

THE FLOW of the EQUAL-MASS  
SPATIAL 3-BODY PROBLEM  
in the NEIGHBORHOOD of the  
LAGRANGE EQUILATERAL RELATIVE  
EQUILIBRIUM

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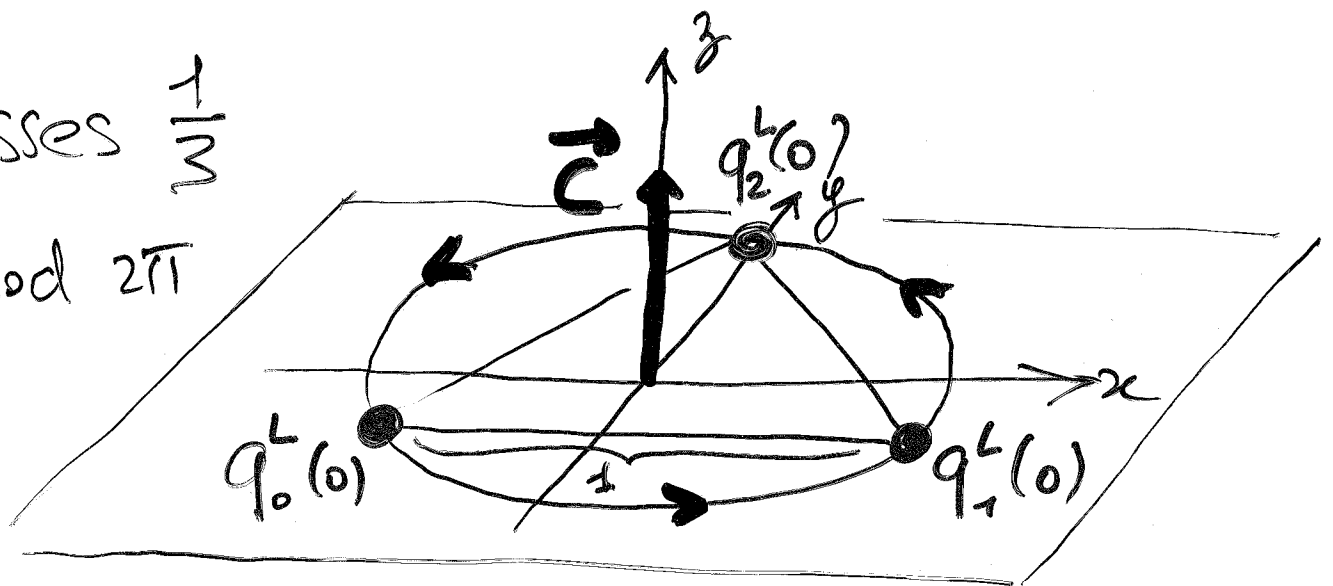
32 000 000 <sup>th</sup> minute



# LAGRANGE RELATIVE EQUILIBRIUM

masses  $\frac{1}{3}$

period  $2\pi$



$j=0,1,2$

$$\ddot{q}_j = \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{1}{3} \frac{q_k - q_j}{\|q_k - q_j\|^3}$$

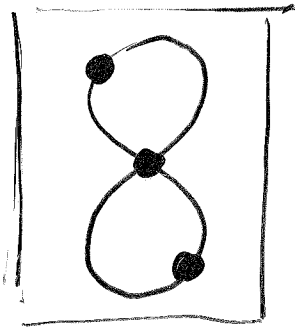
SCALING:  $\lambda^{-2/3} q(\lambda t)$

Period  $\leftrightarrow$  Angular momentum

# THEOREM:

Mod. | Similarities  
Time shifts

$\exists 2$  families of relative periodic solutions  
bifurcating from the Lagrange rel. equl.:

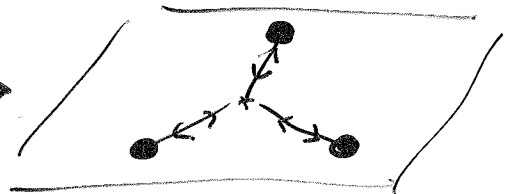
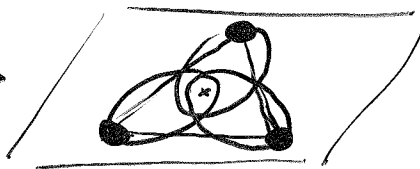
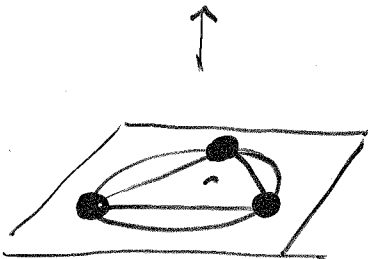
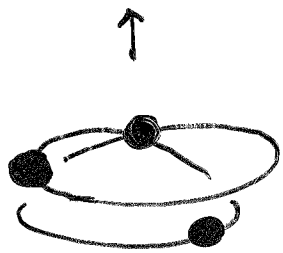


MARCHAL'S P12 FAMILY

(Choreography in rotating frame)

$D_6$ -Symmetric

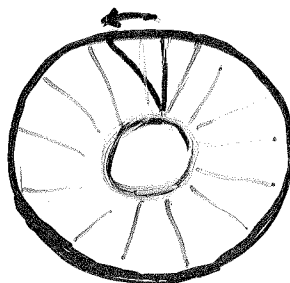
(natural to fix the period!)



HOMOGRAPHIC FAMILY

Moreover, restriction to center manifold

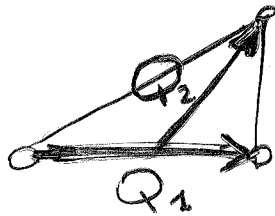
reduces to



# REDUCTION:

NOT FOR READING!

