

# Self-gravitating systems and Balescu-Lenard equation

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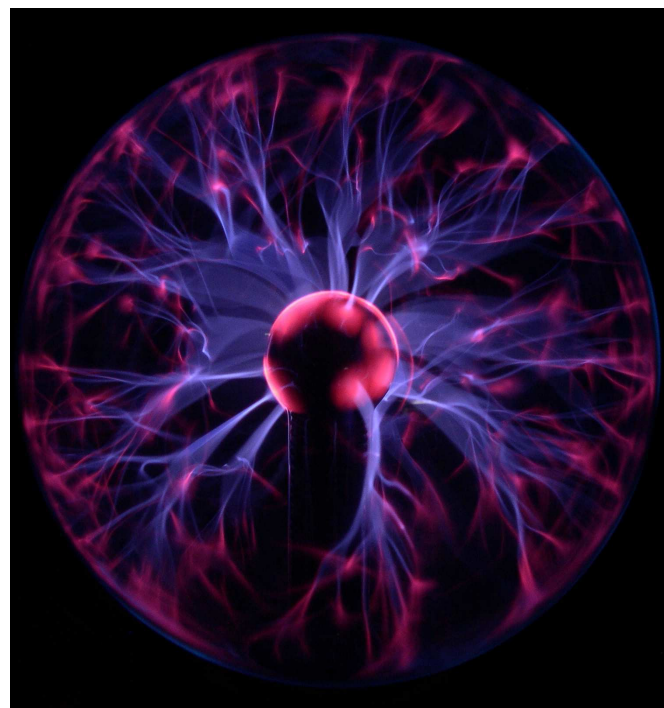
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## Long-term relaxation

How do systems **diffuse**?



Local  
Brownian diffusion

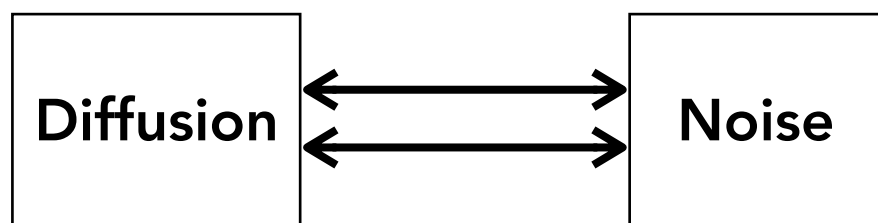


Homogeneous  
**Plasma** diffusion



Inhomogeneous  
**Galaxy** diffusion

## Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem



Same process occur in galaxies, but:

Gravity is **long-range**  
+ Stars follow **orbits** and **resonate**  
+ Galaxies **amplify** perturbations

## How do galaxies evolve on cosmic timescales?

# The gravitational Balescu-Lenard equation

**What does it require?**

**What is it?**

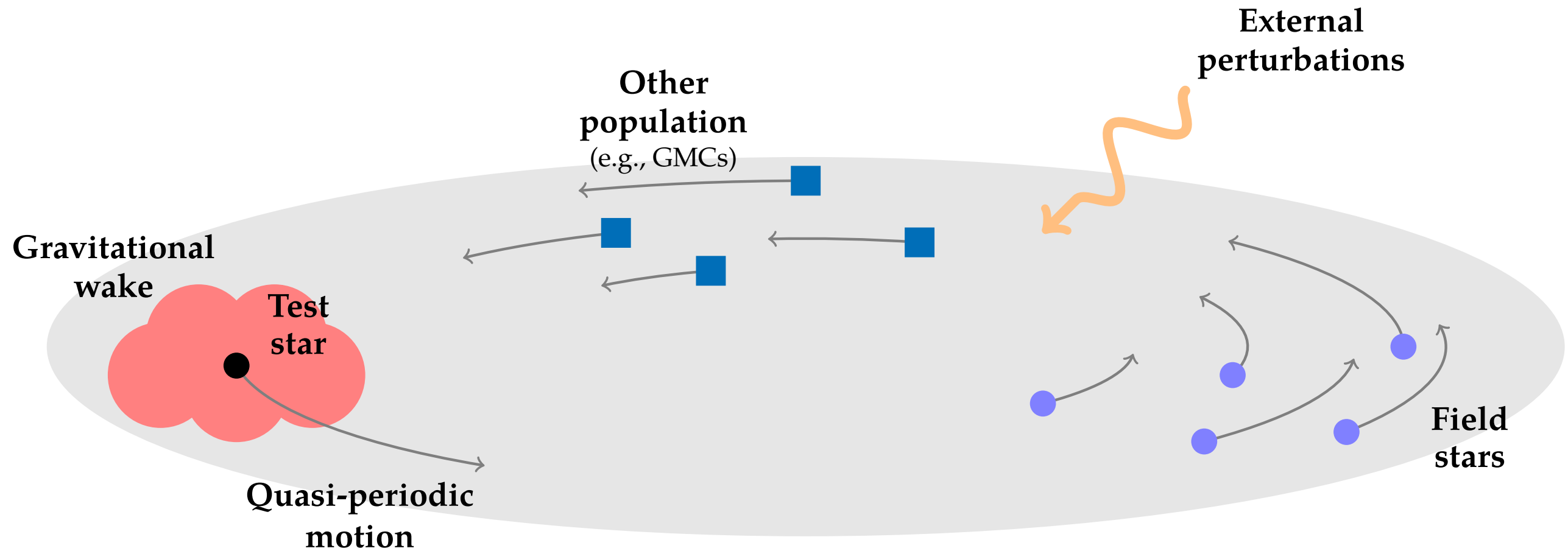
**Where does it come from?**

**Does it work?**

**What's next?**

**What does  
the Balescu-Lenard Eq.  
require?**

# Galactic evolution on cosmic timescales



Galaxies are:

- + **Inhomogeneous** (complex trajectories)
- + **Relaxed** (equilibrium states)
- + **Resonant** (orbital frequencies)
- + **Degenerate** (in some regions)
- + **Self-gravitating** (amplification of perturbations)
- + **Discrete** (finite-N effects)
- + **Perturbed** (effects of the environment)

- | *Angle-action coordinates*
- | *Quasi-stationary states*
- | *Fast timescale vs. cosmic timescale*
- | *Frequency commensurability*
- | *Linear response theory*
- | *Nature vs. Nurture*

# What does it require?

Inhomogeneous

$$\begin{array}{c} (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \\ \downarrow \\ (\theta, \mathbf{J}) \end{array}$$

Angle-Action coordinates

Relaxed

$$F = F(\mathbf{J}, t)$$

Quasi-stationary states

Resonant

$$\Omega(\mathbf{J}) = \partial H_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}$$

Fast/Slow timescale

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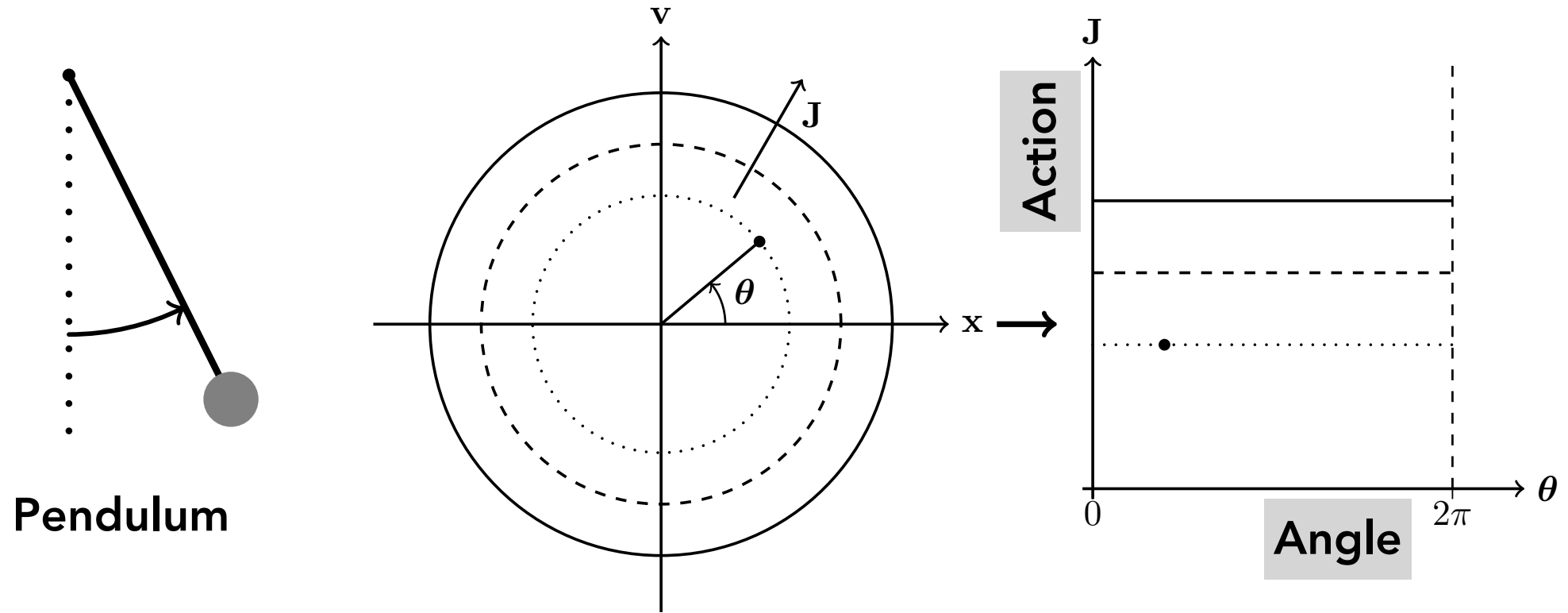
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# Inhomogeneous systems

+ **Label** orbits with **integrals of motion**



+ **Angle-Action coordinates**

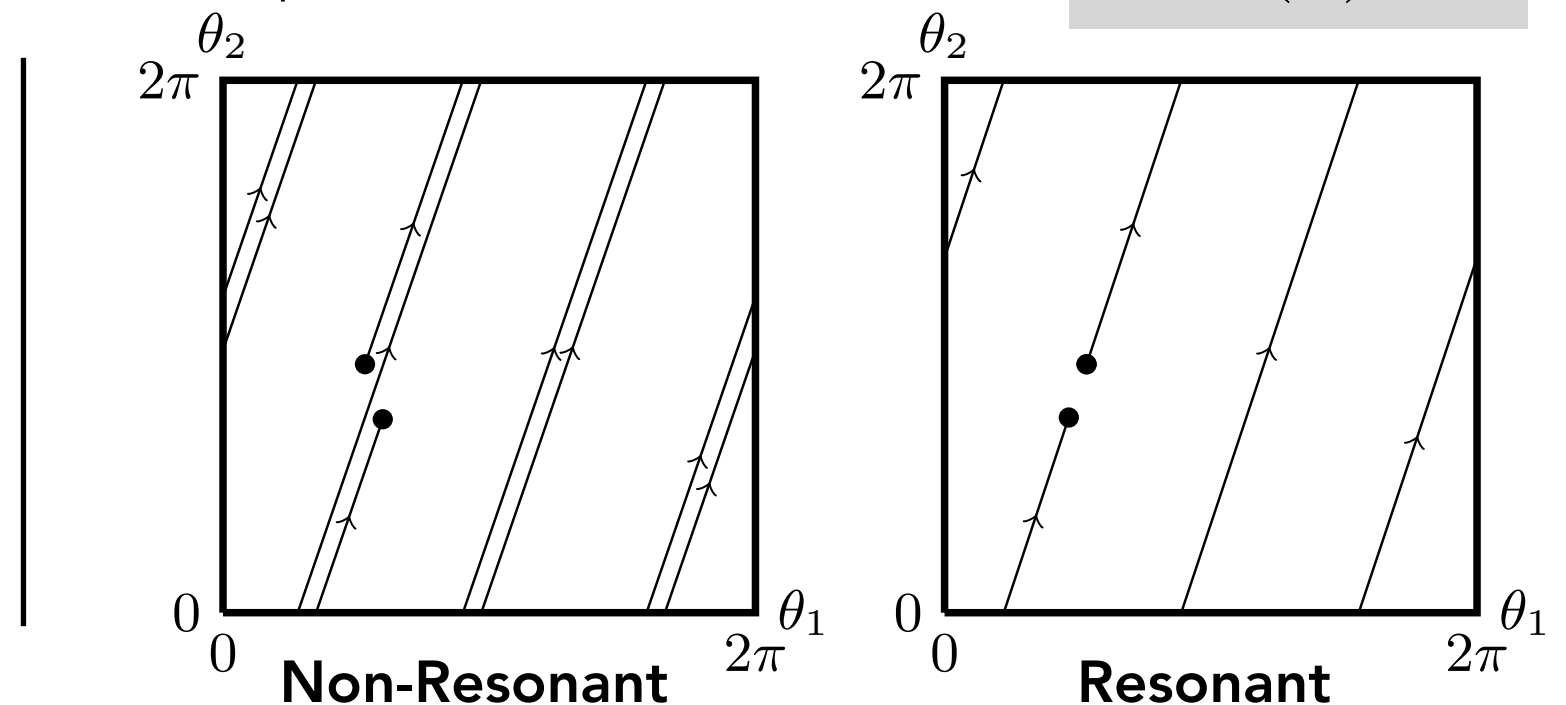
$$\begin{cases} \theta(t) = \theta_0 + t \Omega(\mathbf{J}) \\ \mathbf{J}(t) = \text{cst.} \end{cases}$$

Trajectories become  
**straight lines**

+ **Relaxation**

$$\xrightarrow{(\text{few}) t_{\text{cross}}} F = F(\mathbf{J}, t)$$

+ Frequencies' commensurability :  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}) = 0$



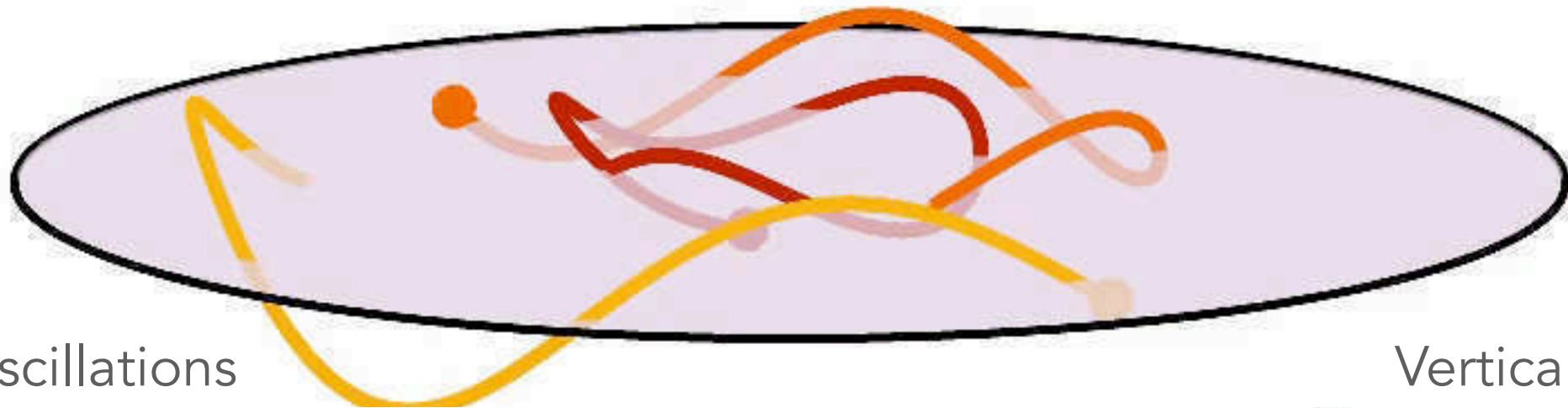


## Example: Orbits in a disc

Integrable orbits

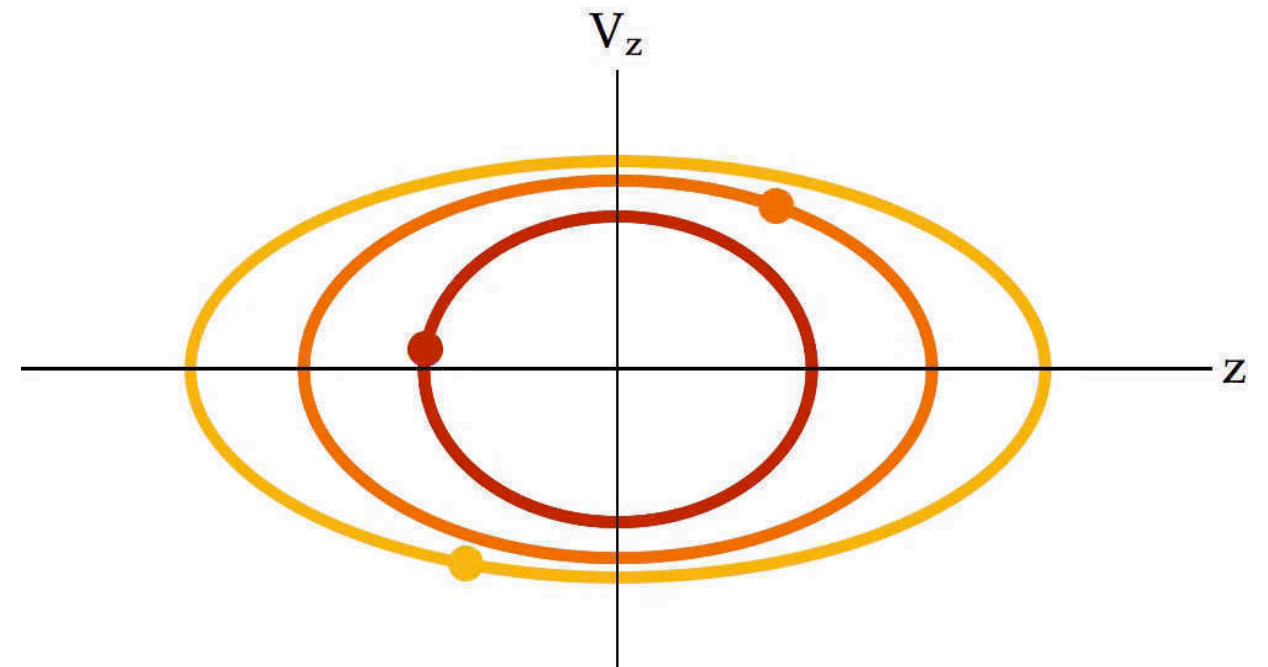
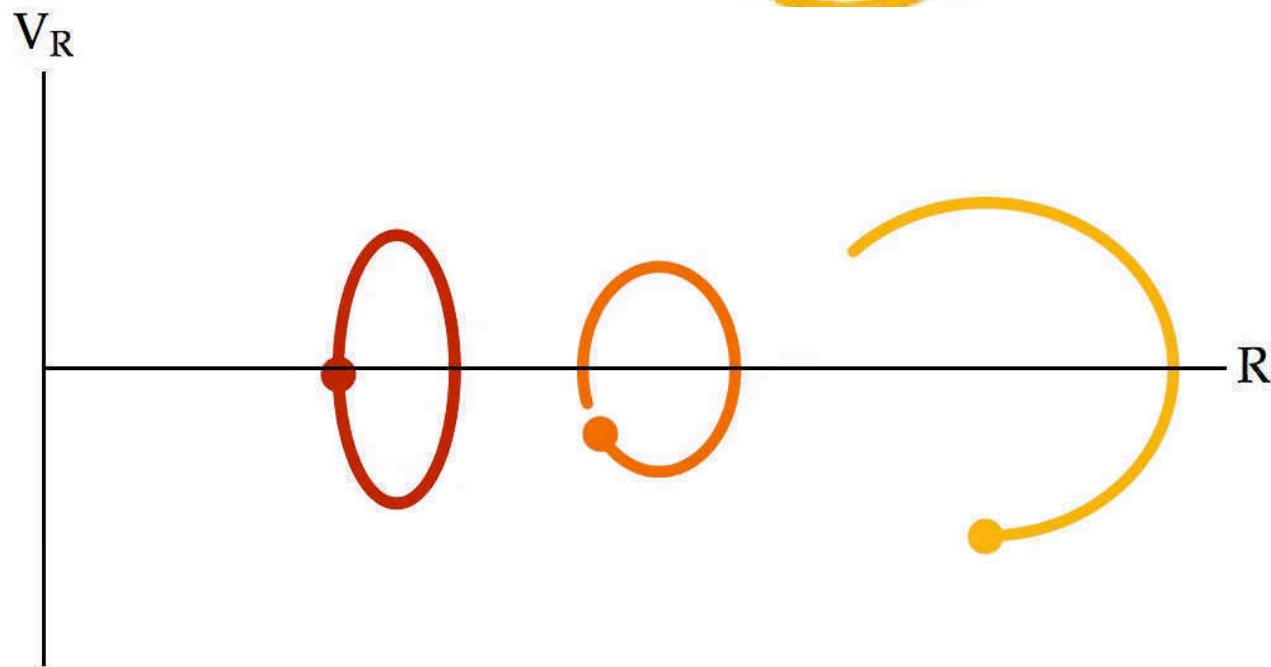
$$\Phi_0 = \Phi_0(R, z)$$

