

The Geometry of Classical and Quantum Transition State Theory

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Applications

- Chemical reactions (scattering, dissociation, isomerisation, protein folding)

Many, many people

- Atomic physics (ionisation of Rydberg atoms in crossed field configurations)

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Classical Reaction Dynamics in Multidimensional Systems

Phase Space Conduits for Reaction



Phase Space Structures near a Saddle

Setup

Consider f -degree-of-freedom Hamiltonian system $(\mathbb{R}^{2f}(p_1, \dots, p_f, q_1, \dots, q_f), \omega = \sum_{k=1}^f dp_k \wedge dq_k)$ and Hamilton function \mathcal{H} .

Assume that the Hamiltonian vector field

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p} \end{pmatrix} \equiv J D \mathcal{H}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has **saddle-centre-...-centre equilibrium point** ('saddle' for short) at the origin, i.e.

$$J D^2 \mathcal{H} \text{ has eigenvalues } \pm \lambda, \pm i\omega_2, \dots, \pm i\omega_f, \quad \lambda, \omega_k > 0$$



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Linear vector field for $f = 2$ degrees of freedom

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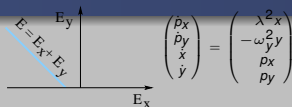
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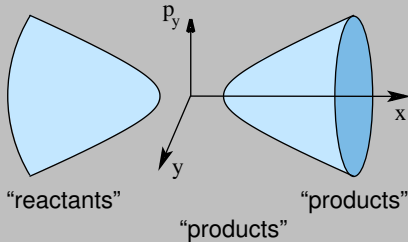
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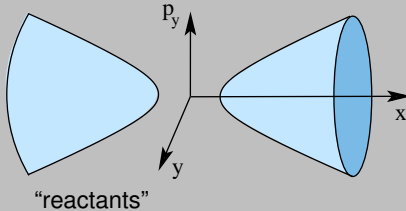


- Σ_E consists of two components representing reactants and products

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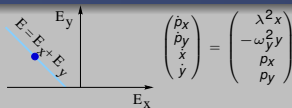
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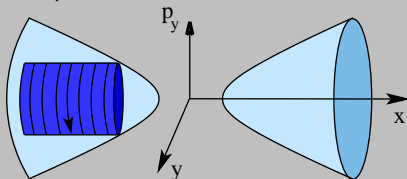
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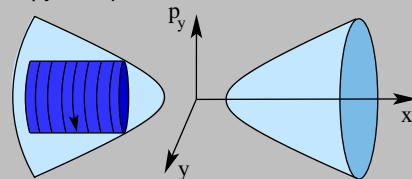
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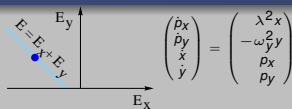
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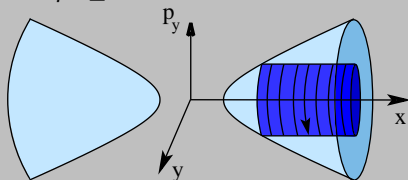
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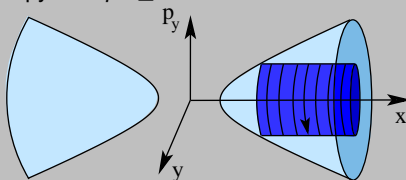


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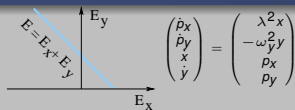


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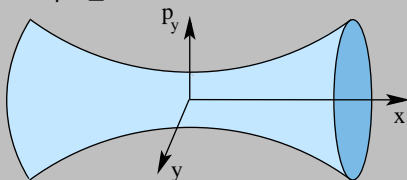
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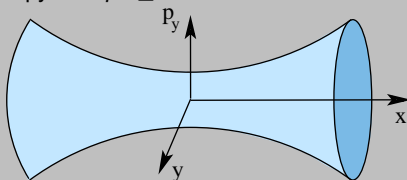


