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# GEOPHYSICAL MOTIVATION: FLUVIAL ABRASION AND EQUILIBRIA

HAND EXPERIMENTS WITH PEBBLES:



STABLE (S)



UNSTABLE (U)

FIELD OBSERVATION:



N (average)

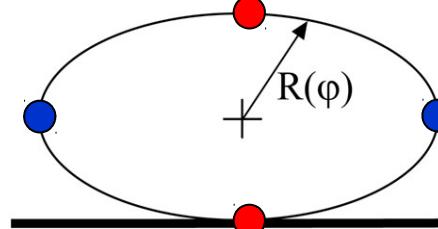
TIME

STATIC EQUILIBRIA

a) 2D:  $S=U$

**N=S+  
U**

- STABLE (S)
- UNSTABLE (U)



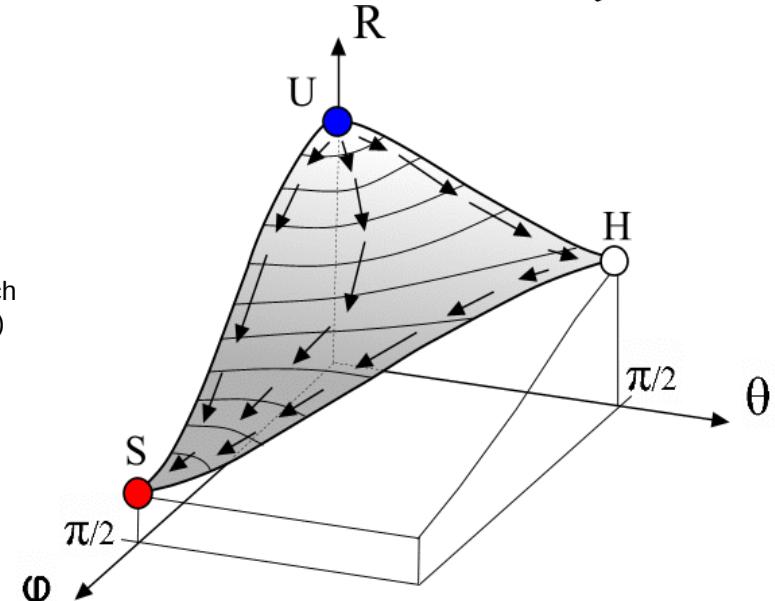
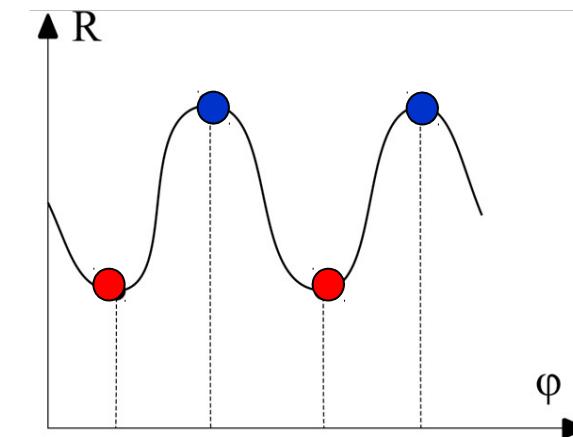
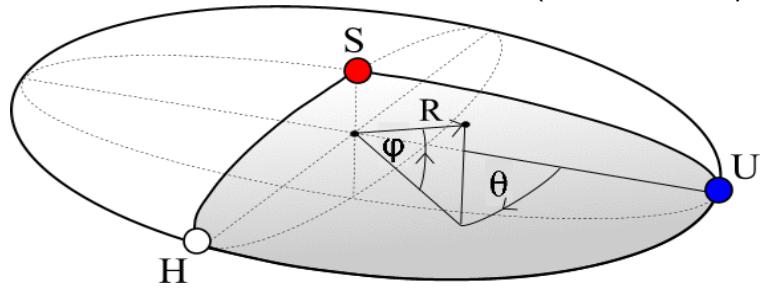
b) 3D:  $S+U-H=2$

**N=S+  
U+H**

Jules Henri  
Poincaré (1854-

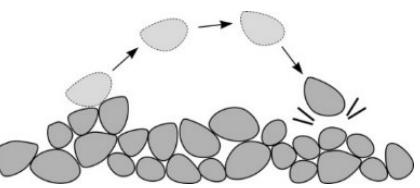


Eberhard Friedrich  
Hopf (1902-1983)



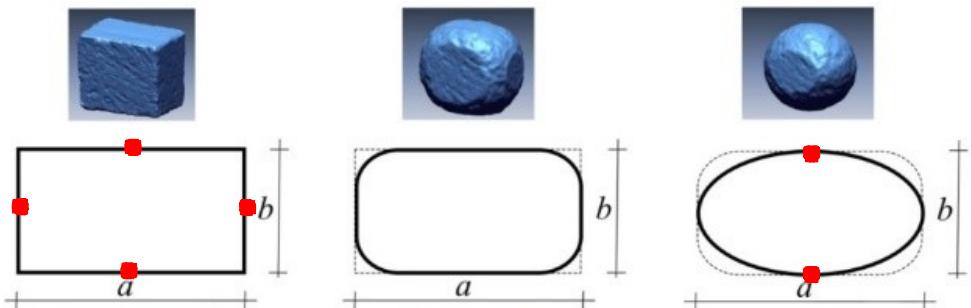
# Fluvial abrasion of pebbles: intuition

