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# On small spacecraft to other planets of the Solar system

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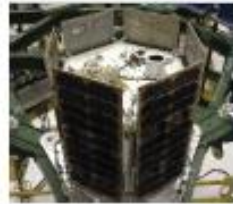
# History and milestones of activity



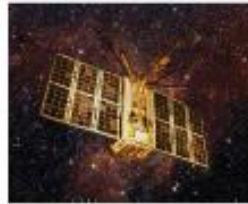
Institute of Applied Mathematics was established in 1953 to lead in the National Programs:

- nuclear energy utilization (for defense goal, nuclear bomb simulation)
- exploration in space (for defense goal, dynamics of missiles)
- development and application of computer science technology (to achieve two goals above)

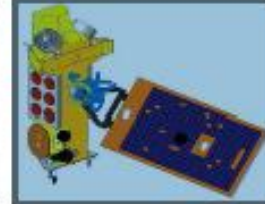
# Partners's missions



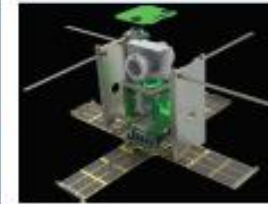
The first Russian private microsatellite **TabletSat-Aurora** (launched in 2014), active attitude control system, 26 kg (credit [Sputnix Ltd](#))



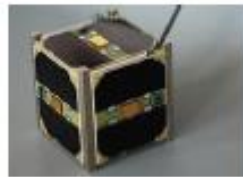
The Russian microsatellite **Chibis-M** (launched in 2012), active attitude control system, 43 kg (credit [SRI of RAS](#))



The Taiwanese satellite **Formosat-7** (13), active attitude control system, 250 kg (credit [NSPO](#))



The American nanosatellite **CXBN-2**, active attitude control system, 2.5 kg (credit [Morehead State University](#))



The German picosatellite (cubesat) **BeeSat-3** (launched in 2013), passive attitude control system with hysteresis plate, 1 kg (credit [TUB](#))



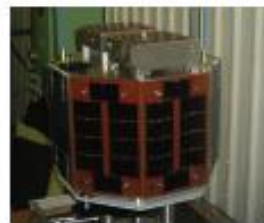
The Russian nanosatellite **SamSat-QB50**, aerodynamical attitude control system with hysteresis rods, 2 kg (credit [Samara State Aerospace University](#))



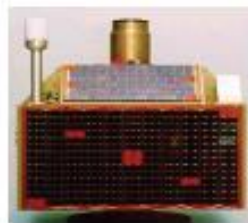
The first Russian nanosatellite **TNS-0 №1** (launched in 2005), passive magnetic attitude control system, 4.5 kg (credit [JSC "Russian Space Systems"](#))



The Russian nanosatellite **TNS-1**, active magnetic attitude control system, self-rotation stabilization, 10 kg (credit [JSC "Russian Space Systems"](#))



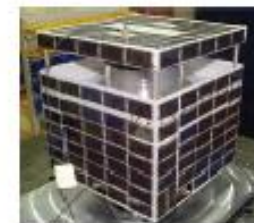
The Italian microsatellite **UniSat-4** (launched in 2004), passive magnetic attitude control system, 12 kg (credit [University of Rome "La Sapienza"](#))



The Pakistani microsatellite **BADR-B** (launched in 2001), semiactive gravitational attitude control system, 70 kg (credit [SUPARCO](#))



The Russian nanosatellite **REFLECTOR** (launched in 2001), passive gravity gradient attitude control system, 7 kg (credit [Institute of Precision Instrument Engineering](#))

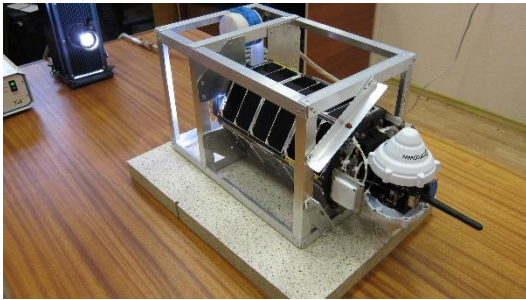


The Swedish nanosatellite **Munin**, (launched in 2000), passive magnetic attitude control system, 6 kg (credit [IRF](#))

# 2017<sup>th</sup> year missions



- 3U CXBN-2 (PI Morehead State University, KY ) deployed on 9<sup>th</sup> of May from ISS



- Nanosat TNS-0 #2 (PI JSC “Russian Space Systems”) delivered to ISS on 16<sup>th</sup> of June



- 2U SamSat-QB50 (PI SSAU) expected to launch late 2017

# Nowadays tendencies in smallsat utilisation

- Wide implementation in near-Earth missions (remote sensing, communication, space research, technology demonstration and education). This is a main stream for the nearest years...
- Two rills extract from main stream:
  - Formation Flying in variations (trailing, cluster, swarm)
  - Interplanetary missions

# Formation Flying Dynamics in KIAM

- M. Koptev, Y. Mashtakov, M. Ovchinnikov, S. Shestakov, Novel approach to construction and maintenance of **tetrahedral formation**, Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Satellite Constellations and Formation Flying, 19-21 June, 2017, Boulder, Colorado.
- R. Dosaev, S. Tkachev ,Two spherical satellite relative motion control in formation flying via **variable surface reflectivity**, Keldysh Institute Preprints, 2016, № 107, 28 p.
- M.Ovchinnikov, S. Trofimov, Optimal **Multiple-Impulse** Solution to Circular Orbit Phasing Problem // Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics, July 2016, Vol. 39, No. 7, Pages 1675-1678
- M.Kushniruk, D.Ivanov, Collision Avoidance Algorithms for Satellite Formation Flying by Using **Aerodynamic Drag**, Keldysh Institute Preprints, 2015, № 99, 30 p.
- S. Shestakov, D. Ivanov, M. Ovchinnikov. Formation Flying **Momentum Exchange** Control by Separate Mass// Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics, May 2015, Vol.38. No 8, Pages 1534-1543

# Lab facility for FF dynamics and movement control simulation



# Motion Model Of Mock-up With Flexible Booms

- Consider the linearized motion model of the mock-up with two equal flexible booms
- Take into account only one mode for each boom -  $q_a$  and  $q_p$
- The angular and flexible motion equations:

$$J\dot{\omega} + S_{\omega}\ddot{q}_a + S_{\omega}\ddot{q}_p = T_s,$$

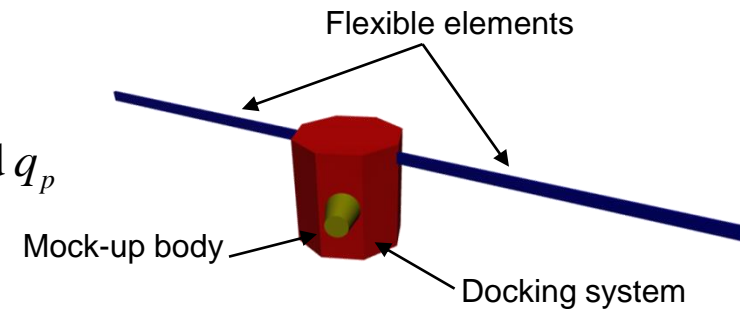
$$S_{\omega}\dot{\omega} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}A^2\right)\ddot{q}_a - \frac{1}{m}A^2\ddot{q}_p = \mathbf{A}^T \frac{\mathbf{F}_O}{m} - \Omega q_a,$$

$$S_{\omega}\dot{\omega} - \frac{1}{m}A^2\ddot{q}_a + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}A^2\right)\ddot{q}_p = -\mathbf{A}^T \frac{\mathbf{F}_O}{m} - \Omega q_p.$$

- Mock-up body center of mass position

$$\mathbf{r}_s = \mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{m}\mathbf{A}(q_p - q_a)$$

- The parameters of the model are identified by using Least Square Method

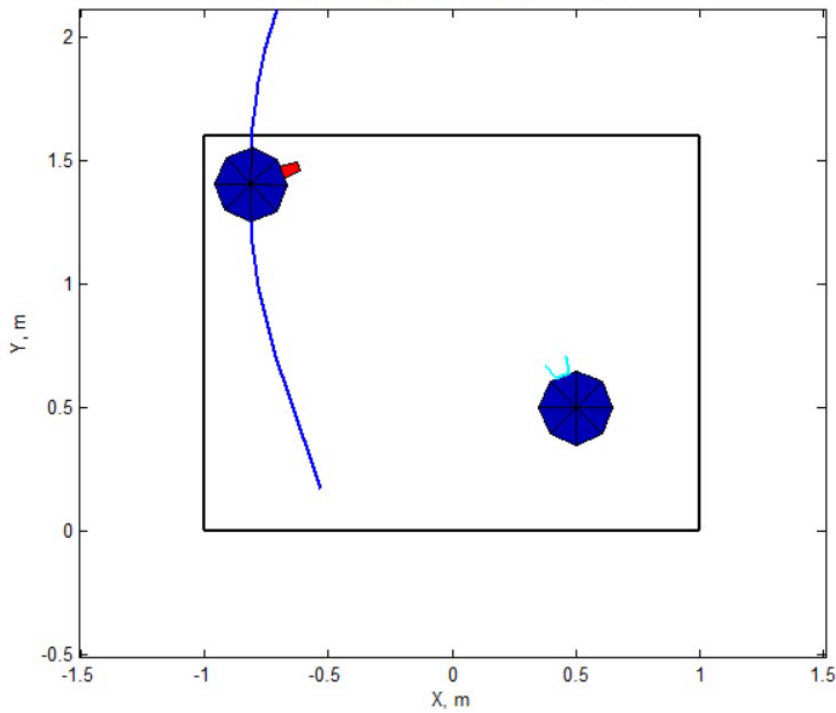


Vibrational modes

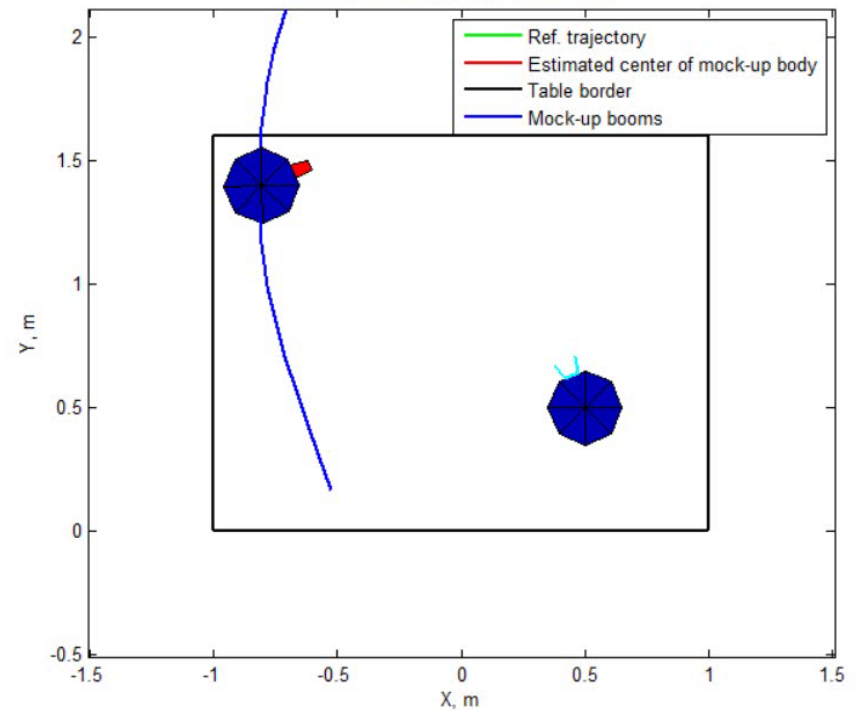


# Control Algorithms Comparison

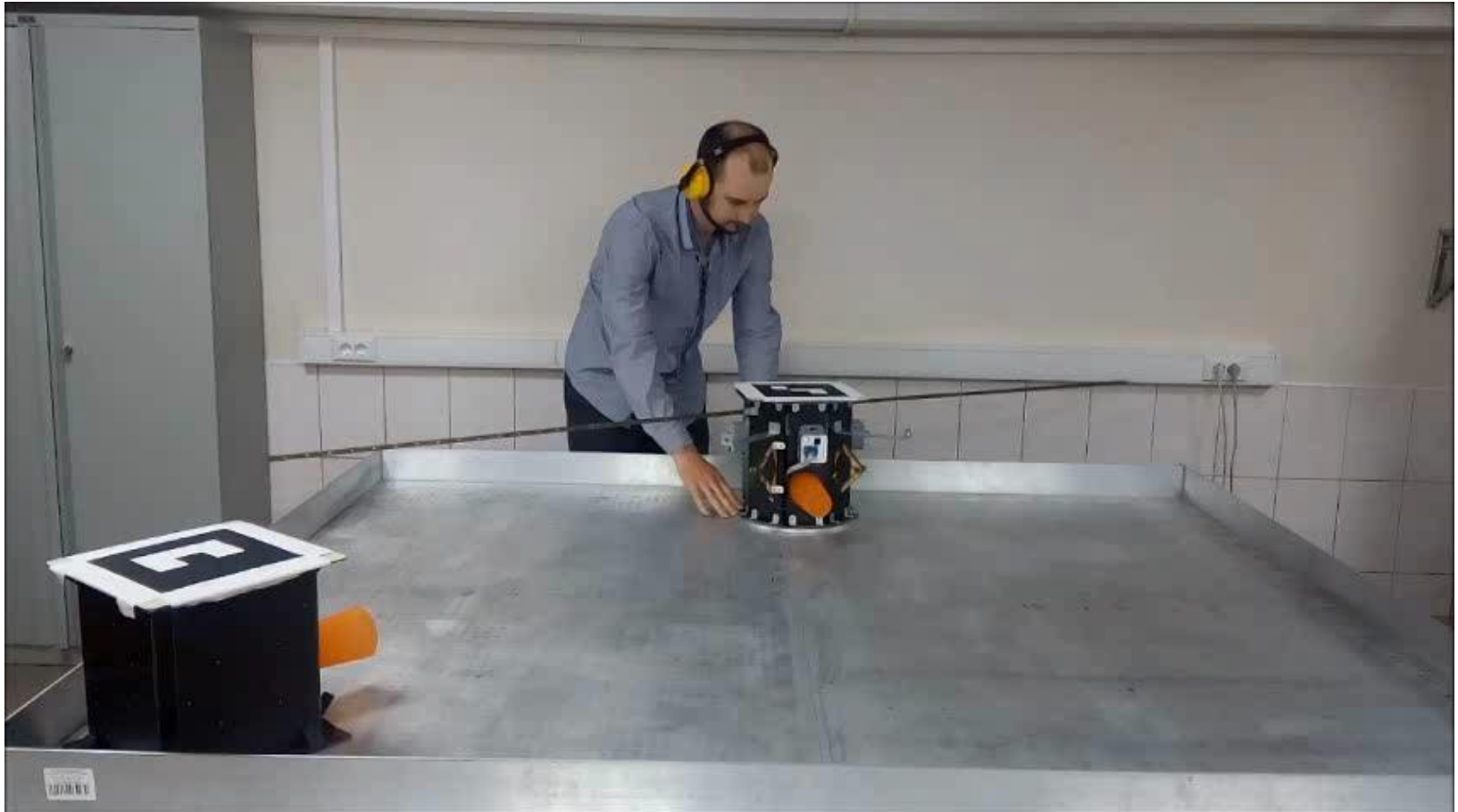
Control taking into account flexible motion



PD-control disregarding flexible motion



# Experiments



# Interplanetary missions

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# State-of-the-art methods of astrodynamics

- Increase capabilities of scientific missions
- Make missions feasible
- Facilitate the trajectory design
- Help to perform a preliminary mission analysis more efficiently
- Provide mathematical insight into the problem of trajectory design optimization

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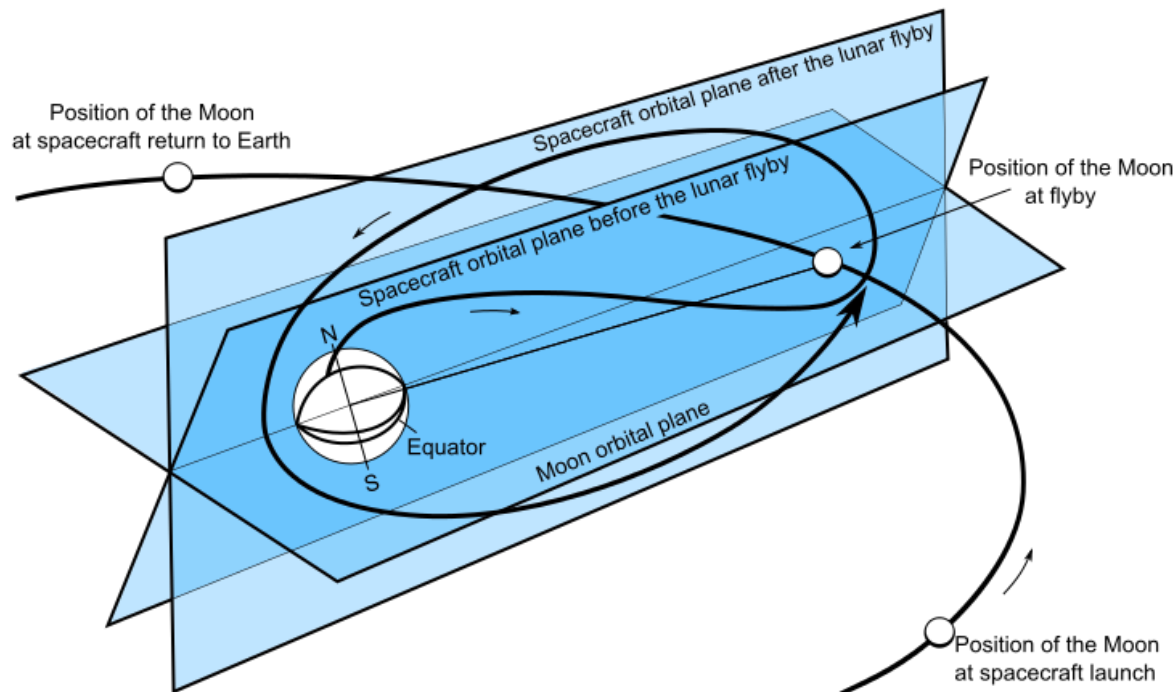
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# Gravity assist (GA) maneuvers

