

# **A tentative history of conservative chaos**



**Christophe Letellier**





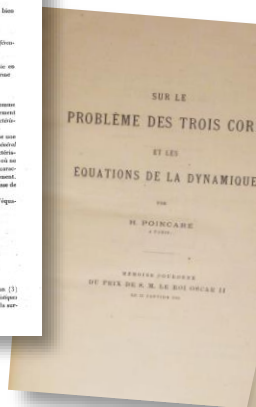
**Henri Poincaré**  
(1854-1912)



1878

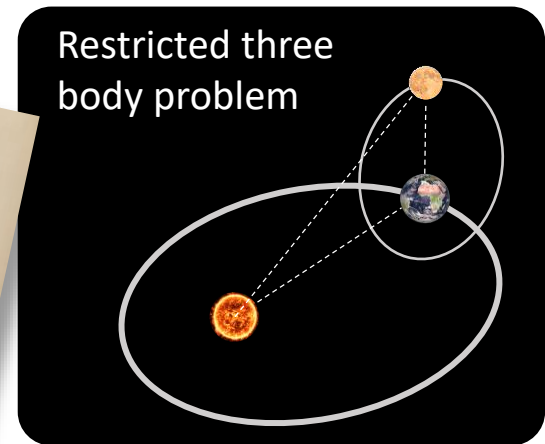


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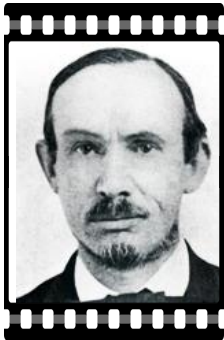


1889

1892-1899



## Ordinary differential equations



**George Hill**  
(1838-1914)

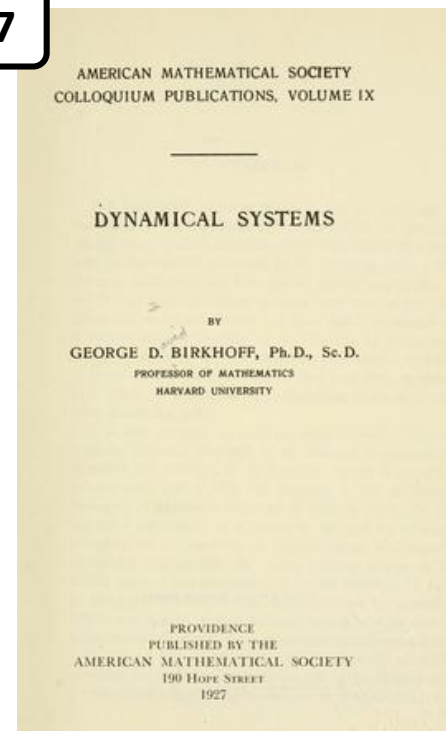
- Solutions investigated as a **trajectory in the state space**
- Solutions structured around the **singular points** ► **Stability analysis**
- Starting with **periodic orbits**
- **Poincaré section** for investigating periodic orbits ► **First-return map**
  - **Aperiodic solution** near homoclinic orbit
  - **Homoclinic entanglement** : too complicated to be drawn!
  - **Sensitivity to initial condition**
  - **Recurrence theorem**



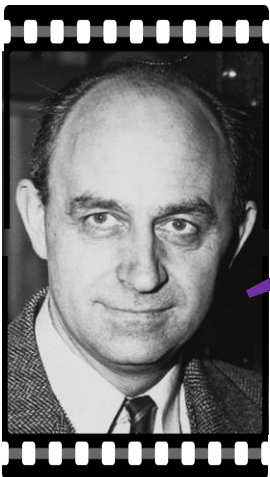
**David Birkhoff**  
(1884-1944)

- Continuator of Poincaré's works
- **Dynamical system**
- **Recurrent behaviors**
- **Ergodic** theory

1927



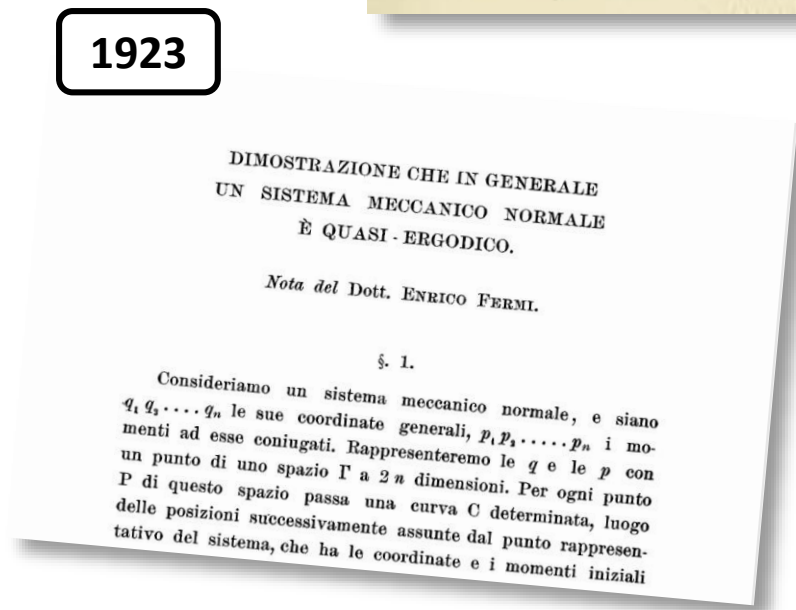
- **Many-body systems can often be solved analytically!**



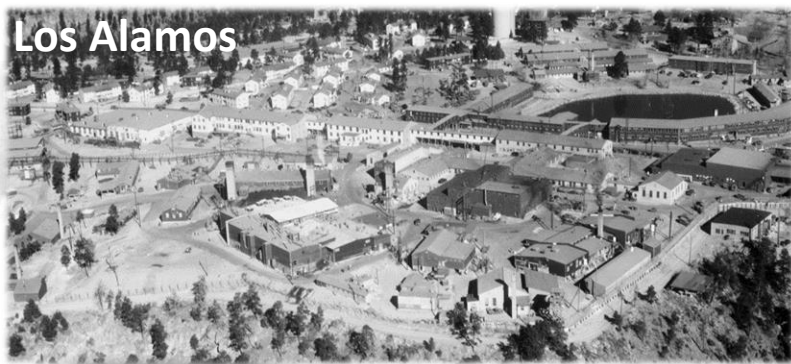
**Enrico Fermi**  
(1901-1954)

