



Dynamics of co-orbitals inside and outside a resonance chain :

An analytical co-orbital tidal model

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Some example of co-orbital bodies in the solar system

- ▶ Trojans of Jupiter (first discovery by *Wolf*, 1906).
- ▶ Some satellites of Saturn
- ▶ The famous triplet Saturn-Janus-Epimetheus, only example with comparable masses.

But no co-orbital planets.

Co-orbital exoplanets are predicted by the formation model

Two scenarii of formation (*Laughlin and Chambers, 2002*)

- ▶ Accretion in situ at the Lagrangian point of a primary giant planet
 - maximum 0.6 Earth mass according to *Beaugé et al. (2007)*.
 - 5 to 15 Earth mass according to *Lyra et al. (2009)*.
- ▶ Capture at the L_{4-5} point of an already existing planet
 - a high diversity of mass ratio (*Cresswell and Nelson, 2008*)

But their stability after the formation is not guaranteed

→ *Pierens and Raymond 2014, Leleu et al. 2019*

Assuming the existence, the detection is challenging

- ▶ Mutual inclination → only one body transits.
- ▶ High mass ratio → only one body perturbs the radial velocity of the star.
- ▶ Large orbital period → only few transits per unit time & necessity of an almost zero mutual inclination.
- ▶ Low orbital period → strong tidal interaction with the host star

Identical co-orbital (same mass, radius, tidal parameters) are always destroyed by tides (*Rodriguez et al., 2013, using numerical simulations*)

→ The libration amplitude increases until close encounters between the planets destroys the configuration.

No analytical work has been undertaken so far.

Do tides always disrupt the system ? → Yes

On what timescale ? → Analytical expression depending on parameters

Hamiltonian of the conservative problem

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_K(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) + H_P(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, x_1, x_2, \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2), \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_K(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) = - \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\beta_j^3 \mu_j^2}{2\Lambda_j^2}. \quad (2)$$

The semi-major axes stay close to a quantity denoted by $\bar{a}$.

→ **Expansion in the neighbourhood of**

$$\Lambda^* = (\Lambda_1^*, \Lambda_2^*), \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda_j^* = m_j \sqrt{\mu_0 \bar{a}} \approx \Lambda_j. \quad (3)$$

Averaging over the fast orbital frequency

$$(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) \longmapsto (Z, Z_2, \phi, \phi_2) = (\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_1^*, \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2 - \Lambda_1^* - \Lambda_2^*, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2, \lambda_2).$$

→ **Average over ϕ_2 .**

Expansion of $\mathcal{H}_P$

$$\mathcal{H}_P = \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_{2n} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{H}_{2n} = \sum_{|\mathbf{p}|=2n} \Psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\xi) X_1^{p_1} X_2^{p_2} \bar{X}_1^{\bar{p}_1} \bar{X}_2^{\bar{p}_2}. \quad (4)$$

$$p_1 + p_2 = \bar{p}_1 + \bar{p}_2, \quad (\text{D'alembert rule}),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{m}{m_0} \left(\cos \xi - (2 - 2 \cos \xi)^{-1/2} \right), \quad \boxed{\xi = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{m_0} \left\{ A_h(\xi) (X_1 \bar{X}_1 + X_2 \bar{X}_2) + B_h(\xi) X_1 \bar{X}_2 + \bar{B}_h(\xi) \bar{X}_1 X_2 \right\}.$$

X_j close to the eccentricity vector

$$X_j \approx e_j \exp(i\varpi_j). \quad (6)$$

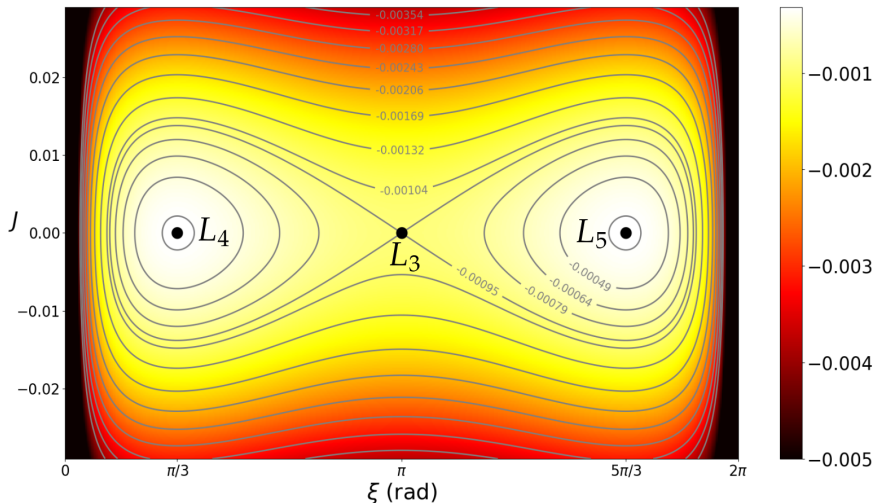
Invariance by rotation $\rightarrow$ D'alembert rule $\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{2n+1} = 0$
 $\rightarrow X_1 = X_2 = 0$ is a stable manifold of the space phase.

