

Structure of 3D chaotic transport in a tumbled granular flow in a sphere

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Granular flows

- Flowing granular matter is a **complex system**.
- No general theory; can understand mixing in terms of **geometry** and **kinematics**.
 - In the Lagrangian frame we study flows: $d\vec{x}/dt = \vec{v}(\vec{x}, t)$.
 - Dynamical systems framework: hyperbolic vs. elliptic periodic points, Poincaré sections, stable & unstable manifolds, etc.
 - Stirring by **chaotic advection**.
- Will study transport in a half-full sphere:
 - All “interesting” dynamics occur in a thin surface layer.
 - Motion (a) **restricted to 2D surfaces** or (b) **fully-3D**.
 - Goal: Explore kinematic flow structures in (a) and (b).



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A granular flow that everyone can enjoy



Source: FoodNetwork's *Unwrapped* [Season 1, Episode 1 "Bubble Gum Unwrapped"].

Phenomenology of tumbled granular flow

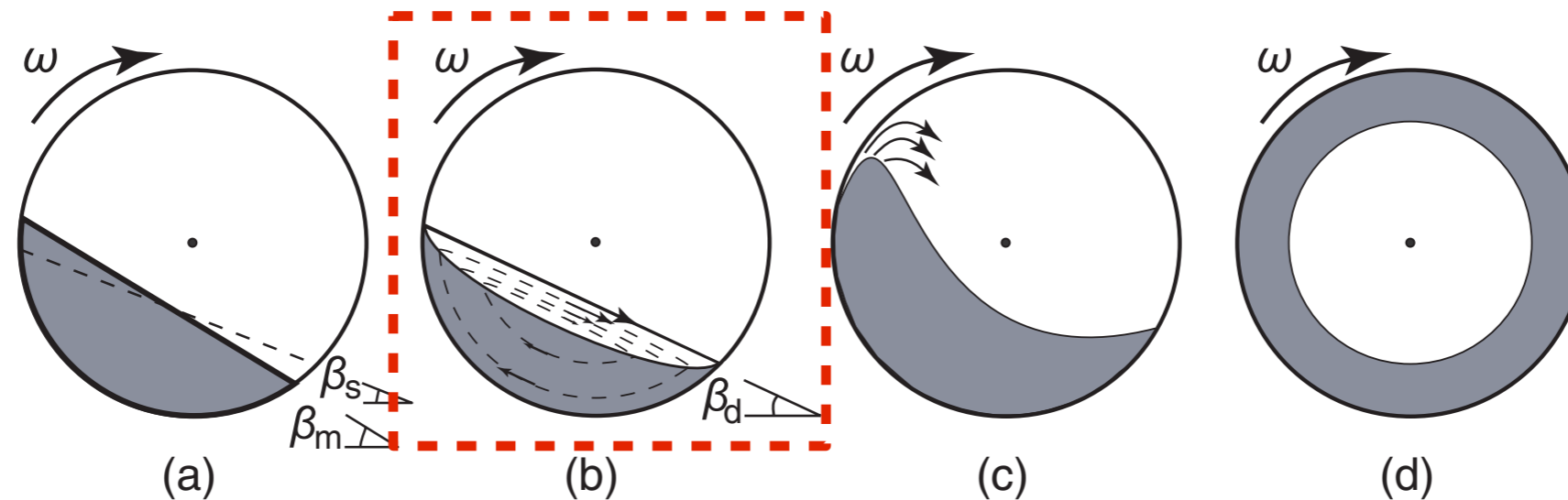


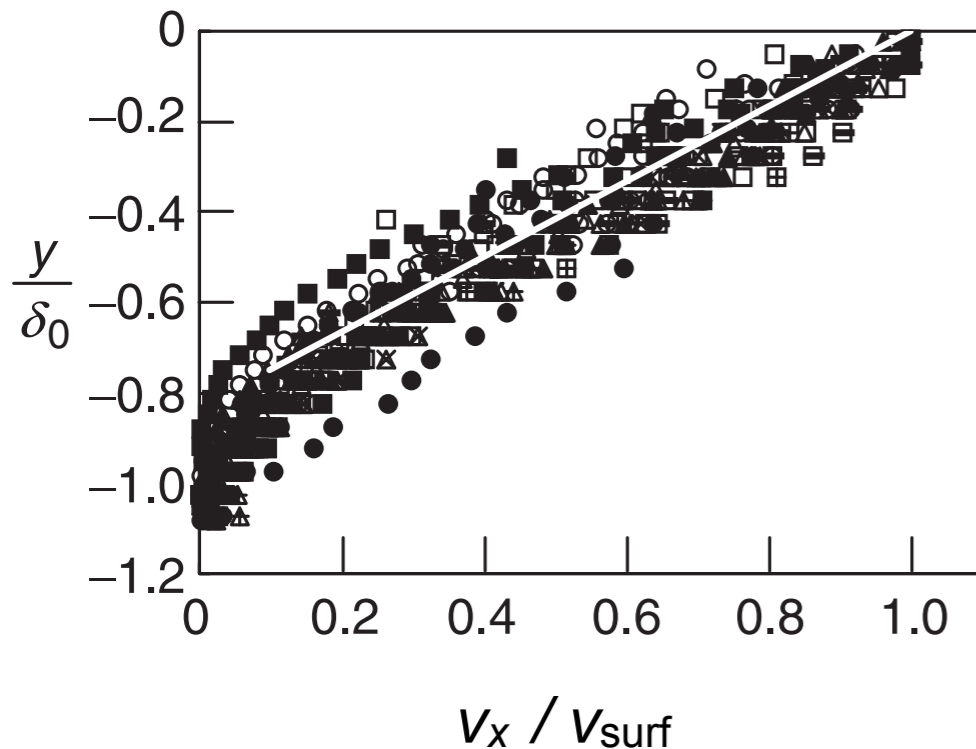
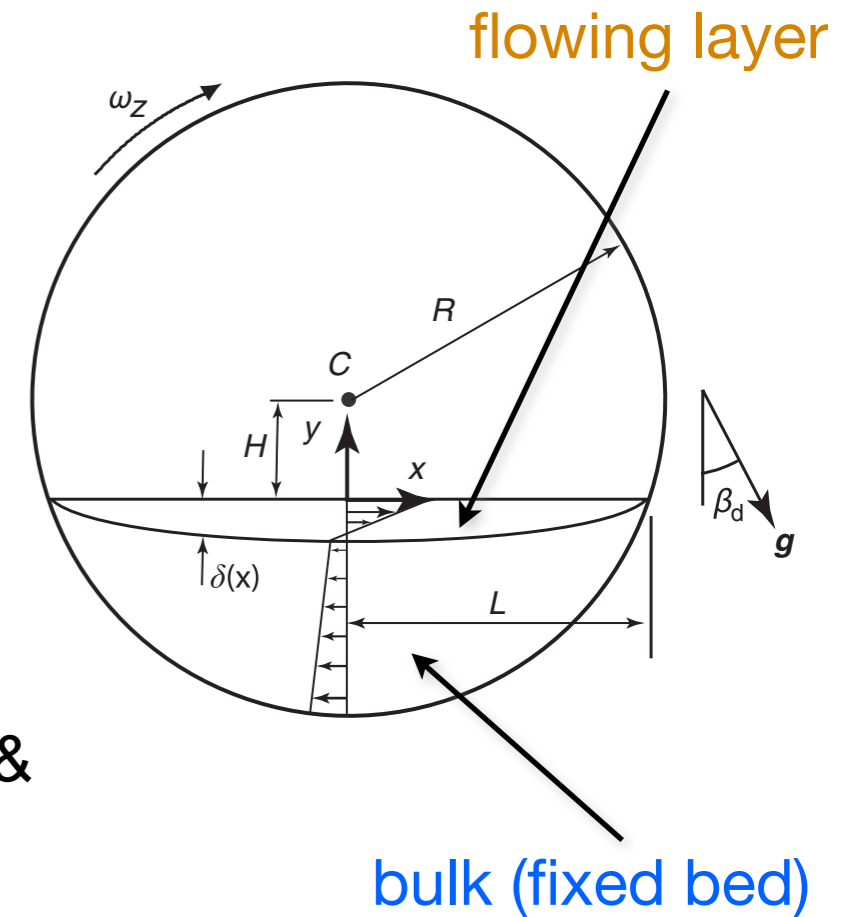
Figure 3. Illustration of flow regimes in tumblers: (a) avalanching; (b) rolling/continuous-flow/cascading; (c) cataracting; (d) centrifuging. [Meier, *et al.*, *Adv. Phys.* (2007)]

- Balance centrifugal and gravitational accel'ns: $Fr = \omega^2 R/g$
- (a) $Fr \approx 10^{-5}$
- (b) $10^{-4} \approx Fr \approx 10^{-2}$ ($10^{-3} \approx Fr \approx 10^{-1}$)
- (c) $10^{-1} \approx Fr \approx 1$
- (d) $Fr \approx 1$

Continuum model of granular flow in the rolling regime

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \begin{cases} v_x(x(t), y(t), t), & y(t) > -\delta(x(t), t); \\ \omega_z y(t), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}y(t) = \begin{cases} v_y(x(t), y(t), t), & y(t) > -\delta(x(t), t); \\ -\omega_z x(t), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

