

**Building on the Legacy of John
Greene:
The Transition to Chaos in
Volume-Preserving Maps**

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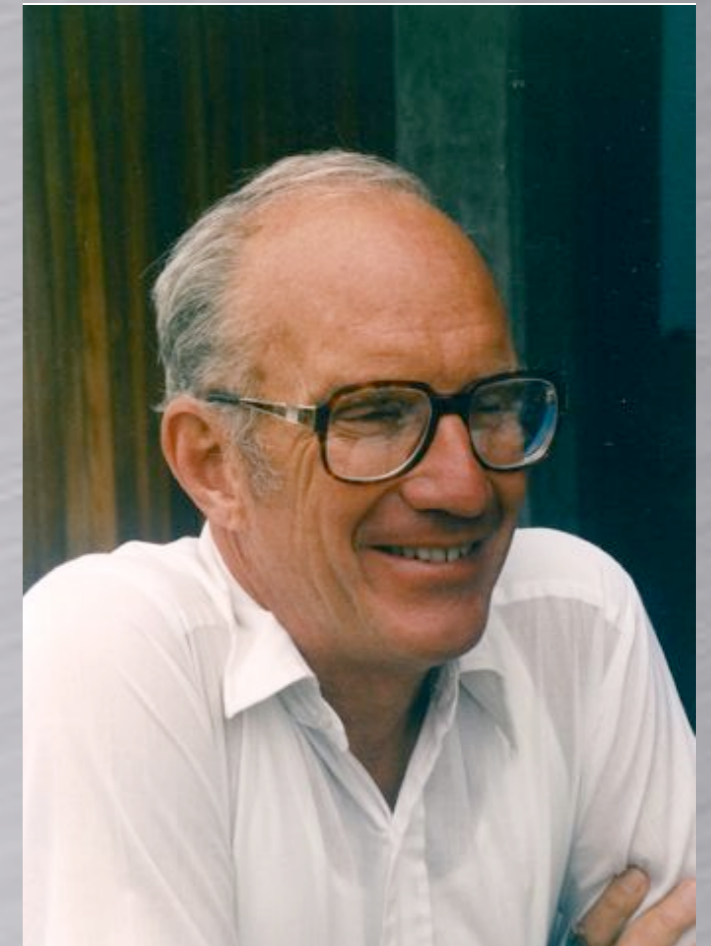
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The Residue Criterion

Astonishing discovery

Stability of quasiperiodic orbits
(irrational rotational transform)
determined by limiting stability of
periodic orbits

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● Area Preserving Map

$$(x', y') = \left(x + y', y - \frac{k}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi x)\right)$$

● Stability of Periodic Orbits

$$Df^n = \frac{\partial(x_n, y_n)}{\partial(x_0, y_0)} \Rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2$$

$$\det(\lambda I - Df^n) = \lambda^2 - \tau\lambda + 1, \quad \tau = \text{Tr}(Df^n)$$

● Residue

$$R = \frac{1}{4} (2 - \text{Tr}(Df^n))$$

$R < 0$: Hyperbolic

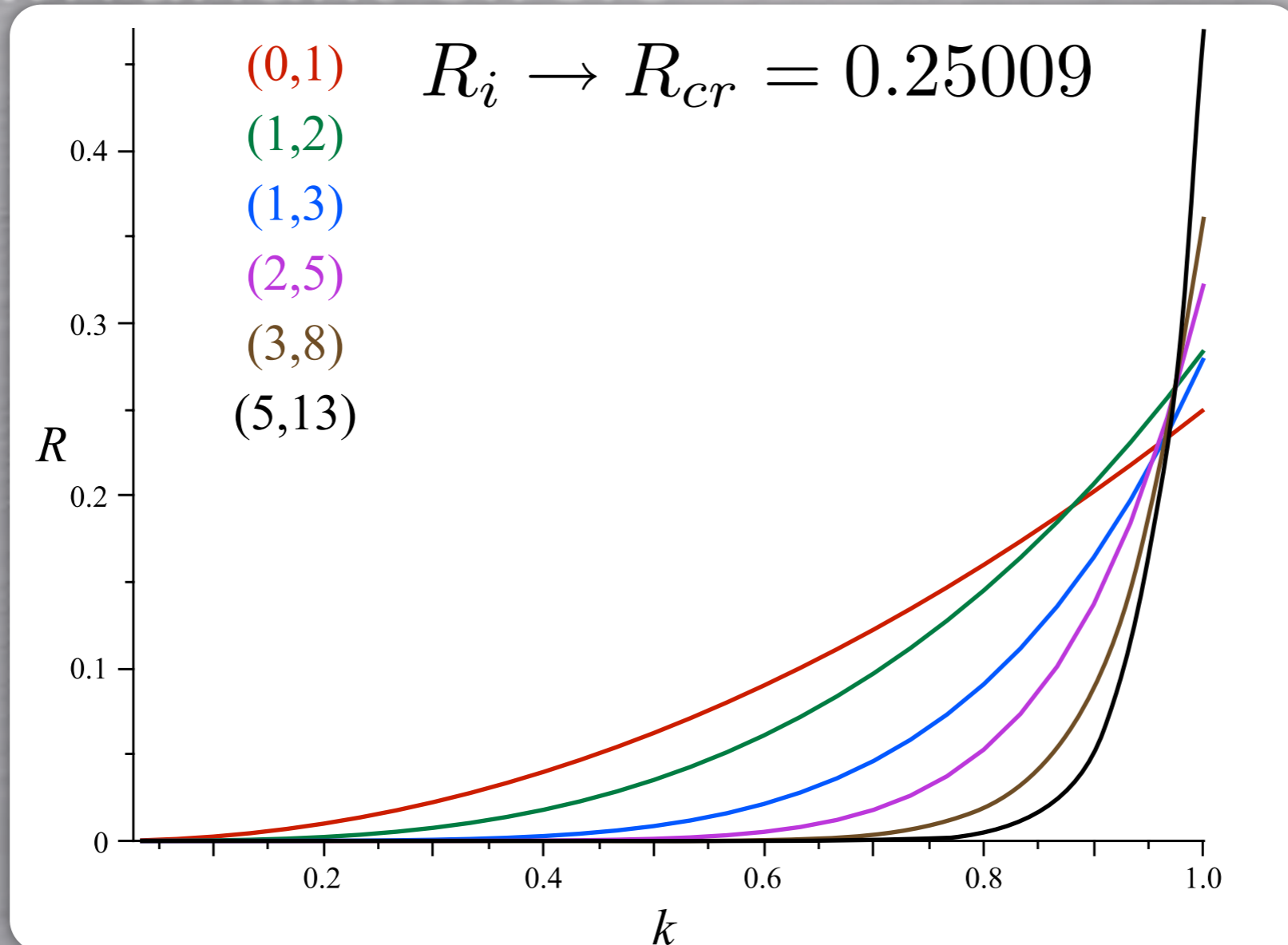
$0 < R < 1$: Elliptic

$R > 1$: Reflection Hyperbolic

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- bounded Residue implies existence of invariant circle

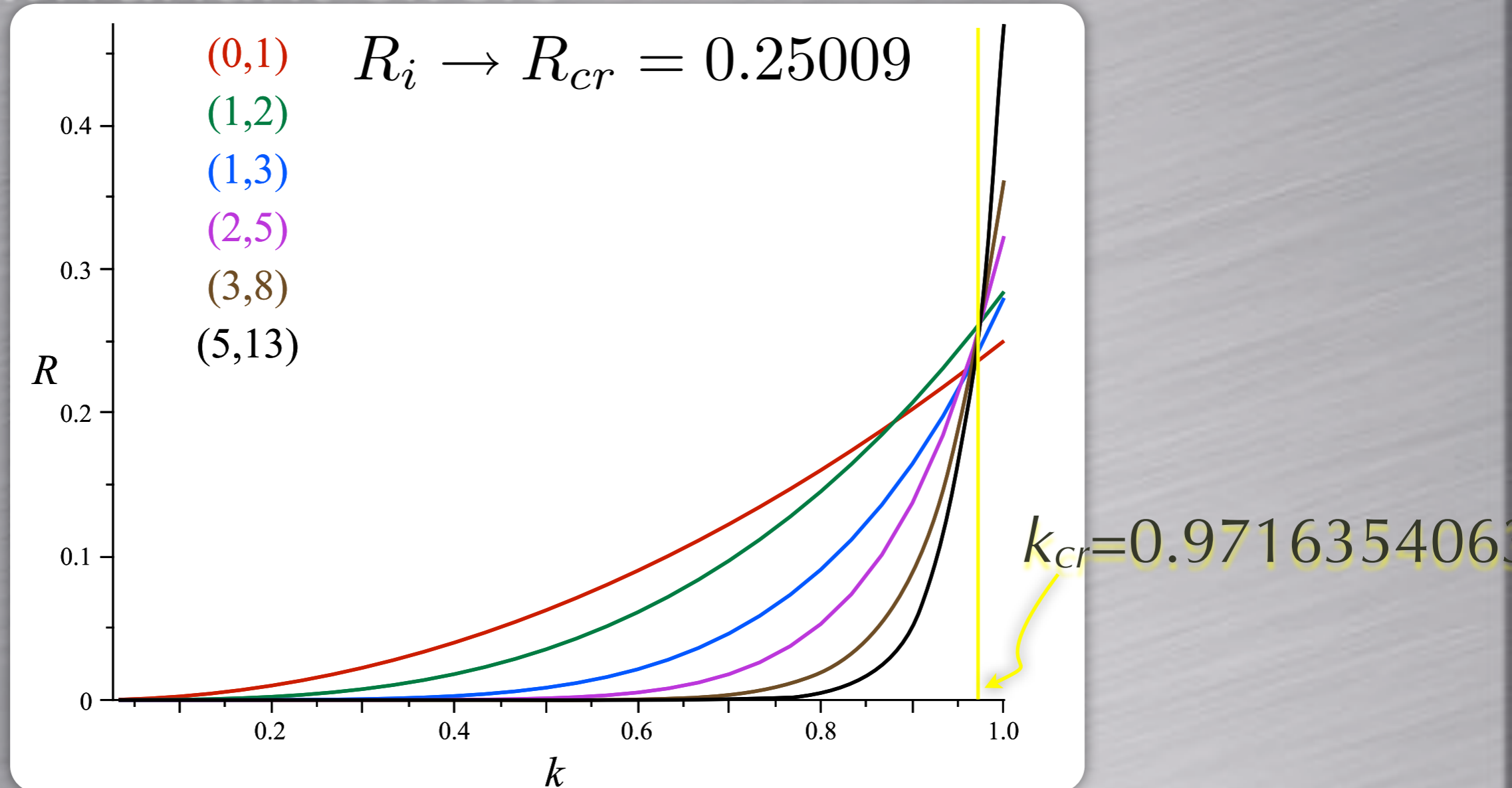
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● Last Invariant Circle:

$\gamma = \text{Golden Mean!}$

● Much has been Proved:

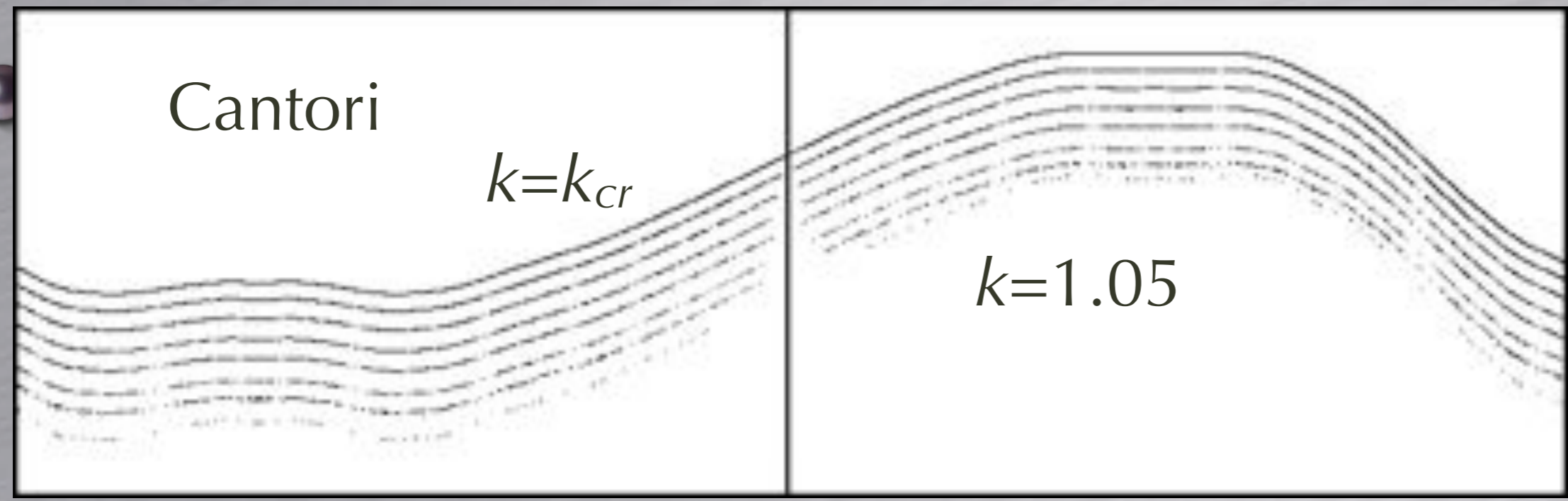
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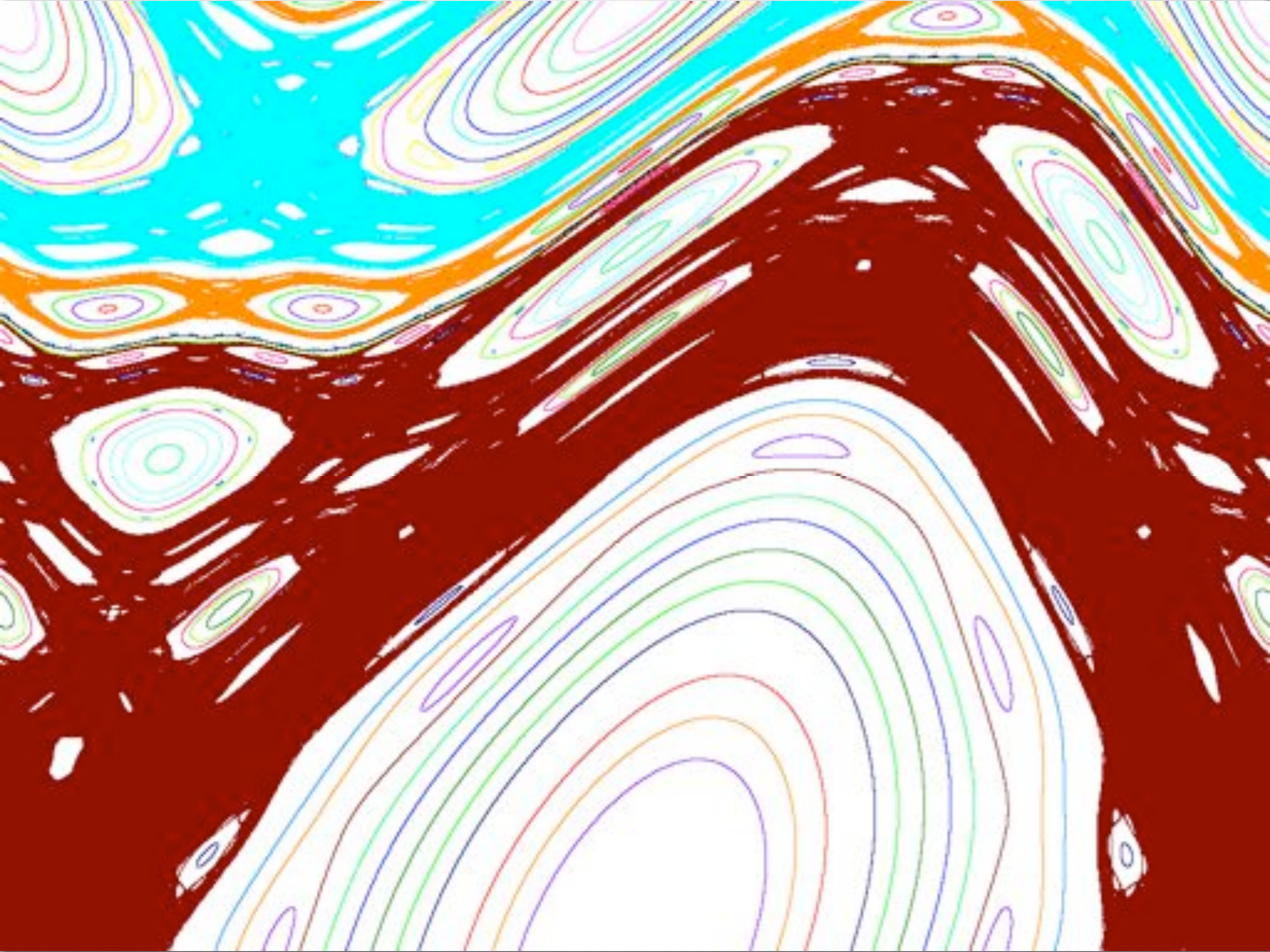
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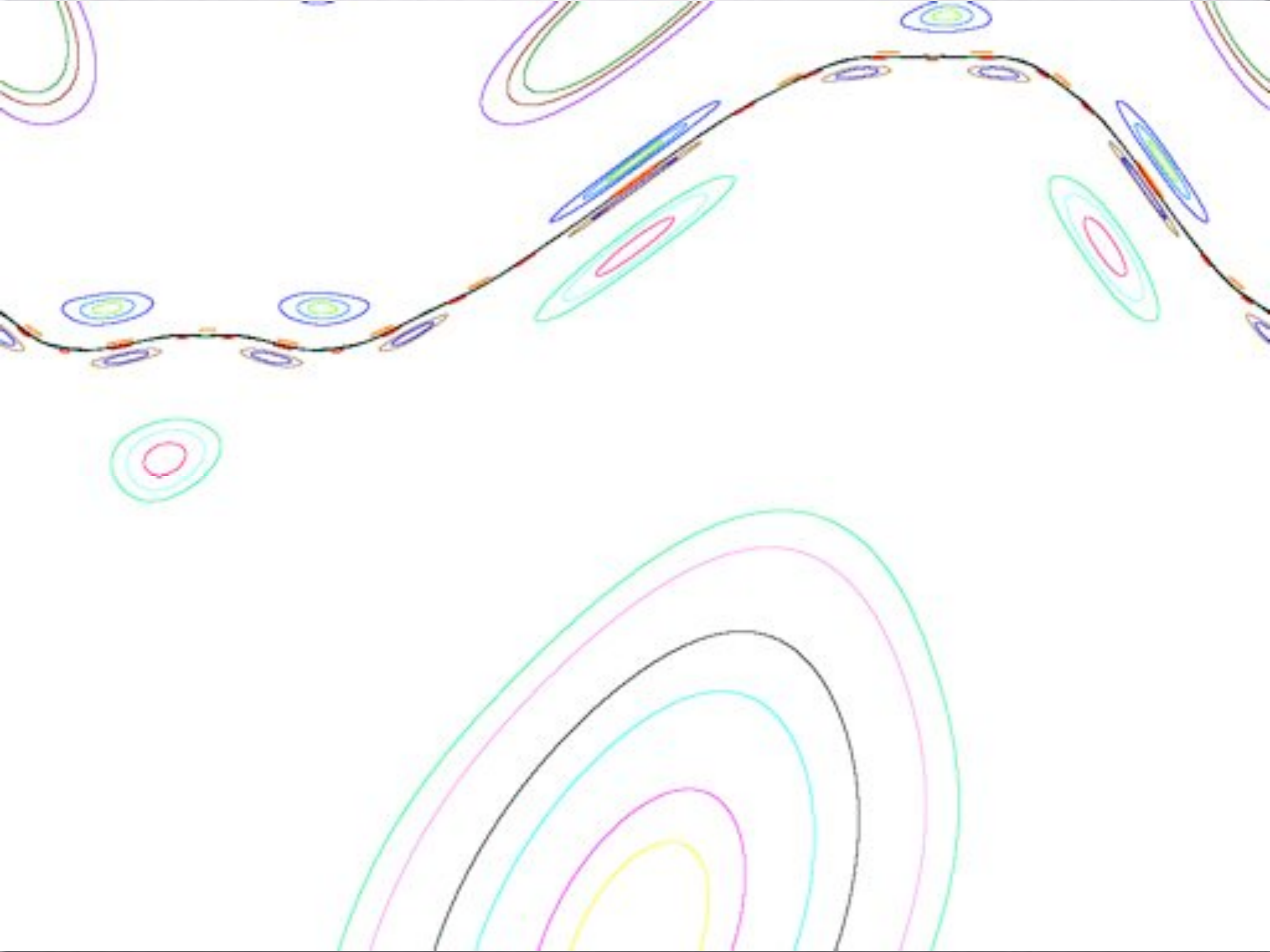
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A contour plot showing several nested, elongated, and somewhat irregular closed curves. The curves are colored in a gradient from purple on the outside to yellow in the center. A prominent red border is drawn around the entire plot area.

Self-Similarity \Rightarrow Renormalization

see R.S. MacKay (1993)

Renormalisation in Area-Preserving Maps



- Generalize to Symplectic Twist Maps?

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- \exists Can (No satisfactory generalization of continued fractions)

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$$\lambda^4 - \dots - 1 \left(\dots \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \right)$$

But are there critical residues or multiple pathways to destruction?

- Tompaia
Maps. E
dimensional

Volume Preserving Maps

Magnetic Field line flows

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = B(x, t) \quad \nabla \cdot B = 0$$

Incompressible Fluids

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v(x, t) \quad \nabla \cdot v = 0$$

Poincaré Map for
Periodic Time
dependence: V.P.

