

Numerical tools for investigating the dynamics of Hamiltonian systems

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Autonomous Hamiltonian systems

Consider an **N degree of freedom** autonomous Hamiltonian system having a Hamiltonian function of the form:

$$H(\overbrace{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N}^{\text{positions}}, \overbrace{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N}^{\text{momenta}})$$

The time evolution of an orbit (trajectory) with initial condition

$$P(0) = (q_1(0), q_2(0), \dots, q_N(0), p_1(0), p_2(0), \dots, p_N(0))$$

is governed by the **Hamilton's equations of motion**

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}, \quad \frac{dq_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$$

Variational Equations

We use the notation $\mathbf{x} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)^T$. The **deviation vector** from a given orbit is denoted by

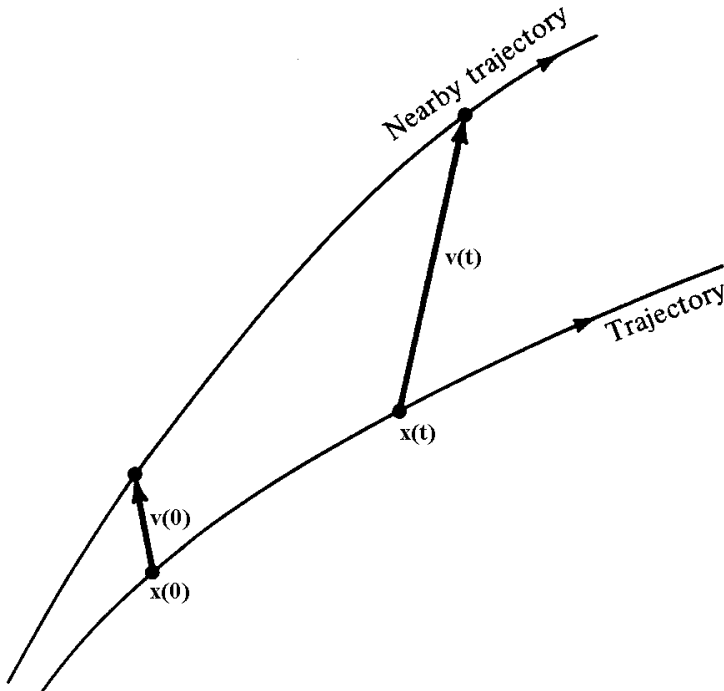
$$\mathbf{v} = (\delta x_1, \delta x_2, \dots, \delta x_n)^T, \text{ with } n=2N$$

The time evolution of \mathbf{v} is given by the so-called **variational equations**:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

where

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_N & -\mathbf{I}_N \\ \mathbf{I}_N & \mathbf{0}_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



Definition of GALI

In the case of an N degree of freedom Hamiltonian system or a $2N$ symplectic map we follow the evolution of

k deviation vectors with $2 \leq k \leq 2N$,

and define (Ch.S., Bountis, Antonopoulos, 2007, Physica D) the Generalized Alignment Index (GALI) of order k :

$$\text{G A L I}_k(t) = \left\| \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1(t) \wedge \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2(t) \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k(t) \right\|$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1(t) = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1(t)}{\|\mathbf{v}_1(t)\|}$$

Behavior of $GALI_k$ for chaotic motion

$GALI_k$ ($2 \leq k \leq 2N$) tends exponentially to zero with exponents that involve the values of the first k largest Lyapunov exponents $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k$:

$$GALI_k(t) \propto e^{-[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) + \dots + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_k)]t}$$

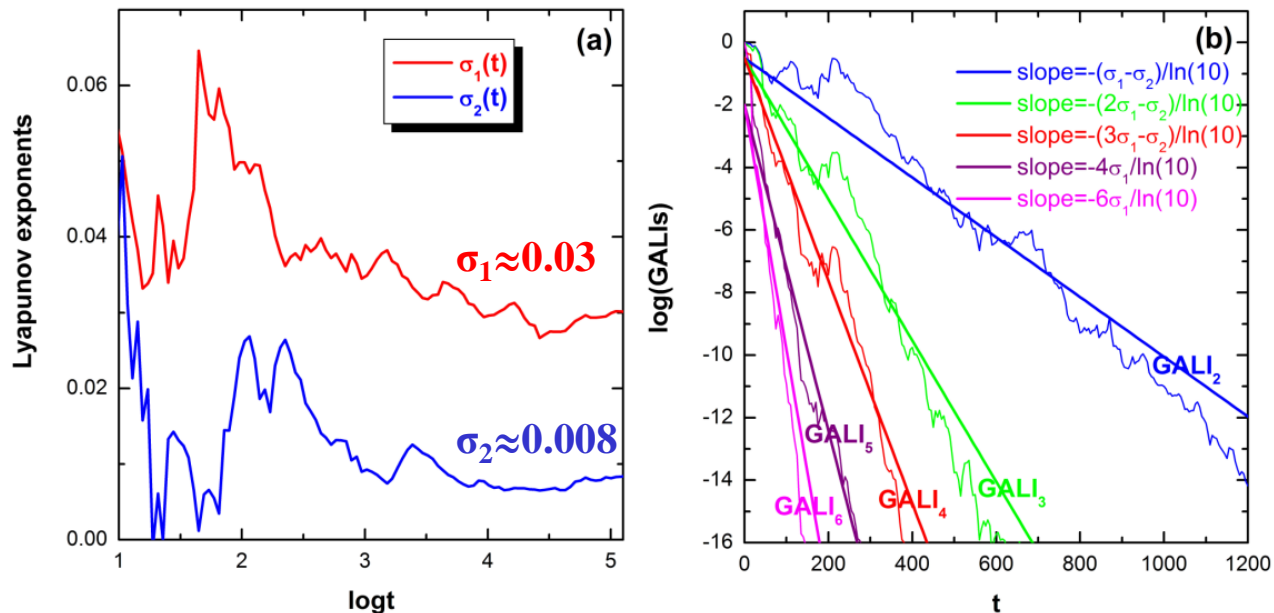
The above relation is valid even if some Lyapunov exponents are equal, or very close to each other.

Behavior of $GALI_k$ for chaotic motion

3D system:

$$H_3 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\omega_i}{2} (q_i^2 + p_i^2) + q_1^2 q_2 + q_1^2 q_3$$

with $\omega_1=1$, $\omega_2=\sqrt{2}$, $\omega_3=\sqrt{3}$, $H_3=0.09$.



Behavior of GALI_k for regular motion

If the motion occurs on an **s-dimensional torus** with $s \leq N$ then the behavior of GALI_k is given by (Ch.S., Bountis, Antonopoulos, 2008, Eur. Phys. J. Sp. Top.):