Field  
observations



Abrasion  
by many  
collisions

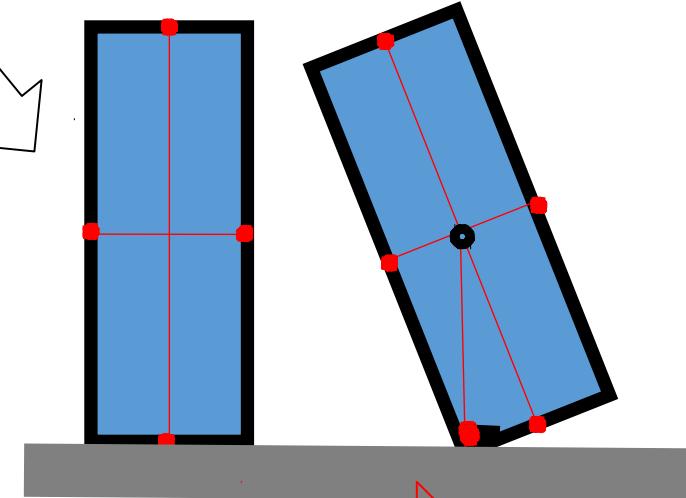
Continuum approach  
=global model



$S =$   
4

EVOLUTION

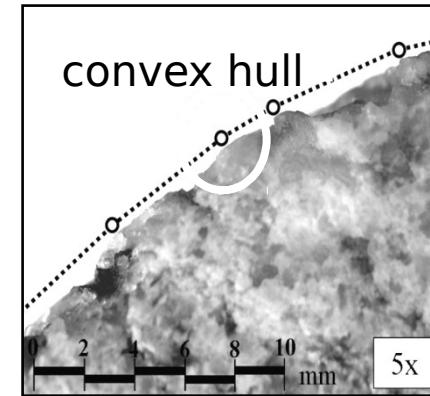
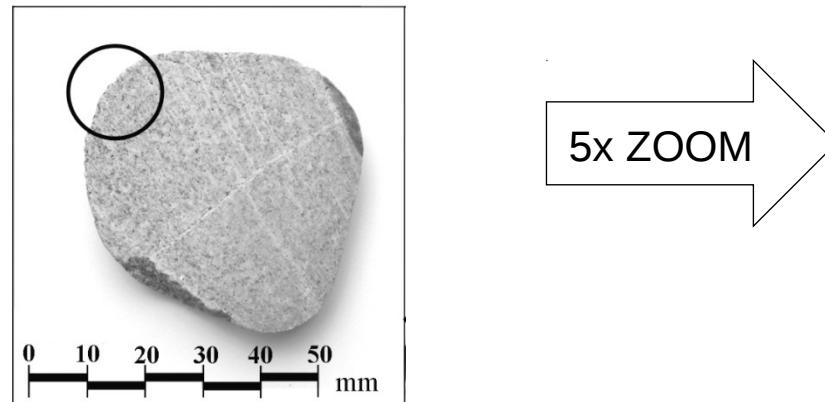
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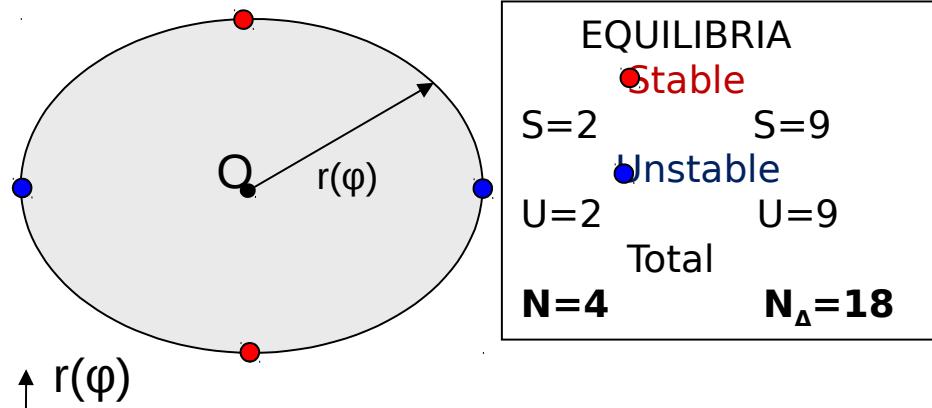
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# GLOBAL AND LOCAL MODELS OF PEBBLE CONTOUR

PEBBLE CONTOUR:

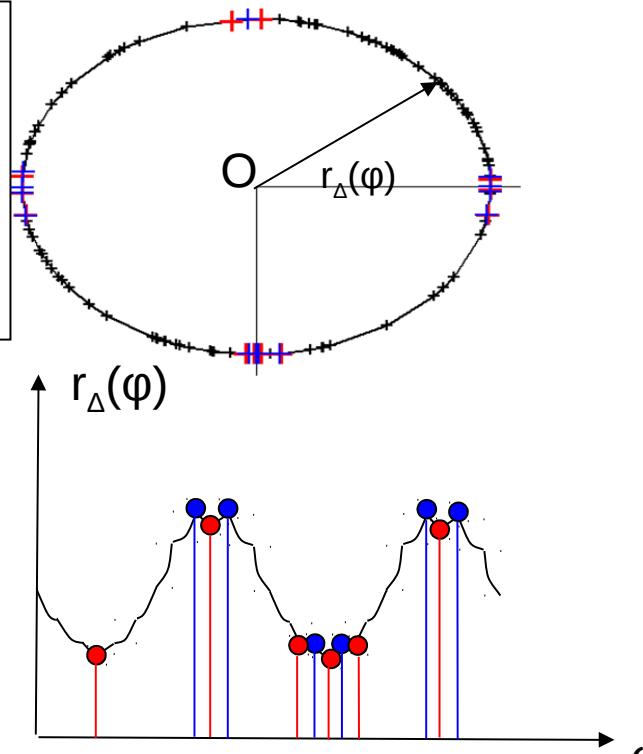


GEOMETRIC MODEL: **GLOBAL**:  $C^3$ -smooth curve  $r(\varphi)$



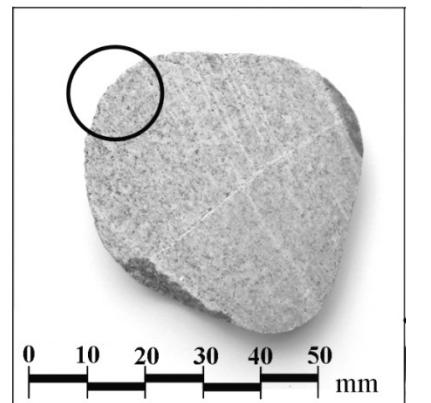
EQUILIBRIA	
Stable	S=2
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Total	S=9 U=9 <b>N=4</b>
	<b>N<sub>Δ</sub>=18</b>

**LOCAL**: Polygon  $r_\Delta(\varphi)$

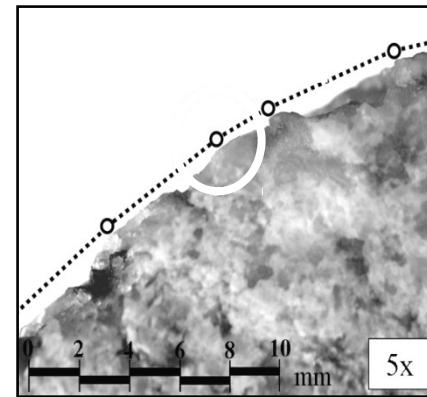


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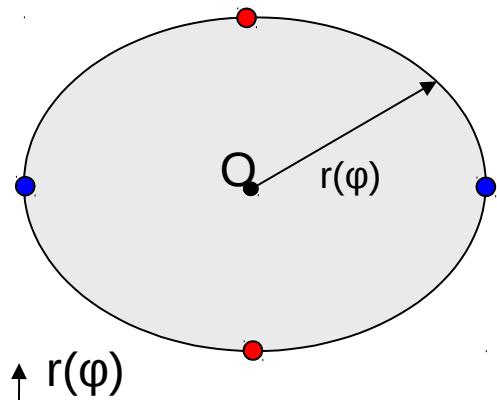
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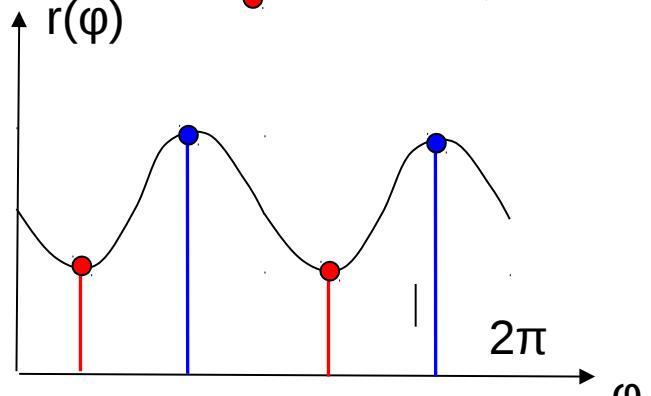
5x ZOOM