**Hamiltonian systems  
are in general ergodic!**

1923



# Mathematical Analyzer, Numerical Integrator and Computer



**Stanislaw Ulam**  
(1909-1984)



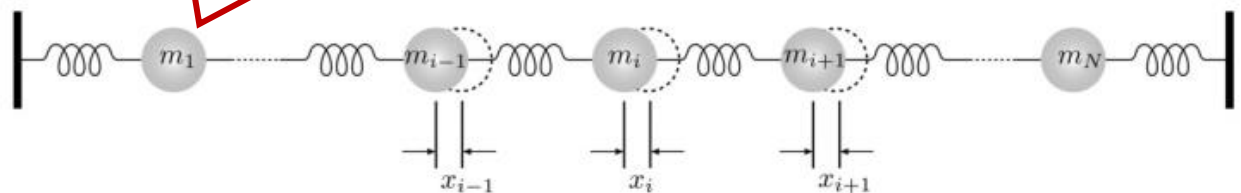
**Mary Tsingou**  
(1928-)



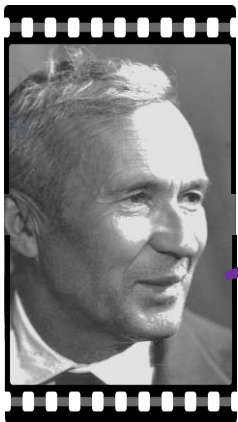
**John Pasta**  
(1918-1981)  
Computer expert

**Quasi-periodic  
solutions**

**1952-1955**







**Andrei Kolmogorov**  
(1903-1987)

Under small non-integrable perturbations  
of the Hamiltonian, nearly linear systems  
are in general quasi-periodic

1954

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \varepsilon P$$

$\mathcal{H}_0$  is integrable and produces invariant tori  
 $\mathcal{H}$  still has a large set of invariant tori



**Jürgen Moser**  
(1928-1999)

1962

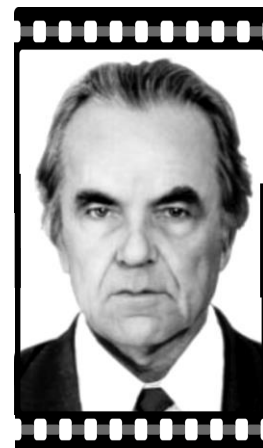
- Improve the proof proposed by Kolmogorov



**Vladimir Arnol'd**  
(1937-2010)

- He switched from a few-body problem to a **map from the circle to itself** (most likely under a suggestion from Boris Chirikov)

1963



**Boris Chirikov**  
(1928-2008)



Vladimir Arnol'd  
(1937-2010)

There are zones of instabilities where the separatrices of hyperbolic points intersecting each other creates intricate network.

1963

1962

Доклады Академии наук СССР  
1962, Том 144, № 4

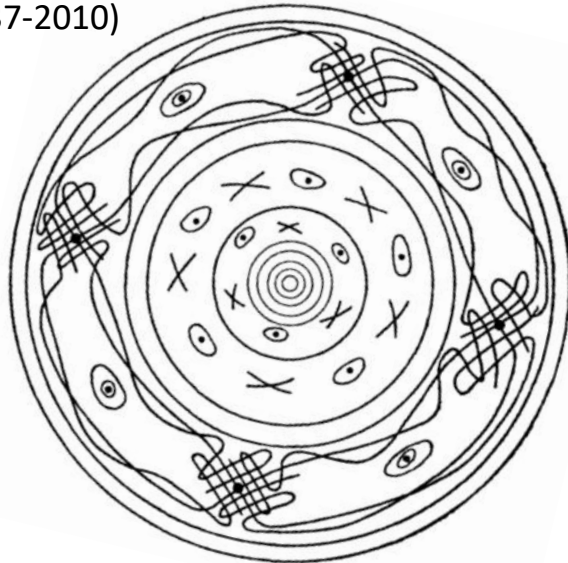
МАТЕМАТИЧЕСКАЯ ФИЗИКА

В. К. МЕЛЬНИКОВ

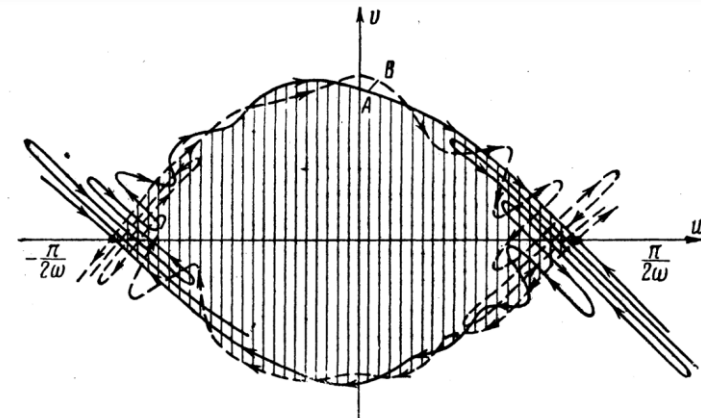
## On lines of force in a magnetic field

(Представлено академиком Н. Н. Боголюбовым 3 III 1962)

Как известно, вопрос о движении плазмы в заданном магнитном поле может быть в некотором приближении исследован с помощью нахождения силовых линий этого поля. Этим объясняется тот интерес, который вызывает в настоящее время проблема нахождения силовых линий определенного типа магнитных полей.



