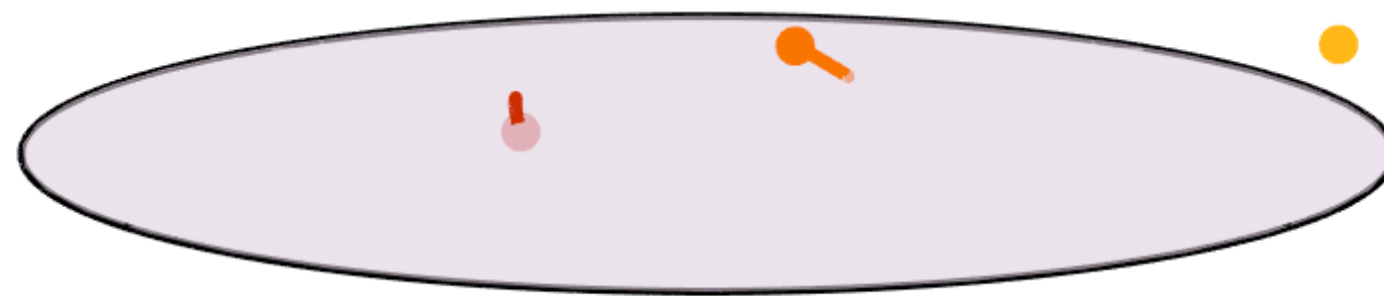


# The quasi-linear evolution of gravitating systems:

Applications to ridge formation, disc thickening  
Streams & stellar clusters around black holes.

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*inspired by M. Weinberg's & J. Heyvaerts work*

# Bring Home Messages

**What:** Quasi linear theory = stellar version of dissipation-fluctuation theorem  
= How do *orbital structure* of galaxies *diffuse* away from mean field locked trajectory.

**How:** time decoupling + matrix method (long range : non local + resonances)

**Why:**

- \*Non-linear: qualify perturbation properties as well as equilibrium:  
(address nature - nurture conundrum or probe DH).
- \*Break the pb by scale (cf zoom simulation) **or** by component (BL - FP);
- \*Statistical  $\equiv$  ensemble average of sims (cf cosmology, because NL)
- \*Captures climate not weather;
- \*Theory (can be parametrised, expressed in WKB limit, switch off gravity etc..).
- \* BL version provide correct description of Chandrasekhar friction

**Cons:**

- \*Time decoupling, doesn't capture today's weather;
- \*Assumes integrability (but...)
- \*Technically not trivial to implement in its full glory (but ...)

**For gaia** : account for NLs+ resonances for streams + thick disc+ bars+cusp-core



# Why Secular Dynamics?

What happens to **stable** self-gravitating galactic discs on **a Hubble time**?

How does a galaxy respond

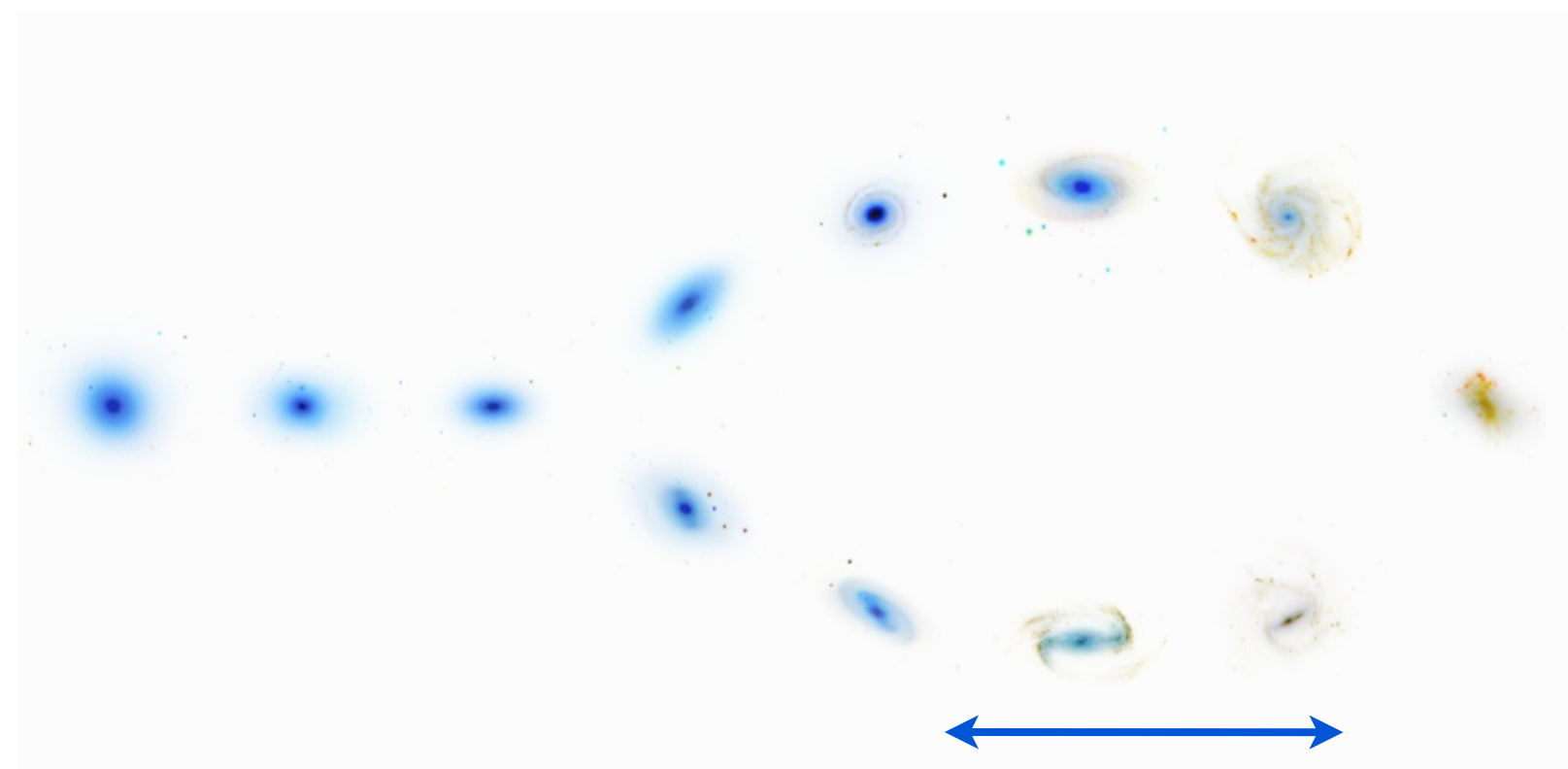
- *to its environment?* Nurture

Dressed Fokker Planck diffusion

- *to its internal graininess?* Nature

Balescu-Lenard diffusion

- *Which process matters most on cosmic timescales?*



Move along  
Hubble Fork

Of interest for galactic chemodynamics (GAIA), Galactic Centre, planetesimals, DM haloes...

*Provide* quasi-linear theories accounting for non-linear gravity for  $t \gg t_{\text{dyn}}$

- **Resonant effects  $\Rightarrow$  Secular evolution**

What happens to **orbital structures** on **cosmic age**?

# Fluctuations and dissipation

- Einstein (1905) and Perrin (1908): we know how ink diffuses in water.



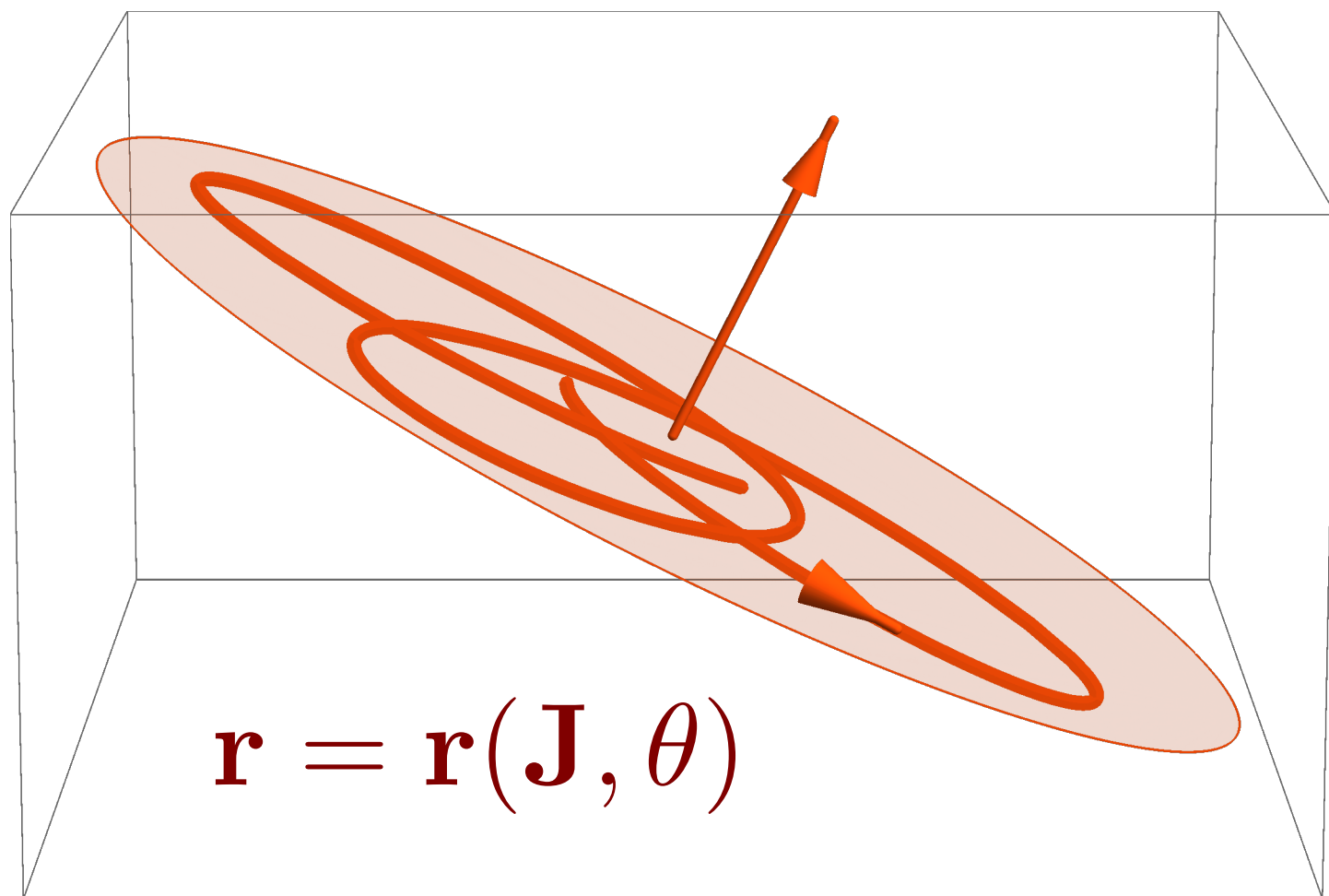
- **Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem**



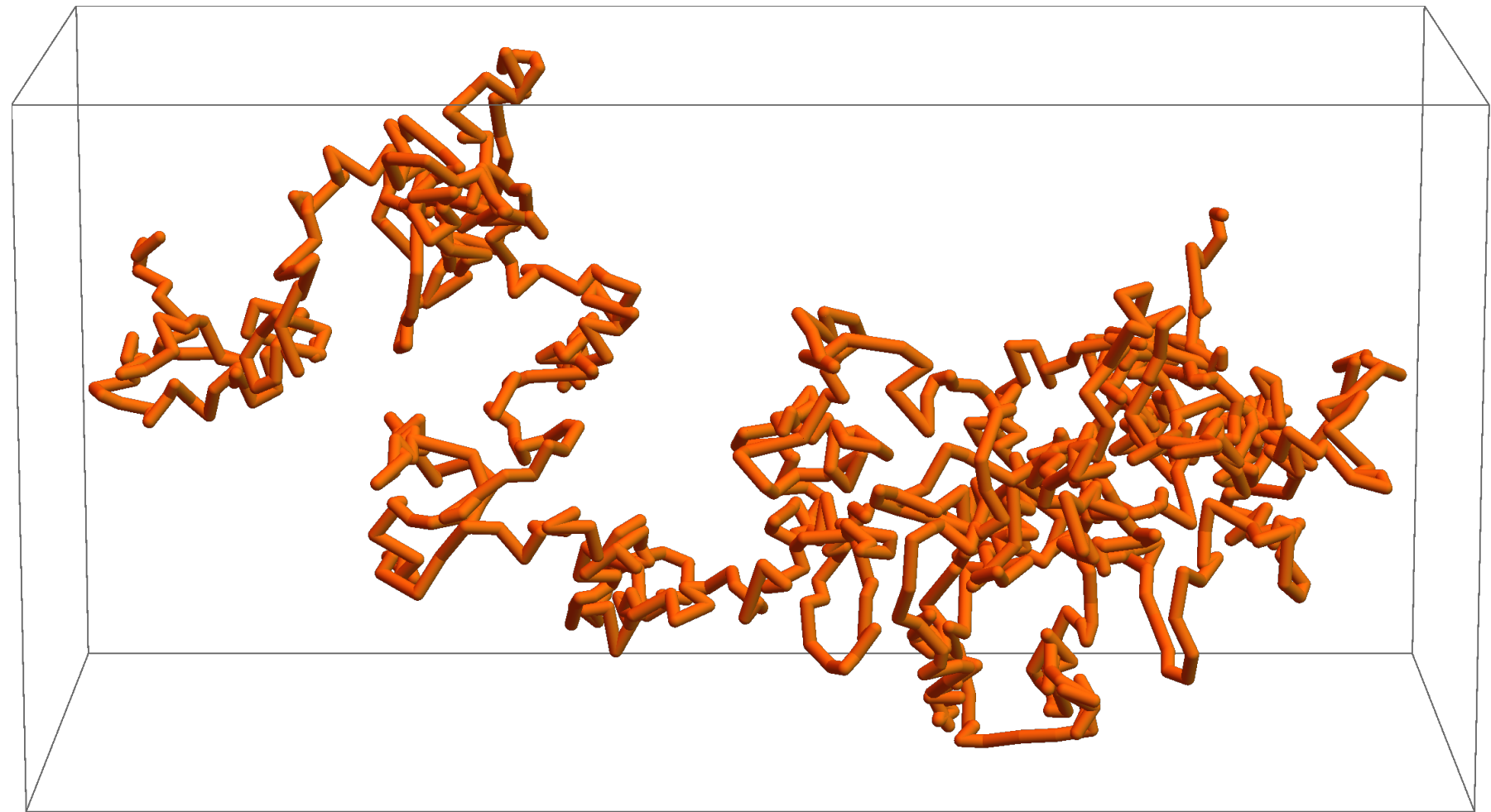
- Stars in cold galaxies undergo the same process  
 $\implies$  But, gravity is a **long-range interaction**.
  - ▶ To diffuse, stars need to **resonate**, otherwise follow the **mean field**.
  - ▶ Fluctuations are boosted by **collective effects**.

**How do stars' orbits distort on cosmic times?**

Along the unperturbed orbit



Potential fluctuate (through resonances)



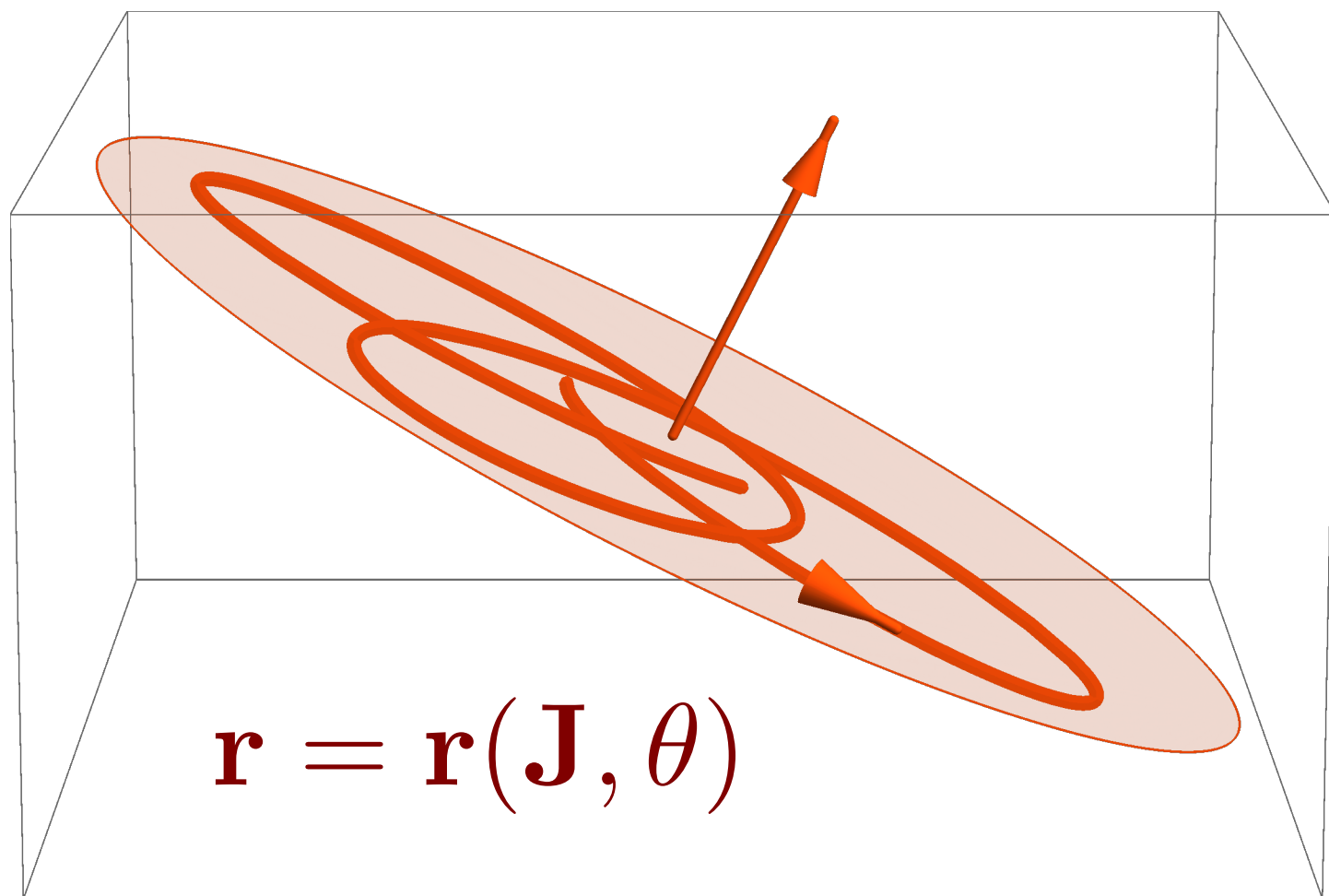
$$\delta\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) \rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \delta\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega) \exp(i\mathbf{m} \cdot \theta - \omega t)$$

Fluctuating potential

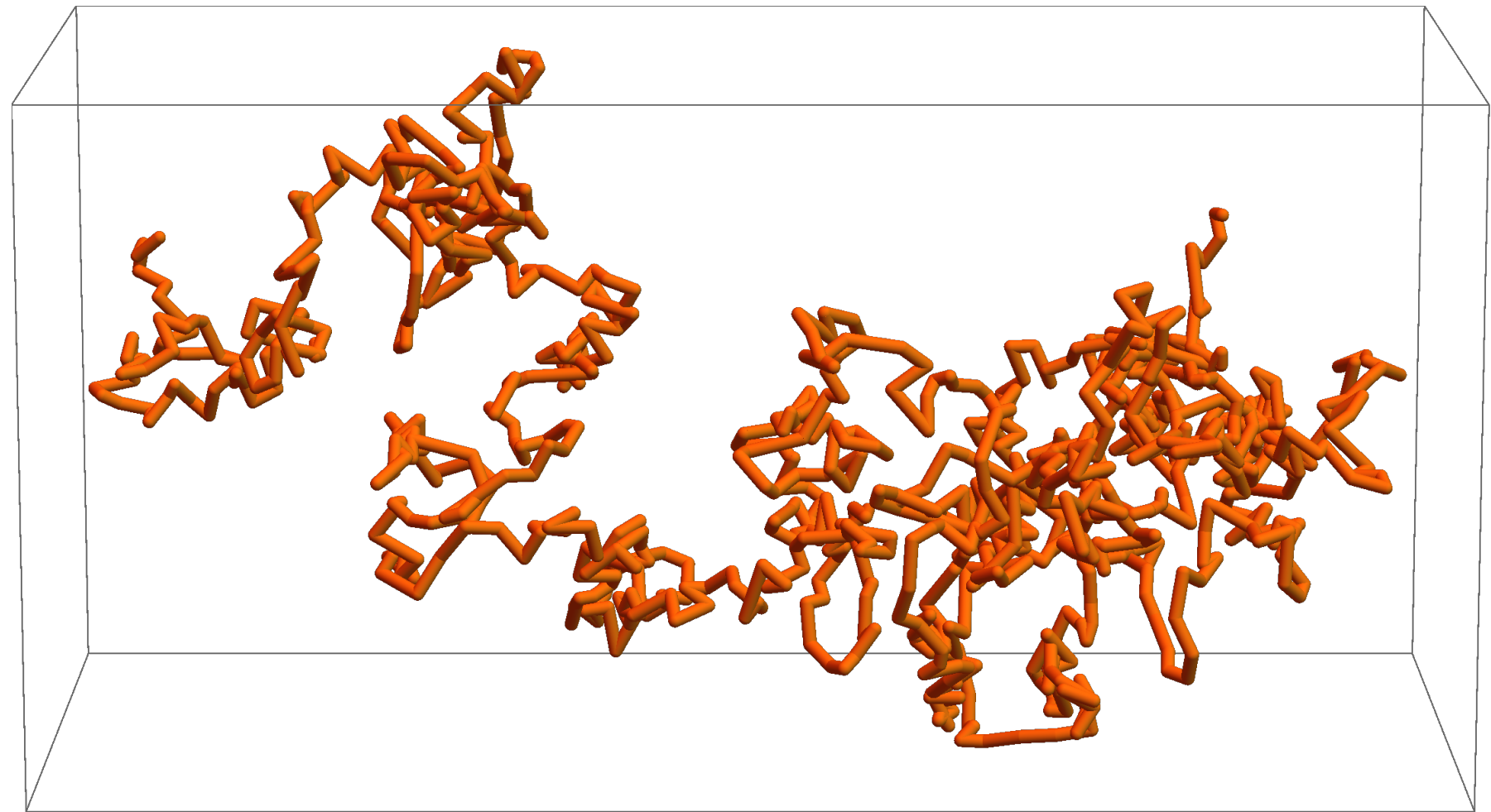
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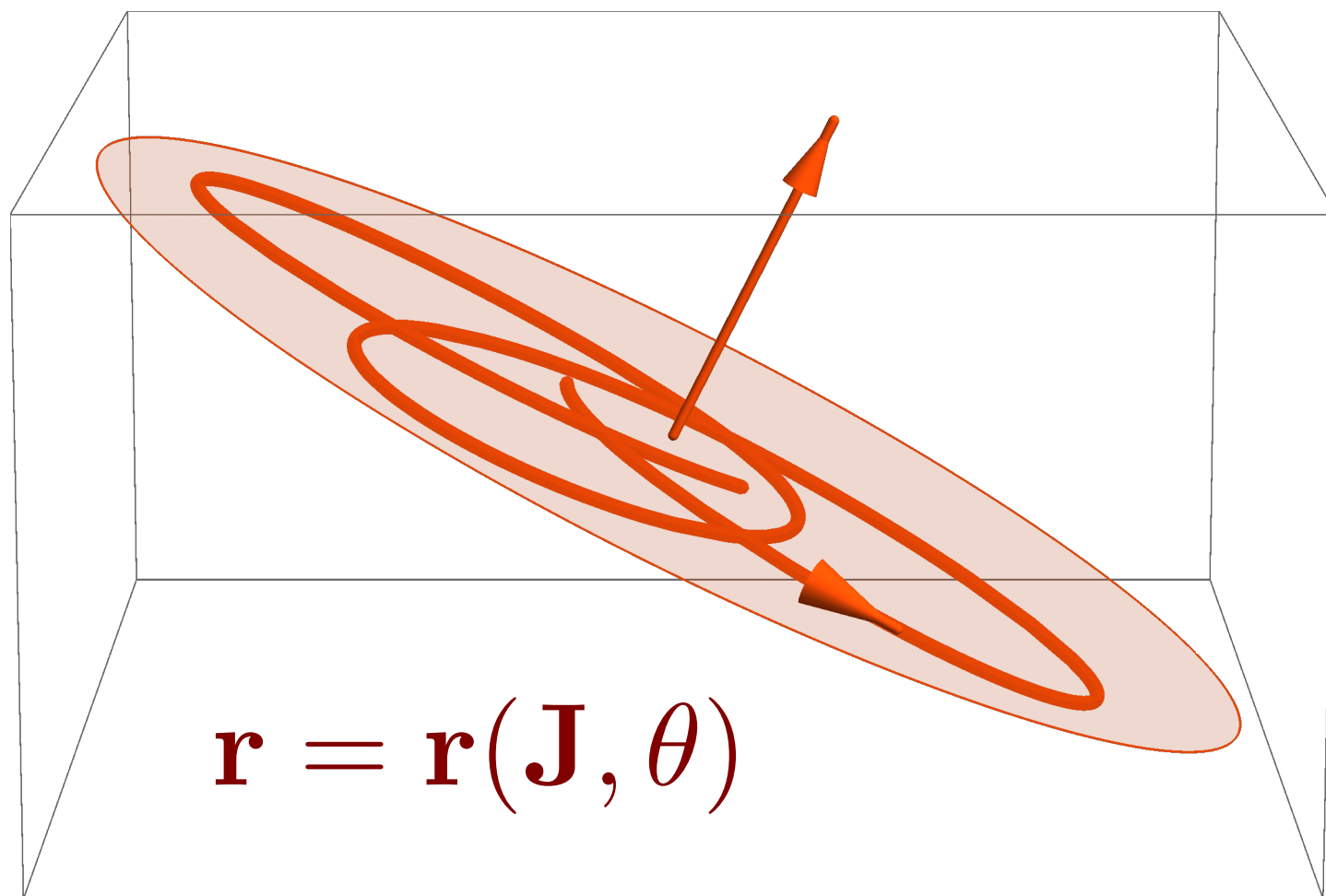
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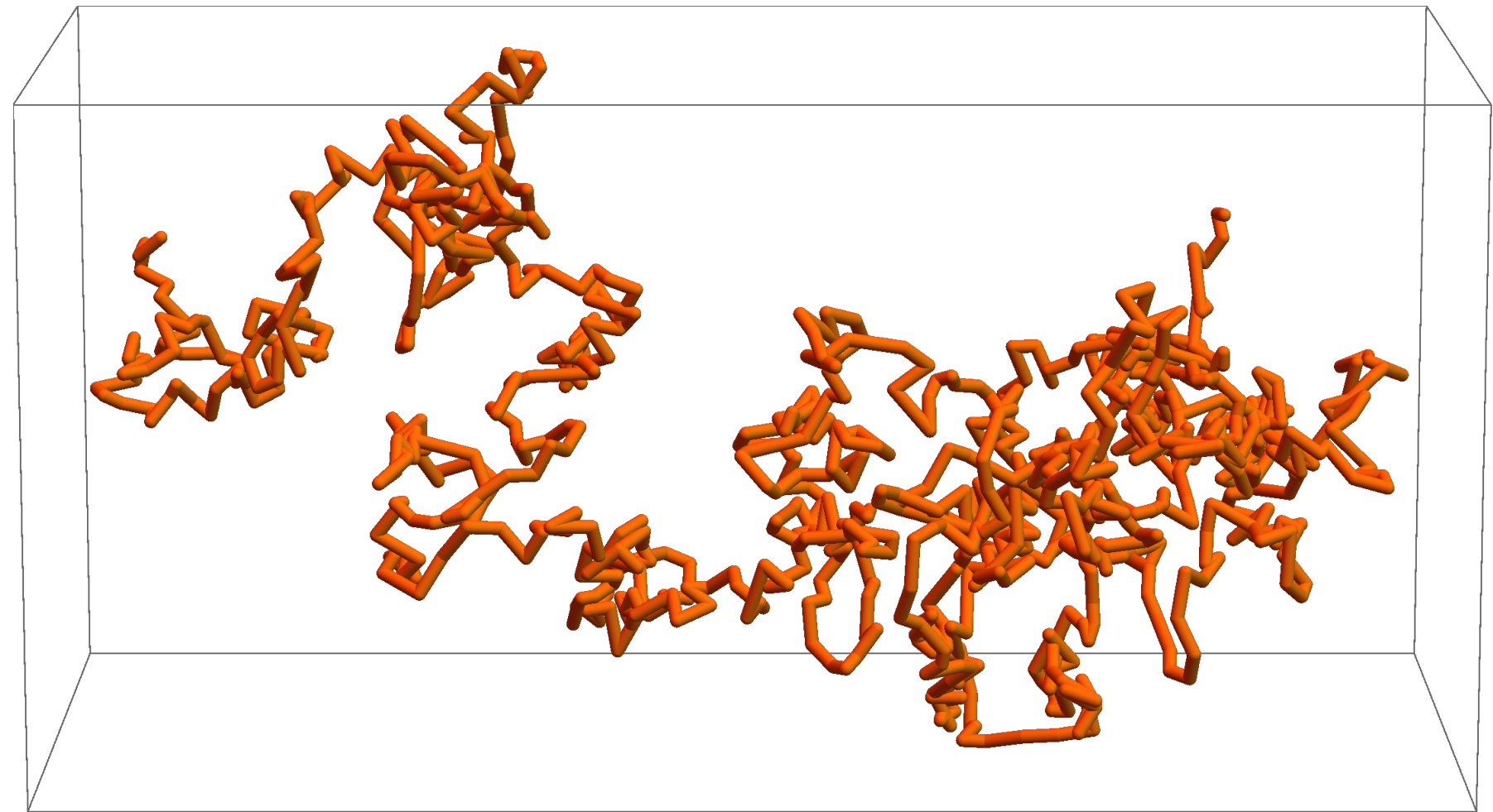
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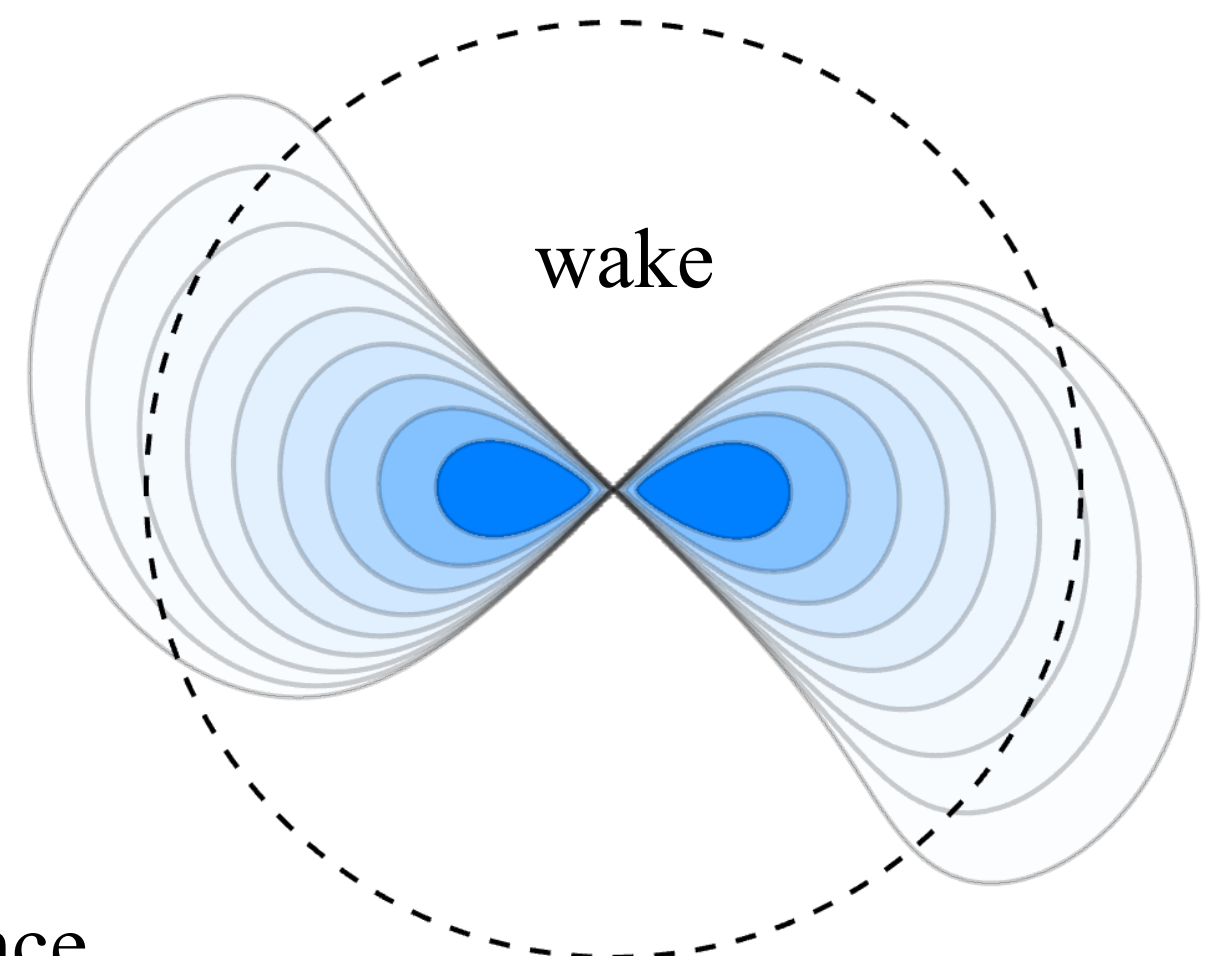
Harmonic component

$$\rightarrow \langle |\delta\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega)|^2 \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle |\delta\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{m}}^{\text{dressed}}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{m} \cdot \Omega)|^2 \rangle$$

dressed by wake

@ resonance



# Heuristic derivation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [H, F] = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad H = \frac{v}{2} + \psi$$

$$F = f(\mathbf{I}, t) + \delta f(\mathbf{I}, \theta, t) \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial t} \gg \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

Easy to derive

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = - \langle [\delta f, \delta \Phi] \rangle$$

where  $[,]$  a Poisson bracket and  $\langle . \rangle$  is ensemble average  
 $f$  evolves because fluctuations in  $f$  and  $\Phi$  correlated

- ▶  $\delta f$  depends on  $\delta \phi$  through eqns of motion
- ▶  $\delta \Phi$  depends on  $\delta f$  through Poisson eqn

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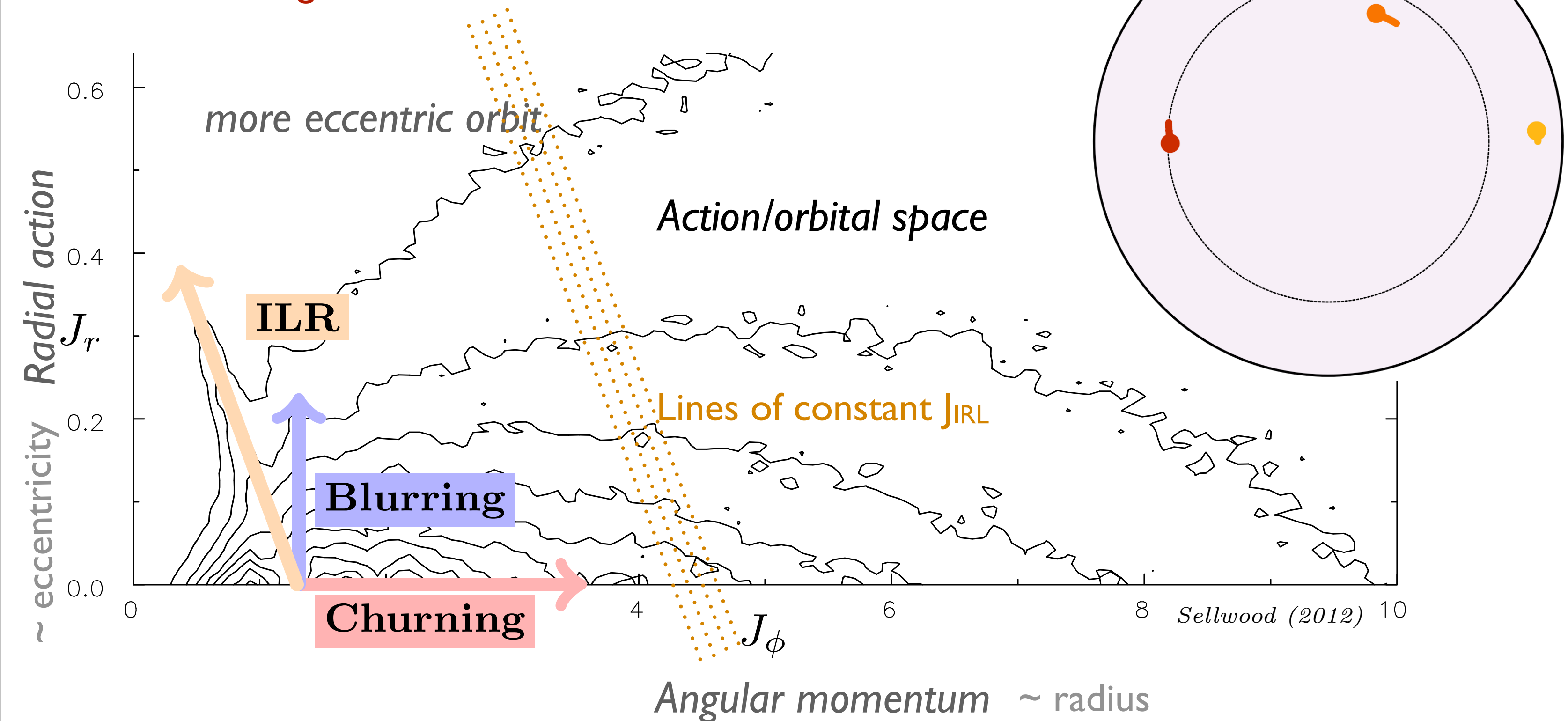
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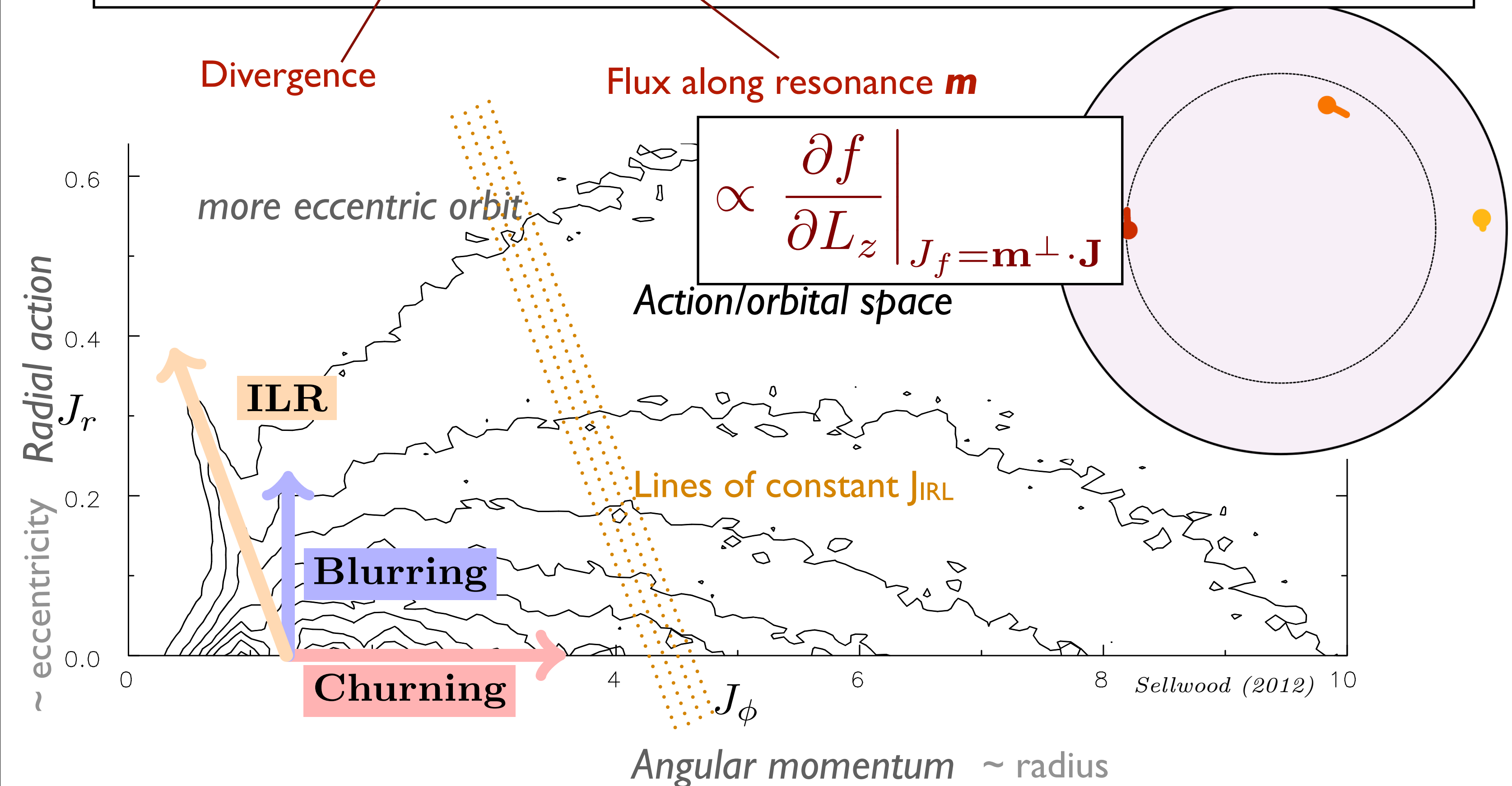
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more eccentric orbit

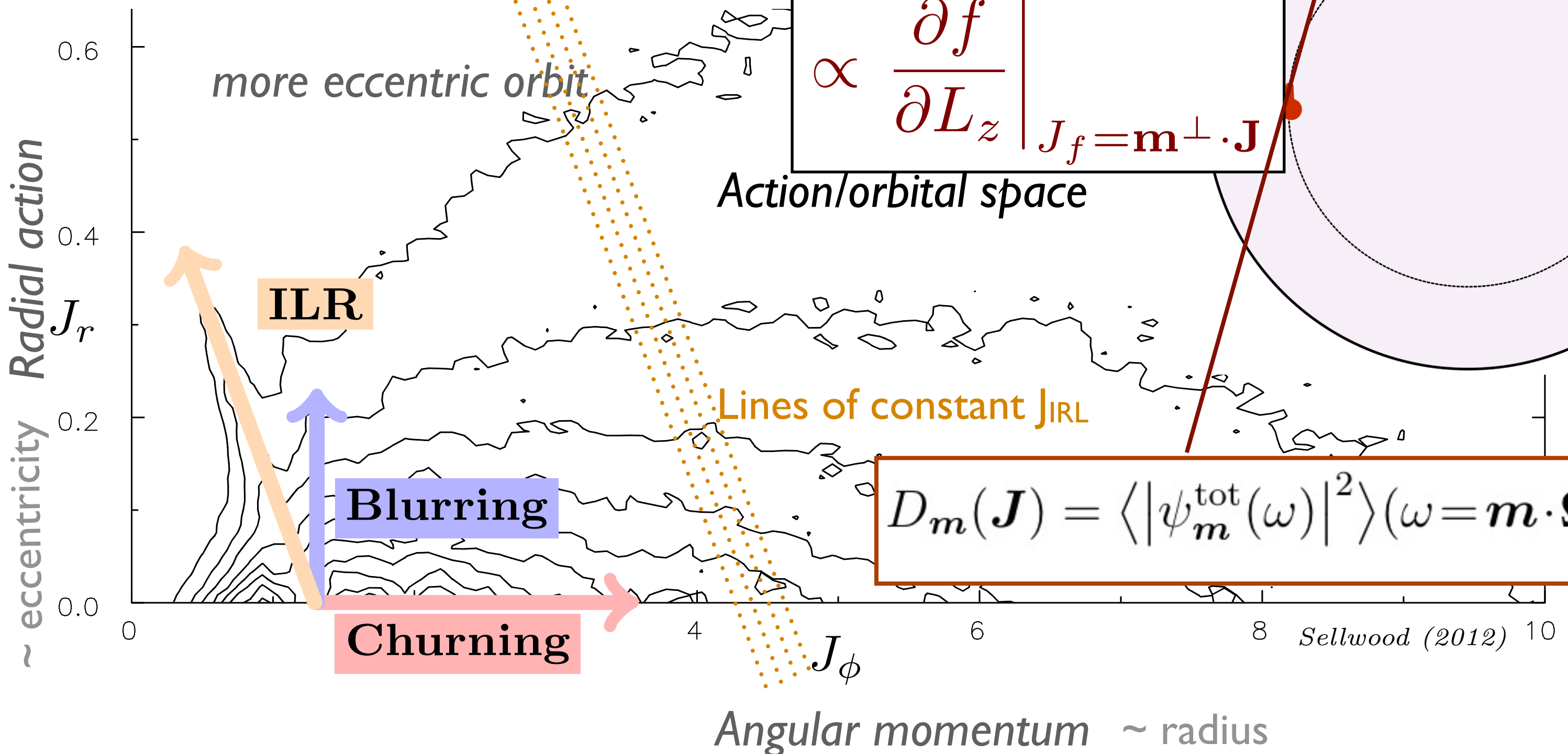
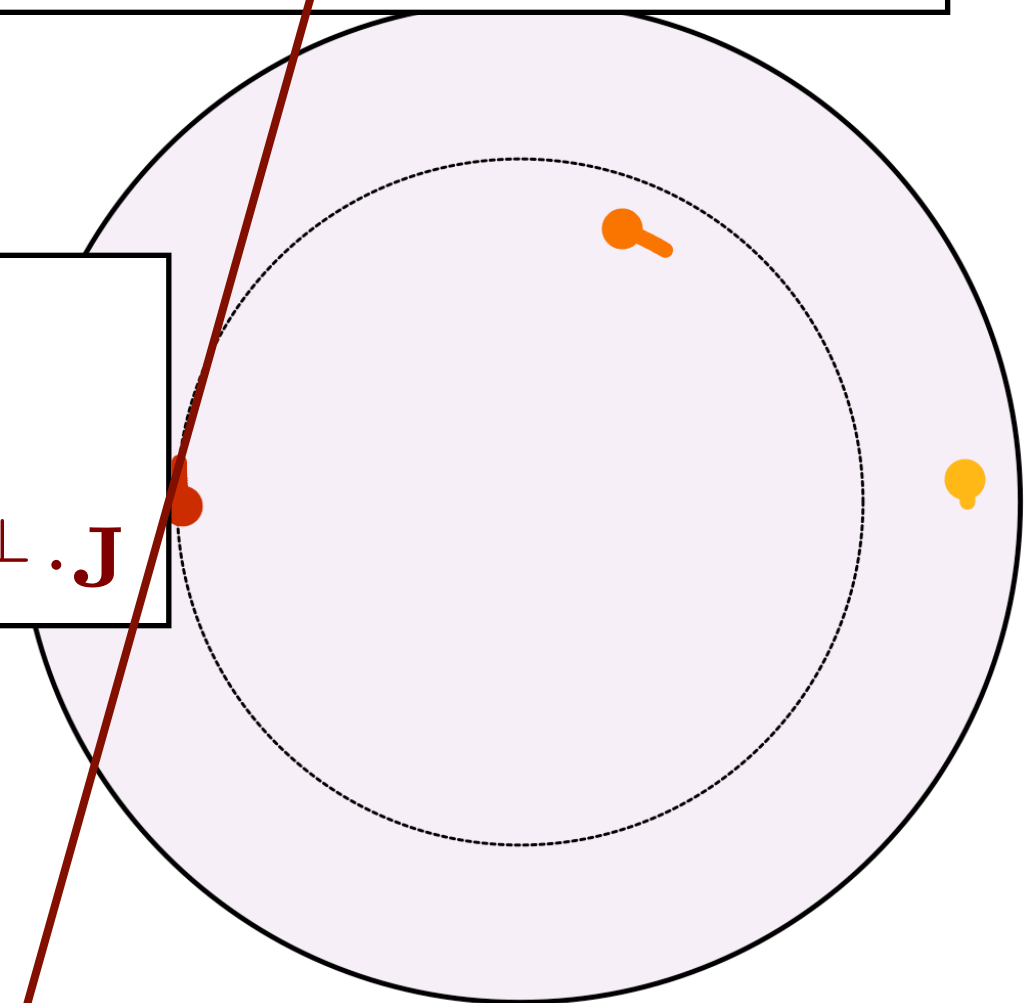
ILR

Blurring

Churning

Lines of constant  $J_{\text{IRL}}$

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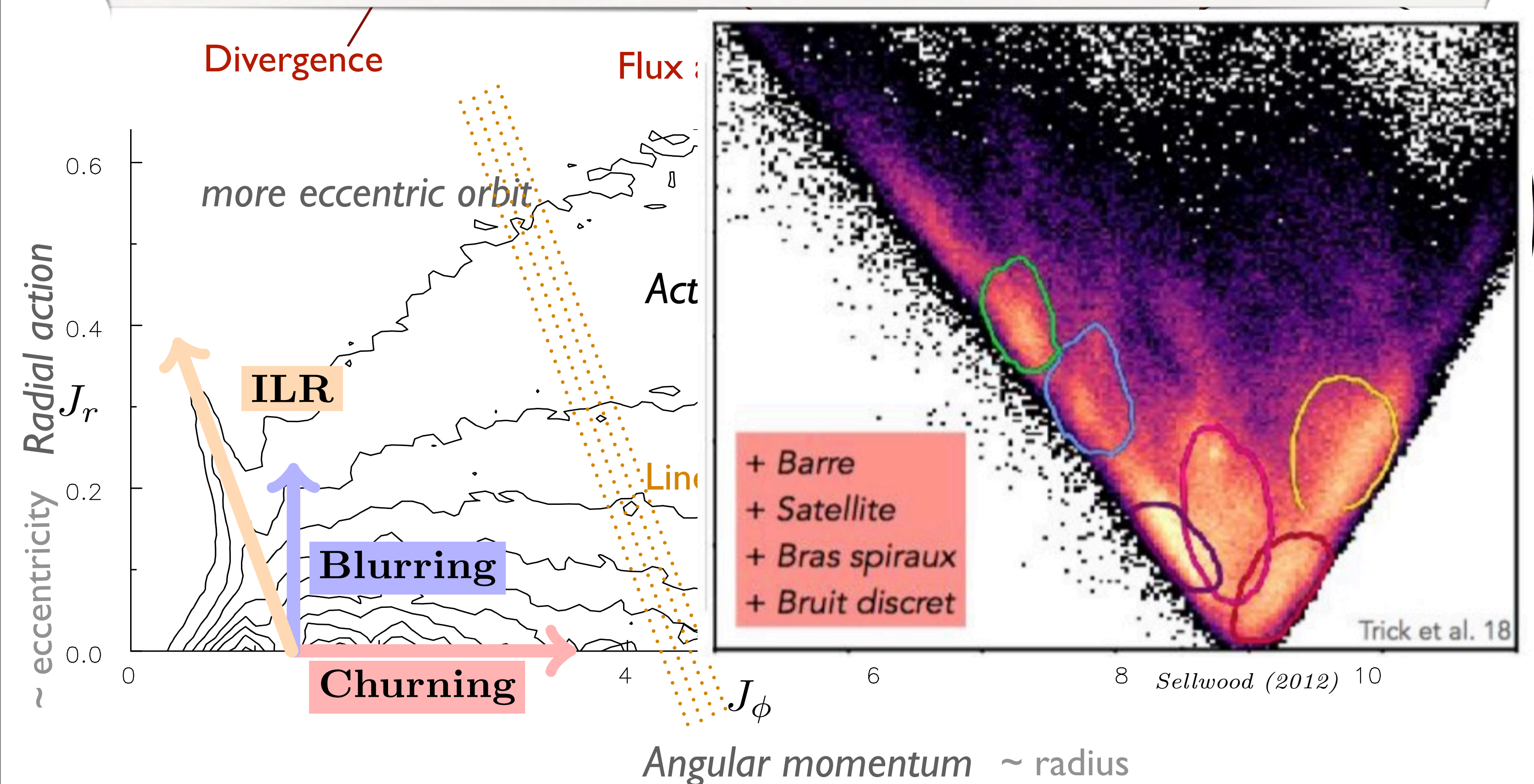


*If perturbation is low frequency low order resonances dominate*



# Diffusion is anisotropic

Anything (e.g. *Sgr*) making the potential fluctuate at low frequency will create ridges in phase space as found e.g. by Gaia.



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# PROSPECTS

Powerful framework applicable to a whole range of **nested scales**

- **Galactic discs**

- ▶ Radial migration, chemistry and galactic archeology (**GAIA**)
- ▶ Disc thickening

- **Galactic centres**

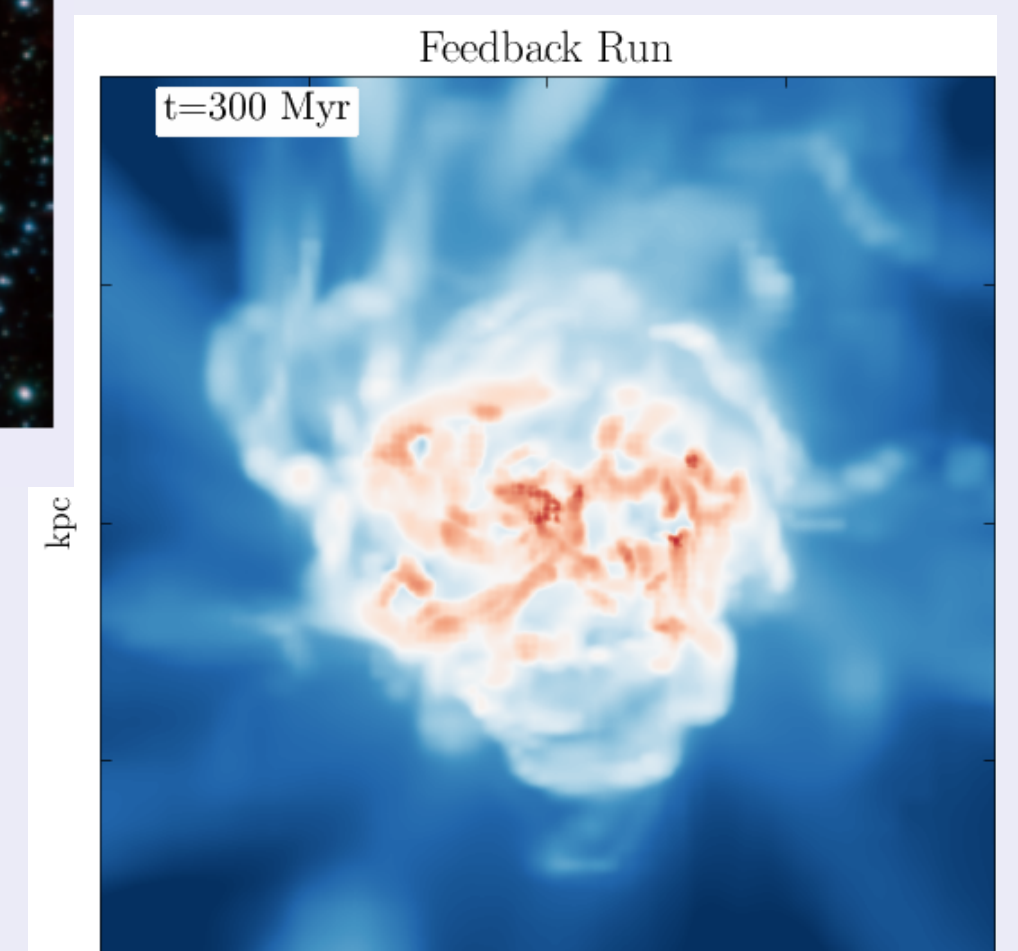
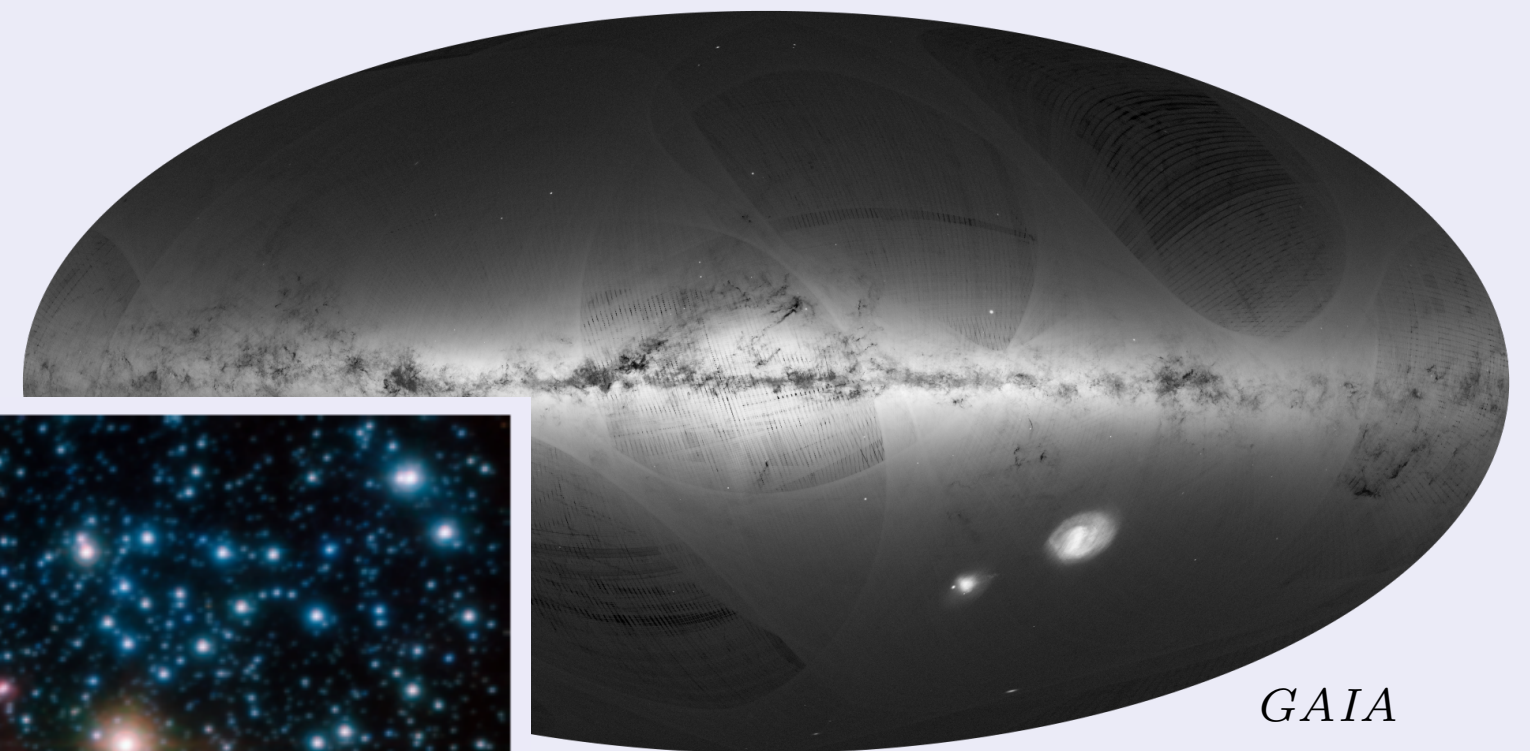
- ▶ BH feeding/spin up
- ▶ Last parsec pb

- **Galactic haloes**

- ▶ Cusp-core and feedback
- ▶ Impact of cosmic environment

## **Galactic Streams**

- ▶ Probe properties of DHs
- ▶ Impact of SgrA on MW

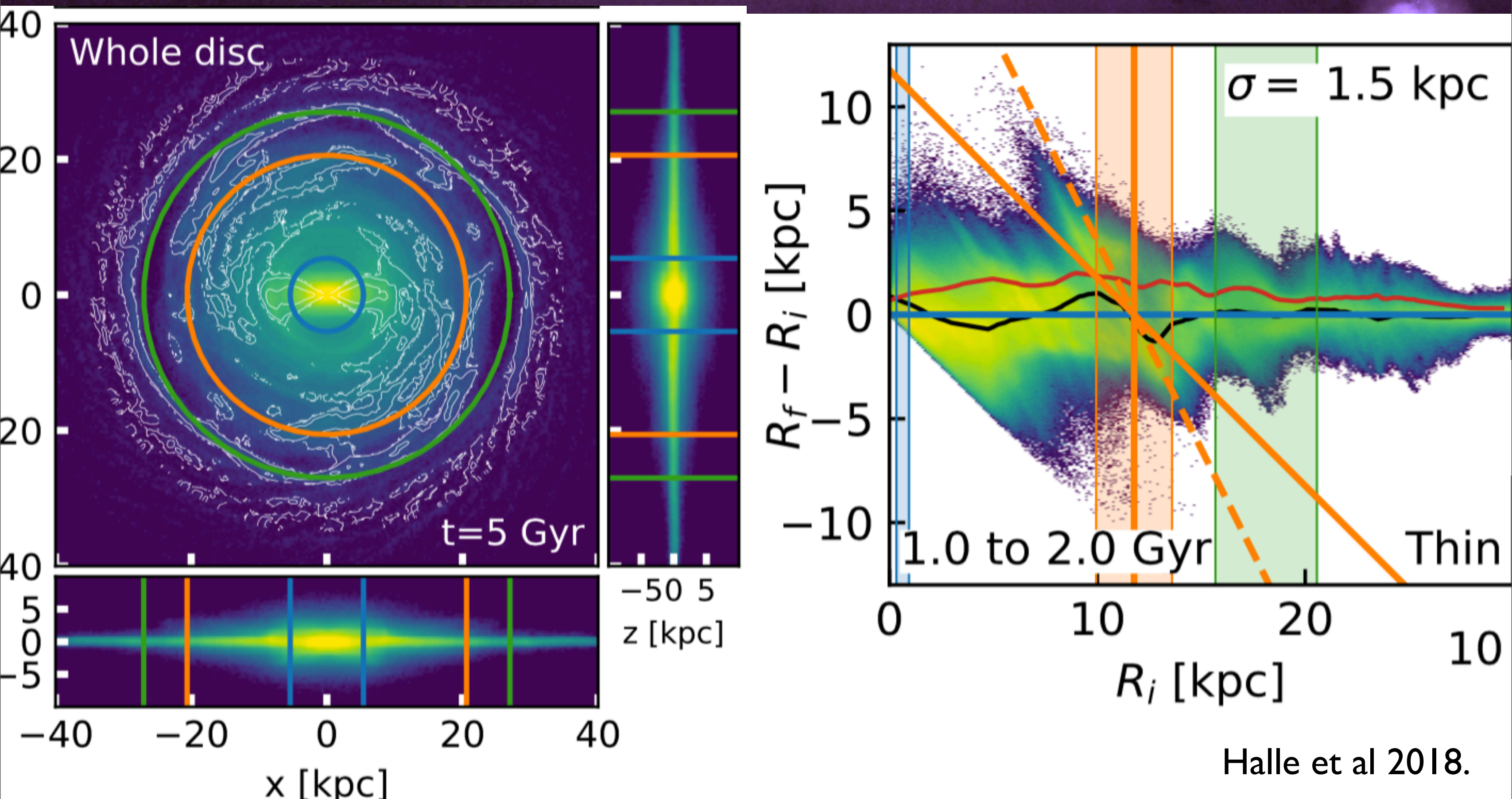




# Radial migration: churning and blurring and thickening

traced by stellar time capsules

Time reverse cosmic evolution of MW?

