

# FLOW-INFORMED STRATEGIES FOR TRAJECTORY DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

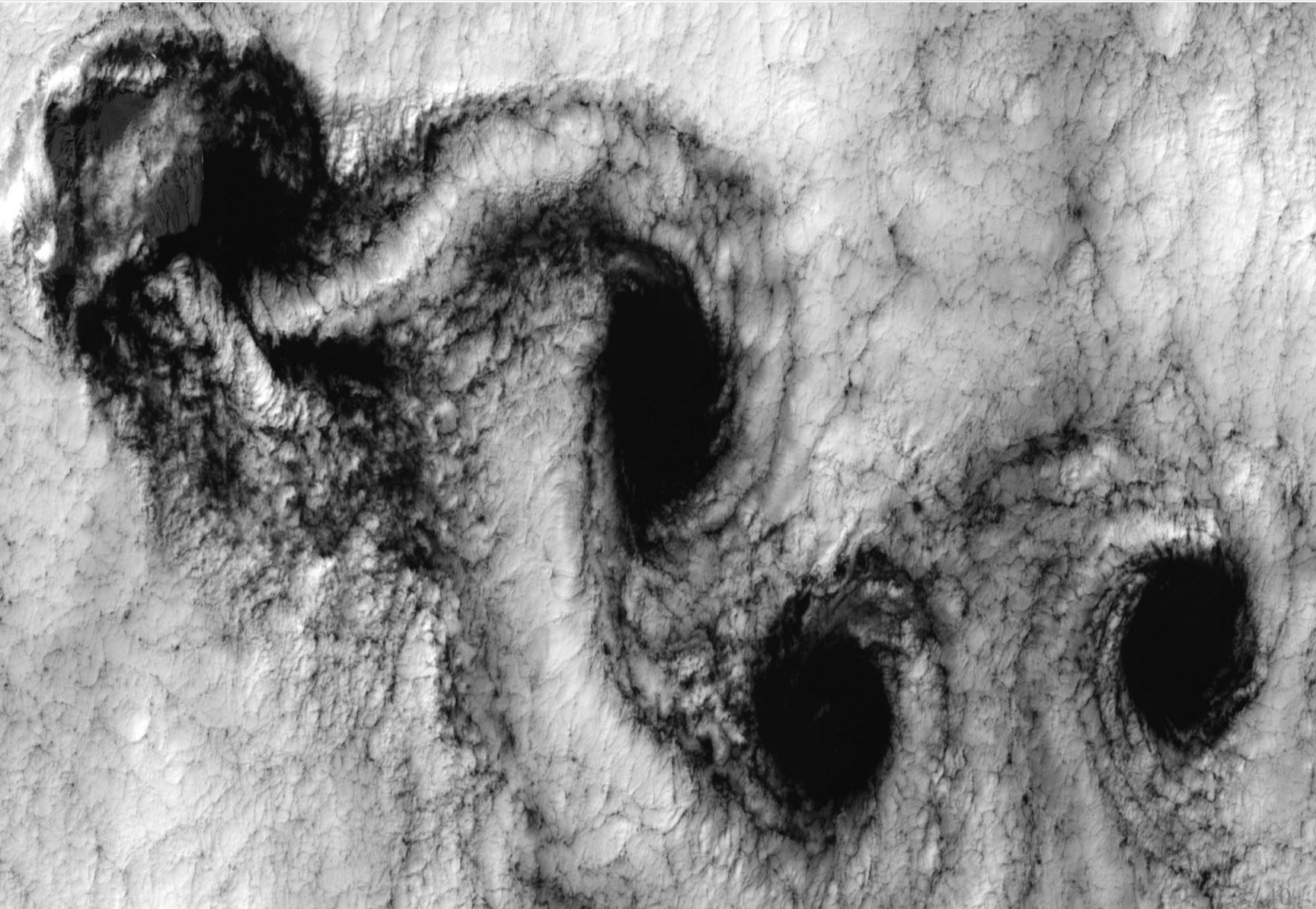
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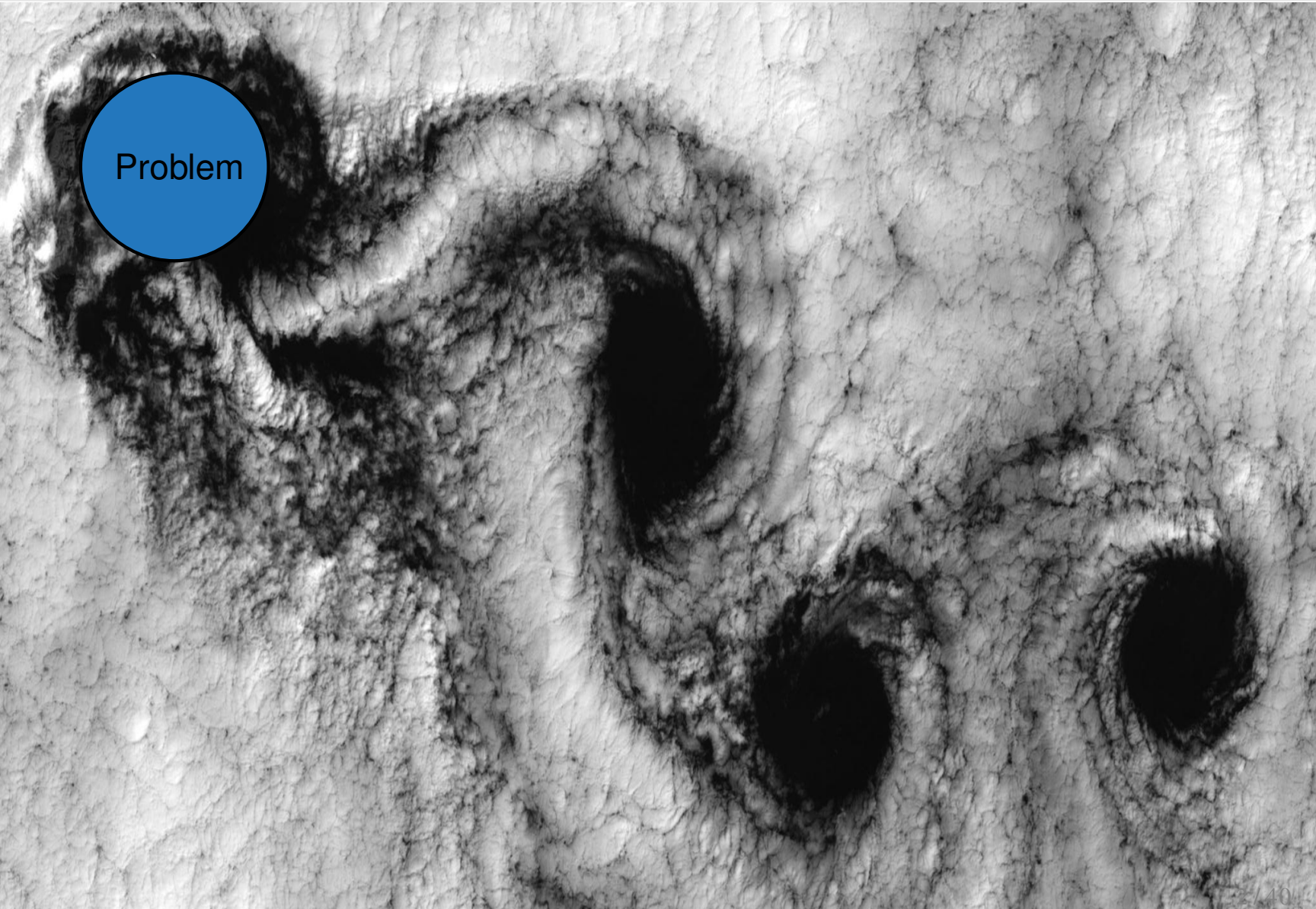
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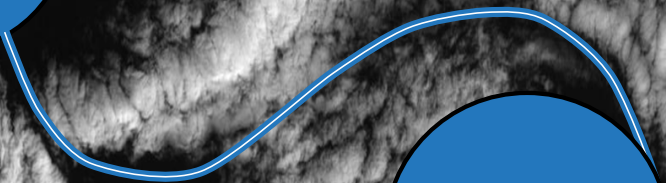




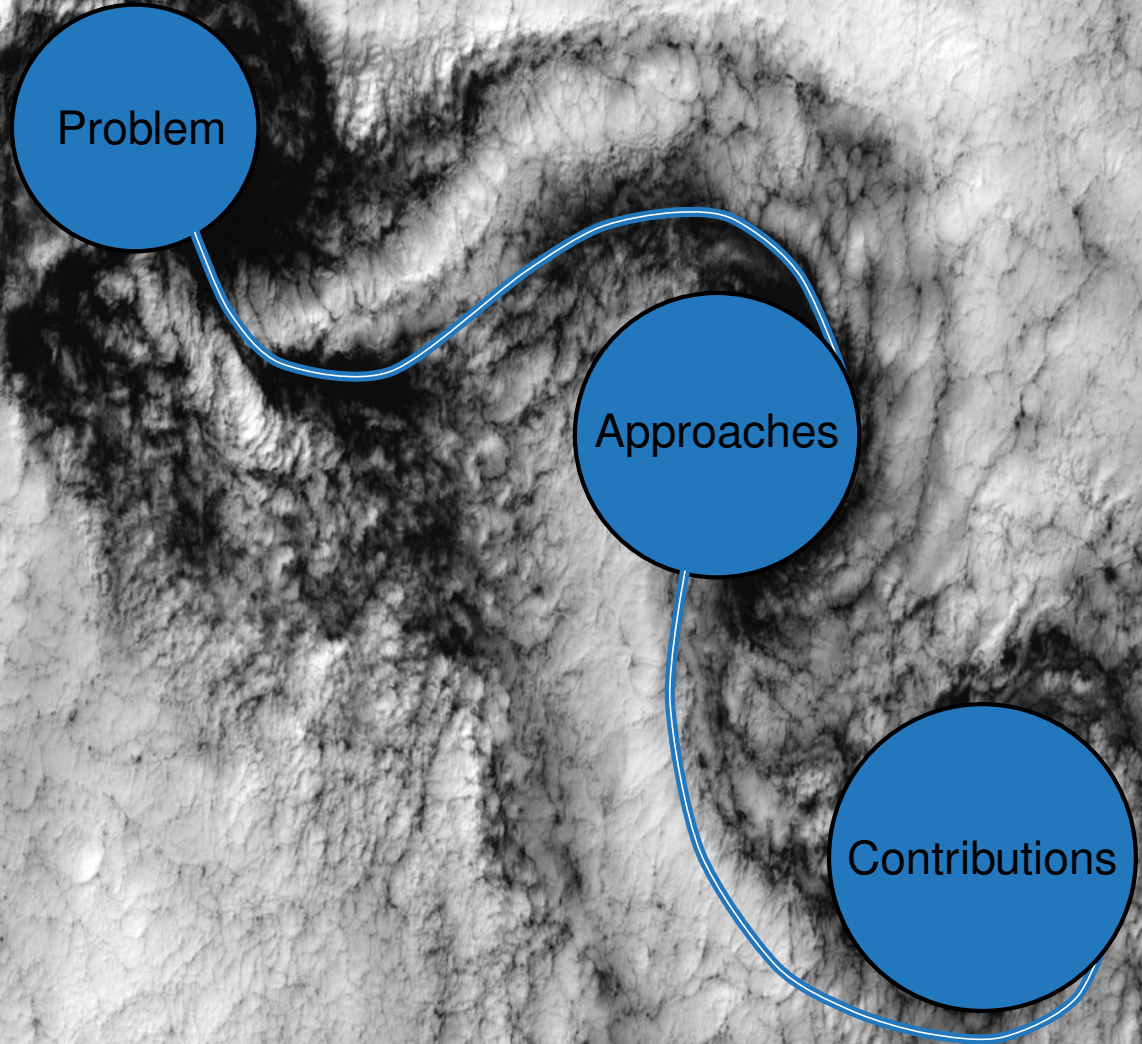
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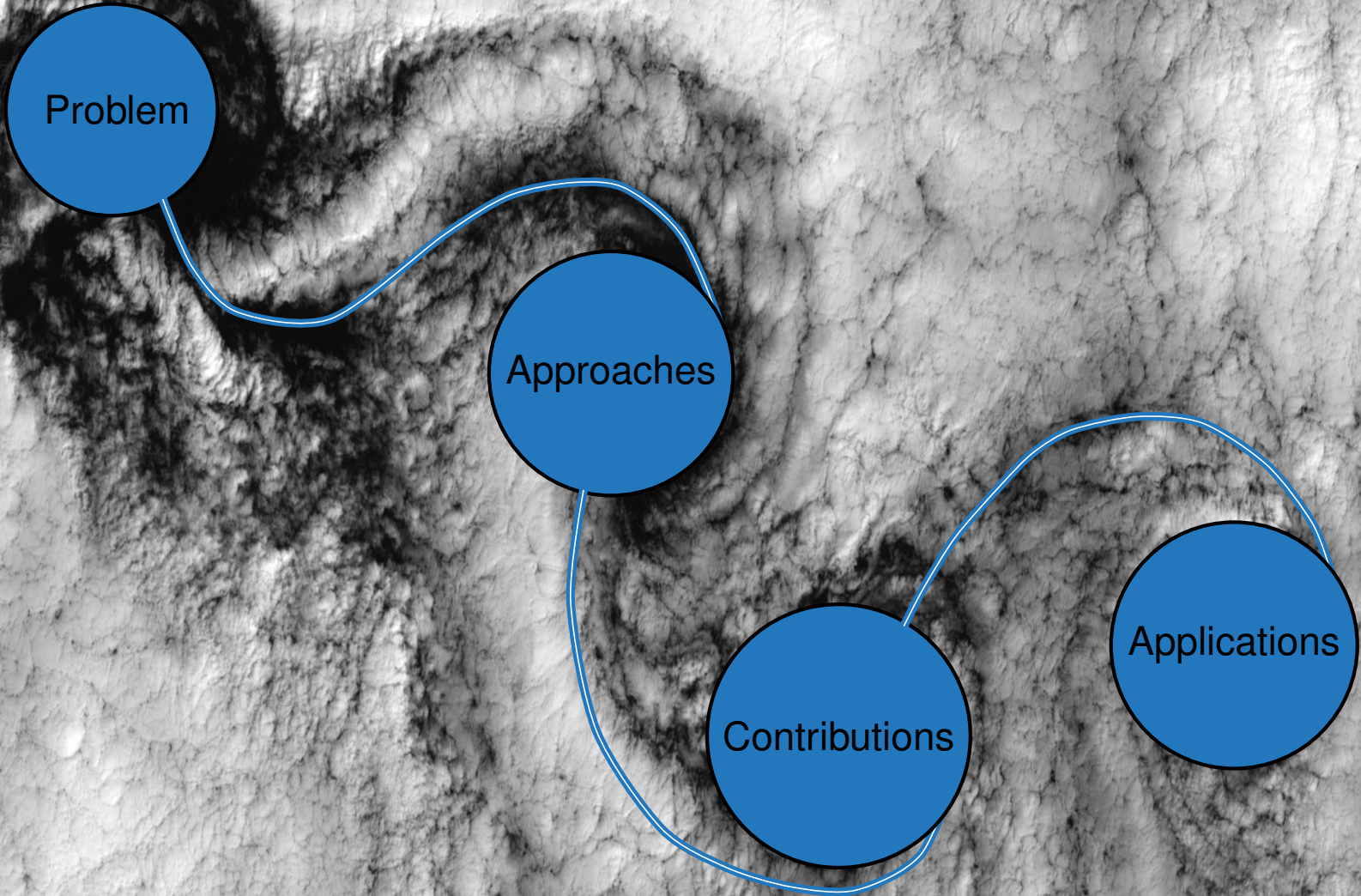


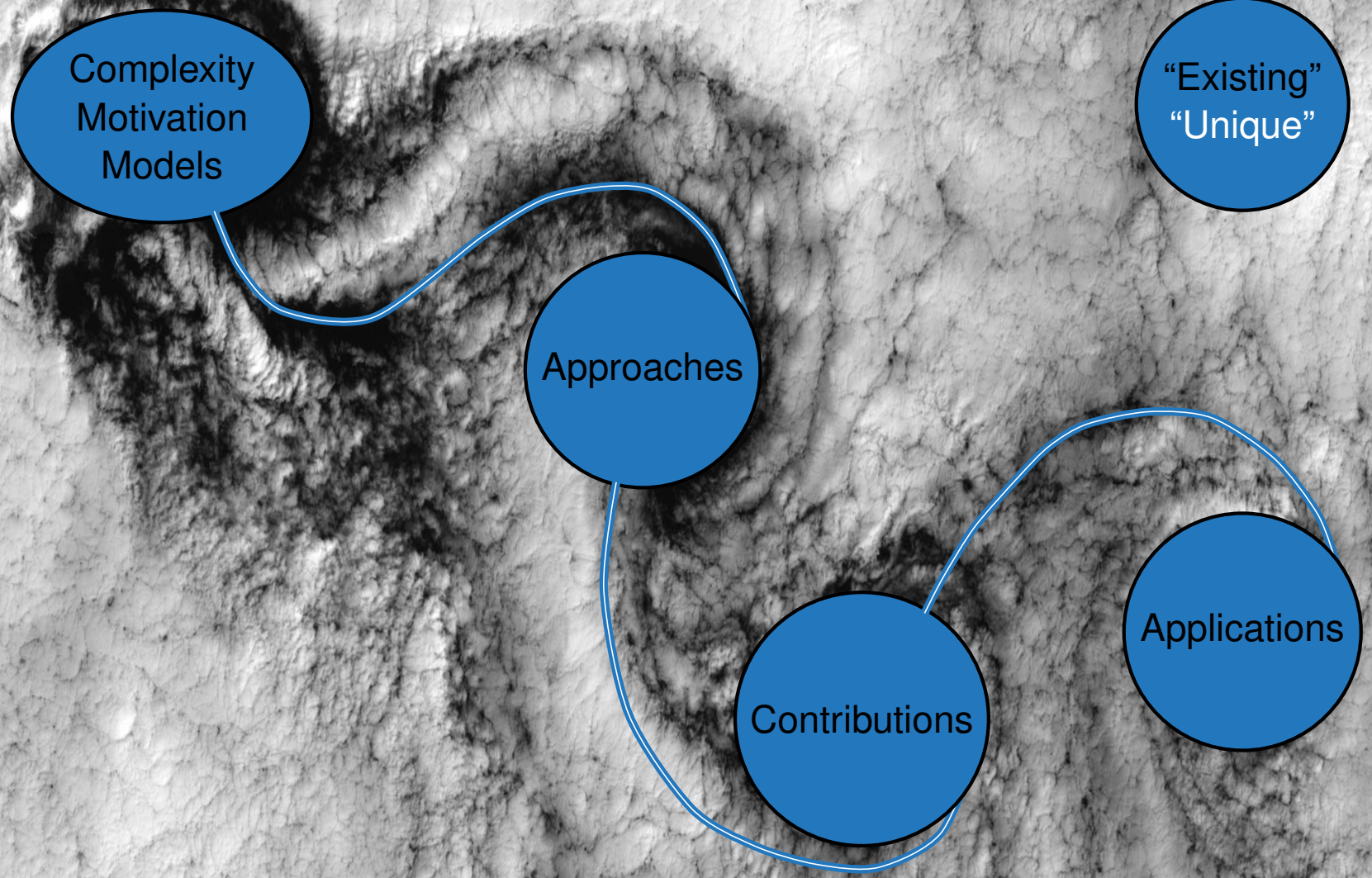
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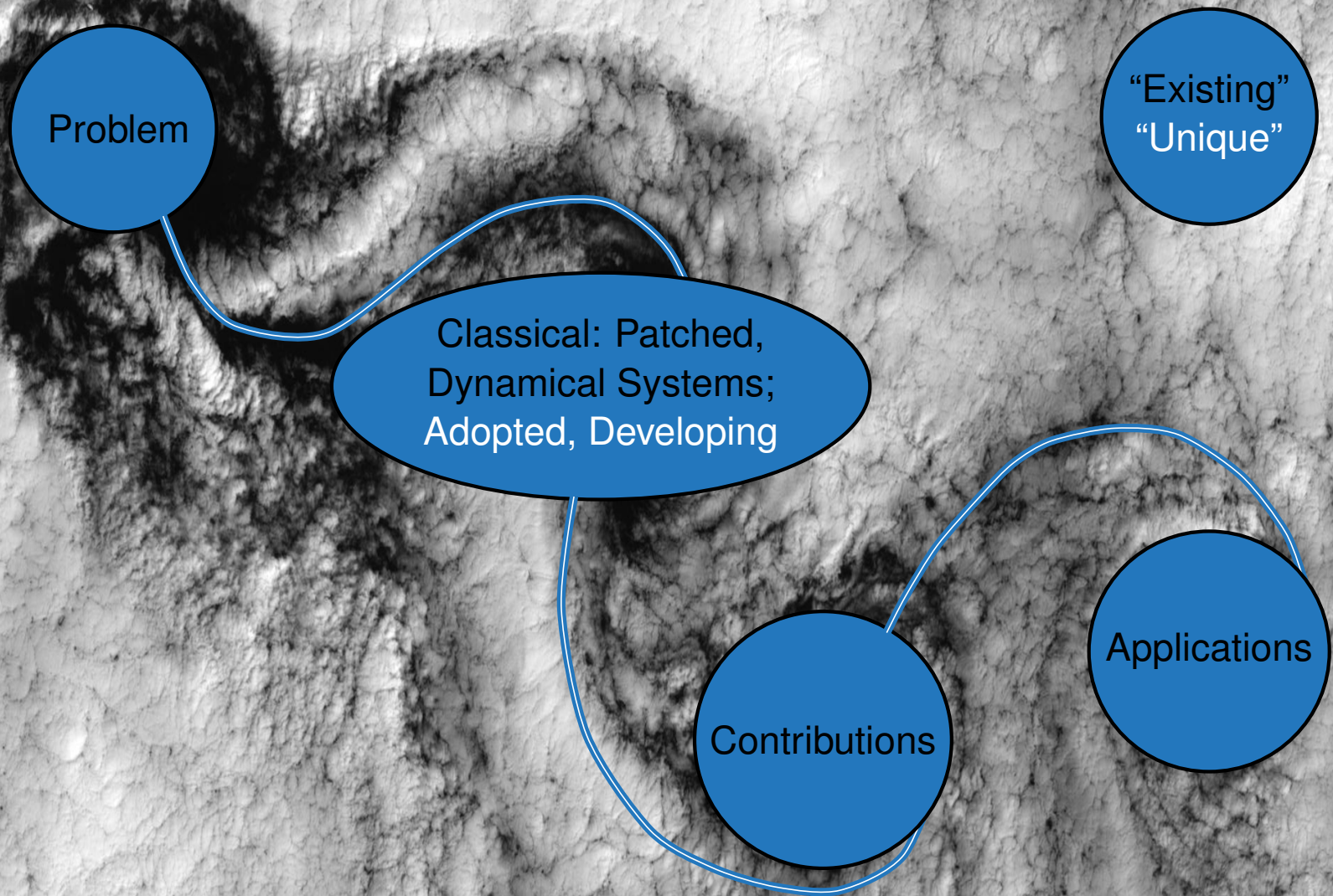


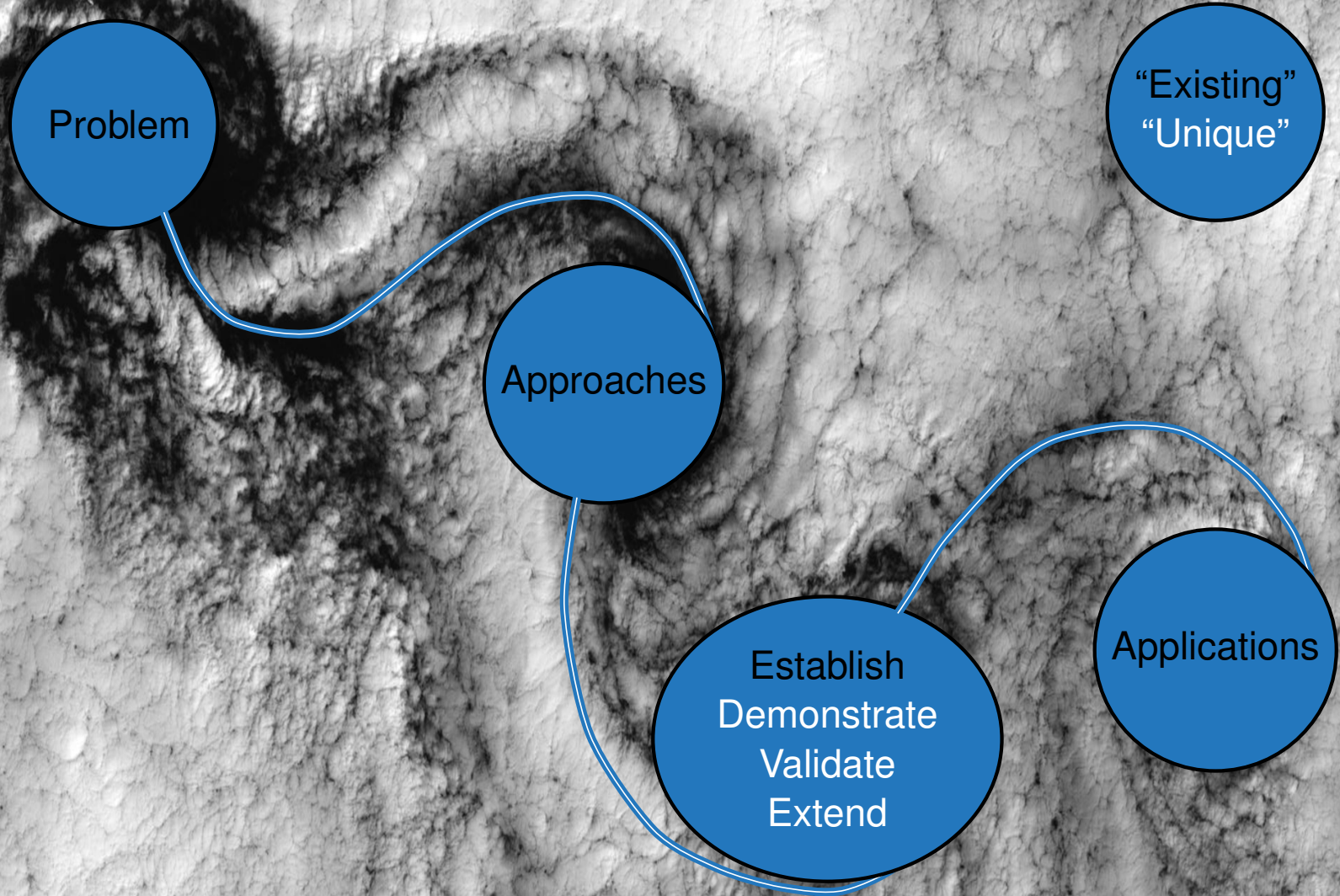
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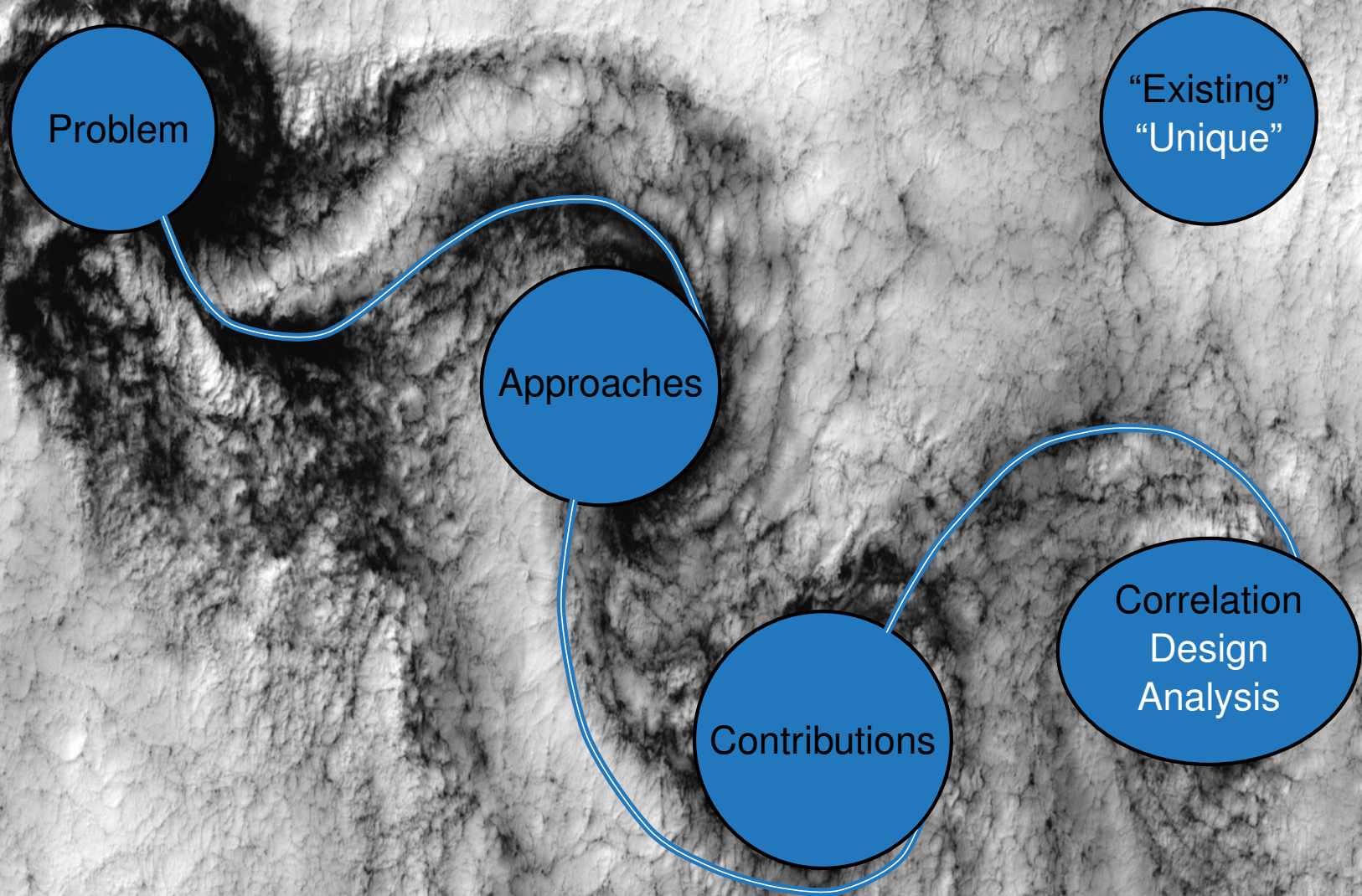






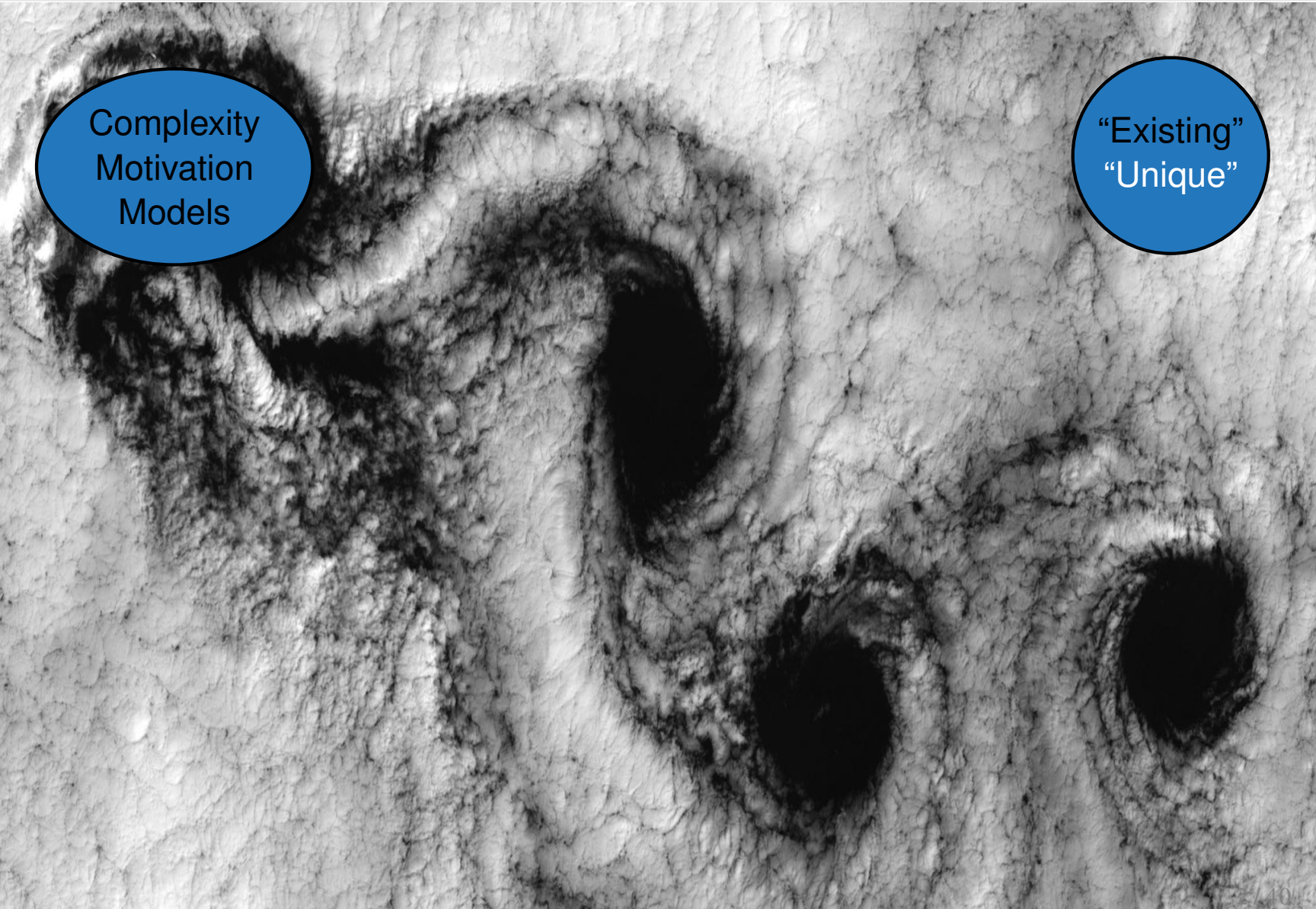






Complexity  
Motivation  
Models

“Existing”  
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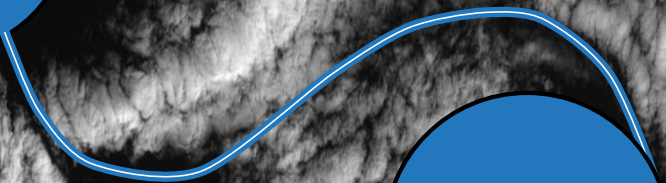
⇒ Goal: Apply and extend flow-based tools for spacecraft trajectory design in multi-body regimes

- Related flow-based concepts
  - Key theoretical development
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- Associated notions
  - Schroer & Ott: 1997 and Grebow: 2010 (control segments)
  - Anderson et al.: 2003 and Harden, et al.: 2014 (LLE)
  - Lara et al. 2007; Villac: 2008 and Villac and Broschart: 2009 (FLI)



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Classical: Patched,  
Dynamical Systems;  
Adopted, Developing

