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Hybrid Systems Model

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Initial Approach to Vertical Hopper

- Model Continuous time flows
 - each mode of contact
 - governed by different VF
- Model natural guard conditions
 - physical event interrupts mode
 - locomotion: typically LO/TD
- Study/Express mode map
- Model reset map
- Compose
 - mode map \circ reset map
 - further compose each composition in turn
- End up with return map

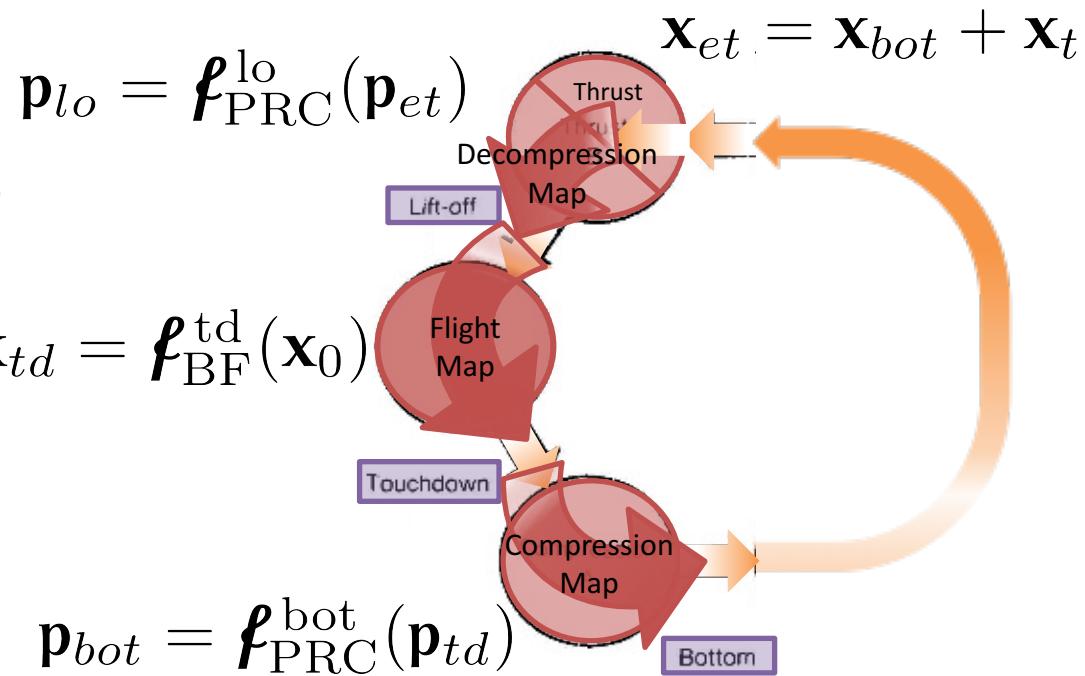
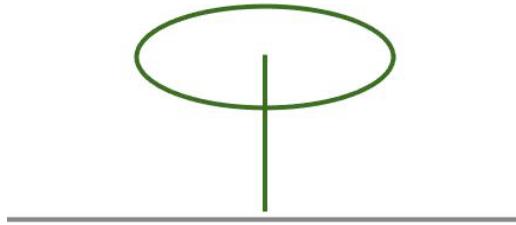


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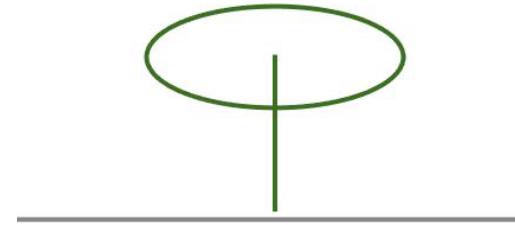
Vertical Hopper as Hybrid System

- Physical system doesn't "know" about modes
- But users must: e.g., control of hopping height
 - Raibert: fixed duration constant thrust
 - different duration yields different behavior

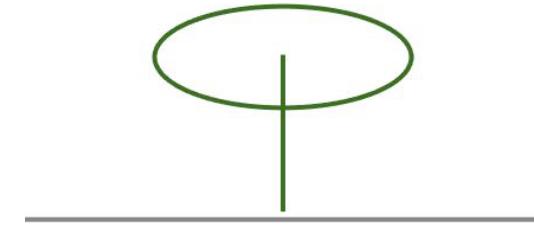
Purely passive



Radial thrust:
Duration = 20ms

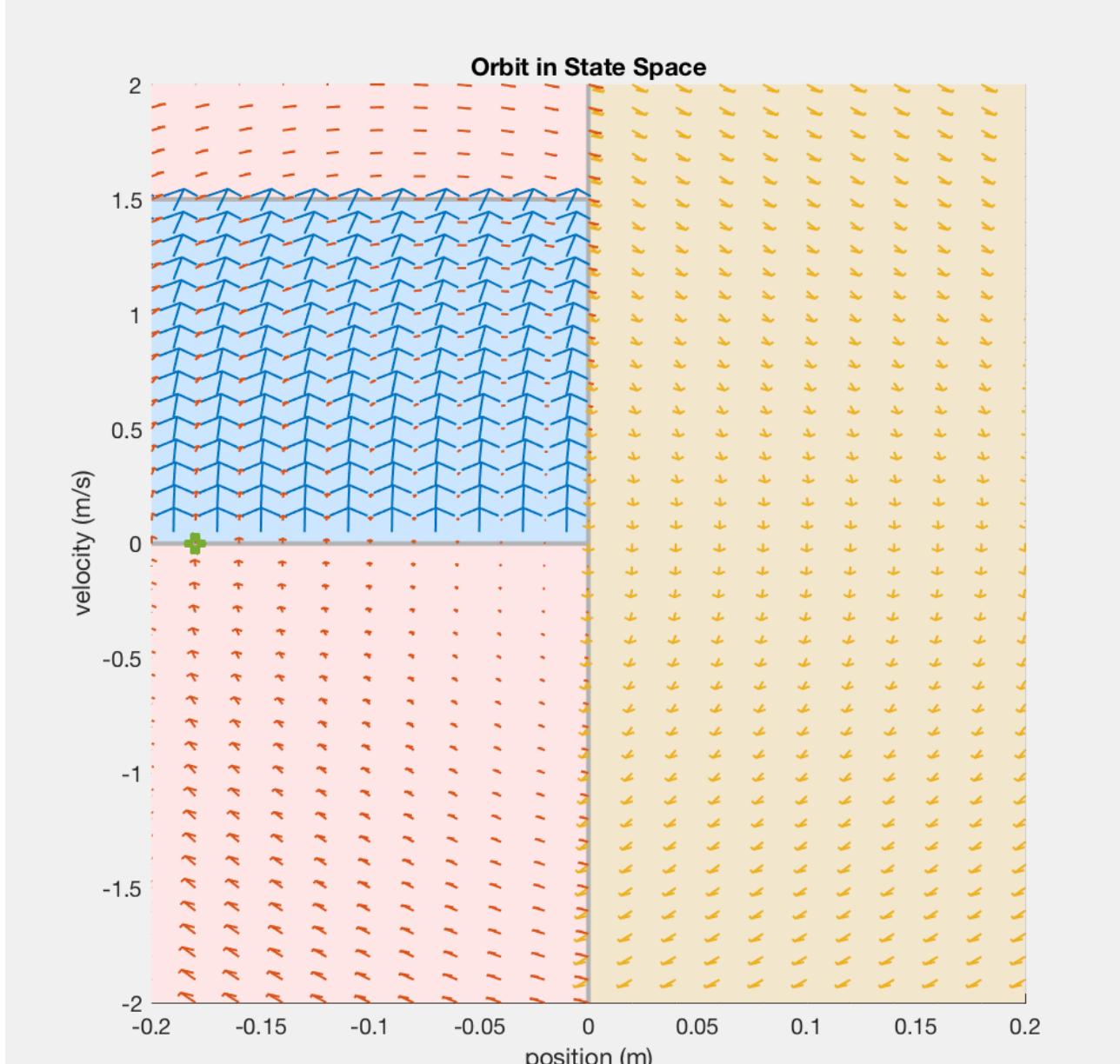


Radial thrust:
Duration = 50ms



Simulation credit: Jeffrey Duperret

Vertical Hopper as Hybrid System



Reset from Flight to Compression

- Need to “hand-off” state

- from touchdown

$$\mathbf{x}_{td} = \boldsymbol{\rho}_{BF}^{td}(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