- **Heteroclinic tangle** in the zone of instability of a Poincaré section of a **circle map**



- **Heteroclinic tangle** as drawn by Vladimir Mel'nikov



**Joseph Ford**  
(1927-1995)

## Computer Studies of Energy Sharing and Ergodicity for Nonlinear Oscillator Systems\*

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(Received 7 January 1963)

Weakly coupled systems of  $N$  oscillators are investigated using Hamiltonians of the form

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (p_k^2 + \omega_k^2 q_k^2) + \alpha \sum_{i,k,l=1}^N A_{ikl} q_i q_k q_l,$$

where the  $A_{ikl}$  are constants and where  $\alpha$  is chosen to be sufficiently small that the coupling energy never exceeds some small fraction of the total energy. Starting from selected initial conditions, a computer is used to provide exact solutions to the equations of motion for systems of 2, 3, 5, and 15 oscillators. Various perturbation schemes are used to predict, interpret, and extend these computer results. In particular, it is demonstrated that these systems can share energy only if the uncoupled frequencies  $\omega_k$  satisfy resonance conditions of the form

$$\sum n_k \omega_k \lesssim \alpha$$

for certain integers  $n_k$  determined by the particular coupling. It is shown that these systems have  $N$  normal modes, where a normal mode is defined as motion for which each oscillator moves with essentially constant amplitude and at a given frequency or some harmonic of this frequency. These systems are shown to have, at least, one constant of the motion, analytic in  $q$ ,  $p$ , and  $\alpha$ , other than the total energy. Finally, it is demonstrated that the single-oscillator energy distribution density for a 5-oscillator linear and nonlinear system has the Boltzmann form predicted by statistical mechanics.

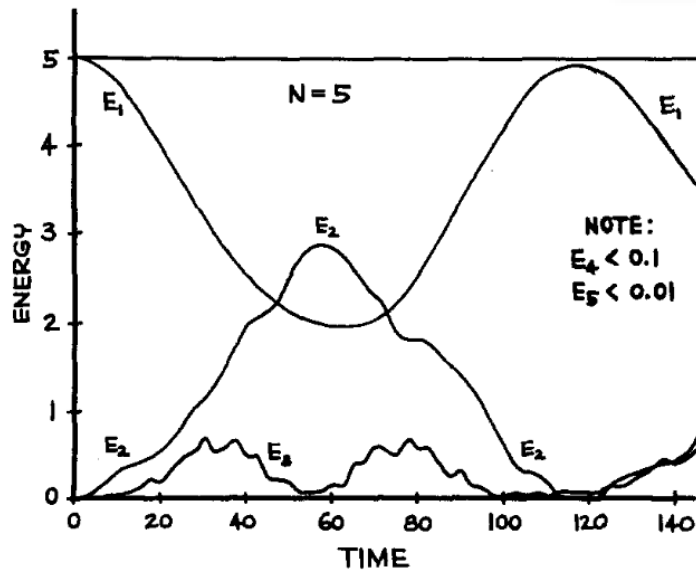


FIG. 7. The  $E_k$  for the 5-oscillator system using the FPU frequencies  $\omega_k = 2\sin(k\pi/12)$ . Initially, five units of kinetic energy were given to oscillator 1. The system has a recurrence time of about  $35T_0$ , and oscillators 4 and 5 receive little energy.

- Puzzled by the antagonism between Fermi's 1927 result and the 1955 simulations by Fermi, Pasta, Ulam and Tsingou...
- Check that only **periodic** or **quasi-periodic** motions are found



**Atlanta, 1973:**  
**Morizaku Toda** and his wife,  
**Joseph Ford**, X, & **Giulio Casati**

**Morizaku Toda**  
 (1917-2010)

JOURNAL OF THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY OF JAPAN, Vol. 22, No. 2, FEBRUARY,

**1967**

## Vibration of a Chain with Nonlinear Interaction

Morikazu TODA

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(Received September 27, 1966)

### ➤ Chain of particles

$$m\ddot{u} = -\phi'(\underbrace{u_n - u_{n-1}}_{=r}) + \phi'(u_n - u_{n-1})$$

$$\text{with } \phi(r) = \frac{a}{b}e^{-br} + ar + \text{const.}$$

**1973**

Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 50, No. 5, November 1973

## On the Integrability of the Toda Lattice

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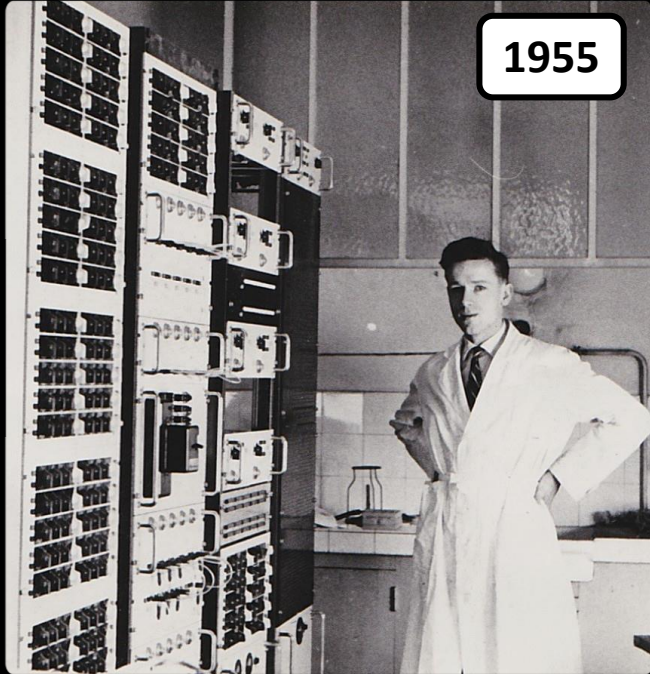
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(Received May 7, 1973)

### ➤ Fully integrable



1955



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at the Institut of Astrophysics in Paris

THE ASTRONOMICAL JOURNAL

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# The Applicability of the Third Integral Of Motion: Some Numerical Experiments

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Princeton University Observatory, Princeton, New Jersey

(Received 7 August 1963)

The problem of the existence of a third isolating integral of motion in an axisymmetric potential is investigated by numerical experiments. It is found that the third integral exists for only a limited range of initial conditions.