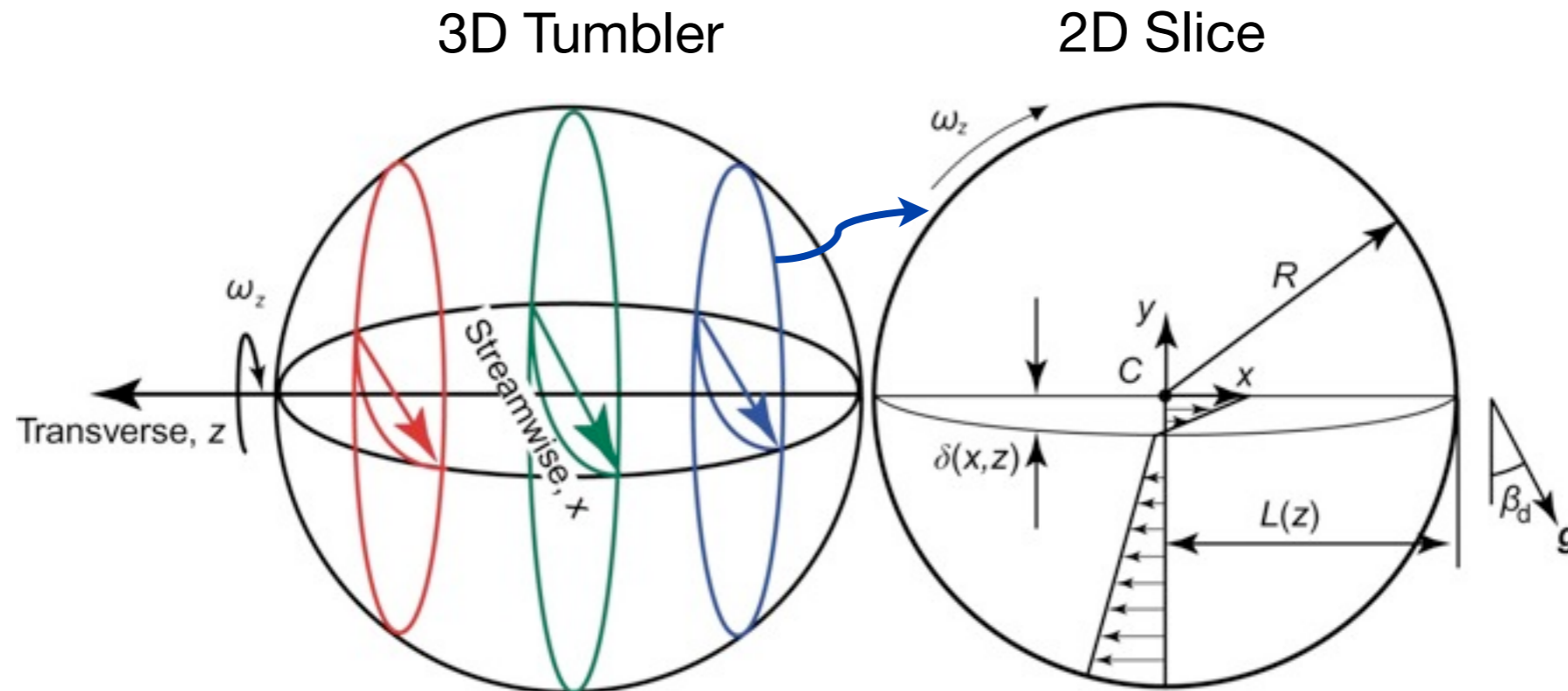


v_x as f'n of y for 27 dry & liquid granular mixtures

$$\partial v_x / \partial y \approx \text{const.}$$

Simple shear in the flowing layer to a good approximation.

3D model is based on identical vertical 2D slices



$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} \dot{\gamma}[\delta(x, z) + y], & y > -\delta(x, z); \\ -\omega_z y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{y} = \begin{cases} -\omega_z xy / \delta(x, z), & y > -\delta(x, z); \\ \omega_z x, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{z} = 0$$

$$\delta(x, z) = \delta_0(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{L(z)^2}}$$

$$\delta_0(z) = \sqrt{\frac{|\omega_z|}{\dot{\gamma}}} L(z), \quad L(z) = \sqrt{R^2 - z^2}$$

Rotation about a single axis is an integrable flow

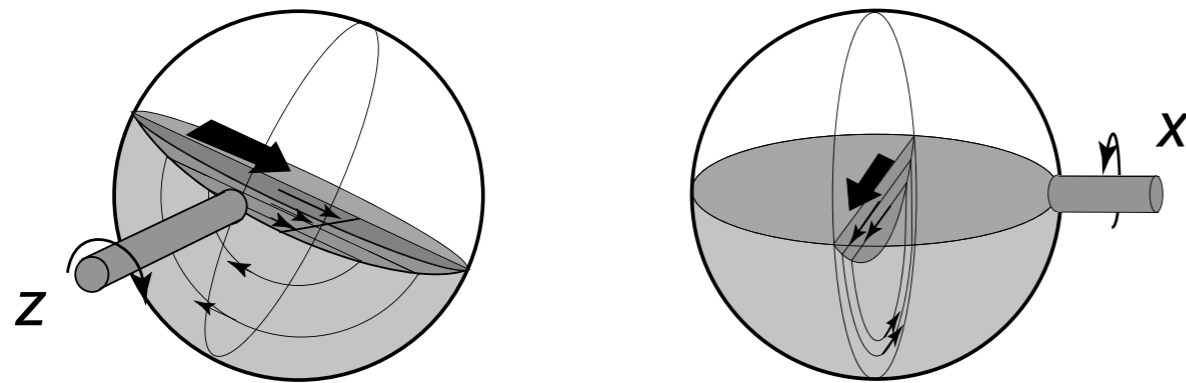
- Can calculate particle trajectories in 2D circular tumbler:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} (t) = r_0 \begin{Bmatrix} \sin \\ \cos \end{Bmatrix} \left[-\omega_z t + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x_0}{r_0} \right) \right]. \quad \text{(bulk)}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} (t) = \begin{Bmatrix} \sqrt{L^2 + \kappa} \sin \left[\sqrt{\omega_z \dot{\gamma}_z} t + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x_0}{\sqrt{L^2 + \kappa}} \right) \right] \\ -\sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\dot{\gamma}_1}} \sqrt{L^2 - x(t)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1}{\dot{\gamma}_1}} \sqrt{L^2 + \kappa - x(t)^2} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{(flowing layer)}$$

- In the flowing layer, shear modifies the **center** and **rate & sense** of rotation.
- Composing two rotations gives a linked twist map with non-trivial dynamics [Sturman *et al.*, *JFM* (2008)].

