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Shearless Invariant Curves In Confined Plasmas

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Outline

- I- Shearless Invariant Curves in the Non Twist Standard Map
- II- Shearless Invariants in Magnetic Field Lines Transport. Experimental Evidences
- III-Shearless Invariants in Plasma Particles Transport. Experimental Evidences

I- Shearless invariant curves in the Standard Nontwist Map

Standard nontwist map: Del-Castillo-Negrete, Morrison, Phys. Fluids 1993

Shearless transport barriers in the standard nontwist map:

- Del-Castillo-Negrete, Greene, Morrison, Physica D 1996
- Corso, Rizzato, Physical Review E 1998
- Fuchs, Wurm, Apte, Morrison, Chaos 2006
- Szezech Jr., Caldas, Lopes, Viana, Morrison, Chaos 2009

Non Twist Sympectic Maps

- Shearless invariants appear in several models, due to non monotonic profiles or due to bifurcations.
- From these models, maps derived as local analytical approximations of Poincaré sections in phase space of Hamiltonian systems.
- Most known map: **standard nontwist map**

NonTwist Standard Map

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + a(1 - x_{n+1}^2)$$
$$x_{n+1} = x_n - b\sin(2\pi y_n)$$

 $det(J) = 1 \Rightarrow$ Symplectic Map

Two control parameters:

a: Equilibrium shear

b: Perturbation amplitude

Non Twist Standard Map / Rotation Number

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + a(1 - x_{n+1}^2)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - b\sin(2\pi y_n)$$

mod1



Twin Islands

a=0.3640; *b*=0.5232

Shearless Invariant Break Up



FIG. 1. Phase space of the SNM for (a) a = 0.354 and b = 0.6, (b) a = 0.364 and b = 0.6, (c) a = 0.455 and b = 0.8, and (d) a = 0.455 and b = 0.847. The blue line represents the shearless curve obtained by the evolution of the IP (1/4,b/2)as the initial condition in Eqs. (1).

Santos, Chaos 2018

Before Barrier Break

Basin of Scape

Phase Space



Break up of the barrier

Phase space for before and after the break up of the last invariant (Meander). The blue trajectories represent a initial condition starting in lower phase space region, and the red in the upper phase space region.



Phase Space for the two cases Persistent Barrier High transmissivity a = 0.80552a = 0.806300.5 0.5 > > 0 -0.5 -0.5 -0.4 -0.2 0 X 0.2 0.4 -0.4 -0.2 0 X 0.2 0.4



FIG. 3. (Color online) (a) Mean escape time and (b) transmissivity of the SNM with b=0.6 and variable a. The blue dotted line indicates an a-value of fast escape and large transmissivity, while the red dashed line indicates an a-value with an effective barrier in that the escape time is long and the transmissivity is low.

Szezech, Chaos 2009

Escape time for diferent initial conditions



Amplification of the escape time for diferent initial conditions









Finite Time Lyapunov Exponent (FTLE) A typical trajectory of a initial condition starting inside the trapping domain. The figure of left is the phase space and the

figure of right is the FTLE temporal series.



Schematic description of the channels G.Corso, F.B. Rizzato, PRE(1998)



Amplification of the Phase Space for the two cases and his respectives manifolds

Persistent Barrier a = 0.80630

High transmissivity a = 0.80552





Transmissivity of Shearless Transport Barrier



A method for determining a stochastic transition

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A number of problems in physics can be reduced to the study of a measure-preserving mapping of a plane onto itself. One example is a Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom, i.e., two coupled nonlinear oscillators. These are among the simplest deterministic systems that can have chaotic solutions. According to a theorem of Kolmogorov, Arnol'd, and Moser, these systems may also have more ordered orbits lying on curves that divide the plane. The existence of each of these orbit types depends sensitively on both the parameters of the problem, and on the initial conditions. The problem addressed in this paper is that of finding when given KAM orbits exist. The guiding hypothesis is that the disappearance of a KAM surface is associated with a sudden change from stability to instability of nearby periodic orbits. The relation between KAM surfaces and periodic orbits has been explored extensively here by the numerical computation of a particular mapping. An important part of this procedure is the introduction of two quantities, the residue and the mean residue, that permit the stability of many orbits to be estimated from the extrapolation of results obtained for a few orbits. The results are distilled into a series of assertions. These are consistent with all that is previously known, strongly supported by numerical results, and lead to a method for deciding the existence of any given KAM surface computationally.