- The planetary gravitational fields can efficiently accelerate or decelerate the fly-by bodies
- The essence of GA maneuvers: a spacecraft **steals the kinetic energy** from the planet to change its own trajectory in a required way

# The Luna-3 mission

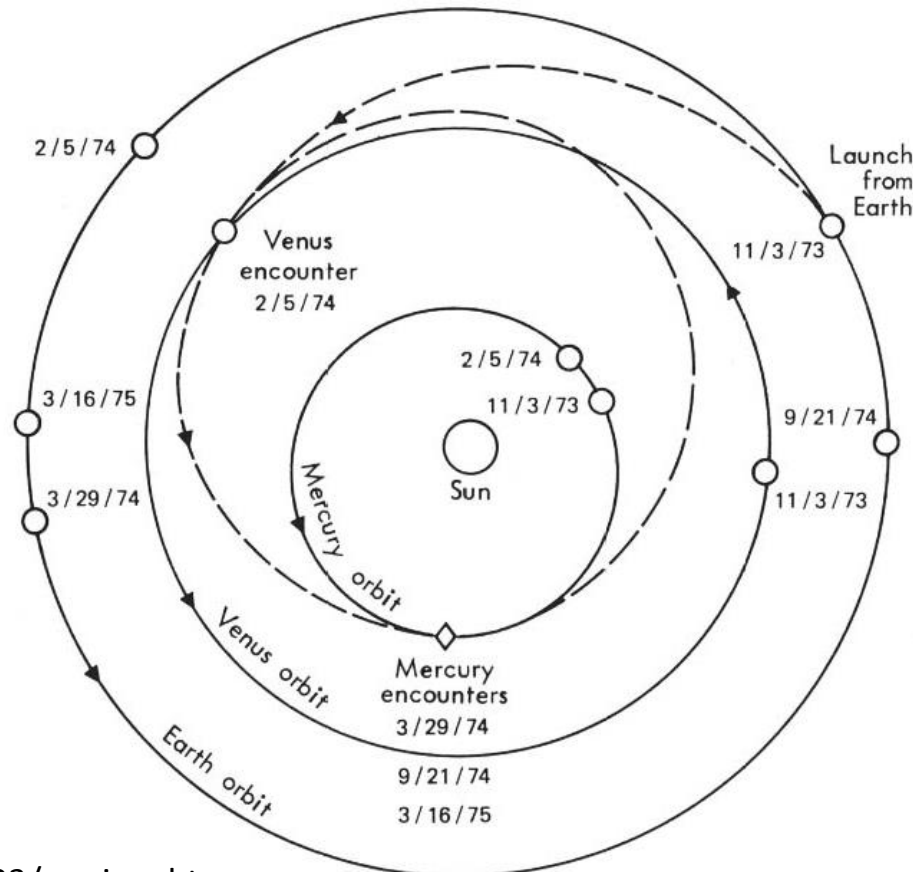
- In 1959, a GA maneuver was first used by the Luna-3 spacecraft in its way to deliver the first photographs of the far side of the Moon



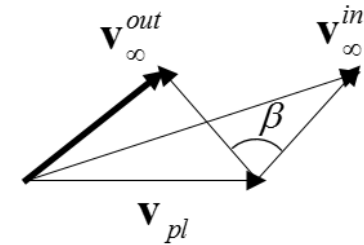
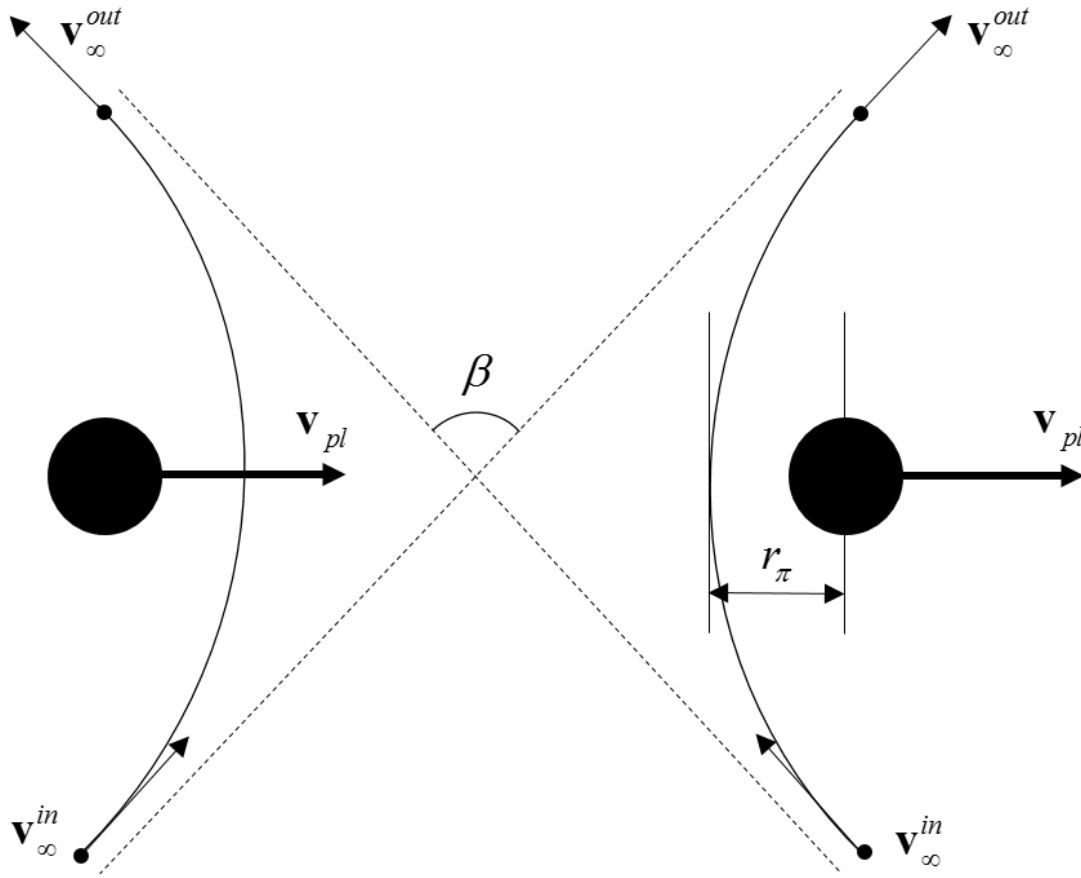


# The Mariner 10 mission

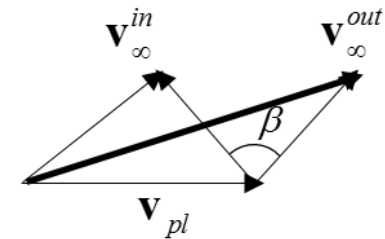
- In 1974, NASA's Mariner 10 perform a GA maneuver using Venus to achieve the Mercury



# Geometry of the GA maneuver (sling effect)



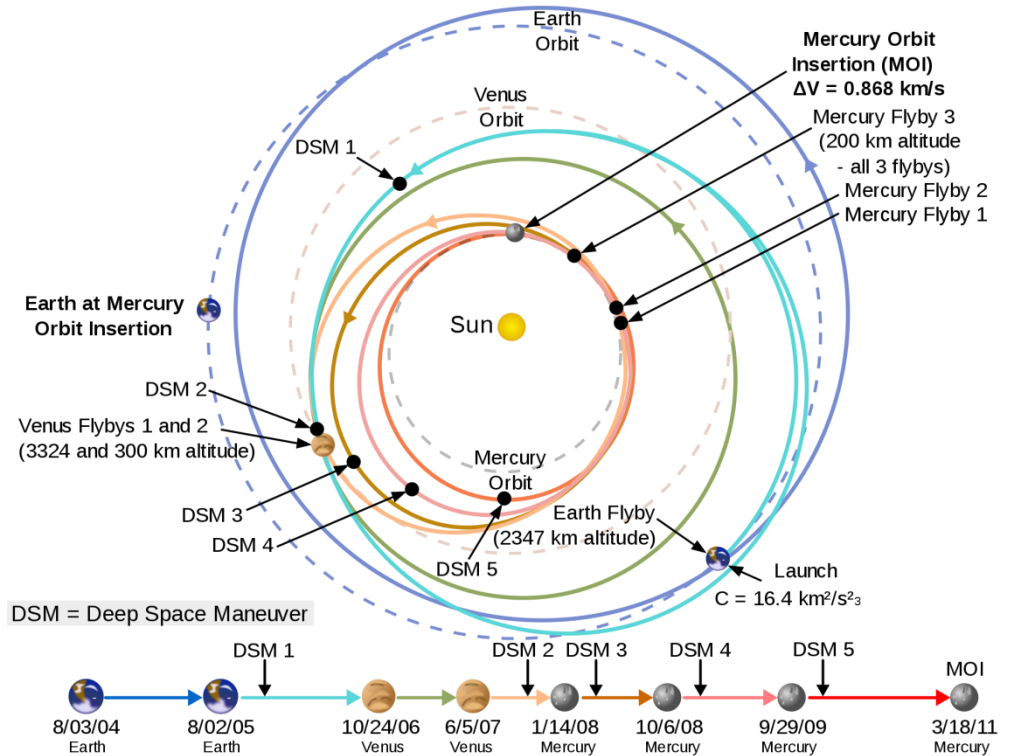
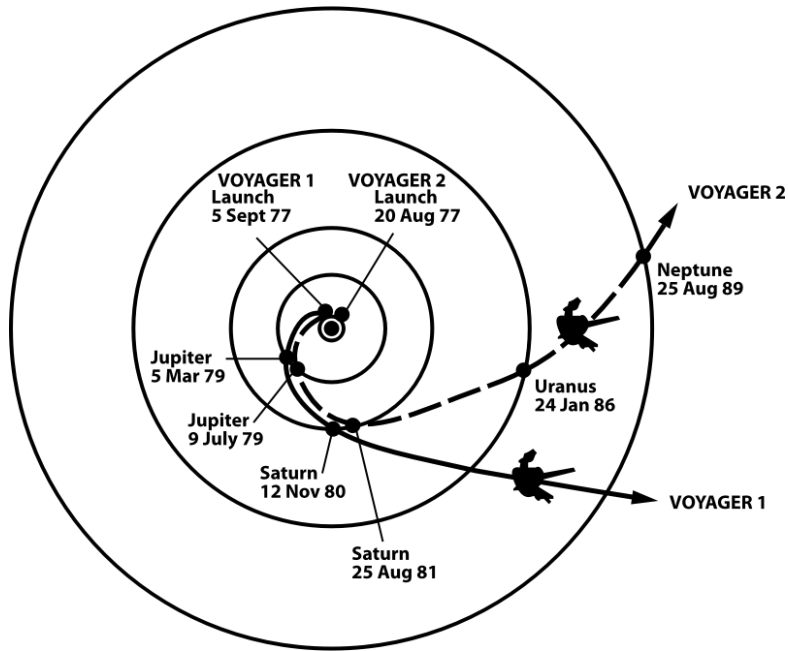
Final heliocentric velocity (bold) for energy-reducing GA maneuver



Final heliocentric velocity (bold) for energy-increasing GA maneuver

# Multiple GA trajectories

## Voyager 1,2 paths



## MESSENGER path

McAdams, J.V., et al., "Trajectory Design and Maneuver Strategy for the MESSENGER Mission to Mercury," Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets, 2006, Vol. 43, No. 5, pp. 1054-1064.

# Delta-v/TOF tradeoff

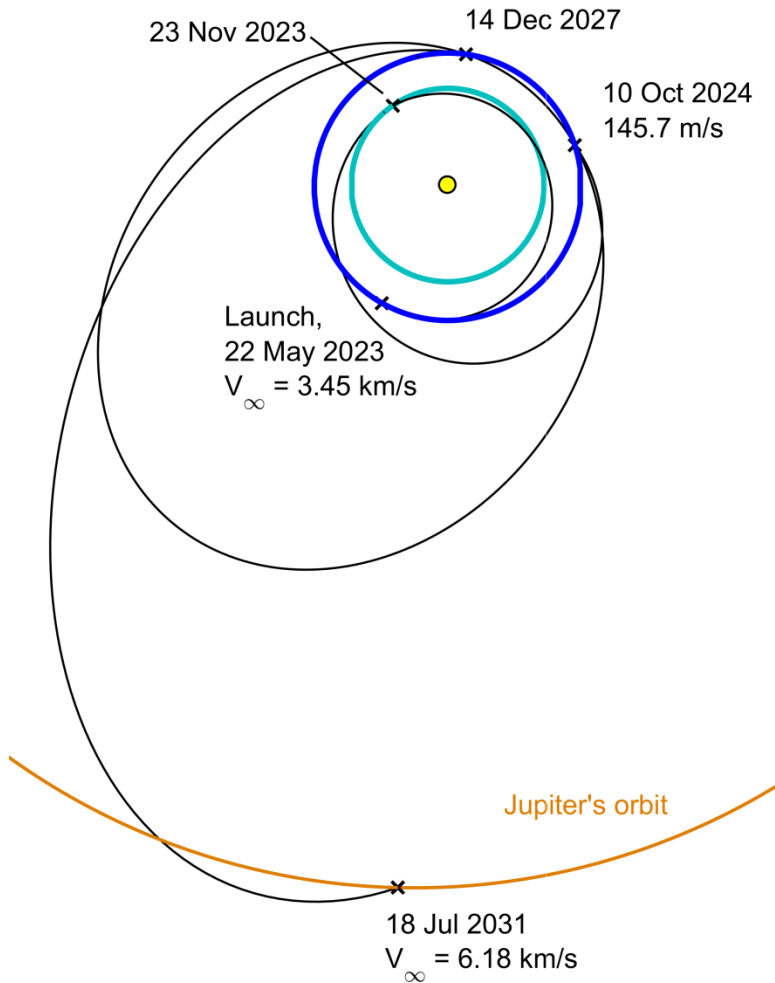
- Powered GA maneuvers (single impulse at pericenter):

<b>EJ</b>	<b>EVJ</b>	<b>EVEJ</b>	<b>EVEEJ</b>
8.70 km/s	3.8745 km/s	1.6996 km/s	0.1457 km/s
2.75 years	2.4378 years	5.9034 years	8.1571 years

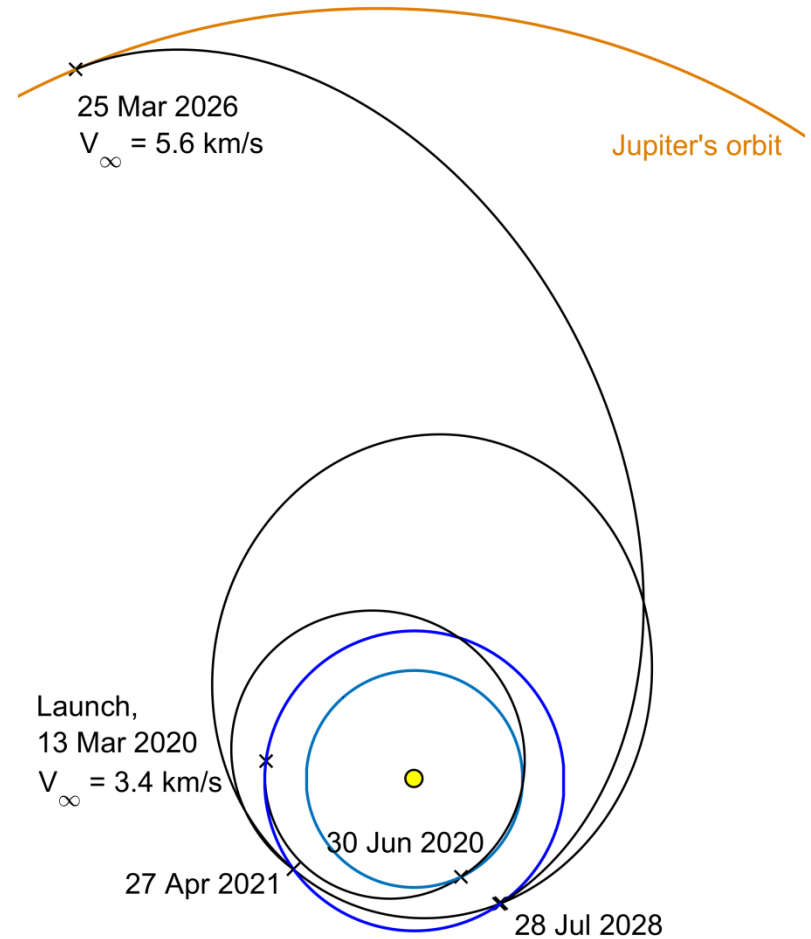
- Unpowered GA maneuvers augmented with deep space maneuvers