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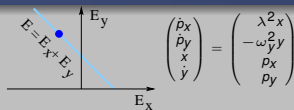
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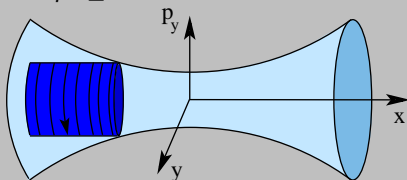
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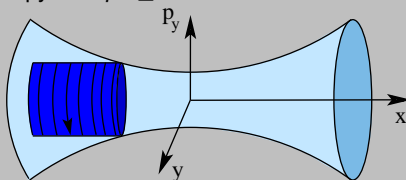


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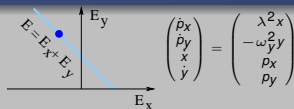


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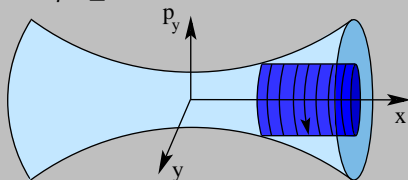
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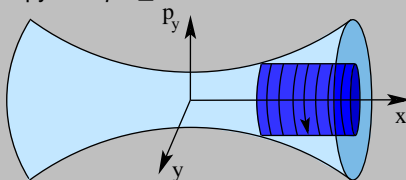


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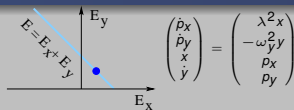


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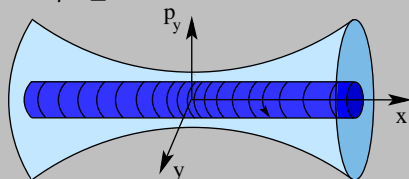
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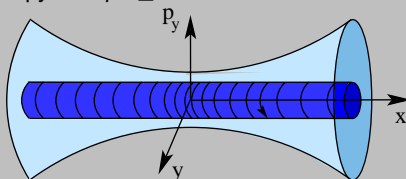
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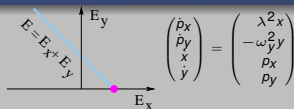


backward reactive trajectory

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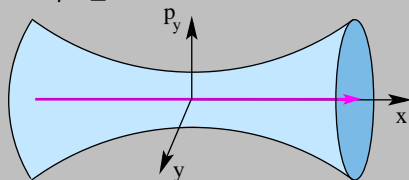
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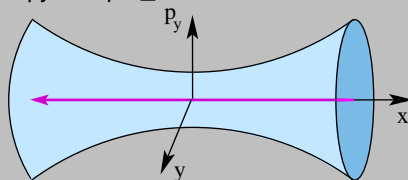
- **Dynamical reaction paths** have $\mathcal{H}_x = E_x = E$ (i.e. $\mathcal{H}_y = E_y = 0$)

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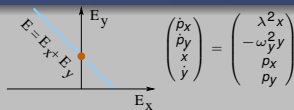


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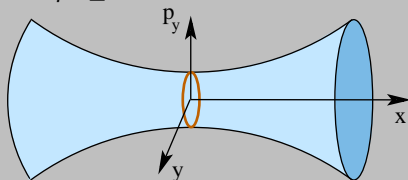
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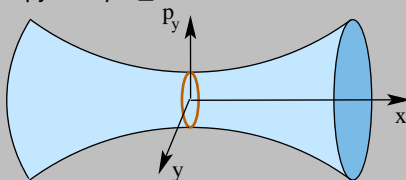


- Lyapunov periodic orbit $\simeq S^1$ has $\mathcal{H}_x = E_x = 0$ with $x = p_x = 0$

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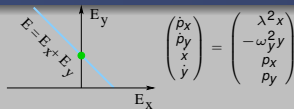
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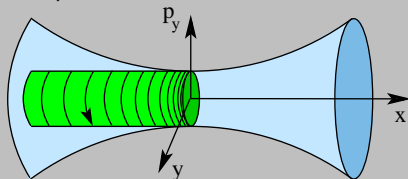
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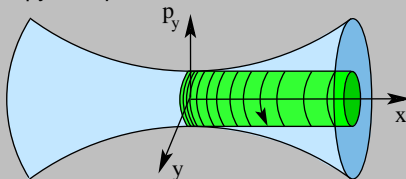
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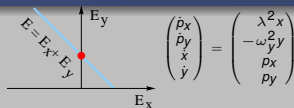