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Area preserving nontwist maps: periodic orbits and transition to chaos

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Abstract

Area preserving nontwist maps, i.e. maps that violate the twist condition, are considered. A representative example, the *standard nontwist map* that violates the twist condition along a curve called the shearless curve, is studied in detail. Using symmetry lines and involutions, periodic orbits are computed and two bifurcations analyzed: periodic orbit collisions and separatrix reconnection. The transition to chaos due to the destruction of the shearless curve is studied. This problem is outside the applicability of the standard KAM (Kolmogorov-Arnold-Moser) theory. Using the residue criterion we compute the critical parameter values for the destruction of the shearless curve with rotation number equal to the inverse golden mean. The results indicate that the destruction of this curve is fundamentally different from the destruction of the inverse golden mean curve in twist maps. It is shown that the residues converge to a six-cycle at criticality.

Sudden change from stability to instability of scads of nearby periodic Orbits indicates the breakup of invariant tori



Residue criterion relates the existence of an invariant torus to a family of periodic orbits nearby

Fig. 13. The standard nontwist map at the critical parameter values, $(a_c, b_c) = (0.686049, 0.742493131039)$ for destruction of the $1/\gamma$ shearless orbit.

Castillo-Negrete, Greene, Morrison, Phisica D, 1996

High accuracy



Fig. 15. Self-similar structure of the $1/\gamma$ shearless curves at criticality. In case (a) the shearless curve has been plotted in symmetry-line coordinates. Case (b) is a magnification of (a) by a factor of 321.92 in the x-direction and 463.82 in the y-direction.

Castillo-Negrete, Greene, Morrison, Phisica D, 1996

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On Slater's criterion for the breakup of invariant curves

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HIGHLIGHTS

- We investigate Slater's theorem in the context of area-preserving maps.
- The breakup diagram of the nontwist map was obtained using Slater's criterion.
- Slater's criterion can be implemented to determine the last invariant curve.
- To the standard map our heuristic Slater's criterion was $K_c = 0.9716394$.
- Our result is very close to the widely accepted Greene's result, $K_c = 0.971635$.

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ABSTRACT

We numerically explore Slater's theorem in the context of dynamical systems to study the breakup of invariant curves. Slater's theorem states that an irrational translation over a circle returns to an arbitrary interval in at most three different recurrence times expressible by the continued fraction expansion of the related irrational number. The hypothesis considered in this paper is that Slater's theorem can be also verified in the dynamics of invariant curves. Hence, we use Slater's theorem to develop a qualitative and quantitative numerical approach to determine the breakup of invariant curves in the phase space of area-preserving maps.





The Slater's Theorem



An irrational translation, θ , over an unity circle can take <u>at most three</u> different recurrence times to a connected interval of size $\epsilon < 1$.

$$\sigma_1 \quad \sigma_2 \quad \sigma_3$$

Irrational: continued fraction expansion

$$\sigma_{i} = [a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, \dots, a_{s}, \dots] = \frac{1}{a_{1} + \frac{1}{a_{2} + \frac{1}{a_{s}}}} = \frac{P_{s}}{Q_{s}}$$

According to Slater the three recurrences are:

$$\sigma_{1} = Q_{s-1}$$

$$\sigma_{2} = Q_{s} - nQ_{s-1}$$

$$\sigma_{3} = Q_{s} - (n+1)Q_{s-1}$$

$$\epsilon = (n+1)\eta_{s} + \eta_{s+1} + \psi \quad (0 < \psi \le \eta_{s})$$

$$\eta_{s} = (-1)^{s-1}(\theta Q_{s-1} - P_{s-1})$$

N. B. Slater , The Distribution of the integers N for which $\{N\theta\} < \varepsilon$. Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 46 (1949) 525.