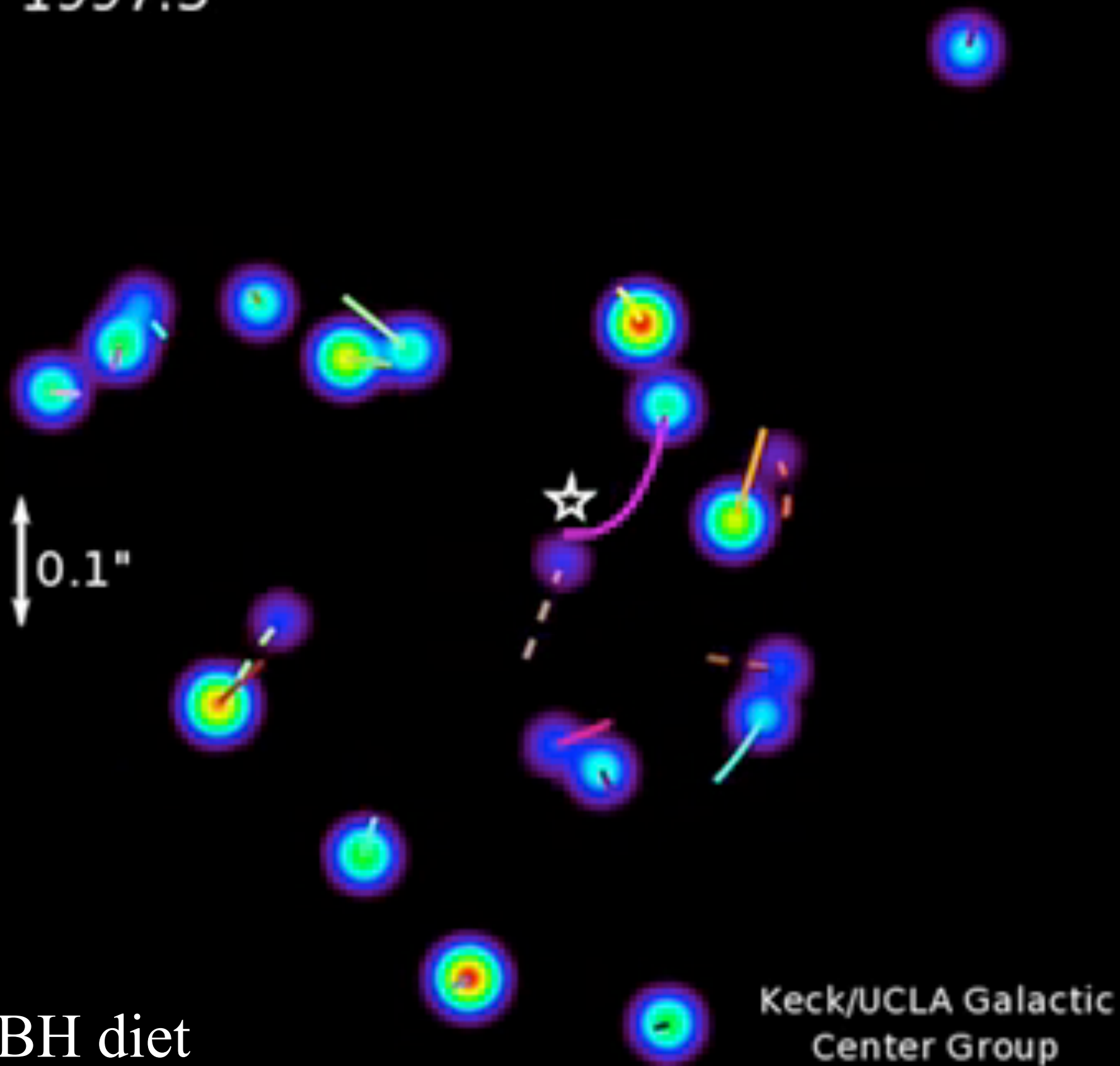


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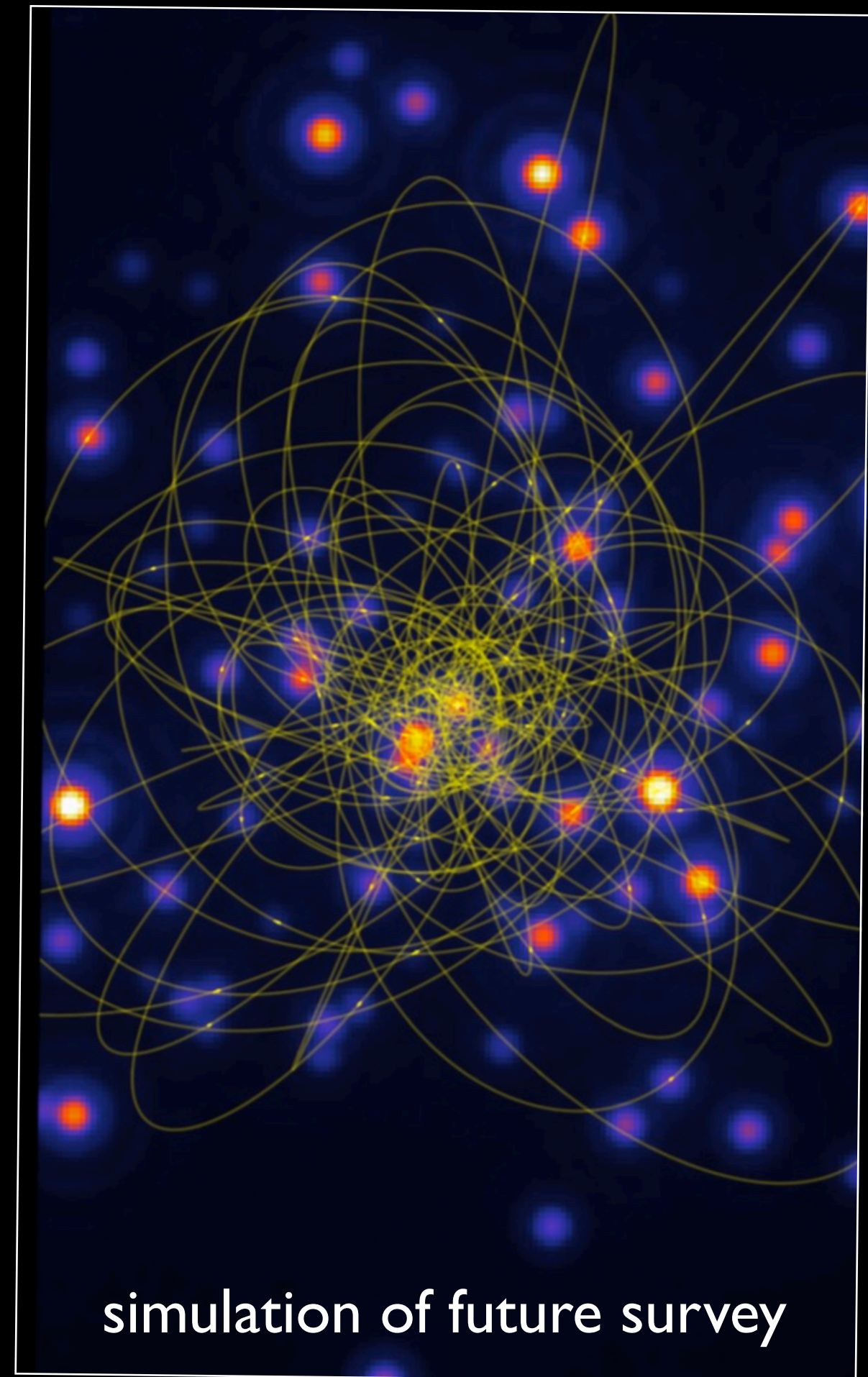


# Galactic Center stellar cluster

1997.5



- BH diet
- BH spin up
- Cluster dark component





# Diffusion of Streams to probe Dark Halo

- DH clumpiness (through diffusion)
- DH flattening (through induced stochasticity)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{I}}{\partial t} \propto \sqrt{\mathbf{D}} \xi$$

*Stochastic Langevin "Ito" Process*

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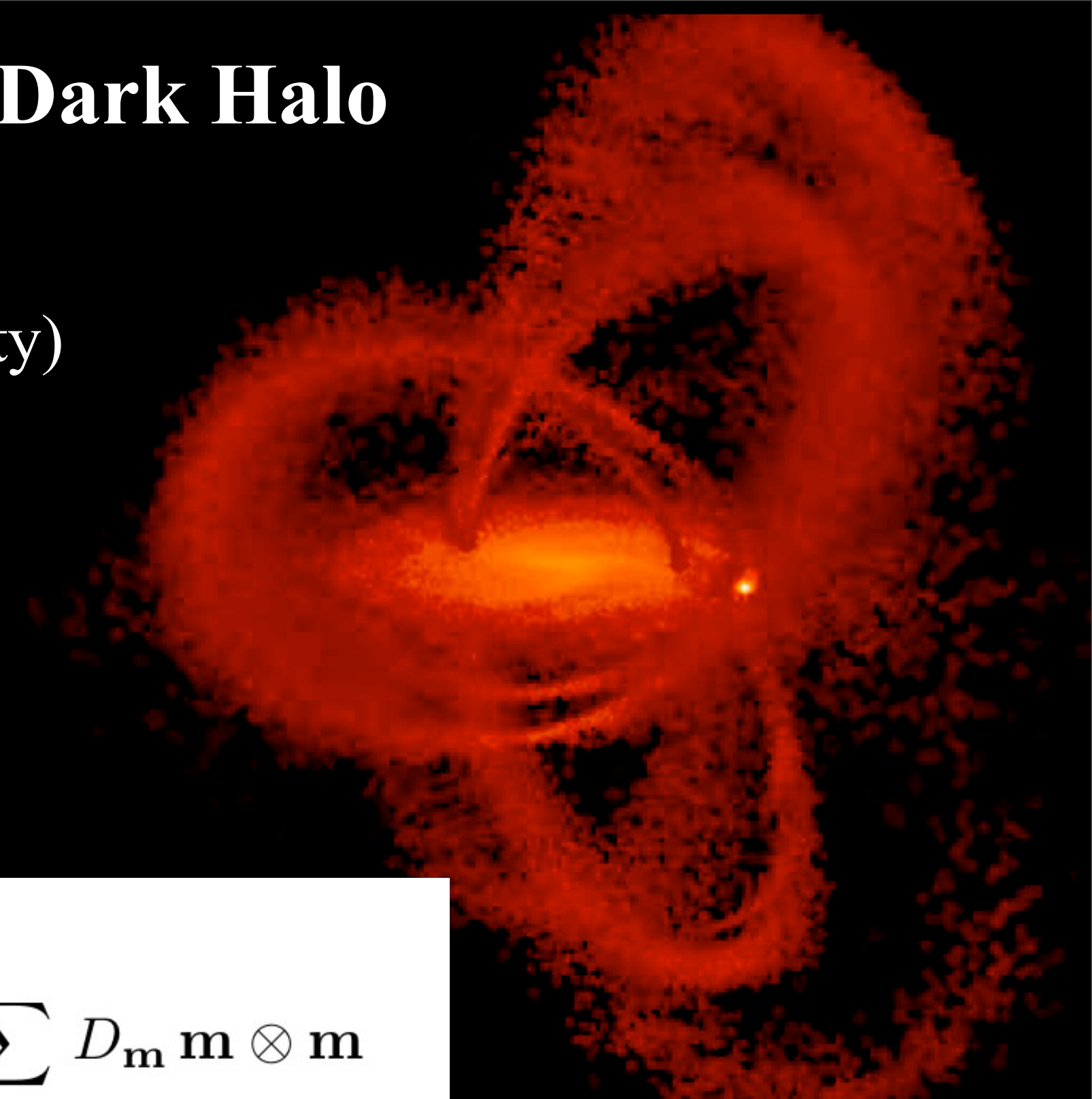
Broadening of stream with phase = measure of  $D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J})$

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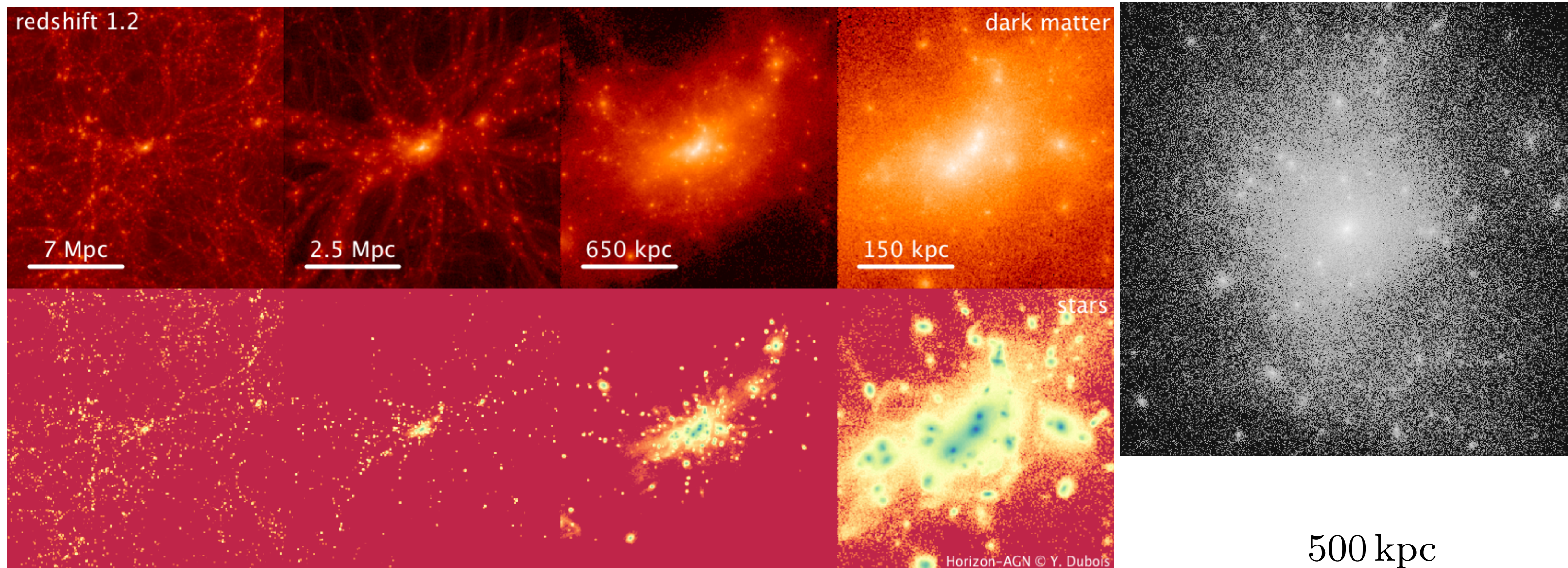
for streams, diffusion at fixed orbital parameters





# Galaxies are perturbed

- $\Lambda$ CDM paradigm  $\Rightarrow$  Live cosmic environment

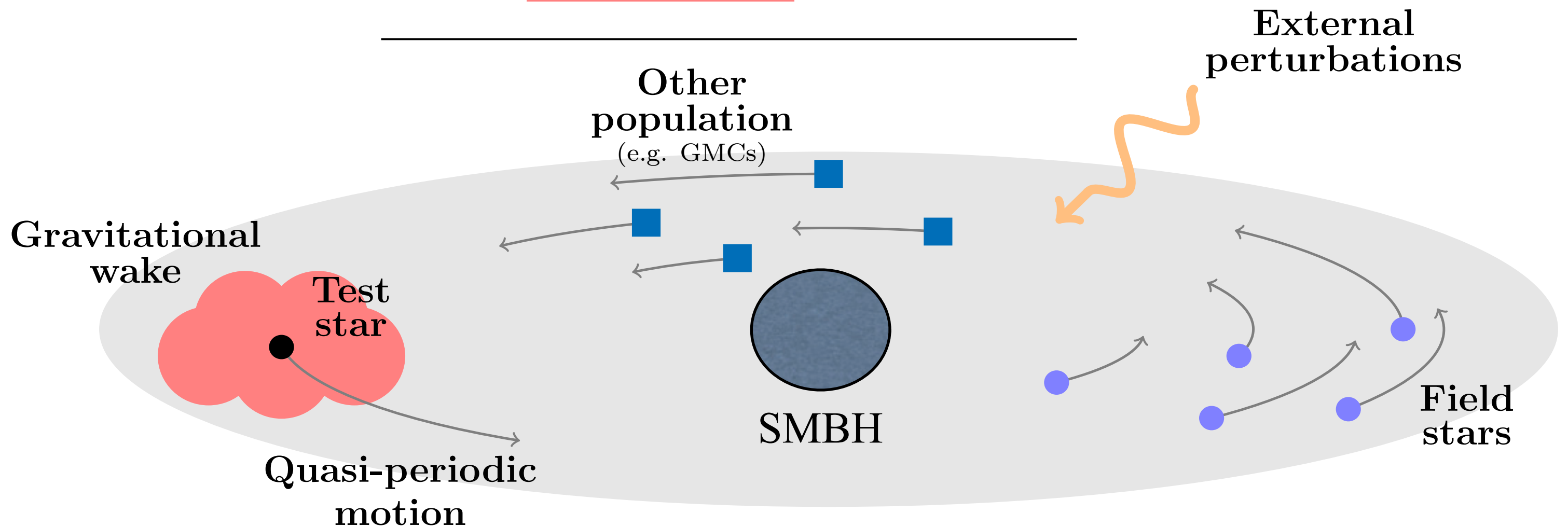
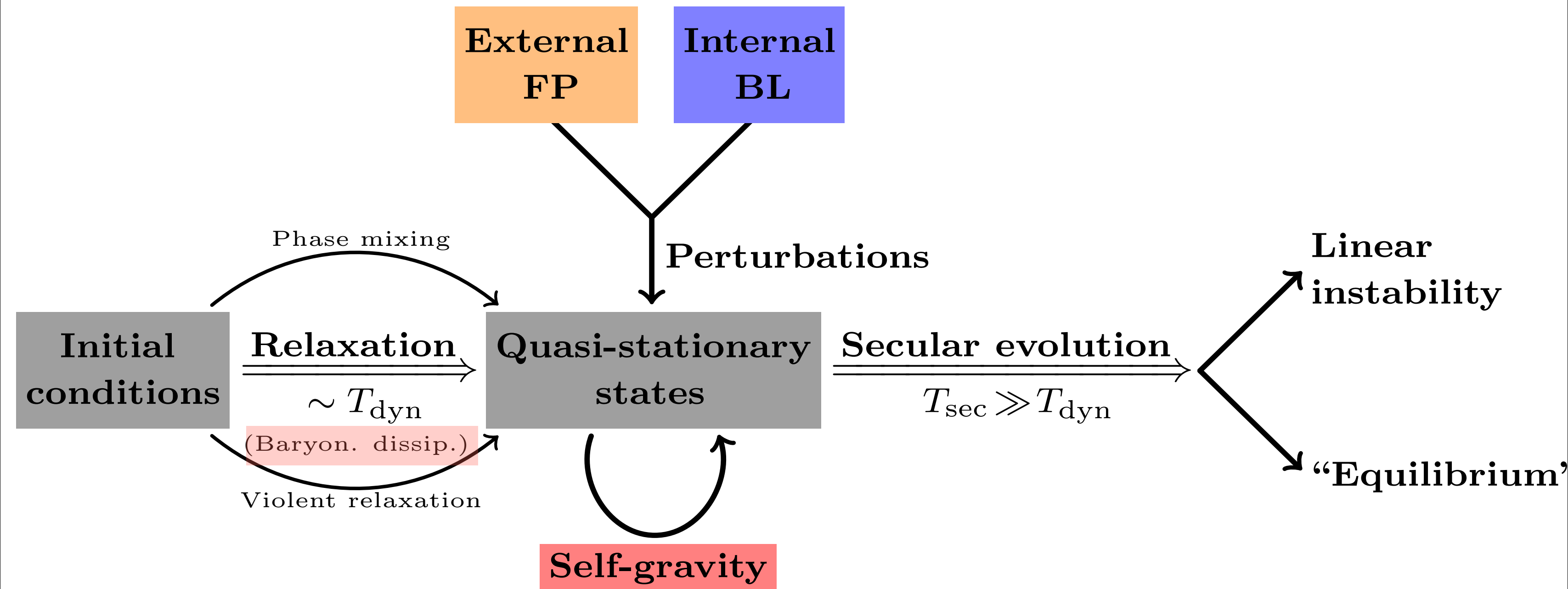


- Recent theoretical works to describe the effects of **fluctuations**:
  - ▶ **External perturbations**  $\Rightarrow$  **Dressed Fokker-Planck**  
(*e.g., large scale structures, satellites*)
  - ▶ **Internal perturbations**  $\Rightarrow$  **Balescu-Lenard**  
(*e.g., graininess, GMCs*)

Nature vs. Nurture?  
Self-induced vs. Externally-induced?



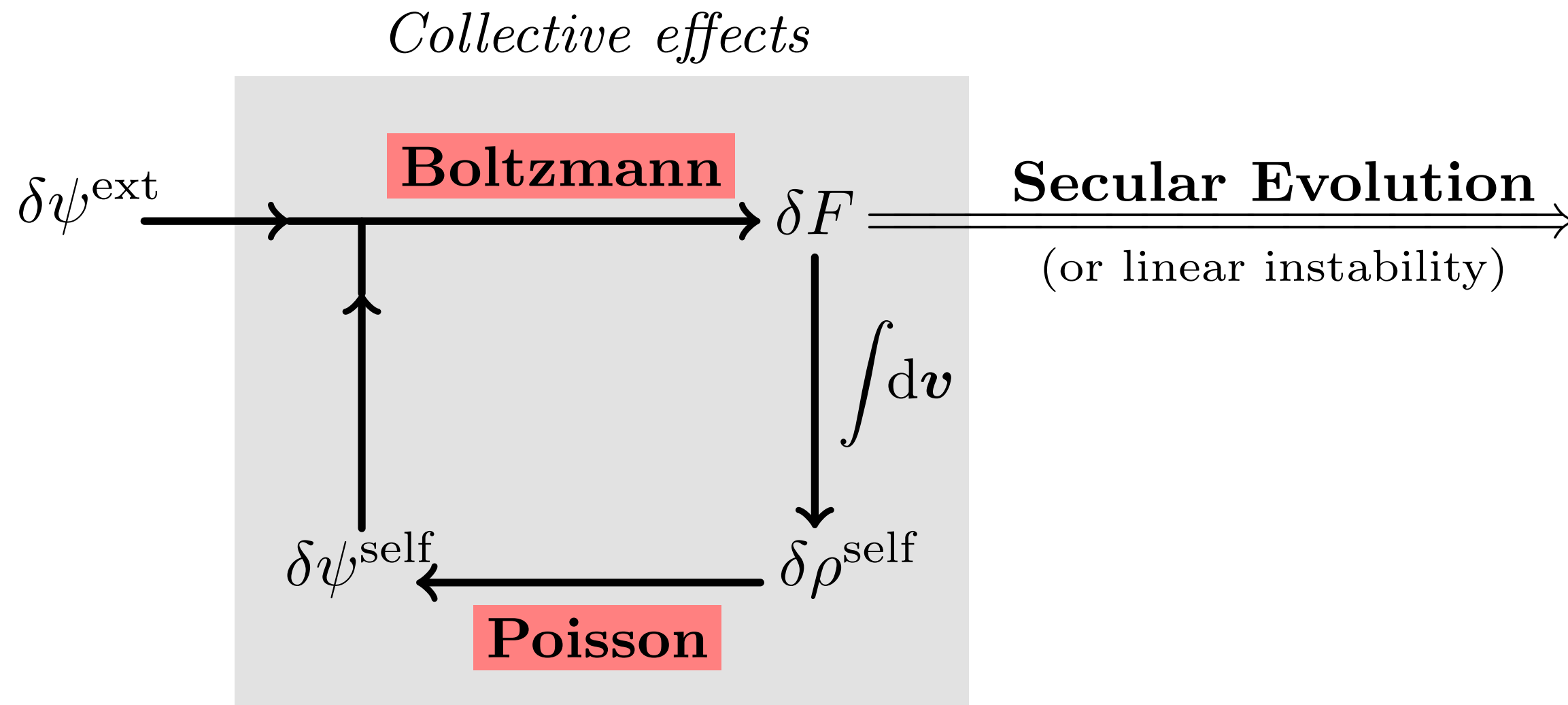
# The fate of self-gravitating systems



Small (dressed) resonant effect drive secular evolution (via orbital distorsion)

# Galaxies are self-gravitating

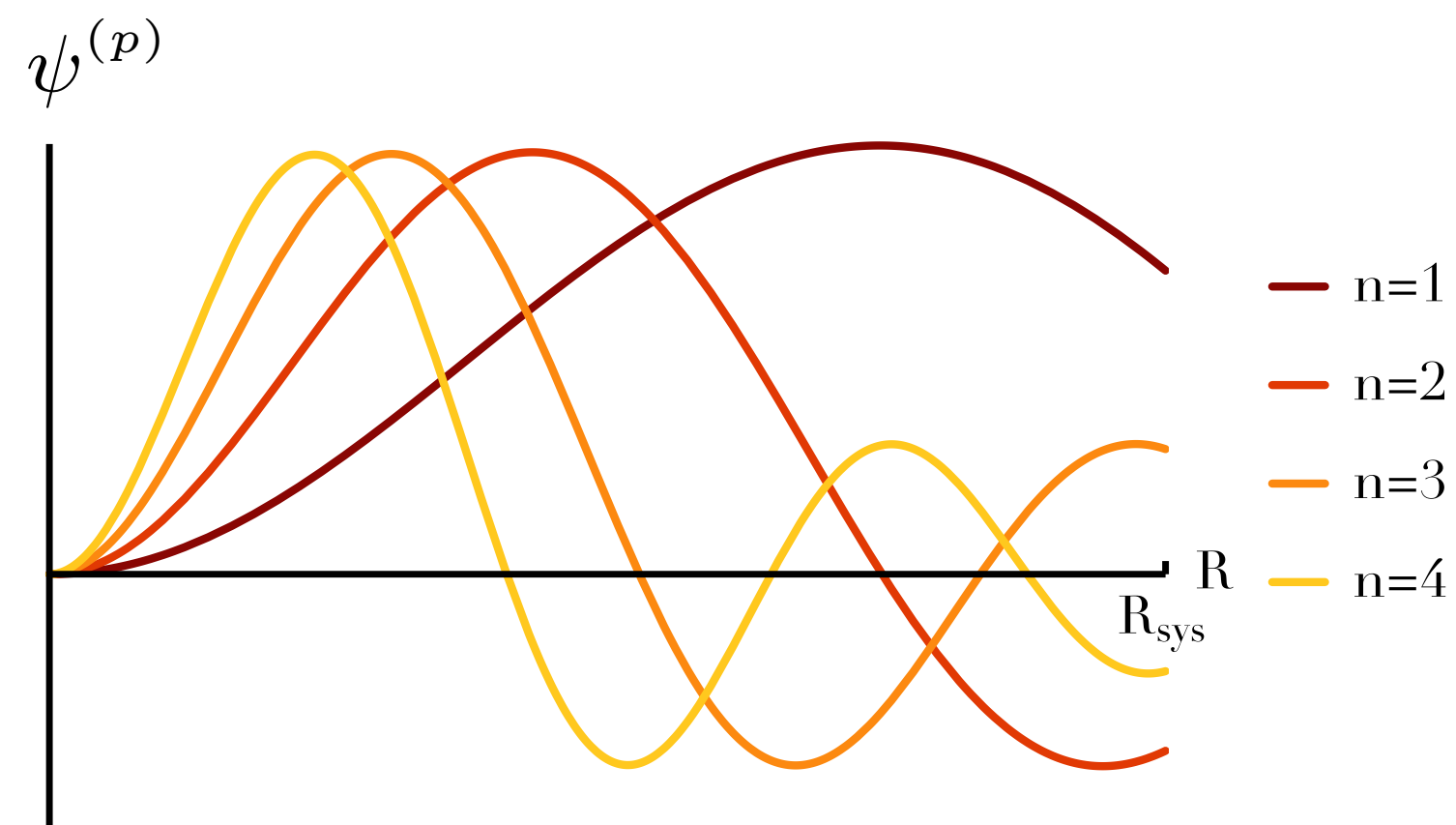
- Self-gravitating amplification (for linear response)



- **Matrix method** - (Kalnajs (1976))  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Representative basis**  $(\psi^{(p)}, \rho^{(p)})$   
 to solve Poisson once for all.

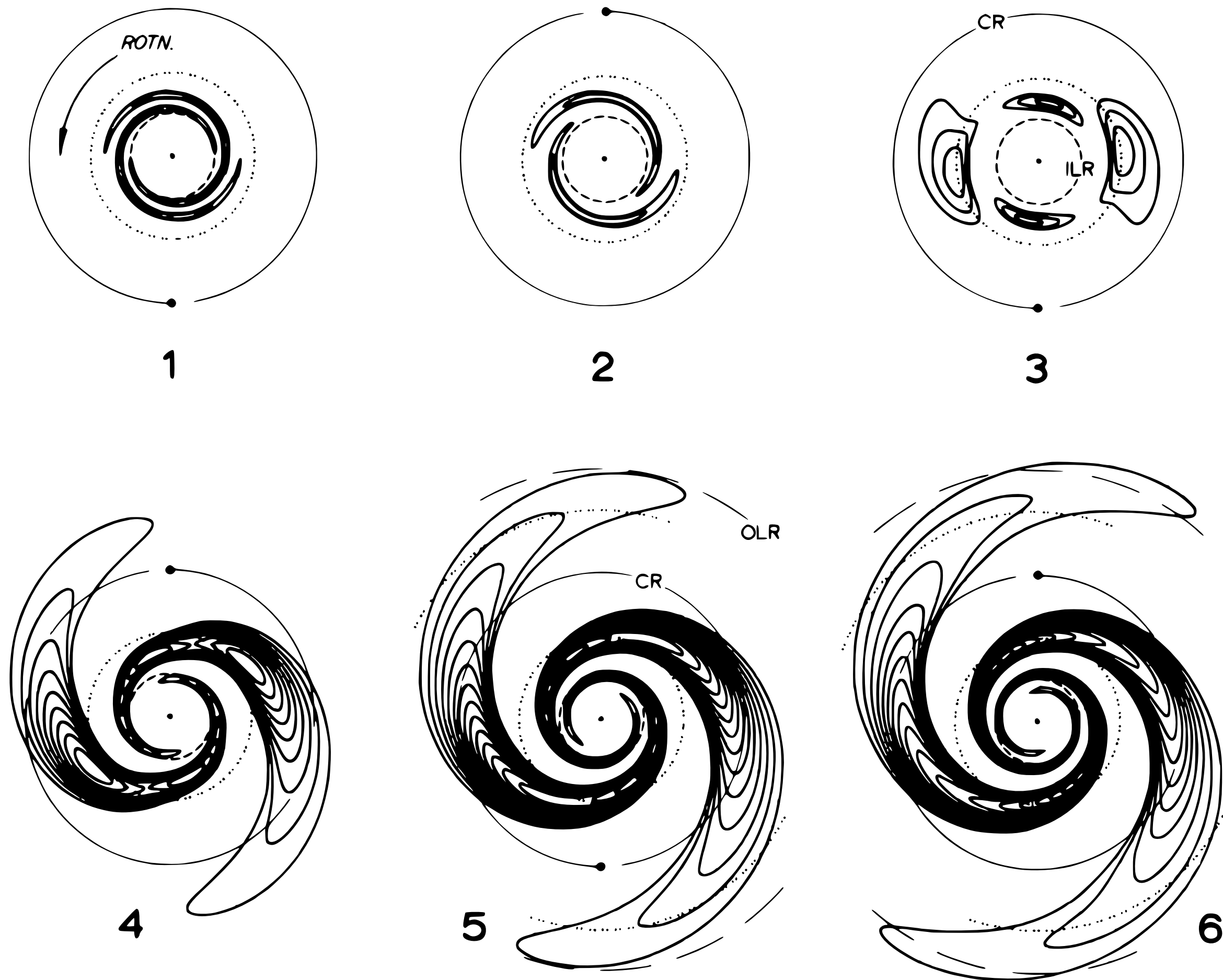
$$\begin{cases} \Delta\psi^{(p)} = 4\pi G\rho^{(p)}, \\ \int d\mathbf{x} \psi^{(p)*}(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{(q)}(\mathbf{x}) = -\delta_p^q. \end{cases}$$

also Weinberg (1989)



# Galaxies are self-gravitating

- Discs strongly amplify perturbations, e.g. swing amplification



*Toomre (1981)*

**$\times 100^2$  amplification from gravitational wake for diffusion**

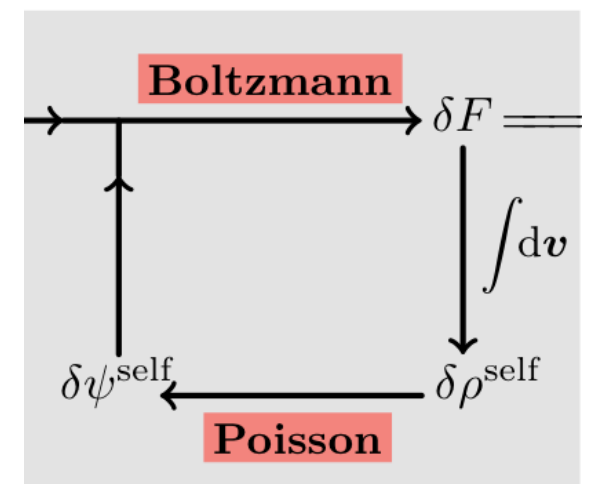
# Self-gravitating dressing

- Represent the **potential perturbations** on the basis

$$\begin{cases} \delta\psi^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_p b_p(t) \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{x}) & \text{Imposed external perturbation.} \\ \delta\psi^{\text{self}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_p a_p(t) \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{x}) & \text{Amplified response of the system.} \end{cases}$$

- Non-Markovian amplification mechanism

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t d\tau \mathbf{M}(t-\tau) [\mathbf{a}(\tau) + \mathbf{b}(\tau)] .$$



- Dressing** of the perturbations

*gravitational susceptibility*

$$\underbrace{[\hat{\mathbf{a}} + \hat{\mathbf{b}}]}_{\text{Total perturbations}}(\omega) = \underbrace{[\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)]^{-1}}_{\text{Dressing}} \cdot \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{b}}(\omega)}_{\text{External perturbations}}$$

- System's **response matrix** (Kalnajs (1976))

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}_{pq}(\omega) = (2\pi)^d \sum_{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{m} \cdot \partial F / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J}) .$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Resonances** at the **intrinsic frequencies**:  $\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}$ .

*Secularly, gravitational susceptibility is squared!*



# The dressed Fokker-Planck equation

- Describe the secular evolution driven by **external perturbations** for a system
  - ▶ inhomogeneous
  - ▶ stable
  - ▶ self-gravitating
  - ▶ collisionless
  - ▶ **perturbed**
- Some references: Kuzmin 1957
  - ▶ *Binney, Lacey (1980)*: No dressing
  - ▶ *Weinberg (2001)*: Spherical case
  - ▶ *Pichon, Aubert (2006)*: Environment effects
  - ▶ *Fouvry, Pichon, Prunet (2015)*: 2D WKB limit
  - ▶ *Fouvry, Pichon, Chavanis, Monk (2016)*: 3D WKB limit

See also Kuzmin 1957, B+T 2008, and references in Heyvearts 2017

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$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{m} D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) \mathbf{m} \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right].$$

- Dressed diffusion coefficients

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- Some properties:

- ▶  $F(\mathbf{J}, t)$ : Orbital distortion in action space.
- ▶  $\partial/\partial \mathbf{J}_1 \cdot$ : Divergence of a flux, i.e. conservation.
- ▶  $\mathbf{m}_1$ : Discrete Fourier vectors - Anisotropic diffusion.
- ▶  $D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J})$ : Anisotropic diffusion coefficients.
- ▶  $[\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{M}}]^{-1}$ : Self-gravitating dressing.
- ▶  $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ : Power spectrum of external perturbations.
- ▶  $\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1$ : Fluctuations at resonance.

$\Rightarrow$  Master equation for externally-induced orbital distortion.

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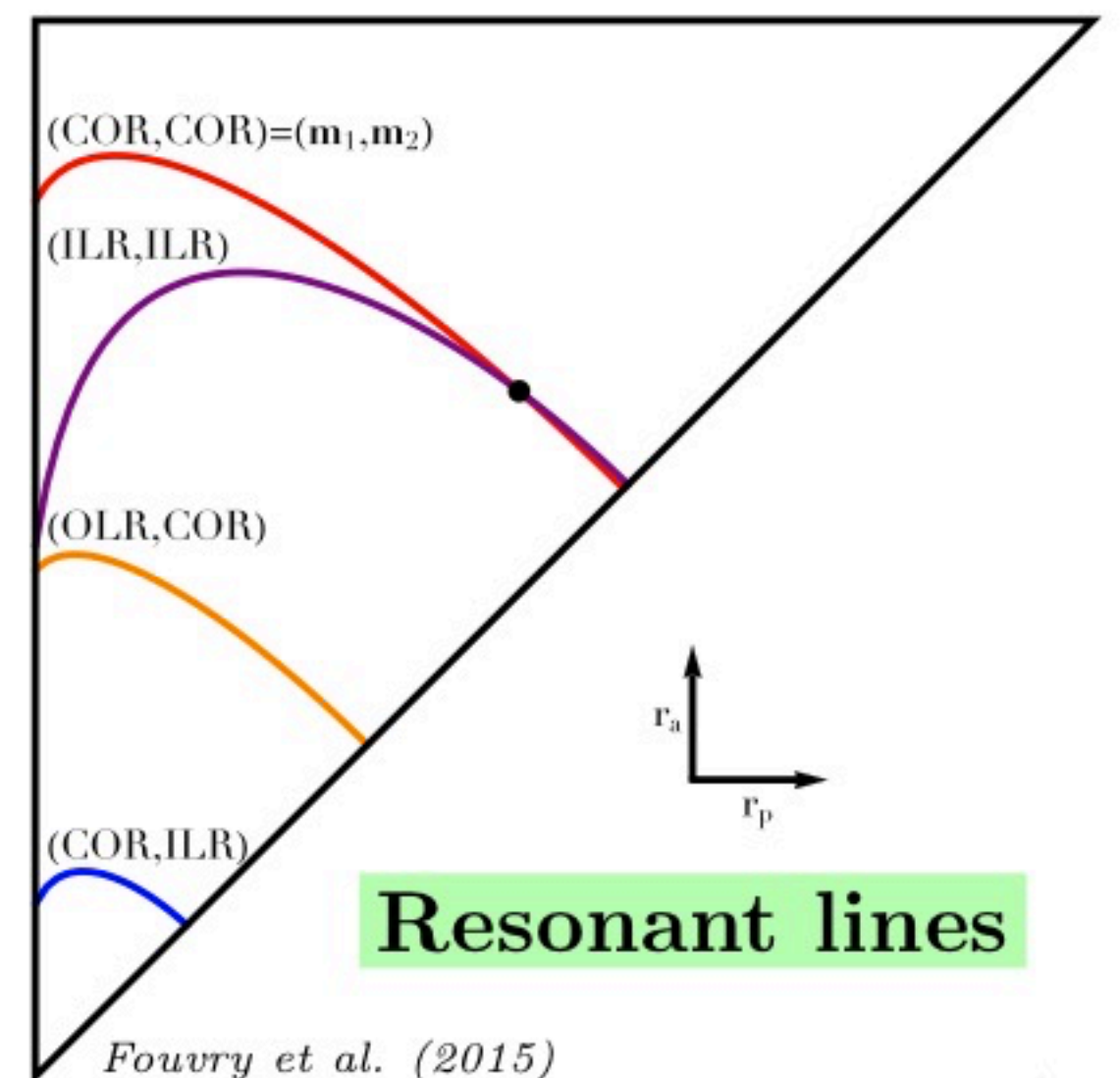
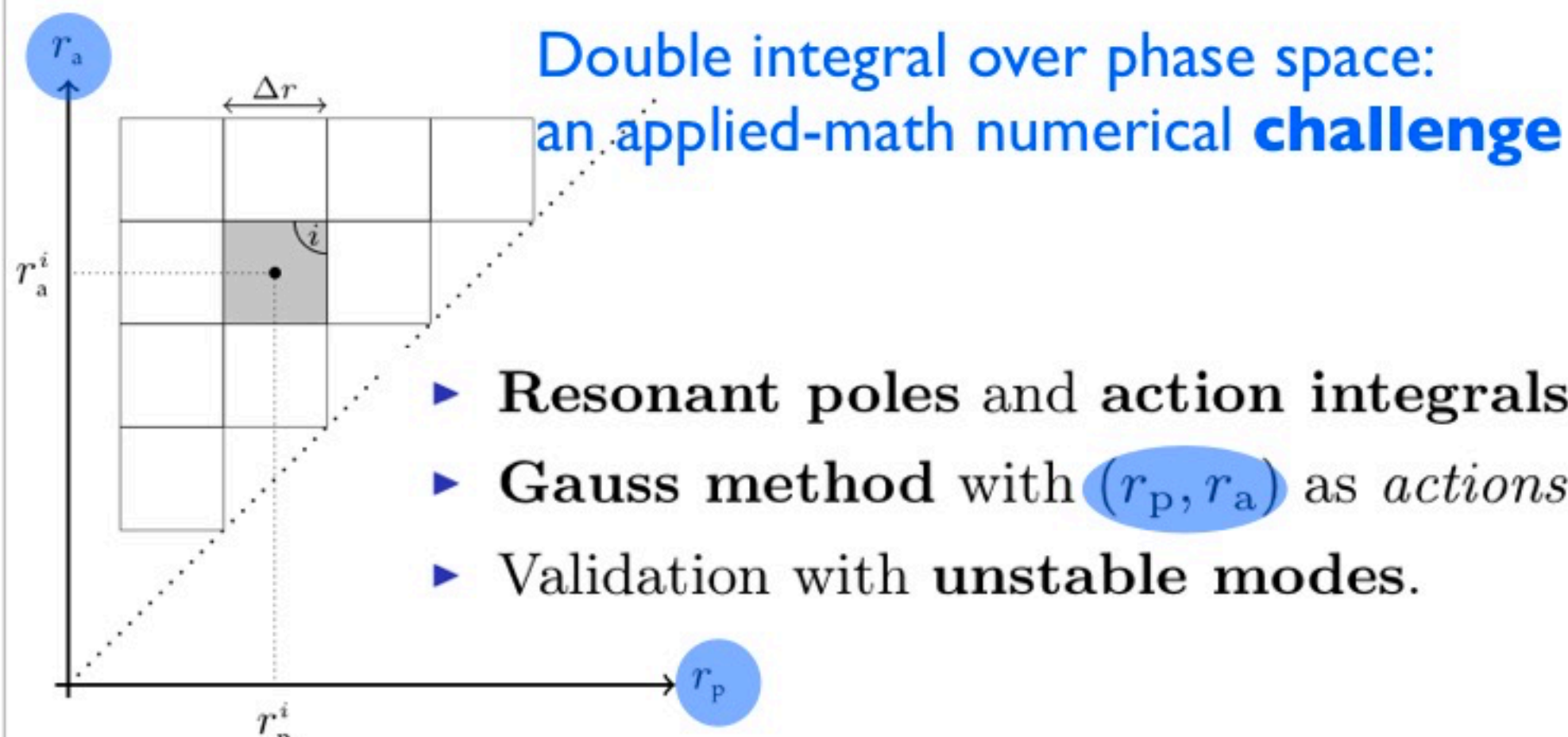
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  - ▶ isolated
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- Some references:
  - ▶ *Balescu (1960), Lenard (1960)*: Plasma case
  - ▶ *Weinberg (1993)*: Homogeneous approximation
  - ▶ *Heyvaerts (2010)*: Angle-Action - BBGKY *see also Luciani Pellat (1987)*
  - ▶ *Chavanis (2012)*: Angle-Action - Klimontovitch
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see also Polyachenko & Shukhman 1982; Luciani & Pellat 1987; Mynick 1988; Chavanis 2013<sup>19 / 47</sup>

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- ▶ Changes in  $\mathbf{J}$  causes  $f(\mathbf{J})$  to change
- ▶ So mean-field model evolves
- ▶ Traditional theory computes rate of evolution by summing Kepler scatterings over pairs of stars
- ▶ Recent work shows this is fundamentally mistaken

see also Polyachenko & Shukhman 1982; Luciani & Pellat 1987; Mynick 1988; Chavanis 2013<sup>19 / 47</sup>

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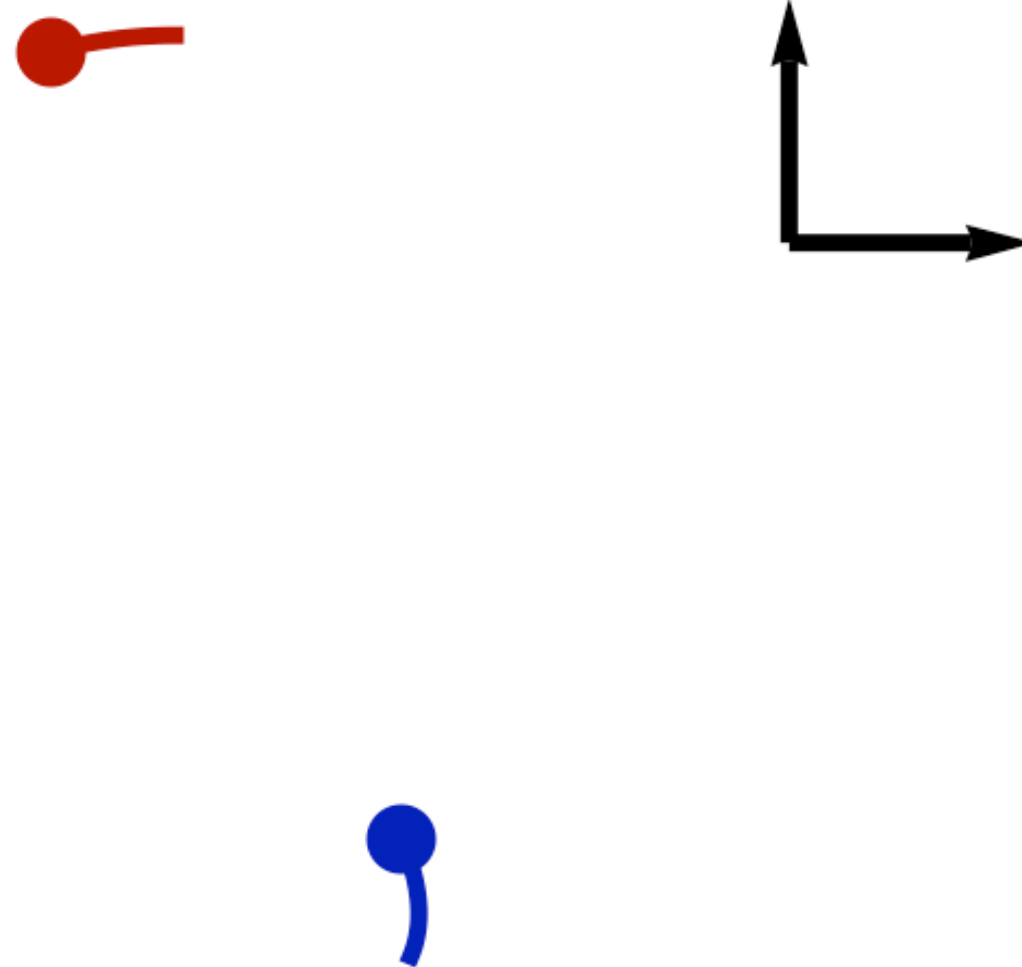


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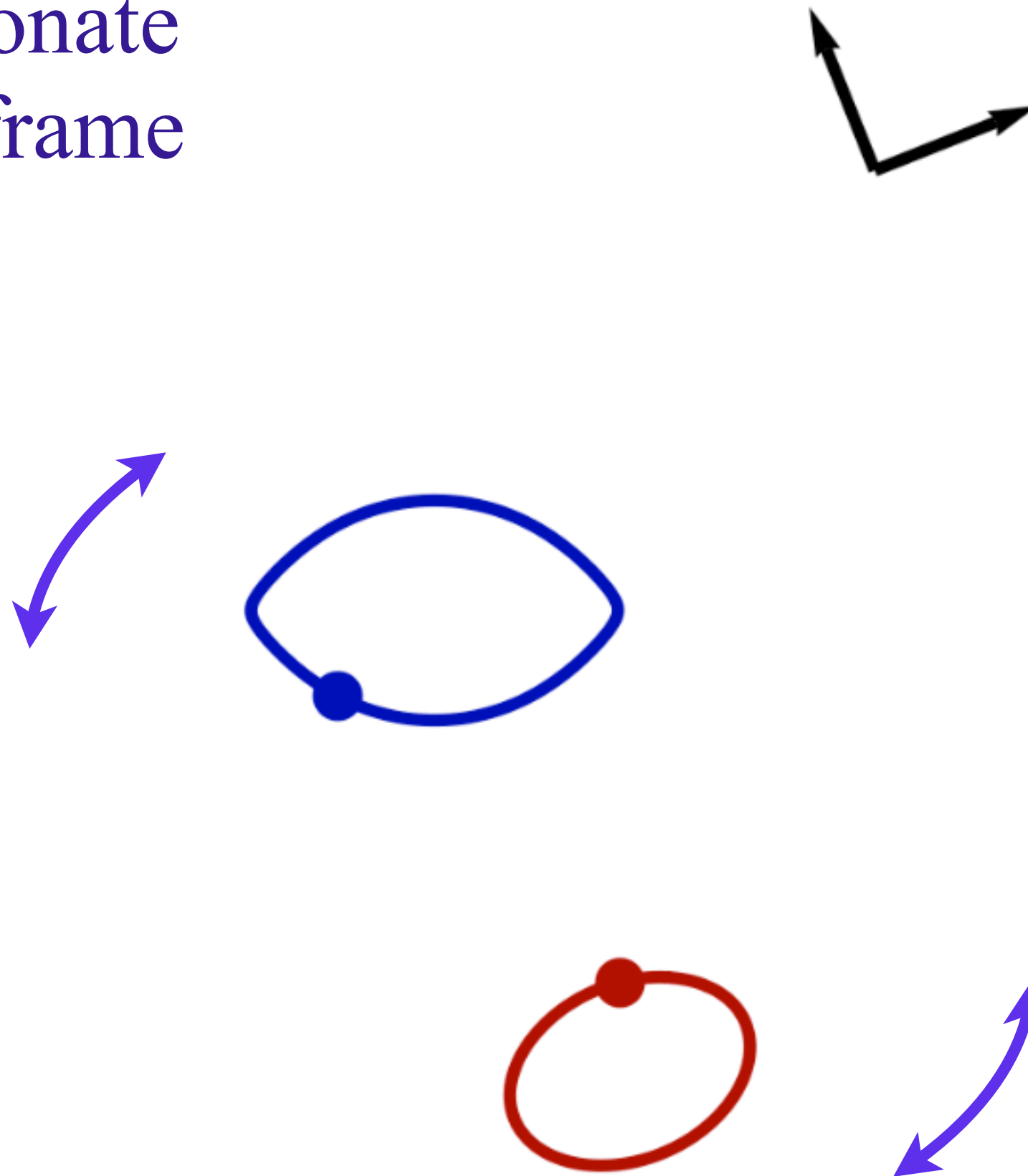
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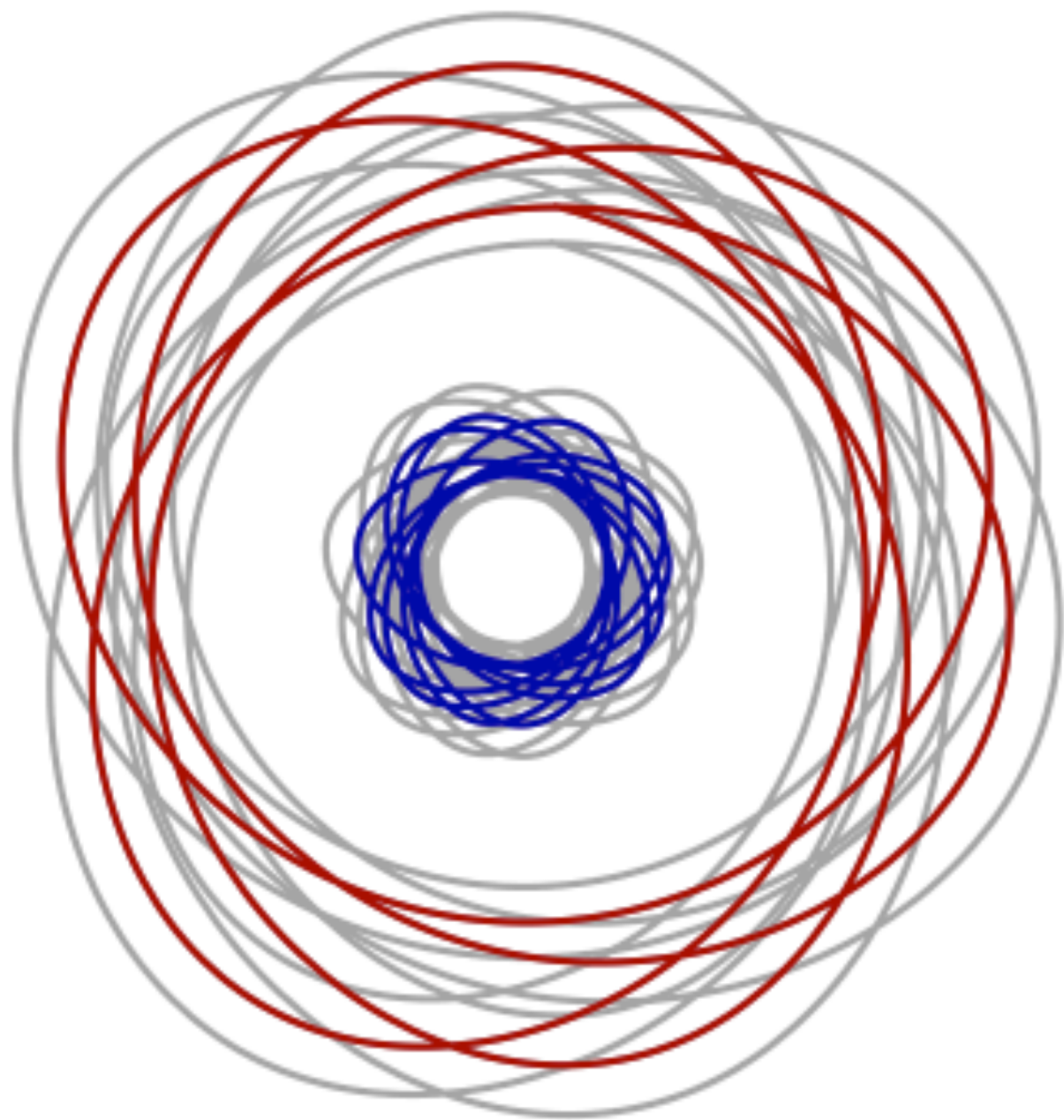
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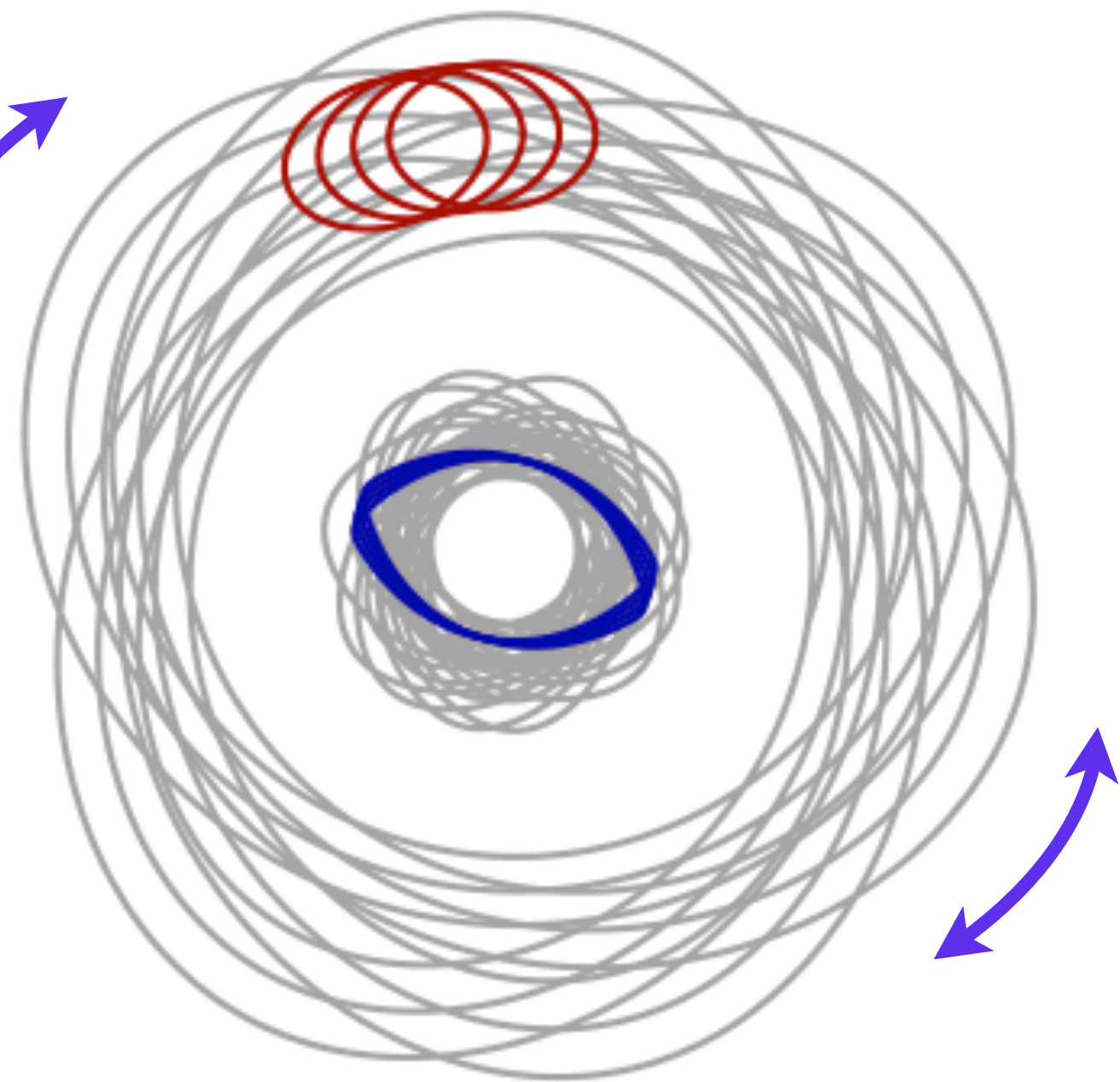
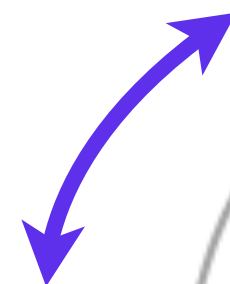
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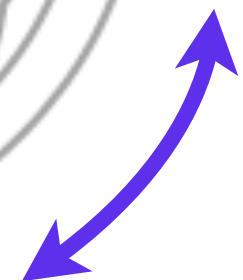


