



# Dynamics of a Swing

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## Key questions

- *Instability regions for the swing*
- *Regular and chaotic motions*

## Methods

- *Stability analysis is based on derivatives of the Floquet matrix with respect to problem parameters*
- *Averaging method*
- *Numerical simulation*

# Periodical Systems



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Alexander M. Lyapunov (1857 – 1918)

Thesis (1892)

«*General problem  
on stability of motion*»

Chapter 3

Study of periodic movements

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{x}$$

Introduction of parameters

$$\mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{G}(t + T, \mathbf{p})$$

$\mathbf{p}$  – vector of parameters

# Stability of periodic systems

General stability  
theory by Floquet (1883)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{G}(t) = \mathbf{G}(t+T)$$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{G}(t)\mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{X}(0) = \mathbf{I}$$

Monodromy matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{X}(T)$$

multipliers  $\rho$

$$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{u} = \rho \mathbf{u}$$

Asymptotic stability      Instability

$$|\rho| < 1$$

$$|\rho| > 1$$

Bifurcations of multipliers

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial p_j} = \mathbf{F} \int_0^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial p_j} \mathbf{X} dt$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p_j} = \rho \mathbf{v}^T \int_0^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial p_j} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u} dt$$

$p_j$  – a system parameter

Seyranian, Solem, Pedersen

(1999) Arch. Appl. Mech.

# A swing – simplest model for parametric resonance

**Nonlinear system** -

a pendulum of variable length:

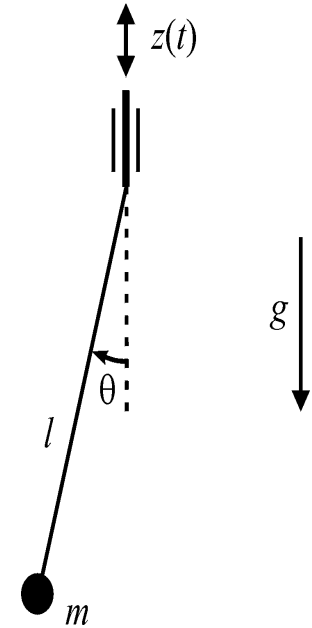
$$(ml^2\ddot{\theta}) + \gamma l^2\dot{\theta} + mgl \sin\theta = 0$$

$$l(t) = l_0 + a\varphi(\Omega t)$$

Resonant frequencies:

$$\Omega_k = \frac{2}{k} \sqrt{\frac{g}{l_0}},$$

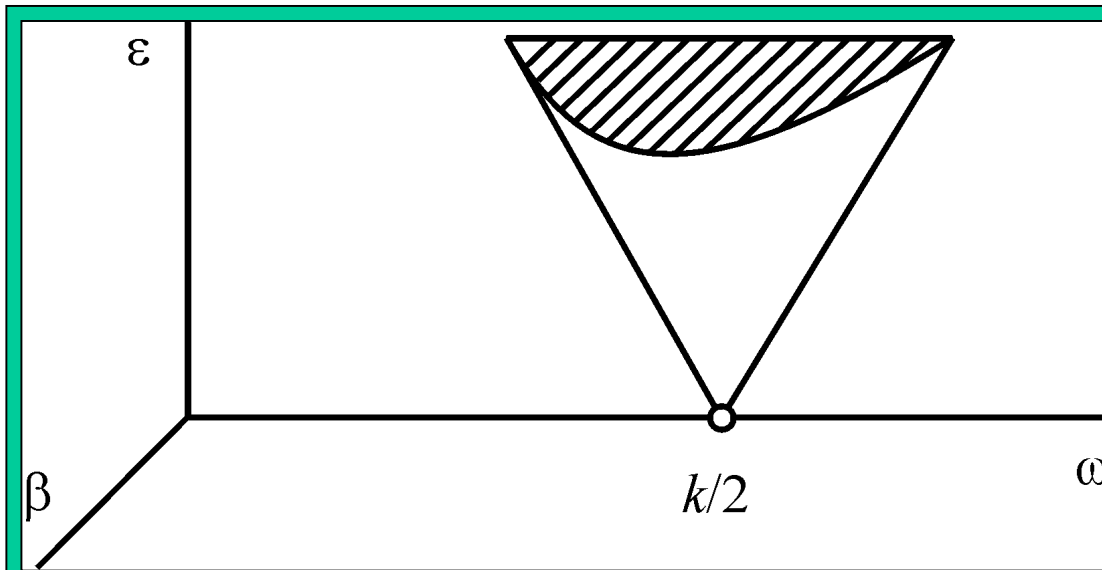
$$k = 1, 2, \dots$$



Three non-dimensional parameters:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{a}{l_0}, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sqrt{\frac{g}{l_0}}, \quad \beta = \frac{\gamma}{m} \sqrt{\frac{l_0}{g}},$$

# Instability regions for the swing



A half-cone in physical  
parameter space

Seyranian (2004)  
Doklady Physics

$$\left(\beta / 2\right)^2 + \left(2\omega / k - 1\right)^2 < r_k^2 \varepsilon^2, \quad \beta \geq 0$$

$$r_k = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{a_k^2 + b_k^2} \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi(\tau) \cos k\tau d\tau, \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi(\tau) \sin k\tau d\tau,$$

# Regular motion of the swing

Non-linear Mathieu-Hill equation for small angles  $\theta$

$$\ddot{q} + \beta\omega\dot{q} + [\omega^2 - \varepsilon(\ddot{\varphi} + \omega^2\varphi)]q - \frac{\omega^2}{6}q^3 = 0$$

$$\theta(\tau) = \frac{q(\tau)}{1 + \varepsilon\varphi(\tau)}$$

Three parameters:  $\varepsilon, \beta, \omega$

Averaging method

$$\varphi(\tau) = \cos \tau$$

$$q(\tau) = A \cos(\tau/2 + \psi)$$

$$\frac{dA}{d\tau} = -\frac{\beta\omega}{2} - \frac{A\varepsilon(1-\omega^2)}{2} \sin(2\psi)$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{d\tau} = \omega - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{A^2\omega^2}{8} - \frac{\varepsilon(1-\omega^2)}{2} \cos(2\psi)$$

# Periodic solutions

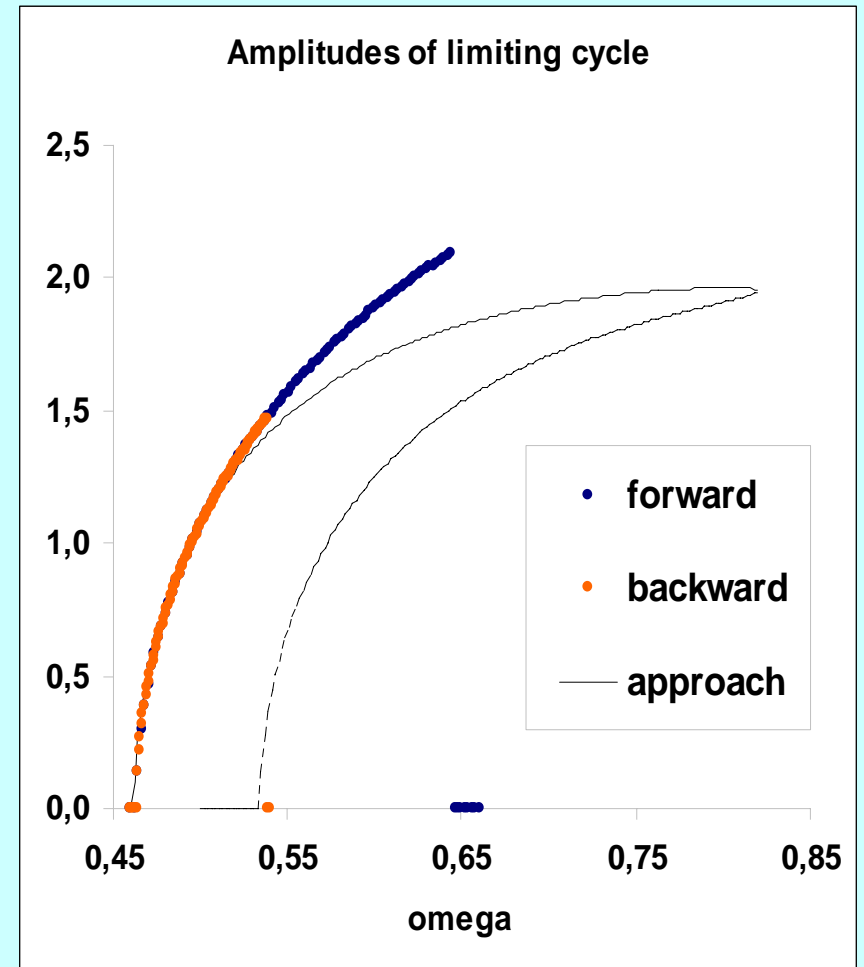
Steady motion:  $\frac{dA}{d\tau} = 0, \quad \frac{d\psi}{d\tau} = 0$