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## Classical Ideas

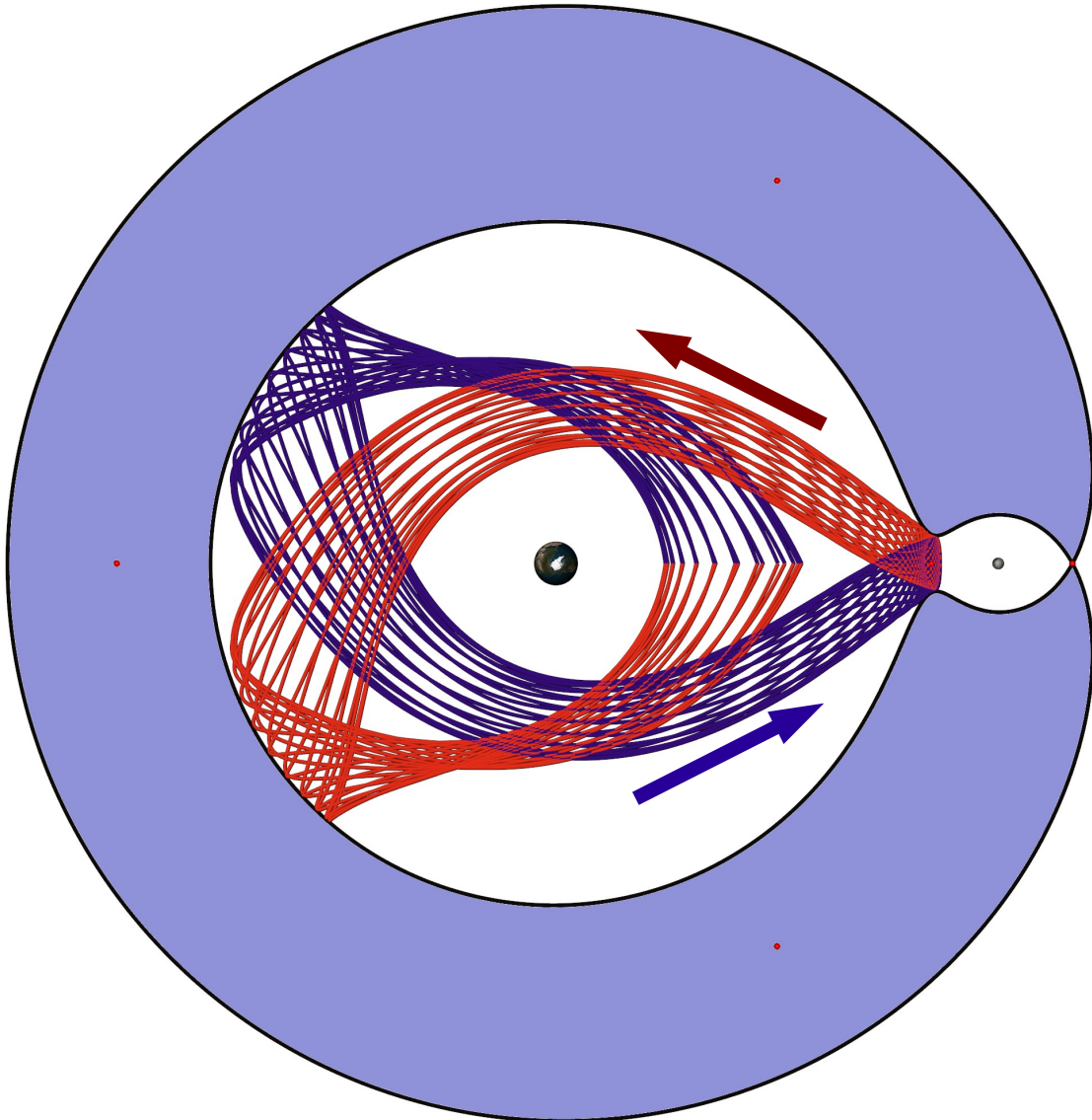
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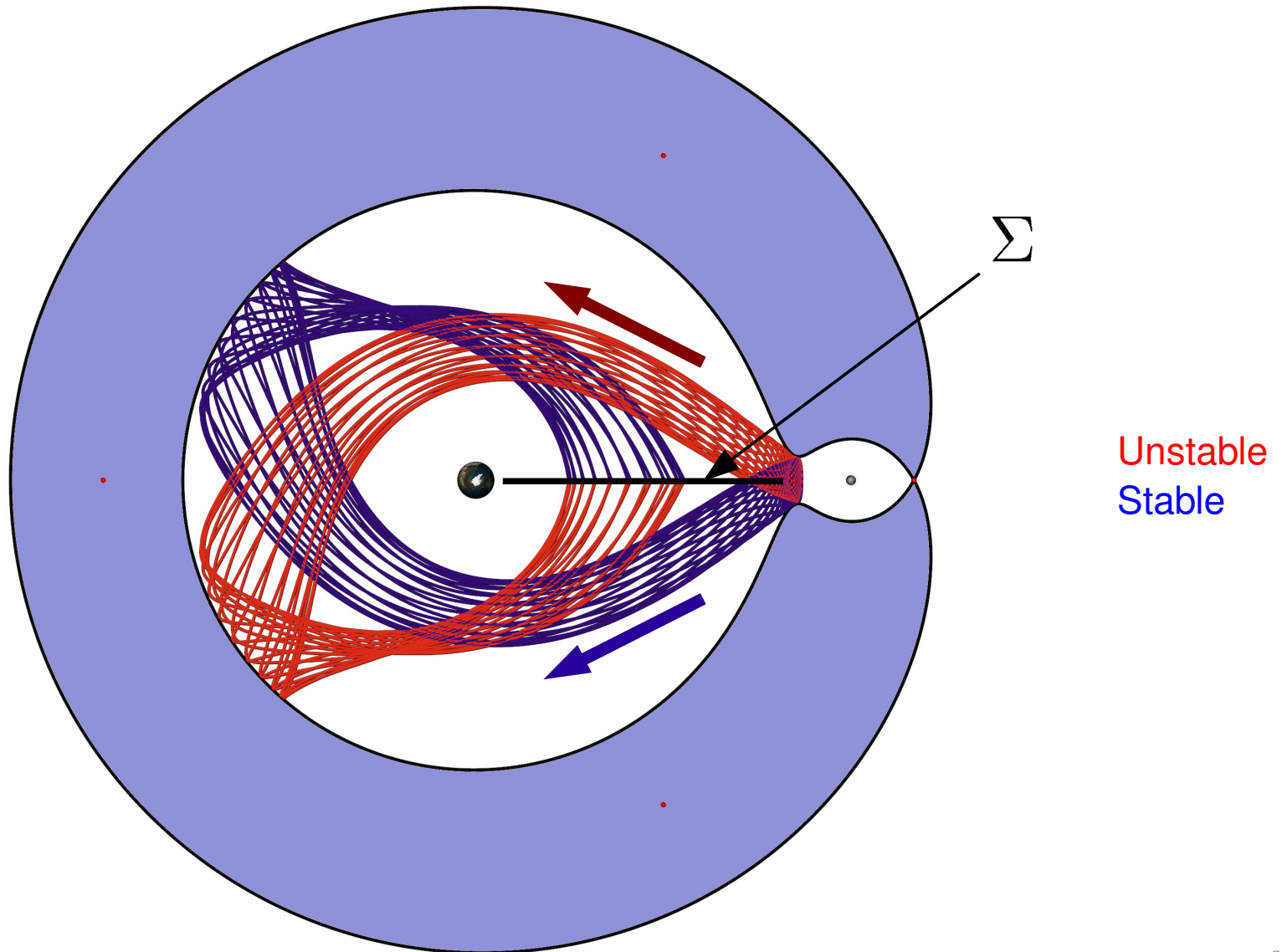
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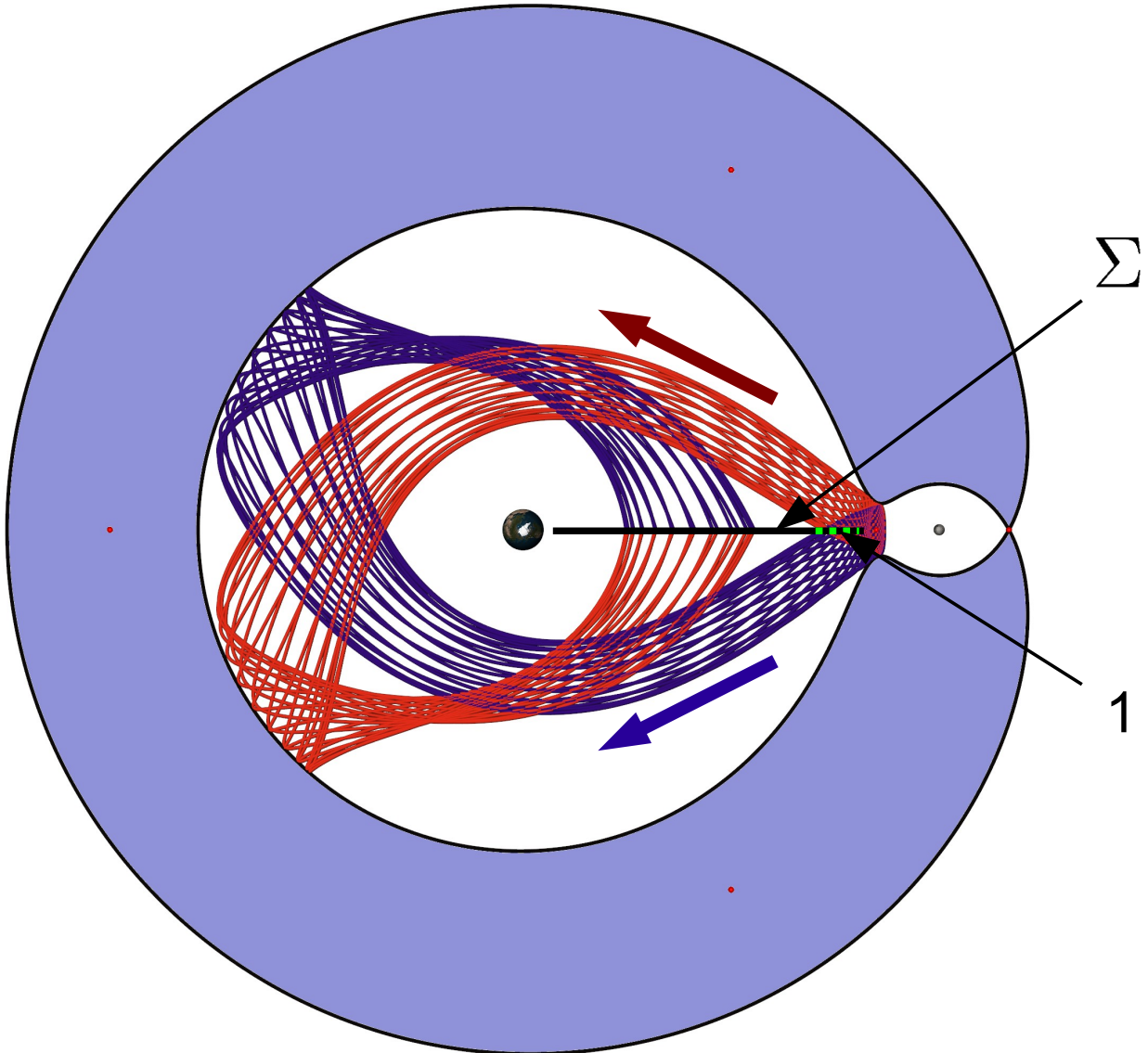
## Adopted and Developing Ideas

- Higher-fidelity models increase challenge in application of existing tools
- Direct modeling of the underlying flow reveals new options
- A possibility afforded by cumulation/extension of classical notions

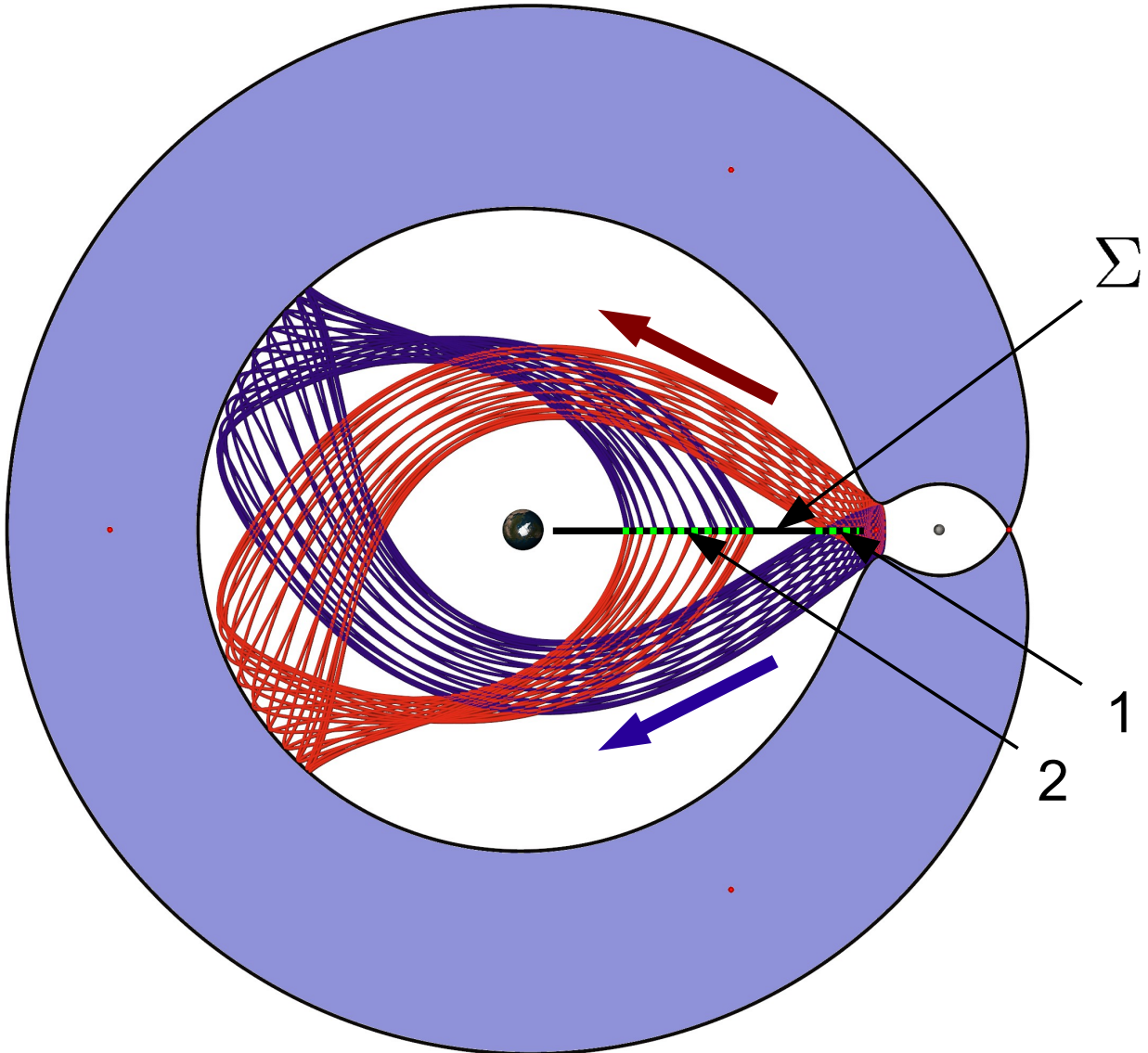


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Stable

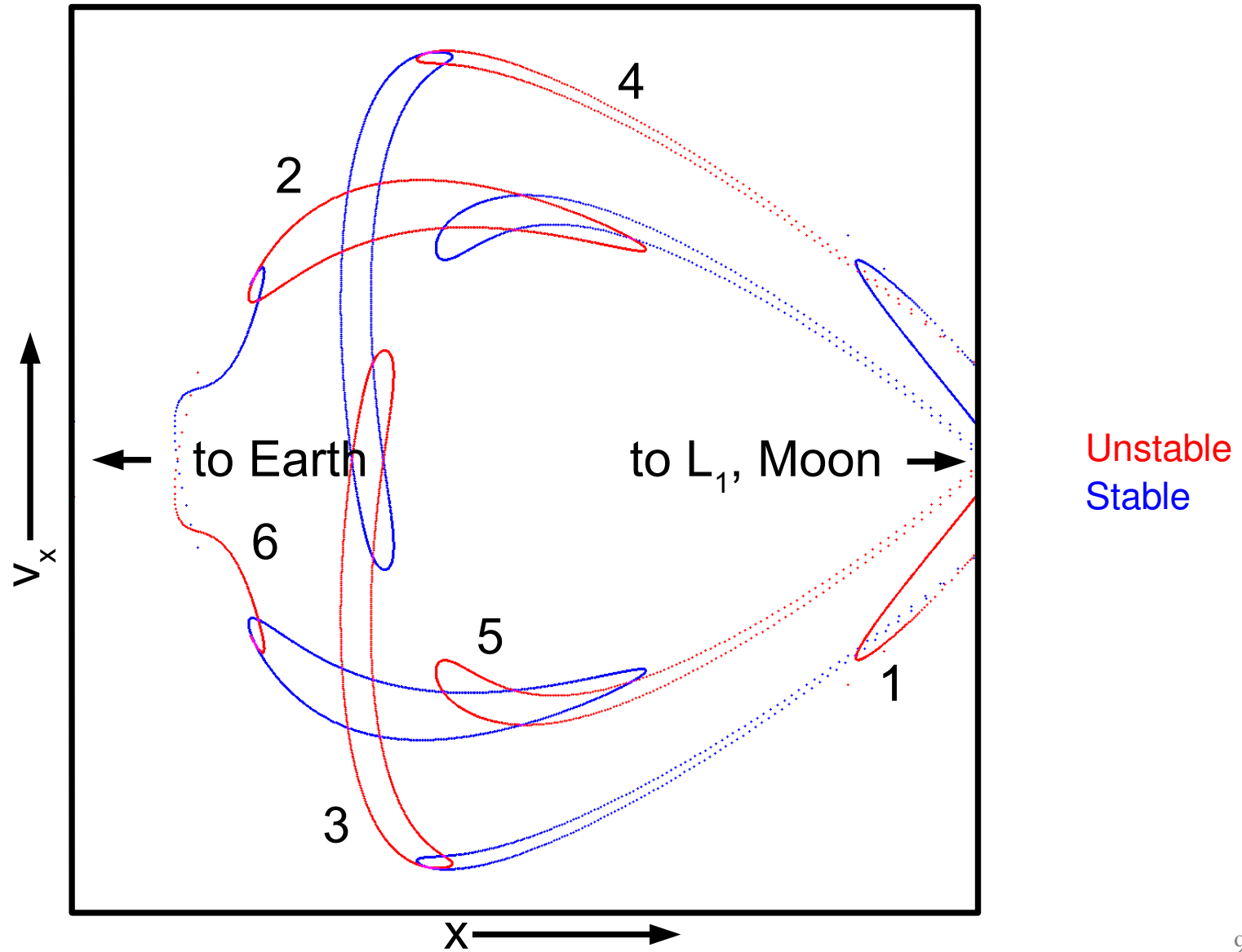


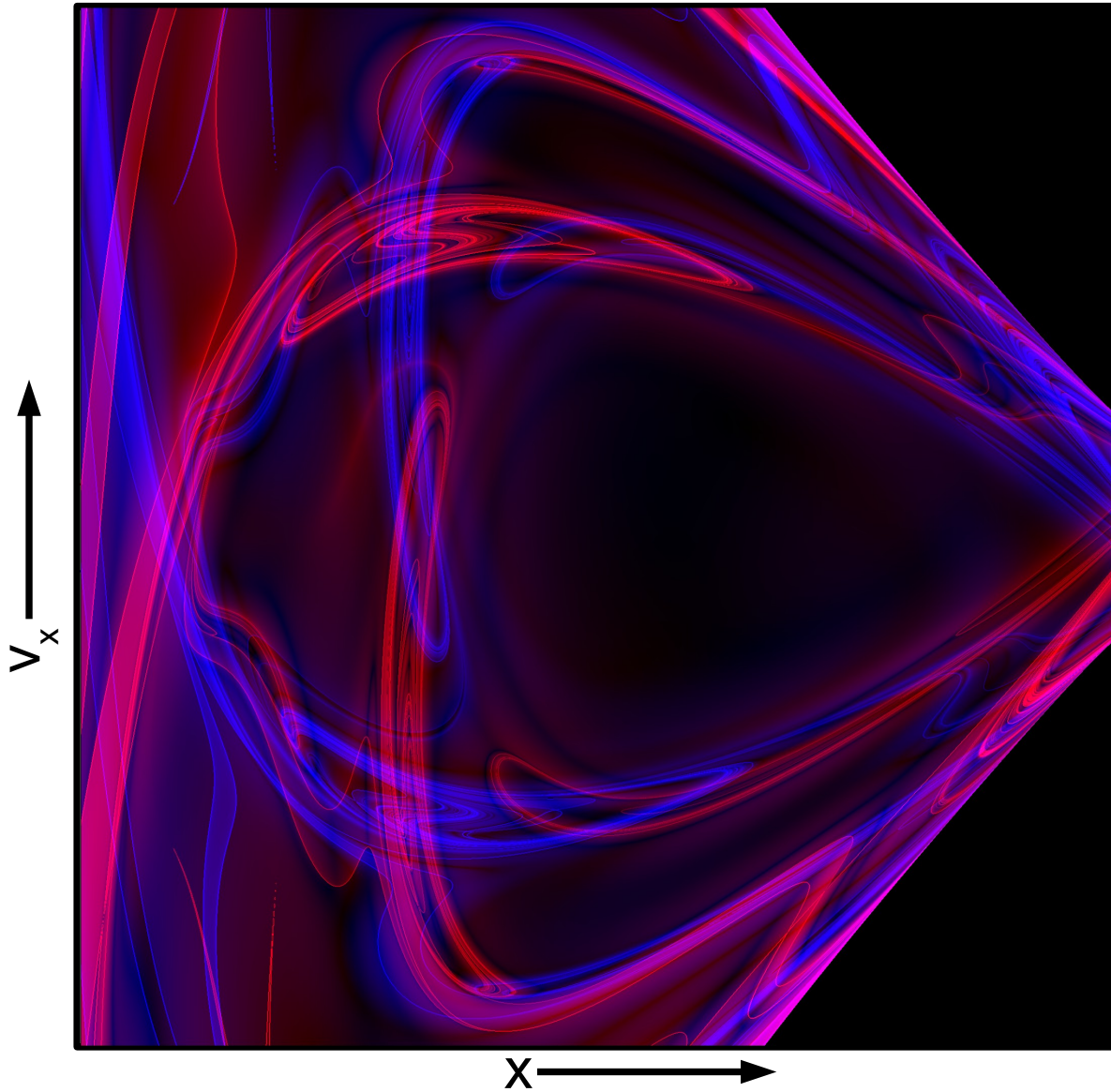


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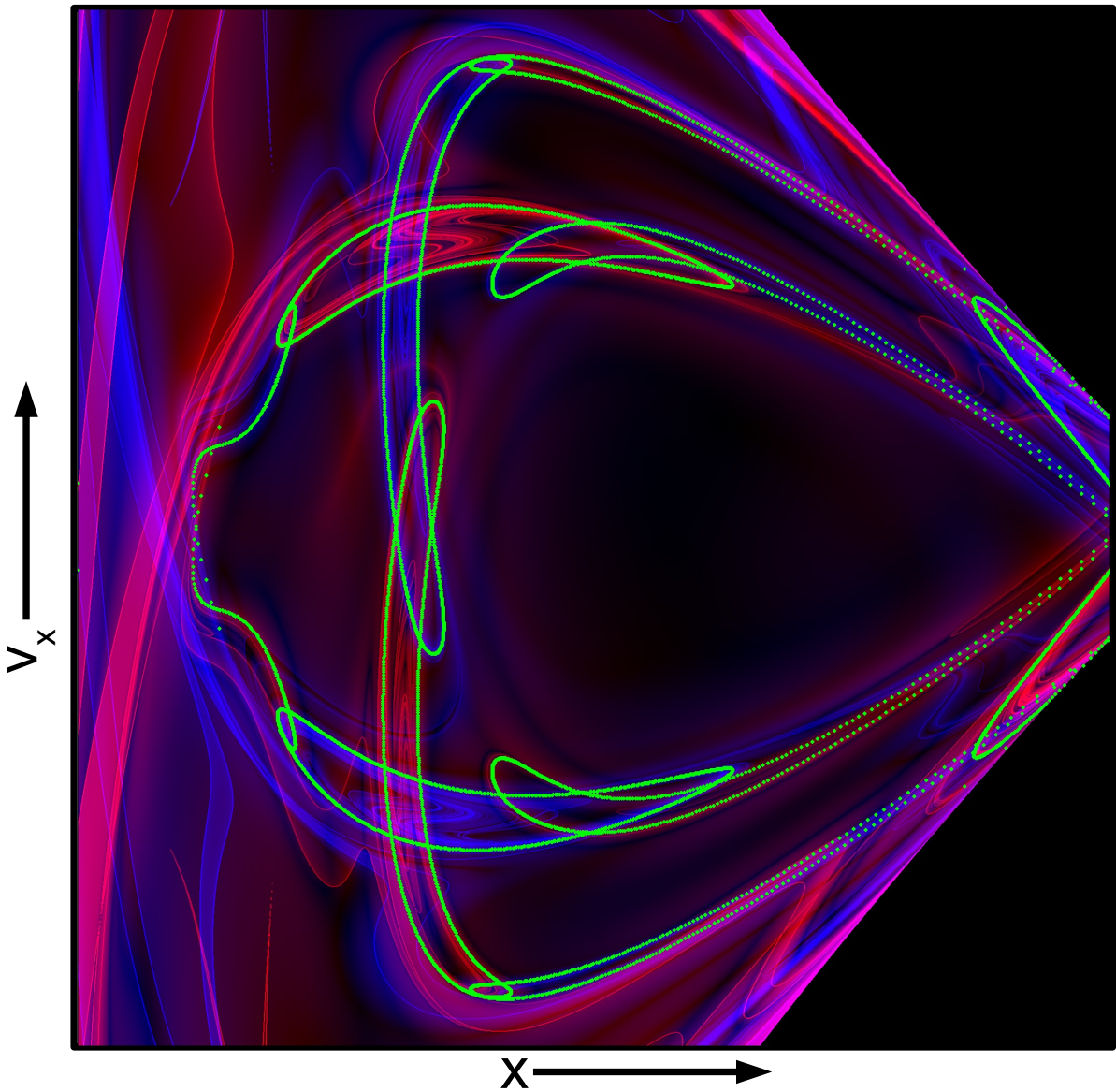


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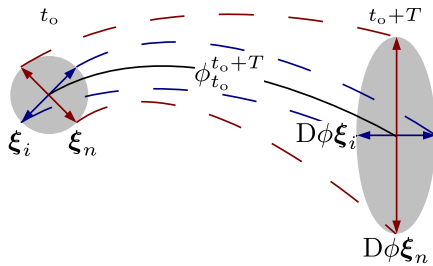


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- Flow map:

$$\mathbf{x}(t_o + T) = \phi_{t_o}^{t_o+T}(\mathbf{x}_{t_o})$$

- State transition matrix:



$$\Phi(t_o + T, t_o) = \frac{d\phi_{t_o}^{t_o+T}(\mathbf{x}_{t_o})}{d\mathbf{x}_{t_o}}$$

$$\delta\mathbf{x}(t_o + T) = \Phi(t_o + T, t_o)\delta\mathbf{x}(t_o)$$

- Cauchy-Green Strain Tensor:

$$\Phi^T\Phi$$

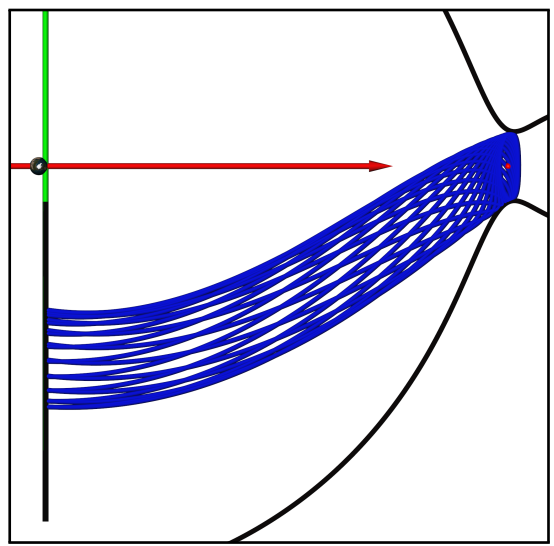
Stretching in the phase space  
along eigenvector  $\xi_i \propto \sqrt{\lambda_i}$

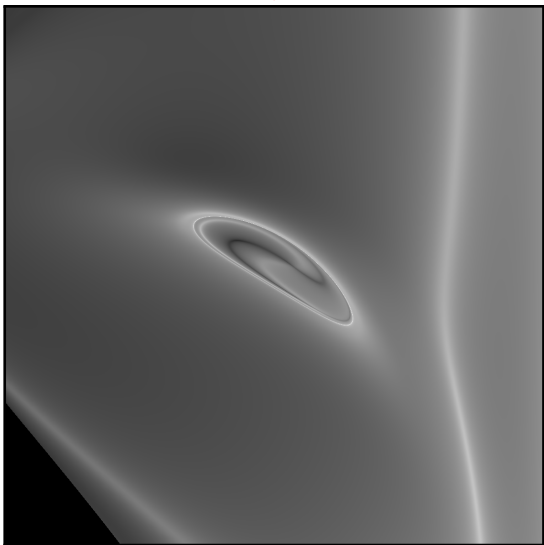
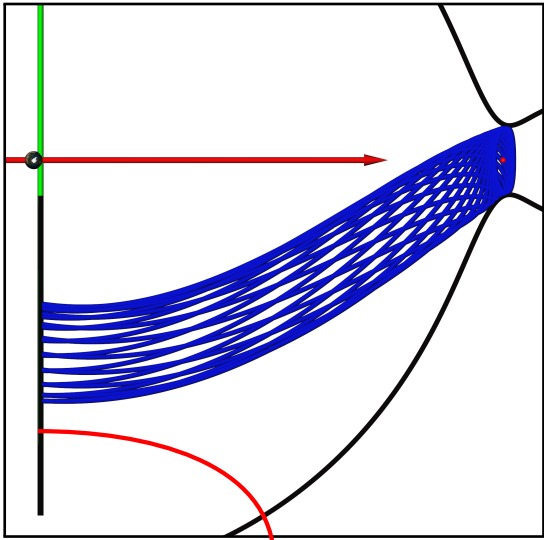
- Finite-time Lyapunov exponents:

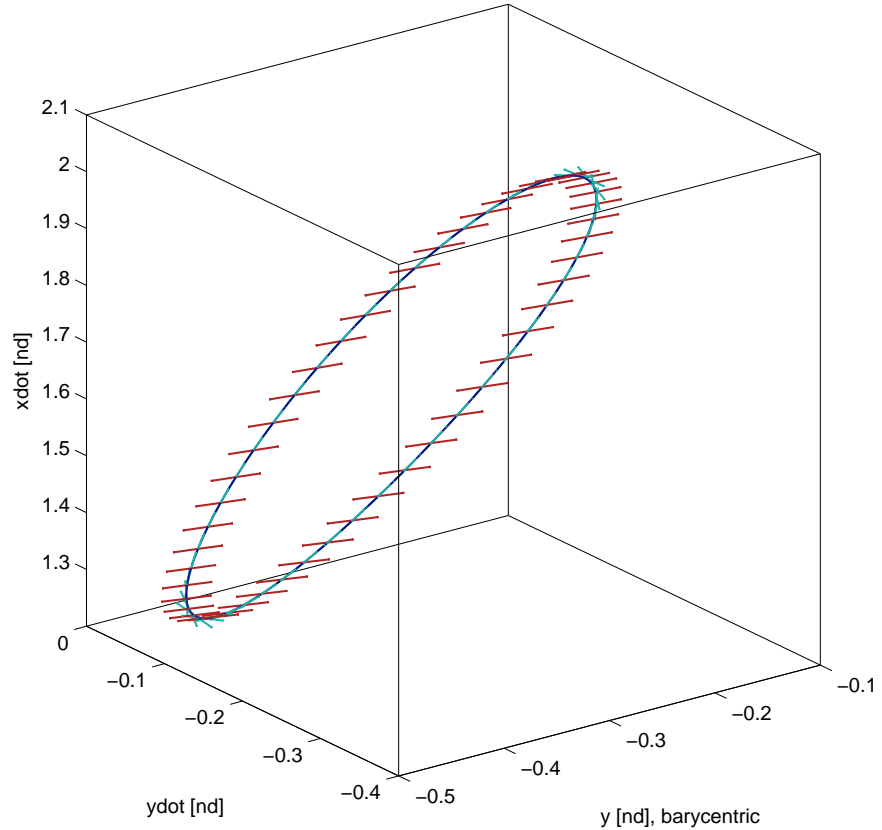
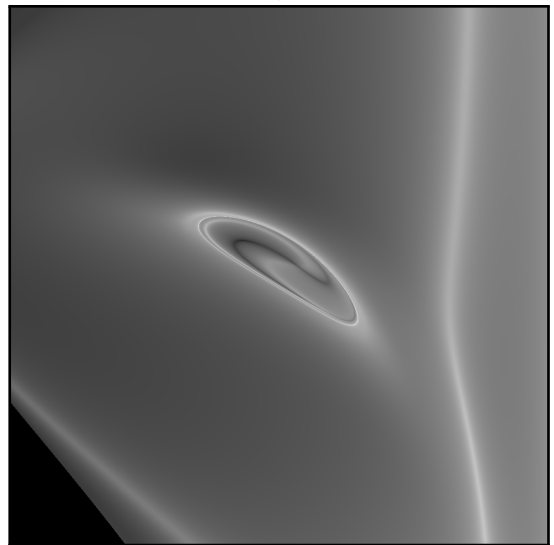
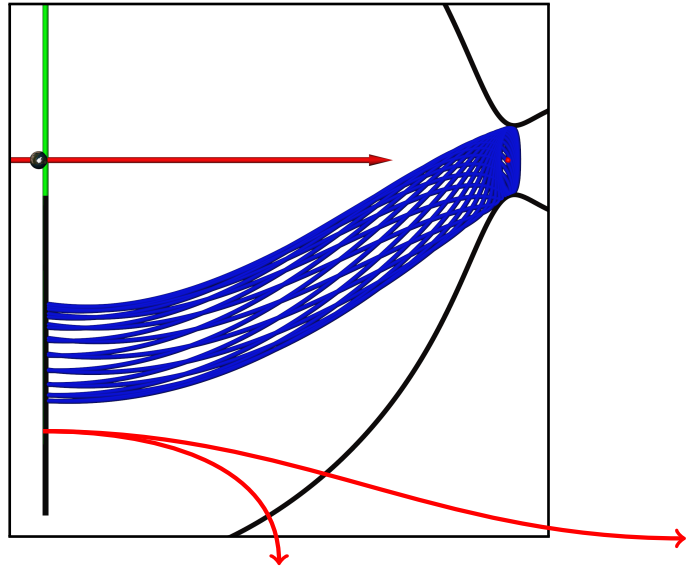
$$\Lambda_i = \frac{1}{|T|} \ln \sqrt{\lambda_i(\Phi^T\Phi)}$$

