# Arnold's mechanism of diffusion in the spatial circular Restricted Three Body Problem

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**Problem Setting** 

Main Result

Sketch of Proof

**Diffusive Orbits in Practice** 



#### Spatial Circular RTBP

- Two primaries of masses μ, 1 μ rotate on circles about their common center of mass.
- Sun-Earth system  $\mu \approx 3.04 \times 10^{-6}$ .
- Infinitesimal particle moves in space under the gravitational influence of primaries.

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#### **Equations of Motion**

Rotating system of coordinates (x, y, z)

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{2}\dot{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial\mathbf{x}}, \\ \ddot{\mathbf{y}} &= -\mathbf{2}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial\mathbf{y}}, \\ \ddot{\mathbf{z}} &= \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial\mathbf{z}}. \end{aligned}$$

- Effective potential:  $\omega(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{1 \mu}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_2}$ .
- Energy function  $H(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}) = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \omega(x, y, z)$

► Jacobi integral:  $C(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}) = -2H(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z})$ 

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#### **Equilibrium Points**



Figure: The five equilibrium points of the RTBP.

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#### **Invariant Manifolds**

- $L \in \{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$  is center  $\times$  center  $\times$  saddle.
- Center manifold about L.
- Energy manifold  $M_c = \{(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}): C = c\}.$
- Stable/unstable invariant manifolds  $W^{s}(\tilde{\Lambda}), W^{u}(\tilde{\Lambda})$  (4D).

• Typically,  $W^{s}(\tilde{\Lambda}) \pitchfork W^{u}(\tilde{\Lambda})$  along a homoclinic manifold.

# Description of the Problem

- For  $C \simeq C_L$ ,  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is filled with many invariant 2D tori  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- ► Normal form on  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ : action-angle coordinates  $(I, J, \phi, \psi)$ ,
  - I =out-of-plane amplitude,
  - J = in-plane amplitude (implicit from energy condition).
- Arnold's transition chain of invariant tori?

$$\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \ldots, \mathcal{T}_n$$
:  $W^u(\mathcal{T}_i) \pitchfork W^s(\mathcal{T}_{i+1}) \quad \forall i.$ 

- Shadowing trajectory?
- Symbolic dynamics?



Theorem (semi-numerical)

- Given 0 < I < I' < I<sub>max</sub> and ε > 0, there exists a trajectory along which the action changes from ε-close to I to ε-close to I'.
- There exist 'chaotic' trajectories, which visit some given level sets of I in any prescribed order.

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# Idea of Proof

- $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is a 3D NHIM for the flow  $\Phi_t$  with
  - inner dynamics  $\Phi_t|_{\tilde{\Lambda}} \colon \tilde{\Lambda} \to \tilde{\Lambda}$ ,
  - outer dynamics  $\tilde{S} : \tilde{\Lambda} \to \tilde{\Lambda}$ .
- Fix a suitable Poincaré surface Σ with first return map F.
- Let  $\Lambda = \tilde{\Lambda} \cap \Sigma$ , a 2D NHIM for the map *F* with
  - inner dynamics  $T = F|_{\Lambda} : \Lambda \to \Lambda$ ,
  - outer dynamics  $S: \Lambda \to \Lambda$ .

#### Lemma

If  $\exists$  windows  $R_i \in \Lambda$  well aligned under successive iterates of T and S, then  $\exists$  a true orbit passing close to the windows.

► Find well aligned windows with increasing action  $I \implies$ ∃ true orbit of *F* (hence of  $\Phi_t$ ) with increasing action *I*.

#### Local Approximation of Dynamics

High-order truncated normal form around L:

$$H = H_N(x_1y_1, I = \frac{x_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}, J = \frac{x_3^2 + y_3^2}{2}) + R_{N+1}.$$

- Implementation based on Lie series method [Jorba 1997], can be parallelized.
- Alternatively, use a partial normal form.

• 
$$x_1 = y_1 = 0$$
: Center manifold.