“Blinking” 3D tumbled granular flow



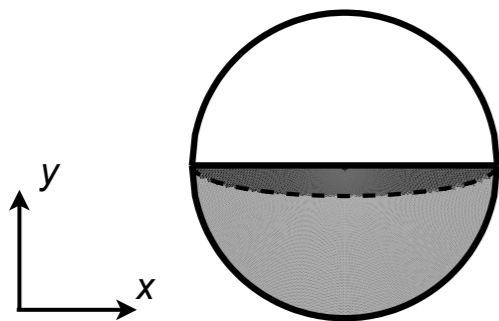
symmetric

$$\delta_{0,1} = \delta_{0,2} (\omega_1 = \omega_2)$$

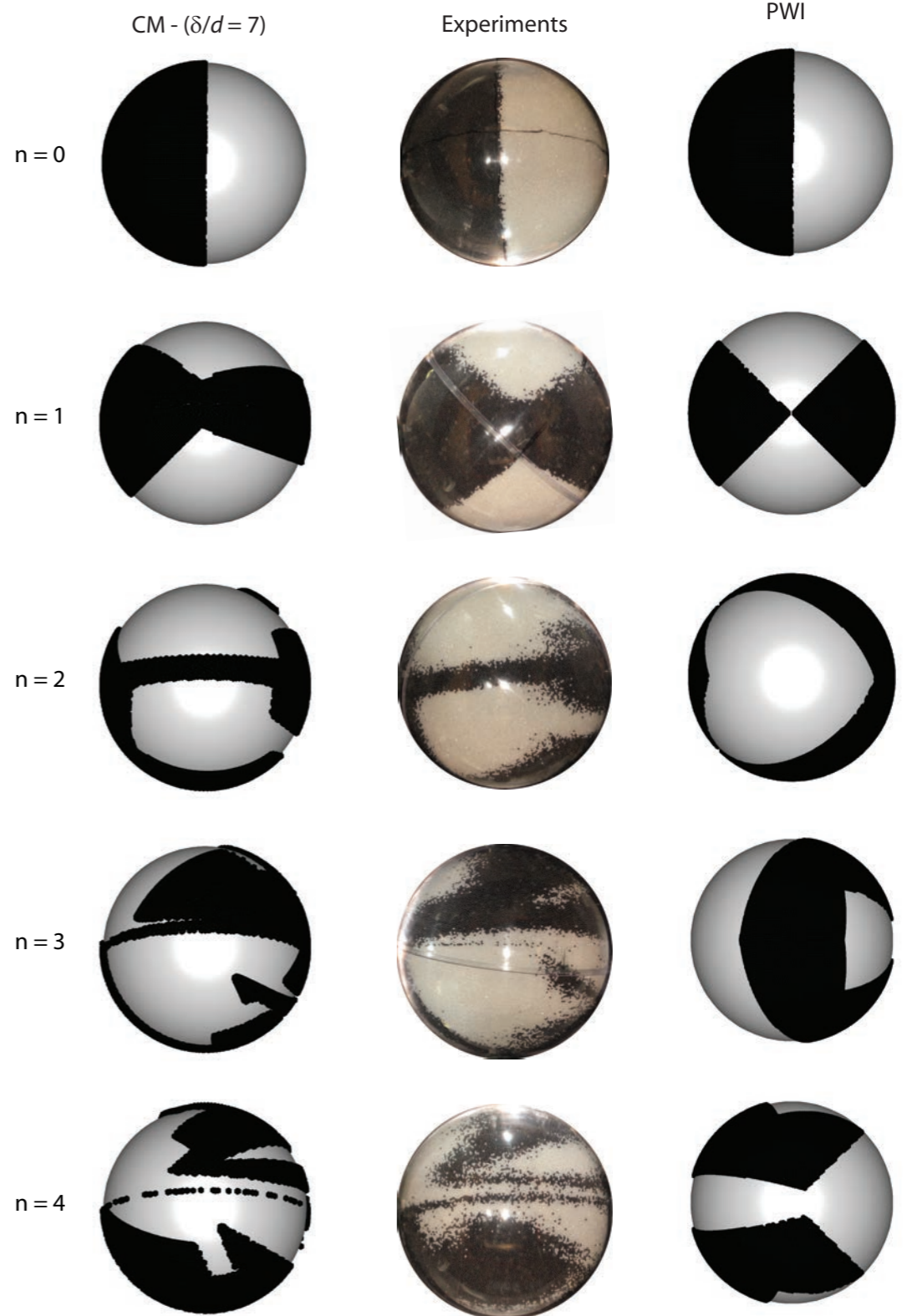
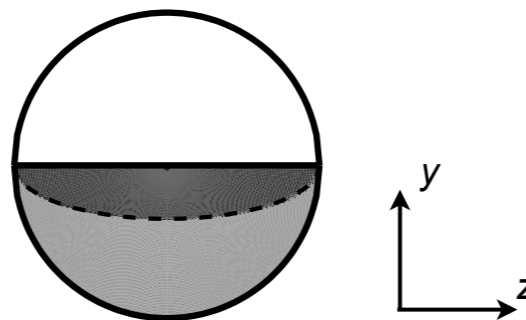
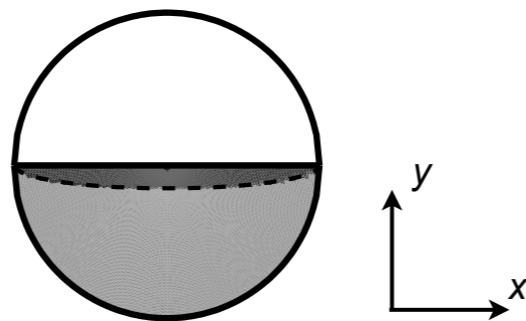
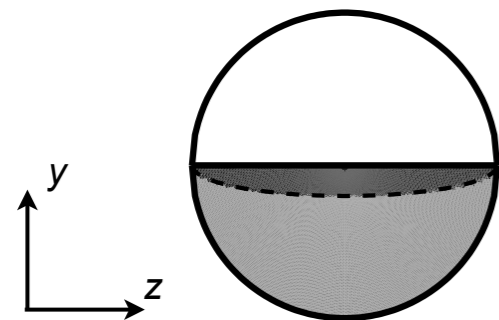
non-symmetric

$$\delta_{0,1} \neq \delta_{0,2} (\omega_1 \neq \omega_2)$$

rotation 1



rotation 2



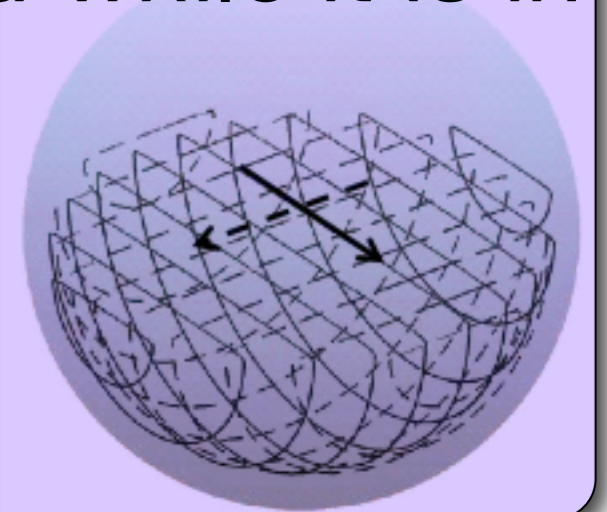
Juarez et al., EPL (2010)

Particle motion: symmetric vs. non-symmetric case

Thm: A particle can change its distance r_0 from the origin **iff** the axis of rotation is switched while it is in the flowing layer **and** $\delta_{0,1} \neq \delta_{0,2}$:

$$x_0^2 + y_0^2 + z_0^2 = r_0^2,$$

$$x_f^2 + y_f^2 + z_f^2 = 1 + (r_0^2 - 1) \frac{1 - \delta_{0,2}^2}{1 - \delta_{0,1}^2}.$$

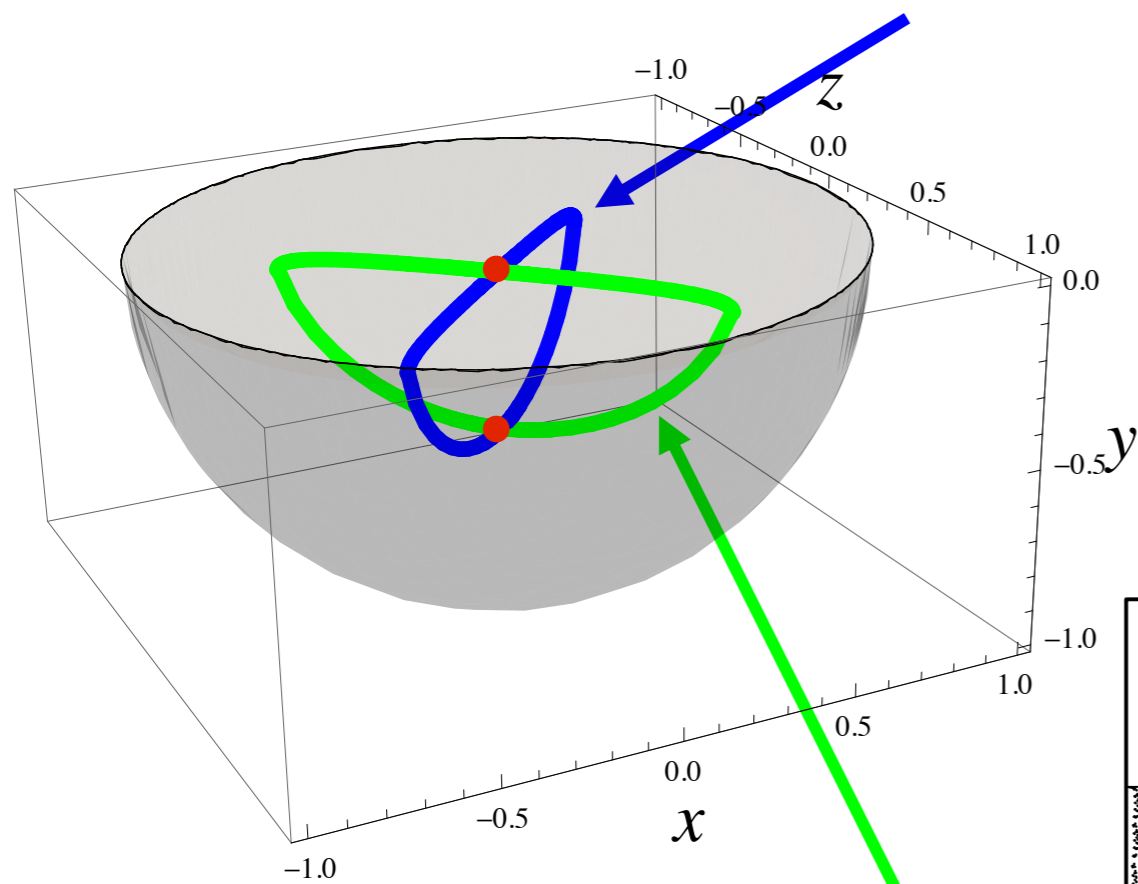


Cor 1: Switching the axis of rotation while a particle is in the bulk does not change its r_0 .

