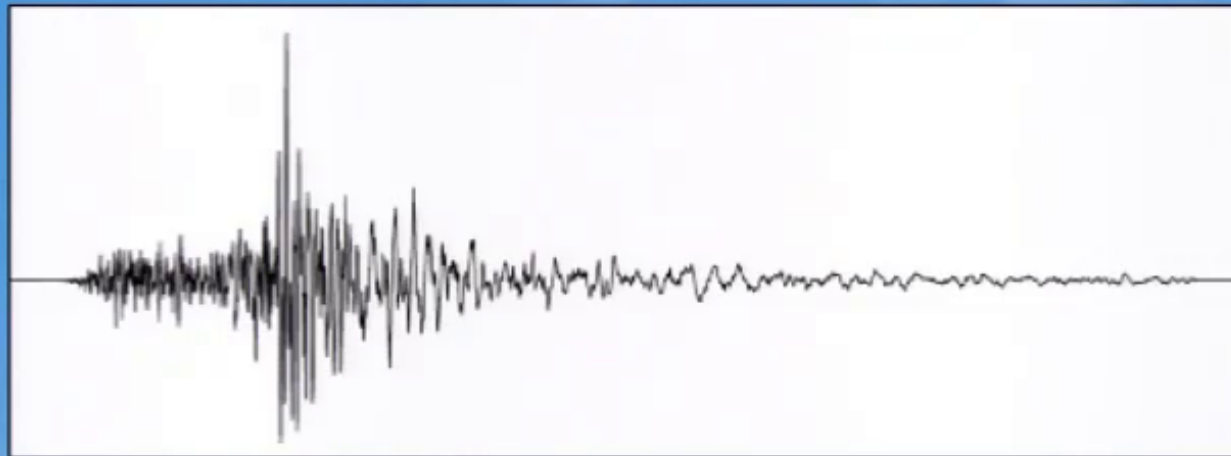


# A direct method for computing failure boundaries of non-autonomous systems

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# Motivation

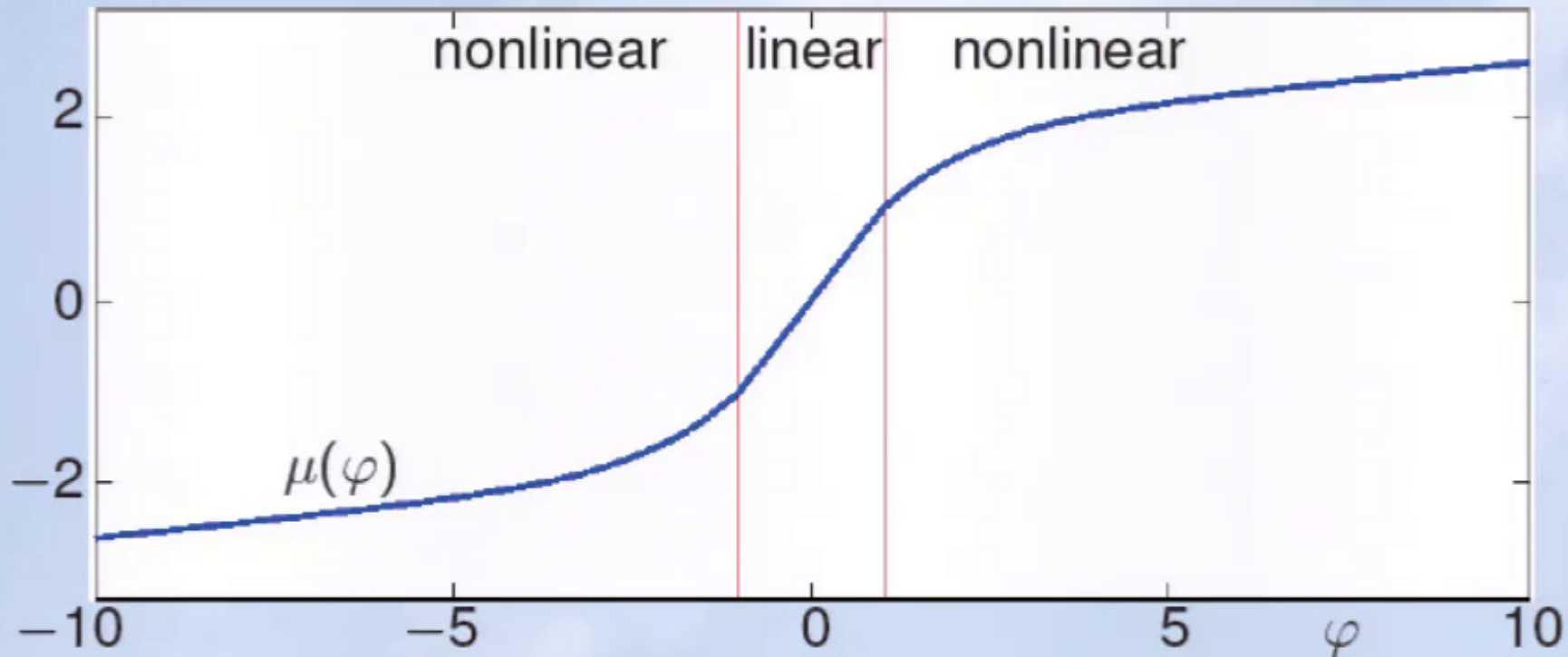


[Alexander, Taylor, HMO & Kelly  
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- precast concrete frame with post-tensioned tendons that connect elements
- model equivalent to tied rocking block on elastic foundation
- earthquake modelled by sine wave