<u>Invariant curves</u> in phase space of dynamical systems

Irrational rotation

Can be parameterized to a circle map

$$F = I \cdot I_{1}$$

$$I_{0}: (x, y) = (-x, y - bsin(2\pi x))$$

$$I_{1}: (x, y) = (x + a(1 - y'^{2}), y)$$

Symmetry: $S(x, y) = (x + \frac{1}{2}, y)$ F · S = S · F Reversible: $I_{0,1} \cdot F = F^{-1} \cdot I_{0,1}$



$$(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{4}, (-1)^{n+1} \frac{b}{2})$$
$$(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{4}, 0).$$





a = 0.455; b = 0.800





Indicator Point: (1/4; b/2)

Parameter Space Fractal Critical Curve



Fig. 2. Parameter space of SNM showing the breakup boundary for the central shearless curve. The red color indicates the set of parameters (*a*, *b*) in which the shearless curve exists in the phase space. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Suited for large parameters set

Conclusions

- Invariant shearless barrier could appear for non monotonic profile.
- Transition to global chaos. A typical scenario to breakup the shearless invariant curve.

• Persistent barriers for non twist maps, J. D. Szezech Jr. et. al, Chaos (2009)

Bifurcations: Onset of Shearless Invariant Curves

Non Twist Bifurcations

Nonlinearity 13 (2000) 203-224. Printed in the UK

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Generic twistless bifurcations

H R Dullin[†][‡], J D Meiss[†] and D Sterling[†]

CHAOS 22, 033142 (2012)

Secondary nontwist phenomena in area-preserving maps

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Non Twist Bifurcations

Birkhoff normal form \longrightarrow expansion around an eliptic point $J_{n+1} = J_n$ $\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + 2\pi \Omega(J)$ $\Delta(J) = \omega + \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 J$ <u>Birkhoff</u> <u>coefficients</u>

Our procedure

Internal rotation number

$$\omega_{in} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi n} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n(x, y) \hat{\theta} P_{n+1}(x, y)$$

(Twist) Standard Map

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + x_{n+1}$$

 $x_{n+1} = x_n - K\sin(2\pi y_n)$

Triple Bifurcation in Standard Map



(a) K=5.35; (b) K=5.50; (c) K=5.554; (d) K=5.56.

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Triple Bifurcation in Non Twist Standard Map



b=0.8; (a) a=0.543; (b) a=0.5485; (c) a=0.551; (d) a=0.5517.

II- Shearless Invariants in Magnetic Fields

Magnetic Surfaces in Tokamaks

Tokamak



Relatively Constant Electric Current



Plasma Confined in Tokamaks



MHD Equilibrium

Equations

- $\nabla p = \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$ $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$
- P : plasma pressure
- \vec{j} : plasma electric current d
- \vec{B} : plasma magnetic field



FIGURE 6-2 The j × B force of the diamagnetic current balances the pressure-gradient force in steady state.



FIGURE 6-3 Both the j and B vectors lie on constant-pressure surfaces.

Helicoidal magnetic field lines on toroidal surfaces



Linhas e Superficie de Campo Magnético Toroidal.

Equilibrium Magnetic Field in Tokamaks

Field lines describe toroidal (ϕ) and poloidal (θ) angles, on toroidal magnetic surfaces.



Field line equation

Integrable Field $\vec{B}_0 \times d \vec{l} = 0 \implies \dot{\vartheta} = \frac{\partial H_0(J)}{\partial J},$ $\dot{J} = - \frac{\partial H_0(J)}{\partial \vartheta}$

t (canonical time) = ϕ (toroidal angle)

Frequency $\omega(J) = \frac{\partial H_0}{\partial J}$

Lagrangian Caos

Symmetry \Rightarrow integrable system $H=H_0(J) \Rightarrow J = J_0, \ \vartheta = \omega t + \vartheta_0$ (J, ϑ) action/angle de H_0

Helicoidal perturbation ($\varepsilon \neq 0$) \Rightarrow symmetry broken H=H₀(J) + ε H₁(J, ϑ) ε <<1 \Leftrightarrow quasi-integrabel system

Ergodic (Chaotic) Magnetic Limiter Ressonant perturbations in magnetic surfaces



Ressonant perturbation: m/n. Control parameter: limiter current I_h .