- to compression

$$\mathbf{p}_{bot} = \boldsymbol{\rho}_{PRC}^{bot}(\mathbf{p}_{td})$$

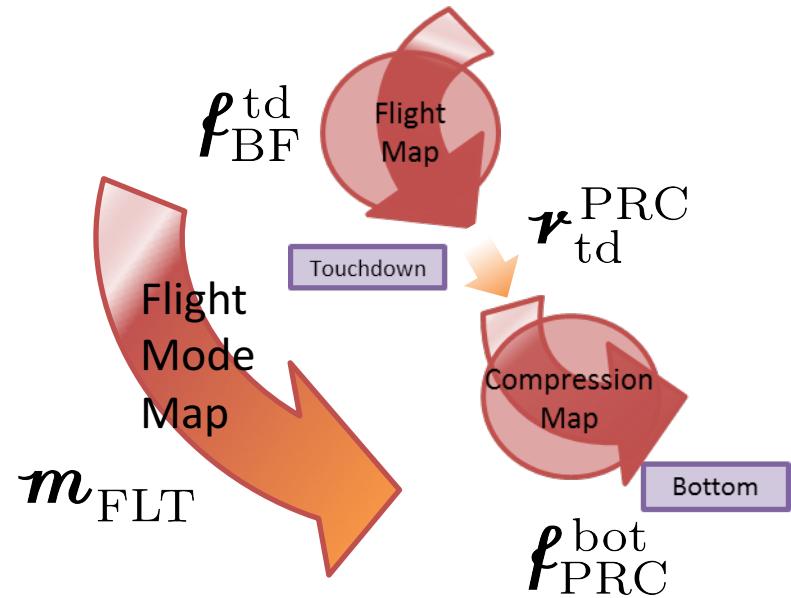
- Use CC as reset

$$\mathbf{p}_{td} = h_{PRC}(\mathbf{x}_{td})$$

$$=: \boldsymbol{r}_{td}^{PRC}(\mathbf{x}_{td})$$

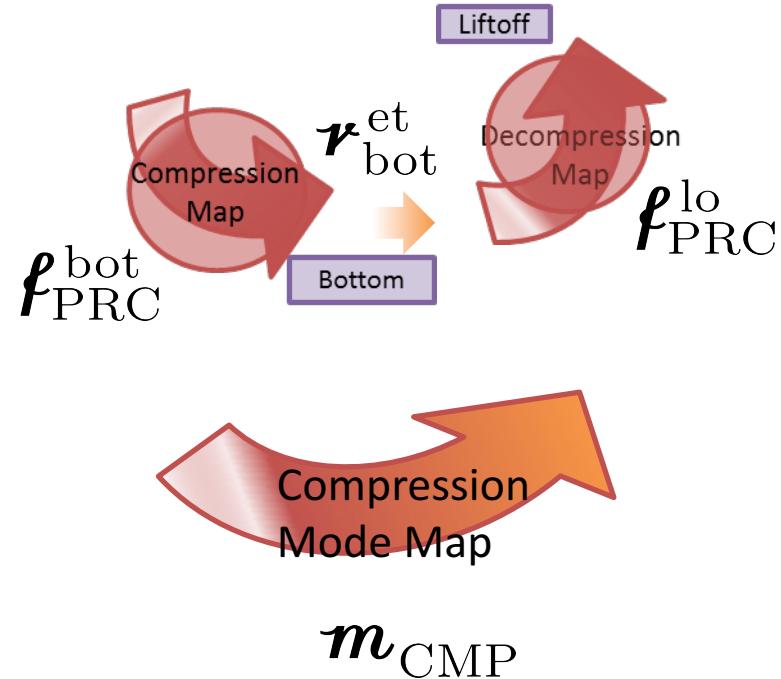
- Yields mode map

$$\boldsymbol{m}_{FLT} := \boldsymbol{r}_{td}^{PRC} \circ \boldsymbol{\rho}_{BF}^{td}$$



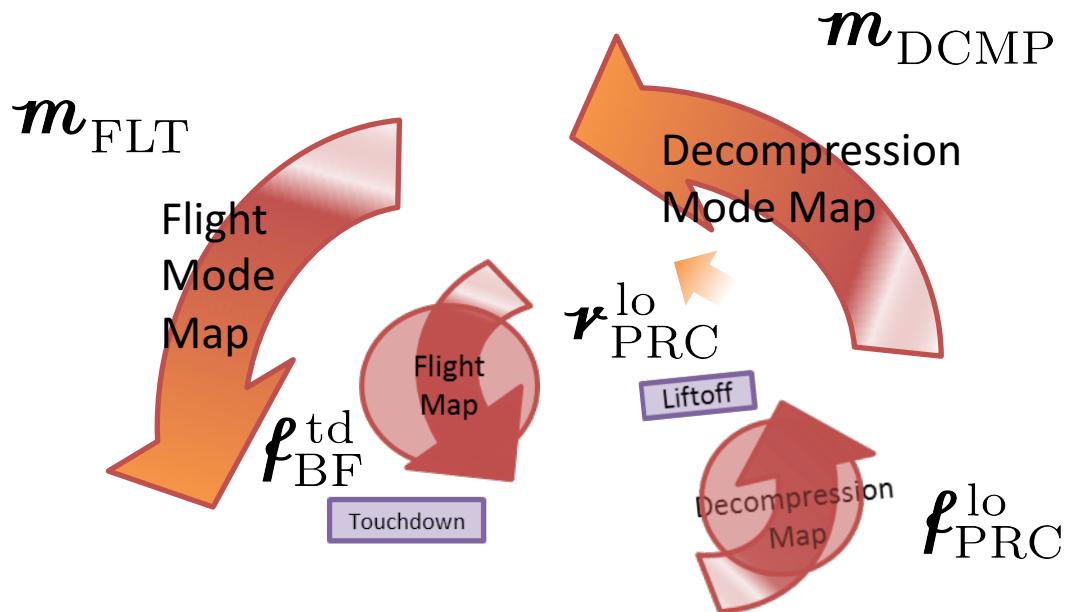
Reset from Compression to Decompression

- Thrust $\Phi_{\text{ref}}(t) \equiv \tau$
 - timed: $t \in [t_b, t_b + \Delta_\tau]$
 - not event driven
 - so plays the role of a reset
- To “hand-off” state
 - from compression
 $\mathbf{p}_{bot} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text{PRC}}^{\text{bot}}(\mathbf{p}_{td})$
 - through thrust
 $\mathbf{x}_{et} = \mathbf{x}_{bot} + \mathbf{x}_t$
 - to decompression
 $\mathbf{p}_{lo} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text{PRC}}^{\text{lo}}(\mathbf{p}_{et})$
- Use appropriate CC
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_{et} &= h_{\text{PRC}}(h_{\text{PRC}}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}_{bot}) + \mathbf{x}_t) \\ &=: \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text{bot}}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{p}_{bot})\end{aligned}$$
- Yields compression mode map $\mathbf{m}_{\text{CMP}} := \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text{bot}}^{\text{et}} \circ \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text{PRC}}^{\text{bot}}$



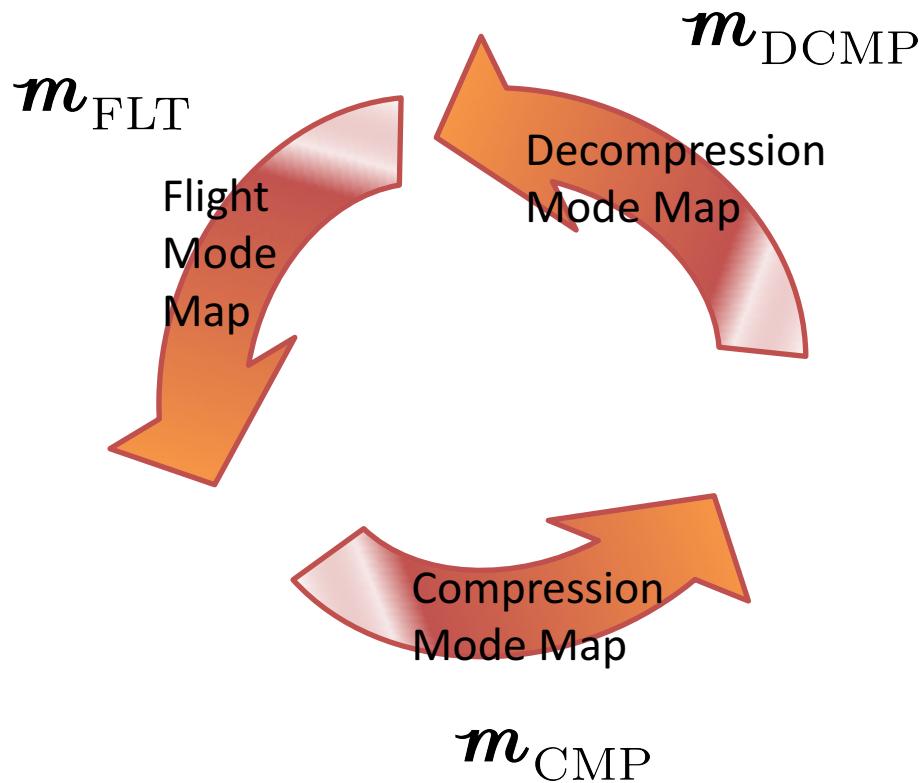
Reset from Decompression to Flight

- To reach flight mode map $\mathbf{m}_{\text{FLT}}(\mathbf{x}_{lo}) := \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{td}}^{\text{PRC}} \circ \boldsymbol{f}_{\text{BF}}^{\text{td}}(\mathbf{x}_{lo})$
- From liftoff
- $\mathbf{p}_{lo} = \boldsymbol{f}_{\text{PRC}}^{\text{lo}}(\mathbf{p}_{et})$
- Use CC as reset
 - $\mathbf{x}_{lo} = h_{\text{PRC}}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}_{lo})$
 - $=: \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{PRC}}^{\text{lo}}(\mathbf{x}_{td})$
- Yields mode map
$$\mathbf{m}_{\text{FLT}} := \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{td}}^{\text{PRC}} \circ \boldsymbol{f}_{\text{BF}}^{\text{td}}$$



Moving Ahead

- Finally have mode maps
 - express the physics
 - of each mode
 - and compose properly
- How to use them?
 - fear: infinite regress?
 - hope: what can they reveal?