1] Translations :  $\dim 18 \rightarrow \dim 12$



- $Q_1, Q_2, P_1, P_2$   
Jacobi coord. (symplectic)

- $R_1, \omega_1, Z_1, R_2, \omega_2, Z_2, R'_1, \omega'_1, Z'_1, R'_2, \omega'_2, Z'_2$

$$Q_1 = [(1+R_1) e^{i\omega_1}, z_1], \quad Q_2 = \dots$$

$$P_1 = \left[ \left( R'_1 + i \frac{\frac{1}{6} + \omega'_1}{1+R_1} \right) e^{i\omega_1}, z'_1 \right], \quad P_2 = \dots$$

polar coord. centered at  $L(0)$

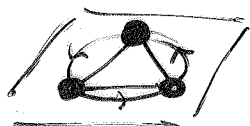
2] rotations :  $\dim 12 \rightarrow \dim 8$

Fix  $\vec{c} = \vec{c}^L = (0, 0, 1/3)$  and quotient by  $\uparrow \vec{c}^L$

(reduction of the node)

$\Rightarrow$  new symplectic coordinates

$$\omega_1, \omega'_1, R_1, R'_1, R_2, R'_2, Z_1, Z'_1$$



= equilibrium of reduced v.f.

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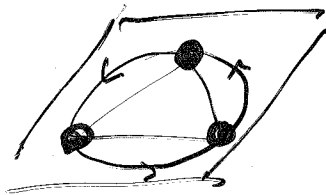
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↓ translations

dim 12

↓ rotations

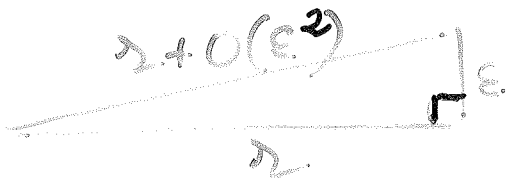
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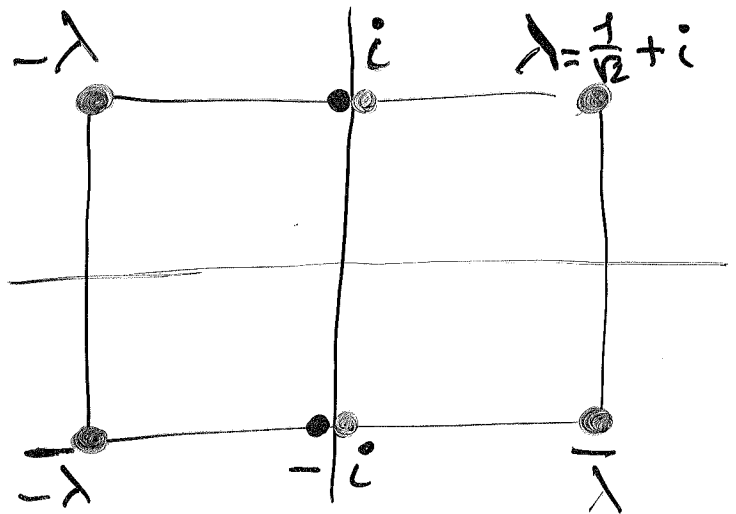
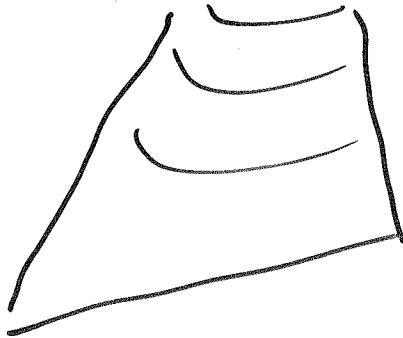
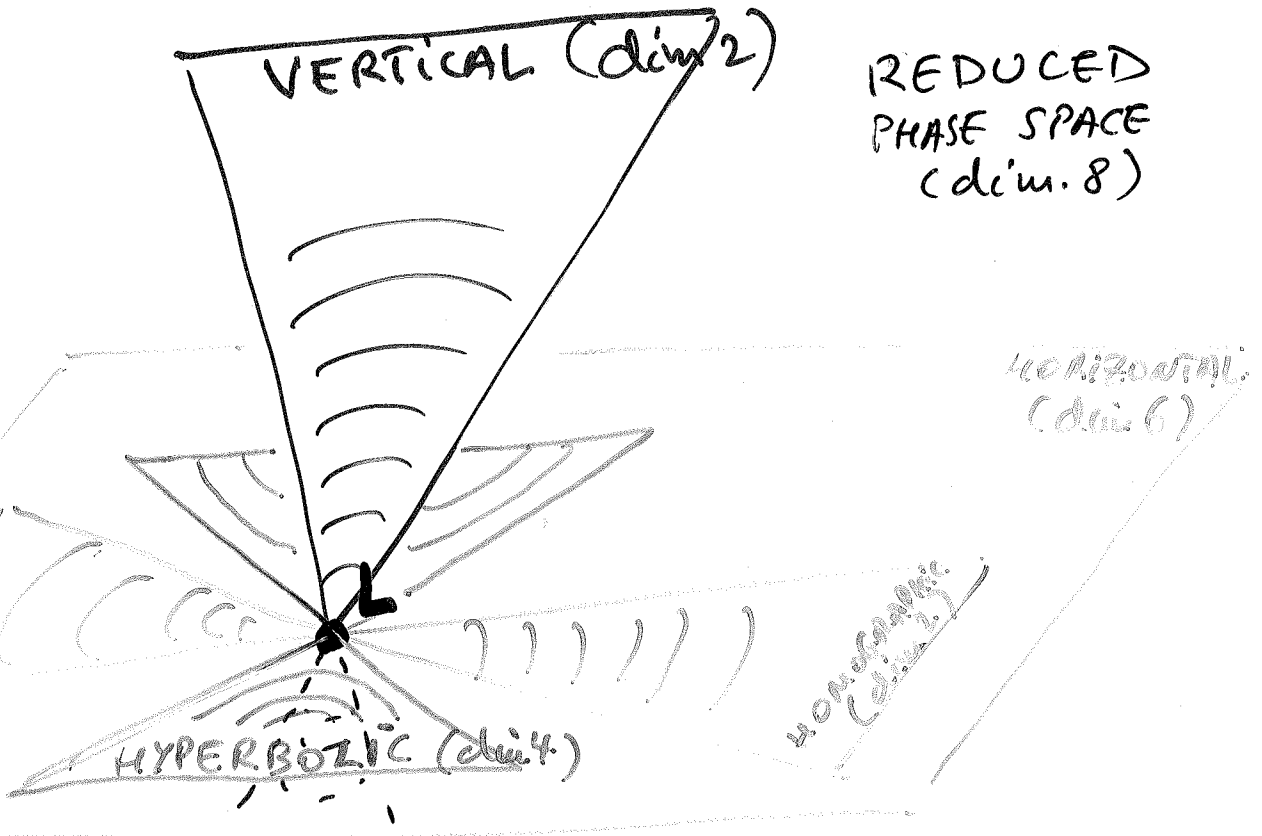
= EQUILIBRIUM  
of the  
REDUCED VECTOR-FIELD

