

Self-gravity, Resonances & Orbital diffusion in stellar discs and its WKB limit

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Context

- Λ CDM paradigm for the formation of structures

Interactions with the circum-galactic medium

- ▶ **Constructive** (e.g. adiabatic gas accretion)
- ▶ **Destructive** (e.g. satellite infall)

- Recent theoretical works to describe the effects on a system's over cosmic time induced by

500 kpc

- ▶ **External disturbances** (e.g. large structures)
- ▶ **Discreteness noise** (e.g. giant molecular clouds)

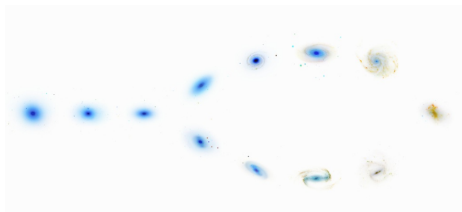
What are the respective roles of **nature vs. nurture** on the observed properties of self-gravitating systems?

Why Secular Dynamics ?

What do *stable* self-gravitating galactic discs do during a Hubble time?

How does a galaxy respond

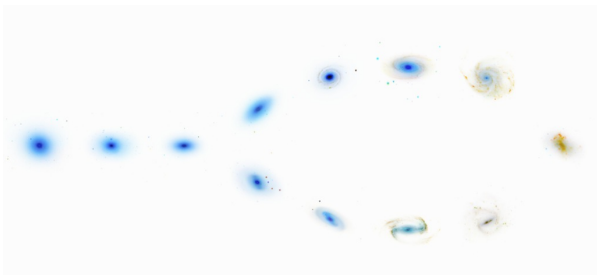
- *to its environment?* Nurture
Dressed Fokker Planck diffusion
- *to its internal graininess?* Nature
Balescu-Lenard diffusion
- *Which process matters most on cosmic timescales?*



Of interest for galactic chemodynamics (GAIA), planetesimals, Galactic Center

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

The key aspects of Secular Dynamics



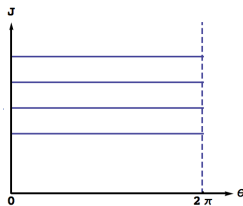
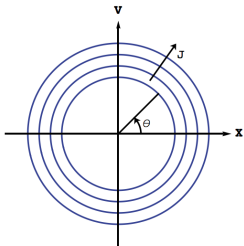
- **Galactic discs** have secularly five main characteristics
 - ▶ Inhomogeneous (= *complex trajectories*)
 - ▶ Multi-periodic with short dynamical times (= *phase mixed*)
 - ▶ Embedded in a *live* cosmic environment (= *perturbed*)
 - ▶ Made of a finite number of particles (= *discrete*)
 - ▶ Self-gravitating and cold (= *amplified*)
- **Resonant** effects \implies **Secular evolution.**

Angle-Actions coordinates

- Goal : Describe the complex physical trajectories using **integrals of motions**
- Action J_i associated to the i^{th} coordinate (q_i, p_i)

$$J_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\gamma_i} dq_i p_i .$$

- Consequences : $H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = H(\mathbf{J})$. *Intrinsic* frequencies : $\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \partial H / \partial \mathbf{J}$.
- Hamilton's Equations become :
$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Omega} t \in [0; 2\pi[, \\ \mathbf{J}(t) = \text{cst.} . \end{cases}$$



Examples of Angle-Actions Coordinates

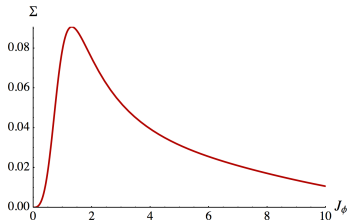
- **Harmonic oscillator** :
$$\begin{cases} \theta = \tan^{-1}[v/\omega x] , \\ J = E/\omega . \end{cases}$$
- **Homogeneous system in a periodic box** :
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x} \sim \boldsymbol{\theta} , \\ \mathbf{v} \sim \mathbf{J} . \end{cases}$$
- **2D axisymmetric potential** :
$$\begin{cases} J_r = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} dr \sqrt{2(E - \Phi(r)) - L_z^2/r^2} , \\ J_\phi = L_z . \end{cases}$$
- **Spherical potentials** :
$$\begin{cases} J_\phi = L_z , \\ J_\theta = L - |L_z| , \\ J_r . \end{cases}$$

Some nice properties :

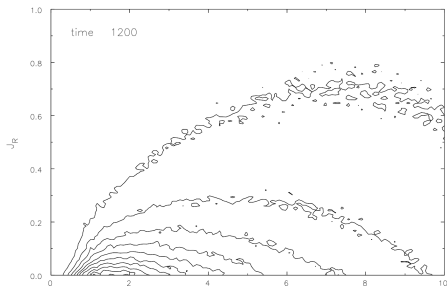
- **Jean's Theorem** : Stationary DF are of the form $F_0(\mathbf{J})$.
- Actions are adiabatic invariants.
- Canonical transformation : $d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} = d\boldsymbol{\theta} d\mathbf{J}$.
- Diagonalise the linearised Boltzmann equation.
- Label orbits!

An example of secular evolution

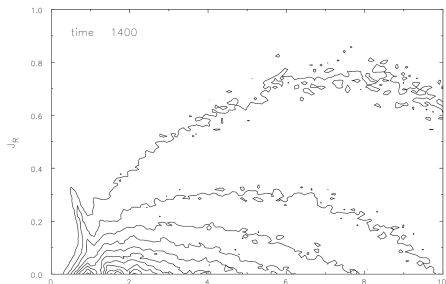
- Sellwood's 2012 numerical experiment
 - ▶ Stationary tapered *Mestel disc* sampled with up to $500M$ particles
 - ▶ Evolution with a N -Body code
 - ▶ Appearance of *transient spiral waves*



Initial DF



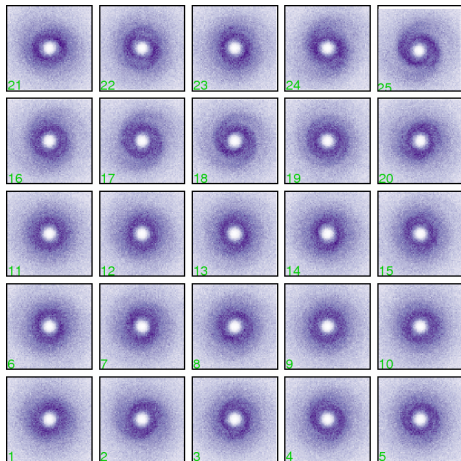
Evolved DF



Sellwood (2012)