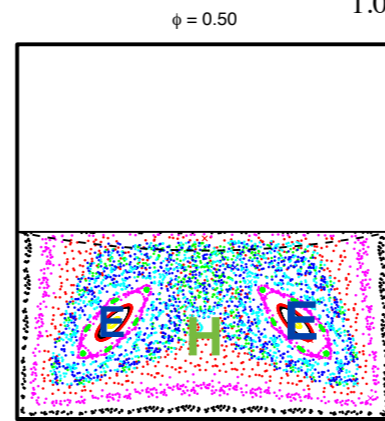
Cor 2: For $\delta_{0,1} = \delta_{0,2}$, the system has a symmetry and motion is restricted to **2D invariant surfaces**.

Period-1 points of the two-axis protocol

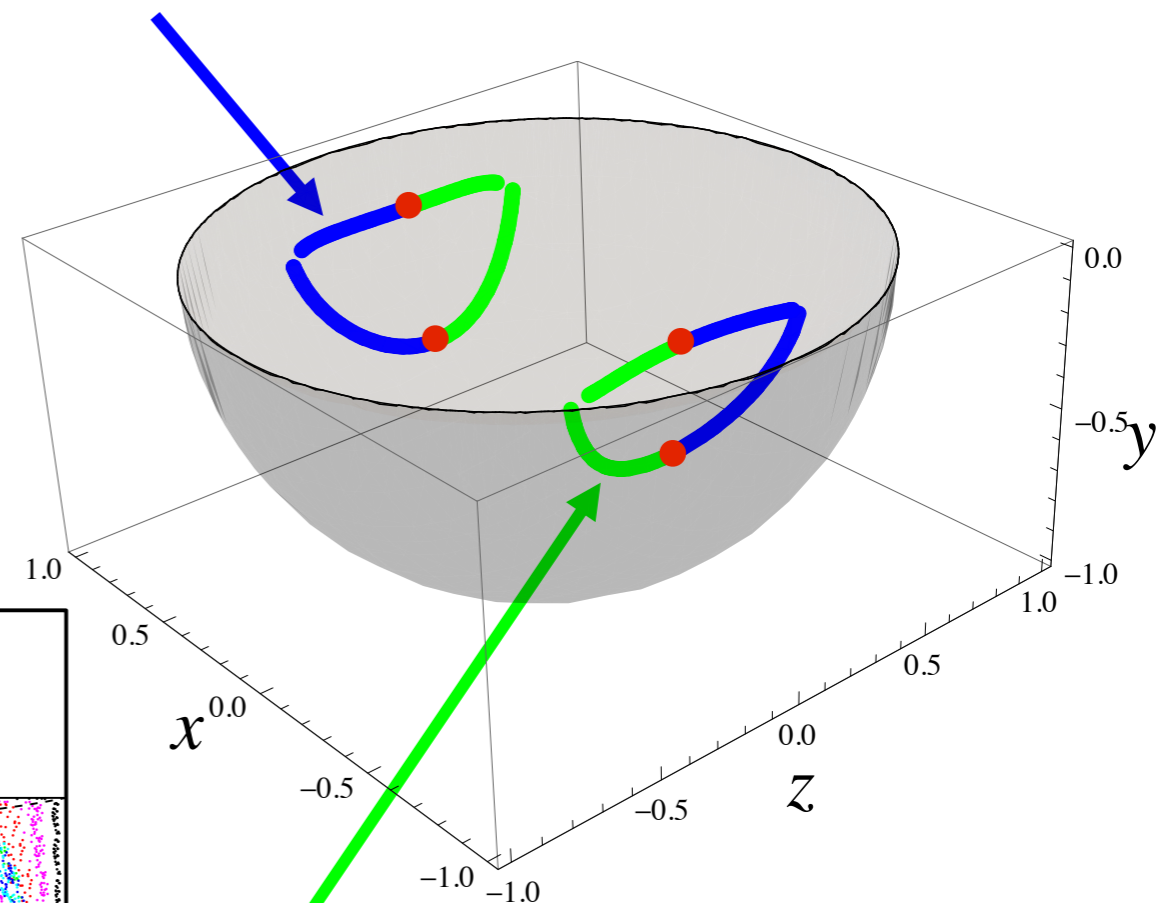
normally-elliptic curves of period-1 points



$$\delta_{0,1} = \delta_{0,2}, \quad \theta_1 = \theta_2$$



half-full quasi-2D



$$\delta_{0,1} \neq \delta_{0,2}, \quad \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$$

normally-hyperbolic curves of period-1 points

👉 Curves change stability type at a **parabolic** point.

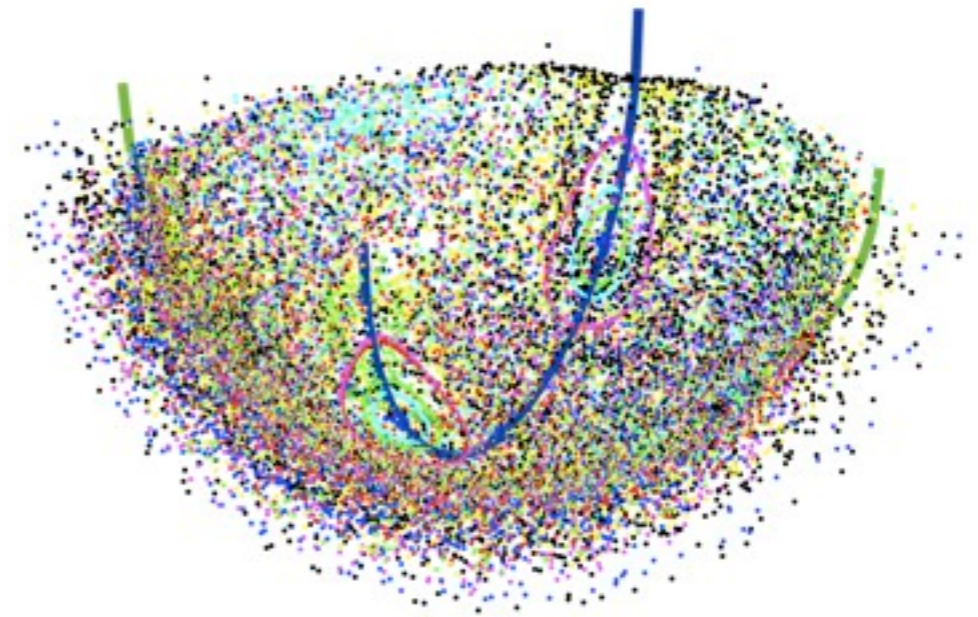
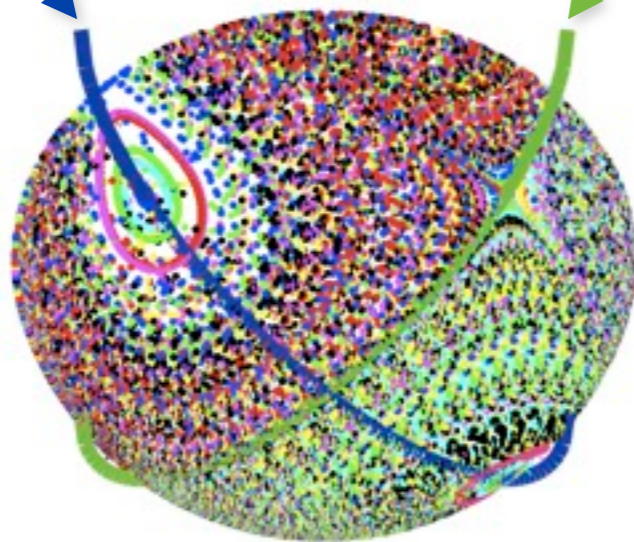
Poincaré sections on the invariant surfaces and in-between