# LINEAR ANALYSIS

Pythagoras's thm  $\Rightarrow$  splitting of variational equation



$$VE = HVE \oplus VVE$$



# CENTER MANIFOLDS

• Lemma 1 (well-known ... to some people)

$$S, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \left\{ q = \rho R q^0, p = \sigma S p^0 \right\} \quad \text{dim } 8$$

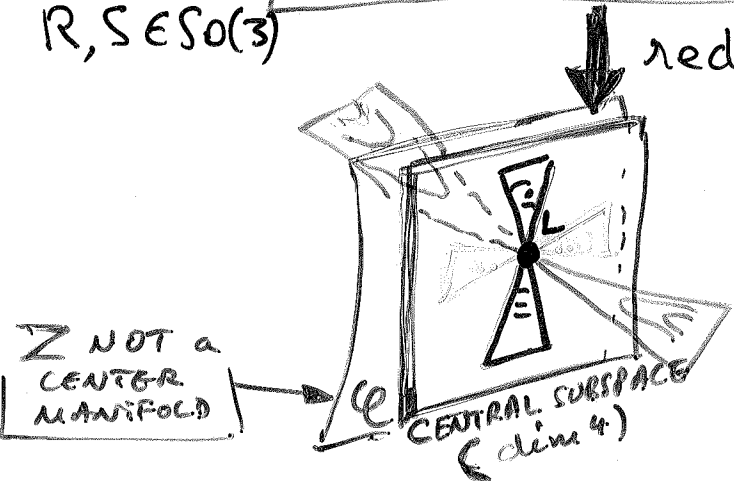
$$R, S \in SO(3)$$

$$(q^0, p^0)$$

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$$(q^L(t_0), p^L(t_0))$$

(any  $t_0$ )



Proof:  $\begin{cases} H: \text{Kepler in } \mathbb{C} & x(t) = \mathcal{J}(t)x(0) \\ V: \text{Pythagoras} & \Rightarrow \text{rigid} \end{cases}$

• Lemma 2 (probably well known ... to the ~~same~~ people)  
: in the reduced space,

$H|_{\text{center manifold}}$  has non deg. MINIMUM at L



$$(\rho, \sigma, R, S)$$

↓ reduction

$$R^{-1}S, \rho, \sigma$$

with relation

$$\rho \sigma \left\| \sum_{i=0}^2 q_i^0 \wedge \bar{R}^{-1} S p_i^0 \right\| = \| \vec{C}^L \|^2$$

Proof: computation:

$a, b, c, d$  coord. in  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\bar{R}^{-1}S = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = \sigma - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow H|_{\mathbb{C}} = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24}(a^2 + b^2) + \frac{1}{6}(c^2 + d^2) + \dots$$

↓  
H.L. ... idea

⇒ (1,1) Resonant flow in  $\mathbb{R}^4$   
with  $S^3$  energy surfaces

i.e. perturbations of Hopf flow



Need higher order normal form  
to study Lyapunov families

(idem Hill's orbits in PR3BP,  
see Couley's thesis)

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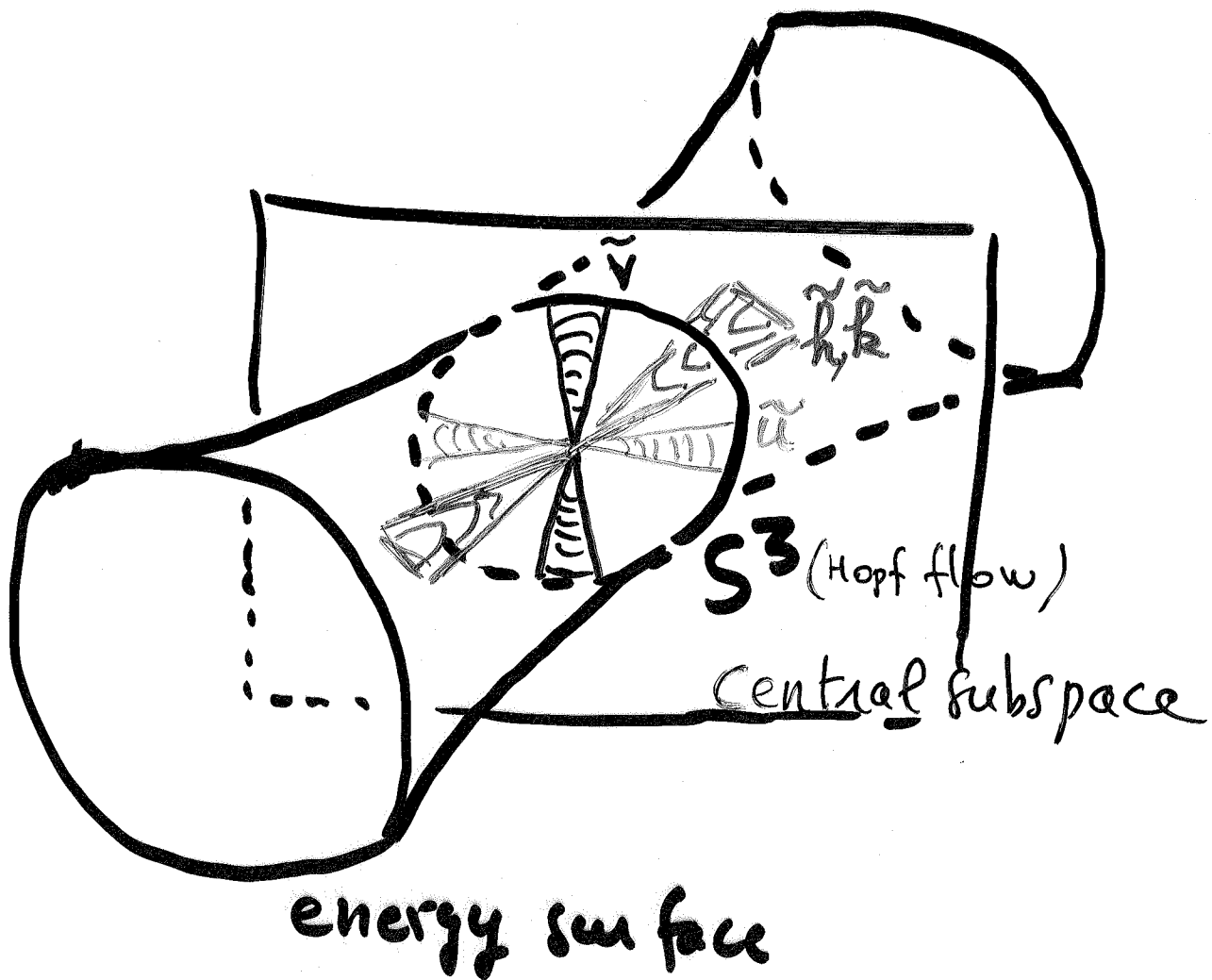
but with a grain of salt