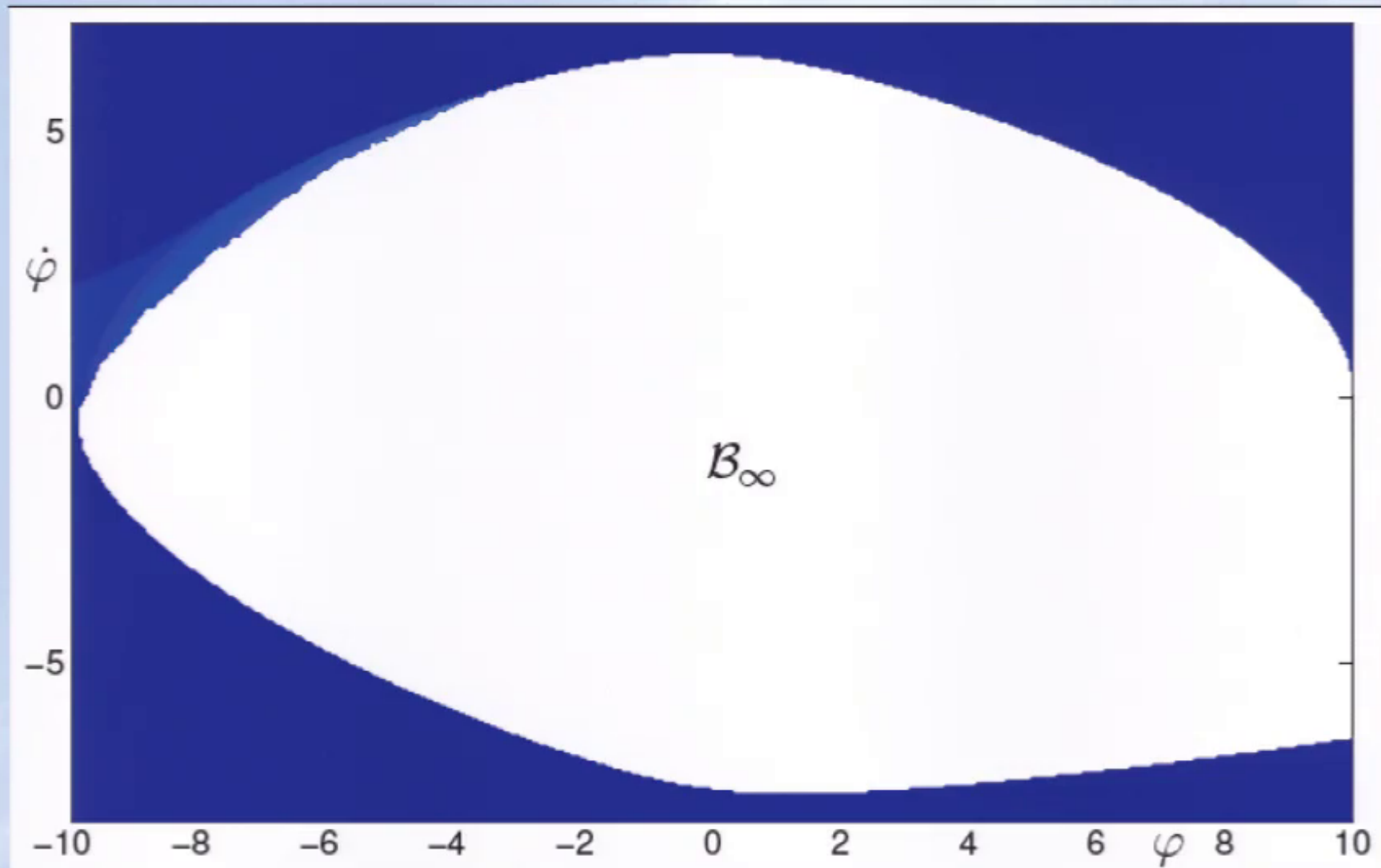
# Model equations

$$\ddot{\varphi} + 2\gamma\dot{\varphi} + \mu(\varphi) = A \sin \omega t$$



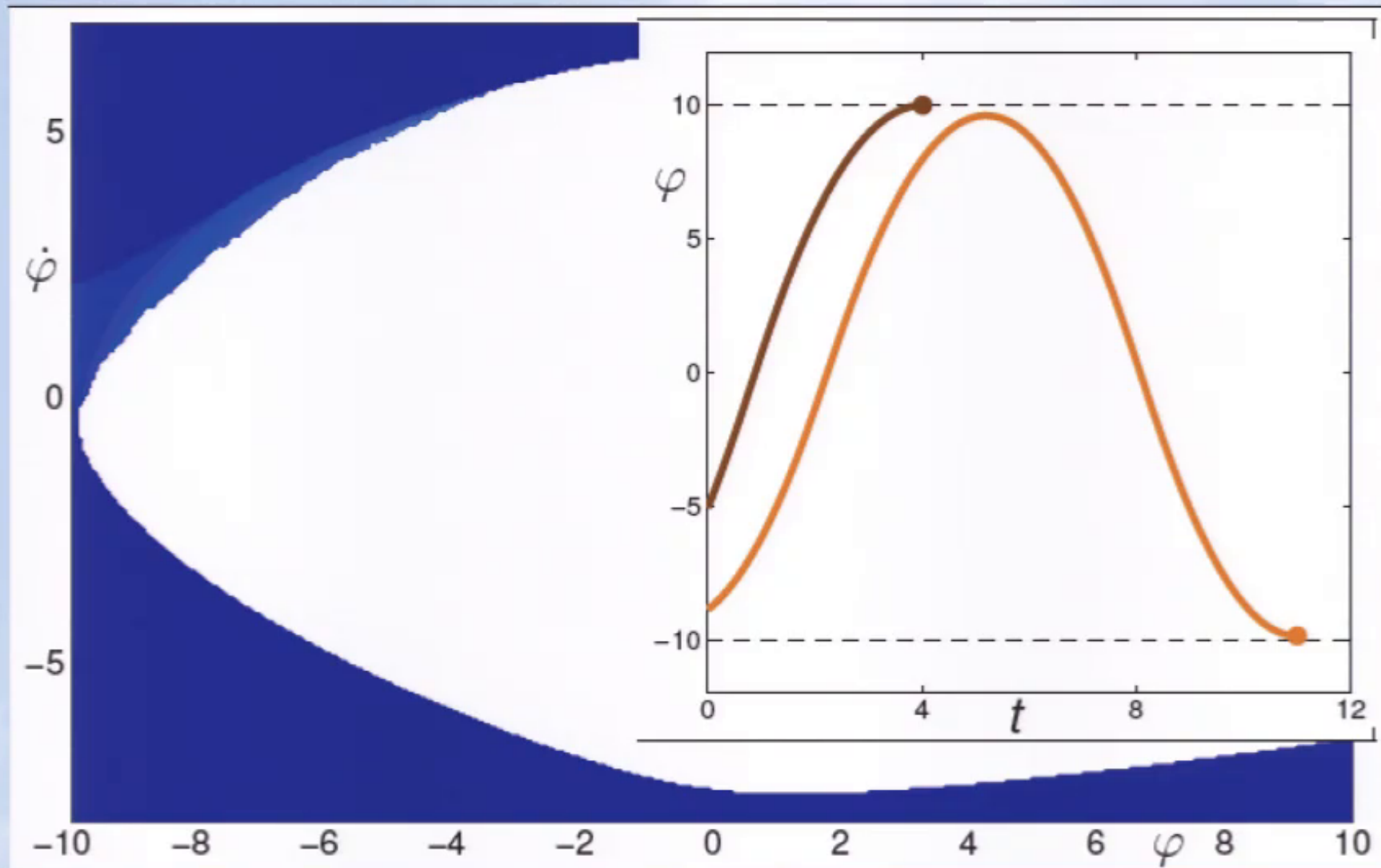
- function  $\mu(\varphi) = \varphi$  on  $[-1, 1]$ , but is nonlinear outside  $[-1, 1]$
- we fix  $\gamma = 0.05$
- structural failure occurs as soon as  $|\varphi| > 10$