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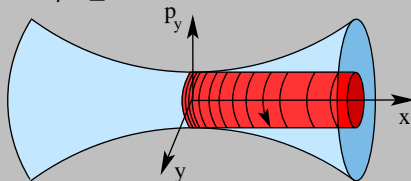
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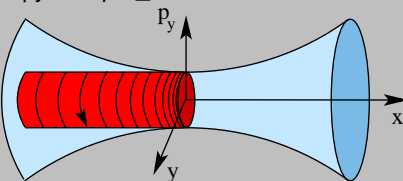
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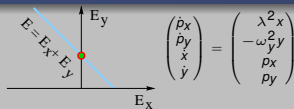


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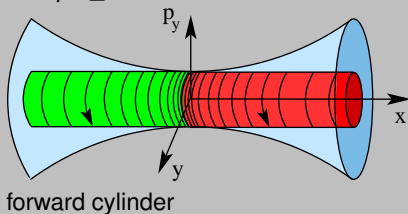
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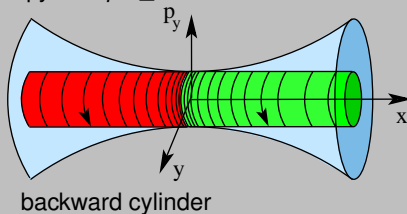


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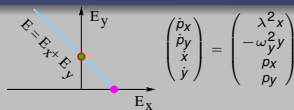
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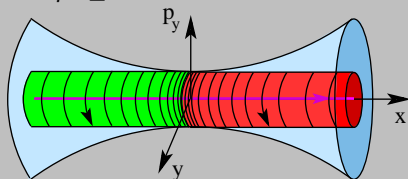
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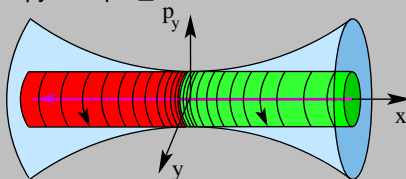
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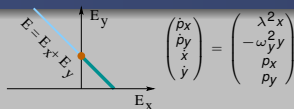


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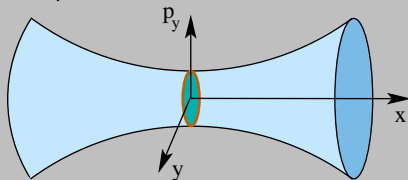
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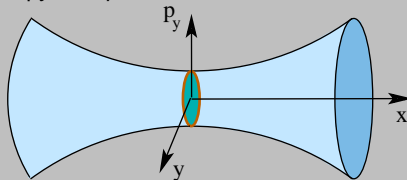
Lyapunov periodic orbit $\simeq S^1$ forms its equator and divides it into two hemispheres $\simeq B^2$

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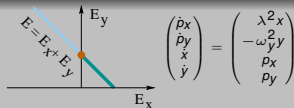


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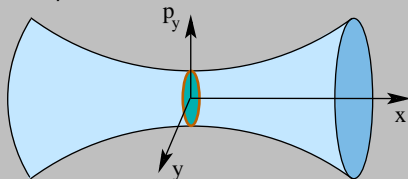
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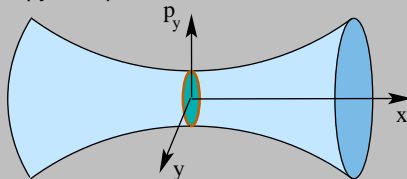
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energy surface	$S^2 \times \mathbb{R}$	$S^4 \times \mathbb{R}$	$S^{2f-2} \times \mathbb{R}$
dividing surface	S^2	S^4	S^{2f-2}
normally hyperbolic invariant manifold (NHIM)	S^1	S^3	S^{2f-3}
(un)stable manifolds	$S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$	$S^3 \times \mathbb{R}$	$S^{2f-3} \times \mathbb{R}$
forward/backward hemispheres	B^2	B^4	B^{2f-2}
“flux” form $\Omega' = d\varphi$	ω	$\frac{1}{2}\omega^2$	$\frac{1}{(f-1)!}\omega^{f-1}$
“action” form φ	$p_1 dq_1 + p_2 dq_2$	$(p_1 dq_1 + p_2 dq_2 + p_3 dq_3) \wedge \frac{1}{2}\omega$	$\sum_{k=1}^f p_k dq_k \wedge \frac{1}{(f-1)!}\omega^{f-2}$