- resonance with hyperbolic part
- degeneracy at all orders



# SUMMARY: the LINEAR PICTURE

(reduced flow)



# THIRD ORDER NORMAL FORM

Using ... Maple ... Sorry, Carles!  
and TRIP (better?)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = iu [1 + \boxed{\alpha} |u|^2 + \boxed{\beta} |v|^2 + \gamma h \bar{k} + \bar{\gamma} h \bar{k}] + O_5 \\ \dot{v} = iv [1 + \boxed{a} |u|^2 + \boxed{b} |v|^2 + c h \bar{k} + \bar{c} h \bar{k}] + A \bar{v} h \bar{k} + O_5 \\ \dot{h} = \lambda h [1 + 2|u|^2 + |v|^2 + t h \bar{k} + t' h \bar{k}] + R v^2 \bar{h} + O_5 \\ \dot{k} = -\lambda \bar{k} [1 + 2|u|^2 + |v|^2 + t h \bar{k} + t' h \bar{k}] - R \bar{v}^2 k + O_5 \end{cases}$$

↪ invariant under  $(u, v, h, k) \mapsto (u, -v, h, k)$

Restrict to a center manifold:  $h = O_2$   
( $\exists$  are S. invariant)  $k = O_2$

⇓

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = iu [1 + \alpha |u|^2 + \beta |v|^2] + O_5 \\ \dot{v} = iv [1 + a |u|^2 + b |v|^2] + O_5 \end{cases}$$

S. invariant

i.p.  $H = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{|u|^2}{9} + \frac{|v|^2}{9} + O_4$

$\exists$  and local  $\neq!$  of  
the "vertical Lyapunov family ( $\neq$ )

In center manifold:  $(u, v) \rightarrow (u(T), v(T))$

$$\begin{cases} u(T) = u e^{iT} (1 + i[\alpha |u|^2 + \beta |v|^2]T) + O_5 \\ v(T) = v e^{iT} (1 + i[a |u|^2 + b |v|^2]T) + O_5 \end{cases}$$

$\exists H \Rightarrow (u, v)$  initial cond. of a  
per. sol. of period  $T \approx 2\pi$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Arg } v(T) = \text{Arg } v + 2\pi \\ u(T) = u \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$

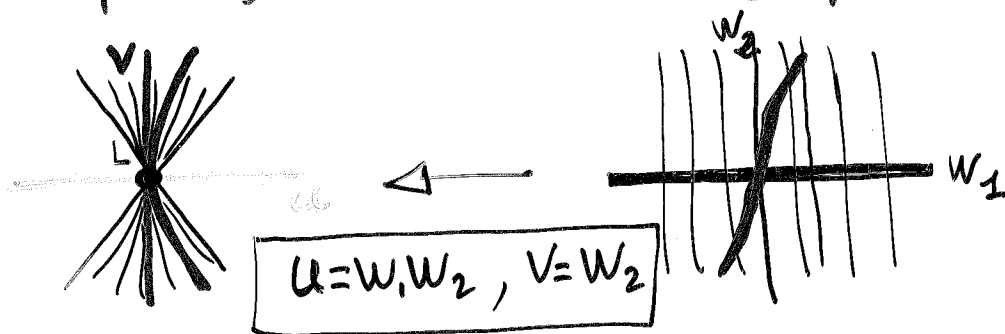
$$\begin{cases} T = 2\pi - \text{Arg} \left[ 1 + i(a|u|^2 + b|v|^2) + \frac{O_5}{1} \right] \\ = 2\pi (1 - a|u|^2 - b|v|^2) + "O_4" \\ 2\pi i u [(\alpha - a)|u|^2 + (\beta - b)|v|^2] = "O_4" \end{cases}$$

still too naive!

$\exists$  and local 1!  
of the "vertical" Lyapunov family

$\Sigma$  Idem Conley but center unfolds  
not analytic

Direct proof in  $C^m$  via complex blow up



$\exists$  H i.p.  $\Rightarrow$   $(u, v)$  initial conditions of  
per. sol. of period  $T \approx 2\pi$   
near  $0 (=L)$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Arg } \hat{\hat{v}}(T) - \text{Arg } v = 2\pi \\ u(T) = u \end{cases}$$

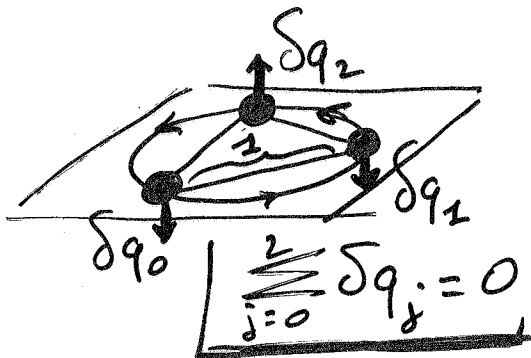
$$\begin{cases} T = 2\pi - 2\pi(\beta + a|w_1|^2)|w_2|^2 + o_3 \\ [2\pi i((\beta - \beta) + (\alpha - a)|w_1|^2)|w_2|^2 + o_3]w_1 + o_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\neq 0$