Conductor

Toroidal MHD Equilibrium

Magnetic Surfaces



Normalized distances in polar coordinates

Field line hamiltonian for a tokamak with EML

• non-integrable hamiltonian in action-angle variables (\mathcal{J}, θ)

$$H_{L}(\mathcal{J},\theta,t) = H_{0}(\mathcal{J}) + \frac{\ell}{R'_{0}}H_{1}(\mathcal{J},\theta,t)\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty}\delta\left(t-k\frac{2\pi}{N_{r}}\right)$$

where R_0' is the major radius and N_r is the number of limiters with length ℓ

• plasma equilibrium: integrable part

$$H_0(\mathcal{J}) = \frac{1}{B_T {R_0'}^2} \Psi_{p0}(\mathcal{J})$$

where Ψ_{p0} is the poloidal flux function (Grad-Shafranov eq.) • resonant perturbation [mode numbers (m, n)]

$$H_{1}(\mathcal{J},\theta,t) = \frac{1}{B_{T} {R_{0}'}^{2}} a(\mathcal{J}) \cos\left(m\theta - n\frac{t}{R_{0}'}\right)$$

Magnetic field line map

- section at constant azimuthal angle
- (J, θ) action-angle field line coordinates at the Poincaré section
- we integrate the canonical equations

$$\frac{d\mathcal{J}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta}, \qquad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathcal{J}}.$$

• obtaining a field line map $(\mathcal{J}_{n+1}, \theta_{n+1}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathcal{J}_n, \theta_n)$



Non monotonic plasma current density

Stability of Multihelical Tearing Modes in Shaped Tokamaks

W. Kerner and H. Tasso, Phys. Rev. Lett. 49, 654 (1982)

Dimerized Islands

G. Oda, Caldas, CSF (1995)

G. Corso, G. Oda, I. Caldas, CSF (1997)

Toroidal MHD Equilibrium



Tokamak with Chaotic Limiter (toroidal geometry)



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Improved Confinement with Reversed Magnetic Shear in TFTR

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Strait et al, PRL 1995

A new tokamak confinement regime on TFTR Enhanced reverse shear confinement (Levinton, PRL 1995)



FIG. 1. The plasma current and neutral beam power evolution for a reversed shear startup.



FIG. 2. The q profiles at the beginning of the current flattop at t = 2 s (dashed line), and near the end of the heating phase at t = 3.35 s (solid line).

Evidences of transport barriers



FIG. 3. The (a) density and (b) pressure profile before the transition to the ERS mode (dashed line) and at the time of peak density and pressure (solid line).



FIG. 4. The evolution of the electron density (a) and temperatures (b) at the magnetic axis for a discharge that makes a transition into the ERS mode at 2.715 s (solid line) and a similar reversed shear discharge at lower NBI power that does not (dashed line).

MHD Equilibrium



Chaotic Limiter to Improve Confinement Resonant perturbations on magnetic surfaces



Dominant m/n resonant perturbation in toroidal geometry. Control parameter: coil current I_h .

Silva et al., IEEE Trans. Plasma Science (2001)

Poincaré Surfaces



m/n = 4/1 dominant mode

Normalized radius x poloidal angle

Conection Lengths for Field Lines 4/1 mode 1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 (m) d/n 0.5 0.4 -0.3 -1.57 3.14 4.71 0.00 6.28 θ (rad) 101 200

Normalized radius coordinate x poloidal angle Scales in the range [1, 200] (number of toroidal turns, for a line, from (r, θ) to the wall) 4/1 Mode

Stable and unstable manifolds





Normalized radius x poloidal angle

Conection Lengths for Field Lines



Normalized radius coordinate x poloidal angle

Scales in the range [1, 200](number of toroidal turns, for a line, from (r, θ) to the wall) Kroetz et al., Physics of Plasmas 2008

Wings

Resonant character of field lines escape to the wall



4/1 mode

Escape lengths in the range [1, 20] at the wall

Poloidal angle at the wall x safety factor at the edge

Conclusions

- Perturbed magnetic configuration described by *maps*.
- Escape of field lines determined by homoclinic tangle.
- For some high amplitude resonances, magnetic lines with long correlation lengths reach the wall in concentrated footprints.