Supply a relative measure of  
stretching for trajectories

Generally interested in  $\Lambda_{\max}$

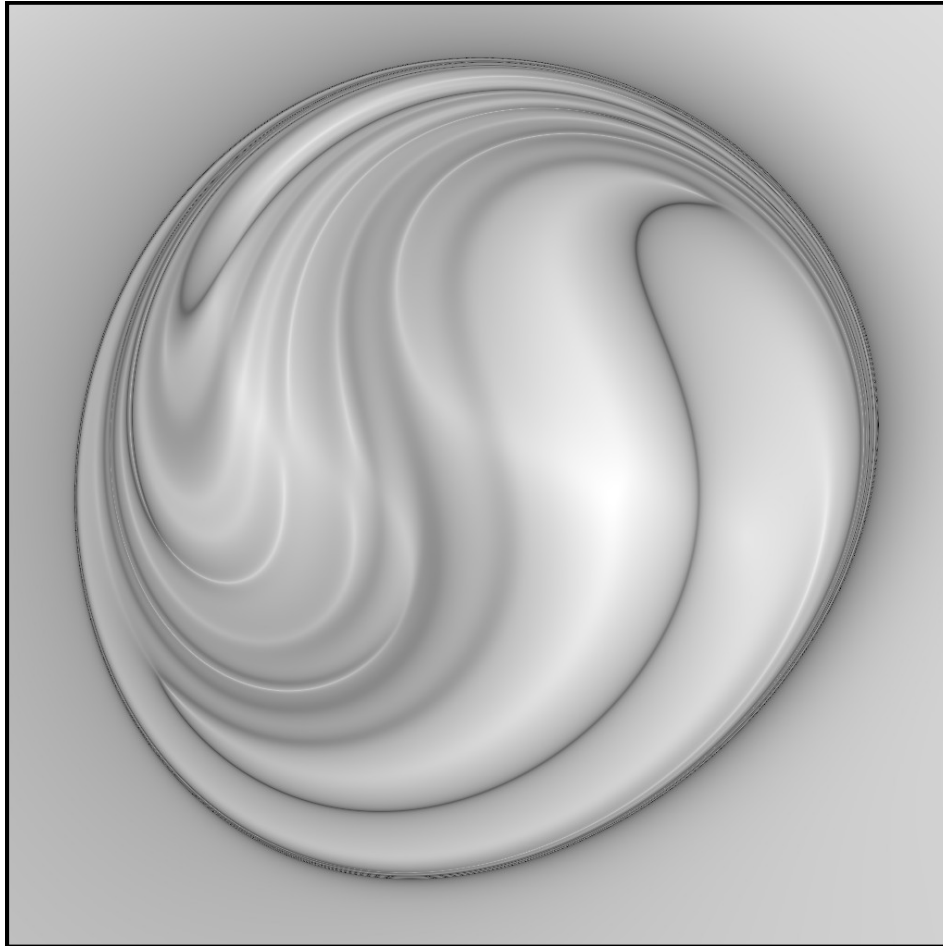




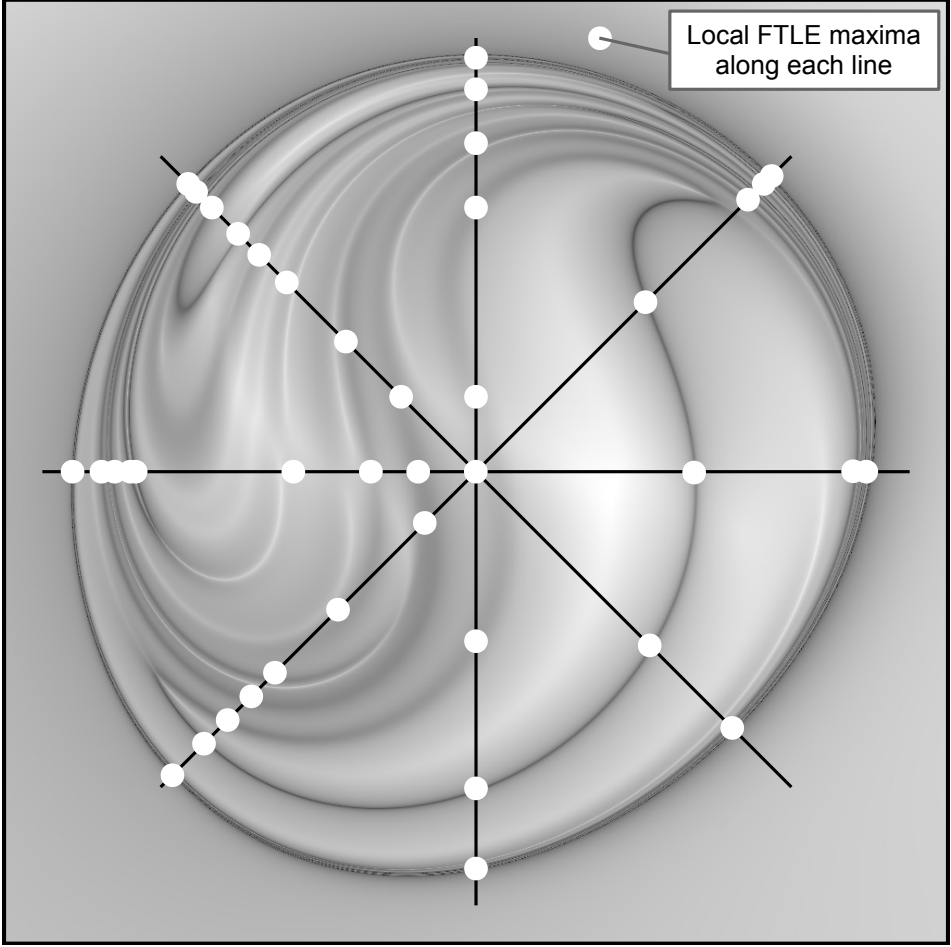


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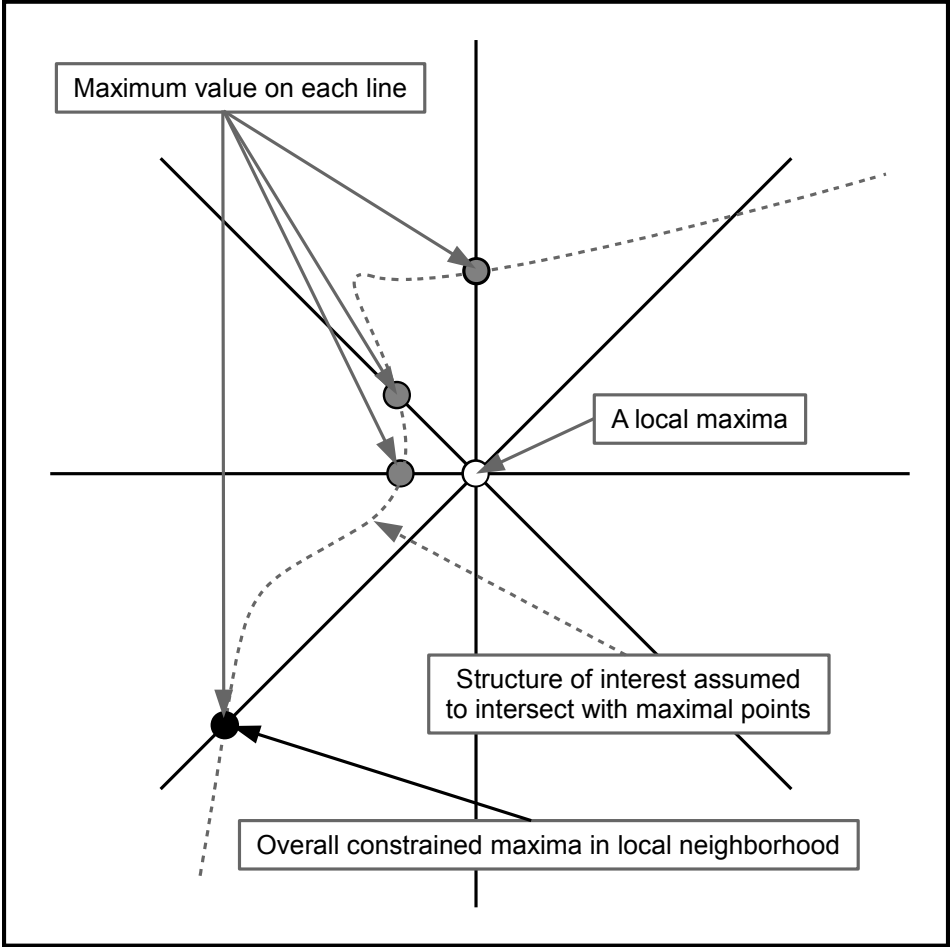
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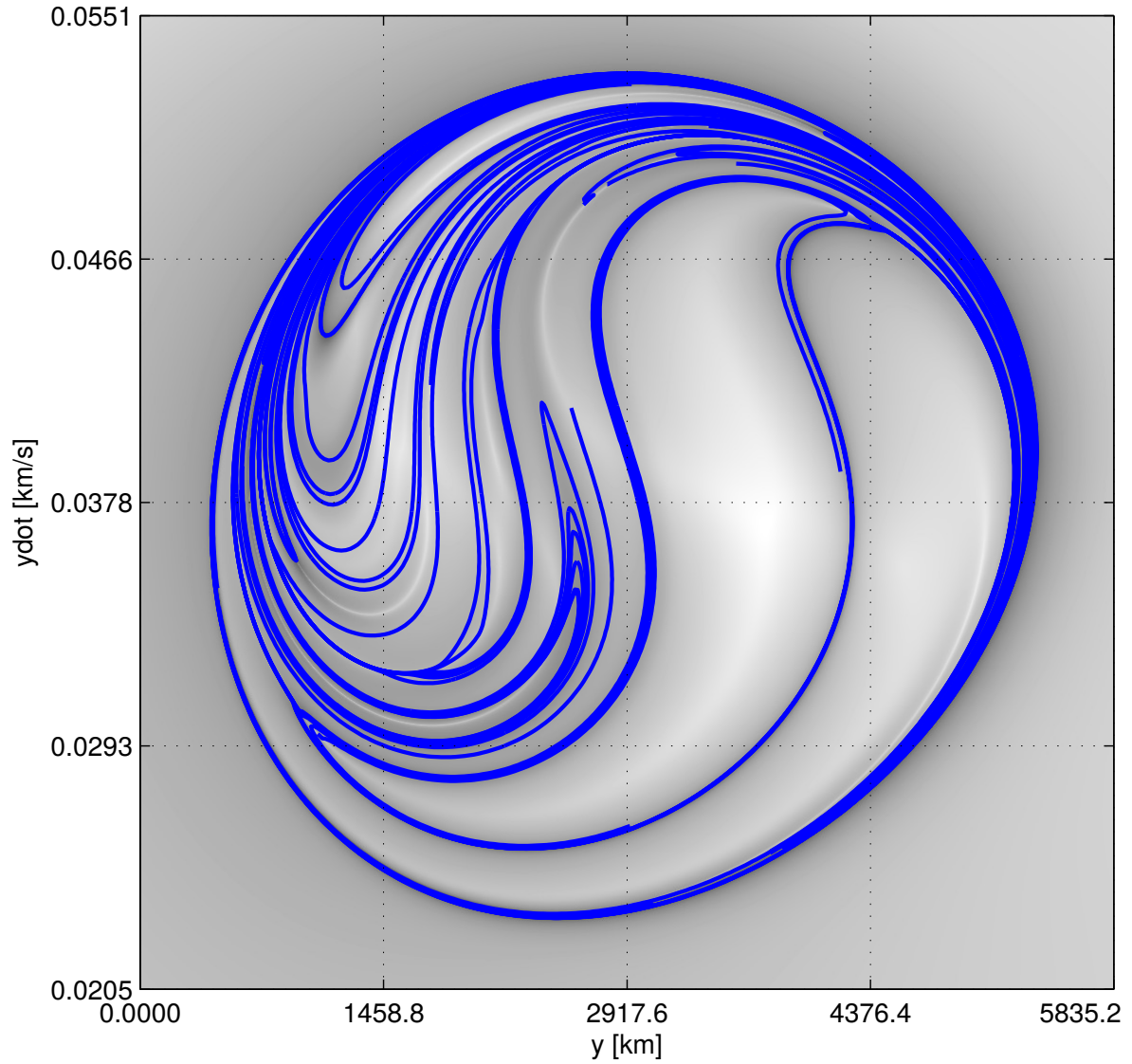
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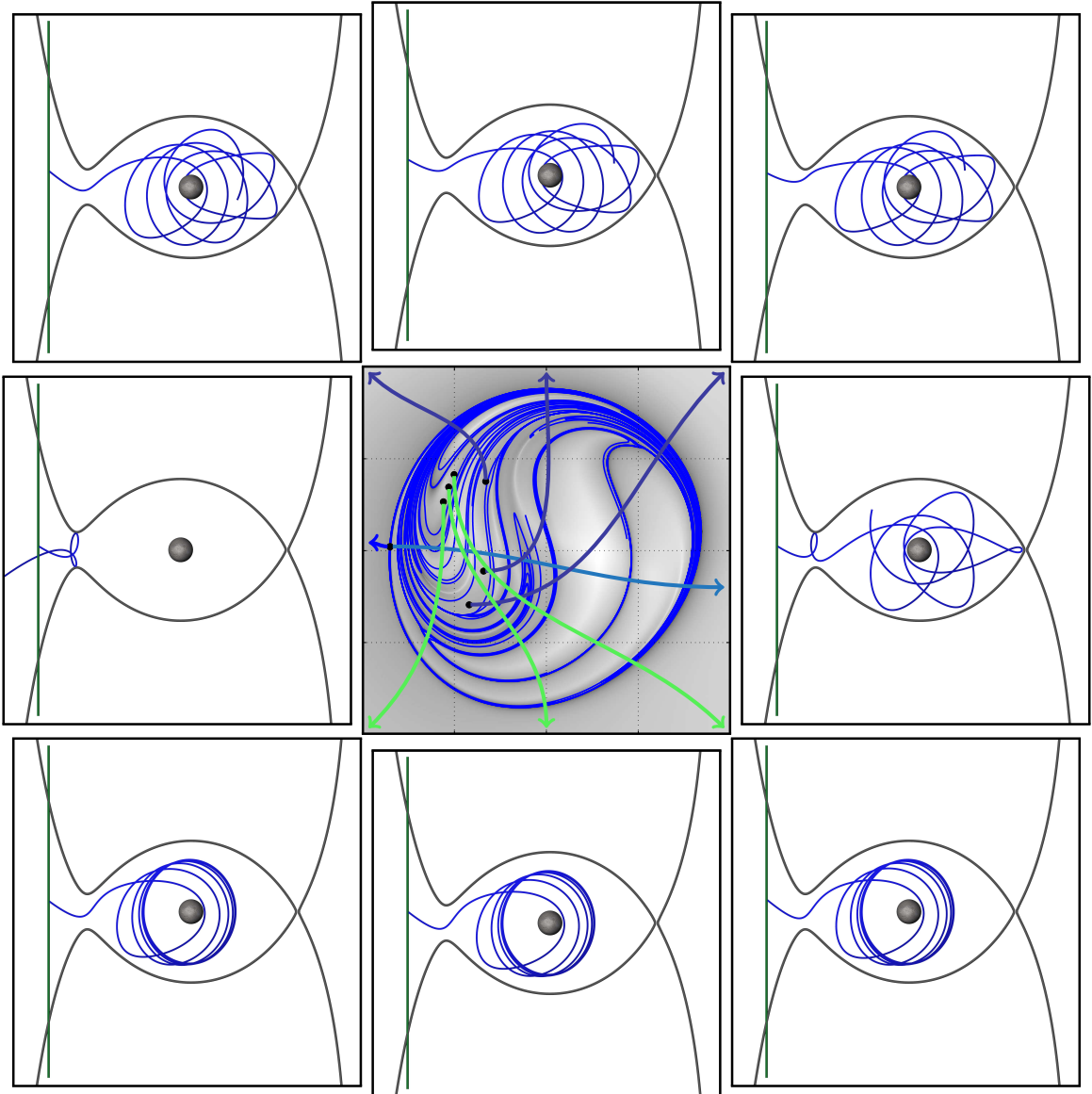
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- Given sufficiently refined candidate points
  - $\Rightarrow$  eigenvectors and other associated vectors trace structures

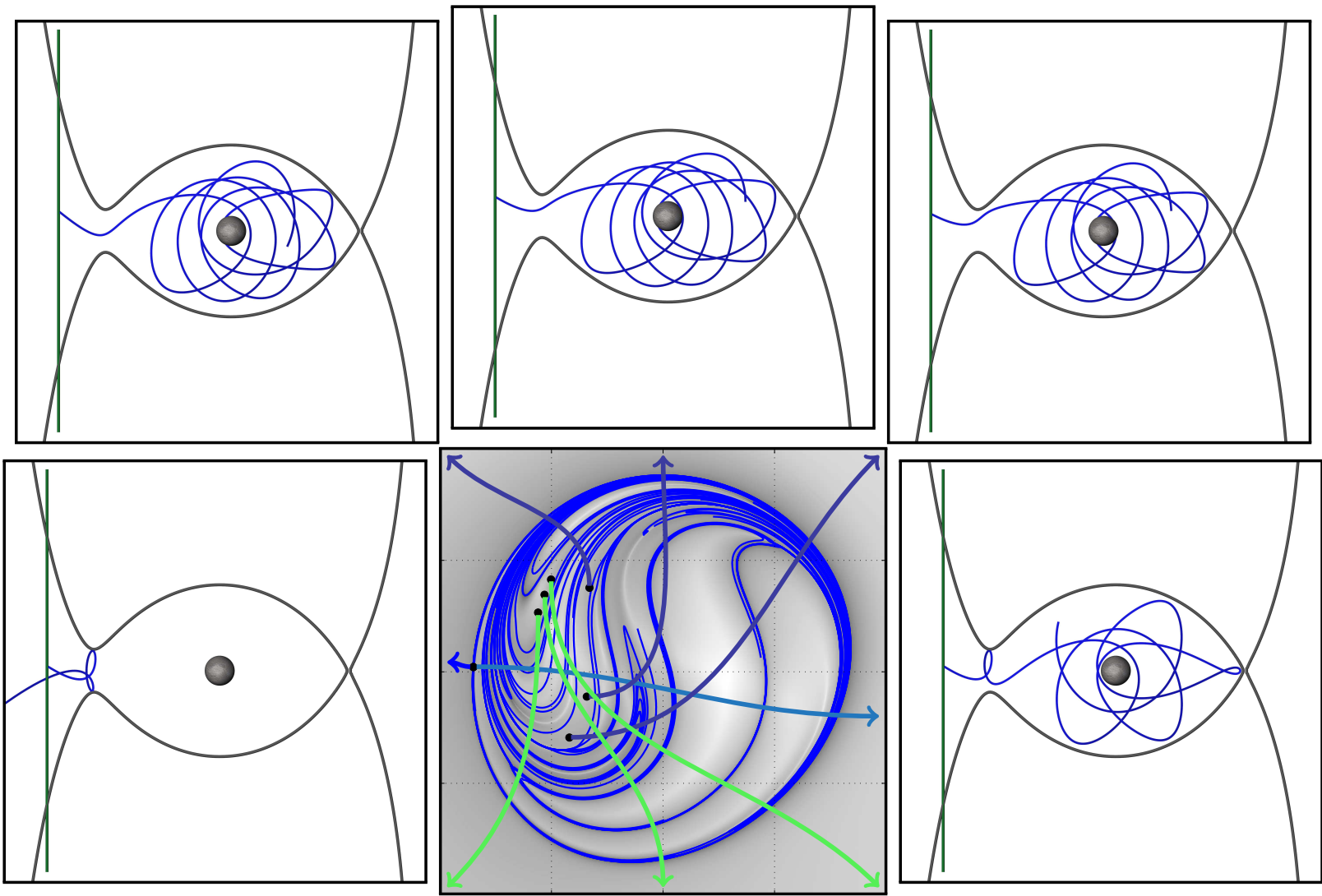
- LCS are orthogonal to  $\xi_n$
- In higher-dimensional flows additional constraints required
- Example normals selected:  $\mathbf{n}_1 = \nabla C$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$
- Structure tangents,  $\hat{\xi}_n$ , are mutually orthogonal to  $\mathbf{n}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_2$ , and  $\xi_n$
- The associated curves, *strainlines*, are numerically integrated through the tangent-vector field for parametrizations of  $\mathbf{r}$ :

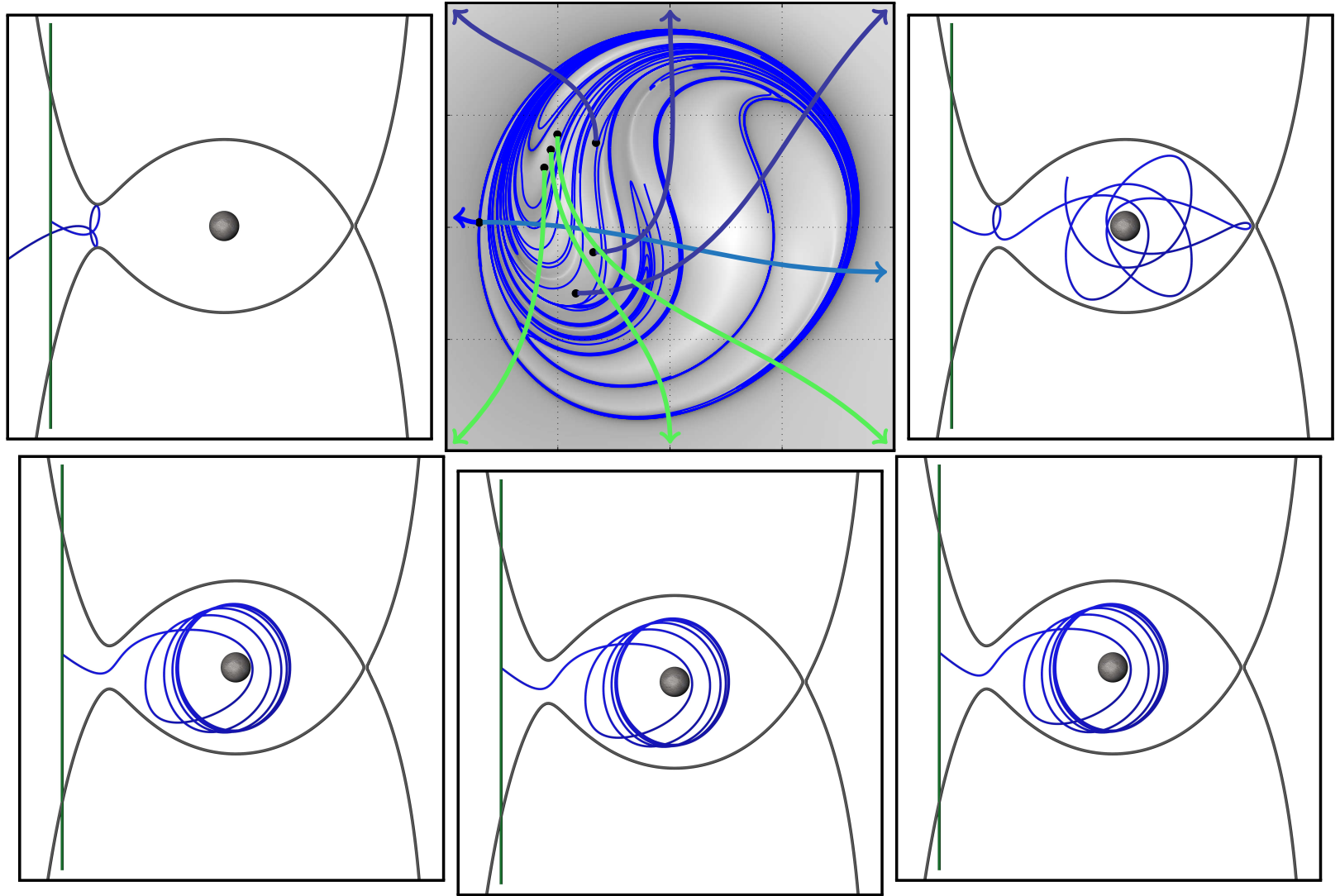
$$\frac{d}{ds}\mathbf{r}(s) = \text{sign} \left( \left\langle \hat{\xi}_n(\mathbf{r}(s - \Delta)), \hat{\xi}_n(\mathbf{r}(s)) \right\rangle \right) \hat{\xi}_n(\mathbf{r}(s))$$

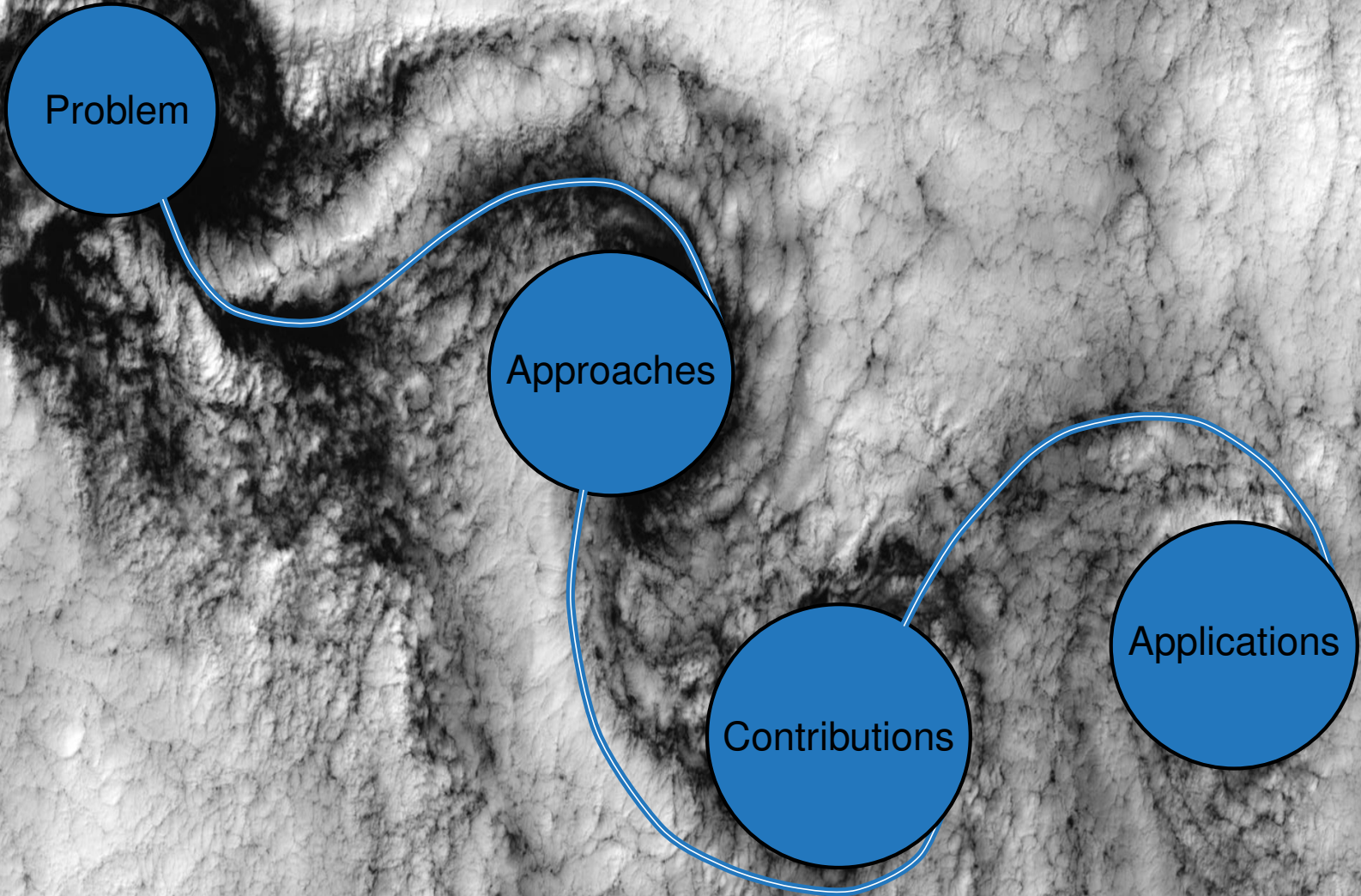
- As  $\hat{\xi}_n$  inherits lack of sense from  $\xi_n$ , the previous step is considered

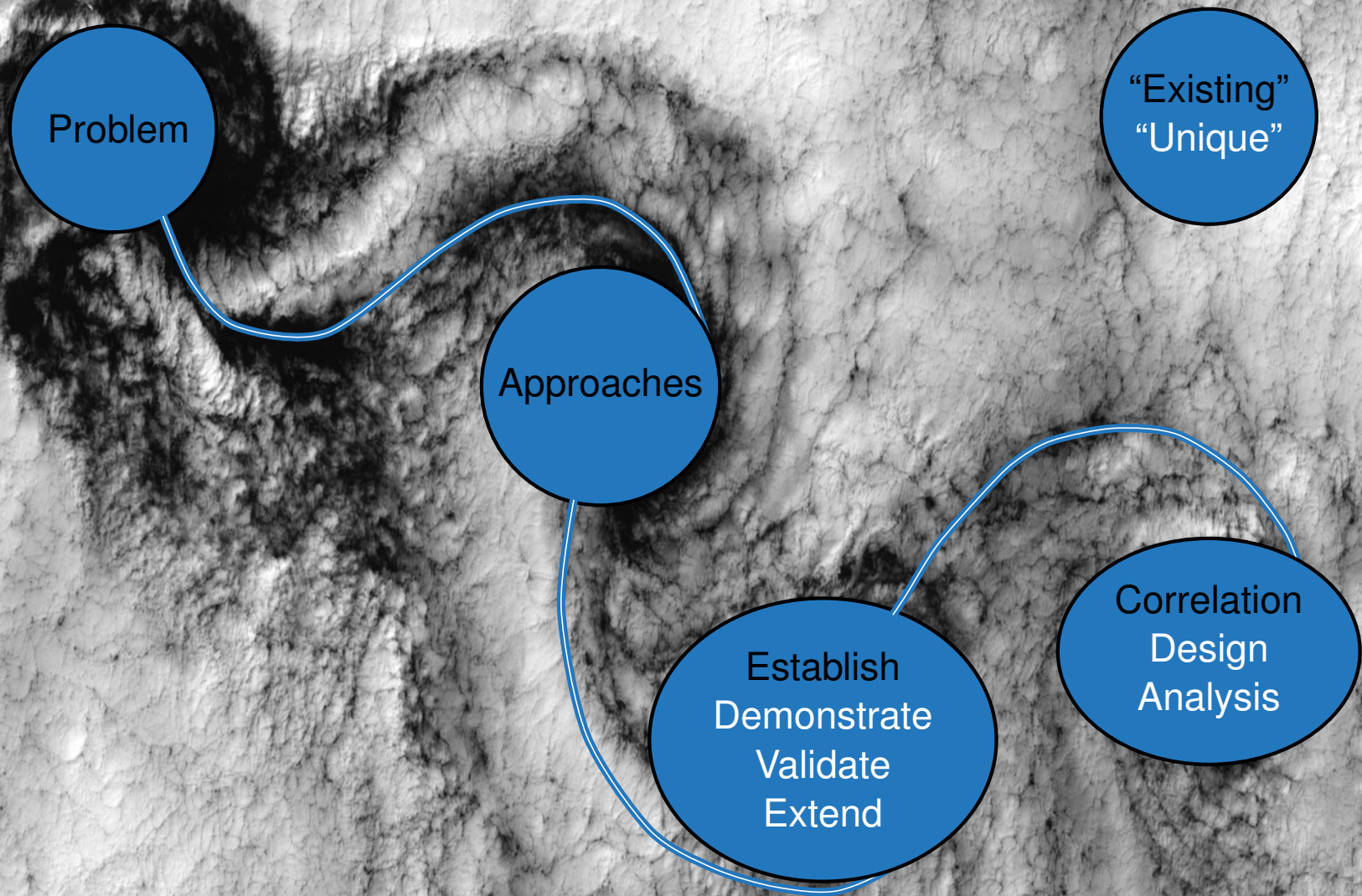










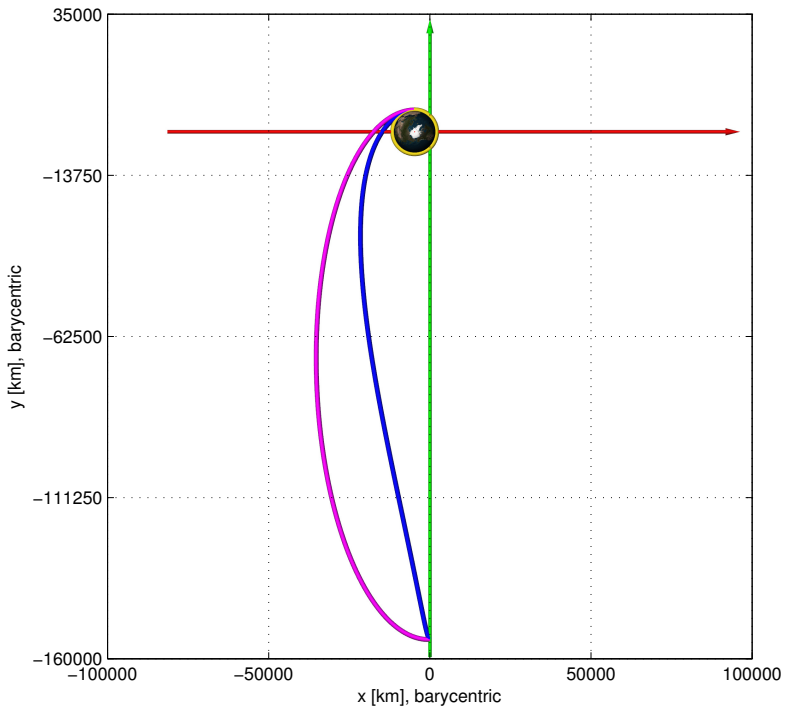


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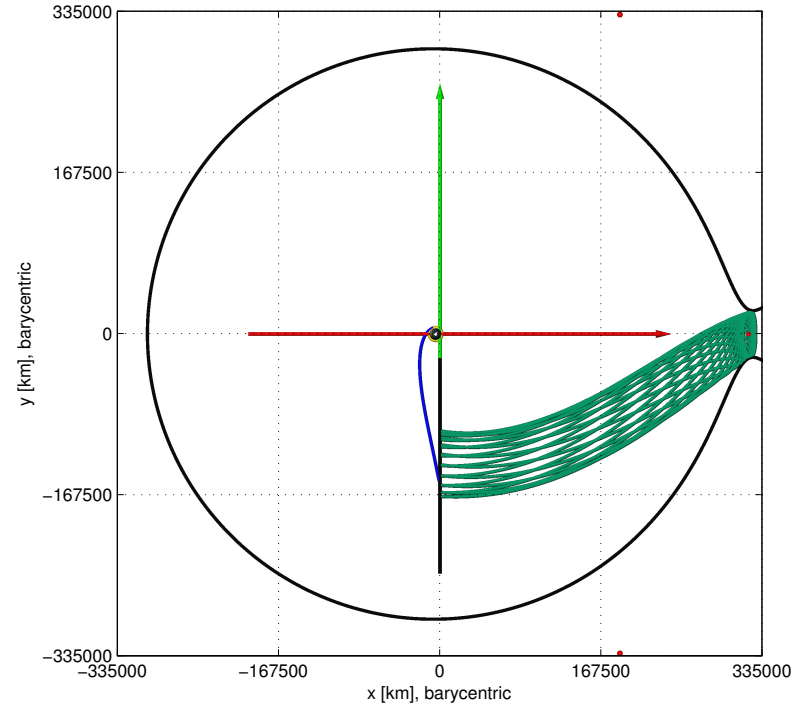
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Hohmann arc:  
problem framing and model  
transitioning notion