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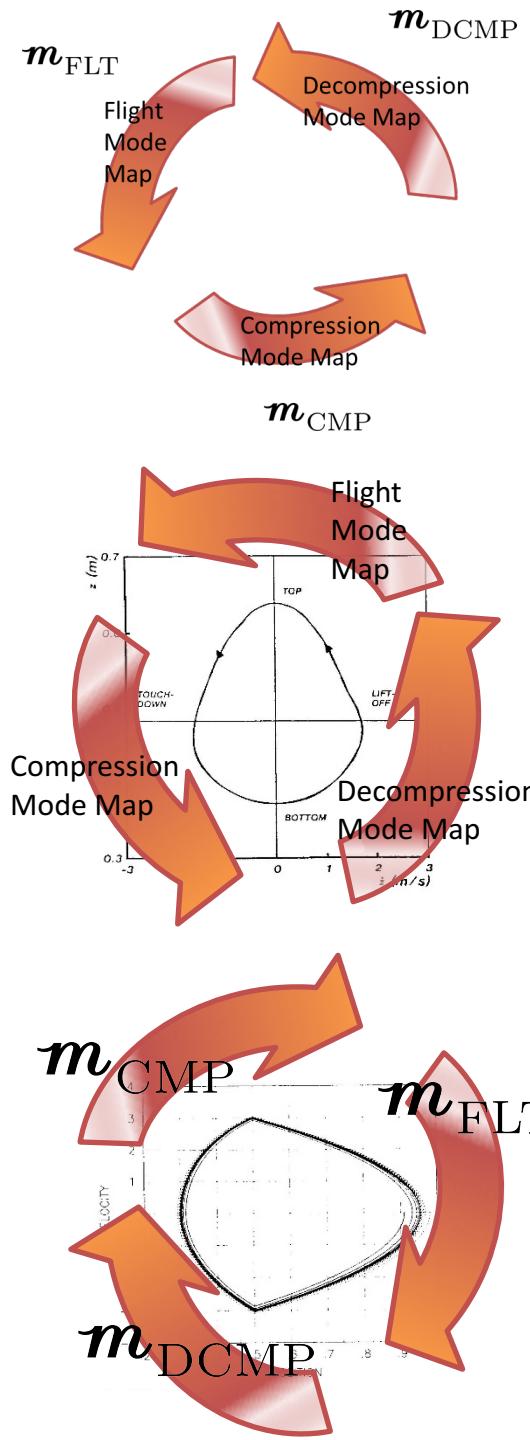
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Where We Are Going

- Have mode maps!
- What can they reveal?
 - gait stability properties
 - parameter influence
 - gait control affordance
- How to get there
 - Insight, Data
 - Models
 - Analysis
 - Synthesis

figures from

D. E. Koditschek and M. Bühler, "Analysis of a Simplified Hopping Robot," *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, vol. 10, no. 6, pp. 587–605, Dec. 1991.



Steady state gait representation

- Periodic hopping orbit
 - a cycle in steady state limit
 - called **limit cycle**
 - “parallel” direction to flow
 - very little change
 - per flow box theorem
- Behavior summarized by
 - one dimensional **section**
 - “transverse:” flow cuts across
 - “return:” flow brings section back
 - no unique choice of section
 - stance bottom state
 - flight apex state
 - touchdown state
 - liftoff state
 - flow takes one section to next
 - represented by mode maps
 - each a CC between sections (uniqueness)

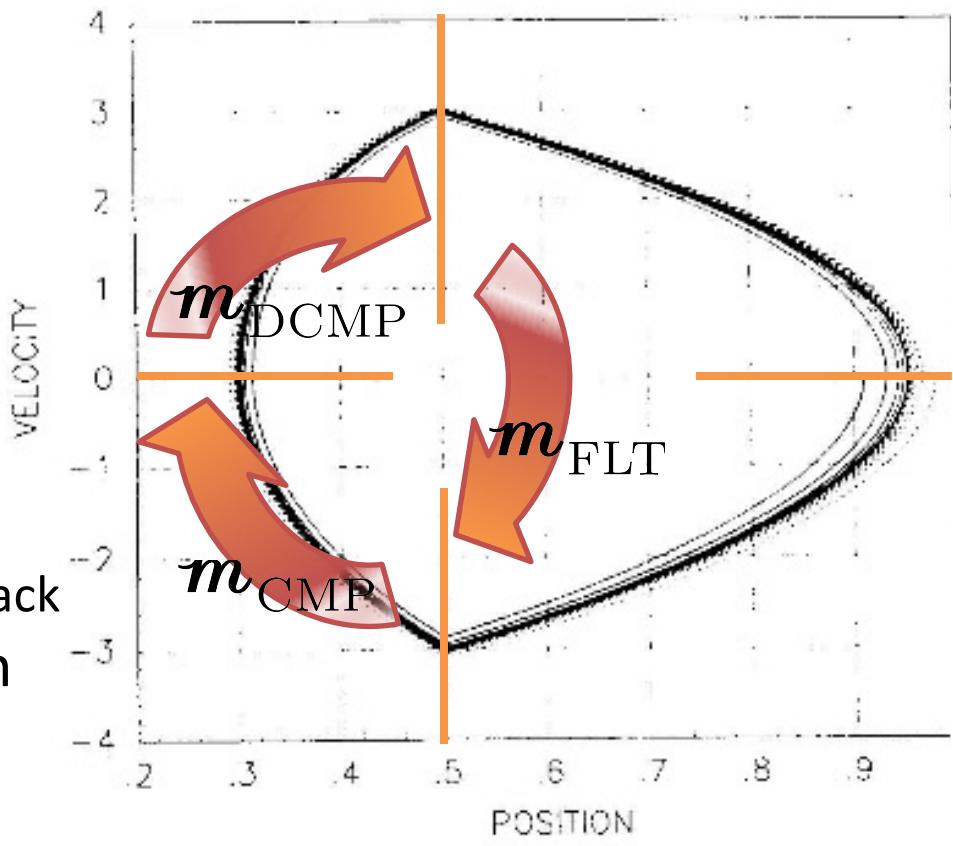


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The (Poincare') Return Map

- Strategy
 - fix a section (bottom)
 - define coordinates (energy, ρ)
 - compose mode maps
 - to get return map

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{RVH}} := \mathbf{m}_{\text{DCMP}} \quad (1)$$

- \mathbf{m}_{FLT}
- \mathbf{m}_{CMP}

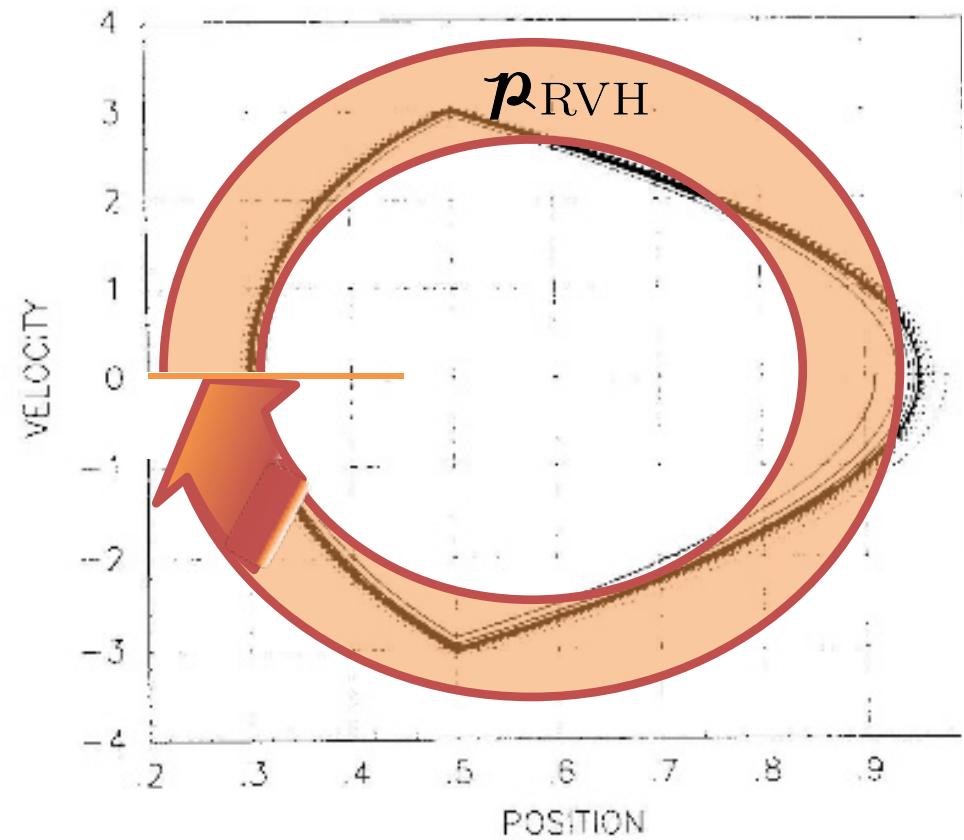


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$$\rho_{k+1} = \mathbf{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\rho_k)$$