$$\text{Flux (rate): } N(E) = \int_{B^{2f-2}} \Omega' = \int_{S^{2f-3}} \varphi$$

ds; forward
NHIM

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Theorem (Normal Form) Consider a Hamiltonian vector field with a saddle equilibrium point like in our setup, i.e. $J D^2 \mathcal{H}$ has eigenvalues $\pm\lambda, \pm i\omega_2, \dots, \pm i\omega_f$, $\lambda, \omega_k > 0$. Assume that the linear frequencies $(\omega_2, \dots, \omega_f)$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . Then, for any given order, there exists a local, nonlinear symplectic transformation to normal form (NF) coordinates $(P, Q) = (P_1, \dots, P_f, Q_1, \dots, Q_f)$ in which the transformed Hamilton function, to this order, assumes the form

$$\mathcal{H}_{NF} = \mathcal{H}_{NF}(I, J_2, \dots, J_f) = \lambda I + \omega_2 J_2 + \dots + \omega_f J_f + h.o.t.,$$

where

$$I = P_1 Q_1, \quad J_2 = \frac{1}{2}(P_2^2 + Q_2^2), \quad \dots, \quad J_f = \frac{1}{2}(P_f^2 + Q_f^2).$$



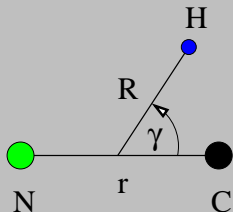
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Comments

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Example: HCN/CNH Isomerisation



3 DoF for vanishing total angular momentum:

Jacobi coordinates r, R, γ

Hamilton function

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2\mu} p_r^2 + \frac{1}{2m} p_R^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\mu r^2} + \frac{1}{m R^2} \right) p_\gamma^2 + V(r, R, \gamma)$$

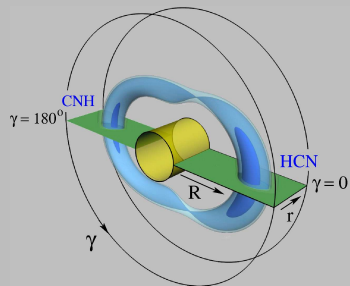
where

$$\mu = m_C m_N / (m_C + m_N), \quad m = m_H (m_C + m_N) / (m_H + m_C + m_N)$$

$V(r, R, \gamma)$: Murrell-Carter-Halonen potential energy surface

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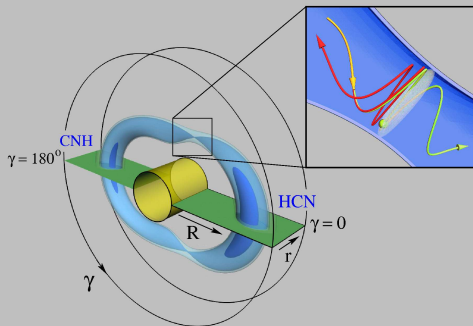
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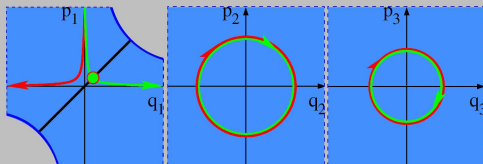
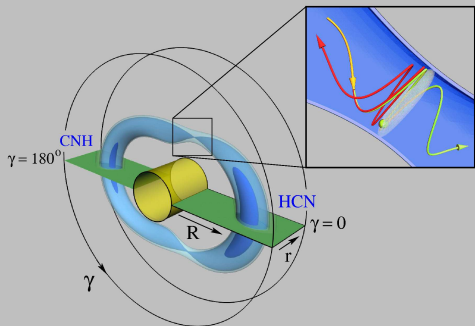
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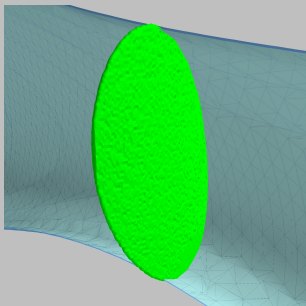
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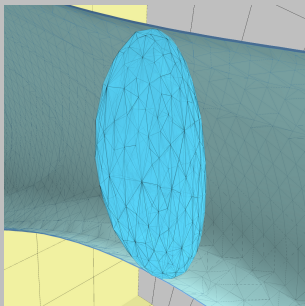
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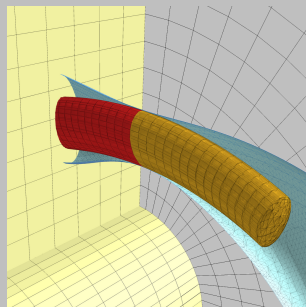
- transverse to Hamiltonian vector field
- minimises the flux