## The Hénon-Heiles system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = V_x \\ \dot{V}_x = -x - 2xy \\ \dot{y} = V_y \\ \dot{V}_y = -y - x^2 + y^2 \end{cases}$$

derived from the Hamiltonian

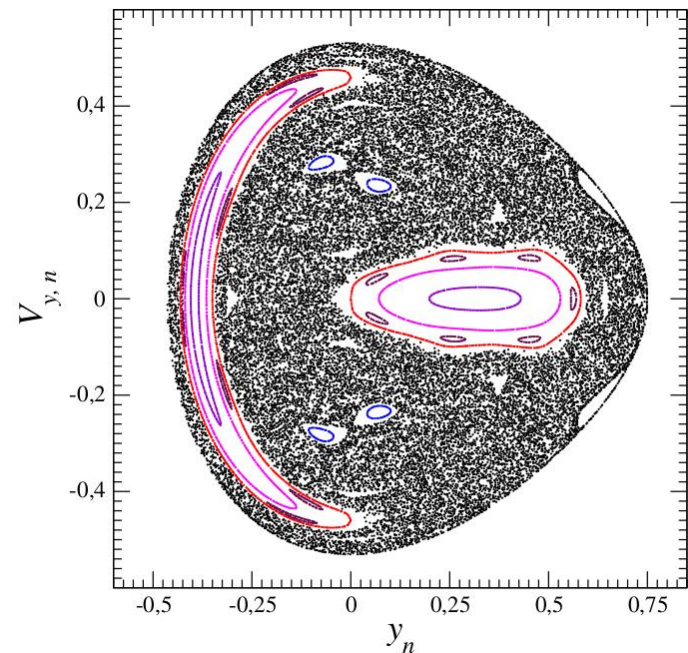
$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{V_x^2 + V_y^2}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + x^2y - \frac{2}{3}y^3}_{=\mathcal{U}(x,y)}$$

1964



**Carl Heiles**

(1939-)





George Contopoulos

# THE “THIRD” INTEGRAL IN NON-SMOOTH POTENTIALS

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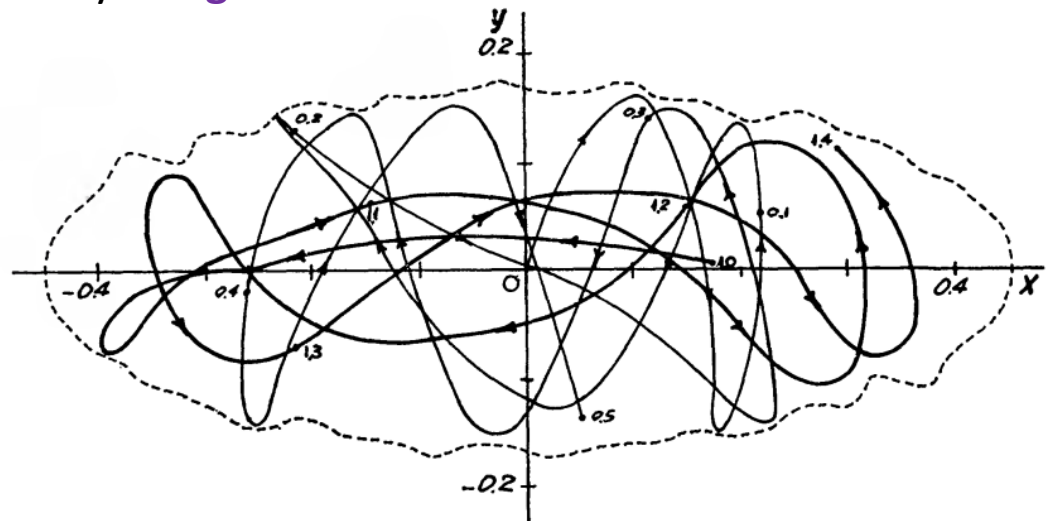
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## ABSTRACT

In this paper the theory of the “third” integral is developed for the case of potentials of the form of a wave parallel to the  $y$ -axis, or the product of two waves parallel to the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes, superimposed over a smooth potential. The “third” integral is constructed step by step as a series whose terms are multiple series in the coordinates and velocities. It is proved that these multiple series converge and no secular terms ever appear, but the question of the convergence of the “third” integral is left open.

Numerical integrations show that if the amplitudes of the waves are sufficiently small the orbits have a well-defined boundary for long time intervals. This is an indication that the third integral is isolating—or nearly isolating—in these cases. As the amplitude of the waves increases the orbits become quasi-isolating and finally ergodic.

➤ This trajectory is **ergodic**



21 Juin 1965

C. R. Acad. Sc. Paris, t. 261 (5 juillet 1965). Groupe 1.

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TOPOLOGIE. — Sur la topologie des écoulements stationnaires des fluides parfaits. Note (\*) de M. VLADIMIR ARNOLD, présentée par M. Jean Leray.

You will find below a method for designing canonical maps  $T$  suitable for numerical experiments.

considère les écoulements stationnaires d'un fluide parfait, incompressible irrotationnel, dans un domaine borné  $D$ . On suppose que le vecteur vitesse n'est nulle part colinéaire au vecteur rotation. On démontre alors que le domaine  $D$  est partitionné par certaines surfaces et courbes, en un nombre fini de « cellules » ouvertes, des disques ou en cylindres engendrés par des lignes de courant. Les lignes de courant sont fermées sur les cylindres, fermées ou denses sur les tores.

THÉORÈME 2. — Soit  $v$  le champ de vitesse d'un écoulement stationnaire d'un fluide parfait dans  $D$  ( $v$ ,  $D$ ,  $\partial D$  sont analytiques réels). Si  $v$  n'est pas partout colinéaire au vecteur rotation, alors presque toutes les lignes de courant sont fermées ou partout denses sur des tores analytiques réels plongés dans  $D$ ; les autres lignes de courant forment un vrai sous-ensemble analytique compact de  $D$ .