Equations of motion on center manifold

$$\dot{I} = 0, \qquad \dot{\phi} = \omega(I, J)$$
  
 $\dot{J} = 0, \qquad \dot{\psi} = \nu(I, J).$ 

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#### Normally Hyperbolic Invariant Manifold

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$$x_1 = y_1 = 0$$
, energy condition  $C = 3.00087$   
 $I(t) = I_0$ ,  $\phi(t) = \omega t + \phi_0$ ,  
 $\psi(t) = \nu t + \psi_0$ .

•  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is a family of invariant 2D tori:  $\bigcup_{I \in (0, 0.072)} \mathcal{T}(I)$ .



#### Stable and Unstable Manifolds

- $x_1 = 0$ : Local stable invariant manifold  $W^s_{loc}(\tilde{\Lambda})$ .
- $y_1 = 0$ : Local unstable invariant manifold  $W^u_{loc}(\tilde{\Lambda})$ .
- x<sub>1</sub> = 0, x<sub>+</sub> = (I, φ, ψ) ∈ Λ̃: Local stable preserved foliation W<sup>s</sup><sub>loc</sub>(x<sub>+</sub>).
- x<sub>2</sub> = 0, x<sub>−</sub> = (I, φ, ψ) ∈ Λ̃: Local unstable preserved foliation W<sup>u</sup><sub>loc</sub>(x<sub>−</sub>).
- Use normal form inside 10<sup>-5</sup>-neighborhood of Λ.
- Use numerical integration outside 10<sup>-5</sup>-neighborhood (local error 10<sup>-14</sup>).

# Homoclinic Manifold

- ► We follow [Masdemont 2005].
- Integrate st/unst manifolds of tori W<sup>s</sup>(T<sub>+</sub>), W<sup>u</sup>(T<sub>−</sub>) up to surface of section {y = 0}.



► Find 'common' points within margin of error (10<sup>-9</sup>) → 'First cut' homoclinics.

#### Homoclinic Manifold

• Repeat varying  $T_-, T_+$  (parallel computation).



#### **Scattering Map**

▶ Introduced by [A. García], [Delshams, de la Llave & Seara].

► 
$$S: \Lambda \to \Lambda$$
,  $S(x_-) = x_+$ .



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# Computation of Scattering Map

- Follow [Delshams, Masdemont & Roldán 2007].
- For any point in the intersection, record initial conditions x<sub>s</sub>, x<sub>u</sub> ∈ Λ and integration times t<sub>s</sub>, t<sub>u</sub>.
- Integrate x<sub>u</sub> forward in Λ̃ for the time t<sub>u</sub> → x<sub>−</sub>. Integrate x<sub>s</sub> backwards in Λ̃ for the time t<sub>s</sub> → x<sub>+</sub>.
- Scattering map:

$$x_{-} \xrightarrow{\tilde{S}} x_{+}.$$



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#### **Reduced Model**

 $\blacktriangleright \Lambda = \tilde{\Lambda} \cap \Sigma.$ 

 $\blacktriangleright$  The dynamics associated to  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  for the flow

$$\begin{split} \Phi_t|_{\tilde{\Lambda}} \colon \tilde{\Lambda} &\to \tilde{\Lambda}, \\ \tilde{S} \colon \tilde{\Lambda} &\to \tilde{\Lambda} \end{split}$$

induce dynamics associated to  $\Lambda$  for the map:

$$T = F|_{\Lambda} \colon \Lambda \to \Lambda$$
 twist map (2D),  
 $S \colon \Lambda \to \Lambda$  scattering map (2D).

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# Method of correctly aligned windows

- ► [Gidea & Robinson, 2003], [Gidea & Zgliczynski, 2004]
- A window a homeomorphic copy of a multi-dimensional rectangle
- One window correctly aligns with another Brouwer degree of the projection in the exit direction is non-zero
- Products of correctly aligned windows are correctly aligned

#### Theorem (detection of orbits)

Given a bi-infinite sequence of windows – if each window is correctly aligned with the next window  $\Rightarrow \exists$  orbit that visits all windows

Given finitely many windows with correct alignments between any two of them  $\Rightarrow \exists$  symbolic dynamics.