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# Grazing maximal angle

Consider two-point boundary value problem with a solution family of right-grazing orbits

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{u}}(s) &= T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}(s), t(s)) \\ \dot{t}(s) &= T \end{cases}$$

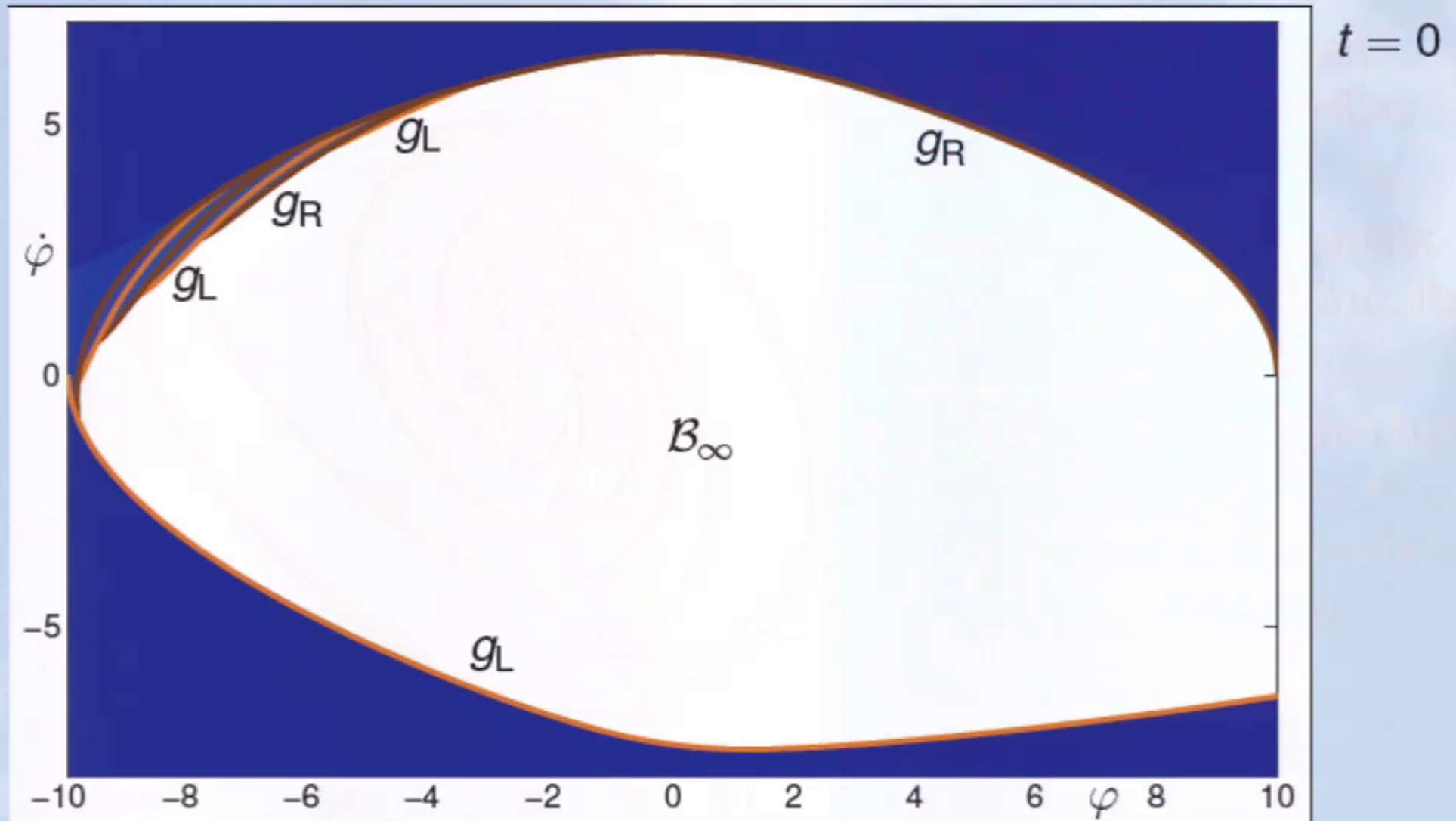
with  $\mathbf{u} = \{\mathbf{u}(s) = (\varphi(sT), \dot{\varphi}(sT)) \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1\}$

The boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(1) &= (+10, 0) \\ t(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

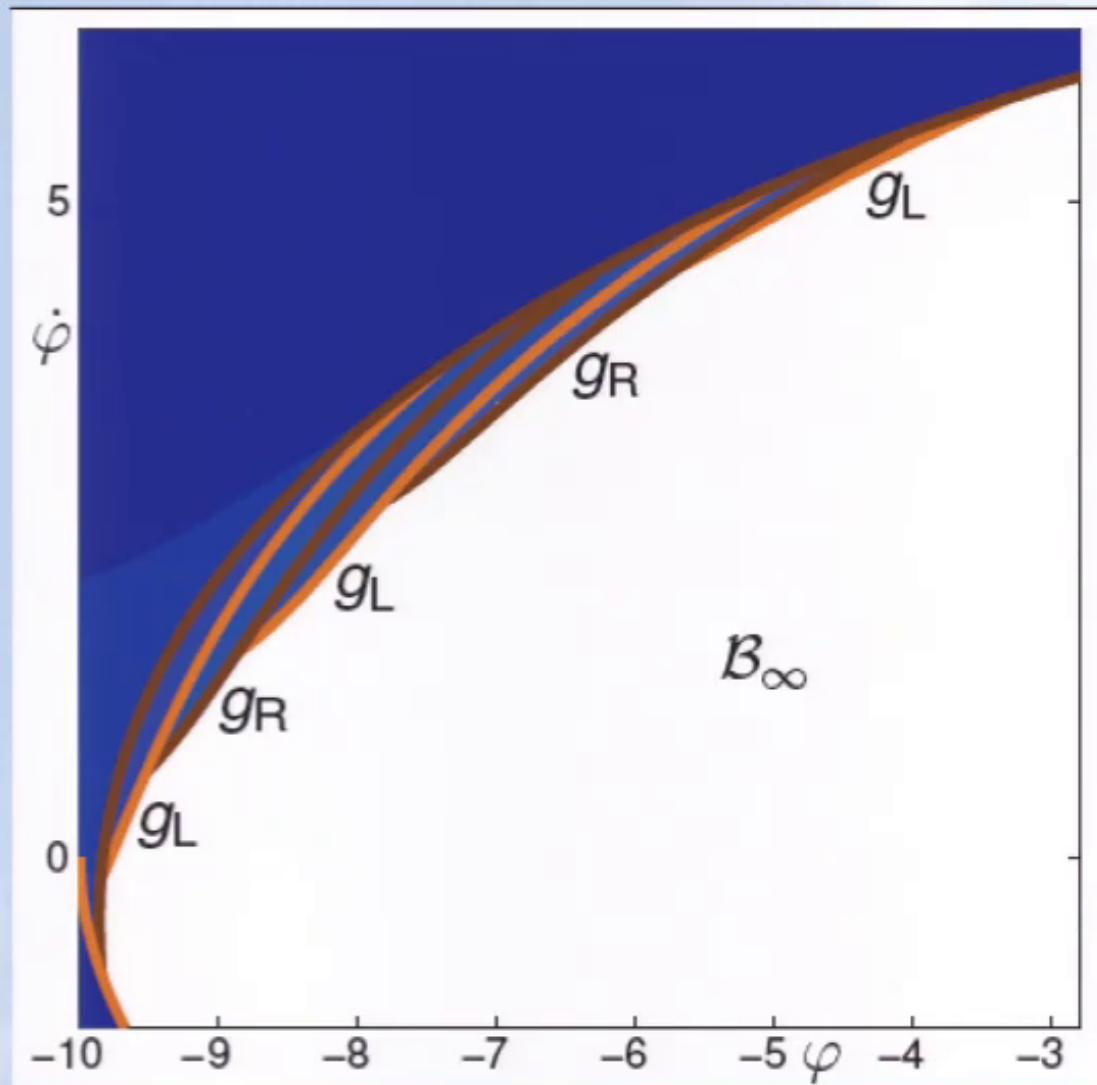
the total integration time  $T$  is treated as a parameter.