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resonance drives recurrence



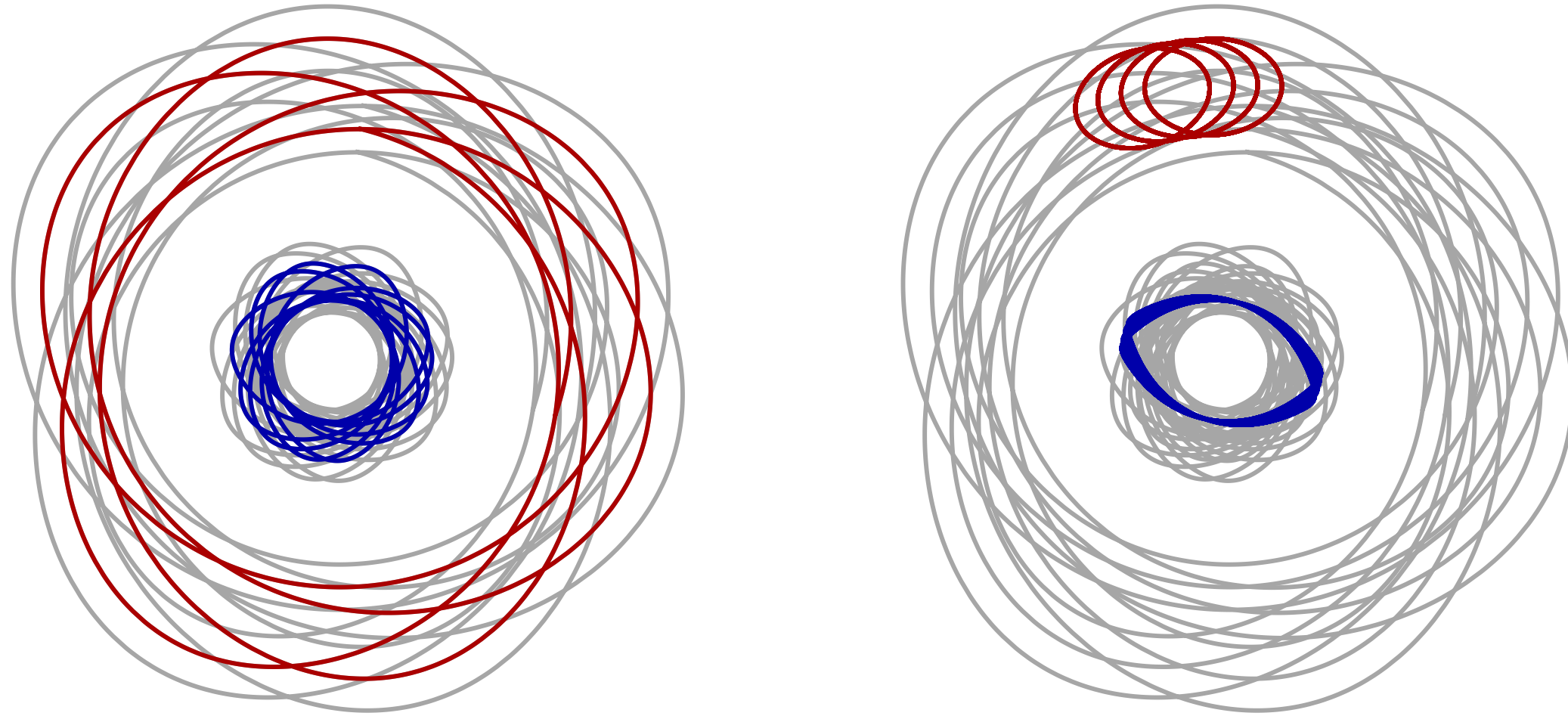
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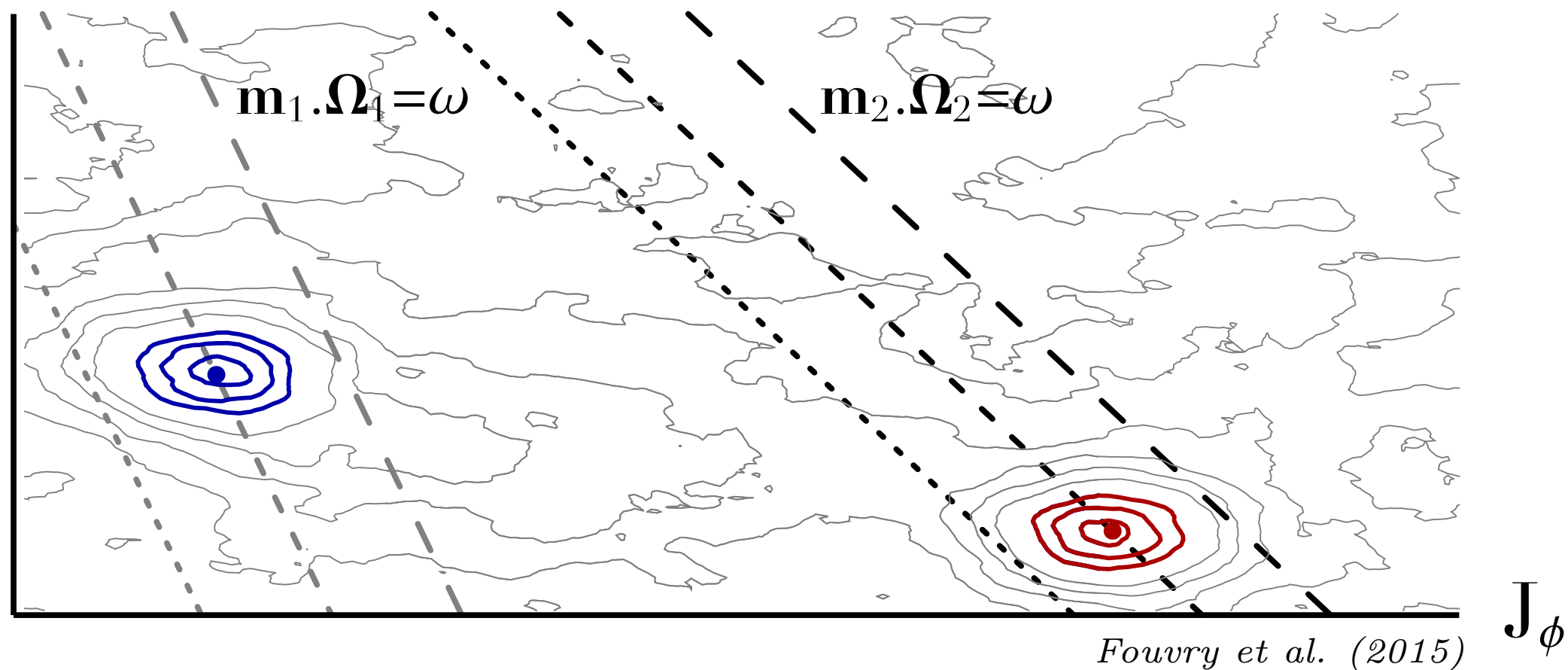
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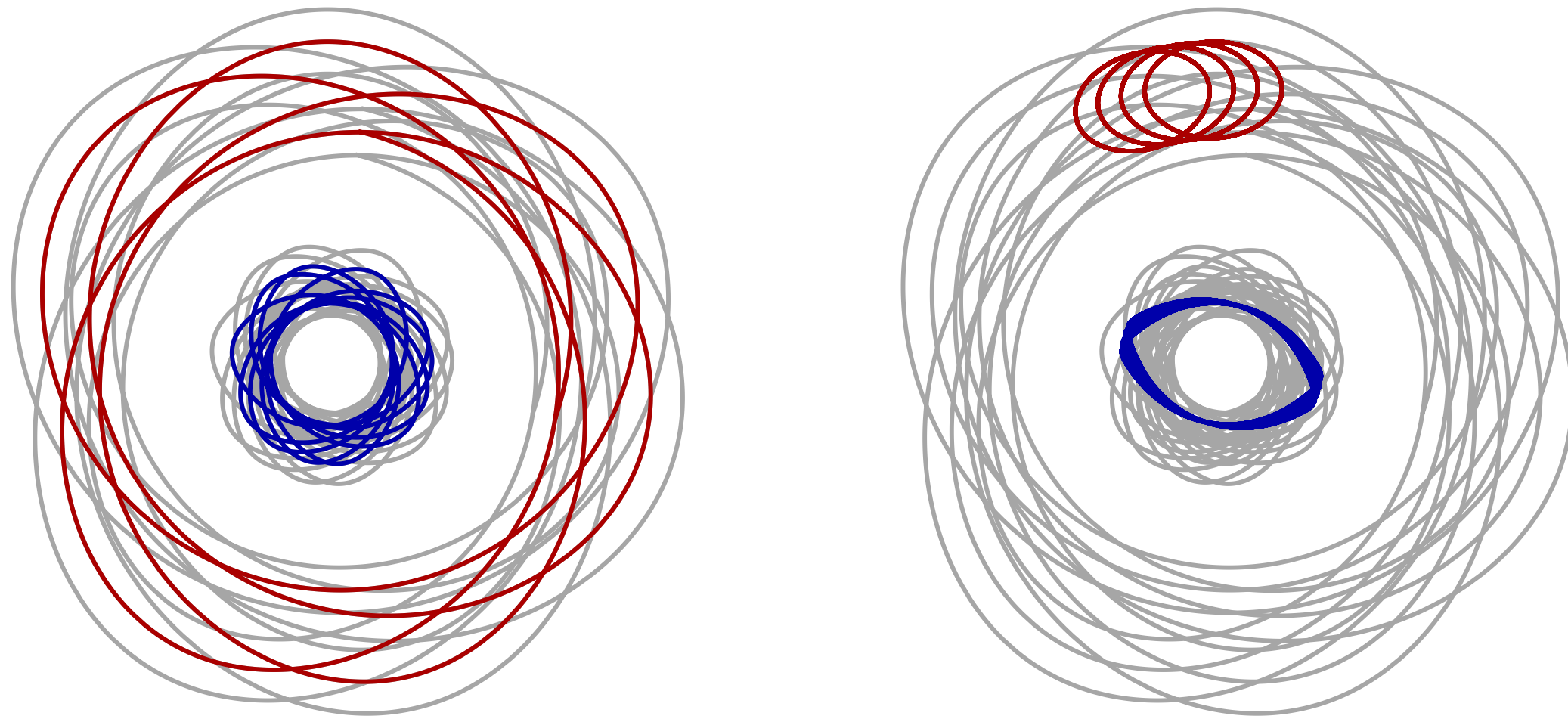
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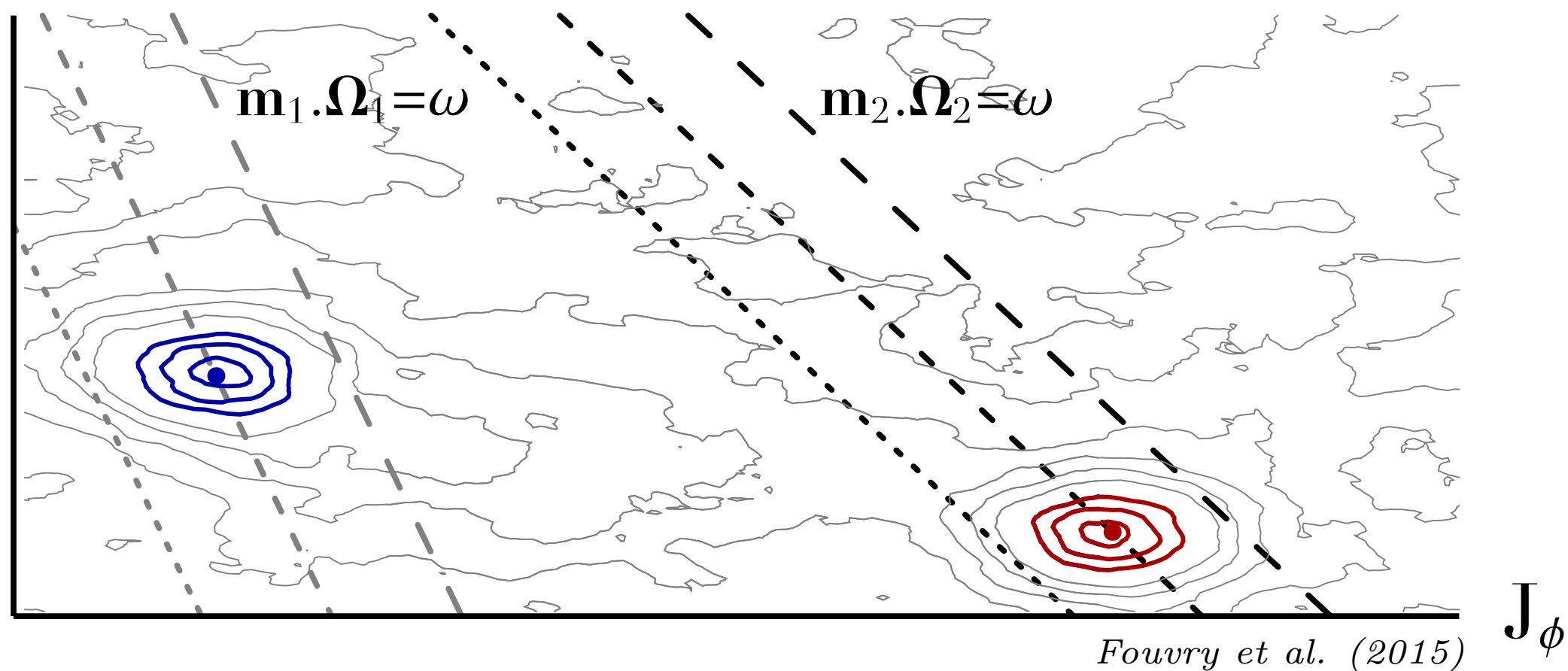
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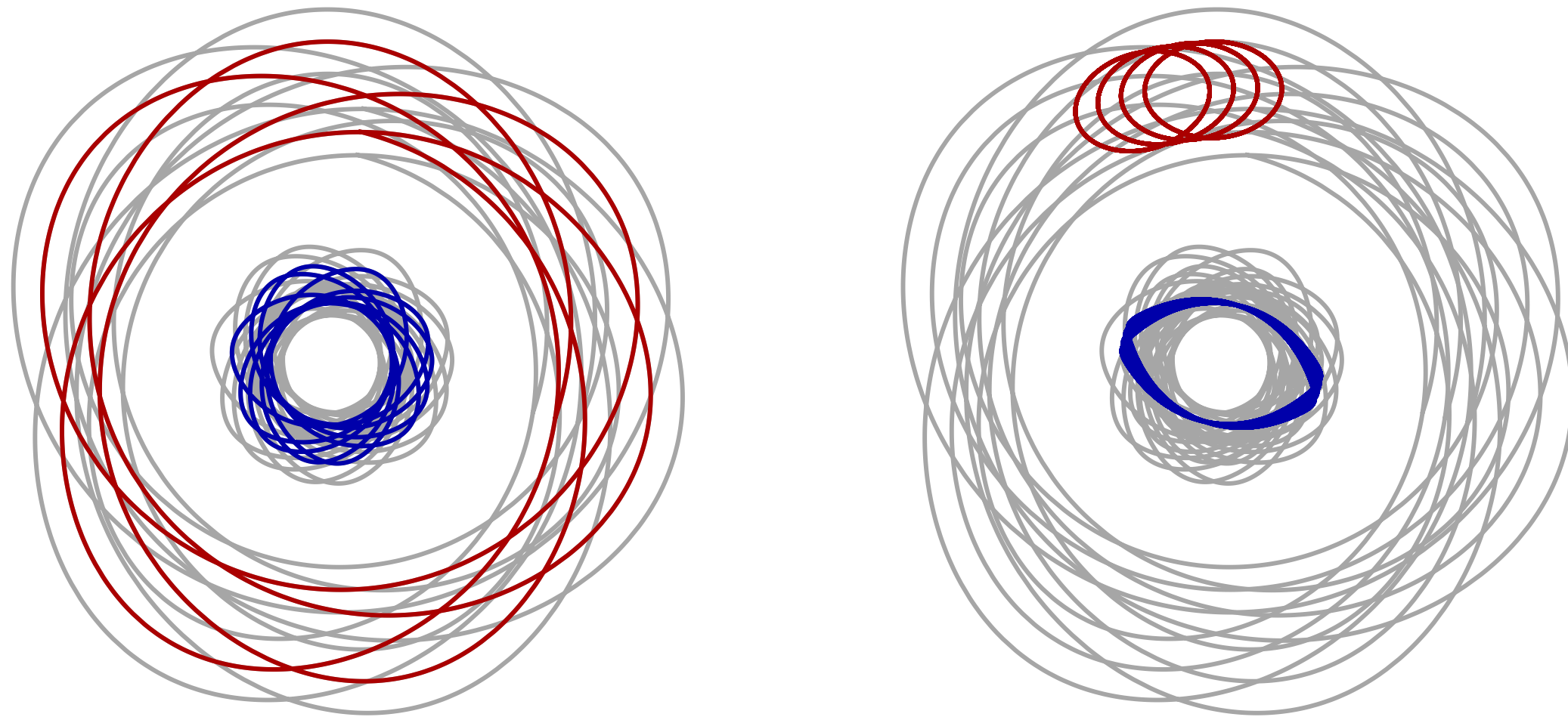
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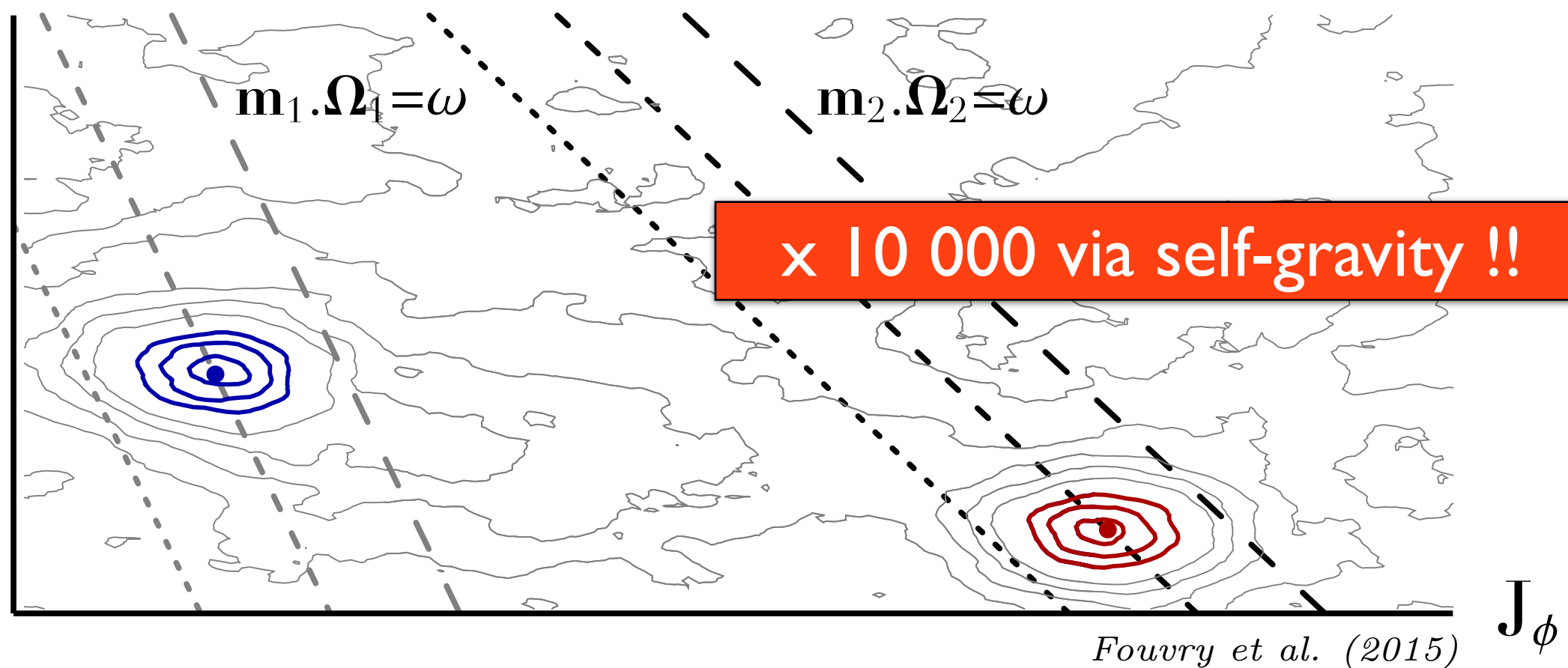
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*Heyvaerts (2010), Chavanis (2012)*

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}_1, t)}{\partial t} = \pi(2\pi)^d \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2} \mathbf{m}_1 \int d\mathbf{J}_2 \frac{\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)}{|\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1)|^2} \left[ \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_2} \right] F(\mathbf{J}_1, t) F(\mathbf{J}_2, t) \right].$$

- Some properties:

- ▶  $F(\mathbf{J}, t)$ : Orbital distortion in action space.
- ▶  $1/N$ : Driven by finite- $N$  effects.
- ▶  $\partial/\partial \mathbf{J}_1 \cdot$ : Divergence of a flux, i.e. conservation.
- ▶  $\mathbf{m}_1$ : Discrete Fourier vectors - Anisotropic diffusion.
- ▶  $\delta_D$ : Resonance condition for distant encounters.
- ▶  $1/\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}$ : Self-gravitating dressing (squared).
- ▶  $\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1$ : Secular diffusion at resonance.

$\Rightarrow$  Master equation for self-induced orbital distortion.

# Individual stochastic diffusion

- Self-consistent diffusion of the system as a whole

⇒ **Anisotropic Balescu-Lenard equation**

$$\frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial J^s} \cdot \left[ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) \bar{F}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial J^s} \right] .$$

$\mathbf{A}(\bar{F})$  drift vector,  $\mathbf{D}(\bar{F})$  diffusion tensor.

- Individual dynamics of a wire at position  $\mathcal{J}(\tau)$

⇒ **Stochastic Langevin equation** - (Risken (1996))

$$\frac{d\mathcal{J}}{d\tau} = \mathbf{h}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) + \mathbf{g}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) \cdot \mathbf{\Gamma}(\tau) . \quad \mathbf{g}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) \propto \sqrt{\mathbf{D}}$$

$\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  vector and tensor, and  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  stochastic Langevin forces.

⇒ **Dual equation**, whose ensemble average gives back BL.

- In the Langevin's rewriting, **particles are dressed orbits.**

⇒ Huge gains in timesteps for integration.



# Difficulties of the Balescu-Lenard equation

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Difficulties:

- Inhomogeneous system
  - ▶ Angle-action  $(x, v) \mapsto (\theta, J)$ .
- Long-range system
  - ▶ Basis elements  $\psi^{(p)}$ .
- Self-gravitating system
  - ▶ Response matrix  $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$ .
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Difficulties:

*integrate twice over phase space*

- Inhomogeneous system

▶ Angle-action  $(x, v) \mapsto (\theta, \mathbf{J}) \Rightarrow$  2D discs are explicitly integrable.

- Long-range system

▶ Basis elements  $\psi^{(p)}$   $\Rightarrow$  Global basis elements.

- Self-gravitating system

▶ Response matrix  $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$   $\Rightarrow$  Numerical linear theory.

- Resonant encounters

▶ Resonance  $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$   $\Rightarrow$  Integrate along resonant lines.

# Balescu-Lenard - Global approach

- Balescu-Lenard equation

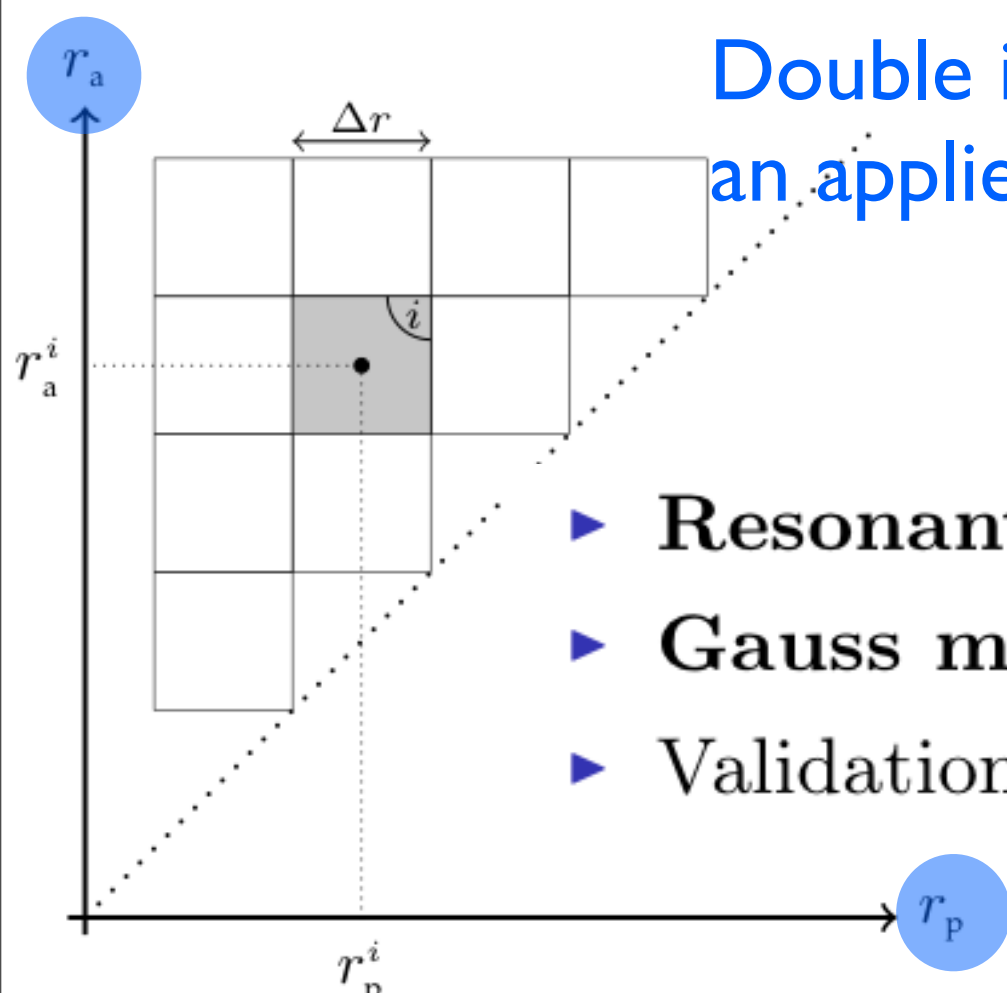
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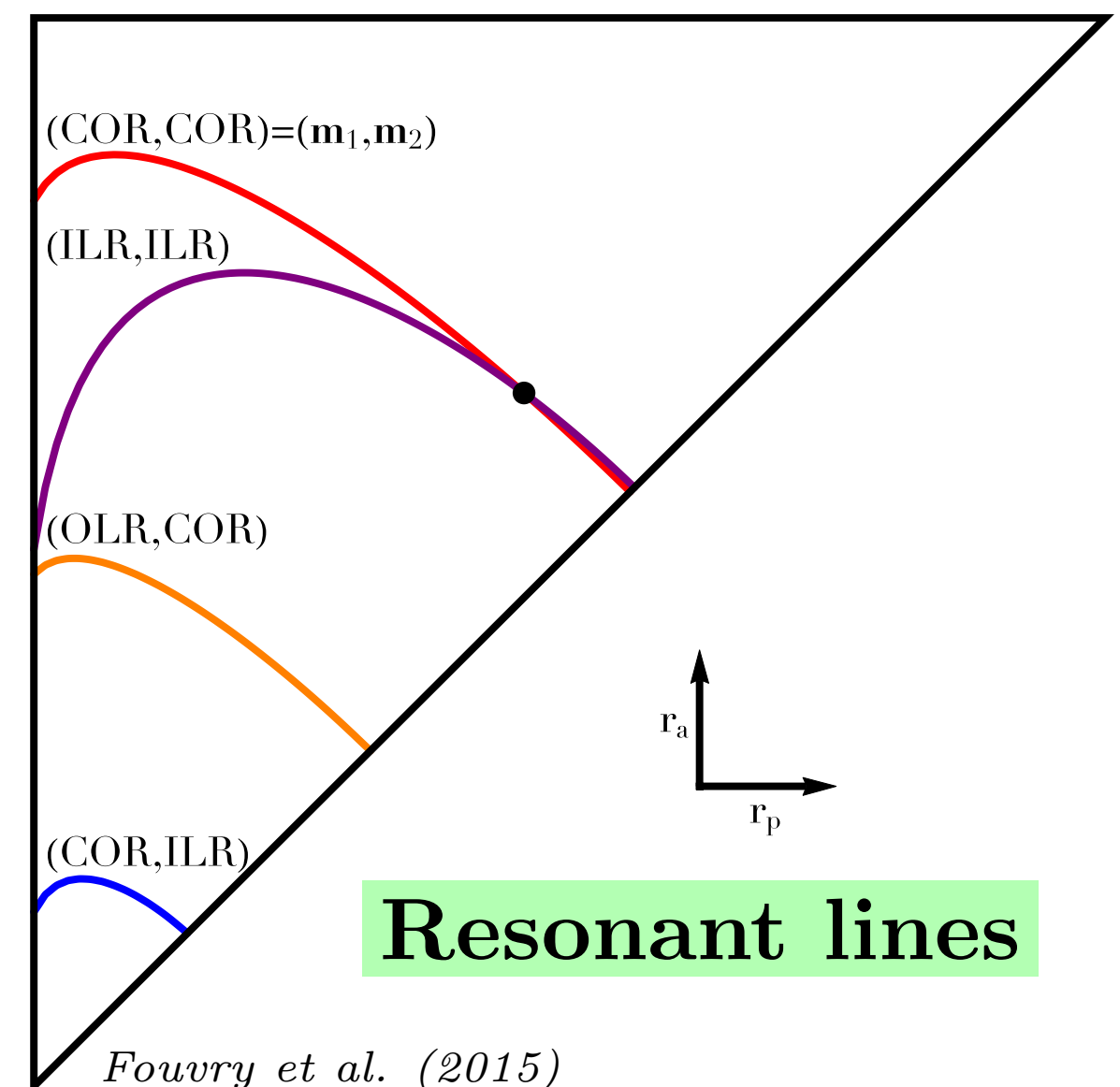
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$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{pq}(\omega) \sim \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{m} \cdot \partial F / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J}).$$

Double integral over phase space:  
an applied-math numerical **challenge**



- ▶ Resonant poles and action integrals.
- ▶ Gauss method with  $(r_p, r_a)$  as *actions*.
- ▶ Validation with unstable modes.

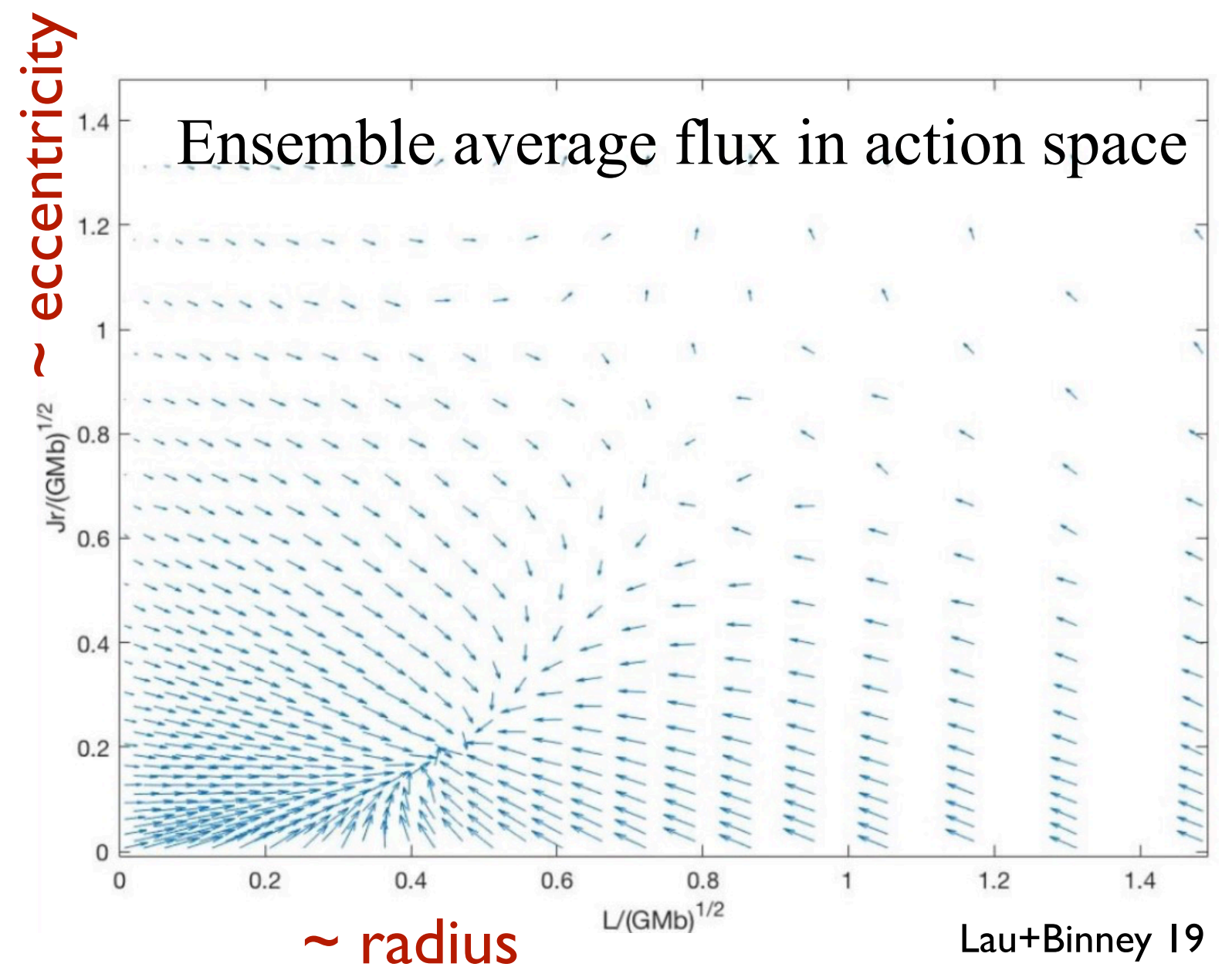
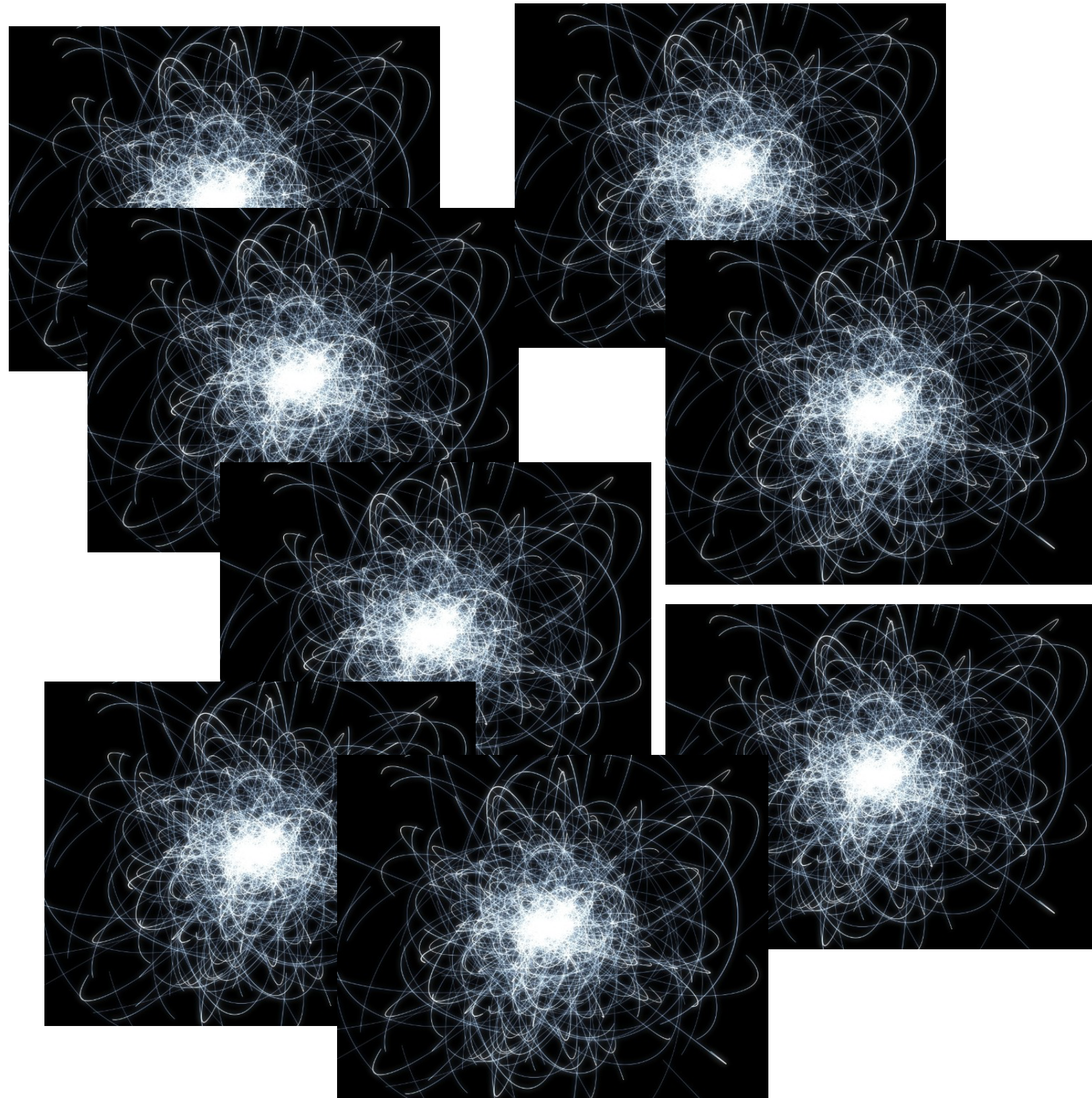




# N-body alternative

**How:** Ensemble average *rate of change* of action to compute **secular flux**

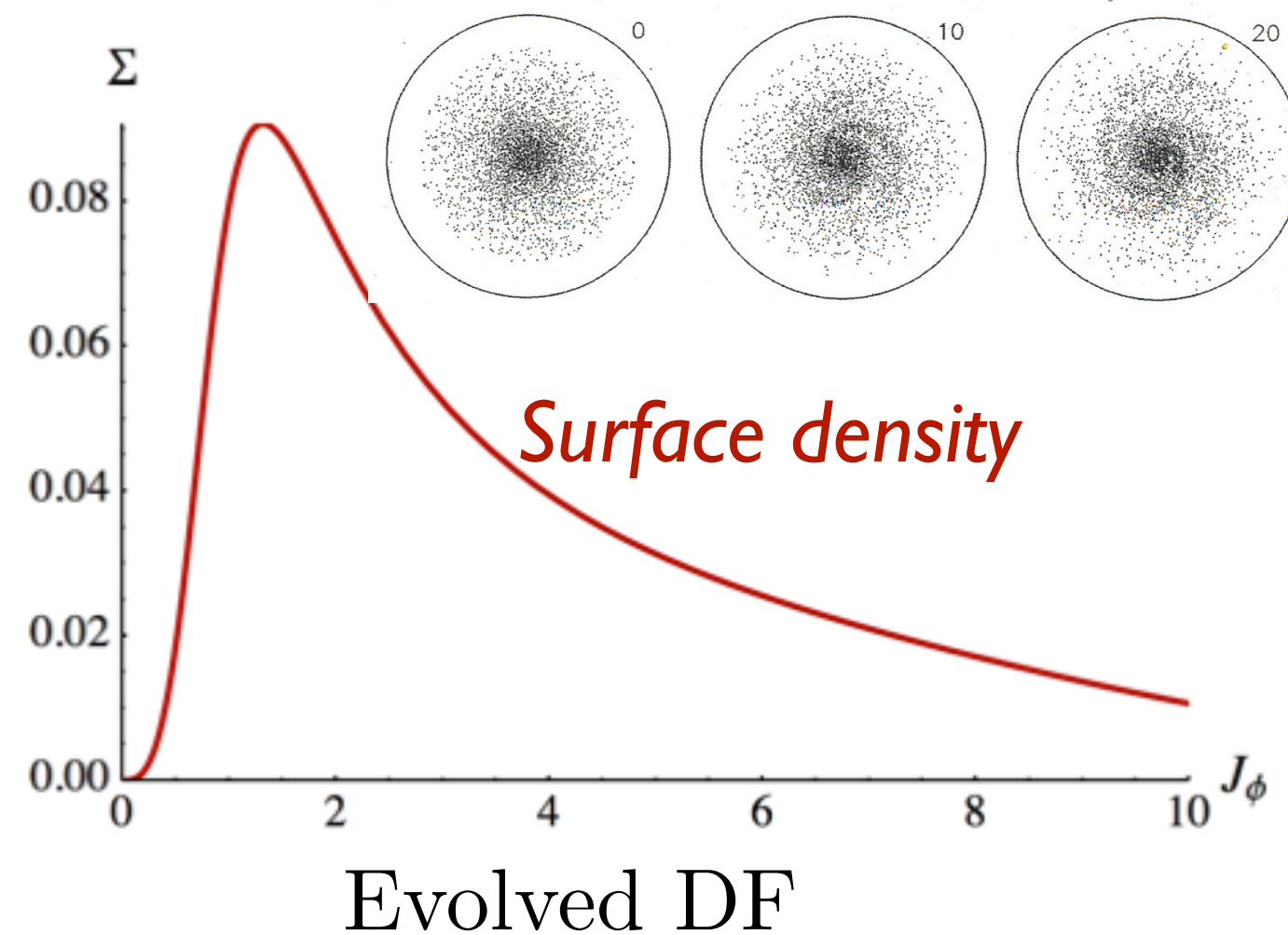
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathcal{F} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{F} = \left\langle \frac{\Delta \mathbf{I}}{\Delta t} \right\rangle$$



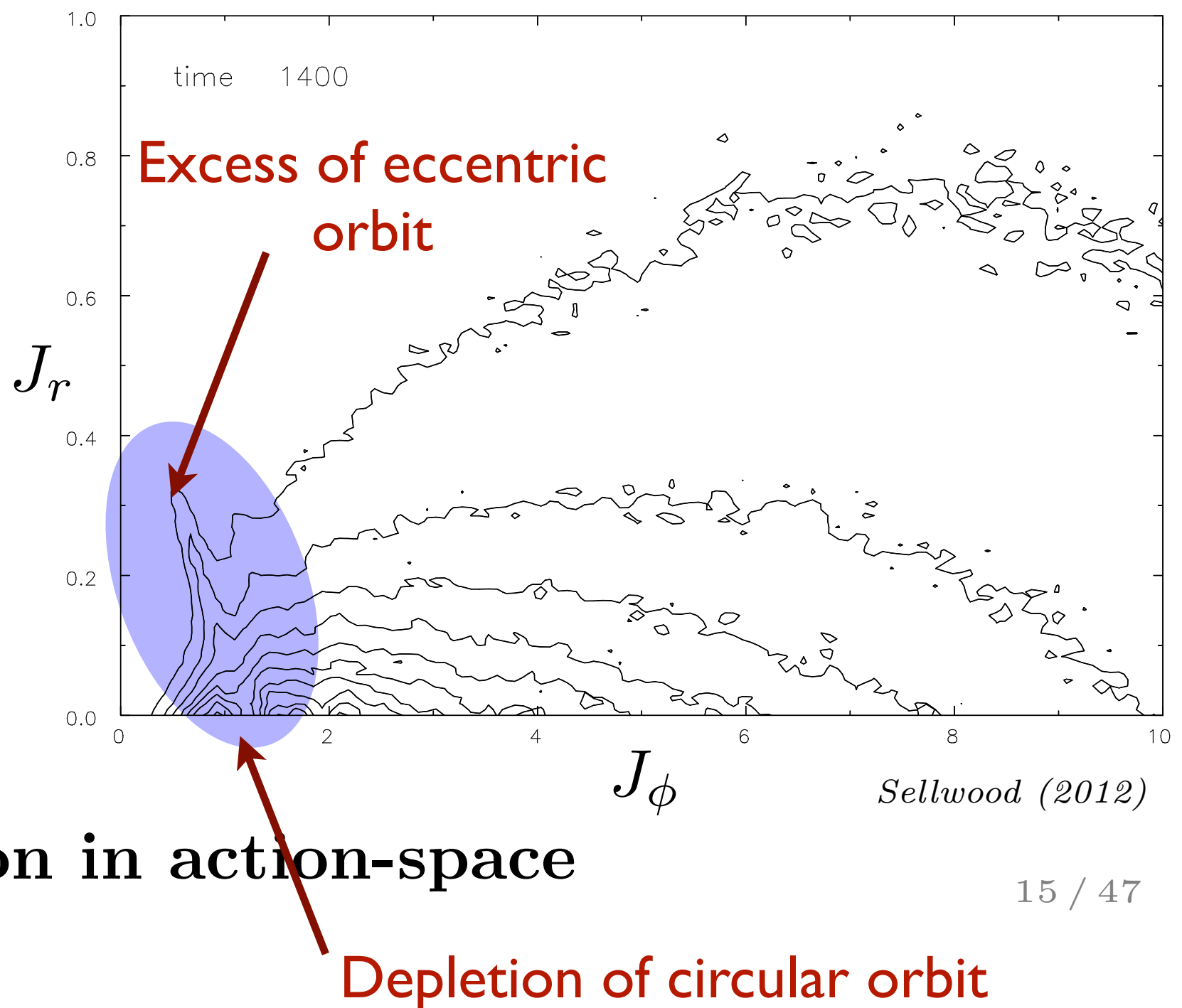
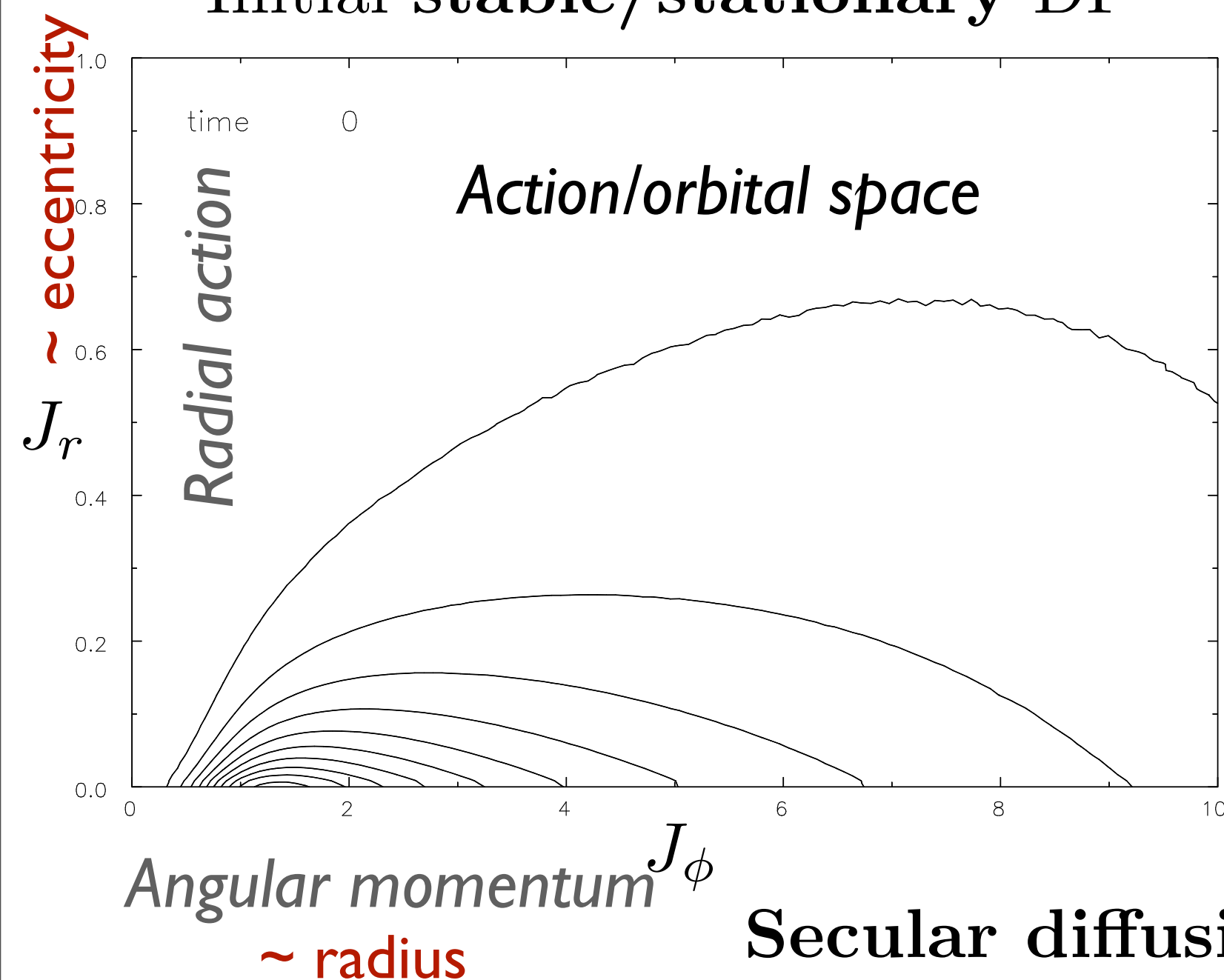


# An example of secular evolution

- Sellwood's 2012 numerical experiment
  - ▶ Stationary **stable** tapered *Mestel disc*
  - ▶  $N$ -body code with **500M** particles
  - ▶ Appearance of **transient spiral waves**
  - ▶ Archetype of **radial migration**



Initial stable/stationary DF

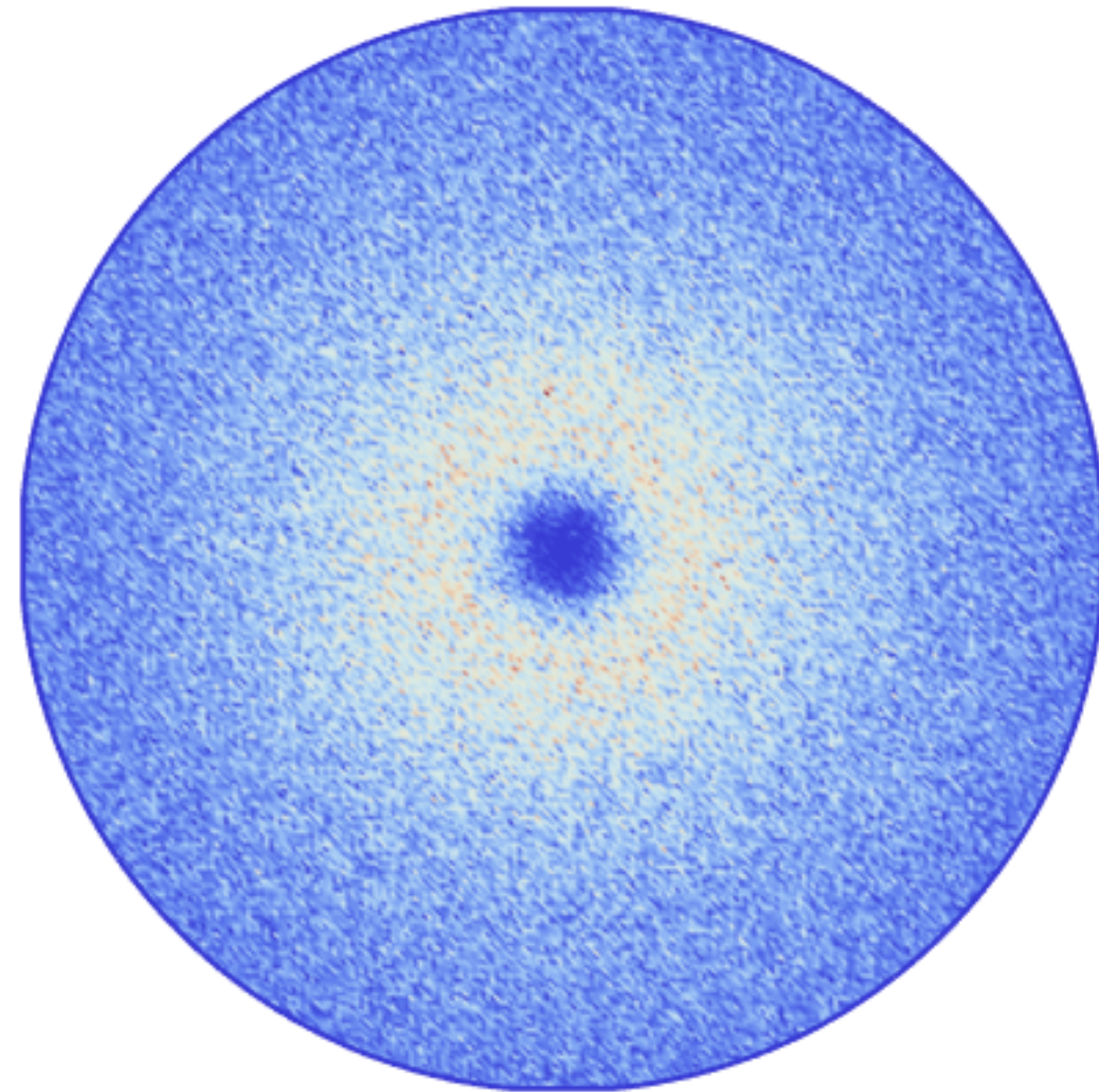
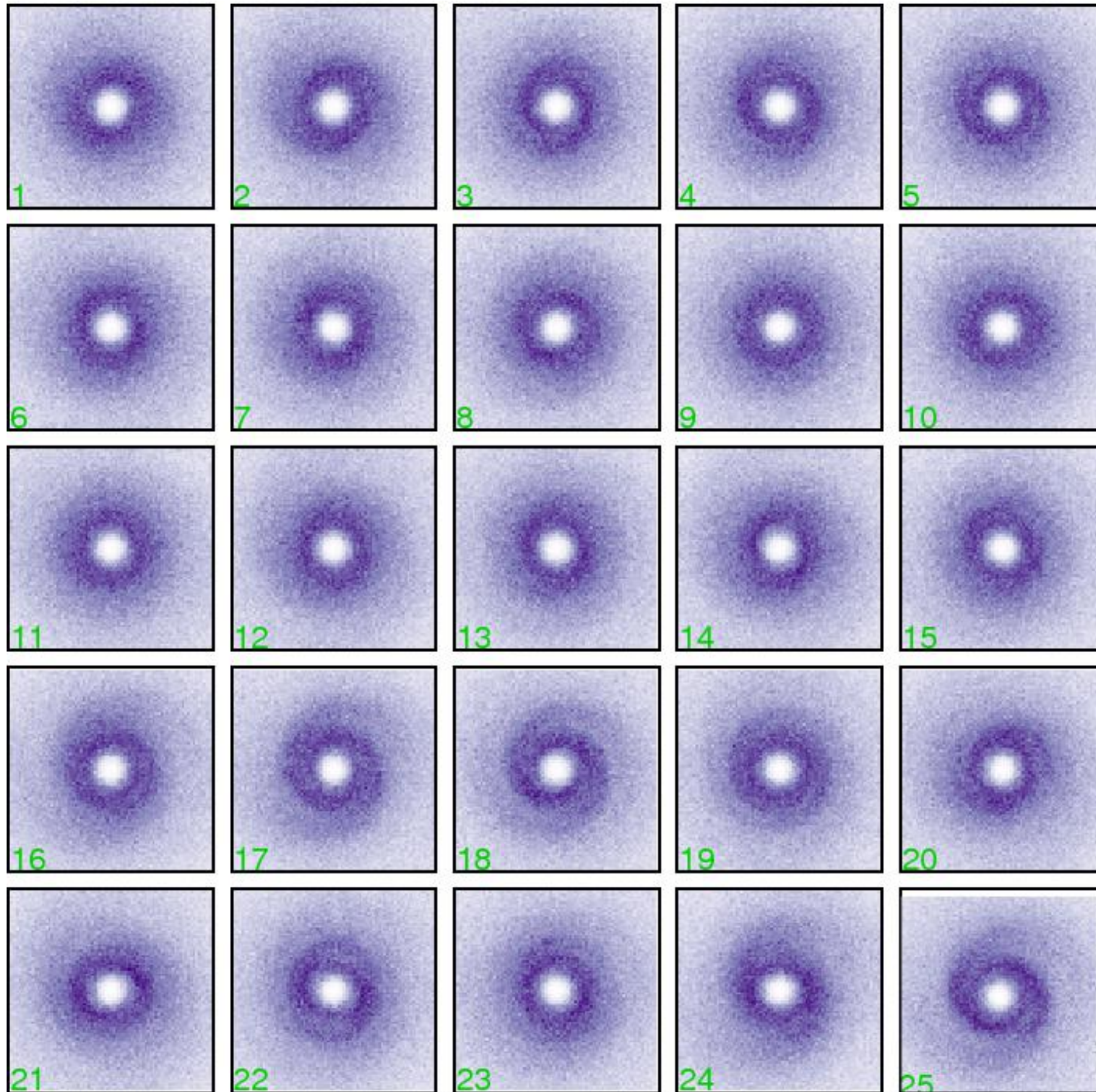


Secular diffusion in action-space



# An example of secular evolution

- In configuration space



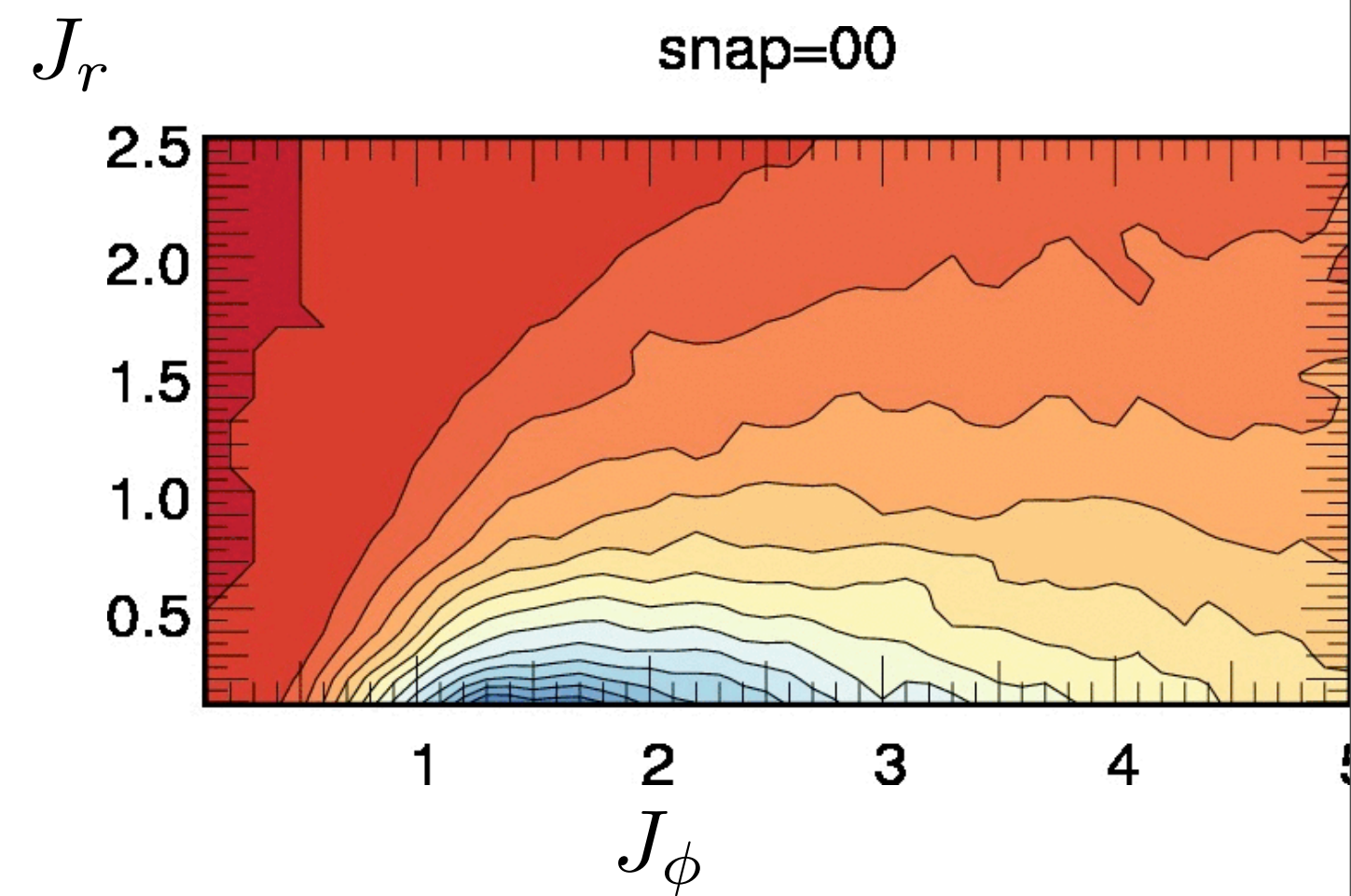
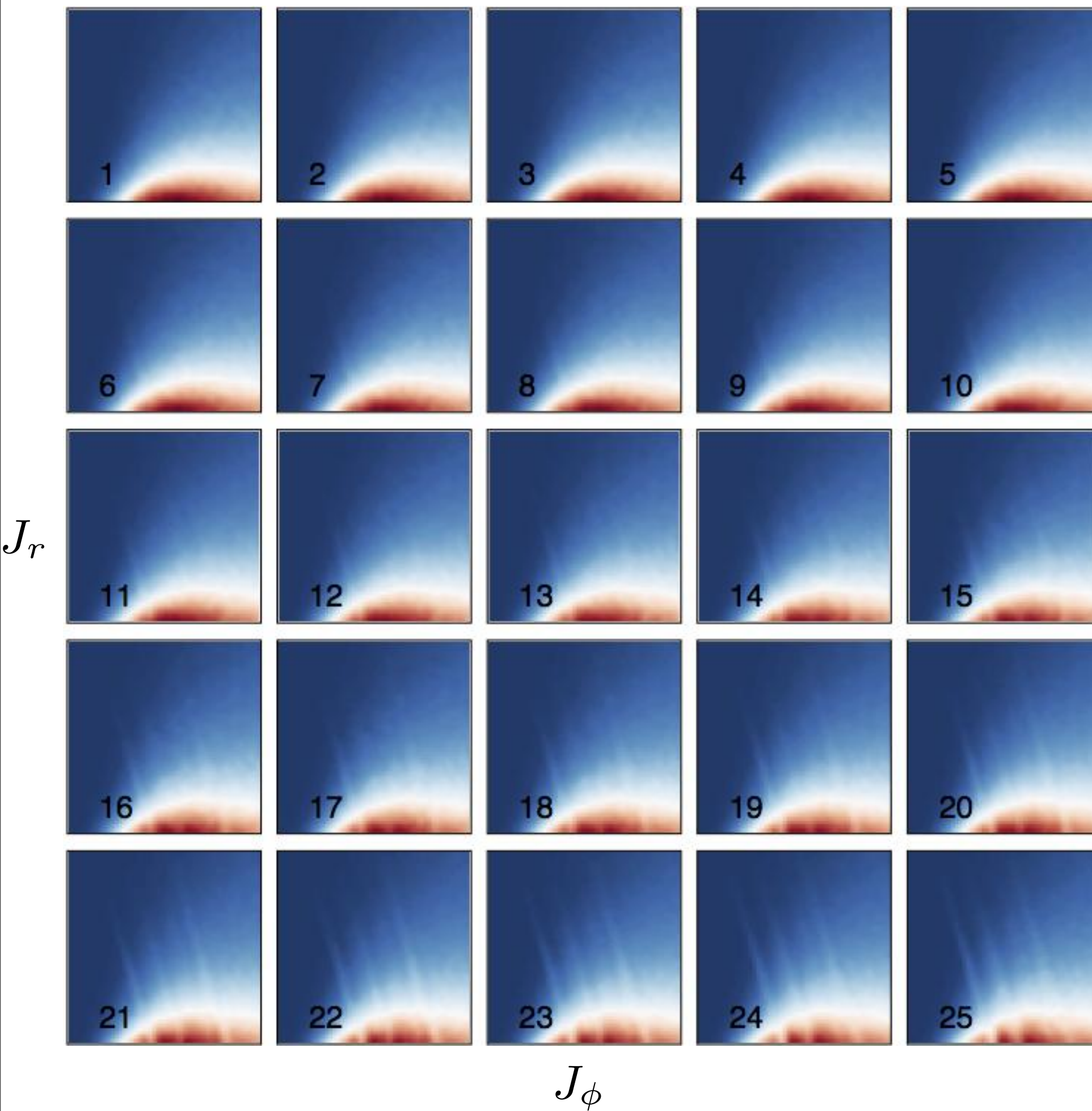
- Spontaneous appearance of uncorrelated transient spiral waves.

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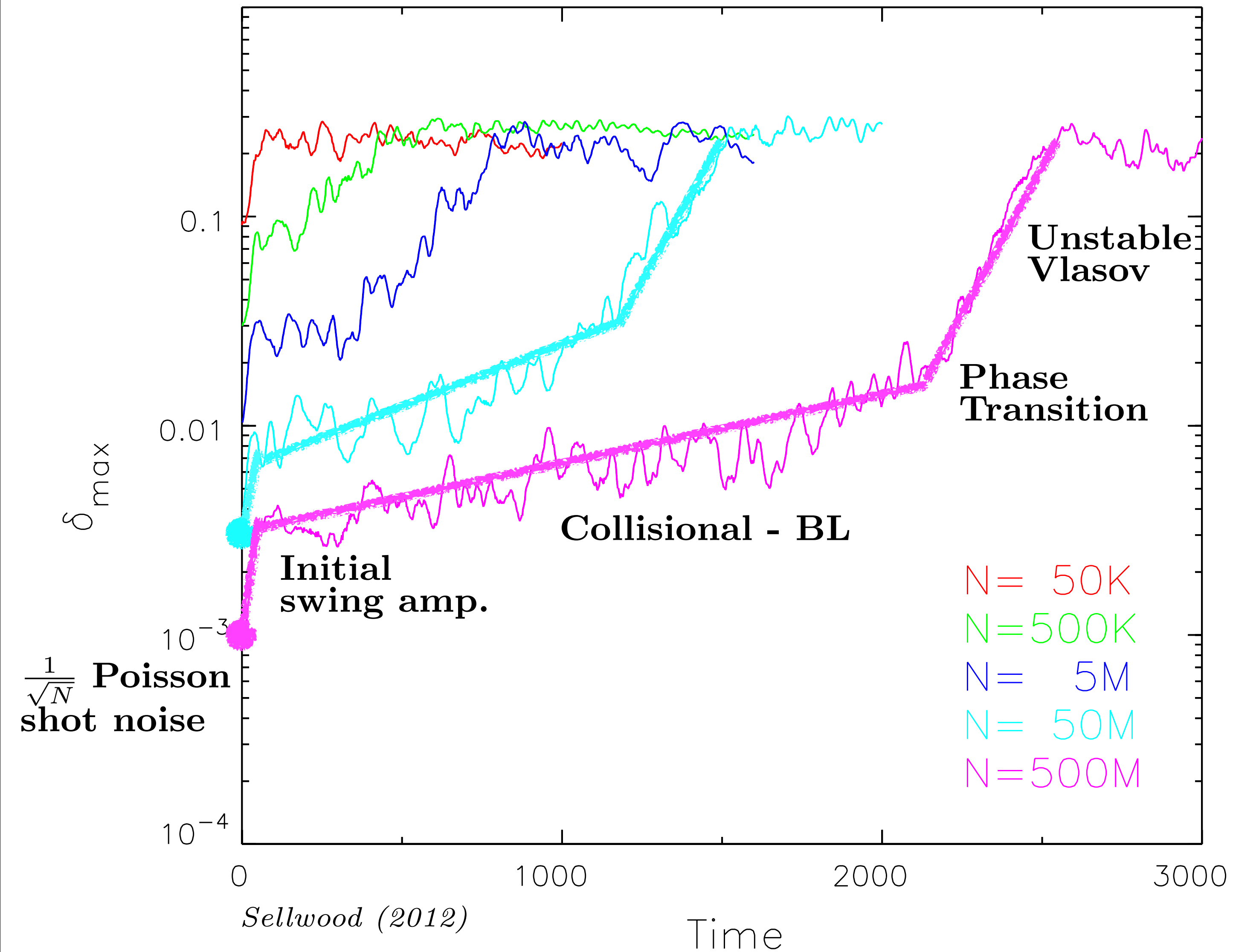
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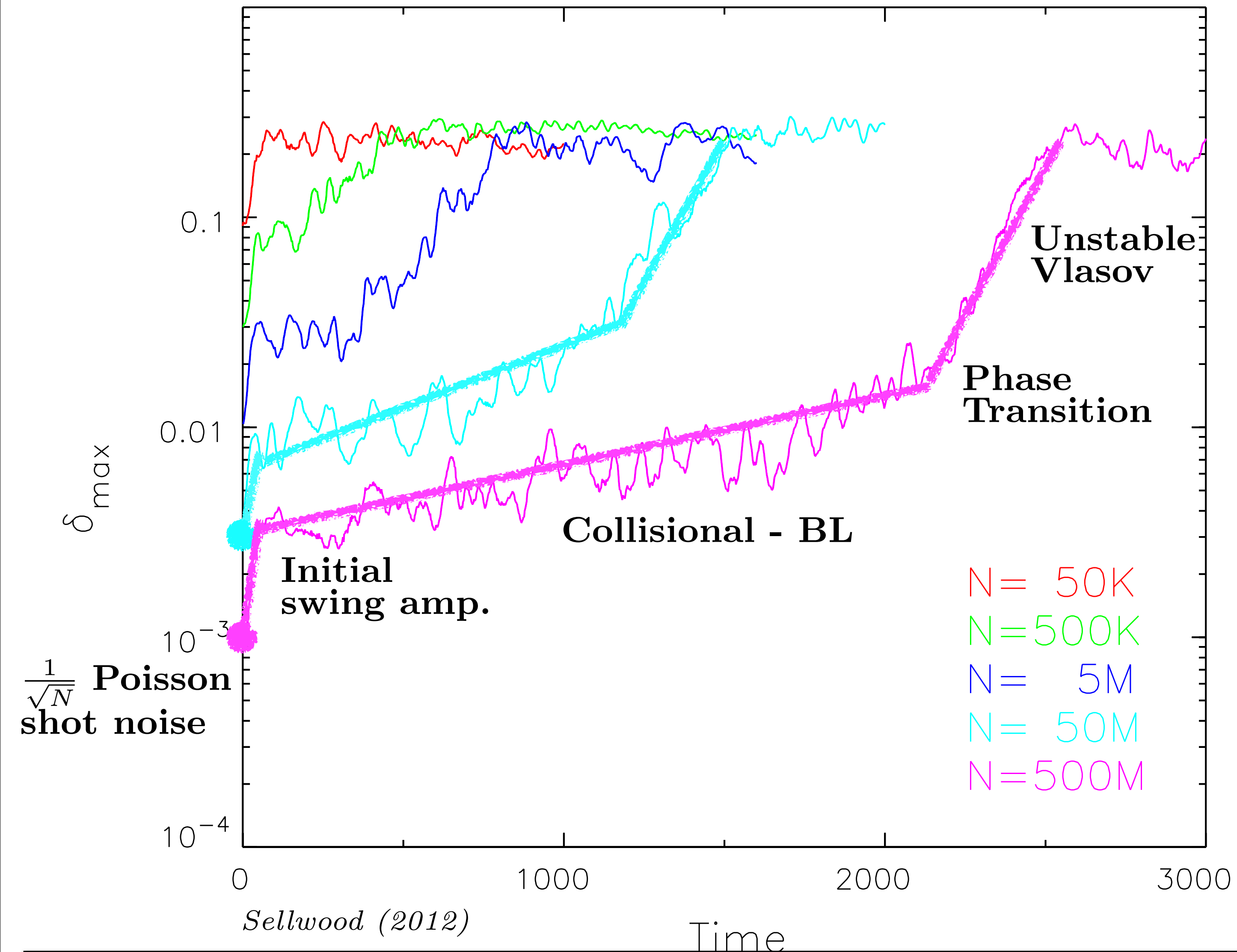


- Long-term appearance of a dominant narrow **resonant ridge**.