Frequency-response curve

$$A^2 = \frac{4}{\omega^2} \left( 2\omega - 1 \mp \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 (1 - \omega^2)^2 - \beta^2 \omega^2} \right)$$

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2} \text{Arctg} \left( \mp \frac{4\beta\omega}{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 (1 - \omega^2)^2 - \beta^2 \omega^2}} \right) + \pi j,$$

$$j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$





# Stability of periodic solutions

Linearization:  $q(\tau) = A \cos(\tau/2 + \psi) + u(\tau), \quad u(\tau) \ll 1$

Hill's equation with damping:

$$\ddot{u} + \beta\omega\dot{u} + (\omega^2 + \varepsilon\Phi(\tau))u = 0,$$

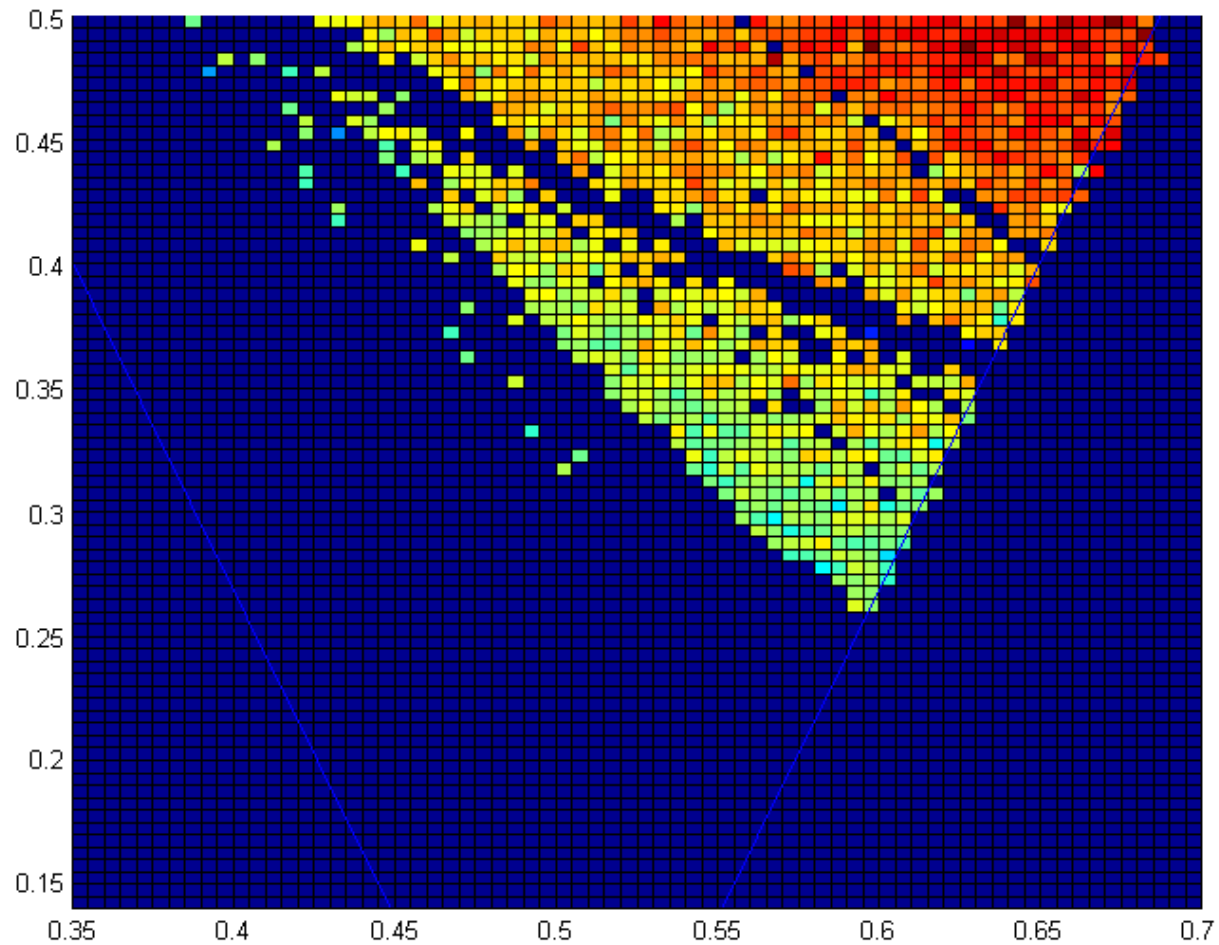
$$\Phi(\tau) = (1 - \omega^2) \cos \tau - \frac{A^2 \omega^2}{2\varepsilon} \cos^2\left(\frac{\tau}{2} + \psi\right) \quad - \textit{periodic function}$$