normally-elliptic invariant curve in the bulk

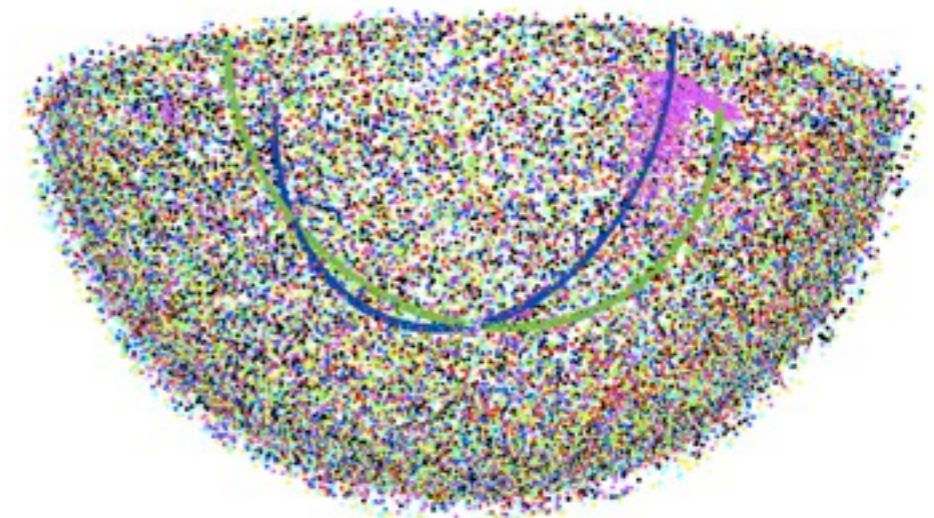
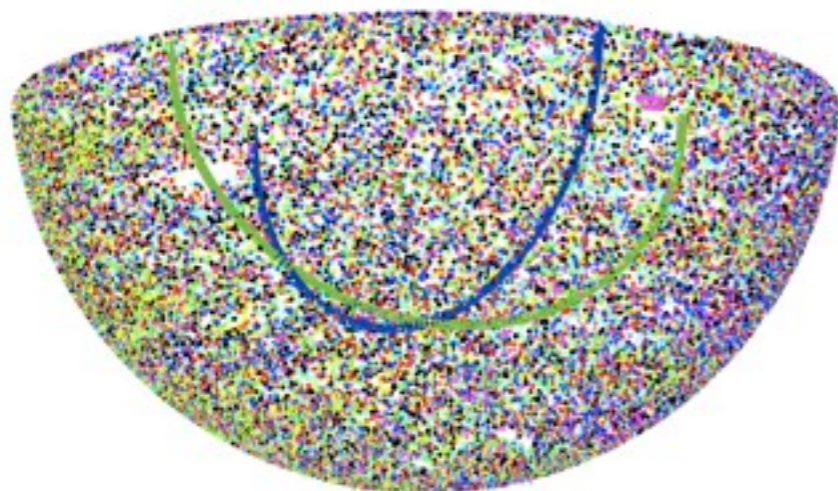
symmetric

normally-hyperbolic invariant curve in the bulk

weakly-non-symmetric



$\bar{R} = 0.62R$



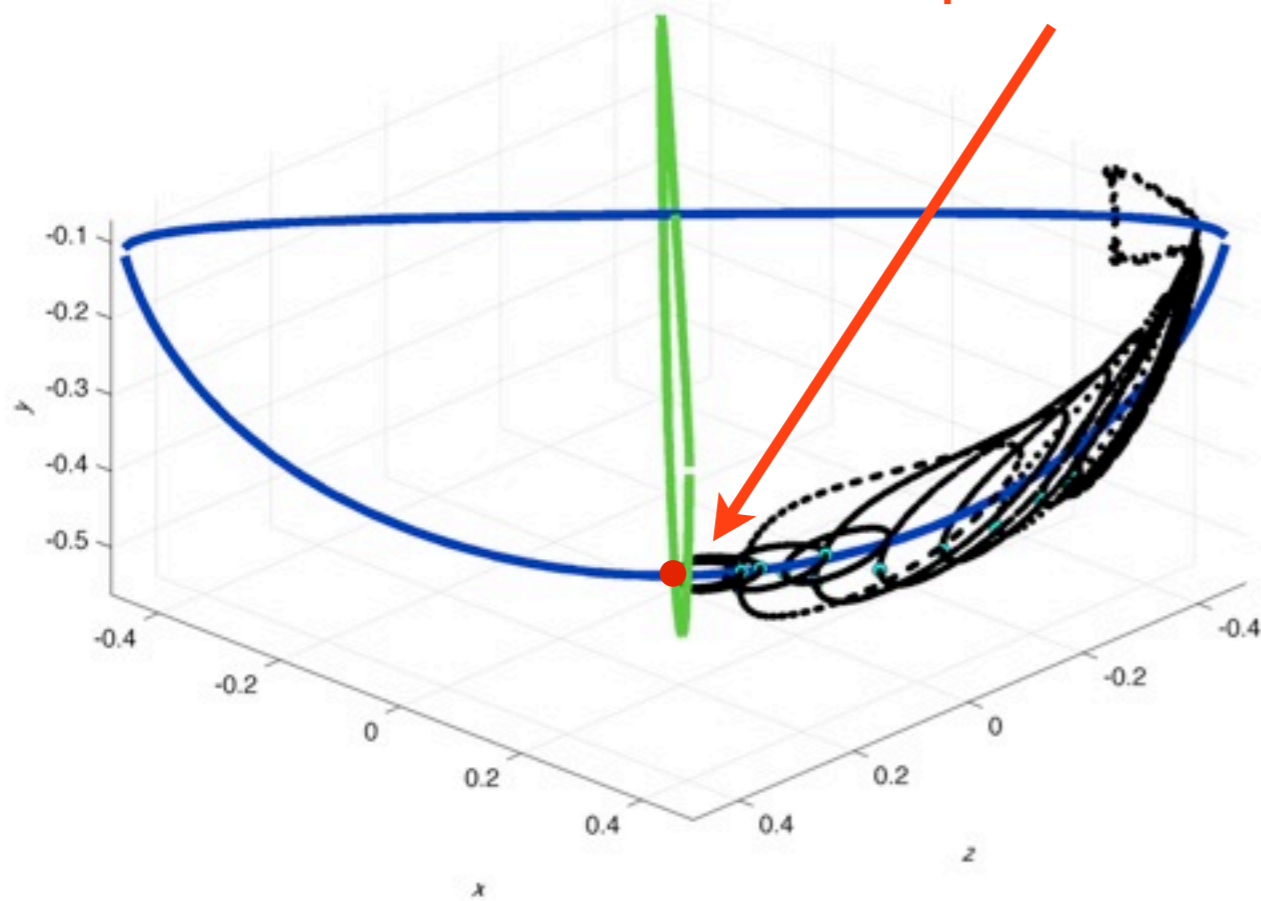
$\bar{R} = 0.9R$

Similar to effects of inertia in viscous laminar flows (Speetjens, Clercx, van Heijst, *et al.*).

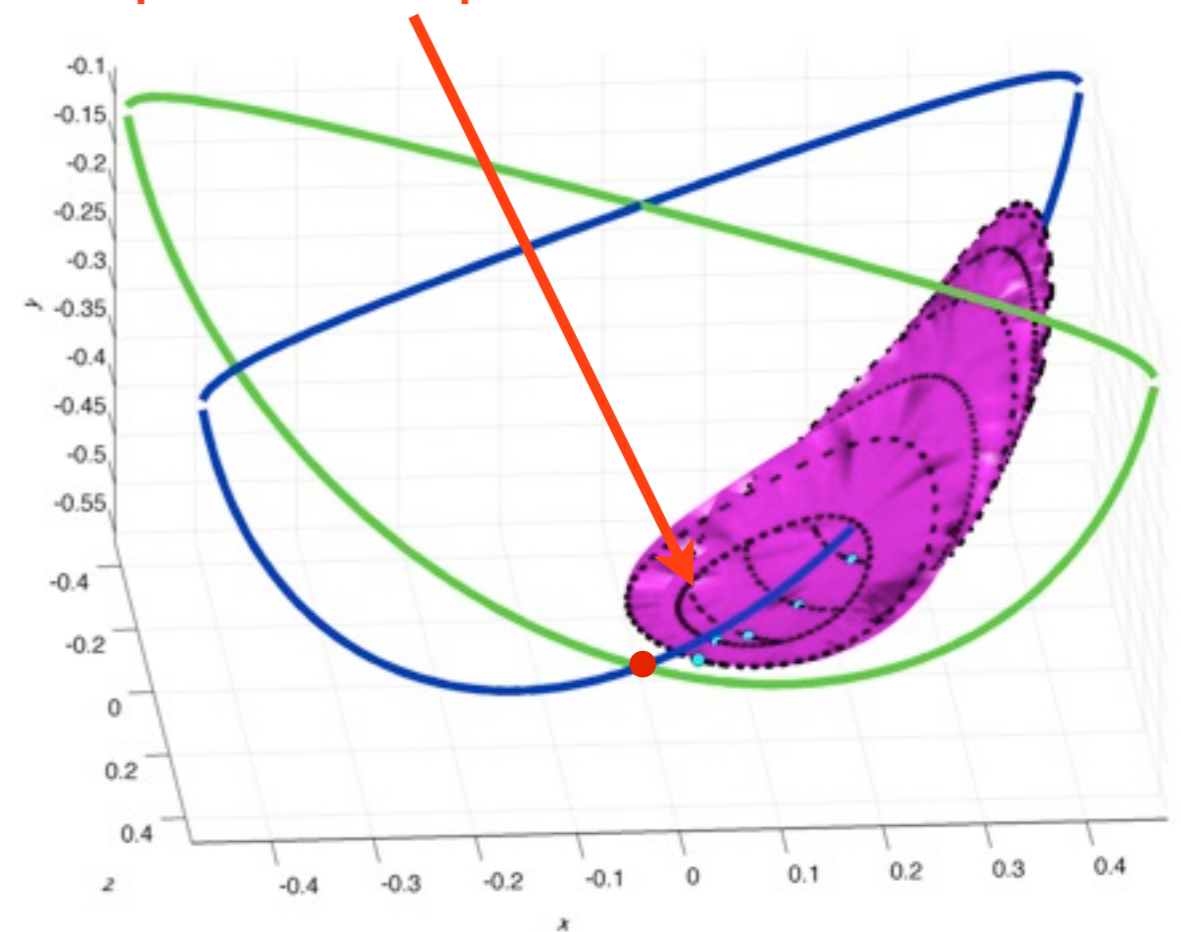
“KAM-like” tubes: 3D barriers to transport

