In the extended phase space, the surface

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\gamma}_{\alpha,G} &= W^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}) = W^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}) \\ &= \left\{ \tilde{z} = (x, \hat{\alpha}, y, G, s), s \in \mathbb{T}, \mathcal{H}_0(x, y, G) = 0, \hat{\alpha} = \alpha - G \int_{\mathcal{H}_0=0} \frac{x}{y} dx \right\}\end{aligned}$$

is a 2D-homoclinic manifold to the periodic orbit $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}$. The 4D-stable and unstable manifolds of the infinity manifold $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ coincide along the 4D-homoclinic invariant manifold (the **separatrix**), which is just the union of the homoclinic surfaces $\tilde{\gamma}_{\alpha,G}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\gamma} &= W^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty) = W^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty) = \bigcup_{\alpha,G} \tilde{\gamma}_{\alpha,G} \\ &= \{ \tilde{z} = (x, \alpha, y, G, s), (\alpha, G, s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}, \mathcal{H}_0(x, \alpha, y, G) = 0 \}\end{aligned}$$

The homoclinic solutions to the periodic orbit $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_h(t; G) &= \frac{2}{G(1 + \tau^2)^{1/2}} & y_h(t; G) &= \frac{2\tau}{G(1 + \tau^2)} \\ \alpha_h(t; \alpha, G) &= \alpha + \pi + 2 \arctan \tau & G_h(t; G) &= G \\ s_h(t; s) &= s + t & & \end{aligned},$$

where α and G are the 2 free parameters and the relation between t and τ is

$$t = \frac{G^3}{2} \left(\tau + \frac{\tau^3}{3} \right) \quad \text{which is equivalent to} \quad \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \frac{2G}{\tau^2},$$

Due to the factor $-x^3/4$ in front of the equations, the convergence along the separatrix to the infinity manifold is power-like in τ and t :

$$x_h, y_h, \frac{\alpha - \alpha_h + \pi}{G} \sim \frac{2}{G\tau} \sim \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{\pm 6t}}, \quad \tau, t \rightarrow \pm\infty.$$

Introducing the notation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G, s) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G), s) = (x_h(\sigma; G), \alpha_h(\sigma; \alpha, G), y_h(\sigma; G), G, s)$$

we can parameterize any homoclinic surface $\tilde{\gamma}_{\alpha, G}$ as

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{\alpha, G} = \{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G, s) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G), s), \sigma \in \mathbb{R}, s \in \mathbb{T}\}.$$

and the 4-dimensional separatrix $\tilde{\gamma} = W(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty)$ as

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G, s) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma, \alpha, G), s), \sigma \in \mathbb{R}, G \in \mathbb{R}_+, (\alpha, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2\}.$$

The motion on $\tilde{\gamma}$ and $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ is given by

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0) = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0(\sigma + t, \alpha, G, s + t) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma + t, \alpha, G), s + t)$$

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0) = (0, \alpha, 0, G, s + t) = (\mathbf{x}_0(\alpha, G), s + t) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0(\alpha, G, s + t),$$

and the following asymptotic formula follows:

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0) - \tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma + t, \alpha, G), s + t) - (\mathbf{x}_0(\alpha, G), s + t) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \pm\infty]{} 0.$$

The **scattering map** \tilde{S} describes the homoclinic orbits to the infinity manifold $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$. Given $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_-, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_+ \in \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$, we define

$$\tilde{S}_\mu(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_-) := \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_+$$

if there exists $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^* \in W_\mu^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty) \cap W_\mu^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty)$ such that

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,\mu}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^*) - \tilde{\phi}_{t,\mu}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_\pm) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \pm\infty.$$

In the case $\mu = 0$ the previous asymptotic relation

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0) - \tilde{\phi}_{t,0}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0) = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma + t, \alpha, G), s + t) - (\mathbf{x}_0(\alpha, G), s + t) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \pm\infty]{} 0.$$

implies $\tilde{S}_0(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0$ so that the scattering map $\tilde{S}_0 : \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty \longrightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ is the identity.