What about the dynamics at zero eccentricity ?

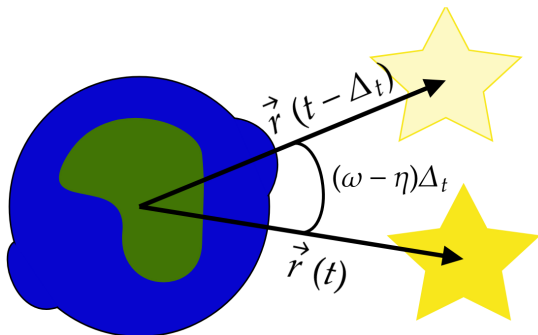
We study the one-degree-of-freedom Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_K + \mathcal{H}_0$

Space phase in the circular case

L_4 and L_5 are energy maximizers $\rightarrow L_4$ and L_5 are tidally unstable.



The Mignard model, Mignard, 1979.



$$V(\mathbf{r}) = -\kappa_2^{(j)} \frac{\mathcal{G}m_i}{R_j} \left(\frac{R_j}{r}\right)^3 \left(\frac{R_j}{r_i^\star}\right)^3 P_2(\cos S), \quad \mathbf{r}_i^\star = \mathbf{r}_i(t - \Delta t_j).$$

Quality factor

$$Q_j^{-1}(\eta) = \sin(\eta \Delta t_j(\eta)) \approx \eta \Delta t_j(\eta). \quad (7)$$

Tidal (pseudo) Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_t = \mathcal{H}_t^1 + \mathcal{H}_t^2, \quad (8)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_t^j = -\kappa_2^{(j)} \mathcal{G} m_0^2 \frac{R_j^5}{r_j^3 r_j^{\star 3}} P_2(\cos S), \quad S = \lambda_j - \lambda_j^\star - (\theta_j - \theta_j^\star). \quad (9)$$

We define the dissipation rate ¹

$$\text{dissipation rate of planet } j : q_j/Q_j = \kappa_2^{(j)} \frac{R_j^5}{\bar{a}^5} \eta \Delta t_j. \quad (10)$$

We obtain an equation of the form ¹

$$\dot{\mathcal{X}} = F(\mathcal{X}), \quad \mathcal{X} = {}^t(\omega_1, \omega_2, J, J_2, \xi, X_1, X_2). \quad (11)$$

¹Couturier, Robutel & Correia, 2021

Linearization of the differential system

in the vicinity of its equilibria $\rightarrow$ Small perturbation of L_4 & L_5 .

Linear system

$$\dot{\mathcal{X}} = (\mathcal{Q}_0 + \mathcal{Q}_1) \mathcal{X}. \quad (12)$$

$\mathcal{Q}_0$ conservative part, $\mathcal{Q}_1$ dissipative part.

$$\mathcal{Q}_{0 \text{ or } 1} = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0_{5,2} \\ 0_{2,5} & * \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$\rightarrow$ Even in the dissipative case, the dynamics on (X_1, X_2) is uncoupled from the rest in the vicinity of the equilibrium.