Instability condition: Seyranian (2001). Doklady AN

$$A^2 \omega^2 \left( \frac{A^2 \omega^2}{4} - 2\omega + 1 \right) = \mp A^2 \omega^2 \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 (1 - \omega^2) - \beta^2 \omega^2} < 0$$

# Instability diagram and Lyapunov's exponents

$\beta = 0.05$

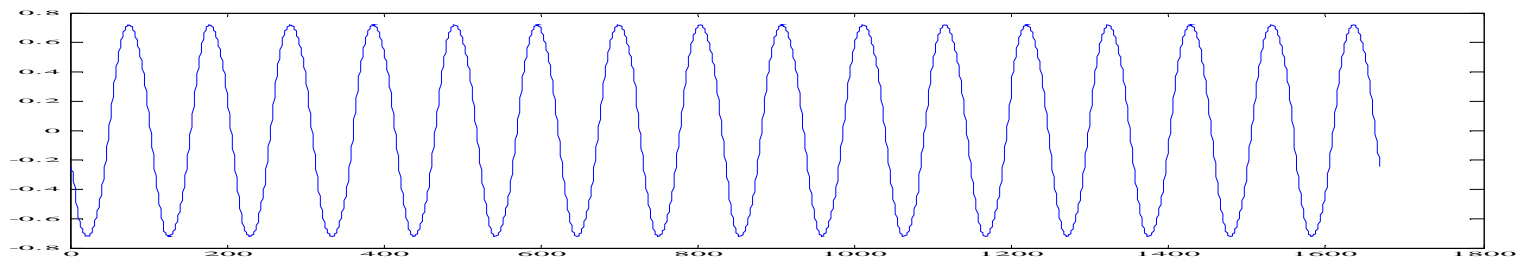
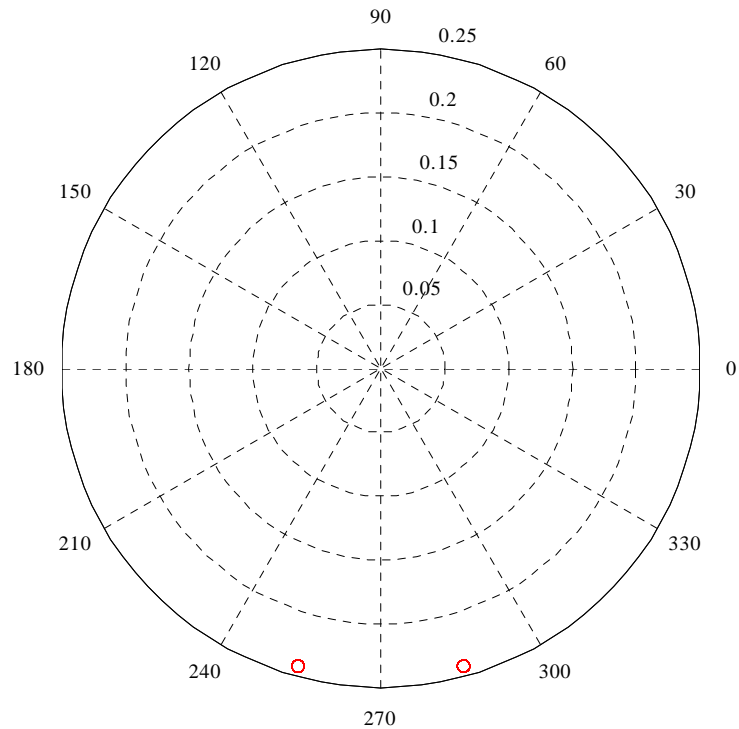