<b>EVJ</b>	<b>EVEJ</b>	<b>EVEEJ</b>
9.5265 km/s	2.97 km/s	0.089 km/s
2.303 years	5.0513 years	6.03 years

# Transfers to Jupiter, EVEEJ



Delta-V: 145.7 m/s  
TOF: 8.157 years



Delta-V: 89 m/s  
TOF: 6.03 years [21/52](#)

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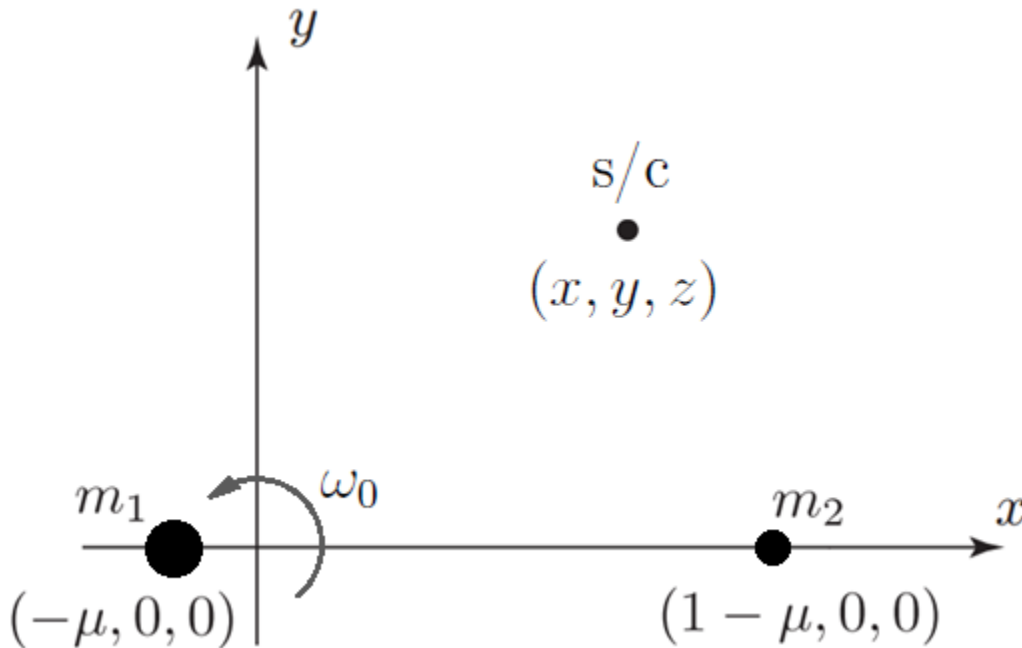
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# Circular restricted three-body problem

The circular restricted three-body problem (CR3BP) assumes that

- a spacecraft of negligible mass moves under the gravitational influence of two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$
- the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  move around their barycenter in circular orbits

# Reference frame



Mass parameter

$$\mu = m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$$

Non-dimensional units:

$$m_1 = 1 - \mu \quad x_{m_1} = -\mu$$

$$m_2 = \mu \quad x_{m_2} = 1 - \mu$$

$$\omega_0 = 1$$

The Sun-(Earth+Moon) system

$$\mu = 3.03939 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

The Earth-Moon system

$$\mu = 1.21506 \cdot 10^{-2}$$



# Equations of motion of the CR3BP

In the rotating frame

$$\ddot{x} - 2\dot{y} = U_x, \quad \ddot{y} + 2\dot{x} = U_y, \quad \ddot{z} = U_z$$

where

$$U(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + \frac{1 - \mu}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_2},$$

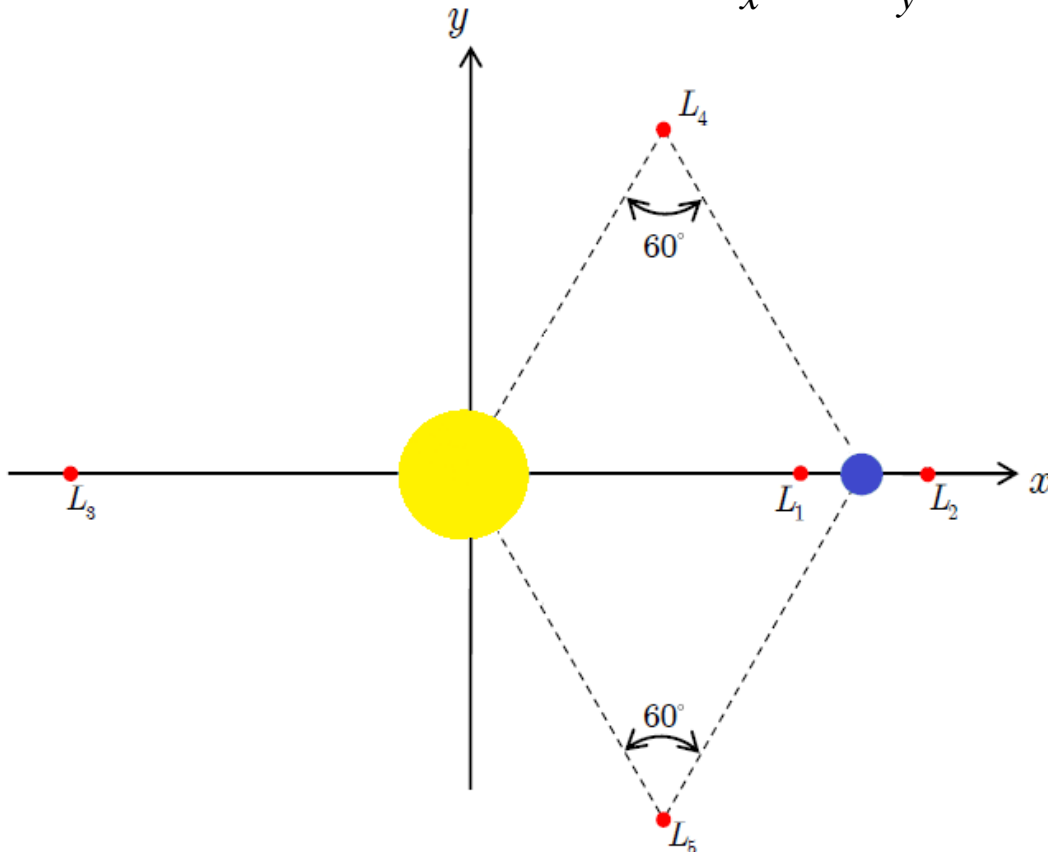
is the so called effective potential;  $U_x$ ,  $U_y$ , and  $U_z$  are the partial derivatives of  $U$  with respect to the position variables. The distances between the spacecraft and the primaries equal

$$r_1 = \sqrt{(x + \mu)^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad r_2 = \sqrt{(x - 1 + \mu)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

# Libration points

Equilibrium (libration) points can be found from the equations

$$U_x = U_y = U_z = 0$$



	Sun-Earth	Earth-Moon
$x_{L1}$	0.989987	0.836914
$x_{L2}$	1.010074	1.155682
$x_{L3}$	-1.000001	-1.005062
$x_{L4}$	1/2	$\sqrt{3}/2$
$x_{L5}$	1/2	$-\sqrt{3}/2$

# The linearized equations of motion

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = (\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, 2\dot{y} + U_x, -2\dot{x} + U_y, U_z)^T$$

$$\delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_L$$

$$\delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \\ U_{rr} & -2\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{3 \times 3} \end{pmatrix}_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_L}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{(\bar{\mu} - 2 + \sqrt{9\bar{\mu}^2 - 8\bar{\mu}})/2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = -\lambda_2 = \lambda > 0$$

$$\lambda_{3,4} = \pm i \sqrt{(2 - \bar{\mu} + \sqrt{9\bar{\mu}^2 - 8\bar{\mu}})/2}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -\lambda_4 = i\omega_p$$

$$\lambda_{5,6} = \pm i\sqrt{\bar{\mu}}$$

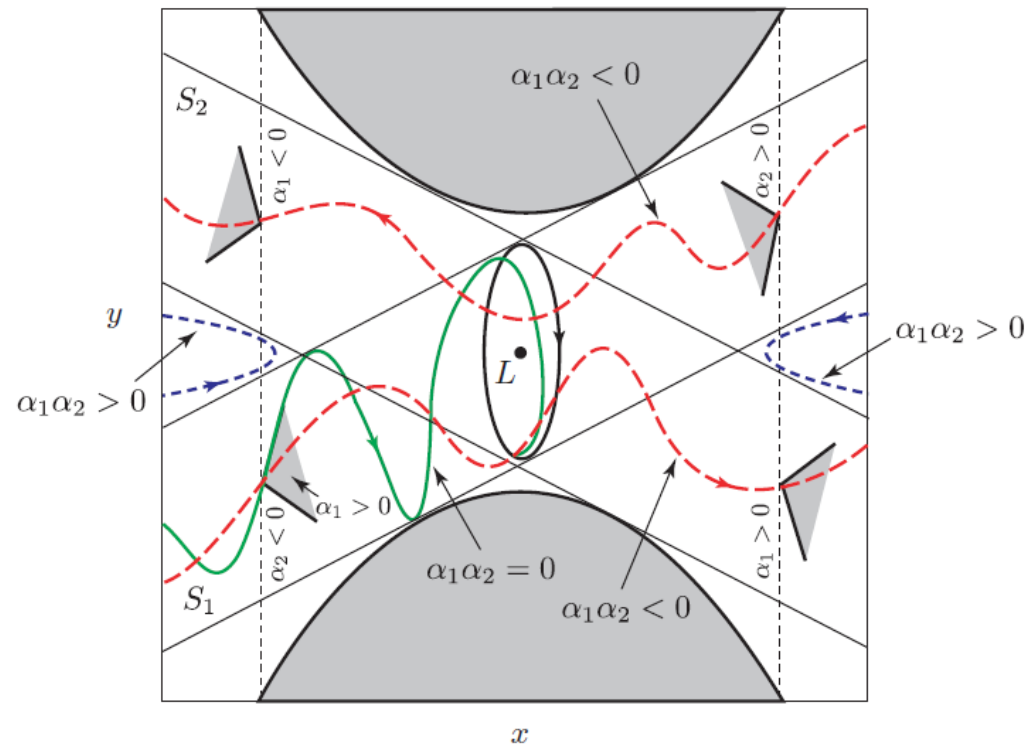
$$\lambda_5 = -\lambda_6 = i\omega_v$$

# Solutions to the linearized equations

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = \alpha_1 e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{u}_1 + \alpha_2 e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{u}_2 + 2\text{Re} (\beta_1 e^{i\omega_p t} \mathbf{w}_1 + \beta_2 e^{i\omega_v t} \mathbf{w}_2)$$

## Classification of orbits:

- $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$       Periodic orbits
- $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = 0$       Asymptotic orbits
- $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 < 0$       Transit orbits
- $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 > 0$       Nontransit orbits

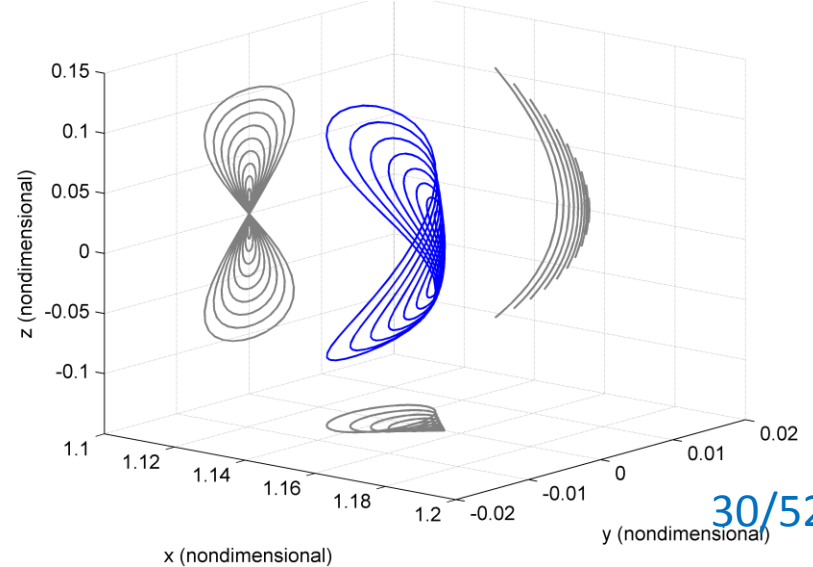
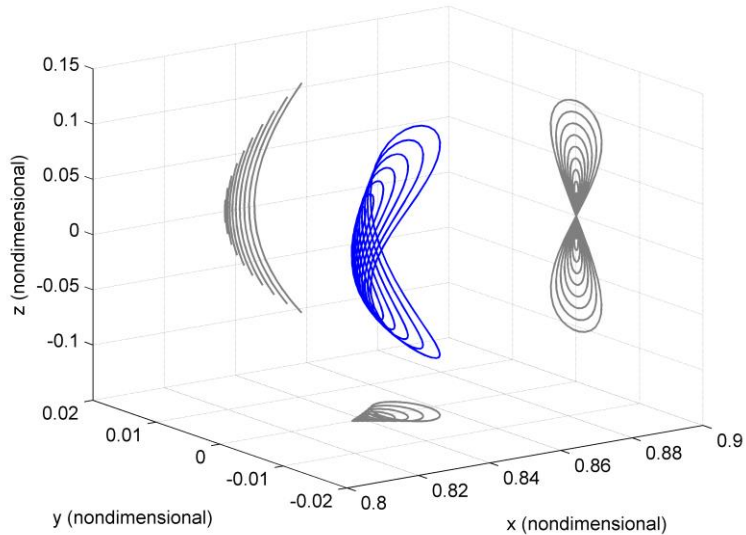
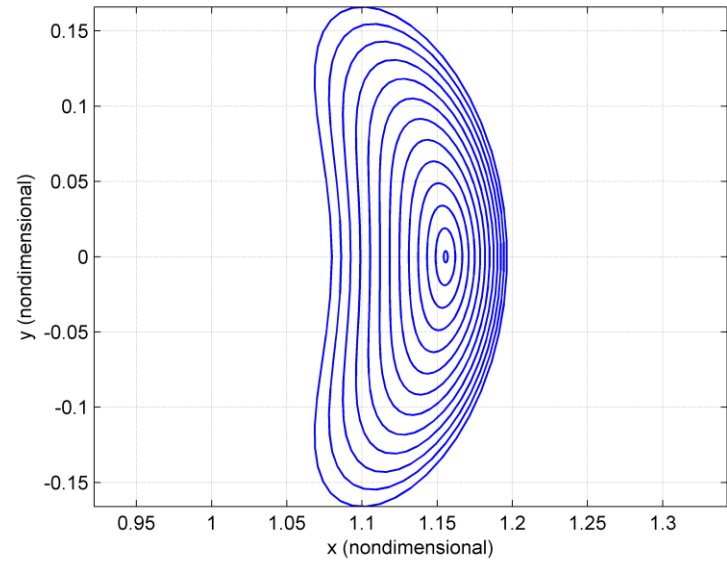
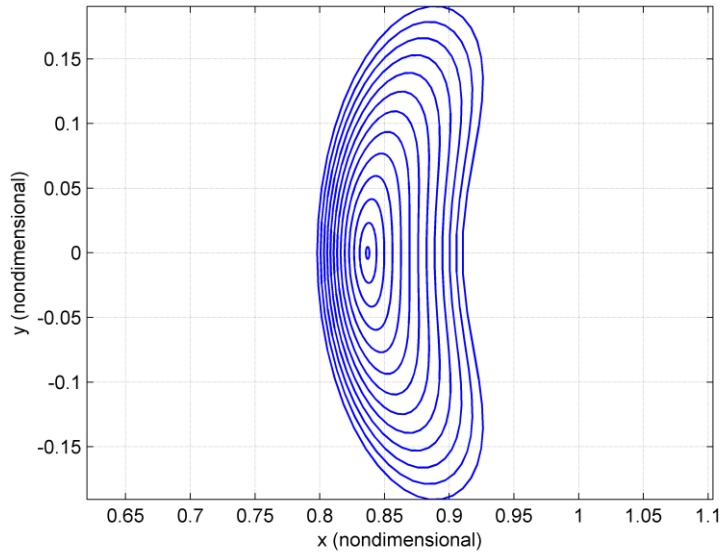