# Admissible grazing orbits



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# Results overlaid

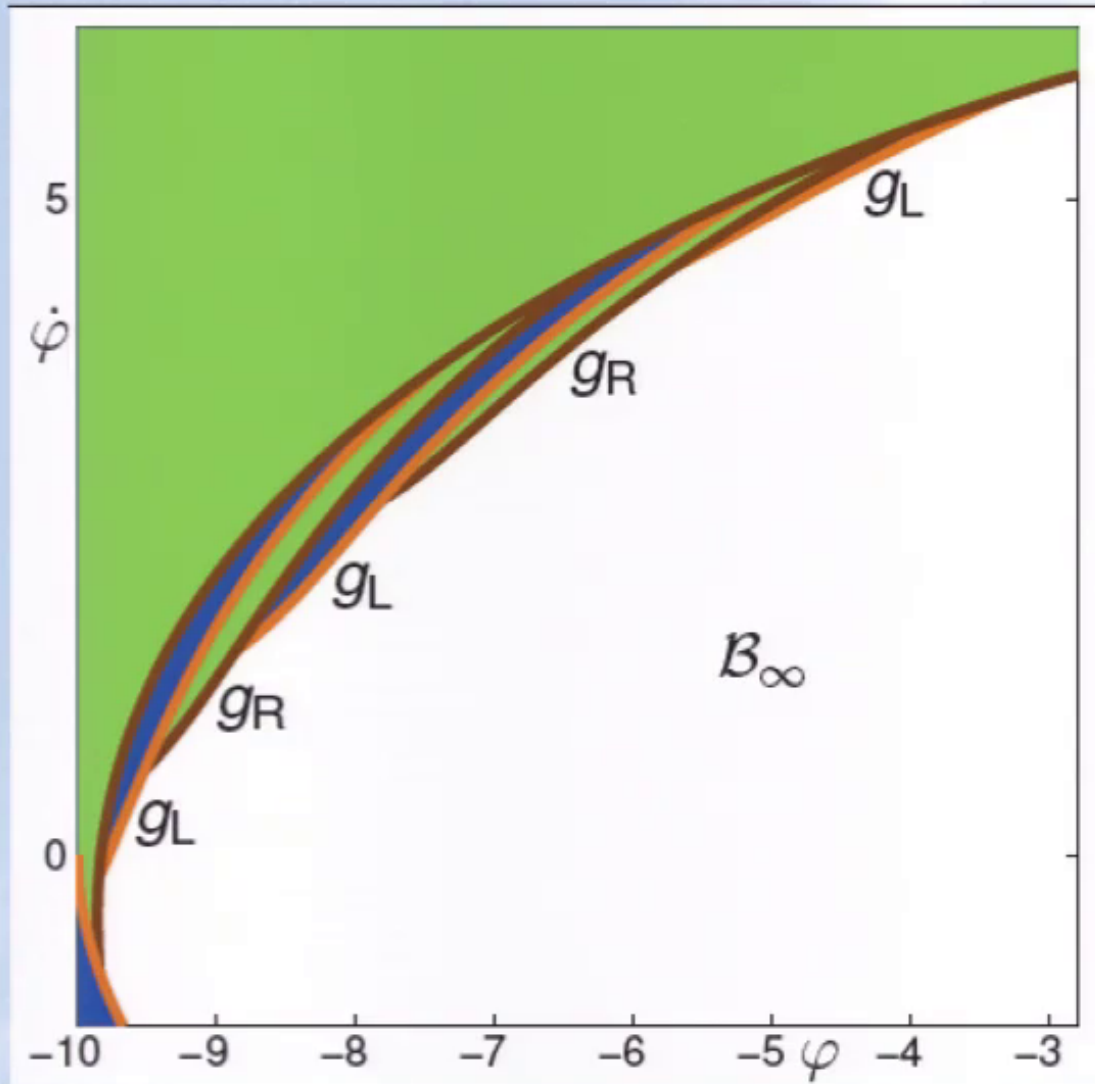


- failure boundary consist of alternating segments from right-grazing (■) and left-grazing (■) families
- due to this switching failure boundary is piecewise smooth

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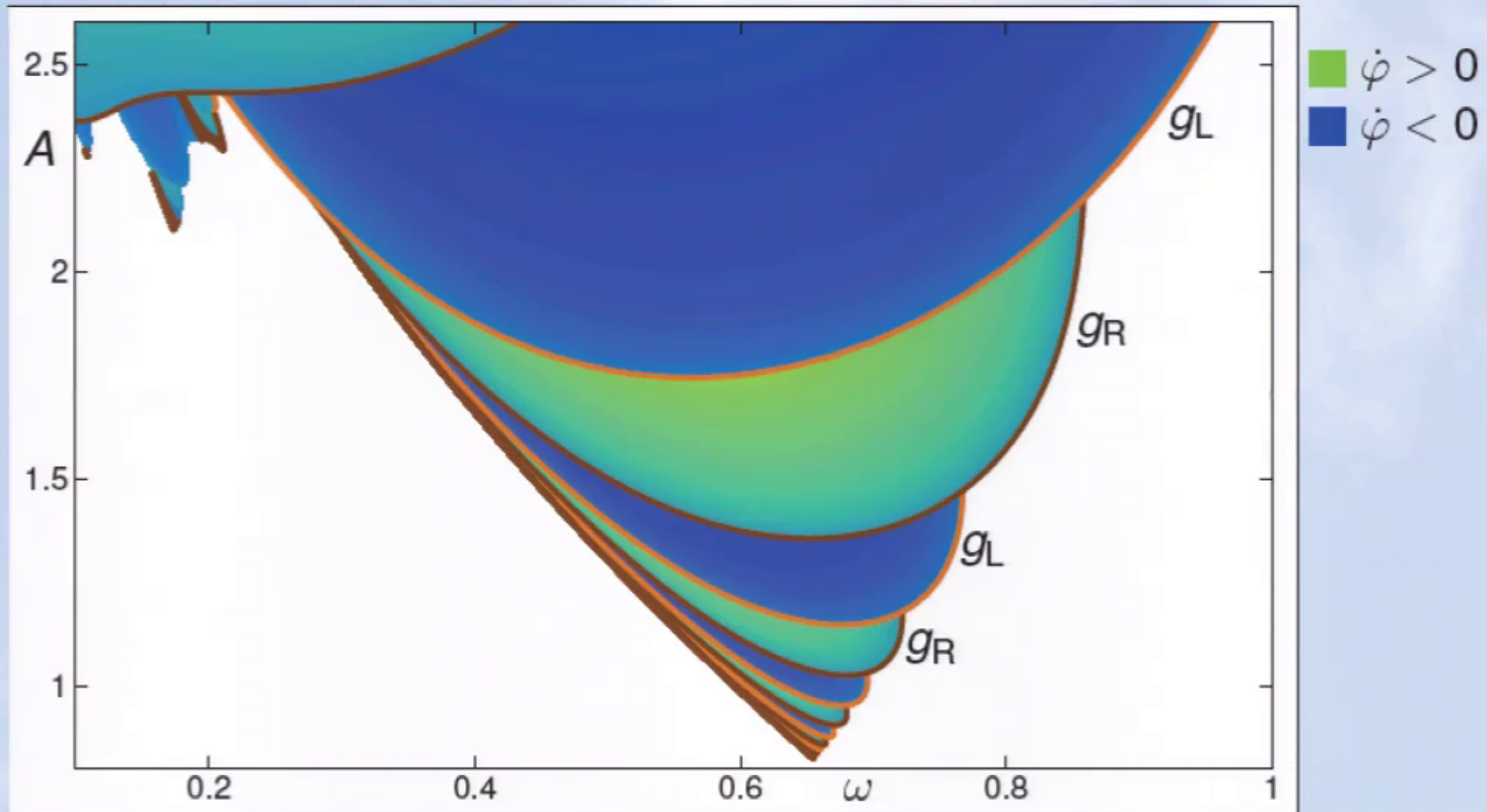
# Failures left or right