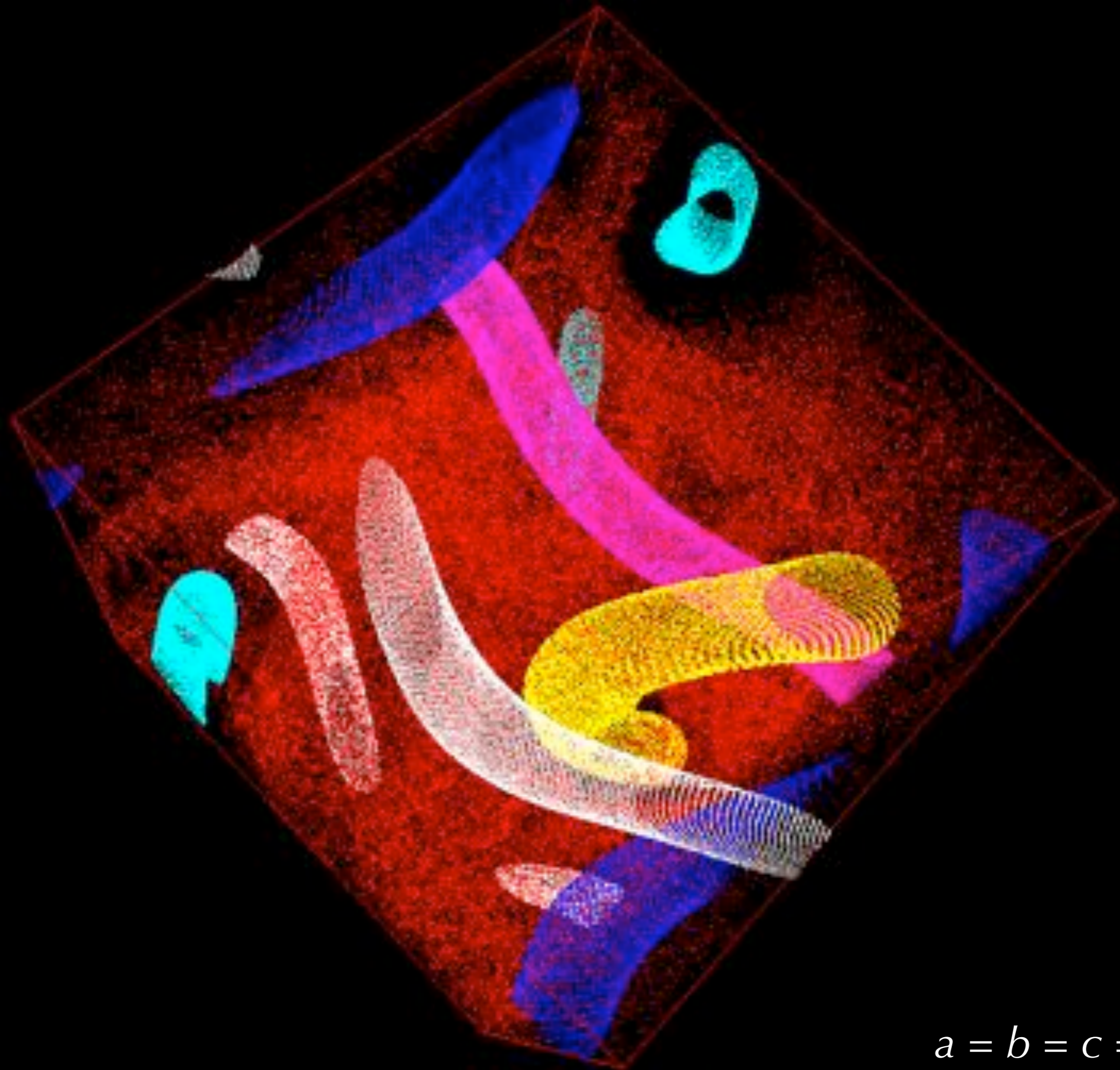
ABC Map

$$x' = x + a \sin(2\pi z) + c \cos(2\pi y)$$

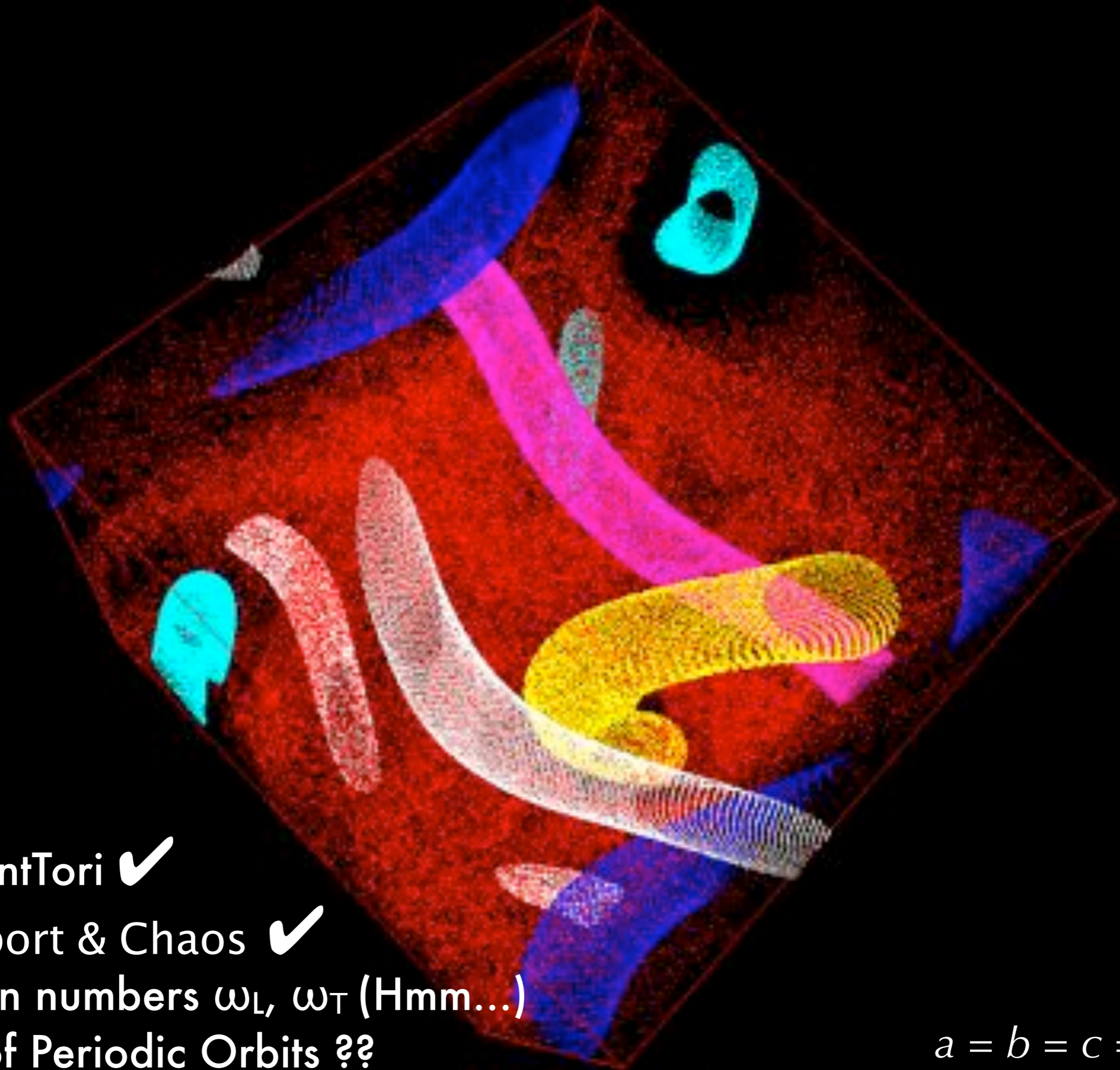
$$y' = y + b \sin(2\pi x') + a \cos(2\pi z)$$

$$z' = z + c \sin(2\pi y') + b \cos(2\pi x')$$

$$a = b = c = 0.1$$



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Invariant Tori ✓

Transport & Chaos ✓

Rotation numbers ω_L, ω_T (Hmm...)

Limits of Periodic Orbits ??

$$a = b = c = 0.1$$

A Residue Criterion?

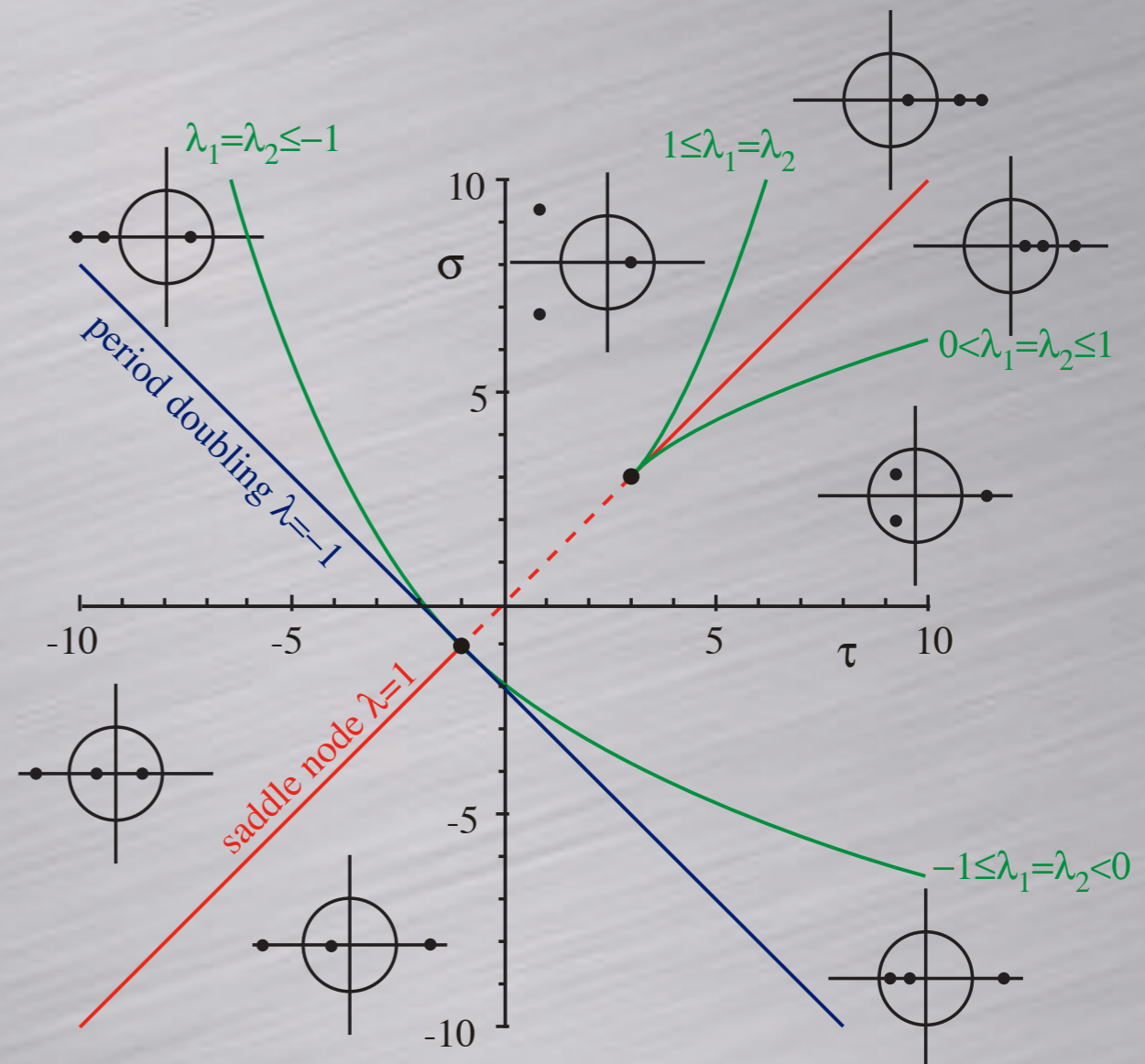
- KAM theory applies (Cheng & Sun)
 - However, can't fix the frequencies!
- Is there a last torus? Self-Similarity?
 - What rotation vector plays the role of the golden mean?
 - Perhaps the spiral mean $\sigma^3 = \sigma + 1$?
- Are there cantori?
 - Anti-integrable theory by Li & Malkin