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Observation of the heteroclinic tangles in the heat flux pattern of the ergodic divertor at TEXTOR

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Temperature Distribution at Target Plates Experimental Evidences



Fig. 1. The temperature distribution over the DED target plates in Celsius centigrade. The image of the curved and oblique surface is corrected with LEOPOLD [12], such that the tiles form a regular pattern. The yellow (m/n = 6/2) and green (m/n = 12/4) rectangles indicate the areas, where the heat flux density is evaluated with the THEODOR code.

These measurements give evaluation of heat flux

Resonant Character of Heat Flux



Textor Jakubowski J. Nuclear Materials (2007) Evaluated Heat Flux to Target Plates as a function of edge safety factor

Blow up of the previous figure

at the wall

and poloidal angle

ig 2. Heat flux to the divertor target plates as a function of the edge safety factor and the poloidal angle: (a) in the 12/4 mode: (b) in the

Ullman Map / Nontwist Symplectic Map

Non integrable magnetic field line of tokamaks with reversed magnetic shear.

.Resonant perturbations created by an ergodic magnetic limiter.

Map with local behavior similar to the standard nontwist map.

Ulmann, Caldas, CSF 2000 Portela, Caldas, Viana, Morrison, IJBC 2007 Portela, Viana, Caldas, EPJ ST 2008

Tokamak with Ergodic Limiter / Periodic Cylinder



Plasma current in z direction Perturbing current in red z ($R\phi$): toroidal direction θ : poloidal direction



Correspondência com coordenadas da seção toroidal: $x \rightarrow r$, $y \rightarrow \theta$.

Safety factor profile used in this work. Inset amplifies the reversed shear region.



Equilibrium described by the map

$$r_{n+1} = \frac{r_n}{1 - a_1 \sin \theta_n},$$

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + \frac{2\pi}{q_{eq}(r_{n+1})} + a_1 \cos \theta_n \mod 2\pi$$

Perturbative map due to chaotic magnetic limiter:

$$r_{n} = r_{n+1} + \frac{mC\epsilon b}{m-1} \left(\frac{r_{n+1}}{b}\right)^{m-1} \sin(m\theta_{n}) ,$$

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_{n} - C\epsilon \left(\frac{r_{n+1}}{b}\right)^{m-2} \cos(m\theta_{n}) ,$$

where $C = (2mla^2 I_l)/(R_0 q_a b^2 I_p)$ represents the perturbation strength
Addition of Randon Noise in the Ullman Map Shearless barriers are robust

(a)



Reconection





Shearlees Barrier Break Up



Zoom near the barrier for the non-twist Ullmann map for (a) $\epsilon = 0.3029$ and (b) $\epsilon = 0.3031$.

Shearless Bifurcation in the Twist Ullmann Map Shearless barriers may also appear in twist maps!



Example in Tokamaks

A symplectic mapping for the ergodic magnetic limiter

K. Ullmann, I.L. Caldas, CSF, 11 (2010)



Figure 1. Tokamak scheme showing the main coordinate systems (left) and the $2\pi R_0$ -periodic cylindrical approximation (right) where *l* is the length of the wires of the EML.

Ullmann Map Ullmann, Caldas, CSF 11, 2000

$$F_{1}: \begin{cases} r_{n+1} = \frac{r_{n}}{1 - a_{1} \sin \theta}, \\ \theta_{n+1} = \theta_{n} + \frac{2\pi}{q_{eq}(r_{n+1})} + a_{1} \cos \theta_{n}, \end{cases}$$

Equilibrium Large aspect-ratio a₁: toroidal correction

$$F_2: \begin{cases} r_{n+1} = r_{n+1}^* + \frac{mC\epsilon b}{m-1} \left(\frac{r_{n+1}^*}{b}\right)^{m-1} \sin(m\theta_{n+1}), \\ \theta_{n+1}^* = \theta_{n+1} - C\epsilon \left(\frac{r_{n+1}}{b}\right)^{m-2} \cos(m\theta_{n+1}), \end{cases}$$

I: limiter current qa: safety factor at edge Chaotic limiter Control parameter C≈I/q_a Onset of shearless magnetic surfaces in tokamaks

C. V. Abud, I.L. Caldas, Nucl. Fusion 54 (2014)



Figure 4. Phase space of the Ullmann map with $\epsilon = 0.189$ and m = 6. The red box emphasizes the quadrupling bifurcation.