Secular diffusion in action-space

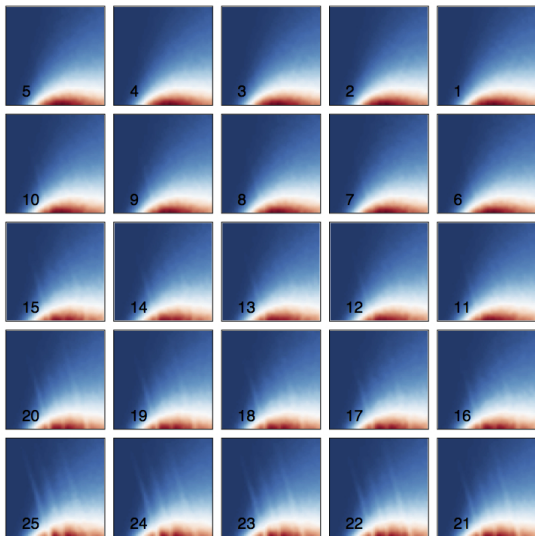
An example of secular evolution



→ time

An example of secular evolution

← time



J_r

J_ϕ

Dressed Fokker-Planck diffusion equation

- **Aim** : Describe the *secular forcing* of a stable collisionless self-gravitating system induced by an external perturbation.
- References
 - ▶ *Binney, Lacey (1988)* Angle-Action no self-gravity
 - ▶ *Weinberg (1993)* Angle-Action self gravitating sphere
 - ▶ *Pichon, Aubert (2006)* Angle-Action self gravitating disc
 - ▶ *Fowry, Pichon, Prunet (2015)* MNRAS 2015 449 (1)
 - ▶ *Fowry, Pichon (2015)* MNRAS 2015 449 (2)
 - ▶ *Fowry, Binney, Pichon (2015)* ApJ 806 117
- **This work**: self-gravitating WKB limit + explicit quadrature for diffusion/drift coefficient.

Case of application

- **Self-gravitating responsive system**

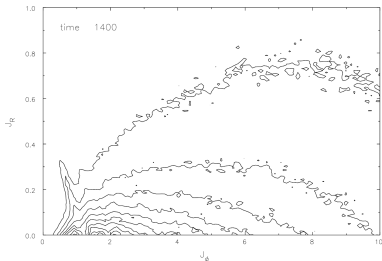
- ▶ A typical infinitely thin galactic disc.

- **Source of exterior perturbations**

- ▶ Surrounding dark-matter halo.
- ▶ Intrinsic *internal noise*.

- **Probes of secular evolution**

- ▶ *Temperature* of the disc : typical spread in radial energy ΔJ_r .
- ▶ Radial migration : wandering in action-space (J_ϕ, J_r) .
- ▶ *Resonant ridges* in action-space.



The hypothesis of the formalism

- **Collisionless system**

- ▶ Collisionless Boltzmann's Equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [F, H] = 0.$$

- **Small perturbations**

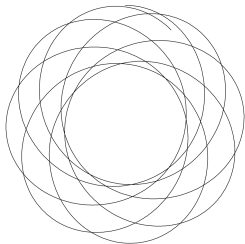
- ▶ Perturbation Theory and Quasi-Linear Approach

- **Complex Trajectories in physical space**

- ▶ Use of the angle-actions coordinates $(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{J})$.

- **Timescales decoupling**

- ▶ Short oscillating timescale = dynamical time.
- ▶ Long secular timescale = *diffusion* in action-space.



Collisionless Boltzmann-Poisson Equation

- **Distribution function** in phase-space $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) : f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)$.
- Hamilton's Equations for one particle $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial H / \partial \mathbf{v} \\ -\partial H / \partial \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \dot{\mathbf{w}}$.
- Local conservation of the distribution function (*continuity equation*)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(\dot{\mathbf{w}} f) = 0.$$

- *Usual* Hamiltonians are $H = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^2 + \Phi(\mathbf{x})$, so that $\operatorname{div}(\dot{\mathbf{w}}) = 0$.
- Collisionless Boltzmann's Equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0.$$

- *Auto-Coherent* Collisionless Boltzmann Equation (= Vlasov Equation) for self-gravitating system adds

$$\Delta \Phi = 4\pi G \int d\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t).$$

The main bricks of secular diffusion

The distribution function and Hamiltonian of the system are given by

$$\begin{cases} F(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t) = F_0(\mathbf{J}, t) + f(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t), \\ H(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t) = H_0(\mathbf{J}) + \psi^e(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t) + \psi^s(\mathbf{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, t). \end{cases}$$

Hypothesis

$$\begin{cases} F_0 : \text{Secular DF evolving slowly, } \partial F_0 / \partial t \ll \partial f / \partial t, \\ f : \text{Fast perturbations variations, } f \ll F_0, \\ \psi^e : \textit{Exterior} \text{ potential perturbations induced by the environment,} \\ \psi^s : \textit{Self} \text{ potential perturbations through the disc response.} \end{cases}$$

The decoupling of timescales leads to two equations of evolution

$$\text{Fast timescale : } \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} - \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \frac{\partial (\psi^e + \psi^s)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = 0.$$

$$\text{Secular timescale : } \quad \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left[\int d\boldsymbol{\theta} f \frac{\partial (\psi^e + \psi^s)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right].$$

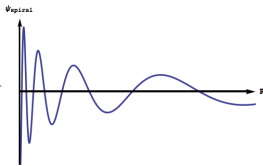
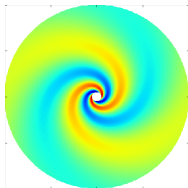
Potential-Density basis

- Aims :
 - ▶ Reduce an infinite functional space to a finite-dimension space.
 - ▶ Solve the *non-local* Poisson equation implicitly, once for all.
- Introduce a *representative* basis of potential functions $(\rho^{(p)}, \psi^{(p)})$.
- **Biorthogonality property**

$$\Delta\psi^{(p)} = 4\pi G \rho^{(p)} \quad ; \quad \int d\mathbf{x} [\psi^{(p)}(\mathbf{x})]^* \rho^{(q)}(\mathbf{x}) = -\delta_p^q .$$

- Examples
 - ▶ **Logarithmic spirals (2D)**

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma_{\alpha, k_\phi}(R, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{R^{3/2}} e^{i(\alpha \log[R/R_0] + k_\phi \phi)} , \\ \psi_{\alpha, k_\phi}(R, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{R^{1/2}} e^{i(\alpha \log[R/R_0] + k_\phi \phi)} . \end{cases}$$



Taking into account the dressing

How does the system respond to an imposed perturbation ?

- Introducing a *representative* basis of potential functions $\psi^{(p)}$, so that

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

- Non-Markovian **amplification mechanism**

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

where $\mathbf{M}(F_0)$ is the **response matrix** of the system, given by

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{pq}(\omega) = (2\pi)^d \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{m} \cdot \partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J}),$$

$$\text{and } \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \psi^{(p)}[\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})] e^{-i\mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}}.$$

Resonances are at the *intrinsic frequencies* of the system : $\mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}$.