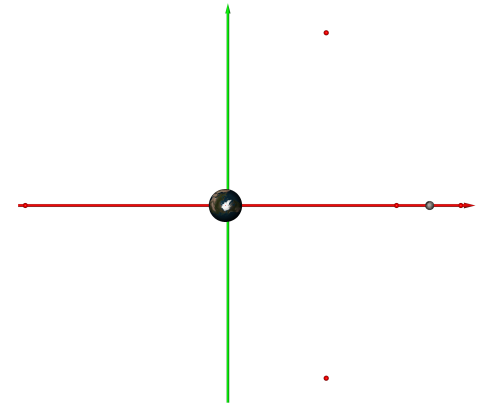
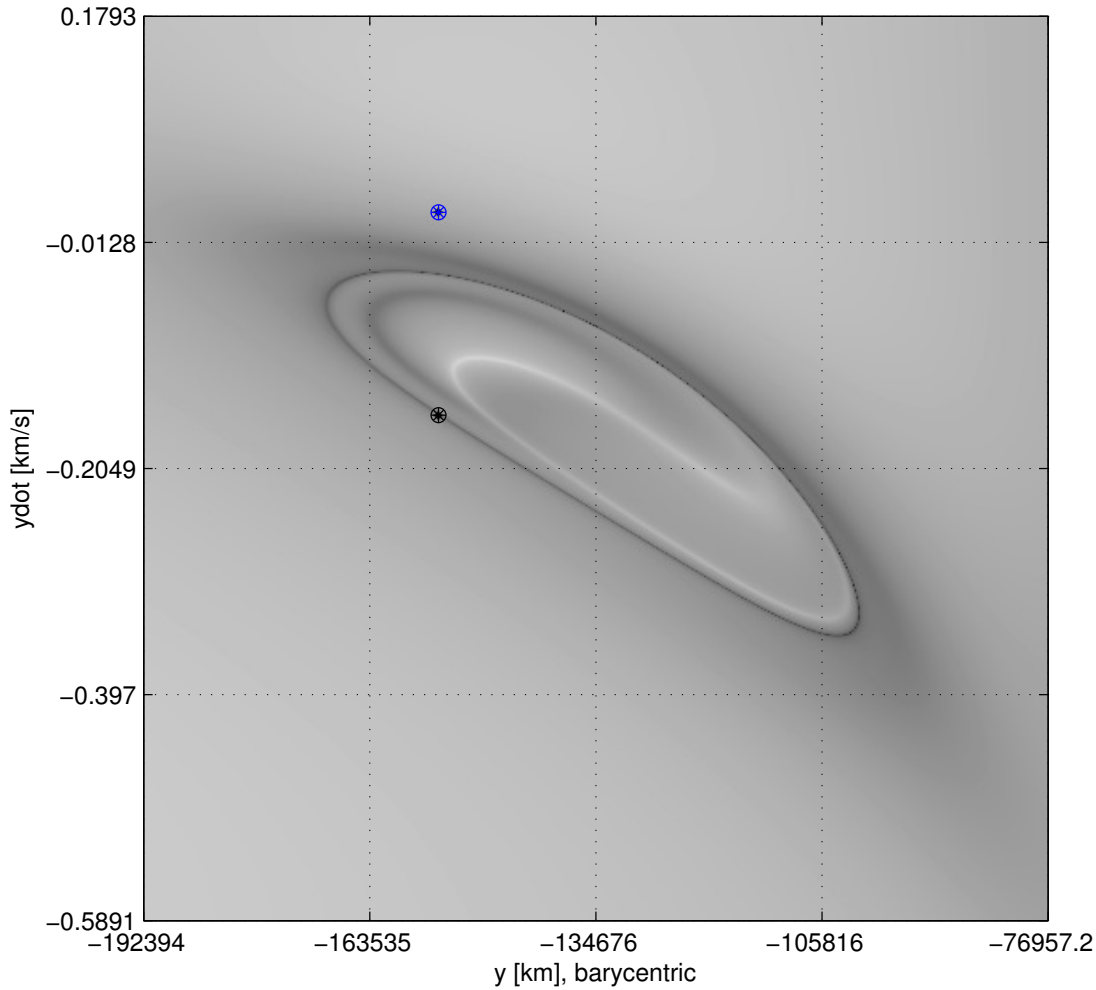


Hohmann – barycentered inertial  
Hohmann – barycentered rotating

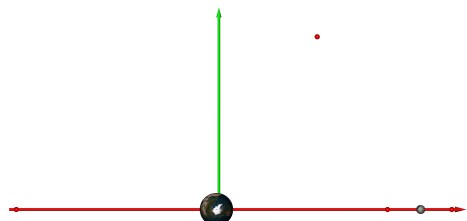
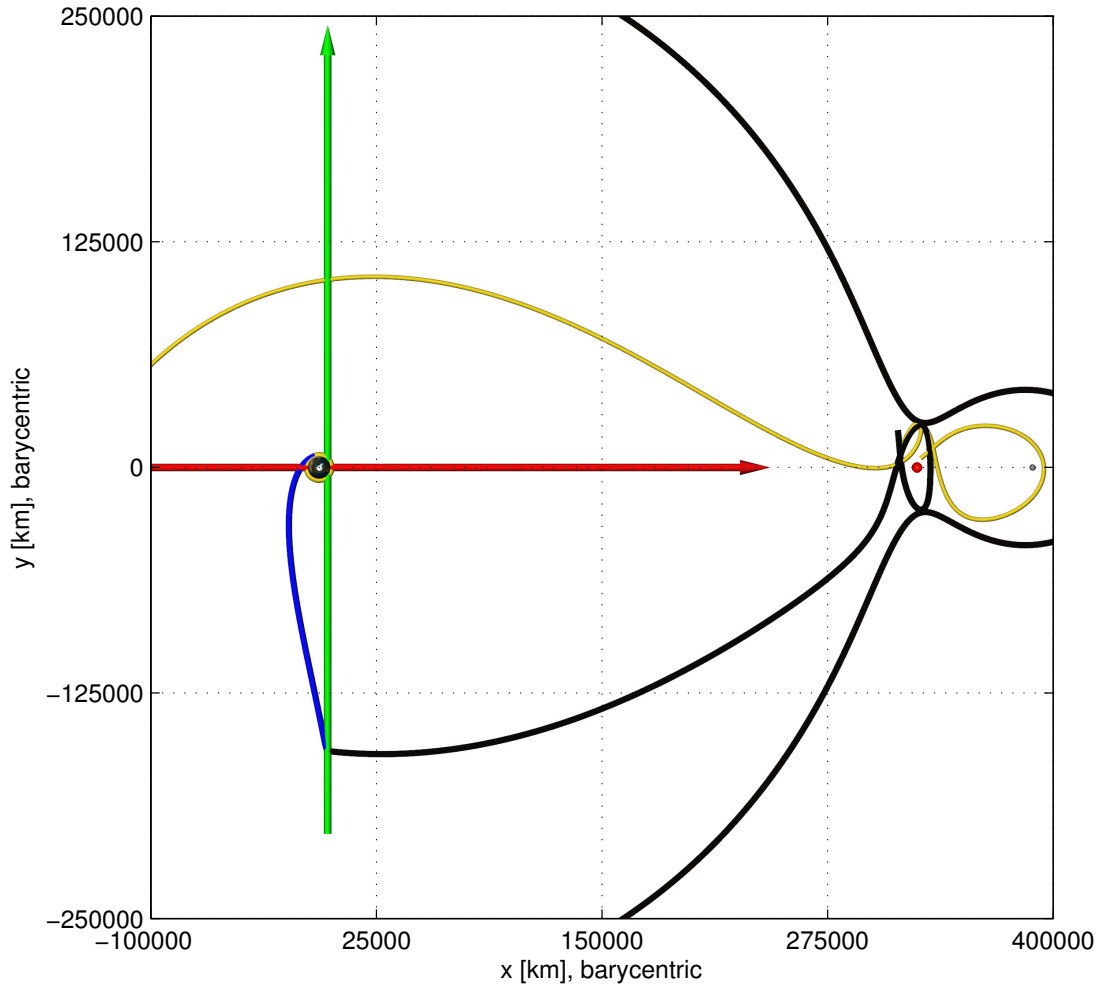
Section:  
 $-250,000 \text{ km} < y < -20,000 \text{ km}$   
 $-0.9733 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} < \dot{y} < 0.5635 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$



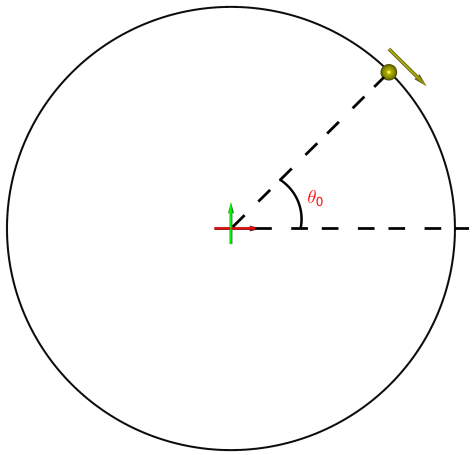
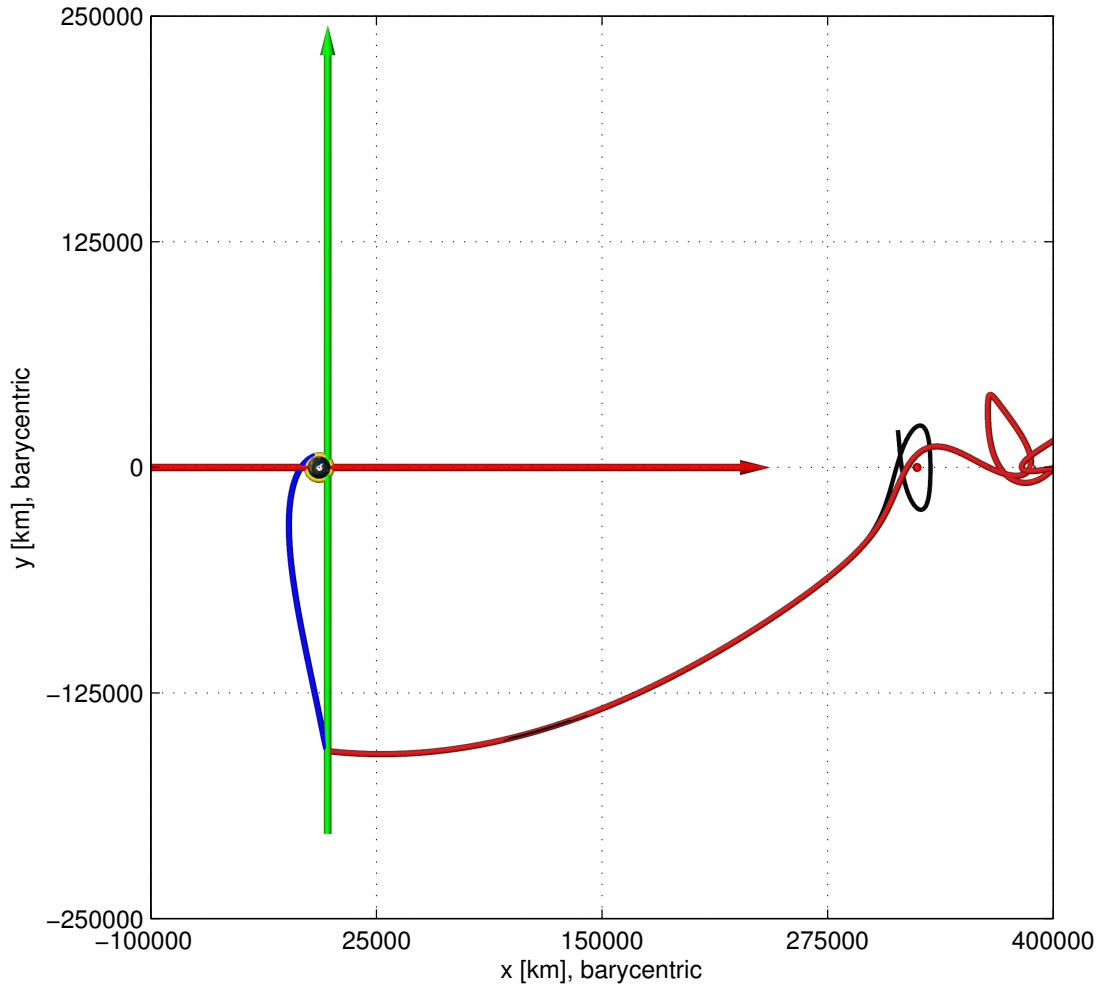
Hohmann  
 $L_1$  Lyapunov stable manifolds;  $C = C_{L_2}$



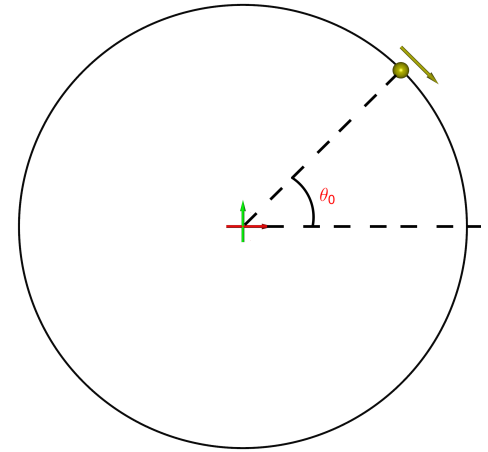
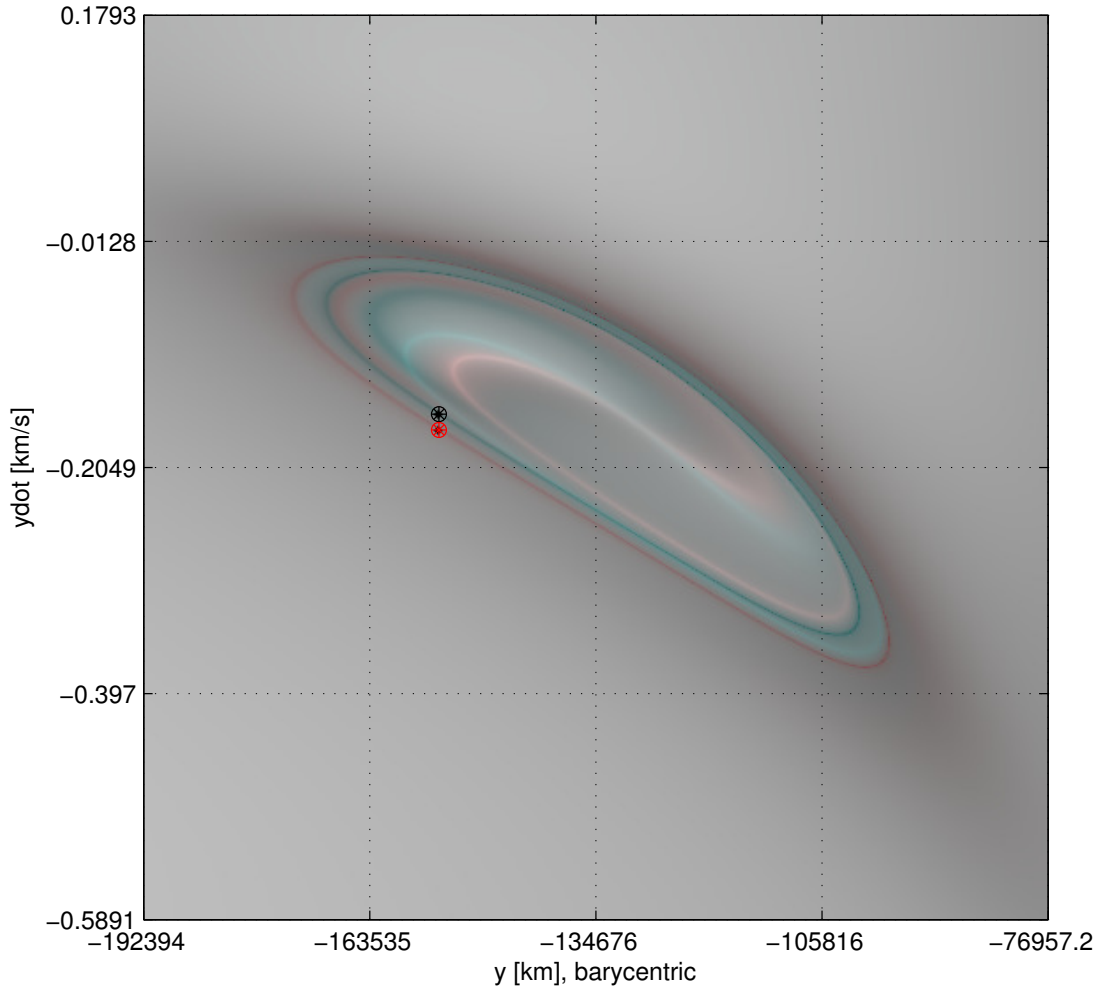
Hohmann state  
projection  
Map state near structure



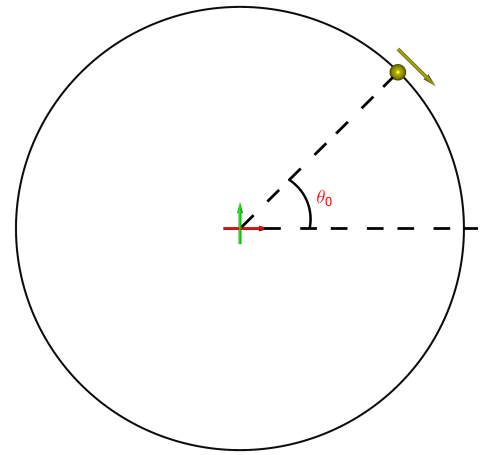
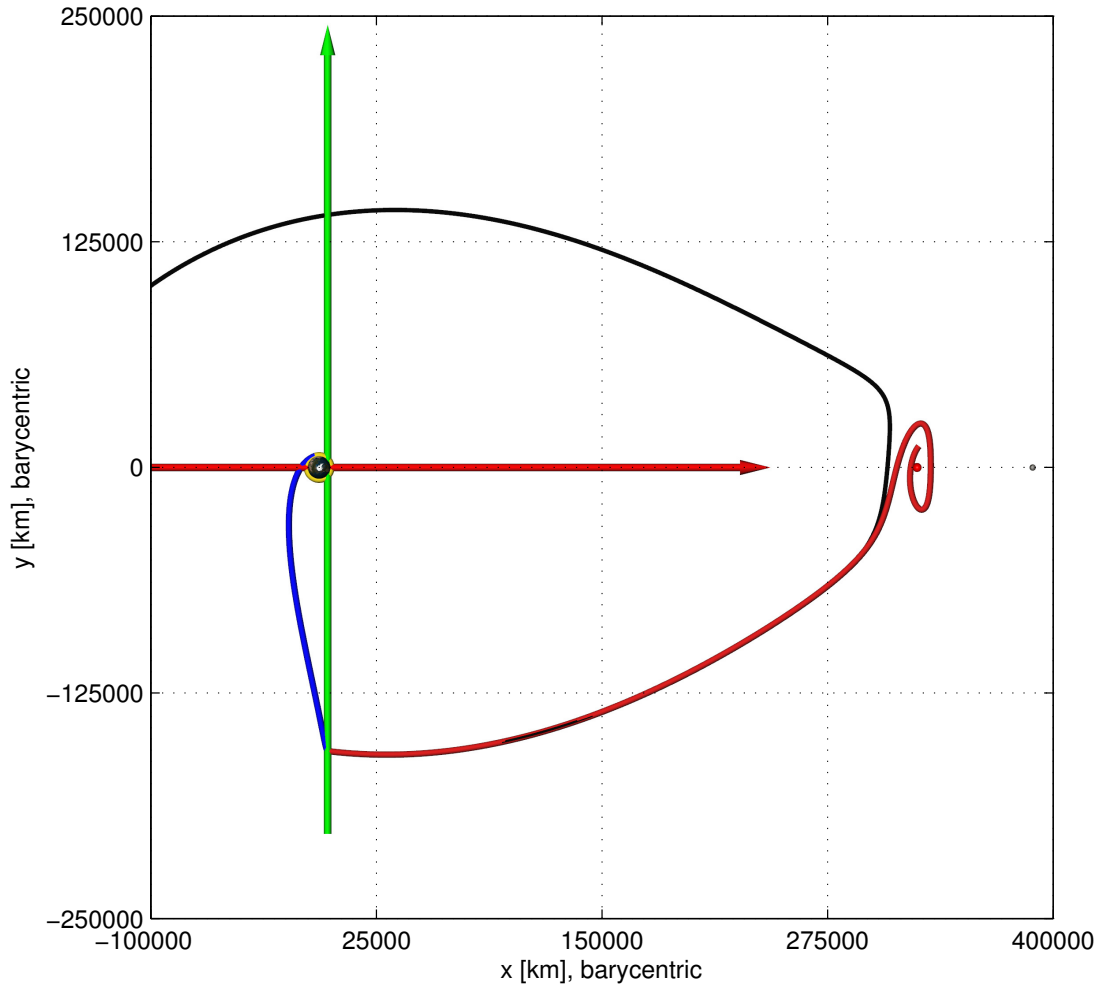
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} &\approx -0.1546, \\ \dot{y} &= -0.1550, \\ \dot{y} &\approx -0.1561 \end{aligned}$$



CRP:  $\dot{y} = -0.1550$ ,  
Same state in 4BP;  
 $\theta_0 = 0.25\pi$



State in CRP,  
New state for 4BP;  
 $\theta_0 = 0.25\pi$



New state evolved in CRP,  
New state in 4BP;  
 $\theta_0 = 0.25\pi$

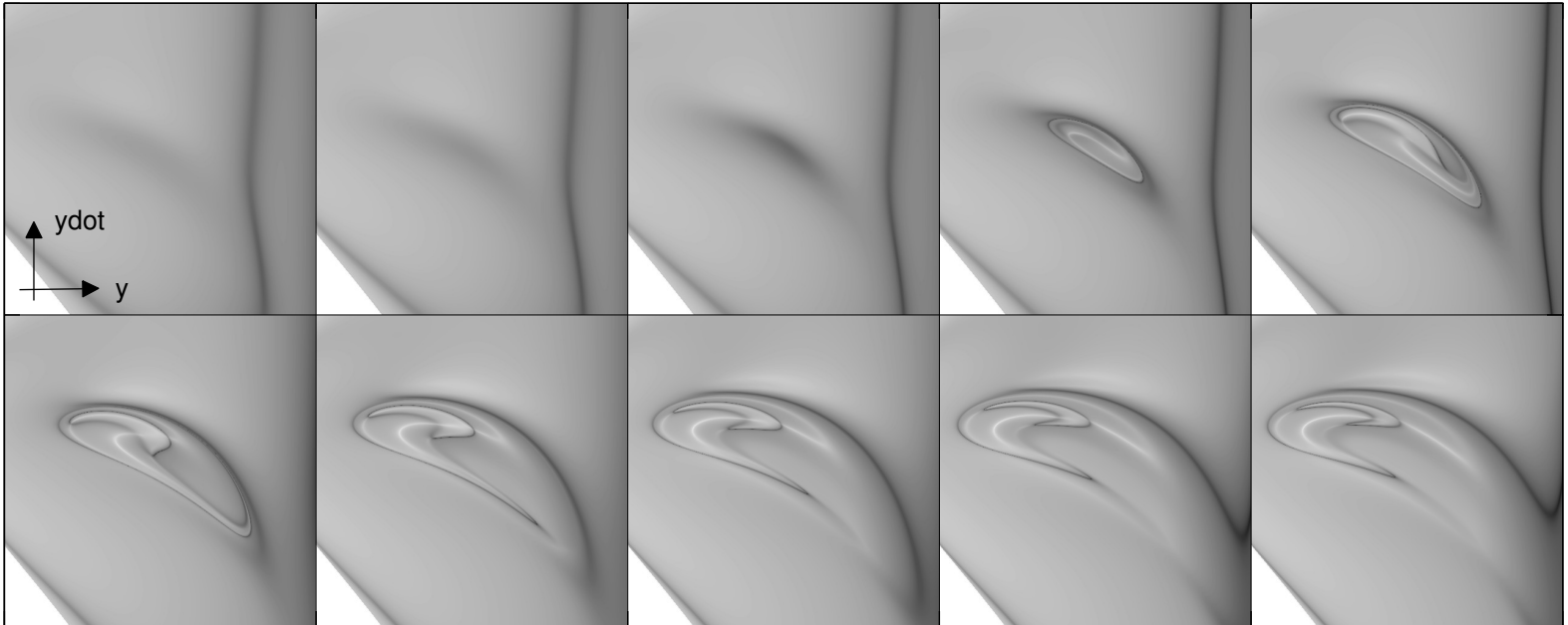
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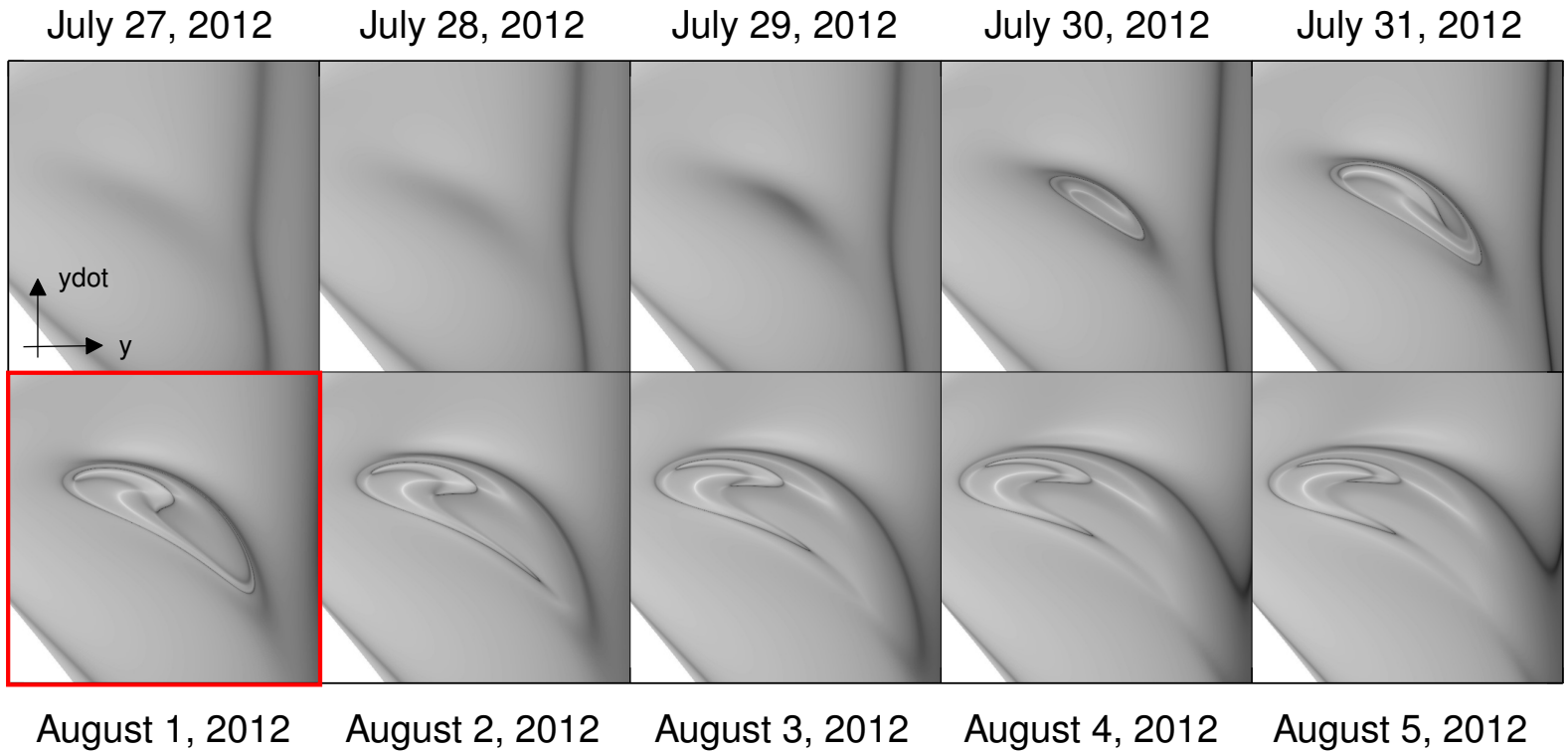
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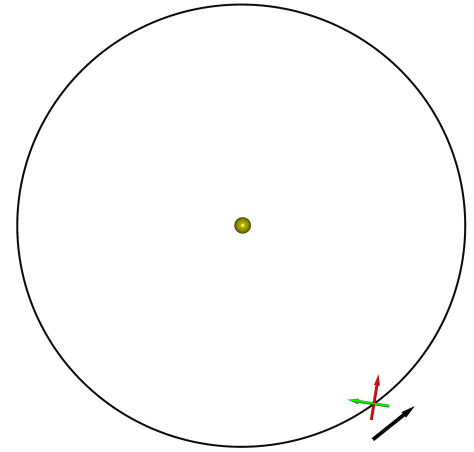
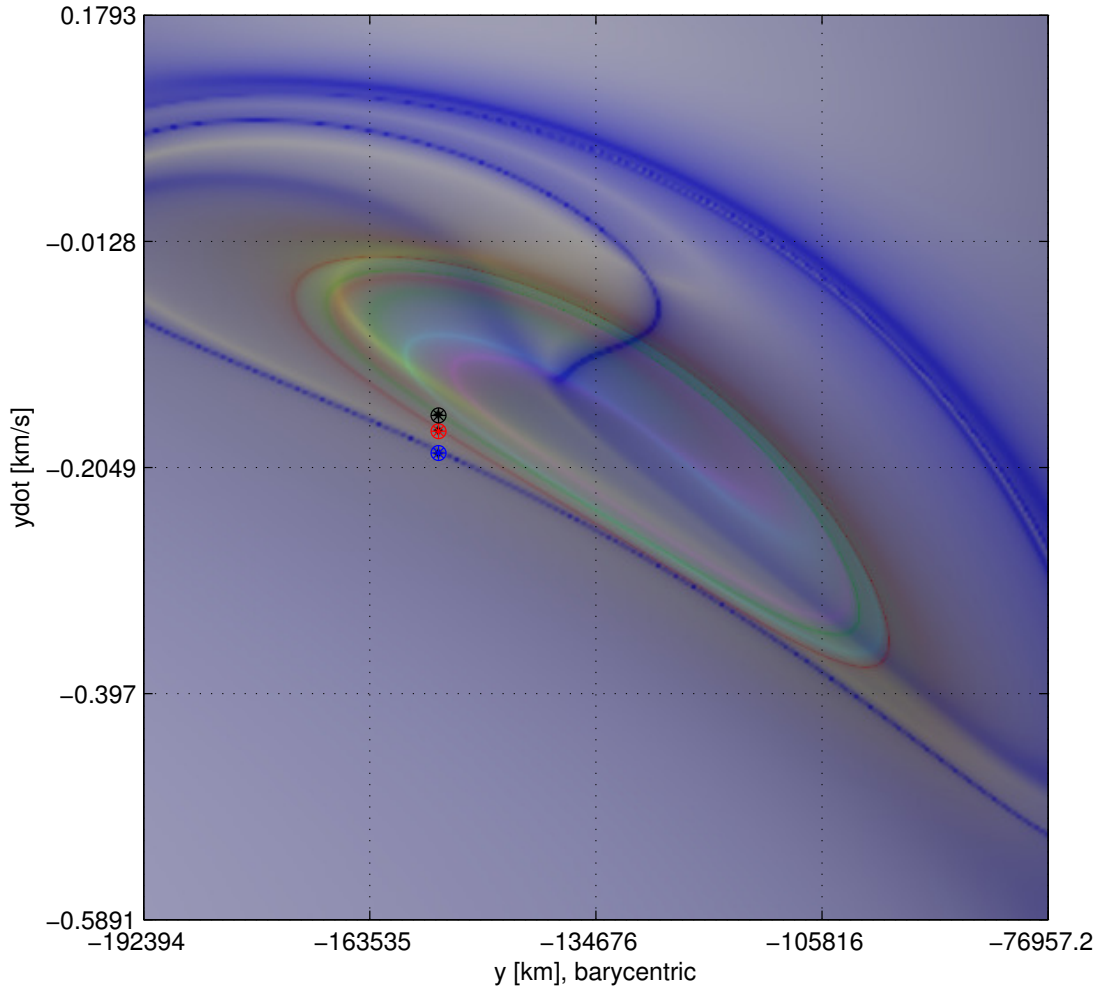
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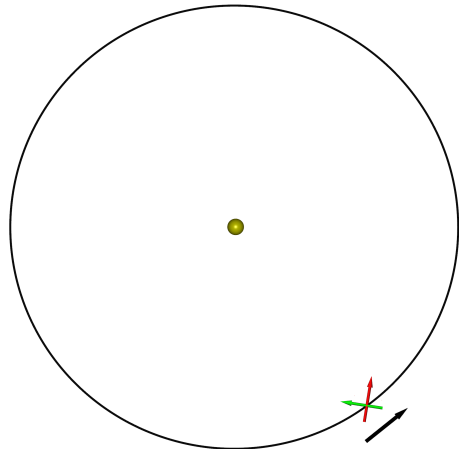
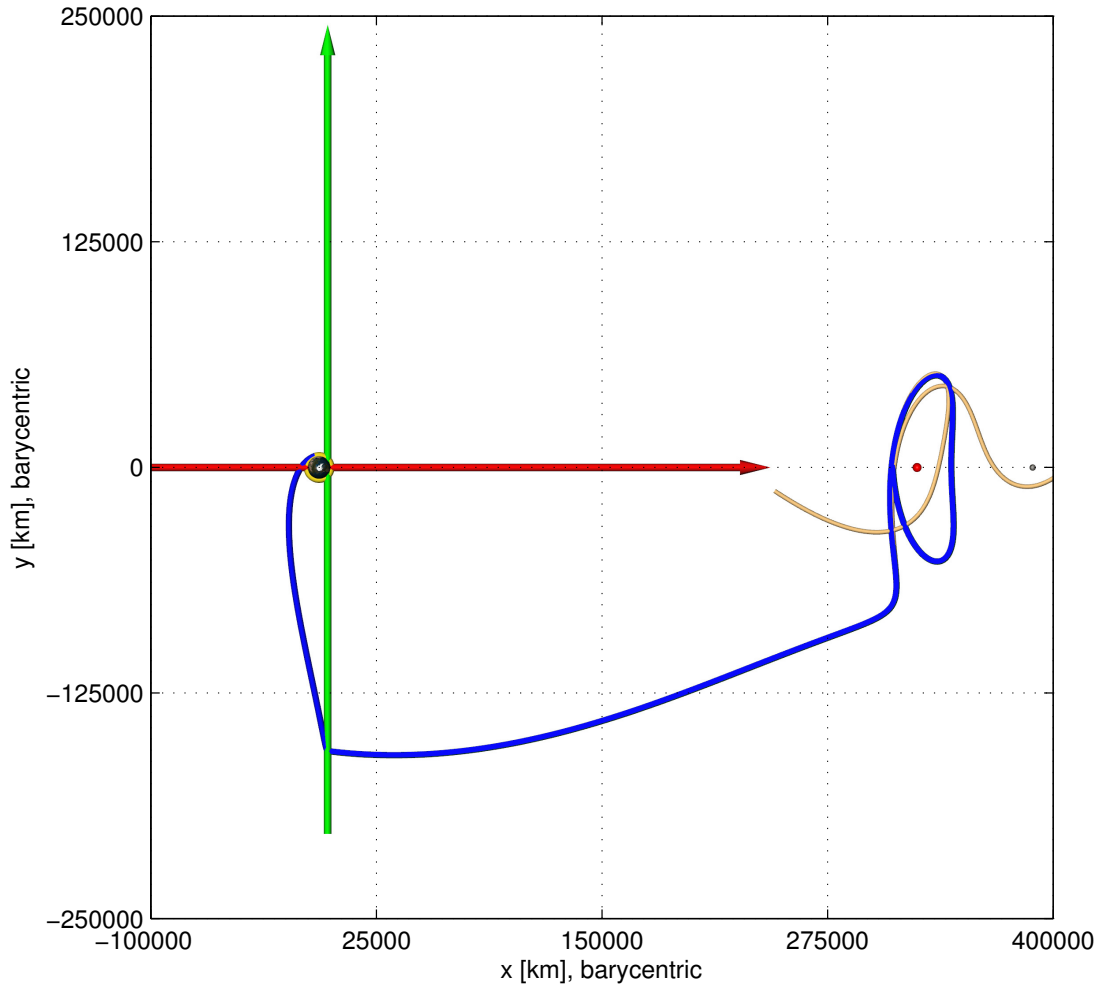
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State in CRP,  
State in 4BP,  
State in SEM; Aug. 1