# Lyapunov's and Moser's results

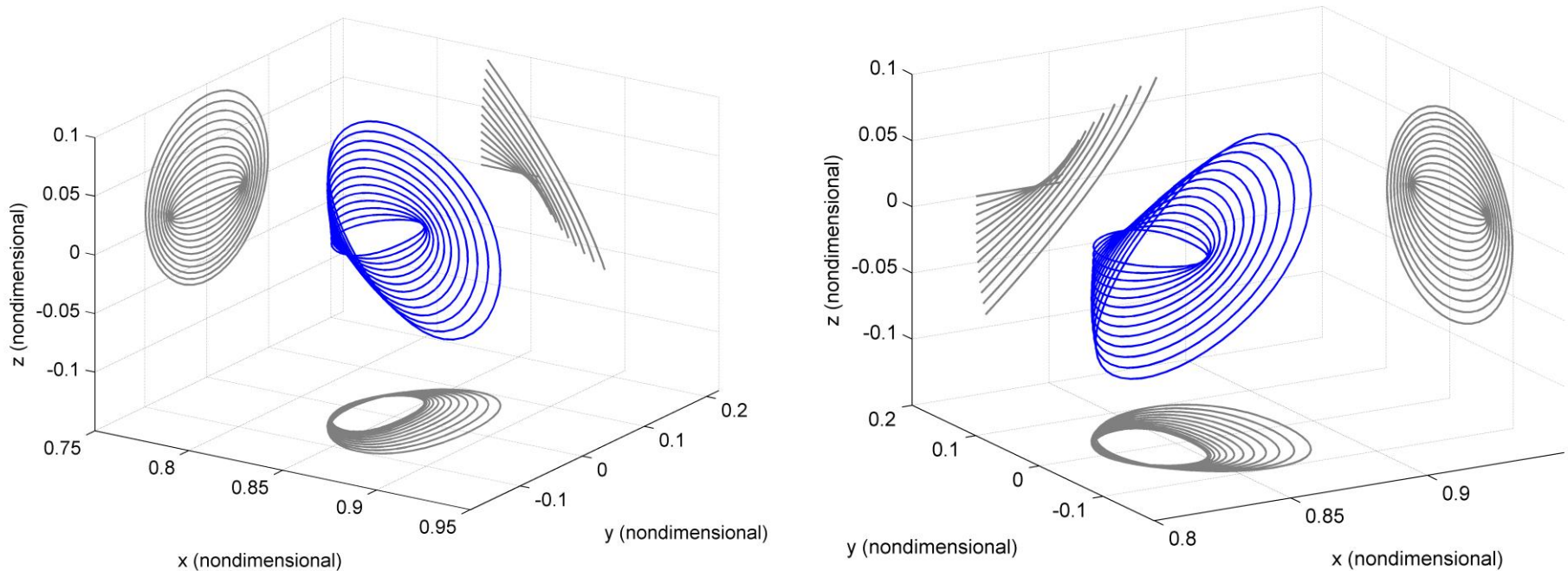
- **Lyapunov Center Theorem (LCT):** periodic libration point orbits exist in the nonlinear dynamics of the CR3BP
- **Moser's generalization of LCT:** four-parameter families of trajectories exist around libration points in the CR3BP

Qualitative behaviour of the dynamics remains the same in the CR3BP model

# Planar and vertical Lyapunov orbits in the EM system



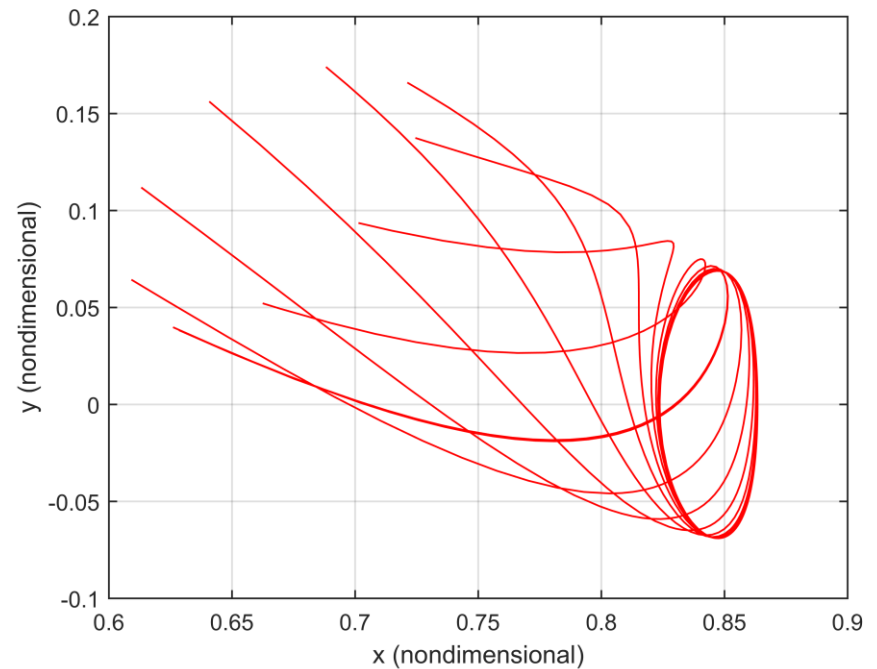
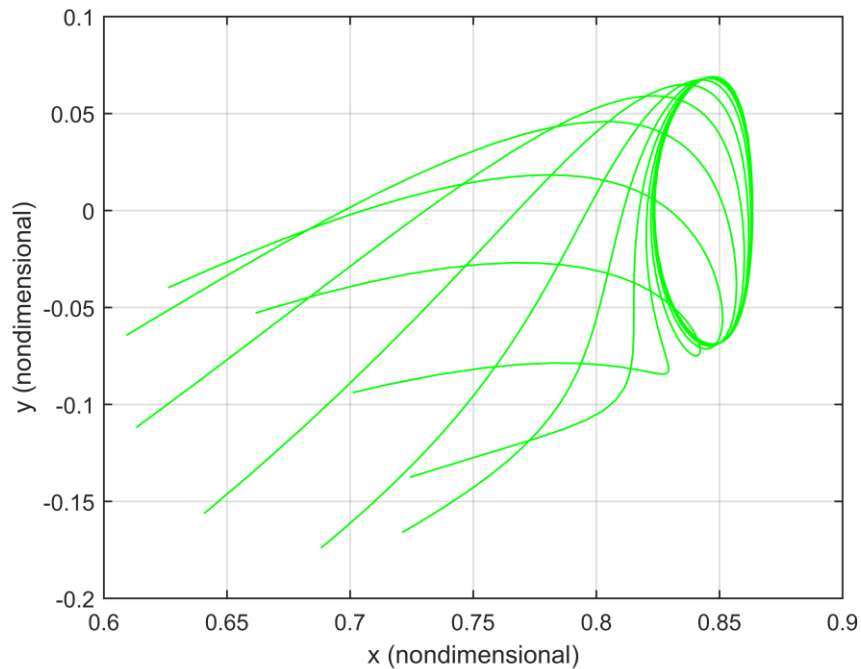
# Northern and southern halo orbits around EM L1



A lot of other periodic orbits exist in CR3BP:

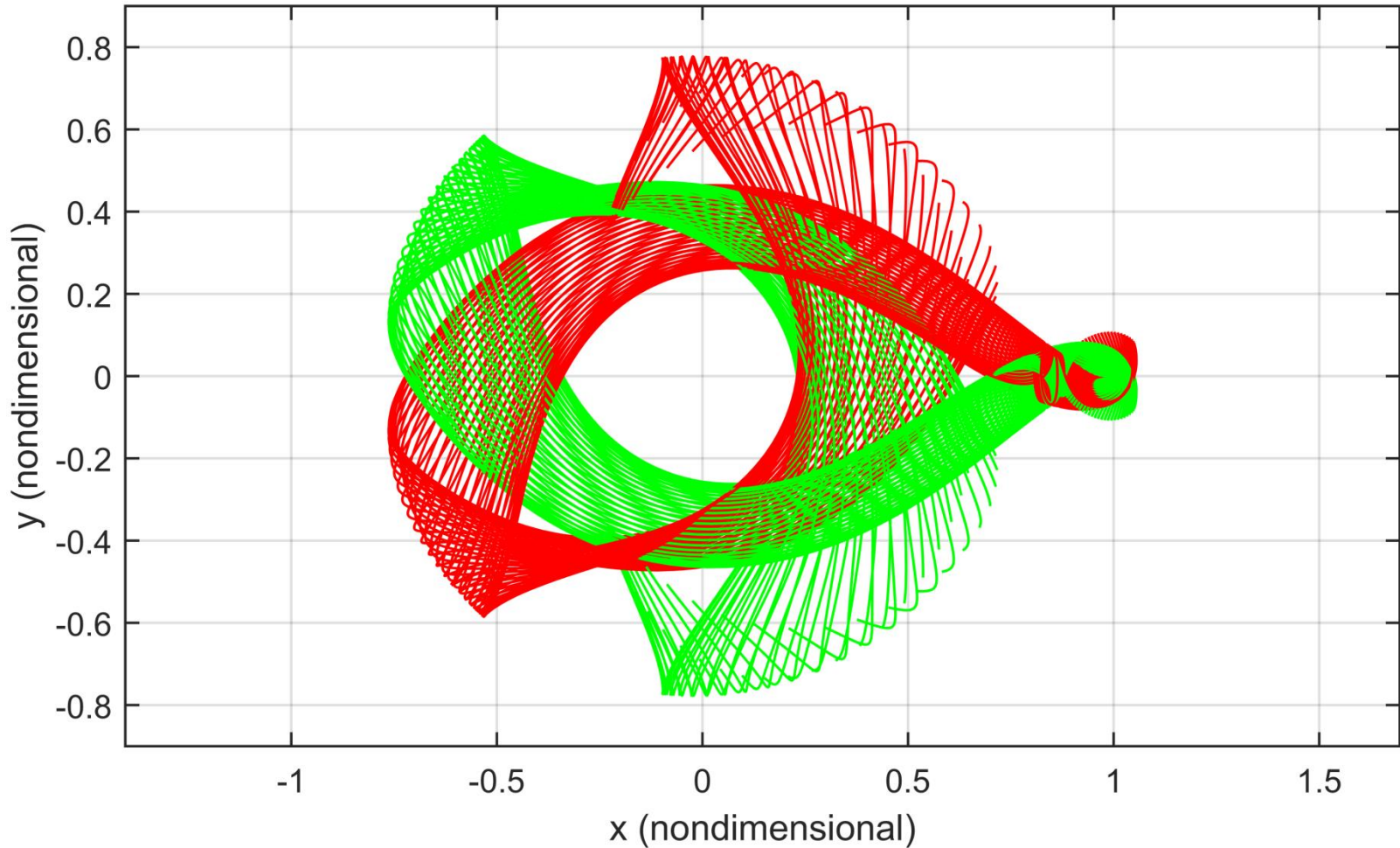
Doedel, E. J. et al., "Elemental Periodic Orbits Associated with the Libration Points in the Circular Restricted 3-Body Problem," *International Journal of Bifurcation and Chaos*, 2007, Vol. 17, Is. 8, pp. 2625–2677