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Radial oscillations

Vertical oscillations



Actions

$$\mathbf{J} = (J_\phi, J_r, J_z)$$

Frequencies

$$\Omega = (\Omega_\phi, \Omega_r, \Omega_z)$$

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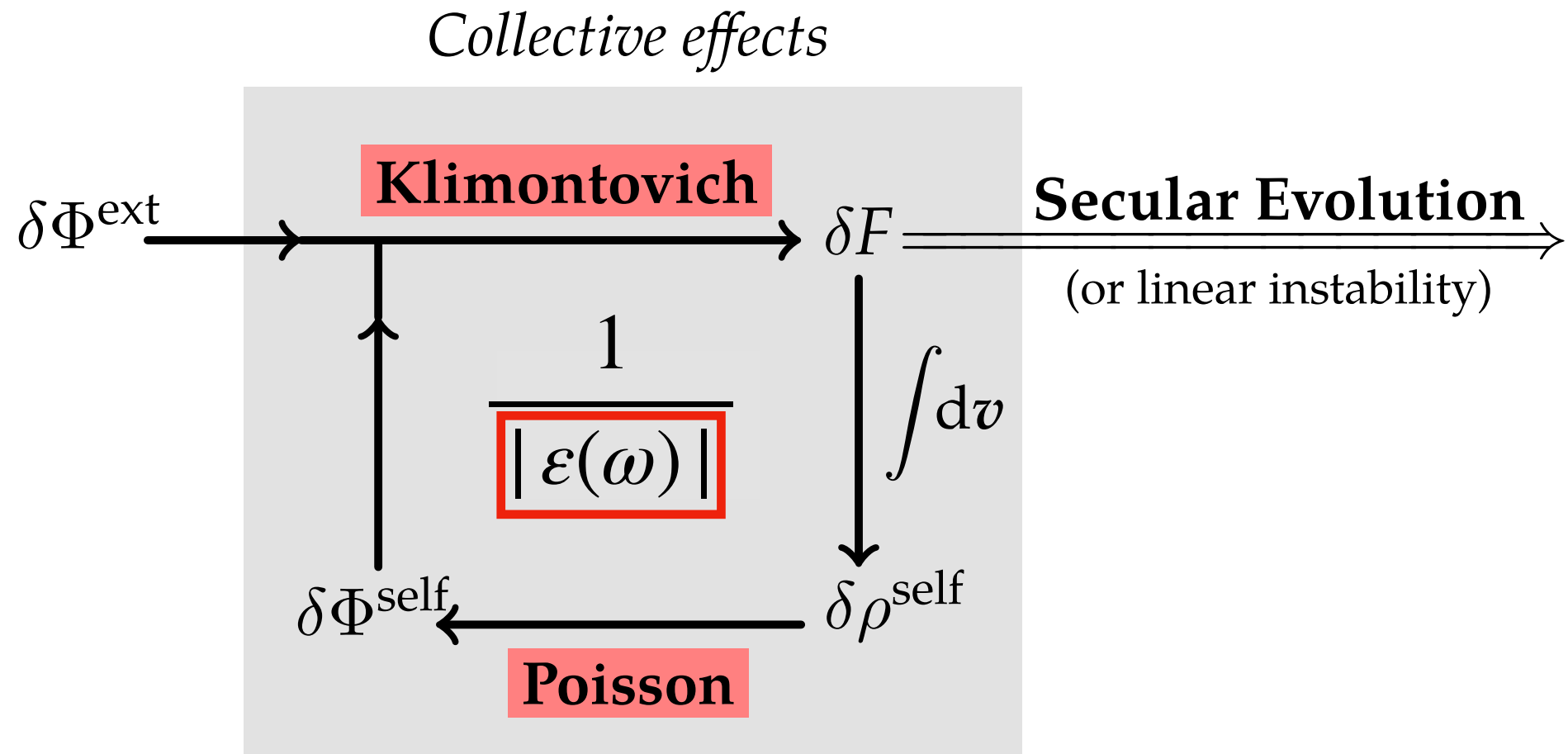
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## Self-gravitating amplification

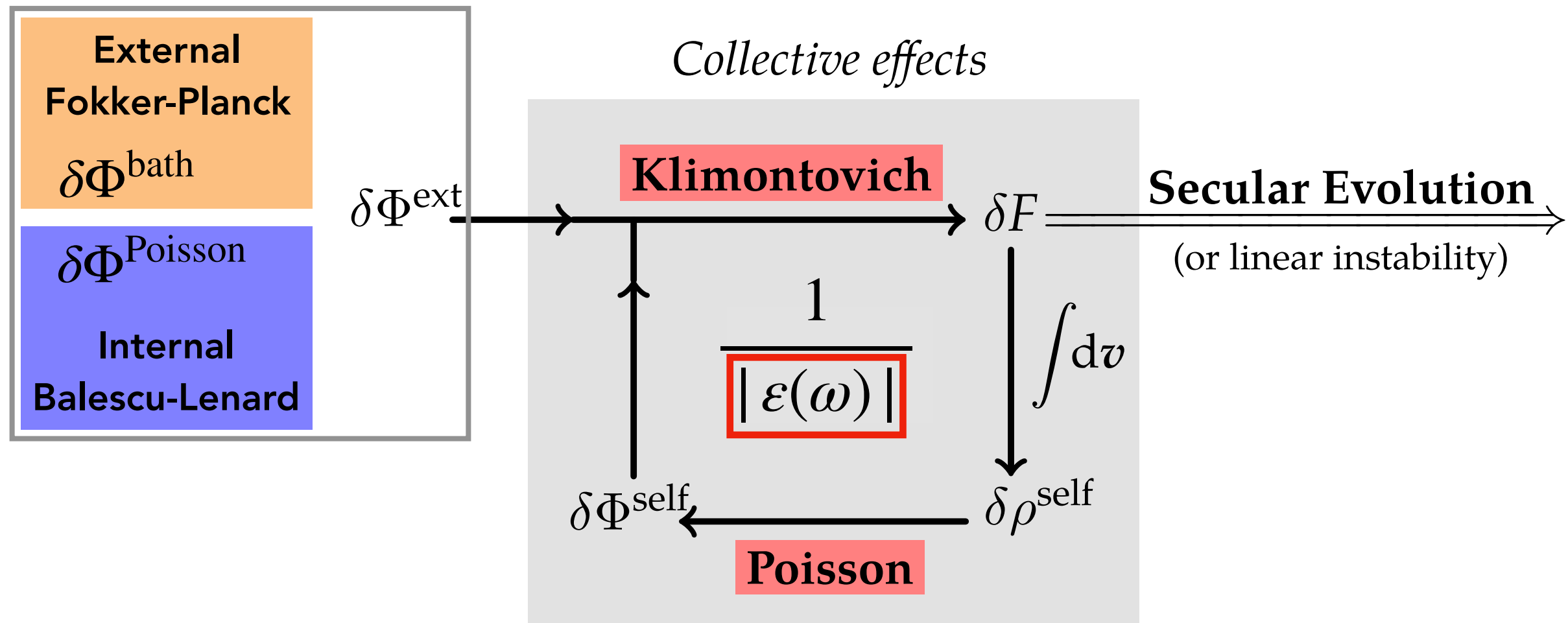


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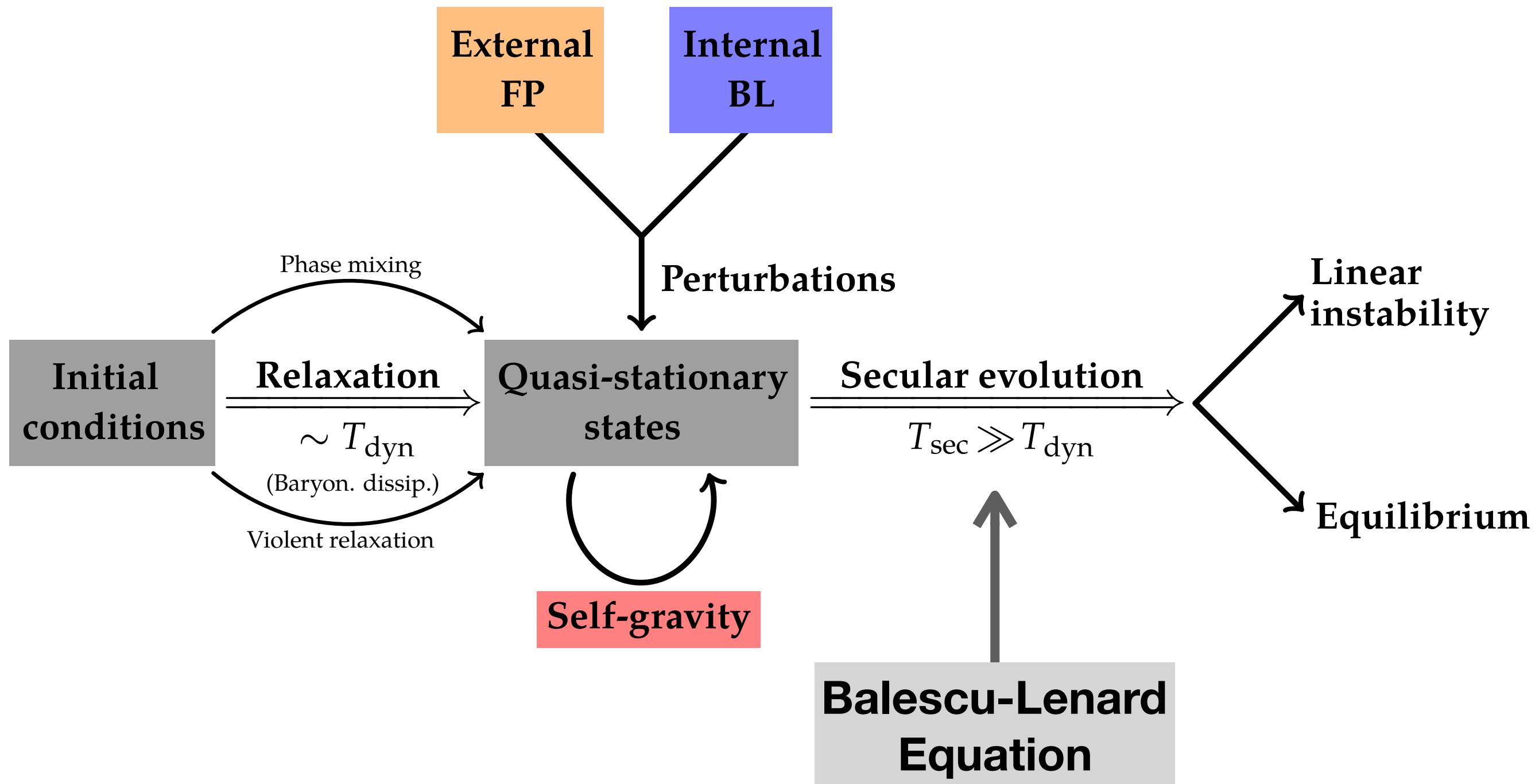
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## Typical fate of a self-gravitating system



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The master equation for **self-induced orbital relaxation**

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Some properties

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$1/N$  Sourced by **finite-N effects**

$\partial/\partial \mathbf{J} \cdot$  Divergence of a **diffusion flux**

$(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')$  Discrete **resonances**

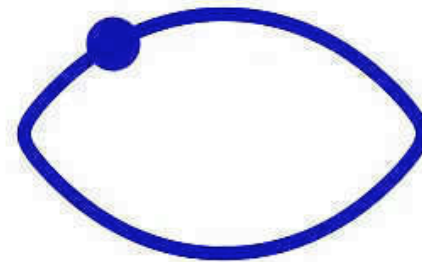
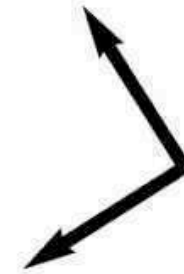
$\int d\mathbf{J}'$  Scan of **orbital space**

$\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))$  **Resonance cond.**

$1/|\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}', \omega)|^2$  **Dressed couplings**

## Resonant encounters

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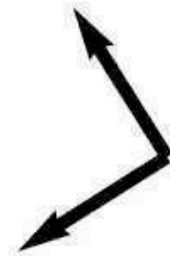


Collisions are **resonant, long-range, correlated**

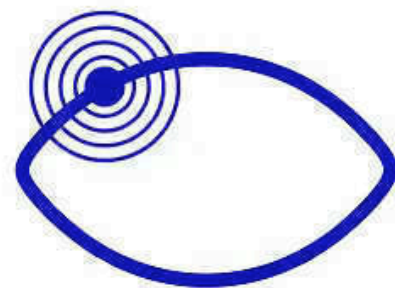


# Dressed resonant encounters

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Fluctuations have a **wake**



$$\delta\Phi \rightarrow \frac{\delta\Phi}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|}$$

Interactions between **wakes**

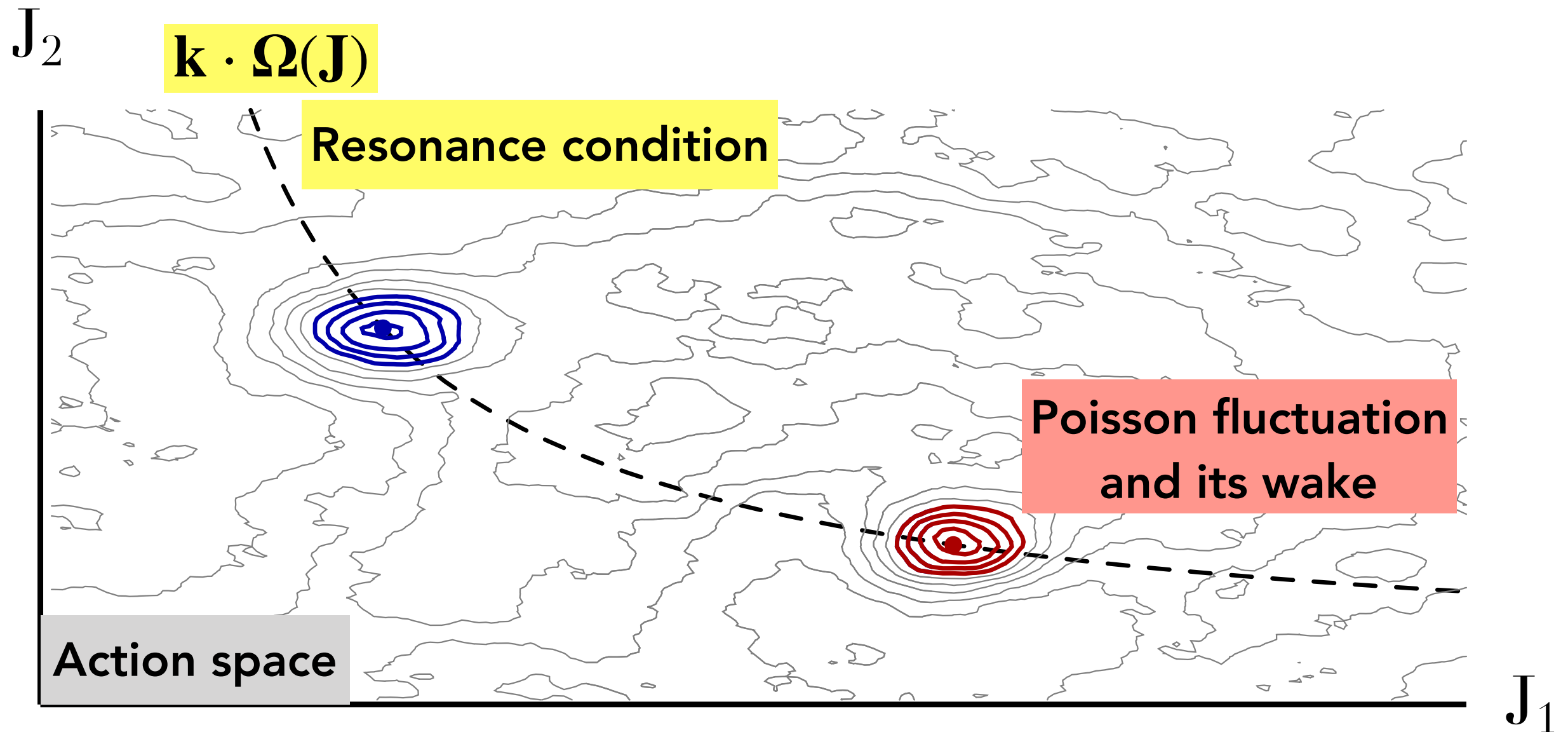


$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{J}) \rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{D}_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{J})}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|^2}$$