# The fate of secular evolution



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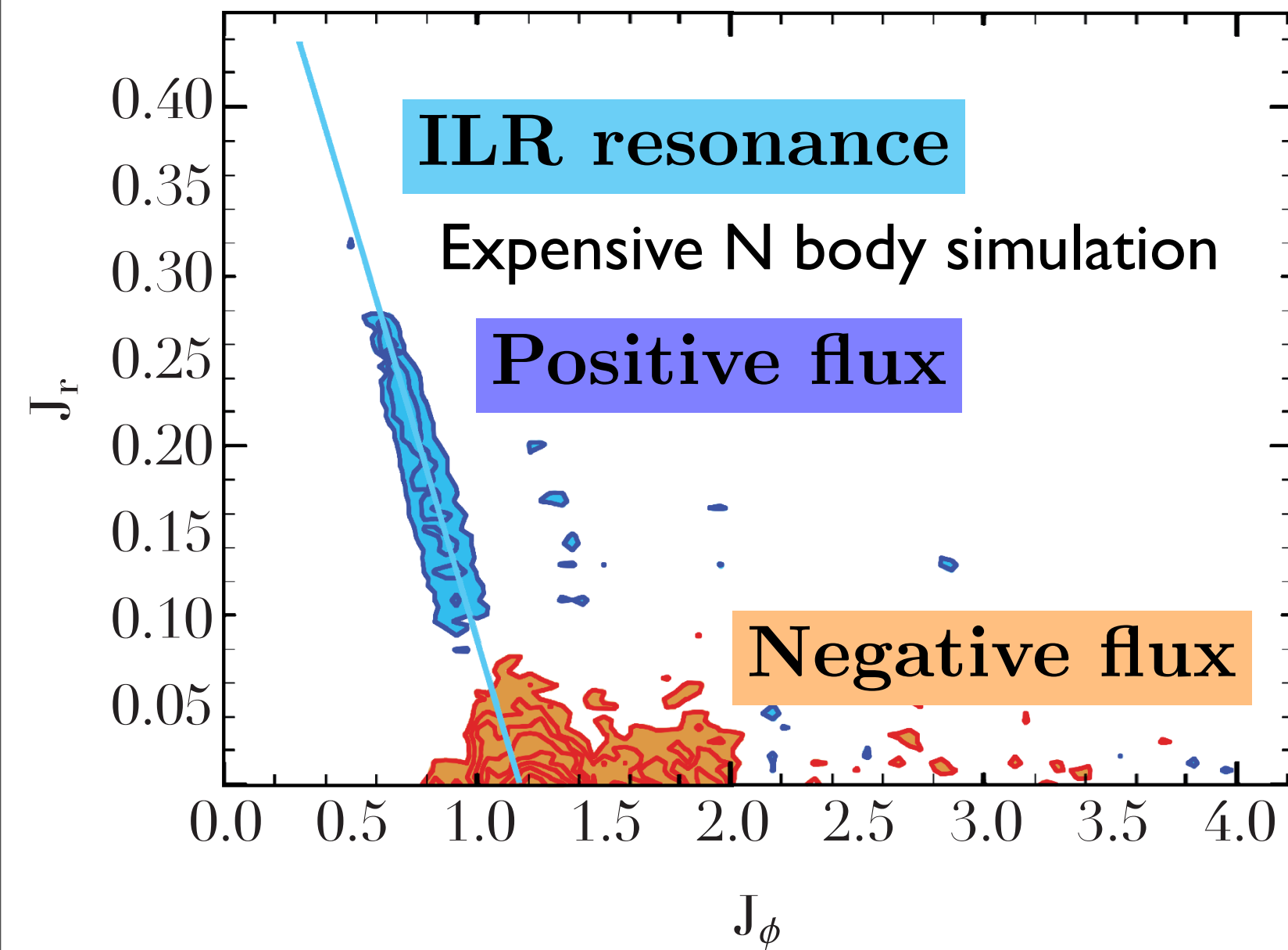
stellar discs are so (dynamically) unlikely they will drive themselves out of equilibrium



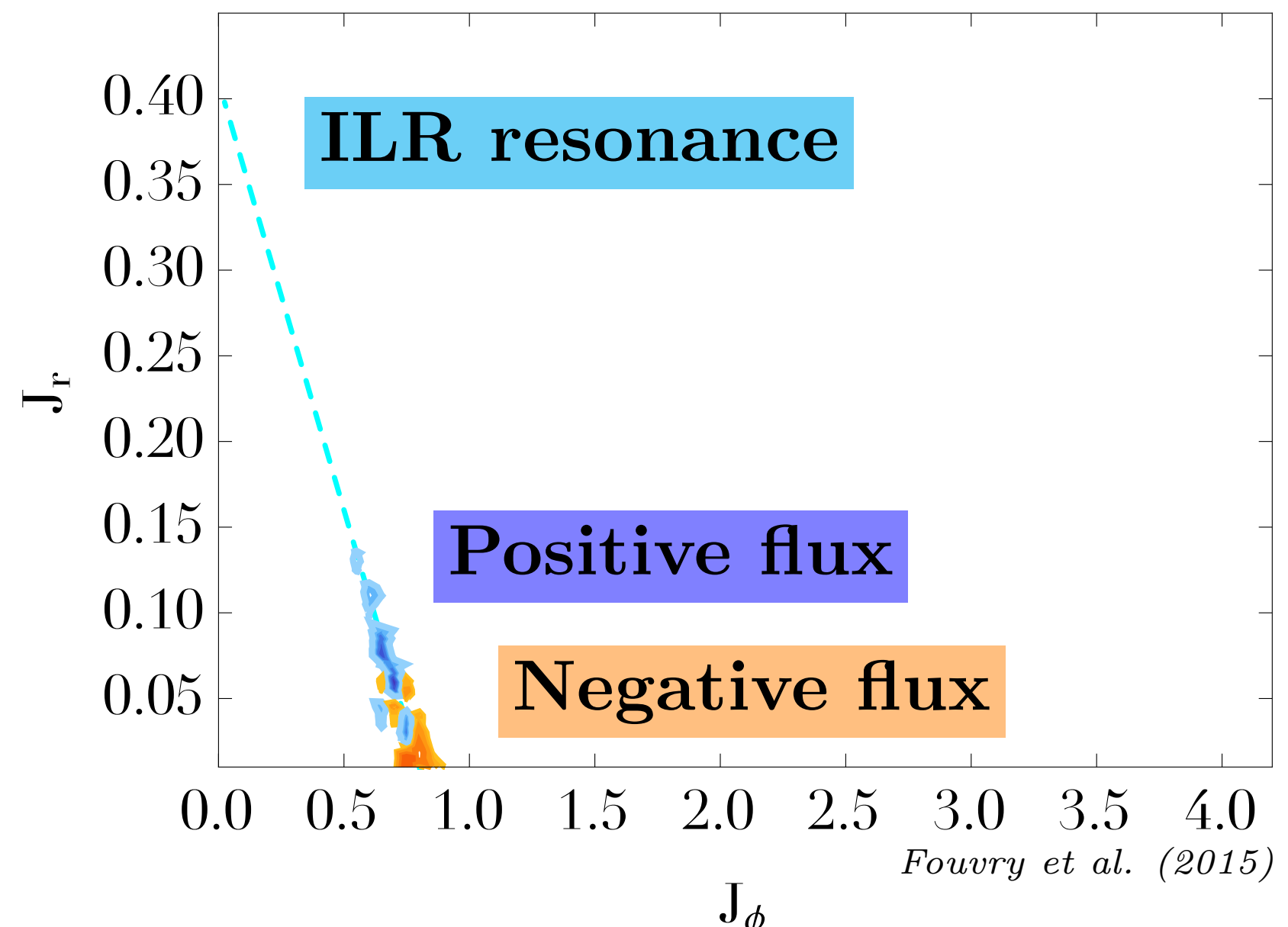
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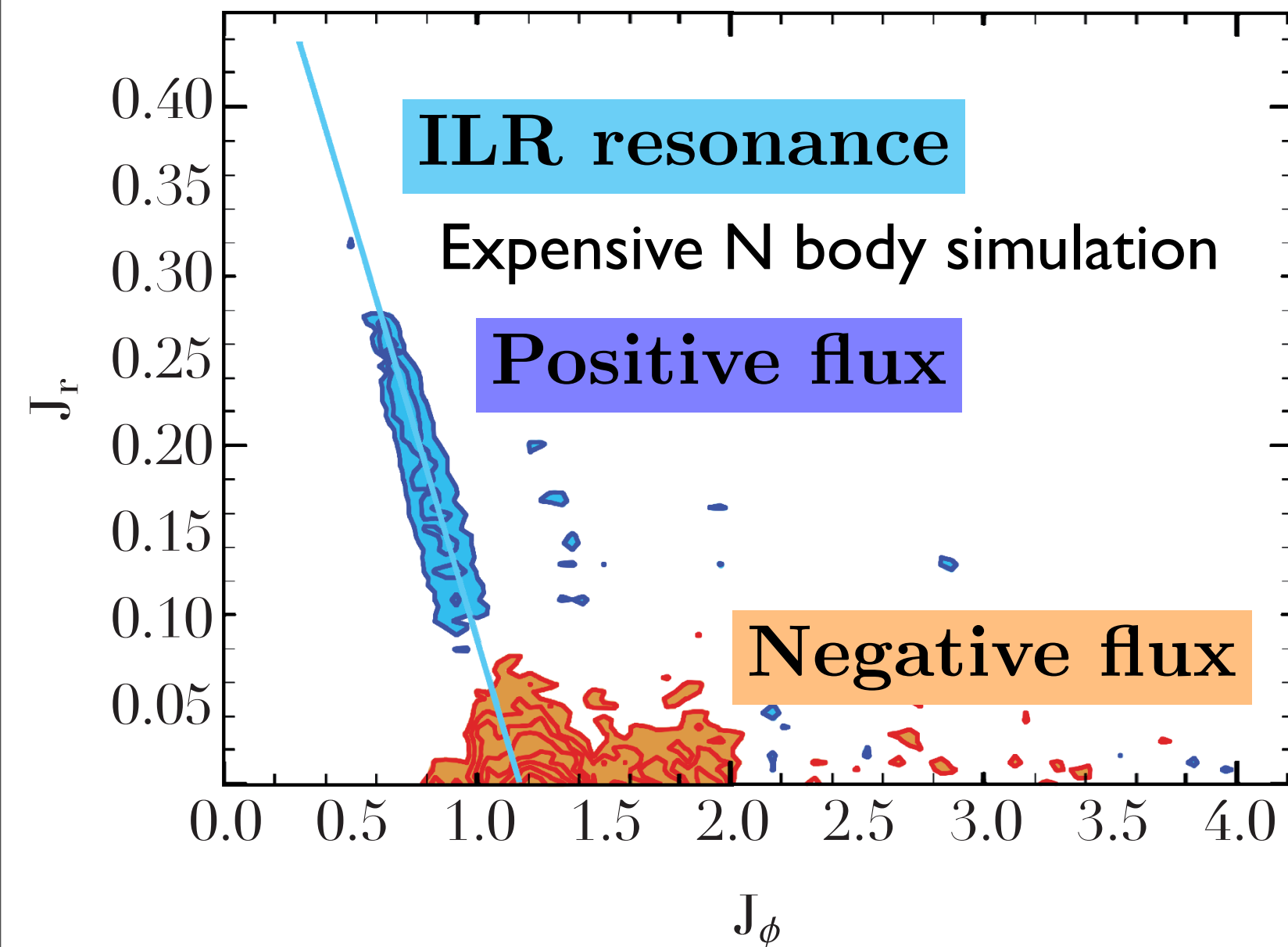


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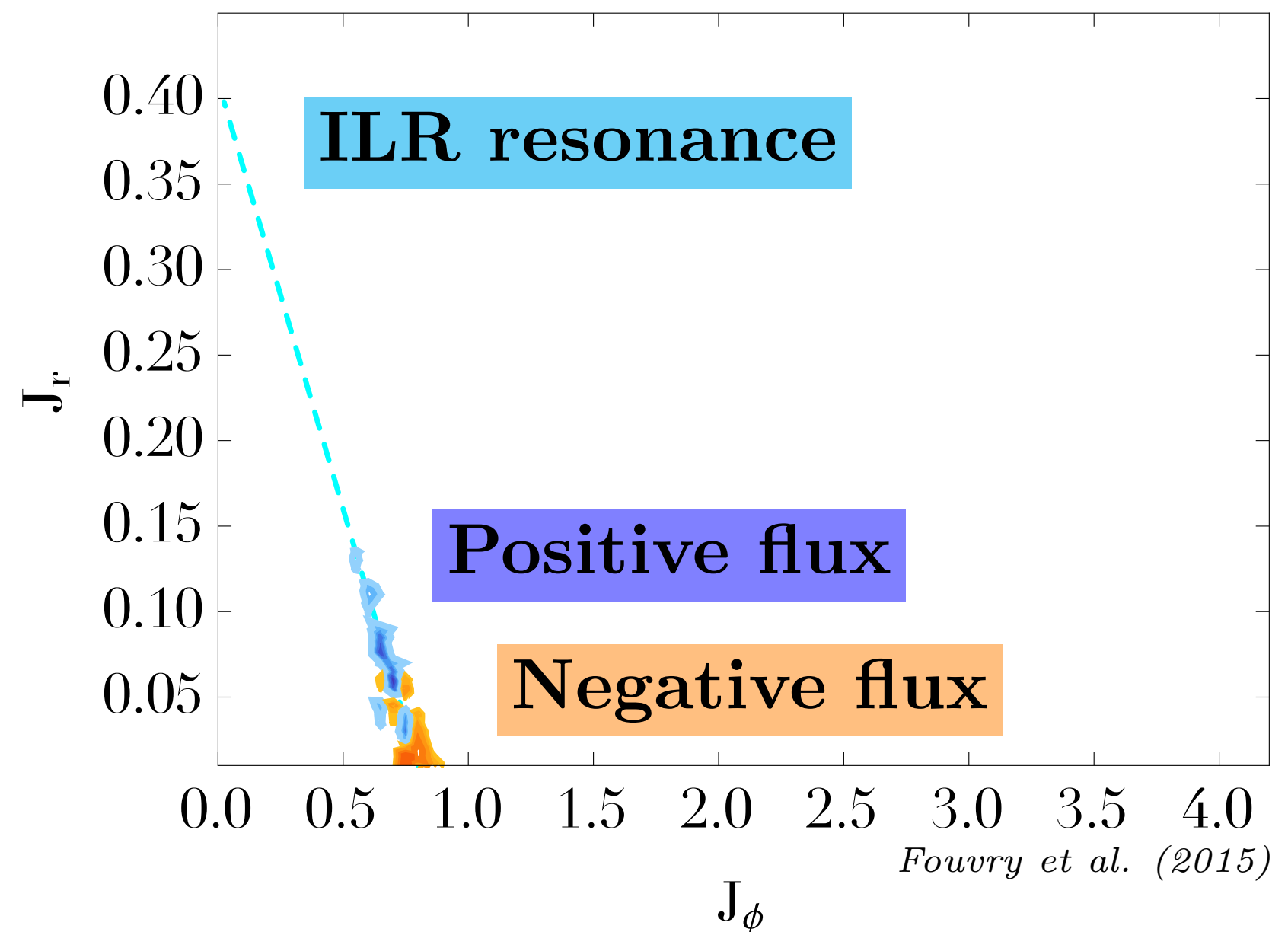
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Solves a long standing puzzle of galactic dynamics: **uncorrelated** swing-amplified spiral sequences *secularly* induce formation of very *specific* families of distorted (churned *and* blurred) orbits forming a resonant *ridge*.

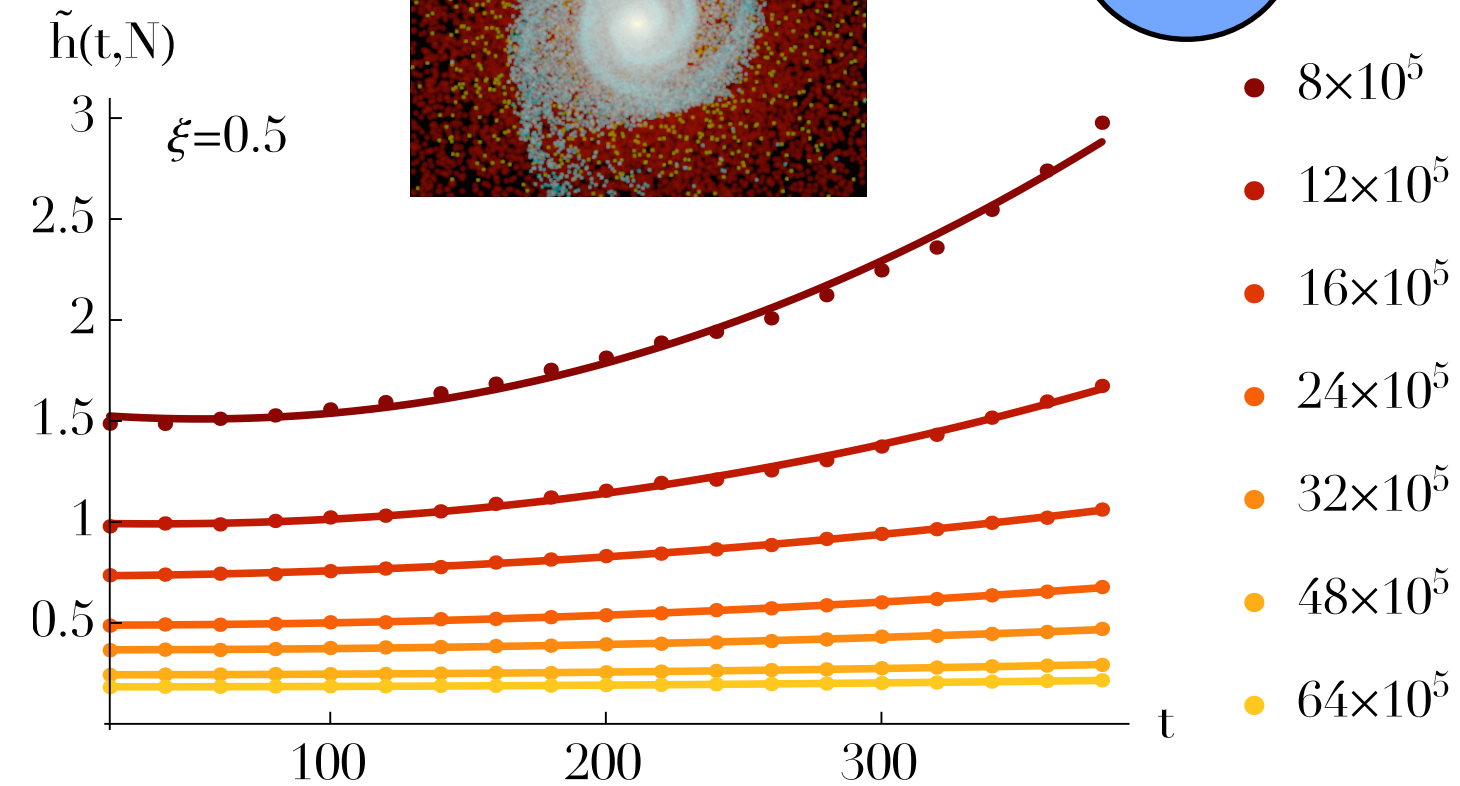
# Scaling with $N$

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- Two entangled sources of **fluctuations**
  - ▶ Unavoidable **Poisson shot noise**
  - ▶ Irreversible **secular evolution**

- Quantify the **amount of evolution**

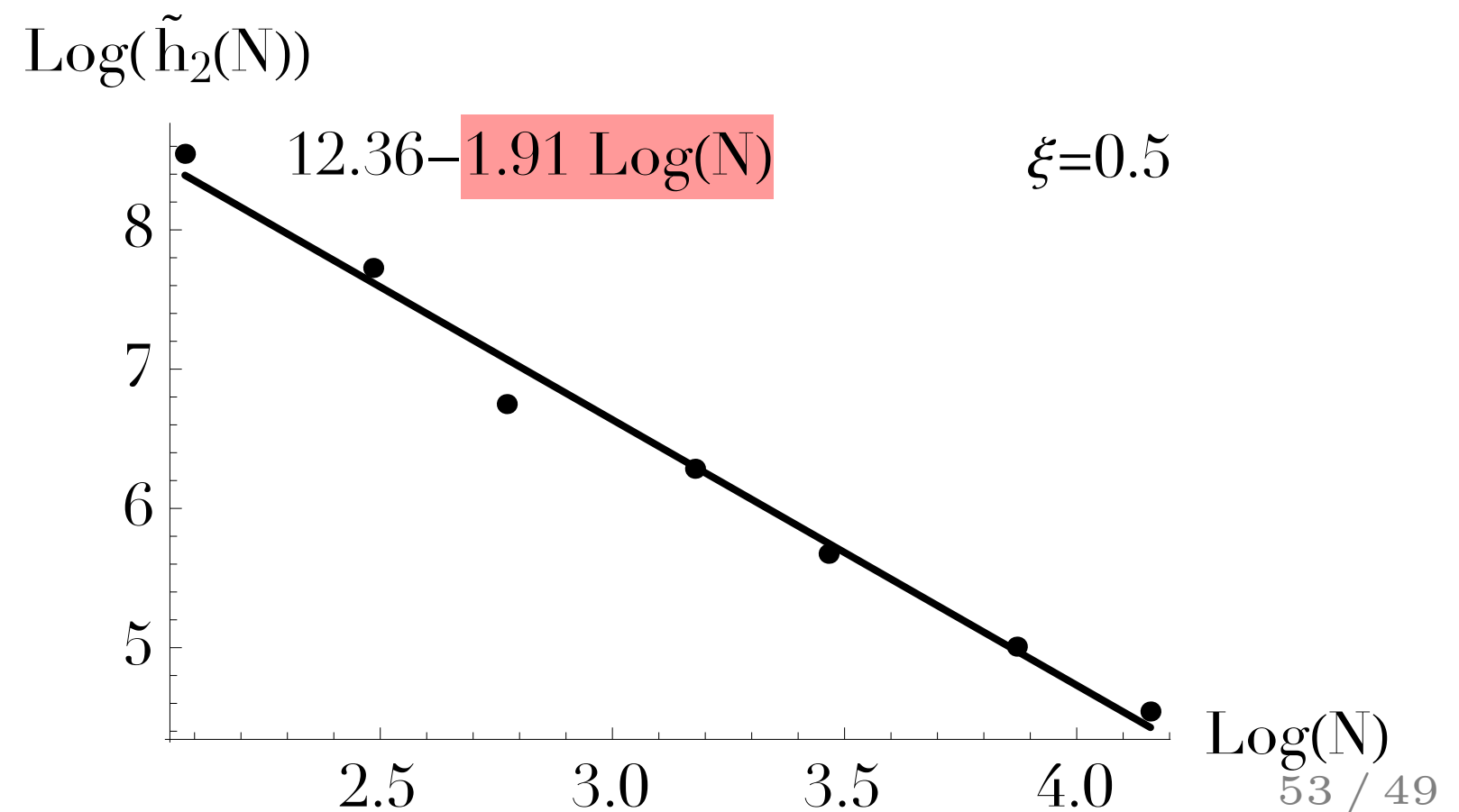
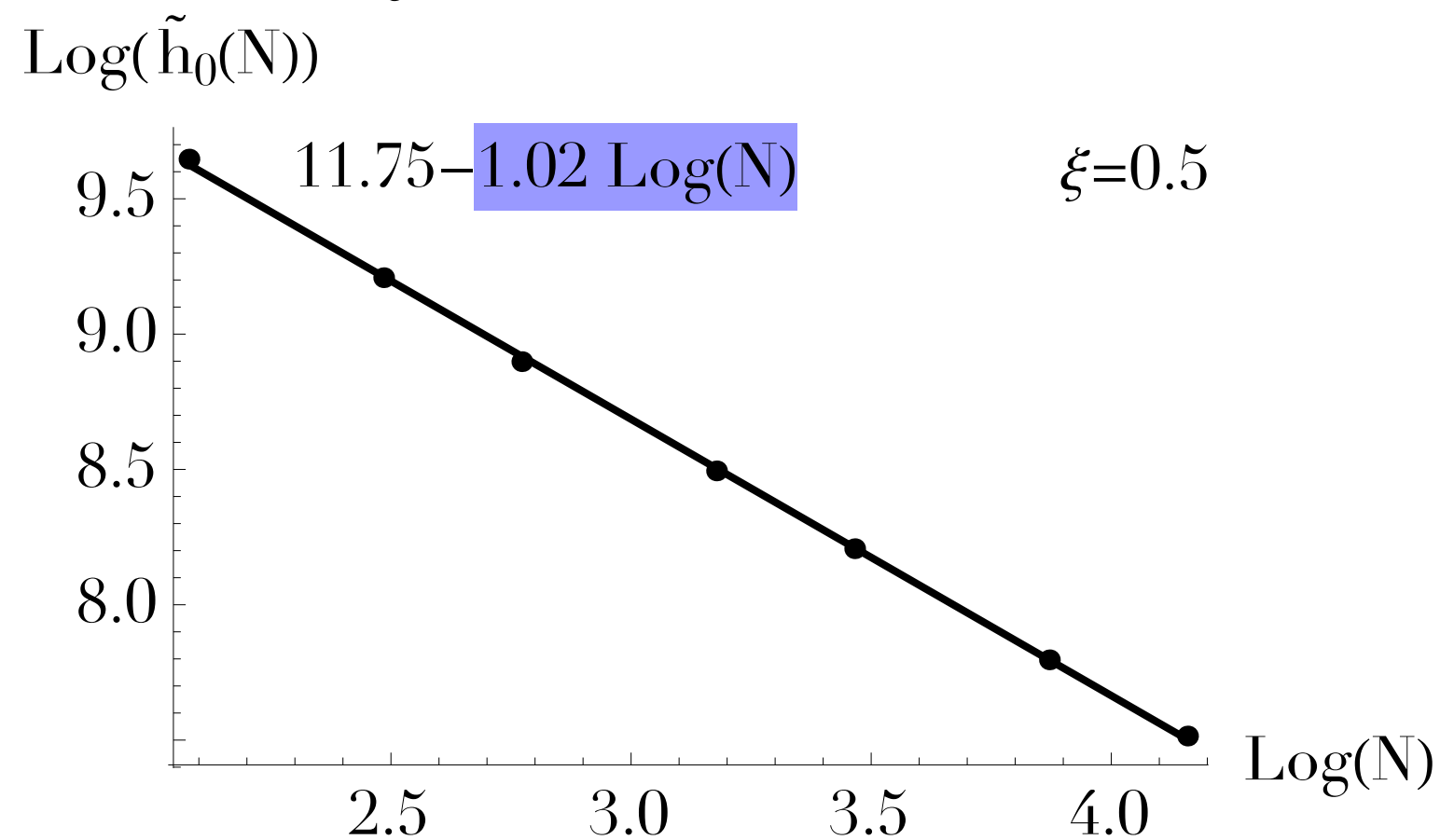
$$\tilde{h}(t, N) = \left\langle \int d\mathbf{J} [F(t, \mathbf{J}, N) - \langle F(0, \mathbf{J}, N) \rangle]^2 \right\rangle$$



- Initial behaviour

$$\tilde{h}(t, N) \simeq \tilde{h}_0^N + t \tilde{h}_1^N + \frac{t^2}{2} \tilde{h}_2^N \implies \begin{cases} \tilde{h}_0^N \propto N^{-1} \text{ (Poisson shot noise)} \\ \tilde{h}_1^N = 0 \\ \tilde{h}_2^N \propto N^{-2} \text{ (Collisional scaling)} \end{cases}$$

- $N$ -body measurements



Process displays characteristic scaling with  $N$  and cosmic time



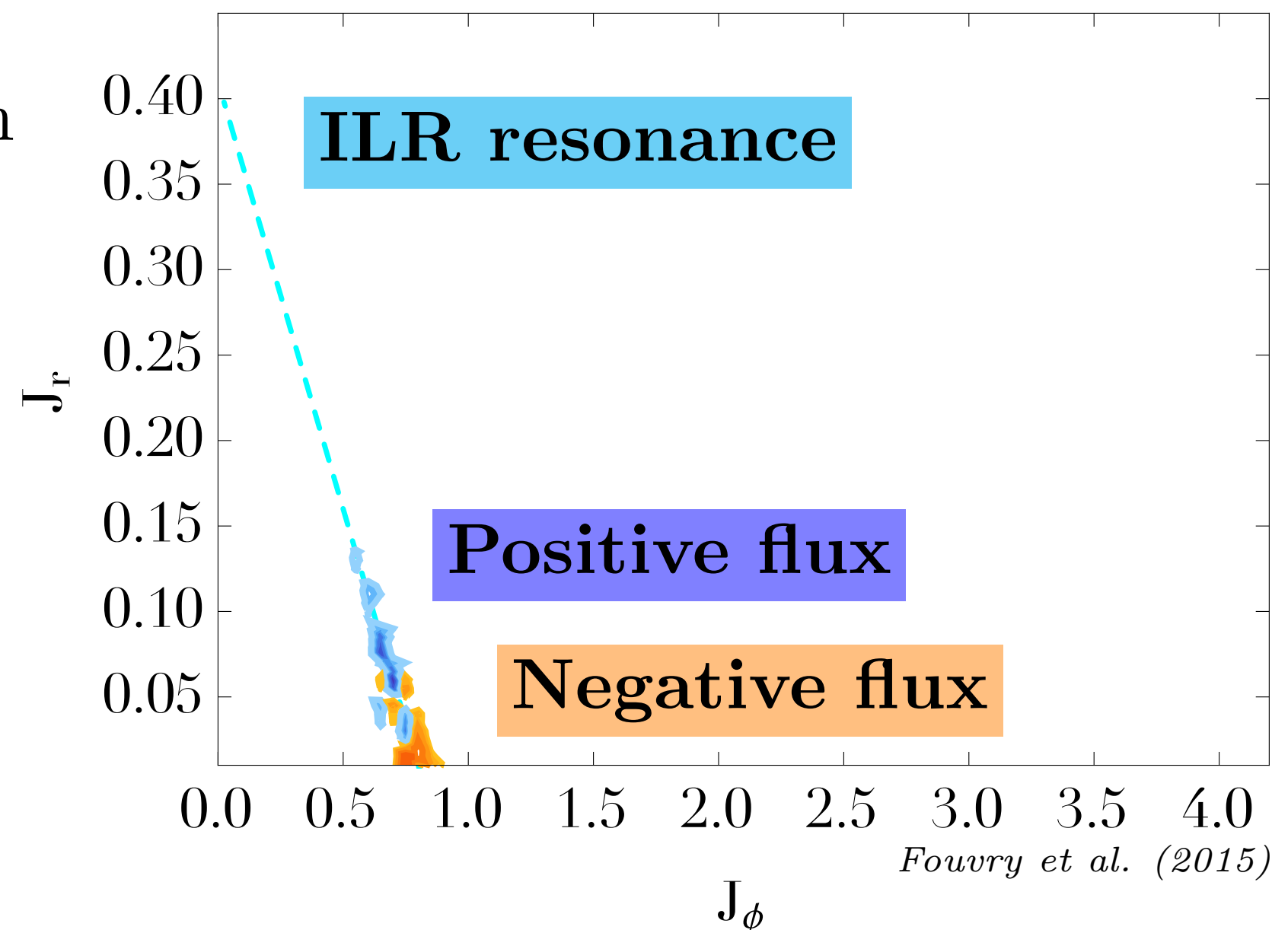
- Normalised Balescu-Lenard equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N} C_{\text{BL}}[F] \implies \boxed{\frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} = C_{\text{BL}}[F] \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \frac{t}{N}}.$$

- Comparison with S12's simulation

$$\frac{\Delta \tau_{\text{S12}}}{\Delta \tau_{\text{BL}}} \sim 1.$$

$\implies$  **Appropriate timescales.**



**Balescu-Lenard**

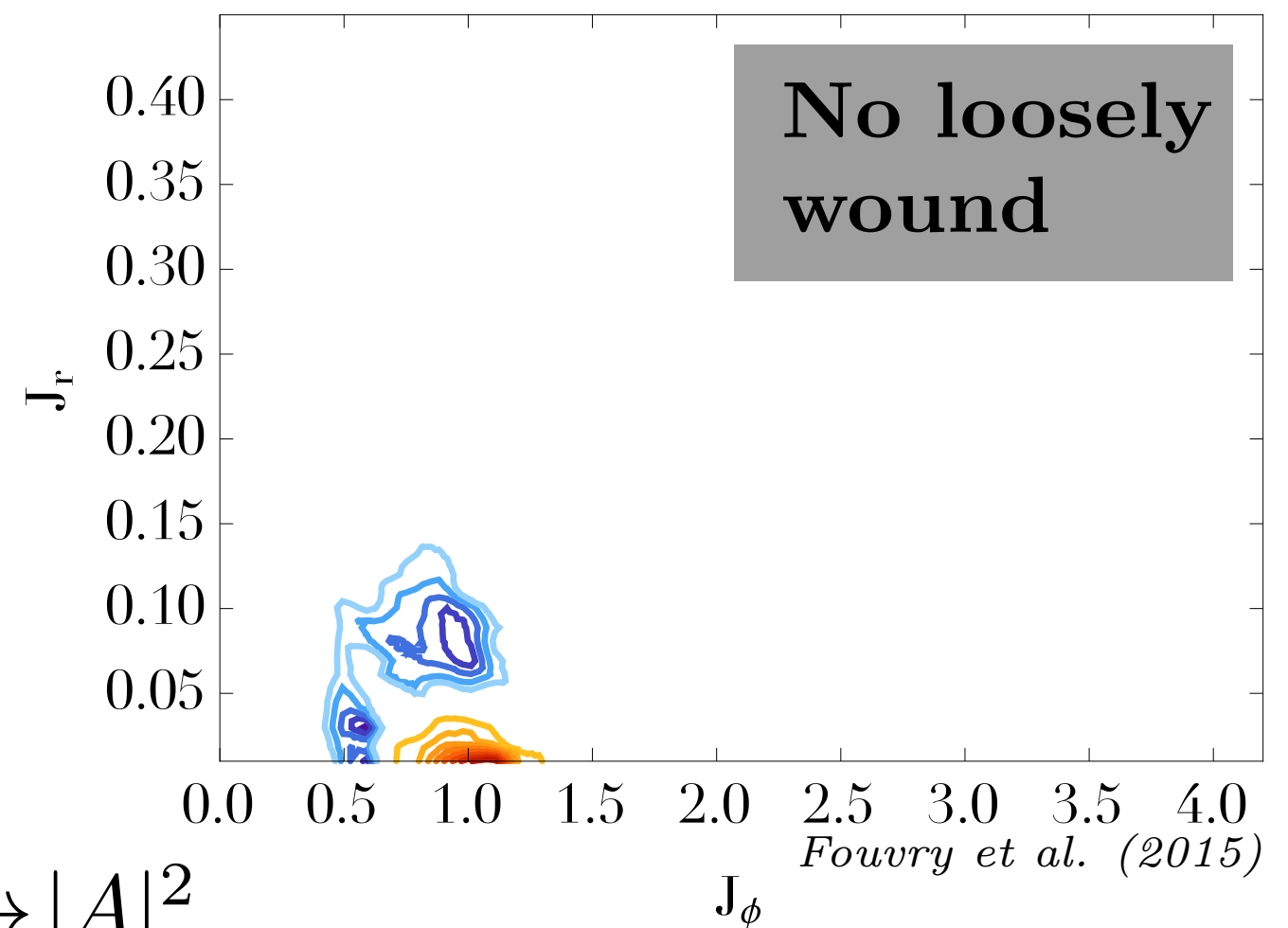
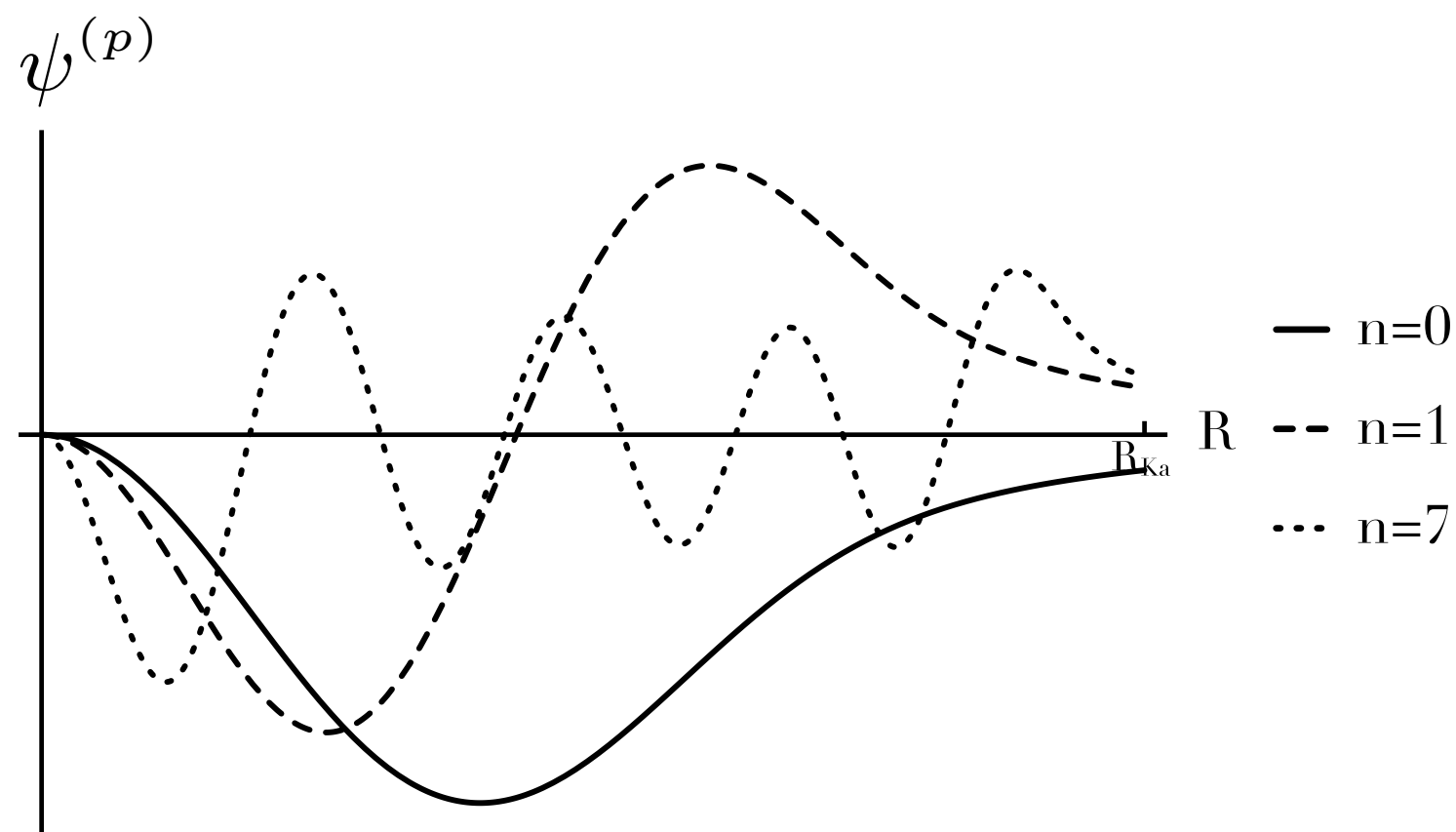
*Secularly, gravitational susceptibility is **squared**!*

In Mestel disc 1 M<sub>o</sub> polarize 10<sup>2</sup> M<sub>o</sub>

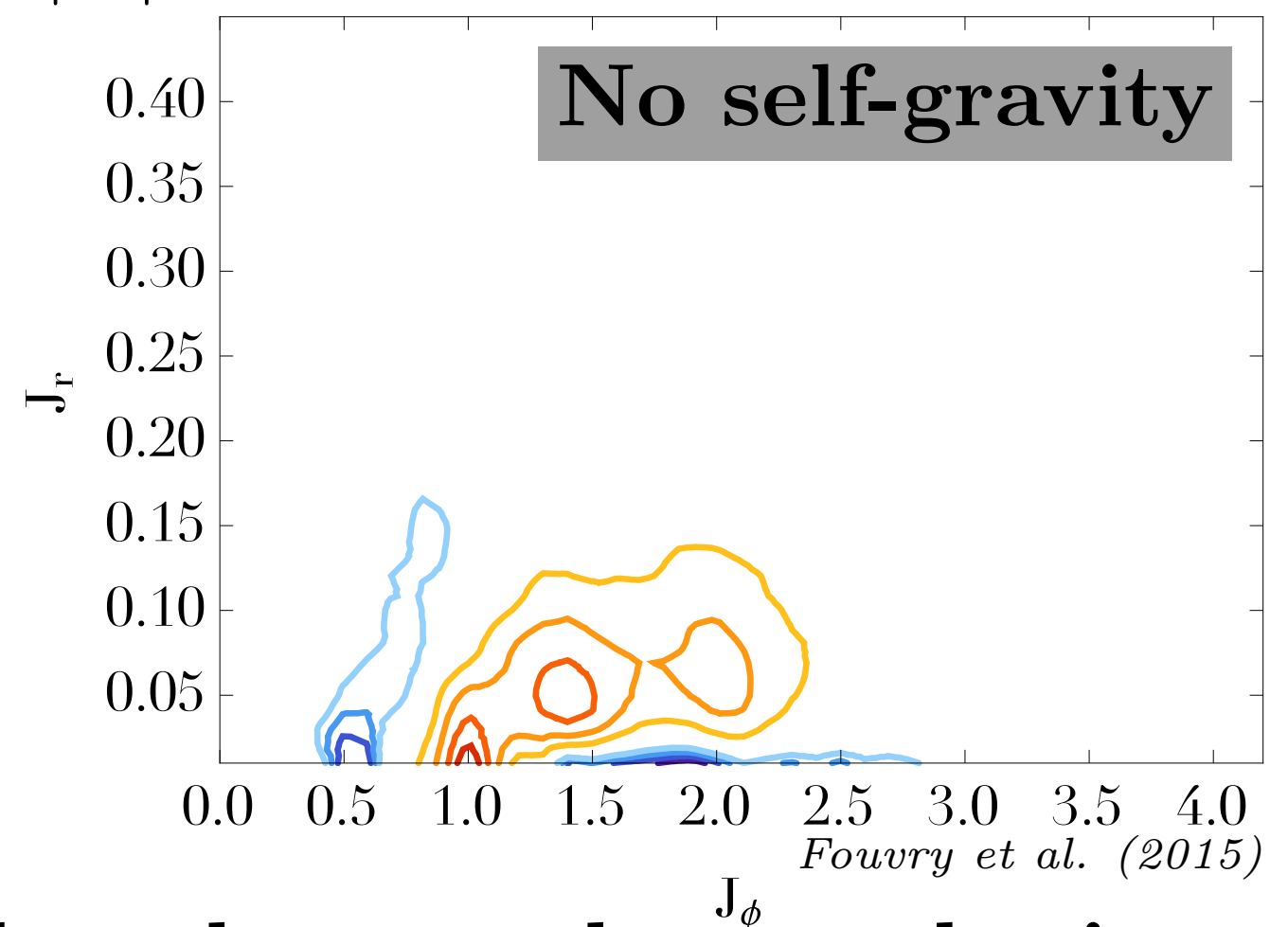
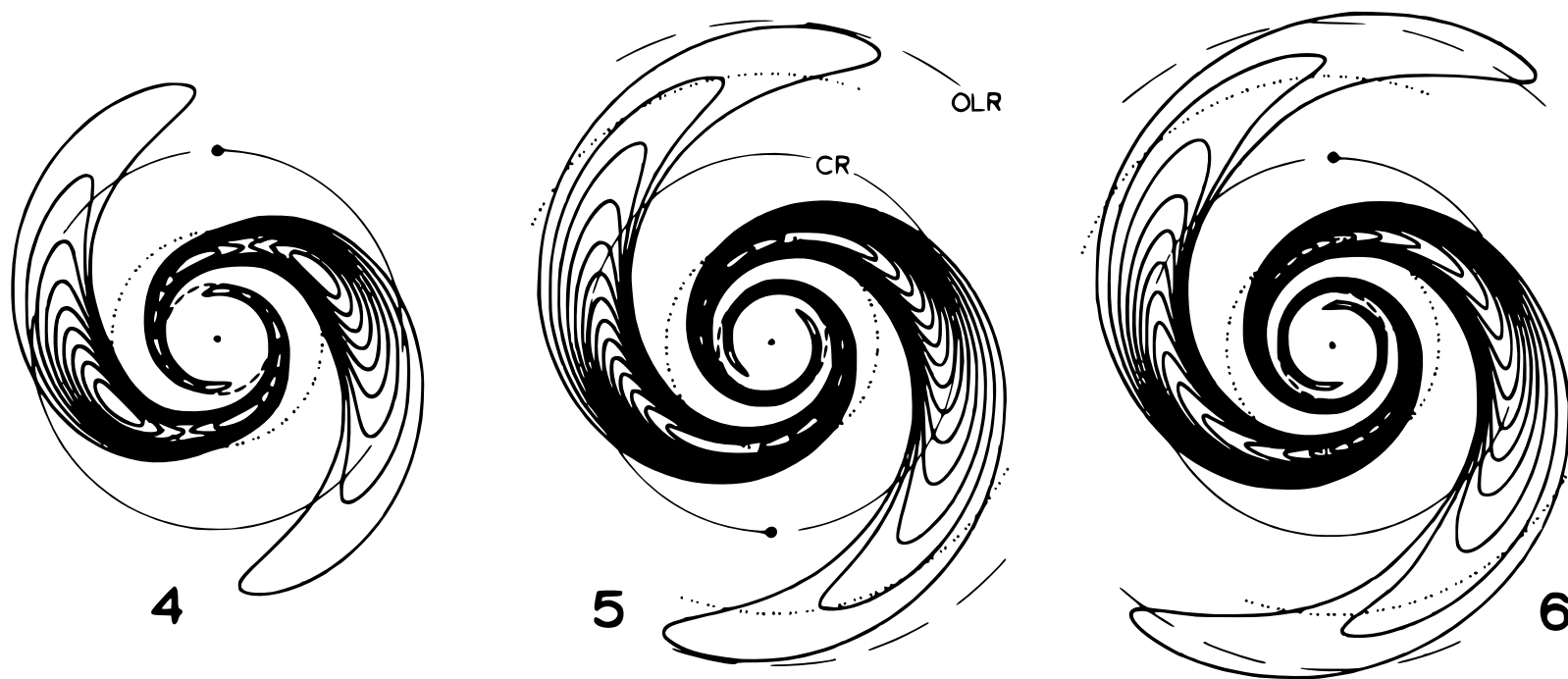
10<sup>4</sup> = (10<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup> = **10 000 !!**

# The role of swing amplification

- Removing loosely wound basis elements



- Turning off collective effects  $1/|\mathcal{D}|^2 \rightarrow |A|^2$

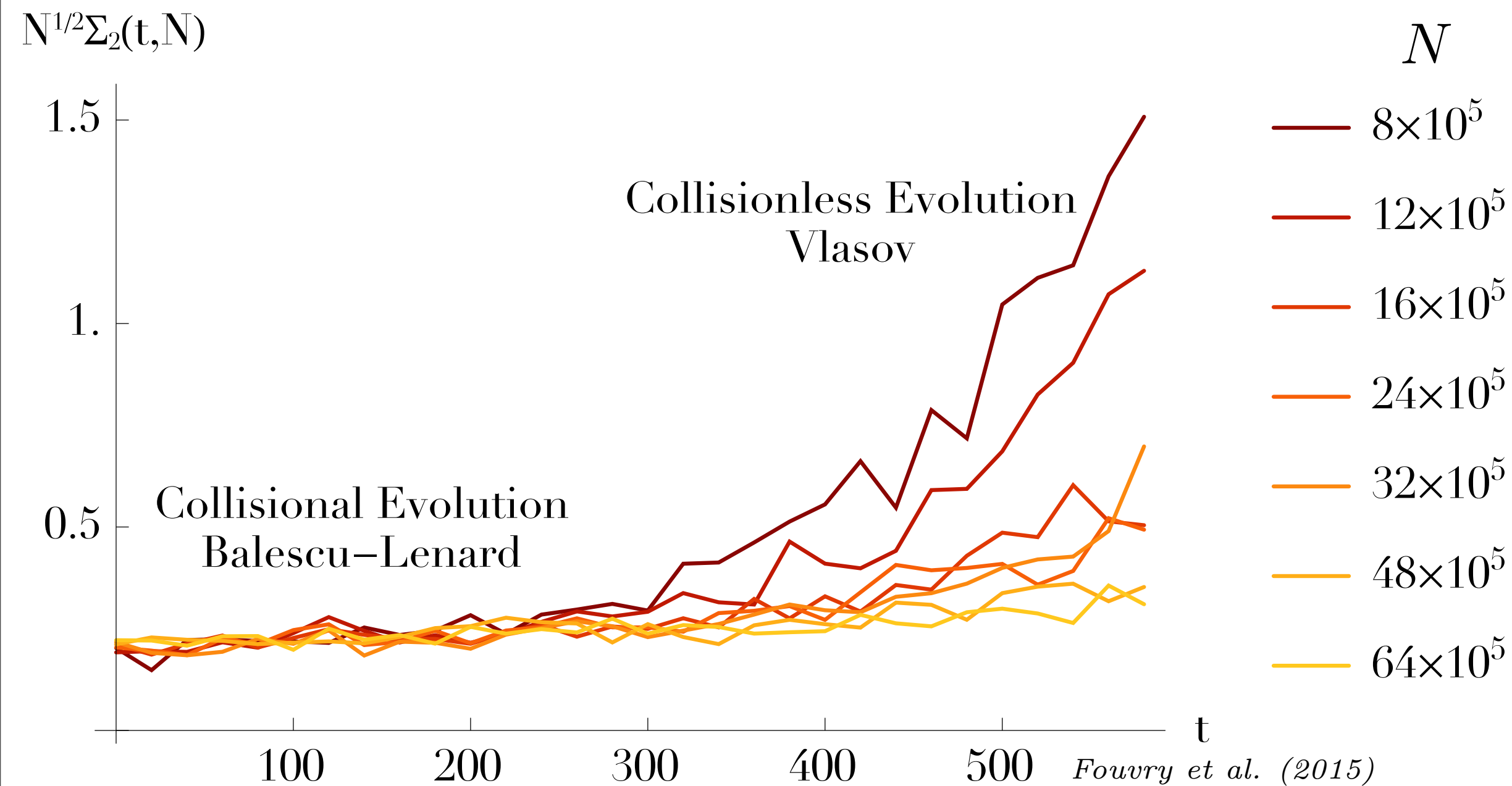


⇒ Self-gravitating amplification of loosely wound perturbations

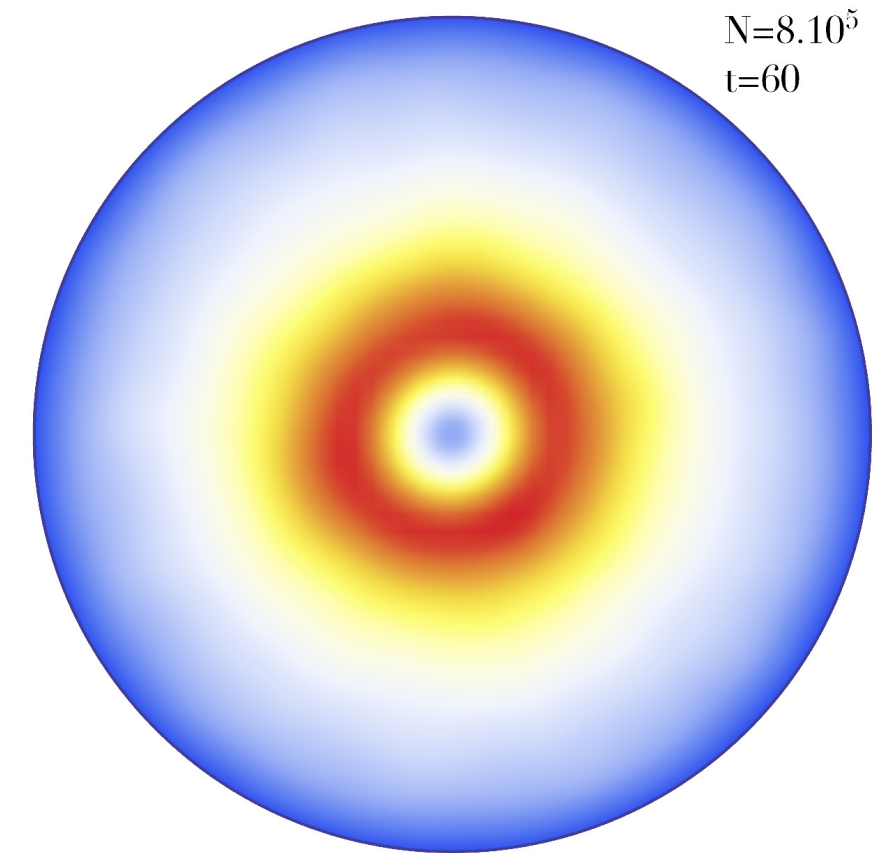
Proof in importance of self-gravity+ flexibility of Kinetic formalism

# Late time evolution

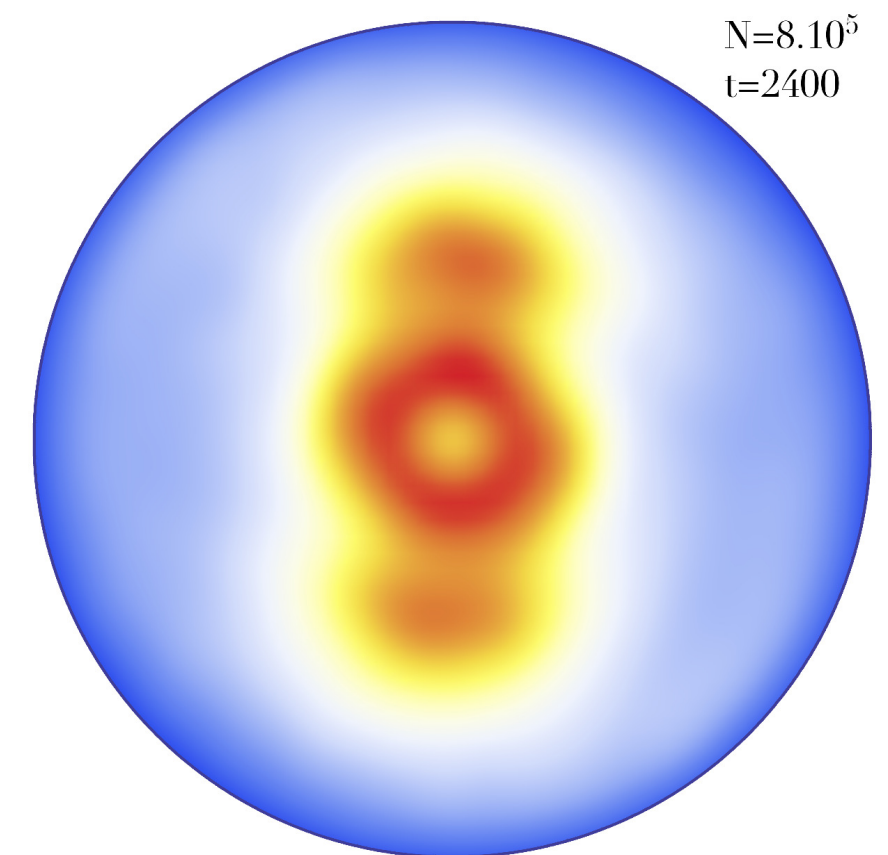
- Phase transition: BL  $\Rightarrow$  Vlasov.



*Fouvry et al. (2015)*



Initial times



Late times

- 2-body (resonant) relaxation  $\Rightarrow$  small-scale structures in the DF

**Destabilisation at the collisionless level**

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'Radial migration' drives the system to a new state of equilibrium which turns out to be unstable: the system then **redistributes** AM on a dynamical timescale



# The WKB approach

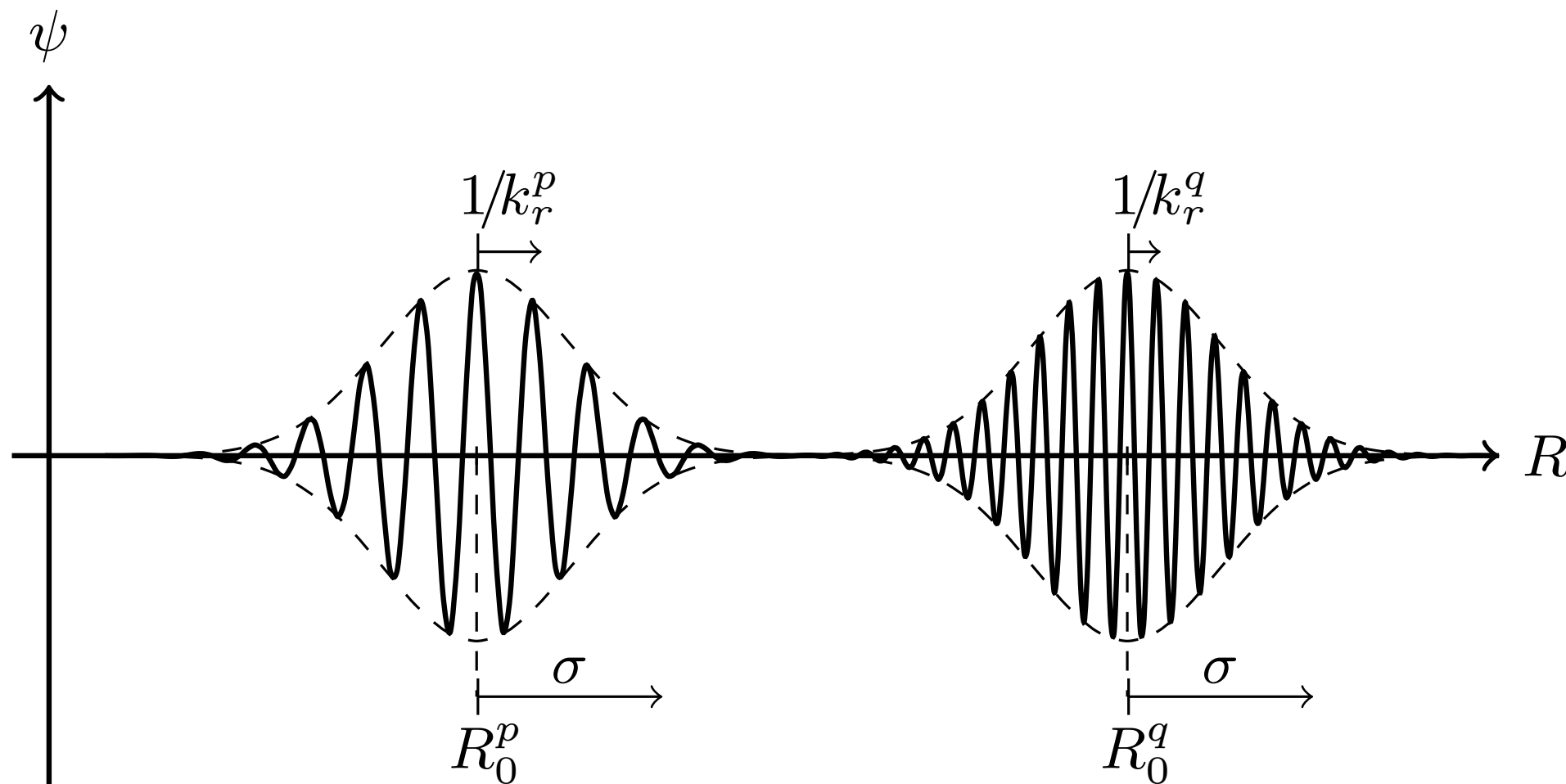
- Difficulty:  $\delta\psi \xleftrightarrow[\text{non-local}]{\text{Poisson}} \delta\rho = \int dv \delta F.$

$\Rightarrow$  Restriction to **tightly wound perturbations** (WKB approximation).