Stability

- Characteristic Polynomial has two parameters $\lambda^3 - \tau\lambda^2 + \sigma\lambda - 1 = 0$

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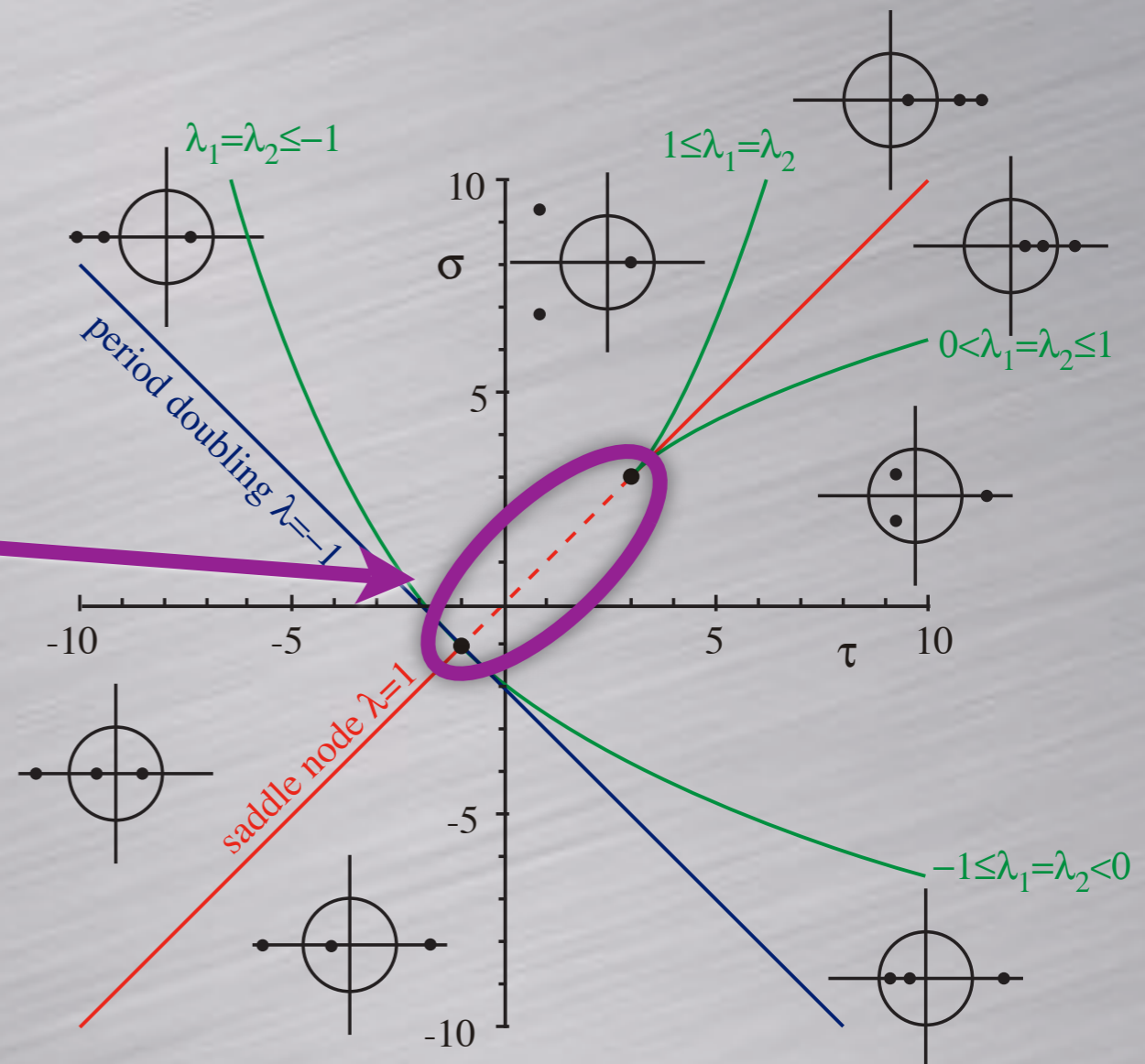
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Stable Tori would be here:
Saddle-Center-Hopf Line



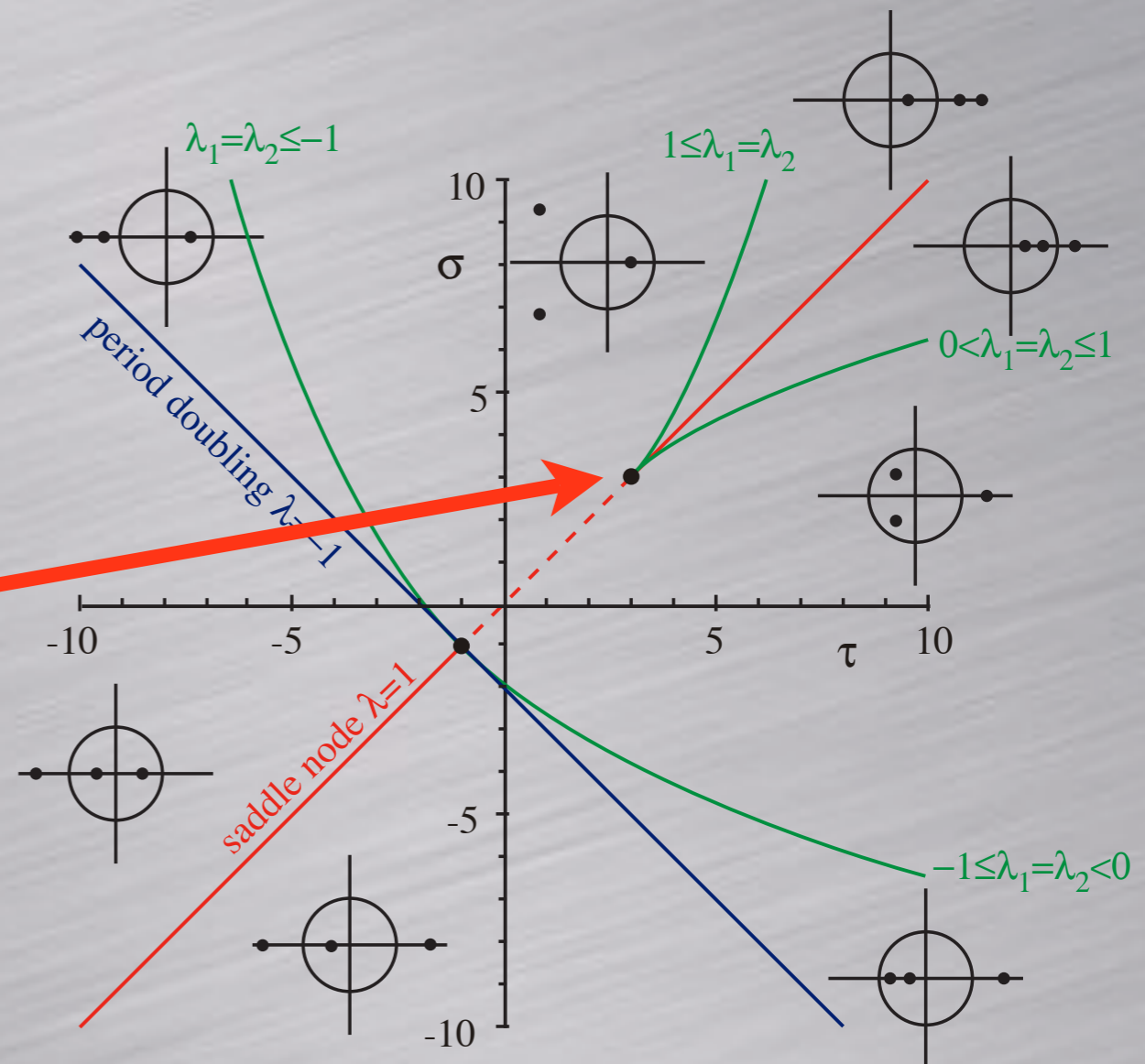
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Triple-one Eigenvalue