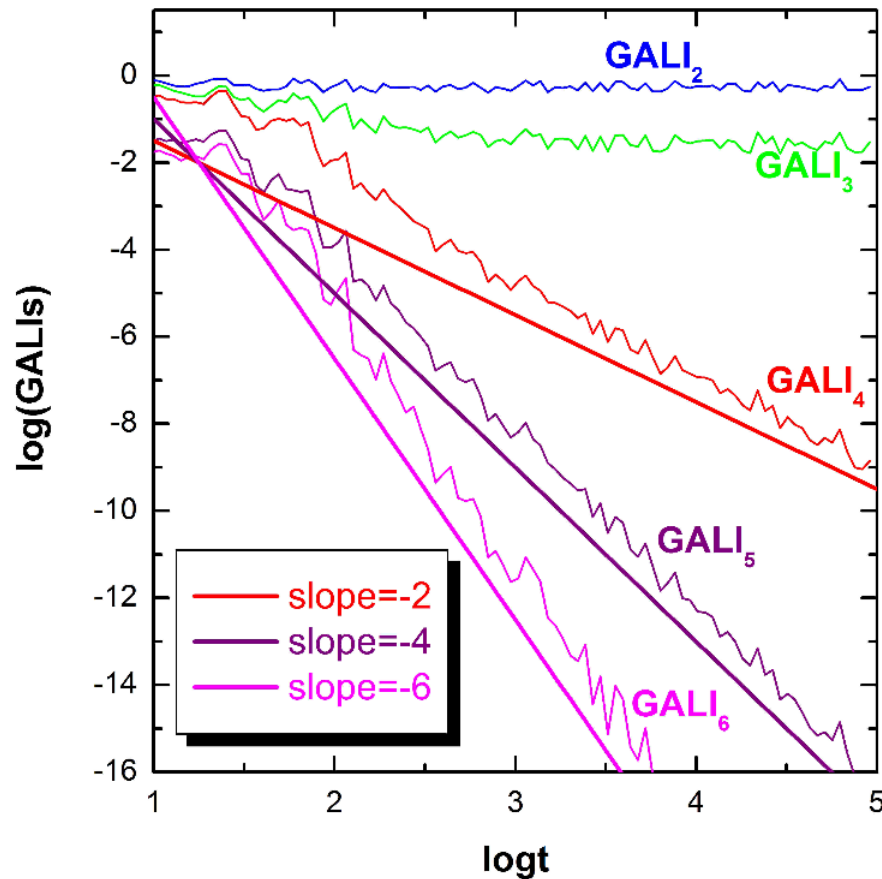
$$\text{GALI}_k(t) \propto \begin{cases} \text{constant} & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq s \\ \frac{1}{t^{k-s}} & \text{if } s < k \leq 2N - s \\ \frac{1}{t^{2(k-N)}} & \text{if } 2N - s < k \leq 2N \end{cases}$$

while in the **common case with $s=N$** we have :

$$\text{GALI}_k(t) \propto \begin{cases} \text{constant} & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq N \\ \frac{1}{t^{2(k-N)}} & \text{if } N < k \leq 2N \end{cases}$$

Behavior of GALI_k for regular motion

3D Hamiltonian



Behavior of $GALI_k$

Chaotic motion:

$GALI_k \rightarrow 0$ exponential decay

$$GALI_k(t) \propto e^{-[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) + \dots + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_k)]t}$$

Regular motion:

$GALI_k \rightarrow \text{constant} \neq 0$ or $GALI_k \rightarrow 0$ power law decay

$$GALI_k(t) \propto \begin{cases} \text{constant} & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq s \\ \frac{1}{t^{k-s}} & \text{if } s < k \leq 2N-s \\ \frac{1}{t^{2(k-N)}} & \text{if } 2N-s < k \leq 2N \end{cases}$$

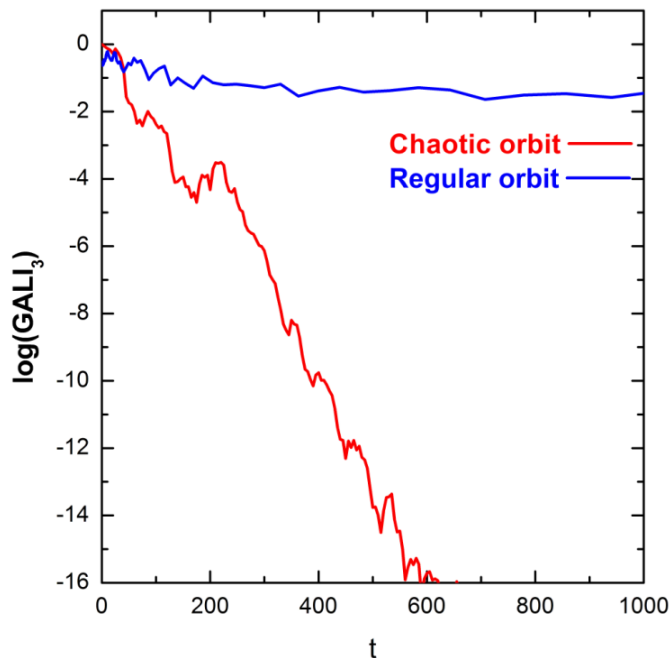
Global dynamics

- GALI_2 (practically equivalent to the use of SALI)

- GALI_N

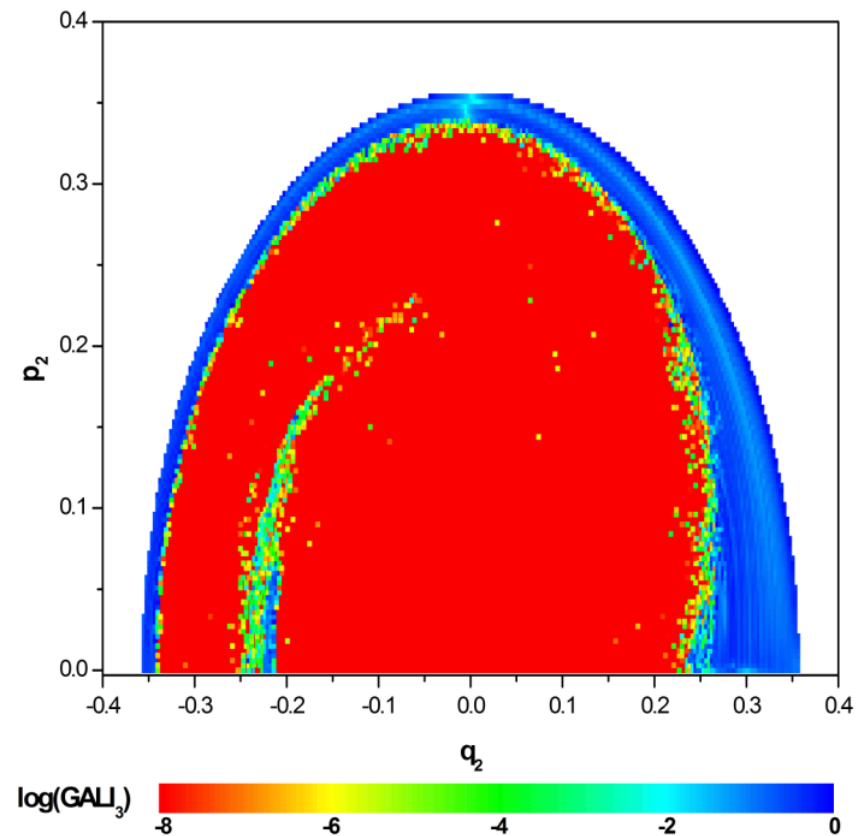
Chaotic motion: $\text{GALI}_N \rightarrow 0$
(exponential decay)

Regular motion:
 $\text{GALI}_N \rightarrow \text{constant} \neq 0$



3D Hamiltonian

Subspace $q_3=p_3=0$, $p_2 \geq 0$ for $t=1000$.