- New **wavelet basis**

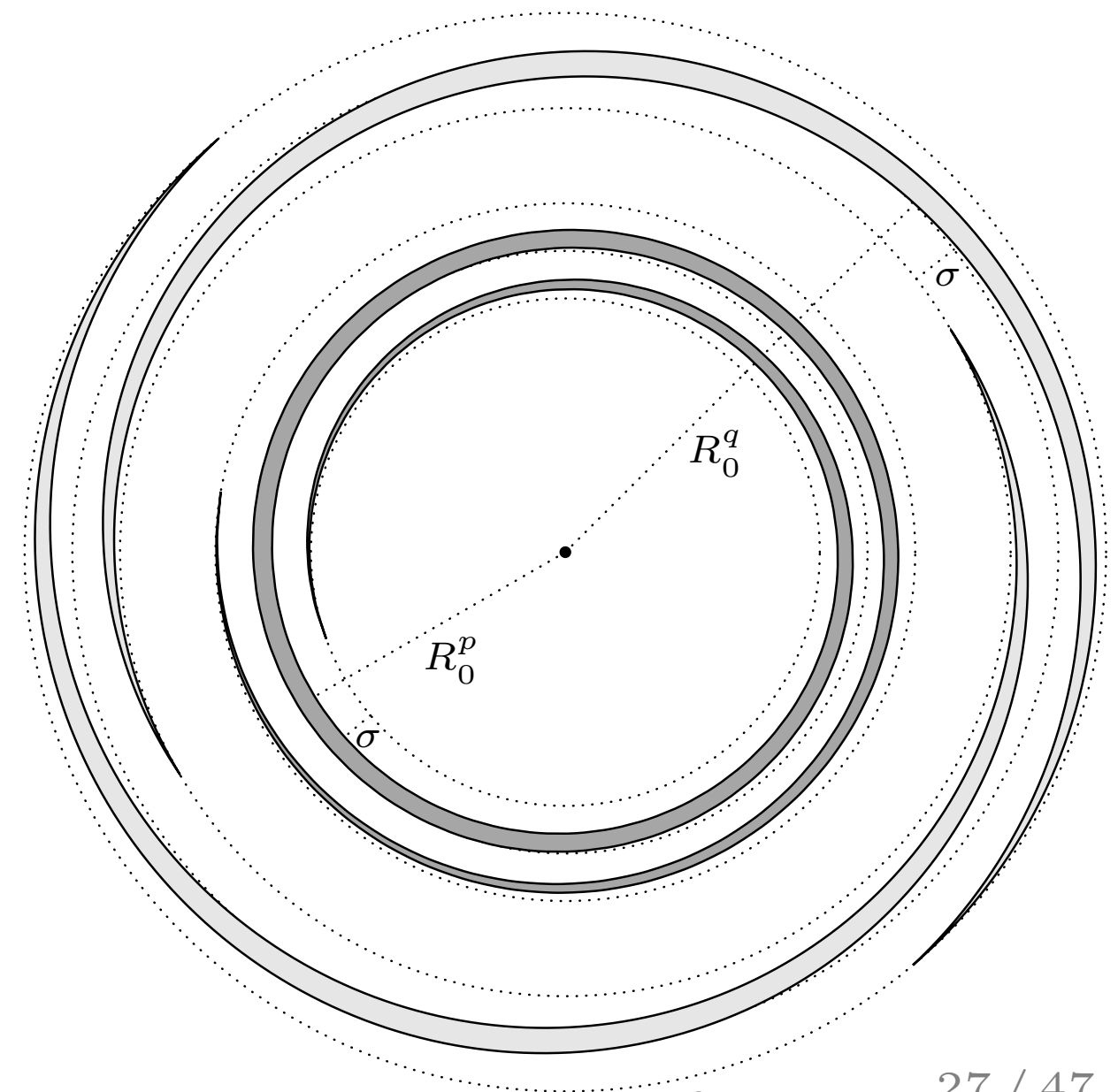
$$\psi^{(p)} = \psi^{[k_r, k_\phi, R_0]}(R, \phi) = \mathcal{A} e^{i(k_r R + k_\phi \phi)} \exp\left[-\frac{(R - R_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right].$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Explicit, biorthogonal and both local and global.**



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**radial view**



**2D view** <sup>27 / 47</sup>

# The WKB calculation

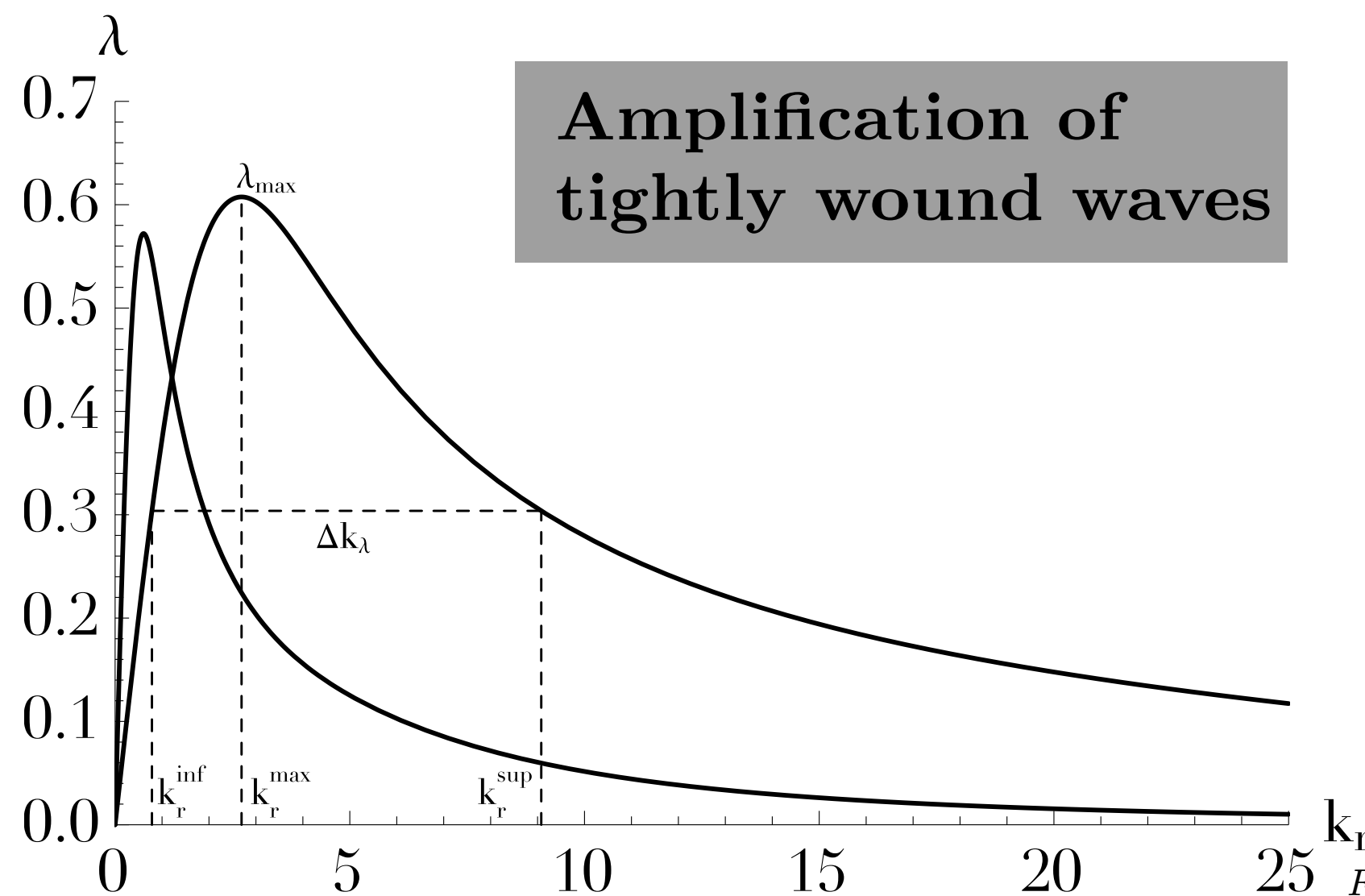
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$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{pq} = \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{[k_r^p, k_\phi^p, R_0], [k_r^q, k_\phi^q, R_0]} = \delta_{k_r^p}^{k_r^q} \delta_{k_\phi^p}^{k_\phi^q} \lambda_{[k_r^p, k_\phi^p, R_0]} .$$

$$\lambda(k_r, k_\phi, R_0) = \frac{2\pi G \xi \Sigma}{\kappa^2 (1 - s^2)} \mathcal{F}(s, \chi) .$$

$$\begin{cases} * s = \frac{\omega - k_\phi \Omega}{\kappa} , \\ * \chi = \frac{\sigma_r^2 k_r^2}{\kappa^2} , \\ * \mathcal{F}(s, \chi) \text{ (reduction factor)} . \end{cases}$$

Kalnajs (65), Lin&Shu(66)



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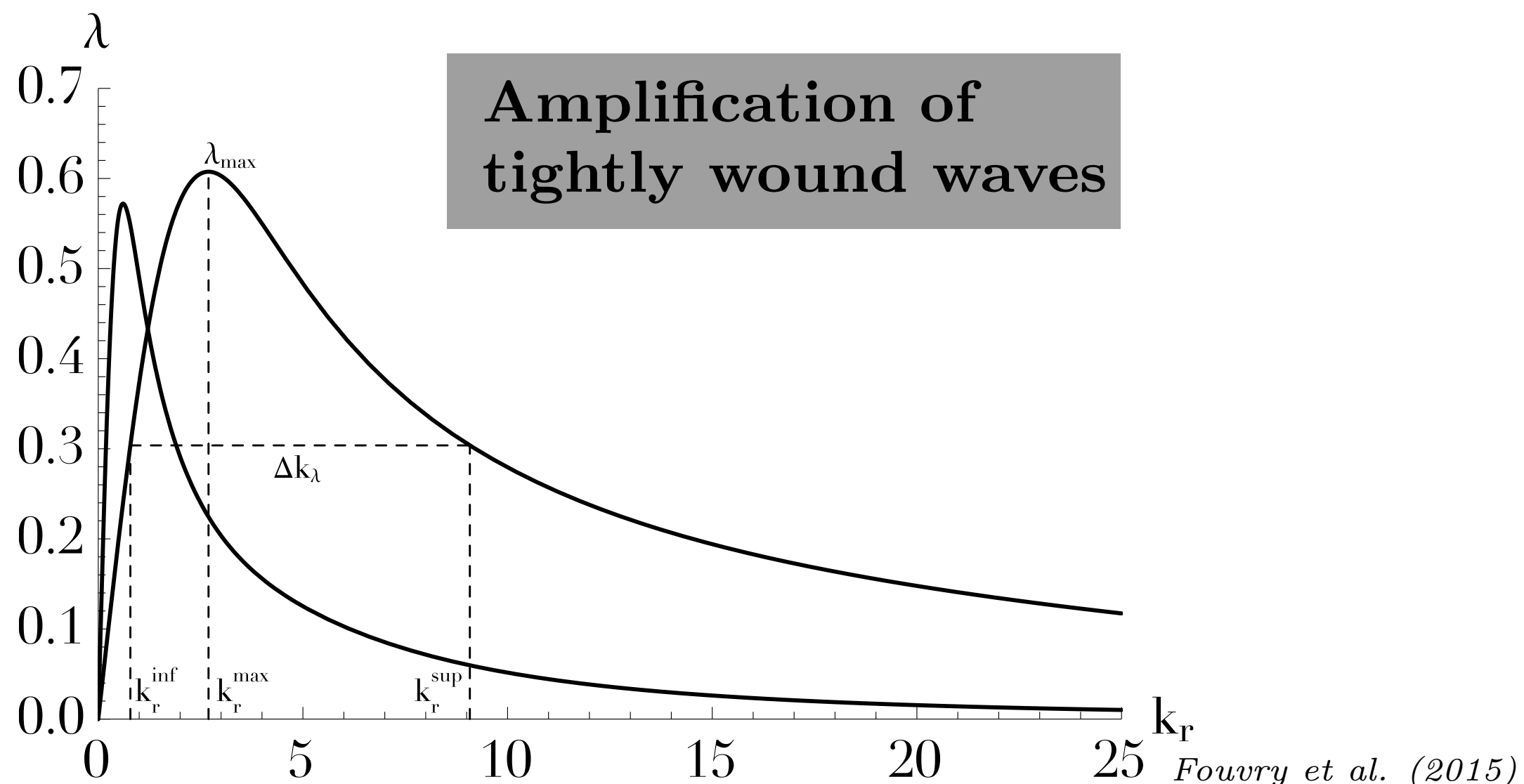
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# The WKB calculation

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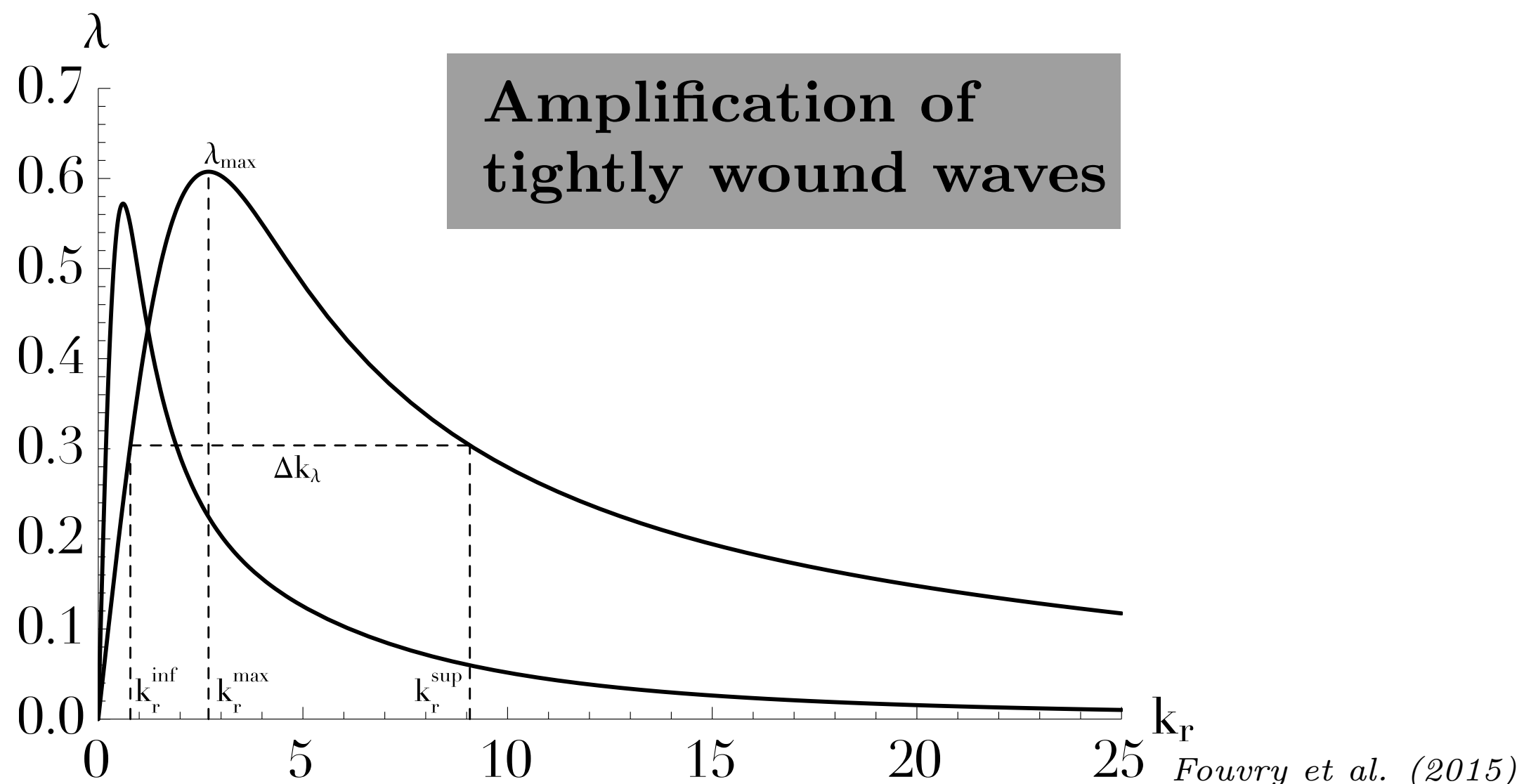
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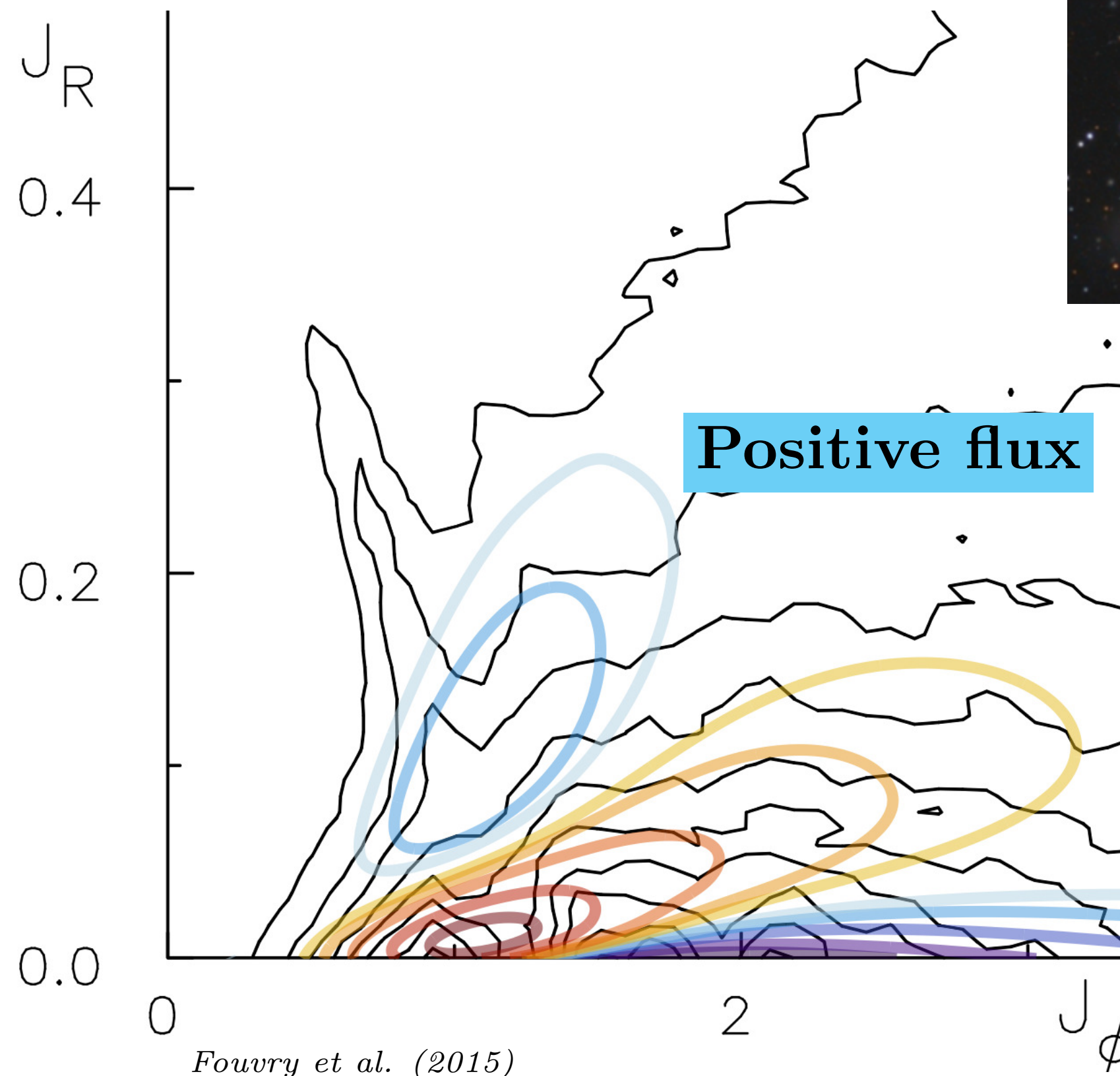
# Balescu-Lenard WKB - Application

- Diffusion flux in action space

Radial migration + disc heating

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{J})) .$$

- Predicted contours for  $\text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}})(t=0^+)$



## The effect of the Halo mass

- Importance of the response eigenvalues

$$\lambda(k_r, k_\phi, R_0) = \frac{2\pi G \xi \Sigma}{\kappa^2 (1 - s^2)} \mathcal{F}(s, \chi)$$

$$\begin{cases} * s = \frac{\omega - k_\phi \Omega}{\kappa} , \\ * \chi = \frac{\sigma_r^2 k_r^2}{\kappa^2} , \\ * \mathcal{F}(s, \chi) \quad (\text{reduction factor}) . \end{cases}$$

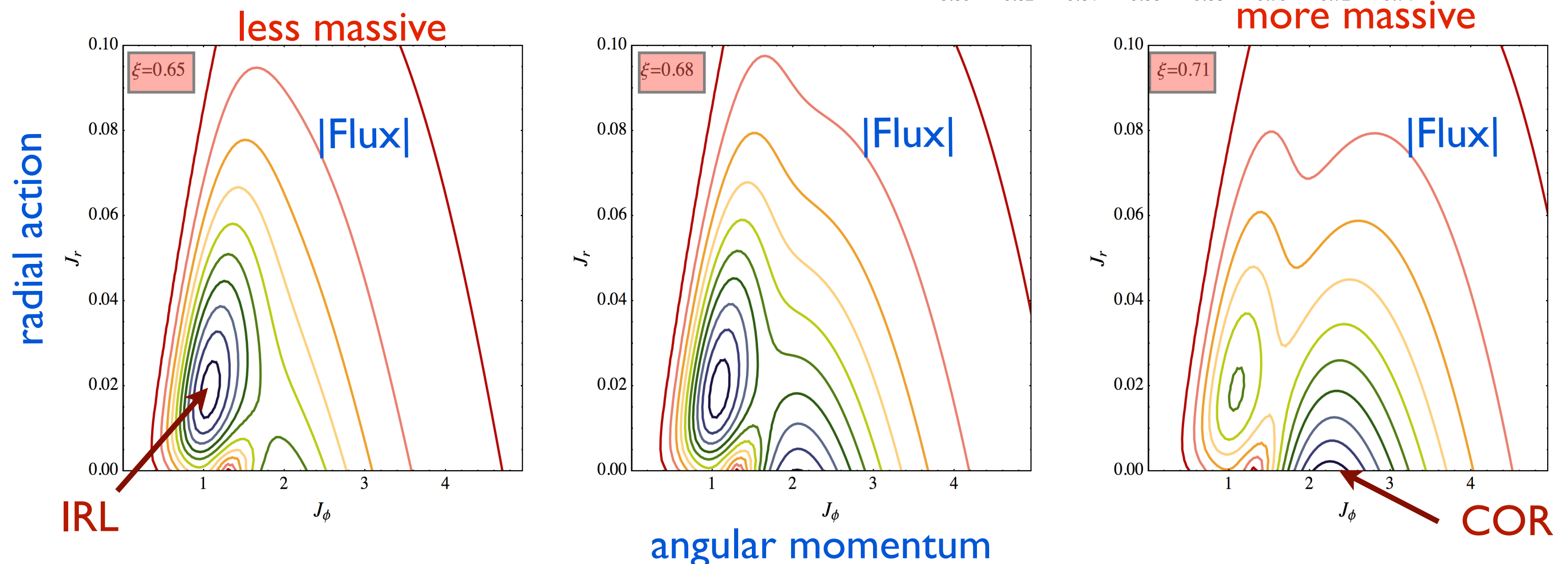
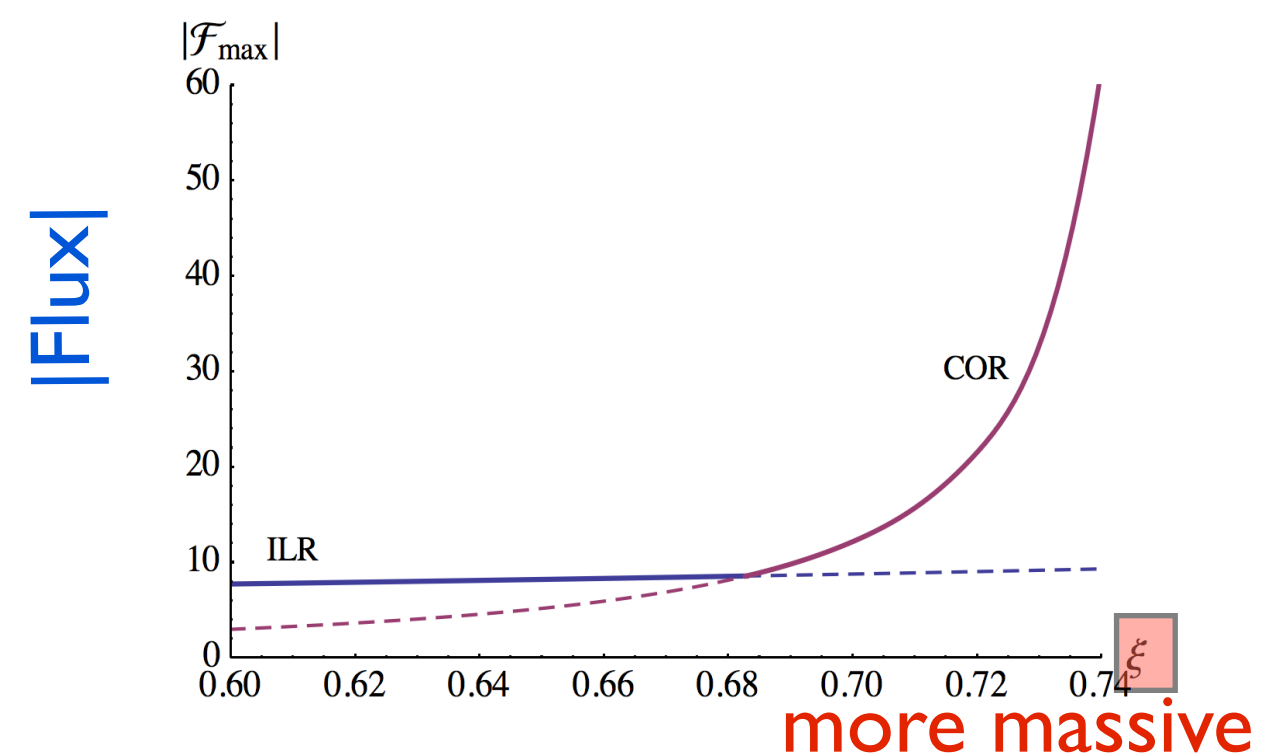
- Increase of the **active fraction  $\xi$**

► Transition: ILR  $\longrightarrow$  COR

► *heating*  $\longrightarrow$  *radial migration*

Blurring

Churning



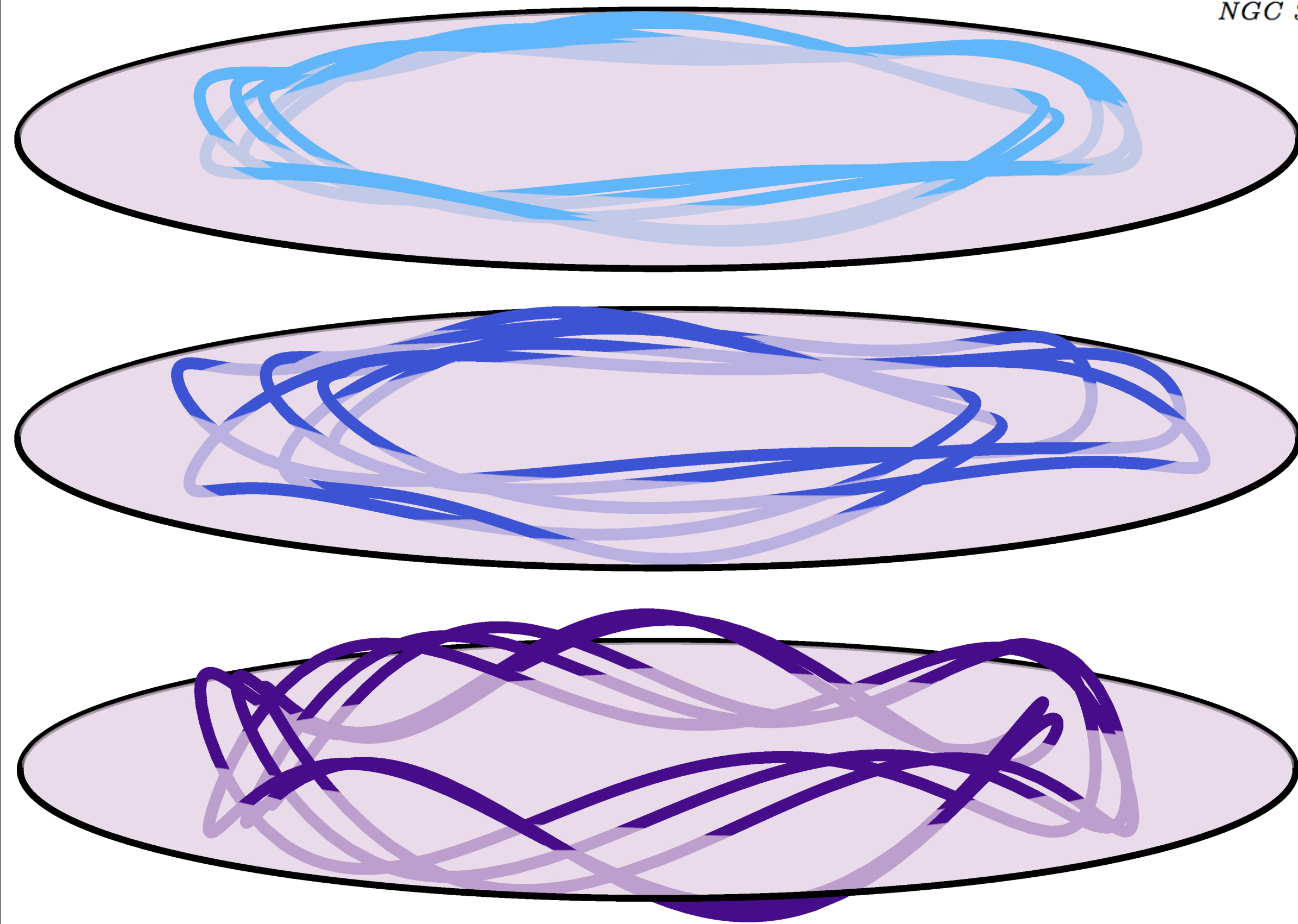


# Secular disc thickening ?

**vertical ridges**



*NGC 3628*

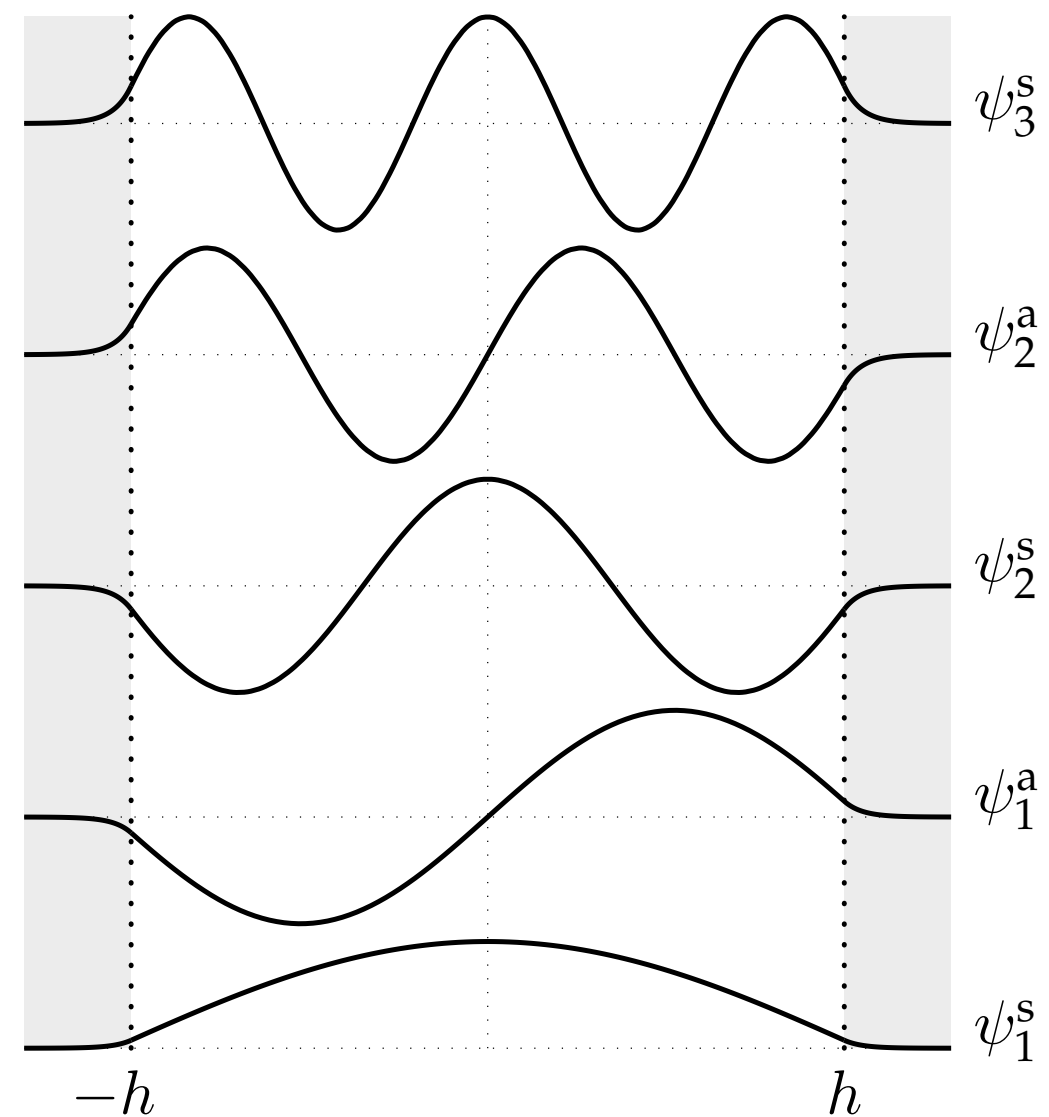
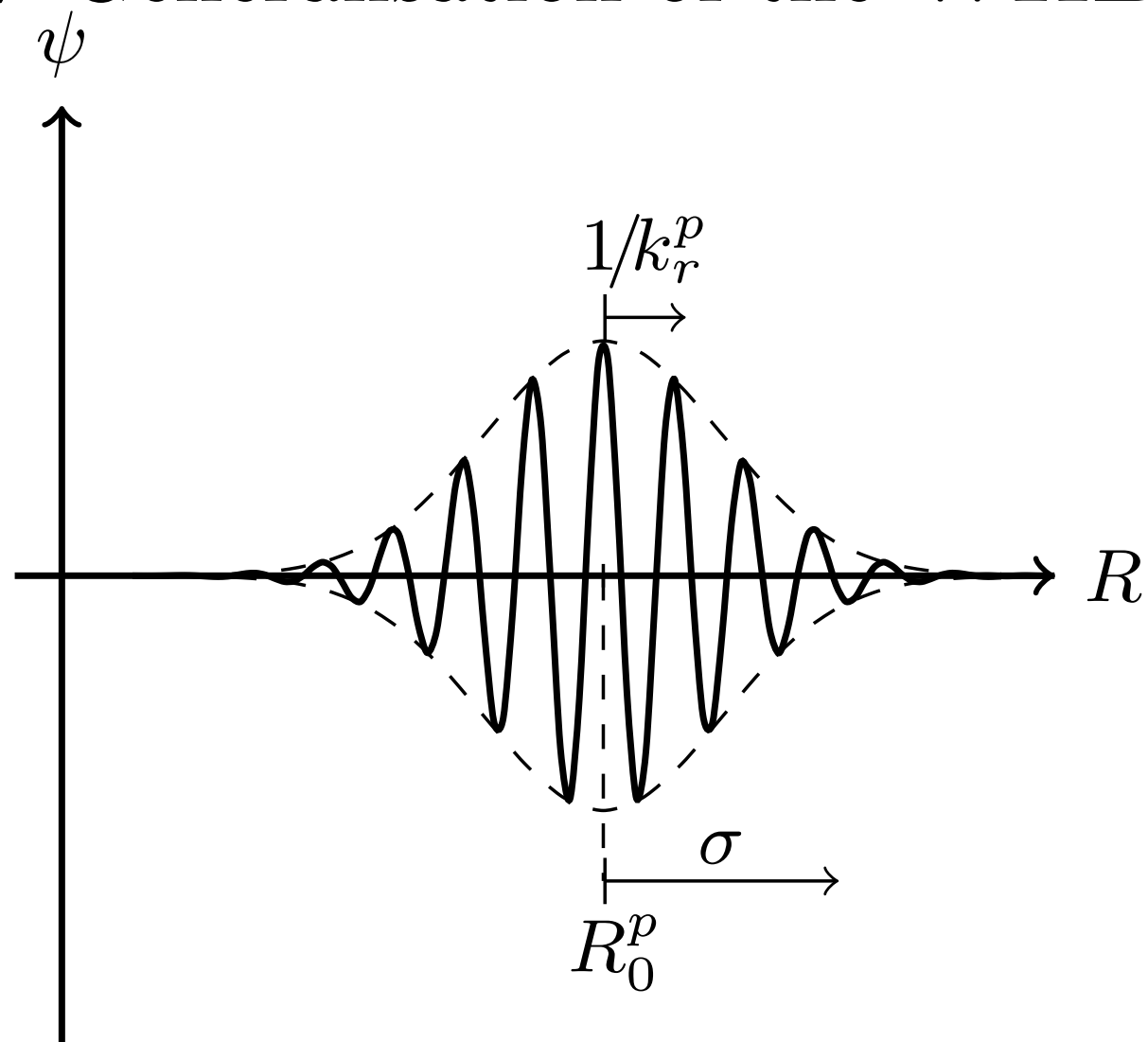


Vertical  
distorsion  
of orbit

Treat self consistently thickening due to spiral waves and GMC deflections

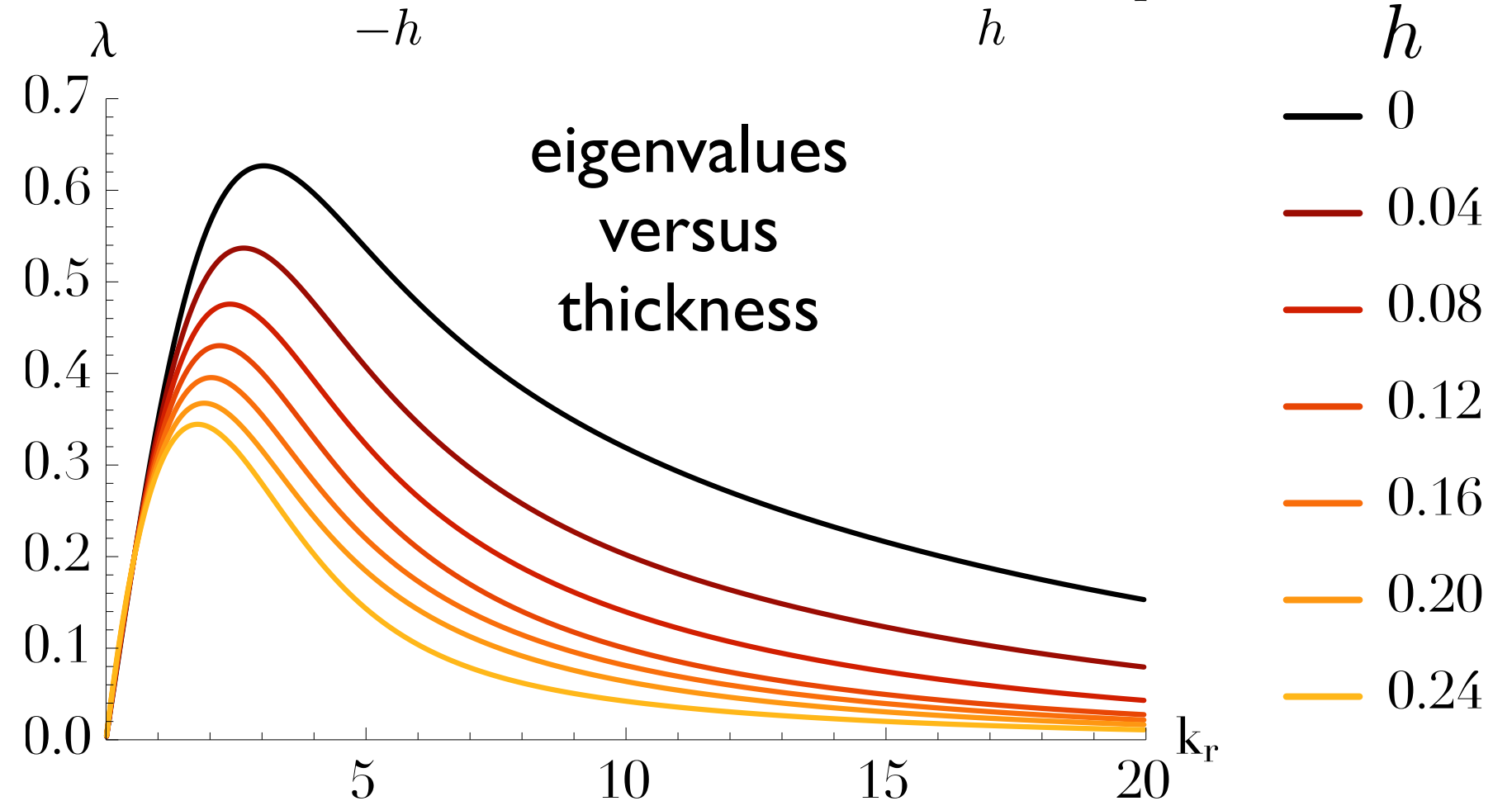
# Stellar disc thickening

- **Thick discs** are not guaranteed to be integrable  
 $\Rightarrow$  Generalisation of the **WKB approximation**



- Same results hold
  - ▶ Biorthogonal basis
  - ▶ Diagonal  $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$
  - ▶ Local resonances
  - ▶ New **thickened  $Q$  factor**

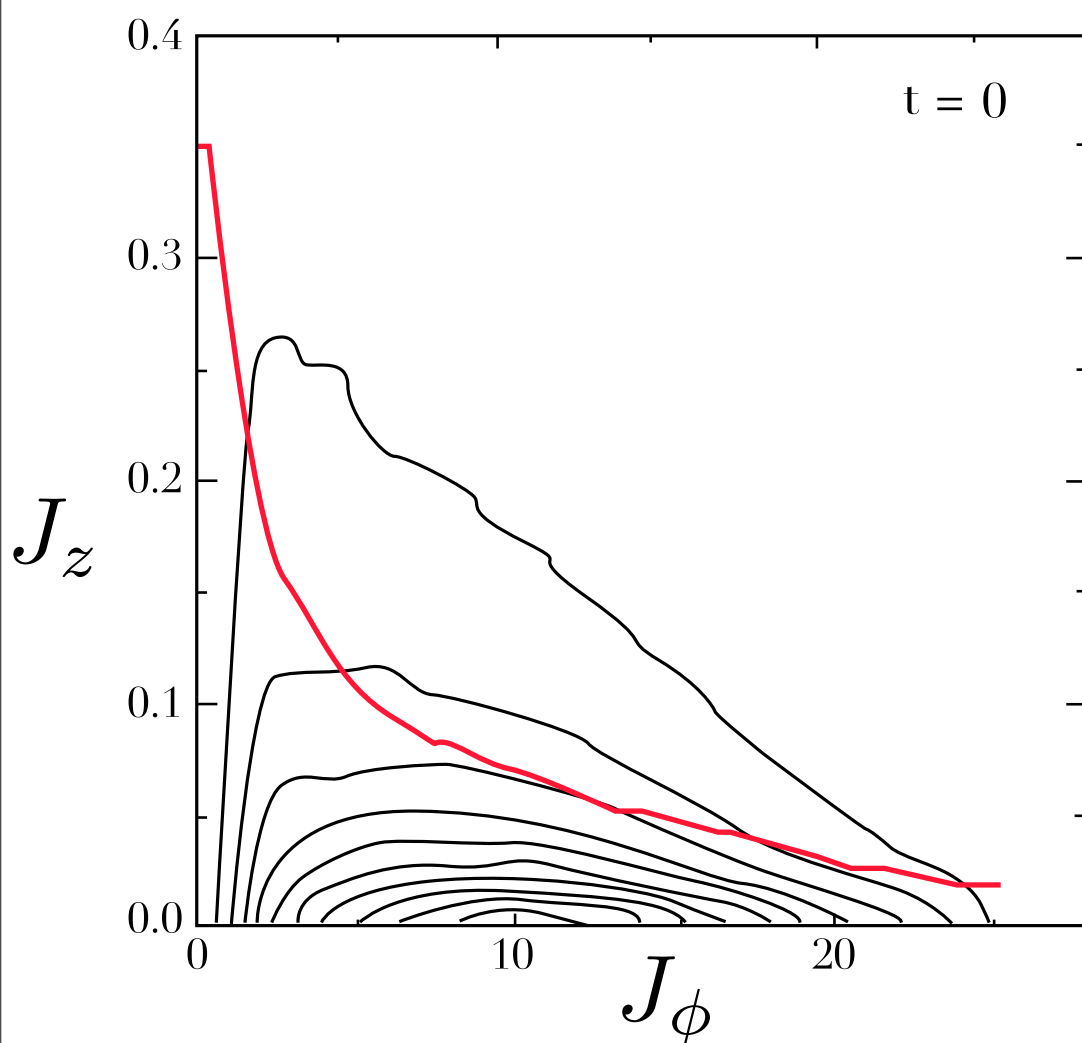
$$Q_{\text{thick}} = Q_{\text{thin}} \exp \left[ 1.61 \frac{\sigma_z / \nu}{\sigma_r / \kappa} \right]$$



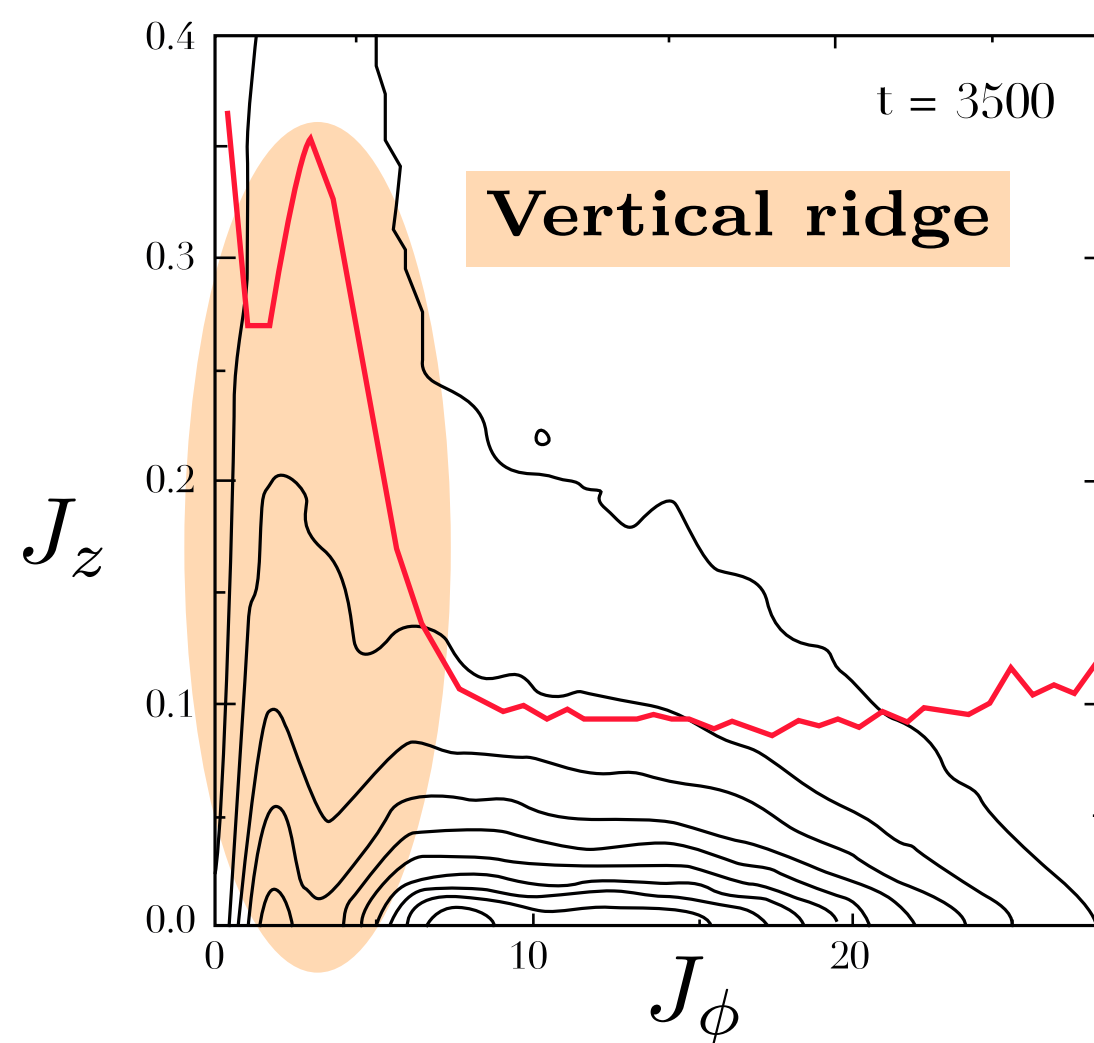
*Fouvry et al. (2016)*

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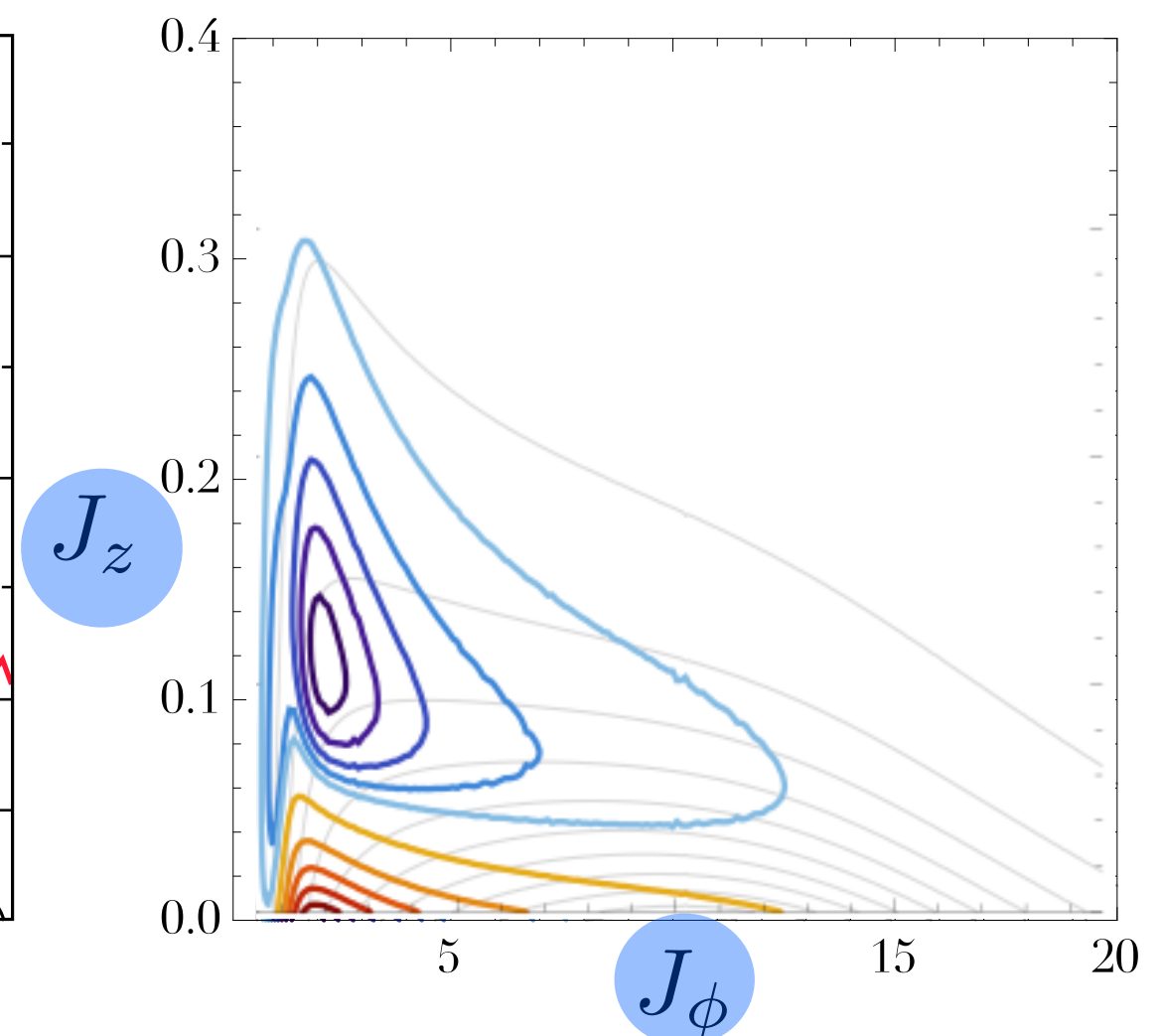
- Spontaneous thickening via **Poisson shot noise/GMCs**



**Initial times**  
*Solway (2012)*



**Late times ( $N$ -body)**  
*Solway (2012)*



**BL - WKB**  
*Fouvry et al. (2016)*





# Stellar disc thickening

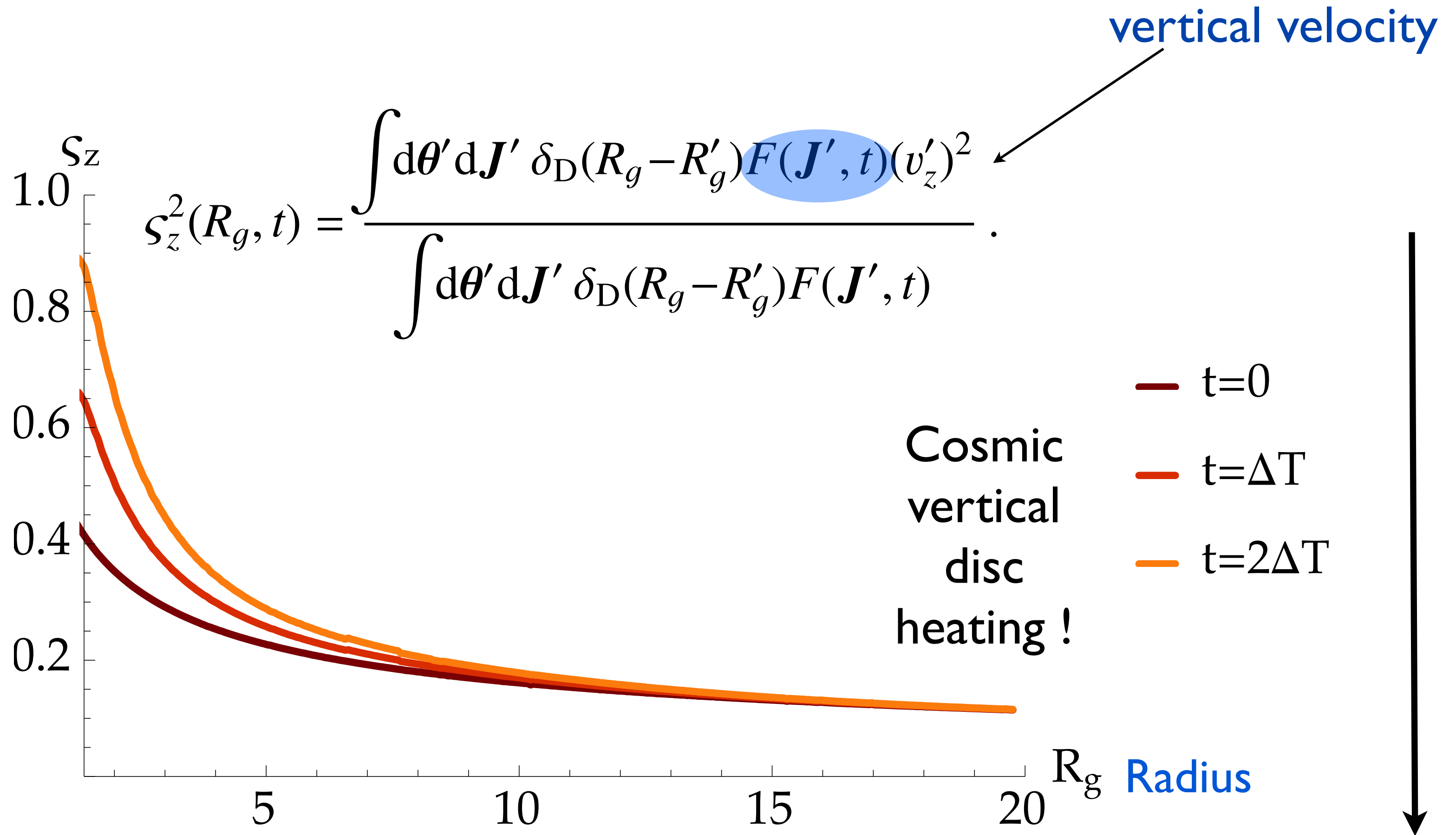


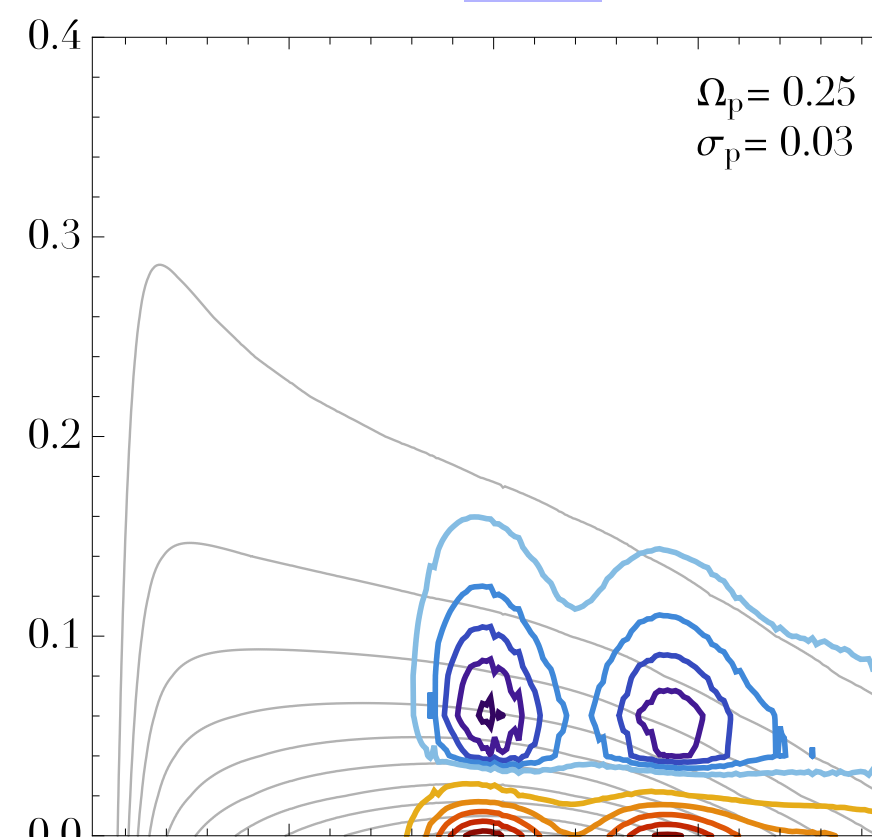
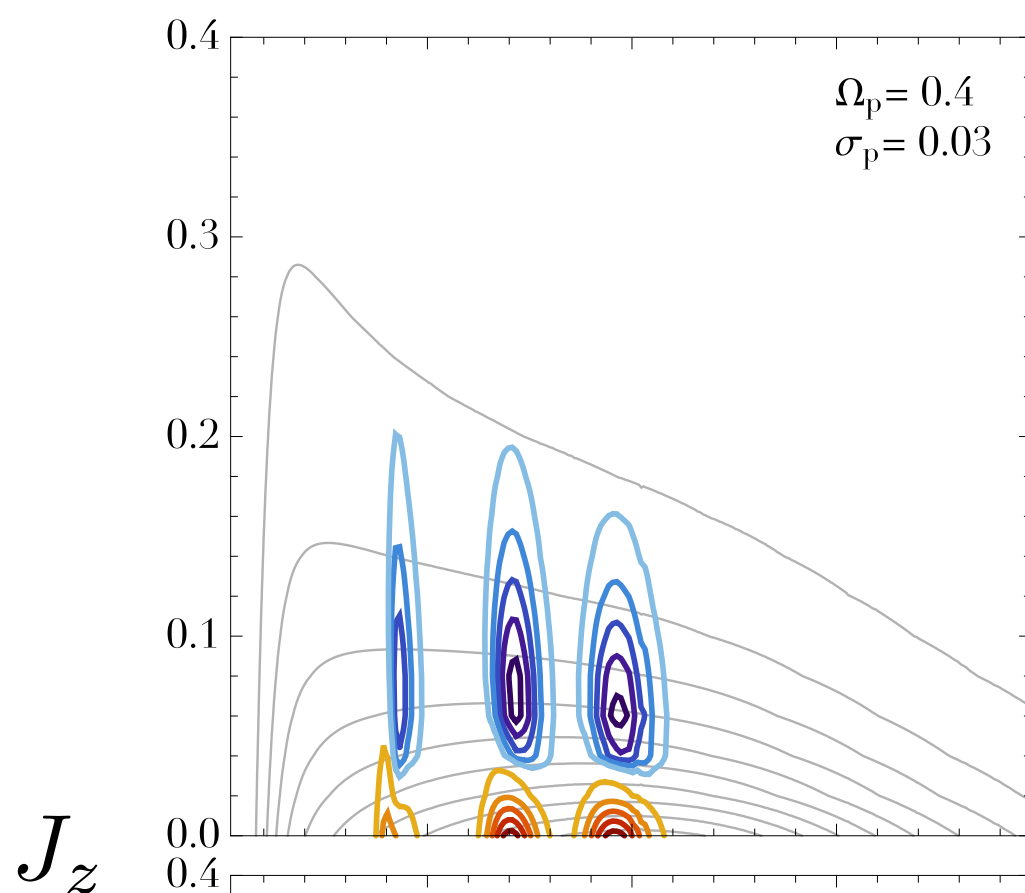
Illustration of the increase of the velocity dispersion  $\sigma_z(R_g, t)$

# Disc thickening - Bars

- The effect of **central decaying bars**

$$\hat{C}[J_\phi, \omega] \propto A_b(J_\phi) \exp\left[-\frac{(\omega - m_p \Omega_p)^2}{2\sigma_p^2}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_b: \text{Bar profile} \\ \Omega_p: \text{Pattern speed} \\ \sigma_p: \text{Decay frequency} \end{cases}$$