Quadratic VP Map

- Normal form for $(1,1,1)$ bifurcation
- Generalizes Hénon's 2D Map

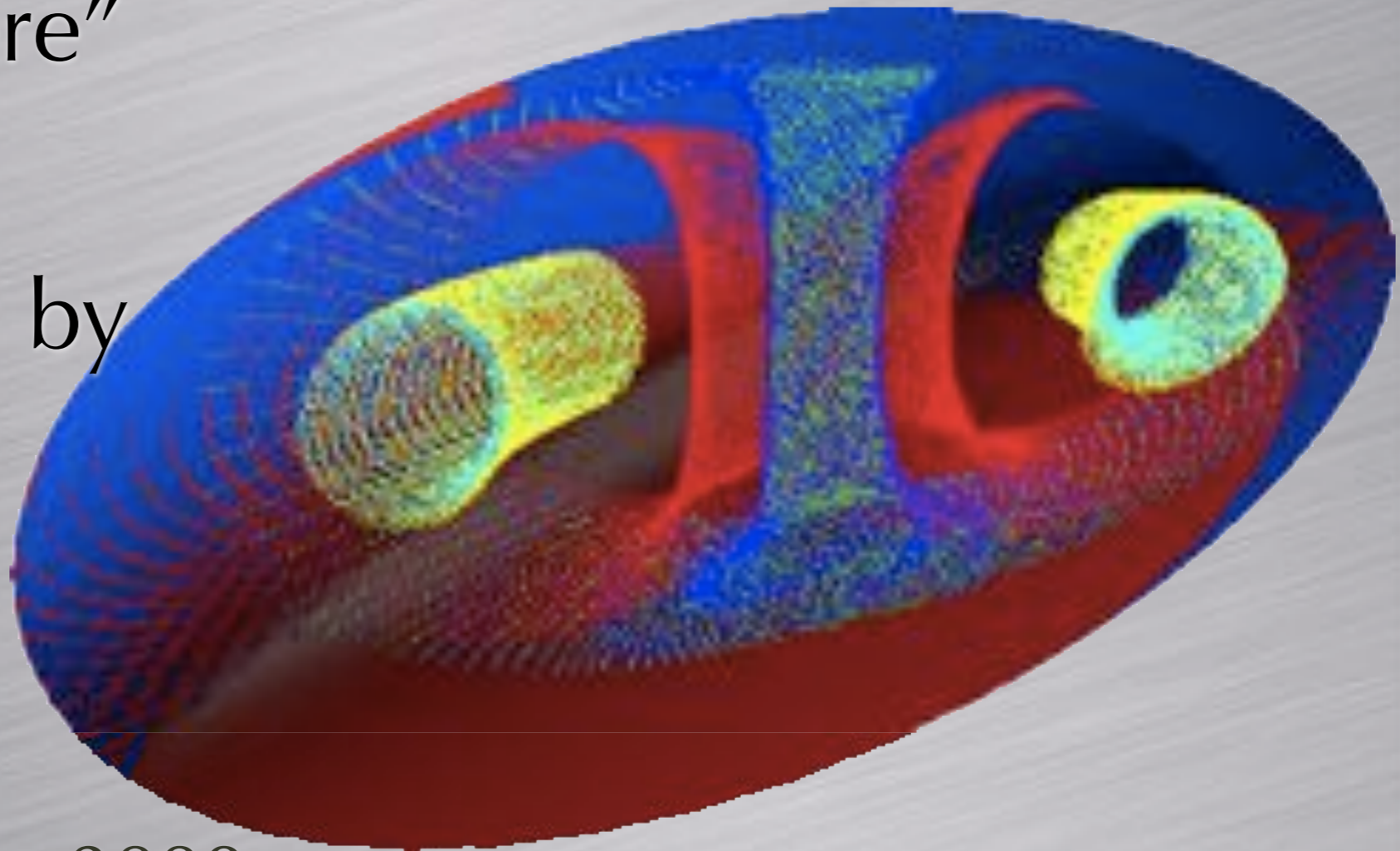
$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z + p(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(x, y) = -\varepsilon + \mu y + ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$$

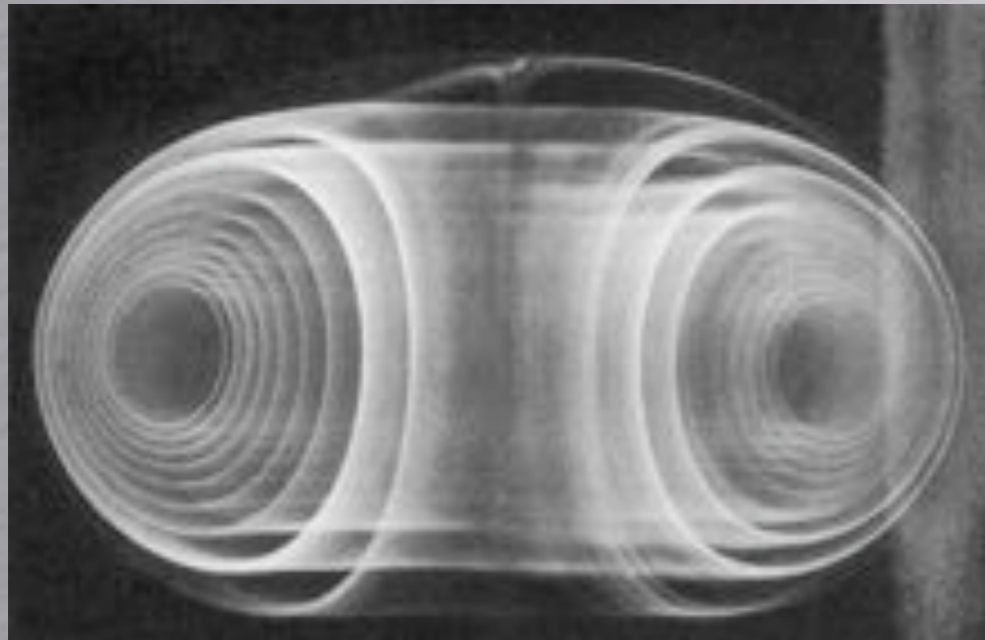
- Hydrogen-Atom Model for 3D dynamics

Saddle-Center-Hopf

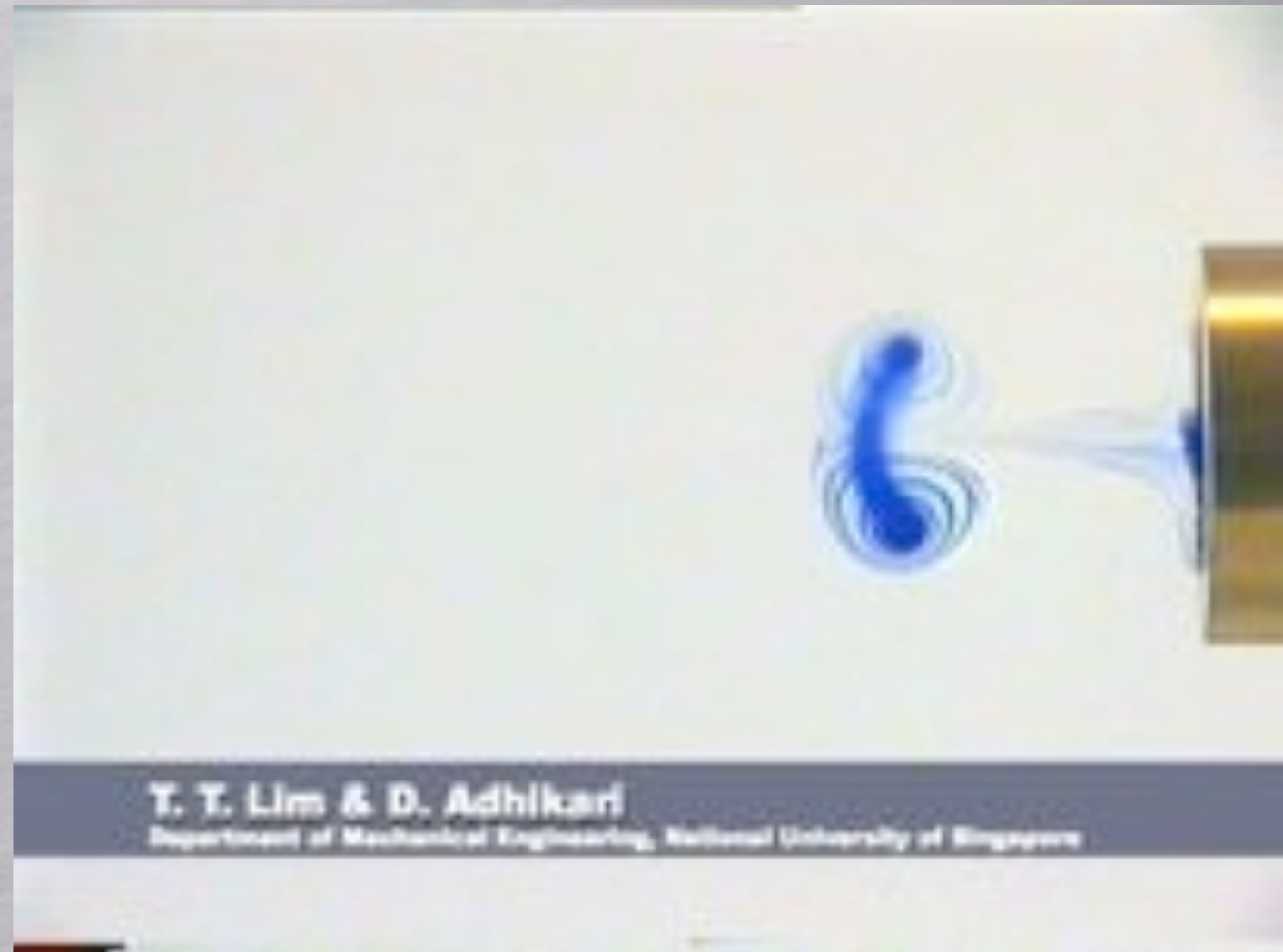
- Two fixed points: typically one *type-A* (2,1) and one *type-B* (1,2). (e.g. Greene's Magnetic Nulls)
- 2D stable and unstable manifolds intersect forming a "sphere"
- Inside of sphere foliated ($\epsilon \ll 1$) by invariant tori
- Spheromak is generic!



Vortex Rings



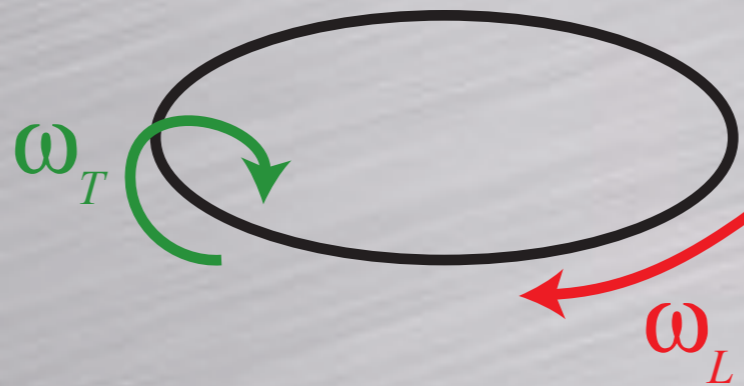
Elliptical Vortex Ring
T.T. Lim (Singapore)