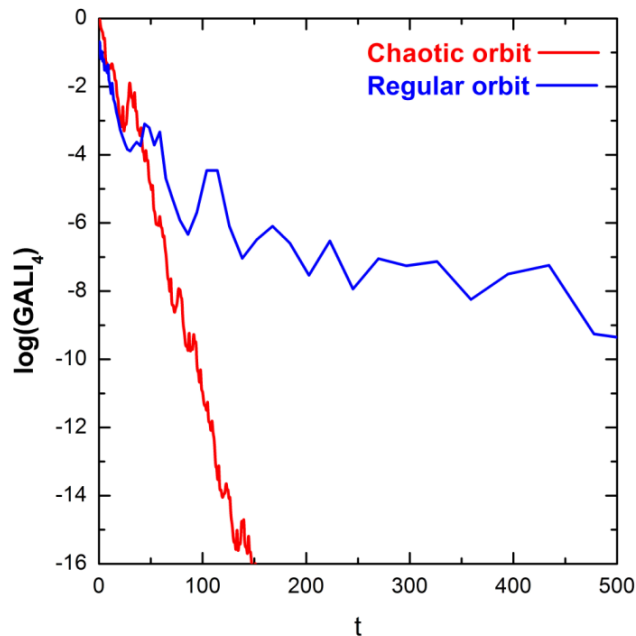
Global dynamics

GALI_k with $k > N$

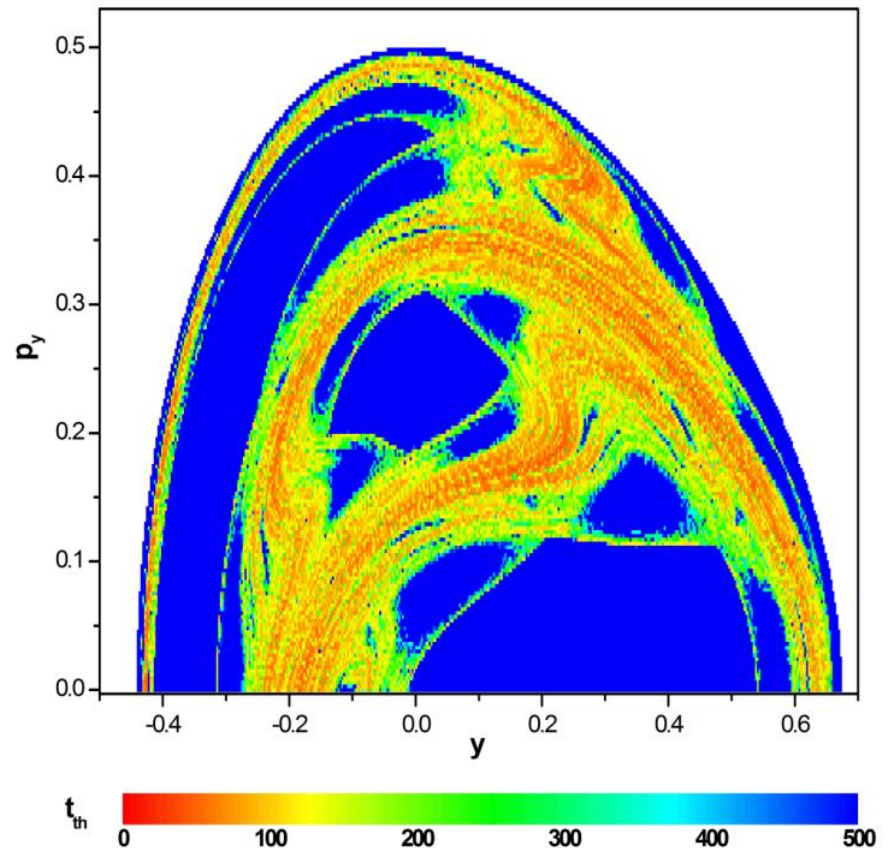
The index tends to zero both for regular and chaotic orbits but with completely different time rates:

Chaotic motion: exponential decay

Regular motion: power law



2D Hamiltonian (Hénon-Heiles)
Time needed for $\text{GALI}_4 < 10^{-12}$

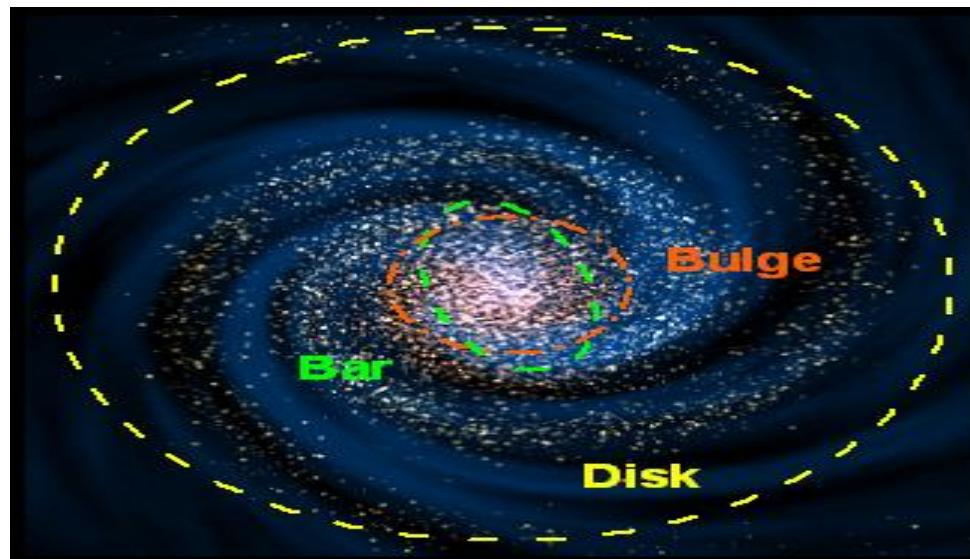
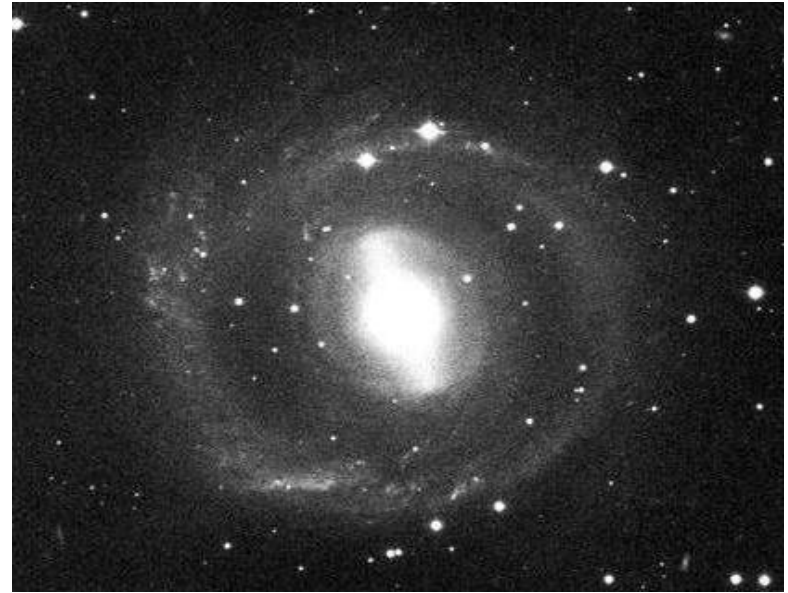


Barred galaxies

NGC 1433



NGC 2217



Barred galaxy model

The 3D bar rotates around its short z -axis (x : long axis and y : intermediate). The Hamiltonian that describes the motion for this model is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + V(x, y, z) - \Omega_b(xp_y - yp_x) \equiv \text{Energy}$$

This model consists of the superposition of potentials describing an **axisymmetric** part and a **bar** component of the galaxy (**Manos, Bountis, Ch.S., 2013, J. Phys. A**).

