Astrophysical transport calculations inspired by chemistry

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Computing with tube dynamics

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Motivation

□ N-body and fluid systems – phase space transport





Partition phase space into realms



Realms connected by tubes



"Interplanetary Superhighway"



sciencenews.org's version of the tubes

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Approximate statistical models may be appropriate under certain conditions

- statistical assumptions in chemistry
- amounts to phase space volume determinations

Outline of talk

□ Some questions about solar system populations

Crash course in tube dynamics

Some answers

- squeezing phase space for all its worth

□ Transport & evolution of some solar system populations

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- Binary asteroids
 - Ejecta escape and re-capture

• Other situations: planetary ejecta transfer, drag perturbed case

Scattered Kuiper Belt Objects



• Seen in inertial space

Scattered Kuiper Belt Objects



 \circ Current SKBO locations in black, with some Tisserand values w.r.t. Neptune in red ($T\approx3)$

Motion within energy shell

- Recall the circular restricted three-body problem from Jerry Marsden's talk
- \Box Energy shell of energy E is codim-1 surface

$$\mathcal{M}(E) = \{ (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \mid H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = E \}.$$

 \Box The $\mathcal{M}(E)$ are 5-dimensional surfaces foliating the 6-dimensional phase space.

Probability density function

- Recent work suggests there may be regions of the energy shell for which the motion is nearly ergodic, e.g., large connected chaotic sea¹
- Compute **probability density function** of some function F(q, p), directly from phase space – e.g., semimajor axis probability density function

¹Jaffe, C., S. D. Ross, M. W. Lo, J. Marsden, D. Farrelly, and T. Uzer [2002] Statistical theory of asteroid escape rates, *Physical Review Letters* 89, 011101, and G. Tancredi [1995] The dynamical memory of Jupiter Family comets, *Astron. Astroph.* 299, 288–292

Probability density function

SKBOs expected in regions of high density.



Probability density function



- Similar analysis can be done for
 - Jupiter family comets (above)
 - Earth- and Mars-encountering asteroids
- Summing over energy layers gives full picture

Movement around stable resonances via lobes



see Ross, Koon, Lo, Marsden [2003], Meiss [1992] and Schroer and Ott [1997]

Movement around stable resonances via lobes

Scattering via successive close approaches by moving around resonances



Movement around stable resonances via lobes



• Scattering looks like lateral movement along Tisserand contour

Realms and tubes

\Box Planetary and sun realms connected by tubes 2



²Ross, S. D. [2004] Cylindrical manifolds and tube dynamics in the restricted three-body problem, Ph.D. thesis

Restricted 3-body prob.

Planar circular case

□ Partition the energy surface: **S**, **J**, **X** regions



Position Space Projection

Equilibrium region

Look at motion near the potential barrier, i.e. the equilibrium region



Position Space Projection

Local Dynamics

 \Box For fixed energy, the equilibrium region $\simeq S^2 \times \mathbb{R}$.

• Stable/unstable manifolds of periodic orbit define mappings between bounding spheres on either side of the barrier



Cross-section of Equilibrium Region

Equilibrium Region

Equilibrium region and tubes

- \Box Eigenvalues of linearized equations: $\pm\lambda$, $\pm i\nu$
- \Box Equilibrium region has a saddle \times center geometry
- □ For each energy, there is one periodic orbit
- \Box Its stable & unstable manifolds are cylindrical $\simeq S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$
- Locally obtained analytically via normal form expansion
- □ Can be globalized, numerically extended under the flow
- □ We call them **tubes**

Tubes in the 3-body problem

Stable and unstable manifold tubes

• Control transport through the potential barrier.



Tube dynamics

All motion between realms connected by equilibrium neck regions \mathcal{R} must occur through the interior of the cylindrical stable and unstable manifold **tubes**



Some remarks

□ Tubes are generic consequence of rank 1 saddle

- saddle \times center $\times \cdots \times$ center
- \Box Tubes exist in 3 dof rest. 3-body problem ($\simeq S^3 \times \mathbb{R}$)

□ Tubes persist

- when primary bodies' orbit is eccentric
- in presence of 4th massive body

Observed in the solar system!

Koon, W. S., M. W. Lo, J. E. Marsden, and S. D. Ross [2000], Heteroclinic connections between periodic orbits and resonance transitions in celestial mechanics, *Chaos*, **10**, 427–469, Gómez, G., W. S. Koon, M. W. Lo, J. E. Marsden, J. Masdemont, and S. D. Ross [2004], Connecting orbits and invariant manifolds in the spatial three-body problem, *Nonlinearity*, **17**, 1571–1606, and Yamato, H. and D. B. Spencer [2003], Numerical investigation of perturbation effects on orbital classifications in the restricted three-body problem. In *AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting*, Ponce, Puerto Rico. Paper No. AAS 03-235.

□ Consider Mars ejecta with enough energy to escape sunward. Using a **statistical approach** used in transition state theory (developed by chemists), the rate of escape can be estimated.³



³Jaffé, Ross, Lo, Marsden, Farrelly, and Uzer [2002]

Mixing assumption: all asteroids in the chaotic sea surrounding Mars are equally likely to escape. Escape rate constant = $k_{esc} = -\log(1 - p_{esc})$, where Volume of exit sunward (red) $p_{esc} = \frac{1}{\text{Volume of chaotic sea (black)}}$ 0.015 0.01 0.005 -0.005 -0.01 -0.015 └─ 0 1 2 3 4 x (w.r.t. Mars) x 10⁻³

Theory and numerical simulations agree well

• Monte Carlo simulation (dashed) and theory (solid)



Similarly, can estimate the probability of a rogue asteroid encountering Mars.