[vanishes on  $w_2 = 0$   
with 3 first derivatives]

$$w_1 = o_1(w_2, \bar{w}_2) \quad \text{C.Q.F.D.}$$

# THE $D_6$ -SYMMETRY at the LEVEL OF V.V.E.



$$(VVE) \left\{ \begin{aligned} \delta \ddot{q}_i &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\delta q_k - \delta q_j}{\|q_k - q_j\|^3} \\ &= -\delta q_j \end{aligned} \right.$$

General solution

$$v, \mu, \varphi, \psi \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\left\{ \underbrace{v e^R(t+\varphi)}_{\text{rotations}}, \underbrace{\mu e^P(t+\psi)}_{P \sim 12} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} e^R(t) &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{J} e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \\ \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{J}^2 e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \\ \operatorname{Re} e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^P(t) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{J}^2 e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \\ \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{J} e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \\ \operatorname{Re} e^{i(t+\frac{\pi}{2})} \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \text{per. sol. (at 1<sup>st</sup> order)} &\quad \boxed{q_{\mu}^{P,R}(t) = q^L(t) + \mu e^{P,R}(t)} \end{aligned} \right.$$

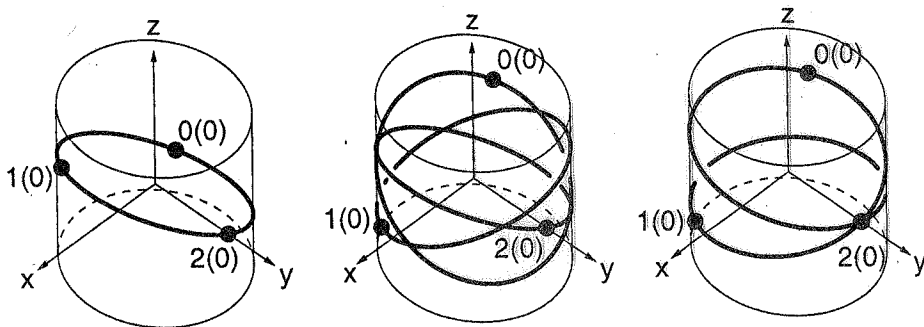


Figure 1: From left to right,  $q^R(t)$  and  $q^P(t)$  in the fixed frame, and  $q^P(t)$  in the rotating frame. The positions of the bodies are indicated at time  $t=0$ .

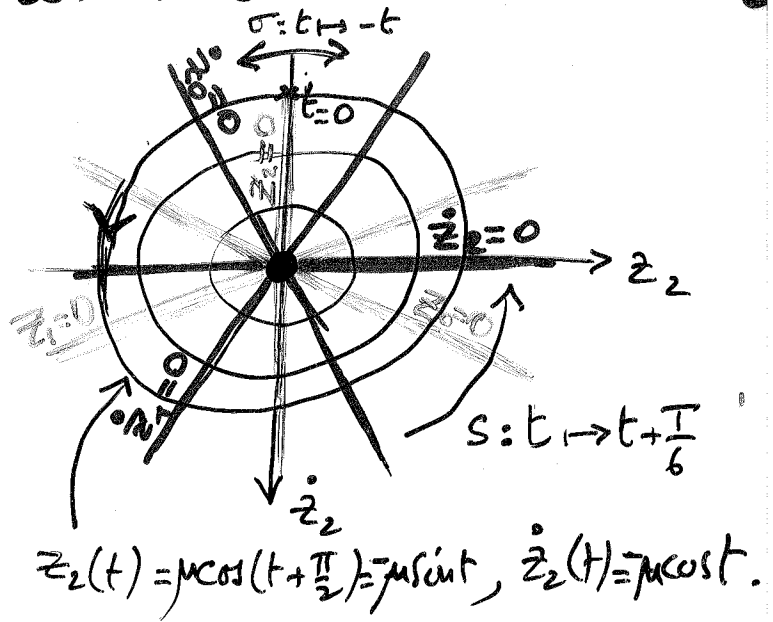
$D_6$  - invariant

$(D_6 = \text{symmetry group of the space of normalized orbited triangles} \cong \text{symmetry grp of the hexagon})$

# D6 SYMMETRY at the REDUCED LEVEL

1) VVE  
(sol.  $\mu e^{\mathcal{P}(t)}$ )

$$D_6 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s, \sigma \\ \sigma \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{l} s^6 = 1, \sigma^2 = 1 \\ \sigma s = s \sigma^{-1} \end{array} \right\}$$



2) Vertical Lyapunov family :

1! locale  $\Rightarrow$  (idem for sol.  $\Rightarrow z_2 = 0, \dot{z}_2 < 0$  at  $t = 0$ )

# D6 SYMMETRY NON REDUCED

• Orbits in Lyap. family can be lifted continuously to period. orbits in rotating frame (not w 1! by continuity if uniform)

1! up to time shifts

• If we choose (body 2  $\in$  positive y semi-axis at  $t = 0$ )  
•  $\omega(t) = 1$  (as for Lagrange)