The secular diffusion equation

The long term evolution equation is a *Fokker-Planck* equation (no drift term)
Binney–Lacey (1988), *Weinberg (1993)*, *Pichon–Aubert (2006)*

$$\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{m} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \left[D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) \mathbf{m} \cdot \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right].$$

where $D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J})$ are anisotropic diffusion coefficients given by

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)*}(\mathbf{J}) \left[[\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}]^{-1} \cdot \langle \widehat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{b}}^{*t} \rangle \cdot [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}]^{-1} \right]_{qp} (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \\ &\sim \frac{\langle |\psi^{\text{ext}}(\omega)|^2 \rangle}{|\varepsilon(\mathbf{m}, \omega)|^2} (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Two behaviors are possible (*perturbation spectrum vs. responsiveness*)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\varepsilon|^2} \gg 1. & \text{The system reacts the same way, whatever the perturbations.} \\ \frac{1}{|\varepsilon|^2} \sim 1. & \text{The system is } \textit{shaped} \text{ by the perturbations.} \end{cases}$$

Difficulties of the diffusion equation

- Evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial t} = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{m} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \left[D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) \mathbf{m} \cdot \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right].$$

- Anisotropic diffusion coefficients, recalling that $\widehat{\mathbf{M}} = \widehat{\mathbf{M}}(F_0)$

$$D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)*} \left[[\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}]^{-1} \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}]^{-1} \right]_{qp} \quad (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}).$$

- **Inhomogeneous system**

- ▶ Introduce explicitly the mapping $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})$ (seldomly known)

Solution : Use the epicyclic approximation for 2D-disc.

- **Long-range system**

- ▶ Construct basis elements $\psi^{(p)}$ + Invert the response matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$.

Solution : Use WKB tightly wound hypothesis: restriction to local resonances.

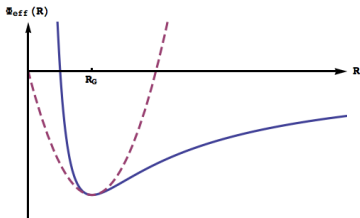
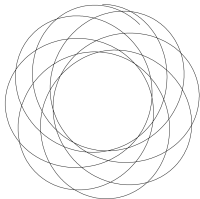
- **Perturbed system**

- ▶ Perform ensemble average over N-body simulation.

Solution : Idealised isolated numerical simulation \rightarrow Poisson shot noise.

The epicyclic approximation

- Real trajectories are complex rosettes (2 oscillations).
- Effective potential : $\ddot{R} = -d\Phi_{\text{eff}}/dR$
with $\Phi_{\text{eff}}(R) = \Phi(R) + J_\phi^2/R^2$.
- Taylor-Expansion for small oscillations



- Circular orbits at the **guiding radius** $R_g(J_\phi) : R_g \longleftrightarrow J_\phi$,.
- **Radial harmonic oscillation** at the frequency $\kappa(J_\phi) : J_r = \frac{1}{2}\kappa A^2$.
- **Azimuthal rotation** at the frequency $\Omega(J_\phi)$.

All intrinsic frequencies are function of J_ϕ only

The WKB approach

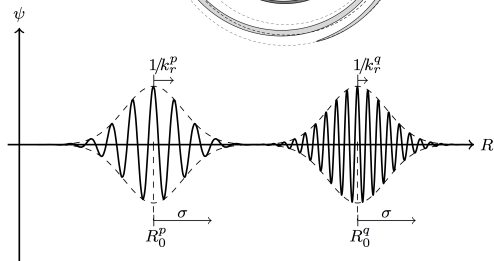
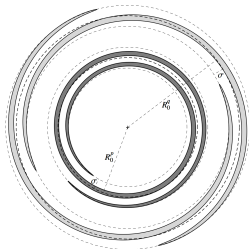
- WKB approximation = **tightly wound spirals**
- Aim : Restrict ourself to local resonances with an appropriate basis

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

- Three indices
 - ▶ k_ϕ : azimuthal number (discrete)
 - ▶ k_r : radial frequency (continuous)
 - ▶ R_0 : *central* radius (continuous)

- σ : Decoupling scale
- It is a **biorthogonal basis** under the assumption

$$R_0 \gg \sigma \gg \frac{1}{k_r}$$



Using the WKB basis

- Initial Conditions : Schwarzschild DF : $F_0(R_g, J_r) = \frac{\Omega_\phi \Sigma}{\pi \kappa \sigma_r^2} \exp\left[-\frac{\kappa}{\sigma_r^2} J_r\right]$.
- Consequence : Different basis elements $\psi^{[k_r, k_\phi, R_0]}$ *do not interfere*.
- **Diagonalisation of the response matrix**

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{[k_r^1, k_\phi^1, R_0], [k_r^2, k_\phi^2, R_0]} = \delta_{k_r^1}^{k_r^2} \delta_{k_\phi^1}^{k_\phi^2} \lambda_{[k_r^1, k_\phi^1, R_0]}$$

- $\lambda(k_r, k_\phi, R_0)$ represents the *local responsiveness* of the system

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

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

Kalnajs (65), Lin&Shu(66)

- Next key step : Riemann sum transformations
(Disappearance of the *ad hoc* σ . *Critical sampling* : $\Delta R_0 \Delta k_r = 2\pi$.)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{k_r} \rightarrow \int dk_r \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma \sum_{R_0} \rightarrow \int dR_0 .$$

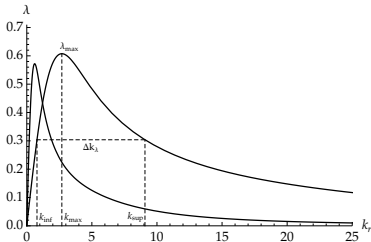
WKB and Secular Diffusion Equation

- Expression of the diffusion coefficients

$$D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) = \int dk_r \mathcal{J}_{m_r}^2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2J_r}{\kappa}} k_r \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 - \lambda_{k_r}} \right]^2 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}[m_\phi, \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}, k_r, R_g].$$

Perturbation power spectrum : $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}[m_\phi, \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}, k_r, R_g]$ to be measured

- **Approximation of the small denominators** : $k_r \mapsto \lambda_{k_r}$ is sharp