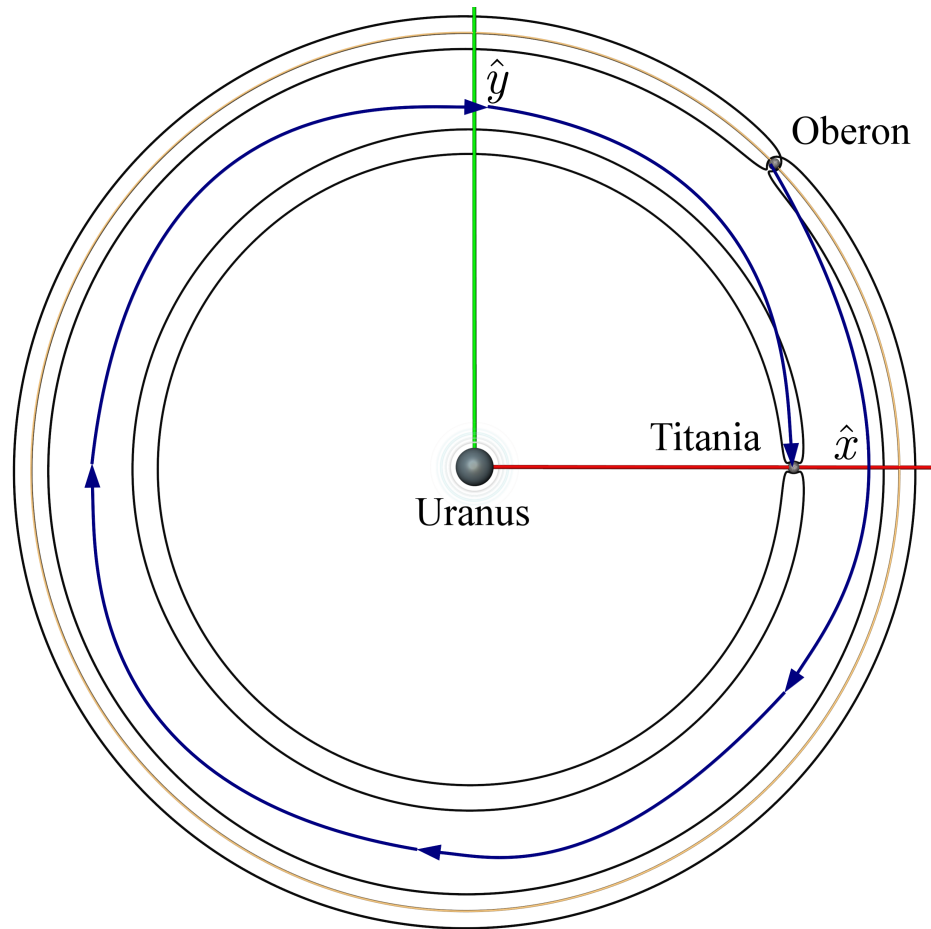


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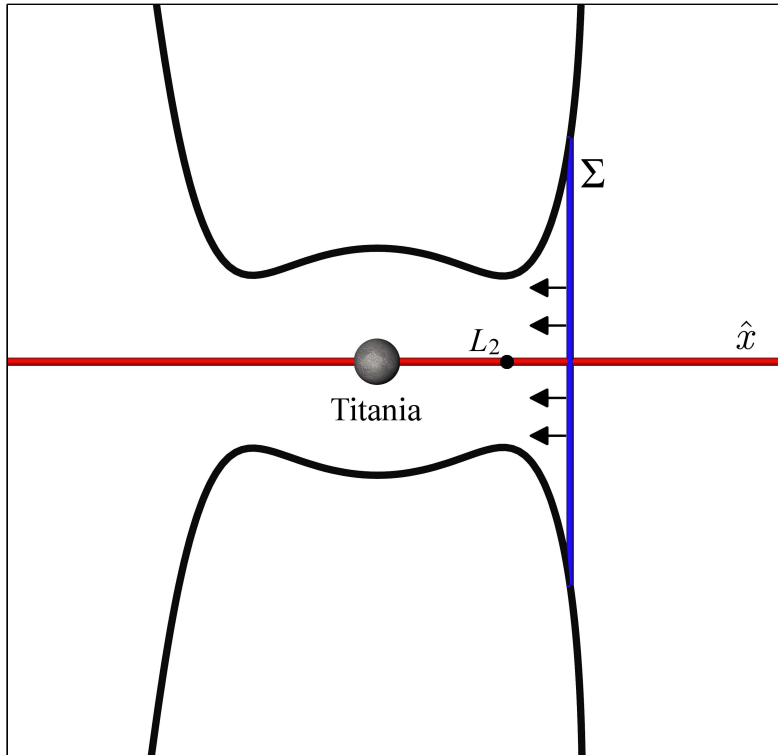
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- Objective: Revolution about Oberon, transfer from Oberon to Titania, revolution about Titania
- Find transfer using forward/backward advection of flow control segments

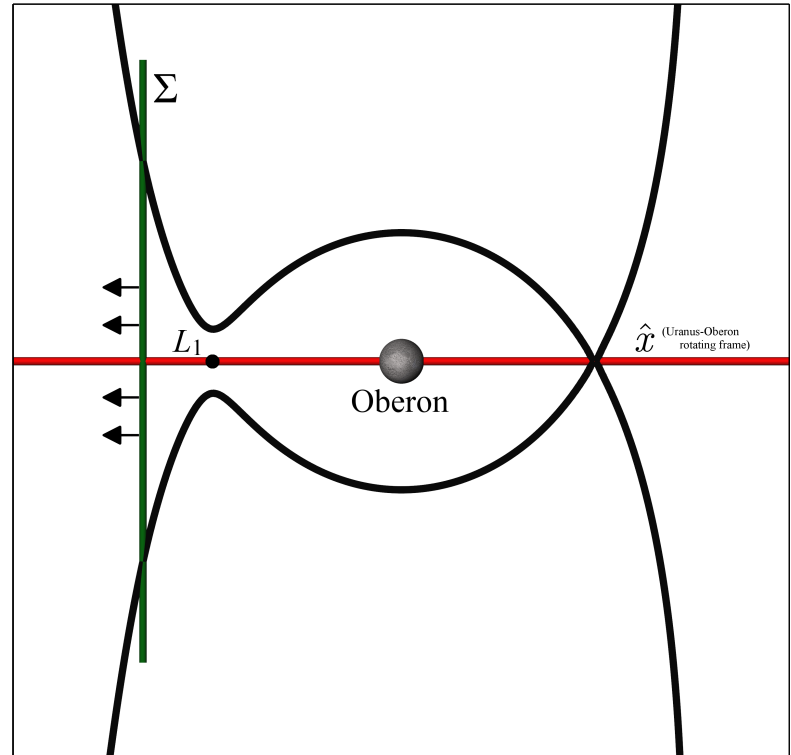


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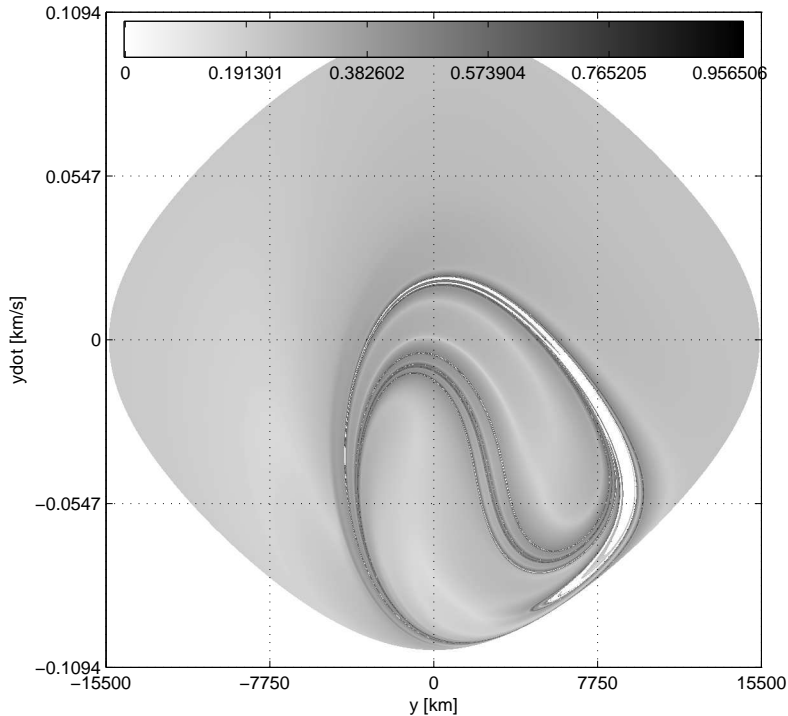


- $\Sigma : x = 1.03 \text{ nd},$   
 $-0.035 \leq y \leq 0.035 \text{ nd},$   
 $-0.03 \leq \dot{y} \leq 0.03 \text{ nd}$
- $\dot{x}$  from  $C$  selected to point toward Titania in forward time

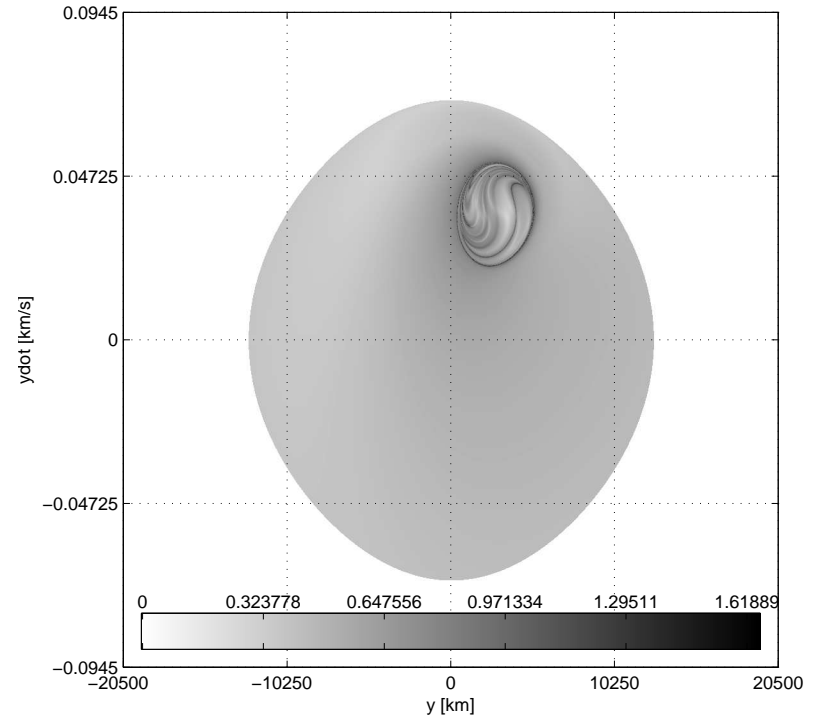


- $\Sigma : x = 0.97 \text{ nd},$   
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- Main internal structures: trajectories that flow toward respective moon
- ‘Swirls’: subsequent behavior (remain near moon or depart)
- Solid white regions: values set to zero (outside CRP ZVC)

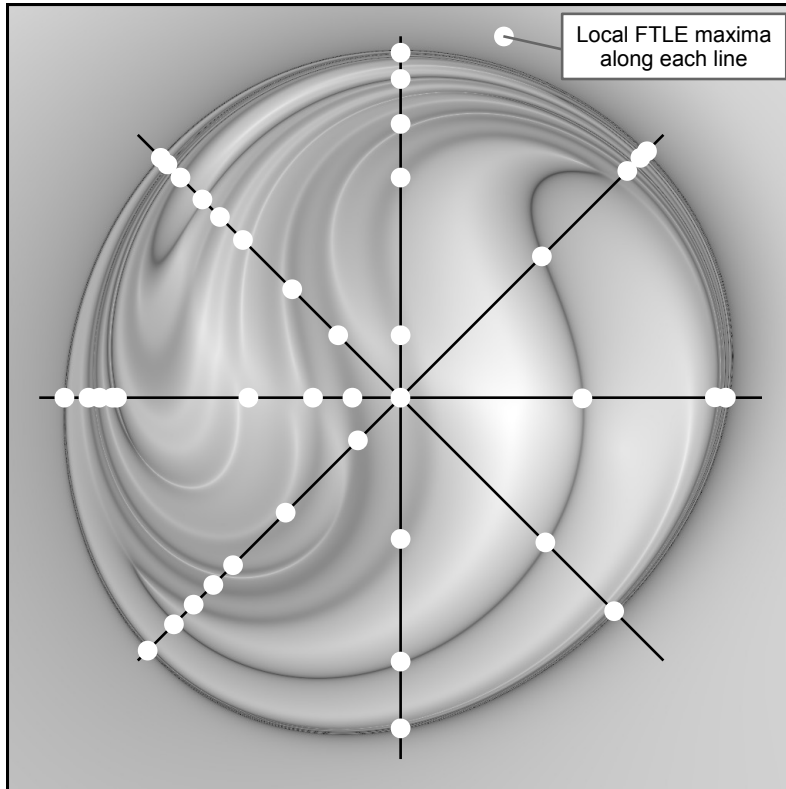


Forward time → Titania in 4BP  
10 nd time steps (~13.8 days)

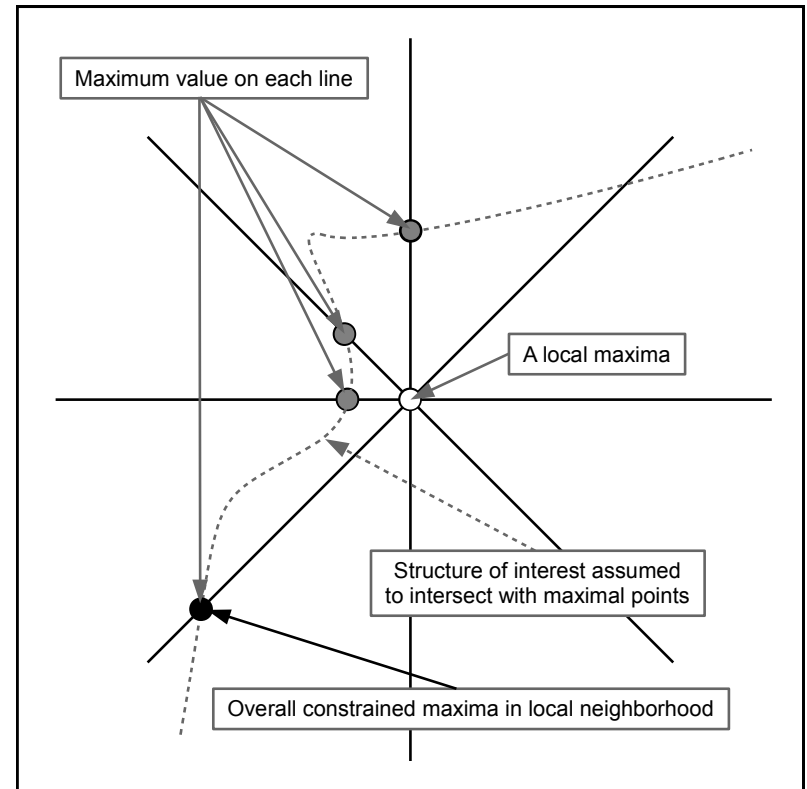


Backward time → Oberon in 4BP  
10 nd time steps (~21.4 days)

- Potential LCS member points may reflect high FTLE values
- Identify points to seed LCS strainlines

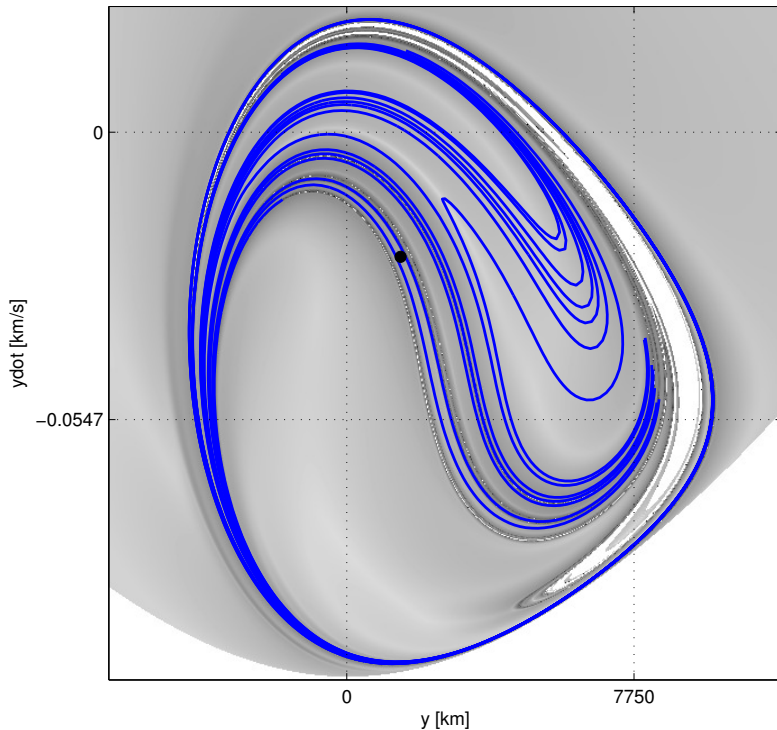


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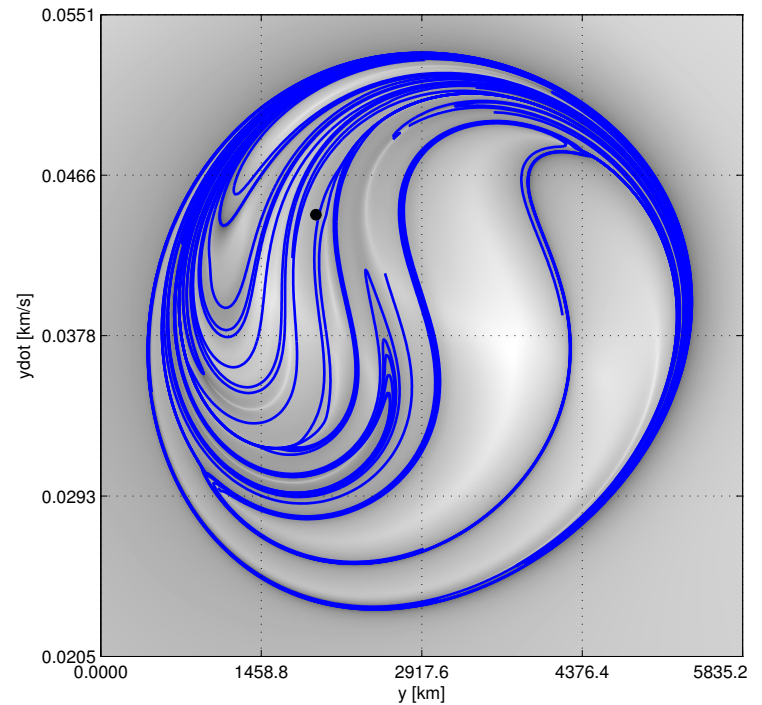


Point refinement in local neighborhood

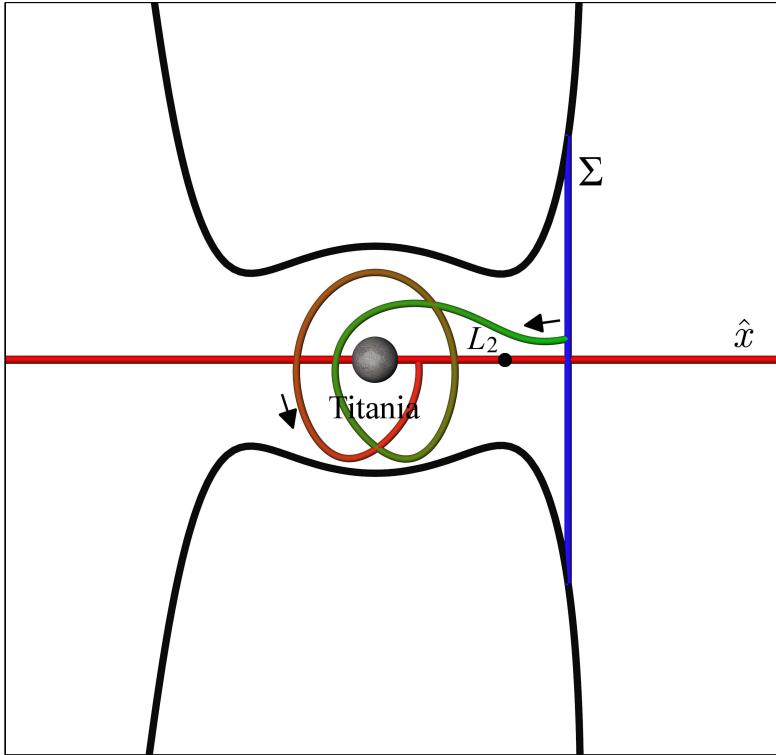
- Seeded from refined FTLE points
- Use additional vector information from CGST to propagate curves
- Select states to construct trajectory end segments



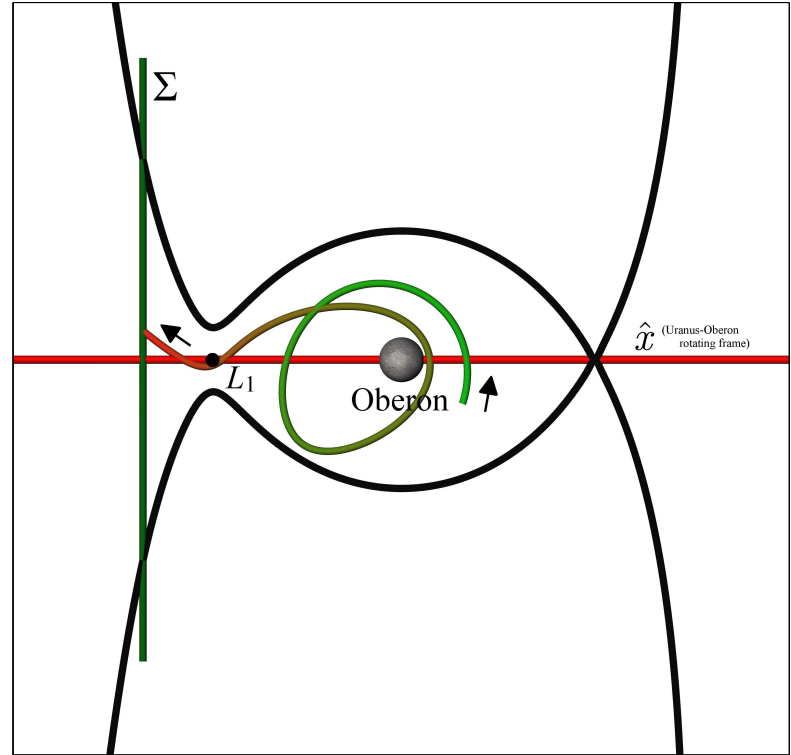
Strainlines on Titania map



Strainlines on Oberon map



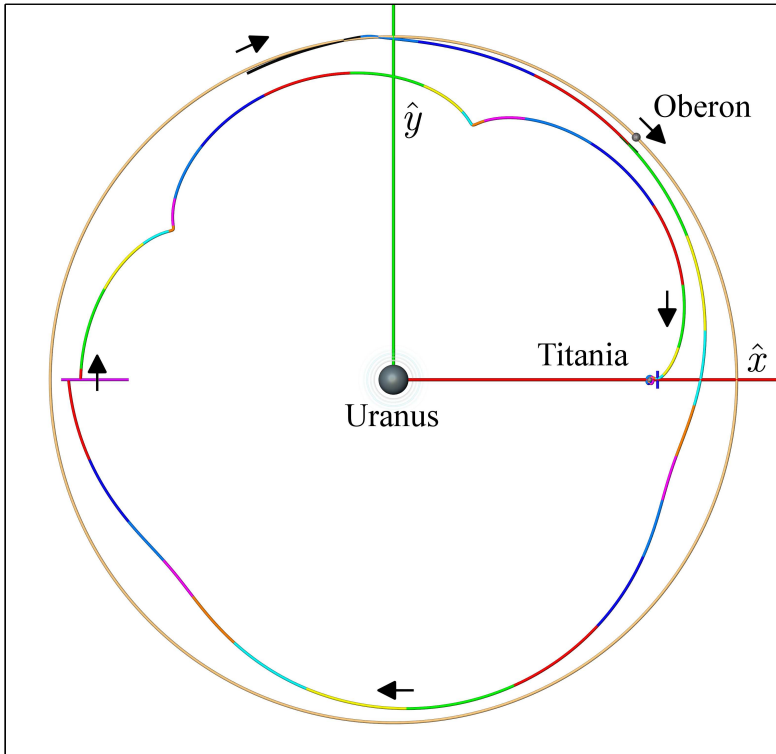
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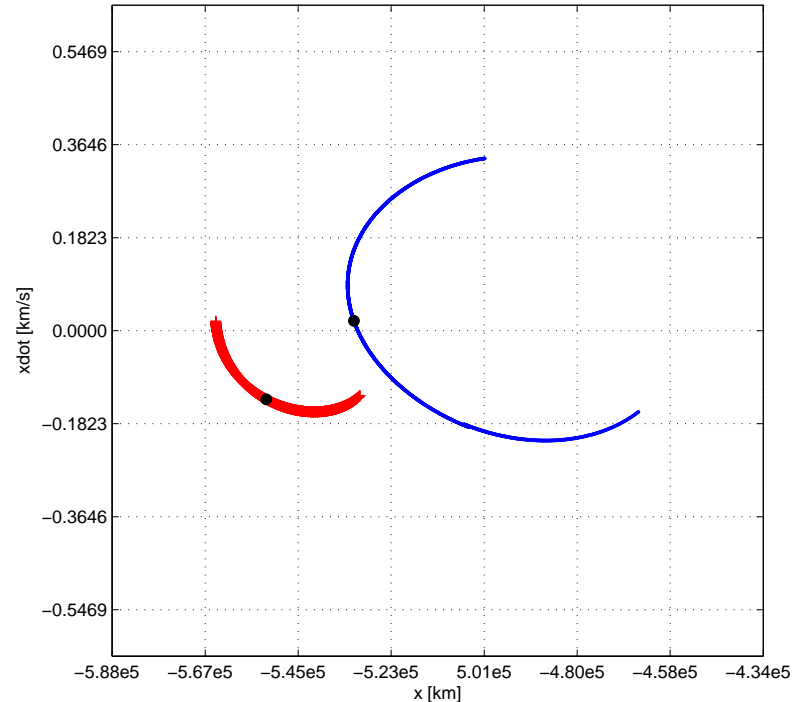
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- Section defined on negative  $x$  axis (magenta)
- Trajectories use rotating colors, change every time step ( $\sim 1.38$  days)
- Crossings from Oberon in forward time, from Titania in backward time



First forward and backward crossings



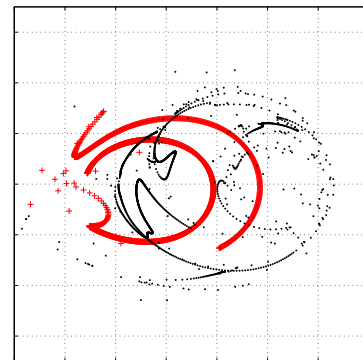
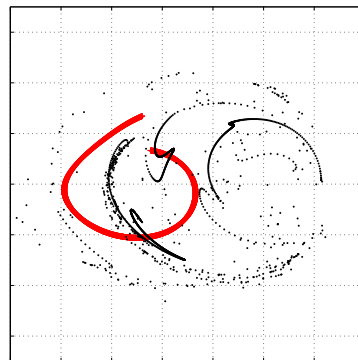
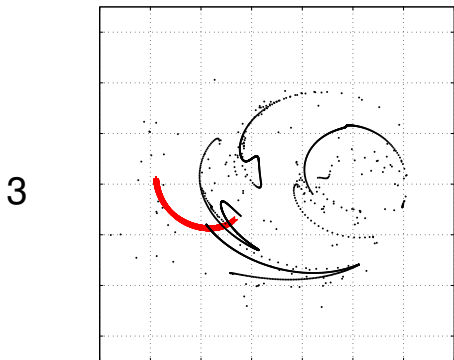
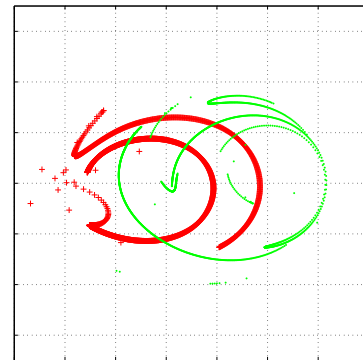
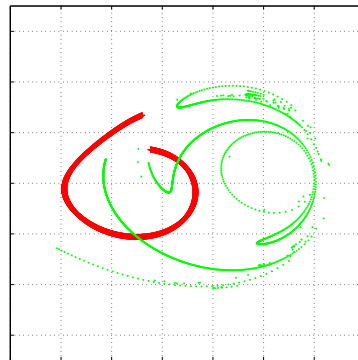
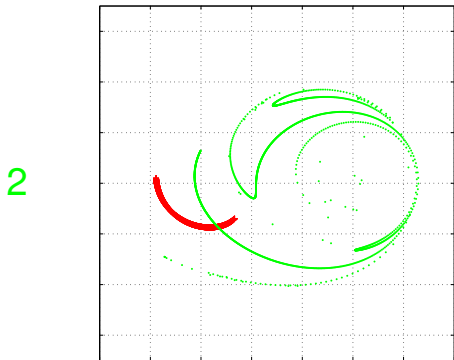
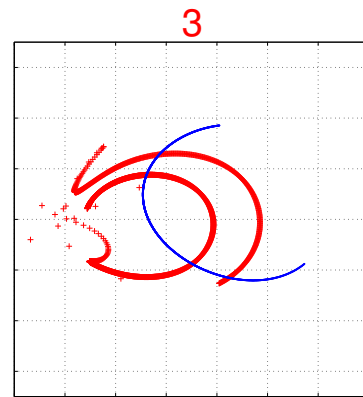
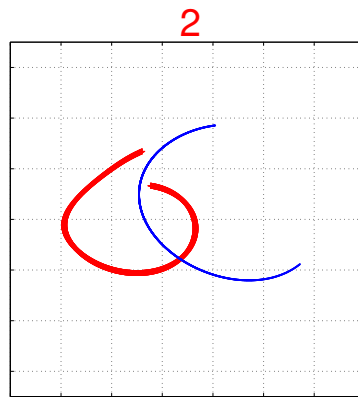
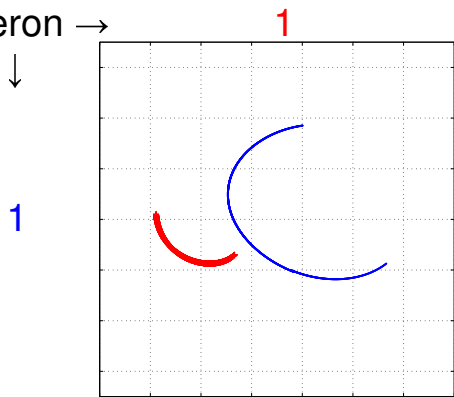
FCS images on the map (Oberon, Titania)

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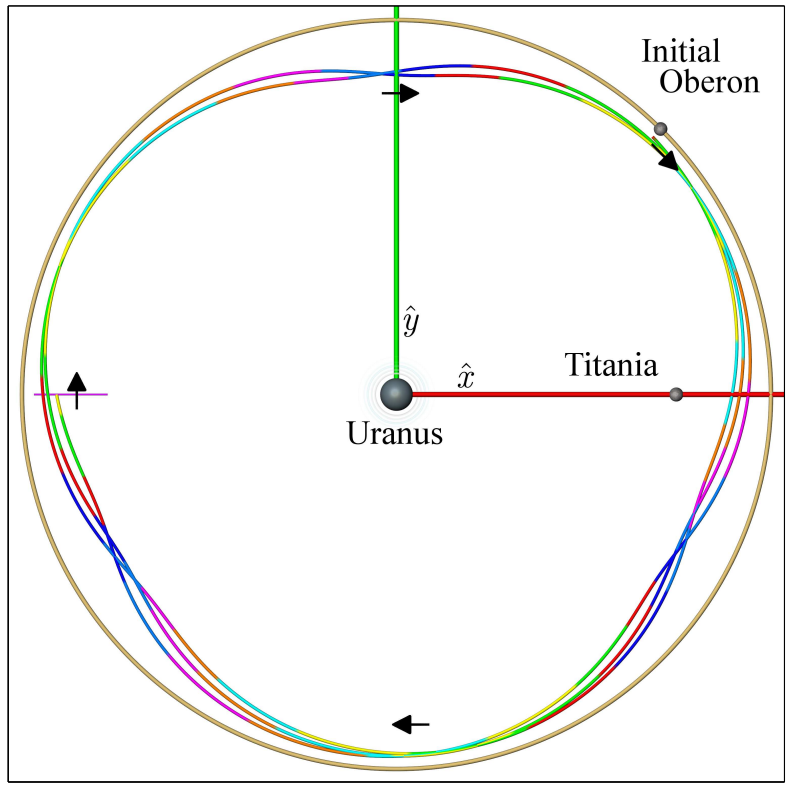
# FCS SECTION CROSSINGS FOR VARIOUS REVOLUTIONS

Oberon →  
Titania ↓

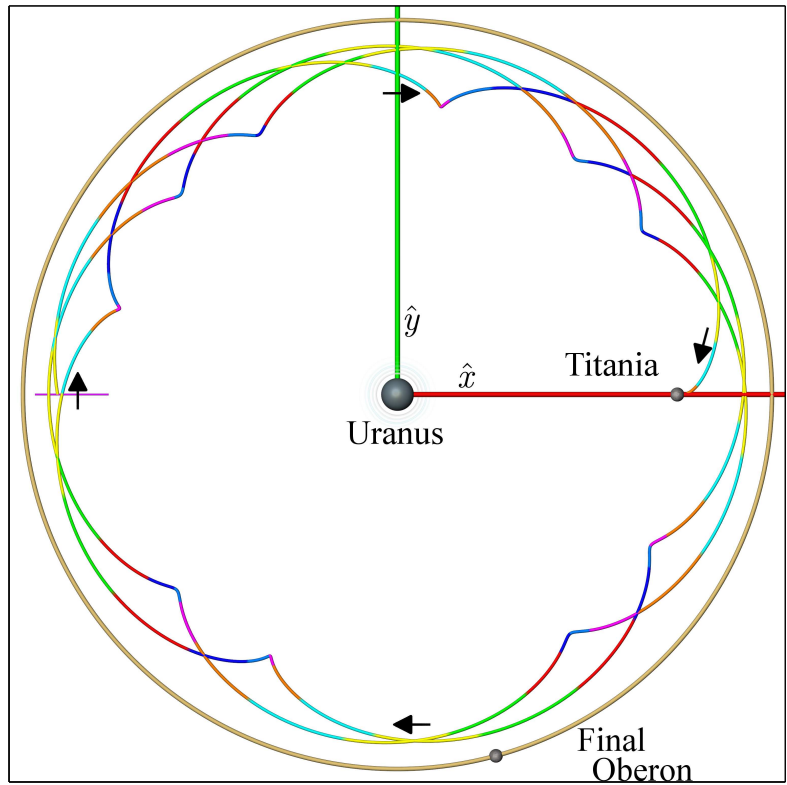


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- Oberon segment (forward time) always starts with Oberon at  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians
- Titania segment (backward time) initializes with estimated geometry
- Use transfer time-of-flight to correct Oberon phasing at Titania arrival
- Iterate to find intersection that satisfies geometry constraints

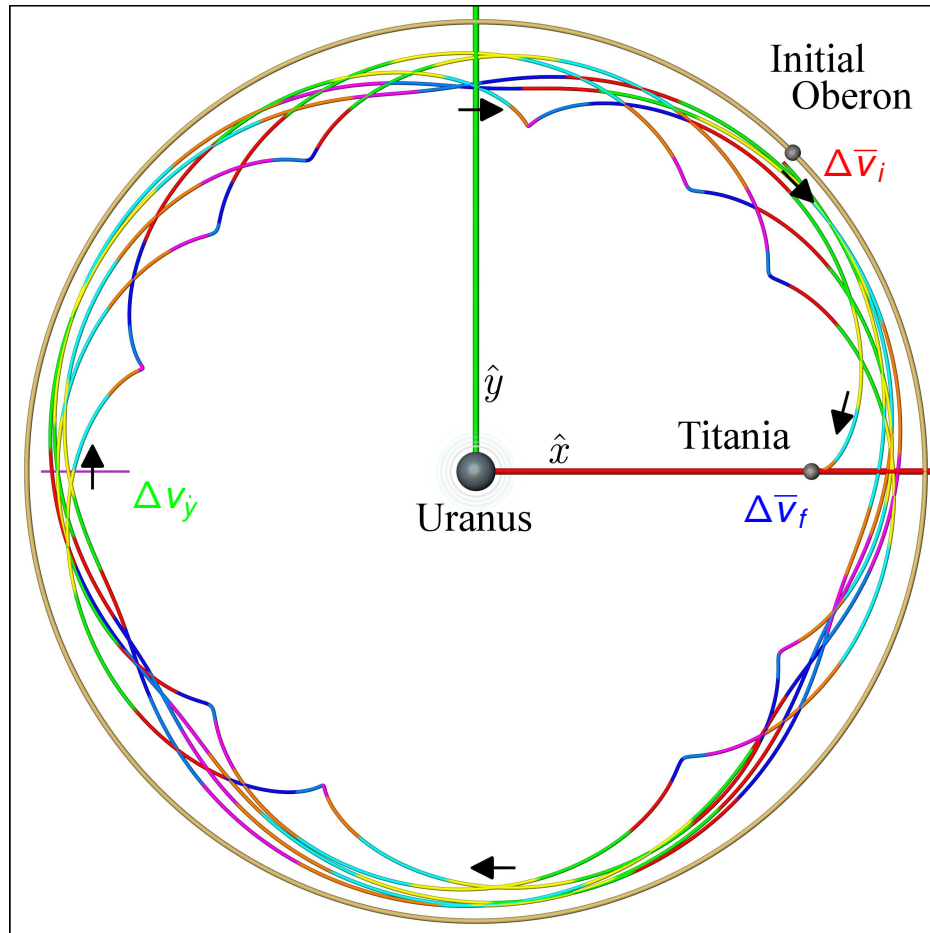


Three forward crossings



Three backward crossings

- Time-of-flight: 204.55 days
- Maneuver cost:  $\Delta \bar{v}_i + \Delta v_{\dot{y}} + \Delta \bar{v}_f = 125.45$  m/s
- Complex solution using fairly straightforward process



## Maneuver Costs and Times of Flight

	[m/s], [days]	[m/s], [days]	[m/s], [days]
BWD ↓ FWD →	1	2	3
1	No Intersections	182.97, 81.56	173.93, 116.41 179.46, 125.81 123.43, 119.31 163.93, 111.23
2	168.39, 91.23	142.71, 126.09 219.77, 138.94	133.74, 160.73 181.23, 186.53 167.90, 181.32 164.77, 180.81 195.42, 172.95
3	161.20, 134.90 153.86, 143.18 180.54, 142.90	126.82, 178.13 144.94, 177.99 206.28, 190.69 209.84, 190.51 208.14, 190.14	125.45, 204.55 170.13, 212.14 160.14, 247.18 182.08, 241.87 130.89, 232.53 179.08, 224.29

- Lowest propellant cost (**Forward 3**, **Backward 1**): **123.43 m/s**
- Shortest TOF (**Forward 2**, **Backward 1**): **81.56 days**
- **Hohmann** transfer between departure and arrival radii:  
**391.53 m/s, 5.46 days**
- **Lambert-arc** with phasing ( $260.17^\circ$ ) of 'lowest propellant cost' case:  
**458.56 m/s, 6.29 days**
- **Three-body** minimum change in velocity (from Jacobi constants):  
**150.99 m/s**
- The flow-based solutions have long time durations but cost less, in terms of fuel, than simple comparisons in the two- and three-body models. They also represent potential initial guesses for further improvement via numerical corrections in more realistic models.