# Stable (green) and unstable (red) manifolds near an EM L1 halo orbit

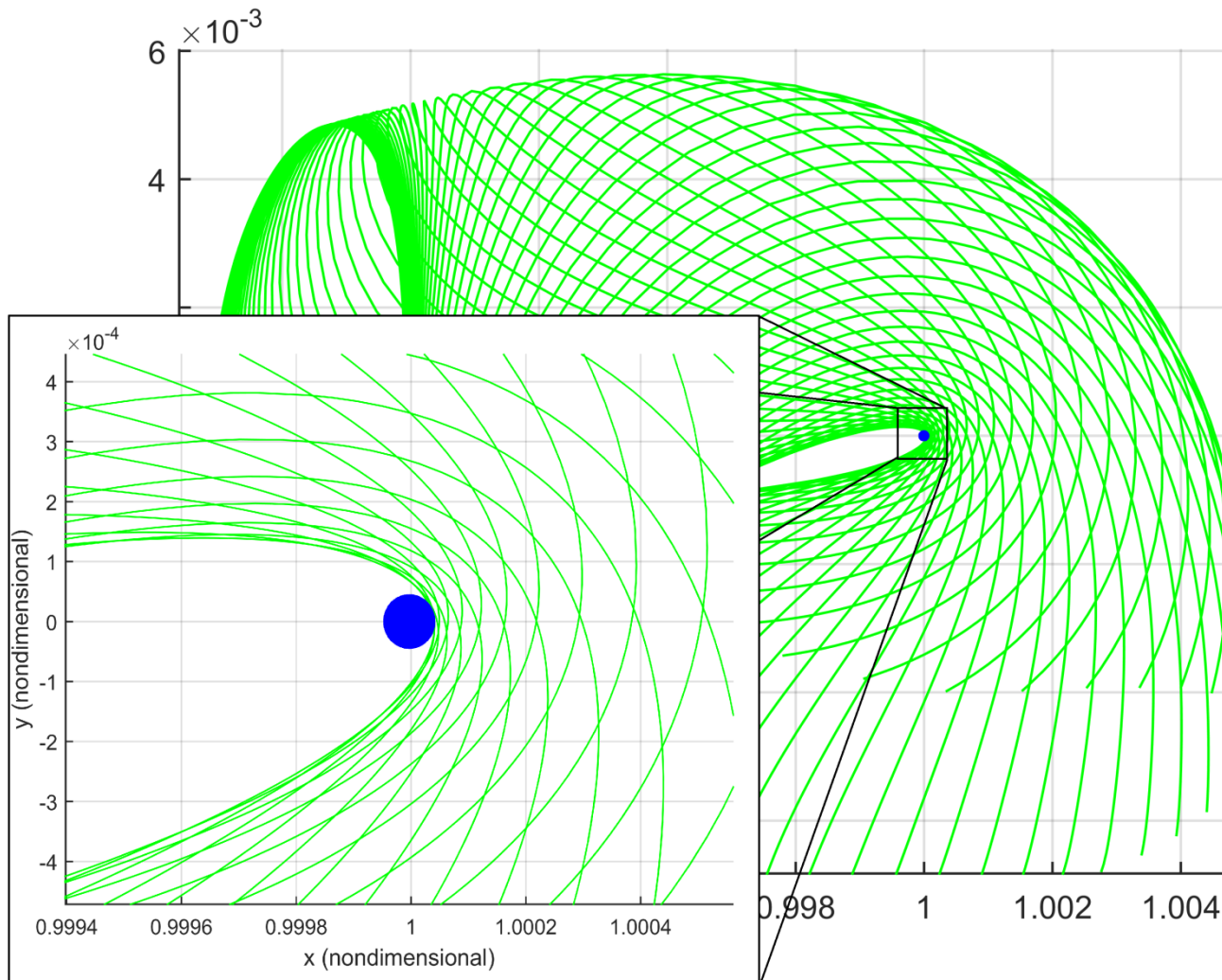




# Stable (green) and unstable (red) invariant manifolds



# Transfer to Sun-Earth L1 along the stable manifold

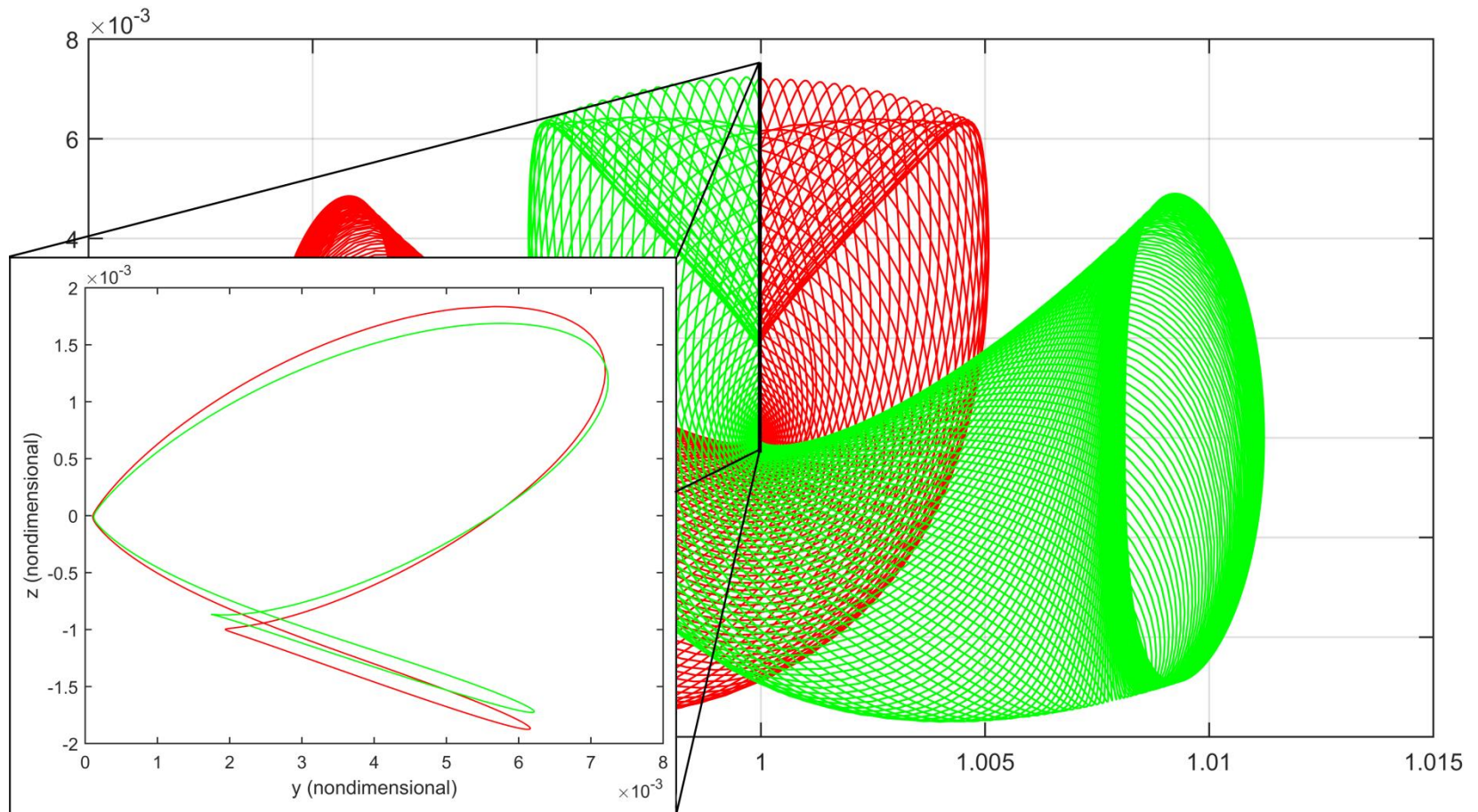


$\Delta V = 3.0-3.2$  km/s

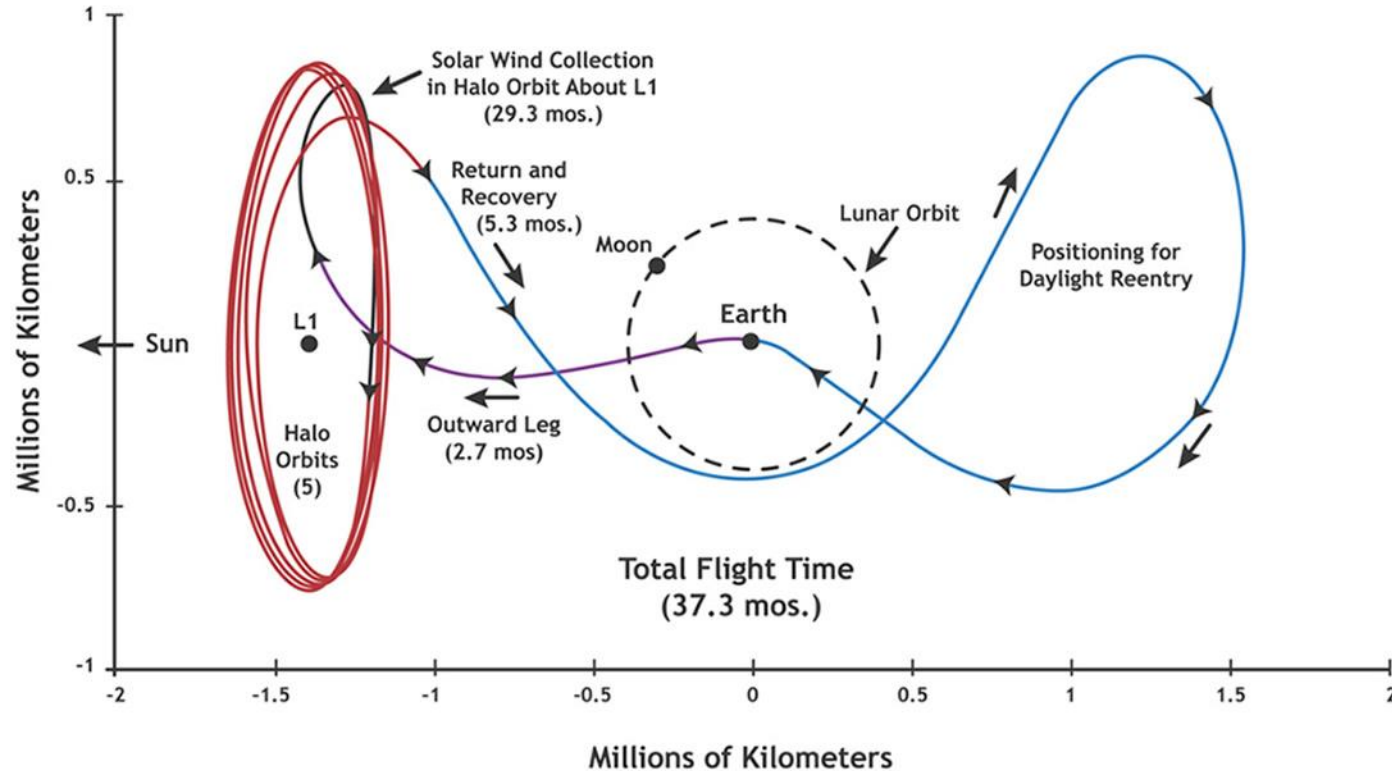
TOF = 80-90 days

Single-impulse transfers are possible for L1 halo orbits with  $Az \geq 300,000$  km

# Transfers between L1 and L2 halo orbits

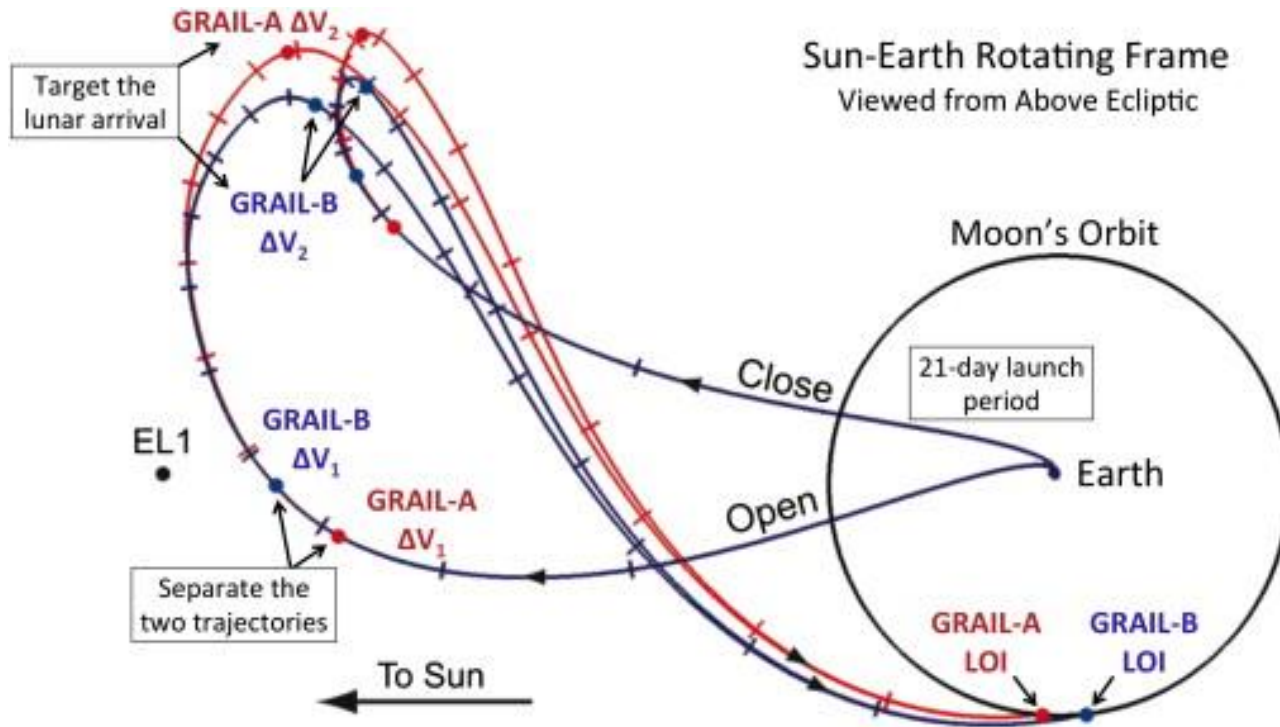


# The Genesis trajectory



- LOI: 6-36 m/s
- SK: 9 m/s/year
- s/c mass: 636 kg
- Az = 450,000 km

# The GRAIL trajectory



Advantages over the direct transfers to the Moon:

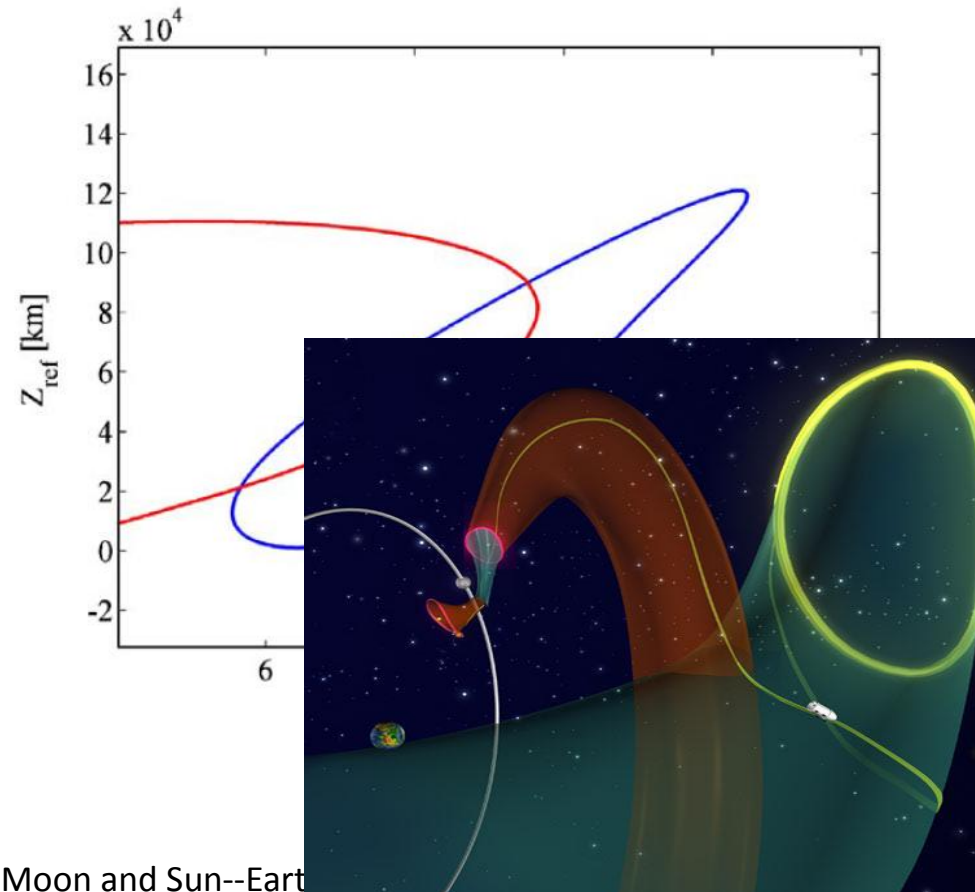
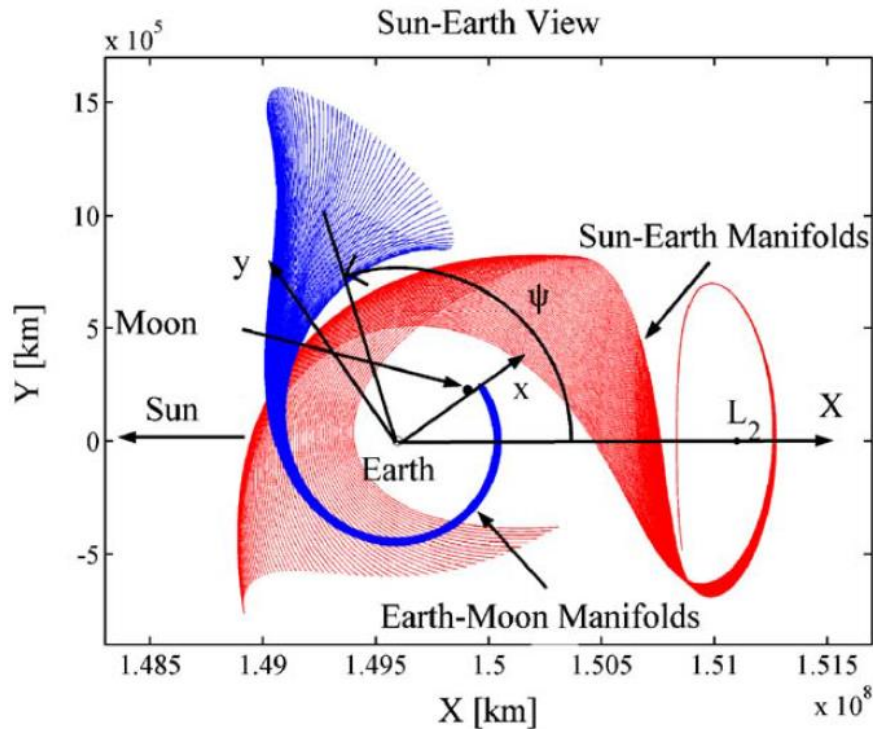
- 1) Lower LOI delta-v;
- 2) Low delta-v cost for LOI separation;
- 3) Longer launch period (at least 21 days)
- 4) Longer flight time

- Launch period: 8 Sep 2011 – 19 Oct 2011
- TOF to the Moon: 3–4 month
- Lunar orbit insertion (LOI): 190 m/s

Parker, J.S., Anderson R.L., "Targeting Low-Energy Transfers to Low Lunar Orbit," Acta Astronautica, 2013, Vol. 84, pp. 1-14.

M.-K. Chung, et al., "Trans-Lunar Cruise Trajectory Design of GRAIL (Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory) Mission," AIAA/AAS Astrodynamics Specialist Conference, 2010, Paper AIAA 2010-8384

# Transfers between the Sun-Earth and the Earth-Moon systems



Howell, K.C., Kakoi, M., "Transfers Between the Earth-Moon and Sun-Earth Manifolds and Transit Orbits," Acta Astronautica, 2006, Vol. 59, Is. 1, pp. 367--380.

# Best SE/EM halo orbit combinations, the ephemeris model

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Earth–Moon Az (km)	Sun–Earth Az (km)	$\Delta V$ (m/s)
16,000	111,000	0
18,000	142,000	0
19,000	140,000	0
22,000	126,000	0
24,000	130,000	0
26,000	131,000	0
28,000	155,000	0
30,000	157,000	0

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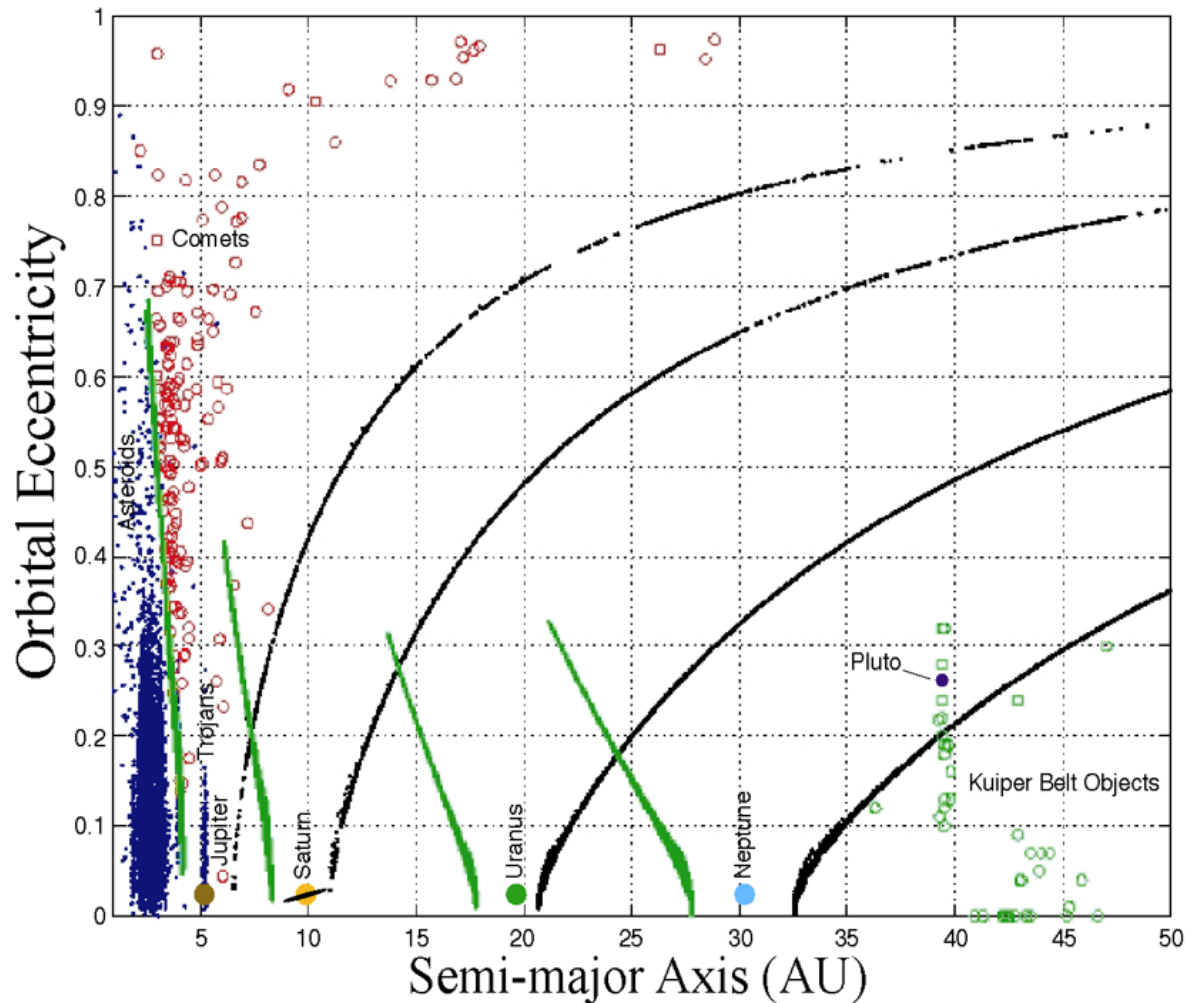
# Transfers between other three-body systems