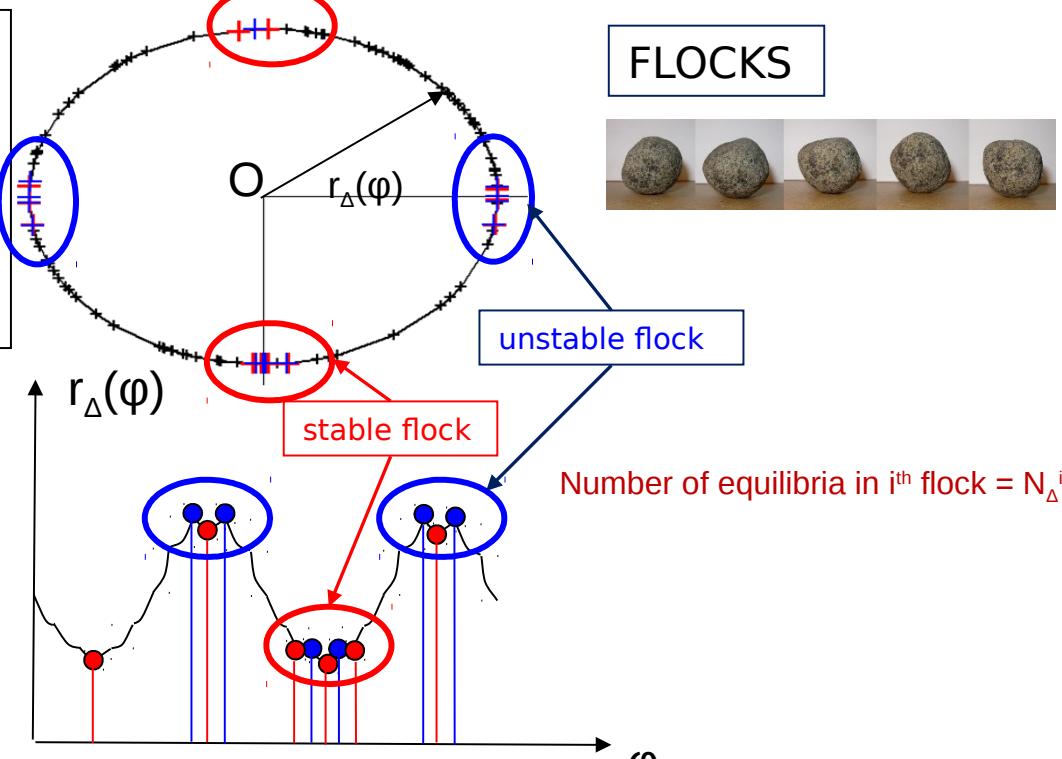
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RESULTS:

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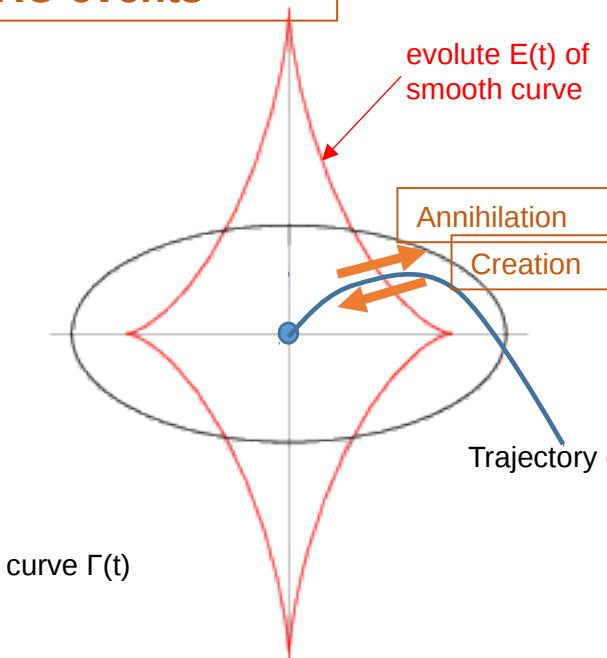
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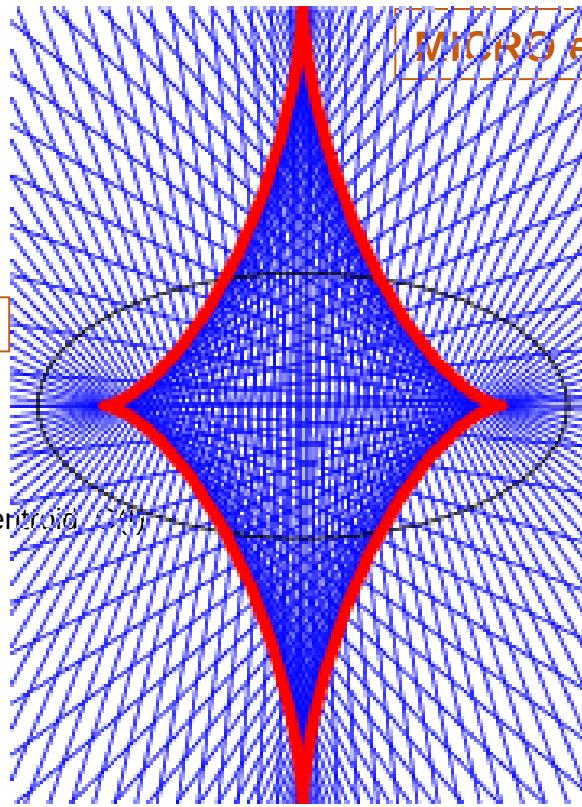
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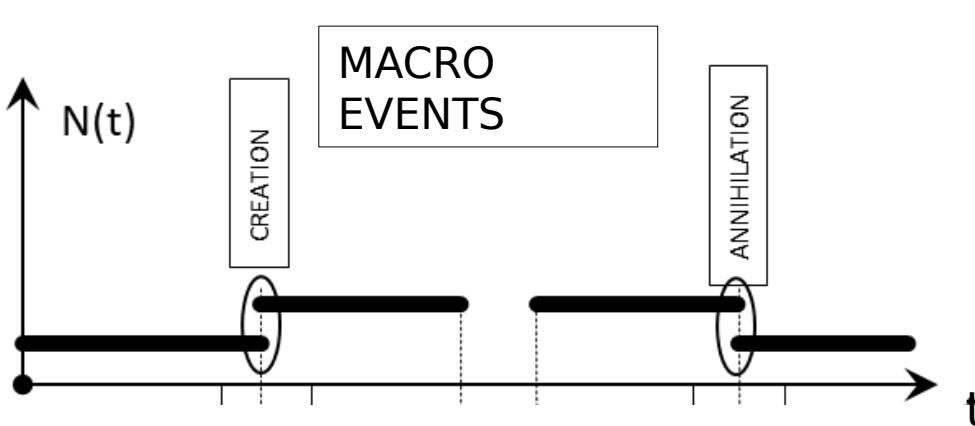
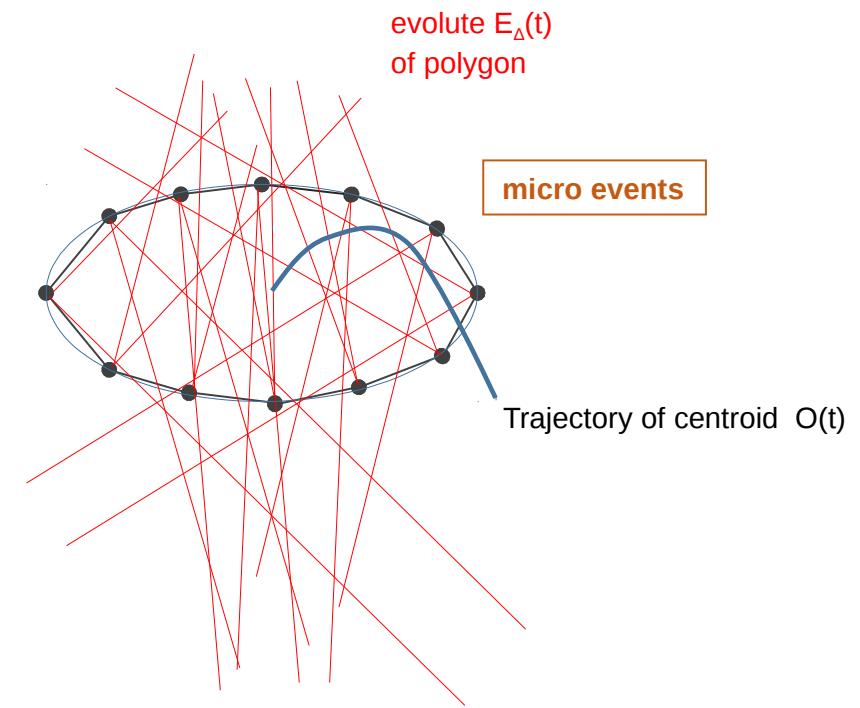