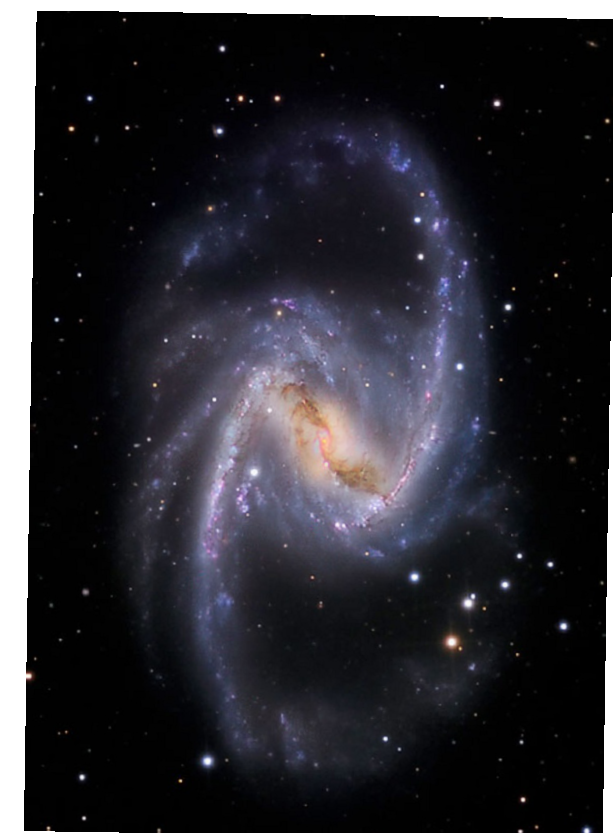
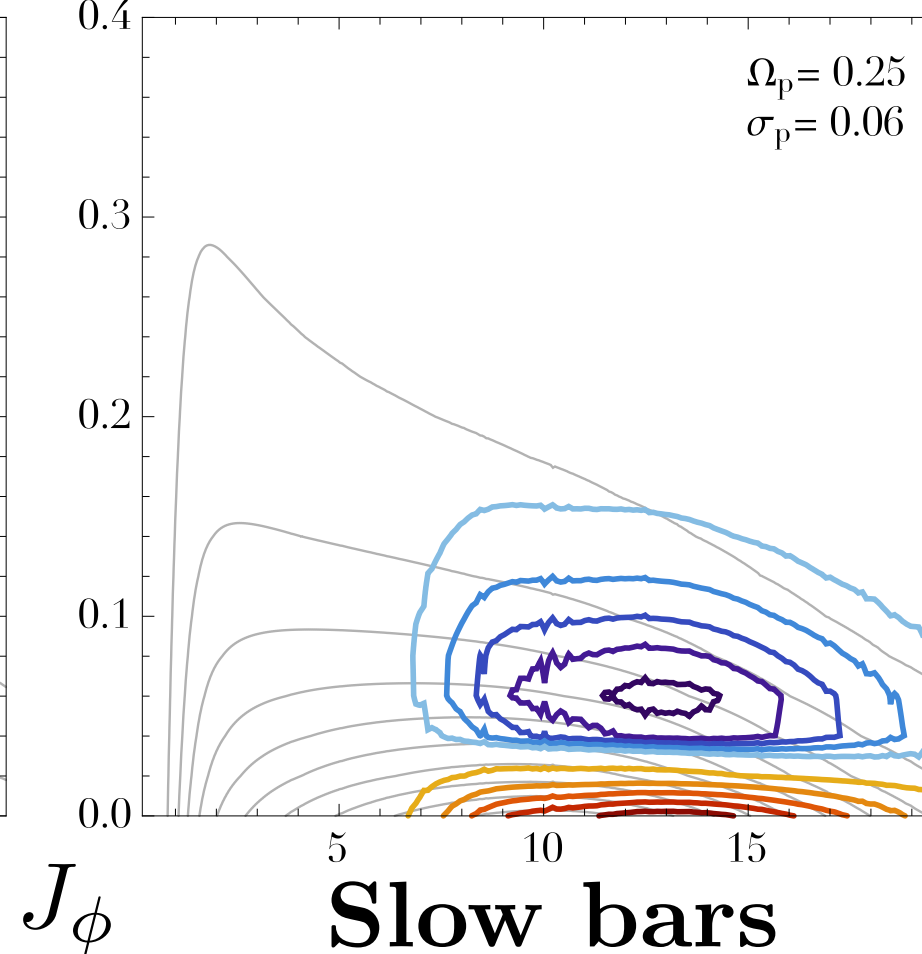
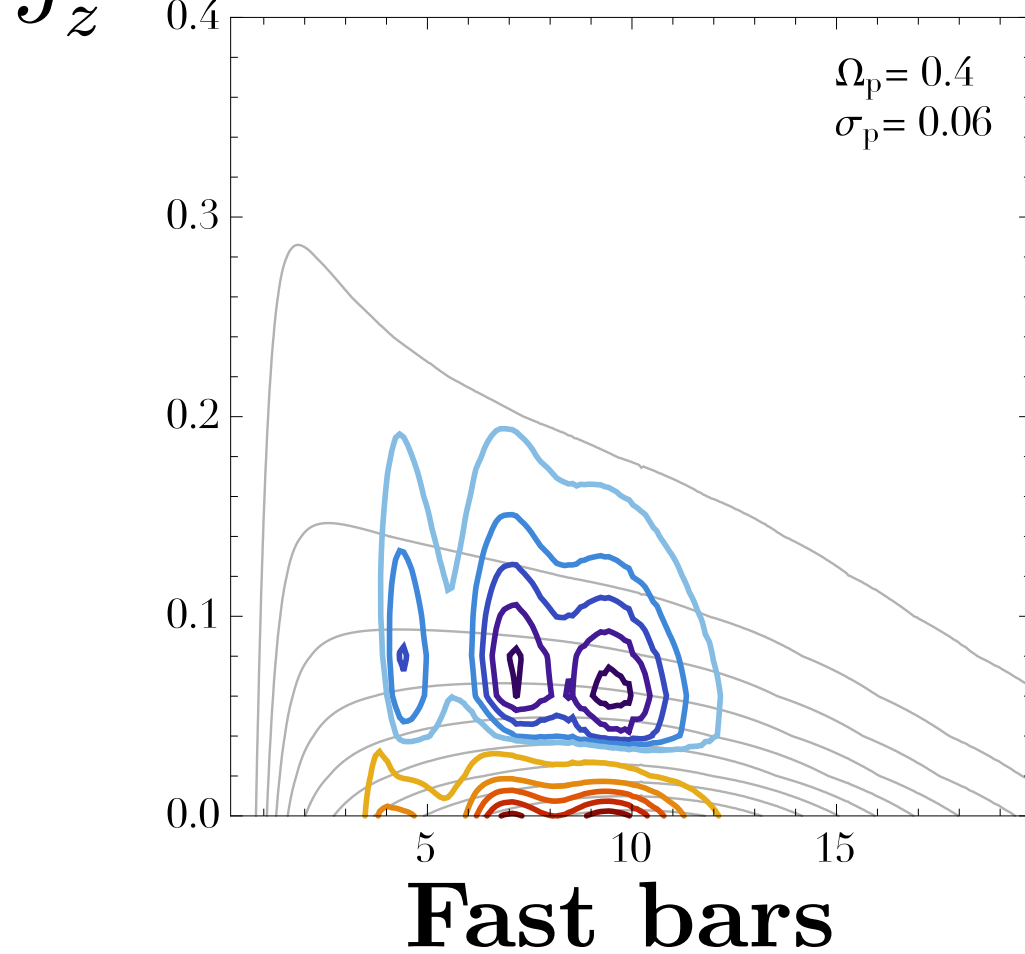
Long-lived  
bars



Positive flux

Negative flux

Short-lived  
bars

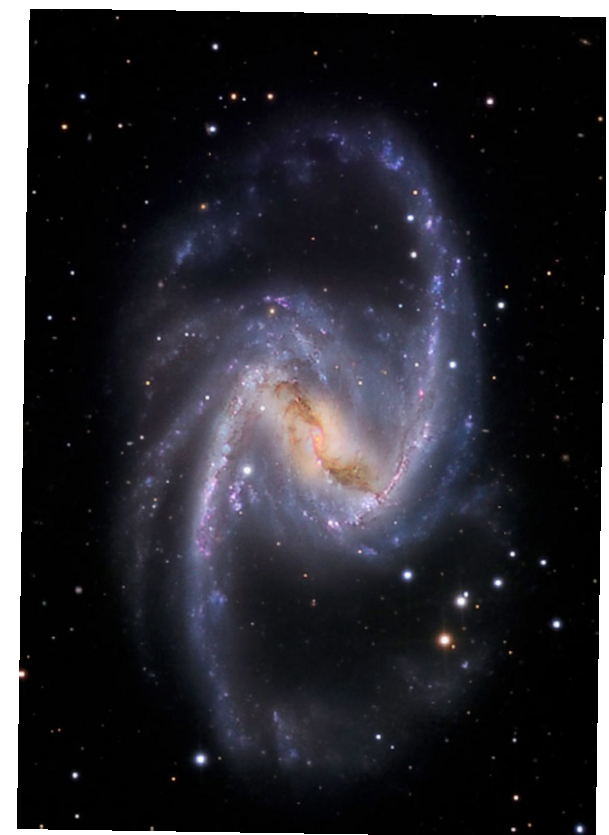
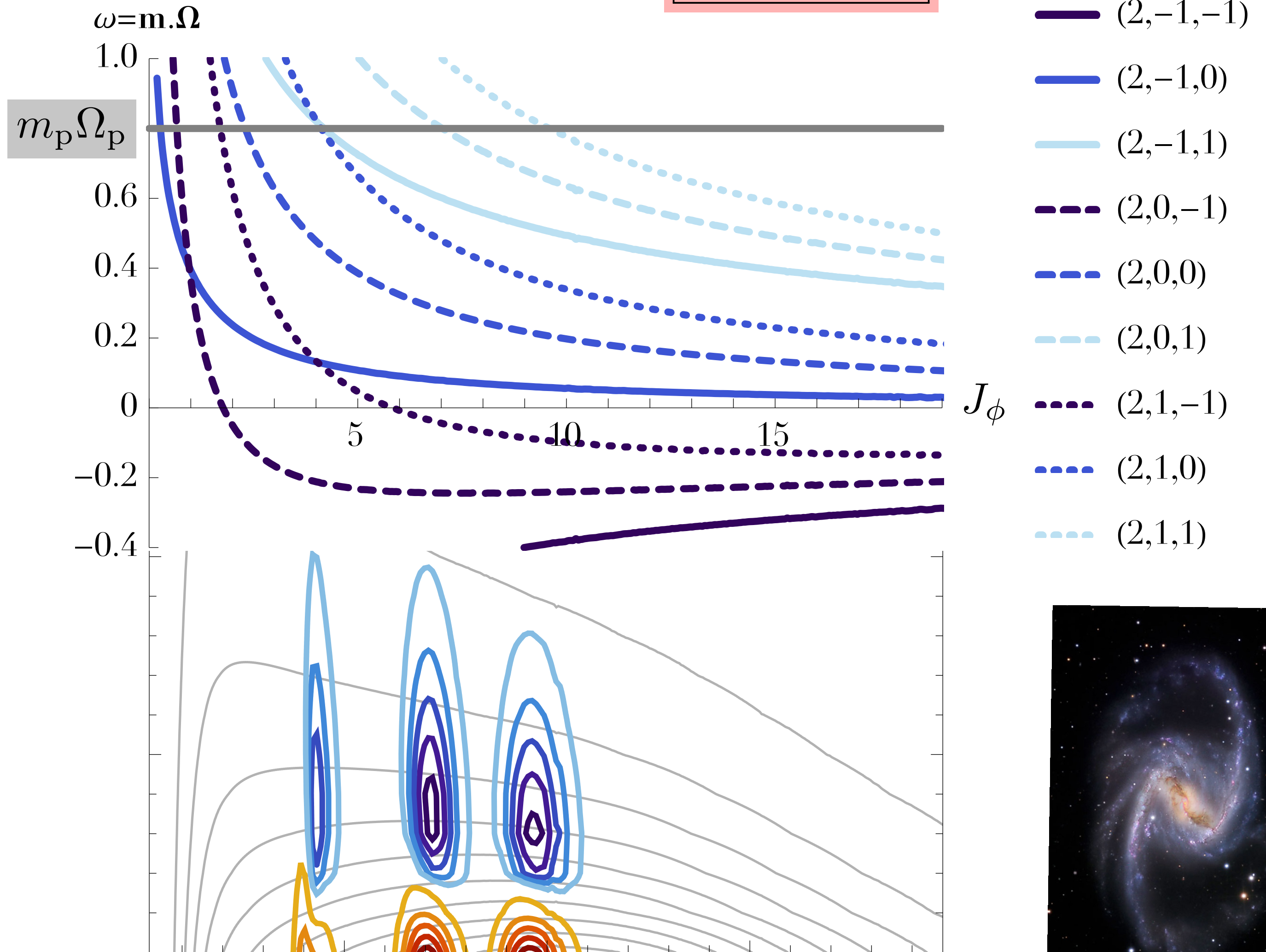


# The role of resonances

- Perturbations evaluated at resonance:

$$\hat{C}(\omega = m \cdot \Omega)$$

$$m = (m_\phi, m_r, m_z)$$





# The role of external perturbations

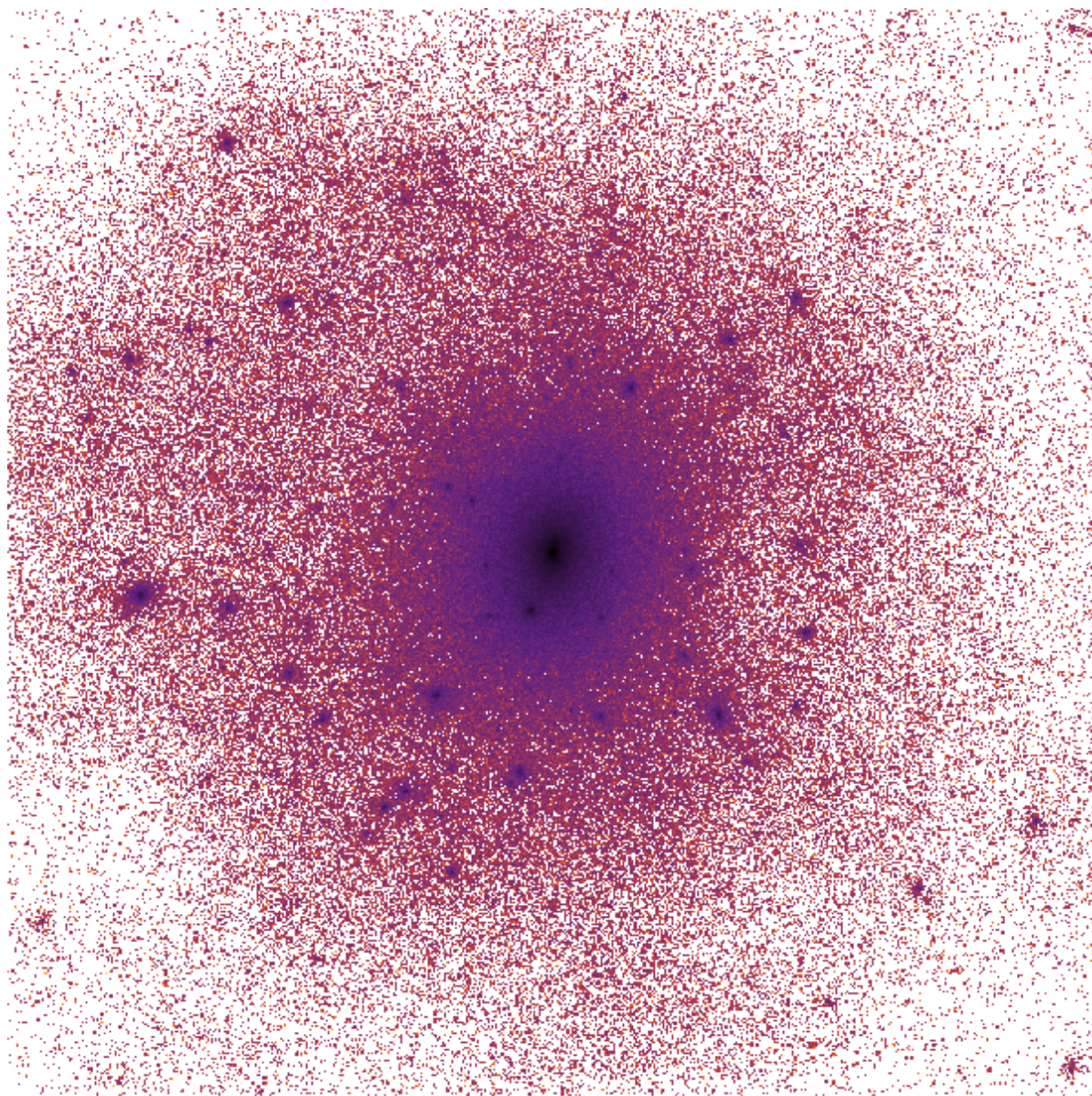
- Diffusion sourced by **stochastic fluctuations**

$$\delta\psi^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_p b_p(t) \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{x}) \implies \boxed{C_{pq}(t_1 - t_2) = \langle b_p(t_1) b_q^*(t_2) \rangle .}$$

- Example of perturbations: **Halo**  $\iff$  **Disc**.

- **Dark matter clumps**

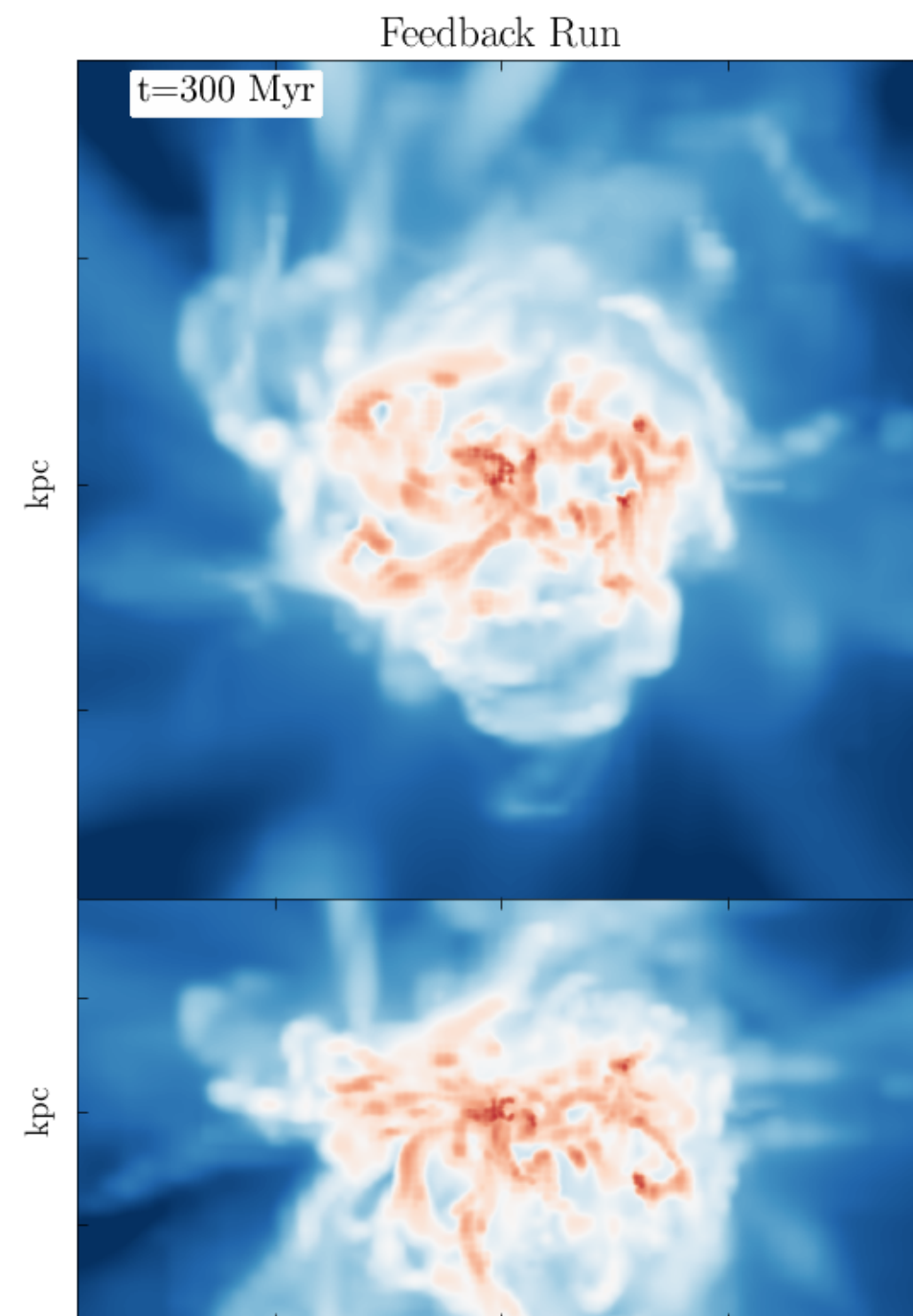
Halo  $\rightsquigarrow$  Disc



500 kpc

- **Supernova feedback**

Disc  $\rightsquigarrow$  Halo



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# Method: quasi-linear theory

Why Kinetic Theory?	
Universal	Applied throughout science.
Statistical	Mean response & fluctuations/ Parameter space exploration.
Modular/flexible	Add/remove physical processes: metals+sinks+mass spectrum.
Very large timesteps	Gravitational polarization built in.
Non-linear	Nurture/nature split.

# CONCLUSIONS



- From **linear response** to **secular evolution**.

**Stellar dynamics enters the cosmic framework.**

- Frameworks for the effects of **external and internal** perturbations.

**Nature vs. Nurture**

- First implementation of **Balescu-Lenard** in (astro)physics
- Approach complementary to  $N$ -body and Monte Carlo methods

**BL = master equation describing *self-consistently* resonant relaxation**



# Bring Home Messages

**What:** Quasi linear theory = stellar version of dissipation-fluctuation theorem  
= How do *orbital structure* of galaxies *diffuse* away from mean field locked trajectory.

**How:** time decoupling + matrix method (long range : non local + resonances)

**Why:**

- \*Non-linear: qualify perturbation properties as well as equilibrium:  
(address nature - nurture conundrum or probe DH).
- \*Break the pb by scale (cf zoom simulation) **or** by component (BL - FP);
- \*Statistical  $\equiv$  ensemble average of sims (cf cosmology)
- \*Captures climate not weather;
- \*Correct description of Chandrasekhar friction
- \*Theory (can be parametrised, expressed in WKB limit, switch off gravity etc..).

**Cons:**

- \*Time decoupling, doesn't capture today's weather;
- \*Assumes integrability (but...)
- \*Technically not trivial to implement in its full glory (but ...)

**For gaia** : account for NLs+ resonances for stream+ thick disc+ bars+ cusp-core

# Application 2

## The case of quasi-Keplerian systems

- Describe the secular evolution driven by **finite- $N$  effects** for a **quasi-Keplerian system**

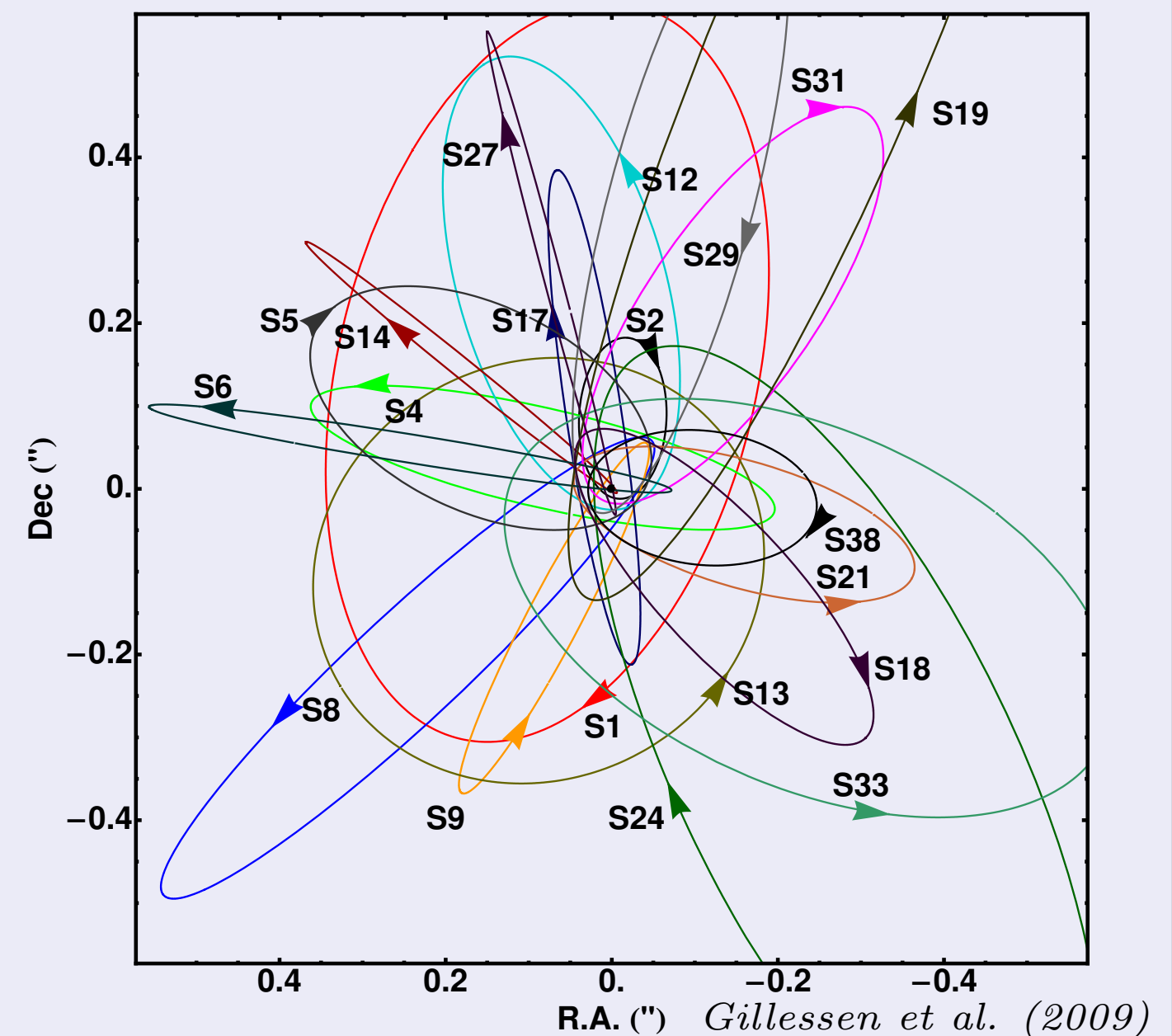
- ▶ inhomogeneous
- ▶ **dynamically degenerate**
- ▶ stable
- ▶ self-gravitating
- ▶ discrete

- How efficiently are BHs fed?

Last parsec pb? EMRI? TDE??

- Some references:

- ▶ Rauch, Tremaine (1996): Resonant relaxation
- ▶ Merritt et al. (2011): Schwarzschild barrier
- ▶ Bar-Or, Alexander (2014, 2016):  $\eta$ -formalism
- ▶ Sridhar, Touma (2016): Gilbert's method for Landau
- ▶ Fouvry, Pichon, Magorrian (2016): BBGKY approach
- ▶ Fouvry, Pichon, Chavanis (2017): First Implementation



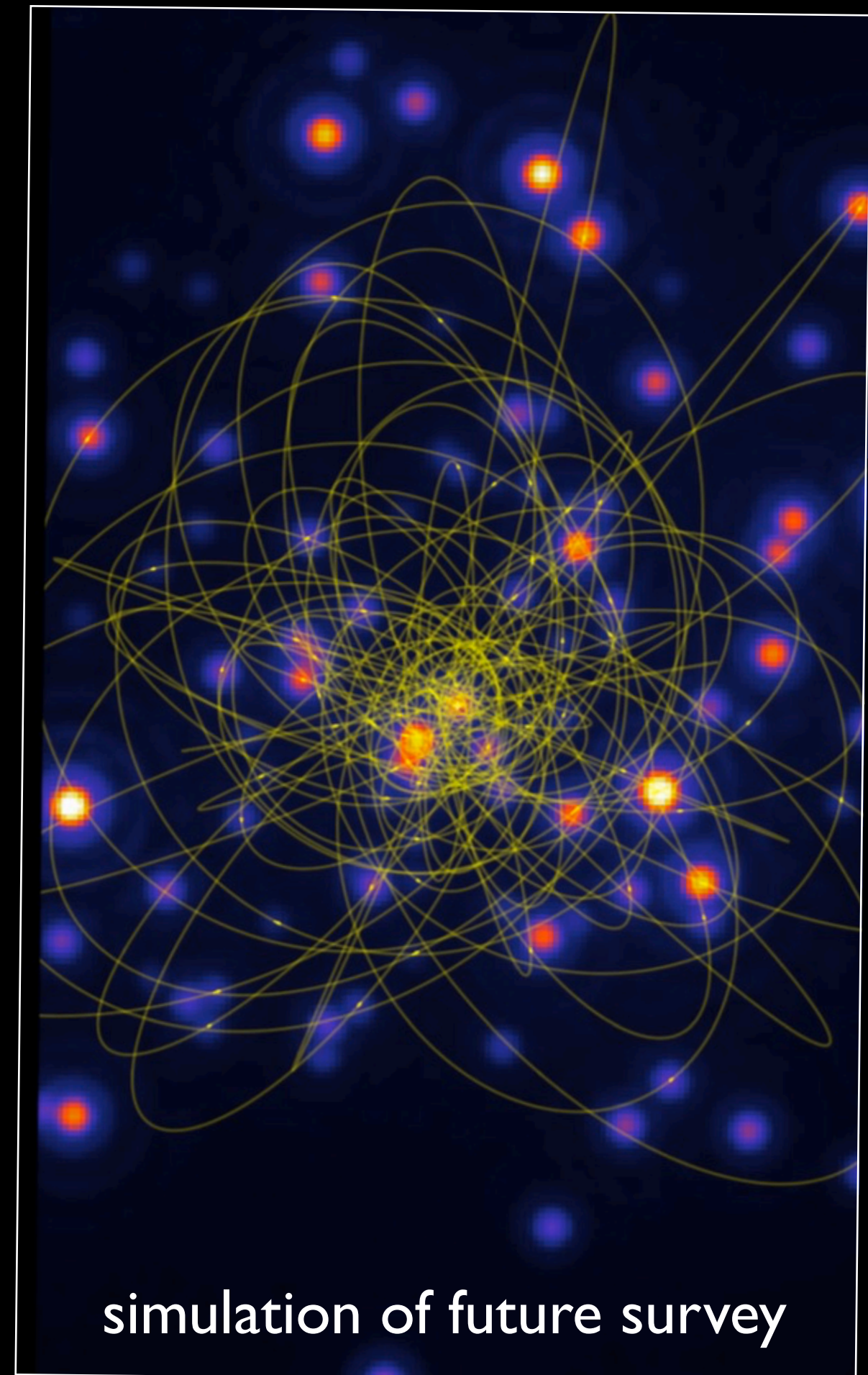


# Galactic Center stellar cluster

1997.5



- BH diet
- BH spin up
- Cluster dark component

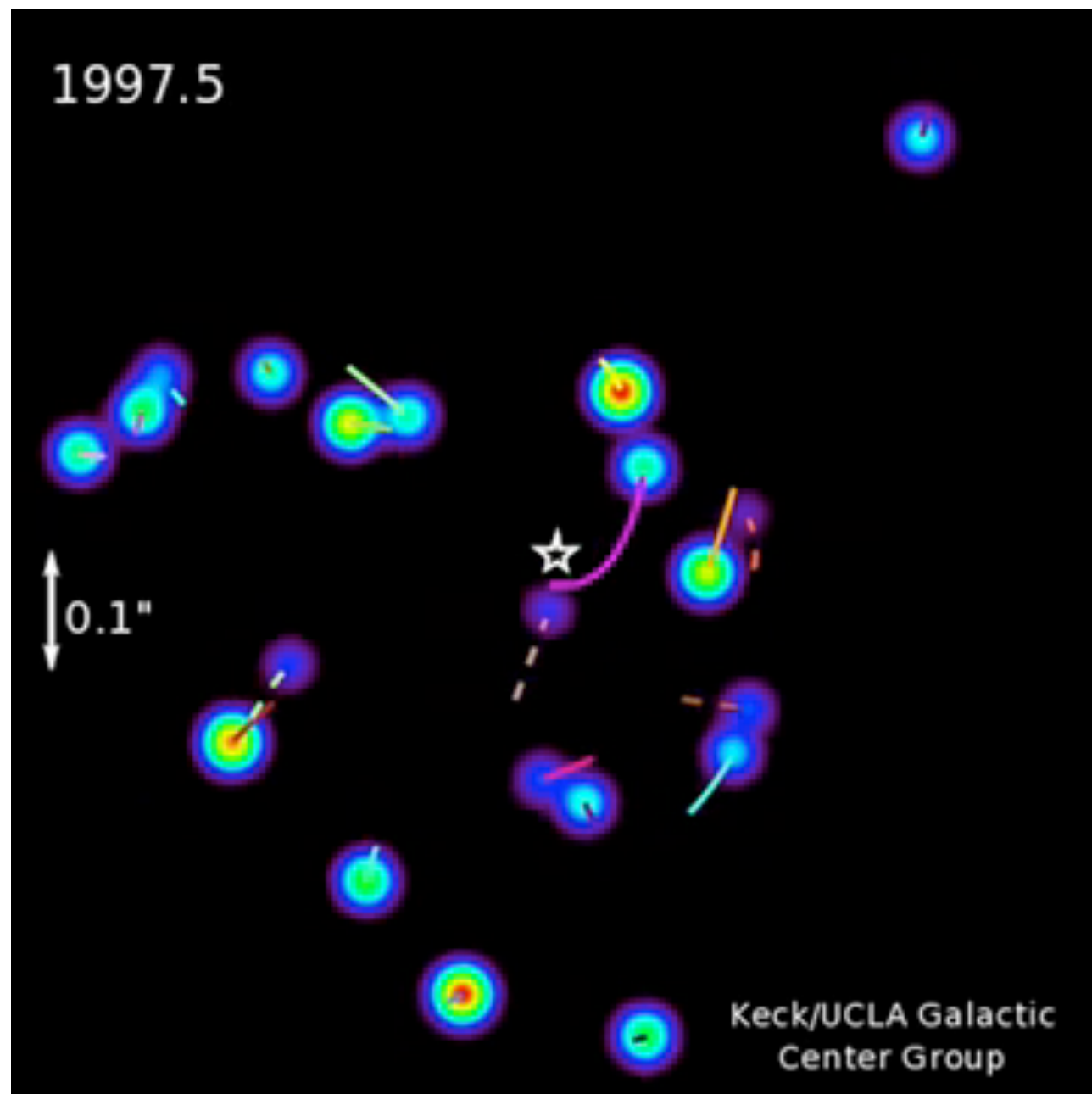




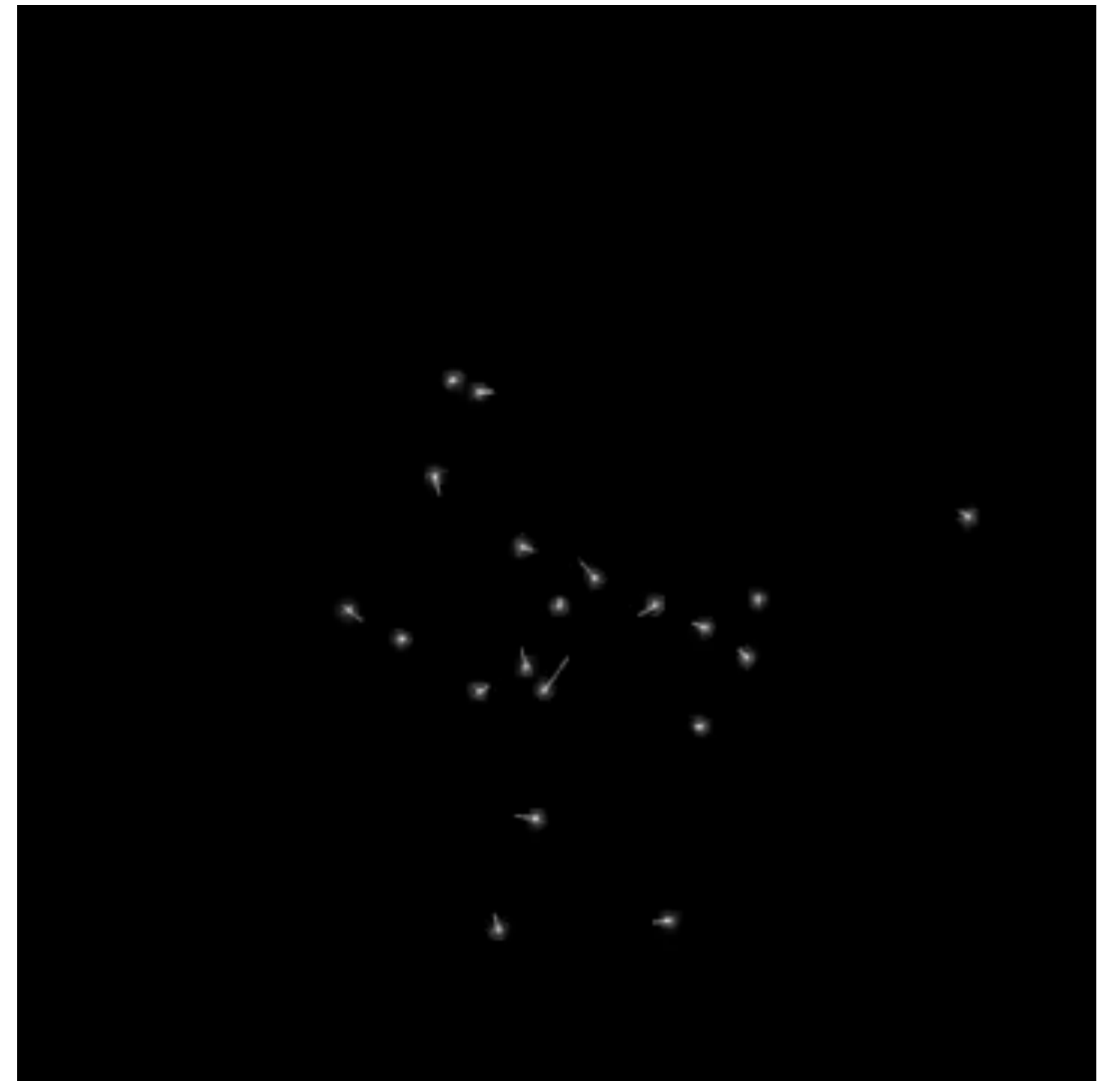
# q-K systems are dynamically degenerate

- SMBH dominates the potential:  $\varepsilon = M_{\star}/M_{\bullet} \ll 1$   
 $\implies$  Keplerian orbits are **closed**.

Dynamical degeneracy:  $\forall \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\text{Kep}}(\mathbf{J}) = 0$ .



KECK Observations

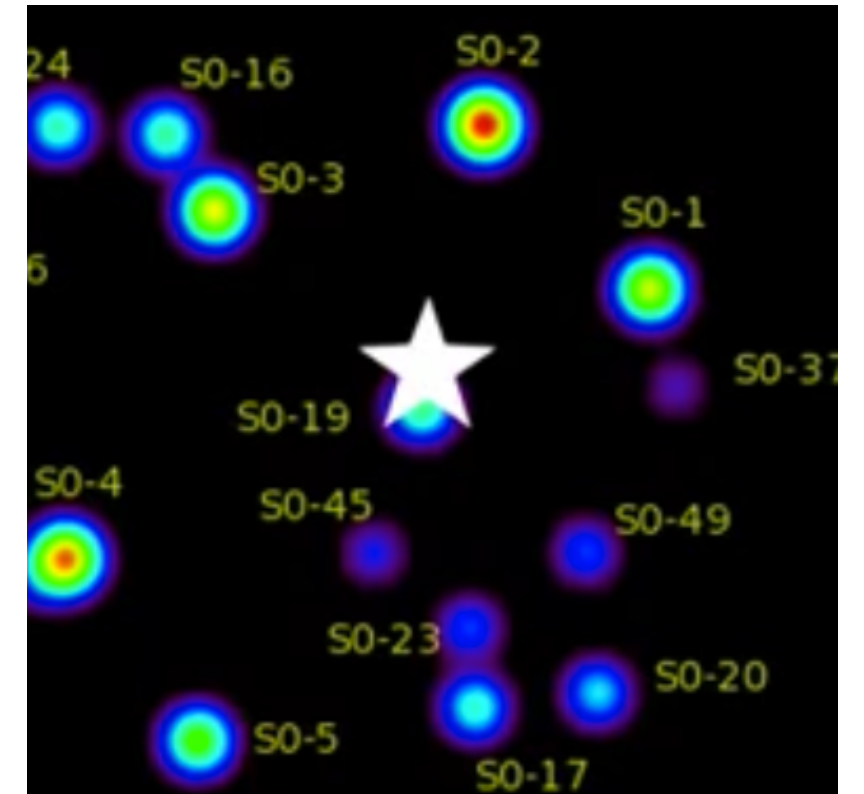


*N*-body simulations (*B. Bar-Or*)

- Orbit-Average: **Stars  $\implies$  Wires**

# Quasi-Keplerian systems

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$\implies$  Delaunay variables

$$\mathbf{J} = \left( \underbrace{I = J_r + L}_{\text{Fast } J^f}, \underbrace{L, L_z}_{\text{Slow } J^s} \right) ; \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = \left( \underbrace{\theta^f}_{\text{Kep. phase}}, \underbrace{\theta^s}_{\text{Int. of motion}} \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\text{Kep}} = (\Omega_{\text{Kep}}, 0, 0).$$

- Orbits characterised by **wires' coordinates**

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = (\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^s).$$

- System **phase-mixed** w.r.t. the Kep. phase

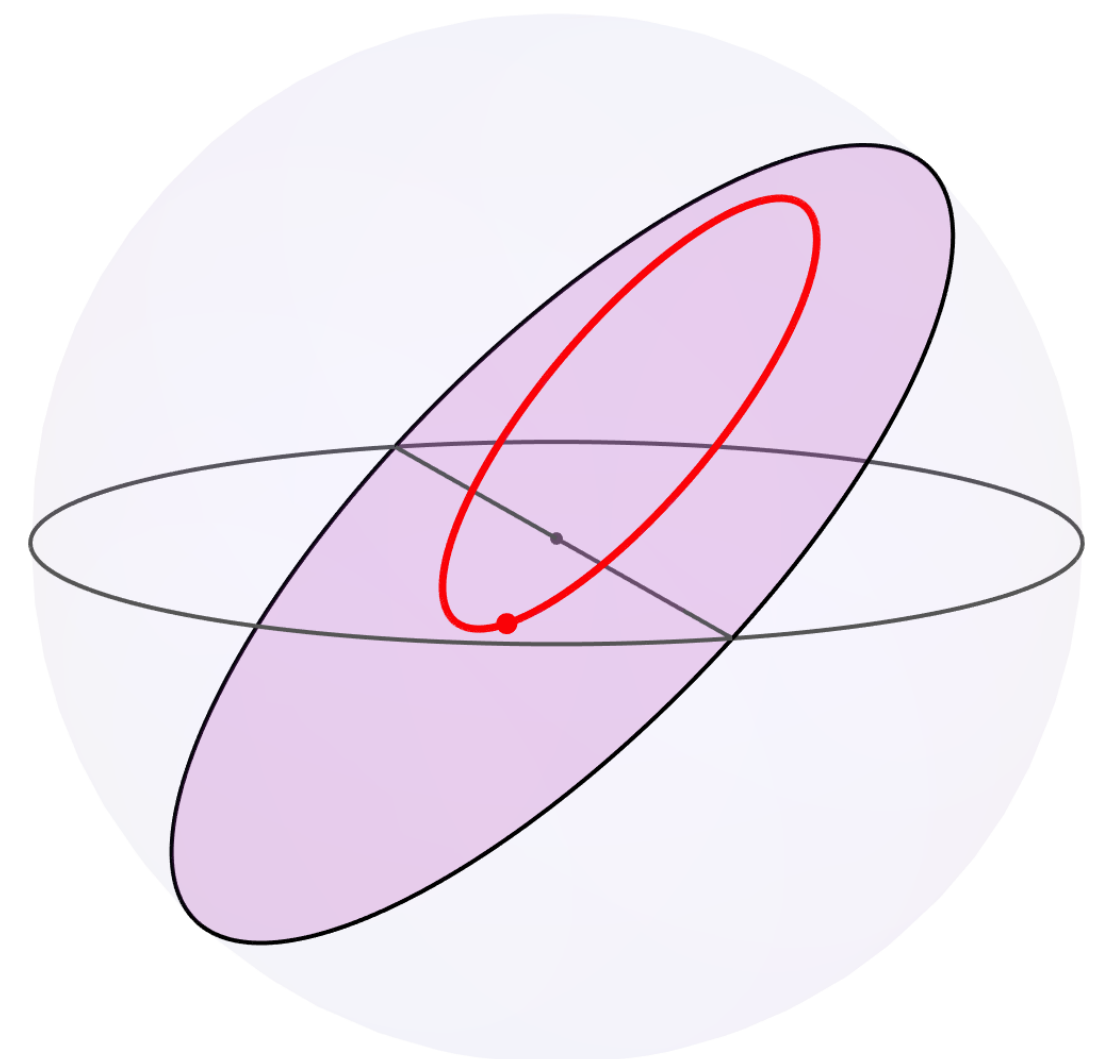
$$F(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \simeq \bar{F}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}).$$

- Keplerian wires **precess** in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^s$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}^s = \frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}_{\text{prec}}}{\partial \mathbf{J}^s} = \frac{\partial [\bar{\Phi}_{\text{self}} + \bar{\Phi}_{\text{rel}} + \bar{\Phi}_{\text{ext}}]}{\partial \mathbf{J}^s}.$$

Disc has mass

SMBH relativistic correction



# The degenerate Balescu-Lenard equation

- The master equation of resonant relaxation

$$\frac{\partial \overline{F}(\mathbf{J}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1^s} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{m}_1^s, \mathbf{m}_2^s} \mathbf{m}_1^s \int d\mathbf{J}_2 \frac{\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1^s \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^s - \mathbf{m}_2^s \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2^s)}{|\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1^s, \mathbf{m}_2^s}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \mathbf{m}_1^s \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^s)|^2} \times \left[ \mathbf{m}_1^s \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1^s} - \mathbf{m}_2^s \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_2^s} \right] \overline{F}(\mathbf{J}_1, \tau) \overline{F}(\mathbf{J}_2, \tau) \right].$$

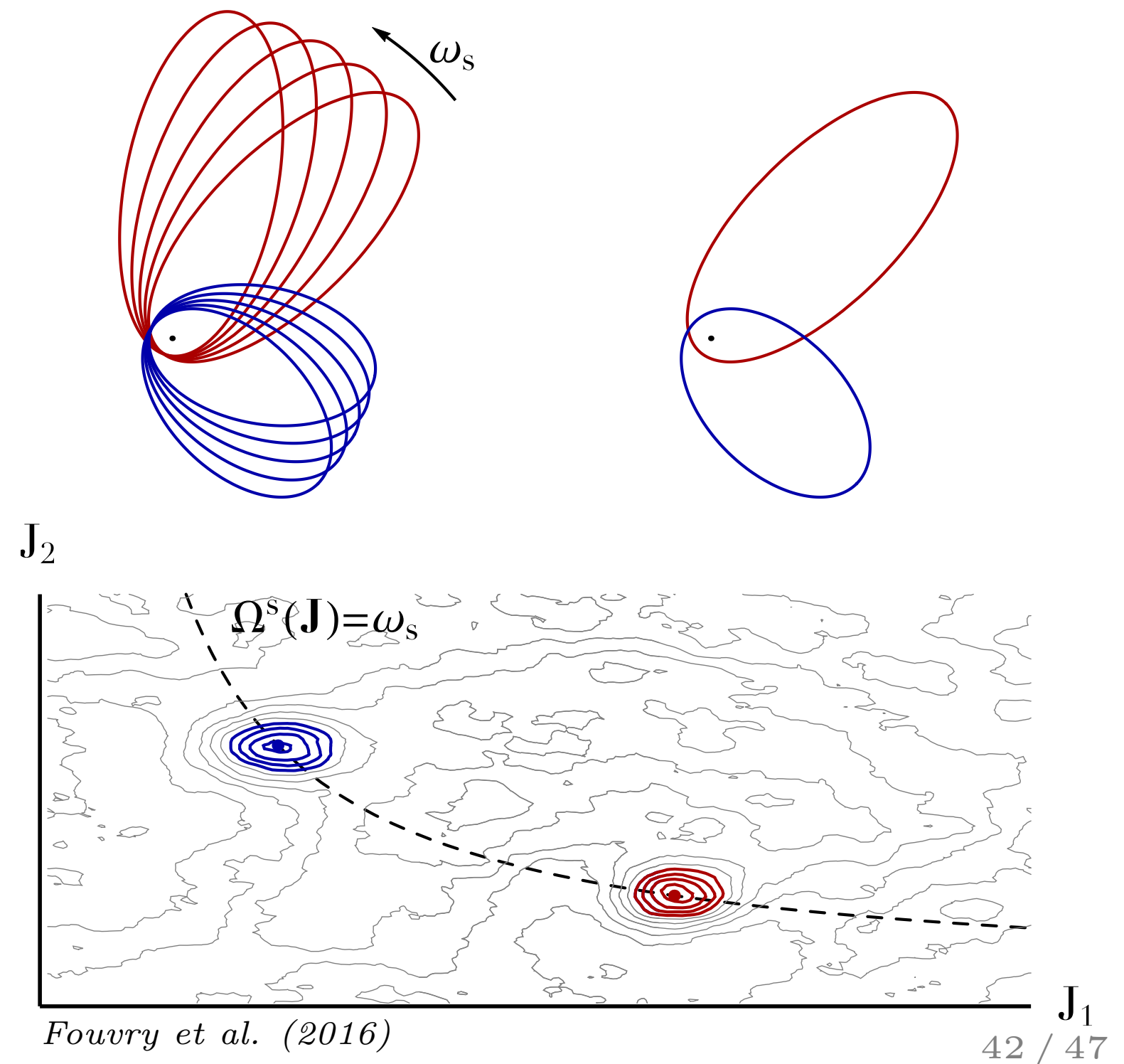
- Some properties:

- ▶  $\overline{F}(\mathbf{J}, \tau)$ : Orbital distortion.
- ▶  $\partial \tau$ :  $\tau = t M_\star / M_\bullet$ , BH dominance.
- ▶  $1/N$ :  $1/N$  resonant relaxation.
- ▶  $\partial / \partial \mathbf{J}_1^s$ : Adiabatic conservation.
- ▶  $\delta_D$ : Resonance on precessions.
- ▶  $1/\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1^s, \mathbf{m}_2^s}$ : Self-gravity.

using averaging over fast angle

$$\overline{F}(\mathbf{J}, \theta^s) = \int \frac{d\theta^d}{(2\pi)^{d-k}} F(\mathbf{J}, \theta^s, \theta^d).$$

→ avoid Dirac of zero!





# Physical origin of Schwarzschild barrier

## One PN and 1.5PN relativistic correction



$$\mathbf{\Omega}_{\uparrow}^s = \frac{\partial[\overline{\Phi} + \overline{\Phi}_a]}{\partial J^s}$$

*relativistic potential*

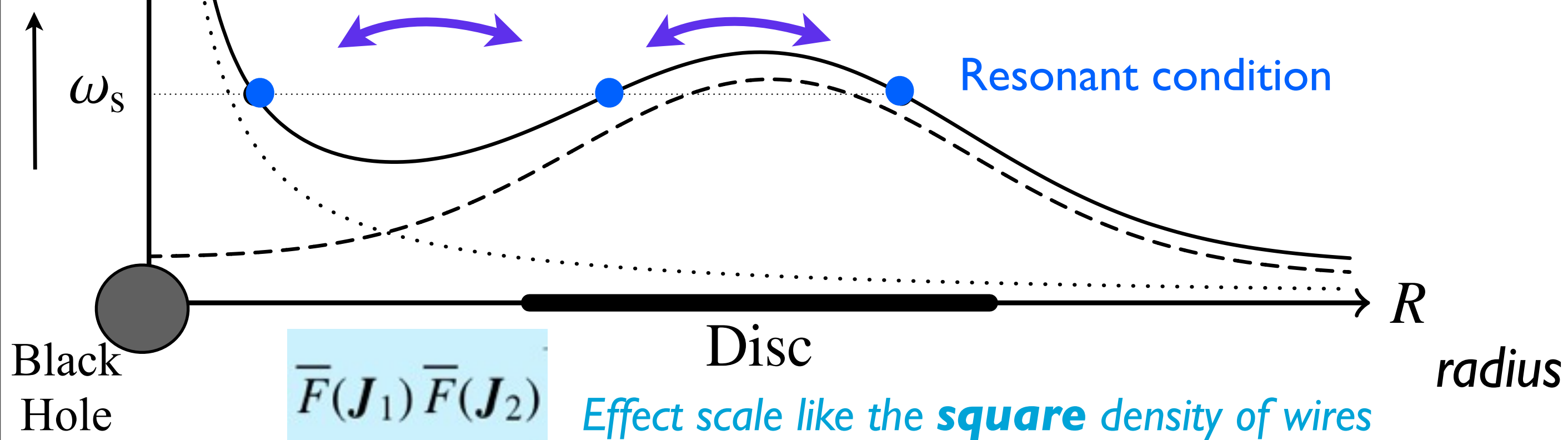
 $\dots \Omega_{\text{rel}}$ 
$$-----\Omega_{\text{self}}$$
$$\text{---} \Omega_{\text{tot}}^{\text{S}}$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega}_{\text{rel}}^{\text{s}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}_{\text{a}}}{\partial \mathbf{J}^{\text{s}}} = \frac{M_{\bullet} \leftarrow}{(2\pi)^{d-k}} \frac{(GM_{\bullet})^4}{M_{\text{tot}} c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}^{\text{s}}} \left[ -\frac{3}{I^3 L} + \frac{2GM_{\bullet} \rightarrow s L_z}{c I^3 L^3} \right]$$

## BH mass

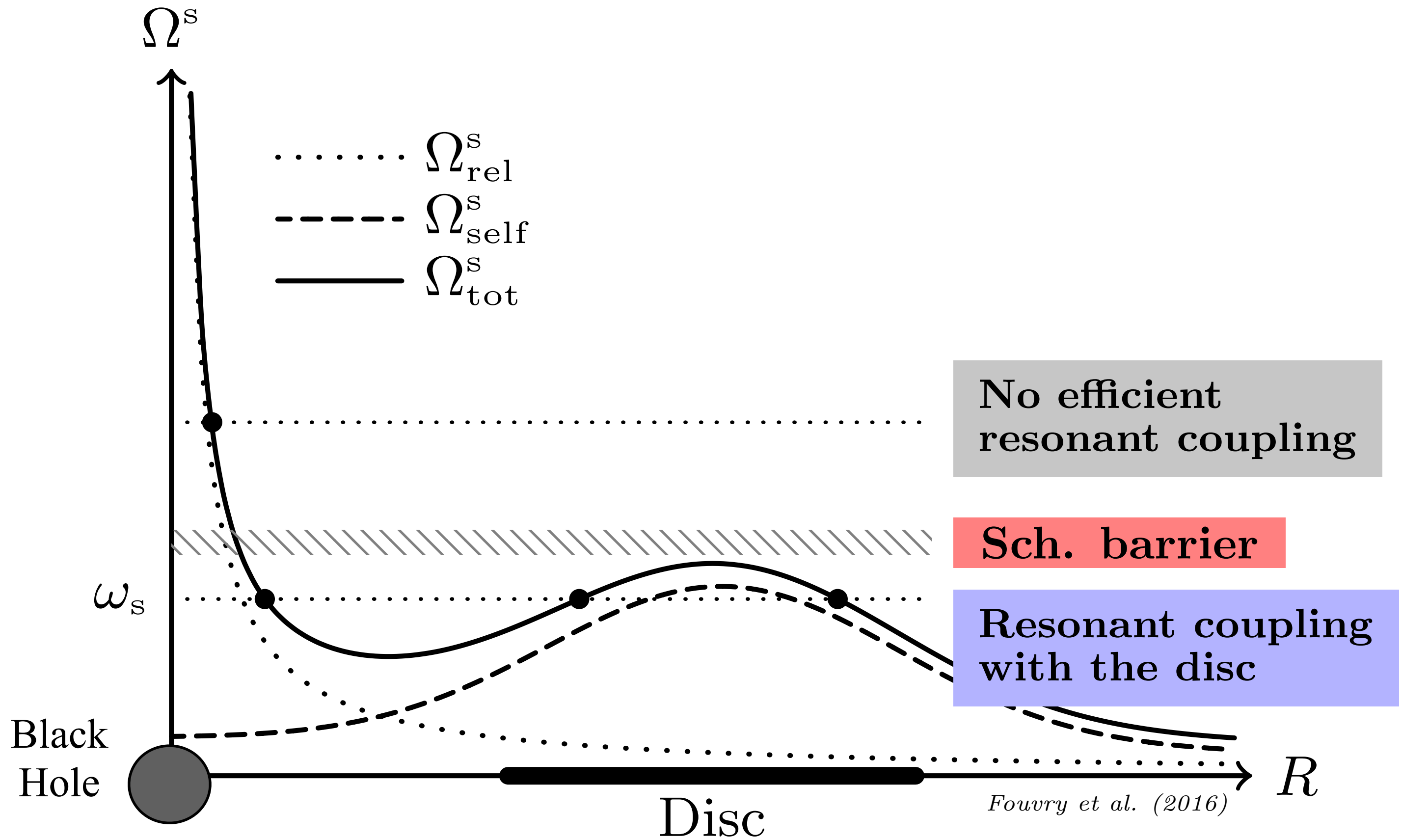
*BH spin*

*adiabatic action*



# Balescu-Lenard and Schwarzschild barrier

- Precession frequencies: **self-consistent + relativistic** - (Kocsis et al. (2011))



- When stars move inward
  - ▶ **Precession frequencies increase.**
  - ▶ Resonant coupling with the disc becomes impossible.
  - ▶ **Schwarzschild barrier** - (Merritt et al. (2011), Bar-Or et al. (2016)).

# Individual stochastic diffusion

- Self-consistent diffusion of the system as a whole

⇒ **Anisotropic Balescu-Lenard equation**

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}^s} \cdot \left[ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) \bar{F}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{J}, \tau) \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \mathbf{J}^s} \right] .}$$

$\mathbf{A}(\bar{F})$  drift vector,  $\mathbf{D}(\bar{F})$  diffusion tensor.

- Individual dynamics of a wire at position  $\mathcal{J}(\tau)$

⇒ **Stochastic Langevin equation** - (Risken (1996))

$$\boxed{\frac{d\mathcal{J}}{d\tau} = \mathbf{h}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) + \mathbf{g}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) \cdot \mathbf{\Gamma}(\tau) .} \quad \mathbf{g}(\mathcal{J}, \tau) \propto \sqrt{\mathbf{D}}$$

$\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  vector and tensor, and  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  stochastic Langevin forces.

⇒ **Dual equation**, whose ensemble average gives back BL.

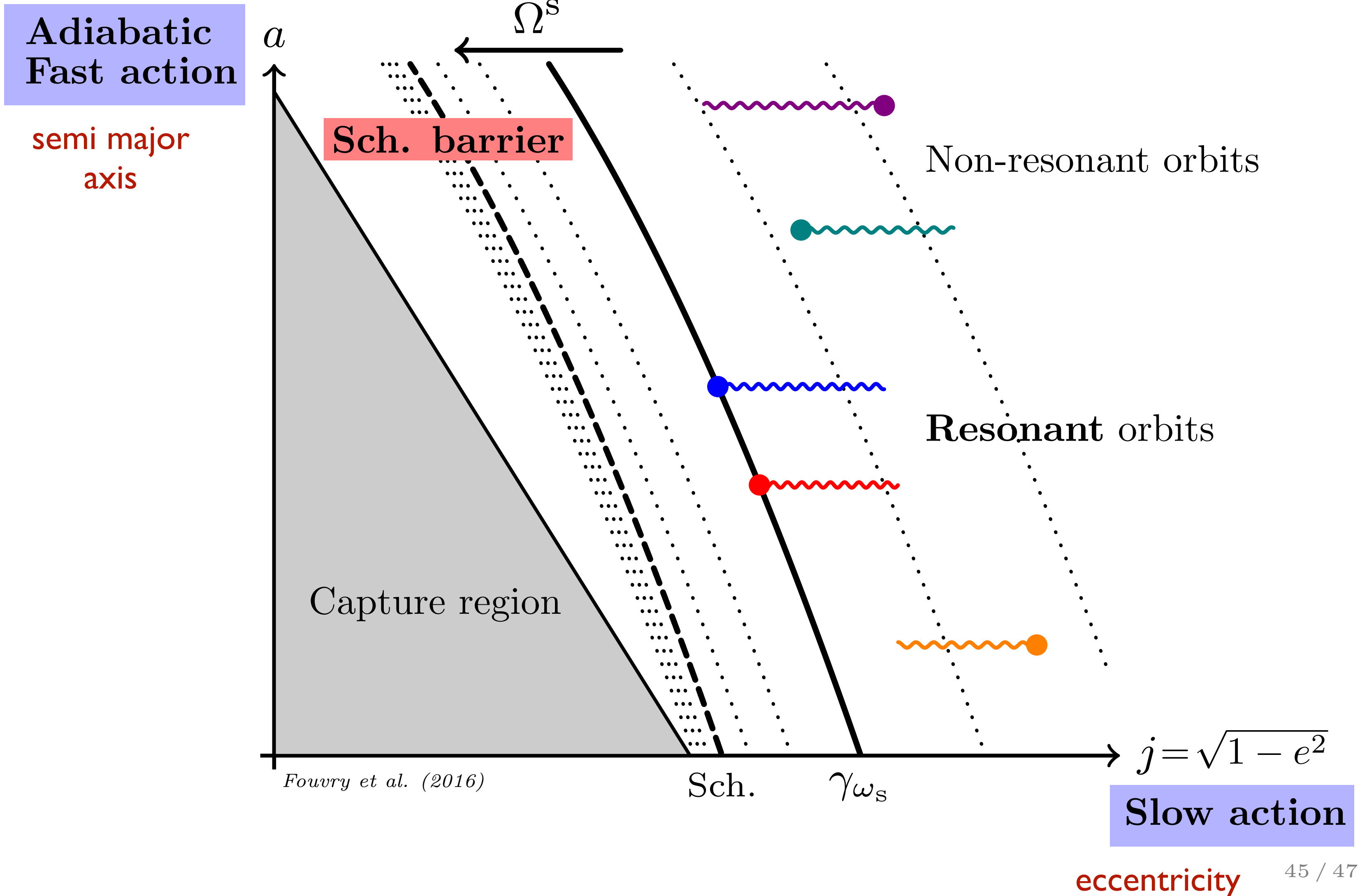
- In the Langevin's rewriting, **particles are dressed orbits.**

⇒ Huge gains in timesteps for integration.