Physical Meaning of Bottom Coordinates

- Polar RC coordinates include vertical total energy

- showed in Seg.2.3

$$\rho = e_1^T \mathbf{p} = e_1^T h_P(\mathbf{y}) = e_1^T h_{PRC}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \eta_{HO}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

- express same equivalence using GLH parameters

$$\rho = e_1^T \mathbf{p} = e_1^T h_P(\mathbf{y}) = e_1^T h_{PRC}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \eta_{GLH}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\chi}^2 + \omega^2 (1 + \beta^2) \chi^2$$

- Total energy at bottom represents spring potential

- recall bottom event guard $\gamma_{comp}(\mathbf{x}) = \dot{\chi}$

- hence bottom coordinates $\rho_b = \omega^2 (1 + \beta^2) \chi_b^2$

- represent spring potential (equivalently, extension)

Decompression & Flight Mode Map Derivation

- Showed (Seg.6.1) polar RC bottom
 - since $\tilde{\gamma}_{\text{comp}}(\mathbf{p}) = \gamma_{\text{comp}} \circ h_{\text{PRC}}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{1 + \beta^2} \rho \sin \phi$
 - occurs at $\phi = n\pi$ – we'll take $n = 0$
- Show (Exrs): $\mathbf{y}_{et} = \mathbf{y}_b + \mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\psi}_t \\ \ddot{\psi}_t \end{bmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_{et} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{et} \\ \phi_{et} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [\psi_t - \sqrt{\rho_b}]^2 + \dot{\psi}_t^2 \\ -\pi + \arctan\left(\frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\sqrt{\rho_b} - \psi_t}\right) \end{bmatrix}$
- Showed (Seg. 6.1+Exrs) reduce PRC VF to 1 dim
$$\frac{d\rho}{d\phi} = \frac{d}{dt} \rho / \frac{d}{dt} \phi = \frac{-2\beta\omega\rho}{-\omega} =: \tilde{f}_{\text{PRC}}(\rho) \quad (2)$$
$$\Rightarrow \rho_{lo} = \tilde{f}_{\text{PRC}}^{\phi_{lo} - \phi_{et}}(\rho_{et}) = e^{2\beta(\phi_{lo} - \phi_{et})} \rho_{et}$$
- Flight is lossless (total energy conserved): $\rho_{td} = \rho_{lo}$
- Touchdown angle – use symmetry:

Bottom Return Map Derivation

- Compression to next bottom
 - via reduced PRC $\rho_{b,next} = e^{2\beta(\phi_{b,next} - \phi_{td})} \rho_{td}$
 - and symmetry $= e^{-2\beta\phi_{lo}} \rho_{lo}$
- Compose with preceding decompression mode map

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{b,next} &= e^{-2\beta\phi_{lo}} \rho_{lo} \\ &= e^{-2\beta\phi_{lo}} e^{2\beta(\phi_{lo} - \phi_{et})} \rho_{et} \\ &= e^{-2\beta\phi_{et}} \rho_{et}\end{aligned}$$

- Finally compose with reset from previous bottom

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{b,next} &= \exp \left(-2\beta \left[-\pi + \arctan \left(\frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\sqrt{\rho_b} - \psi_t} \right) \right] \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left([\psi_t - \sqrt{\rho_b}]^2 + \dot{\psi}_t^2 \right)\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Moving Ahead

- We've now written out return map
- In bottom coordinates: $\rho_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\rho_k)$
 - total energy at “next” bottom
 - as a function of total energy at “previous” bottom
- What can it reveal?
 - gait stability properties
 - parameter influence
 - gait control affordance
- First introduce discrete dynamical systems

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Return Map Analysis - Coordinates

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Raibert's Original Hopping Analysis

- control system delivers fixed thrust each stance
 - causing bouncing to come to equilibrium
 - at hopping height for which energy injected
 - just equals energy lost (to friction and unsprung leg mass)
- because mechanical losses are monotonic with hopping height
 - a unique equilibrium hopping height
 - exists for each fixed value of thrust
 - and greater thrust results in greater height

paraphrase of Raibert's '86 MIT Press book passage from
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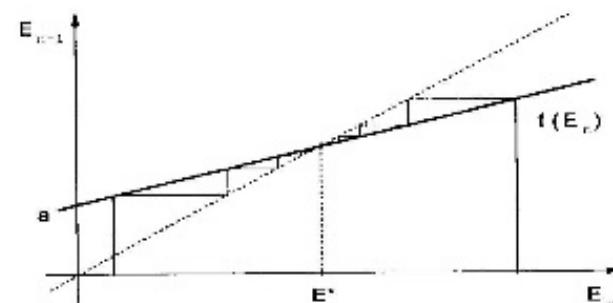
Graphical Portrayal of Raibert's Analysis

- Energy added and lost each stance

$$p(\rho) \approx \rho + a(\rho) - l(\rho)$$

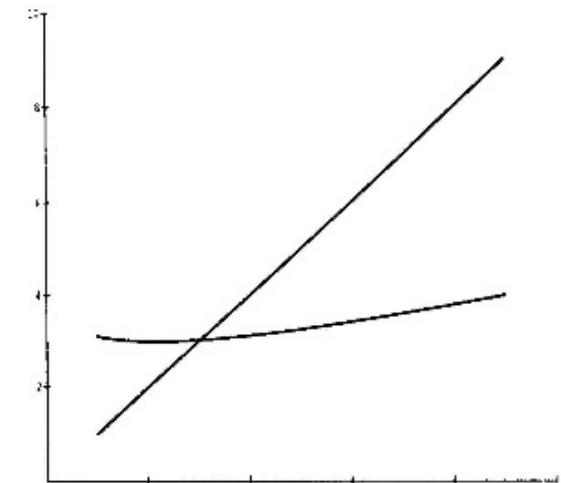
$a(\rho) :=$ energy gained (1)

$l(\rho) :=$ energy lost



- Monotonic mechanical losses

- a unique equilibrium hopping height
- exists for each fixed value of thrust
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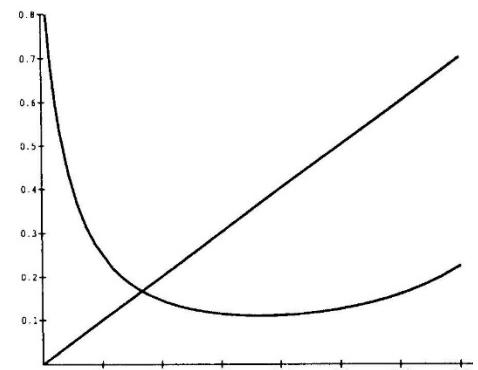


- Potential complications

- a must fall off power limits
- might fall off “early”

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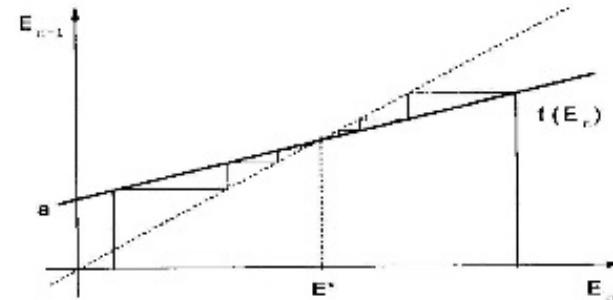


Discrete Scalar LTI System

- Exr: vertical stance hopper

- add fixed energy, E_b , at bottom
 - but not enough to achieve liftoff

$$\rho_{k+1} = e^{-2\pi\beta} \rho_k + E_b =: \mathbf{P}_{VSH}(\rho_k) \quad (2)$$