Figure 5. The quadrupling bifurcation in the Ullmann map. (a) $\epsilon = 0.185$; (b) $\epsilon = 0.187$; (c) $\epsilon = 0.188$ and (d) $\epsilon = 0.189$. Note onset of two s-shearless tori arose for some value of ϵ between (a) and (b).

Conclusion

- Shearless invariant curves can also be created by changing
- the control parameters.

III – Particle Transport in Tokamaks

Model

W. Horton, P. Hyoung-Bin, K. Jae-Min, D. Strozzi, P. J. Morrison, and C. Duk-In. Drift wave test particle transport in reversed shear profile. *Physics of Plasmas*, 5(11):3910–3917, 1998.

Results

Rosalem et al. NF (2014), PoP (2016),

Marcus et al. submitted to PoP

Summary

Drift Wave Transport Model

Modeling E, B and v Profiles

Resonant modes

Rotation Number and Shearless Barrier

Effect of non resonant mode

Change on Electric field and resonant modes

Some remarks

Large Aspect Ratio Tokamak, R/r >> 1



Coordinates: r, θ $I = (r/a)^2$ and $\Psi = (M\vartheta - L\varphi)_{e}$ Action, helical angle

Drift Wave Transport Model Horton, PoP 1998

Guiding-center equation of motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}}{B} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \qquad \qquad \begin{cases} \frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{1}{rB} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v_{\parallel}}{r} \frac{B_{\theta}}{B} + \frac{1}{rB} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial r} - \frac{E_r}{rB} \\ \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{v_{\parallel}}{R} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{x} = (r, \theta, \varphi)$ is written in local polar coordinates standing r as the radial position, θ and φ as poloidal and toroidal angles, R is the major plasma radius, v_{\parallel} is the toroidal velocity of the guiding centers and E_r (r) is the radial electric field profile in equilibrium.

Fluctuating electrostatic potential

$$ilde{\phi}(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{L,M,n} \phi_{LMn} \cos(M\theta - L\varphi - n\omega_0 t)$$

Spatial electrostatic modes L and M are respectively poloidal and toroidal and assumed to be constant.

Action-angle coordinates (I, ψ) $I \equiv (r/a)^2$ $\psi_{LM} \equiv M\theta - L\varphi$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{1}{rB} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v_{\parallel}}{r} \frac{B_{\theta}}{B} + \frac{1}{rB} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial r} - \frac{E_r}{rB} \\ \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{v_{\parallel}}{R} \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{L,M,n} \phi_{LMn} \cos(M\theta - L\varphi - n\omega_0 t)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = 2M \sum \phi_n \sin(\psi - n\omega_0 t)$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{v_{\parallel}(I)}{R} \frac{1}{q(I)} [M - Lq(I)] - \frac{M}{\sqrt{I}} E_r(I)$$

Resonant modes

Resonance conditions: Islands in Poincaré maps

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = 2M \sum \phi_n \sin(\psi - n\omega_0 t)$$
$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{\psi_{\parallel}(I)}{R} \frac{1}{q(I)} [M - Lq(I)] - \frac{M}{\sqrt{I}} E_r(I)$$

Time invariance of the action variable /

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\psi - n\omega_0 t) = 0 \to \frac{d\psi}{dt} = n\omega_0$$

$$n\omega_0 = \frac{v_{\parallel}(r)}{R} \frac{1}{q(I)} [M - Lq(I)] - \frac{M}{\sqrt{I}} E_r(I)$$

Resonant modes











Resonant modes

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Rotation Number and Shearless Barrier

Consider a two-dimensional dynamical system with a family of invariant closed curves that are formed by periodic or quasi-periodic trajectories. The trajectories trace the invariant curves at specific frequencies. A shearless transport barrier then is generally defined as the invariant curve whose frequency admits a local extremum within the family.