For $\mu > 0$, the set \mathcal{E}_∞ remains invariant as well as infinity manifold $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$, which is again a TNHIM, as well as all the periodic orbits $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\alpha,G}$.

The inner dynamics on $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ is the same as in the case $\mu = 0$, so that the parametrization $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0$ as well as its trivial dynamics remain the same.

From [McGehee73, Guardia-Martín-Seara-Sabbagh17] we know that $W_\mu^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty)$ and $W_\mu^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty)$ exist for μ small enough and are 4-dimensional in the extended phase space.

The existence of scattering maps will depend on the transversal intersections between these two manifolds.

Introduce now [D-Gutiérrez00, D-Llave-Seara06] the Melnikov potential $\mathcal{L} : \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta \mathcal{U}_0(x_h(t; G), \alpha_h(t; \alpha, G), s + t; \epsilon_J) dt,$$

where $\Delta \mathcal{U}_0$ is defined by

$$\Delta \mathcal{U}_0(x, \alpha, s; \epsilon_J) := \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_\mu}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\mu=0} (x, \alpha, s; \epsilon_J) = O(x^4) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

The asymptotics above follows from the asymptotic behavior of the solutions along the separatrix and of the self potential close to the parabolic infinity manifold, and guarantees that this integral is absolutely convergent.

Proposition (Transverse homoclinic points to the infinite manifold $\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$)

Given $(\alpha, G, s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{T}$, assume that the function

$$\sigma \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma; \epsilon_J) \in \mathbb{R}$$

has a non-degenerate critical point $\sigma^* = \sigma^*(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$. Then, there exists $\mu^* = \mu^*(G, \epsilon_J)$, such that for $0 < \mu < \mu^*$, close to the point $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0^* = (\mathbf{z}_0(\sigma^*, \alpha, G), s) \in \tilde{\gamma}$ there exists a locally unique point

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^*(\sigma^*, \alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J, \mu) \in W_\mu^s(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty) \cap W_\mu^u(\tilde{\Lambda}_\infty)$$

of the form $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_0^* + O(\mu)$, and there exist unique points $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_\pm = (0, \alpha_\pm, 0, G_\pm, s) = (0, \alpha, 0, G, s) + O(\mu) \in \tilde{\Lambda}_\infty$ such that

$$\tilde{\phi}_{t,\mu}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^*) - \tilde{\phi}_{t,\mu}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_\pm) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \pm\infty.$$

Moreover, we have

$$G_+ - G_- = \mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \alpha}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma^*(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)) + O(\mu^2).$$

Once we have found a critical point $\sigma^* = \sigma^*(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$ of

$$\sigma \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma; \epsilon_J) \in \mathbb{R}$$

on a domain of (α, G, s) , we can define the **reduced Poincaré function** [D-Llave-Seara06]

$$\mathcal{L}^*(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) := \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma^*; \epsilon_J) = \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s^*; \epsilon_J)$$

with $s^* = s - \sigma^*$. Note that the reduced Poincaré function does not depend on the s chosen, since by the previous Proposition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (\mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma^*(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J); \epsilon_J)) \equiv 0.$$

Note also that if the function $\sigma \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma; \epsilon_J) \in \mathbb{R}$ has **different non degenerate** critical points there will exist **different** scattering maps.

The next Proposition gives an approximation of the scattering map in the general case $\mu > 0$.

Proposition (Expression of the scattering map)

The associated scattering map $(\alpha_+, G_+, s_+) = \tilde{S}_\mu(\alpha, G, s)$ for any non degenerate critical point $\sigma^* = \sigma^*(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$ of the function $\sigma \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s - \sigma; \epsilon_J) \in \mathbb{R}$ is an exact symplectic map given by

$$(\alpha, G, s) \mapsto \left(\alpha - \mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial G}(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + O(\mu^2), G + \mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial \alpha}(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + O(\mu^2), s \right)$$

where \mathcal{L}^* is the Poincaré reduced function.