a) Axisymmetric component:

i) **Plummer sphere:**

$$V_{\text{sphere}}(x, y, z) = -\frac{GM_s}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \epsilon_s^2}}$$

ii) **Miyamoto–Nagai disc:**

$$V_{\text{disc}}(x, y, z) = -\frac{GM_D}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (A + \sqrt{B^2 + z^2})^2}}$$

b) Bar component: $V_{\text{bar}}(x, y, z) = -\pi Gabc \frac{\rho_c}{n+1} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\Delta(u)} (1 - m^2(u))^{n+1},$

(Ferrers bar)

$$\rho_c = \frac{105}{32\pi} \frac{GM_B}{abc}$$

$$\text{where } m^2(u) = \frac{x^2}{a^2 + u} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + u} + \frac{z^2}{c^2 + u}, \Delta^2(u) = (a^2 + u)(b^2 + u)(c^2 + u),$$

n : positive integer ($n = 2$ for our model), λ : the unique positive solution of $m^2(\lambda) = 1$

Its density is:

$$\rho = \begin{cases} \rho_c (1 - m^2)^n, & \text{for } m \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{for } m > 1 \end{cases}, \text{ where } m^2 = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}, a > b > c \text{ and } n = 2.$$

Time-dependent barred galaxy model

The 3D bar rotates around its short z -axis (x : long axis and y : intermediate). The Hamiltonian that describes the motion for this model is:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + V(x, y, z, t) - \Omega_b(xp_y - yp_x) \equiv \text{Energy}$$

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$$M_S + M_B(t) + M_D(t) = 1, \text{ with } M_B(t) = M_B(0) + \alpha t$$

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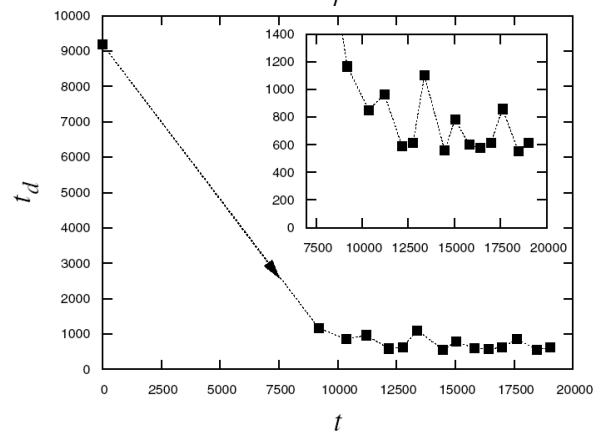
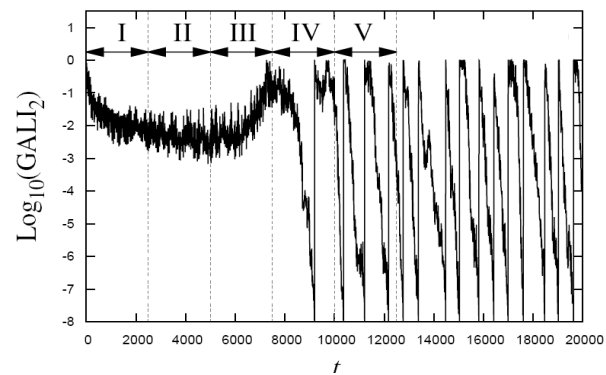
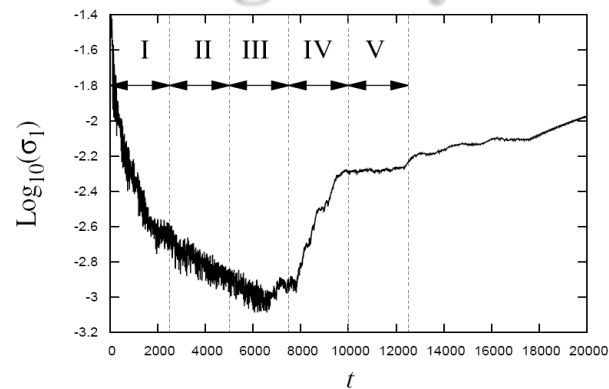
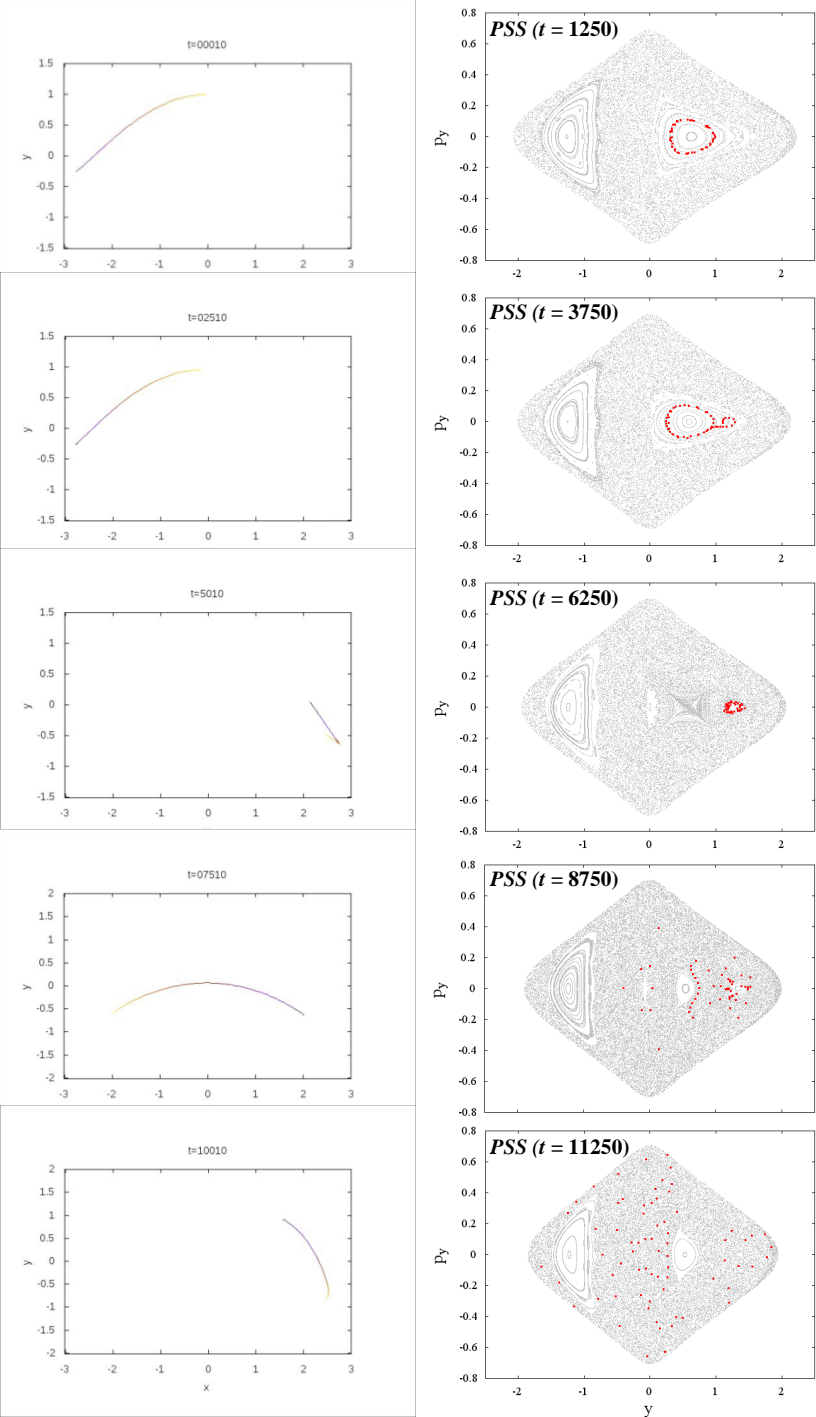
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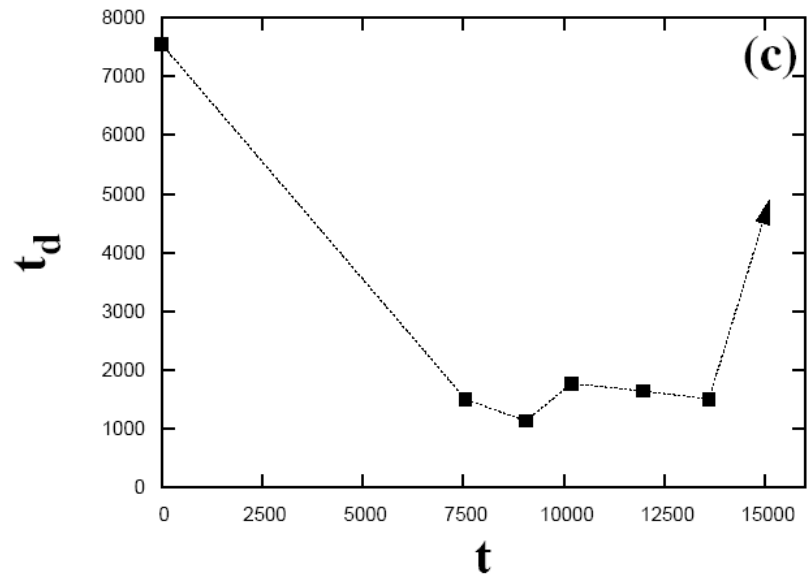
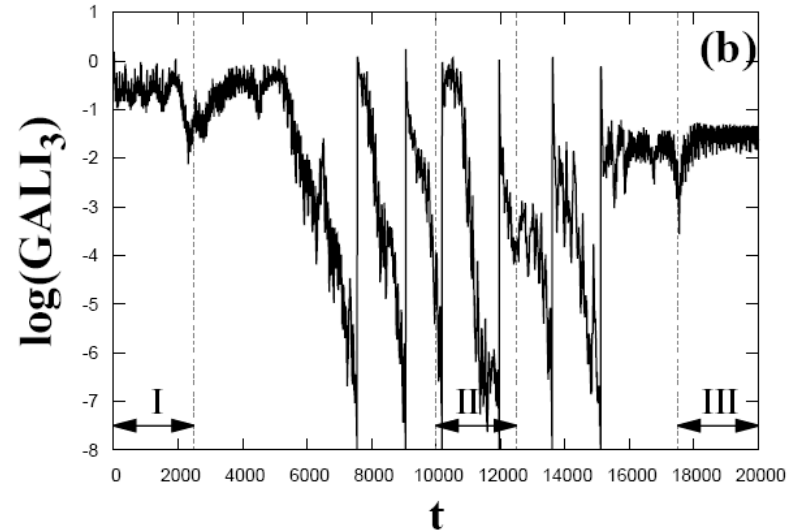
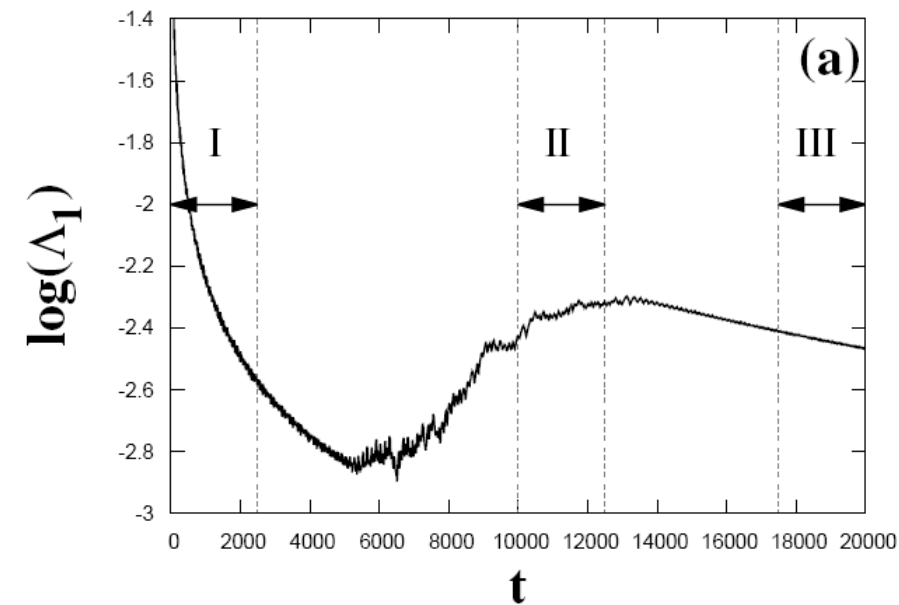
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Time-dependent 2D barred galaxy model