http://serve.me.nus.edu.sg/limtt/#Video_Gallery

Circle Bifurcations

- Elliptic invariant circle has longitudinal & transverse frequencies

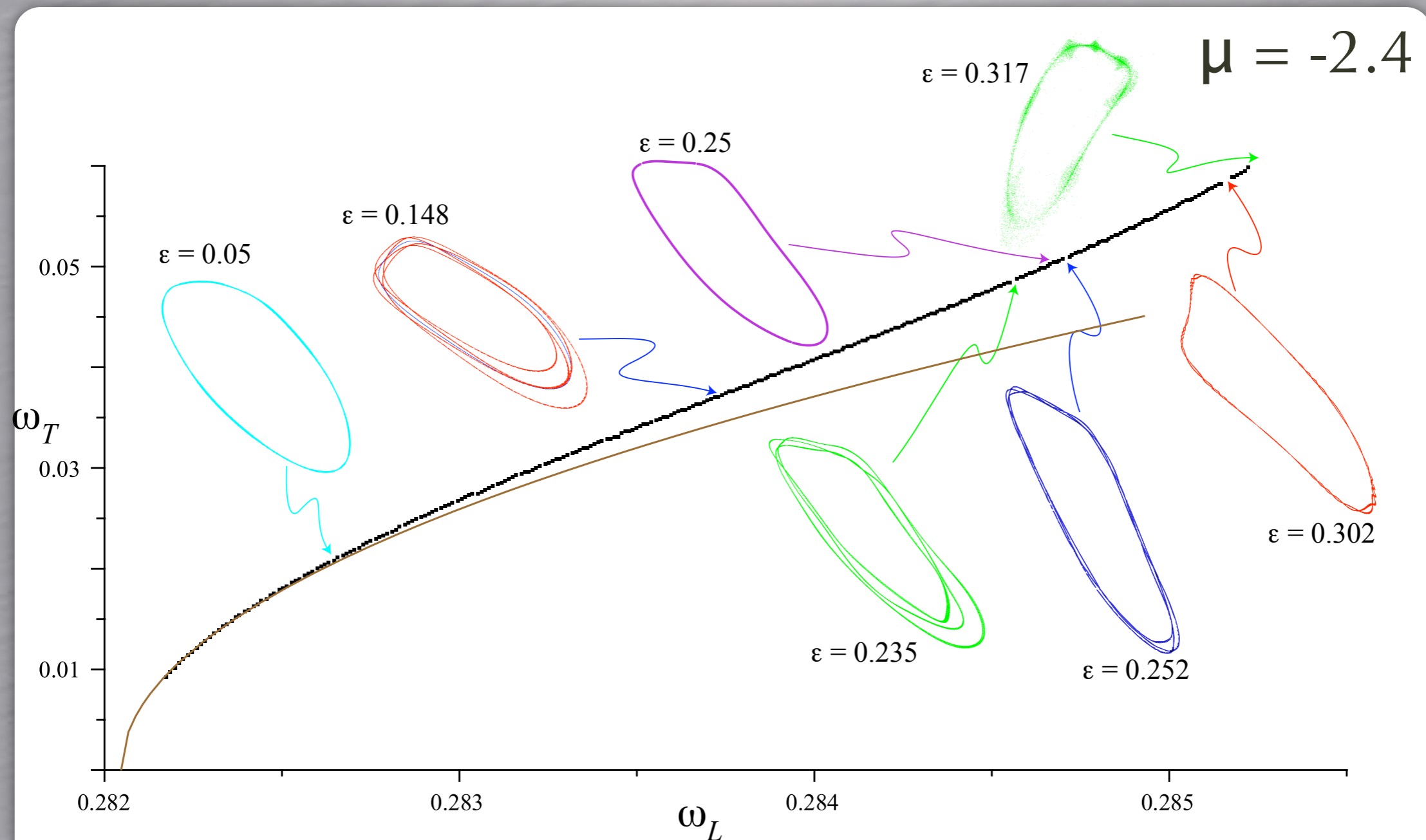


- Bifurcations may occur when

$$m_1\omega_L + m_2\omega_T = k, \quad m_1, m_2, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Circle Bifurcations

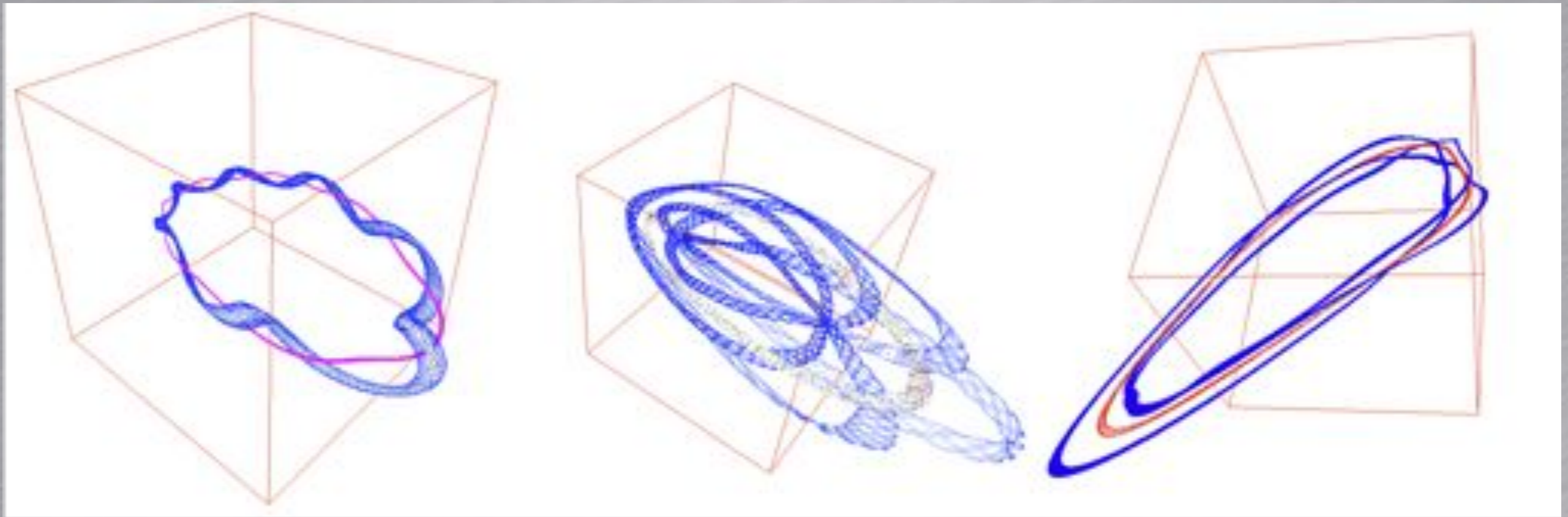
- Circles created in Saddle-Center-Hopf Bifurcation at $\varepsilon = 0$



(7,1,2)
(3,4,1)
(3,3,1)
(10,3,3)
(46-2,13)
(7,0,2)