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## Non-local resonances

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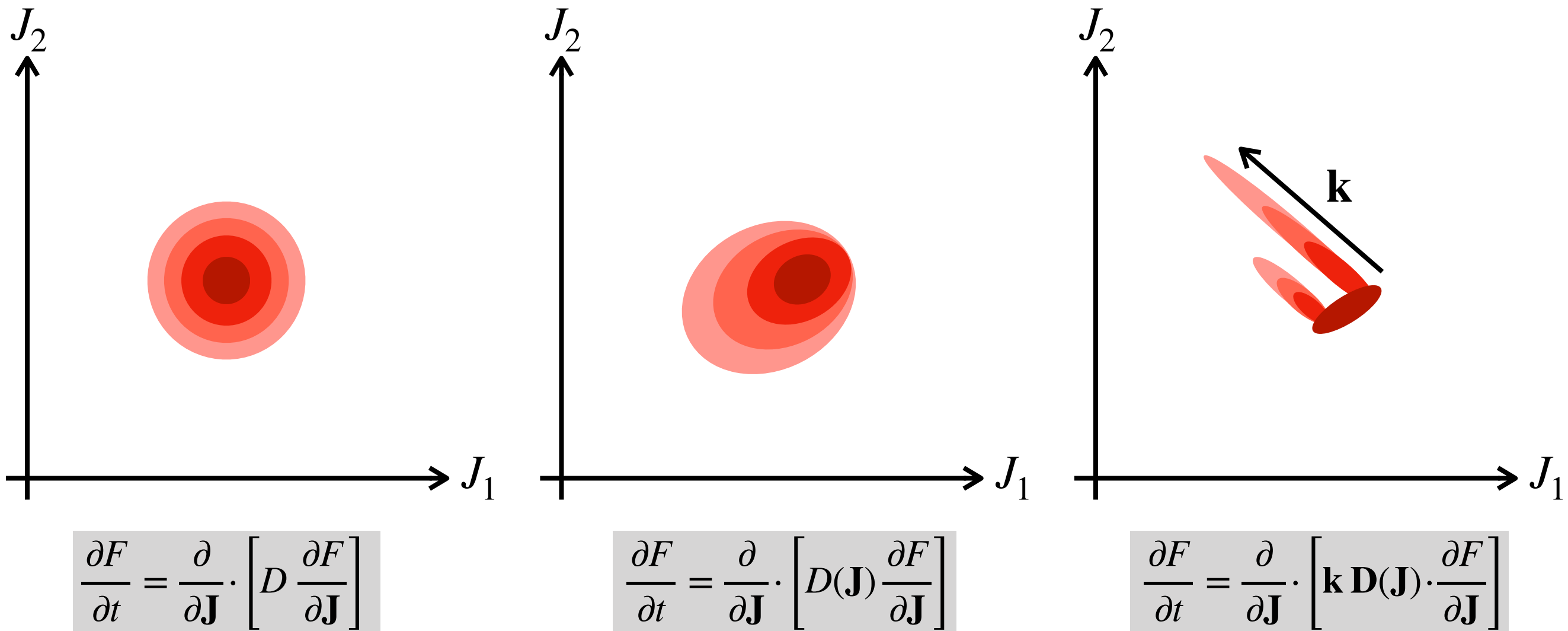
Non-local resonant couplings between **dressed** wakes

# Diffusion is anisotropic

Generic **diffusion equation**

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{J}) \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right]$$

Two sources of **anisotropies**



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# Fokker-Planck equation

- + **Test particle** of mass  $m_t$  —  $P(\mathbf{J}, t)$
- + **Bath particles** of mass  $m_b = M_{\text{tot}}/N$  —  $F_b(\mathbf{J}, t)$

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**Diffusion**  $m_b \mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}}$

Vanishes in the collisionless limit  $N \rightarrow +\infty$

Sourced **correlations** in the **potential fluctuations**

$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{diff}} \propto \langle \delta\Phi(t) \delta\Phi(t') \rangle$$

**Friction**  $m_t \mathbf{k}' \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}'}$

Induces **mass segregation**

Sourced by the **backreaction** of the test particle on the bath

$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{fric}} \propto \langle \delta P(t) \delta\Phi(t') \rangle$$

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**Functional** approach

$$i \int dt d\mathbf{w} \lambda \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \dots \right]$$

BBGKY and **degenerate** systems

$$\forall \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) = 0$$

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## Balescu-Lenard from BBGKY

N **identical particles** of mass  $m = \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{N}$  in phase space  $\mathbf{w}_i = (\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$

Total specific **Hamiltonian**

$$H_N = \sum_{i=1}^N U_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{i < j}^N m U(\mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{w}_j)$$

3D self-gravitating systems

$$U_{\text{ext}} = \frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{2}$$

$$U = -\frac{G}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}$$

System characterised by the **N-body PDF**  $P_N(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_N, t)$

**Continuity equation** in phase space

$$\frac{\partial P_N}{\partial t} + \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} \cdot \left( P_N \dot{\mathbf{w}}_i \right) = 0$$

**Exact Liouville equation**

$$\frac{\partial P_N}{\partial t} + [P_N, H_N]_N = 0$$

# BBGKY hierarchy

Reduced DFs

$$F_n(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n, t) = m^n \frac{N!}{(N-n)!} \int d\mathbf{w}_{n+1} \dots d\mathbf{w}_N P_N(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_N, t)$$

BBGKY hierarchy

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial t} + [F_n, H_n]_n + \int d\mathbf{w}_{n+1} [F_{n+1}, \delta H_{n+1}]_n = 0$$

With

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n U_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{w}_i) + \sum_{i<j}^N m U(\mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{w}_j)$$

n-body system

$$\delta H_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n U(\mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{w}_{n+1})$$

Interactions with (n+1)

## BBGKY at 1/N

Cluster representation of the DFs

$$\begin{cases} F_2(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') = F_1(\mathbf{w}) F_1(\mathbf{w}') & + G_2(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') \\ F_3(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}', \mathbf{w}'') = \dots & + G_3(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}', \mathbf{w}'') \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} G_2 \sim 1/N \\ G_3 \sim 1/N^2 \end{cases}$$

Truncation at **order 1/N**: 2 dynamical quantities

$$F(\mathbf{w}, t)$$

1-body DF

$$G(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}', t)$$

2-body correlation

BBGKY - 1

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [F, H_0]_{\mathbf{w}} + \int d\mathbf{w}' [G, U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')]_{\mathbf{w}} = 0$$

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$[F(\mathbf{w}) F(\mathbf{w}'), U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')]_{\mathbf{w}}$  1-body DF sourcing

# How to solve BBGKY

## Adiabatic approximation

i.e. evolution along **quasi-stationary states**

$$F = F(\mathbf{J}, t) \ ; \ H_0 = H_0(\mathbf{J}, t) \implies [F_0(\mathbf{J}), H_0(\mathbf{J})]_{\mathbf{w}} = 0$$

Mean-field equilibrium

## Timescale separation

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + [G, H_0]_{\mathbf{w}} + (\dots) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = - \int d\mathbf{w}' [G, U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')]_{\mathbf{w}}$$

Collision operator



$$\begin{cases} T_G \simeq T_{\text{dyn}} \\ T_F \simeq N \times T_G \end{cases}$$

## Bogoliubov's Ansatz

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = \text{BBGKY}_2[F = \text{cst}, G]$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \text{BBGKY}_1[F, G(t \rightarrow +\infty)]$$

# The dynamics of correlations

Time evolution of the **correlations**

$$\frac{\partial G(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')}{\partial t} + V_{\mathbf{w}}(G) + V_{\mathbf{w}'}(G) = S(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')$$

Vlasov operator

Source term

## Linearised Vlasov operator

$$V_{\mathbf{w}}(f(\mathbf{w})) = [f(\mathbf{w}), H_0(\mathbf{w})]_{\mathbf{w}} + \int d\mathbf{w}' [f(\mathbf{w}') F_0(\mathbf{w}), U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') ]_{\mathbf{w}}$$

Mean field

Collective effects

Solved using **Green's functions**

$$G(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}', t) = \int d\tilde{\mathbf{w}} d\tilde{\mathbf{w}}' \text{Green}[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}' | \tilde{\mathbf{w}}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}', t] S(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}', 0)$$

Green's function

Time-independent

**Miracle:** Vlasov operator acts **independently** on  $(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')$

$$\text{Green}[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}' | \tilde{\mathbf{w}}, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}', t] = \text{Green}[\mathbf{w} | \tilde{\mathbf{w}}, t] \text{Green}[\mathbf{w}' | \tilde{\mathbf{w}}', t]$$

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# Balescu-Lenard via Klimontovich

Describing one **realisation** in **phase space**  $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$

Discrete DF

$$F_d(\mathbf{w}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N m \delta_D(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_i(t))$$

3D gravitational systems

$$U_{\text{ext}} = \frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{2}$$

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Discrete Hamiltonian

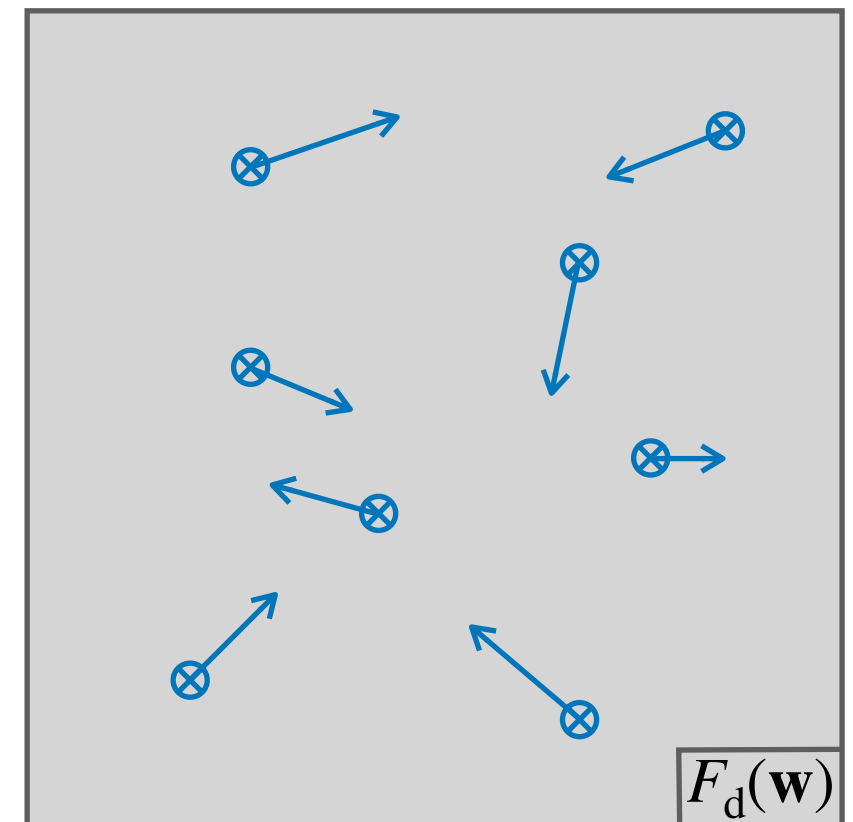
$$H_d(\mathbf{w}, t) = U_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{w}) + \int d\mathbf{w}' F_d(\mathbf{w}', t) U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')$$

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Exact **Klimontovich** equation

$$\frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} + [F_d, H_d] = 0$$



Phase space



# Solving Klimontovich

**Perturbative expansion**

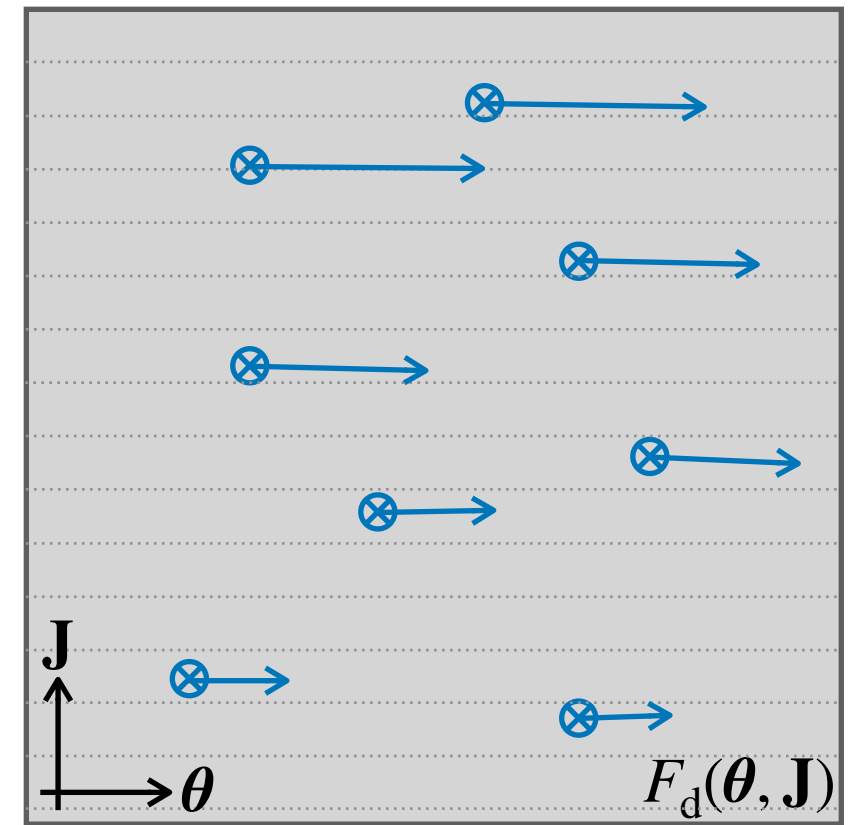
$$\begin{cases} F_d = F_0 + \delta F & \text{with } \langle \delta F \rangle = 0, \\ H_d = H_0 + \delta H & \text{with } \langle \delta H \rangle = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Adiabatic approximation**

$$\begin{cases} F_0 = F_0(\mathbf{J}, t), \\ H_0 = H_0(\mathbf{J}, t). \end{cases}$$

**Quasi-linear evolution equations**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} &= - \langle [\delta F, \delta H] \rangle \\ \frac{\partial \delta F}{\partial t} + [\delta F, H_0] + [F_0, \delta H] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Angle-Action space

**Timescale separation**

$$\begin{cases} T_{\delta F} \simeq T_{\text{dyn}} \\ T_{F_0} \simeq (\sqrt{N})^2 \times T_{\delta F} \end{cases}$$

# Dynamics of fluctuations

Fast evolution of **perturbations** (Linearised Klimontovich Eq.)

$$\frac{\partial \delta F}{\partial t} + [\delta F, H_0] + [F_0, \delta H] = 0$$

$[\delta F, H_0]$  Mean-field advection

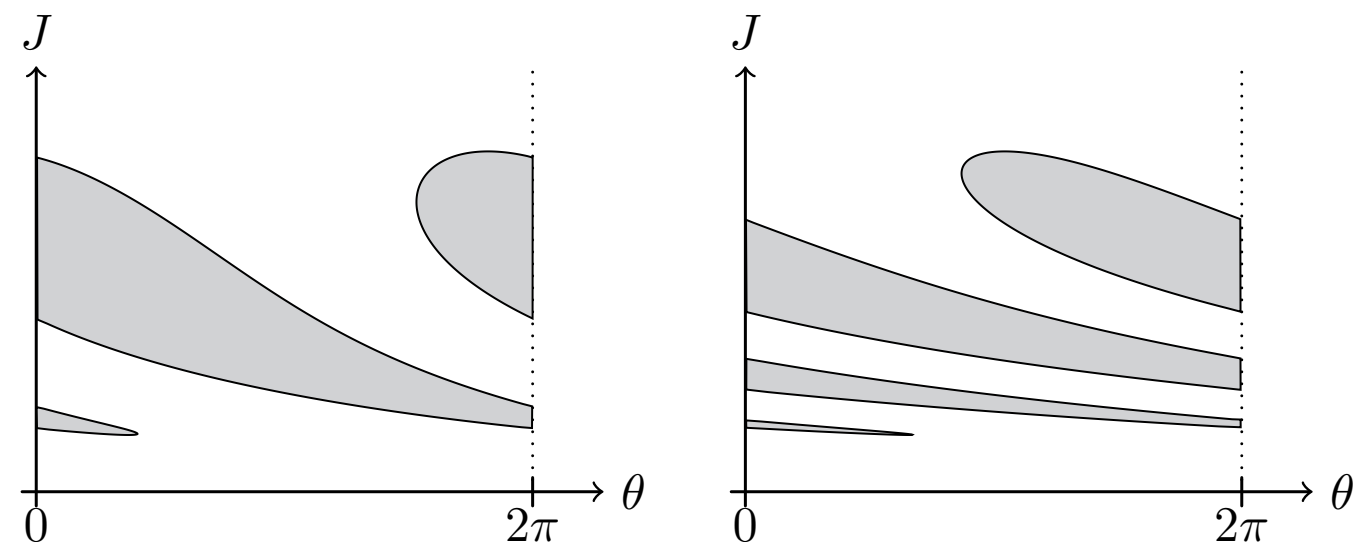
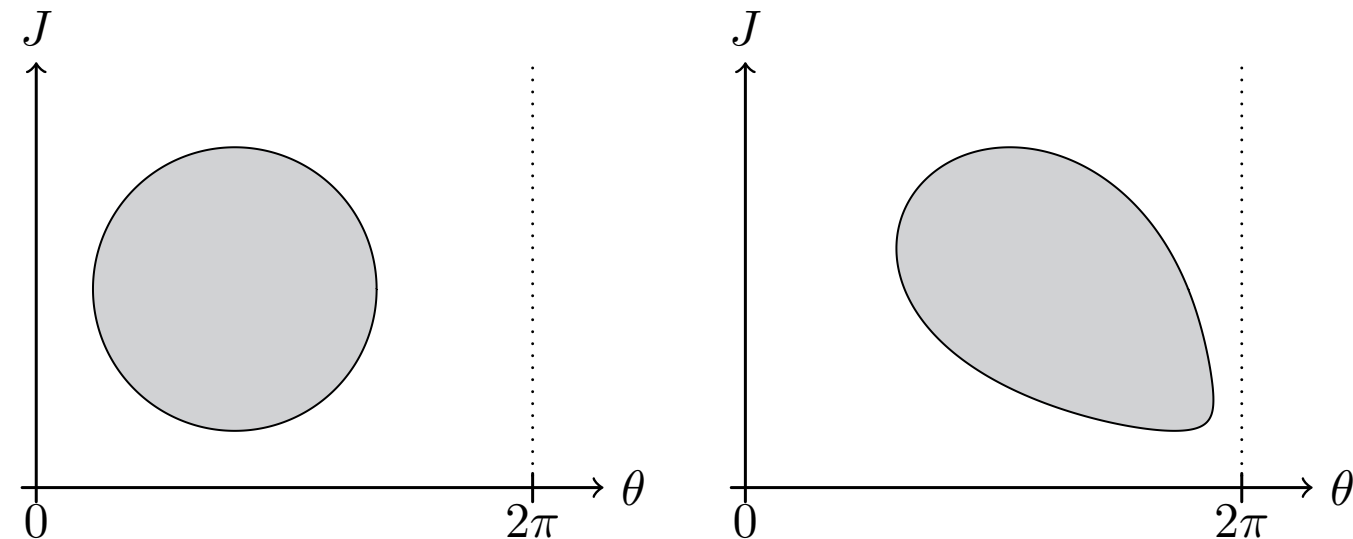
$[F_0, \delta H]$  Collective effects

**Self-consistent** amplification

$$\delta H = \delta H [\delta F]$$

**Timescale separation**

$$\begin{cases} F_0(\mathbf{J}) = \text{cst} \\ H_0(\mathbf{J}) = \text{cst} \end{cases}$$



**Phase Mixing**

## Solving for the fluctuations

Linear amplification

$$\delta\hat{F}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega) = - \underbrace{\frac{\delta F_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{J}, 0)}{i(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}))}}_{\text{Bare noise}} - \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})}}_{\text{Self-consistent amplification}} \delta\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega)$$

with the **self-consistency**

$$\delta H(\mathbf{w}, t) = \int d\mathbf{w}' \delta F(\mathbf{w}', t) U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}')$$

Generic form of a **Fredholm equation**

$$[\delta H(\mathbf{J})]_{\text{dressed}} = [\delta H(\mathbf{J})]_{\text{bare}} + \int d\mathbf{J}' M(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}') [\delta H(\mathbf{J}')]_{\text{dressed}}$$