In the absence of tides

Eigenvalues of $\mathcal{Q}_0$ (*Robutel & Pousse, 2013*)

$$\{0, 0, 0, i\nu, -i\nu, ig_1, ig_2\}, \quad \nu = \sqrt{\frac{27\varepsilon}{4}}, \quad g_1 = \frac{27\varepsilon}{8}, \quad g_2 = 0. \quad (14)$$

All the eigenvalues are pure imaginary $\rightarrow$ Quasi-periodic motion

With tidal dissipation

Eigenvalues of $\mathcal{Q}_0 + \mathcal{Q}_1$ (*Couturier, Robutel & Correia, 2021*)

$$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, 0, \boxed{\lambda}, \bar{\lambda}, \lambda_{\text{AL}}, \lambda_{\text{L}}\}, \quad (15)$$

with (real parts are boxed)

$$\lambda_j = \boxed{-3\alpha_j^{-1} \frac{q_j}{Q_j} \mathfrak{P}_j^{-2} \frac{m_0}{m_j} + 9\varepsilon^{-1} \frac{q_j}{Q_j}} < 0,$$

$$\lambda = \boxed{\frac{9}{2}\varepsilon^{-1} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} \frac{q_2}{Q_2} + \frac{m_2}{m_1} \frac{q_1}{Q_1} \right)} + i\nu \left[1 + 13\varepsilon^{-1} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} q_2 + \frac{m_2}{m_1} q_1 \right) \right],$$

$$\lambda_{\text{AL}} = \boxed{-\frac{21}{2}\varepsilon^{-1} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} \frac{q_2}{Q_2} + \frac{m_2}{m_1} \frac{q_1}{Q_1} \right)} + ig_1 \left[1 + \frac{20}{9}\varepsilon^{-2} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} q_2 + \frac{m_2}{m_1} q_1 \right) \right],$$

$$\lambda_{\text{L}} = \boxed{-\frac{21}{2}\varepsilon^{-1} \left(\frac{q_1}{Q_1} + \frac{q_2}{Q_2} \right)} + \frac{15}{2}i\varepsilon^{-1} (q_1 + q_2).$$

Characteristic timescales of evolution of the co-orbital angle¹

$$\tau_{\text{lib}} = \frac{1}{9\pi} \frac{\varepsilon}{q_1/Q_1 + q_2/Q_2} \frac{x(1+y)}{1+yx^2} T \propto \frac{x(1+y)}{1+yx^2} \bar{a}^{6.5}. \quad (16)$$

with

$$x = \frac{m_1}{m_2} \text{ and } y = \frac{\text{dissipation rate}_2}{\text{dissipation rate}_1} = \frac{q_2 Q_1}{q_1 Q_2} \quad (17)$$

Time to horse-shoe shaped orbits

$$\tau_{\text{hs}} = \ln \left(\frac{60^\circ}{\Delta\xi} \right) \tau_{\text{lib}} \quad (18)$$

where $\Delta\xi$ is the initial angular distance to L_{4-5}

¹Couturier, Robutel & Correia, 2021

Co-orbital lifetime

$$\tau_{\text{dest}} \approx \tau_{\text{hs}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{9\pi\Omega} \frac{x(1+y)}{1+yx^2} \ln\left(\frac{60^\circ}{\Delta\xi}\right) T, \quad (19)$$

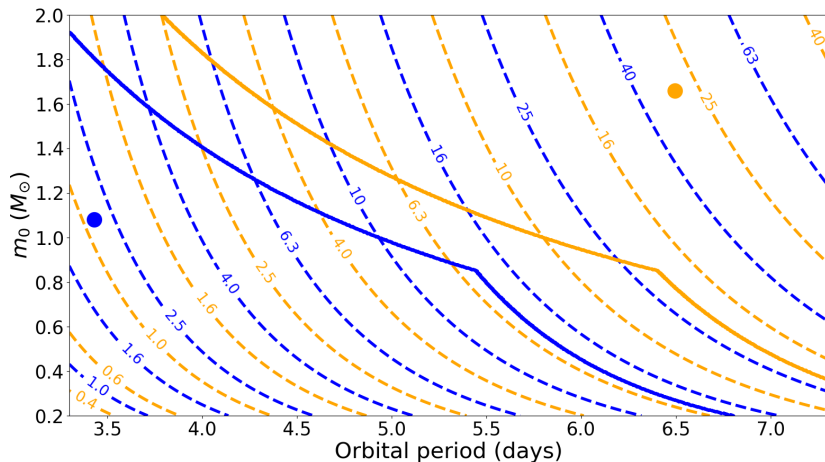
For two co-orbital Earth-like planets initially 0.1° away from L_4 :

$$\tau_{\text{hs}} = 3.771 \text{ Gyr} \left(\frac{\bar{a}}{0.04 \text{ AU}}\right)^{6.5} \left(\frac{m_0}{m_\odot}\right)^{-3/2}, \quad (20)$$