Resonances

$$\mu = -2.4$$



$$(7, 1, 2) \quad \varepsilon = 0.052$$

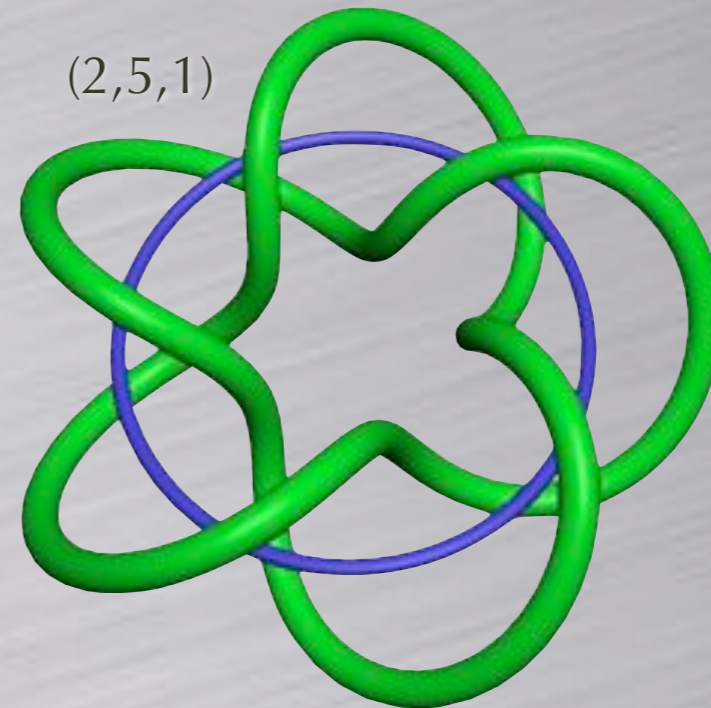
$$(3, 5, 1) \quad \varepsilon = 0.1$$

$$(4, -3, 1) \quad \varepsilon = 0.21$$

Three types $m.\omega = k$

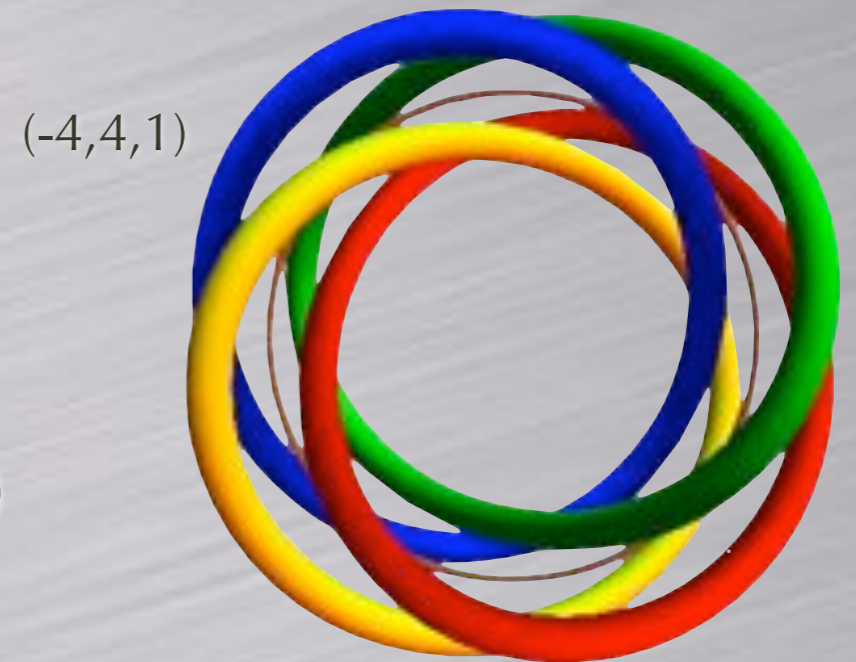
- (m_1, m_2) coprime

- torus knots



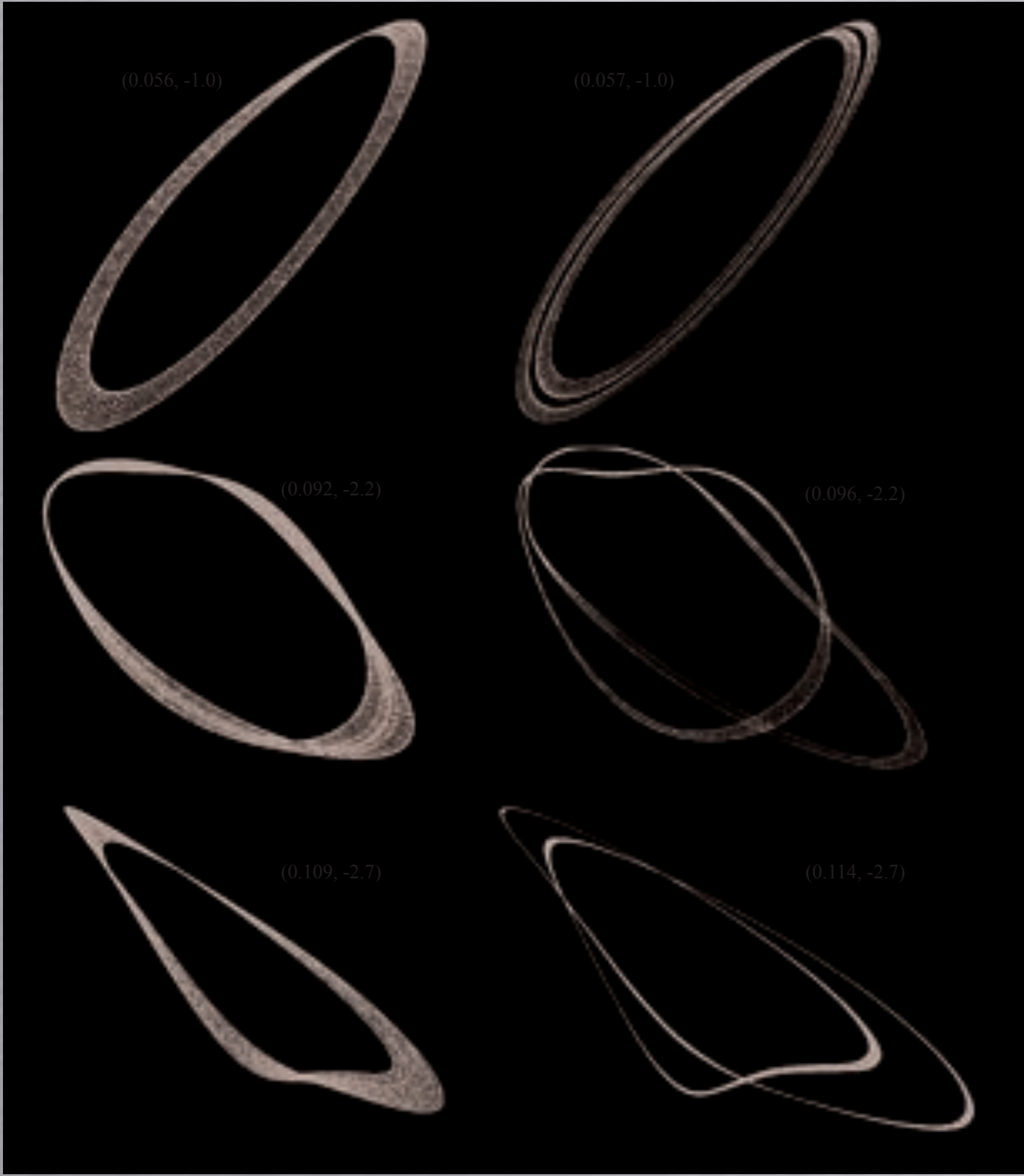
- (m_1, m_2) reducible

- torus links



- ω_L rational: $(m, k) = (m_1, 0, k)$

- "Pearls on a String"



$(1,2,0)$ Resonance:
Torus Knot

$(4,2,1)$ Resonance:
Torus Link

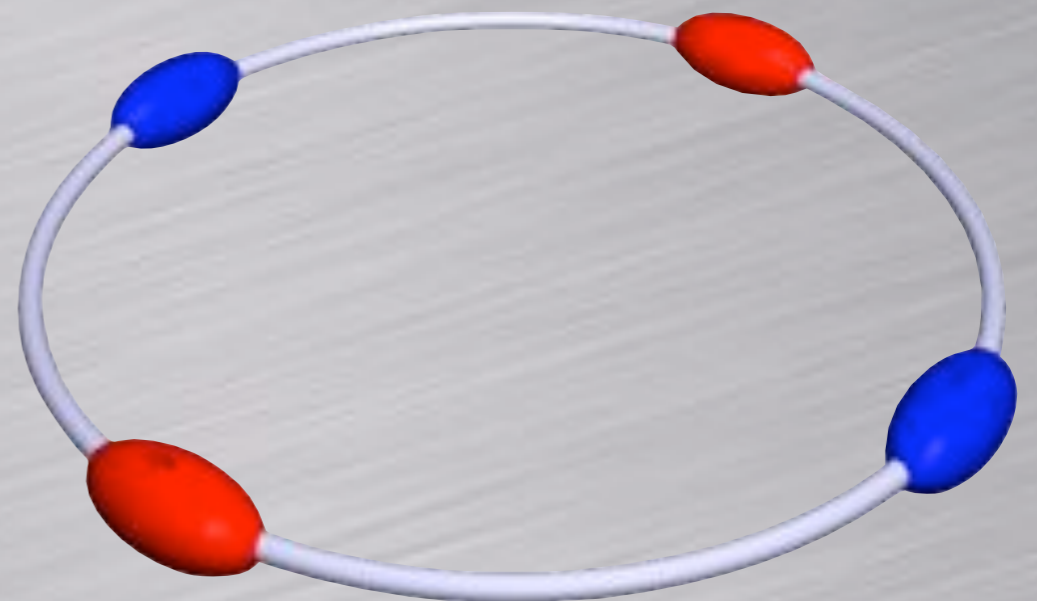
$(3,-2,1)$ Resonance:
Torus Knot

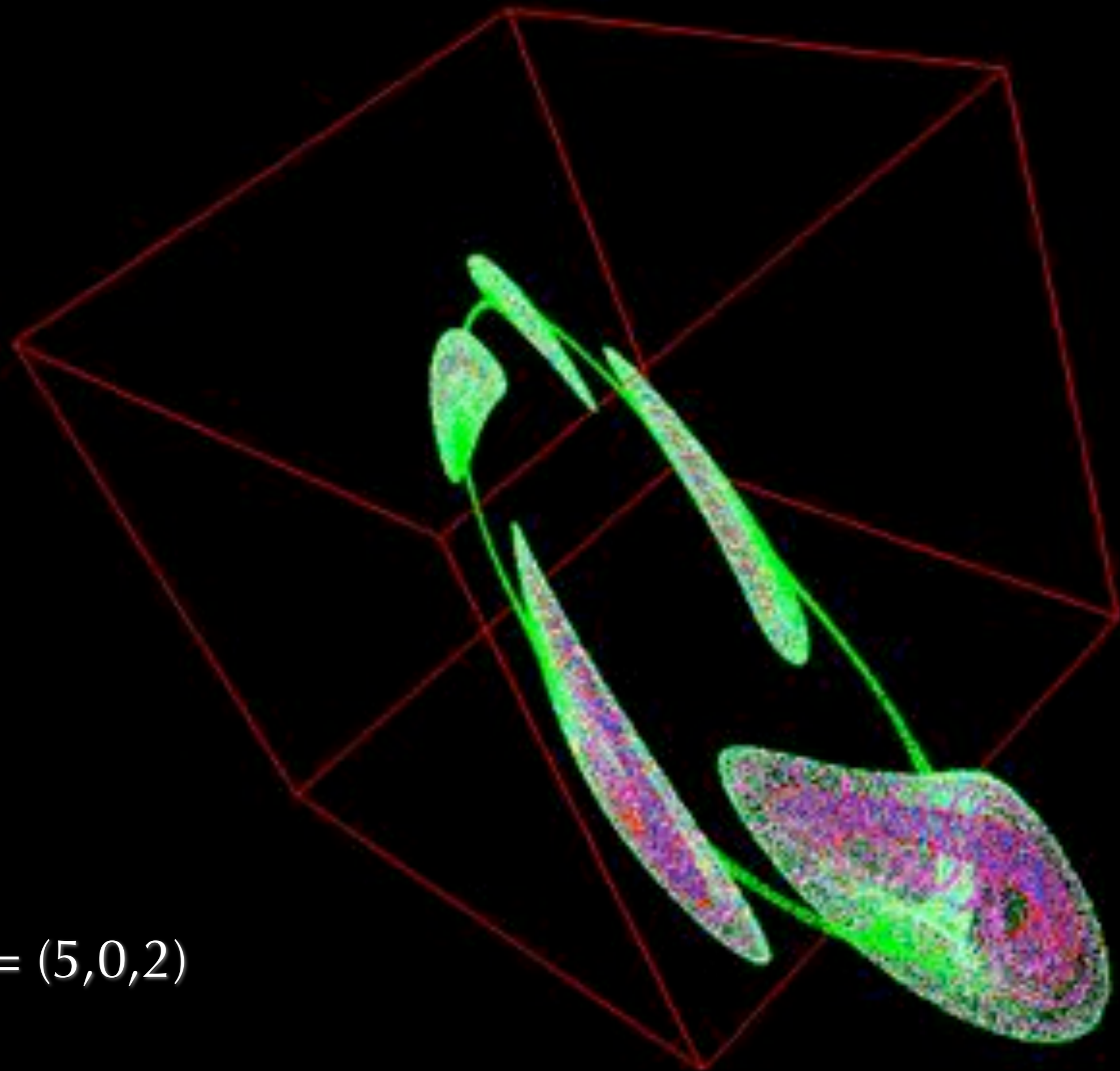
3: Pearls on a String

- Rational ω_L ($m_2 = 0$), the circle mode locks into a pair of periodic orbits
- Generically one is *type-A* and one is *type-B*

(2,0,1)

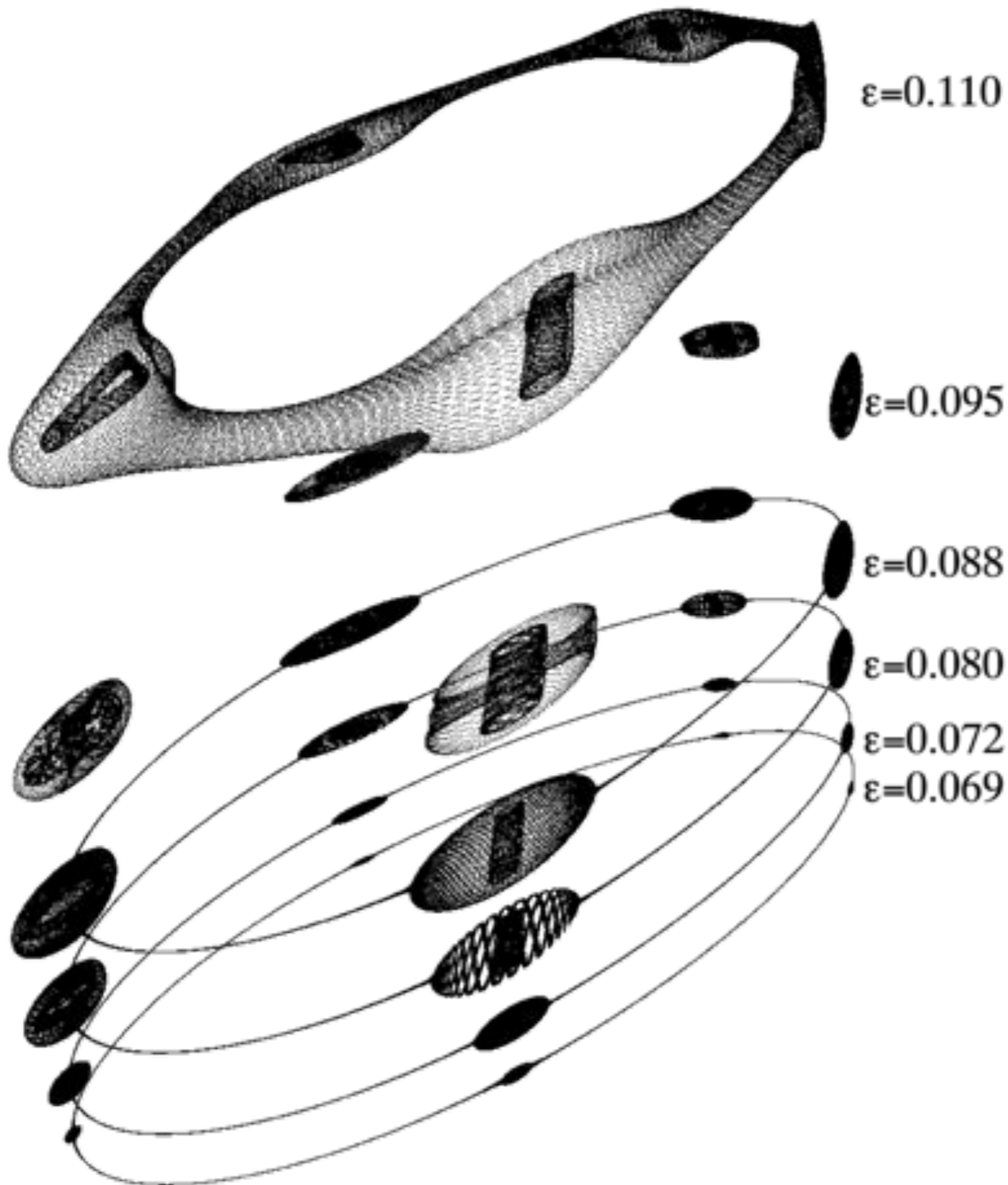
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$(m,k) = (5,0,2)$