- Gives return map of the graphical form in eqn (1)
- Gives practice with discrete dynamical systems
 - LTI discrete theory mimics that of continuous time
 - stability of FP $\rho^* = \frac{E_b}{1-e^{-2\pi\beta}}$
 - from eigenvalues of magnitude less than 1

Change of Coordinates to ET Section

- To simplify the return map expression

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\rho) = \exp \left(-2\beta \left[-\pi + \arctan \left(\frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\sqrt{\rho} - \psi_t} \right) \right] \right) ([\psi_t - \sqrt{\rho}]^2 + \dot{\psi}_t^2)$$

- It's convenient to rewrite in ET-coordinates

$$\phi = h_{\text{bet}}(\rho) := e_2^T \mathbf{r}_{\text{bot}}^{\text{et}}(\rho) = \arctan \left[\frac{\dot{y}_t}{\sqrt{\rho_b} - y_t} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{\text{bet}}^{-1}(\phi) = \left[\frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\tan \phi} + \psi_t \right]^2$$

- Where, recall (Seg.6.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_{et} &= \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{et} \\ \phi_{et} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{r}_{\text{bot}}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{p}_{bot}) := h_{\text{PRC}}(h_{\text{PRC}}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}_{bot})) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} [\psi_t - \sqrt{\rho_b}]^2 + \dot{\psi}_t^2 \\ -\pi + \arctan \left(\frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\sqrt{\rho_b} - \psi_t} \right) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

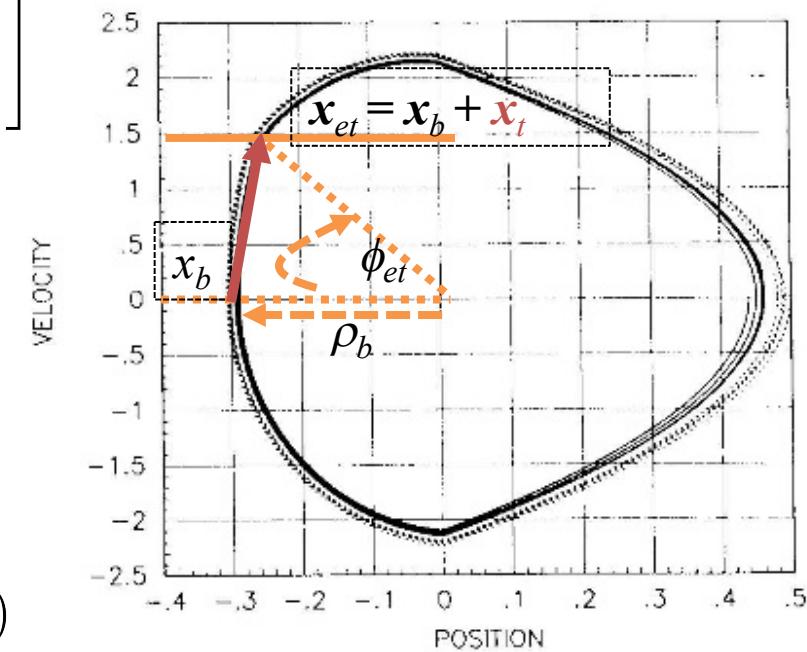


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The (Poincare') Return Map in ET Coords

- New ET coordinate return map representation

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) &:= h_{\text{bet}} \circ \mathbf{p}_{\text{RVH}} \circ h_{\text{bet}}^{-1}(\phi) = \tilde{g}_{\text{RVH}} \circ g_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) \\ \tilde{g}_{\text{RVH}}(u) &:= \arctan \left(\frac{u}{1 + \alpha_t u} \right); \quad \alpha_t := \frac{\psi_t}{\dot{\psi}_t} \quad (4) \\ g_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) &:= \sin \phi \cdot e^{\beta(\pi - \phi)}\end{aligned}$$

- Next: study discrete dynamics $\phi_{k+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_k)$
 - by finding FP
 - and their linearized dynamics
- Simpler, but not simple



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Return Map Analysis - Stability

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Recap: One Dimensional Discrete Dynamics

- Goal: stability of limit cycle

- conditions for convergence
- to isolated periodic orbit
- from all nearby ICs

- Ingredients of Analysis

- section

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\text{comp}}^{-1}[0] &:= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \gamma_{\text{comp}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0\} \\ \gamma_{\text{comp}}(\mathbf{x}) &:= \dot{\chi}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

- specification using one equation
 - in two variables $\mathbf{x} := \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix}$
 - yields a one dimensional set of ICs
- Poincare' ("return") map

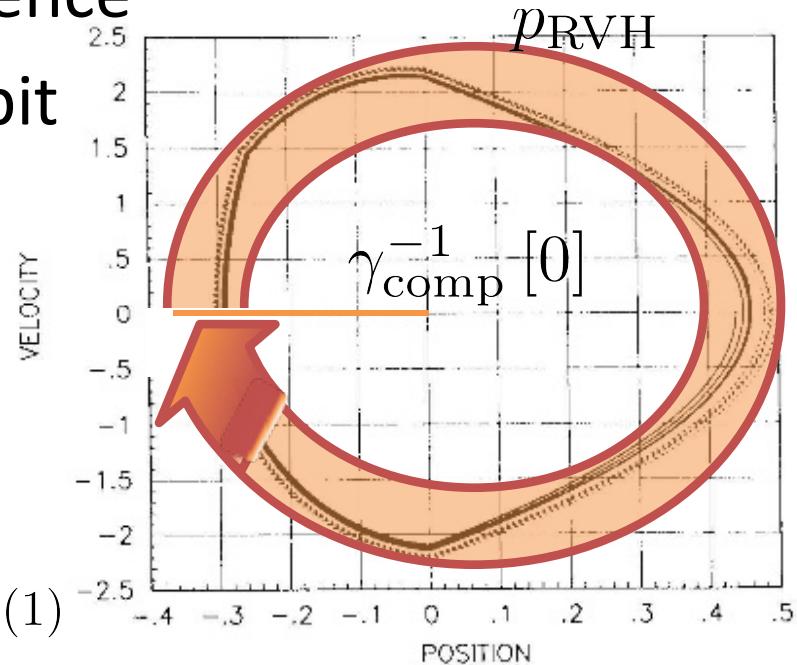


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Meaning of Poincare' ("return") map



- What is it? Why is it helpful?

- function specifying how
 - “next” 1 dim section crossing
 - depends upon “previous”
- characterizing cyclic behavior
 - since value along any section
 - equivalently expresses qualitative properties
- asymptotically (steady state)

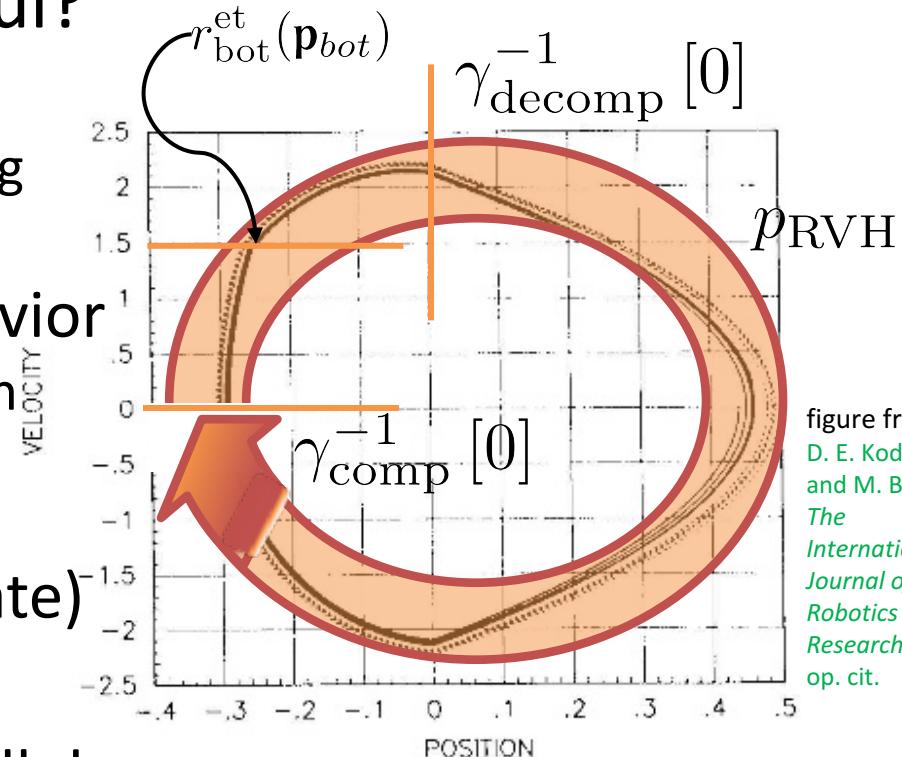


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- Choice of section

- any “transverse” curve will do
 - e.g., liftoff $\gamma_{\text{decomp}}^{-1}[0] := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \gamma_{\text{decomp}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$; $\gamma_{\text{decomp}}(\mathbf{x}) := \chi$
 - e.g. end-thrust points $\mathbf{p}_{et} = h_{\text{PRC}}(h_{\text{PRC}}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}_{bot}) + \mathbf{x}_t) =: r_{\text{bot}}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{p}_{bot})$
- all 1 dim representations
 - of the “energy” in the cycle
 - at given instant