1! up to  $\frac{T}{2}$  time shift

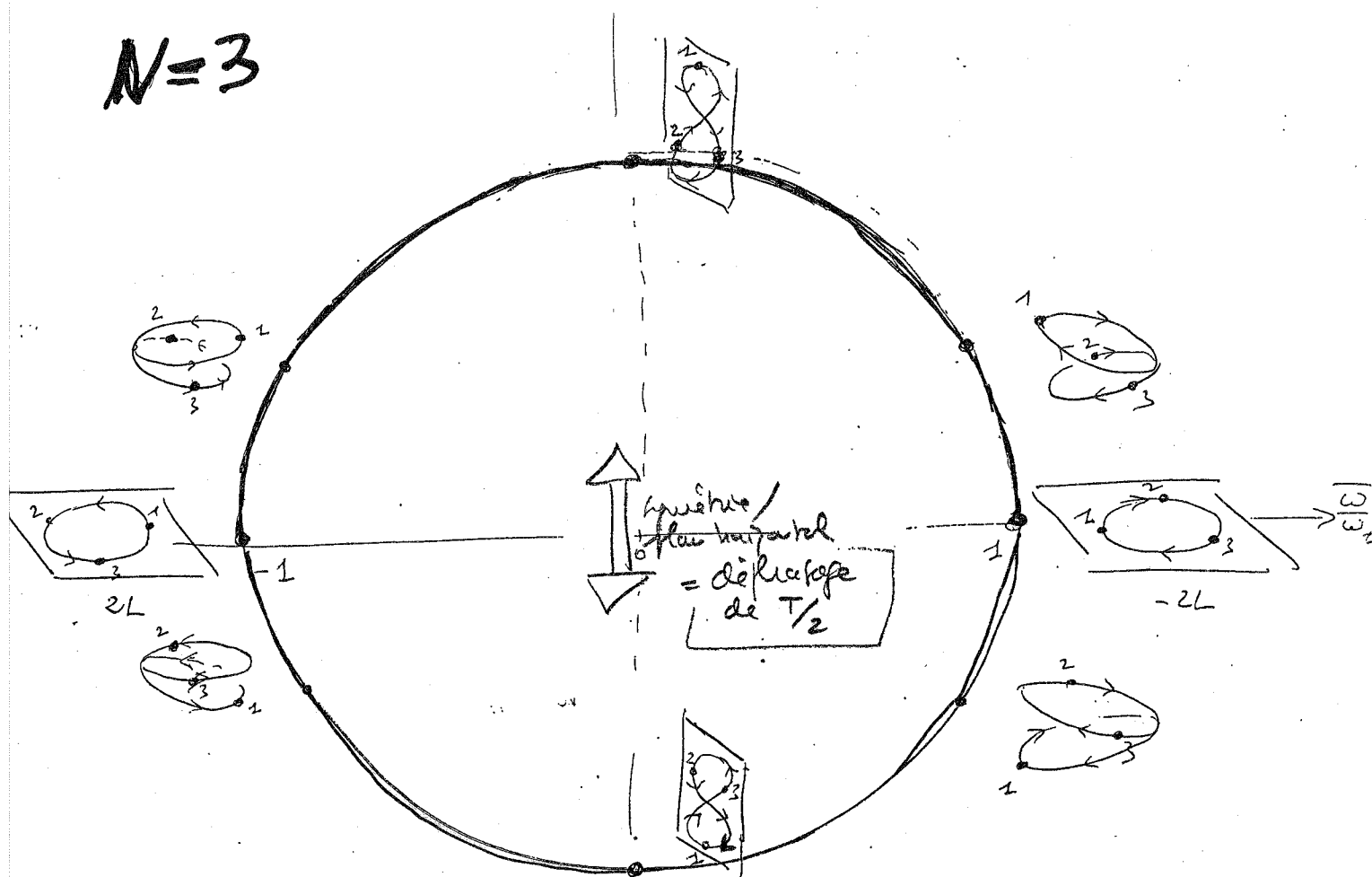
$\Rightarrow$  D6 symmetric loop

## GLOBAL CONTINUATION

"Marchal's P12 family"  
"C.F.M.'s  $\Gamma_1$  family of 'rotating orbits'"

# TOPOLOGICAL AMUSEMENT

$N=3$



The union of the 2 families of tori ( $\vec{c} \uparrow$  and  $\vec{c} \downarrow$ ) is a leus space

$$L(4, 1) \cong T_1 P_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

To get the full invariant subset in the phase space under rotations and scaling act on this leus space  $\Rightarrow$  6 dim. invariant submanifold.

# ∃ ONLY 2 LYAPUNOV FAMILIES, HOMOGRAPHIC & P12

1) The persistent resonance:

$\alpha = \alpha$  and higher order analogues  
(coeff  $|u|^{2n}$  in  $\dot{v} =$  coeff.  $|u|^{2n}$  in  $\dot{u}$ )

⇒ cannot use blow up  $u = w_1, v = w_1 w_2$   
to study useful. of homographic family.

**Explanation** (VVE along homographic solution  $q(t)$ )

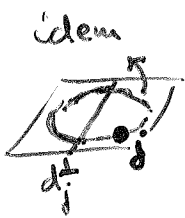
idem  
Dumortier

$$q(t) = p(t) \hat{q} \quad \ddot{q} = -\frac{c p}{|p|^3}, \quad \hat{q} \text{ c.c. in } \mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}$$

(VVE)  $\boxed{\ddot{z} = -\frac{1}{2(t)^3} z} \quad z = (z_0, z_1, z_2), \quad \sum_{j=0}^2 z_j = 0$

Solutions  $\underline{z_j(t) = \langle q_j(t), d_j \rangle}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2,$

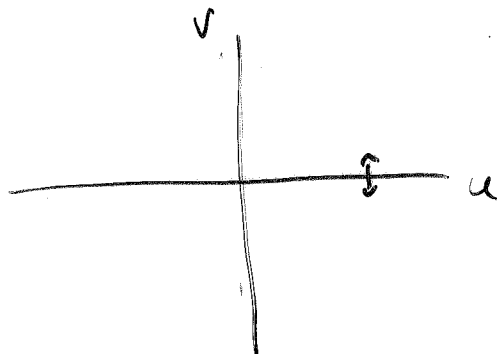
with  $\underline{\sum \langle q_j(t_0), d_j \rangle = 0, \quad \sum \langle q_j(t_0), d_j \rangle = 0}$



Compare  
Dauby ...