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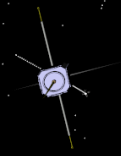
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- Trajectory design and analysis in complex models incorporating many effects to reveal new insight
- Tools that apply across levels of model fidelity and highlight the contributions of particular components
- Decreases in the gap between preliminary design and workable solutions
- Identification of many, potentially better, options



# FLOW-INFORMED STRATEGIES FOR TRAJECTORY DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

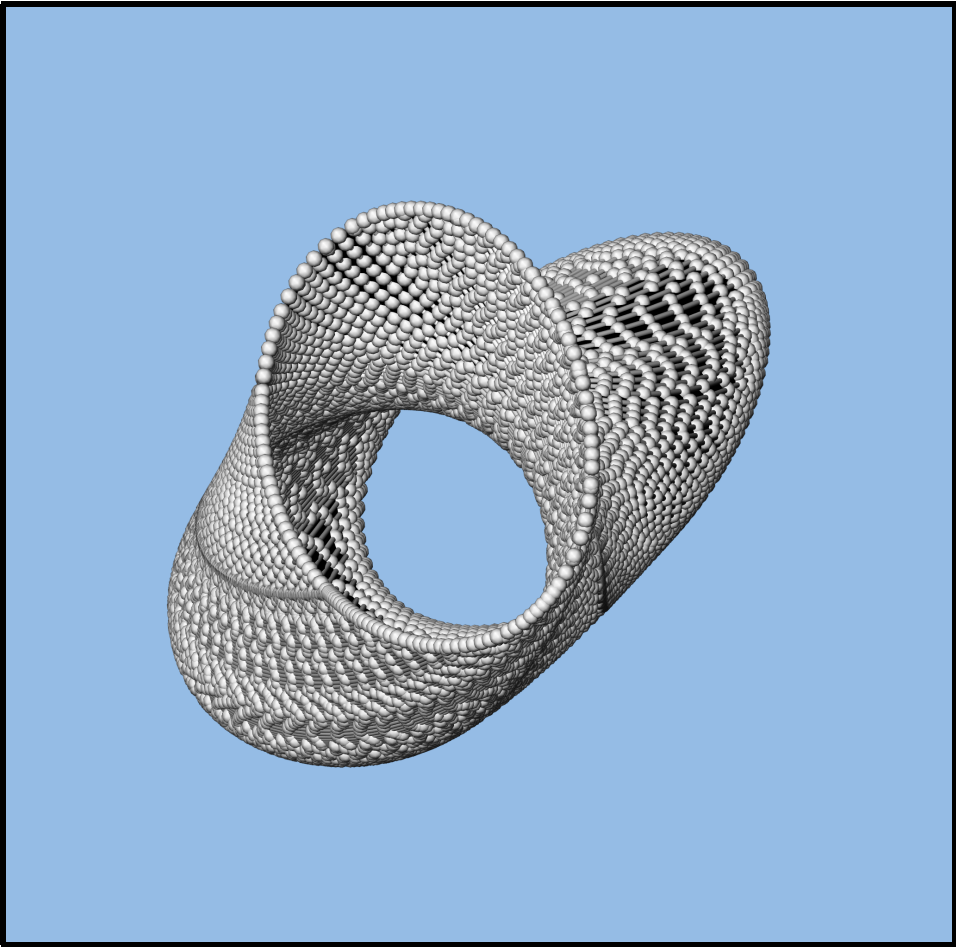
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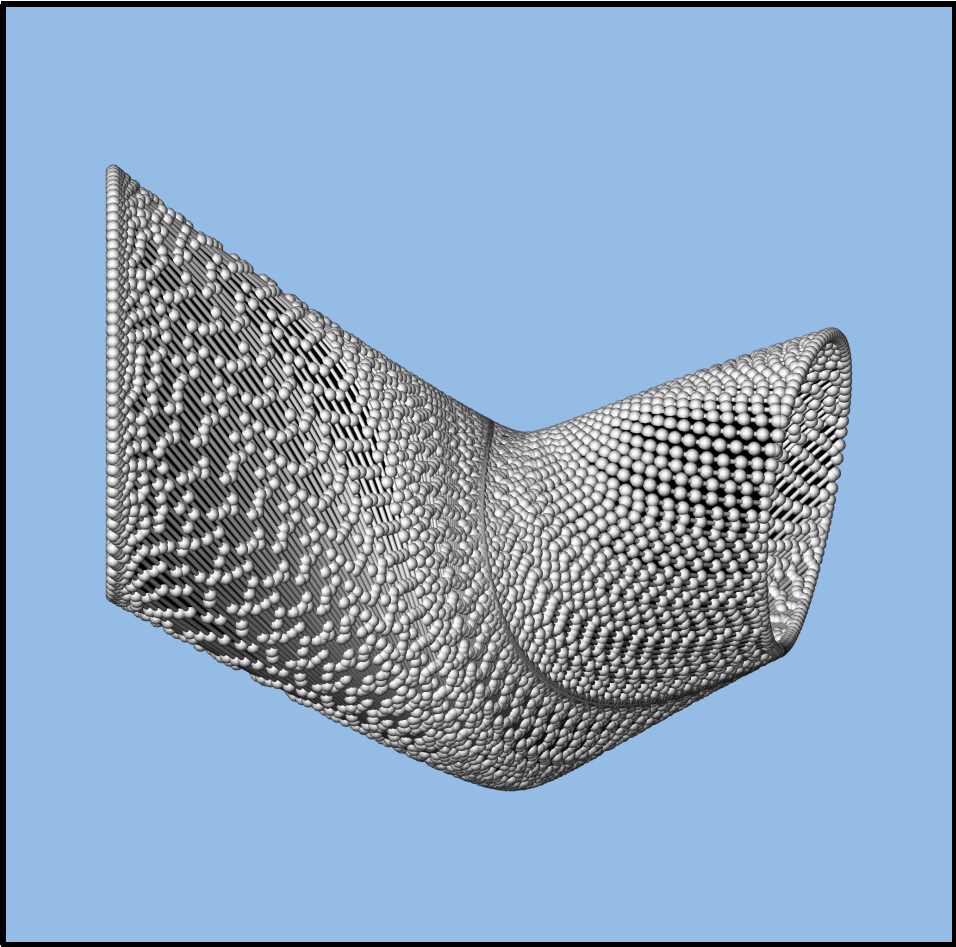
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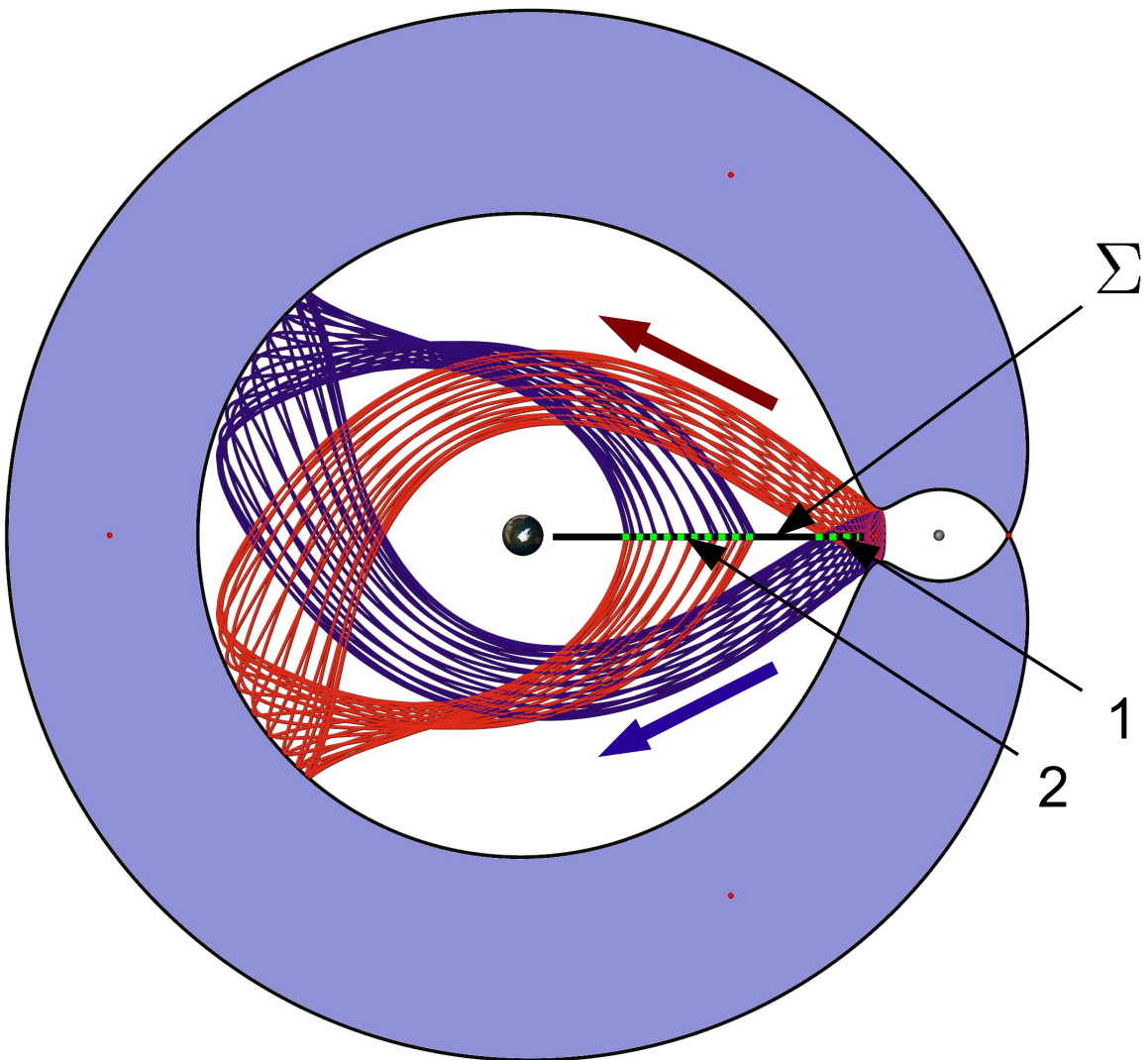
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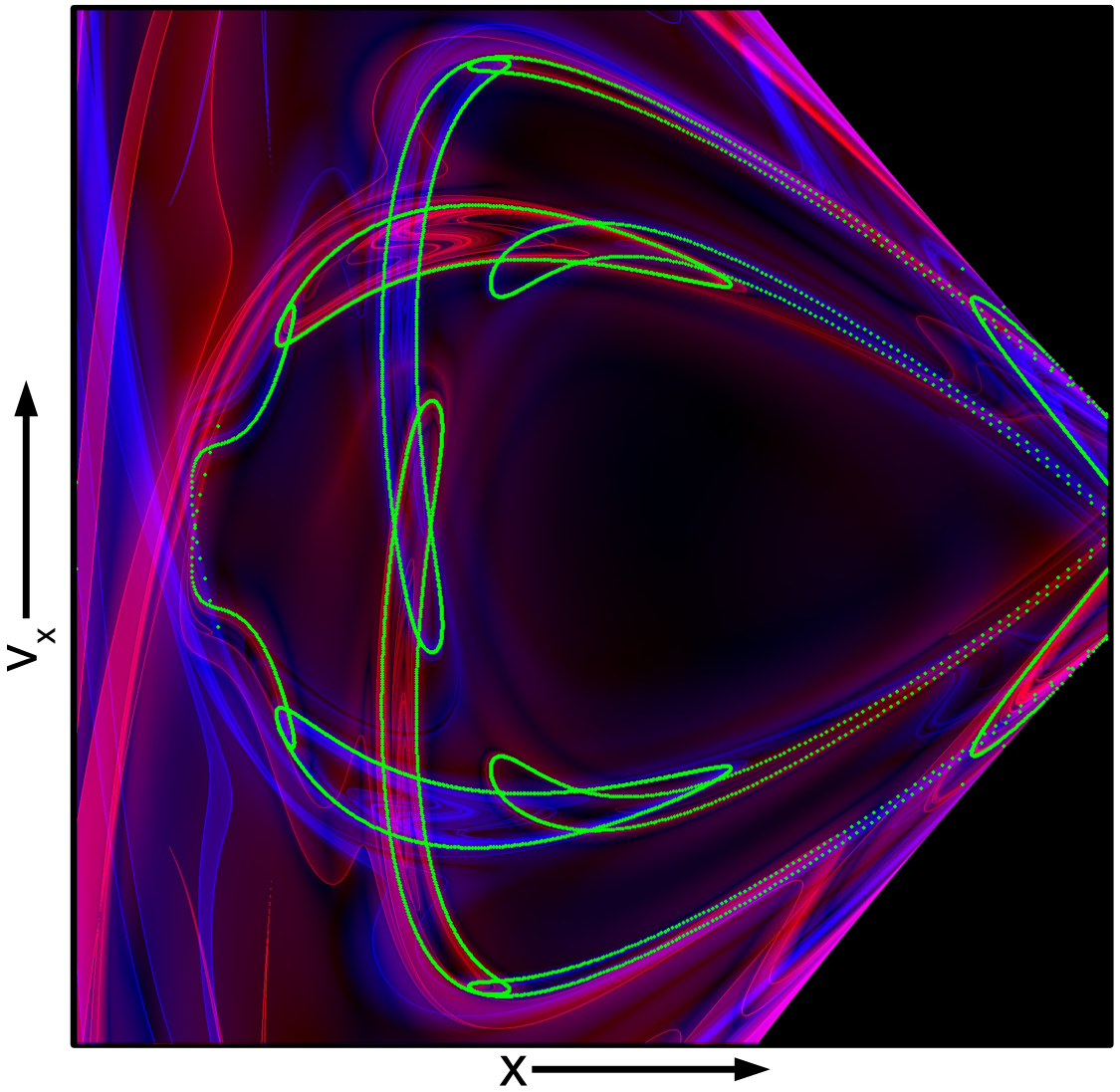


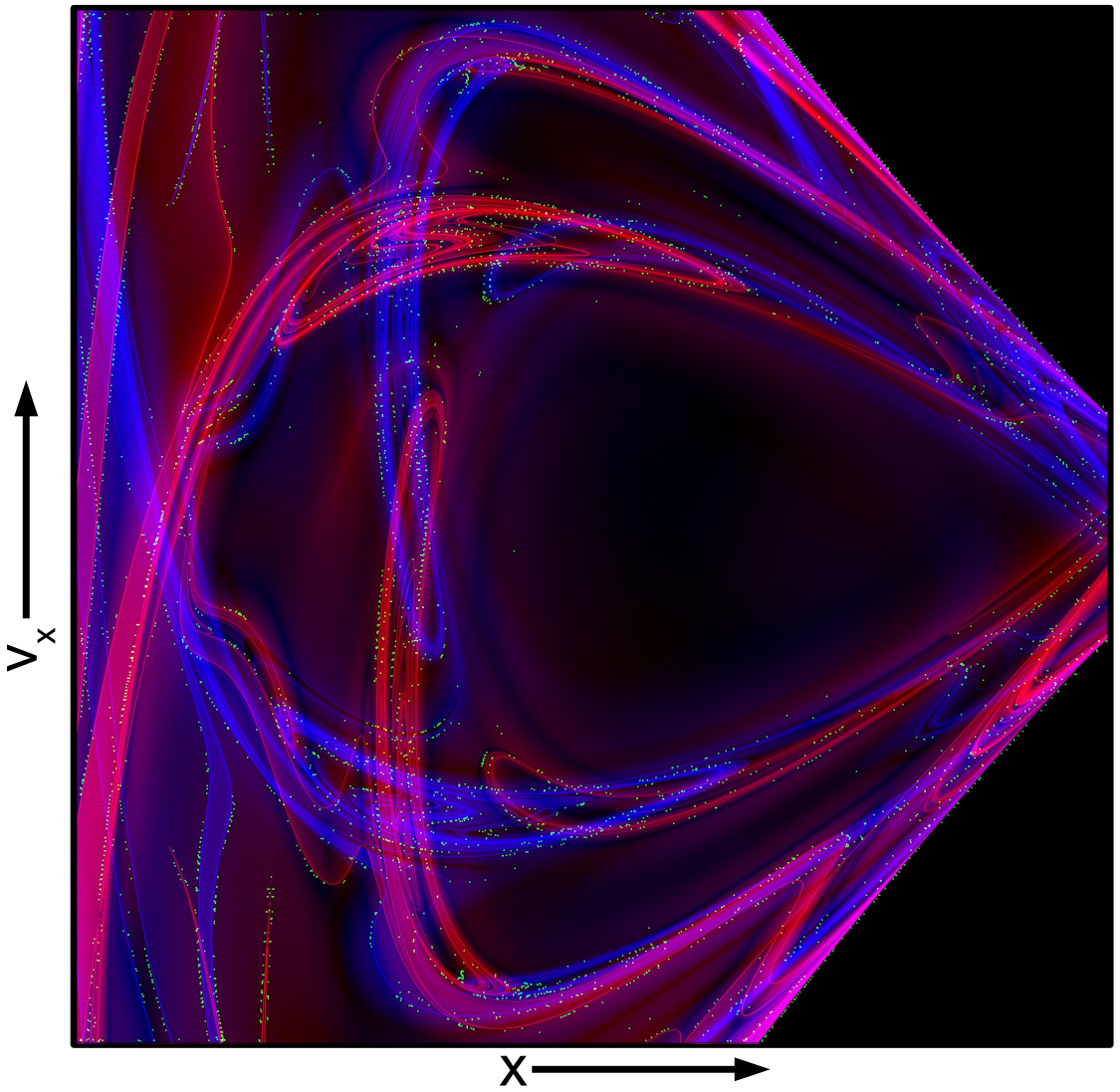


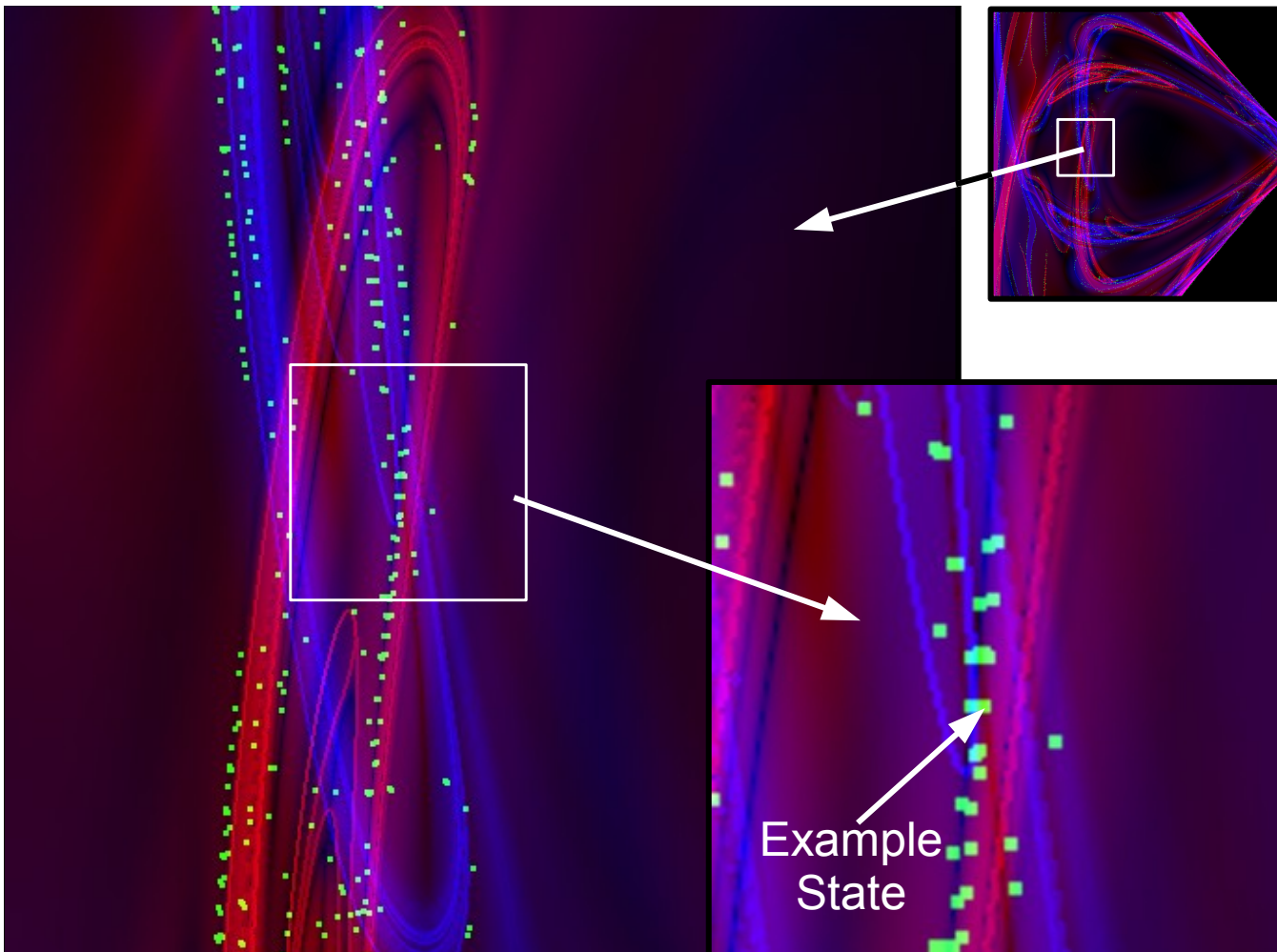


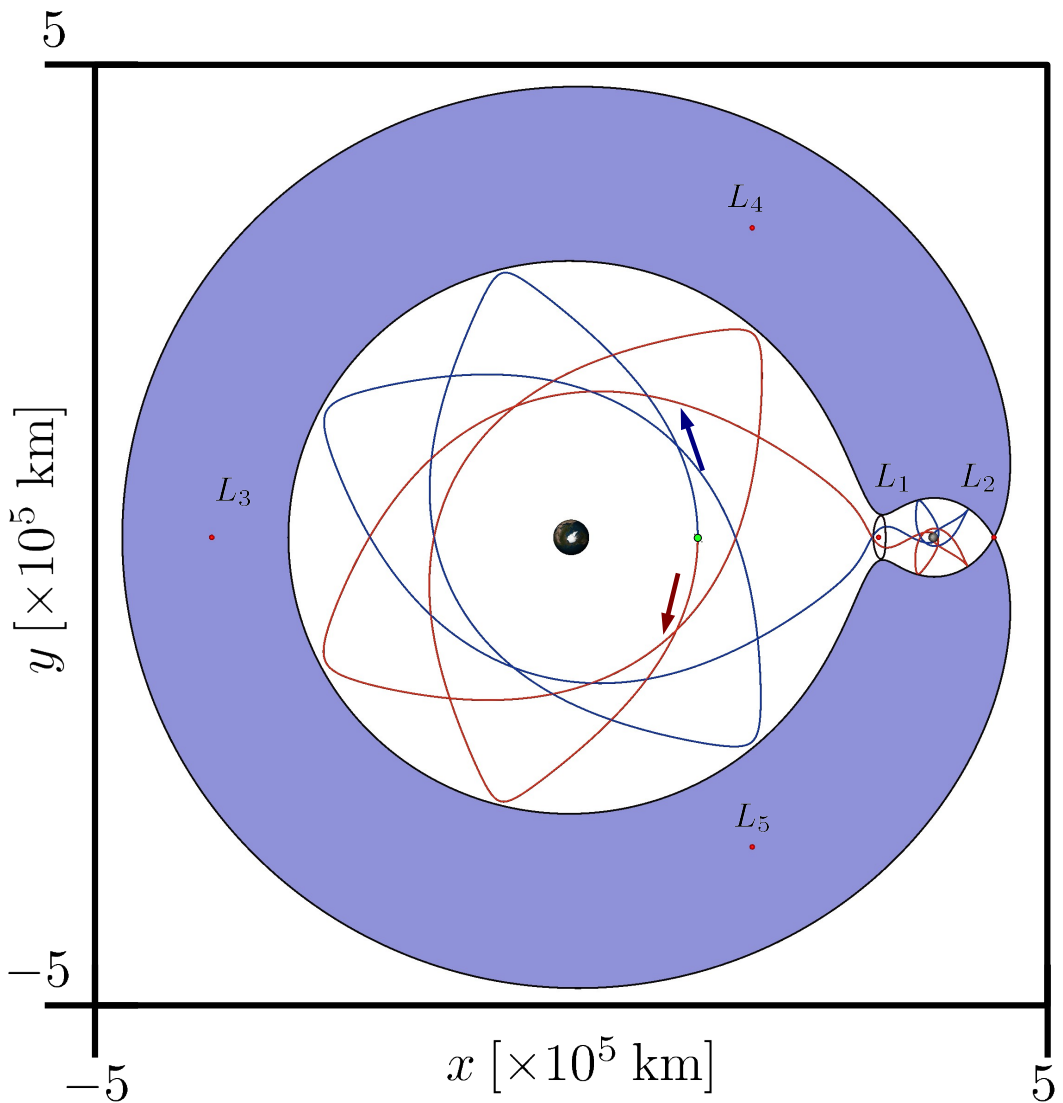
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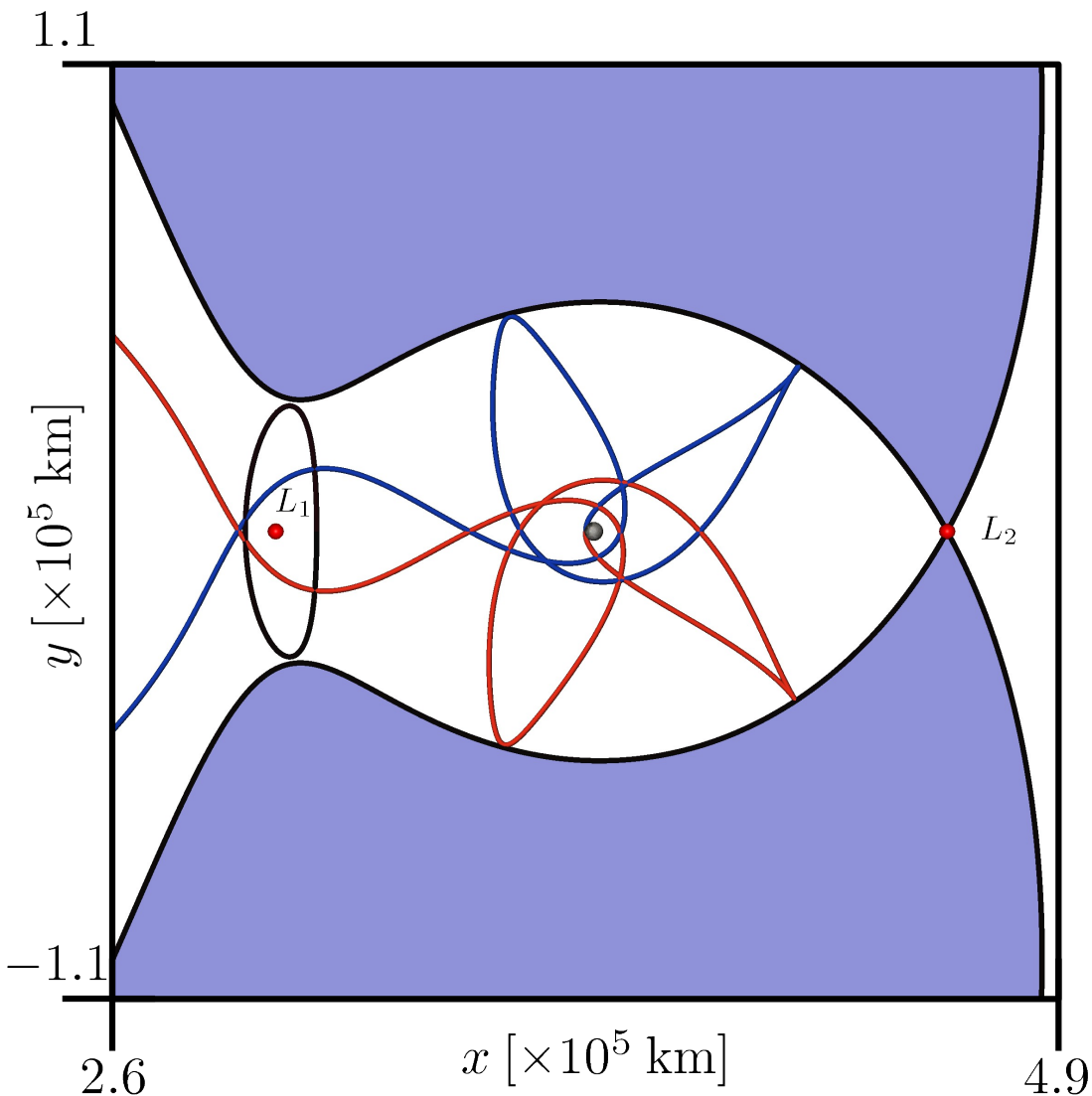