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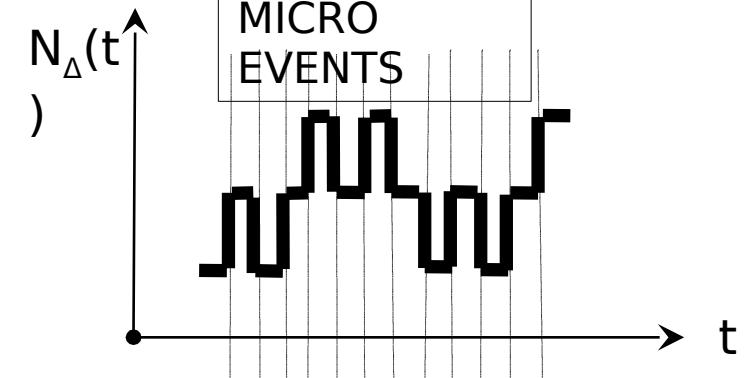


evolute  $E_\Delta(t)$   
of polygon

**micro events**



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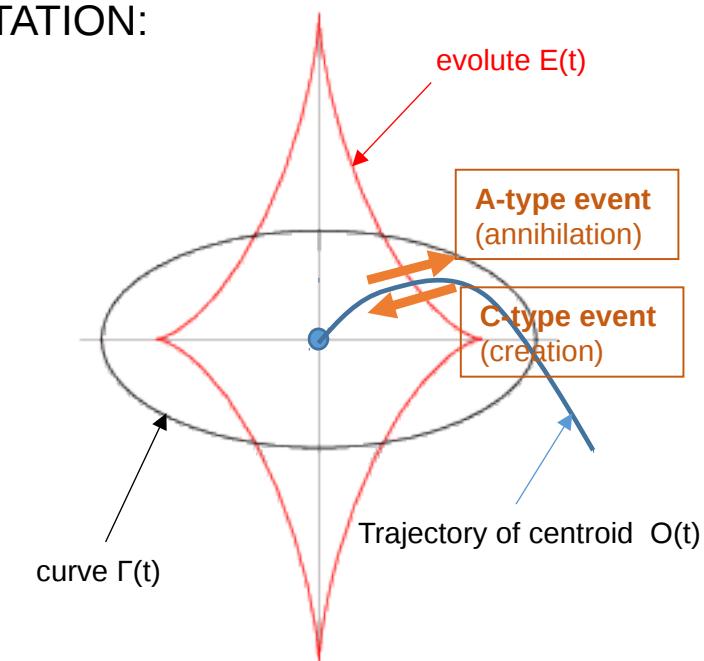
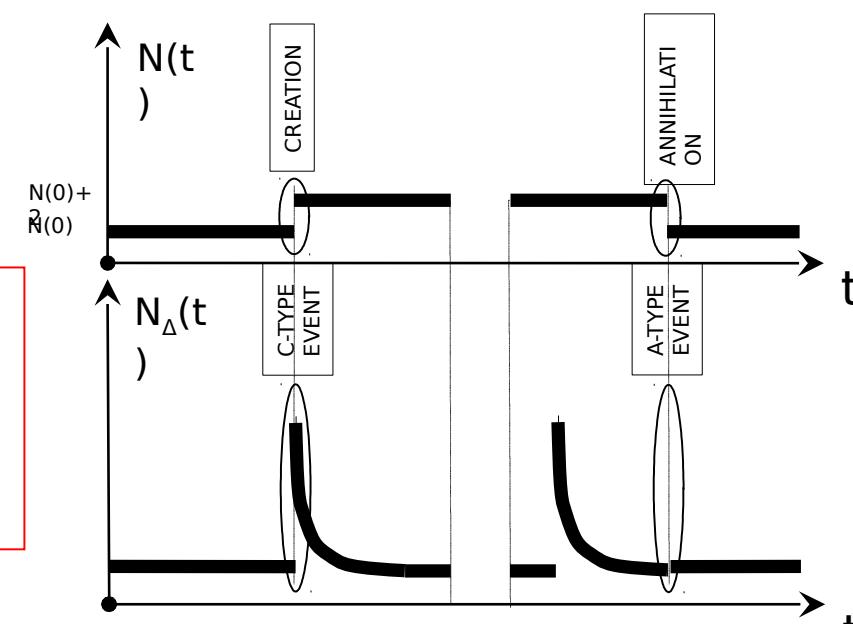
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RESULTS:

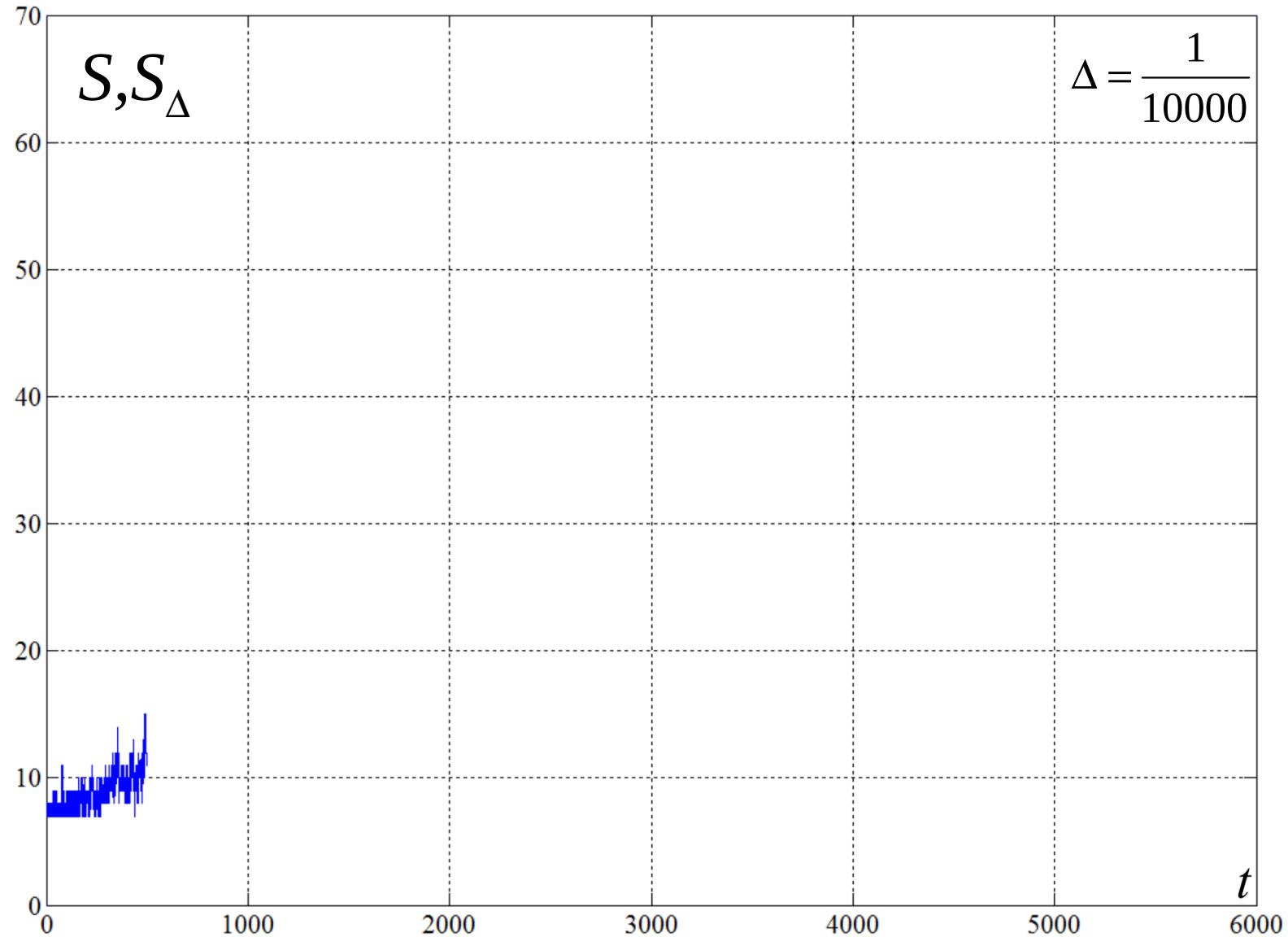
*Theorem:* (THEOREM 3)