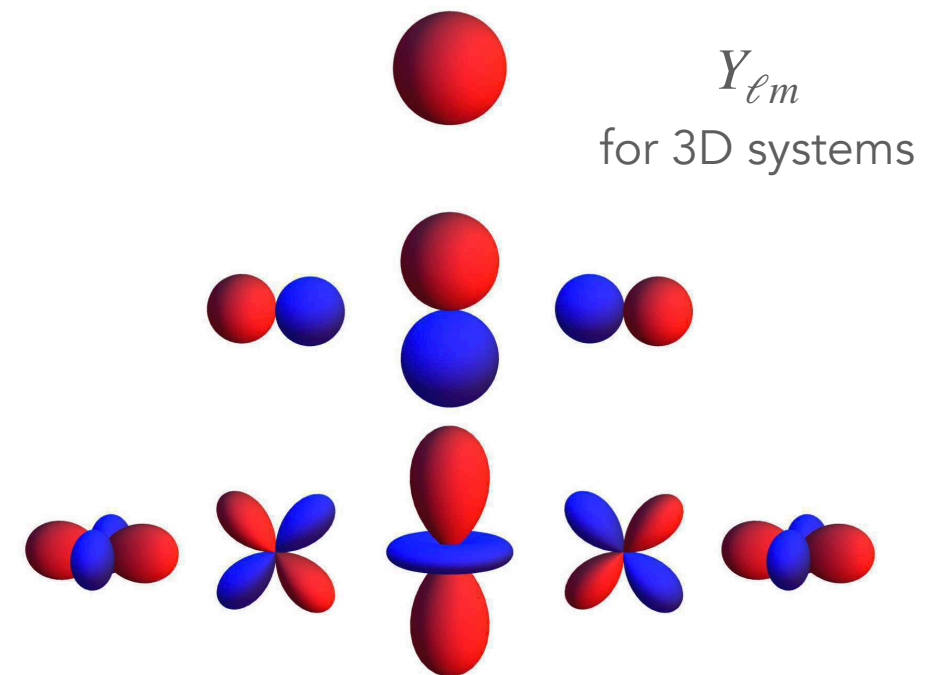
Amplification kernel

**Dressing** of perturbations

$$[\delta H(\omega)]_{\text{dressed}} \simeq \frac{[\delta H(\omega)]_{\text{bare}}}{1 - M(\omega)} = \frac{[\delta H(\omega)]_{\text{bare}}}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|}$$

Basis method  $(\psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}), \rho^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}))$

$$\begin{cases} \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}) = \int d\mathbf{w}' U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') \rho^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}'), \\ \int d\mathbf{w} \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}) \rho^{(q)*}(\mathbf{w}) = -\delta_{pq}. \end{cases}$$



“Separable” pairwise interaction

$$U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') = - \sum_p \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}) \psi^{(p)*}(\mathbf{w}')$$

Plasmas

$$U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \approx \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{|\mathbf{k}|^2} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}$$

Galaxies

$$\Delta\Phi = 4\pi G\rho$$

Poisson equation

# Linear response theory

$$[\delta H(\omega)]_{\text{dressed}} = \frac{[\delta H(\omega)]_{\text{bare}}}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|}$$

$$\varepsilon_{pq}(\omega) = 1 - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J})$$

Dielectric function

$$\varepsilon_{pq}(\omega)$$

Two limits

$$\varepsilon_{pq}(\omega) \simeq 0 \quad \text{Cold regime}$$

$$\varepsilon_{pq}(\omega) \simeq 1 \quad \text{Hot regime}$$

Some properties

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Sum over resonances

$$\int d\mathbf{J}$$

Scan over orbital space

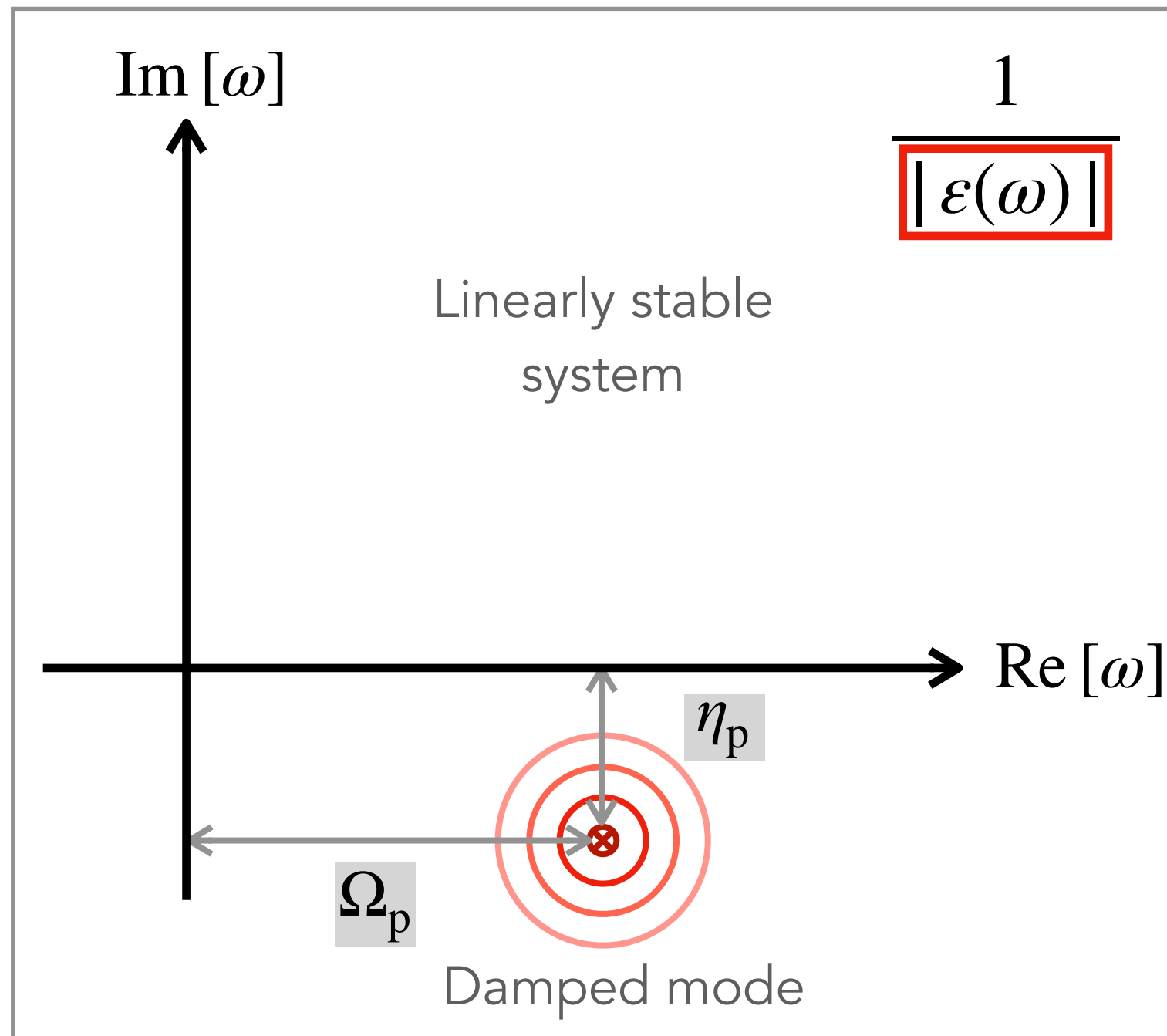
$$\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})$$

Resonant int.

$$\psi^{(p)} = \int d\mathbf{w}' U \rho^{(p)}$$

Long-range int.

# Dielectric function



## Susceptibility

$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\Omega_p)|} \gg 1$$

## Thermalisation

$$[\delta H(t)]_{\text{trans.}} \simeq e^{-\eta_p t}$$

## Dressed long-term diffusion

**Secular** evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} = - \langle [\delta F, \delta H] \rangle$$

**Dressing** comes twice

$$[\delta H]_{\text{dressed}} = \frac{[\delta H]_{\text{bare}}}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|}$$



$$\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} \simeq \frac{|\delta H|_{\text{bare}}^2}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|^2}$$

**Bare** Poisson shot noise

$$|\delta H|_{\text{bare}} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$



**Relaxation time**

$$T_{\text{relax}} \simeq |\varepsilon|^2 N T_{\text{dyn}}$$

Collective effects can **drastically accelerate** orbital heating,  
in particular on **large scales**

# Balescu-Lenard equation

The master equation for **self-induced orbital relaxation**

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{J}' \frac{\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))}{|\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}', \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}))|^2} \times \left( \mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}'} \right) F(\mathbf{J}, t) F(\mathbf{J}', t) \right]$$

Some properties

$F(\mathbf{J}, t)$  Orbital distortion in **action space**

$1/N$  Sourced by **finite-N effects**

$\partial/\partial \mathbf{J} \cdot$  Divergence of a **diffusion flux**

$(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')$  Discrete **resonances**

$\int d\mathbf{J}'$  Scan of **orbital space**

$\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))$  **Resonance cond.**

$1/|\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}', \omega)|^2$  **Dressed couplings**



Plasmas

Galaxies

Orbital coordinates

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$(\theta, \mathbf{J})$$

Basis decomposition

$$U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \propto \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{k^2} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')}$$

$$U(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}') = - \sum_p \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{w}) \psi^{(p)*}(\mathbf{w}')$$

Dielectric function

$$1 - \frac{1}{k^2} \int d\mathbf{v} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial F / \partial \mathbf{v}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$$

$$\delta_{pq} - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial F / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})} \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J})$$

Resonance condition

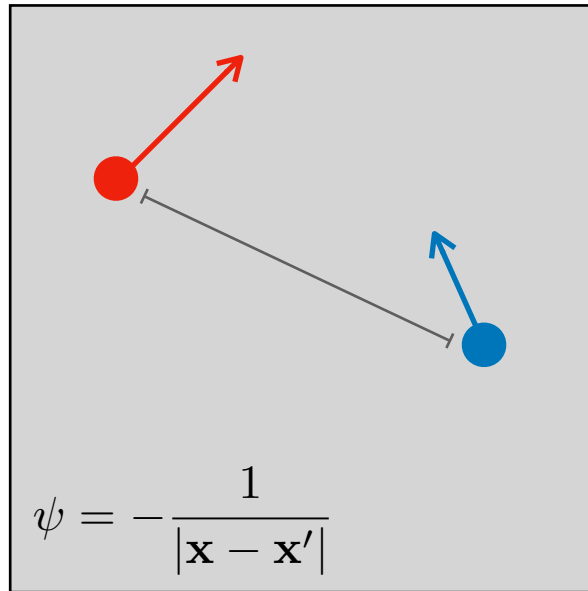
$$\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'))$$

$$\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))$$

**Does  
the Balescu-Lenard Eq.  
work?**

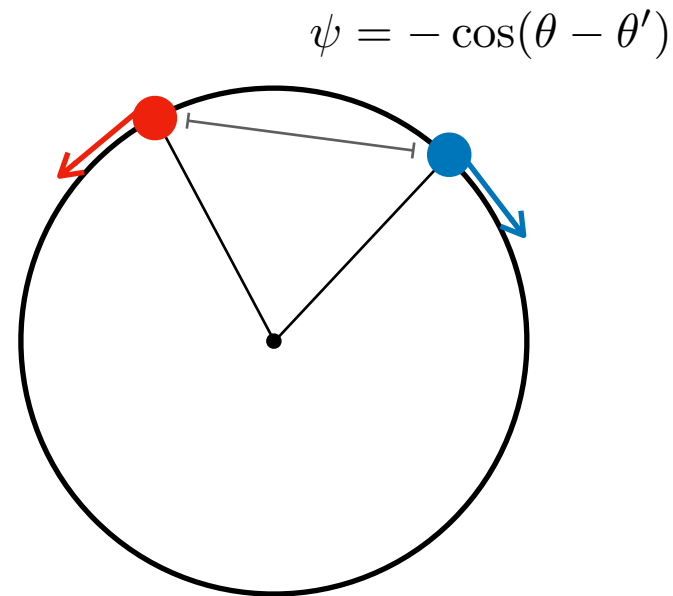
# Long-range interacting systems are ubiquitous

## Homogeneous systems



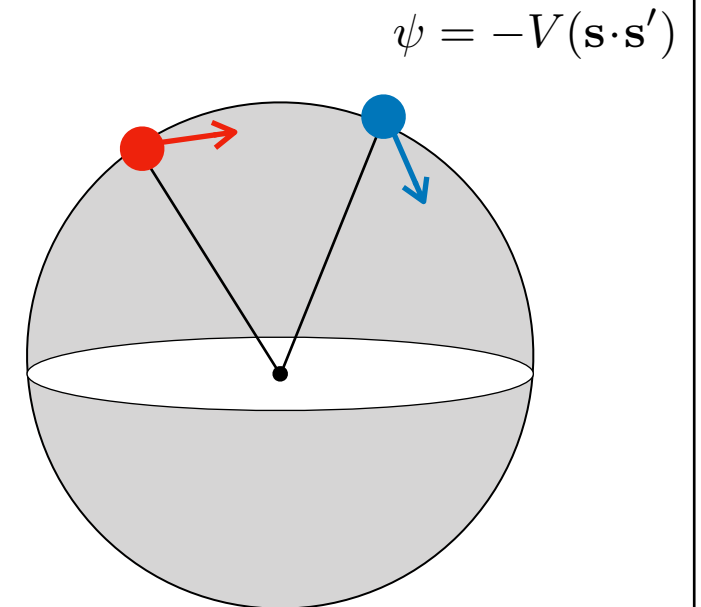
d=3, homogeneous

## Hamiltonian Mean Field Model



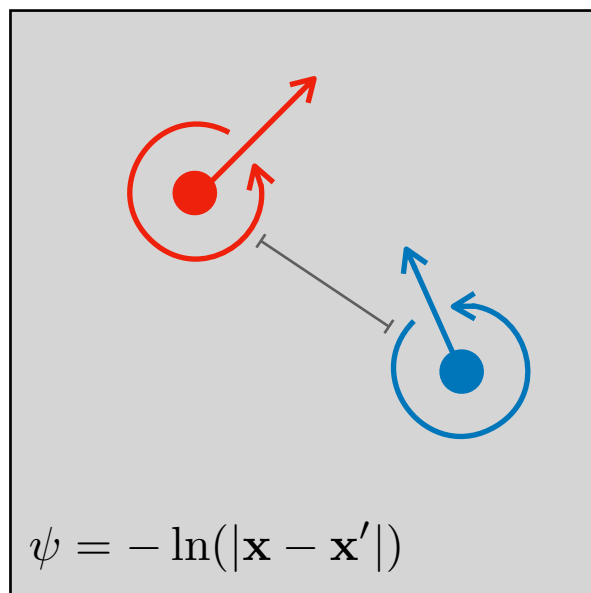
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## Vector Resonant Relaxation



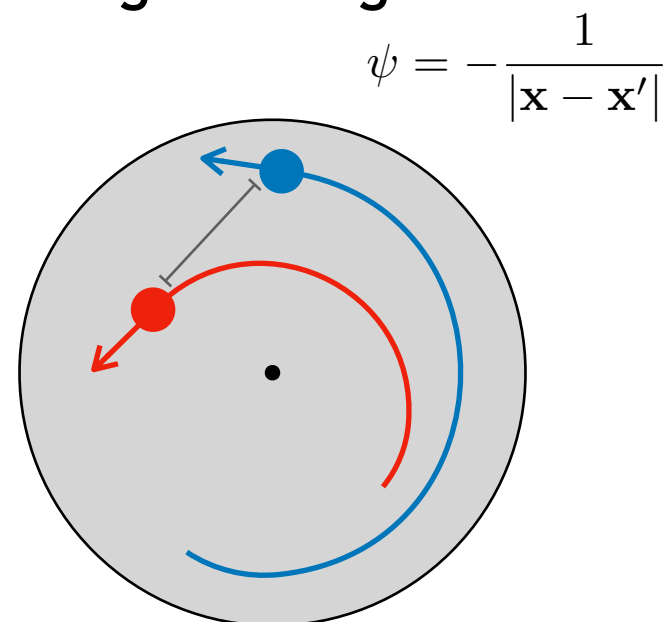
d=1, inhomogeneous, degenerate

## 2D hydrodynamics



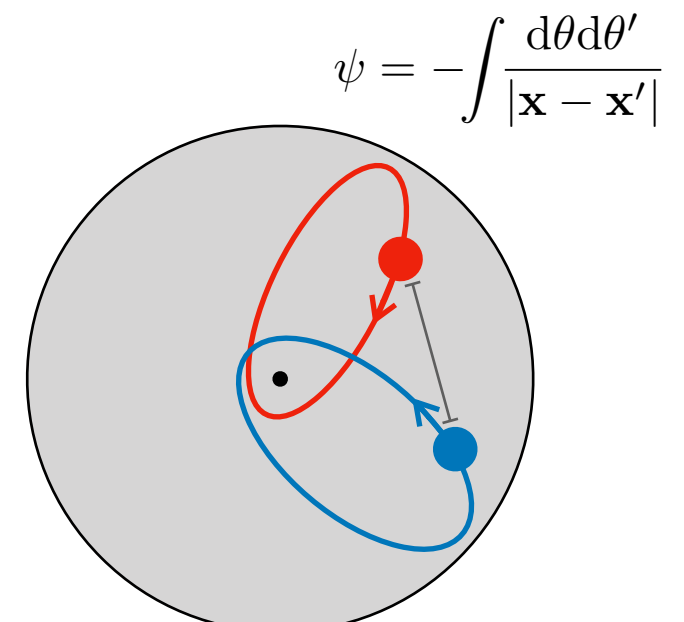
d=2, inhomogeneous

## Self-gravitating discs



d=2, inhomogeneous

## Scalar Resonant Relaxation



d=2, inhomogeneous, degenerate

# The diversity of long-range interacting systems

**Small dimension**

$$d = 1$$

Galactic  
Nuclei

**Homogeneous**

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$$

Plasmas

**Hot**

$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|} \simeq 1$$

Dark matter  
halo

**Non-degenerate**

No global resonance

Discs

**Large dimension**

$$d = 2$$

Globular  
clusters

**Inhomogeneous**

$$(\theta, \mathbf{J})$$

Galaxies

**Cold**

$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|} \gg 1$$

Galactic  
discs

**Degenerate**

$$\forall \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) = 0$$

Keplerian  
systems

# Balescu-Lenard: A numerical nightmare

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Balescu-Lenard equation

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Diffusion flux

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Response matrix

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}) = \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{\theta}}{(2\pi)^d} \psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{x}[\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J}]) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

Basis elements

With also:

- + Integral over  $d\theta$
- + (Double) integral over  $d\mathbf{J}$
- + (Triple) sum over  $\mathbf{k}$
- + (Double) sum over  $(p, q)$
- + Matrix inversion
- + Resonant denominator
- + Resonance condition

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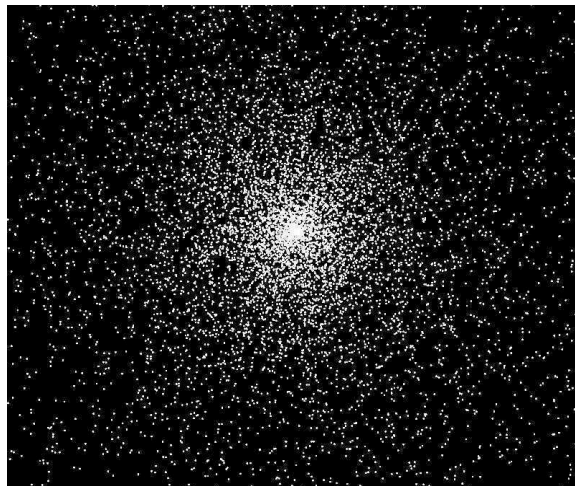
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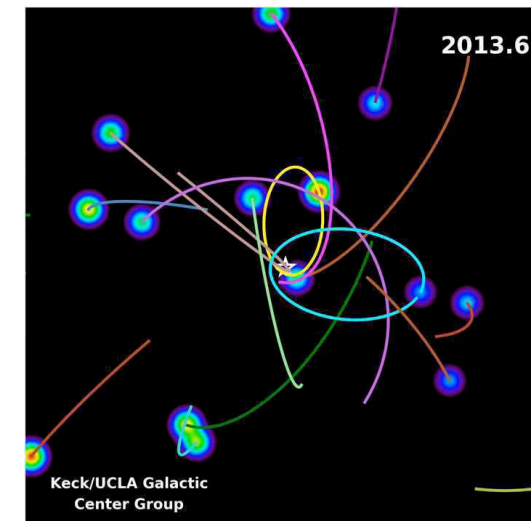
Galactic discs