Poincare' Map: Bottom Coordinates



- Bottom coordinates $\rho := \omega^2(1 + \beta^2)\chi^2$
 - total energy at maximum compression
 - measures spring potential
- Poincare' map $\rho_{k+1} = p_{\text{RVH}}(\rho_k)$
 - expresses next bottom energy
 - as function of previous bottom energy

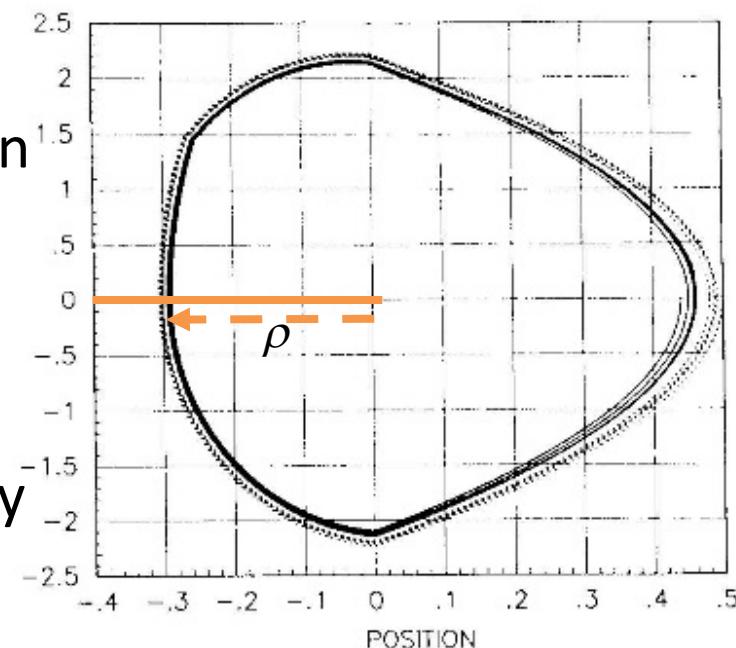
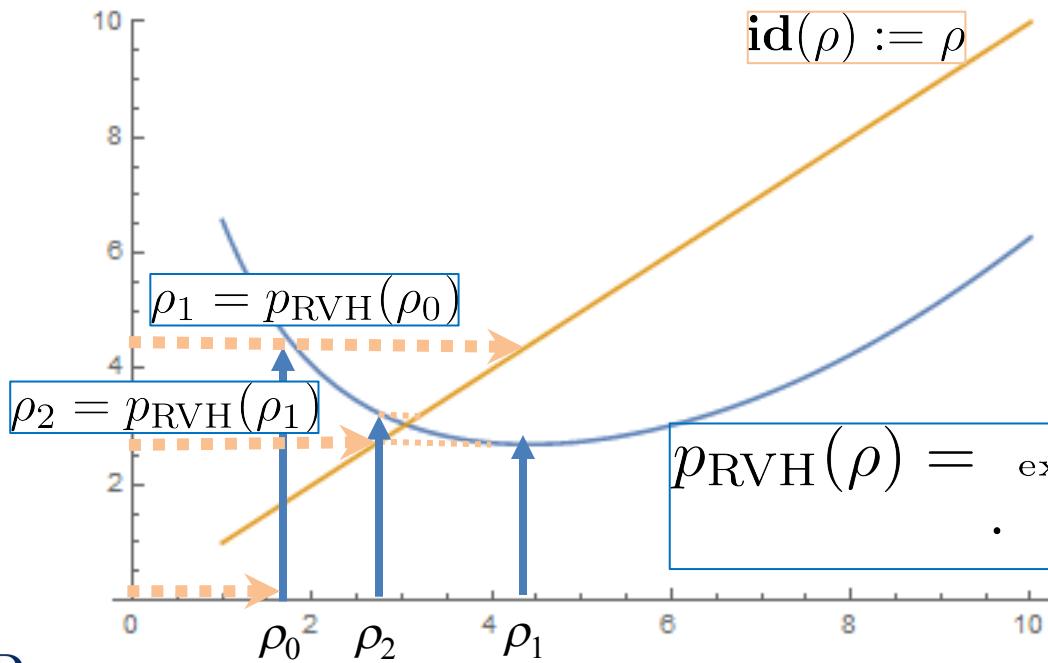


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Poincare' Map: Bot -> ET Coordinates



- Simplify map representation
 - by CC to ET-coordinates

$$\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) := h_{\text{bet}} \circ p_{\text{RVH}} \circ h_{\text{bet}}^{-1}(\phi)$$

(illustrated using different parameters from previous slide)

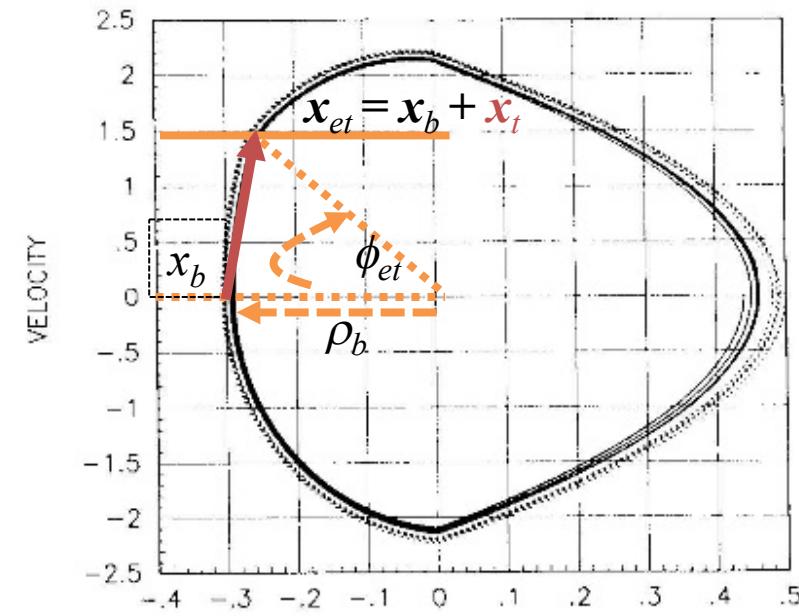
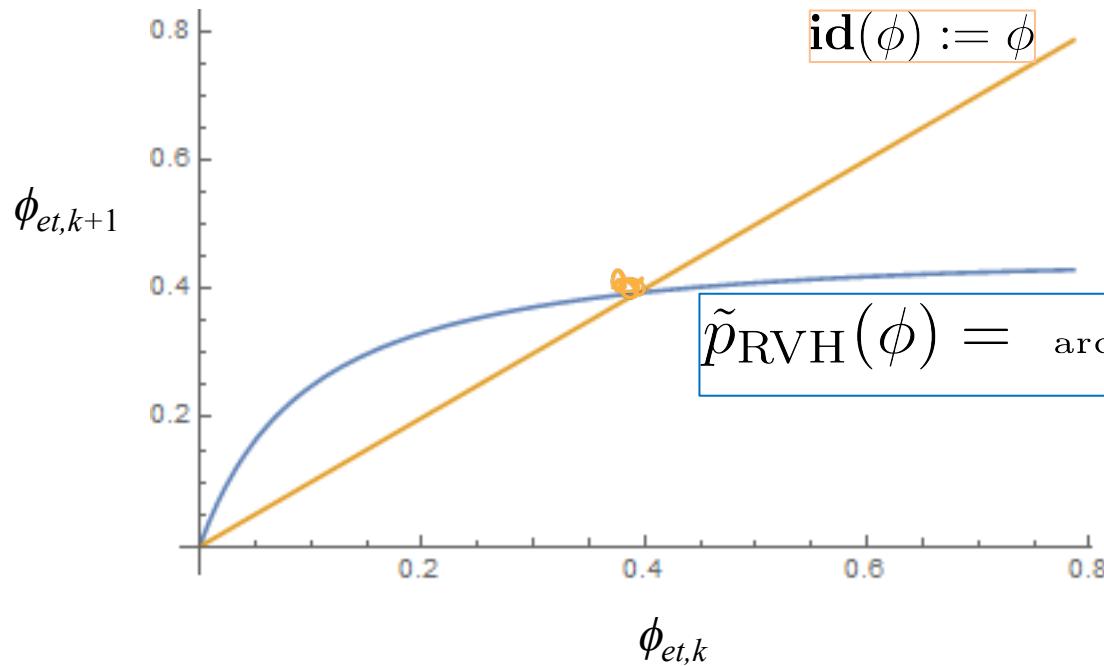