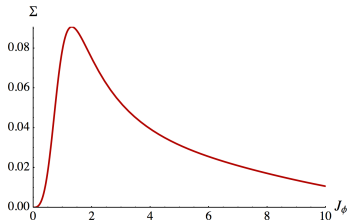


Final expression of the diffusion coefficients

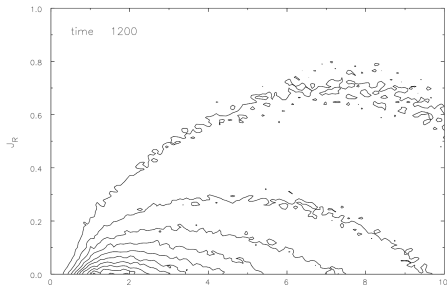
$$D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) = \Delta_k \mathcal{J}_{m_r}^2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2J_r}{\kappa}} k_{\max} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 - \lambda_{\max}} \right]^2 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}[m_\phi, \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}, k_{\max}, R_g].$$

WKB - Case of application

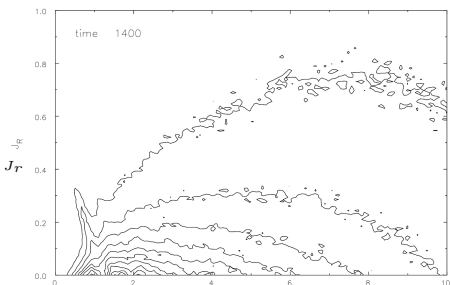
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Initial DF



Evolved DF



Sellwood (2012)

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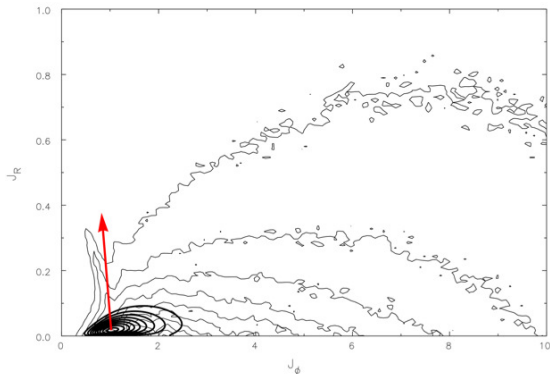
- Secular diffusion flux density

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_m m \cdot \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial \mathbf{J}} D_m(\mathbf{J})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} * m \quad (\text{resonances}), \\ * m \cdot \partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J} \quad (\text{inhomogeneity}), \\ * D_m(\mathbf{J}) \quad (\text{susceptibility}). \end{array} \right.$$

- Mimic *intrinsic noise* due to the discrete sampling :

$$|\psi^{\text{ext}}|^2 \propto \Sigma(R_g).$$

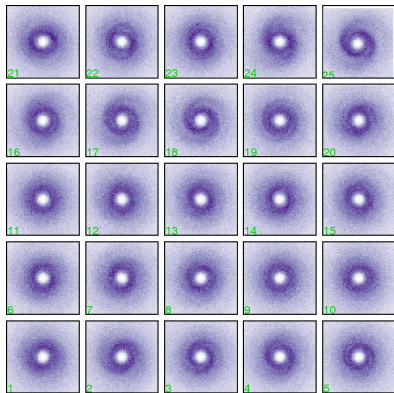


- $$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} * \text{Dominant ILR.} \\ * \text{Start position of the ridge.} \\ * \text{Super-diffusion : } \sigma(J_{\text{ILR}}^s) \propto t. \end{array} \right.$$

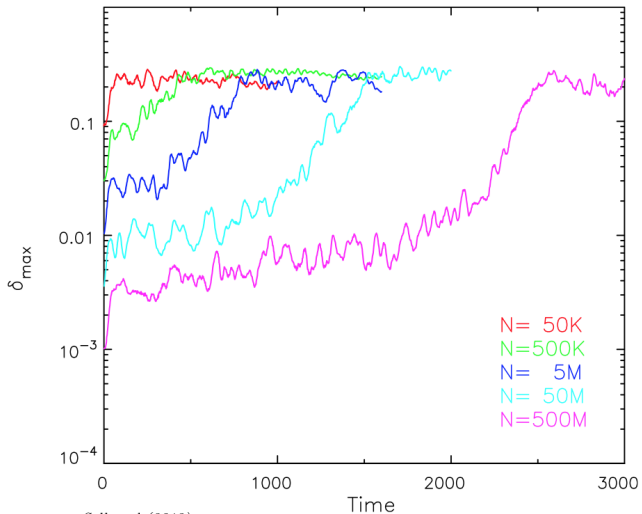
Conclusion - Dressed Fokker-Planck

- *Rich* framework to describe *forced* secular evolution

- ▶ Source of perturbation via $\langle |\psi^{\text{ext}}|^2 \rangle$.
- ▶ Self-gravity via ξ and λ .
- ▶ Susceptibility via $D_m(\mathbf{J})$.
- ▶ Inhomogeneity via $\partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}$.
- ▶ Temperature via σ_r^2 .
- ▶ Physical structure via T_{inner} .
- ▶ Dynamical structure via $\mathbf{J} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\Omega}(\mathbf{J})$.



What about finite- N effects?



Collisional dynamics?

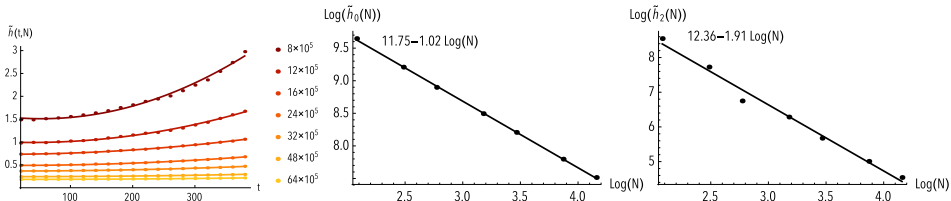
- Run ensemble-averaged N -body simulations with varying N .
- *Distance* to the initial DF

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

- Initial behavior

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

- Measurements in N -body simulations



The Balescu-Lenard kinetic equation

- **Aim** : Describe the secular evolution of a discrete *collisional* inhomogeneous self-gravitating system driven by *finite-N* effects.
- References
 - ▶ *Balescu (1960), Lenard (1960)* : Plasma
 - ▶ *Weinberg (1998)* : Jean's swindle
 - ▶ *Heyvaerts (2010)* : Angle-Action: BBGKY
 - ▶ *Chavanis (2012)* : Angle-Action: Klimontovitch
 - ▶ *Fouvry, Pichon, Chavanis (2015)* : 2D WKB limit - A&A ...
- **Novelty**: first implementation in the WKB self-gravitating limit : simple quadrature for diffusion and drift.