Co-orbital pair	τ_{hs} (Gyr)	Co-orbital pair	τ_{hs} (Gyr)
Earth & Earth	3.771	Earth & Moon	44.09
Earth & Mars	5.480	Earth & Jupiter	3.722
Earth & Io	2.086	Moon & Moon	50.76
Moon & Mars	28.16	Moon & Jupiter	50.63
Moon & Io	4.374	Mars & Mars	5.761
Mars & Jupiter	5.747	Mars & Io	2.248
Jupiter & Jupiter	0.7201	Jupiter & Io	2.072
Io & Io	2.072		

A tool to help with the detection of co-orbital exoplanets

Destruction time in Gyr



Solid line = $\min$ (main sequence duration, universe age)

Orange dot $\rightarrow$ gas giant HD 102956 b

Blue dot $\rightarrow$ rocky planet HD 158259 c

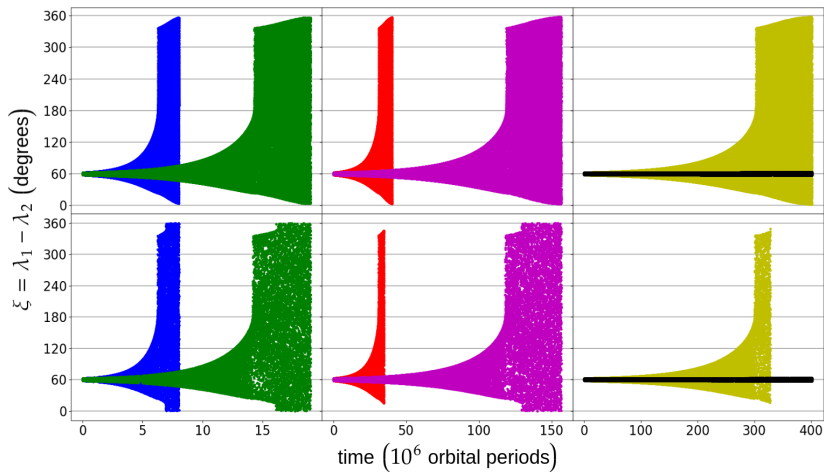
6 systems are numerically integrated

#	color	x	y	τ_{lib}
1	blue	10	100	1 845 021
2	green	1/500	100	4 198 710
3	red	100	1/50	9 161 859
4	purple	100	1/200	34 893 952
5	yellow	1/10	100	89 304 263
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Table: Characteristic timescales of increase of the libration amplitude of ξ , expressed in number of orbital periods.

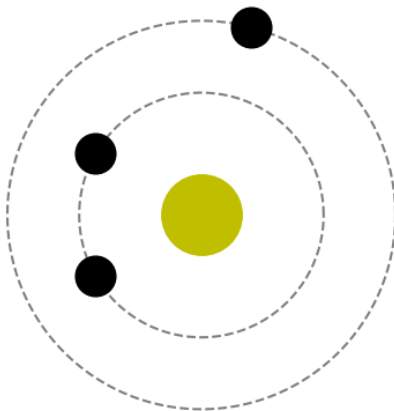
- ▶ Top panel → Our model
- ▶ Bottom panel → Full n -body problem

Libration amplitude → unbounded



Less than 1% error on time to horseshoe-shaped orbits.

We introduce a third planet in the planetary system



First order resonance between the co-orbital pair and the third planet.

The co-orbitals complete $p + 1$ orbits while the third planet completes p orbits.

The resonance chain $p : p : p + 1$

Angles of the form

$$-p\lambda_1 + (p+1)\lambda_3 \quad \text{or} \quad -p\lambda_2 + (p+1)\lambda_3$$

are secularly evolving and cannot be averaged. The averaged Hamiltonian contains terms of the form

$$e_j \cos(-p\lambda_j + (p+1)\lambda_3 - \varpi_j) \quad \text{and} \quad e_3 \cos(-p\lambda_j + (p+1)\lambda_3 - \varpi_3)$$