A stationary flow for a perfect fluid

$$\vec{V} \wedge (\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{V}) = \vec{\nabla} \alpha$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

$$\alpha = P + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

Suggested example

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A \sin z + C \sin y \\ \dot{y} = B \sin x + A \cos z \\ \dot{z} = C \sin y + B \cos x \end{cases}$$





**Michel Hénon**  
(1913-2013)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A \sin z + C \sin y \\ \dot{y} = B \sin x + A \cos z \\ \dot{z} = C \sin y + B \cos x \end{cases}$$

$$A = \sqrt{3}$$

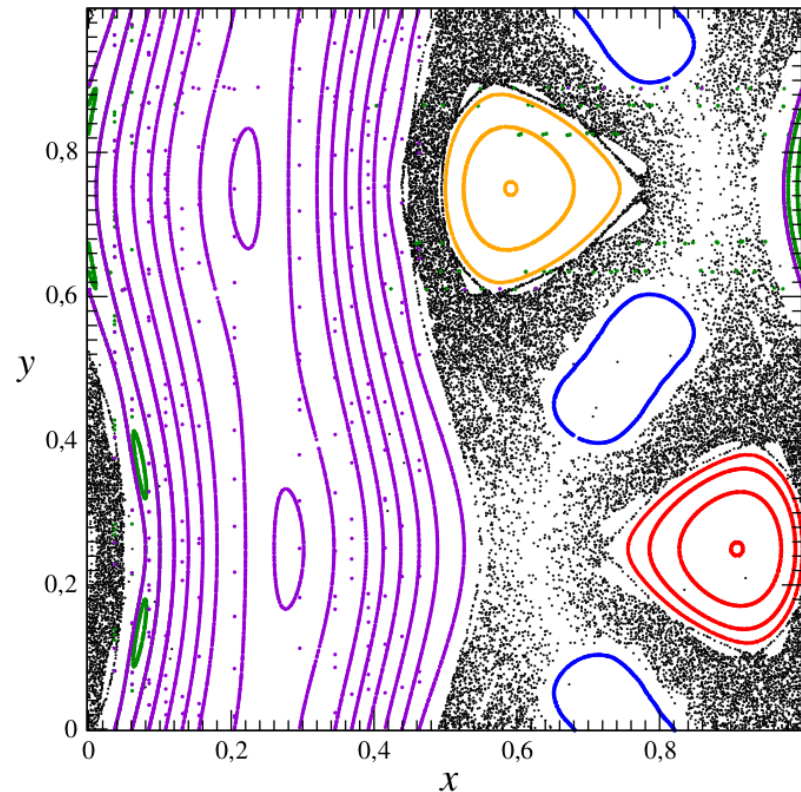
$$B = \sqrt{2}$$

$$C = 1$$

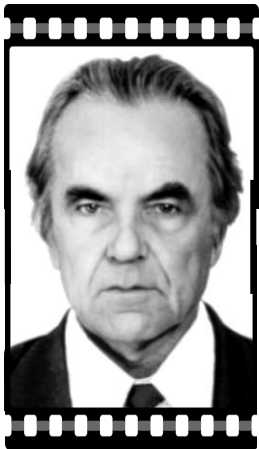
31 Janvier 1966

MÉCANIQUE CÉLESTE. — *Sur la topologie des lignes de courant dans un cas particulier.* Note (\*) de M. **MICHEL HÉNON**, présentée par M. André Lallemand.

On étudie sur un exemple numérique la forme des lignes de courant dans un fluide parfait en écoulement stationnaire, obéissant à l'équation :  $\text{rot } \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$ ,  $\lambda = \text{Cte}$ . Un problème analogue est présenté par les champs magnétiques à force de Lorentz nulle. On trouve que certaines lignes de courant sont inscrites sur une surface, tandis que d'autres remplissent une région à trois dimensions.







**Boris Chirikov**  
(1928-2008)

## RESONANCE PROCESSES IN MAGNETIC TRAPS\*

B. V. CHIRIKOV

**Abstract**—Consideration is given to resonances between the Larmor rotation of charged particles and their slow oscillations along the lines of force. Under certain conditions these resonances can result in a complete exchange of energy among the degrees of freedom of the particle, so that the particle escapes from the trap. The influence of resonances on adiabatic processes associated with a time variation of the magnetic field is also examined.

- Larmor rotation of charged particles
- A criterion for **stochasticity**

$$\left(\frac{\Delta\omega_r}{\Delta d}\right)^2 > 1$$

$\Delta\omega_r$  frequency width of the unperturbed resonance

$\Delta d$  difference between the frequencies of two unperturbed resonances



**Felix Izrailev**  
(1928-2008)

- Application to the **Fermi-Pasta-Ulam-Tsingou** problem

MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS

## STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF A NONLINEAR STRING

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Novosibirsk State University

(Presented by Academician M. A. Leontovich, May 3, 1965)