Liouville's Equation

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

- Individual dynamics governed by Hamilton's equation

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial t} + \text{div} \left[\dot{\mathbf{w}} f^{(N)} \right] \quad \text{continuity equation} \\ &= \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} + \mathbf{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \frac{\partial H_N}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} \cdot \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} - \frac{\partial H_N}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} \cdot \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\partial f^{(N)}}{\partial t} + \left[f^{(N)}, H_N \right] . \end{aligned}$$

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

BBGKY Hierarchy

- Reduced DF in $6nD$ phase space

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

- Reduced n -body Hamiltonian

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

- n^{th} -BBGKY equation for f_n

$$\frac{\partial f_n}{\partial t} + [f_n, H_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \int d\mathbf{x}_{n+1} d\mathbf{v}_{n+1} \frac{\partial U_{i,n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i}.$$

- Content

- ▶ n -body dynamics : Liouville's equation and $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ order *collision term*.
- ▶ Exact hierarchy of equation : a truncation is needed.

From BBGKY to Vlasov

- Two-body correlation function

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

- **BBGKY**– $n=1$ equation

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

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int d\mathbf{v}_2 f_1(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{v}_2, t) = \rho(\mathbf{x}_2, t), \\ \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \rho(\mathbf{x}_2, t) U(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_1, t). \end{array} \right. \implies \boxed{\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1} \cdot \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \mathbf{v}_1} = 0.}$$

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

From BBGKY to Balescu-Lenard

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

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

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

Inhomogeneous Landau equation

- **Adiabatic approximation** in angle-actions coordinates

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

- Neglecting collective effects (*i.e.* self-gravitating amplification), we obtain the **inhomogeneous Landau equation** (Chavanis 2007, 2010)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = & \pi(2\pi)^d \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} \cdot \left[\sum_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2} \mathbf{m}_1 \int d\mathbf{J}_2 \delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2) \right. \\ & \left. \times \left| A_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2) \right|^2 \left[\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_2} \right] F(\mathbf{J}_1, t) F(\mathbf{J}_2, t) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- *Bare* susceptibility coefficients:

$$A_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 d\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 \frac{-G}{|\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \mathbf{J}_1) - \mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \mathbf{J}_2)|} e^{-i(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)}.$$

Taking into account the dressing

How does the system respond to an imposed perturbation ?

- Introducing a *representative* basis of potential functions $\psi^{(p)}$, so that

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

- Non-Markovian **amplification mechanism**

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

where $\mathbf{M}(F_0)$ is the **response matrix** of the system, given by

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{pq}(\omega) = (2\pi)^d \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{m} \cdot \partial F_0 / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J}),$$

$$\text{and } \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \psi^{(p)}[\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})] e^{-i\mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}}.$$

Resonances are at the *intrinsic frequencies* of the system : $\mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}$.

Inhomogeneous Balescu-Lenard equation

- **Inhomogeneous Balescu-Lenard equation**

Heyvaerts (2010), Chavanis (2012)

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

- *Dressed* susceptibility coefficients

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \omega)} = \sum_{p, q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_1}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}_1) [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)]^{-1} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_2}^{(q)*}(\mathbf{J}_2).$$

- Written as an anisotropic Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \sum_{\mathbf{m}_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} \cdot \left[\mathbf{m}_1 \left(A_{\mathbf{m}_1}(\mathbf{J}_1) F(\mathbf{J}_1) + D_{\mathbf{m}_1}(\mathbf{J}_1) \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} \right) \right].$$

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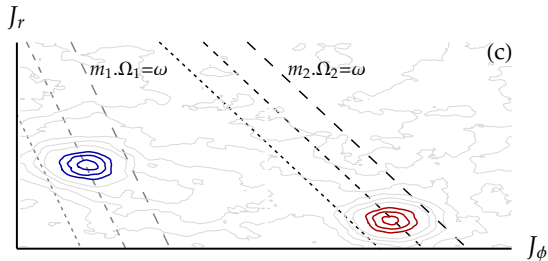
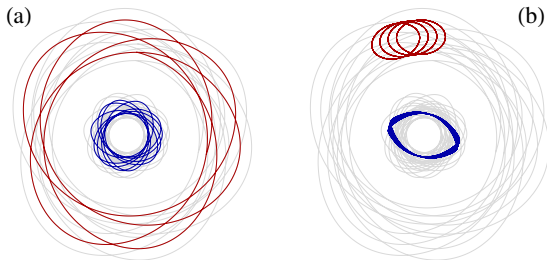
- ▶ Resonance condition : $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$.
- ▶ Modes with $|\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}| \ll 1$ very efficient.

Resonant stellar encounters

- The **resonance condition** : $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$
leads to *distant resonant encounters*

Resonant stellar encounters

Resonance condition : $\delta_D(m_1 \cdot \Omega_1 - m_2 \cdot \Omega_2)$



WKB Balescu-Lenard equation

- Diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \pi(2\pi)^d \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} \cdot \left[\sum_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2} m_1 \int d\mathbf{J}_2 \frac{\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)}{|\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)|^2} \left[\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_1} - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}_2} \right] F(\mathbf{J}_1, t) F(\mathbf{J}_2, t) \right].$$

- Dressed susceptibility coefficients

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \omega)} = \sum_{p, q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_1}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}_1) [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)]^{-1} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_2}^{(q)*}(\mathbf{J}_2).$$

- **Inhomogeneous system**

- ▶ Introduce explicitly the mapping $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})$ (seldomly known)

Solution : Use the epicyclic approximation for $2D$ -disc.

- **Long-range system**

- ▶ Construct basis elements $\psi^{(p)}$ + Invert the response matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$.

Solution : Use **WKB tightly wound** hypothesis.

- **Resonance condition**

- ▶ Handle the non-trivial resonance condition $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$

Solution : Limitation to **local resonances** via the WKB approximation

The WKB approach

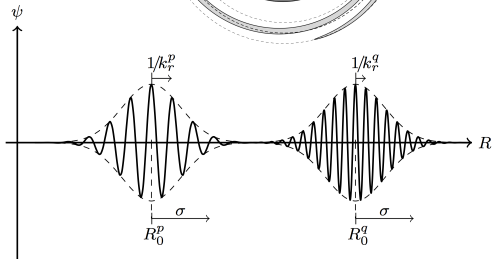
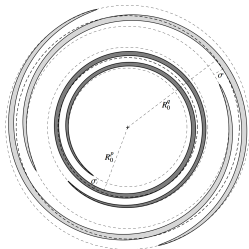
- WKB approximation = **tightly wound spirals**
- Aim : Restrict ourselves to local resonances with an appropriate basis

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

- Three index
 - ▶ k_ϕ : azimuthal number (discrete)
 - ▶ k_r : radial frequency (continuous)
 - ▶ R_0 : *central* radius (continuous)

- σ : Decoupling scale
- It is a **biorthogonal basis** under the assumption

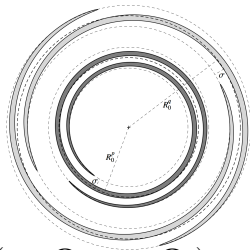
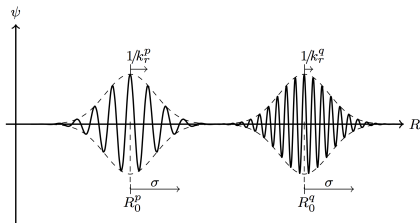
$$R_0 \gg \sigma \gg \frac{1}{k_r}$$