$\Downarrow$   
**all have same period as  $q(t)$**

After reduction:

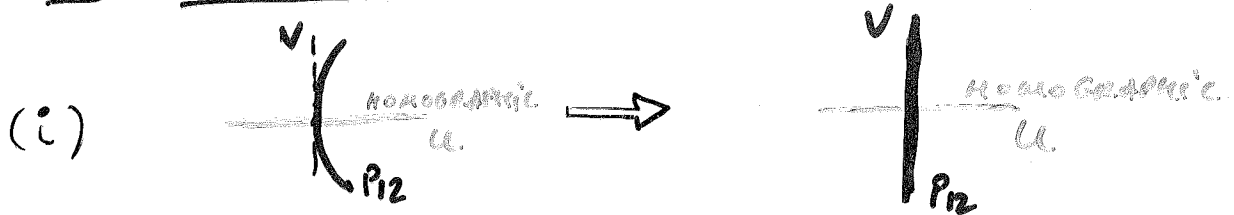


$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= u f(|u|^2) \dots \\ \dot{v} &= v g(|u|^2) \dots \end{aligned}$$

$f \equiv g$



2] The annulus map :



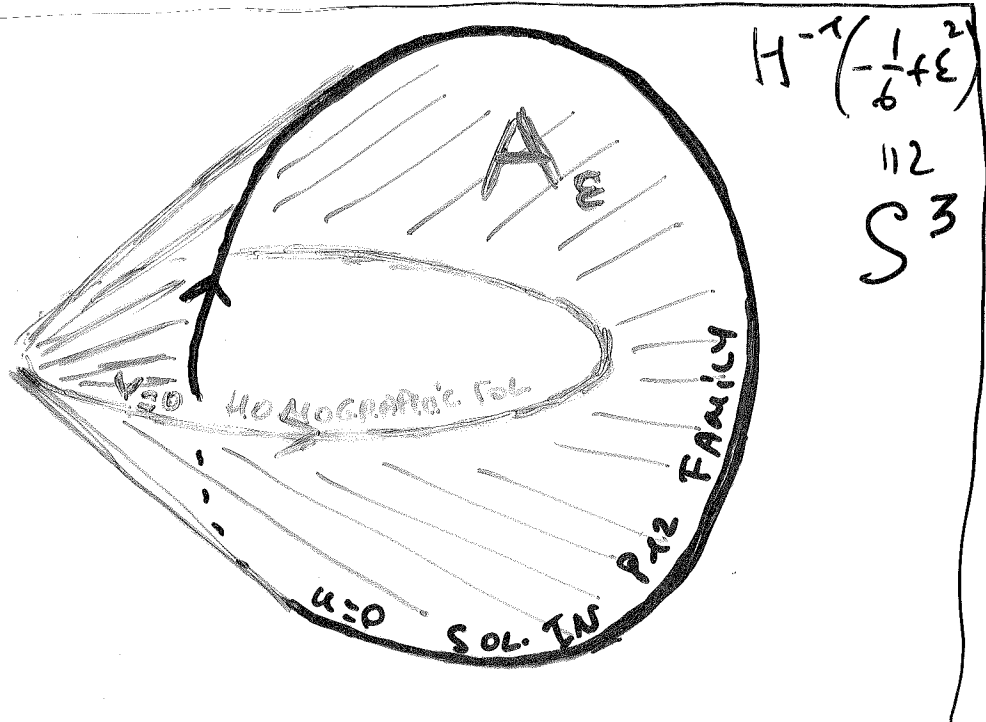
change coord. so that  $\begin{cases} v=0 & \text{HOMOGRAPHIC} \\ u=0 & P_{12} \end{cases}$

(ii) Polar coordinates

$$u = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \quad v = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$$

(iii) Define  $A_\epsilon$  by

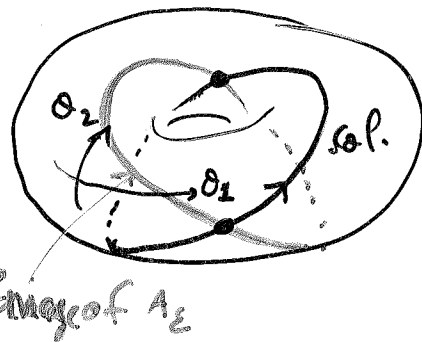
$$(A_\epsilon) \begin{cases} H = -\frac{1}{6} + \epsilon^2 \\ \theta_1 + \theta_2 = 0 \pmod{2\pi} \end{cases}$$



(iv) Second return map  $\underline{P_\varepsilon : A_\varepsilon \rightarrow A_\varepsilon}$

$(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  close to  $(1, 1)$

a periodic sol. of period close to  $2\pi$  crosses TWICE  $A_\varepsilon$



return time  $T_\varepsilon$  def. by

$$4\pi = (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(T_\varepsilon)$$

$$P_\varepsilon : \begin{array}{l} (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) \\ \downarrow \\ (\lambda_1(T_\varepsilon), \lambda_2(T_\varepsilon), \theta_1(T_\varepsilon), \theta_2(T_\varepsilon)) \end{array}$$

$$\lambda_1(T_\varepsilon) = \lambda_1(1 + O_4)$$

$$\lambda_2(T_\varepsilon) = \lambda_2(1 + O_4)$$

$$\theta_1(T_\varepsilon) = \theta_1 + 2\pi \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \lambda_1^2 + \frac{\beta - \alpha}{2} \lambda_2^2 \right] + O_4$$

$$\theta_2(T_\varepsilon) = \theta_2 + 2\pi \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \lambda_1^2 - \frac{\beta - \alpha}{2} \lambda_2^2 \right] + O_4$$

• Lemma : If  $\varepsilon > 0$  small,

$$\theta_1(T_\varepsilon) = \theta_1 + 2\pi \quad (*)$$

$$\implies \lambda_2 = 0$$

Hence, NO OTHER LYAPUNOV FANCI!

Proof : (\*)  $2\pi \left( \frac{\beta - \alpha}{2} \right) \lambda_2^2 + \boxed{O_4} = 0$