Globular clusters



Galactic nuclei



# Does it work?

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$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|} \gg 1$$

Dynamically cold system

## Globular clusters

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Large number of resonances

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Orbit-averaged interactions



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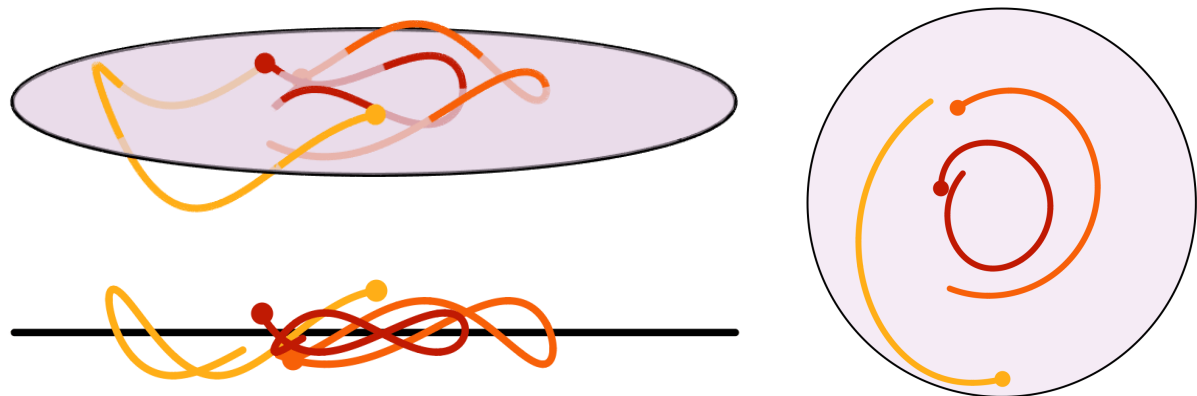
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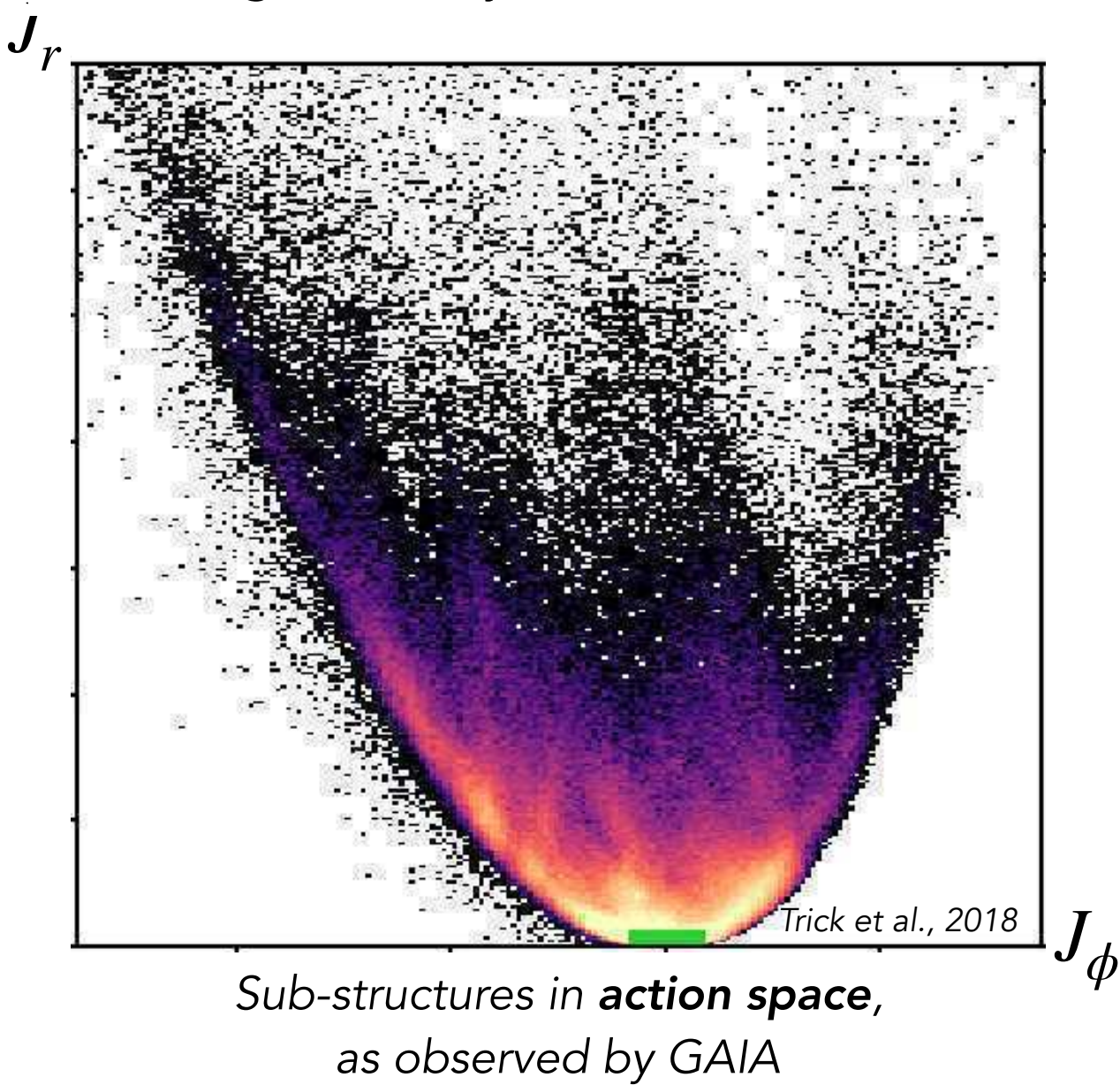
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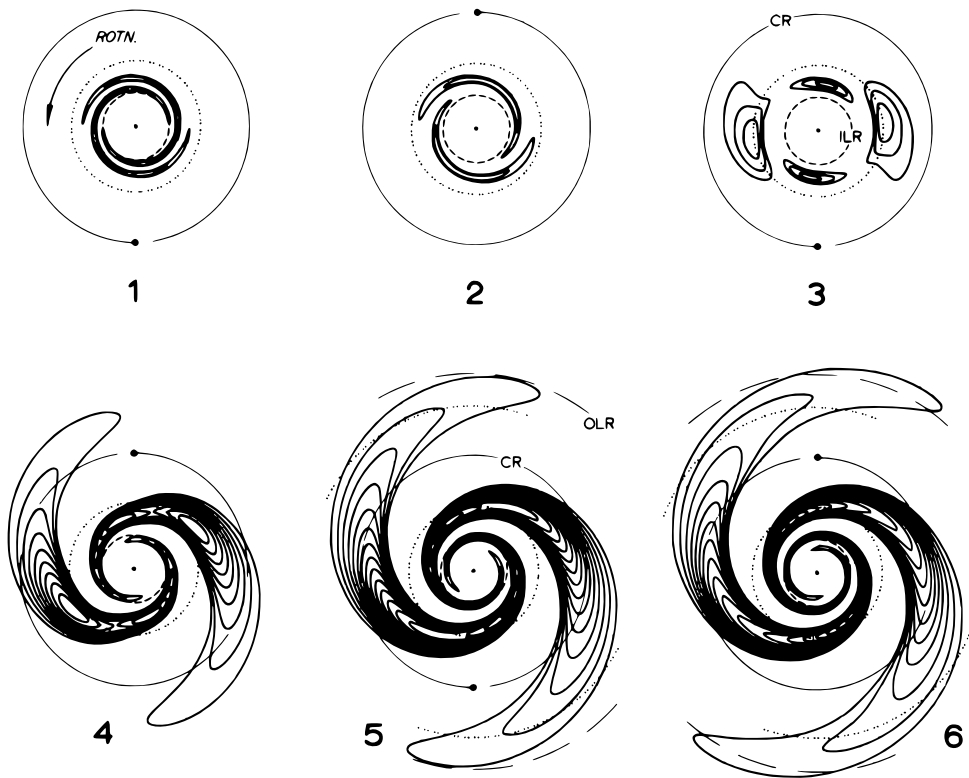


Inhomogeneous system and intricate orbits



- How do stars diffuse in **galactic discs**?
- + **Galactic archeology**
  - + Formation of **spiral arms/bars**
  - + Local **velocity anisotropies**
  - + Disc **thickening**
  - + Stellar **streams**

## Swing amplification in **cold** discs



$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|} \simeq 30$$

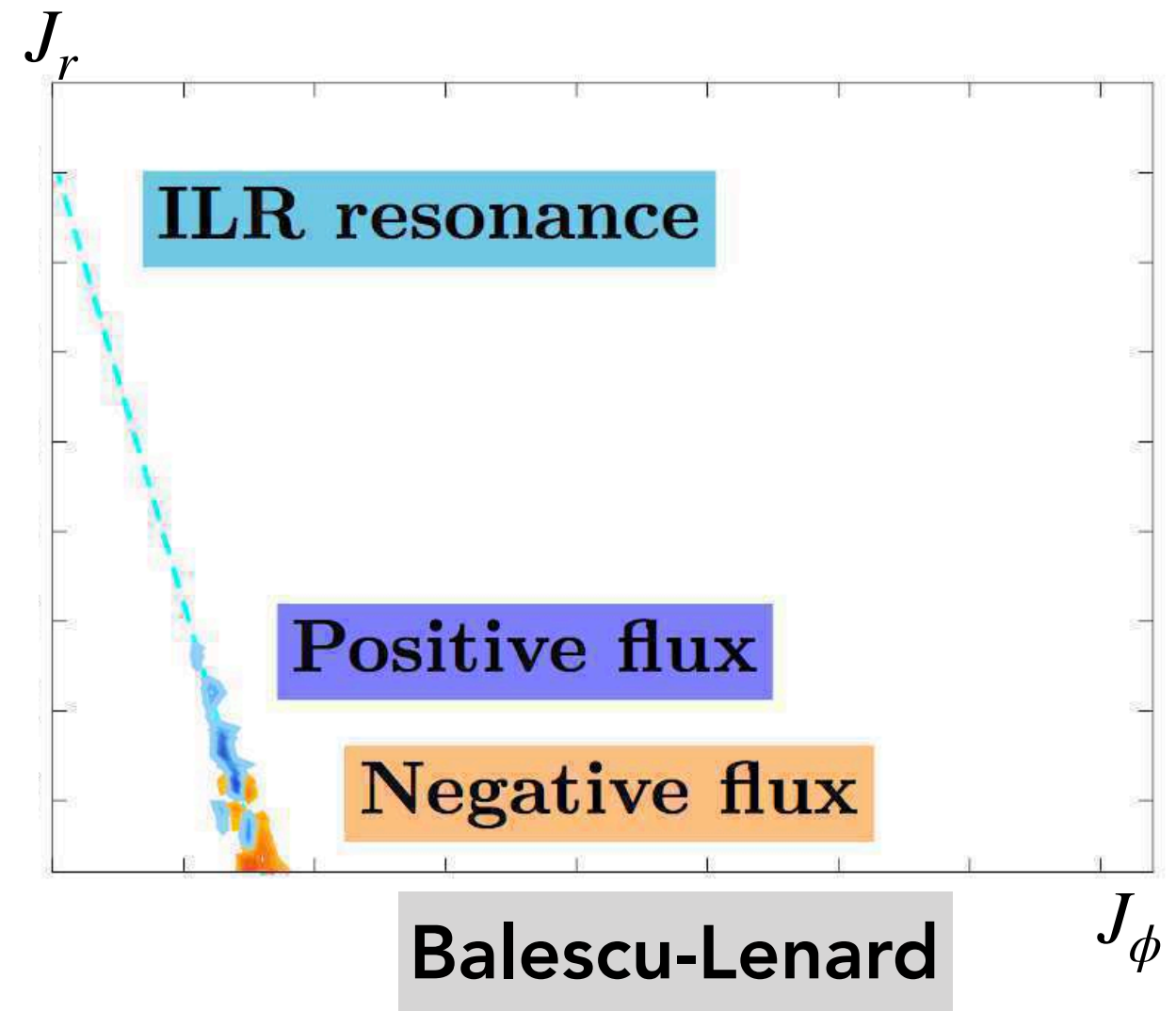
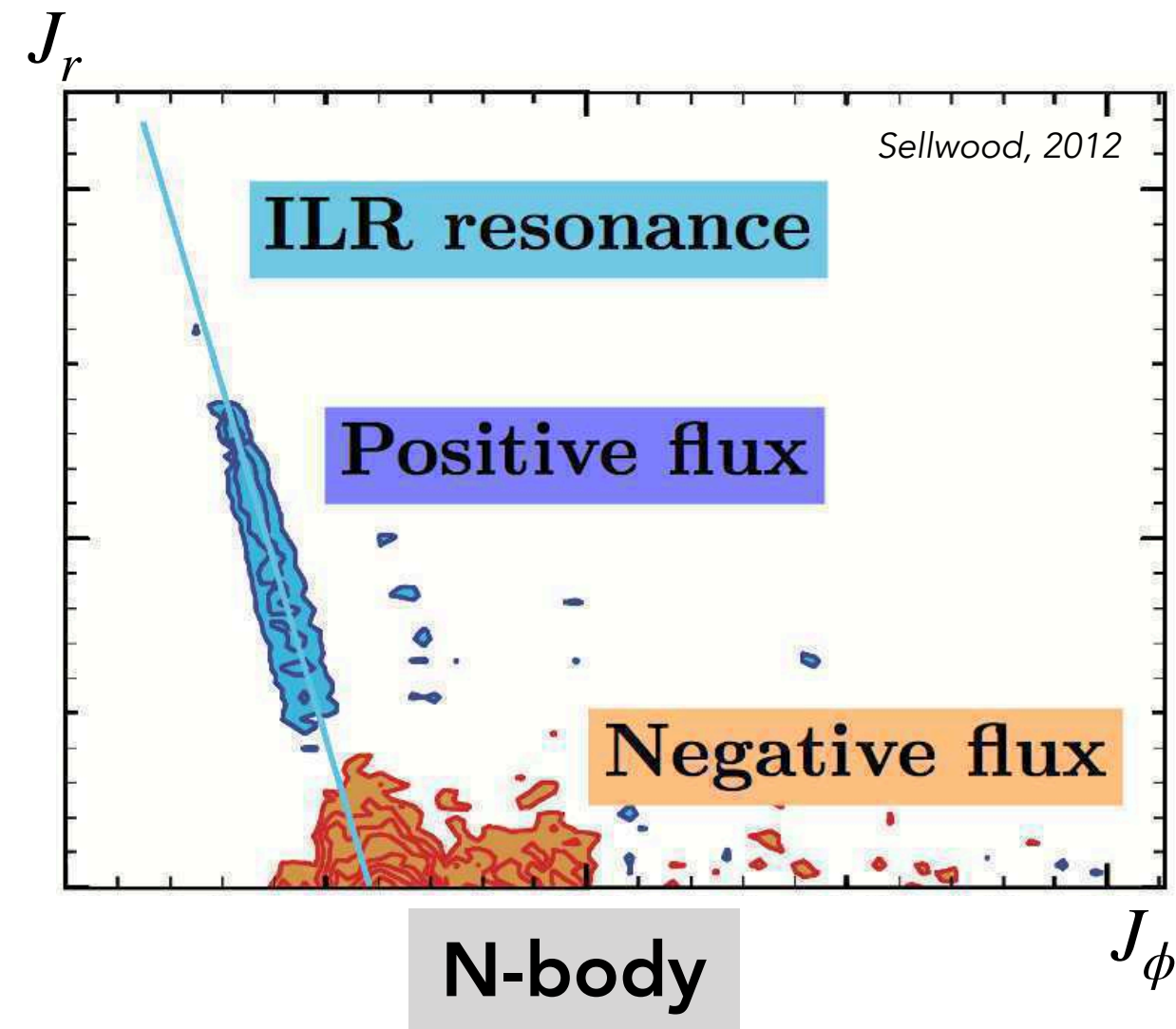
Toomre, 1981  
**Collective effects essential**

## Prediction for the diffusion

Diffusion flux in action space

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{J}, t)$$

Spontaneous formation of **anisotropic** sub-structures in action space



It works!

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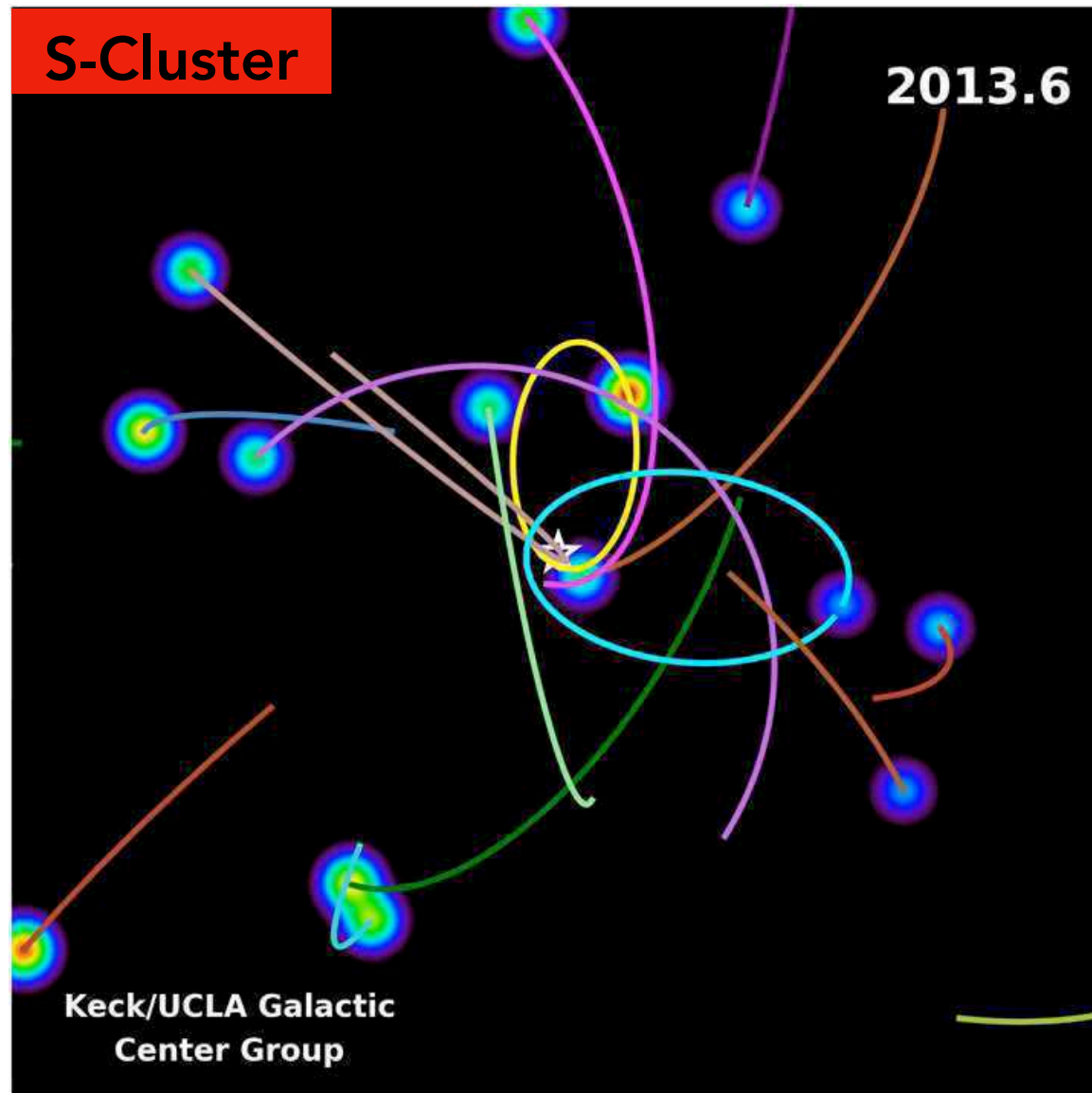
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## Galactic centers



S-Cluster of **SgrA\***

**Densest** stellar system of the galaxy  
Dynamics dominated by the **central black hole**

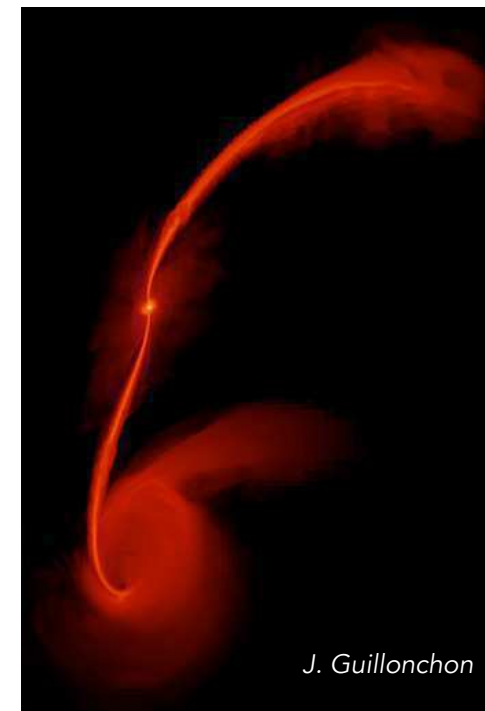
What is the diet of a **supermassive black hole**?