Remark: the scattering map \tilde{S}_μ follows closely the level curves of the Hamiltonians \mathcal{L}^* . More precisely, up to $O(\mu^2)$ terms, \tilde{S}_μ is given by the time $-\mu$ map of the Hamiltonian flow of Hamiltonian \mathcal{L}^* . The $O(\mu^2)$ remainder will be negligible as long as

$$|\mu| \ll \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial G} \right|, \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^*}{\partial \alpha} \right|.$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{x_h^2}{[4 + x_h^4 r^2 + 4x_h^2 r \cos(\alpha_h - f)]^{1/2}} + \left(\frac{x_h^2}{2}\right)^2 r \cos(\alpha_h - f) - \frac{x_h^2}{2} \right] dt$$

where x_h and α_h , solutions on the separatrix, are evaluated at t , whereas r and f , concerning the primaries, are evaluated at $s + t$.

Fourier expanding with respect to angular variables α, s , \mathcal{L} is an even function α, s : $\mathcal{L}(-\alpha, G, -s; \epsilon_J) = \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$, and therefore \mathcal{L} has a Fourier Cosine series with real coefficients $L_{q,k}$:

$$\mathcal{L} = L_{0,0} + 2 \sum_{k \geq 1} L_{0,k} \cos k\alpha + 2 \sum_{q \geq 1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} L_{q,k} \cos(qs + k\alpha).$$

Using the method of steepest descent along adequate complex paths, and playing both with the eccentric and the true anomaly, it is possible to compute these Fourier coefficients.

Theorem (Computation of the Melnikov potential)

For $G \geq 32$, $\epsilon_J G \leq 1/8$, the Melnikov potential is given by

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J) = \mathcal{L}_0(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + \mathcal{L}_1(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J) + \mathcal{L}_{\geq 2}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$$

with

$$\mathcal{L}_0(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) = L_{0,0} + L_{0,1} \cos \alpha + \mathcal{E}_0(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J) = & 2L_{1,-1} \cos(s - \alpha) + 2L_{1,-2} \cos(s - 2\alpha) \\ & + 2L_{1,-3} \cos(s - 3\alpha) + \mathcal{E}_1(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J), \end{aligned}$$

where $L_{i,j} = L_{i,j}(G; \epsilon_J)$ with $L_{0,0} = \frac{\pi}{2G^3}(1 + E_{0,0})$ and

$$L_{0,1} = -\frac{15\pi\epsilon_J}{8G^5}(1 + E_{0,1}), \quad 2L_{1,-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8G}}e^{-G^3/3}(1 + E_{1,-1})$$

$$2L_{1,-2} = -3\sqrt{2\pi}\epsilon_J G^{3/2}e^{-G^3/3}(1 + E_{1,-2})$$

$$2L_{1,-3} = \frac{19}{8}\sqrt{2\pi}\epsilon_J^2 G^{5/2}e^{-G^3/3}(1 + E_{1,-3}).$$

Theorem (Continuation of the computation of the Melnikov potential)

The error functions satisfy

$$|E_{0,0}| \leq 2^{12} G^{-4} + 2^2 49 \epsilon_J^2$$

$$|E_{0,1}| \leq 2^{13} G^{-4} + \epsilon_J^2$$

$$|E_{1,-1}| \leq 2^{21} G^{-1} + 2 49 \epsilon_J^2$$

$$|E_{1,-2}| \leq 2^{17} G^{-1} + \frac{49}{3} \epsilon_J$$

$$|E_{1,-3}| \leq 2^{17} G^{-1} + 15 \epsilon_J$$

$$|\mathcal{E}_0| \leq 2^{14} \epsilon_J^2 G^{-7}$$

$$|\mathcal{E}_1| \leq 2^{18} \epsilon_J e^{-G^3/3} \left[\epsilon_J^2 G^{7/2} + G^{-3/2} \right]$$

$$|\mathcal{L}_{\geq 2}| \leq 2^{28} G^{3/2} e^{-2G^3/3}$$

$s \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$ is indeed a **cosine-like** function, that is, with a non-degenerate maximum (minimum) and no other critical points, so we can find easily its critical points.