# Numerical simulations

$$\varepsilon = 0.3 \quad \omega = 0.51$$

– limiting cycle

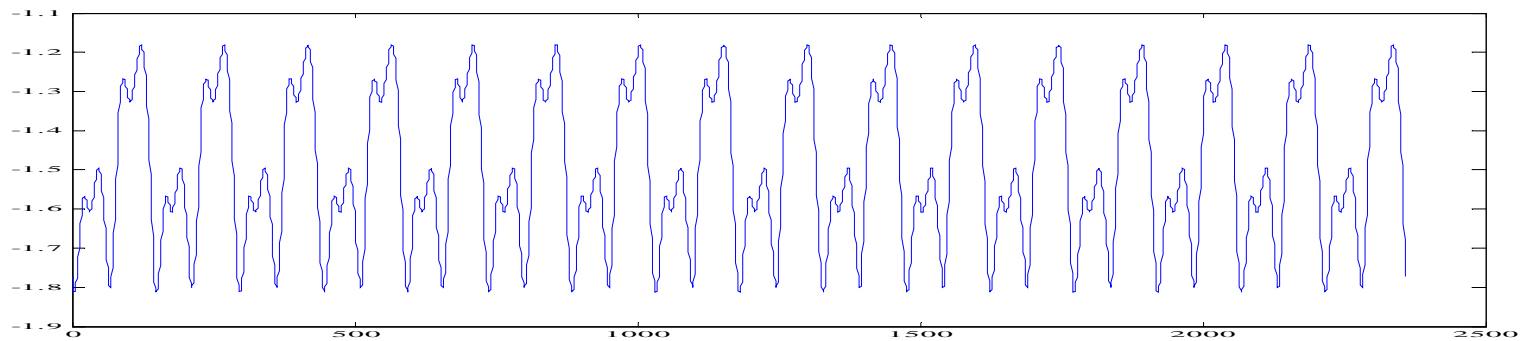
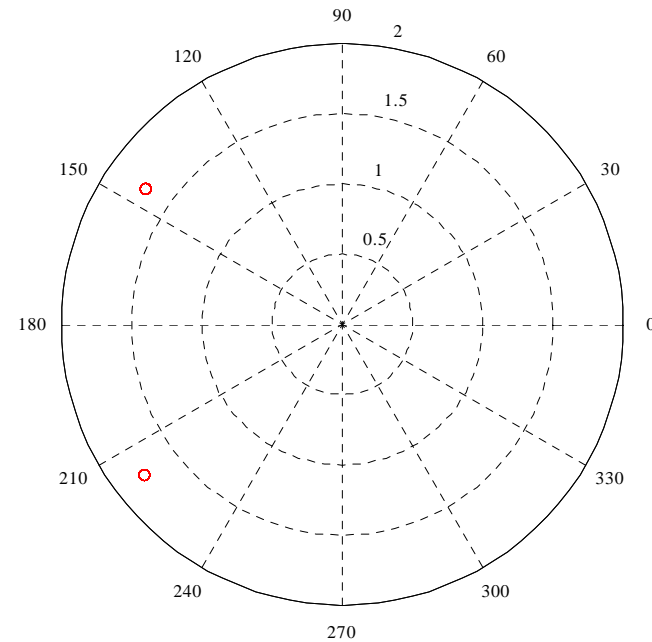
with period  $2(2\pi/\Omega)$