Idea: In the symmetric case, construct a KAM-like tube by stacking the “islands” from adjacent invariant surfaces.

tube pinches-off at the parabolic point

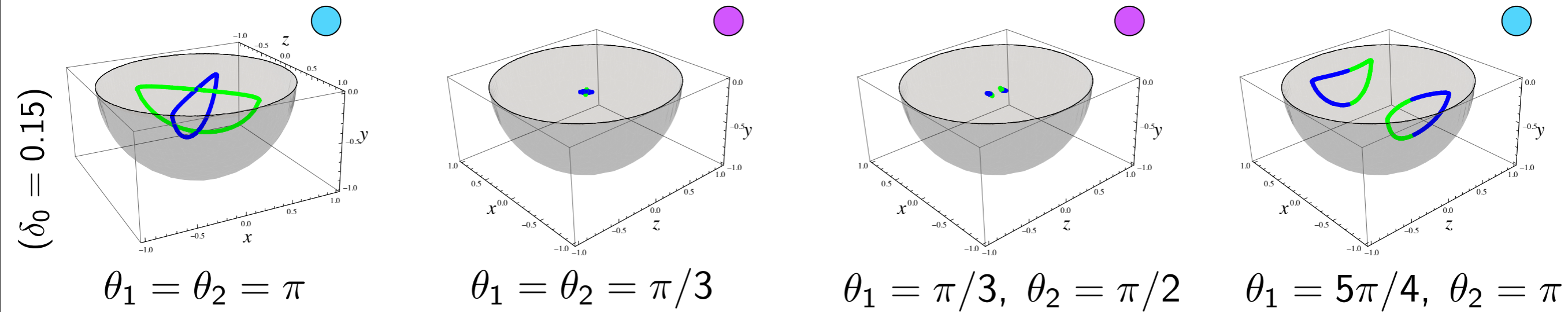


(a) view 1

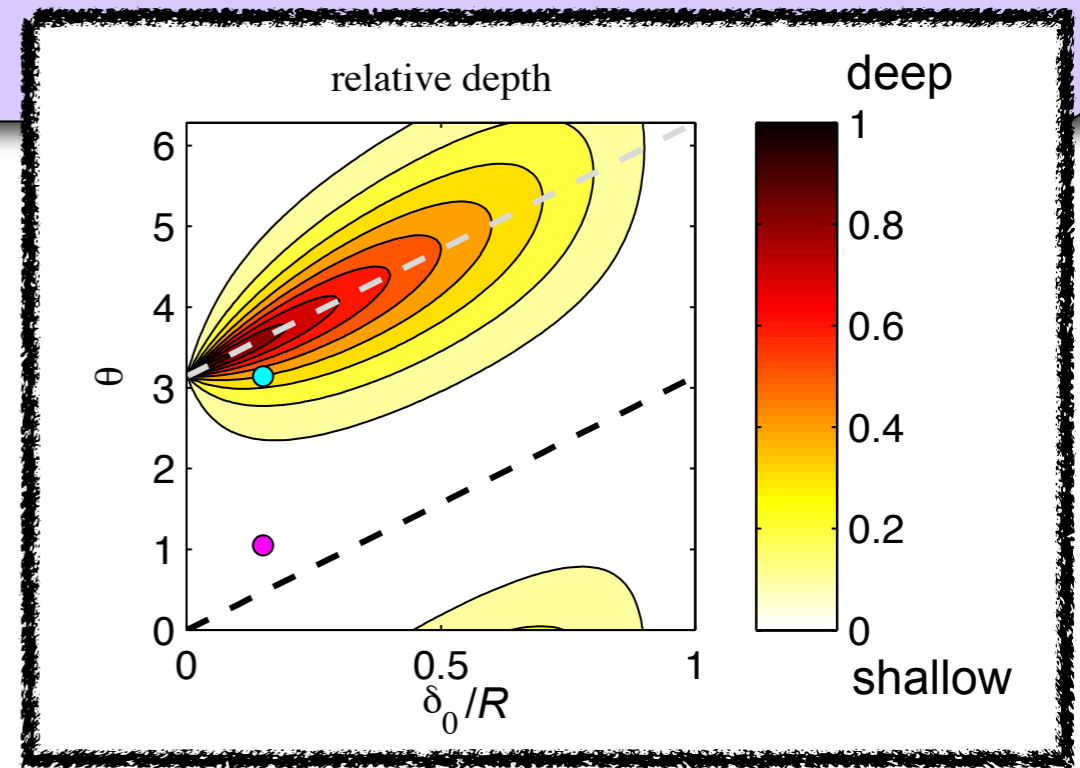
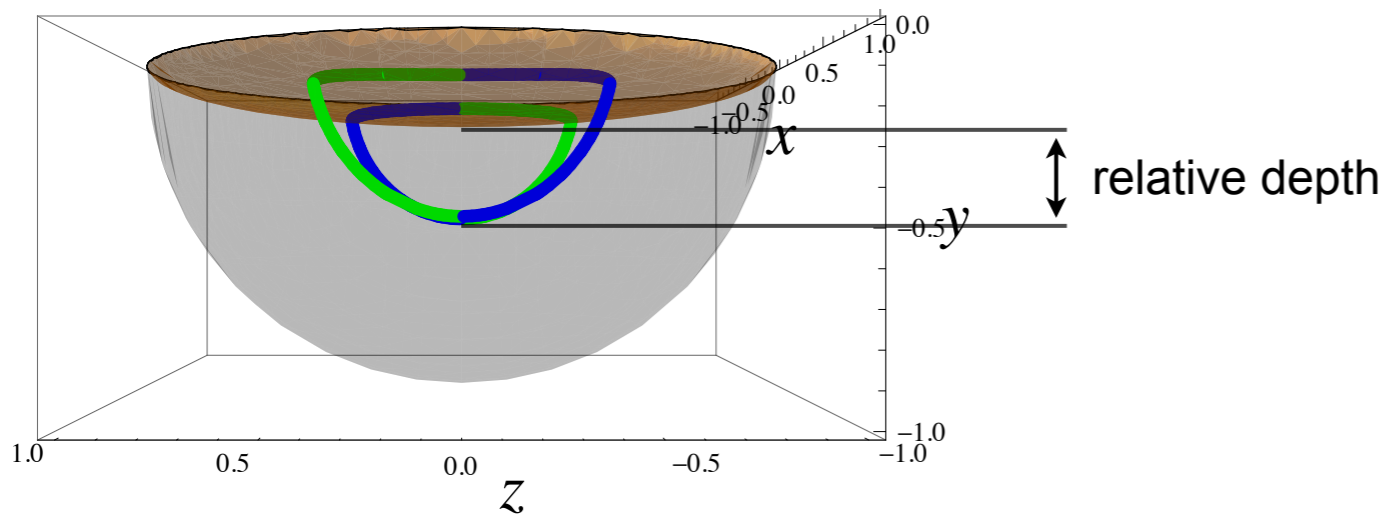


(b) view 2

When do period-1 structures matter?