NHIM S^3



- *transition state* or *activated complex*

(un)stable manifolds $S^3 \times \mathbb{R}$



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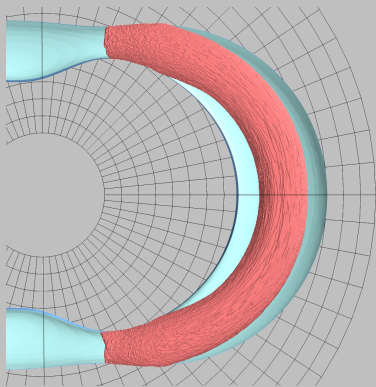
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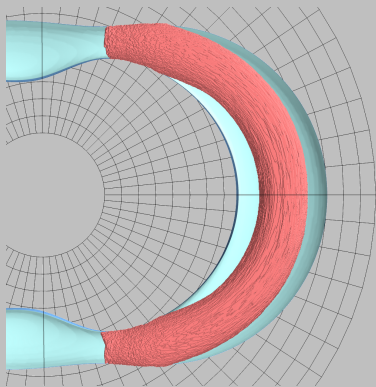
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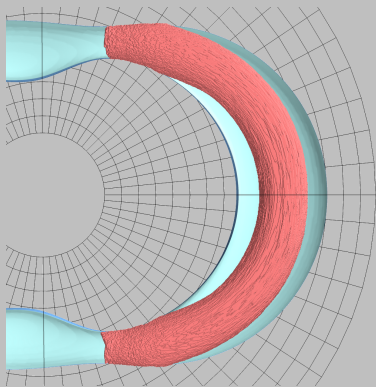
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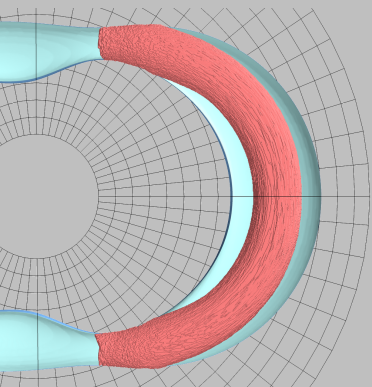