$\mu = -3.64, \epsilon = 0.08$

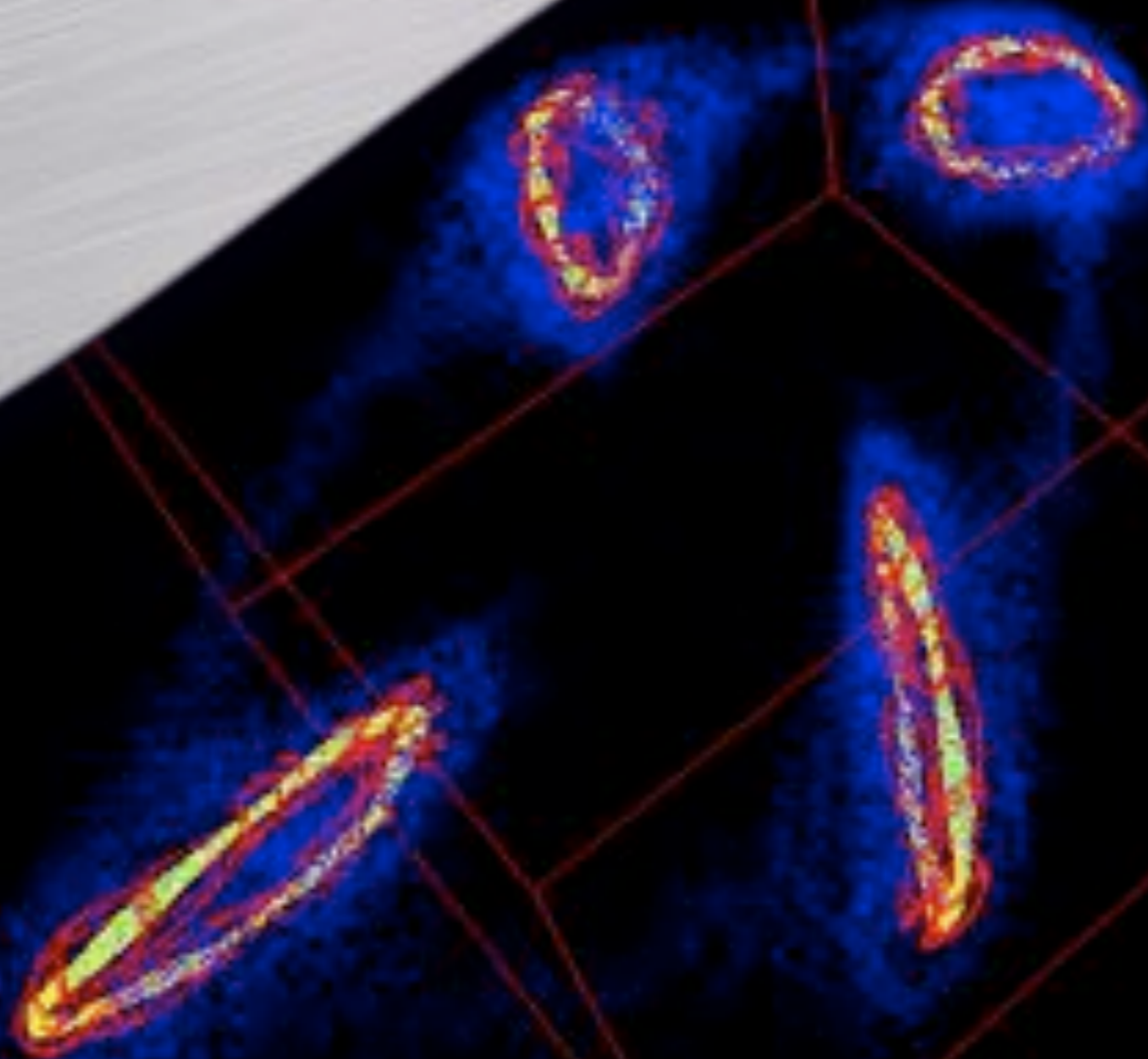


$$\mu = -1.383$$

(5,0,1) Pearls

Much still to do...

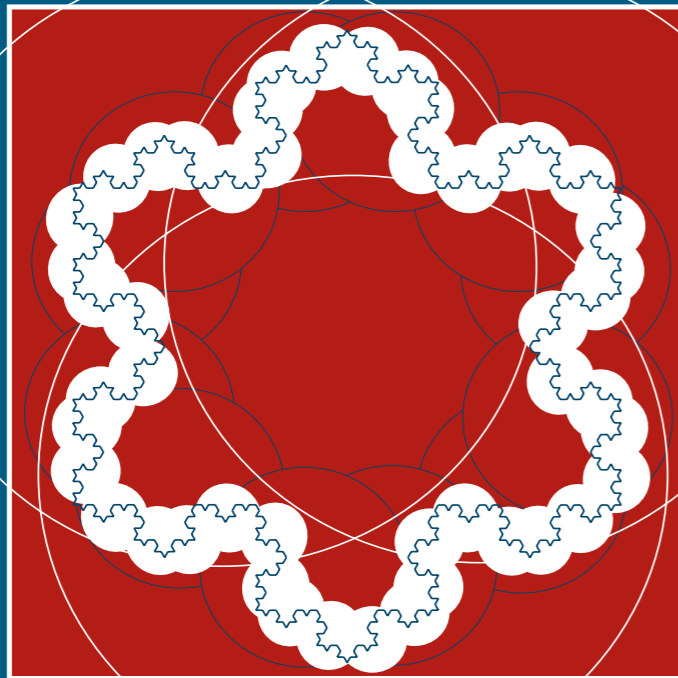
- Self-Similarity?
- How to tori break-up?
- Last Torus?



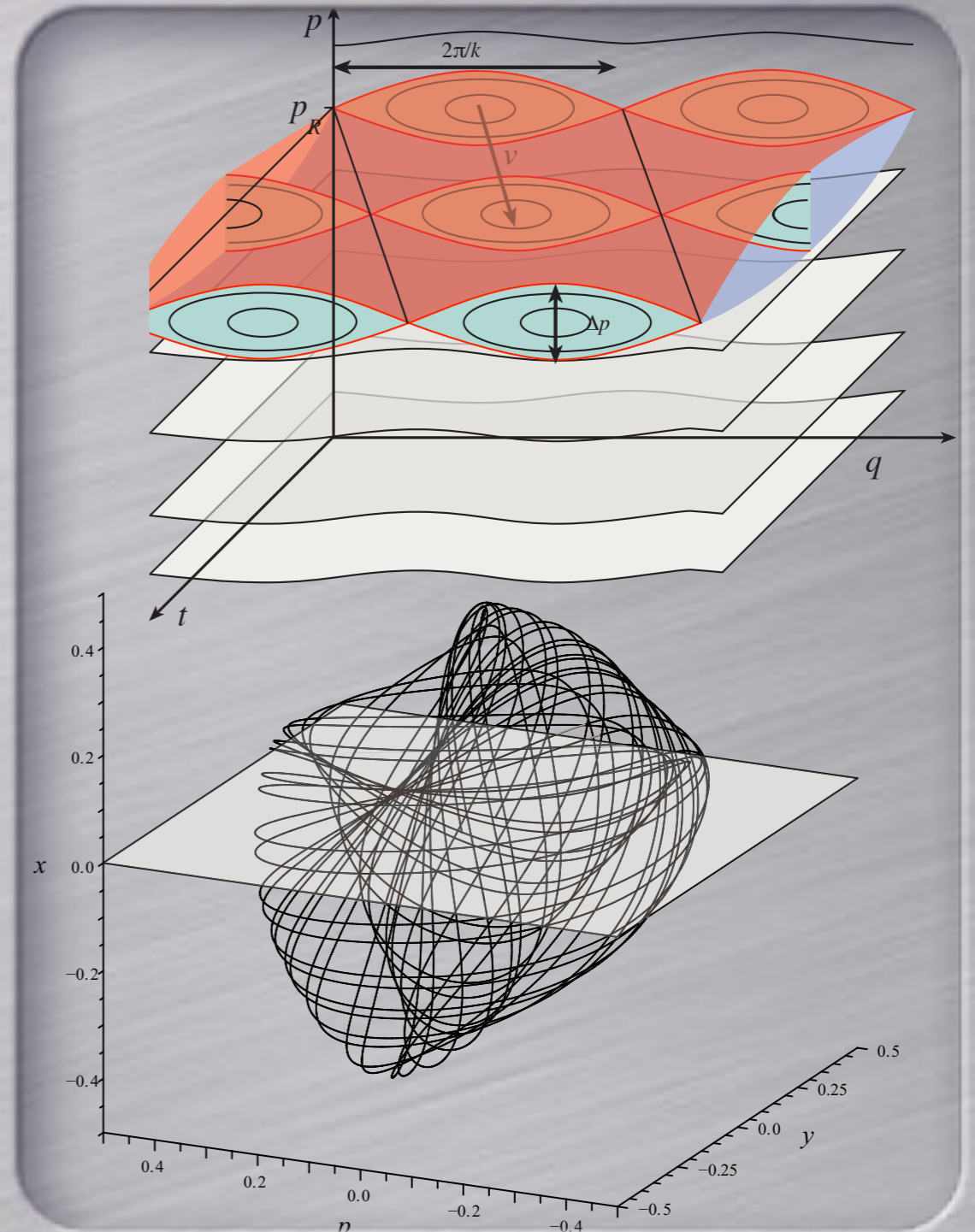
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