WKB Balescu-Lenard

- Using our **WKB basis**

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



- Restriction to exactly local resonances : $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1(R_1) - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2(R_2) = 0 \\ |R_1 - R_2| \leq (\text{few})\sigma \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \mathbf{m}_2 = \mathbf{m}_1, \\ R_2 = R_1. \end{cases}$$

- Diagonalisation of the response matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{[k_r^1, k_\phi^1, R_0], [k_r^2, k_\phi^2, R_0]} = \delta_{k_r^1, k_r^2} \delta_{k_\phi^1, k_\phi^2} \lambda_{[k_r^1, k_\phi^1, R_0]}.$$

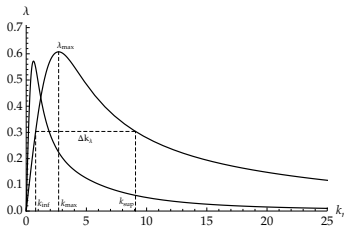
WKB Balescu-Lenard

- WKB susceptibility coefficients : $1/\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2} = \sum_{p,q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_1}^{(p)} [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)]_{pq} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_2}^{(q)*}$.

$$\left| \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_1}(\mathbf{J}_1, R_1, J_r^2, \omega)} \right|^2 = \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{G}{R_1} \int_{1/\sigma_k}^{+\infty} dk_r \frac{1}{k_r} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_{k_r}(R_1, \omega)} H(R_1, J_r^1, J_r^2) \right]^2.$$

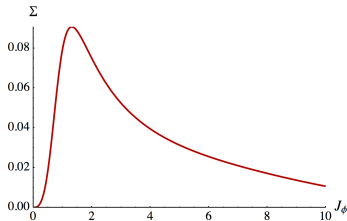
- Two possible behaviors
 - ▶ **App. of the small denominators** : $k_r \mapsto \lambda_{k_r}$ is *sharp*. Amplification.
 - ▶ **App. of the dominant scale** : $k_r \mapsto \lambda_{k_r}$ *flat*. Strong collisions.
- Dressed* WKB susceptibility coefficients

$$\left| \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_1}(R_1, J_r^1, R_1, J_r^2, \omega)} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{G^2}{R_1^2} \frac{(\Delta k_\lambda)^2}{k_{\max}^2} \times \left[\frac{1}{1 - \lambda_{\max}} \right]^2 \mathcal{J}_{m_r^1}^2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2J_r^1}{\kappa_1}} k_{\max} \right] \mathcal{J}_{m_r^1}^2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2J_r^2}{\kappa_1}} k_{\max} \right].$$

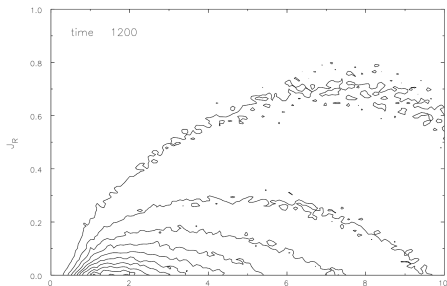


WKB-BL - Case of application

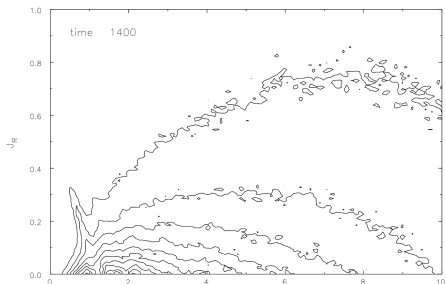
- Sellwood's 2012 numerical experiment
 - ▶ Stationnary tapered *Mestel disc* sampled with up to $500M$ particles
 - ▶ Evolution with a N -Body code
 - ▶ Appearance of *transient spiral structures*



Initial DF



Evolved DF



Sellwood (2012)

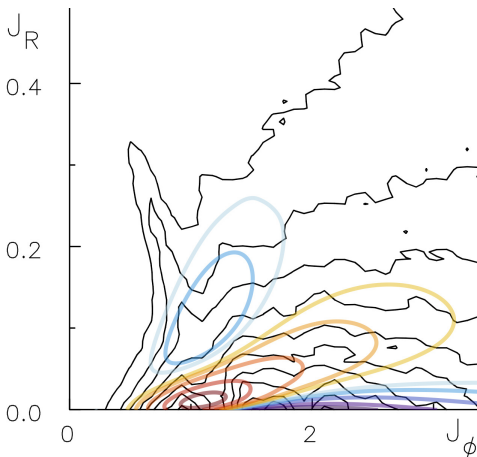
Secular diffusion in action-space

WKB-BL - Case of application

- Total flux density

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_m m \left[A_m(\mathbf{J}) F(\mathbf{J}) + D_m(\mathbf{J}) m \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right] \implies \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}).$$

- Predicted contours for $\text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}})$



$$\begin{cases} \text{Red} : \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}) < 0, \\ \text{Blue} : \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}) > 0. \end{cases}$$

WKB-BL - Diffusion timescale

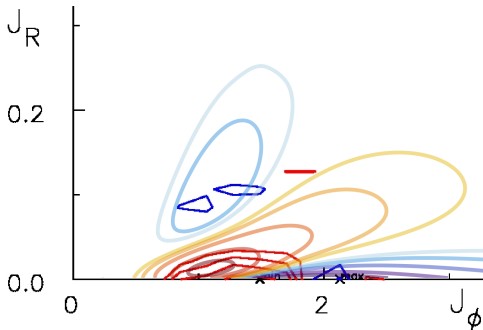
- Correctly normalised BL equation

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + L[F] = \frac{1}{N} C_{\text{BL}}[F].} \quad \begin{cases} L = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}, & (\text{advection}) \\ C_{\text{BL}}[F]. & (\text{collisions}) \end{cases}$$

- Normalised time $\tau = t/N$: $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} = C_{\text{BL}}[F]$.
- Comparison with S12 simulation

$$\frac{\Delta \tau_{\text{S12}}}{\Delta \tau_{\text{WKB}}} \simeq 10^{-3}.$$

- Secular diffusion too early to be finite- N effects only.
 - ▶ **Swing amplification?**



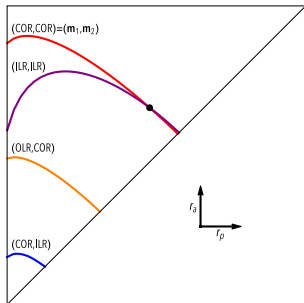
Conclusions - WKB Balescu-Lenard

Interest of WKB - Balescu-Lenard

- **First** application of Balescu-Lenard in astrophysics.
- Powerful formalism with no *ad hoc* assumptions or fine-tuning.
- Validation of N -body codes on secular timescales.