- The invariant manifolds associated with libration point orbits of the Sun-Earth system do not intersect manifolds of any other Sun-Planet system
- Transfers can be assisted with high/low-thrust arcs or by using solar sails\*
- However, the manifolds of the gas giants' and the ice giants' systems do intersect

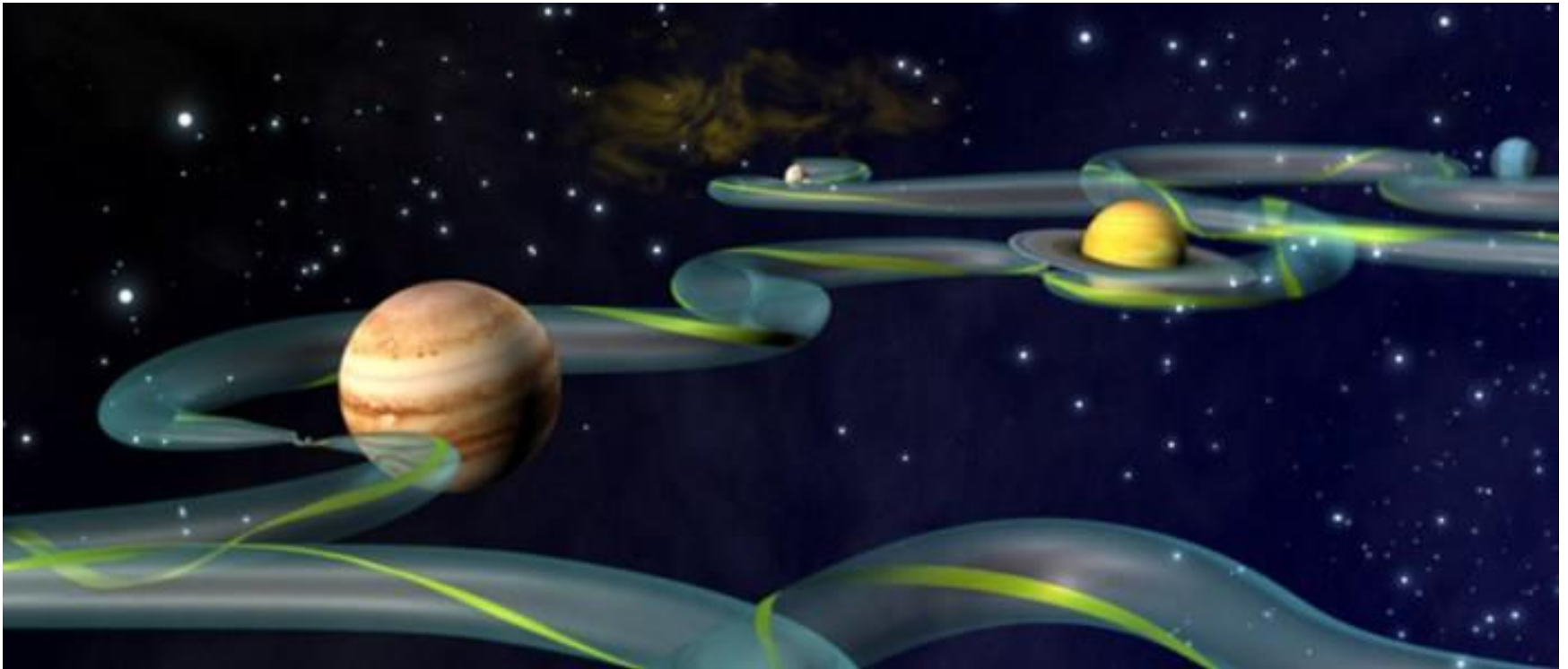
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# Interplanetary superhighway



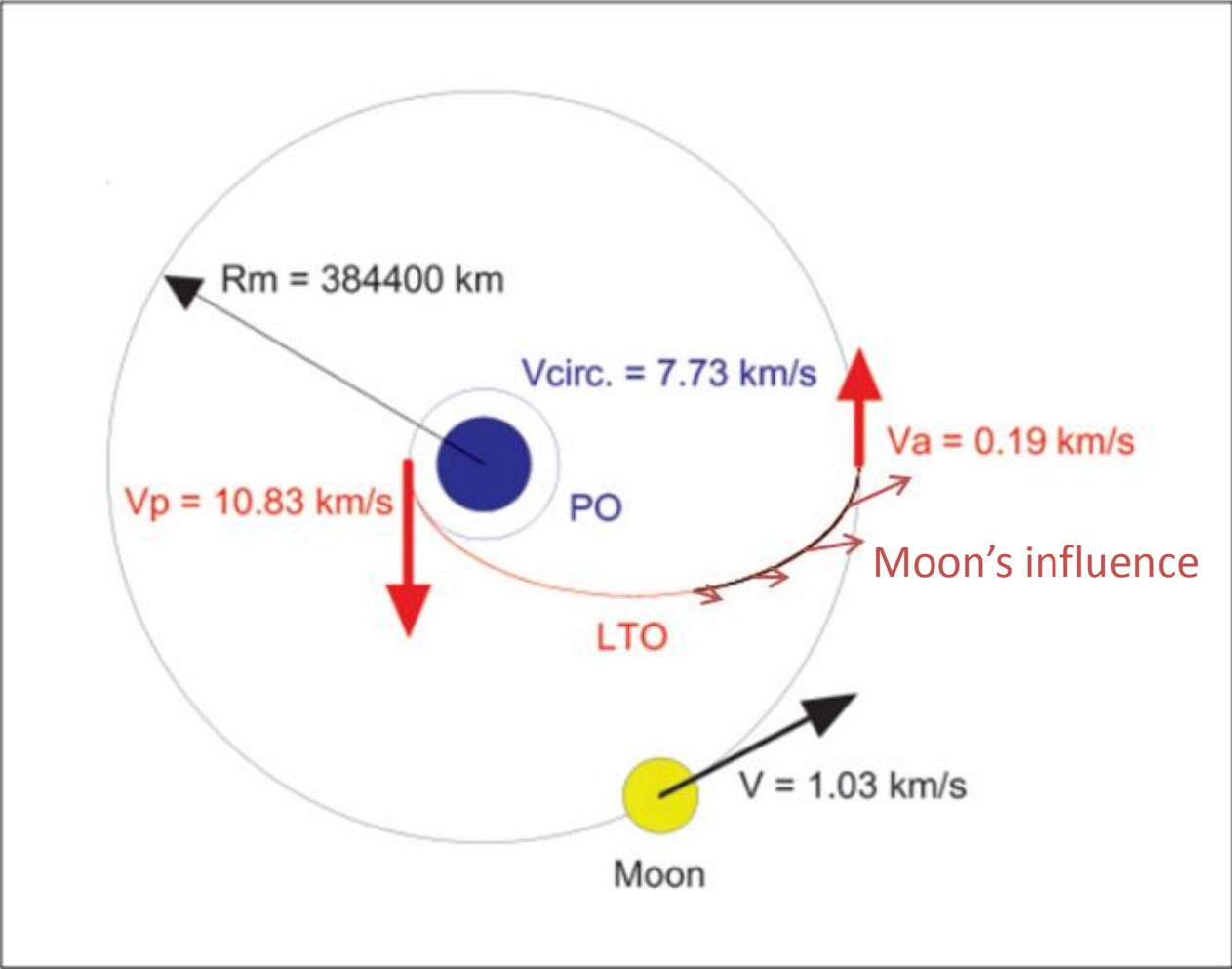
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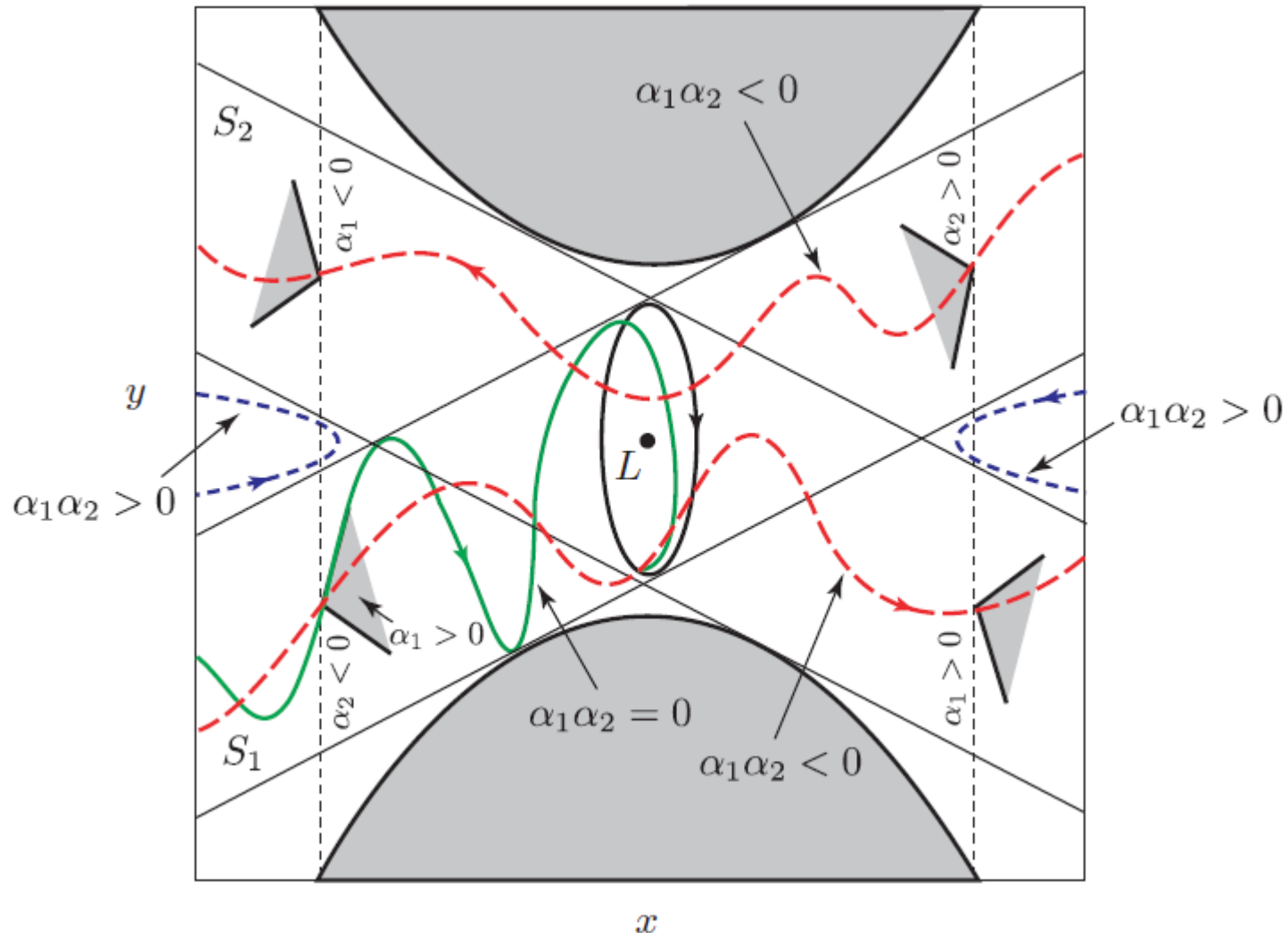
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# Hohman transfer to the Moon



# The flow in the equilibrium region of position space

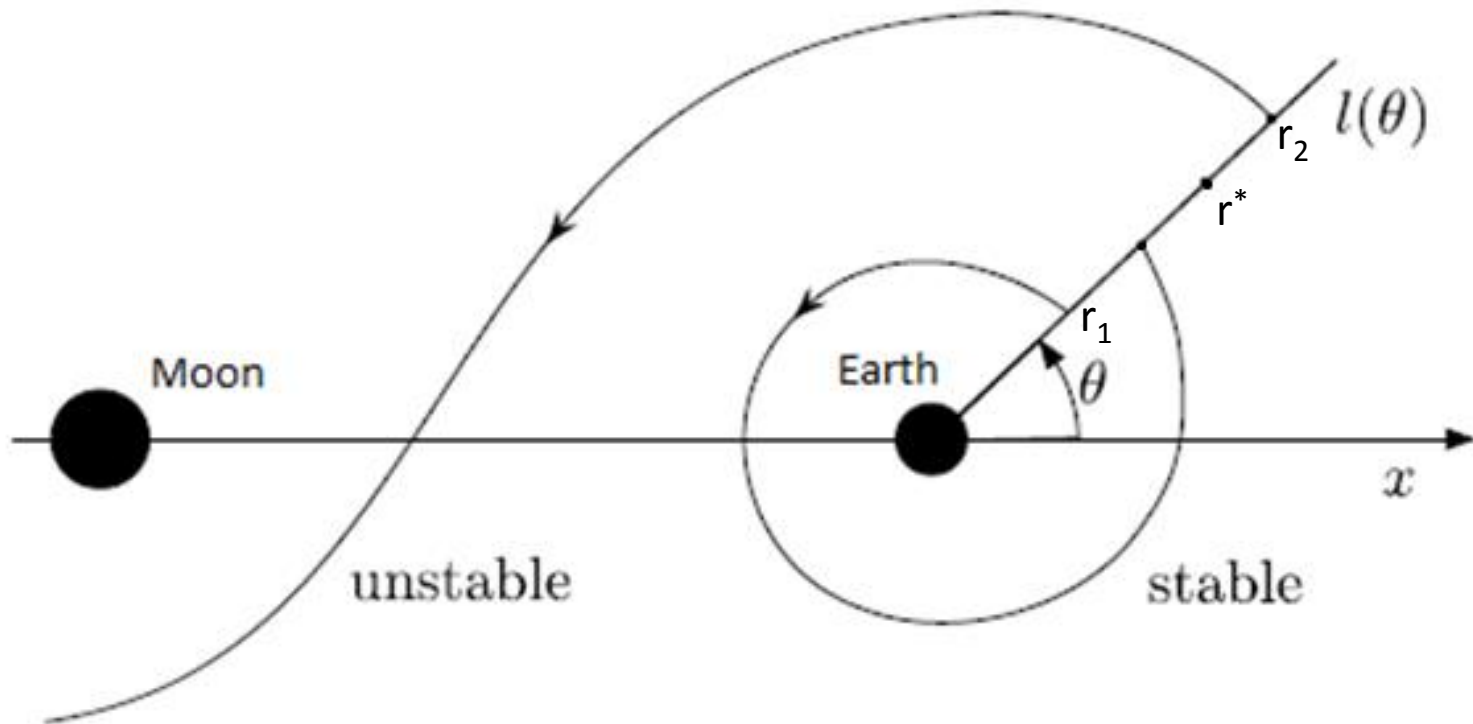


# Weak stability boundary (WSB)

E. Belbruno have generalized the notion of the sphere of influence:

- WSB is a surface in phase space
- WSB concept is based on behavior of trajectories rather than on relation between gravitational forces
- WSB is the boundary between the stable and unstable motion