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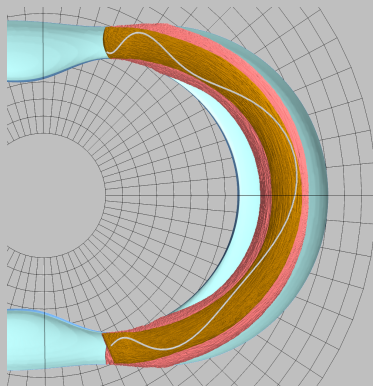
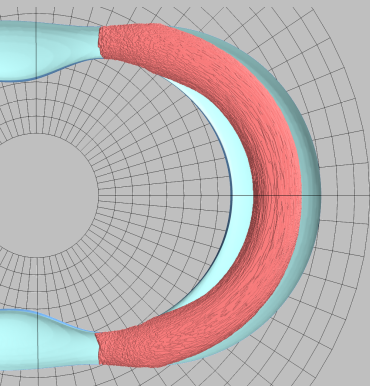
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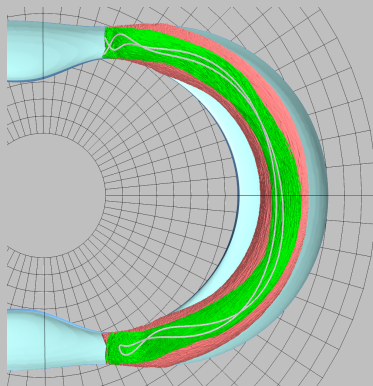
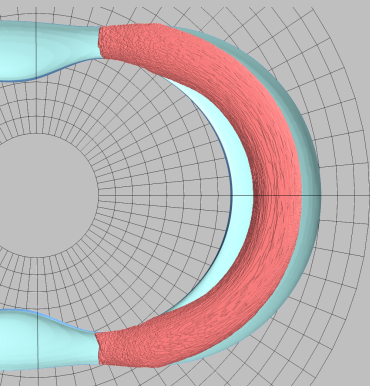
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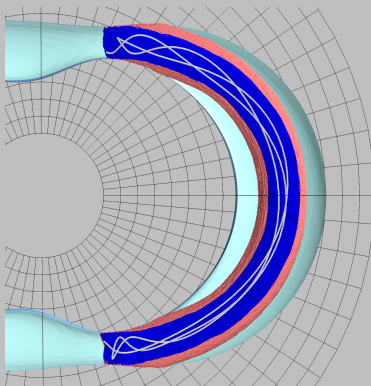
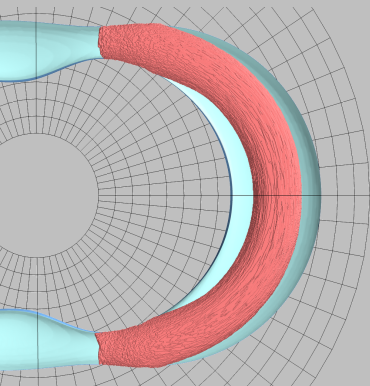
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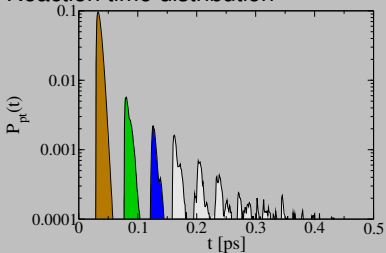
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Theorem (Quantum Normal Form) Consider a Hamilton operator \hat{H} whose (principal) symbol has a saddle equilibrium point like in our classical setup, i.e. $J D^2 H$ has eigenvalues $\pm\lambda, \pm i\omega_2, \dots, \pm i\omega_f$, $\lambda, \omega_k > 0$. Assume that the linear frequencies $(\omega_2, \dots, \omega_f)$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . Then, for any given order, there exists a unitary transformation $U^{(N)}$ such that

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$$\hat{H}_{\text{QNF}} \psi_{(I, n_{\text{scatt}})} = H_{\text{QNF}}\left(I, \hbar\left(n_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right), \dots, \hbar\left(n_f + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \psi_{(I, n_{\text{scatt}})},$$

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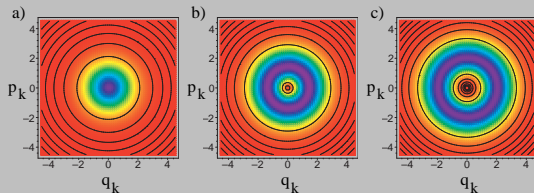
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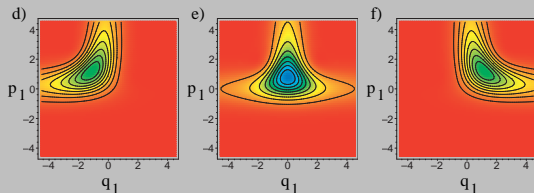


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Quantum normal form computation of the cumulative reaction probability