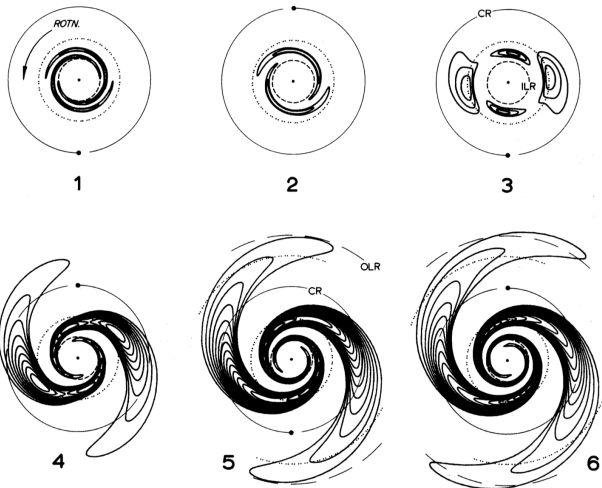
Extensions

- Non-WKB Matrix method
+ comparison to N -body experiments.
- Extension to thick discs.
- Applications to other physical systems
 - ▶ Relaxation in the galactic center.
 - ▶ Mass segregation in protoplanetary discs.
 - ▶ Molecular Clouds and metallicity gradients.



Fowry, Pichon, Chavanis (2015) : A&A ...

Taking into account *swing amplification*?



Toomre (1981)

- Use *global* Balescu-Lenard equation

Difficulties of the Balescu-Lenard equation

- Diffusion equation

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

- Dressed susceptibility coefficients

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2}(\mathbf{J}_1, \mathbf{J}_2, \omega)} = \sum_{p, q} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_1}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}_1) [\mathbf{I} - \widehat{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)]^{-1} \psi_{\mathbf{m}_2}^{(q)*}(\mathbf{J}_2).$$

- **Inhomogeneous system**

- ▶ Introduce explicitly the mapping $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})$ (seldomly known)

Solution : Implement the **explicit action mapping** Tremaine&Weinberg (84).

- **Long-range system**

- ▶ Construct basis elements $\psi^{(p)}$ + Invert the response matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$.

Solution : Use *global* basis elements and numerically compute $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$.

- **Resonance condition**

- ▶ Handle the non-trivial resonance condition $\delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$

Solution : Find the **resonant critical lines** and integrate along them.

How to determine $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mapsto (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})$?

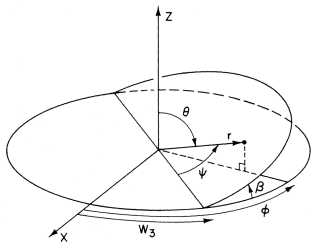
- Fourier transform (in angles) of the basis elements

$$\psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J})) e^{-i\mathbf{m}\cdot\boldsymbol{\theta}}.$$

- For 2D axisymmetric systems $\psi(r)$
explicit mapping (Tremaine&Weinberg (84))

- **Explicit canonical angles**

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1 = \Omega_1 \int_{c_1} dr \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(E - \psi_0(r)) - L^2/r^2}}, \\ \theta_2 - \psi = \int_{c_1} dr \frac{\Omega_2 - J_2/r^2}{\sqrt{2(E - \psi_0(r)) - L^2/r^2}}. \end{cases}$$



- Cumbersome evaluation but can be made numerically.

How to compute $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}$?

- Response matrix (**Resonant poles** + **Integral over actions**)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}} = (2\pi)^3 \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{m} \cdot \partial F / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\omega - \mathbf{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}} \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(p)*}(\mathbf{J}) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{(q)}(\mathbf{J}).$$

- Use the good *action coordinates*

$$J_r = \int_{r_p}^{r_a} dr \sqrt{2(E - \psi_0(r)) - L^2/r^2}.$$

- An orbit is completely specified by $(r_p, r_a) \leftrightarrow (E, L) \leftrightarrow (J_r, J_\phi)$.

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}} \sim \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \int dr_p dr_a \frac{g(r_p, r_a)}{h(r_p, r_a)}.$$

- Truncate the (r_p, r_a) -space to *cross smoothly* the poles

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}} \sim \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \sum_i \aleph(\mathbf{m}, i).$$

- Validation via known **unstable modes**: Zang (76), Evans&Read (98)

Dealing with non-local resonances

- **Non-local resonance condition**

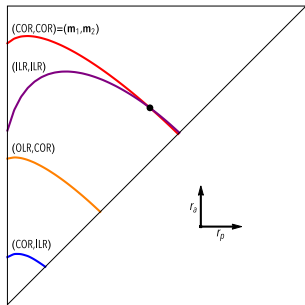
$$\text{BL} \sim \int d\mathbf{J}_2 \delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2) G(\mathbf{J}_2).$$

- Use good *action coordinates* : (r_p, r_a)

$$\text{BL} \sim \int dr_a dr_p \delta_D(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2) G(r_p, r_a).$$

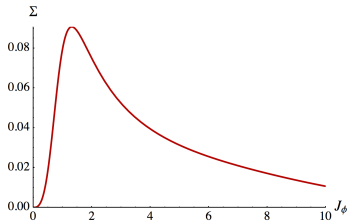
- For fixed \mathbf{J}_1 , \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2
identification of **critical resonant lines**,
along which to integrate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d\mathbf{x} f(\mathbf{x}) \delta_D(g(\mathbf{x})) = \int_{g^{-1}(0)} d\sigma \frac{f(\mathbf{x})}{\nabla g(\mathbf{x})}.$$

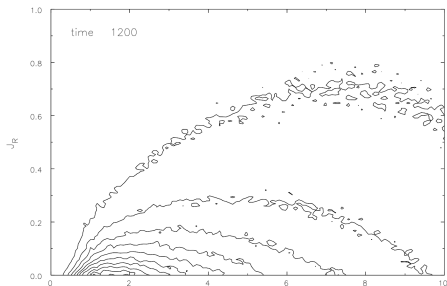


Global-BL - Case of application

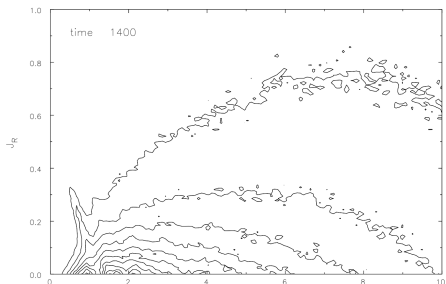
- Sellwood's 2012 numerical experiment
 - ▶ Stationnary tapered *Mestel disc* sampled with up to 500M particles
 - ▶ Evolution with a N -Body code
 - ▶ Appearance of *transient spiral structures*