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#### **Topological Shadowing Lemma**

#### Lemma

Let  $\{R_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a bi-infinite sequence of 2D windows in  $\Lambda$ . Assume the following:

- (i)  $R_{2i} \subseteq dom(S)$  and  $R_{2i+1} \subseteq codom(S)$ .
- (ii) R<sub>2i</sub> is correctly aligned with R<sub>2i+1</sub> under the outer (scattering) map S.
- (iii)  $R_{2i+1}$  is correctly aligned with  $R_{2i+2}$  under some iterate  $T^{K_i}$  of the inner map *T*, with  $K_i$  sufficiently large.

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Then, for every bi-infinite sequence of positive reals  $\{\epsilon_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , there exists a 'true' orbit  $F^n(z)$  that gets  $(\epsilon_i)$ -close to some appropriate iterates of  $R_i$ .

Align Windows by Scattering Map

►  $T_i = \{I = I_i\}, T_{i+1} = \{I = I_{i+1}\},$  homoclinic orbit  $\Longrightarrow$ 

$$x_{-} \in T_{i} \xrightarrow{S} x_{+} \in T_{i+1}$$

Continuation: vary I<sub>i</sub> and I<sub>i+1</sub>

$$R_{2i} \subset \operatorname{dom}(S) \stackrel{S}{\rightarrow} R_{2i+1} \subset \operatorname{codom}(S).$$

Homoclinic excursions

$$D_{2i} = F^{-M_{i-1}}(R_{2i}) \stackrel{F^{N_i} \circ S \circ F^{M_{i-1}}}{\longrightarrow} D_{2i+1} = F^{N_i}(R_{2i+1}).$$



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#### Two Jumps of Scattering Map

• Previous construction for  $T_i$  and  $T_{i+1}$ :

$$R_{2i} \xrightarrow{S} R_{2i+1}.$$



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#### Two Jumps of Scattering Map

• Repeat the construction for  $T_{i+1}$  and  $T_{i+2}$ :

$$R_{2i+2} \xrightarrow{S} R_{2i+3}.$$



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• Use high enough iterate  $T^{K_i}$  to align windows

$$R_{2i+1} \xrightarrow{T^{K_i}} R_{2i+2}.$$

• The twist is very weak, so  $K_i$  is very large.



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#### **Choose Windows**

- Choose the windows to maximize the jump by the scattering map.
- ► This maximizes the initial tilt of the image window  $\implies$  fewer iterates of the twist map ( $K_i \approx 10$ ).



#### Existence of Diffusion Orbits

Obtain a sequence of correctly aligned windows

$$\longrightarrow R_{2i} \xrightarrow{S} R_{2i+1} \xrightarrow{T^{K_i}} R_{2i+2} \longrightarrow$$

By our topological shadowing lemma, there exists a true orbit that goes e<sub>i</sub>-close to appropriate iterates of R<sub>i</sub> for all i.

End of proof.

# How to Obtain Diffusive Orbits in Practice

- Recover homoclinic trajectories corresponding to scattering map (they go 10<sup>-5</sup>-close to the windows).
- ► To get correct alignment of windows by the twist, homoclinics are pushed 10<sup>-50</sup>-close to Λ due to hyperbolicity.
- We obtain a numerical orbit that goes  $\epsilon$ -close to  $T(I_1), T(I_2)$ .
- True orbit from the numerical/applications point of view.

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#### Conclusions

- Semi-numerical proof of existence of diffusive orbits near equilibrium points L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub> in the spatial circular RTBP.
- Geometrical mechanism similar to [Arnold 1964].
- May be turned into a Computer Assisted Proof (in project).
- Numerical diffusive orbits for practical applications.
- Project: Show diffusion in larger domain that includes "large gaps" (see [Delshams, de la Llave & Seara 2003]).

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