+ more terms at second order in eccentricity

4 degrees of freedom associated with the angles

$$\xi = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$$

$$\sigma_1 = -p\lambda_2 + (p+1)\lambda_3 - \varpi_1$$

$$\sigma_2 = -p\lambda_2 + (p+1)\lambda_3 - \varpi_2$$

$$\sigma_3 = -p\lambda_2 + (p+1)\lambda_3 - \varpi_3$$

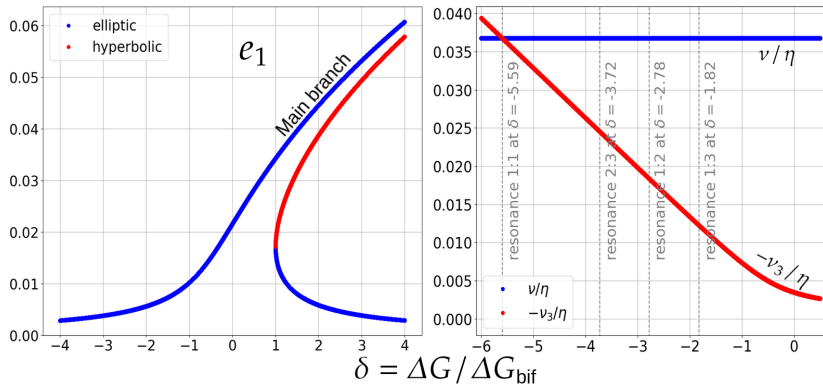


Figure: Left : Value of e_1 at the analytical equilibria of the resonance chain $1 : 1 : 2$. Right: Libration frequency of ξ (blue) and ϖ_j (red).

The problem depends on a parameter δ related to a_1/a_3 , that is, to n_1/n_3

- ▶ $\delta > 0 \rightarrow \frac{n_1}{n_3} \approx \frac{p+1}{p} \rightarrow$ system close to the Keplerian resonance
- ▶ $\delta < 0 \rightarrow \frac{n_1}{n_3} > \frac{p+1}{p} \rightarrow$ system far from the Keplerian resonance

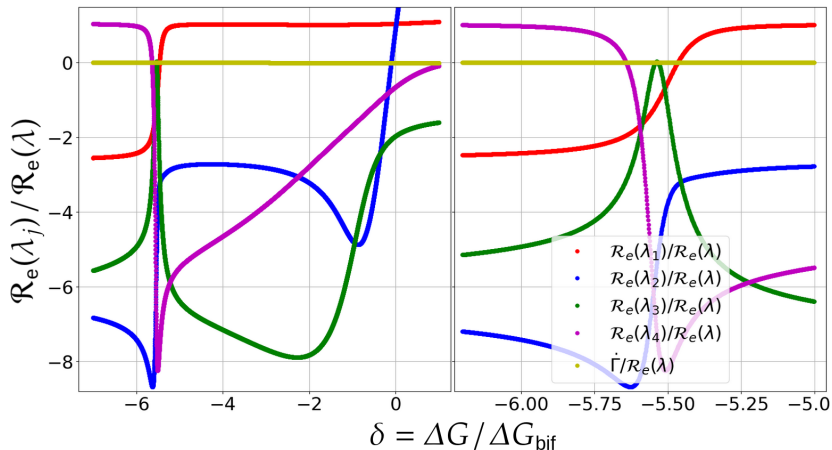


Figure: Real parts of the linearized differential system in the vicinity of the equilibria, with tidal dissipation.

At the 1 : 1 secular resonance between the libration frequency of ξ and the precession frequency of the pericentres → Linear stability

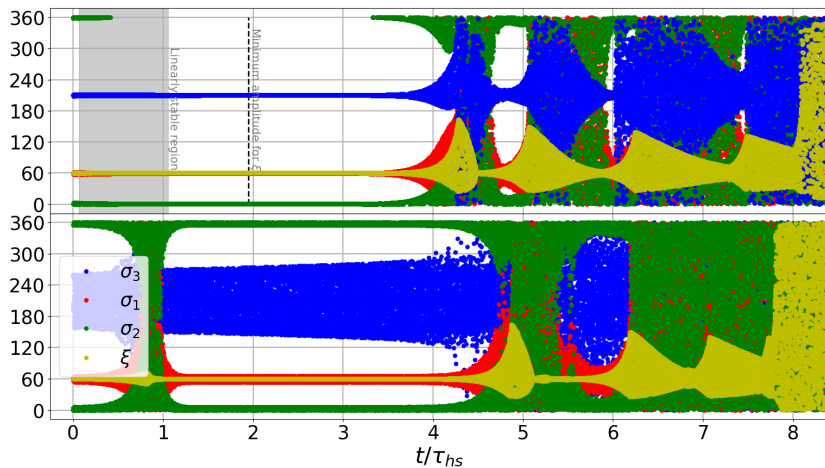


Figure: Evolution of the angles as a function of time

Conclusion

Co-orbital exoplanets are always unstable under tides.