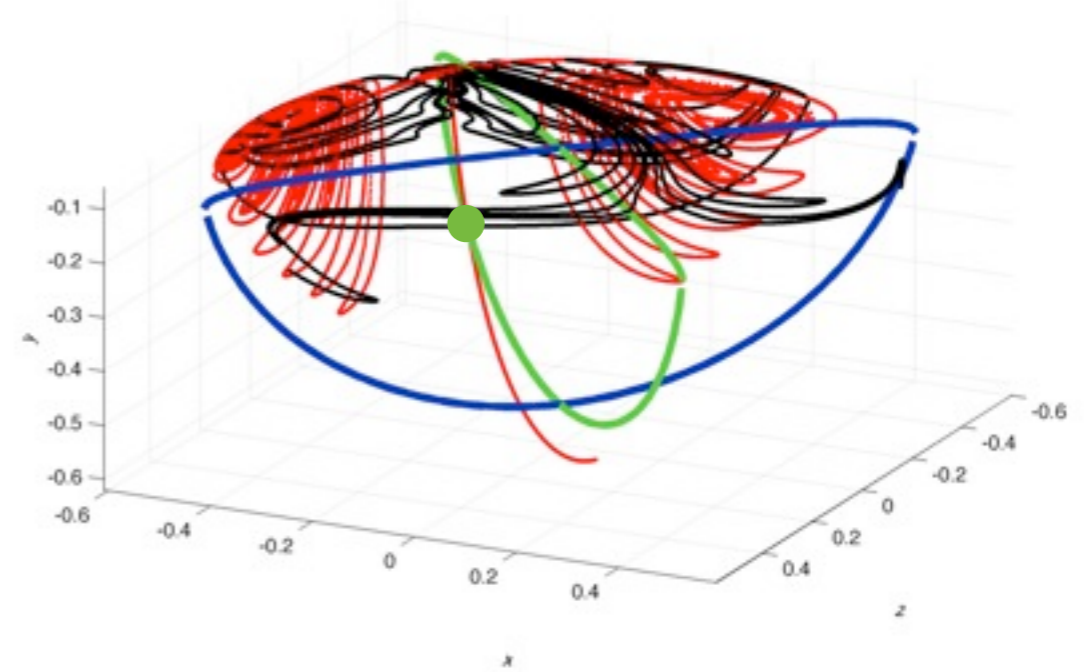
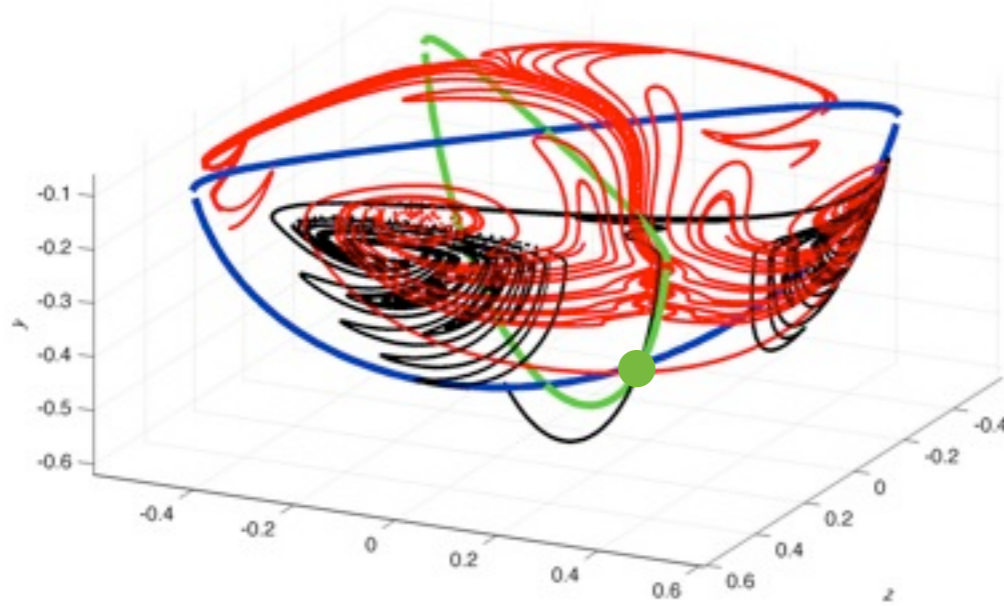


• **Thm:** P-1 invariant curves' depth is max. at $\theta_{\max} = (1 + \delta_0/R)\pi$ and min. at $\theta_{\min} = (\delta_0/R)\pi$.

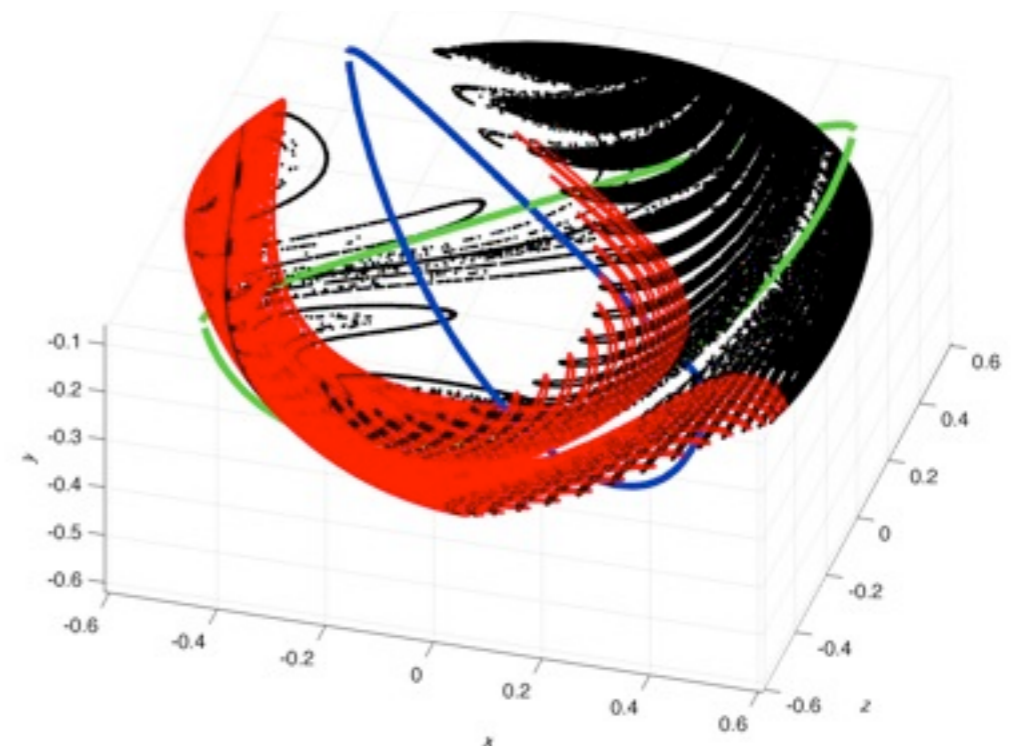
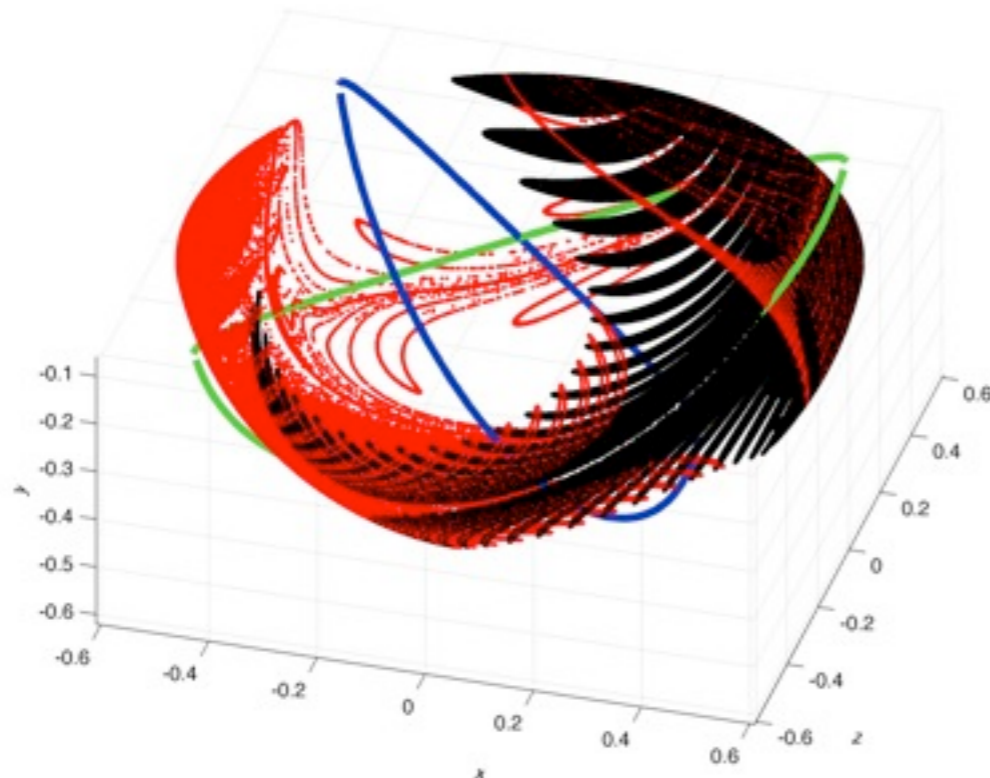


Manifolds: Progenitors of transport ($\omega_1 = \omega_2, \theta_1 = \theta_2$)