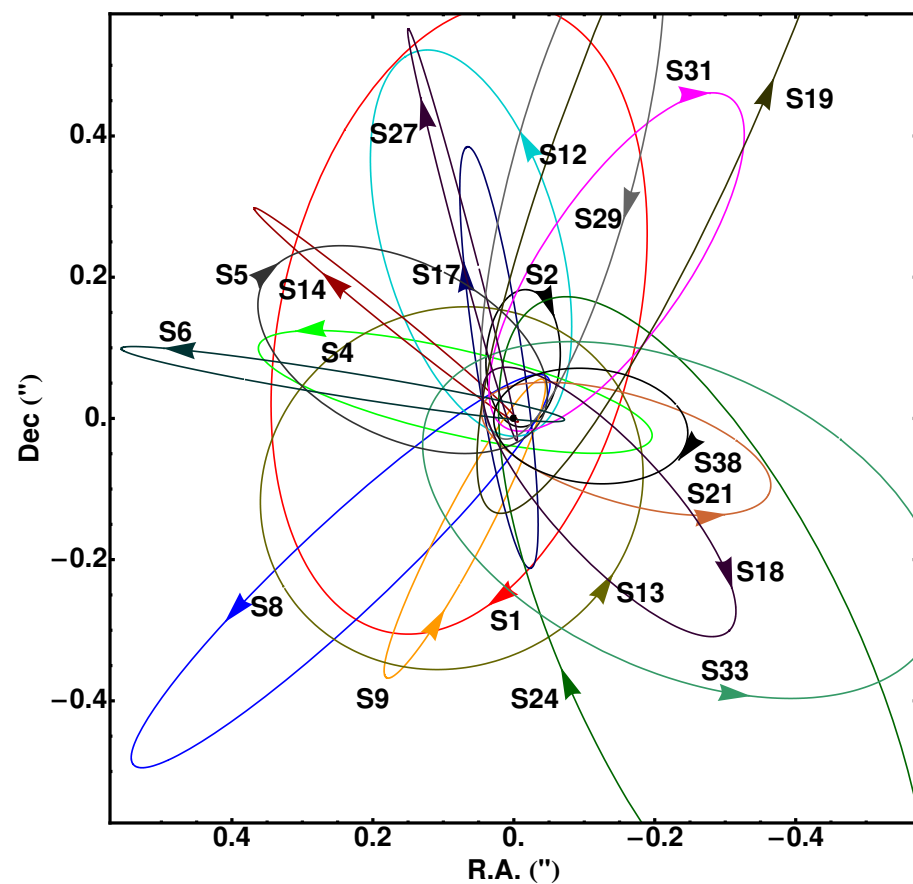


# Langevin view of the Schwarzschild barrier

- Langevin stochastic diffusion of orbits



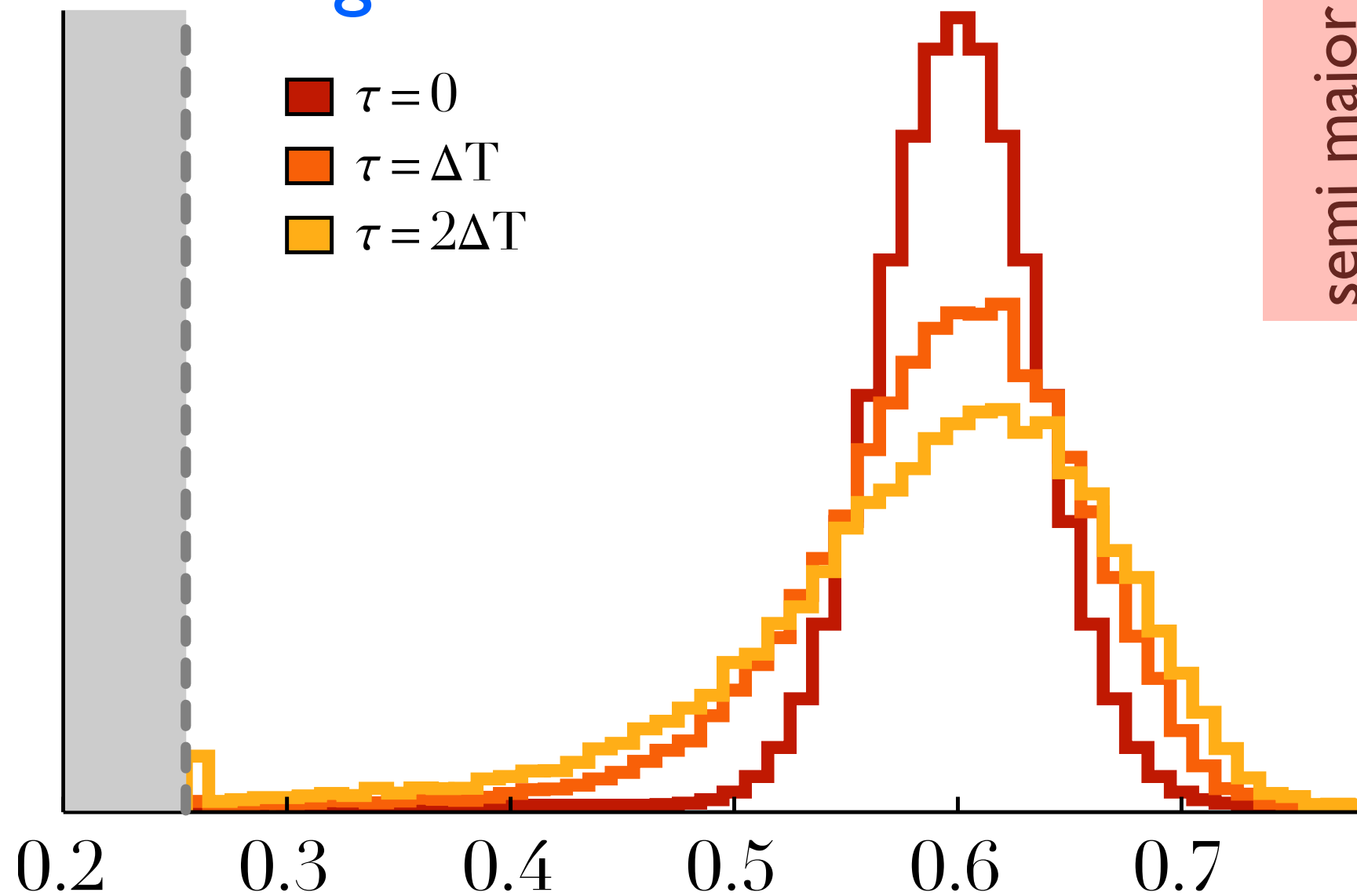
# Resonant relaxation near SMBH



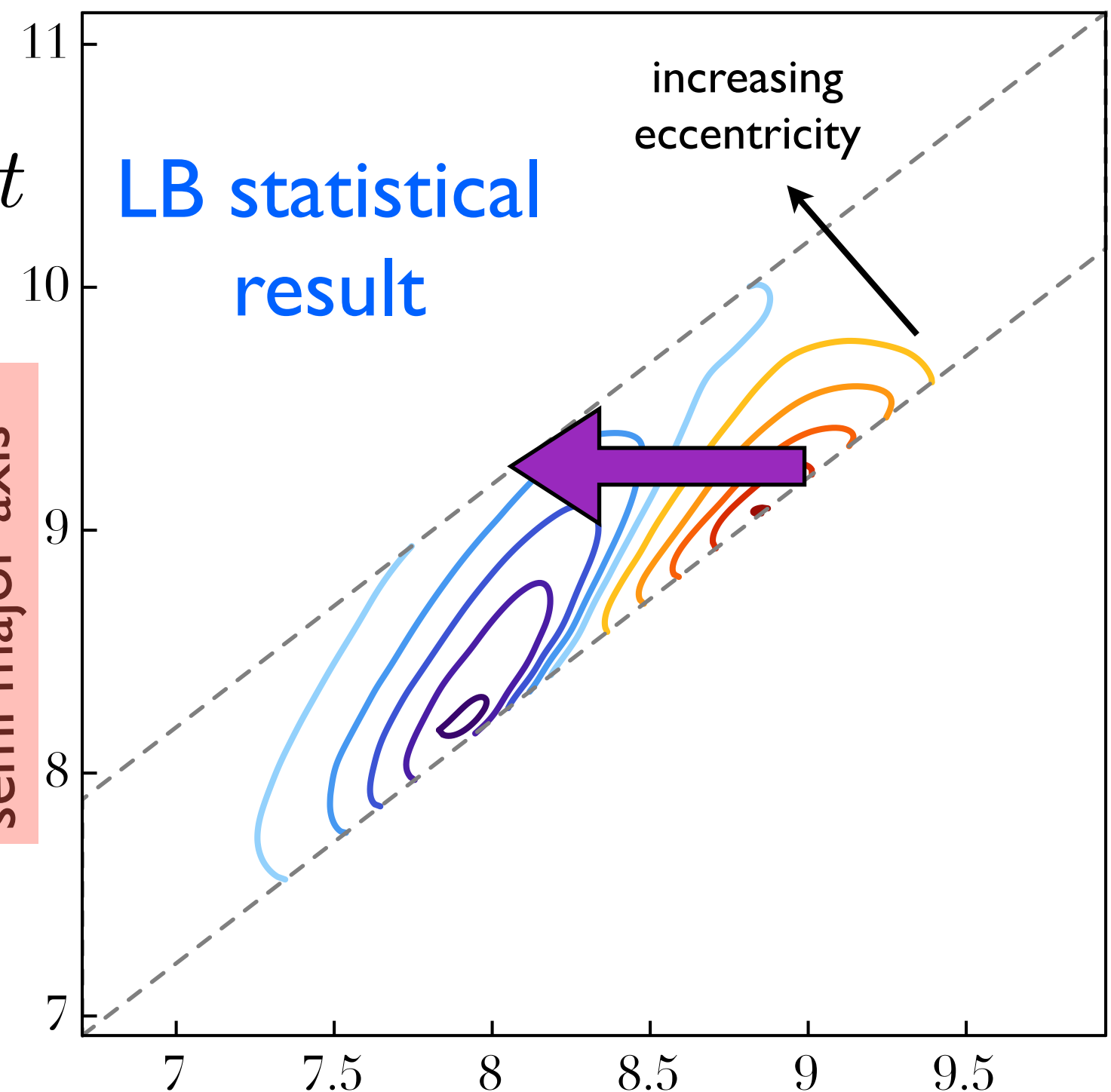
$J_r + L = \text{const}$   
 Adiabatic  
 Fast action

$\delta N$   
 Langevin MC

$\tau = 0$   
 $\tau = \Delta T$   
 $\tau = 2\Delta T$



Flux map in action space



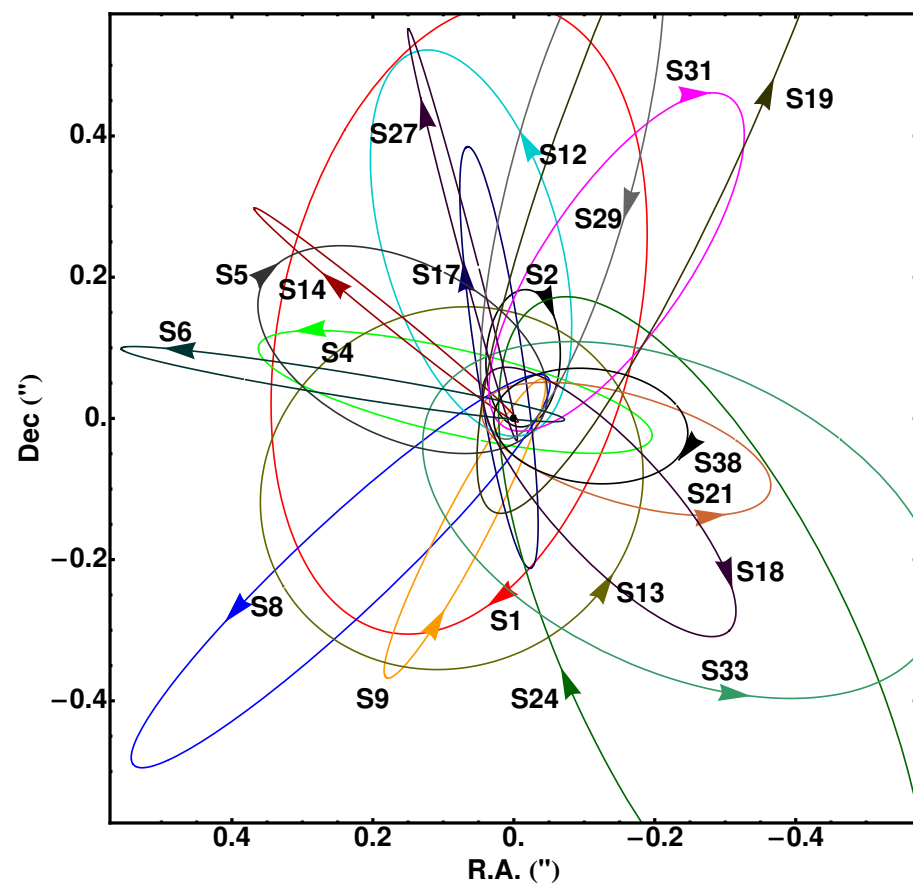
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Angular momentum

Slow action

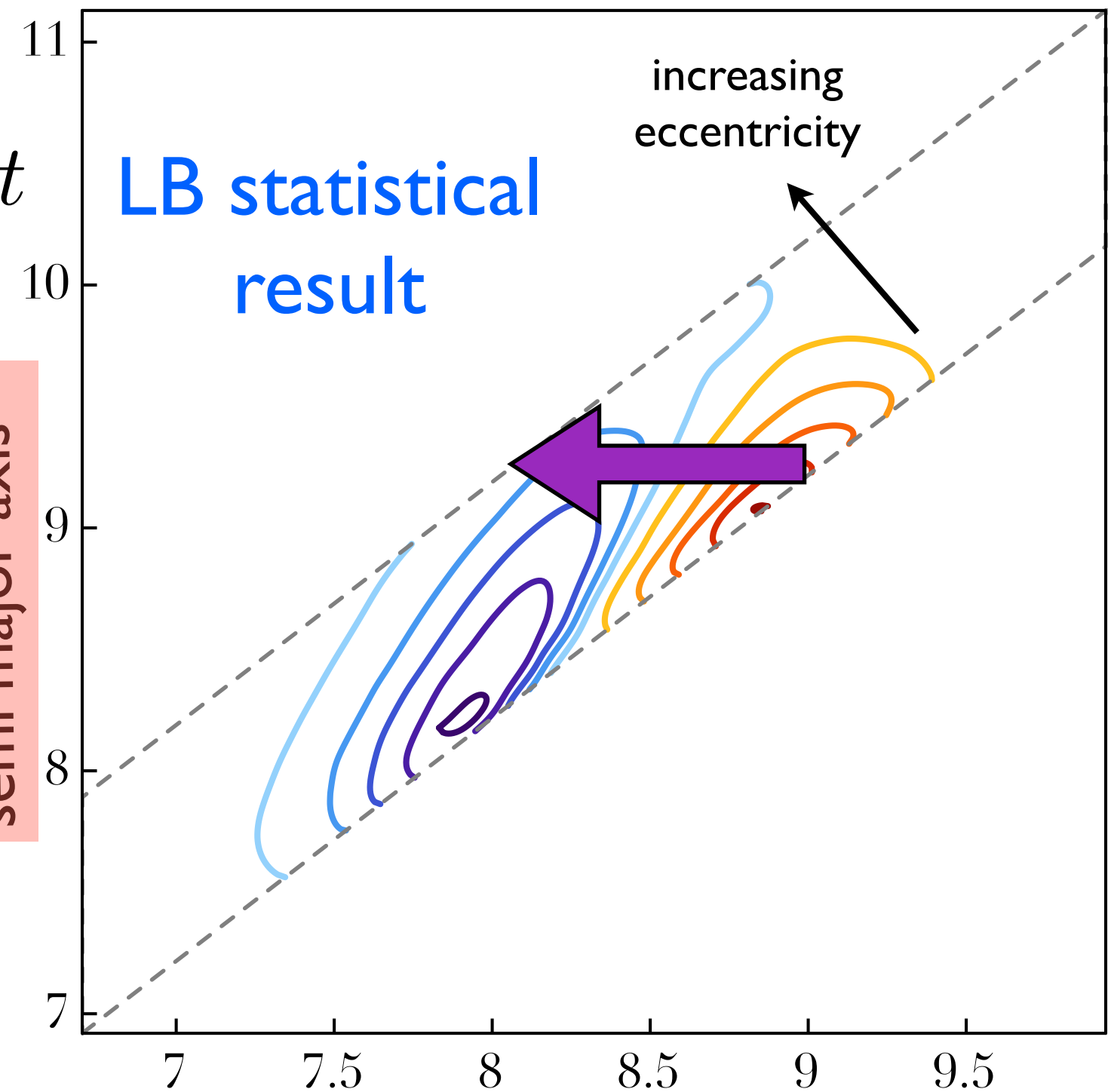
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semi major axis  $a$

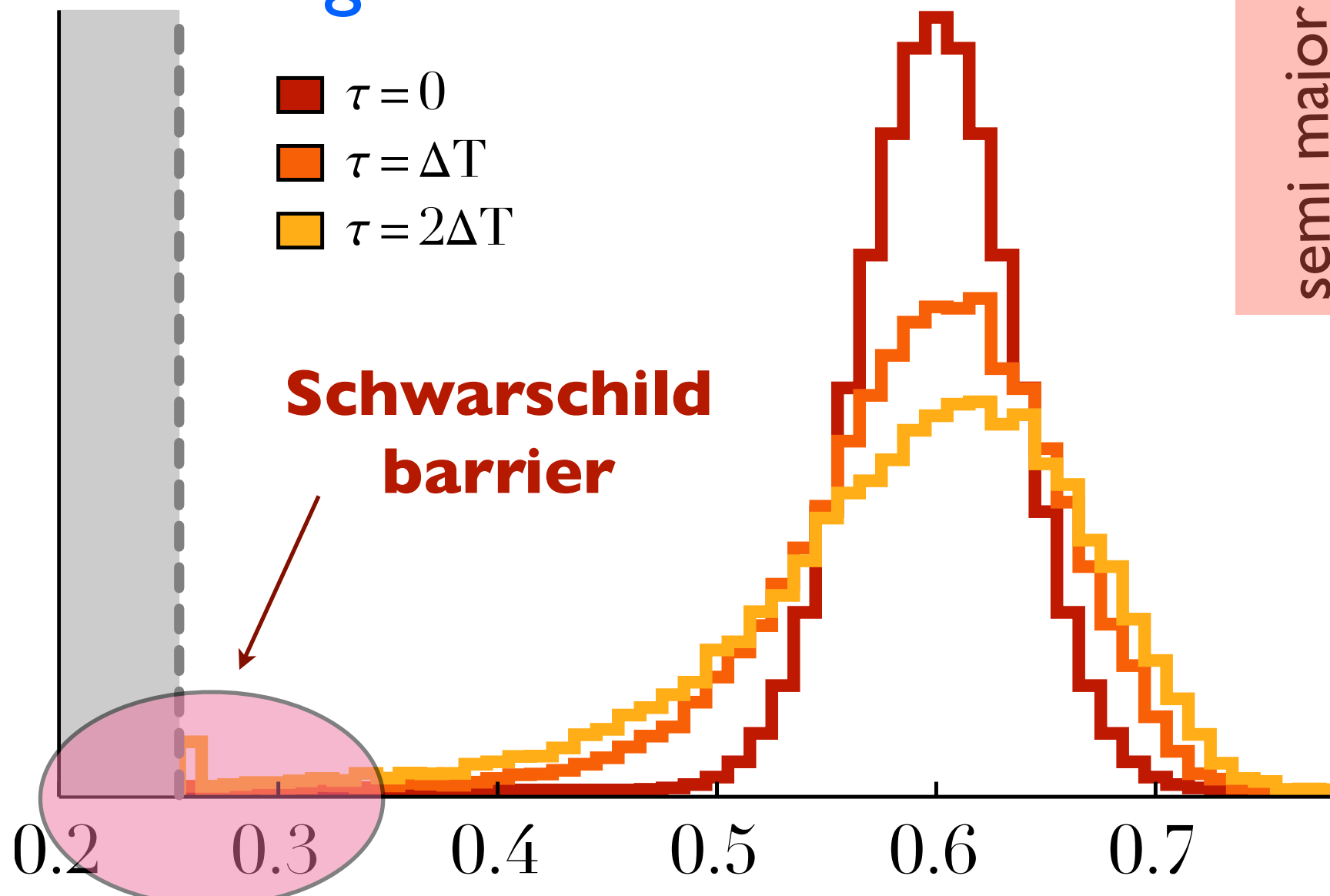
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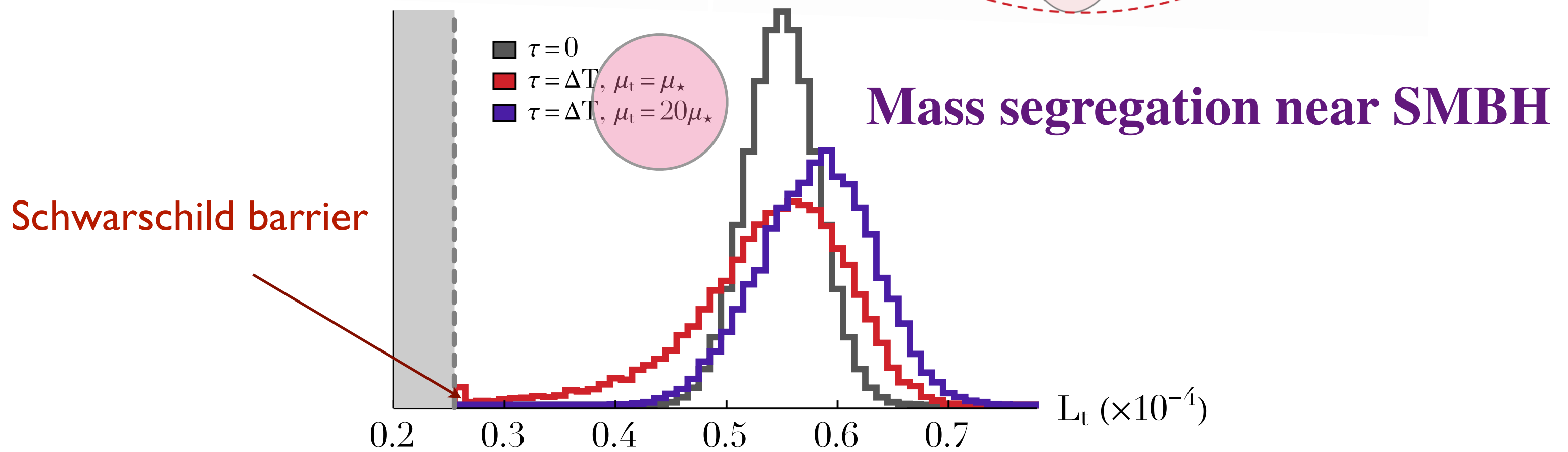
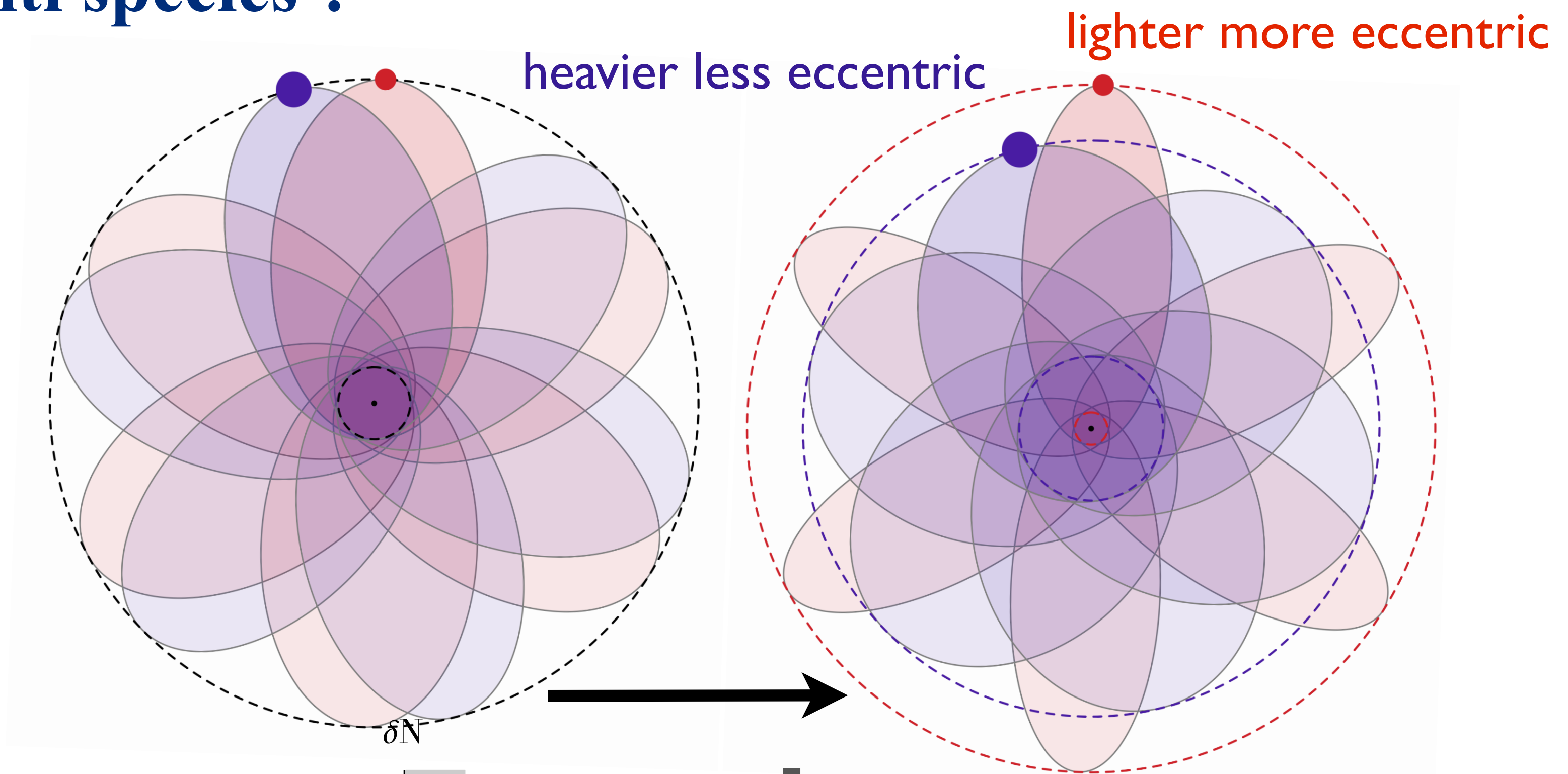
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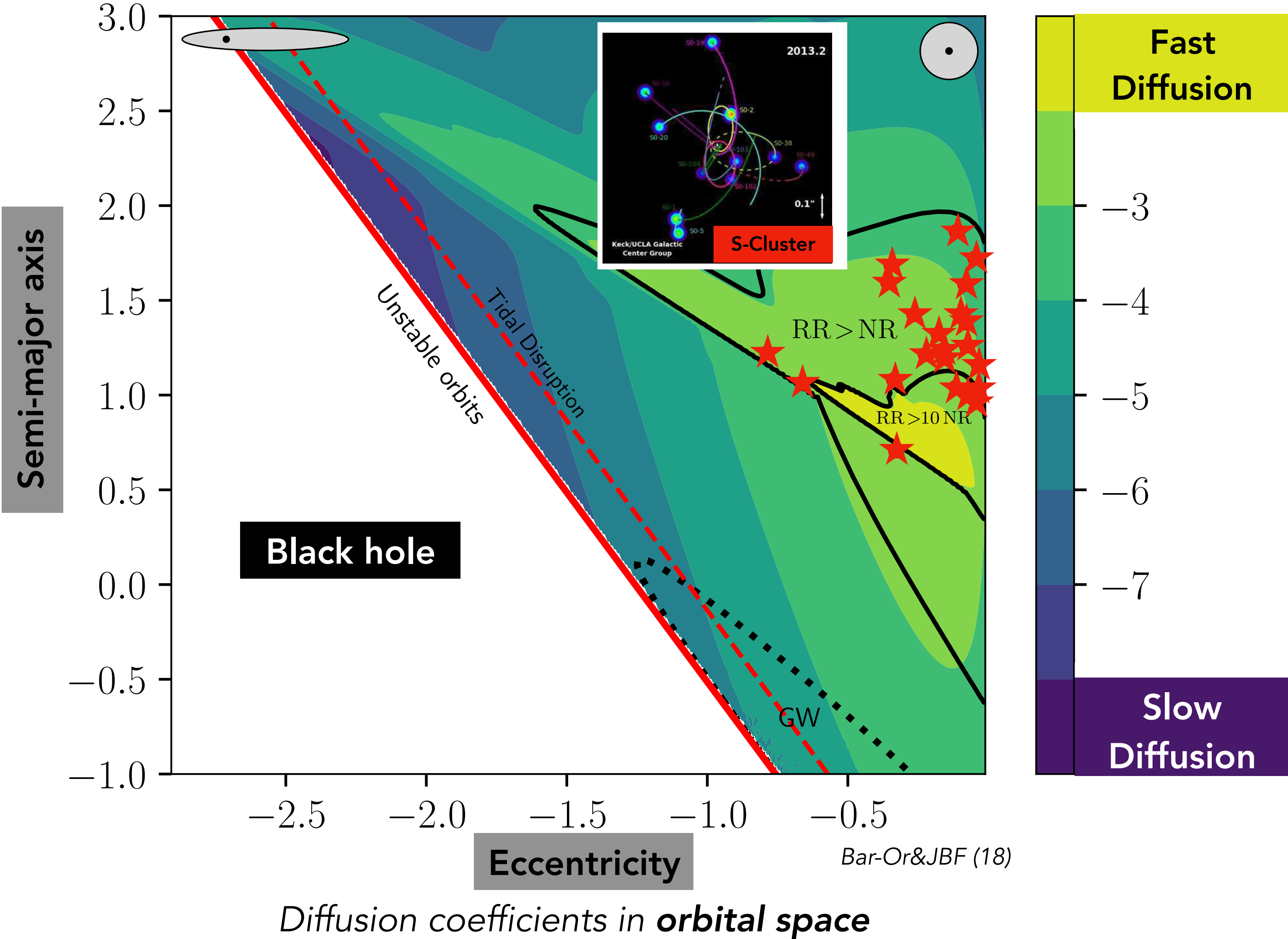


# Multi species ?

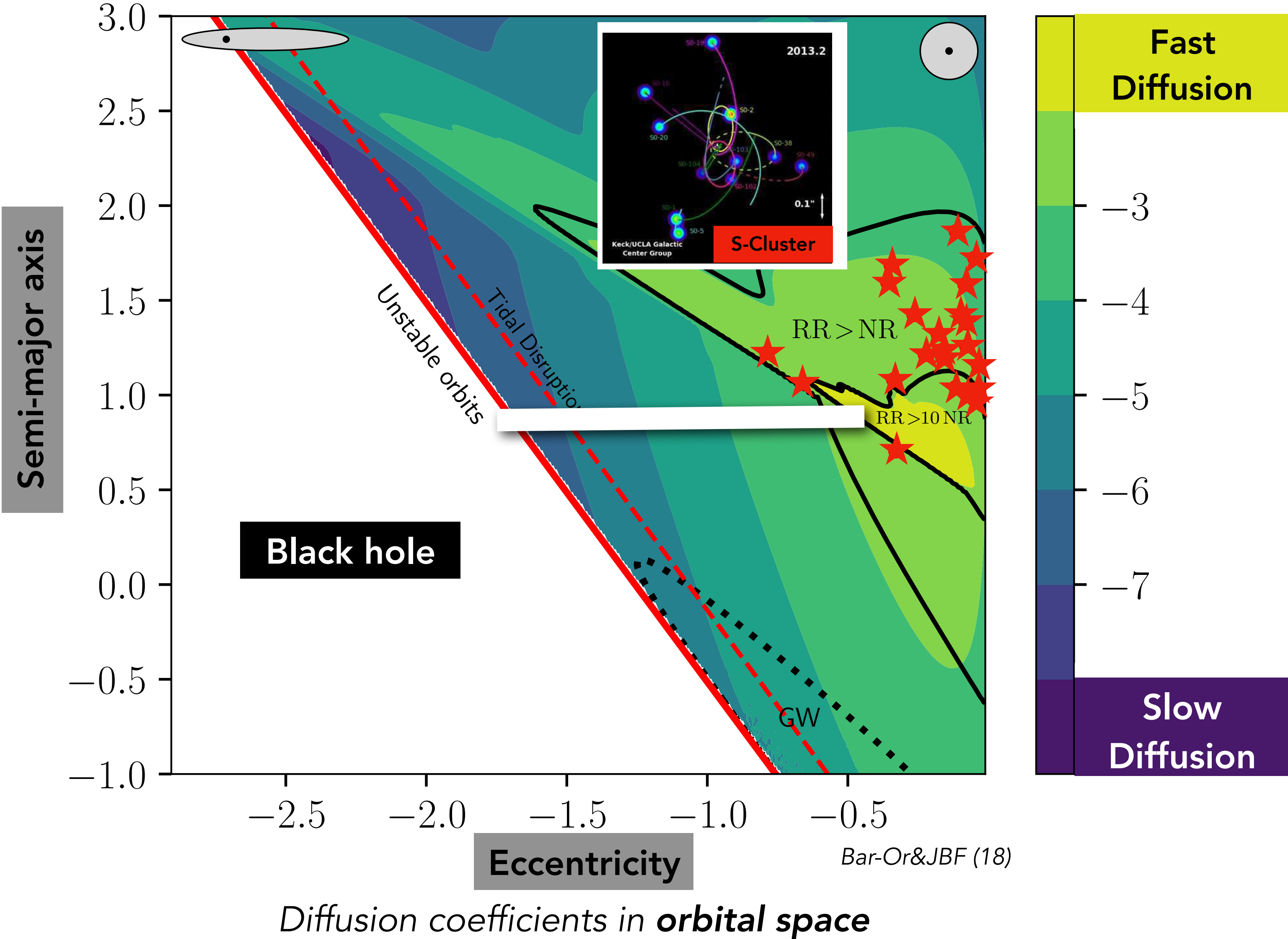


Resonant relaxation segregates adiabatically **lighter** stars towards SMBH

# Scalar Resonant Relaxation in Galactic Nuclei

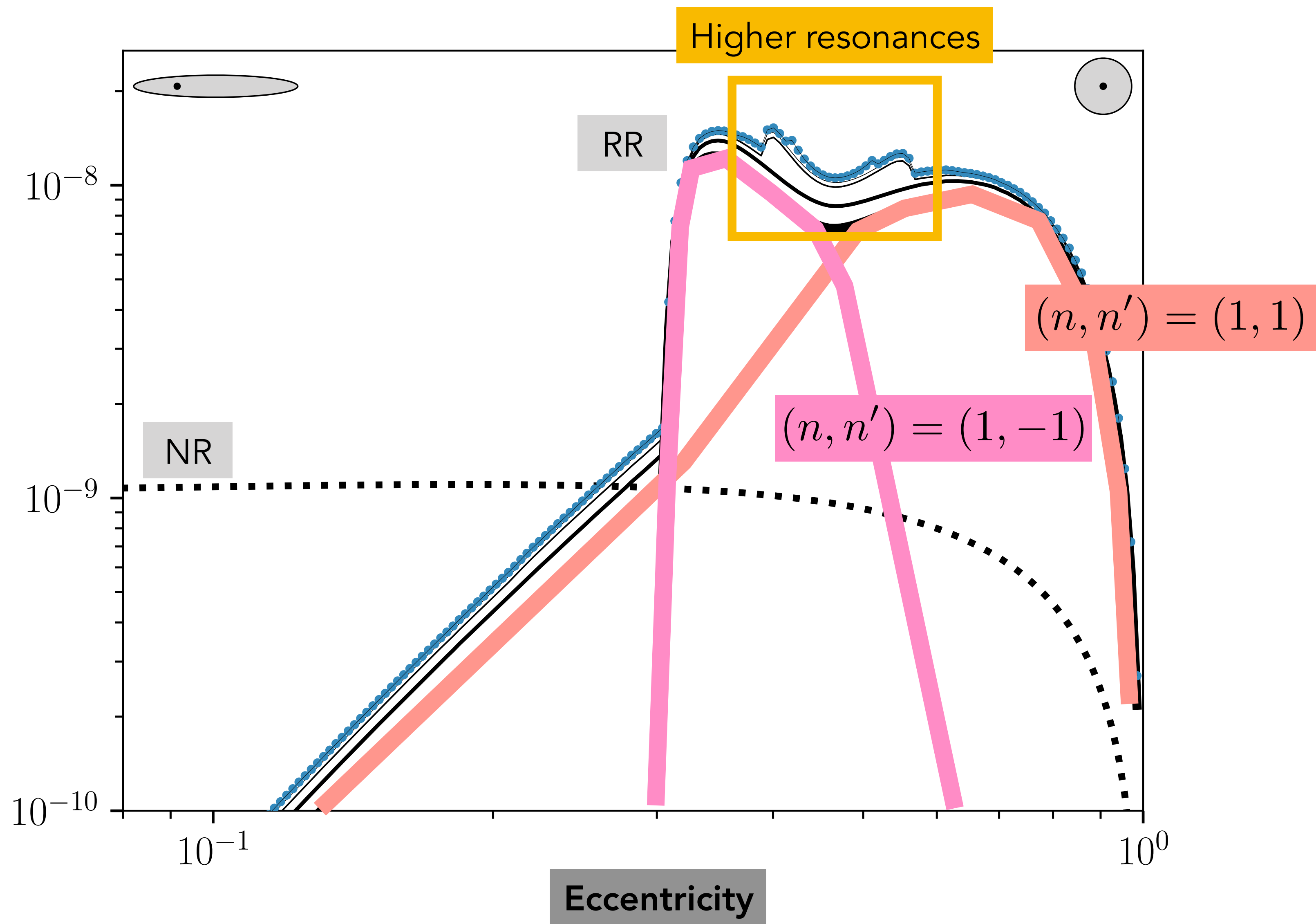


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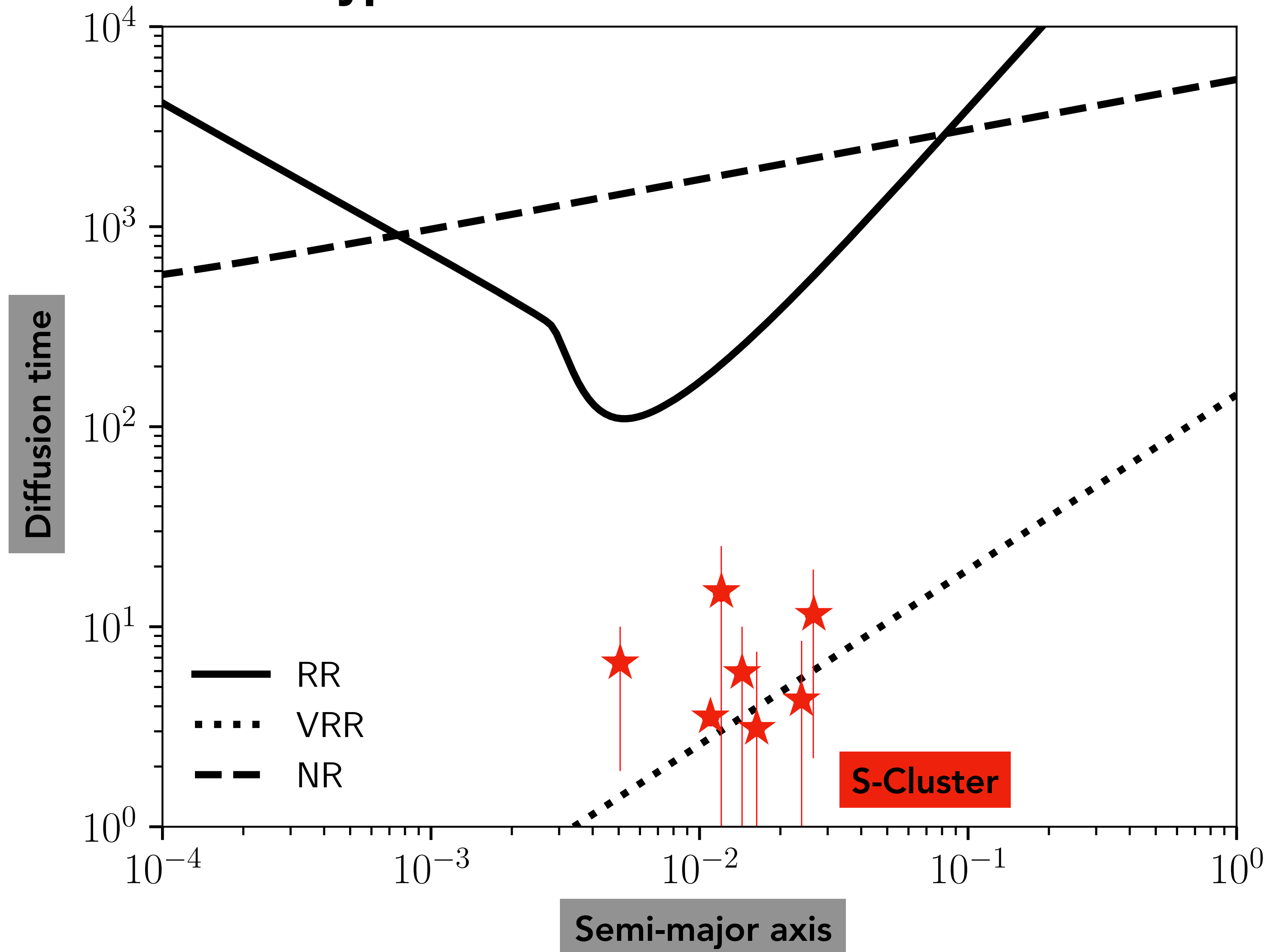


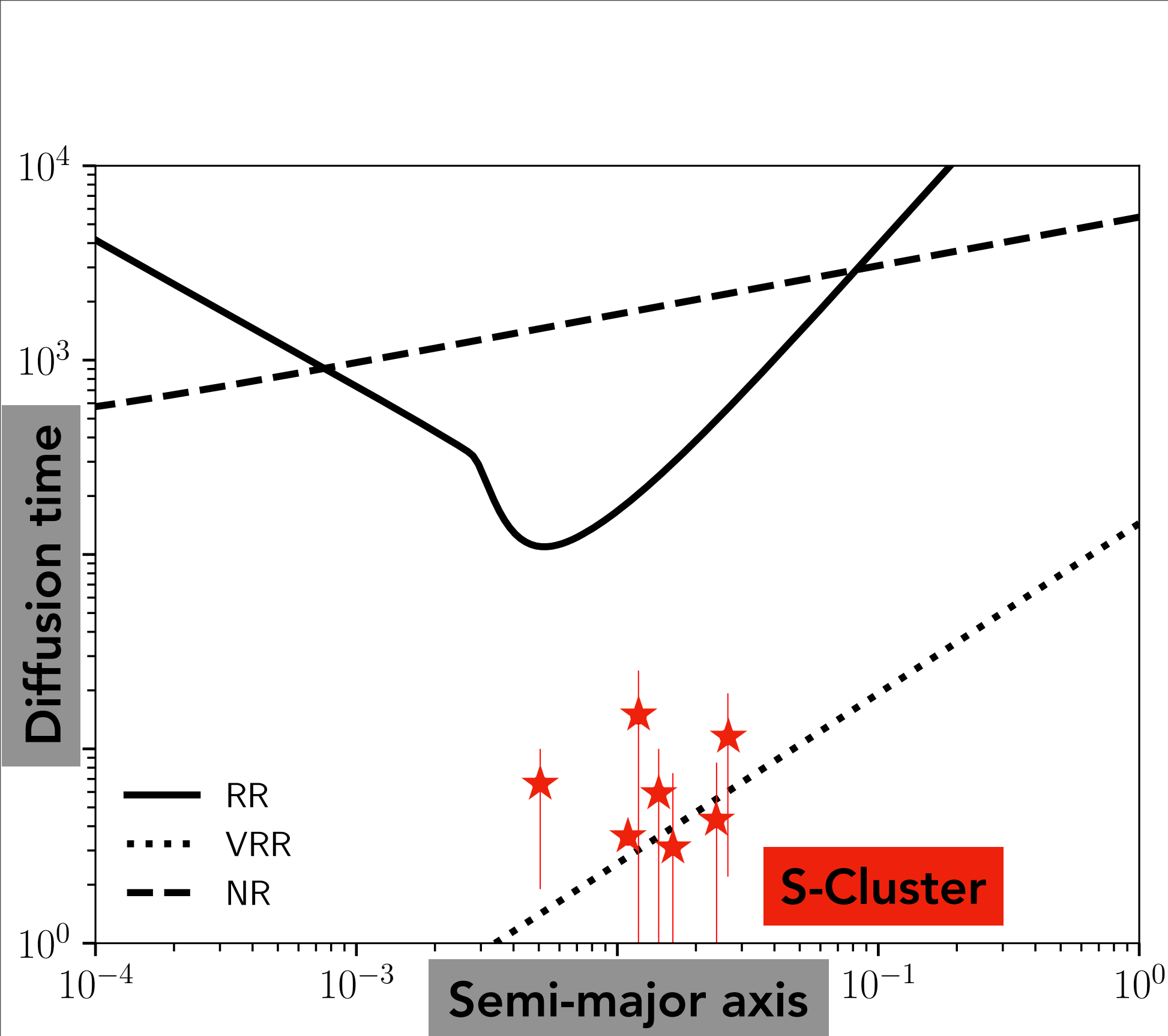


# Scalar Resonant Relaxation in Galactic Nuclei



# Typical diffusion timescales





*Typical diffusion timescales*

Context

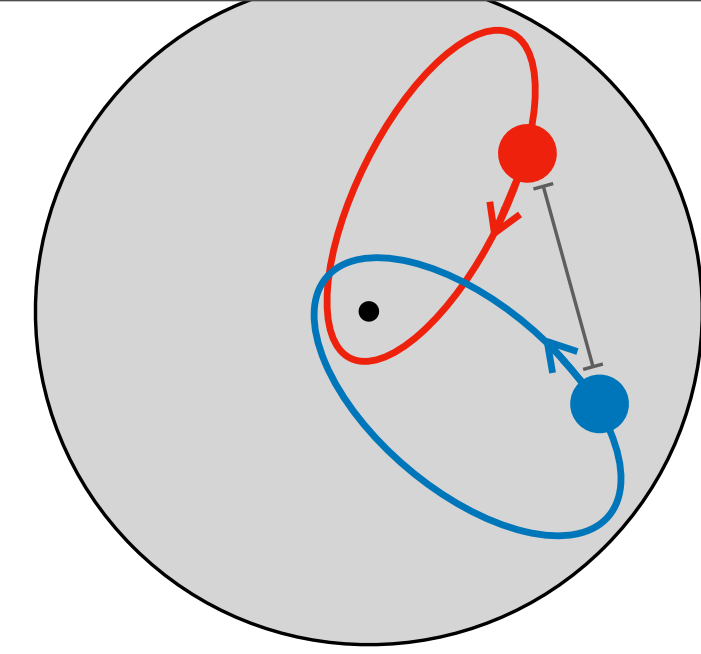
How to **feed** a **supermassive black hole**?

**Stellar diffusion** in galactic centers

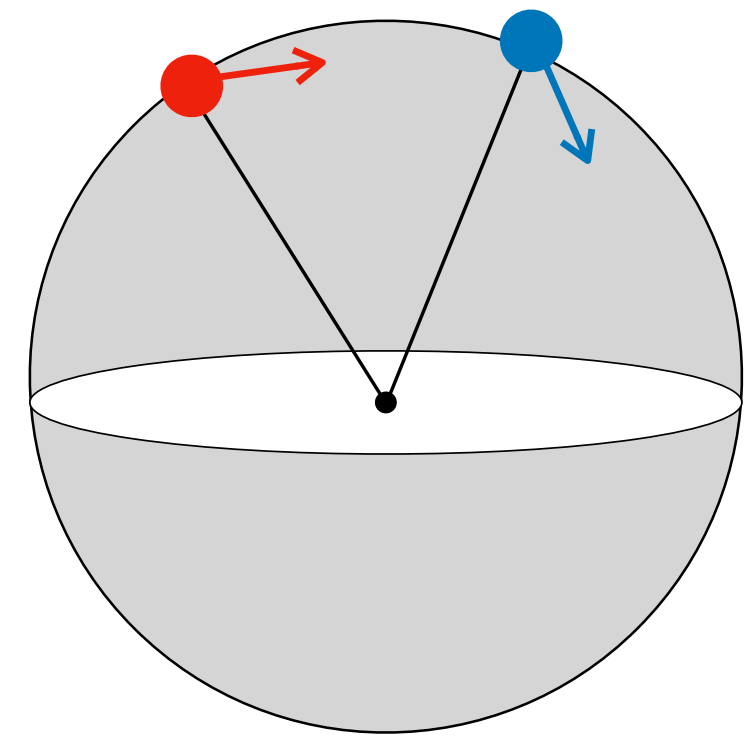
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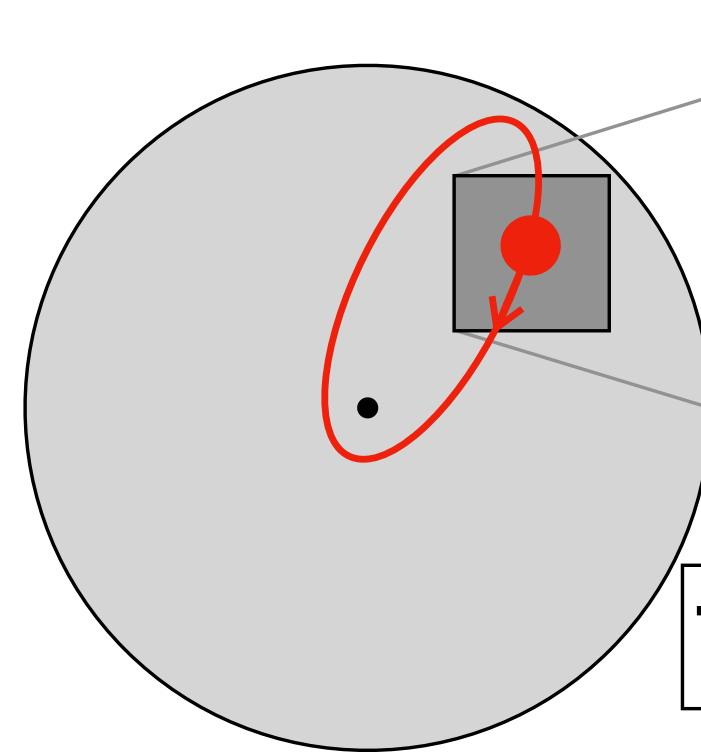
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# CONCLUSIONS



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- Frameworks for the effects of **external and internal** perturbations.

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- First implementation of **Balescu-Lenard** in (astro)physics
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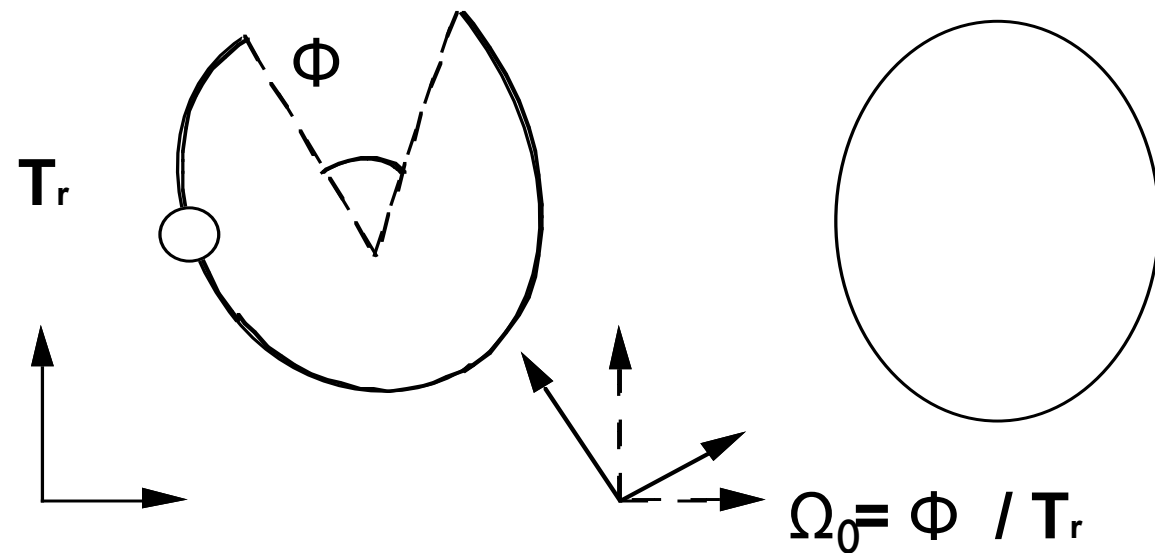
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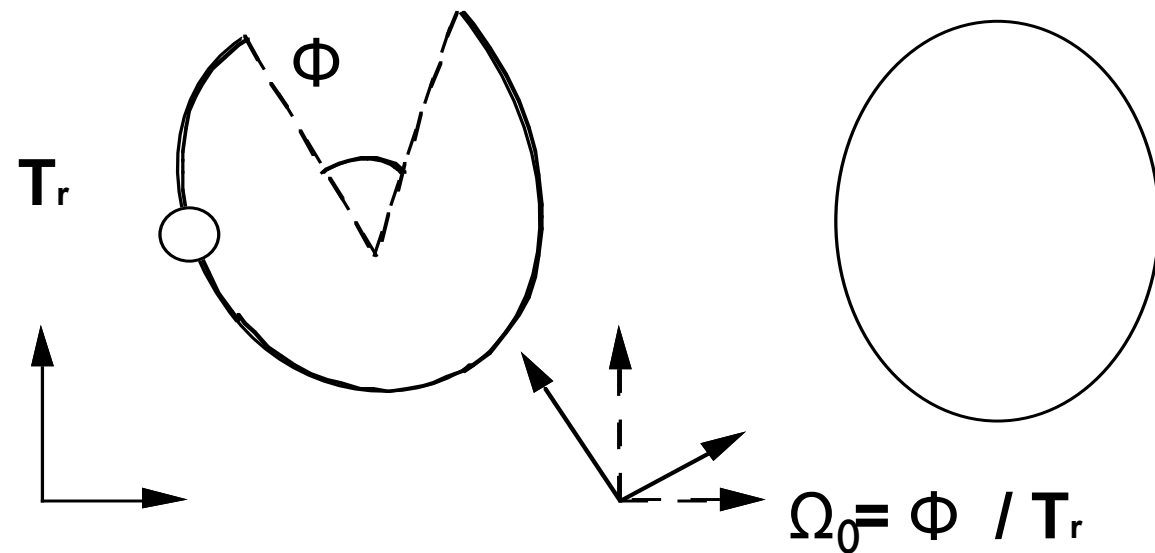
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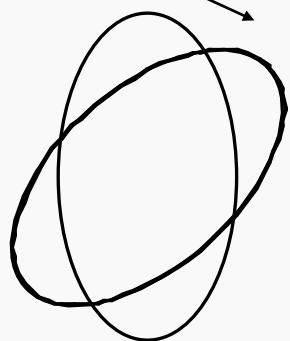
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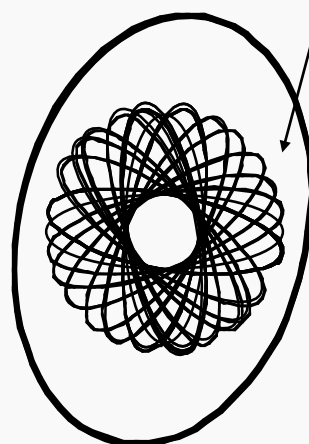
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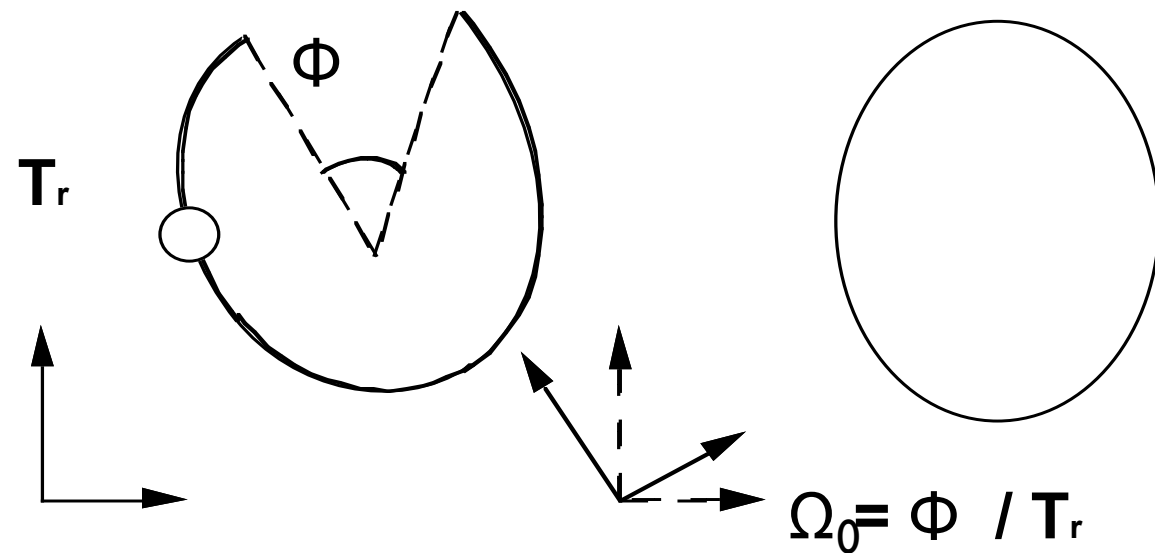
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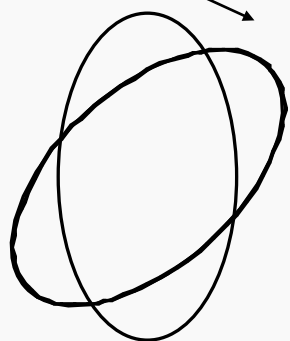
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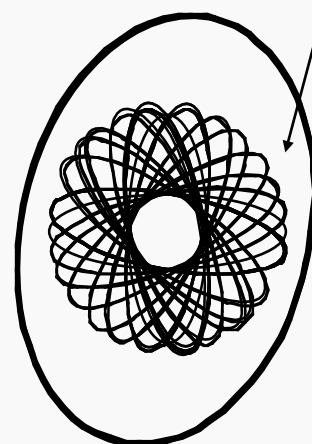
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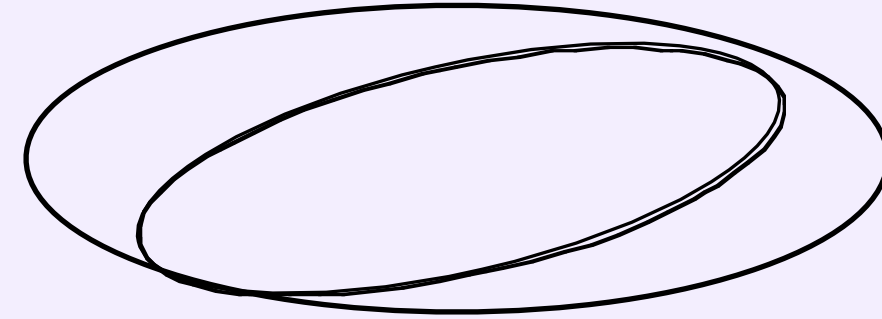


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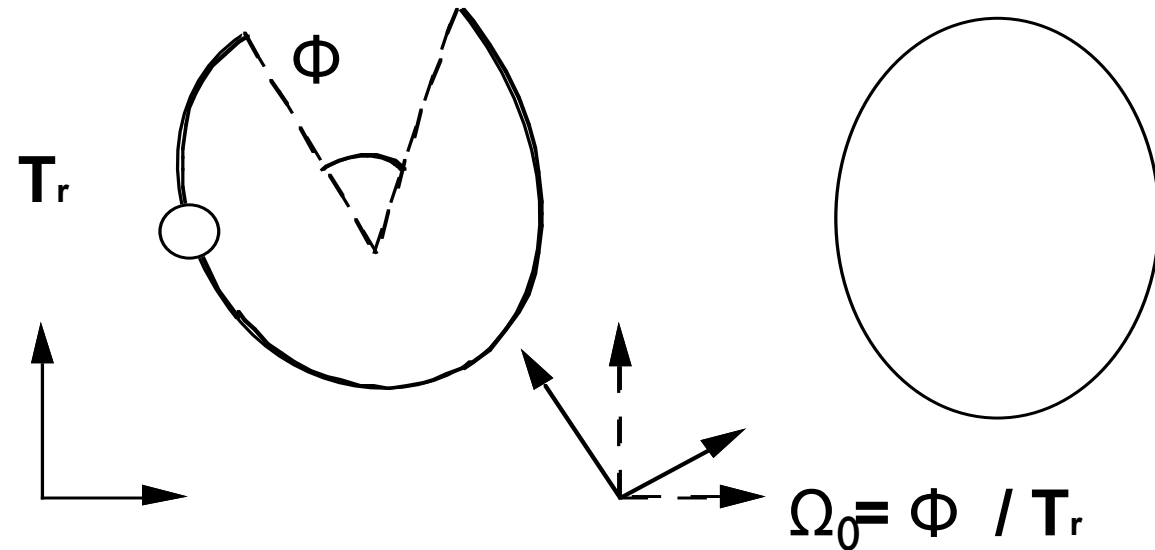
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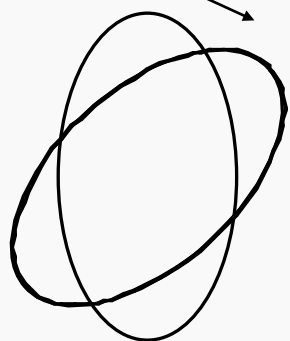
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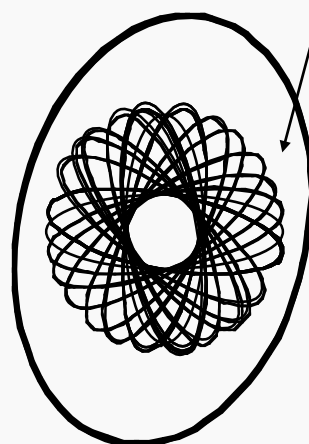
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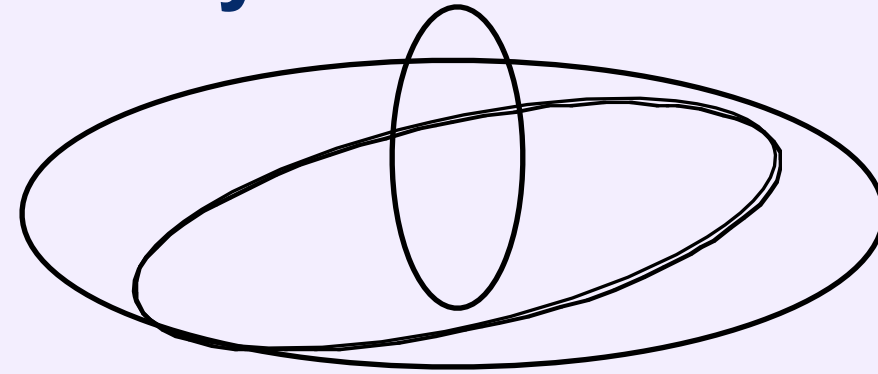


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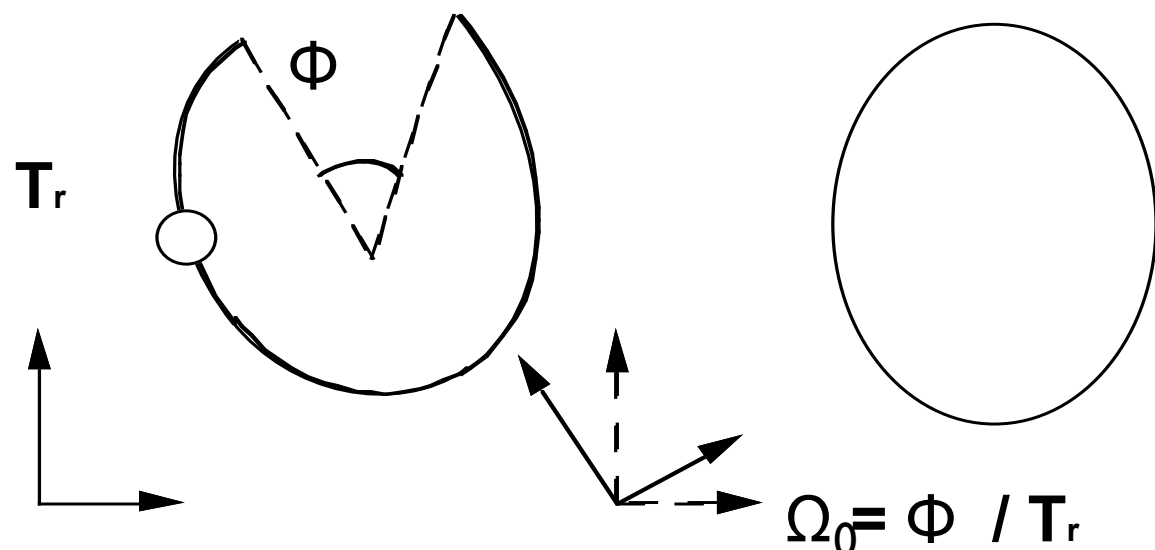
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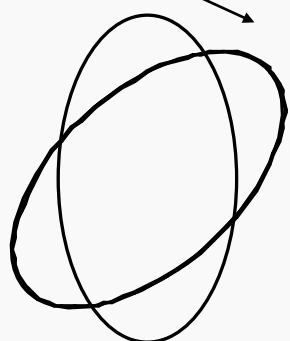
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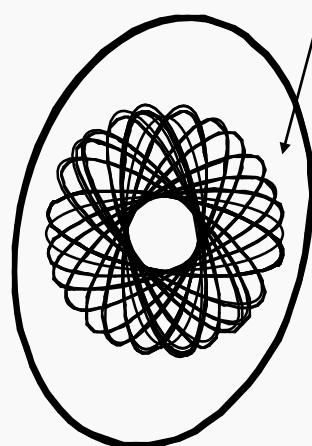
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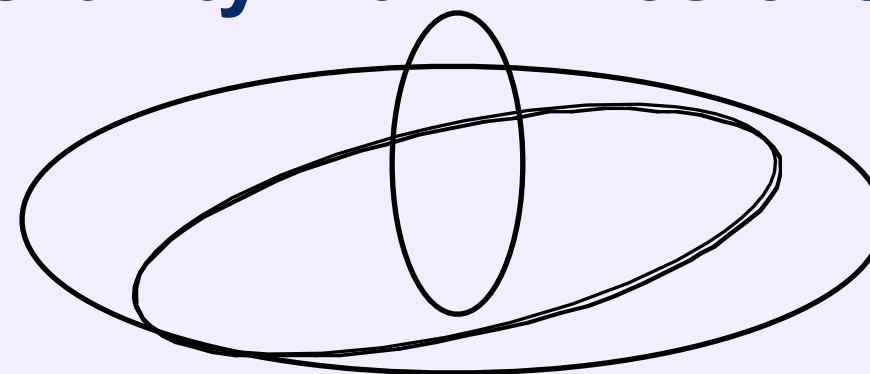


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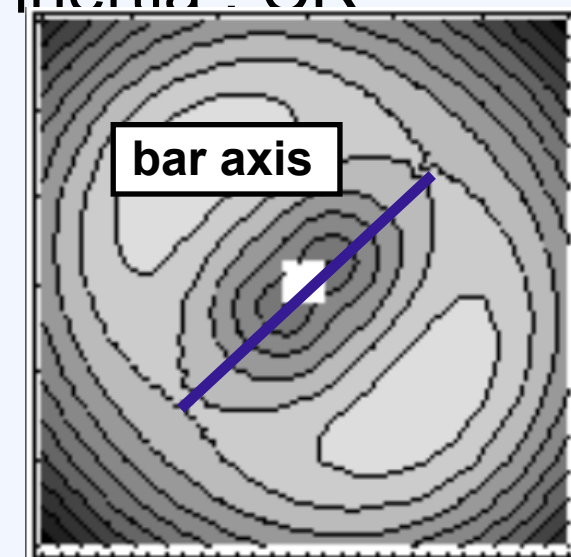
positive moment of inertia : ILR

- **Donkey Streams:**

negative moment of inertia : CR

Corotation Resonance:  
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Effective potential  
rotating frame  $\Omega$