$$N(t) = N(0) + 2(c - a)$$

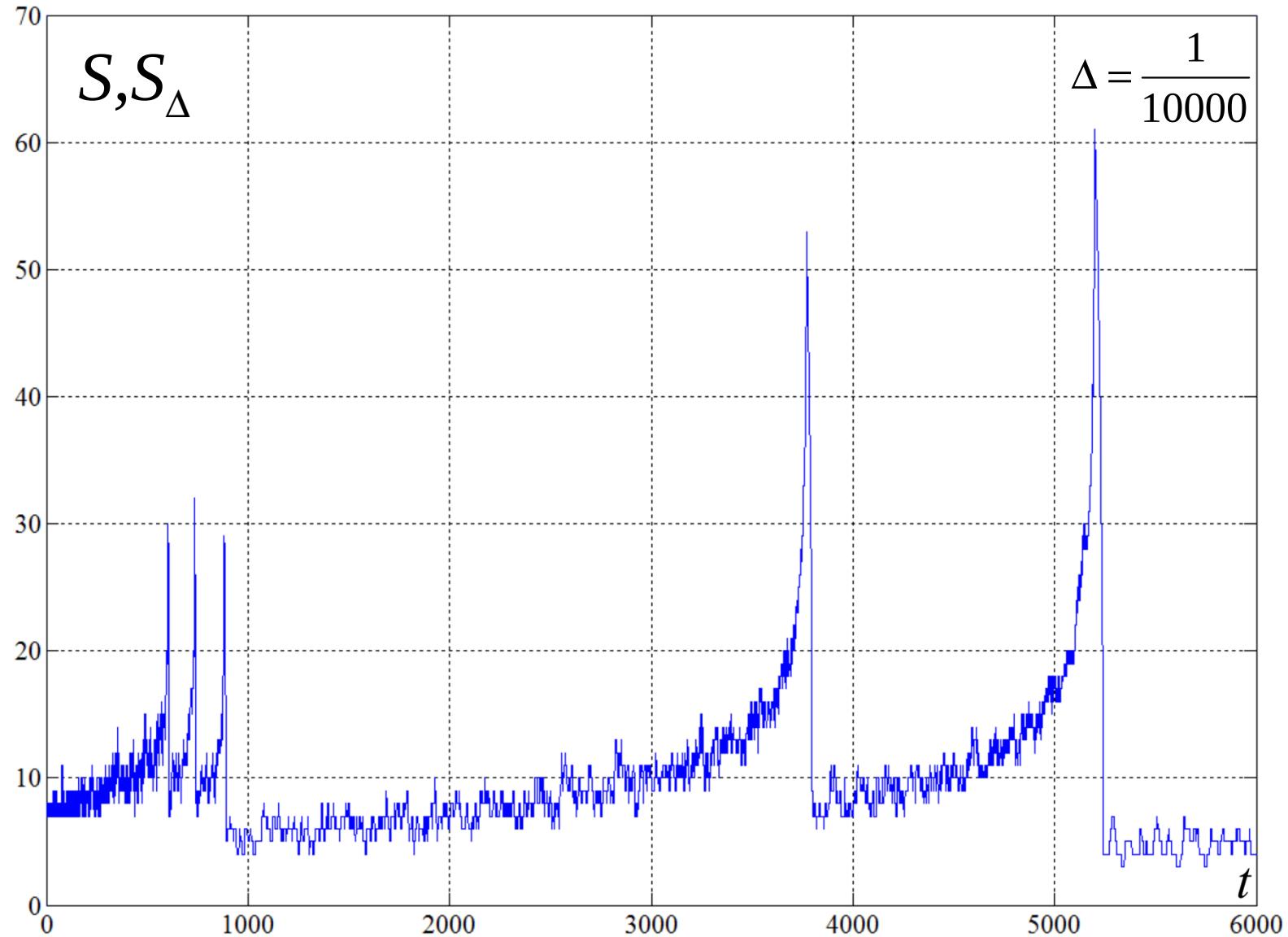
Where  $c$  and  $a$  refer to the number of C- and A-type events, respectively.