- leave  $\varphi = +10$  ( $\dot{\varphi} > 0$ )
- leave  $\varphi = -10$  ( $\dot{\varphi} < 0$ )

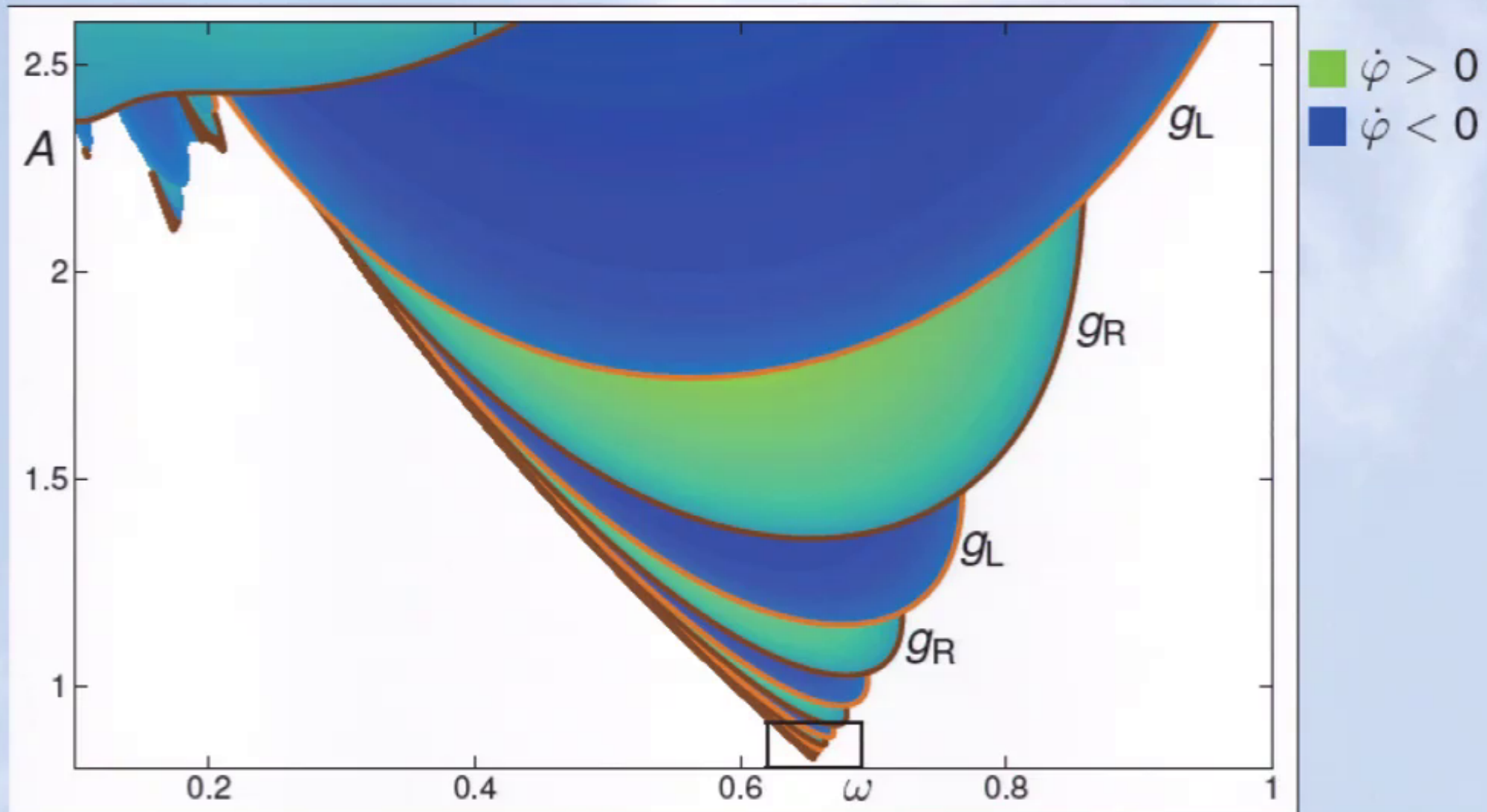
- right-grazing (■) and left-grazing (■) solution families define discontinuity curves in the time it takes to reach  $|\varphi| = 10$