Translated from Doklady Akademii Nauk SSSR, Vol. 166, No. 1,

pp. 57-59, January, 1966

Original article submitted April 28, 1965



**Joseph Ford**  
(1927-1995)

## Amplitude Instability and Ergodic Behavior for Conservative Nonlinear Oscillator Systems\*

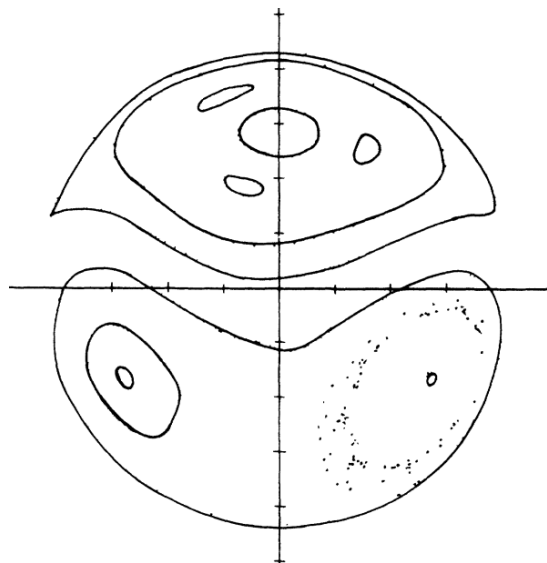
Grayson H. Walker and Joseph Ford

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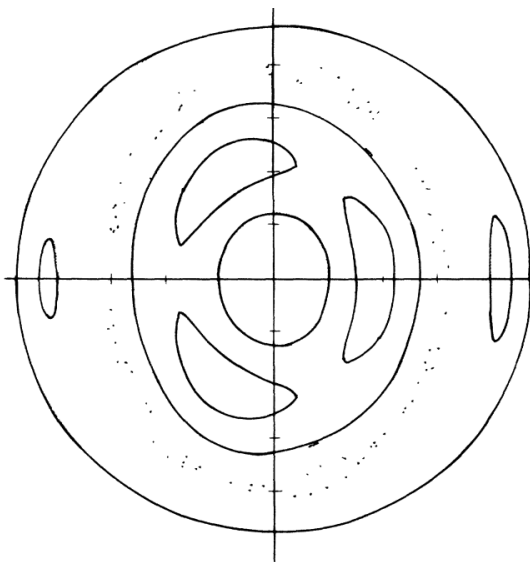
(Received 27 March 1969)

Several earlier computer studies of nonlinear oscillator systems have revealed an amplitude instability marking a sharp transition from conditionally periodic to ergodic-type motion, and several authors have explained the observed instabilities in terms of a mathematical theorem due to Kolmogorov, Arnol'd, and Moser. In view of the significance of these results to several diverse fields, especially to statistical mechanics, this paper attempts to provide an elementary introduction to Kolmogorov-Arnol'd-Moser amplitude instability and to provide a verifiable scheme for predicting the onset of this instability. This goal is achieved by demonstrating that amplitude instability can occur even in simple oscillator systems which admit to a clear and detailed analysis. The analysis presented here is related to several earlier studies. Special attention is given to the relevance of amplitude instability for statistical mechanics.

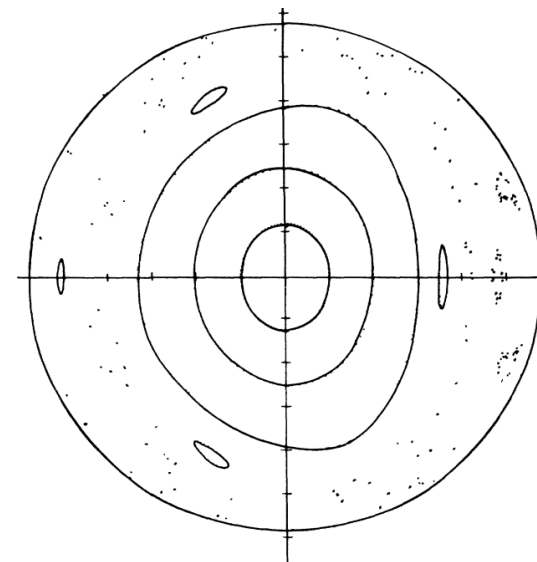
### ➤ Chaotic sea in the Fermi-Pasta-Ulam-Tsingou problem



$E = 0.09$



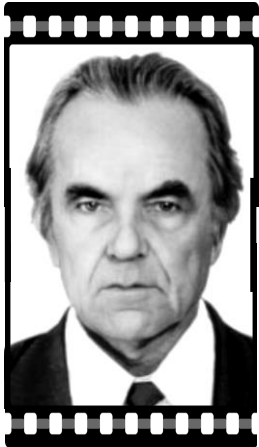
$E = 0.10$



$E = 0.14$

# Theory of **Nonlinear resonance and stochasticity**

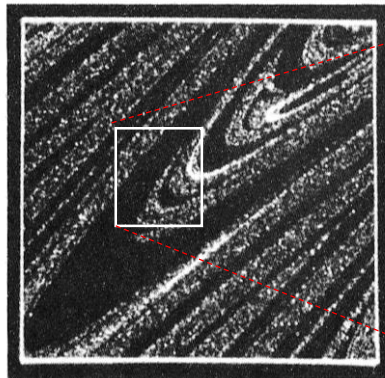
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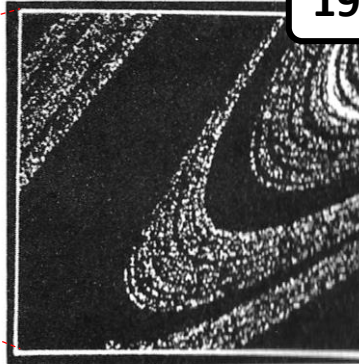
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The **standard map**

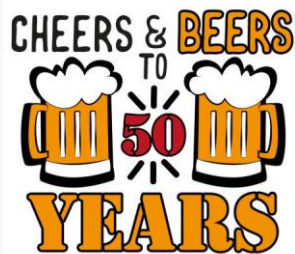
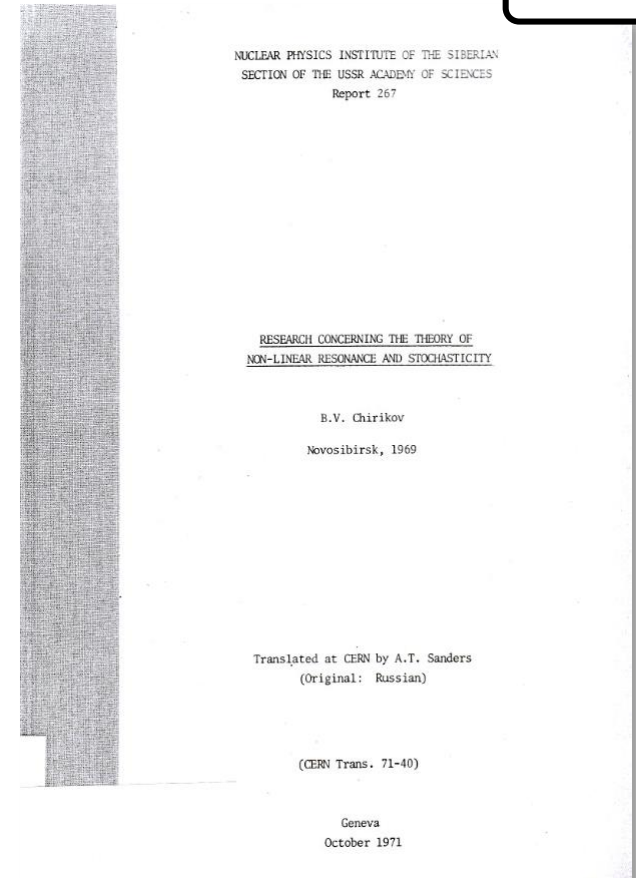
$$\begin{cases} \omega_{n+1} = \omega_n + \epsilon \cos 2\pi \Psi_n \\ \Psi_{n+1} = \Psi_n + \frac{T}{2\pi} \omega_{n+1} \pmod{1} \end{cases}$$