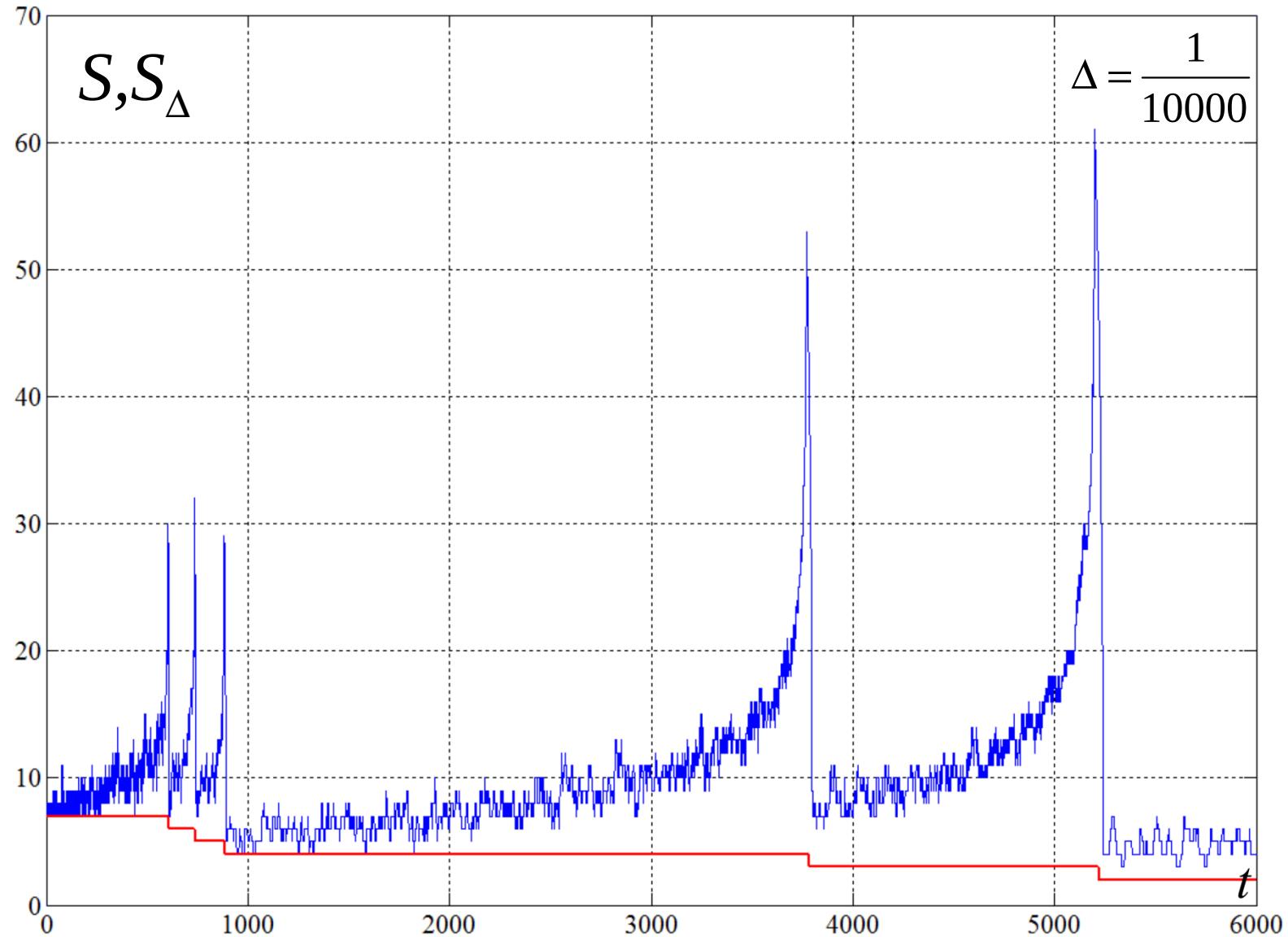
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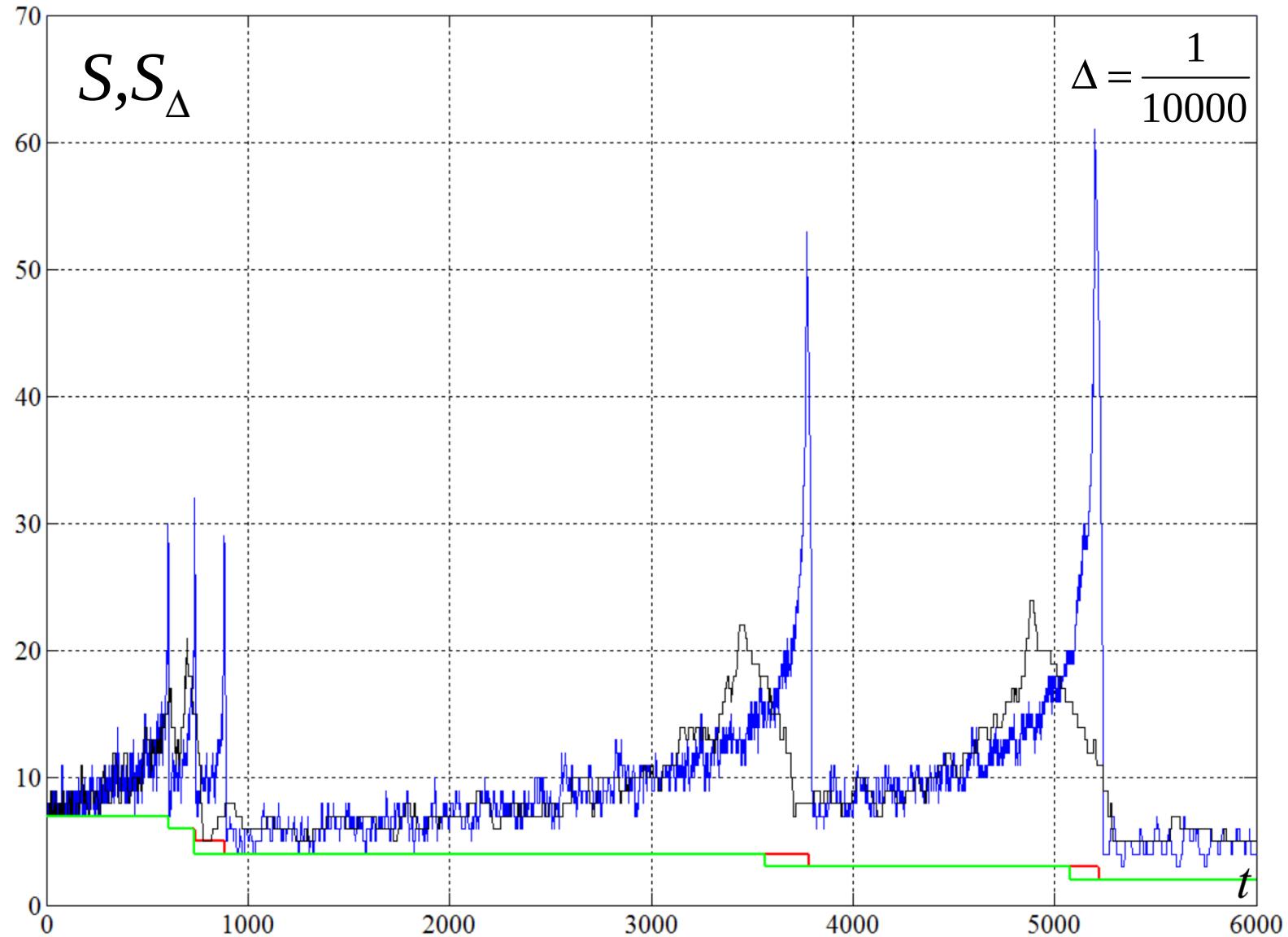
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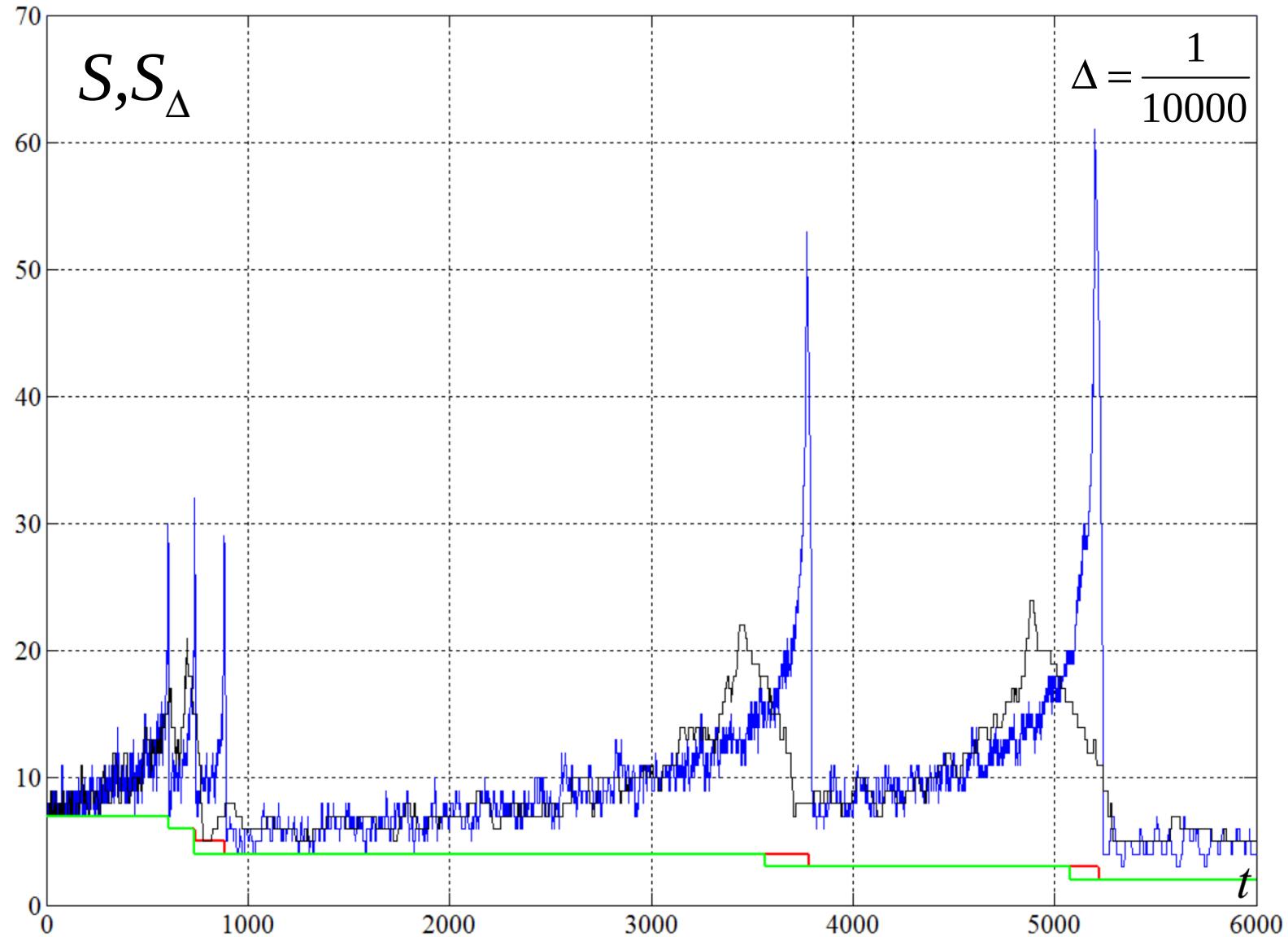
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# MORE RESULTS ON CRITICAL FLOCKS