# Frequency-Amplitude plane



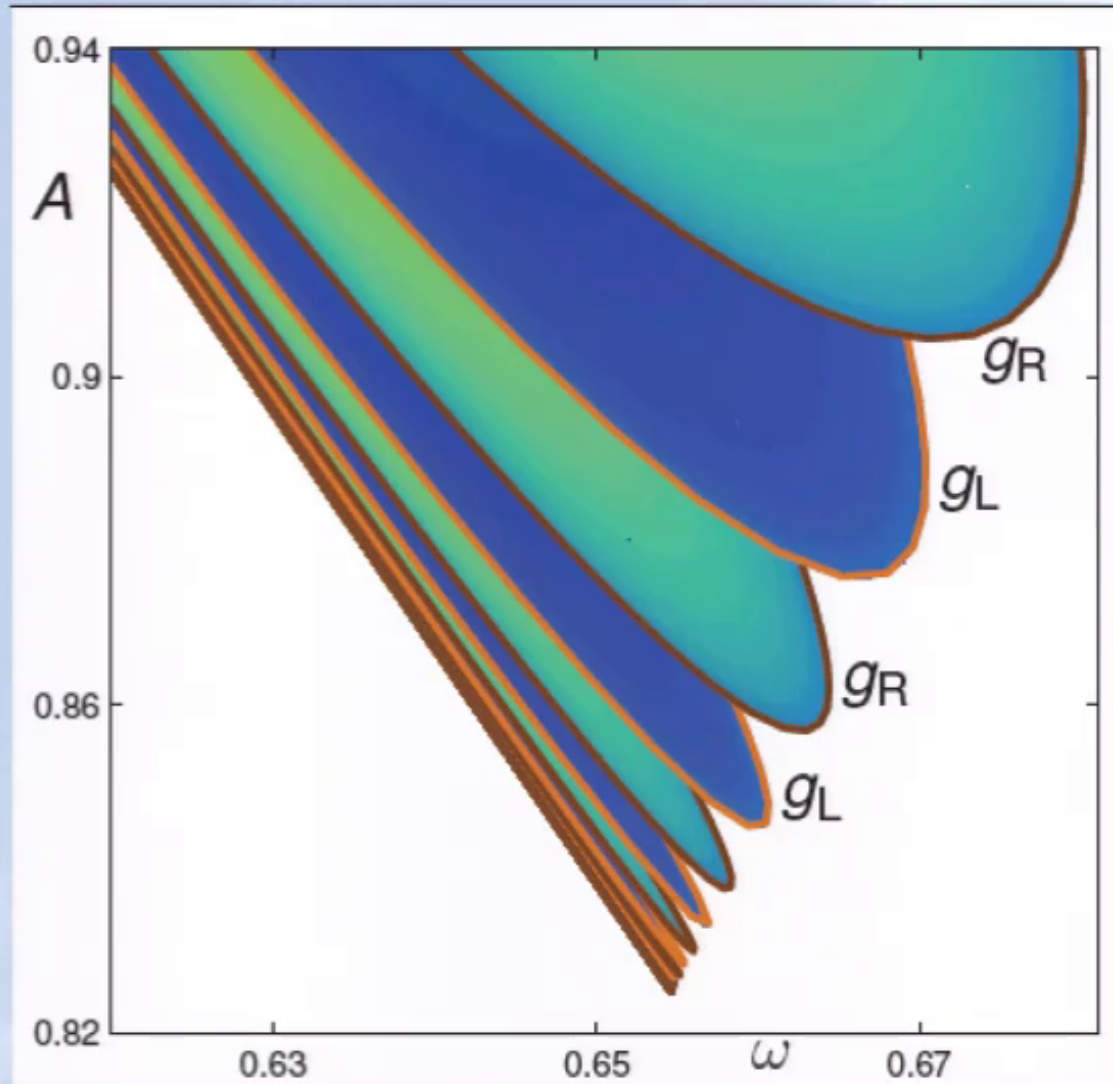
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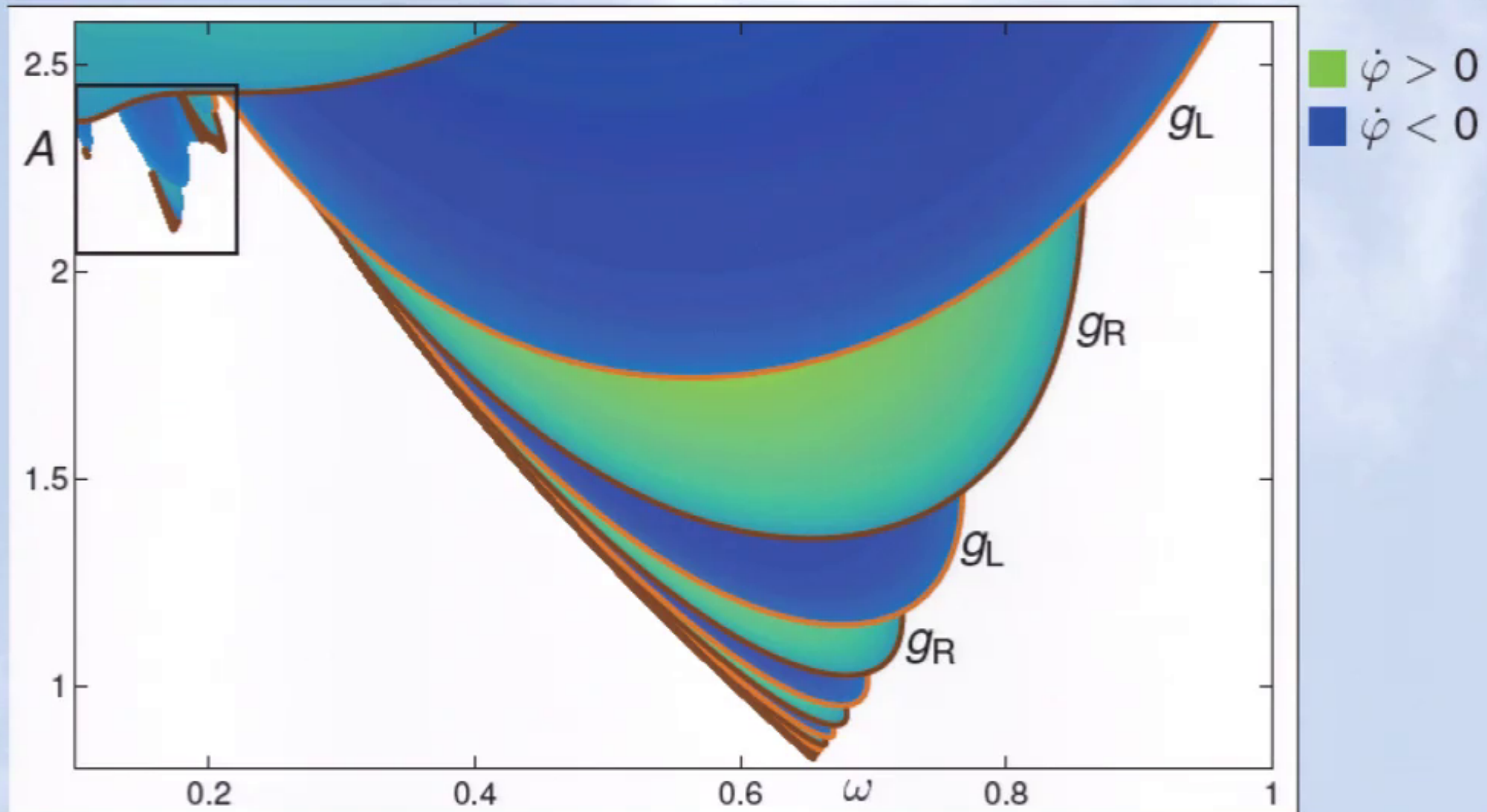
# Tip of main resonance