- □ Same **mixing assumption**, i.e., ignoring lobe dynamics and resonances.
 - Capture rate constant = $k_{cap} = -\log(1 p_{cap})$, where $p_{cap} = \frac{\text{Volume of exit Marsward (same)}}{\text{Volume of interior chaotic sea (larger)}}$



• Bounded chaotic sea

• Sunward edge can reach Earth – consider restricted 4-body system
Escape and capture rates



- \circ "Half-life" until capture $\sim 10^5$ years
- Overestimate due to ignoring partial barrier behavior of resonances
- Capture is **temporary** or leads to **collision**

Temporary capture times

A kind of scattering problem



Temporary capture times

- Related to scattering of an electron by a Rydberg ion in crossed magnetic and electric fields, a recently solved problem⁴
- Earlier assumption, transition state theory, not adequate
- □ Scattering profile is **structured**, not exponential
- Scattering completely determined by **tube dynamics**

⁴F. Gabern, W.S. Koon, J.E. Marsden and S.D. Ross [2005] Theory and computation of non-RRKM lifetime distributions and rates in chemical systems with three or more degrees of freedom, submitted for publication.

Temporary capture times





□ Intersection of incoming and outgoing tubes as they wind around is the mechanism of scattering.



□ Let first intersection of incoming tube be the entrance, similarly define the exit

Intersections of images of entrance with exit determine scattering profile

□ Fractal tiling of the exit





4D intersection volumes computed using Monte Carlo method.



Scattering/capture time profiles are structured



Transition and collision

Full picture even more complicated!⁵



Transition to other realms and collision possible.

⁵Ross [2003] Statistical theory of interior-exterior transition and collision probabilities for minor bodies in the solar system, *Libration Point Orbits and Applications*, World Scientific, pp. 637-652.

Example: Comet transport between outside and inside of Jupiter (i.e., Oterma-like transitions)



Consider Poincaré section intersected by both tubes.



Canonical area ratio gives the conditional probability to pass from outside to inside Jupiter's orbit.

• Assuming a well-mixed connected region on the energy mfd.



Canonical Plane (y, p_y)

\Box Jupiter family comet transitions: $X \rightarrow S, S \rightarrow X$



Collision probabilities

- Low velocity impact probabilities
- Assume object enters the planetary region with an energy slightly above L1 or L2
 - eg, Shoemaker-Levy 9 and Earth-impacting asteroids



Collision probabilities

- Compute from tube intersection with planet on Poincaré section
- \circ Planetary diameter d is a parameter
- Tube "breaks apart" after each collision, becomes difficult to follow



 $\leftarrow \text{ Diameter of planet} \rightarrow$

Collision probabilities



Probability for comet collision with Jupiter



Probability for NEA collision with Earth



Typical collision orbit



Simple kinetic mechanism for Earth collision



Inspired by chemical reaction kinetic mechanisms (Markov process)

Simple kinetic mechanism for Earth collision



 \circ Typical NEA strikes Earth within $\tau_{col} \sim 10^4 - 10^5$ years

- energy of 2004 MN4, potentially hazardous asteroid

Collisions in other systems

□ timescale of collision

$$au_{col} \propto t_{orb} ~ \left(rac{m_2}{m_1}
ight)^{k_m} E^{k_E} ~ d^{k_d}$$

Binary asteroids

Apply transport calculations to asteroid pairs to calculate, e.g., capture & escape rates.

• example of full body problem (rotational-translational coupling)



Dactyl in orbit about Ida, discovered in 1994 during the Galileo mission.

Binary asteroids

Slices of energy surface: Poincaré sections U_i
 Tube dynamics: evolution between U_i
 Lobe dynamics: evolution on U_i



Lobes of ejection

□ Smaller body **ejected** if within lobes bounded by manifolds of a hyperbolic fixed point at ∞ – similar to van der Waals complex formation



Position space projection

Lobe turnstile mechanism

Lobes of ejection



Numerical simulation using MANGEN

Lobes of ejection



Curves can be followed to very high accuracy

MANGEN description

- \circ Simulations use MANGEN⁶
- Adaptive conditioning of surfaces based on curvature
 - for chaotic low dimensional systems of arbitrary time dependence



⁶Lekien, Coulliete, Marsden & Ross [2005], preprint

- Suppose energy above collision threshold
- Exterior and asteroid realms **connected via tubes**
- □ In exterior realm, some tubes lead to collision (others lead away from collision liberation)

\Box Tube + lobe dynamics =

Alternate fates of collision and ejection are intimately intermingled.

□ Tubes leading to collision with asteroid



Position space projection

 ${\rm Motion} \ {\rm on} \ M$

Tubes leading to collision with asteroid plus tubes coming from collision, e.g., liberated ejecta



Escape and re-capture.



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⁷Koon, Marsden, Ross, Lo, and Scheeres [2004] Geometric mechanics and the dynamics of asteroid pairs, Annals of the New York Academy of Science 1017, 11–38.

Collisions between rigid bodies



If bouncing is modeled, dynamics more complicated
 bouncing particle moves between energy surfaces
Other situations to explore

- Ejecta transfer between planets
- Dissipative perturbations
- □ Additional physics, astrophysical situations of interest
 - effect of mass transfer on phase space
 - ideas ???

Ejecta transfer

Linking multiple 3-body systems



Ejecta transfer

Earth to moon

Dissipative perturbations

- Dust grains temporarily captured in resonances creating ring structure
 - the circumstellar disk.



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