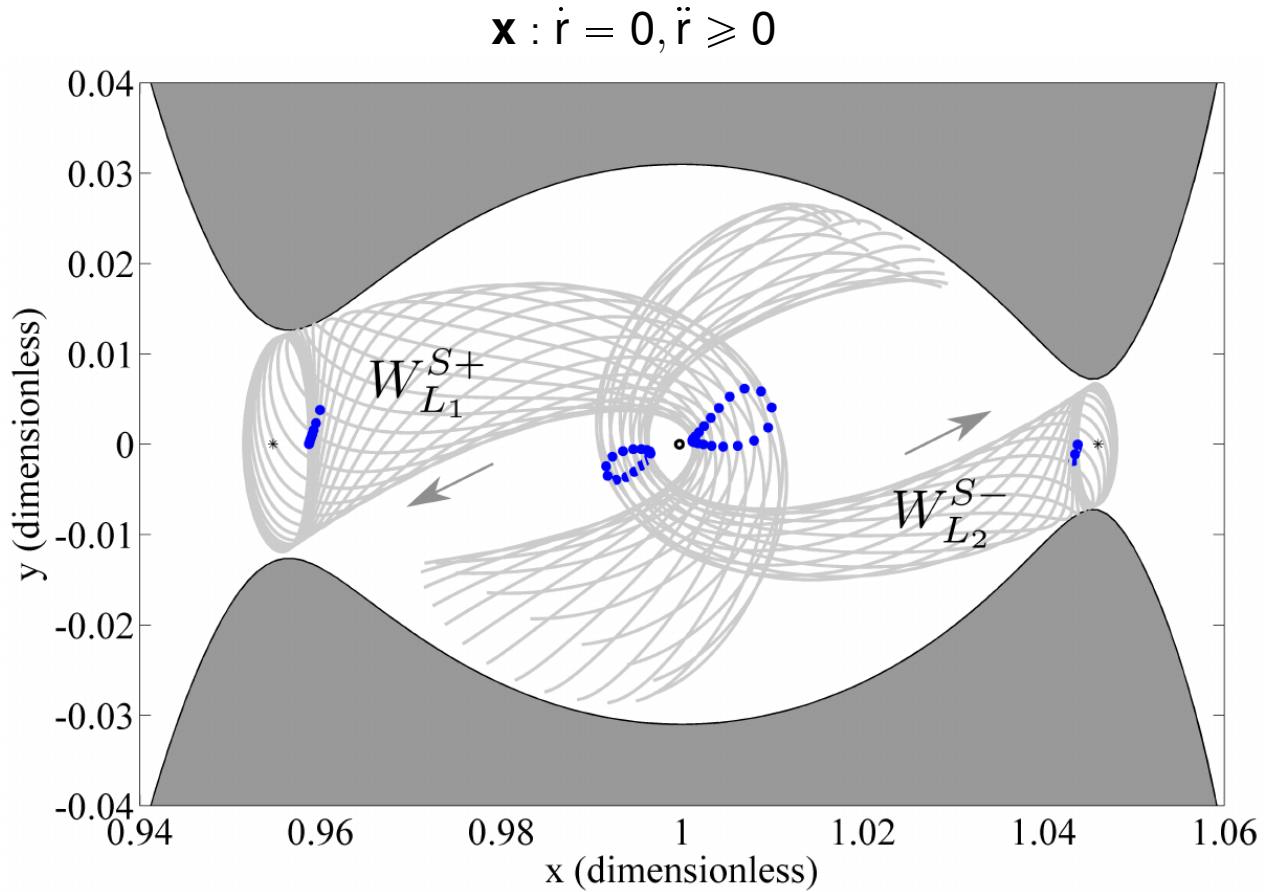




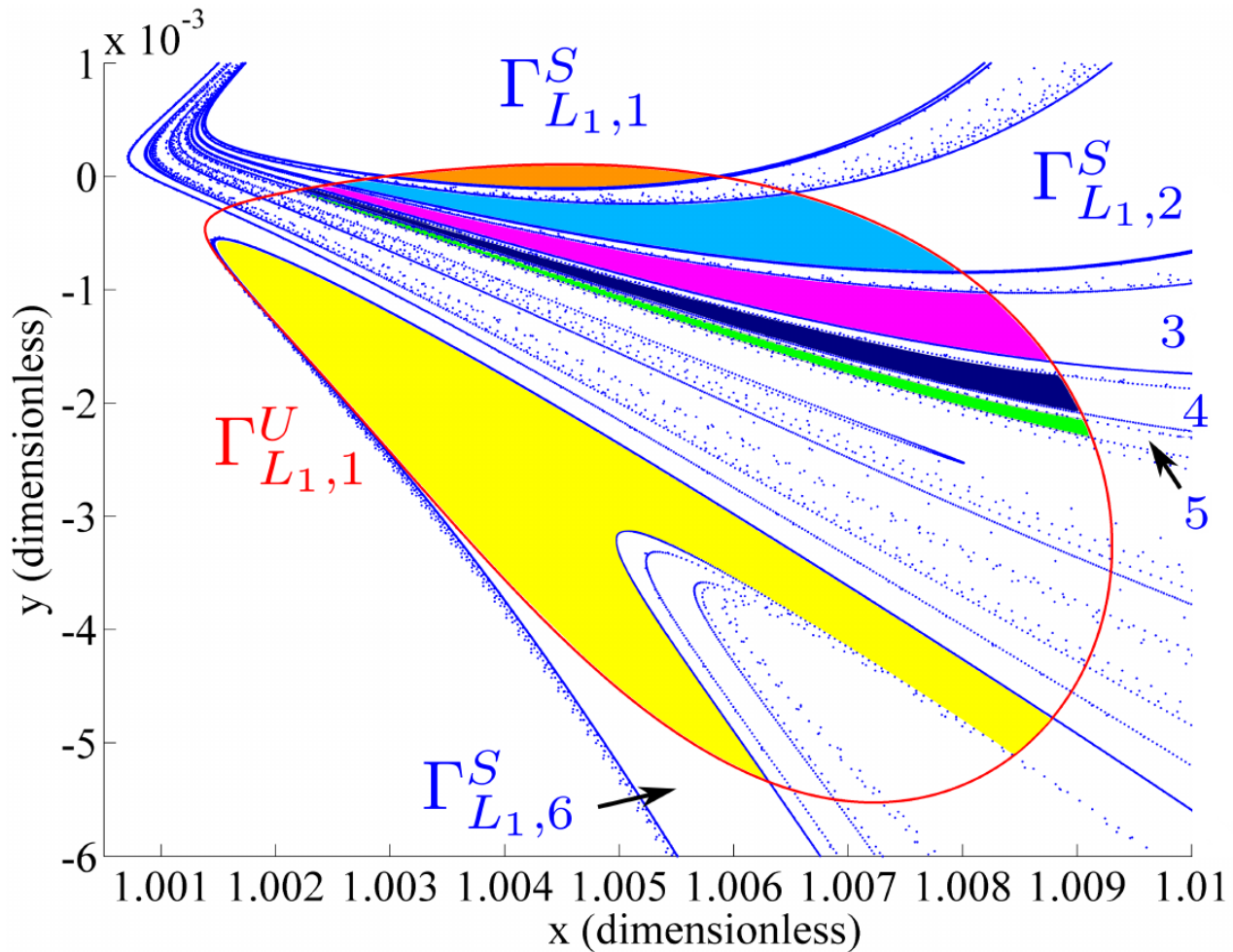




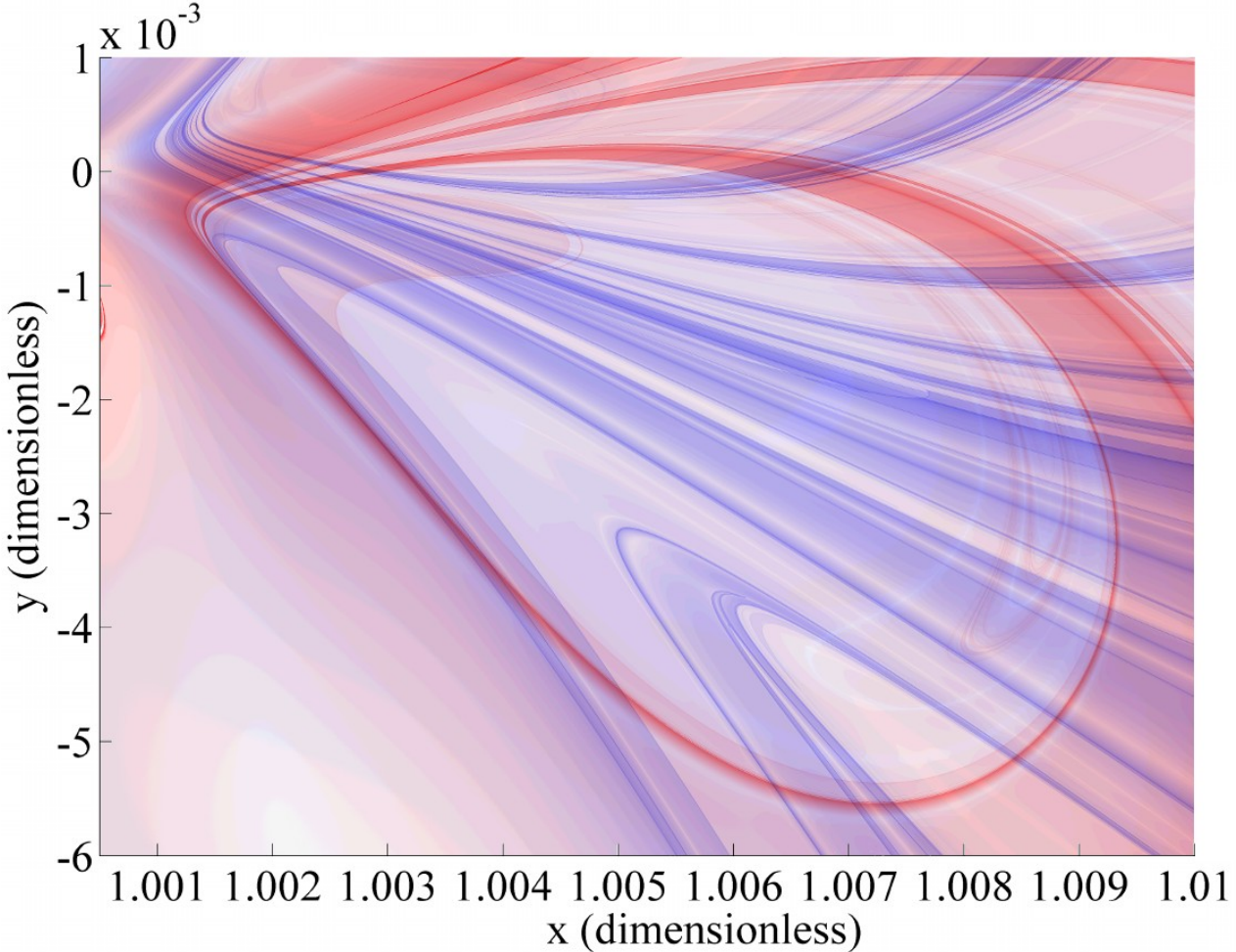
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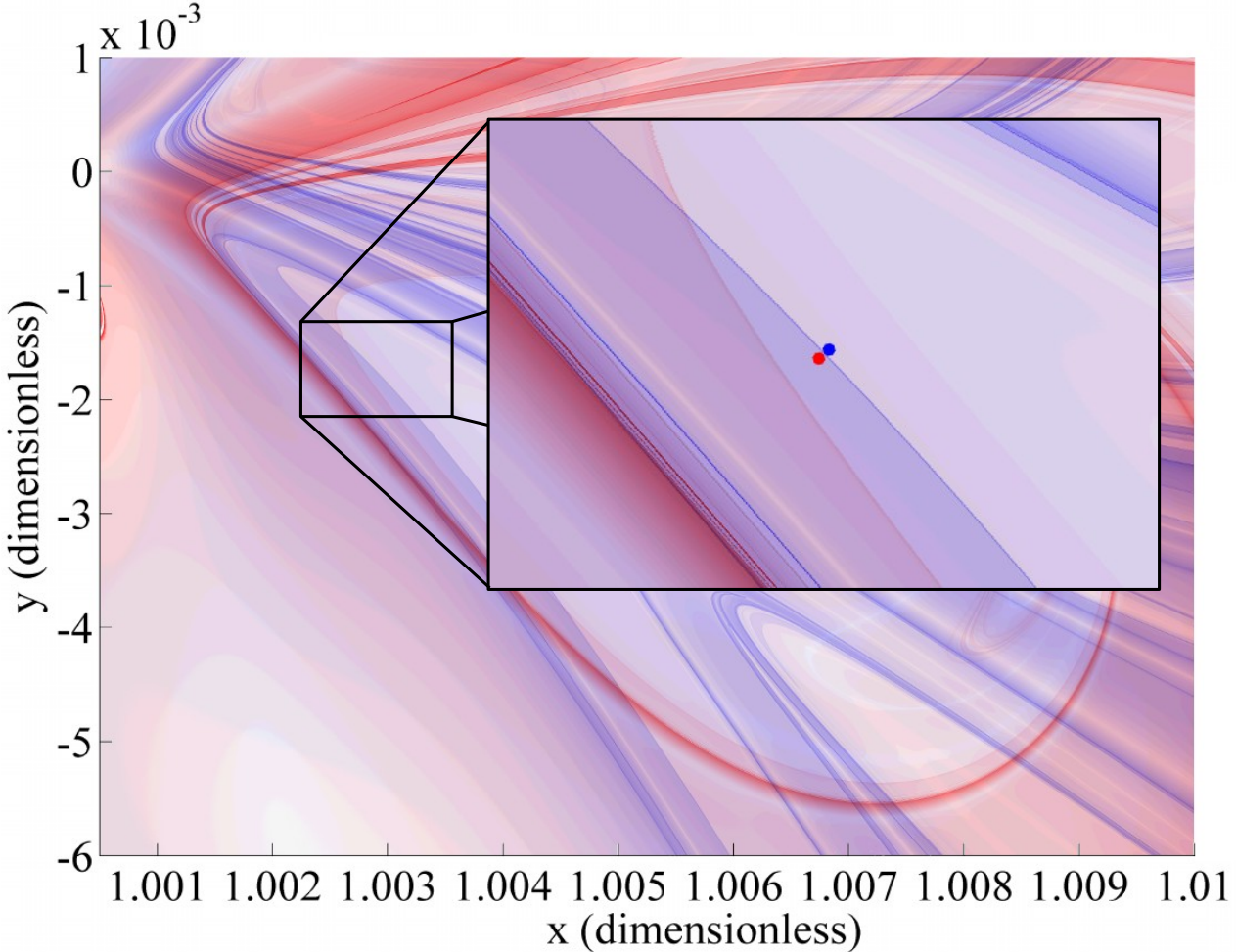


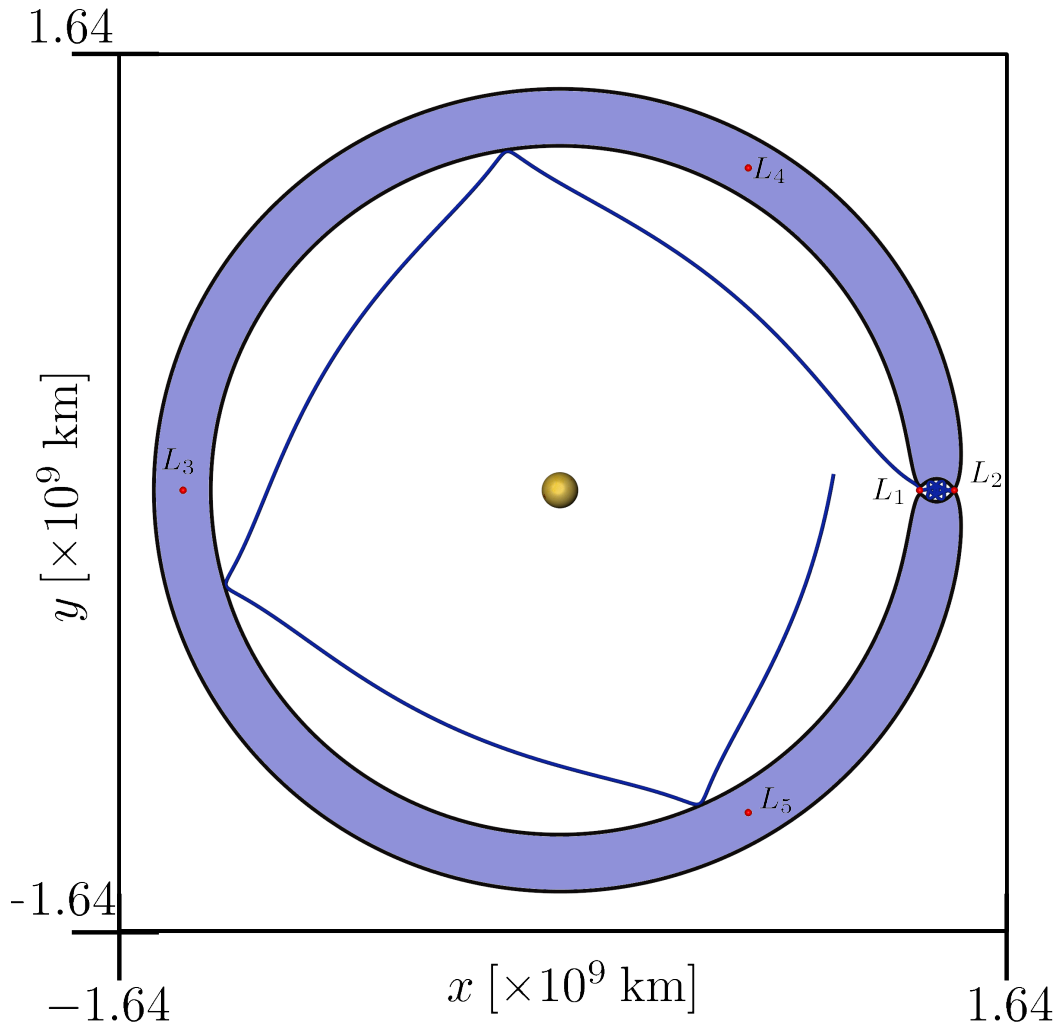
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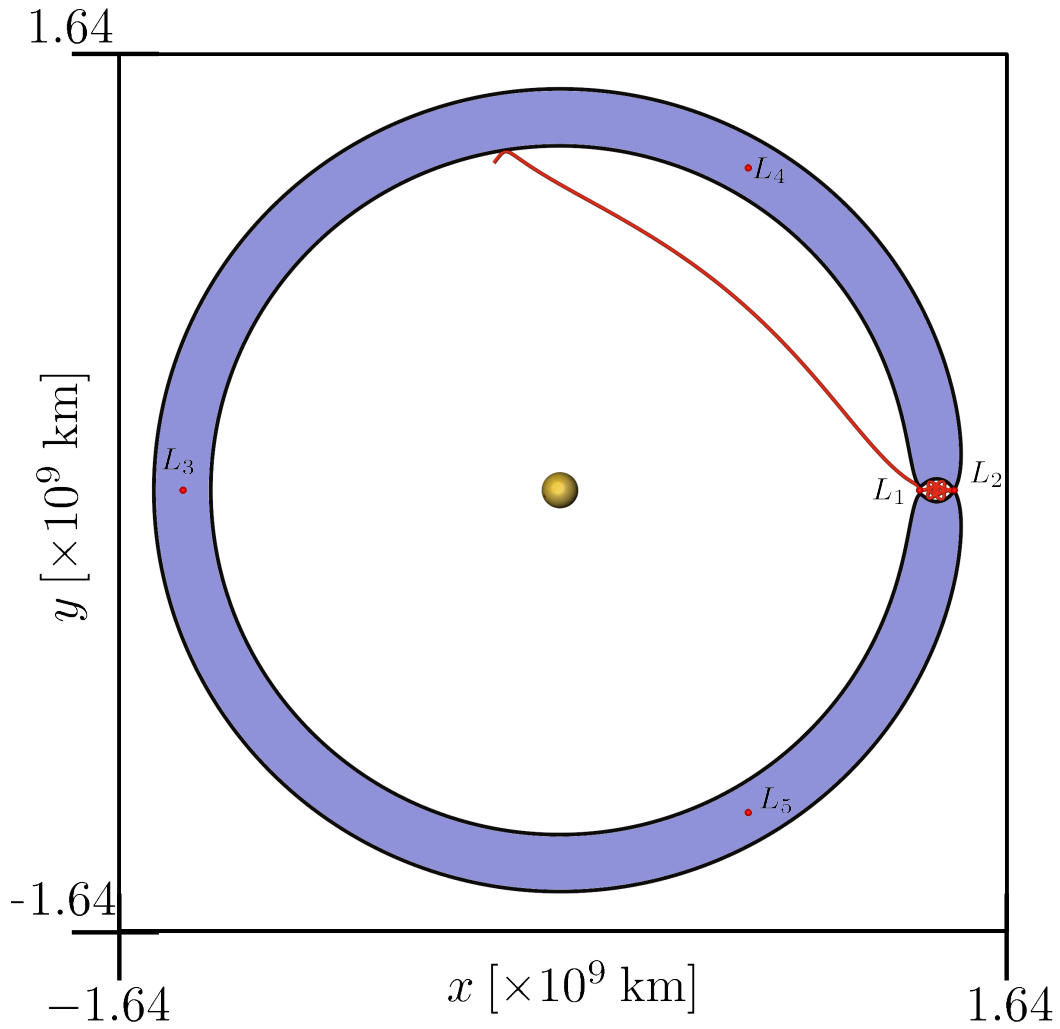


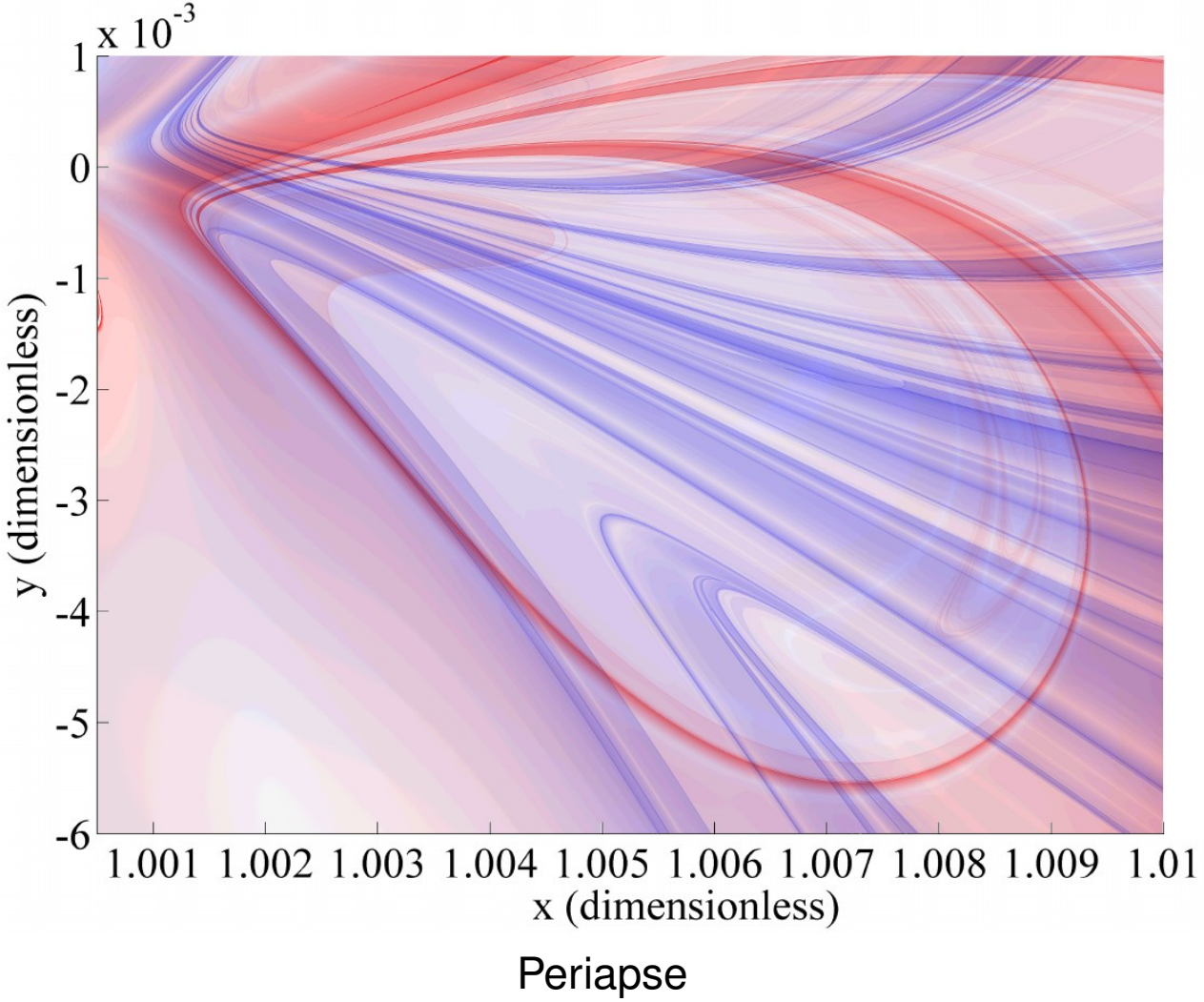
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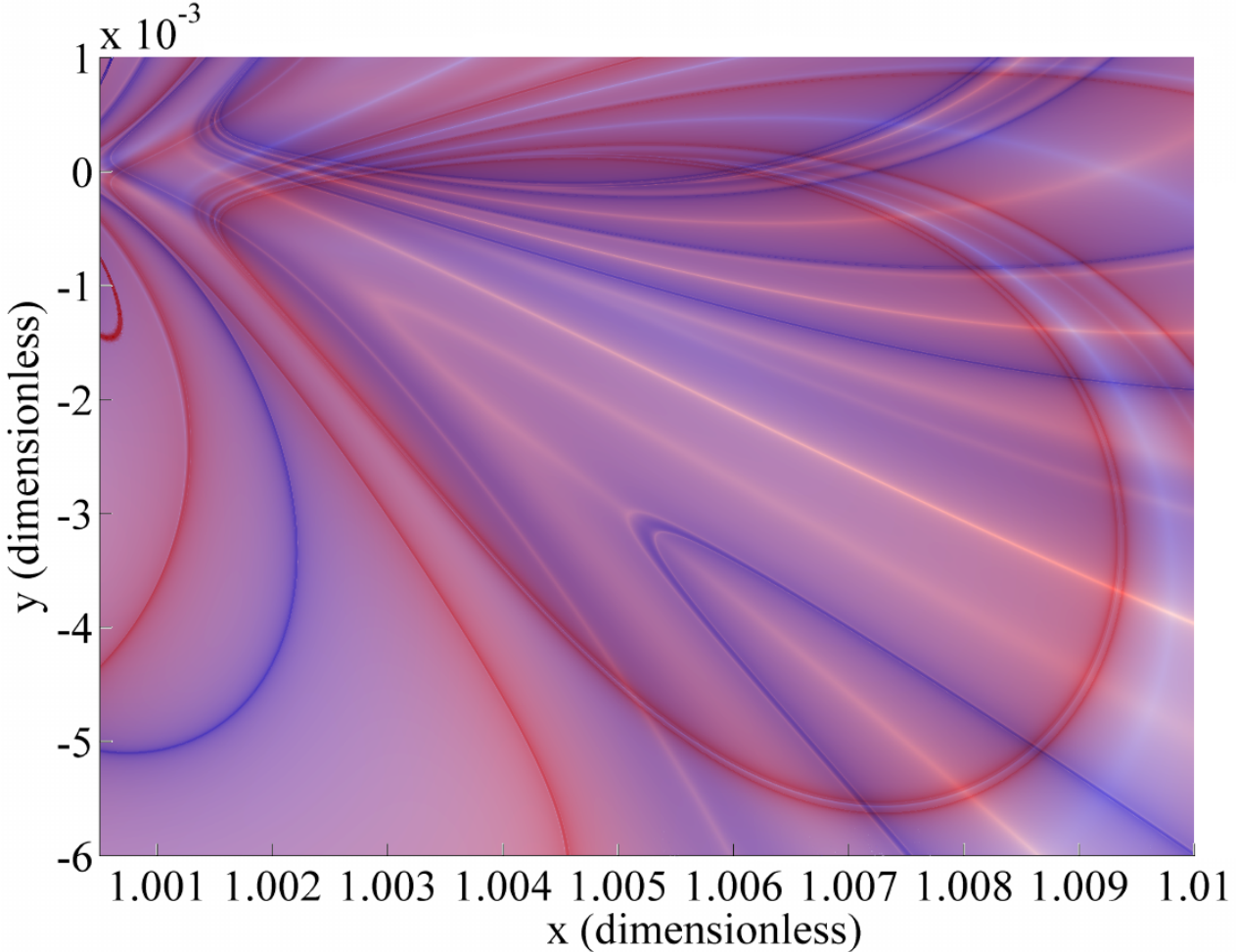




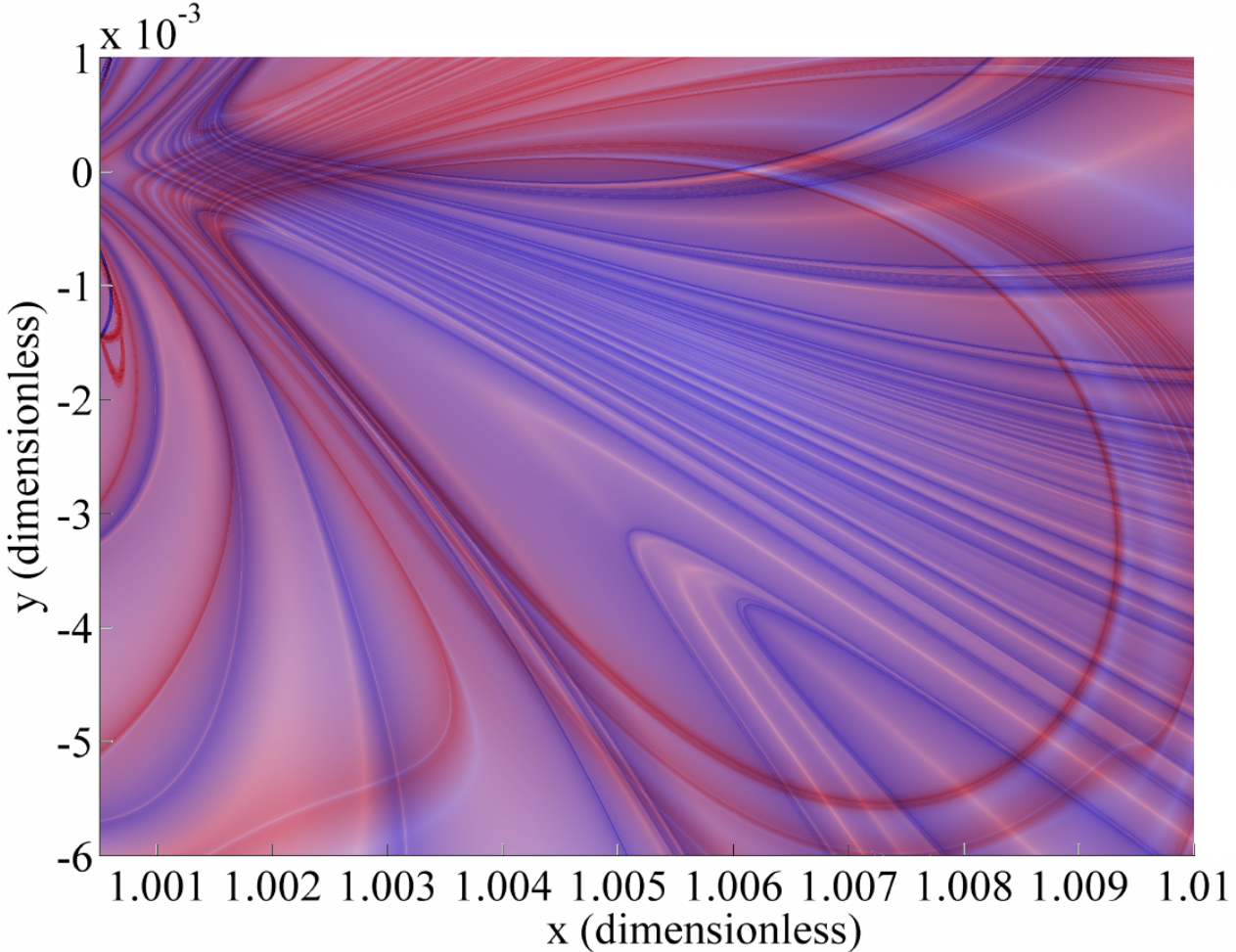




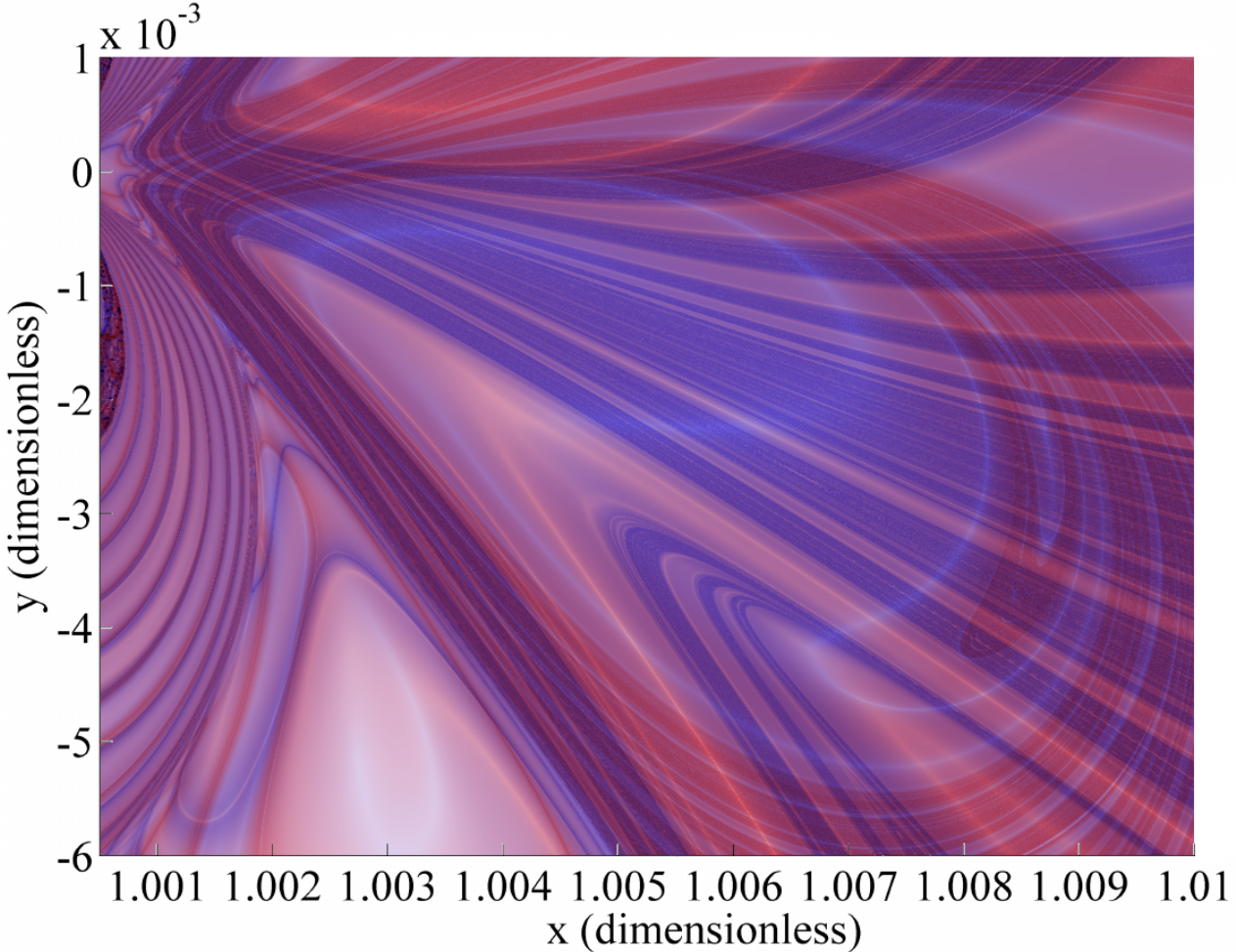




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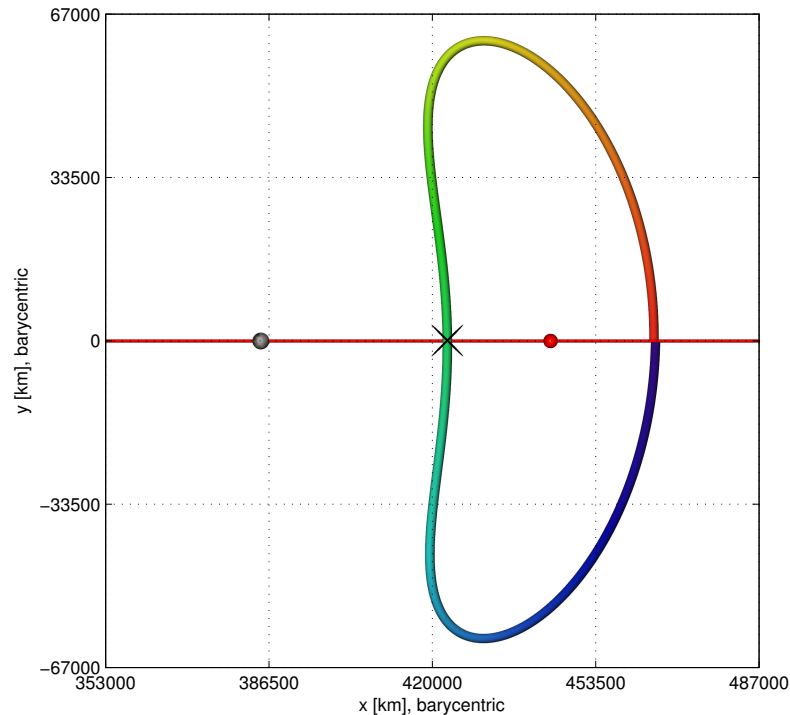
Stroboscopic: 10 nondimensional time steps