Proposition

*There exists $C > 32$ and $c < 1/8$ such that, for $G \geq C$ and $\epsilon_J G < c$, $s \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s; \epsilon_J)$ is a **cosine-like** function, and its two critical points are given by*

$$s_+^* = s_+^*(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) = \alpha + \theta + \varphi^*, \quad s_-^* = s_-^* + \pi = \alpha + \theta + \pi + \varphi^*$$

where $\theta = \theta(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J)$ and $\varphi^ = O\left(G^{3/2}e^{-G^{3/3}}\right)$.*

By the previous Theorem, for $G > C$ big enough and $G\epsilon_J < c$ small enough, the two critical points of \mathcal{L} in the variable s are well approximated by the two critical points of the function $\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_1$ (in fact of \mathcal{L}_1 because \mathcal{L}_0 does not depend on s).

We can define two different reduced Poincaré functions

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\pm}^*(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) &= \mathcal{L}(\alpha, G, s_{\pm}^*; \epsilon_J) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_0(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) \pm \mathcal{L}_1^*(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + \mathcal{E}_{\pm}(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J).\end{aligned}$$

and two different scattering maps $\tilde{S}_{\pm}(\alpha, G, s) = (S_{\pm}(\alpha, G, s), s)$, where

$$S_{\pm}(\alpha, G, s) = \left(\alpha - \mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^*}{\partial G}(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + O(\mu^2), G + \mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^*}{\partial \alpha}(\alpha, G; \epsilon_J) + O(\mu^2) \right).$$

which follow closely the level curves of the Hamiltonians \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^* . More precisely, up to $O(\mu^2)$ terms, S_{\pm} is given by the time $-\mu$ map of the Hamiltonian flow of Hamiltonian \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^* . The $O(\mu^2)$ remainder will be negligible as long as

$$|\mu| \ll \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^*}{\partial G} \right|, \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\pm}^*}{\partial \alpha} \right|,$$

which is true as long as $0 < \mu \ll \mu^* = e^{-(c/\epsilon_J)^3/3}$.

One has to check that the foliations of $\mathcal{L}_{\pm}^* = \text{constant}$ are different, since this will imply that the scattering maps S_{\pm} are different. From

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{L}_+^*, \mathcal{L}_-^*\} &= \{\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_1^* + \cdots, \mathcal{L}_0 - \mathcal{L}_1^* + \cdots\} \\ &= -2\{\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1^*\} + \mathcal{E}_3\end{aligned}$$

one computes

$$\{\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1^*\} = -\frac{15\pi\epsilon_J\mathcal{L}_1^*d\sin\alpha}{8G^3B^2}.$$

The level curves of \mathcal{L}_+^* and \mathcal{L}_-^* are transversal in the region $G \geq C > 32$ and $\epsilon_J G \leq c < 1/8$, except for the three curves $\alpha = 0$, $\alpha = \pi$ and $d = 0$, which are transversal to any of these level curves of \mathcal{L}_+^* and \mathcal{L}_-^* , see next slide.

Indeed, this is clear for the lines $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha = \pi$, and the same happens for the curve $d = 0$ using its complete expression.

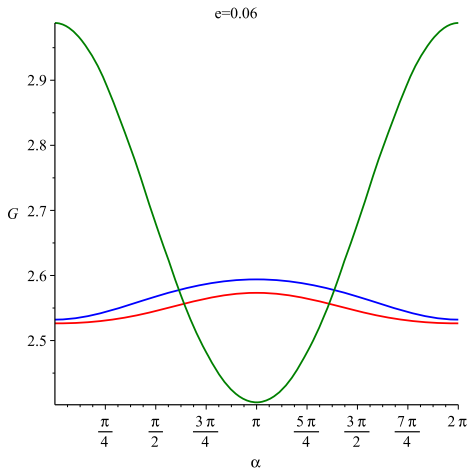


Figure: Illustration of the level Sets of \mathcal{L}_+^* (\mathcal{L}_-^*) in Blue (Red) and $d = 0$ in Green

- Apart from these three curves $\alpha = 0, \pi$ and $d = 0$, at any point in the plane (α, G) the slopes $dG/d\alpha$ of the level curves of \mathcal{L}_+^* and \mathcal{L}_-^* are different.
- We can choose which level curve increases more the value of G (see next slide).
- In the same way, we can find trajectories along which the angular momentum performs arbitrary excursions.
- Strictly speaking, this mechanism only produces **pseudo-orbits**, that is, heteroclinic connections between different periodic orbits in the infinity manifold which are commonly known as **transition chains** after Arnold.
- The existence of true orbits relies on shadowing methods
[Moeckel02-07, Gidea-Llave06, Gidea-Llave-Seara14, Guardia-Martín-Seara-Sabbagh17] .