Time-dependent 3D barred galaxy model

Interplay between chaotic and regular motion



Symplectic Integrators (SIs)

Formally the solution of the Hamilton equations of motion can be written as:

$$\frac{d\vec{X}}{dt} = \{H, \vec{X}\} = L_H \vec{X} \Rightarrow \vec{X}(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} L_H^n \vec{X} = e^{tL_H} \vec{X}$$

where \vec{X} is the full coordinate vector and L_H the Poisson operator:

$$L_H f = \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_j} \right\}$$

If the Hamiltonian H can be **split into two integrable parts** as $H=A+B$, a symplectic scheme for integrating the equations of motion **from time t to time $t+\tau$** consists of approximating the operator $e^{\tau L_H}$ by

$$e^{\tau L_H} = e^{\tau(L_A + L_B)} = \prod_{i=1}^j e^{c_i \tau L_A} e^{d_i \tau L_B} + O(\tau^{n+1})$$

for appropriate values of constants c_i, d_i . This is **an integrator of order n** .

So the dynamics over an integration time step τ is described by a series of successive acts of Hamiltonians A and B .

Symplectic Integrator SABA₂C

The operator $e^{\tau L_H}$ can be approximated by the symplectic integrator [Laskar & Robutel, Cel. Mech. Dyn. Astr. (2001)]:

$$S A B A_2 = e^{c_1 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_2 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_1 \tau L_A}$$

with $c_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$, $c_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$, $d_1 = \frac{1}{2}$.

The integrator has only **small positive steps** and its **error is of order 2**.

In the case where **A is quadratic in the momenta and B depends only on the positions** the method can be improved by introducing a corrector C , having a small negative step:

$$C = e^{-\tau^3 \frac{c}{2} L_{\{\{A,B\}, B\}}}$$

with $c = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{24}$.

Thus the full integrator scheme becomes: **$SABAC_2 = C (SABA_2) C$** and its **error is of order 4**.

The Klein – Gordon (KG) model

$$H_K = \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{p_l^2}{2} + \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_l^4 + \frac{1}{2W} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^2$$

with **fixed boundary conditions** $u_0=p_0=u_{N+1}=p_{N+1}=0$. Typically $N=1000$.

Parameters: **W** and the **total energy E**. $\tilde{\varepsilon}_l$ **chosen uniformly from** $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$.

Linear case (neglecting the term $u_l^4/4$)

Ansatz: $u_l = A_l \exp(i\omega t)$. **Normal modes (NMs) $A_{v,l}$ - Eigenvalue problem:**

$$\lambda A_l = \varepsilon_l A_l - (A_{l+1} + A_{l-1}) \text{ with } \lambda = W\omega^2 - W - 2, \quad \varepsilon_l = W(\tilde{\varepsilon}_l - 1)$$

The discrete nonlinear Schrödinger (DNLS) equation

We also consider the system:

$$H_D = \sum_{l=1}^N \varepsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l)$$

where ε_l **chosen uniformly from** $\left[-\frac{W}{2}, \frac{W}{2}\right]$ and β **is the nonlinear parameter**.