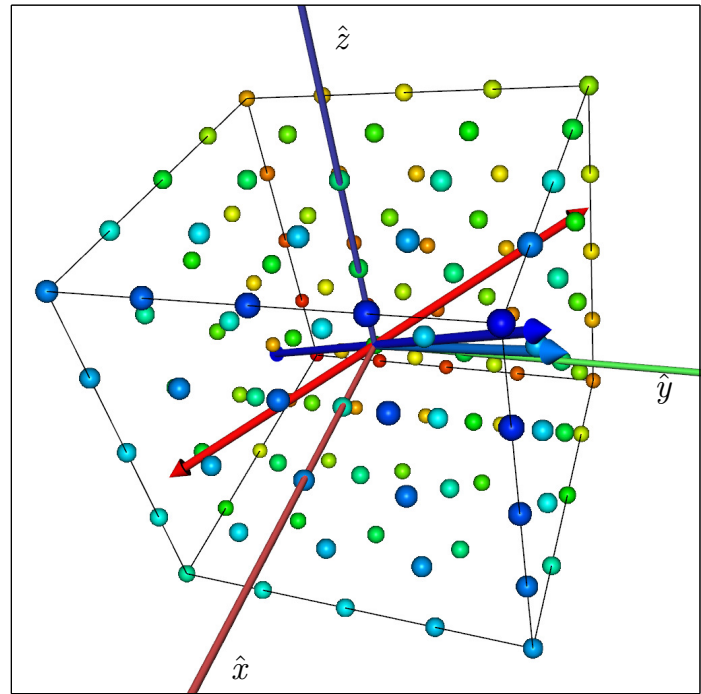
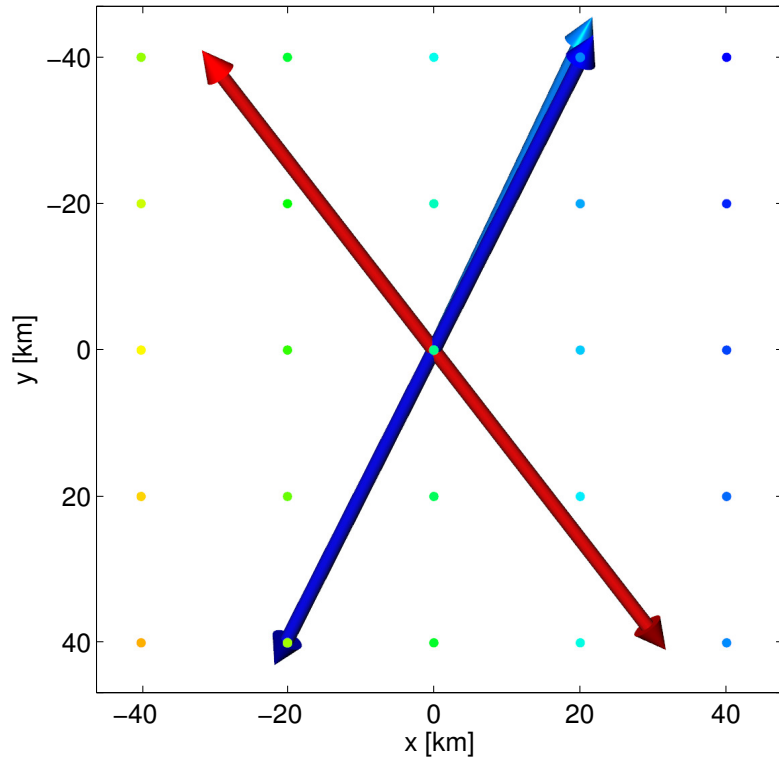
Stroboscopic: 50 nondimensional time steps

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- November 17, 2010 08:45:00 UTC
- Maneuver point between the Moon and  $L_2$  near the  $x$  axis
- Here, evolved forward and backward to the  $x$  axis
- Generate forward FTLE about the maneuver point in position space
- Establish stable/unstable directions from monodromy matrix
- Pavlak and Howell, Folta et al. → optimal maneuver ~ stable direction



Unstable Directions,  
Stable Directions,  
Maneuver Direction



Space between grid points:  
20km in position directions



SKM	$L_1/L_2$	$\Delta t$	Stable Alignment	FTLE Consistent	S/U Sep OK
P1-03	$L_2$	3.50	Y	Y	N
P1-04	$L_2$	3.40	Y	Y	Y
P1-05	$L_2$	3.70	~Y	Y	N
P1-06	$L_2$	3.50	Y	Y	Y
P1-07	$L_2$	3.40	~Y	Y	N
P1-08	$L_2$	3.57	Y	Y*	Y
P1-09	$L_2$	3.70	Y	Y	N
P1-10	$L_2$	3.50	Y	Y	Y
P1-11	$L_2$	3.60	Y	N	Y
P1-16	$L_1$	2.92	Y	Y	Y
P1-17	$L_1$	3.20	Y	Y*	Y
P1-18	$L_1$	3.20	Y	N	Y
P1-19	$L_1$	3.00	Y	Y	Y
P1-20	$L_1$	2.90	Y	Y	Y
P1-21	$L_1$	3.05	Y	Y*	Y
P1-22	$L_1$	3.30	Y	Y	Y
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P1-27	$L_1$	3.20	Y	Y	Y
P1-28	$L_1$	2.95	Y	N	Y
P1-29	$L_1$	2.95	Y	N	Y
P1-30	$L_1$	3.20	Y	Y	Y
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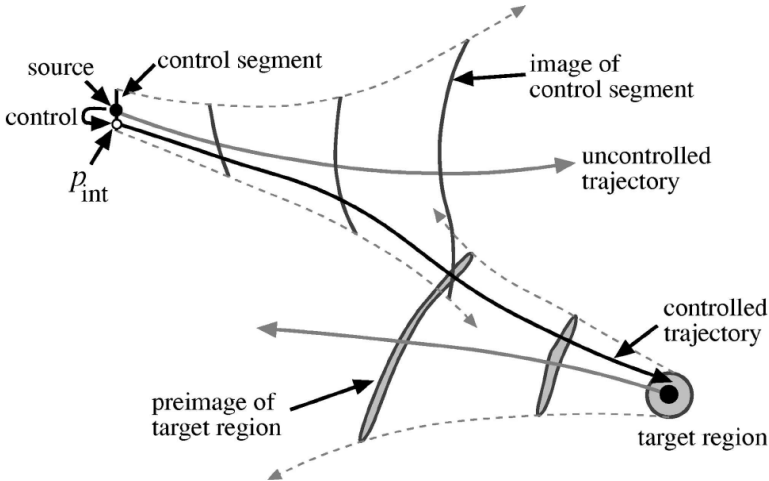


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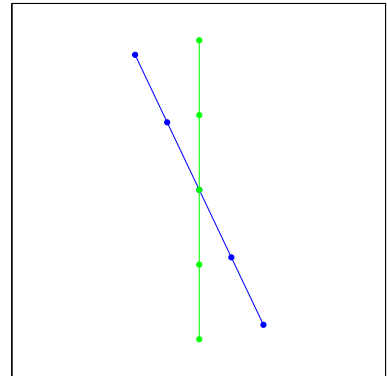
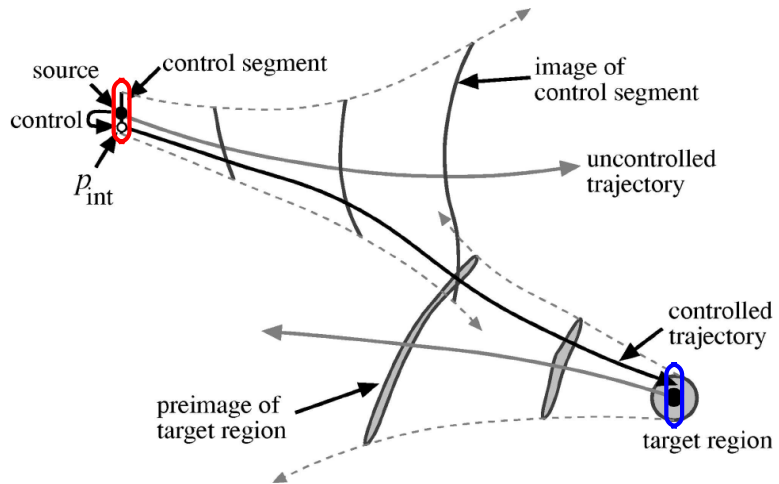
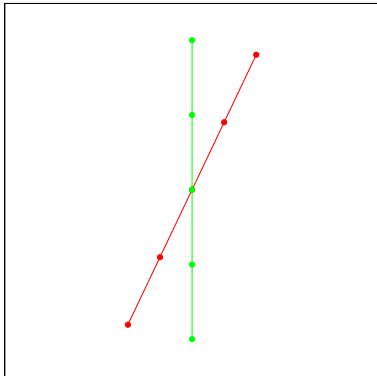


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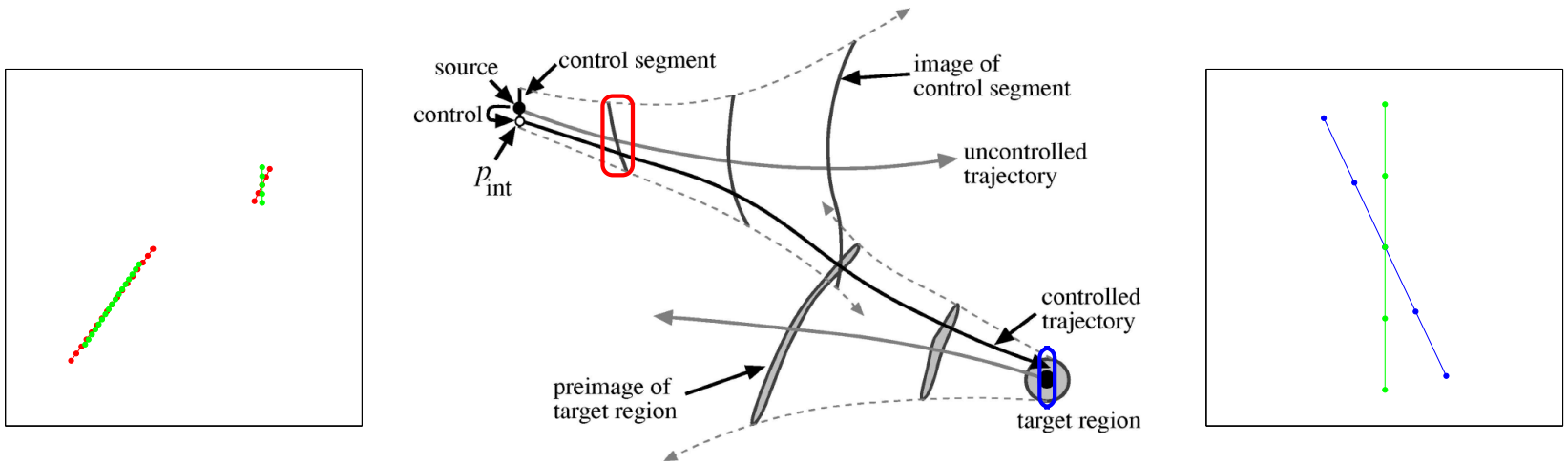


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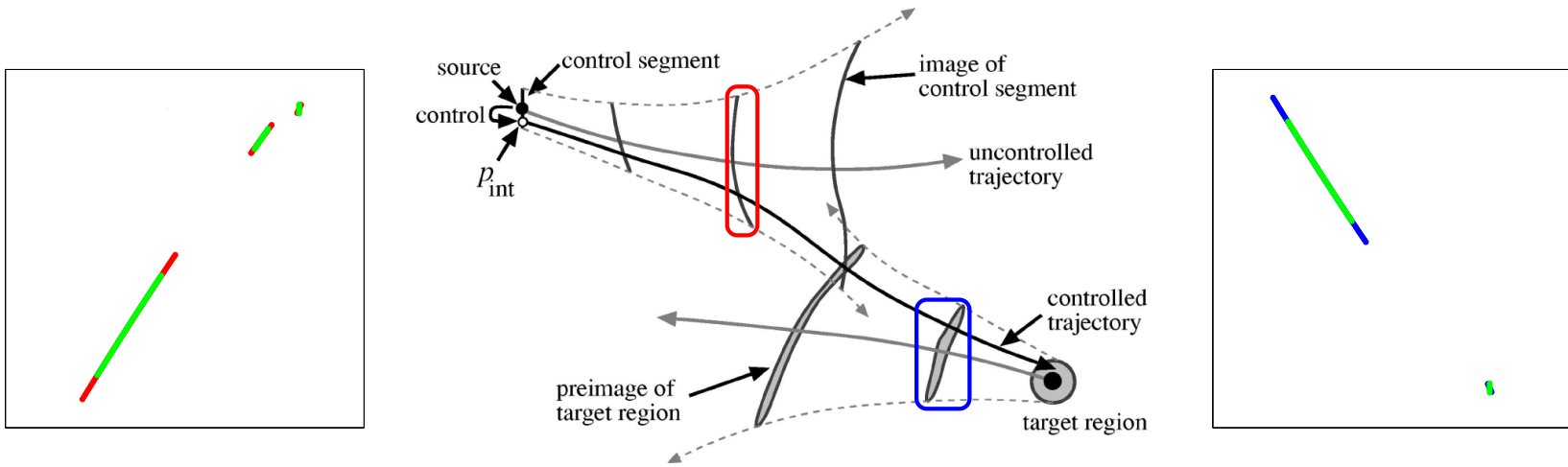


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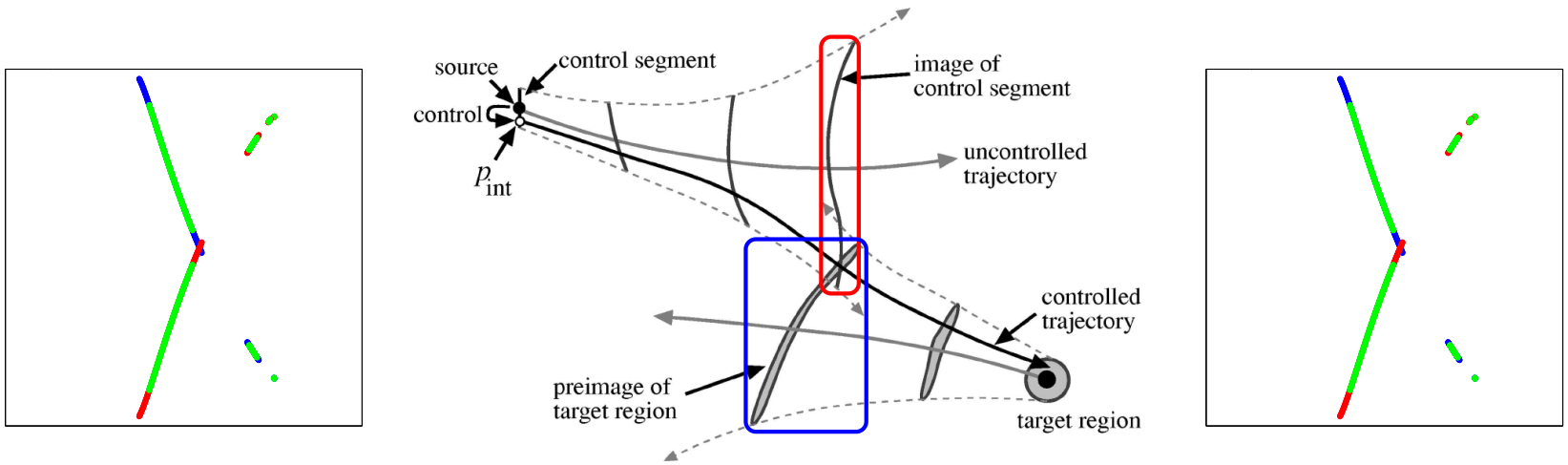
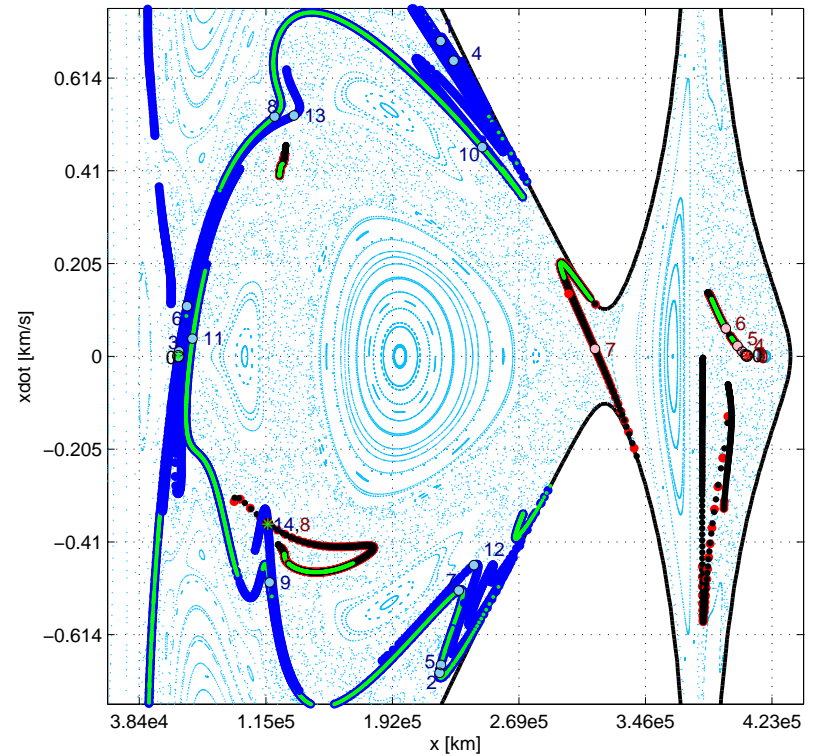
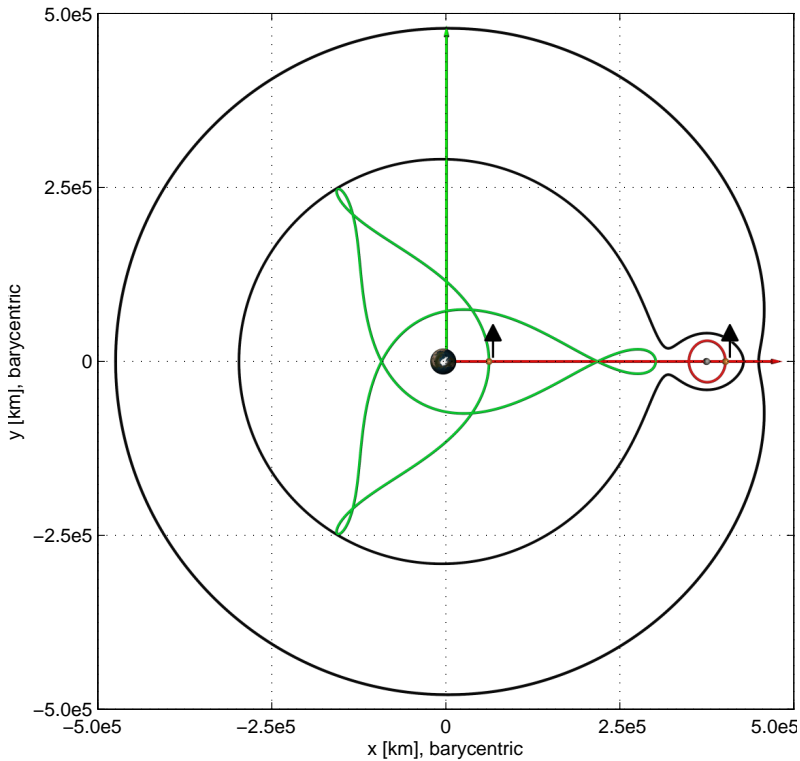


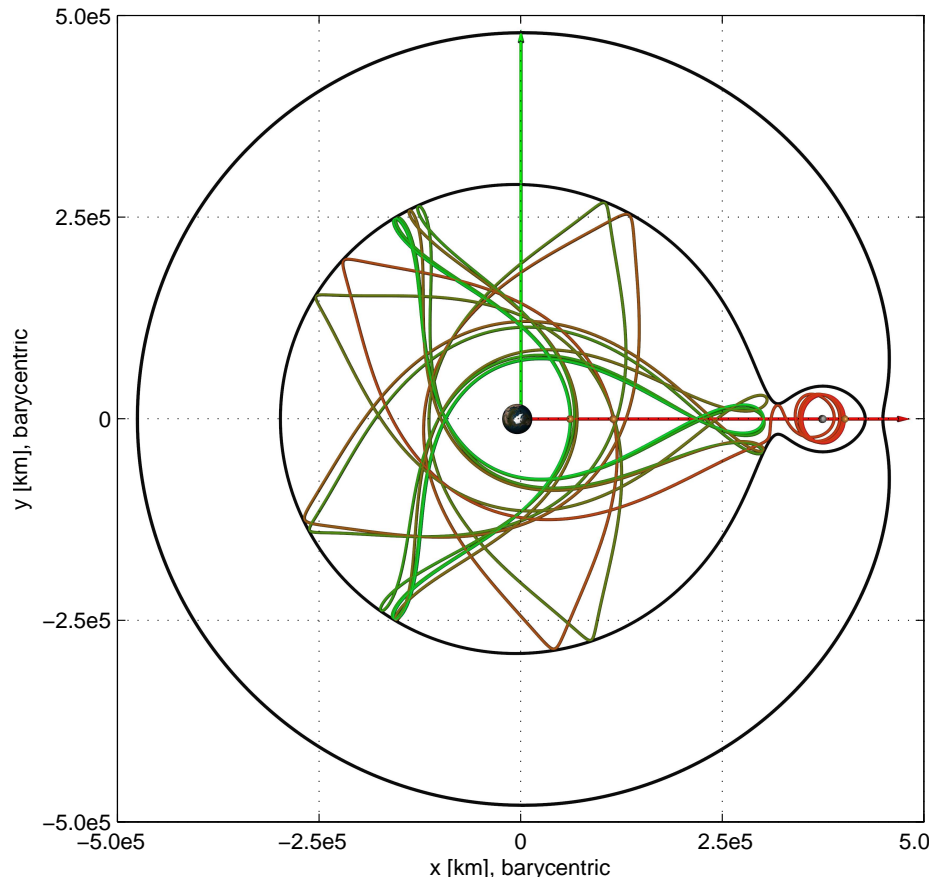
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Objective: Connect two chaotic CRP orbits using control segments

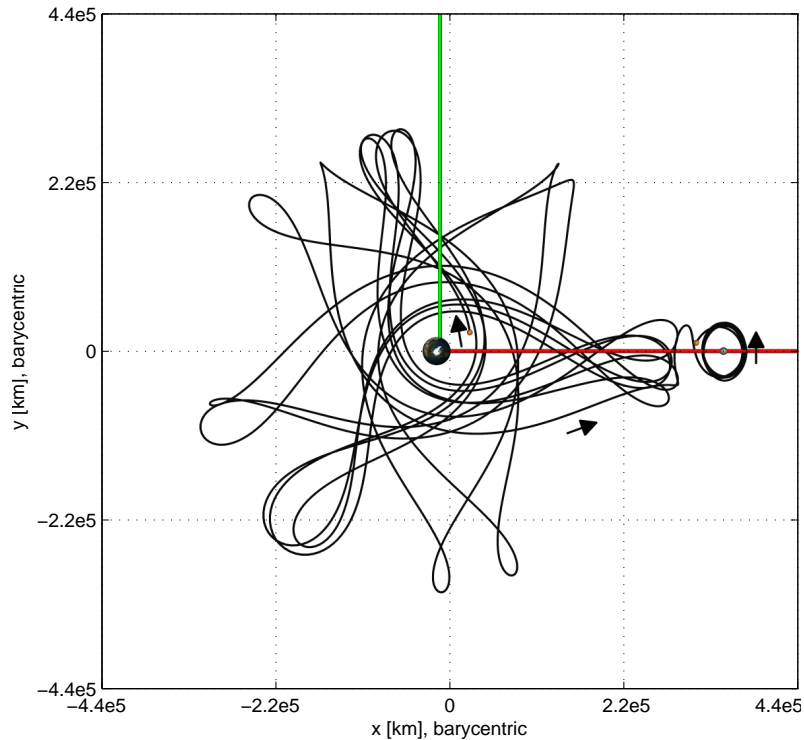
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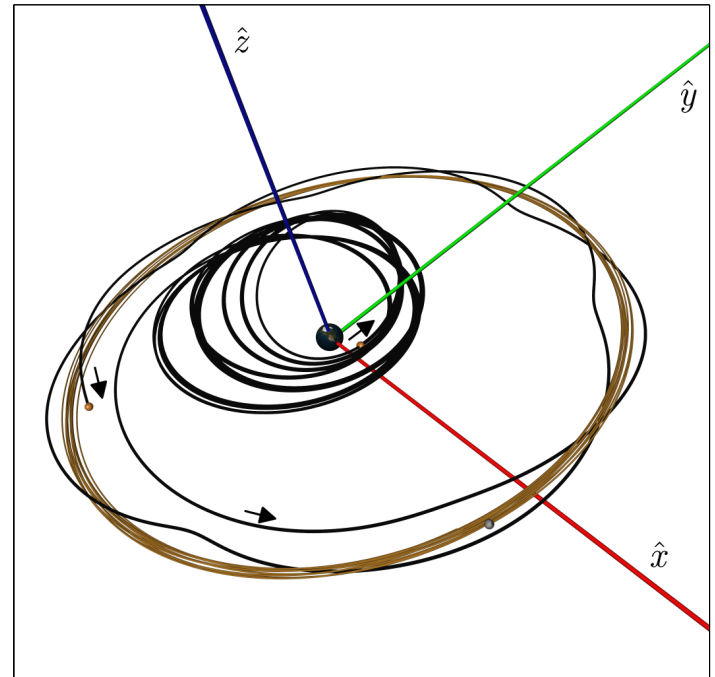
- Connection after 14 forward and 8 backward iterations (fewer)
- Time of flight: 265 days (other studies:  $\sim 290$  days)
- Maneuver cost: 3.03 m/s (3.23 m/s, Schroer & Ott; 1.85 m/s, Grebow)
- Validation of FCS approach



- Transitioned with Adaptive Trajectory Design (Haapala, Pavlak)
- Epoch: 09Dec13 19:45 UTC
- Out-of-plane excursions up to 2000 km

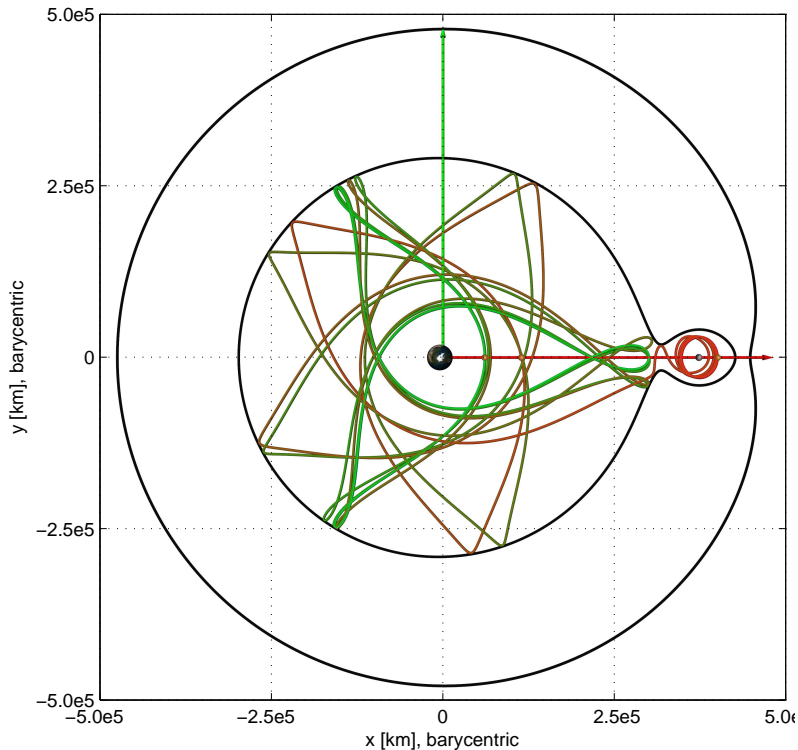


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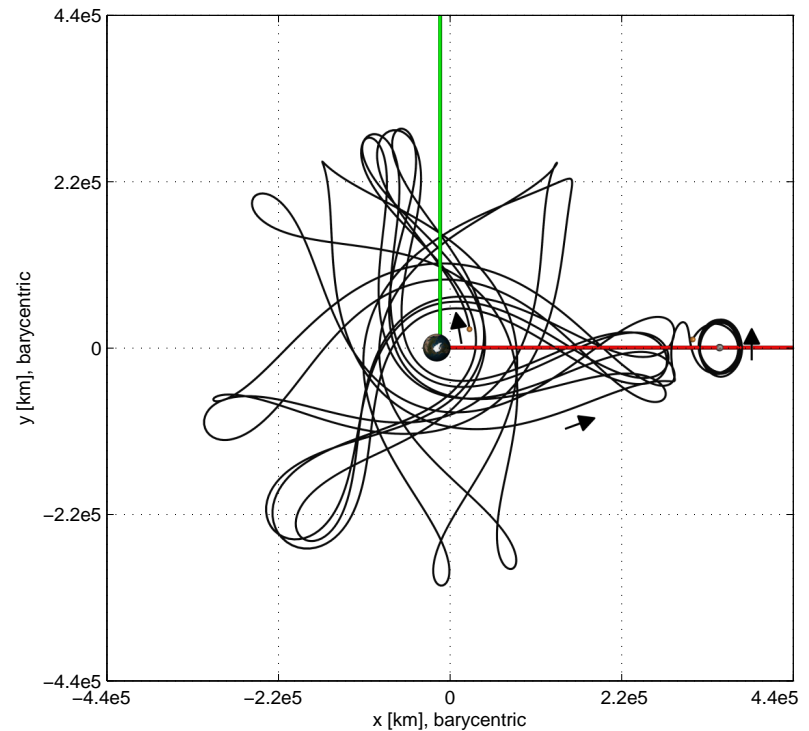


Earth-Centered Inertial

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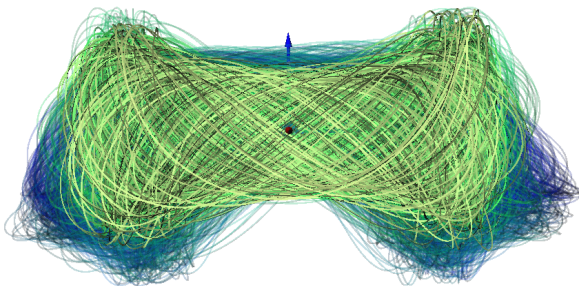


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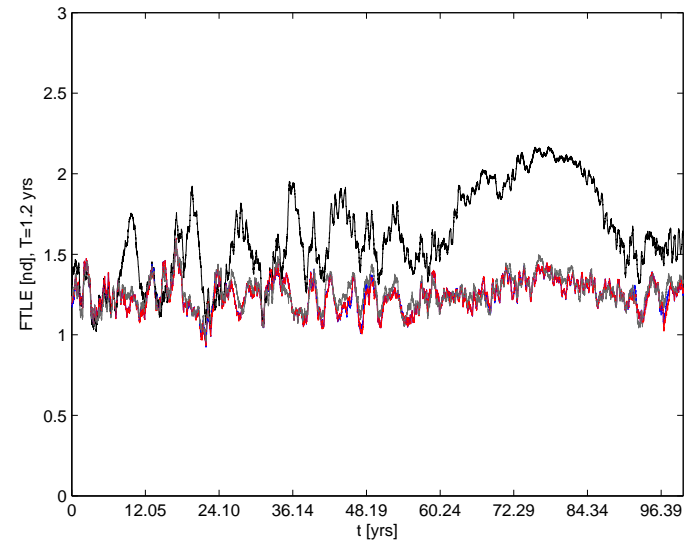


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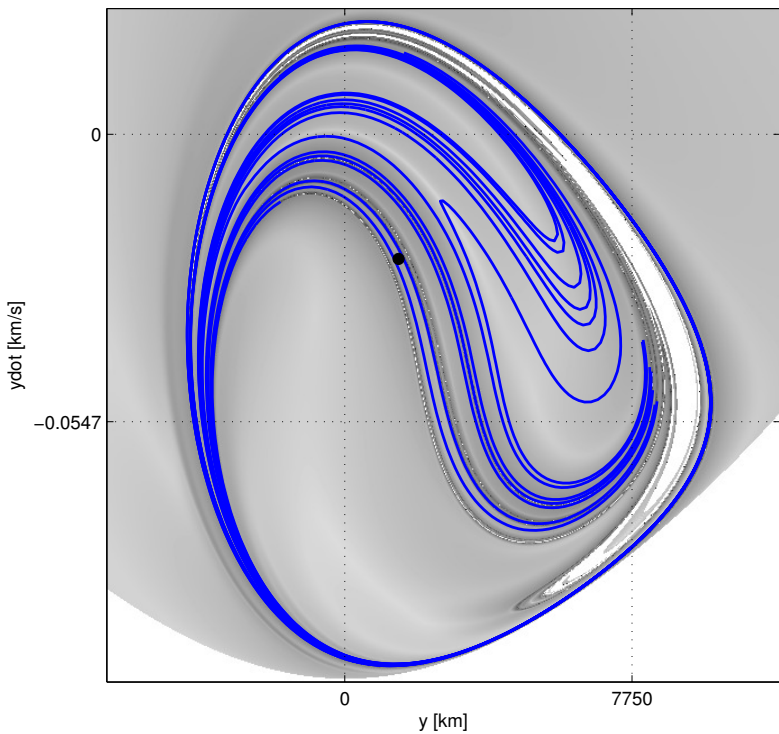


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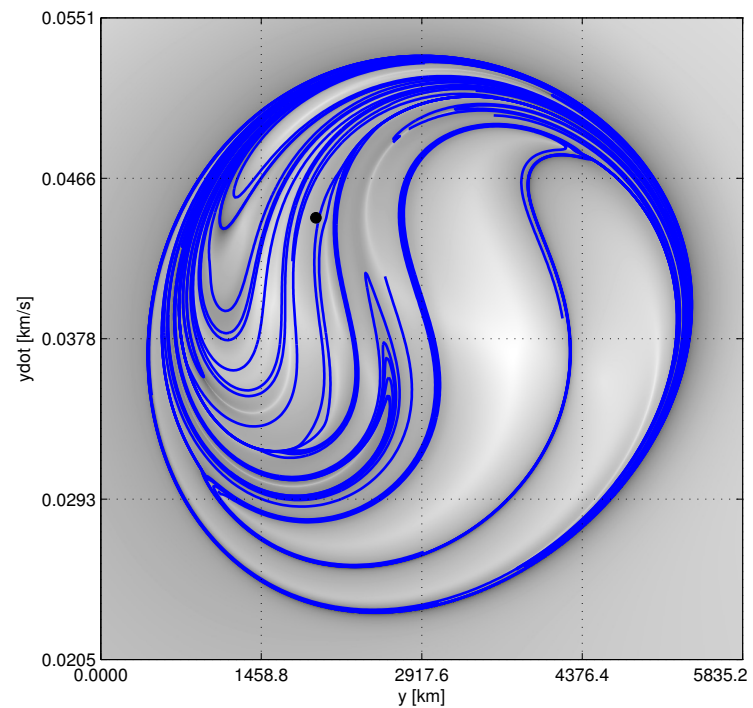


FTLE Model Component Analysis










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Strainlines on Titania map



Strainlines on Oberon map

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