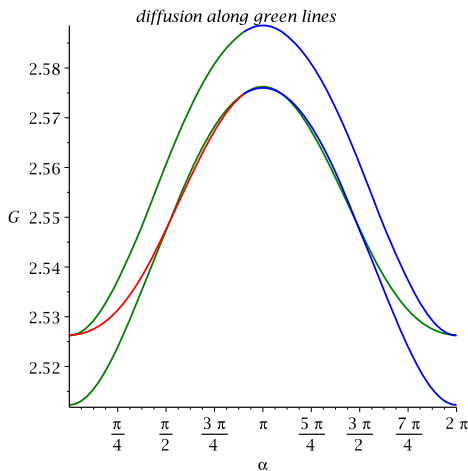


Figure: Zone of diffusion: Level curves of \mathcal{L}_+^* (\mathcal{L}_-^*) in blue (red) and diffusion trajectories in green.

Theorem (Main Result again)

Let $G_1^* < G_2^*$ large enough and $\epsilon_J > 0$, $\mu > 0$ small enough. More precisely $C \leq G_1^* < G_2^* \leq c/\epsilon_J$ and $0 < \mu < \mu^* = \frac{c}{C} e^{-(8\epsilon_J)^{-3}/3}$, for $C < 32$ large enough and $c < 1/8$ small enough. Then, for any finite sequence of values $G_i \in (G_1^*, G_2^*)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, there exists a trajectory of the RPETB such that $G(T_i) = G_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ for some $0 < T_i < T_{i+1}$. In particular, for any two values $G_1 < G_2 \in (G_1^*, G_2^*)$, there exists a trajectory such that $G(0) < G_1$, and $G(T) > G_2$ for some time $T > 0$.

Arnold's mechanism of diffusion in the spatial RTBP

- **Model:**

- The spatial circular restricted three-body problem: an infinitesimal mass moves in space under the gravitational influence of two massive bodies (primaries) describing circular orbits, without exerting any influence on them
- Focus on the dynamics near L_1 , the libration point between the primaries – center \times center \times saddle

- **Results:**

- There exist trajectories that change the out-of-plane amplitude (w.r. to the ecliptic) of an orbit near L_1 by a 'significant amount', via the Arnold mechanism of instability
 - abstract theorem – if certain conditions hold true then the existence of drift trajectories follows
 - verification of conditions – some analytical, some numerical
- Related works [[Samà04](#), [Terra](#), [Simó](#), [de Sousa Silva14](#)]

Introduction

- Method:

- There exists a **normally hyperbolic invariant three-sphere**
- We construct orbits that alternatively follow segments of homoclinic trajectories (**outer dynamics**) with segments of trajectories restricted to the three-sphere (**inner dynamics**), thus mimicking Arnold's instability mechanism of transition tori¹
- However, we use only coarse information on the inner dynamics (**Poincaré recurrence theorem**), no detailed information on the invariant objects (KAM tori, Aubry-Mather sets, etc.)
- We use a geometric method that allows for explicit construction of drifting trajectories under milder conditions on the dynamics (compared to variational methods)
- This is a **general strategy**