But they live long if :

- ▶ They orbit far away from the star $\rightarrow$ challenging detection
- ▶ The mass repartition is very unequal $\rightarrow$ challenging detection
- ▶ They are within the resonance chain $p : p : p + 1$

We have a satisfactory explanation as to why no co-orbital planet has been detected so far, even though formation models predict their existence.

Much more details in the associated papers :

- ▶ An analytical model for tidal evolution in co-orbital systems
10.1007/s10569-021-10032-w CM&DA
- ▶ Dynamics of co-orbital exoplanets in a first order resonance chain with tidal dissipation (under review at A&A)

Thank you for your attention

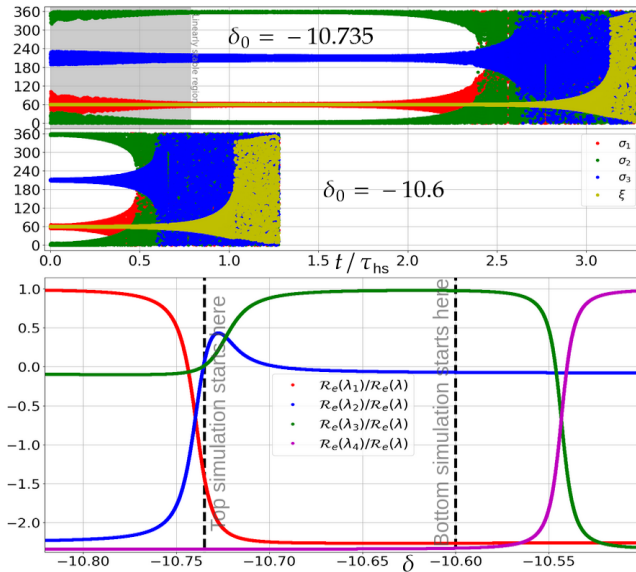


Figure: $m_3 = (m_1 + m_2) / 32$

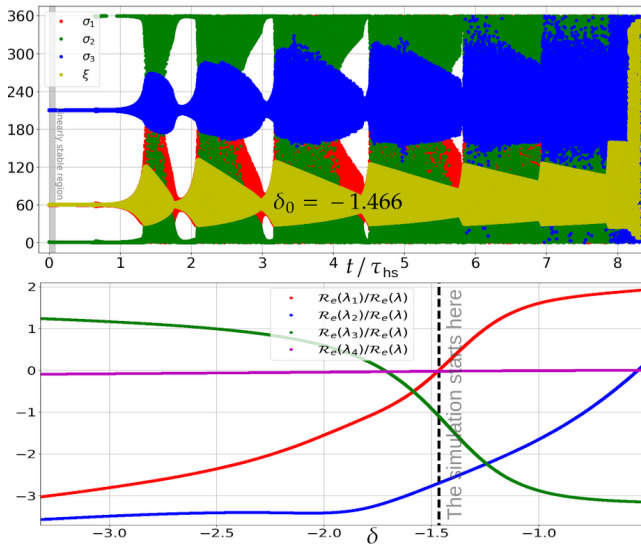


Figure: $m_3 = 8(m_1 + m_2)$

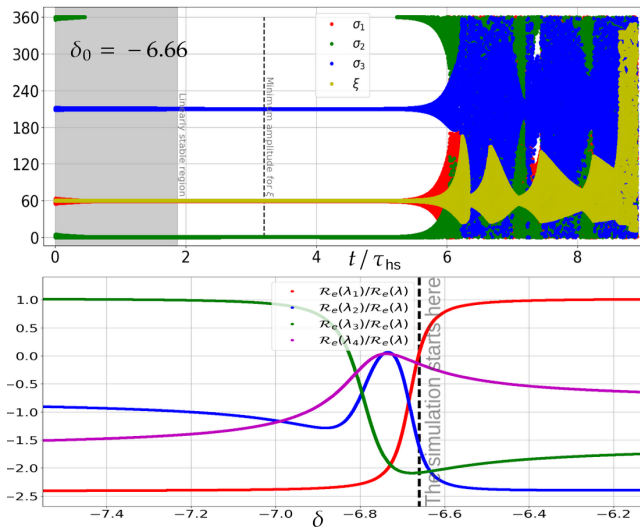


Figure: $m_3 = 0.29(m_1 + m_2)$

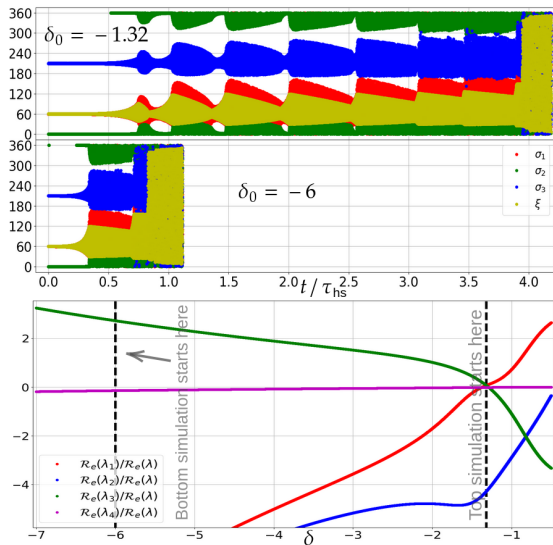


Figure: $m_3 = 19(m_1 + m_2)$

Two different sets of equations

- ▶ Top plot → the secular equations derived in this work.
- ▶ Bottom plot → A direct n -body model in cartesian coordinates.

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_1}{dt^2} = -\frac{\mu_1}{r_1^3} \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathcal{G}m_2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1}{|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|^3} - \frac{\mathbf{r}_2}{r_2^3} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{f}_1}{\beta_1} + \frac{\mathbf{f}_2}{m_0} ,$$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_2}{dt^2} = -\frac{\mu_2}{r_2^3} \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathcal{G}m_1 \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|^3} - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1}{r_1^3} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{f}_2}{\beta_2} + \frac{\mathbf{f}_1}{m_0} ,$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta_i}{dt^2} = -\frac{(\mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i) \cdot \mathbf{k}}{C_i} = -3 \frac{\kappa_{2,i} \mathcal{G} m_0^2 R_i^3}{\alpha_i m_i r_i^8} \Delta t_i \left[\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} r_i^2 - \left(\mathbf{r}_i \times \frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} \right) \cdot \mathbf{k} \right] ,$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i = -3 \frac{\kappa_{2,i} \mathcal{G} m_0^2 R_i^5}{r_i^8} \mathbf{r}_i - 3 \frac{\kappa_{2,i} \mathcal{G} m_0^2 R_i^5}{r_i^{10}} \Delta t_i \left[2 \left(\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} \right) \mathbf{r}_i + r_i^2 \left(\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{k} + \frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} \right) \right] .$$

The secular equations

$$\dot{\vartheta}_j = -3\alpha_j^{-1} \frac{m_0}{m_j} \mathfrak{g}_j^{-2} \frac{q_j}{Q_j} \mathcal{R}_j^{-12} \left\{ \vartheta_j + 3(1 - \mathcal{R}_j) + h_2^j \mathcal{R}_j^{-1} X_j \bar{X}_j + h_4^j \mathcal{R}_j^{-2} X_j^2 \bar{X}_j^2 \right\},$$

$$\dot{J} = -\frac{\partial(\mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_4)}{\partial \xi} + (1 - \delta) \dot{J}_2^1 - \delta \dot{J}_2^2,$$

$$\dot{J}_2 = \dot{J}_2^1 + \dot{J}_2^2,$$

$$\dot{\xi} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_K}{\partial J} + 6q_1 \frac{m_0}{m_1} \mathcal{R}_1^{-13} V_2(\mathcal{R}_1^{-1} X_1 \bar{X}_1) - 6q_2 \frac{m_0}{m_2} \mathcal{R}_2^{-13} V_2(\mathcal{R}_2^{-1} X_2 \bar{X}_2),$$

$$\dot{X}_j = -2i \frac{m}{m_j} \frac{\partial(\mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_4)}{\partial \bar{X}_j} - 3 \frac{q_j}{Q_j} \frac{m_0}{m_j} \mathcal{R}_j^{-13} X_j \left\{ p_2^j - \frac{5}{2} i Q_j + \frac{X_j \bar{X}_j}{\mathcal{R}_j} \left(p_4^j - \frac{65}{4} i Q_j \right) \right\},$$