$\lambda_2 O_3$  because  $P_\varepsilon|_{\text{homog. } (\lambda_2=0)} = \text{Id}$

indeed  $\lambda_2^2 O_2 \nearrow$

because invariance

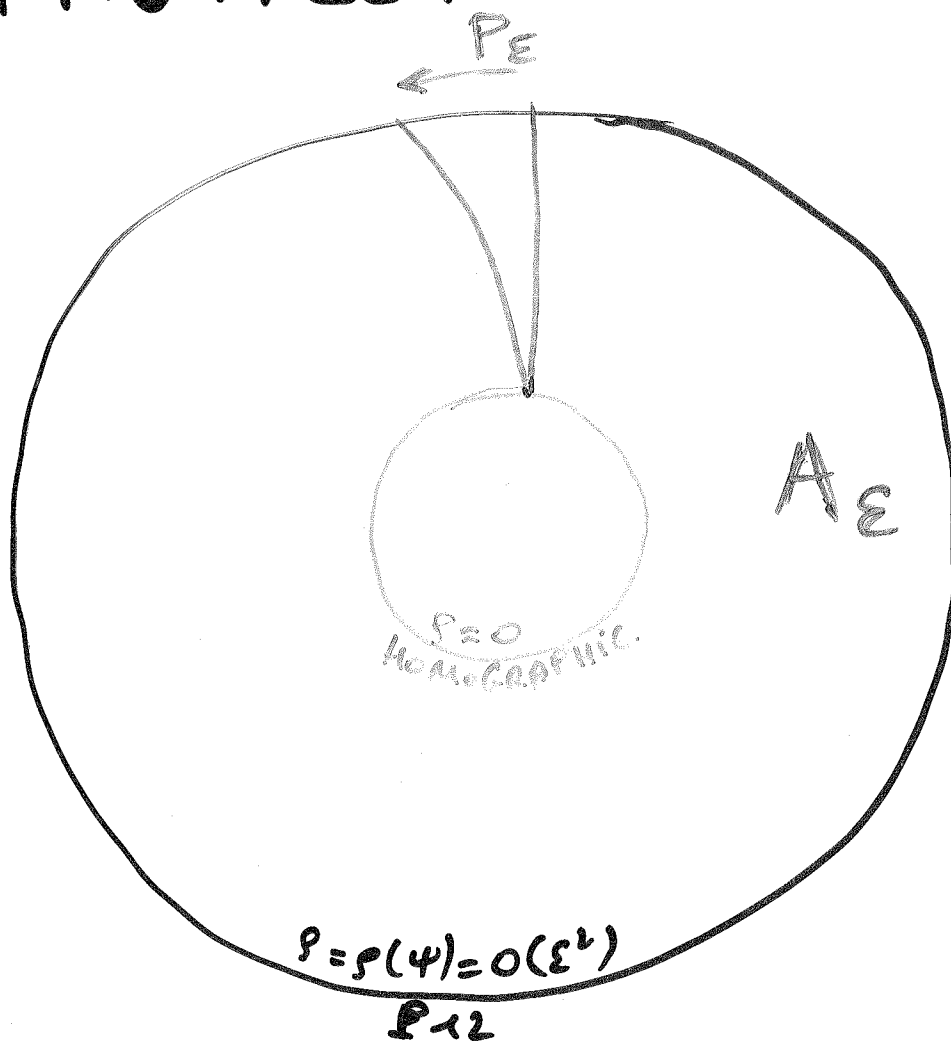
under  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) \mapsto (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \theta_1, \theta_2)$

(resonance VVE homog.)

$$\implies (*) \quad \lambda_2^2 \left[ (\beta - \alpha)\pi + O(\varepsilon^2) \right] \neq 0 = 0$$

CQFD

# FINALLY ...



$$P = \lambda_2^2, \quad \psi = \theta_1$$

$$(P, \psi) \mapsto (P(1 + O(\epsilon^4)), \psi + \left[ \pi \left( \frac{\beta - b}{2} \right) + O(\epsilon^2) \right] P + O(P^2))$$

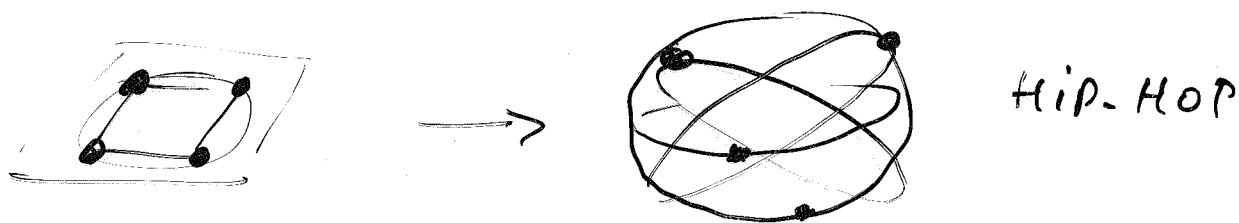
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta &= -1 \\ b &= -\frac{21}{19} \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\beta - b = \frac{2}{19} > 0}$$

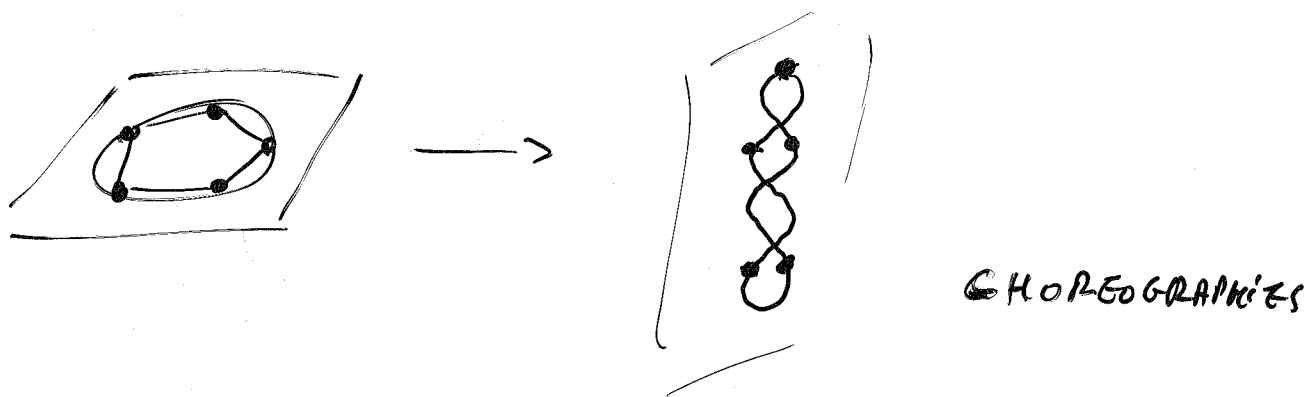
# MORE BODIES ...

Global continuation of vertical  
Lyapunov families associated to horiz-  
relative equilibria leads to interesting

Solutions:



HIP-HOP



CHOREOGRAPHERS

etc...

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
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