1. **SPATIAL EVOLUTION (DIAMETER) AT FIXED, CRITICAL TIME  $t=t^*$ .** IF THE FIRST NON-VANISHING TERM IN THE TAYLOR SERIES OF  $r(\phi)$  IS OF ORDER  $k$  THEN THE DIAMETER  $D$  OF THE FLOCK CAN BE WRITTEN AS

$$D = \Theta(\Delta^{1/(k-1)}) \text{ (THEOREM 4)}$$

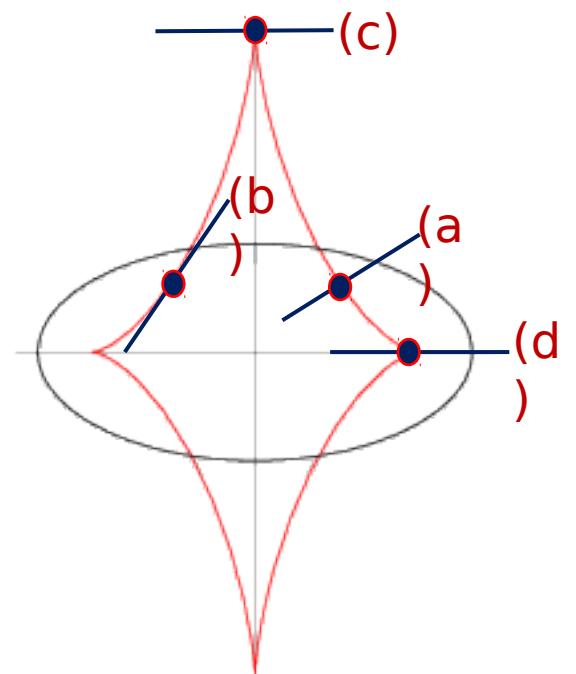
Corollaries:

- a) For generic (codimension 0) flocks we have  $k=2$ , thus  $D = \Theta(\Delta)$
- b) At codimension 1, generic saddle-node bifurcations we have  $k=3$ , thus  $D = \Theta(\Delta^{1/2})$
- c) At codimension 2 bifurcations (e.g. generic cusps) we have  $k=4$ , thus  $D = \Theta(\Delta^{1/3})$

2. **TIME EVOLUTION AT FIXED, SUFFICIENTLY SMALL  $\Delta$ .** IF THE INTERSECTION OF  $O(t)$  AND THE EVOLUTE  $E(t)$  AT  $t=t^*$  IS

- a) transversal at a generic point of the evolute then, as  $t \rightarrow t^*$  we have  $N_\Delta(t) = \Theta(t^{1/2})$  on one side, and  $N_\Delta(t) = \text{const.}$  on the other side,
- b) tangential at a generic point of the evolute then, as  $t \rightarrow t^*$  we have  $N_\Delta(t) = \Theta(1/t)$ ,
- c) transversal at a generic cusp point of the evolute then, as  $t \rightarrow t^*$  we have  $N_\Delta(t) = \Theta(t^{-2/3})$ ,
- d) tangential at a generic cusp point of the evolute then, as  $t \rightarrow t^*$  we have  $N_\Delta(t) = \Theta(1/t)$ .

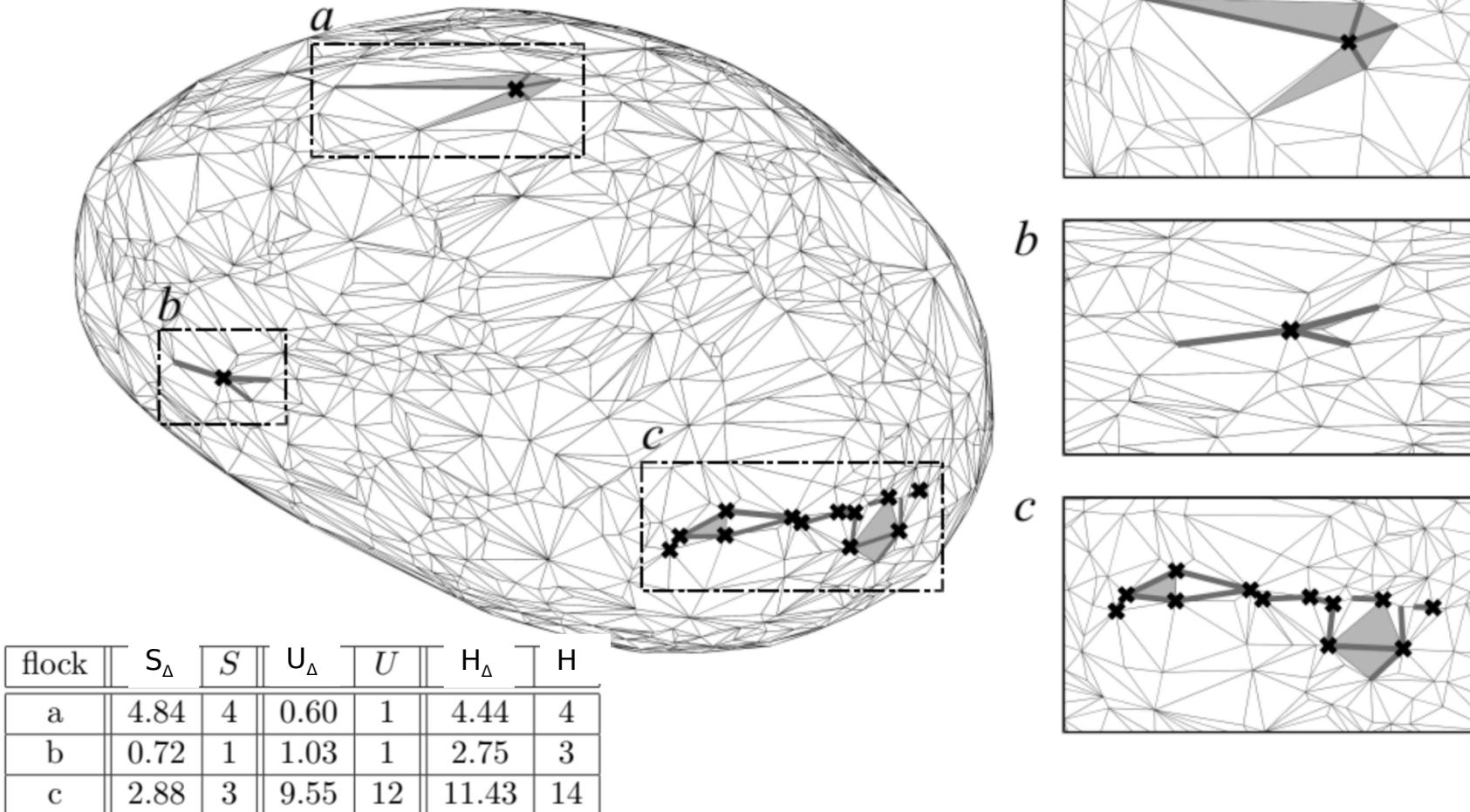
(THEOREM 5)