$$\phi_n = 0 \rightarrow I_0 = constant \ of \ motion \rightarrow \Omega_0 = \Delta \psi$$

For the non-integrable case and a given initial condition

$$\psi_0 \to \Omega = \lim_{l \to \infty} \Delta \psi_l / l$$





Effect of non resonant mode



$$n = (2, 3, 4) \rightarrow \phi_n = (0.0, 0.85, 0.1)$$







Change on Electric field and resonant modes



Remarks

Non resonant waves are related to the invariant closed curves, which are connected to the shearless barrier, therefore to chaos reduction.

A change on the equilibrium radial electric field profile can shift a resonant mode to a non resonant and consequently reduce the chaos through the shearless barrier.

Evidences of Shearlee Barrier in Helimaks

Collaboration with Prof. K. Gentle, Texas University at Austin

Data Analyses Toufen et al. PoP (2012, 2013, 2014) Pereira et al. PPCF (2016)

Shearless Barriers (Theory) Ferro, Caldas, PL A (2018).

Texas Helimak

- Toroidal machine with simplified magnetic field lines configuration → basically one dimensional equilibrium (dependence on the radial coordinate).
- Waves propagate on the vertical (z) direction, like waves propagating in the poloidal direction in tokamaks.

 Influence of the radial electric field profile on the plasma turbulence.

Magnetic Field Lines Geometry



More than 700 probes

Spectrometer for vertical plasma flow (velocity V_z)

Texas Helimak

Vessel, Bias Plates, Probes **Fluctuation Amplitude** Magnetic Field Lines Geometry

Texas Helimak

Independent of the vertical direction z



Waves propagate on the vertical (z) direction

Radial Profile of Plasma Velocity in the Vertical Direction (Spectrometer)



Radial position where the flow is shearless

Evidence of Shearless (Radial) Transport Barriers

Turbulence Driven Particle Transport Profile (changing Bias)

Plasma Flow Shear Profile (changing bias)



Toufen et al. PoP (2012)

Conclusions

- Shearless Invariants act as transport barriers in plasmas.
- Models of barriers in magnetic field line transport.
- Models of barriers in plasma particle transport.
- Experimental evidences in tokamaks and Texas Helimak.

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Recurrence-based analysis of barrier breakup in the standard nontwist map

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We study the standard nontwist map that describes the dynamic behaviour of magnetic field lines near a local minimum or maximum of frequency. The standard nontwist map has a shearless invariant curve that acts like a barrier in phase space. Critical parameters for the breakup of the shearless curve have been determined by procedures based on the indicator points and bifurcations of periodical orbits, a methodology that demands high computational cost. To determine the breakup critical parameters, we propose a new simpler and general procedure based on the determinism analysis performed on the recurrence plot of orbits near the critical transition. We also show that the coexistence of islands and chaotic sea in phase space can be analysed by using the recurrence plot. In particular, the measurement of determinism from the recurrence plot provides us with a simple procedure to distinguish periodic from chaotic structures in the parameter space. We identify an invariant shearless breakup scenario, as well as we show that recurrence plots are useful tools to determine the presence of periodic orbit collisions and bifurcation curves.



FIG. 1. Phase space of the SNM for (a) a = 0.354 and b = 0.6, (b) a = 0.364 and b = 0.6, (c) a = 0.455 and b = 0.8, and (d) a = 0.455 and b = 0.847. The blue line represents the shearless curve obtained by the evolution of the IP (1/4,b/2)as the initial condition in Eqs. (1).