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First Step of Analysis: Fixed Points

- Study discrete dynamics $\phi_{k+1} = \tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_k)$
 - by finding FP $\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi^*) = \phi^* \Leftrightarrow \phi^* \in \{\phi_0^* := 0, \phi_1^* > 0\}$
 - and studying their linearized dynamics
- ET coordinate map can be factored
 $\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) = \tilde{g}_{\text{RVH}} \circ g_{\text{RVH}}(\phi)$

$$\tilde{g}_{\text{RVH}}(u) := \arctan\left(\frac{u}{1 + \alpha_t u}\right); \quad \alpha_t := \frac{\dot{\psi}_t}{\ddot{\psi}_t}$$

$$g_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) := \sin \phi \cdot e^{\beta(\pi - \phi)}$$

- Quickly see 0 must be FP: it's FP for both factors
- More work to ascertain existence of $\phi_1^* > 0$

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Second Step: Linearization at $\phi_0^* = 0$

- **Calculus** $\tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) = D\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) = \tilde{g}'_{\text{RVH}}|_{u=g_{\text{RVH}}(\phi)} \cdot g'_{\text{RVH}}(\phi)$

$$\tilde{g}'_{\text{RVH}}(u) = \frac{1}{u^2 + (1 + \alpha_t u)^2}$$

$$g'_{\text{RVH}}(\phi) = e^{\beta(\pi - \phi)} (\cos \phi - \beta \sin \phi)$$

- **Implies** $\tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(0) = \tilde{g}'_{\text{RVH}}|_{0=g_{\text{RVH}}(0)} \cdot g'_{\text{RVH}}(0)$

$$= 1 \cdot e^{\beta\pi - 0} (\cos 0 - \beta \sin 0)$$

$$= e^{\beta\pi} > 1$$

- Hence FP at 0 is unstable
 - hopping is pumped up
 - from very low energy states

Third Step: Linearization at $\phi_1^* > 0$

- Introduce quotient map on the set $\phi > 0$

$$q(\phi) := \tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi)/\phi$$

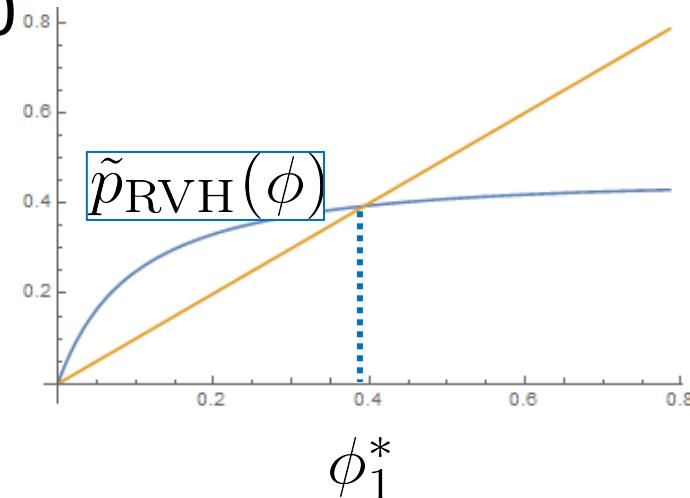
- know $q(\phi) > 1$ for $0 < \phi < \phi_1^*$
- since 0 is unstable FP
- and ϕ_1^* is unique FP on $\phi > 0$

- Know $q(\phi_1^*) = 1$ so $q'(\phi_1^*) < 0$

- now use calculus

$$0 > q'(\phi_1^*) = \frac{1}{\phi_1^*} [\tilde{p}'_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*) - 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 > \tilde{p}'_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*)$$

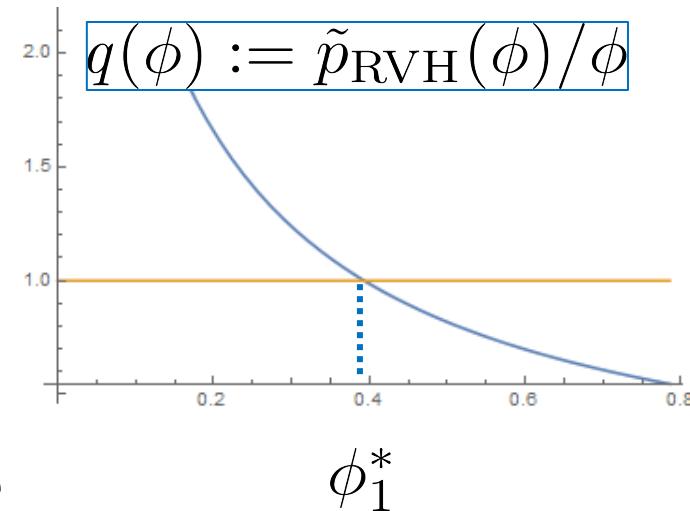


- More arguments show $\tilde{p}'_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*) > -1$

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- So linearization is asymptotically stable

$$\text{Penn Engineering } 1 > \tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*) := D\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*) > -1$$





Summary and Conclusion

- ET-coordinate representation of Poincare' map
 - has two FP $\tilde{p}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi^*) = \phi^* \Leftrightarrow \phi^* \in \{\phi_0^* := 0, \phi_1^* > 0\}$
 - whose linearized dynamics
 - is unstable at ϕ_0^* : $\tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_0^*) = e^{\beta\pi} > 1$
 - and asymptotically stable at ϕ_1^* : $|\tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi_1^*)| < 1$
- Conjugation preserves FP and linearized eigenvalues
- Hence stance energy map has same properties

- two FP

$$p_{\text{RVH}}(\rho^*) = \rho^* \Leftrightarrow \rho^* \in \{\rho_0^* := h_{\text{bet}}^{-1}(\phi_0^*) = 0, \rho_1^* := h_{\text{bet}}^{-1}(\phi_1^*) > 0\}$$

- same stability properties $P_{\text{RVH}}(\rho^*) = \tilde{P}_{\text{RVH}}(\phi^*)$

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Segment 6.3.3

Return Map Analysis - Conclusion

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What Has Been Shown?

- Used Hooke's law stance model of hopper
 - to show that constant thrust pumps energy
 - with a unique locally asymptotically stable limit cycle
- Additional arguments using this model give

(consult reference: D. E. Koditschek and M. Bühler, *International Journal of Robotics Research*, 1991, op. cit.)

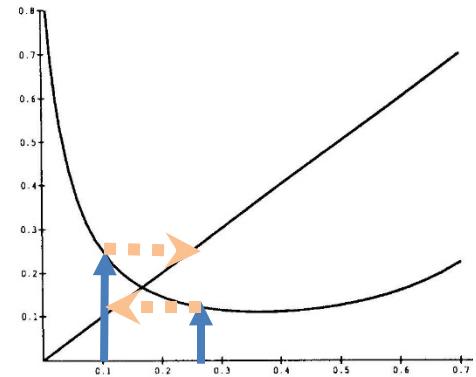
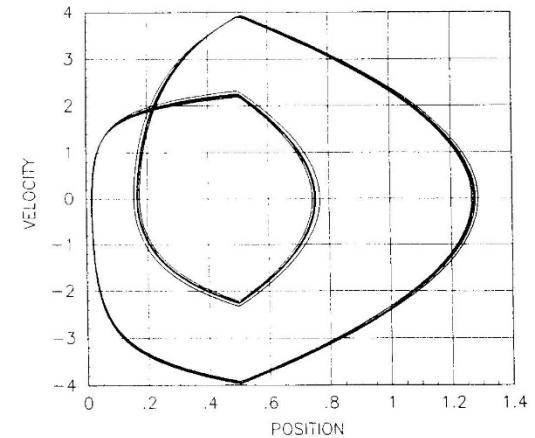
- essentially global basin for unique limit cycle
- with possible “hunting” (negative slope linearization)
- but preclude “limping” (period-two FP)
 - occurs only in physically meaningless parameter regime
 - wherein end-thrust resets directly into flight mode

Verified Much of Raibert's Original Analysis

- control system delivers fixed thrust each stance
 - causing bouncing to come to equilibrium
 - at hopping height for which energy injected
 - just equals energy lost (to friction)
- although mechanical losses may not be monotonic
 - a unique equilibrium hopping height
 - exists for each fixed value of thrust
 - and greater thrust results in greater height
- however poorly chosen parameters
 - may result in “hunting” (oscillatory convergence to FP)
 - and closely related nonlinear model exhibits “limping”

Limping: When can it Happen?