¹Our model is not a small perturbation of an integrable system

Reference Problem: 3D Circular RTBP

The Restricted Three Body Problem (RTBP) defined as

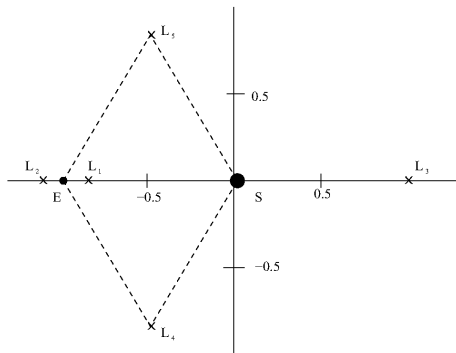
$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{X} - 2\dot{Y} &= \Omega_X, \\ \ddot{Y} + 2\dot{X} &= \Omega_Y, \\ \ddot{Z} &= \Omega_Z,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2}(X^2 + Y^2) + \frac{1-\mu}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_2} + \frac{1}{2}\mu(1-\mu),$$

$$\begin{aligned}r_1^2 &= (X - \mu)^2 + Y^2 + Z^2, \\ r_2^2 &= (X - \mu + 1)^2 + Y^2 + Z^2.\end{aligned}$$

Libration Points



X-coordinate of L_1 is

$$X_1 = -1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)^{1/3} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\mu}{3}\right)^{2/3} + O\mu.$$

In the Sun-Earth system,

Birkhoff Normal Form

On the center manifold, we obtain a two degrees of freedom Hamiltonian

$$H_c = H_N \left(0, \frac{x_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}, \frac{x_3^2 + y_3^2}{2} \right).$$

Define the **action-angle** coordinates

$$I_p := \frac{x_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}, \quad \phi_p$$

$$I_v := \frac{x_3^2 + y_3^2}{2}, \quad \phi_v.$$

- The equations of motion are integrable

$$\dot{I}_p = 0, \quad \dot{\phi}_p = \frac{\partial H}{\partial I_p} = \omega_p(I_p, I_v) \quad (18)$$

$$\dot{I}_v = 0, \quad \dot{\phi}_v = \frac{\partial H}{\partial I_v} = \omega_v(I_p, I_v), \quad (19)$$

and each solution lies on a 2-dimensional torus.

- Each torus can be identified with the actions I_p, I_v .

Family of Invariant Tori

- Let us fix the energy level to $H(0, I_p, I_v) = h$, with $H(L_1) \leq h \leq H(halo)$.
- Then we obtain a one-parameter family of invariant tori, parametrized by the vertical action I_v .

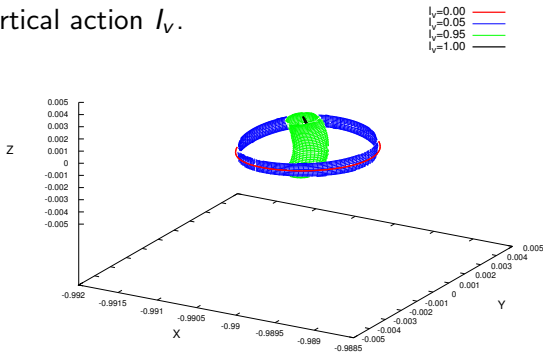


Figure: Low energy level $C = 3.00088$

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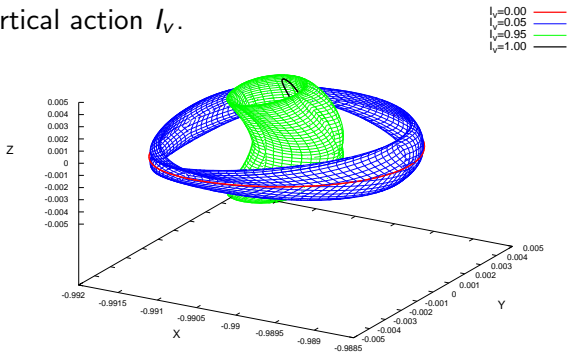
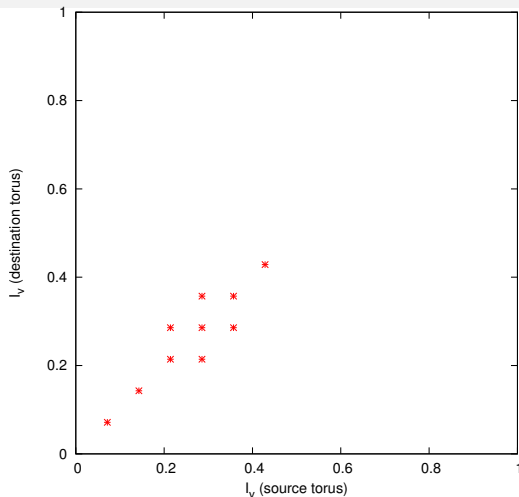
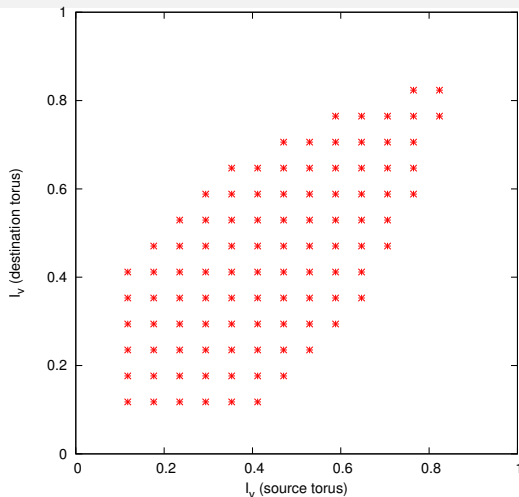