**Stellar diffusion** in galactic centers

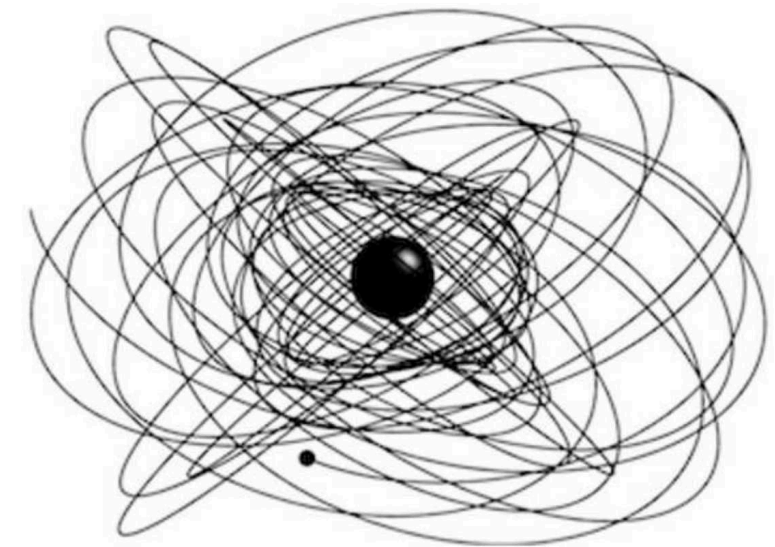
- + **Origin and structure** of *SgrA\**
- + Relaxation in **eccentricity, orientation**

Sources of **gravitational waves**

- + BHs-binary mergers
- + TDE, EMRIs



Tidal Disruption Event

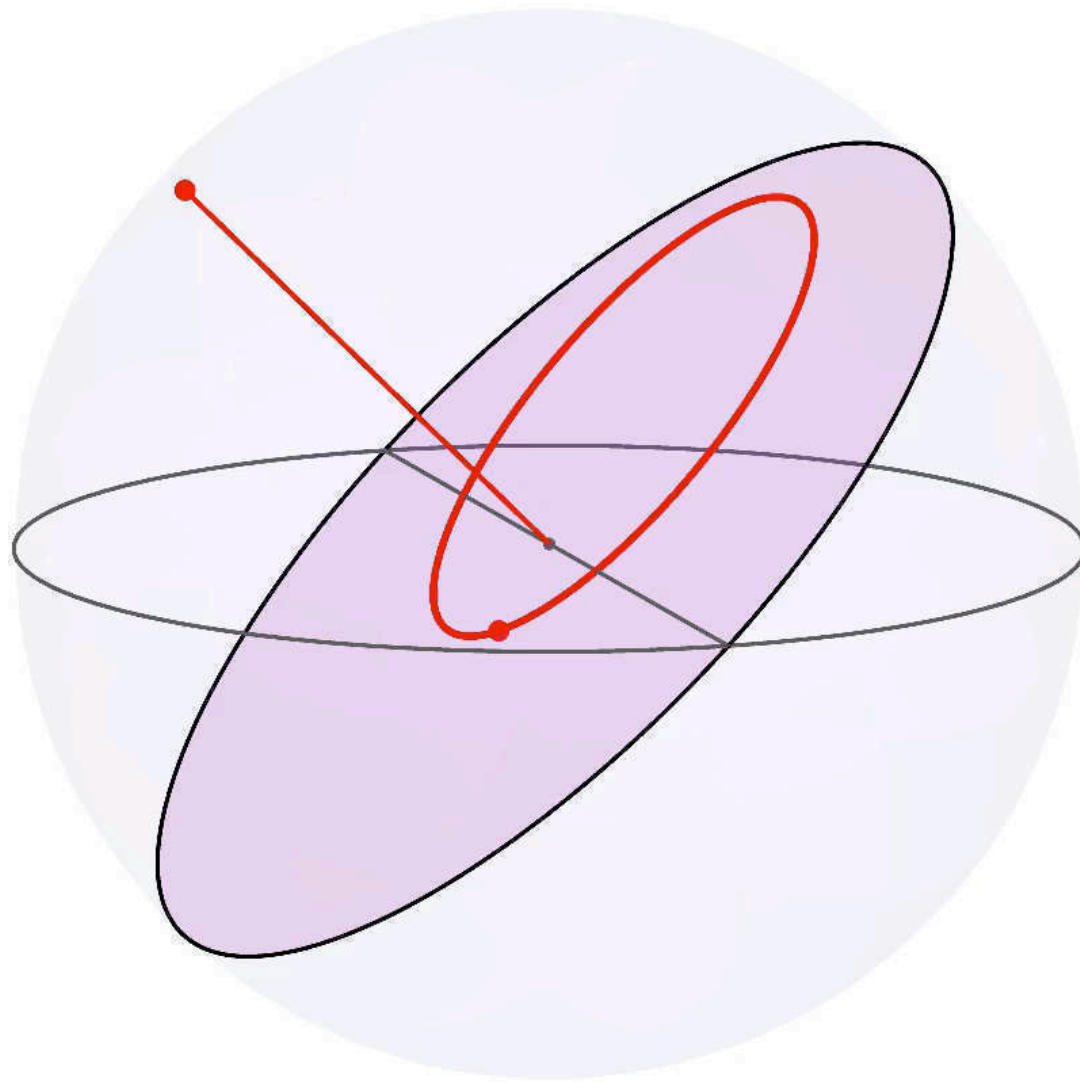


Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral

**What is the long-term dynamics of stars in these very dense systems?**

## Galactic centers

Domination by the **central BH**



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

Degenerate dynamics

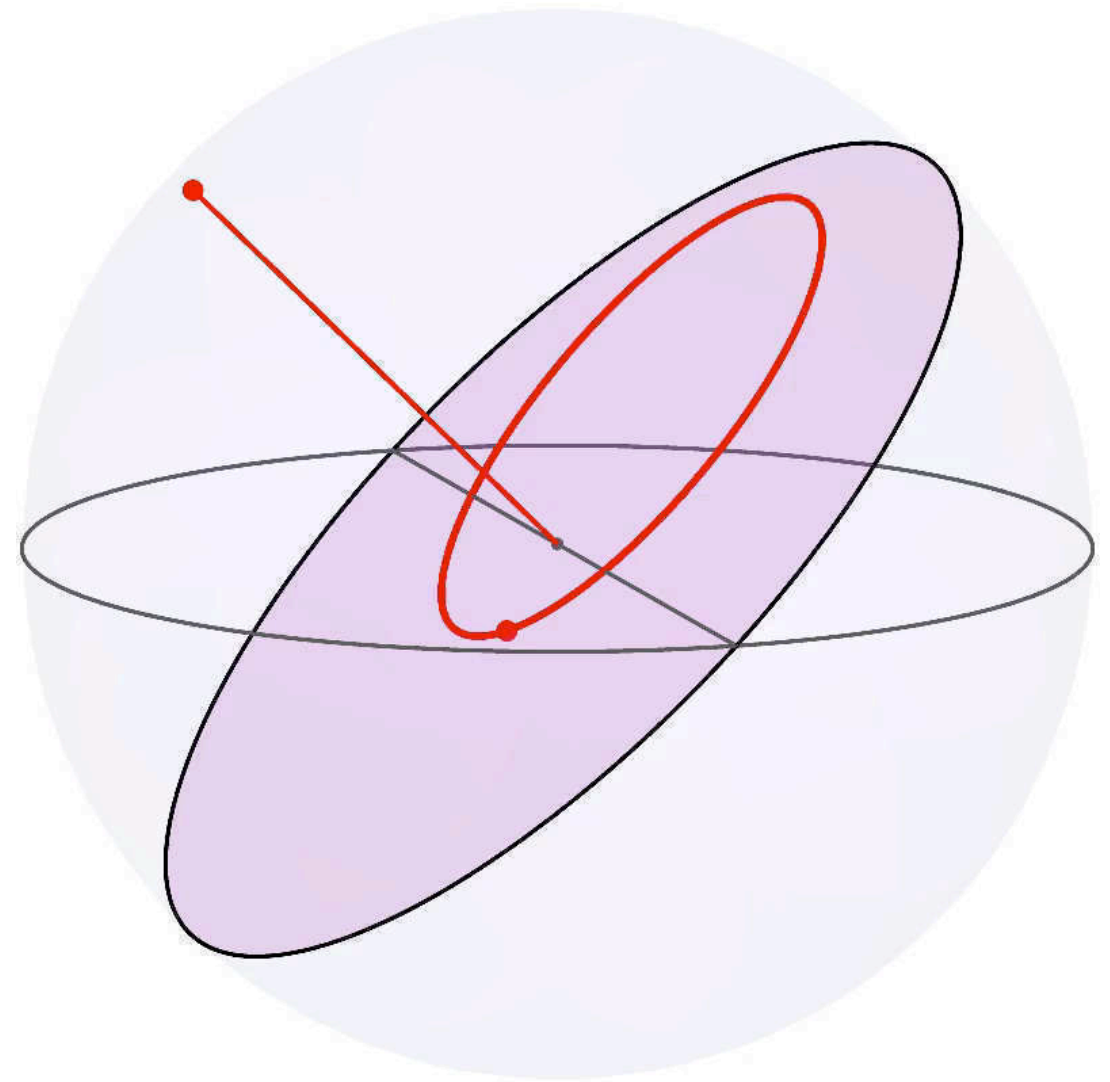
Orbit-average

Stars



Wires

Dynamics of the **wires**



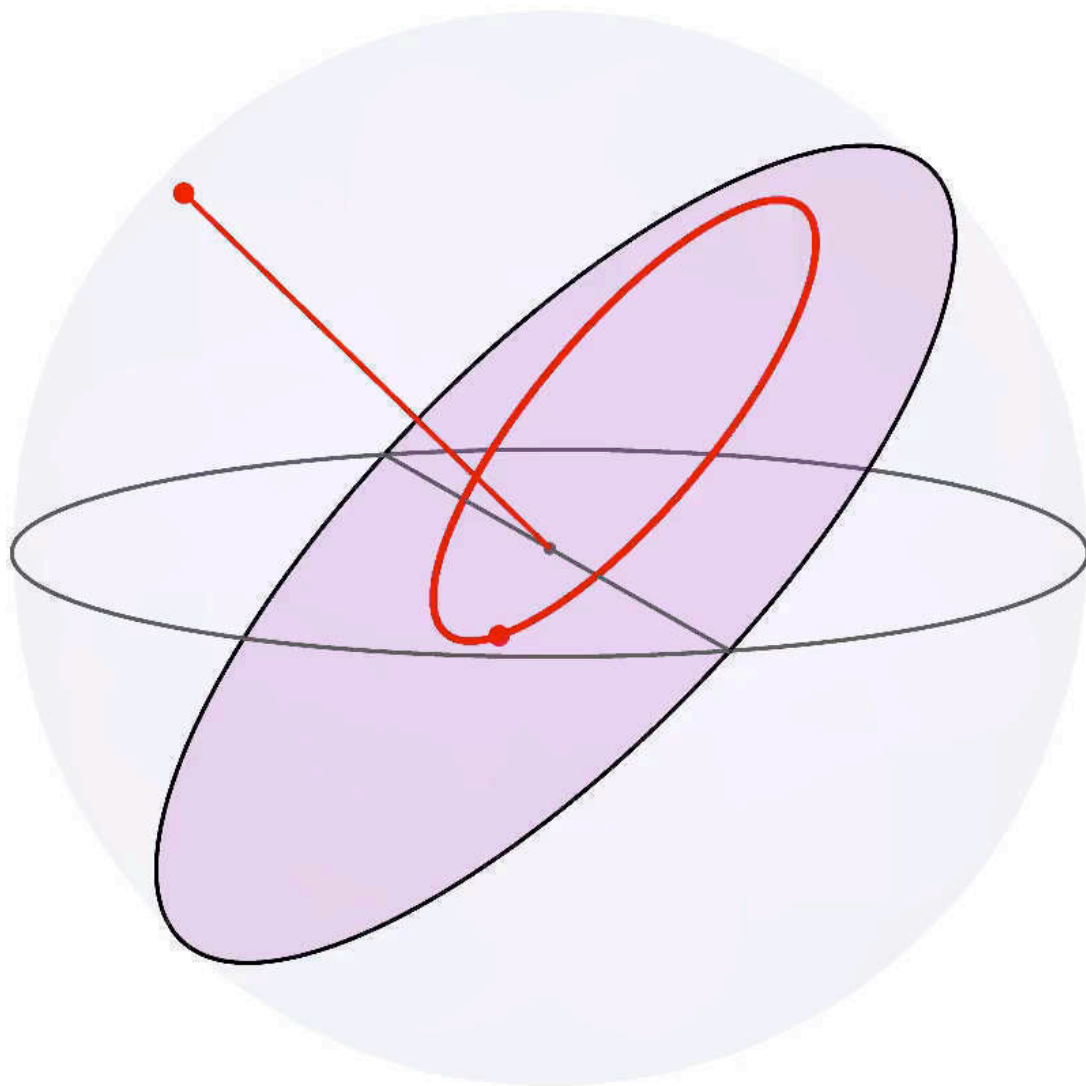
In-plane precessions

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\text{prec}} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\star} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\text{rel}}$$

Relaxation of wires' eccentricity  
via **Balescu-Lenard**

## Galactic centers

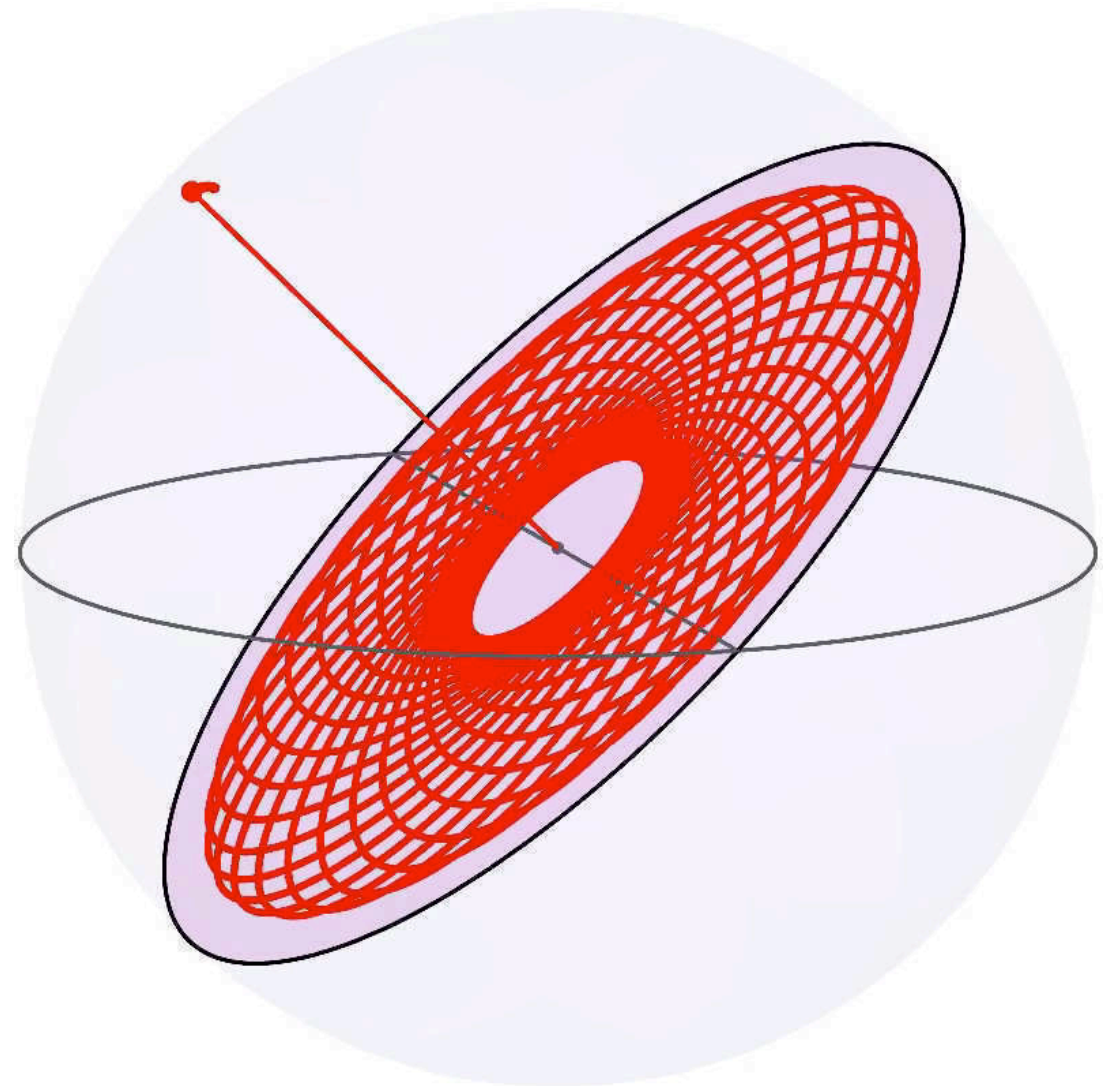
Jitters of the **wires**



Second orbit-average

**Wires** → **Annuli**

Dynamics of **annuli**



Out-of-plane precessions

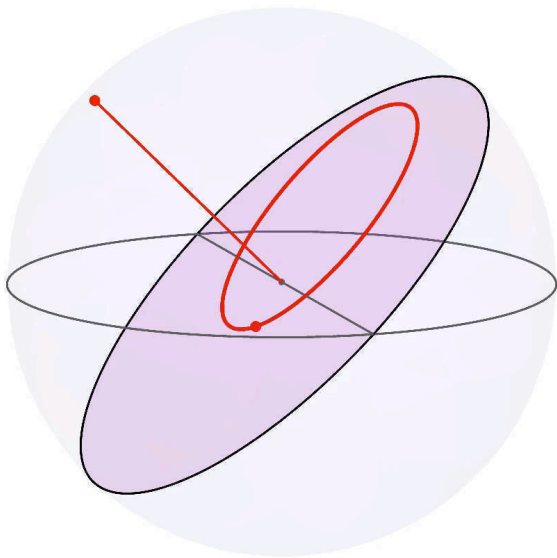
$$\Omega_{\text{out}} = \Omega_{\star} + \Omega_{\text{rel}}^{\text{spin}}$$