# SOME ILLUSTRATIONS IN 3D

## 1. SIZE OF GENERIC FLOCKS:

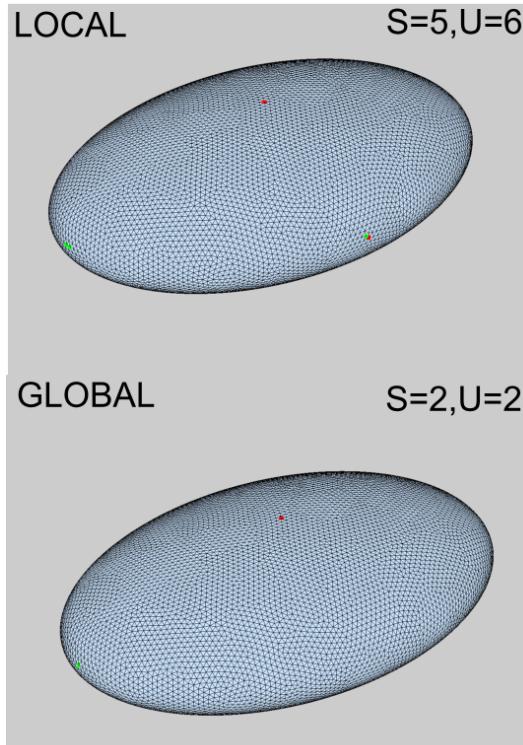
$S_{\Delta}^i = d^i$ ,  $U_{\Delta}^i = \kappa_1^i \kappa_2^i (r^i)^2 d^i$ ,  $H_{\Delta}^i = -(\kappa_1^i + \kappa_2^i) r^i d^i$ , where  $1/d^i = |(1 + \kappa_1^i r^i)(1 + \kappa_2^i r^i)|$  (MONATSHEFTE)



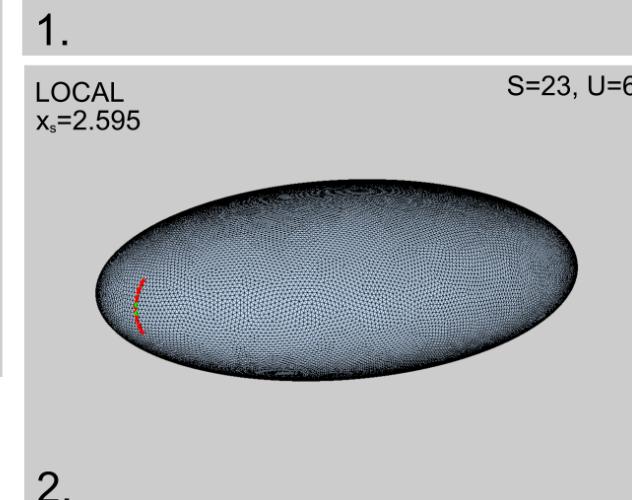
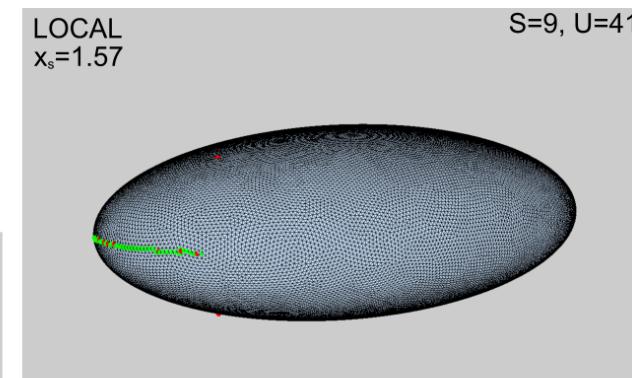
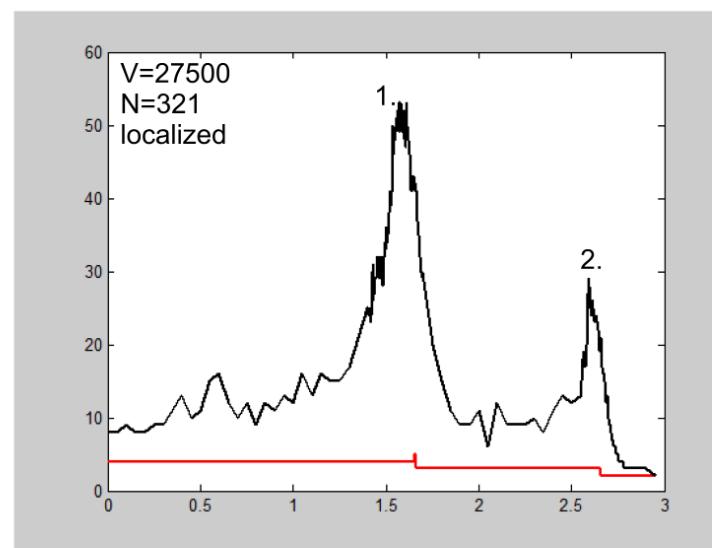
## 2. CRITICAL FLOCKS ON TRI-AXIAL ELLIPSOID

Here we move the reference point (=centroid) along the major axis of the ellipsoid. Observe the two peaks in the number of local equilibria as the reference point crosses the two evolutes.

3:2:1 ELLIPSOID  
 $v=[1,0,0]$



— LOCAL STABLE EQUILIBRIA  
— GLOBAL STABLE EQUILIBRIA



## 2. DEGENERATE, UMBILIC FLOCKS ON TRI-AXIAL ELLIPSOID

Here we move the reference point (=centroid) approximately in the direction of the origin of the osculating sphere at the umbilic point of the ellipsoid..

### 2:1.5:1 ELLIPSOID

$$v=[1,0,a/c^*[(b^*b-c^*c)/(a^*a-b^*b)]^{3/2}]$$