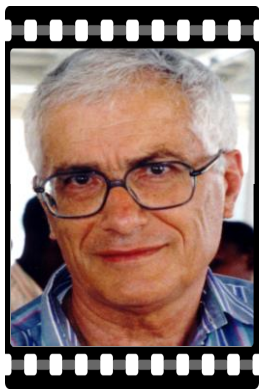
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1973



➤ **Toulouse**, 1973, September 10-14



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➤ A 2D map

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = y_n + F(x_n) \\ y_{n+1} = -x_n + F(x_{n+1}) \end{cases}$$

with

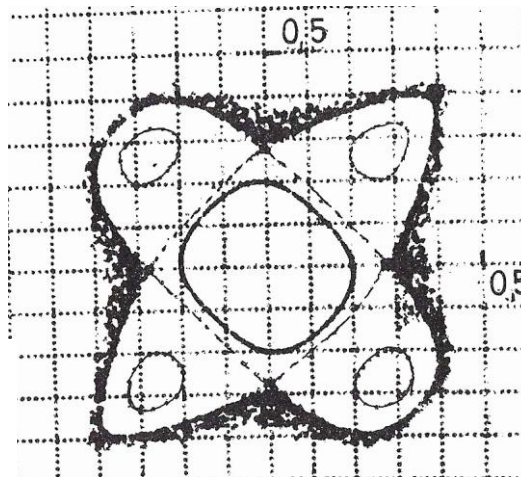
$$F(x_n) = \mu x_n + (1 - \mu)x_n^3$$

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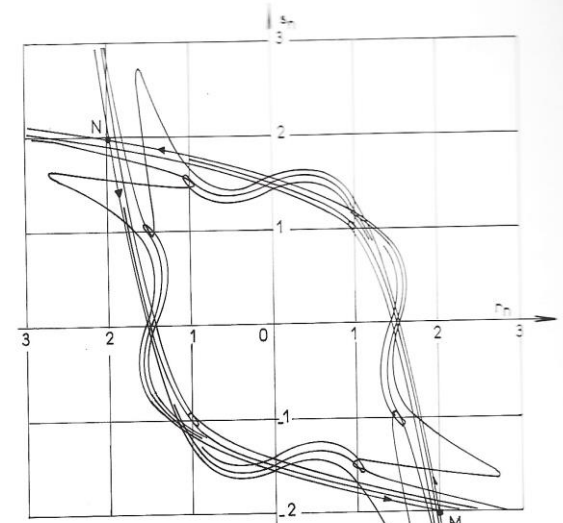
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CONSERVATIVE DU 2° ORDRE

C. MIRA

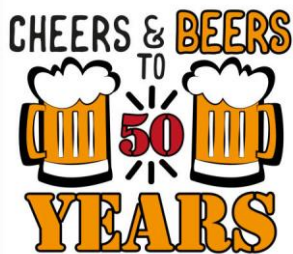
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$$\mu = 0.0198$$



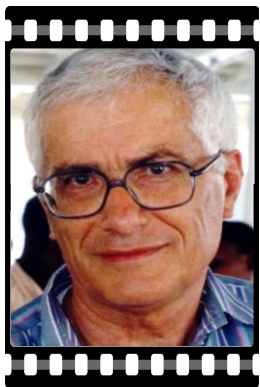
➤ Heteroclinic tangle



➤ Toulouse, 1973, September 10-14







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➤ Another 2D map

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = y_n + F(x_n) + \alpha(1 + ay_n^2) \\ y_{n+1} = -x_n + F(x_{n+1}) \end{cases}$$