# Numerical simulations

$$\varepsilon = 0.43 \quad \omega = 0.51$$

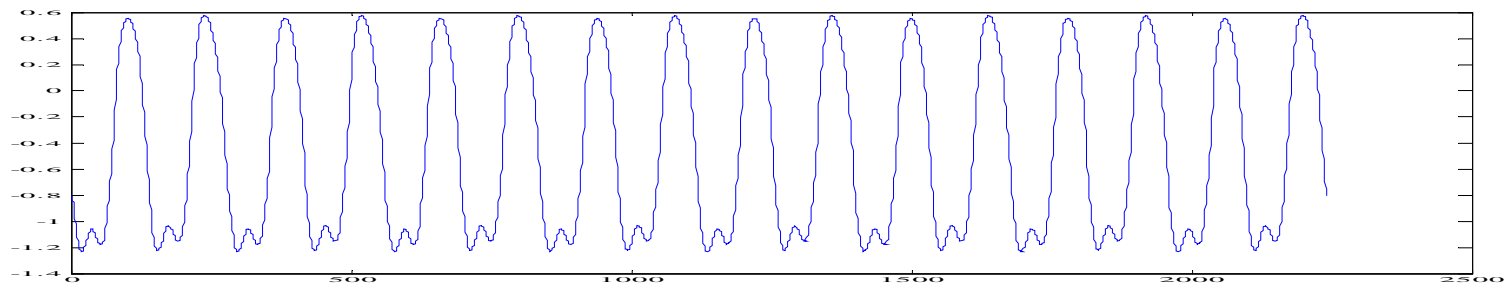
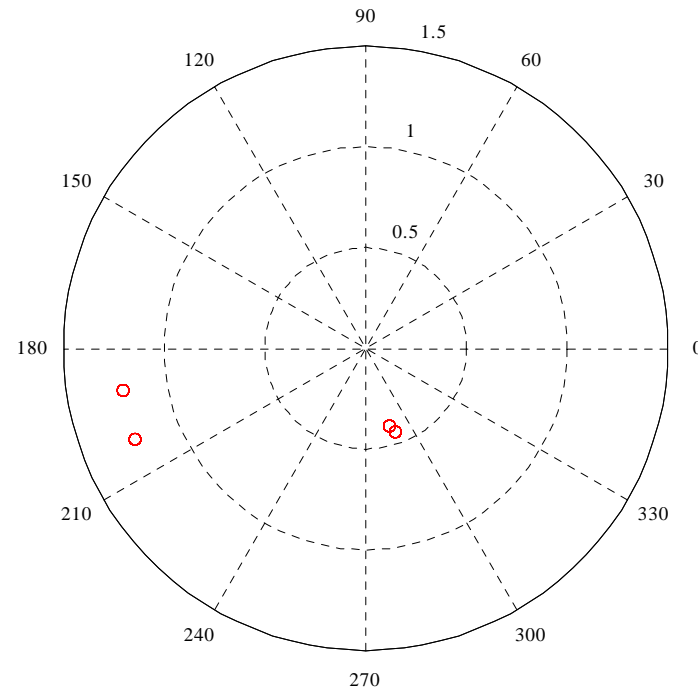
- rotation with  
mean angular velocity  $2\Omega$   
and period  $2(2\pi/\Omega)$



# Numerical simulations

$$\varepsilon = 0.45 \quad \omega = 0.6$$

- rotation with  
mean angular velocity  $3\Omega$   
and period  $4(2\pi/\Omega)$



# Numerical simulations

$$\varepsilon = 0.5 \quad \omega = 0.51$$

**CHAOS !!!**

Poincare map  
for the swing