Figure: High energy level $C = 3.00083$

Transition Matrix

Figure: Low energy level $C = 3.00087$

Transition Matrix

Figure: High energy level $C = 3.00083$

Main theoretical result (D-Gidea-Roldán 17)

Main Theorem. Given $\delta > 0$.

Assume $\exists \{\mathcal{L}_{l_j}^\Sigma\}_{j=0,N}$ level sets of l_v , with $0 < l_j < l_{\max}$, and δ_j with $0 < \delta_j < \delta/2$, s.t., for each $j = 0, \dots, N-1$:

(i) \exists scattering map $\sigma_{i(j)}^\Sigma$ and pt. $(l_j, \phi_j) \in \mathcal{L}_{l_j}^\Sigma$ s.t.

$$B_{\delta_j}(l_j, \phi_j) \subset \text{dom} \sigma_{i(j)}^\Sigma,$$

(ii) $\exists k_j > 0$ s.t. $\text{int}[F^{k_j} \circ \sigma_{i(j)}^\Sigma(B_{\delta_j}(l_j, \phi_j))] \supseteq B_{\delta_{j+1}}(l_{j+1}, \phi_{j+1})$

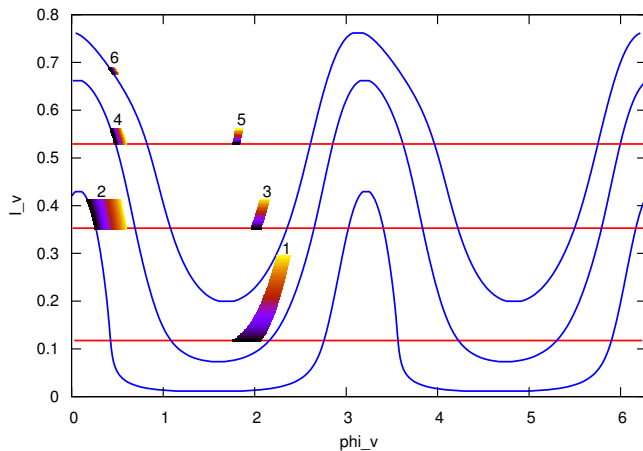
Then \exists an orbit z_j of F in Σ , $j = 0, \dots, N$, and a sequence of positive integers $n_j > 0$, $j = 0, \dots, N-1$, such that $z_{j+1} = F^{n_j}(z_j)$ and

$$d(z_j, \mathcal{L}_{l_j}^\Sigma) < \delta/2, \text{ for all } j = 0, \dots, N. \quad (20)$$

Consequently, there exist a trajectory $\Phi^t(z)$ of the Hamiltonian flow, and a finite sequence of times $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_N$, such that

$$d(\Phi^{t_j}(z), \mathcal{L}_{l_j}) < \delta. \quad (21)$$

Main theoretical result



- Try to find drift orbits by constructing pseudo-orbits consisting of successive applications of several scattering maps
- Obtain theoretical results, using Hill locally and Kepler globally
- Add time dependent perturbation—elliptic orbit of Jupiter—and derive the existence of drift orbits



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