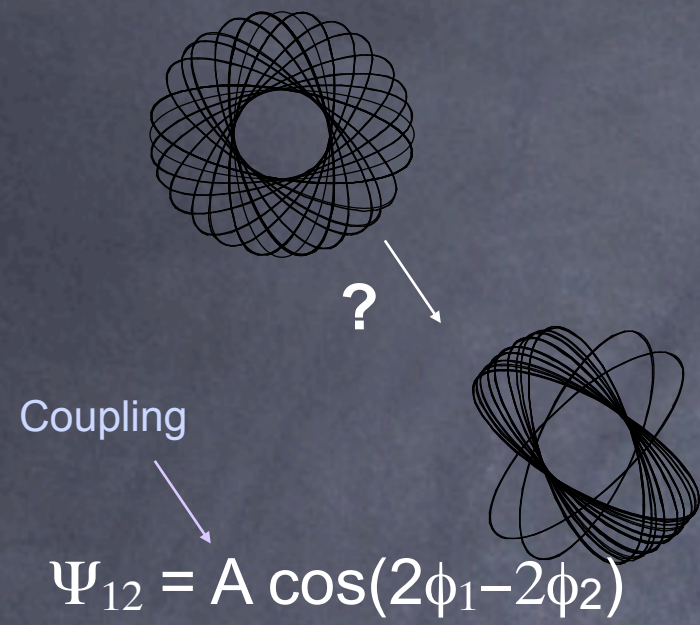
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Gyroscopic behaviour - orbit remains  
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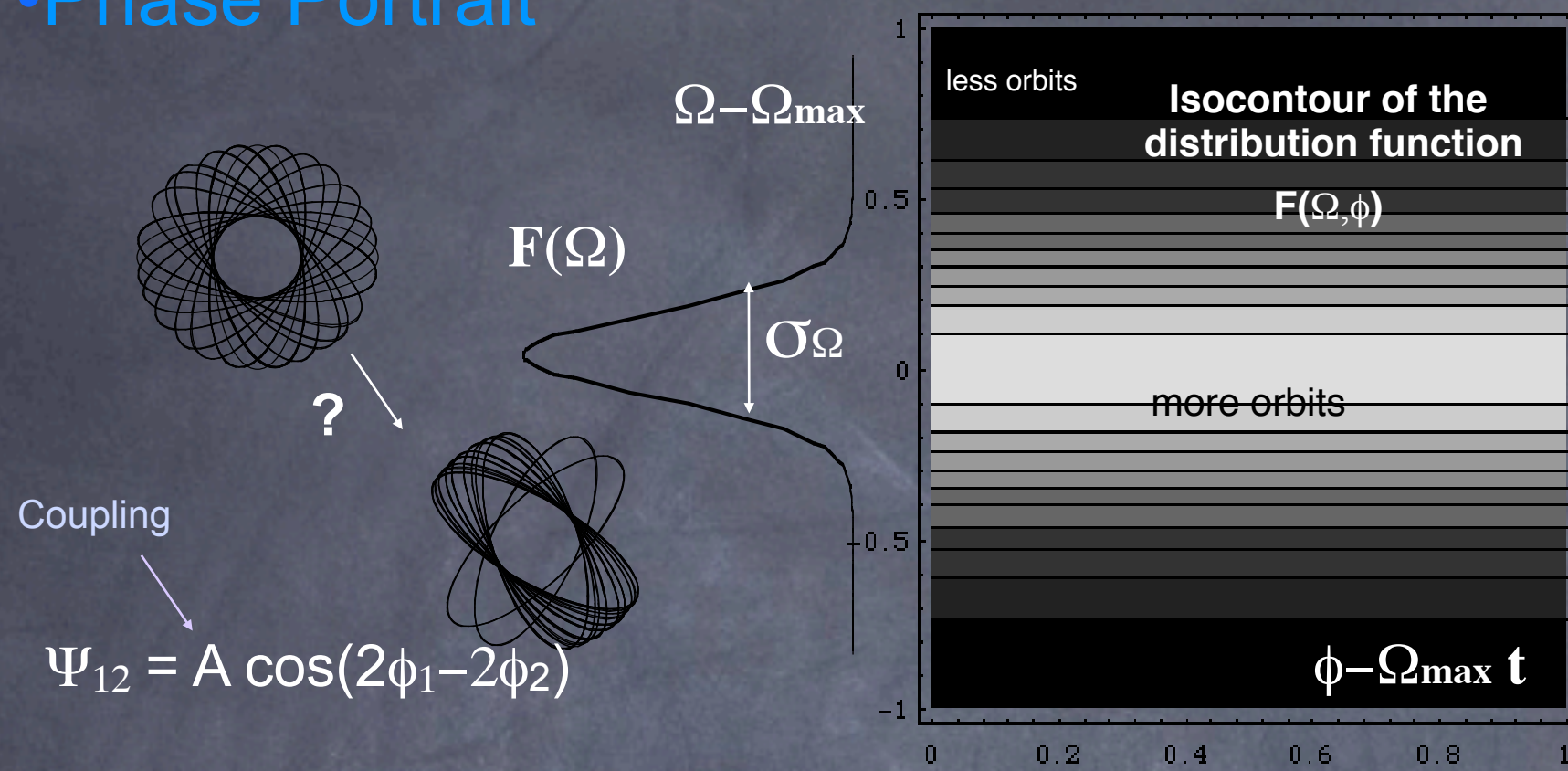
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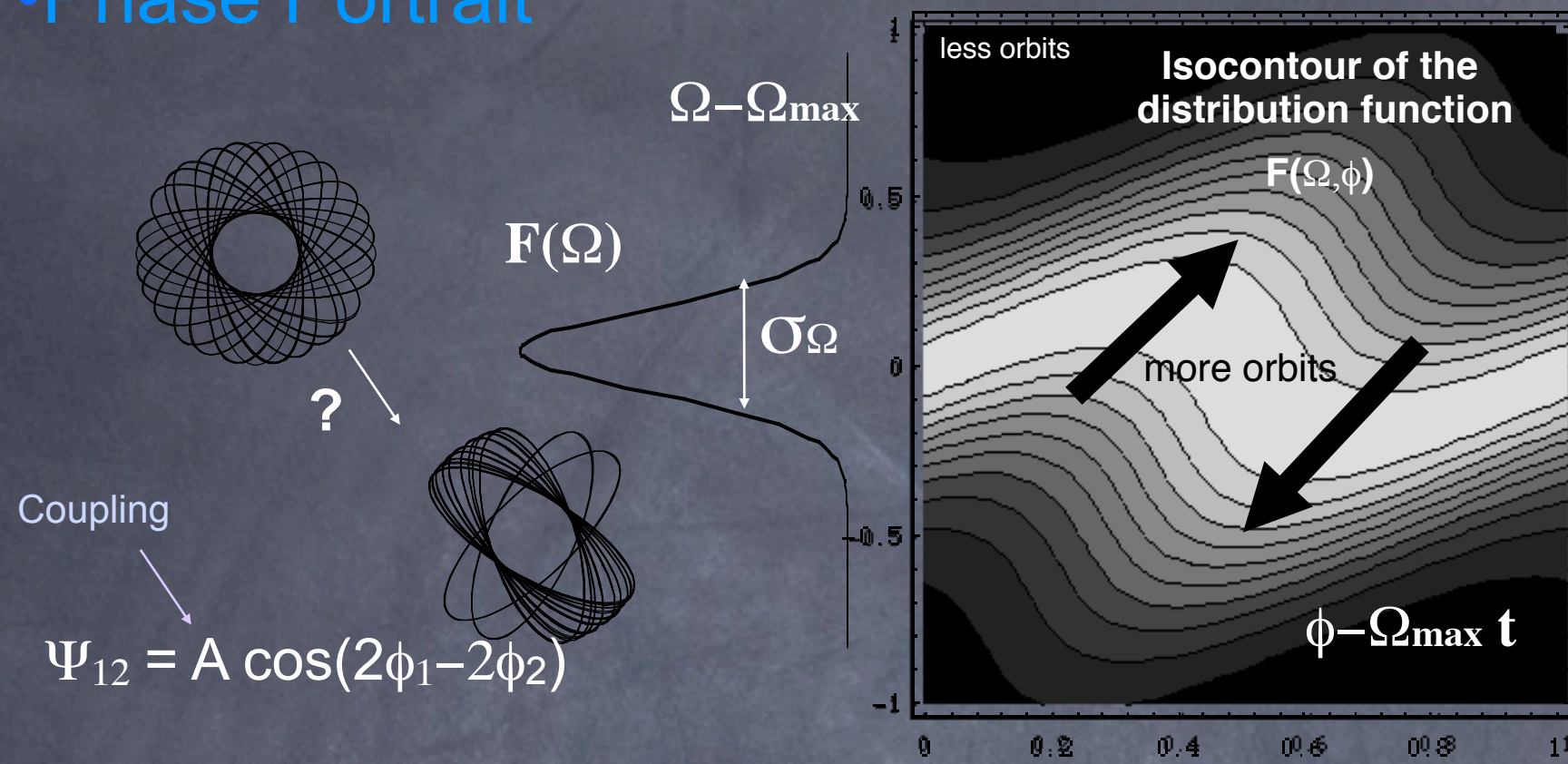
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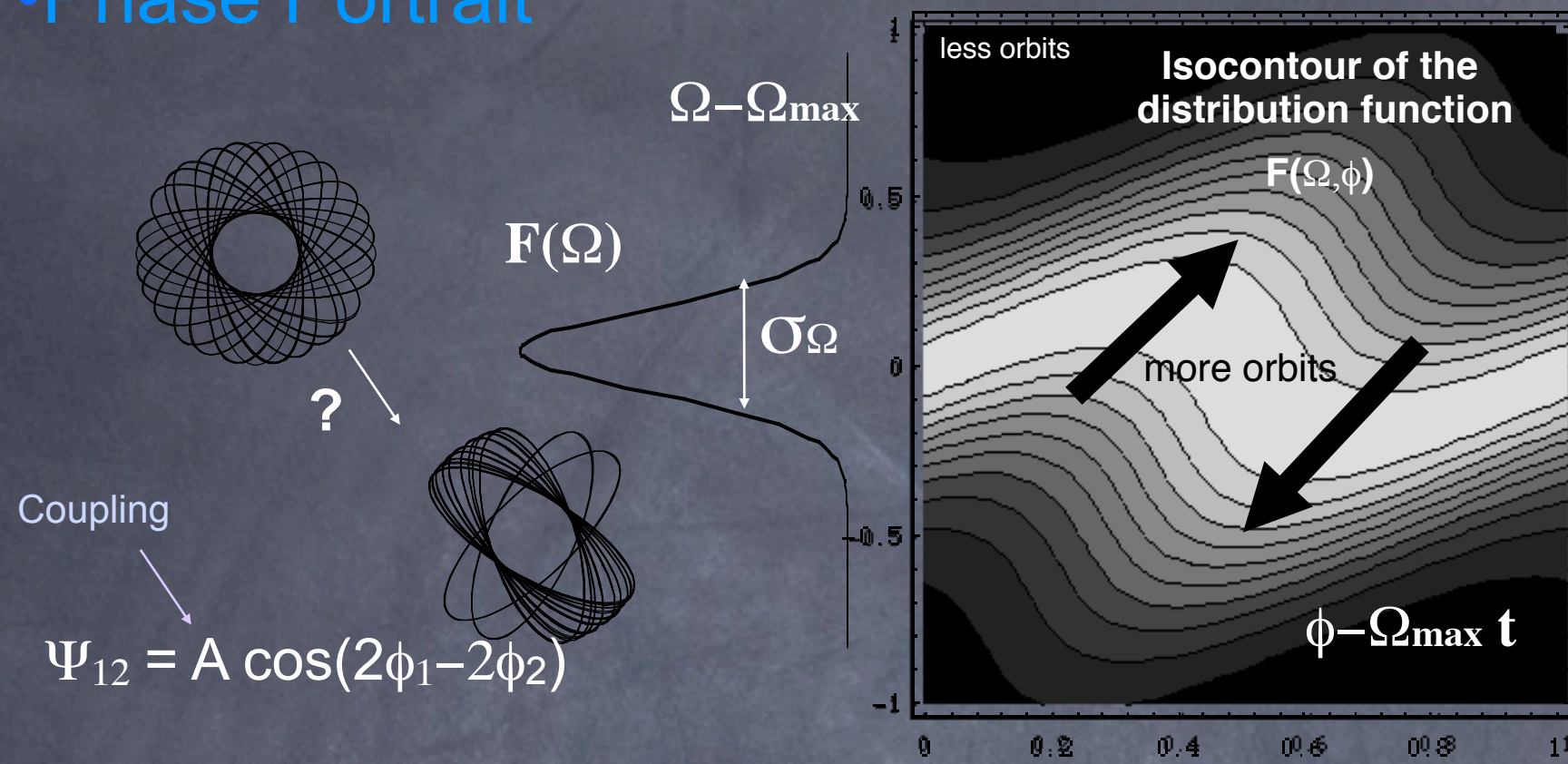
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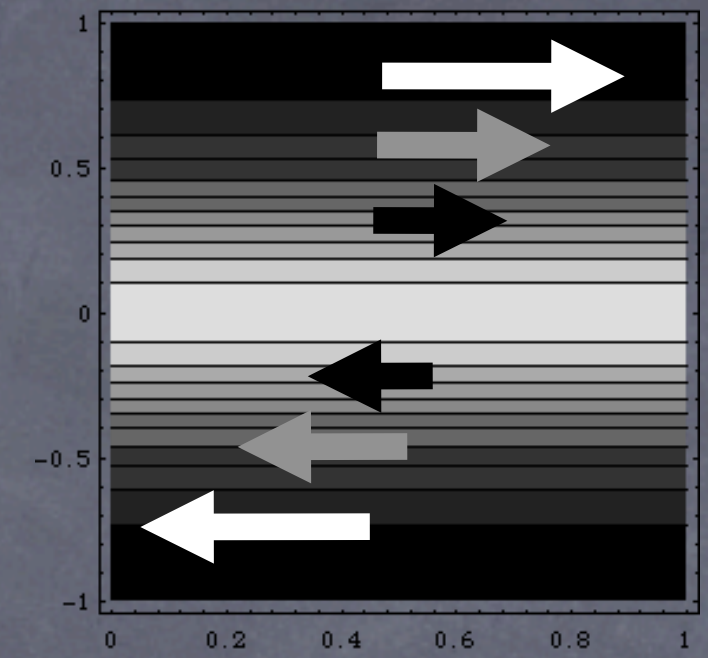


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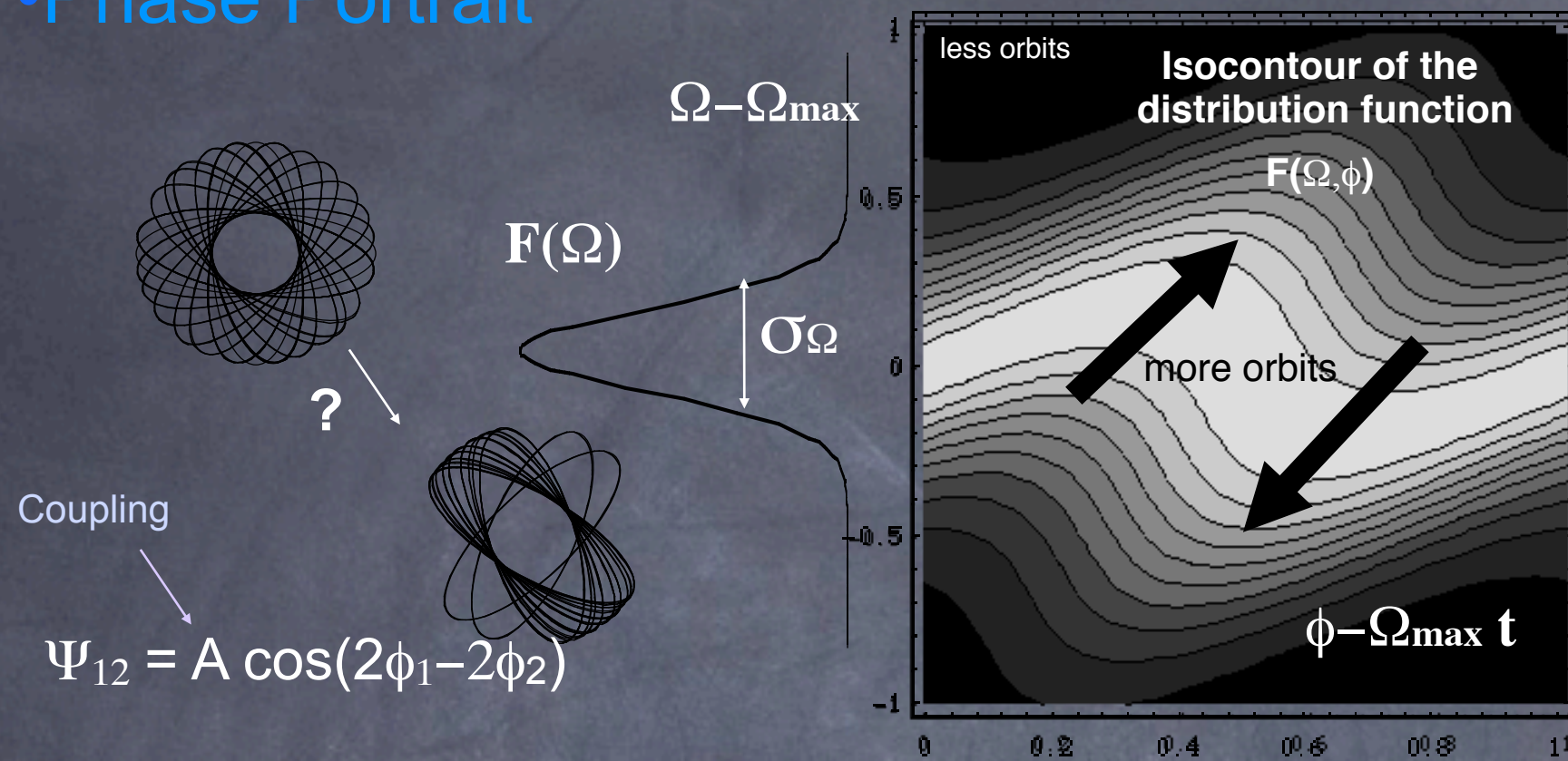
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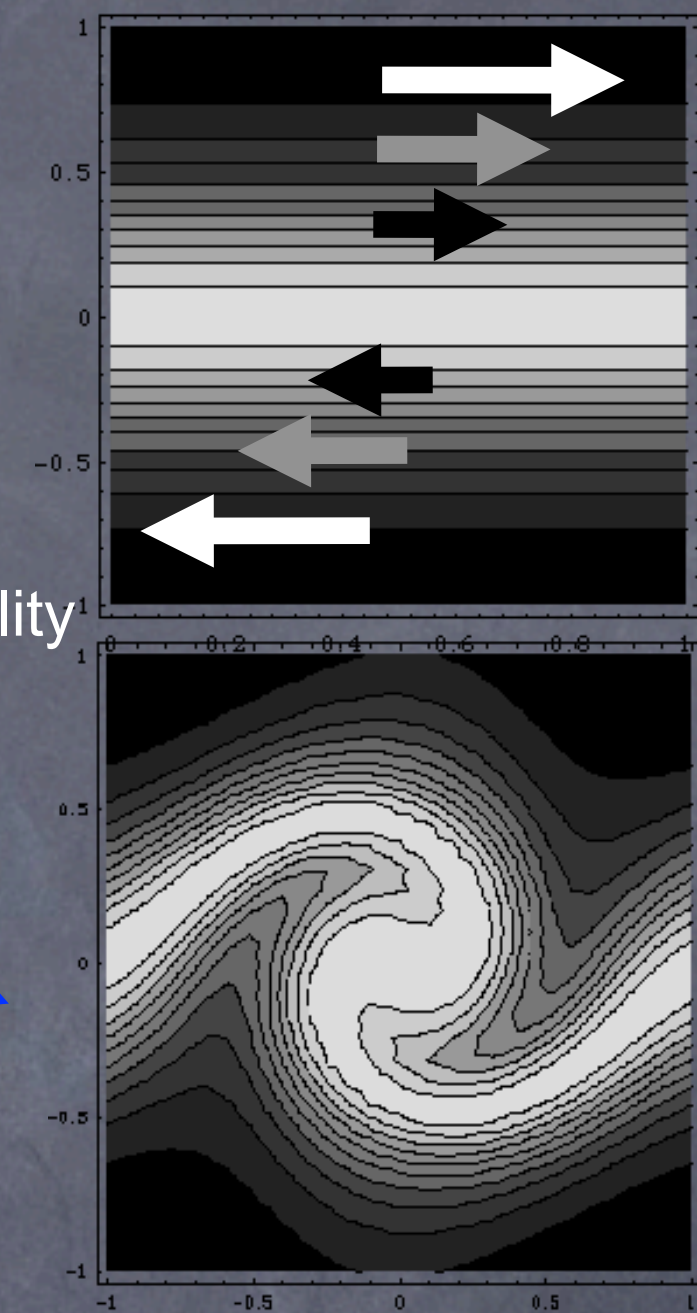


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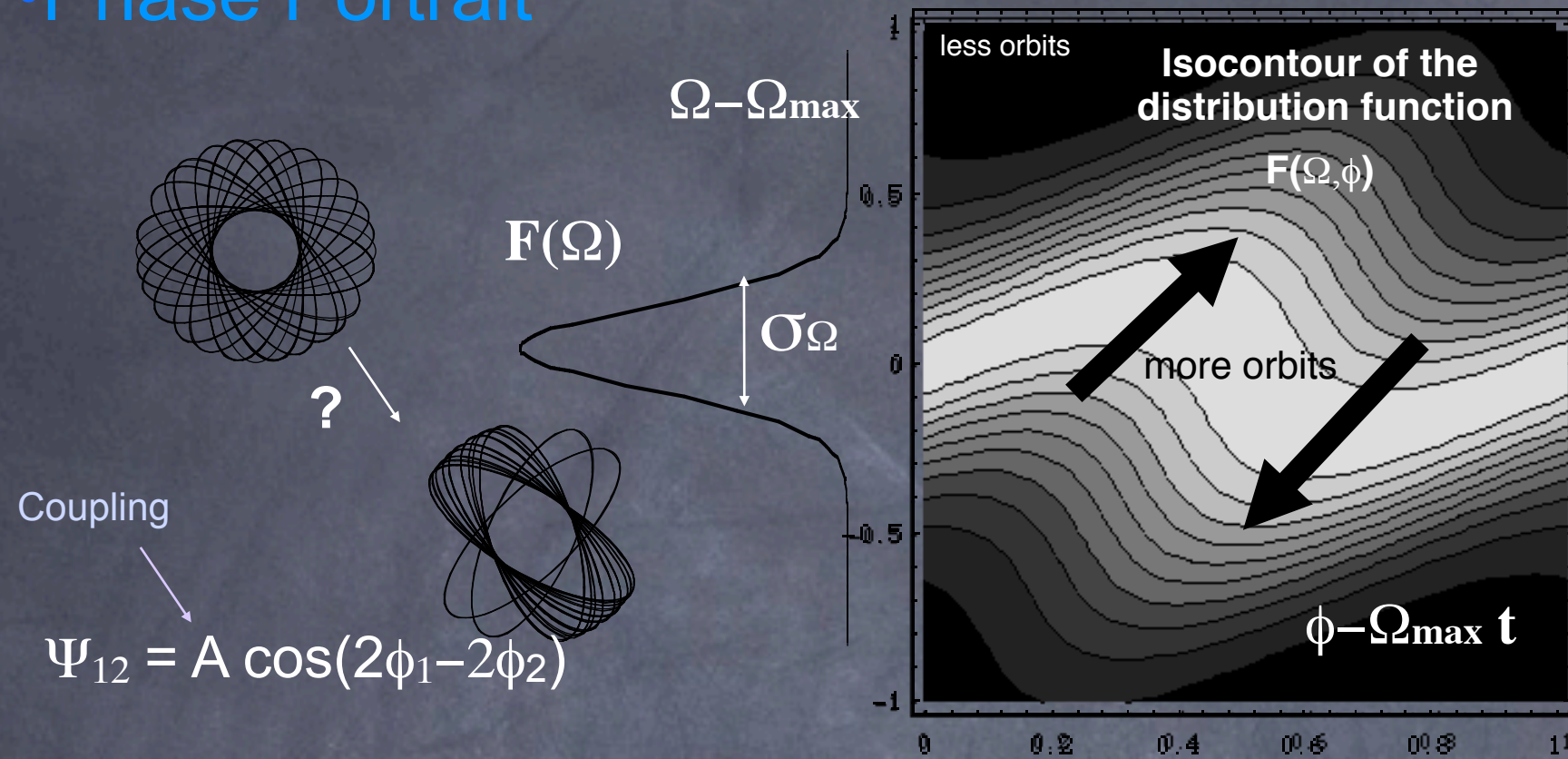
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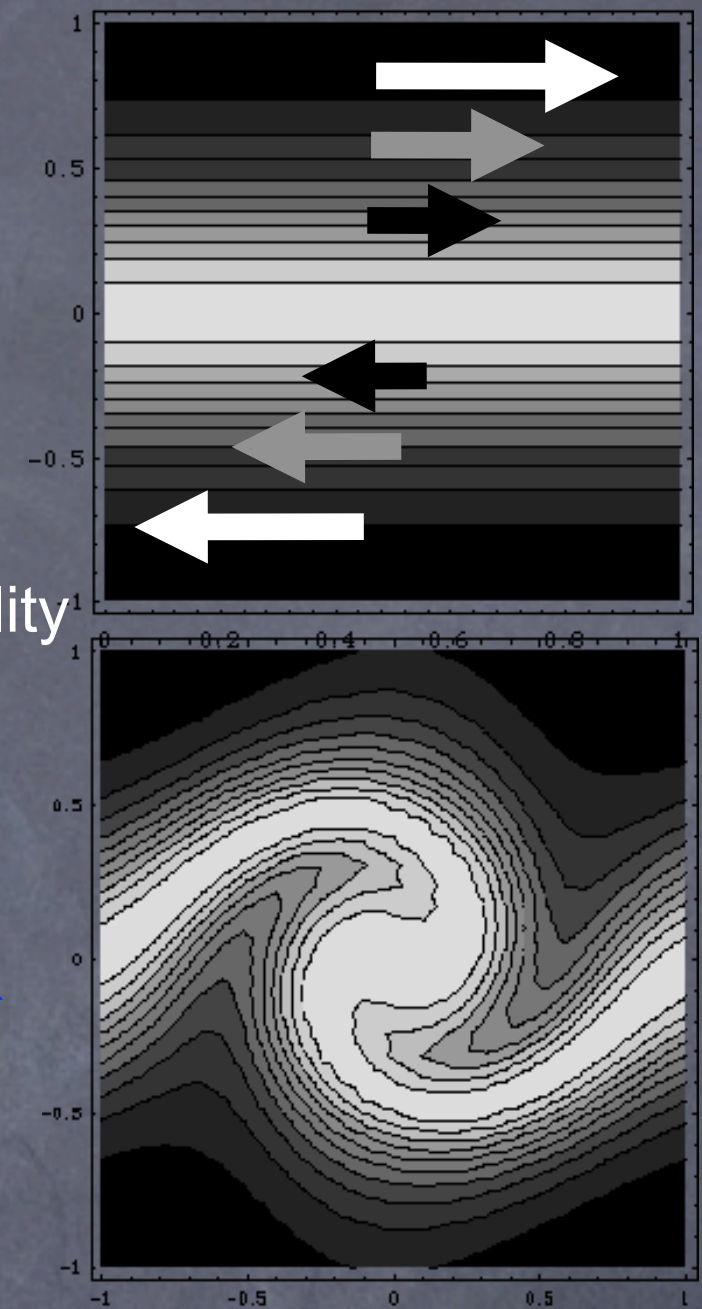
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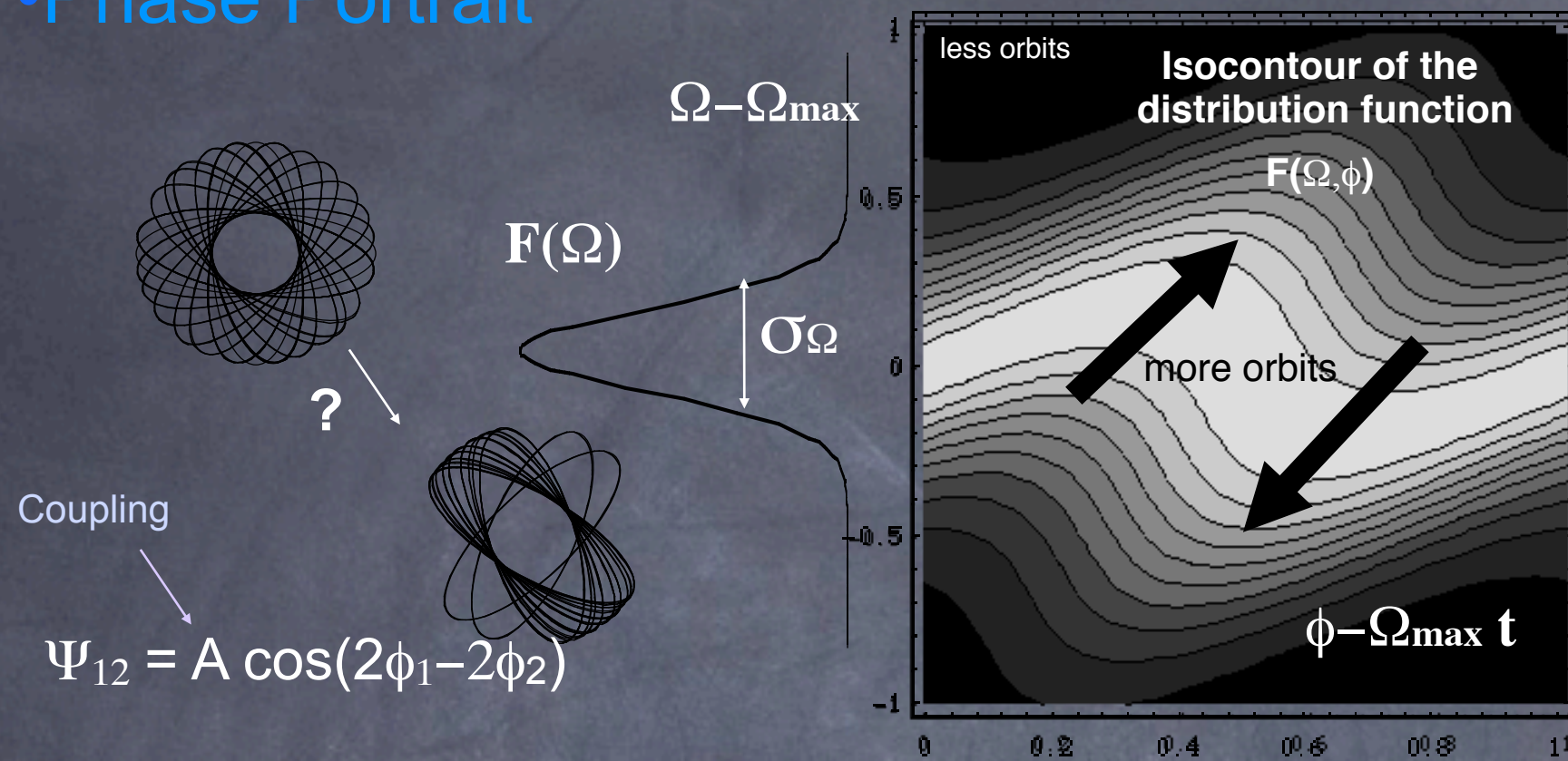
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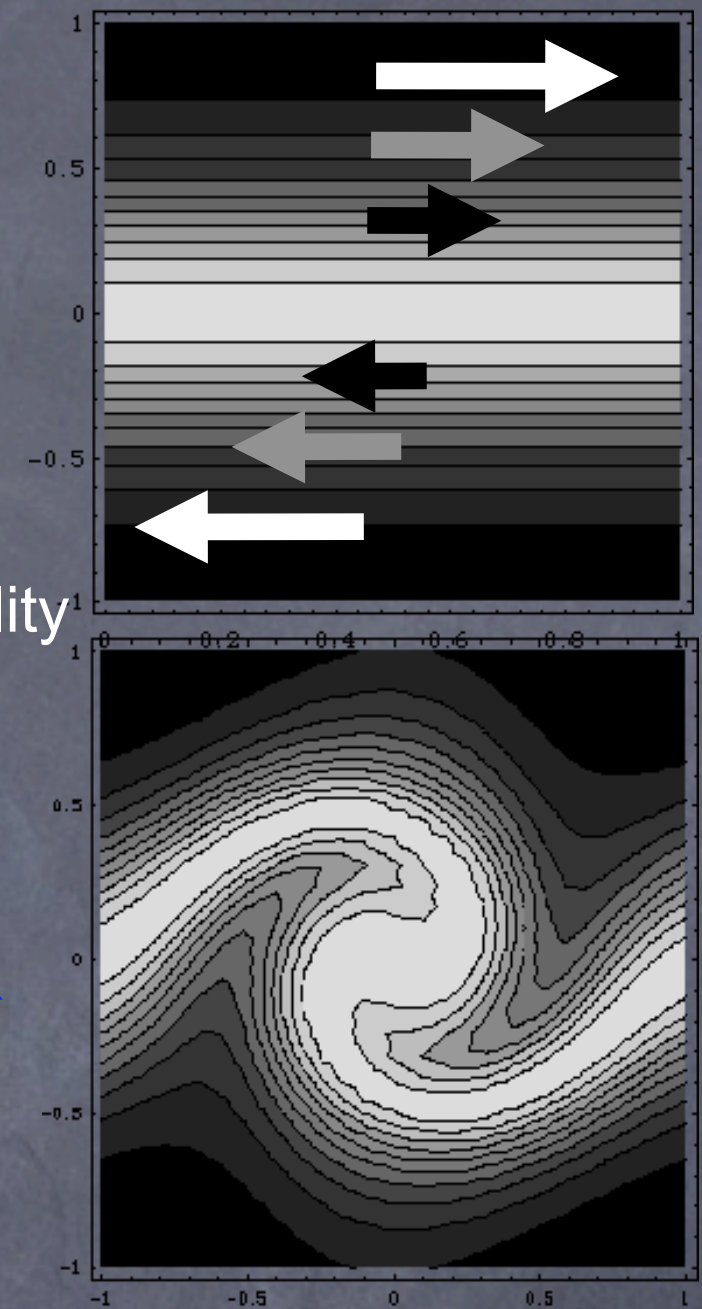
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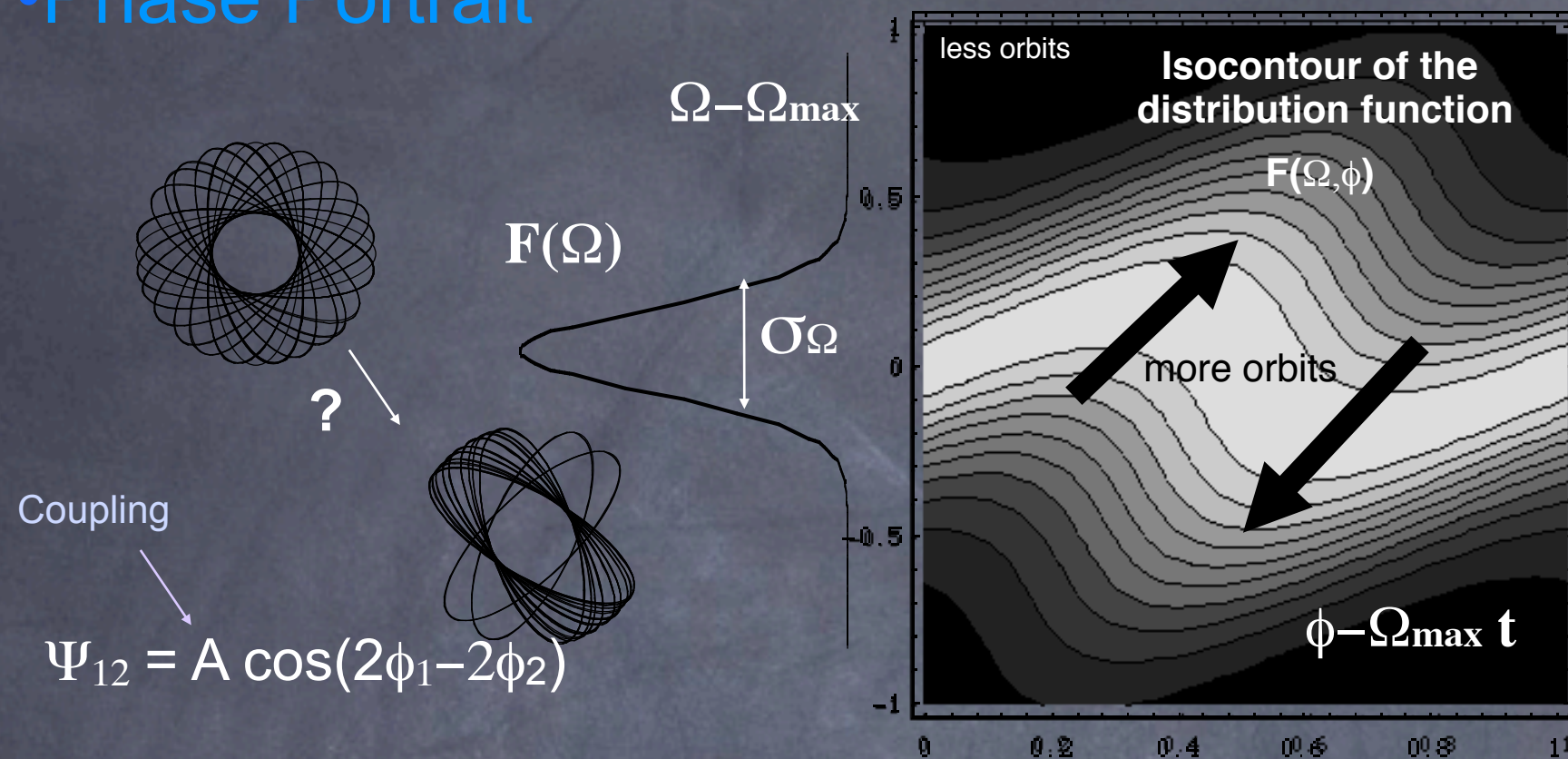
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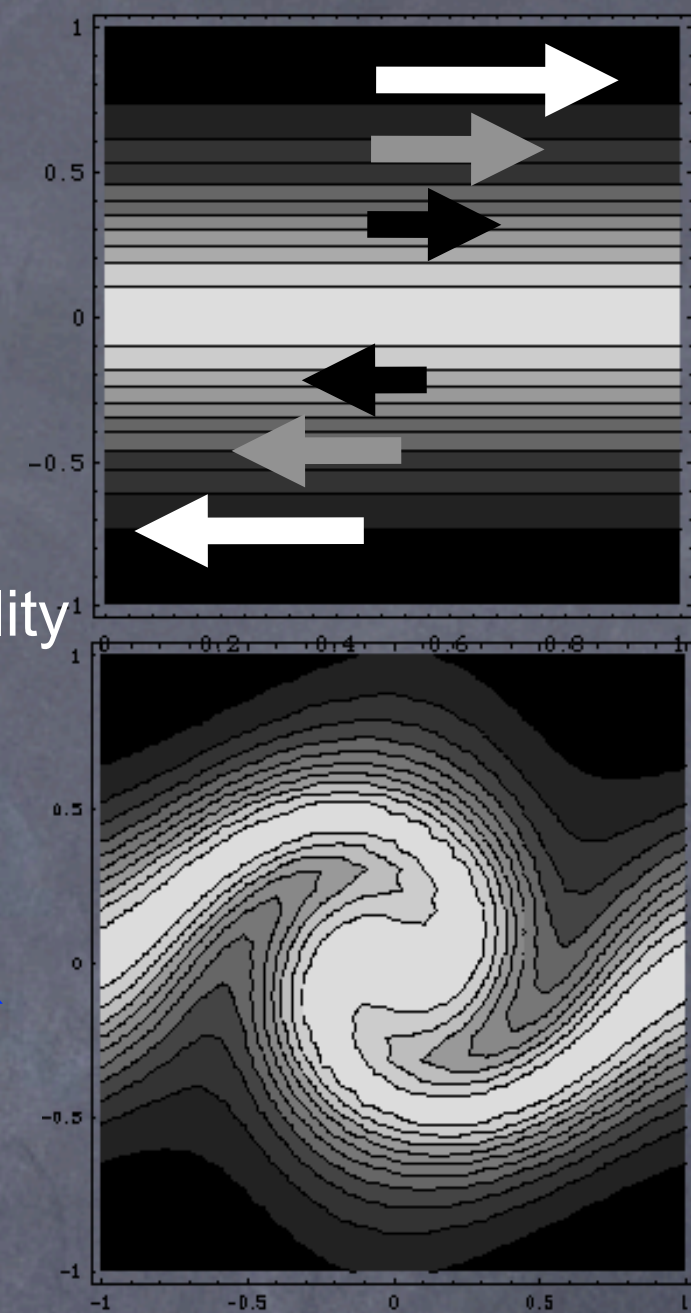
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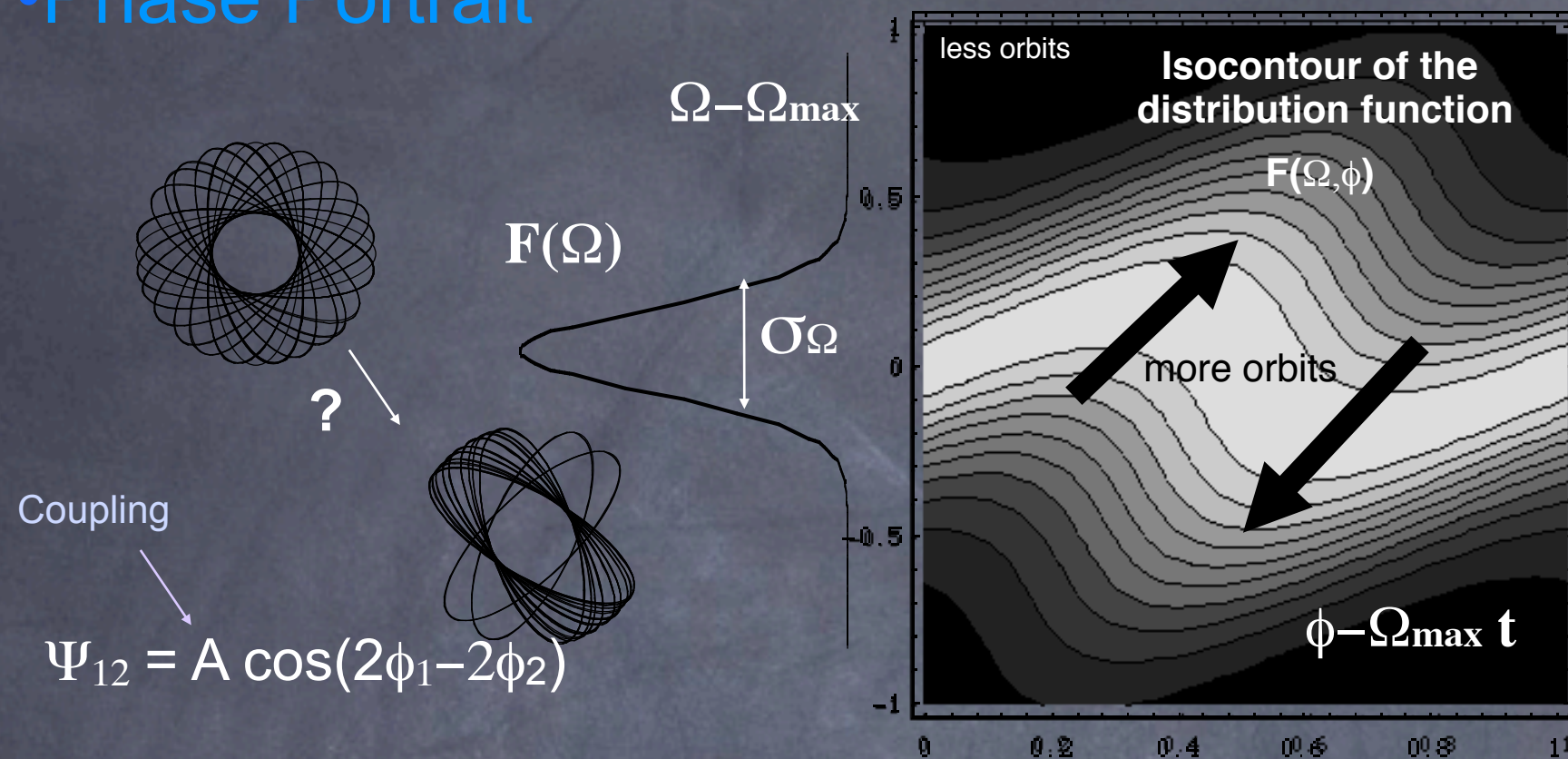
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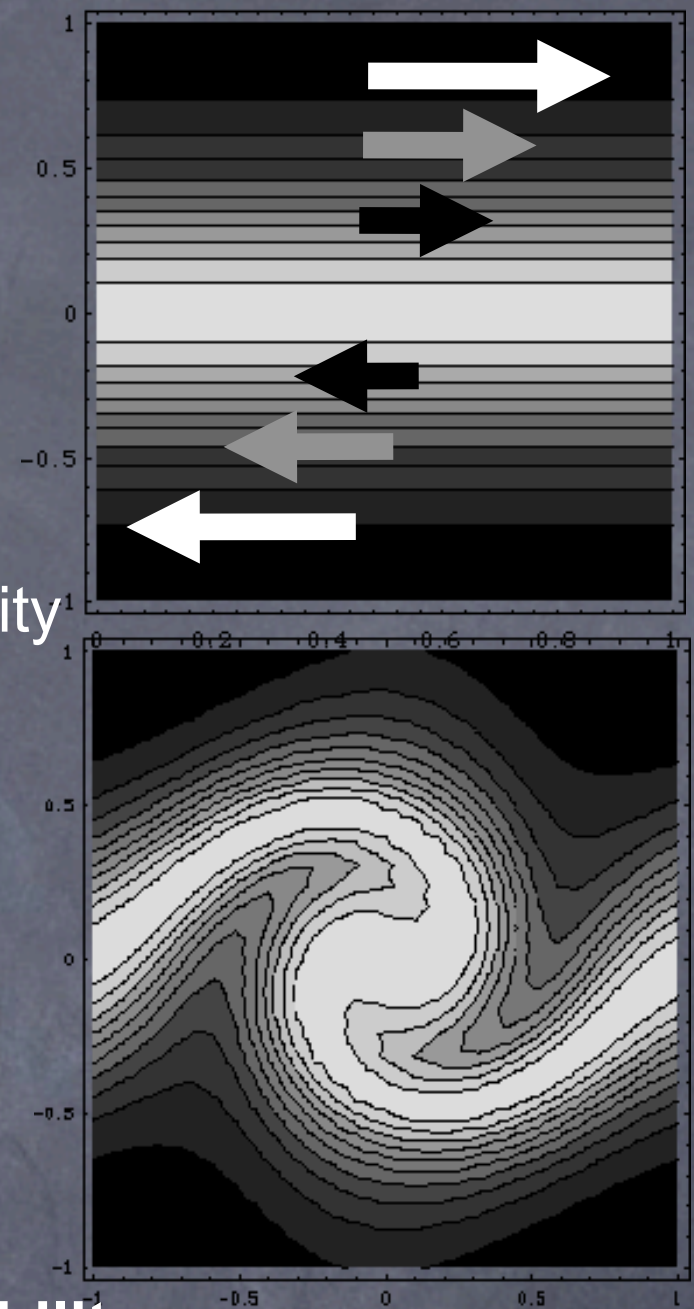
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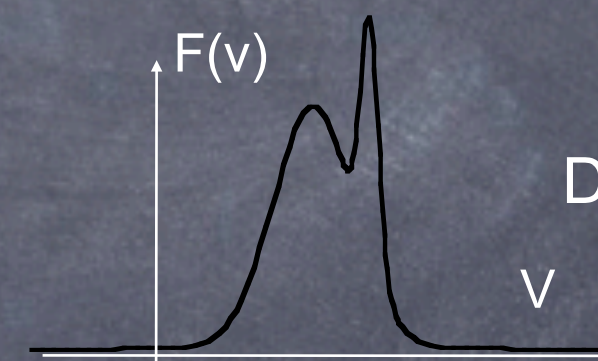
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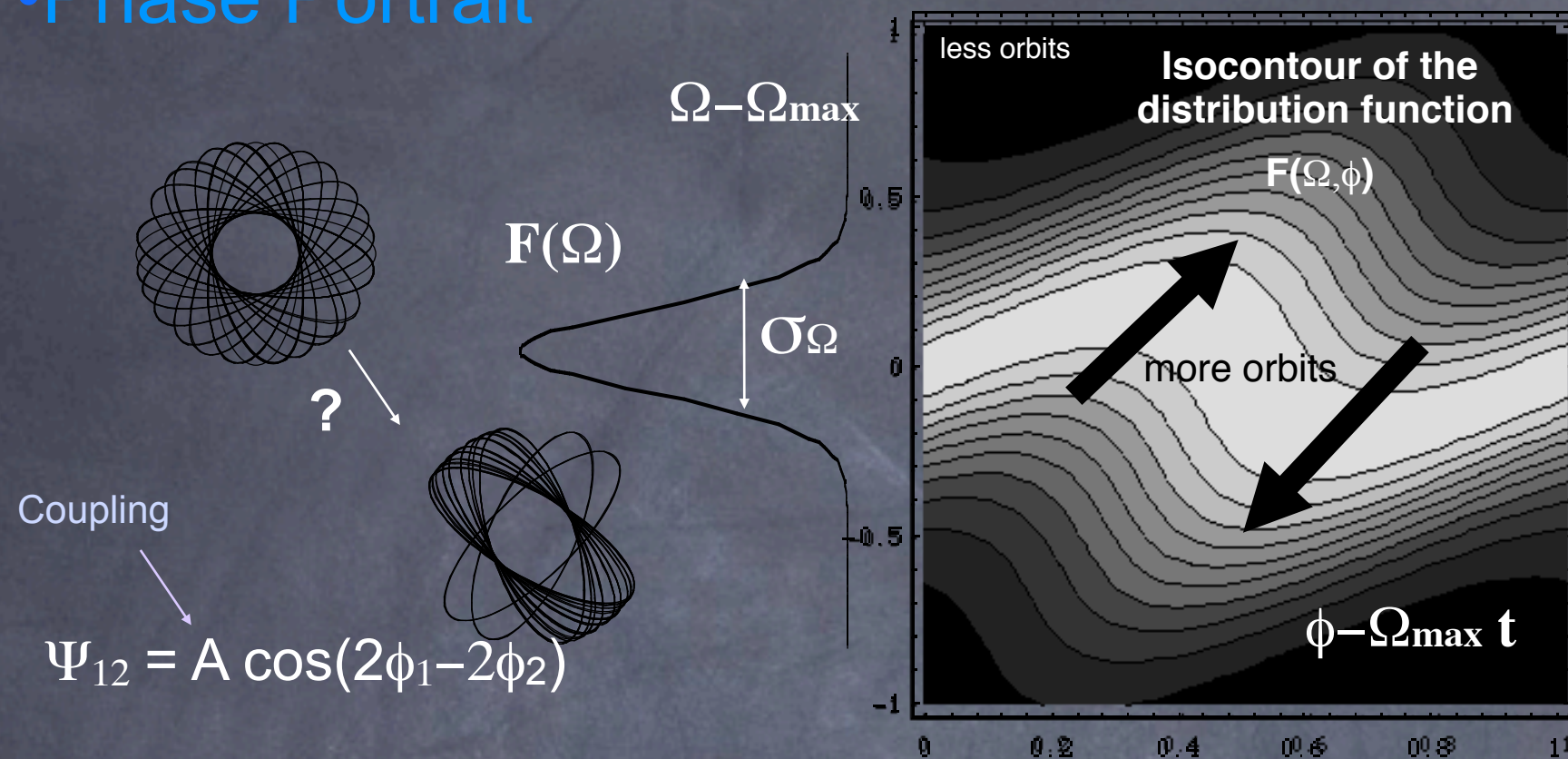
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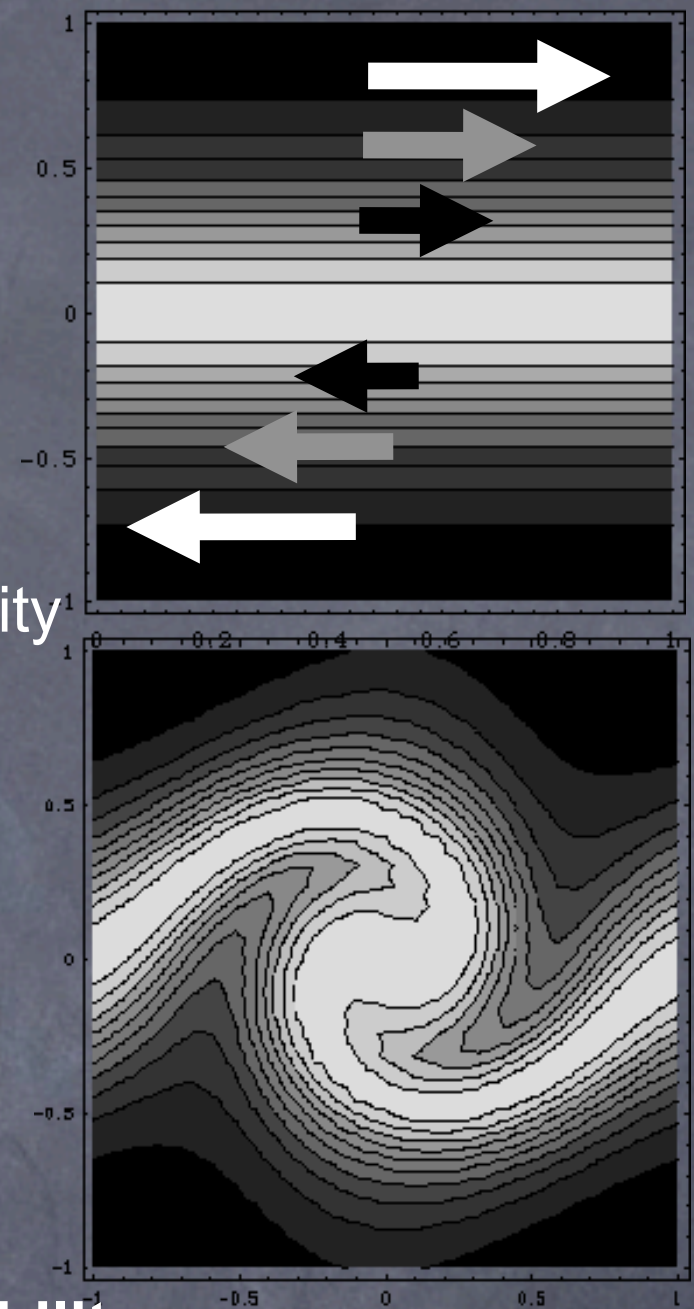


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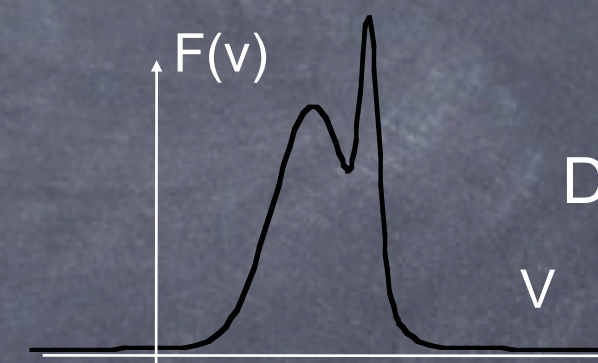
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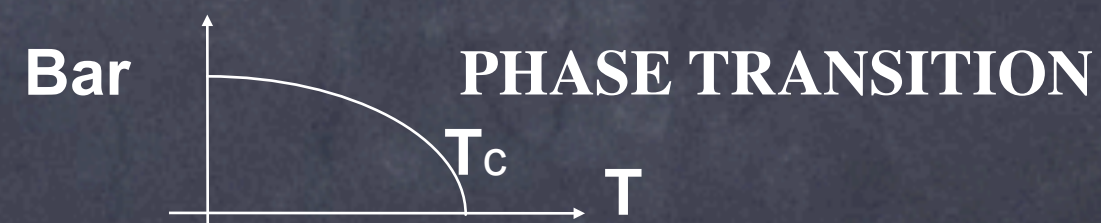
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## • Thermodynamical criteria

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$$\frac{A}{k_B T} \geq 2$$



Applicable to formation/ dissolution



# Liouville's Equation

- System of  $N$  identical interacting particles,  $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$ .
- Hamiltonian of the system:  $H_N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{v}_i^2 + \sum_{i<j}^N U(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$ .
- Individual dynamics governed by Hamilton's equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial H_N}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} \quad ; \quad \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H_N}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}.$$

- $N$ -body DF  $f^{(N)}(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_N, t)$  governed by Liouville's equation

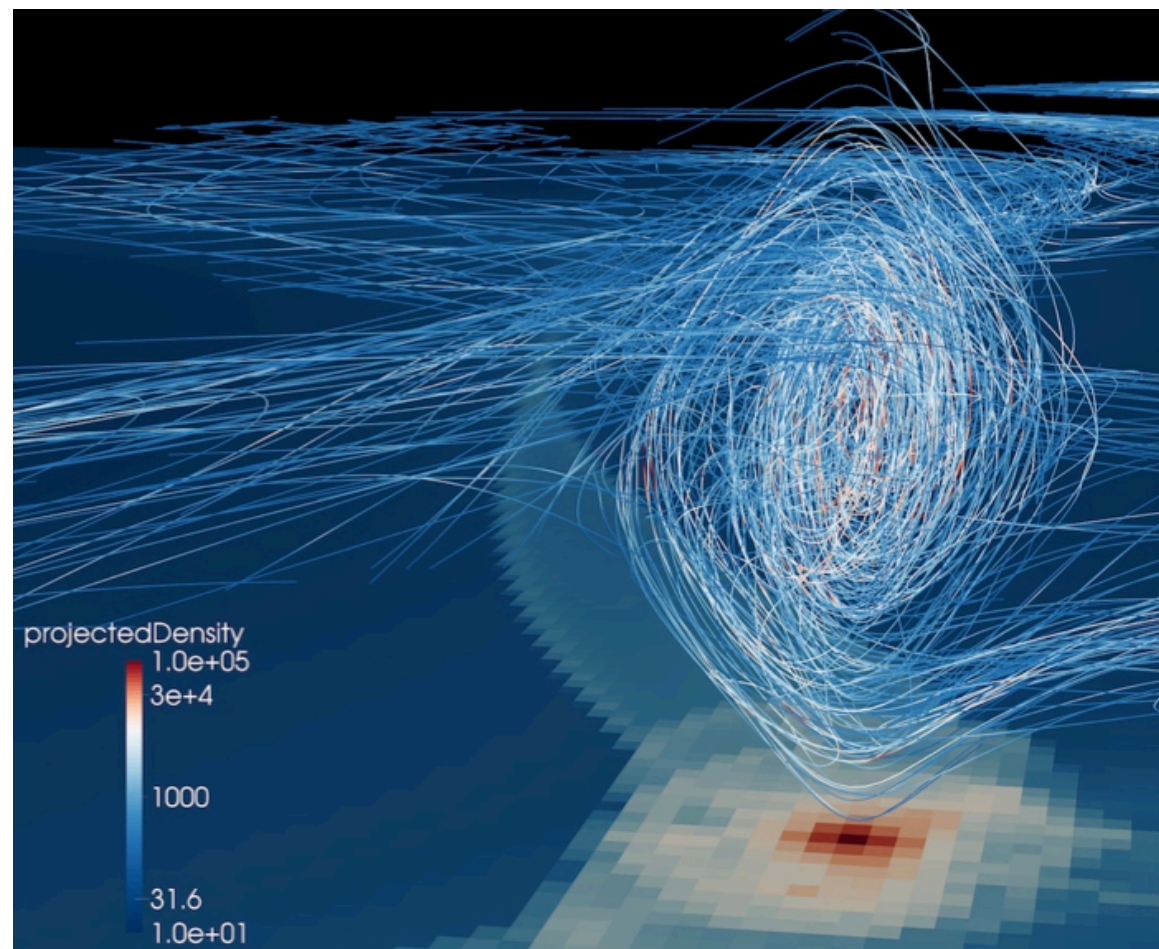
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$$= \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial t} + [f^{(N)}, H_N].$$

- Exact and reversible equation but in a  $6ND$  phase-space.



## BBGKY Hierarchy

- Reduced DF in  $6nD$  phase space

$$f_n(\boldsymbol{w}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{w}_n, t) = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!} \int d\boldsymbol{w}_{n+1} d\boldsymbol{w}_N f^{(N)}(\boldsymbol{w}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{w}_N, t).$$

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$$H_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{v}_i^2 + \sum_{i < j \leq n} U_{i,j}.$$

- $n^{\text{th}}$ -BBGKY equation for  $f_n$

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- Content

- ▶  $n$ -body dynamics: Liouville's equation and  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  order *collision term*.
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## From BBGKY to Vlasov

- Two-body correlation function

$$f_2(\boldsymbol{w}_1, \boldsymbol{w}_2) = f_1(\boldsymbol{w}_1) f_1(\boldsymbol{w}_2) + g_2(\boldsymbol{w}_1, \boldsymbol{w}_2) .$$

- BBGKY– $n=1$  equation

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{v}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_1} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_1} \left[ \int d\boldsymbol{w}_2 U_{1,2} f_1(\boldsymbol{w}_2) \right] = \int d\boldsymbol{w}_2 \frac{\partial U_{1,2}}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_1} \cdot \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_1} .$$

- Separable system with no particle correlation:  $g_2 = 0$ .

$$\begin{cases} \int d\boldsymbol{v}_2 f_1(\boldsymbol{x}_2, \boldsymbol{v}_2, t) = \rho(\boldsymbol{x}_2, t) , \\ \int d\boldsymbol{x}_2 \rho(\boldsymbol{x}_2, t) U(\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{x}_2) = \Phi(\boldsymbol{x}_1, t) . \end{cases} \implies \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{v}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_1} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_1} \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_1} = 0 .$$

- We recover **Vlasov equation** for an uncorrelated system of  $N$  particles to describe the secular **collisionless** evolution.

# From BBGKY to Balescu-Lenard

- Taking into account two-body correlations but **truncation at the order  $1/N$**  (*i.e.*  $g_3 \equiv 0$ ).
- **BBGKY- $n=2$  equation**

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- Complex to solve for  $f_1$  and  $g_2$ , especially in inhomogeneous systems.
- But VERY symmetric.

**Bogoliubov's synchronization hypothesis** (*g varies much faster than f*)



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- **BBGKY- $n=2$  equation**  $\partial_t g(1, 2) + V_1(g(1, 2)) + V_2(g(1, 2)) = S(1, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial g_2(1, 2)}{\partial t} + \left[ \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_2} \right] g_2(1, 2) \\ & - \left[ \int d\mathbf{x}_3 d\mathbf{v}_3 \frac{\partial U_{1,3}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} f_1(3) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_1} + \int d\mathbf{x}_3 d\mathbf{v}_3 \frac{\partial U_{2,3}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_2} f_1(3) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_2} \right] g_2(1, 2) \\ & - \left[ \int d\mathbf{x}_3 d\mathbf{v}_3 \frac{\partial U_{1,3}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} g_2(2, 3) \right] \cdot \frac{\partial f_1(1)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_1} - \left[ \int d\mathbf{x}_3 d\mathbf{v}_3 \frac{\partial U_{2,3}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_2} g_2(1, 3) \right] \cdot \frac{\partial f_1(2)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_2} \\ & = \frac{\partial U_{1,2}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_2} \right] f_1(1) f_1(2) \end{aligned}$$

- Complex to solve for  $f_1$  and  $g_2$ , especially in inhomogeneous systems.
- But VERY symmetric.

**Bogoliubov's synchronization hypothesis** (*g varies much faster than f*)

$$g(1, 2, t) = \int d1' \int d2' P_2(1, 2|1', 2', t) S(1', 2', 0)$$

**Structure of BBGKY2  $\Rightarrow P_2$  factorizes into 2 Vlasov propagators**