stable & unstable manifolds starting in the bulk

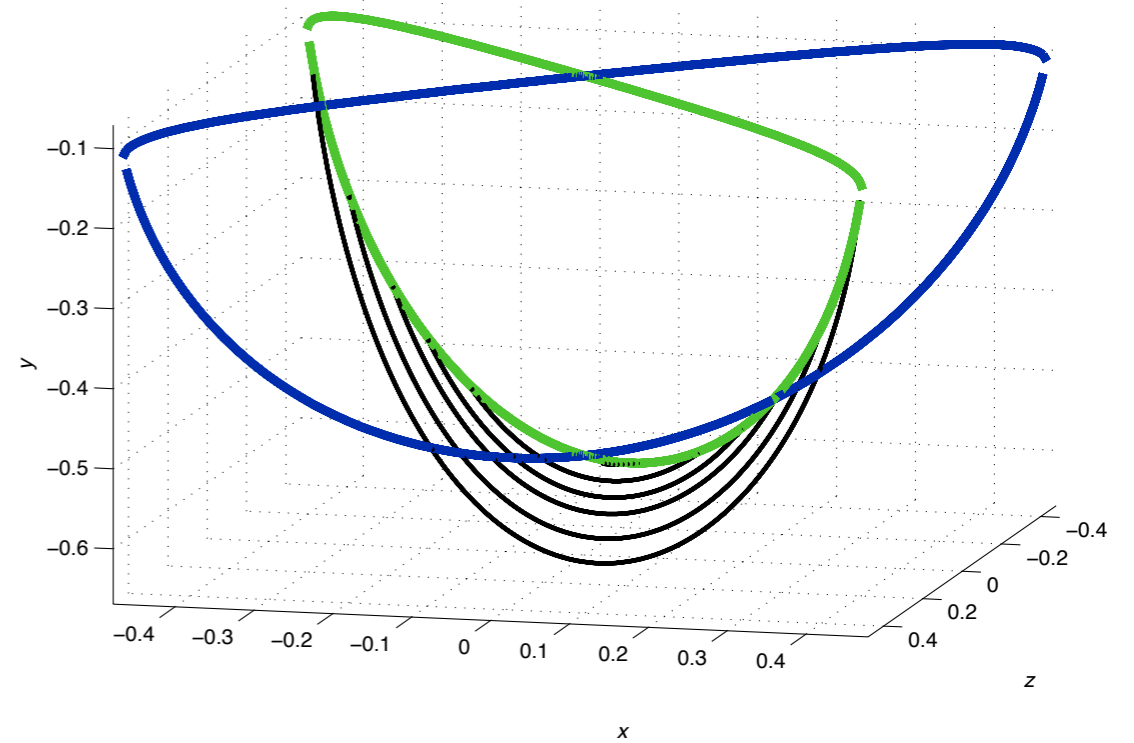
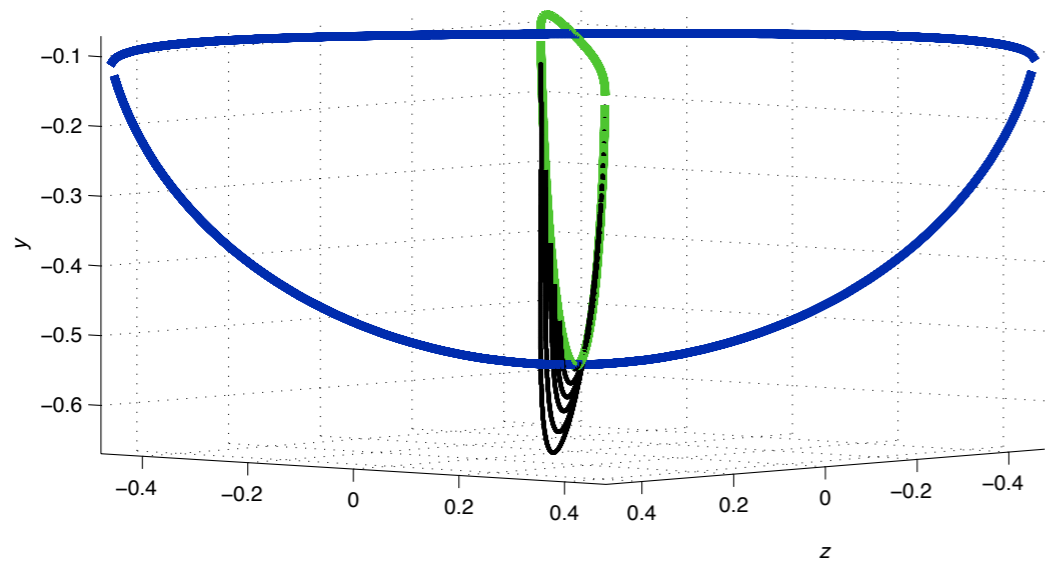


stable & unstable manifolds starting in the flowing layer

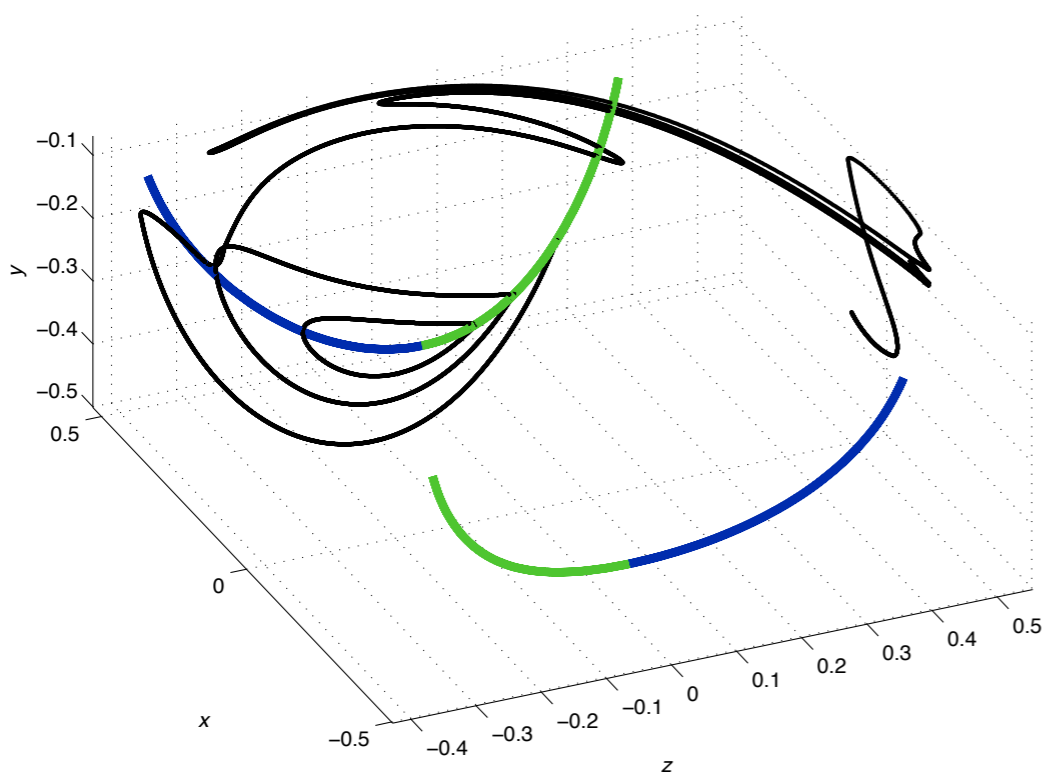


Taking a closer look: heteroclinic and homoclinic trajectories

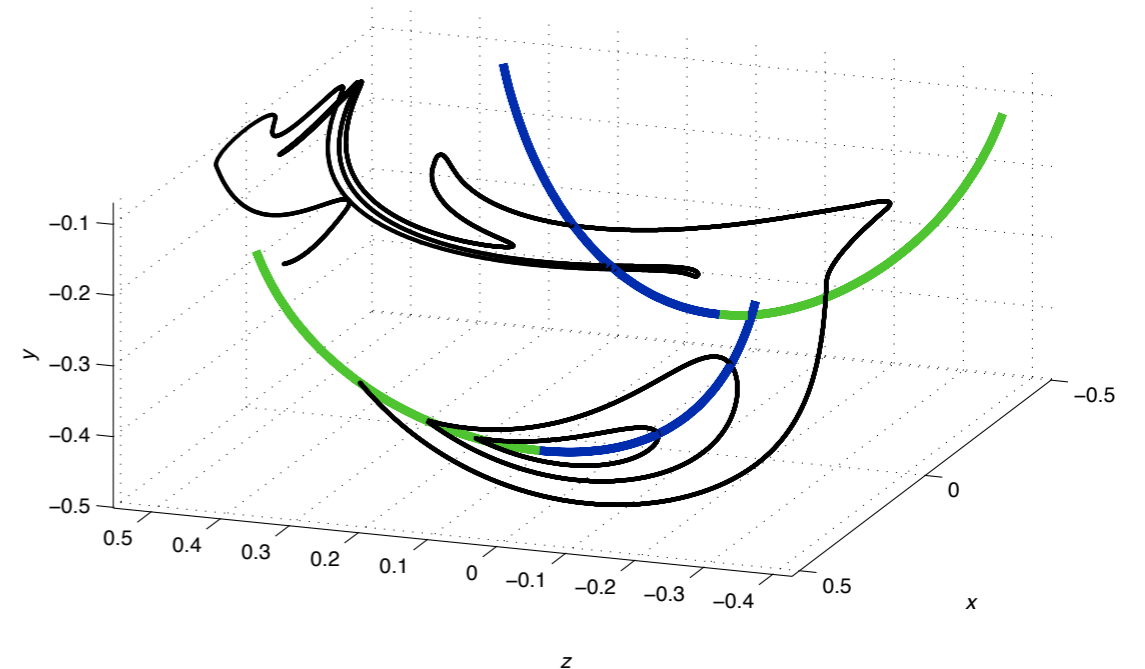
$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \pi$



$\theta_1 = \pi, \theta_2 = 0.95\pi$



(a) view 1



(b) view 2

Summary & Future Work

- Dynamical systems theory can tell us a lot about granular mixing.
- In 3D, new possibilities emerge:
 - **Curves** of normally-elliptic and -hyperbolic points.
 - “KAM-like” **tubes** present barriers to transport.
 - Must break **invariant surfaces** to allow for fully-3D transport.
 - Manifolds structure is **different** from a perturbed Hamiltonian system.
- Challenges remain:
 - Visualization of 3D transport: “KAM-like” tubes in the flowing layer, 2D manifolds in the non-symmetric case, lobe dynamics...
 - Extension to non-circular geometries.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