Initial DF



Evolved DF



Sellwood (2012)

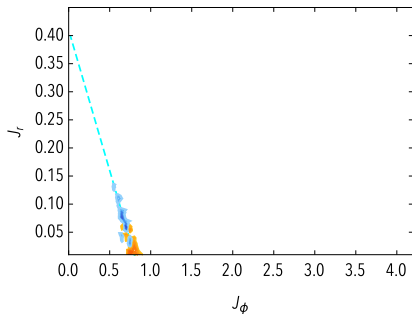
Secular diffusion in action-space

Global-BL - Case of application

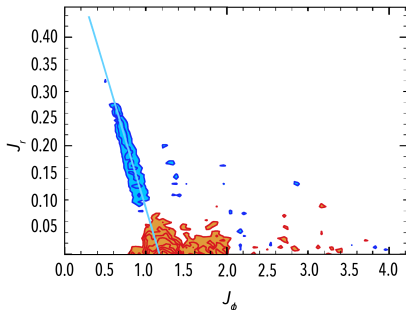
- Total flux density

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_m m \left[A_m(\mathbf{J}) F(\mathbf{J}) + D_m(\mathbf{J}) m \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \right] \implies \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}).$$

- Predicted contours for $\text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}})$: $\begin{cases} \text{Red} : \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}) < 0, \\ \text{Blue} : \text{div}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{tot}}) > 0. \end{cases}$



Balescu-Lenard



Sellwood (2012)

Global-BL - Diffusion timescale

- Correctly normalised BL equation

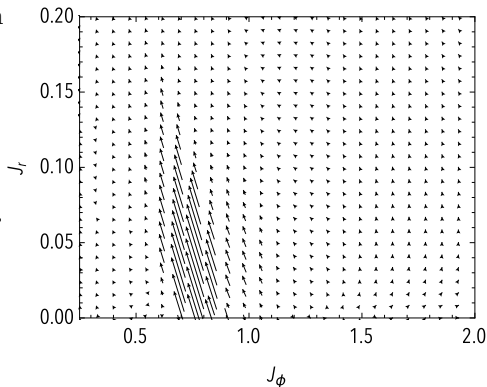
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + L[F] = \frac{1}{N} C_{\text{BL}}[F].} \quad \begin{cases} L = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}, & (\text{advection}) \\ C_{\text{BL}}[F]. & (\text{collisions}) \end{cases}$$

- Normalised time $\tau = t/N : \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} = C_{\text{BL}}[F]$.

- Comparison with S12 simulation

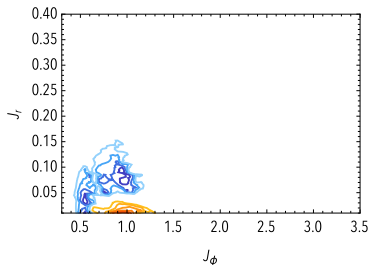
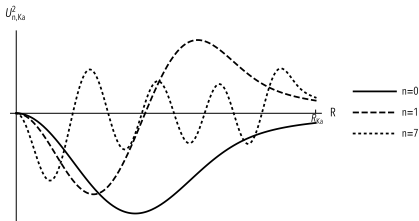
$$\frac{\Delta \tau_{\text{S12}}}{\Delta \tau_{\text{BL}}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1).$$

- **Secular diffusion with appropriate timescales.**

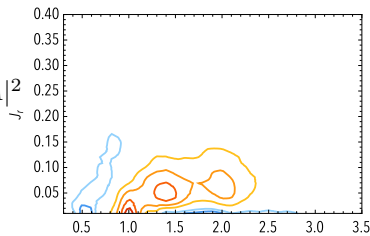


Global-BL - Role of *swing amplification*

- The *swing amplification* driving mechanism for the resonant ridge
 - ▶ **Narrow resonant ridge** along the ILR
 - ▶ **Fast** secular evolution
- Removing **loosely wound** basis elements



- Turning off **collective effects** $1/|D|^2 \rightarrow |A|^2$



- Key mechanism

Self-gravitating amplification of loosely wound perturbations

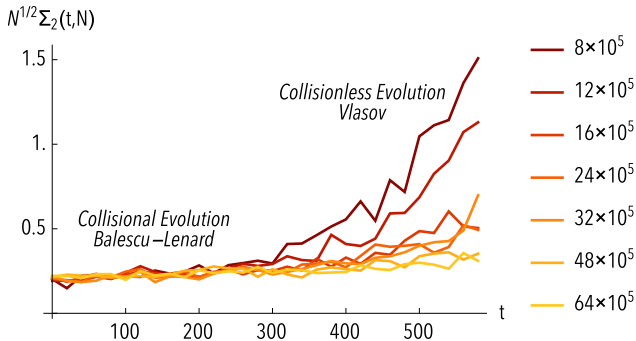
From Balescu-Lenard to Vlasov

- Strength of **non-axisymmetric features**

$$\Sigma_2(t, N) = \left\langle \int_{R_{\text{inf}}}^{R_{\text{sup}}} dR R d\phi \Sigma_{\text{star}}(t, N, R, \phi) e^{-i2\phi} \right\rangle.$$

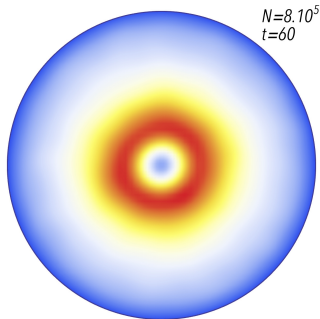
- Late-time evolution: **Transition**

Collisional Balescu-Lenard \implies Collisionless Vlasov

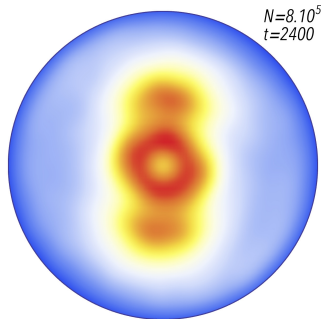


From Balescu-Lenard to Vlasov

- Dynamical **phase transition** in physical space



Initial times



Late times

CONCLUSIONS

- **Quasilinear theory** (both collisionless or collisional) able to approach the complex interplay between nature and nurture driving the secular evolution of self-gravitating systems.
- Novel theory of **WKB** (tightly wound) limit in the context of both dressed Fokker Planck and Balescu-Lenard kinetic theories: explicit quadrature for diffusion/drift coefficients.
- First implementations of **Balescu-Lenard** in stellar dynamics.
- **Prospects:**
 - ▶ Disc thickening
 - ▶ Galactic centre
 - ▶ Globular clusters
 - ▶ Radial Migration
 - ▶ Cusp-Core transition