# Stable and unstable motion



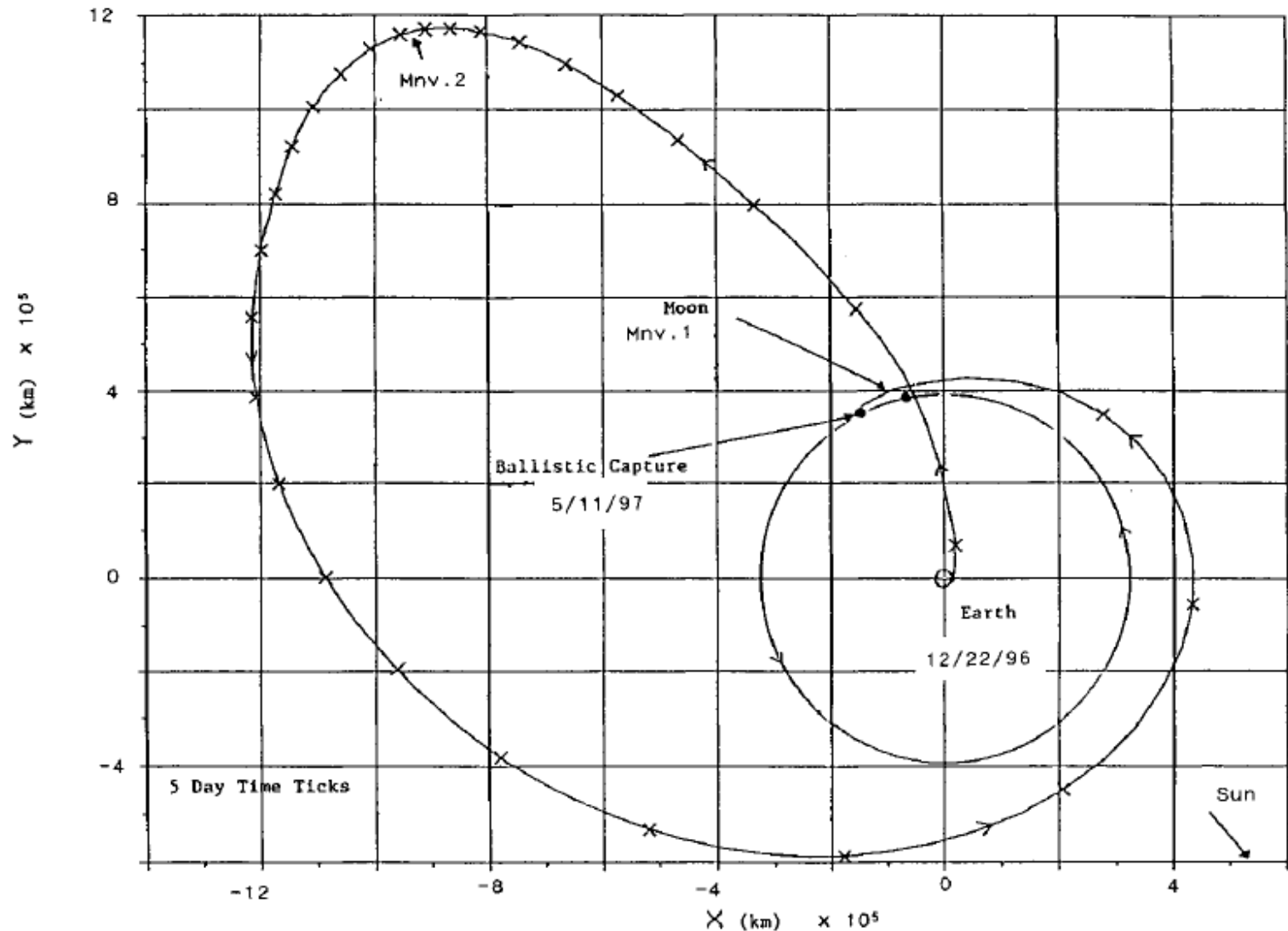
$$W = \{(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{r} \in l(\theta), e \in [0, 1), \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$$

# Transfer design to the Moon

- Fix the position near the Moon
- Find a near-Moon orbit such that the s/c is in the WSB w.r.t. the Moon
- Propagate the trajectory backward in time until the WSB w.r.t. the Earth (near SE L1)
- Fix the position near the Earth and find an impulse that deliver the s/c through the Moon's gravity assist to the required point near SE L1
- Eliminate the velocity discontinuity by an impulse
- Optimize the transfer by varying the initial and final times of flight and the near-Moon orbit



# The Hiten trajectory



Belbruno, E. A., Miller, J.K., "Sun-perturbed Earth-to-Moon Transfers with Ballistic Capture", Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics, 1993, Vol. 16, Is. 4, pp. 770—775.

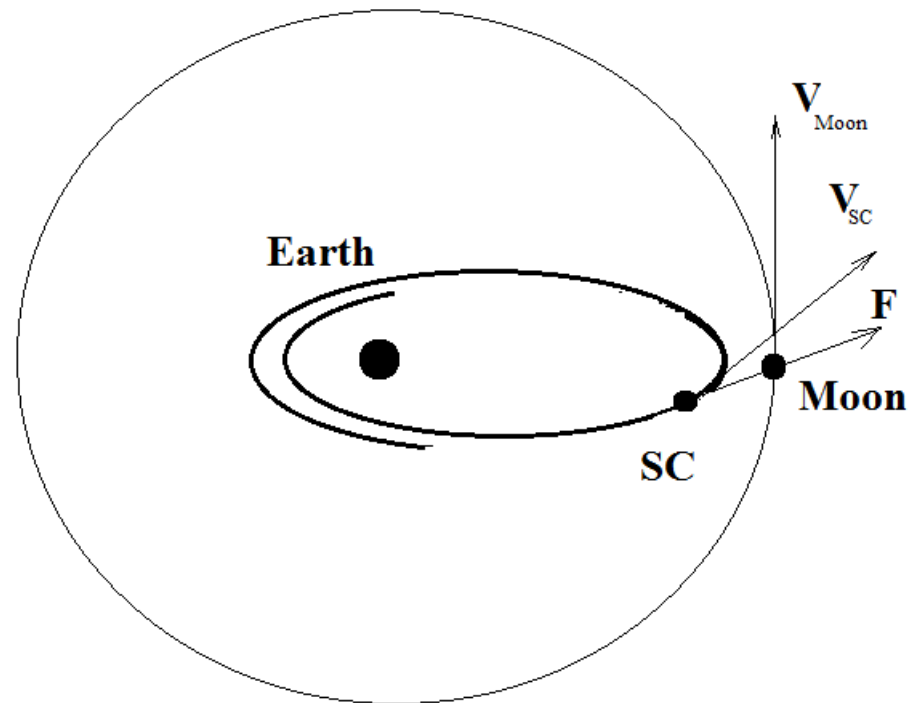
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# GA maneuvers outside the sphere of influence (SOI)

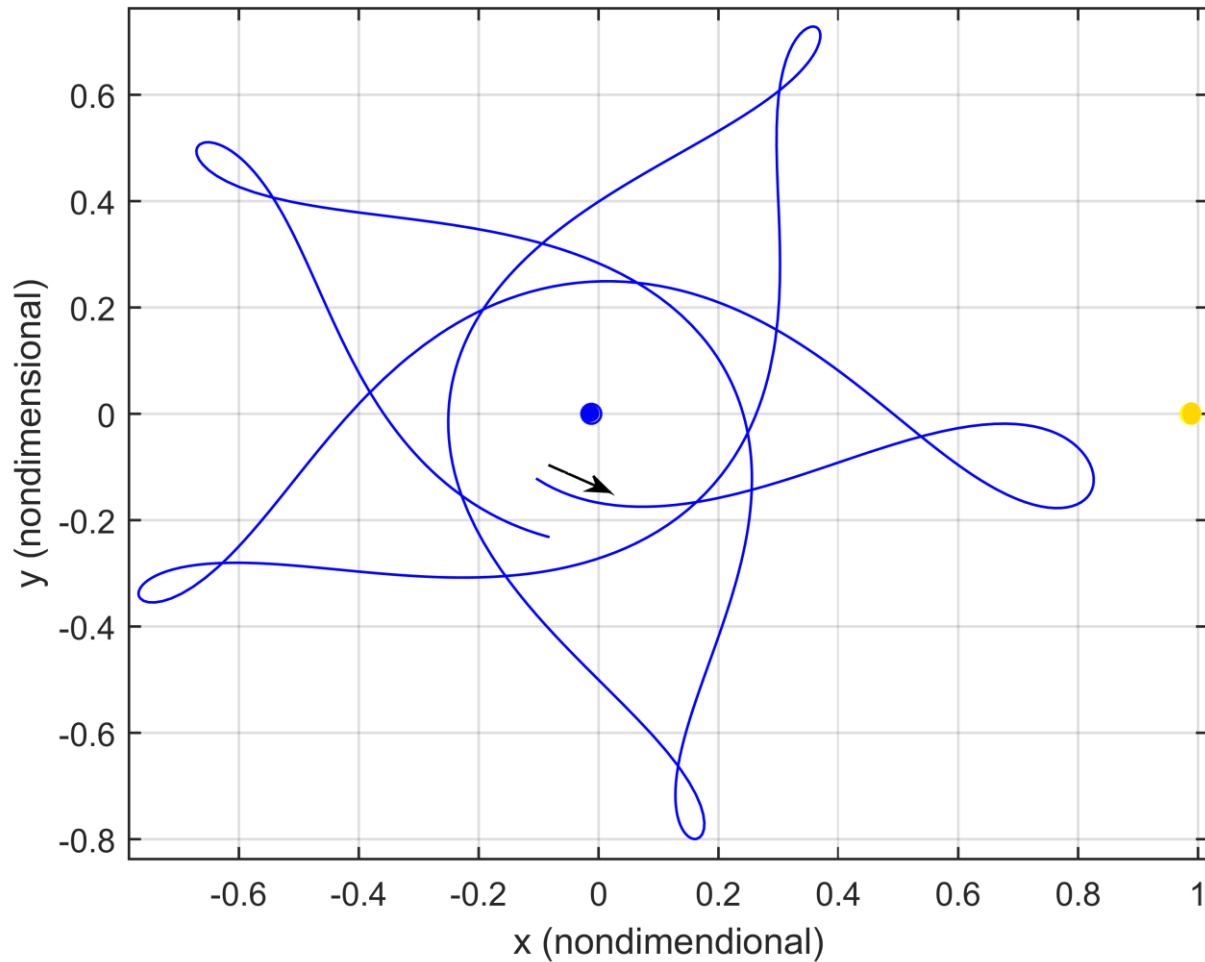
- Previously (classical way):
  - Patched conic approximation
  - GA maneuvers inside the SOI
- Now:
  - Restricted three-body problem
  - GA maneuvers outside the SOI (high-altitude fly-bys)

# Idea of resonant encounters



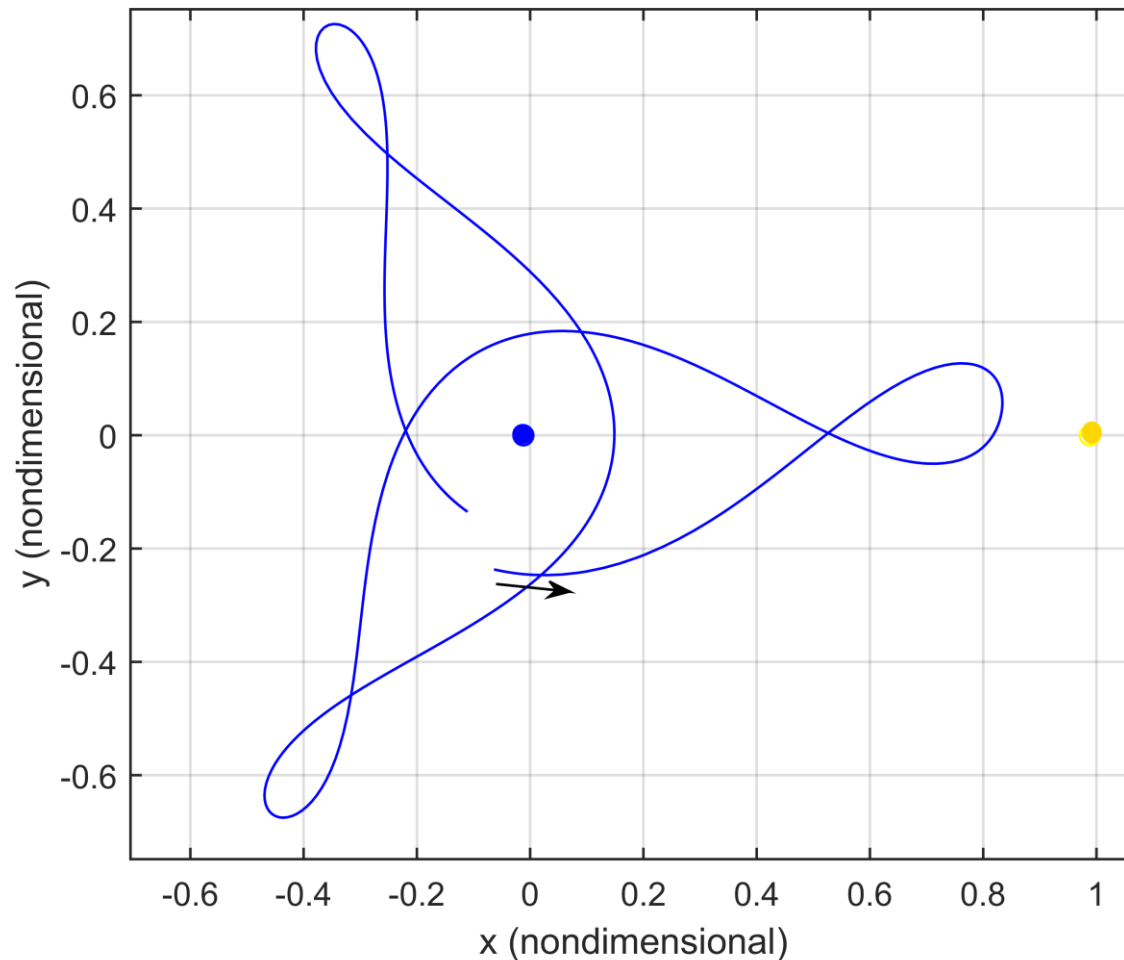
# Perigee raising by using the high-altitude fly-by