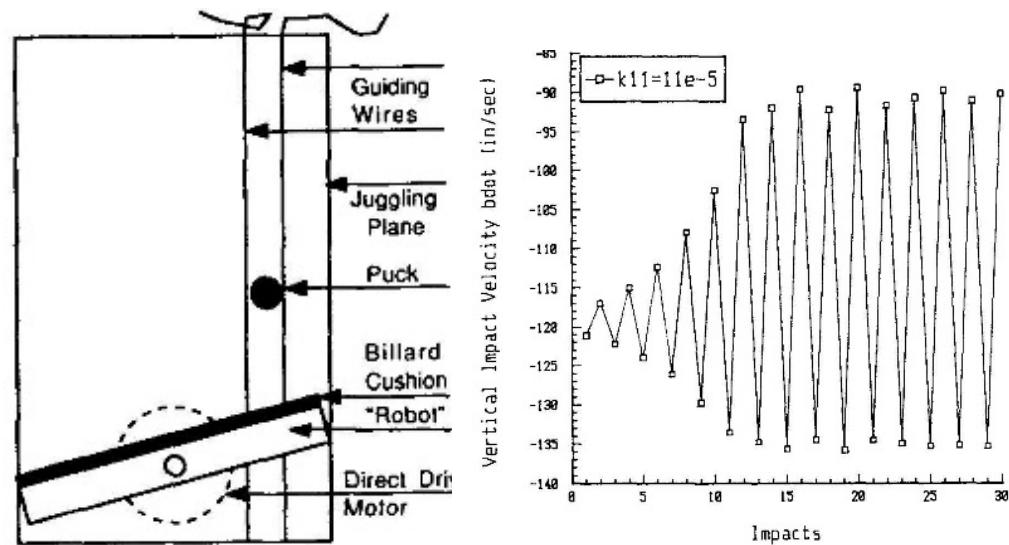
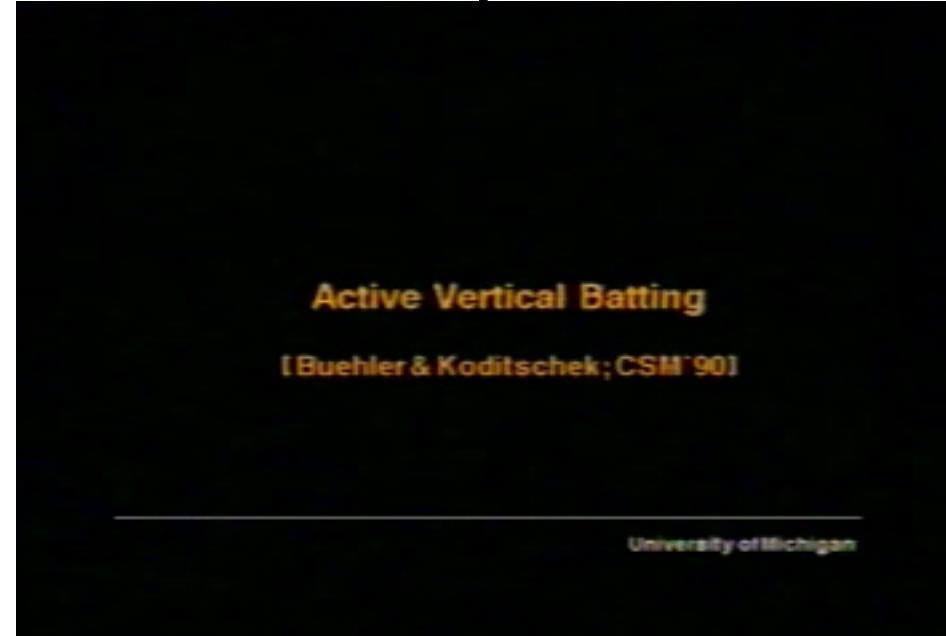
- Simulations of pneumatic spring model
 - in physically plausible regime
 - where compression force from high prior apex
 - back-drives the pneumatic pressure chamber
 - exhibit robust “limping”
 - convergence to alternation between
 - identically repeated
 - high-long & short-low hops
- Poincare' map analysis
 - reveals FP-destabilizing **bifurcation**
 - to asymptotically stable **period-two orbit**
- Raibert reported empirical “limping”
 - (personal comm.)
 - but seemed due to higher dof effects



figures from
D. E. Koditschek and M. Bühler,
International Journal of Robotics Research, 1991, op. cit.

The RVH as Dynamical Template

- Approximate RVH Poincare' Map
- Is “anchored” in Buehler’s juggler
 - system settles down
 - to purely vertical orbits
 - whose return maps
 - have steady state properties
 - as predicted
- Introduce more formal notion soon



figures from: Property of Penn Engineering and Daniel E. Koditschek

M. Buhler and D. E. Koditschek, “From stable to chaotic juggling: Theory, simulation, and experiments,” in *Robotics and Automation, 1990. Proceedings., 1990 IEEE International Conference on*, 1990, pp. 1976–1981.

Bifurcation Studies with Buehler's Juggler

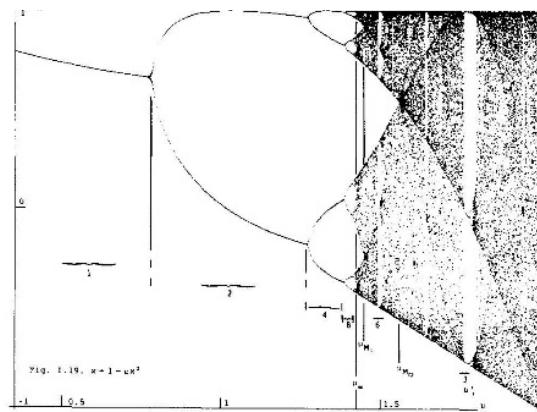
- Bifurcation
 - qualitative change
 - in attractor structure
 - due to systematic parameter adjustment
- Extensive theory available

textbook reference:

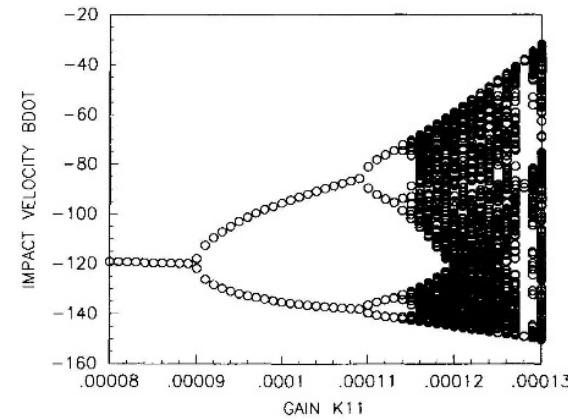
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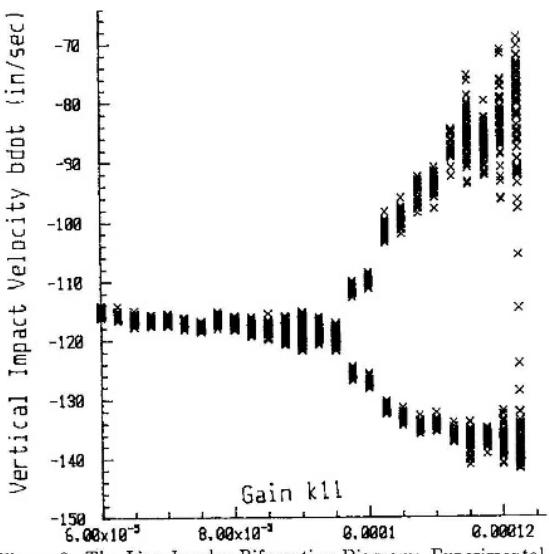
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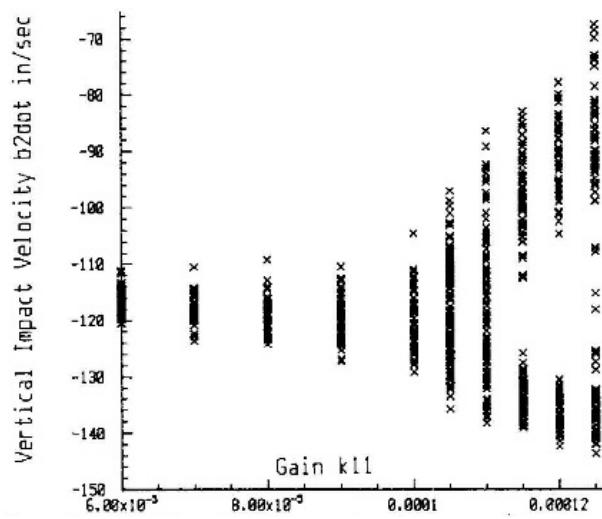
Textbook Bifurcation Diagram



Simulation Bifurcation Diagram



1 DoF Constrained Juggler



Unconstrained Planar Juggler

Dynamical Systems Thinking in Robotics

- We've encoded our tasks as dynamical attractors
- Whose basins function as abstract symbols
 - regions of state space
 - wherein the task is guaranteeably programmed
 - and indefatigably achieved
- To be “composed”
 - achieving some more complicated behavior
 - from some simpler, well understood components
- Dynamical Systems Theory
 - gives mathematically tractable
 - physically robust and achievable
 - predictive and composable symbols