Conserved quantities: The energy and the norm $S = \sum_l |\psi_l|^2$ of the wave packet.

Distribution characterization

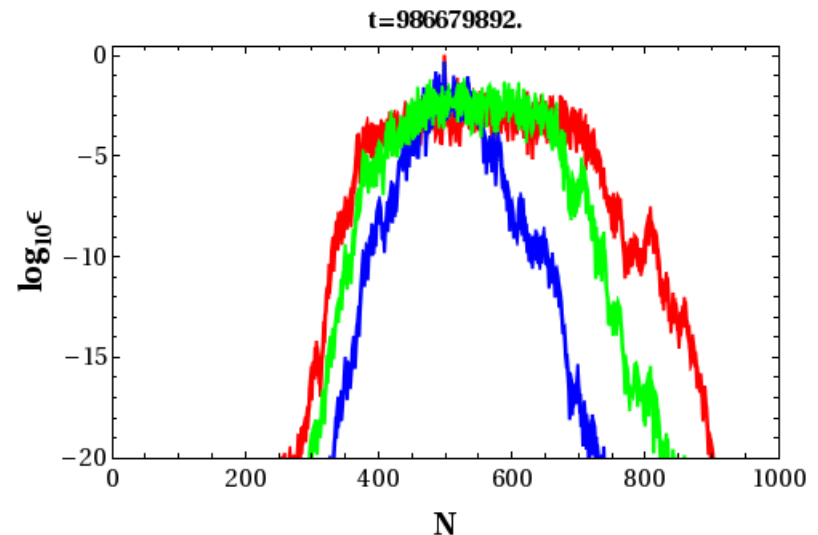
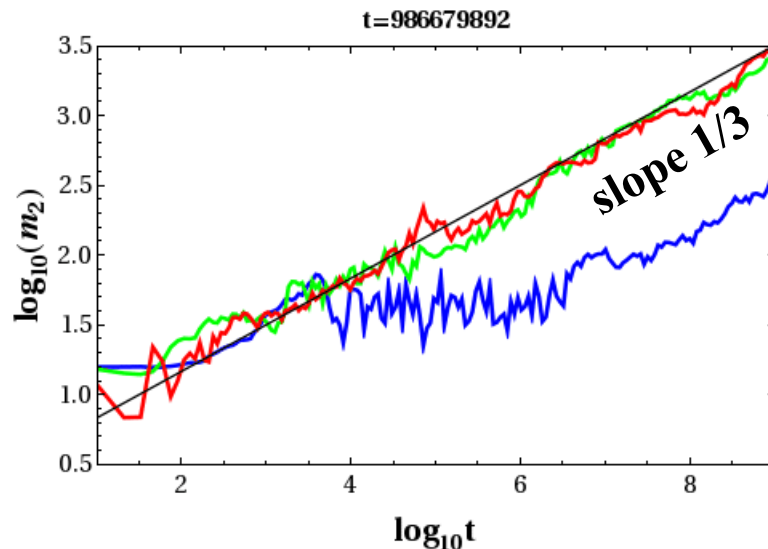
We consider normalized **energy distributions** in normal mode (NM) space

$$z_v \equiv \frac{E_v}{\sum_m E_m} \quad \text{with} \quad E_v = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{A}_v^2 + \omega_v^2 A_v^2 \right), \quad \text{where } A_v \text{ is the amplitude}$$

of the v th NM.

Second moment:
$$m_2 = \sum_{v=1}^N (v - \bar{v})^2 z_v \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{v} = \sum_{v=1}^N v z_v$$


Different spreading regimes




The KG model

We apply the **SABAC₂** integrator scheme to the KG Hamiltonian by using the **splitting**:

$$H_K = \sum_{l=1}^N \left(\underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{p}_l^2}{2}}_{\mathbf{A}} + \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_l^4 + \frac{1}{2W} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^2}_{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$



$$e^{\tau L_A}: \begin{cases} u'_l = p_l \tau + u_l \\ p'_l = p_l, \end{cases}$$



$$e^{\tau L_B}: \begin{cases} u'_l = u_l \\ p'_l = \left[-u_l(\tilde{\epsilon}_l + u_l^2) + \frac{1}{W}(u_{l-1} + u_{l+1} - 2u_l) \right] \tau + p_l, \end{cases}$$

with a **corrector term** which corresponds to the Hamiltonian function:

$$\mathbf{C} = \{ \{ \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \}, \mathbf{B} \} = \sum_{l=1}^N \left[u_l (\tilde{\epsilon}_l + u_l^2) - \frac{1}{W} (u_{l-1} + u_{l+1} - 2u_l) \right]^2.$$

The DNLS model

How can we use Symplectic Integrators for the DNLS model?

$$H_D = \sum_l \epsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l), \quad \psi_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (q_l + ip_l)$$

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_{\mathbf{A}} - \underbrace{q_n q_{n+1} - p_n p_{n+1}}_{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

$$e^{\tau L_A} : \begin{cases} q'_l = q_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) + p_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \\ p'_l = p_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) - q_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_l = \epsilon_l + \beta(q_l^2 + p_l^2)/2$$

$$e^{\tau L_B} : (\mathbf{q}', \mathbf{p}')^T = \mathbf{C}(\tau) \cdot (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

Evaluation of the $\mathbf{C}(\tau)$ matrix

The equations of motion for the Hamiltonian \mathbf{B} can be written as:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A} \\ -\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the matrix $\mathbf{C}(\tau)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{C}(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\mathbf{A}\tau) & \sin(\mathbf{A}\tau) \\ -\sin(\mathbf{A}\tau) & \cos(\mathbf{A}\tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos(\mathbf{A}\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \mathbf{A}^{2k} \tau^{2k}, \quad \sin(\mathbf{A}\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \mathbf{A}^{2k+1} \tau^{2k+1}.$$

The evaluation of the elements of matrices $\cos(\mathbf{A}\tau)$ and $\sin(\mathbf{A}\tau)$ can be obtained through the determination of the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix \mathbf{A} itself **(Gerlach, Meichsner, Ch.S., 2016, Eur. Phys. J. Sp. Top).**

DNLS model: 2 part split SIs

Order 2: **Leap-frog** (3 steps) $LF(\tau) = e^{\frac{\tau}{2}L_A} e^{\tau L_B} e^{\frac{\tau}{2}L_A}$
SABA₂ (5 steps)

Order 4: **Yoshida**, 1990, Phys. Lett. A (7 steps)

$$S^4(\tau) = e^{c_1 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_2 \tau L_A} e^{d_2 \tau L_B} e^{c_2 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_1 \tau L_A},$$

with $c_1 = \frac{1}{2(2-2^{1/3})}$, $c_2 = \frac{1-2^{1/3}}{2(2-2^{1/3})}$, $d_1 = \frac{1}{2-2^{1/3}}$, $d_2 = -\frac{2^{1/3}}{2-2^{1/3}}$.