$$\Delta r_{\pi} = 34,000 \text{ km}$$

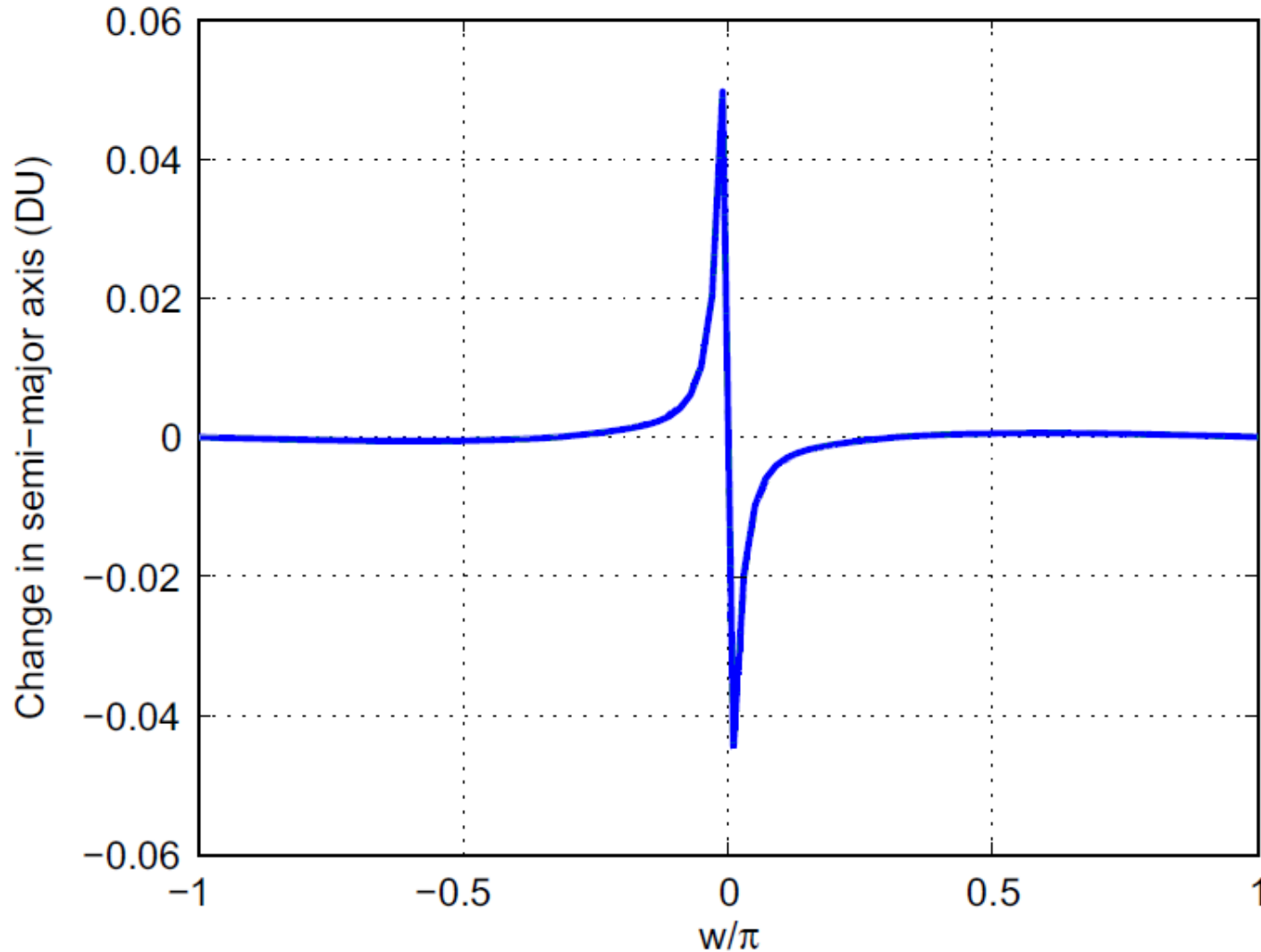


# Perigee lowering by using the high-altitude fly-by

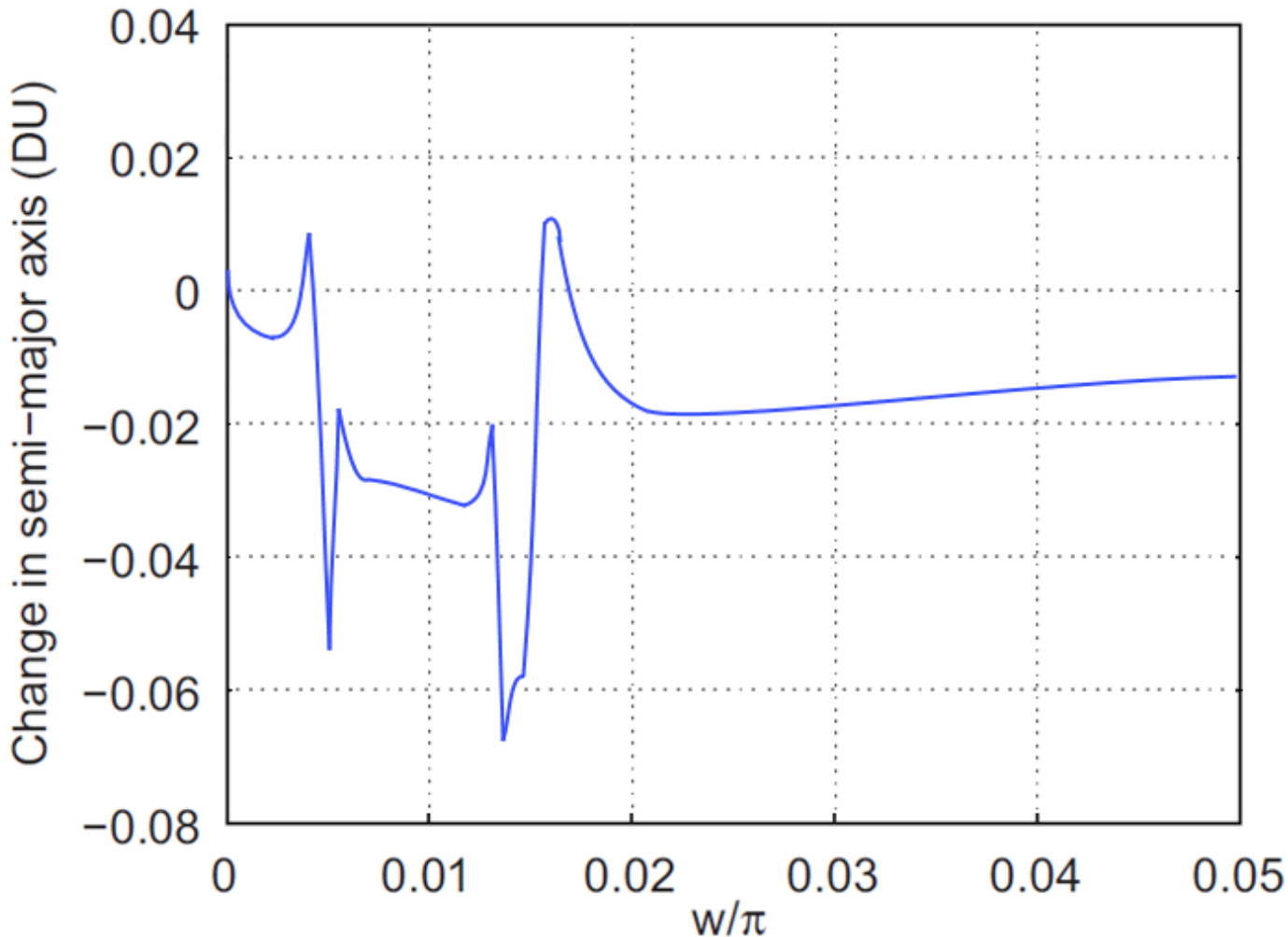
$$\Delta r_{\pi} = -29,000 \text{ km}$$



# Impact of encounter on semi-major axis, one revolution



# Impact of encounters on semi-major axis, 14 revolutions





# Resonant encounters

- The  $l:m$  resonance:

$$l \cdot T = m \cdot 2\pi$$

- Encounter that occur in the  $l:m$  resonance orbit repeats after  $m$  periods of the Moon
- Hopping between resonances ensures regular energy growth/reduction

# Example: transfer to a halo orbit around EM L1

$$\varphi = 0.2$$

$$\Delta v_0 = 0.78 \text{ m/s}$$

$$5 : 2 \rightarrow 3 : 1$$

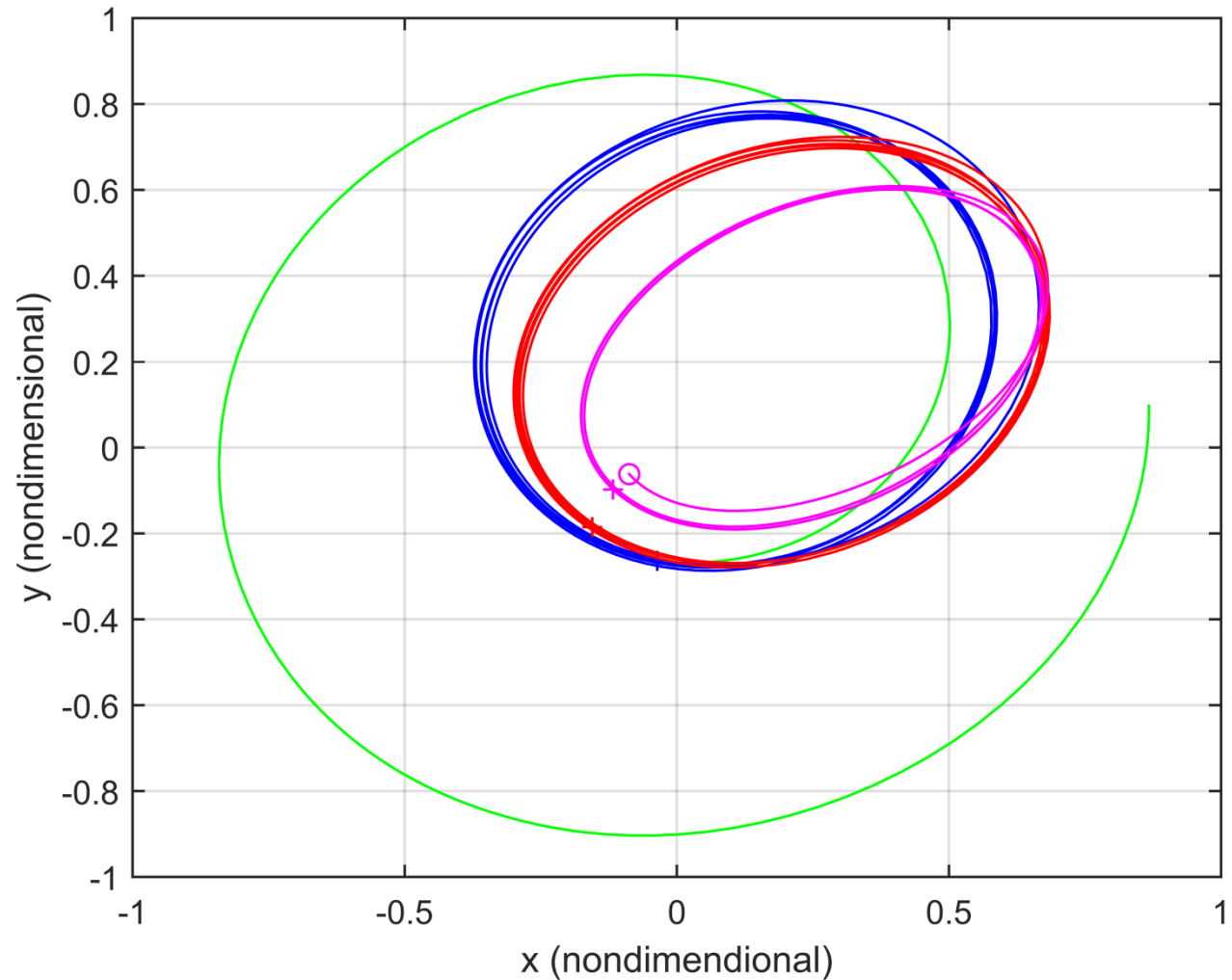
$$\Delta v_1 = 47.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta v_2 = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

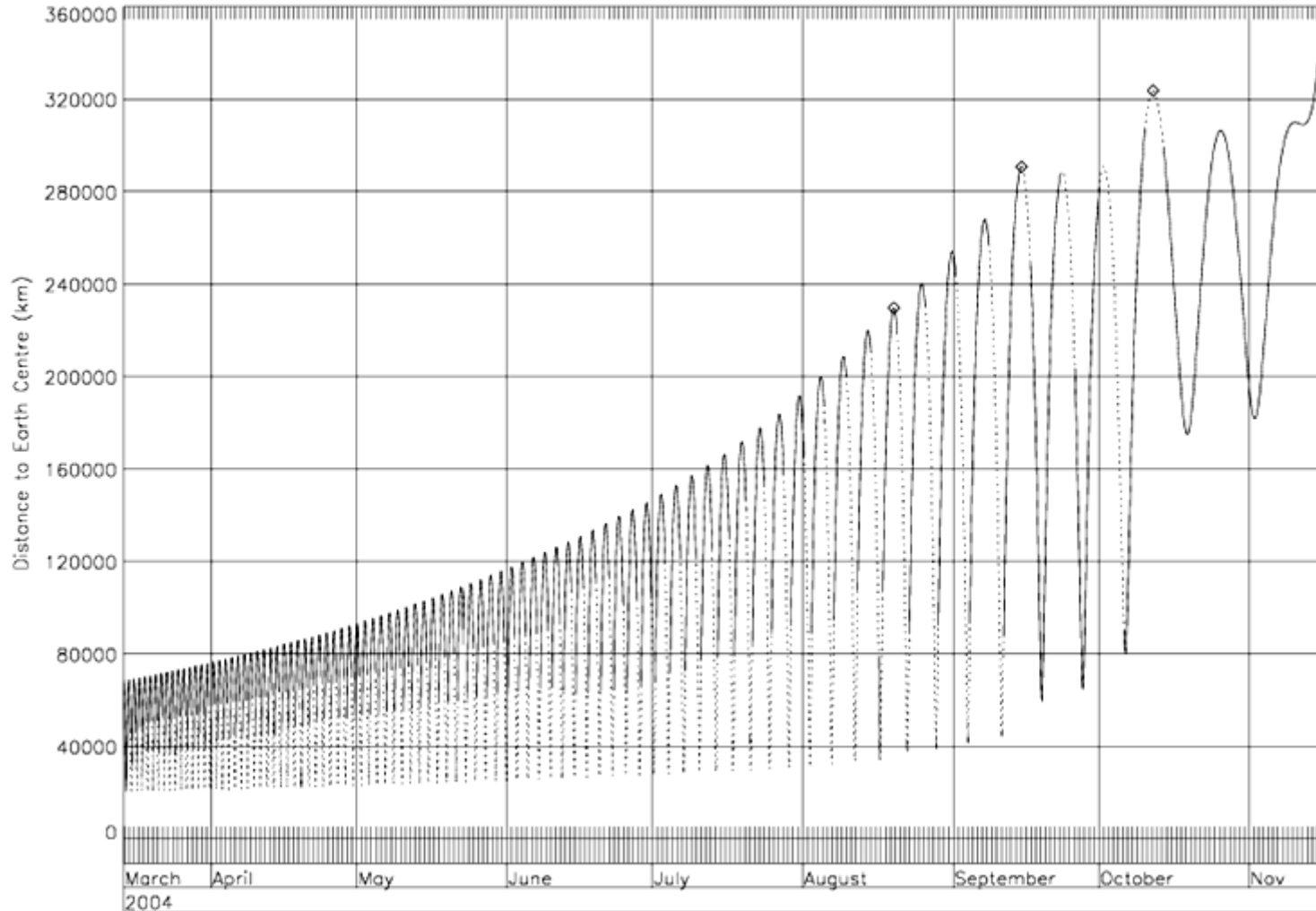
$$r_\pi = 41,127 \text{ km}$$

$$r_\alpha = 300,600 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{TOF} = 163.4 \text{ days}$$

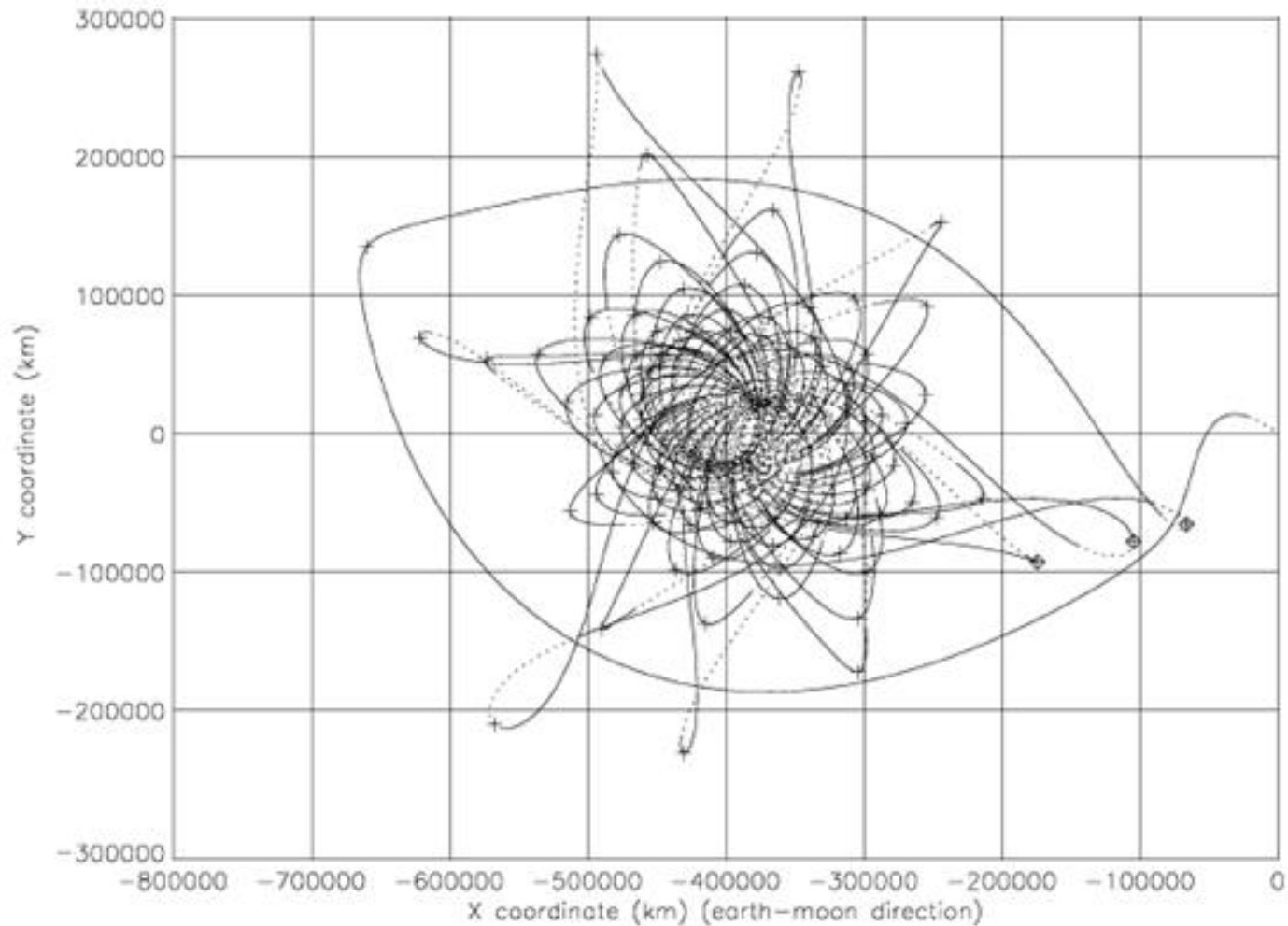


# SMART-1 hopping



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# SMART-1 trajectory, capture by the Moon



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- GA maneuvers exploit the orbital energy of the planets, save fuel, and increase the mass of payload needed for scientific observations
- Invariant manifolds associated with LPOs form a vast transport network in the solar system (the “Interplanetary Superhighway”) and lead to cheap interplanetary transfers between different two-body systems
- The notion of weak stability boundary formalizes the thinnest border between the near-Earth orbits and the Earth-to-Moon trajectories facilitating the trajectory design
- Resonant encounters are a natural energy-increasing tool on the way to the Moon

Thank you for your attention!