Relaxation of wires' orientation  
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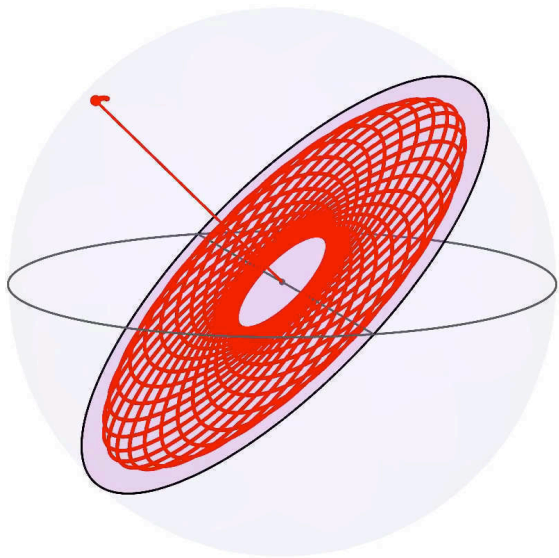


# Resonant Relaxation in Galactic nuclei

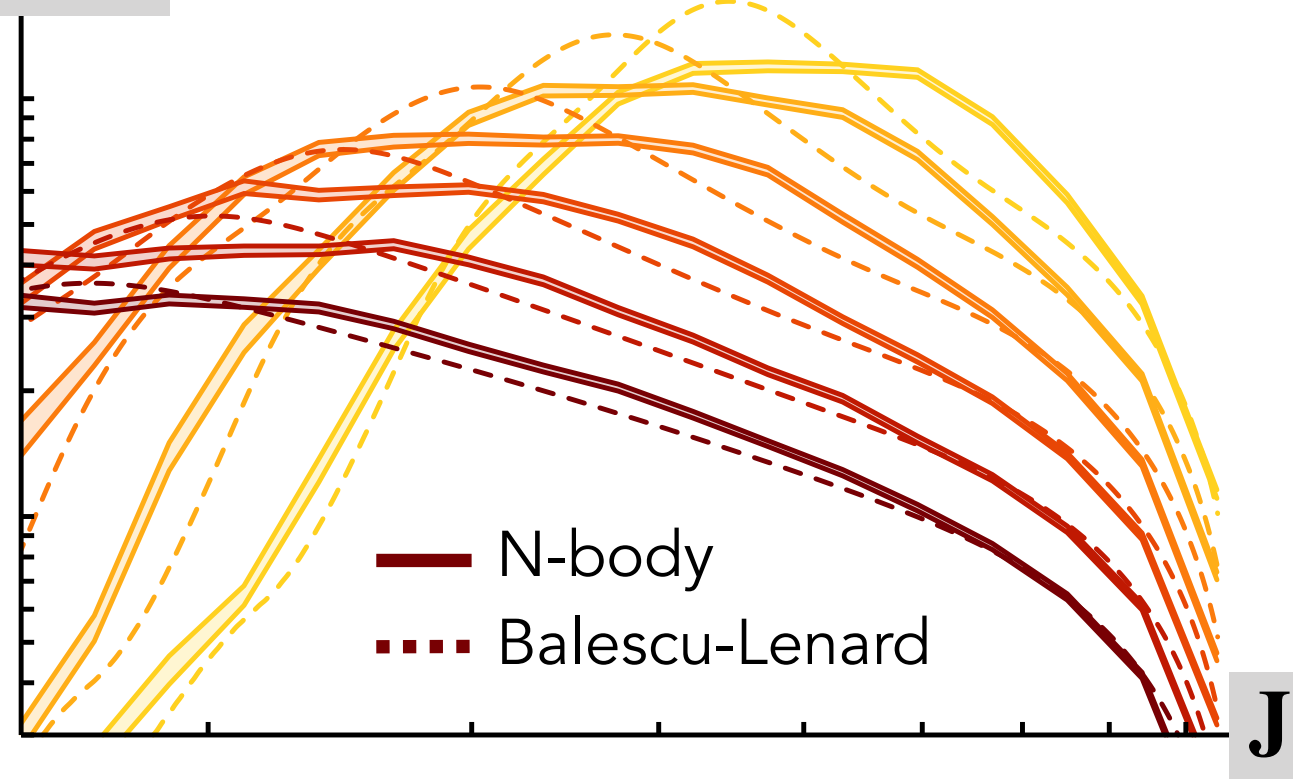
Relaxation  
of **eccentricities**



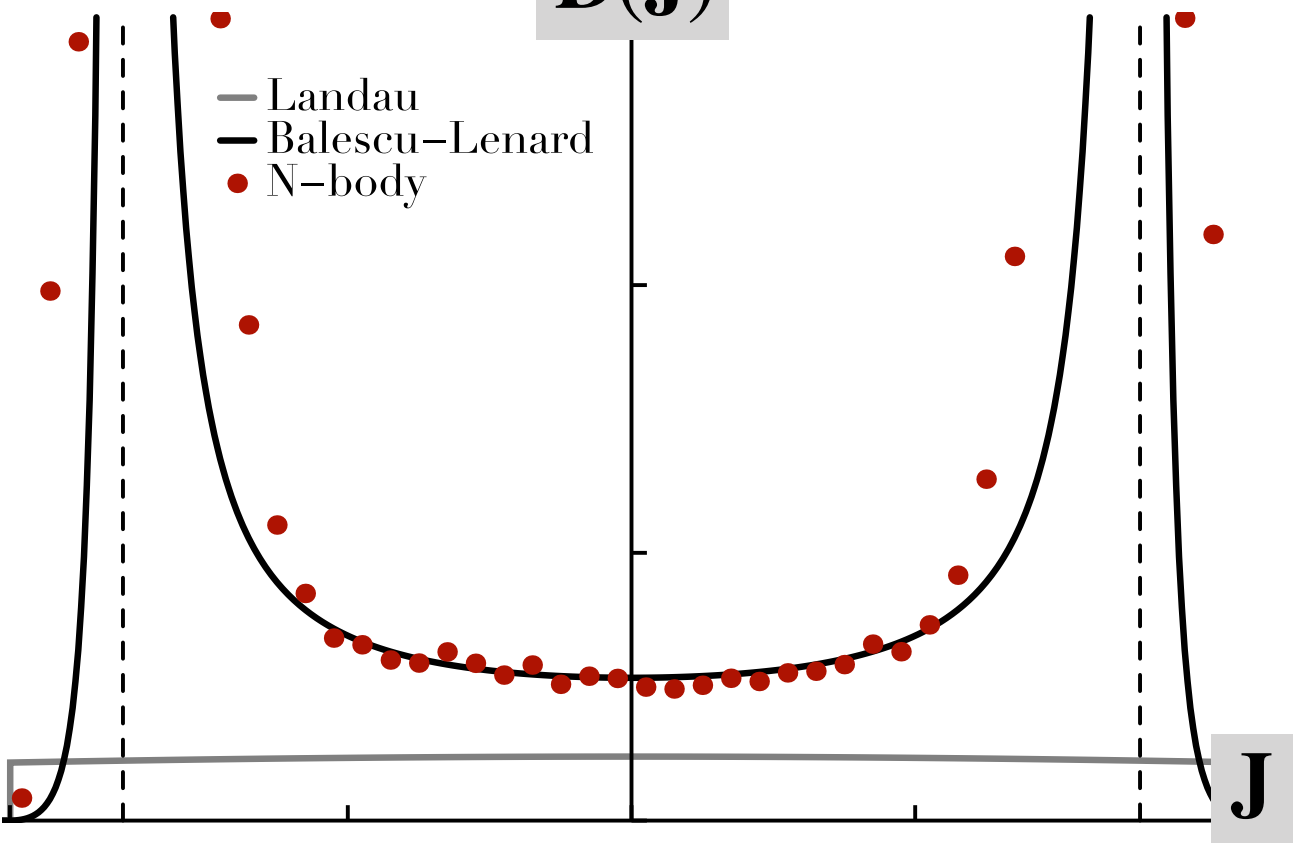
Relaxation  
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It works!



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Orbit-averaged interactions

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*M80, an example of globular clusters*  
*Dense, spherical stellar systems,*  
***without** a central BH*

What is the very long-term evolution of **globular clusters**?

- + Orbital **heating**
- + Core **collapse**
- + Velocity **anisotropies**
- + Relaxation of **orientations**
- + **Mass segregation**

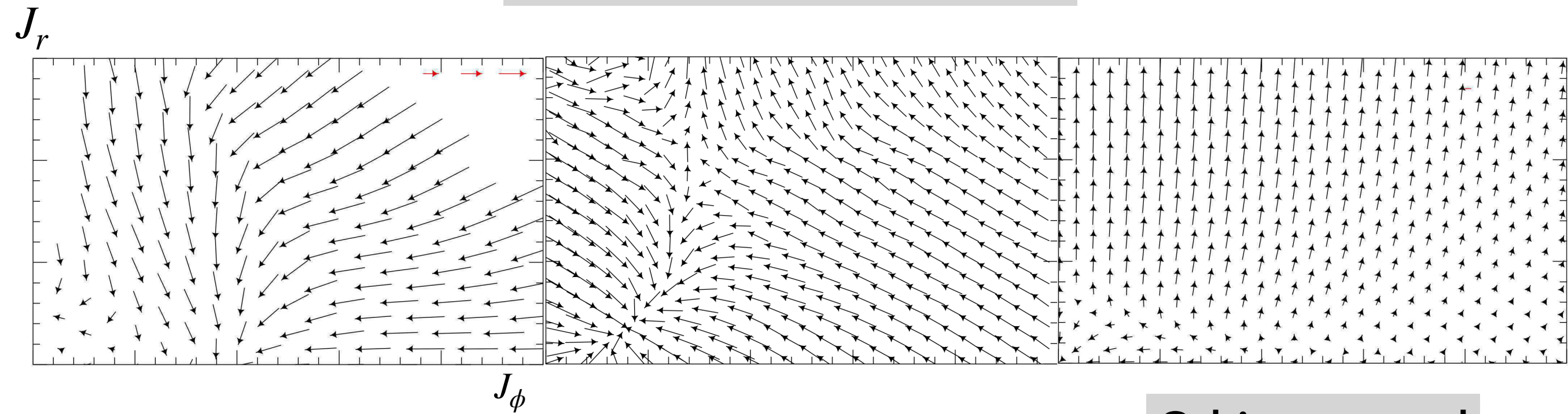
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_{\text{sys}} \simeq 1 \text{ pc} \\ N \simeq 10^5 \\ T_{\text{life}} \simeq 10^{10} \text{ yr} \\ T_{\text{dyn}} \simeq 10^5 \text{ yr} \\ T_{\text{relax}} \simeq 10^{10} \text{ yr} \end{array} \right.$$

**What is the long-term dynamics of globular clusters?**

# Balescu-Lenard prediction

Diffusion flux in action space

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**Balescu-Lenard**

Hamilton et al., 18

**Direct N-body**

Lau&Binney., 19

**Orbit-averaged  
Chandrasekhar**

Hamilton et al., 18

**Collective effects** are essential

Balescu-Lenard better than Chandrasekhar, but still very unsatisfactory

**What's next?**



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## Resonances

$$\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{J}) = \text{cst}$$

## Kinetic blockings

$$d = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{N^2}$$

## Deviations

$$\frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{\partial \langle F_d \rangle}{\partial t}$$

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# (Non)-resonant relaxation

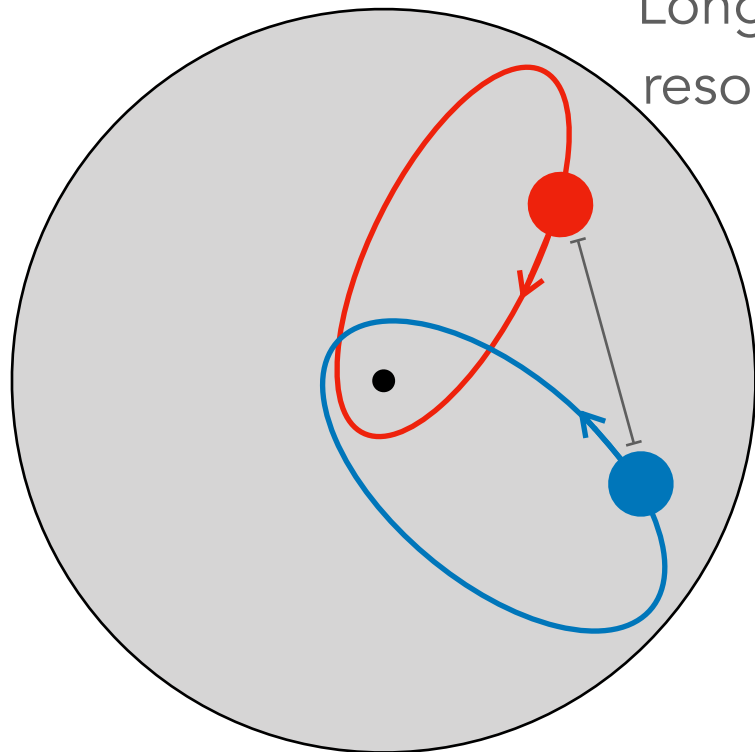
What about **high-order resonances**?

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' \in \mathbb{Z}^3} \left( \dots \right) \right]$$

## Resonant Relaxation

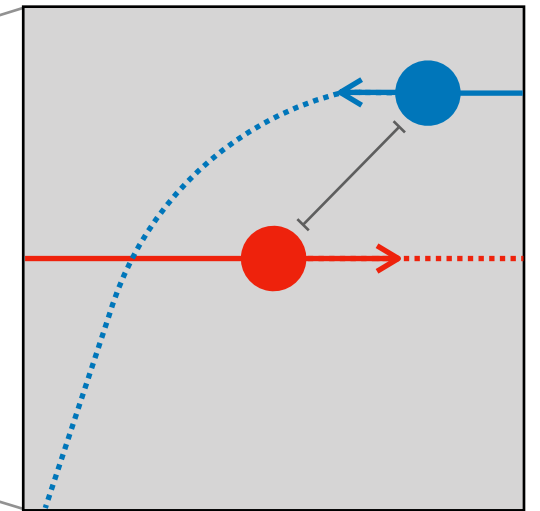
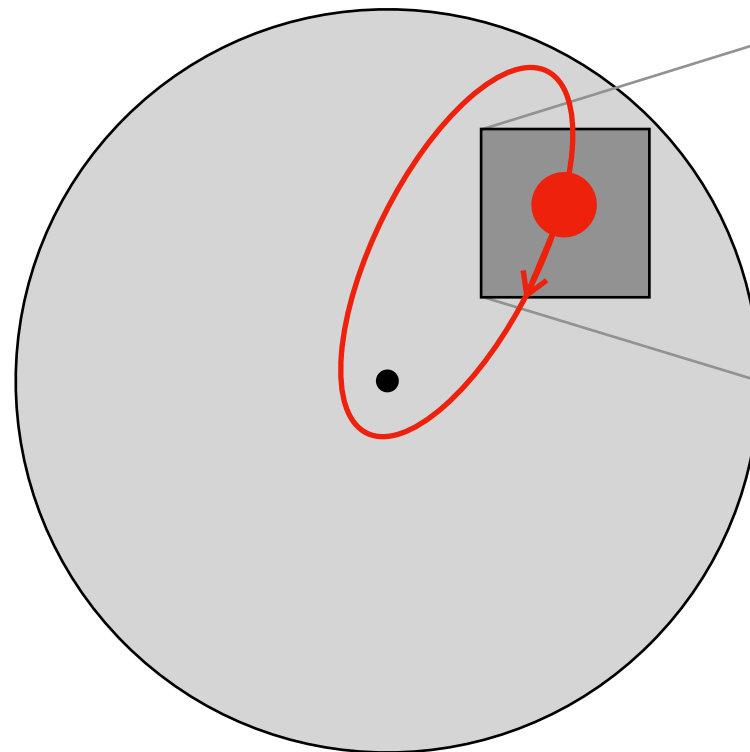
$$|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{k}'| \simeq 1$$

Long-range  
resonances



## Non-Resonant Relaxation

$$|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{k}'| \gg 1$$



Local deflections

Where is the **Coulomb logarithm**?