A scattering state $\psi_{(I, n_{\text{scatt}})}$ has transmission probability

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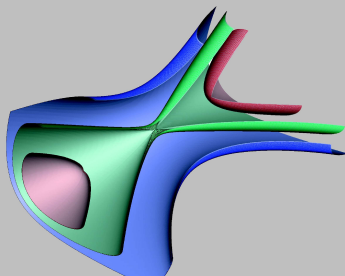
$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + \underbrace{V_E(x) + V_{M;y}(y) + V_{M;z}(z)} + \underbrace{\epsilon(p_x p_y + p_x p_z + p_y p_z)}$$

$$V_E(x) = \frac{Ae^{ax}}{1 + e^{ax}} + \frac{Be^{ax}}{(1 + e^{ax})^2} \quad \text{'kinetic coupling'}$$

$$V_{M;y}(y) = D_y \left(e^{(-2\alpha_y y)} - 2e^{(-\alpha_y y)} \right)$$

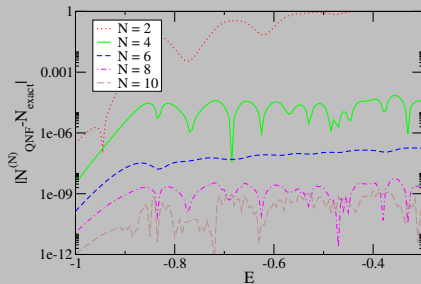
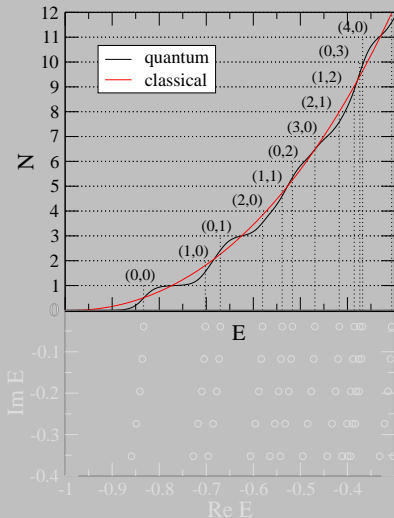
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Iso-potential surfaces:



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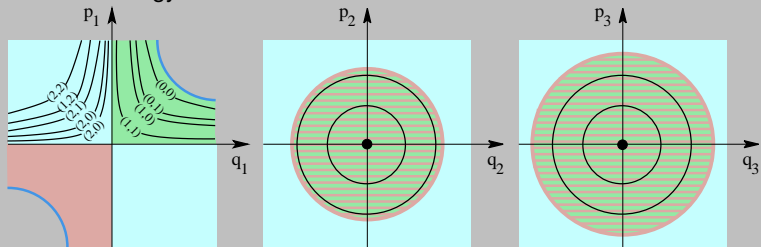
Cumulative reaction probability



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Cumulative reaction probability

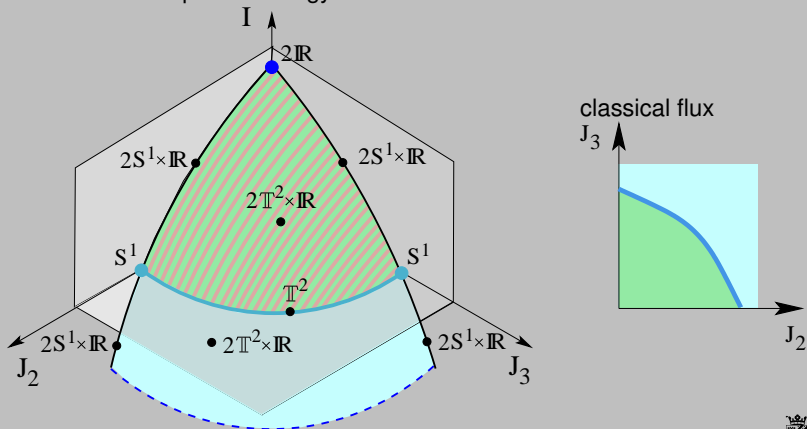
Cumulative reaction probability $N(E) \approx$ 'number of open transmission channels at energy E '



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Cumulative reaction probability