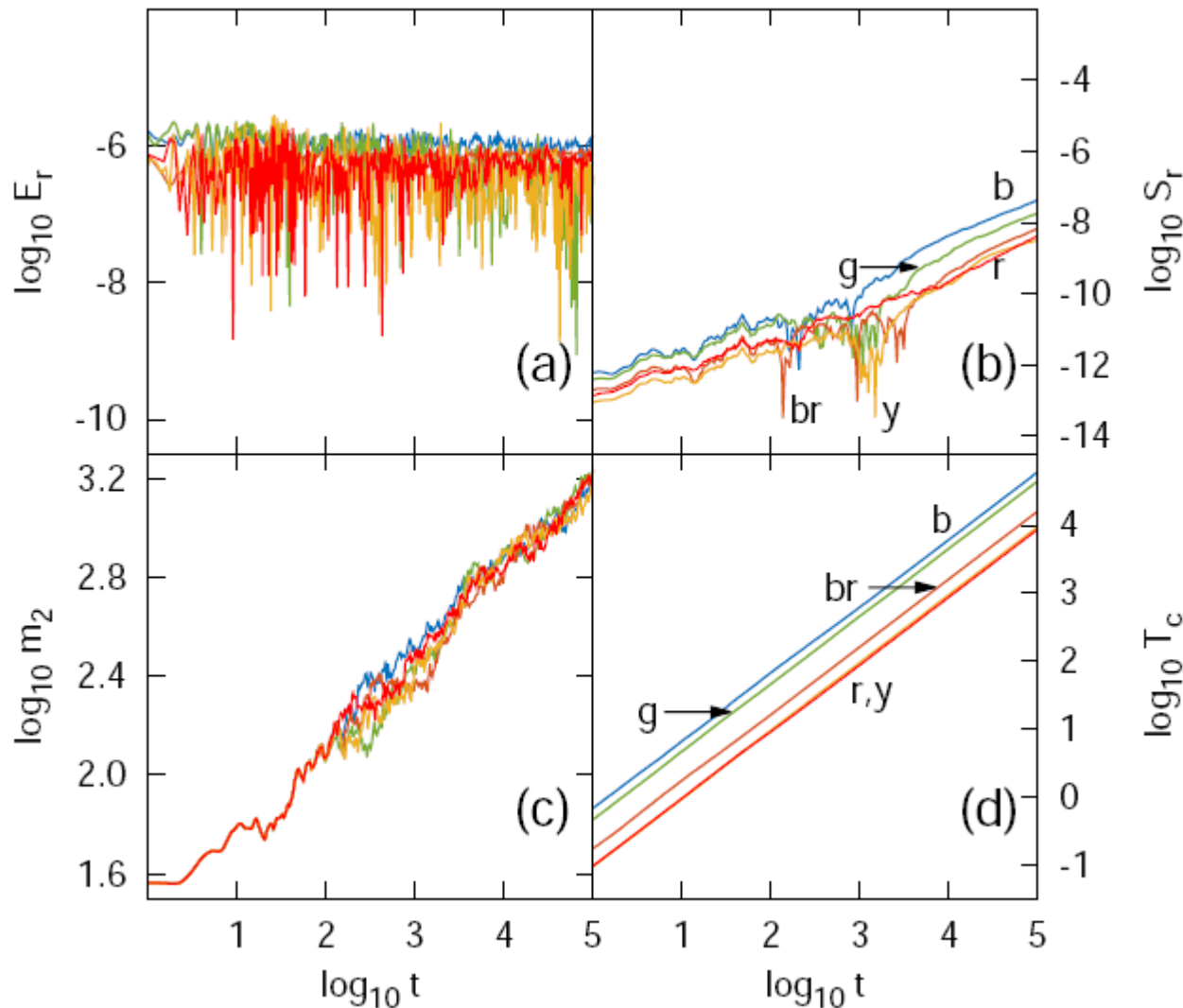
ABA864 [Blanes et al., 2013, App. Num. Math.] (15 steps)

Order 6: Using the composition method refereed as ‘solution A’ in [Yoshida, 1990, Phys. Lett. A] we construct the 6th order symplectic integrator **S⁶** having 29 steps

$$S^6(\tau) = S^2(w_3\tau)S^2(w_2\tau)S^2(w_1\tau)S^2(w_0\tau)S^2(w_1\tau)S^2(w_2\tau)S^2(w_3\tau)$$

where S^2 is the SABA₂ integrator, while the values of w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3 can be found in [Yoshida, 1990, Phys. Lett. A]

2 part split SIs: Numerical results



$N=1000, W=4, \beta=0.72, H_D=-28.5$

LF $\tau=0.0025$

SABA₂ $\tau=0.01$

S⁴ $\tau=0.05$

ABA864 $\tau=0.175$

S⁶ $\tau=0.25$

E_r : relative energy error

S_r : relative norm error

T_c : CPU time (sec)

**Gerlach, Meichsner,
Ch.S., 2016, Eur. Phys.
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DNLS model: 3 part split SIs

Symplectic Integrators produced by **Successive Splits (SS)**

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{- q_n q_{n+1} - p_n p_{n+1}}_{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q'_l = q_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) + p_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \\ p'_l = p_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) - q_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q'_l = q_l, \\ p'_l = p_l + (q_{l-1} + q_{l+1})\tau \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p'_l = p_l, \\ q'_l = q_l - (p_{l-1} + p_{l+1})\tau \end{array} \right.$$

Using the **SABA₂** integrator we get a **2nd order integrator with 13 steps, SS²:**

$$SS^2 = e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau \right] L_A} \underbrace{e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B}}_{\mathbf{B}_1} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau}{3} L_A} \underbrace{e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B}}_{\mathbf{B}_2} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau \right] L_A}$$

$$\tau' = \tau / 2 \quad \underbrace{e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau'}{3} L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}}}_{\mathbf{B}_1} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}}}_{\mathbf{B}_2} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau'}{3} L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}}}_{\mathbf{B}_1}$$

DNLS model: 3 part split SIs

Three part split symplectic integrator of order 2, with 5 steps: ABC^2

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_A \underbrace{- q_n q_{n+1}}_B \underbrace{- p_n p_{n+1}}_C \right)$$

$$ABC^2 = e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_A} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B} e^{\tau L_C} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_A}$$

This low order integrator has already been used by e.g. Chambers, MNRAS (1999) – Goździewski et al., MNRAS (2008).

DNLS model: 3 part split SIs

Order 4: Starting from any 2nd order symplectic integrator S^{2nd} , we can construct a 4th order integrator S^{4th} using the **composition method** proposed by Yoshida [Phys. Lett. A (1990)]:

$$S^{4th}(\tau) = S^{2nd}(x_1\tau) \times S^{2nd}(x_0\tau) \times S^{2nd}(x_1\tau), \quad x_0 = -\frac{2^{1/3}}{2 - 2^{1/3}}, \quad x_1 = \frac{1}{2 - 2^{1/3}}$$

In this way, starting with the 2nd order integrators SS^2 and ABC^2 we construct the 4th order integrators:

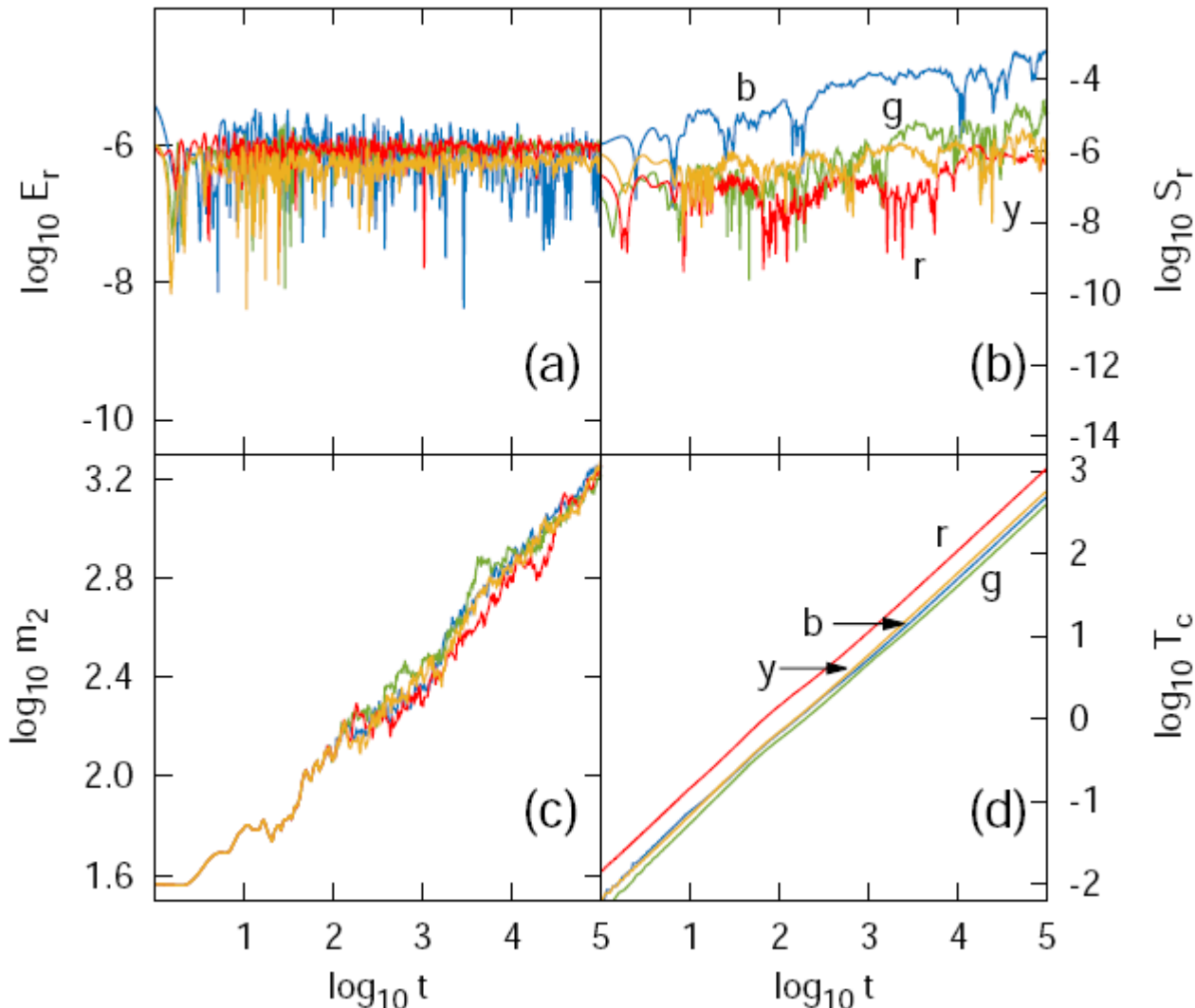
SS^4 with 37 steps

$ABC^4_{[Y]}$ with 13 steps

Using the ABAH864 integrator [Blanes et al., 2013, App. Num. Math.], where the B part is integrated by the $SABA_2$ scheme, we construct the 4th order integrator: **SS^4_{864}** integrator with 49 steps.

Order 6: Using the composition method proposed in [Sofroniou & Spaletta, 2005, Optim. Methods Softw.] we construct the 6th order symplectic integrator **$ABC^6_{[SS]}$** with 45 steps.

3 part split SIs: Numerical results



$N=1000, W=4, \beta=0.72, H_D=-28.5$

$ABC^4_{[Y]} \tau=0.05$

$SS^4 \tau=0.05$

$SS^4_{864} \tau=0.125$

$ABC^6_{[SS]} \tau=0.225$

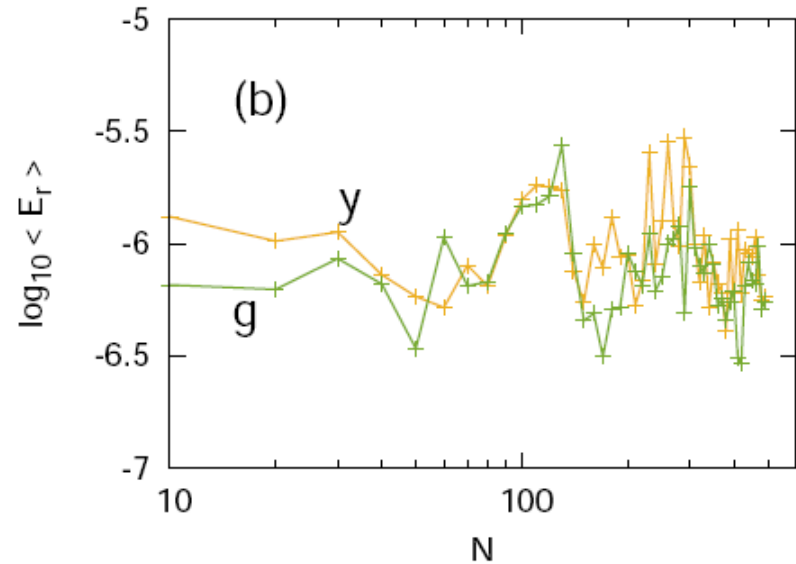
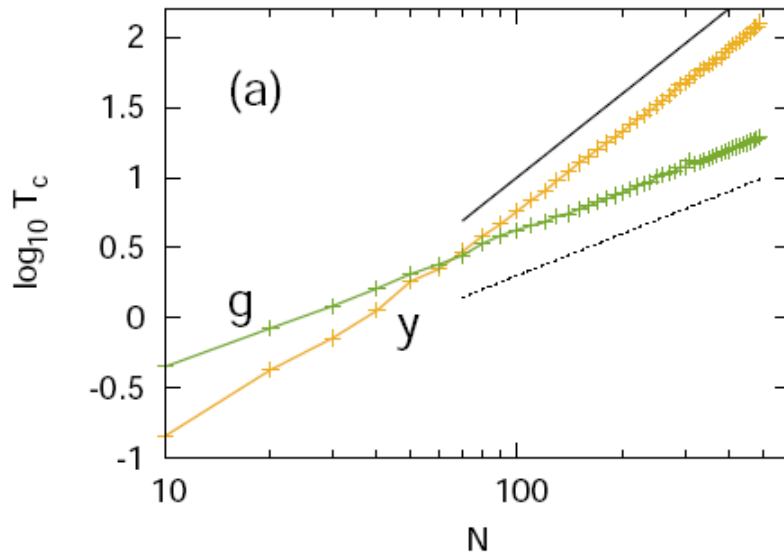
E_r : relative energy error

S_r : relative norm error

T_c : CPU time (sec)

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2 and 3 part split SIs: Comparing their efficiency



Best 2 part split: **ABA864** $\tau=0.125$

Best 3 part split: **ABC_[SS]⁶** $\tau=0.225$

N = number of sites, $t = 10^4$

E_r : relative energy error, T_c : CPU time (sec)

Summary

- $GALI_k$ indices are perfectly suited for studying the dynamics of **time-dependent models** as they are able to capture subtle changes in the nature of an orbit even for relatively small time intervals.
- We presented several efficient symplectic integration methods suitable for the integration of the DNLS model, which are based on 2 and 3 part split of the Hamiltonian.
 - ✓ 2 part split methods preserve better the second integral of the system (i.e. the norm)
 - ✓ For small lattices ($N \lesssim 70$) 2 part split methods are computationally more efficient, while for larger lattice 3 part split method should be used.

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