$$\ln \Lambda = \ln(k_{\min}/k_{\max})$$

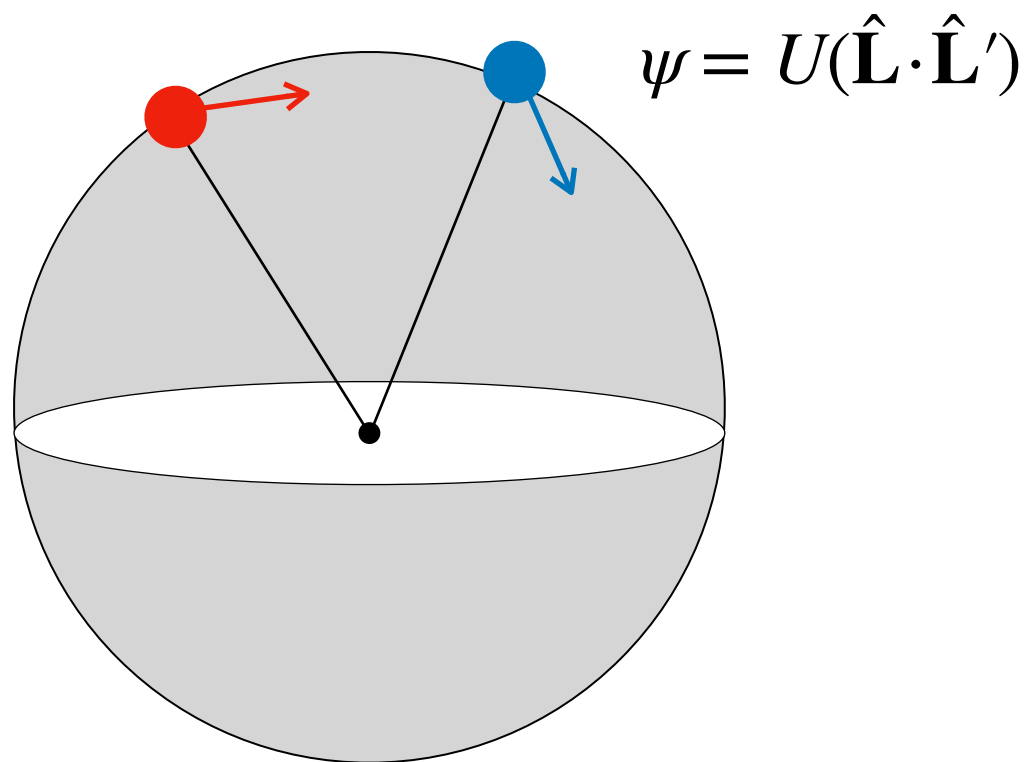
# Fundamental degeneracies

Dynamics in **degenerate** frequency profiles

$$\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))$$

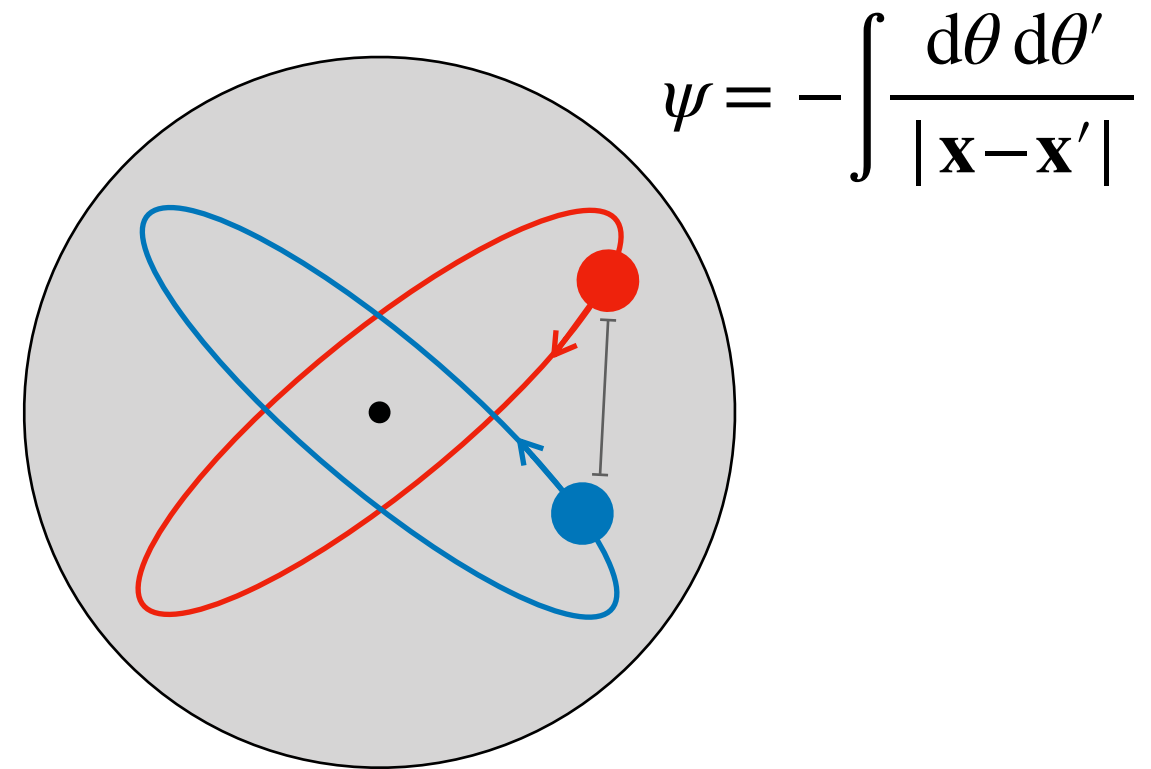
Resonance condition

$$\forall \mathbf{J}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) = 0$$



Vector Resonant Relaxation

$$\forall \mathbf{J}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0$$



Harmonic potential

How does relaxation occur in **degenerate systems**?



# What's next?

## Resonances

$$\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{J}) = \text{cst}$$

## Kinetic blockings

$$d = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{N^2}$$

## Deviations

$$\frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{\partial \langle F_d \rangle}{\partial t}$$

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## Kinetic blockings

Generic **Balescu-Lenard** equation

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{J}' \frac{\delta_D(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}'))}{|\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}', \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J}))|^2} \times \left( \mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}'} \right) F(\mathbf{J}, t) F(\mathbf{J}', t) \right]$$

What happens in **1D systems**?

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}' = k \\ \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}' = J \end{cases}$$

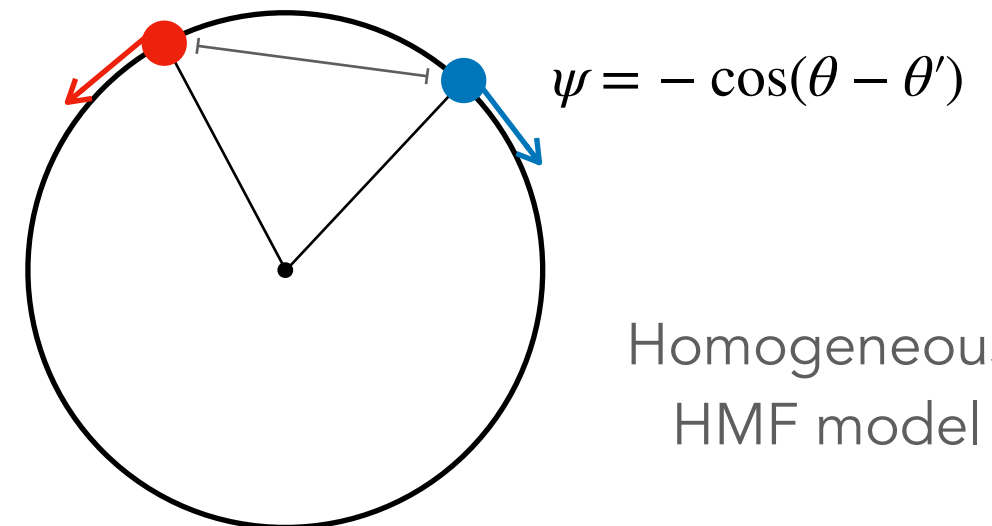


**No relaxation!**

$$\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{J}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N} \times 0$$

**Conspiracy** for 2-body effects in 1D

$$\begin{cases} v_1 + v_2 = \text{cst} \\ v_1^2 + v_2^2 = \text{cst} \end{cases}$$



Homogeneous  
HMF model

Kinetic theory at order  $1/N^2$  $1/N^2$  kinetic equation

Without collective effects | Without inhomogeneity | Without many harmonics

$$\frac{\partial F(v_1)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} \left[ \mathcal{P} \int \frac{dv_1}{(v_1 - v_2)^4} \int dv_3 \right. \\ \times \left\{ \delta_D(2v_1 - v_2 - v_3) \left( 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v_2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v_3} \right) F(v_1) F(v_2) F(v_3) \right. \\ \left. \left. - (v_1 \leftrightarrow v_2) \right\} \right]$$

- + How do **collective effects** contribute?
- + How do **higher-order resonances** contribute?
- + How do **frequency profiles** contribute?
- + What is the structure of kinetic theories at **higher order**  $1/N^s$  ?

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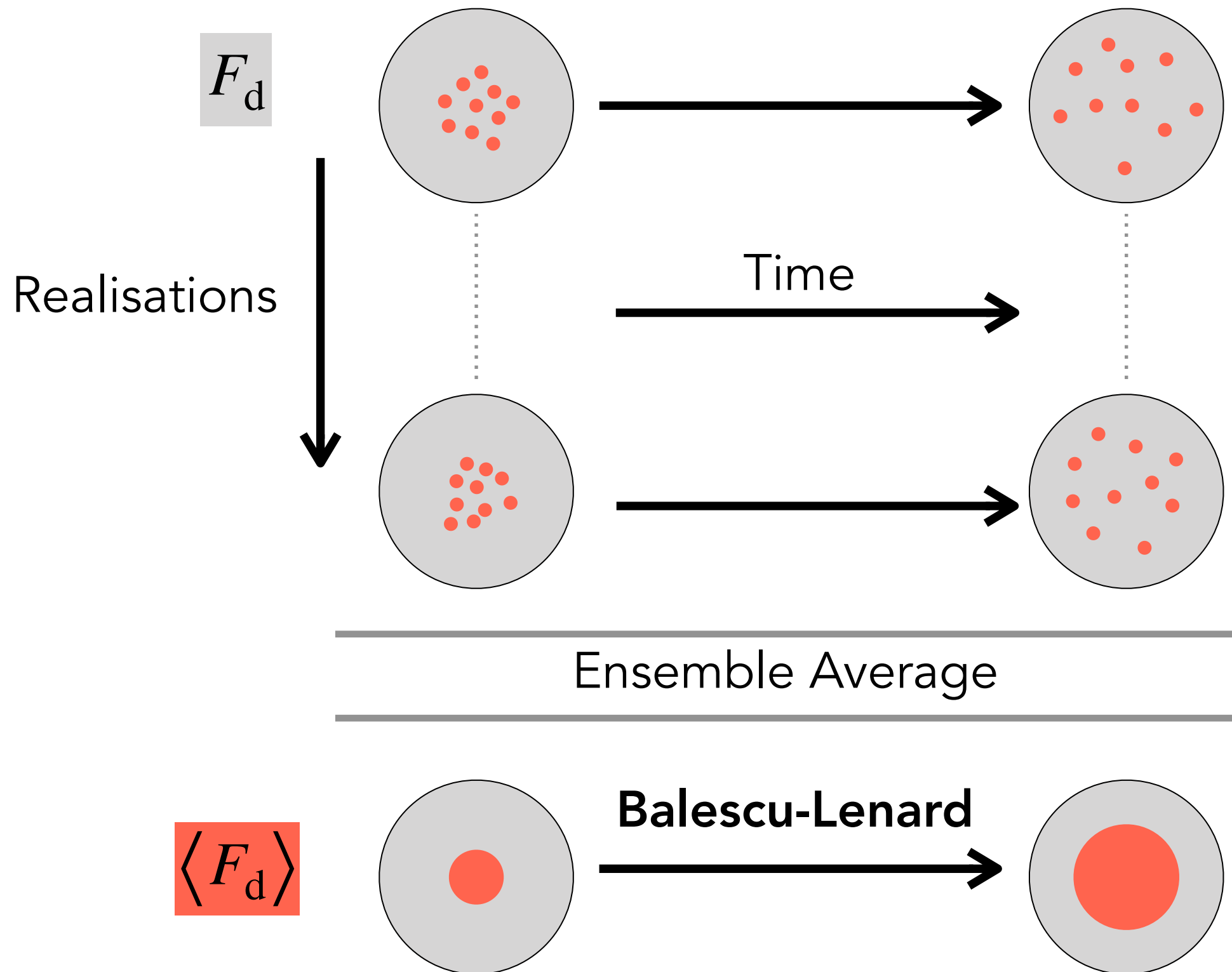
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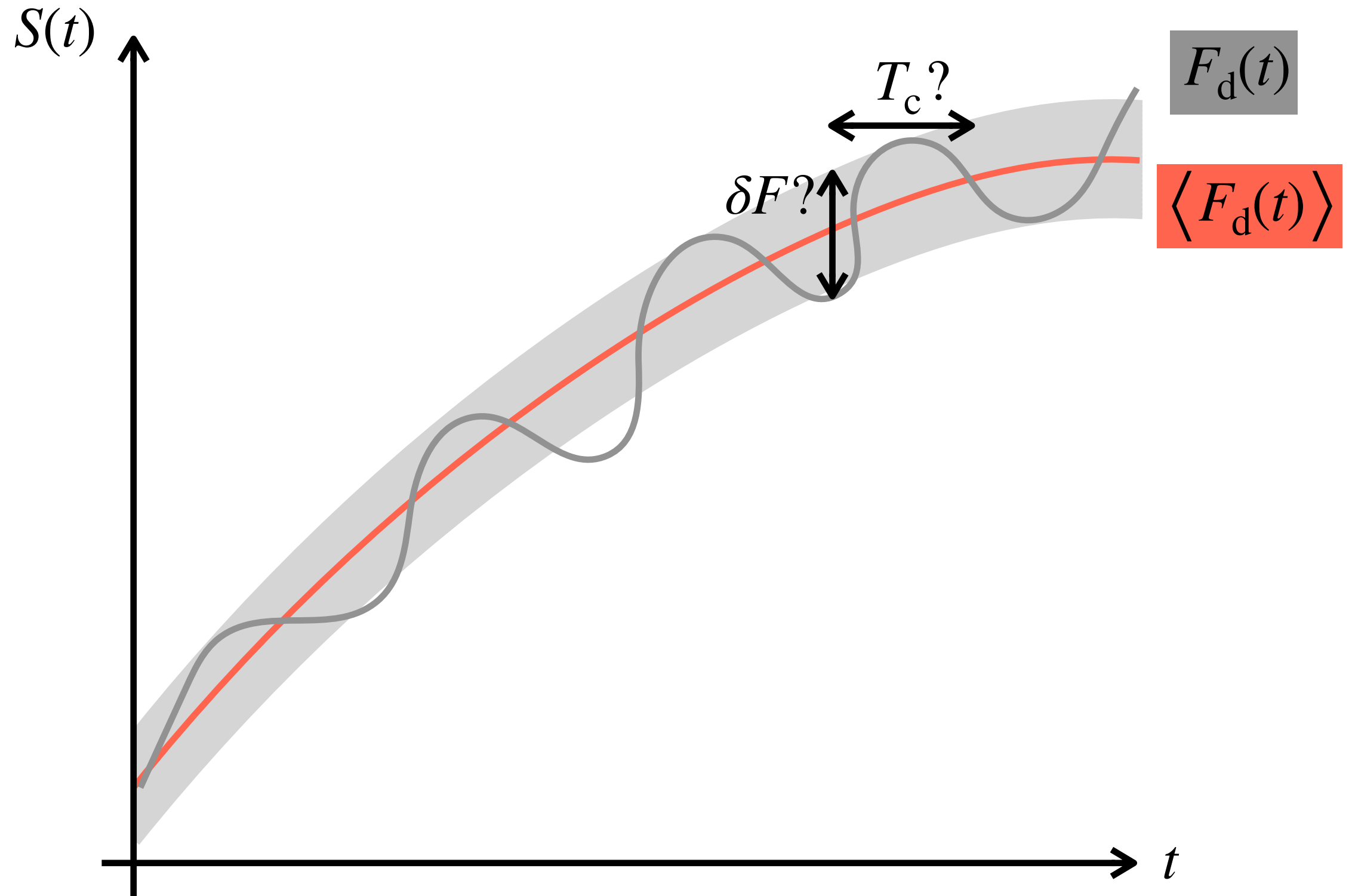
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## Faking the dynamics

Kinetic theory predicts the **ensemble average** dynamics

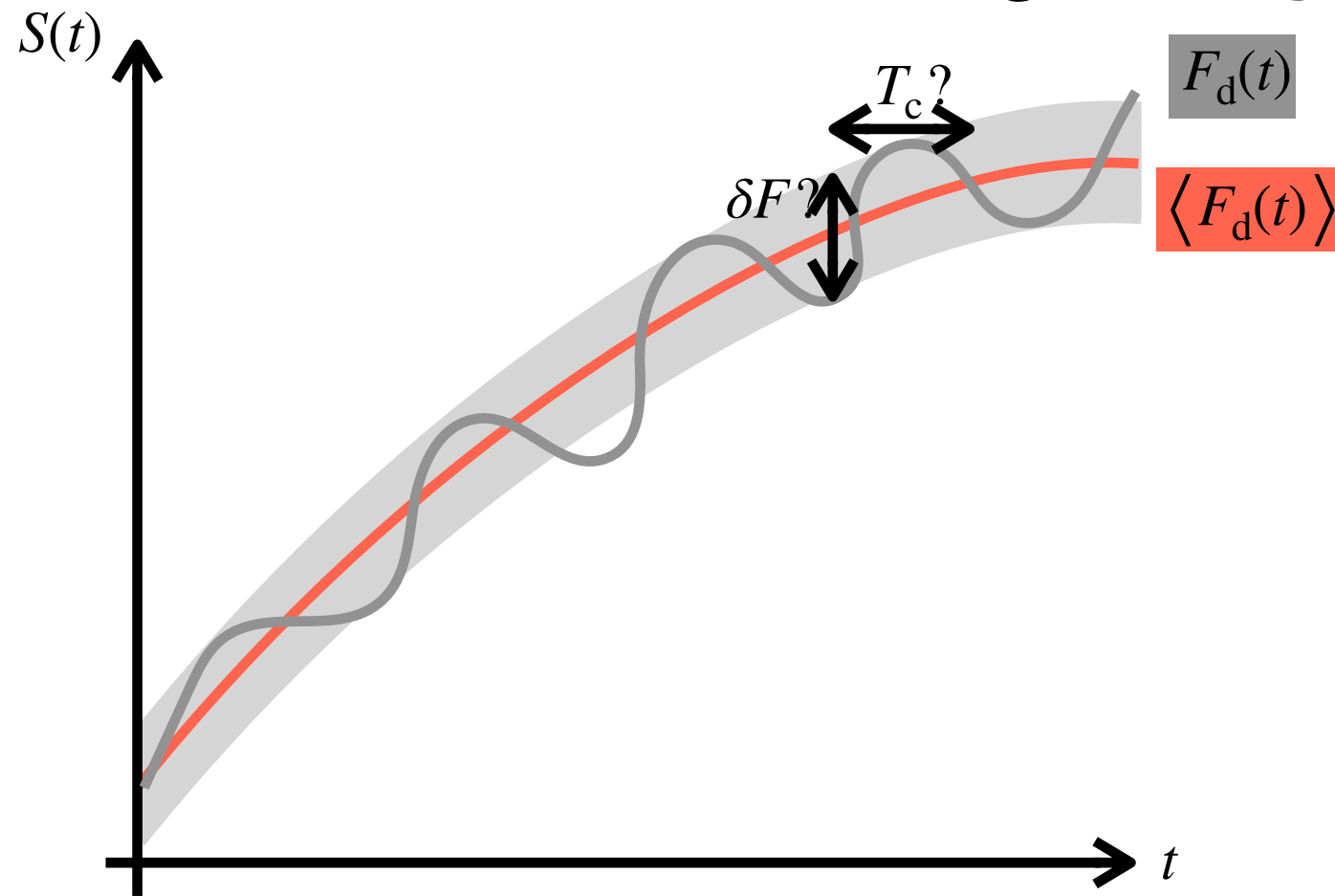


## Faking the dynamics



One realisation vs. the **mean kinetic prediction**

# Faking the dynamics



What is the statistics of **(large) deviations**?

Probability of a given realisation?

$$\mathbb{P}(F_d(t) = F_0(t)) \text{ maximal for } \mathbb{P}(F_d(t) = \langle F_d(t) \rangle)$$

Can one **fake** realisations?

$$\frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} = \text{BL}[F_d(t)] + \eta[F_d(t)] \text{ with the noise } \langle \eta[F_d] \eta[F_d] \rangle = ??$$

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# Going beyond isolated, integrable, resonant

Systems are not always **isolated**

$$\begin{cases} N = N(t) \\ [\delta H(t)]_{\text{tot}} = [\delta H(t)]_{\text{Poisson}} + [\delta H(t)]_{\text{ext}} \end{cases}$$

Structure formation  
Open clusters  
Collisionless relaxation

Systems are not always **integrable**

$$\left[ \frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} \right]_{\text{tot}} = \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} \right]_{\text{resonant}} + \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} \right]_{\text{chaotic}}$$

Thickened discs  
Barred galaxies  
Flattened halos

Systems are not always “nicely” **resonant**

$$\Omega(\mathbf{J}) = (\Omega_1(\mathbf{J}), \epsilon \Omega_2(\mathbf{J}))$$

Mean-motion resonances  
Eviction resonances  
Precession resonances

# Conclusions

# Kinetic theory of self-gravitating systems

Long-range interacting systems are ubiquitous

Inhomogeneous

$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$



$(\theta, \mathbf{J})$

Self-gravitating

1

$|\varepsilon(\omega)|$

Resonant

$\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})$

Master equation for **dressed resonant relaxation**

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Framework mature enough to be confronted to **observations**