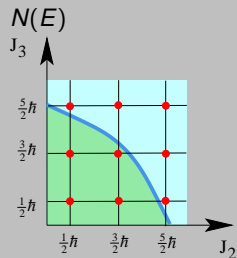
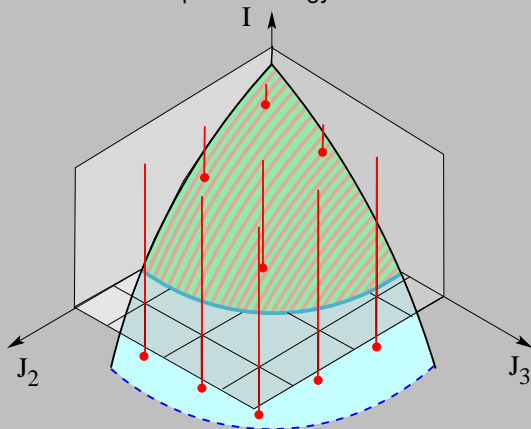
Cumulative reaction probability $N(E) \approx$ integrated density of states of the activated complex to energy E



Example: Coupled Eckart-Morse-Morse Potential

Cumulative reaction probability

Cumulative reaction probability $N(E)$ = integrated density of states of the activated complex to energy E



Quantum resonances (Gamov-Siegert resonances)

Heisenberg uncertainty relation prohibits the existence of an invariant subsystem analogous to the classical case in quantum mechanics

Wavepackets initialised on the (classical) activated complex decay exponentially in time. This is described by the resonances.

Formal definition of resonances: poles of the meromorphic continuation of the resolvent

$$\hat{R}(E) = (\hat{H} - E)^{-1}$$

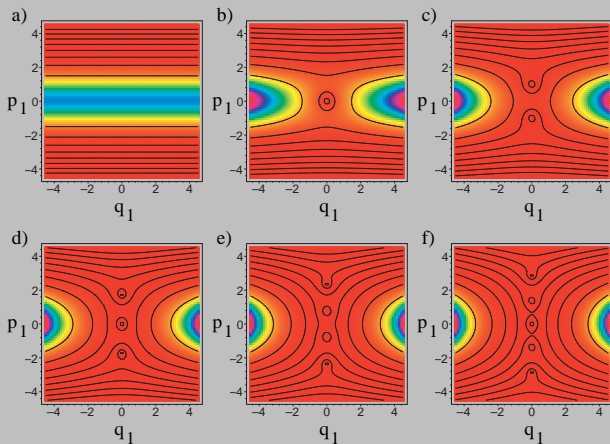
to the lower half plane

Quantum resonances are obtained from complex Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization conditions

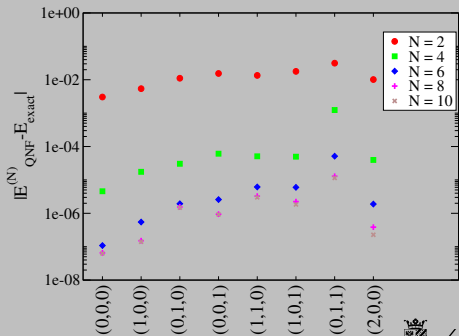
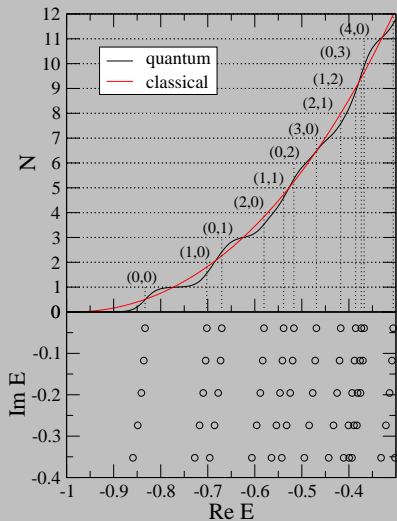
$$E_{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_f)} = H_{\text{QNF}}^{(N)}(I_{n_1}, J_{n_2}, \dots, J_{n_f})$$

$$I_{n_1} = -i\hbar(n_1 + \frac{1}{2}), \quad J_{n_2} = \hbar(n_2 + \frac{1}{2}), \dots, J_{n_f} = \hbar(n_f + \frac{1}{2}), \quad n_1, \dots, n_d \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

Quantum resonances (Gamov-Siegert resonances) Husimi functions of resonance states in the saddle plane



Example: Coupled Eckart-Morse-Morse Potential Quantum resonances



Outlook

- more general bottlenecks/transition states
- going beyond (quantum) normal forms