■  $\dot{\varphi} > 0$   
■  $\dot{\varphi} < 0$

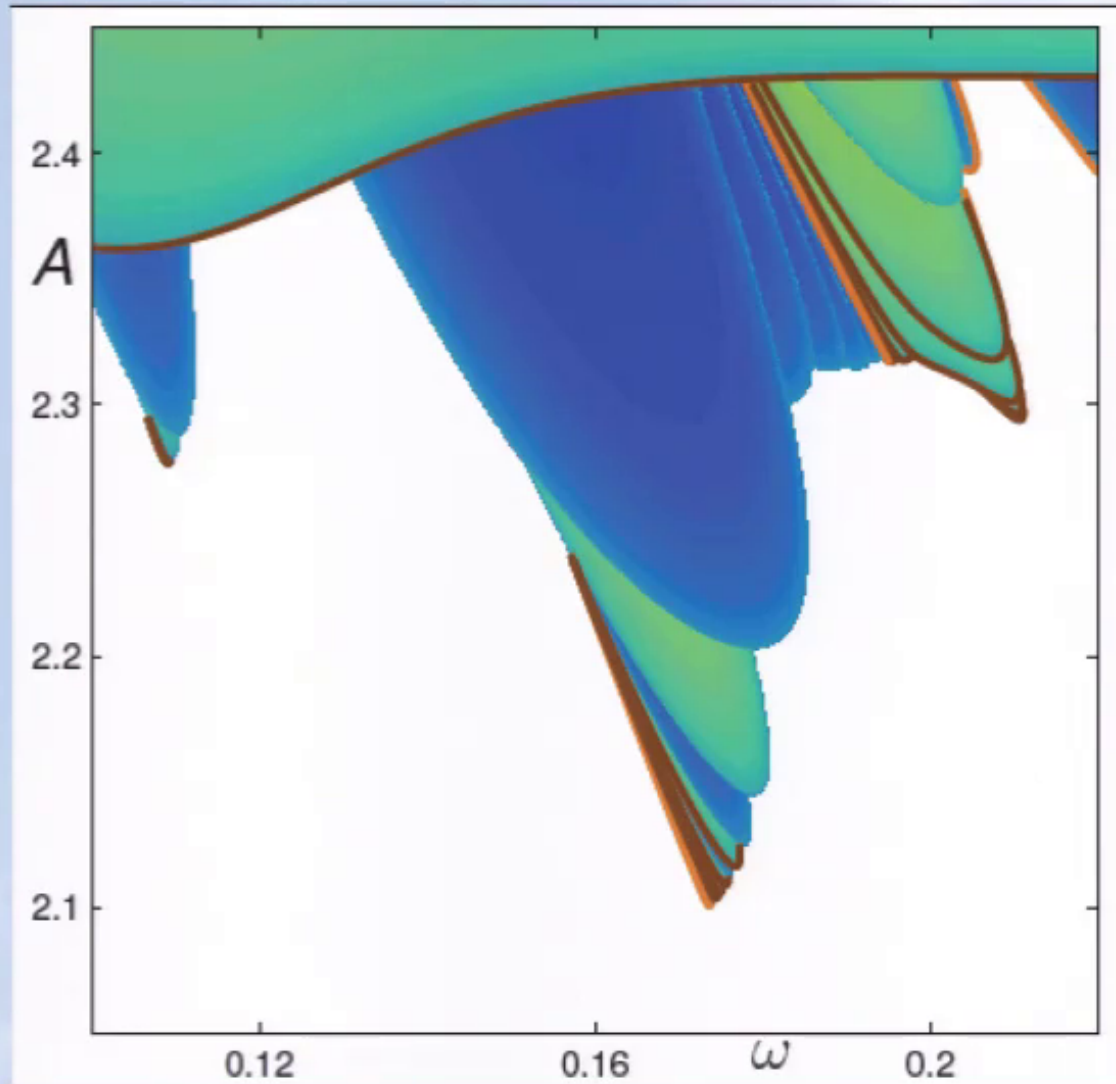
- Fingers in  $(\omega, A)$ -plane define similar alternatingly right-grazing (■) and left-grazing (■) solution families

# Subharmonic regime



- Grazing trajectories always start at  $(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) = (0, 0)$

# Different grazing structure



■  $\dot{\varphi} > 0$   
■  $\dot{\varphi} < 0$

- Right-grazing (■) and left-grazing (■) solution families do not (always) alternate in subharmonic regime