The recurrence plot (RP) is a visualisation of a square matrix where a dot is placed at (i, j) whenever \vec{x}_i is nearby to \vec{x}_j^{23-25} . The RP can be mathematically expressed as

$$RP_{i,j} = \Theta(\varepsilon - ||\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j||), \qquad (2)$$

where $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ (i, j = 1...k), k is the number of possible states \vec{x}_i in *m*-dimensional space, ε is the return radius ($\varepsilon = 0.05$), ||.|| indicates the Euclidean norm and $\Theta(.)$ is the Heaviside function. The interesting patterns observed in RPs led the authors in Ref.⁸ to develop recurrence quantification analysis (RQA) to quantify the structures presents in the RPs. Thus, several diagnostics^{26,27} can be obtained from Eq. (2), for example recurrence rate, laminarity, determinism, etc. Following²⁷, determinism is quantified by

$$DET = \frac{\sum_{l=l_{\min}}^{k} lP(l)}{\sum_{l=1}^{k} lP(l)},$$
(3)

where P(l) represents the probability distribution of diagonal lines of length l ($l_{\min} = 2$) present in the recurrence plot. A diagonal line of length l indicates whether there are two timely separated pieces of the time-series that remain ε -close by a time of l. The more deterministic a system is, the longer the diagonal lines will be. Stochastic systems have very short or no diagonal lines



FIG. 3. Determinism phase space of the SNM for (a) a = 0.354 and b = 0.6, (b) a = 0.364 and b = 0.6, (c) a = 0.455 and b = 0.8, and (d) a = 0.455 and b = 0.847.

Critical Curve in Parameter Space Fractal Border



FIG. 4. Barrier breakup of the SNM using two methods. Figures (a) and (b) are calculated through the IP according to Ref.¹⁷, where the blue (yellow) region represents the existence (breakup) of the shearless curves. Figures (c) and (d) are

SHEARLESS INVARIANT CURVES IN CONFINED PLASMAS

IBERÊ CALDAS Notes by Jerry Heninger

Standard Concentration Standard Hop

Standard Nontunist Map Ynei = Yn Q(1 - Xnei) mod I Xnei = Xn - b sin (ZTT Yn)

Rotation Number:

$$\omega = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{n+1} - x_0}{n}$$

To find the shearless curve, compute this for each y along x=0. The maximum marks where the shearless curve crosses x=0.

Shearless curve is often the last to break.

Before this, there can be reconnection events.

Even after it breaks, the location where it was is sticky.

Stickiness can vary dramatically with small parameter charges.

Manage Manage Manage Manage Manage Manage

Look and at islands near where the invariant curve was to understand stickiness

High transmissivity if the lislands' manifolds cross with the other islands' manifolds.

Location of shearless curve in (a, b) parameter space - very imegular.

Calculated using John Greene's method.

Sudden change in stability of scads of nearby periodic orbits => invariant has broken. Alternatively, use Slater's Criterion.

Slater's Theorem, applied along the invariant curve

Choose a small segment along the invariant curve

If only 3 recurrance times = not broken, more than 3 = broken

Faster, but not as precise as Greene's method

Non Twist Bigur castions

when do maps have shearless invariants?

there is a shearless curve around a islands in the standard map bifurcation that creates 3 new islands

Magnetic Surfaces in Tokamaks

Tokamak - confines a plasma in a torus toroid & poloidal magnetic field lines field line equations are a Hamiltonian system time = toroidal angle if integrable, find action-angle variables take Poincaré section perturb the Hamiltonian by an external coil

depends on toroidal angle (= Hamilfontan time)

canget shearless curves as muariants in these magnetic fields these barriers = improve confinement

Ulmann Map

symplectic map to model the magnetic Sield lines in tokamaks (r, O) in torus -> (x, y) for map

Equilibrium described by map - with control parameters an Perturbative map due to external current - with amplitude parameter (have to work with both

In this map, we can see: shearless curve reconnection & meanders breakup of shearless curve & stickiness within islands, there are shearless curves associated with a triple bifurcation also bifurcation that creates 4 islands these affect transport across the sticky region

Particle Transport in Tokamaks

model includes both motion along the magnetic fields & drifts (ExB) need to know equilibrium \$ & E and the fluctuating E due to turbulence

look for resonant modes

shearless curve is the minimum between Z resonances

a non resonant mode can also create/destroy shearless curve

could decrease transport by increasing turbulence if you make a shearless curve small changes in electric field can also create/destroy shearless curve
Texas Helinak

Simplified magnetic field geometry - cylinder containing helitical magnetic field lines can es control radial electric field using plates at top & bottom perturbations typically only depend on r - not Z

experimental evidence that transport is low when the velocity shear is small.