with

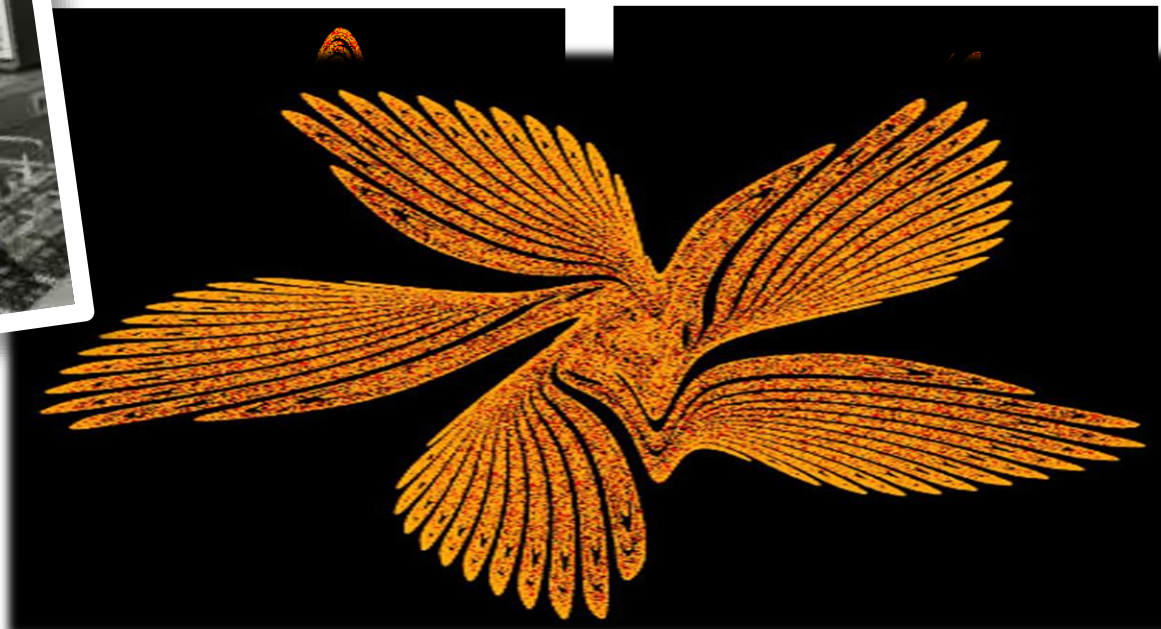
$$\frac{\mu(1 - \mu)x_n^2}{1 + x^2}$$



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QUELQUES EXEMPLES  
DE SOLUTIONS STOCHASTIQUES BORNÉES  
DANS LES RÉCURRENCES AUTONOMES  
DU 2° ORDRE

J. BERNUSSOU \*, LIU HSU \* et C. MIRA \*



$$\alpha = 10^{-4}$$

$$a = -32.00$$

$$\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

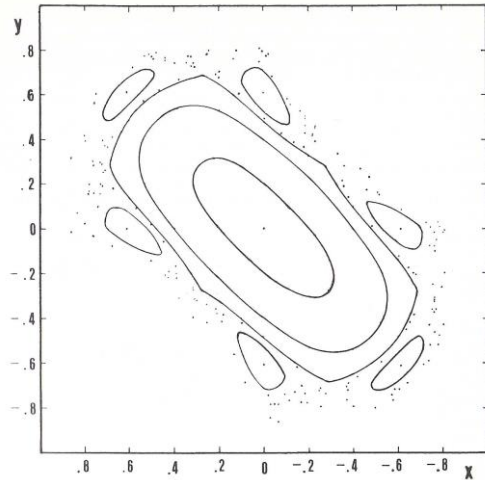
$$a = -29.40$$



➤ Toulouse, 1973, September 10-14

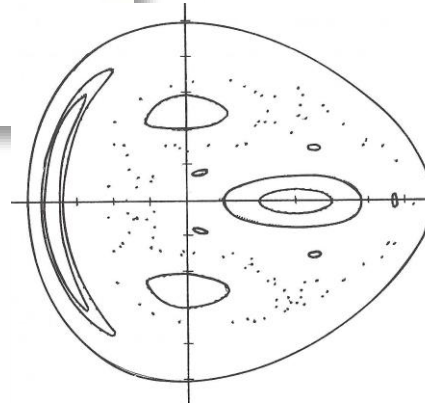


## STABILITY OF AREA-PRESERVING MAPPINGS



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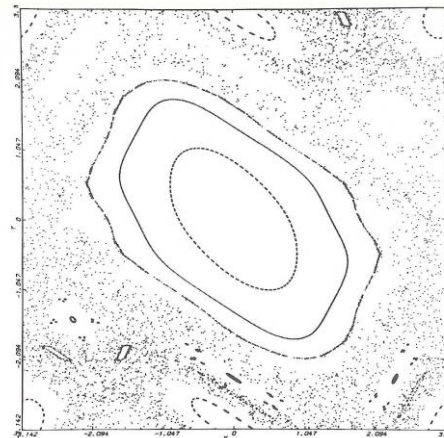
## EMPIRICAL DETERMINATION OF INTEGRABILITY FOR NONLINEAR OSCILLATOR SYSTEMS USING AREA-PRESERVING MAPPINGS \*



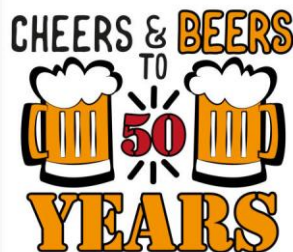
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## ÉTUDE NUMÉRIQUE DE TRANSFORMATIONS PLANES DISCRÈTES CONSERVANT LES AIRES



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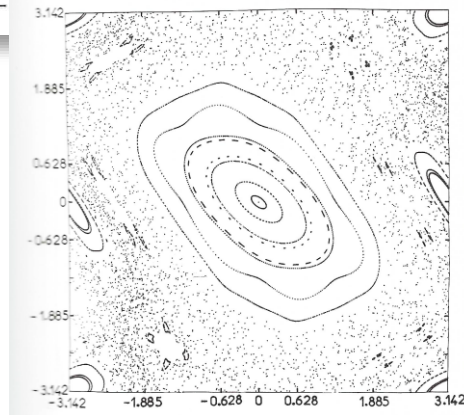
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QUELQUES RÉSULTATS NUMÉRIQUES  
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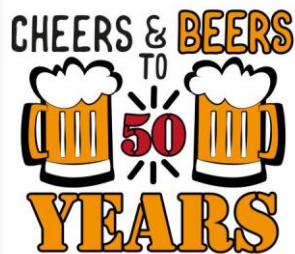
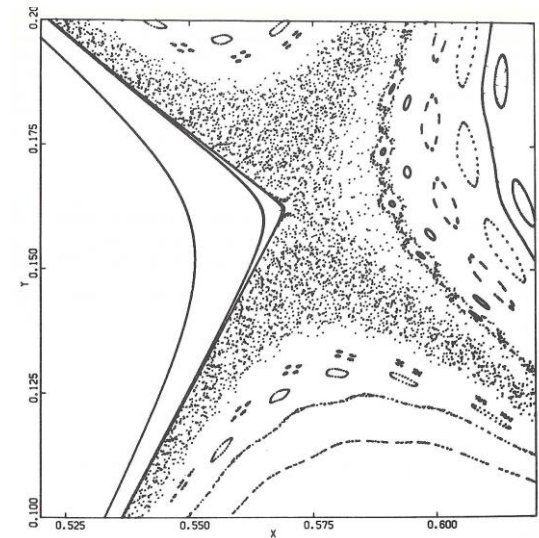
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