



Bipedal Walkers: From Three to Two Dimensions via Lagrangian Reduction



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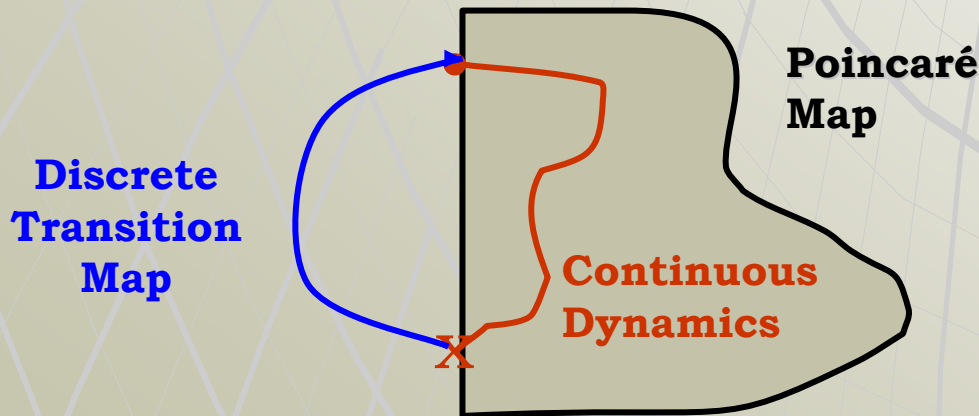
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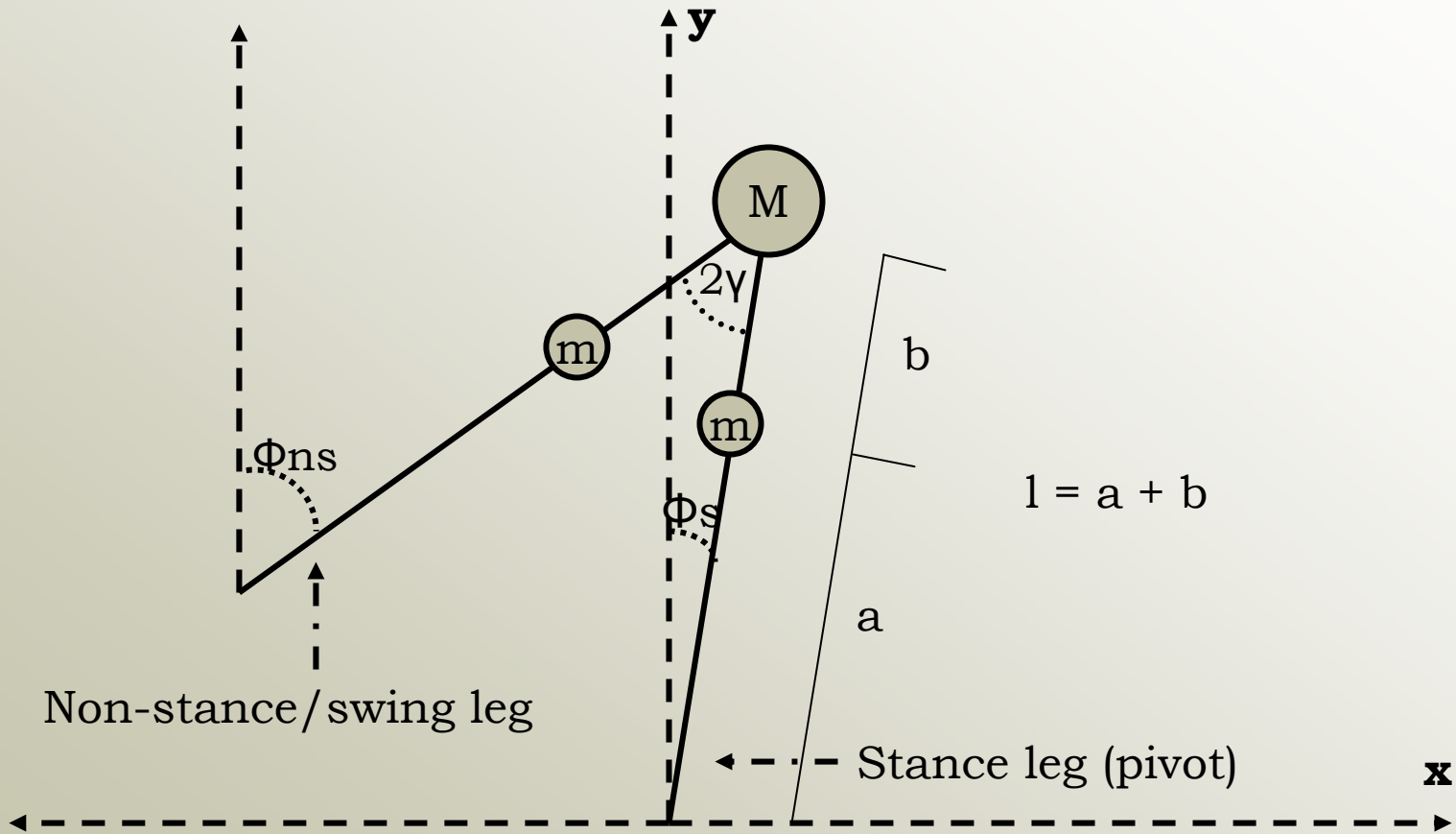
Analysis of 2D Walkers



- ❖ Many techniques have already been established for analyzing two dimensional bipedal walkers
- ❖ Finding stable walking cycles
 - o Dynamics described by non-linear ODEs
 - o No straightforward backsolving method to find initial states
 - o Solution: Numerical analysis using methods of Poincaré
 - Search feasible phase space for initial states that result in asymptotically stable cycles

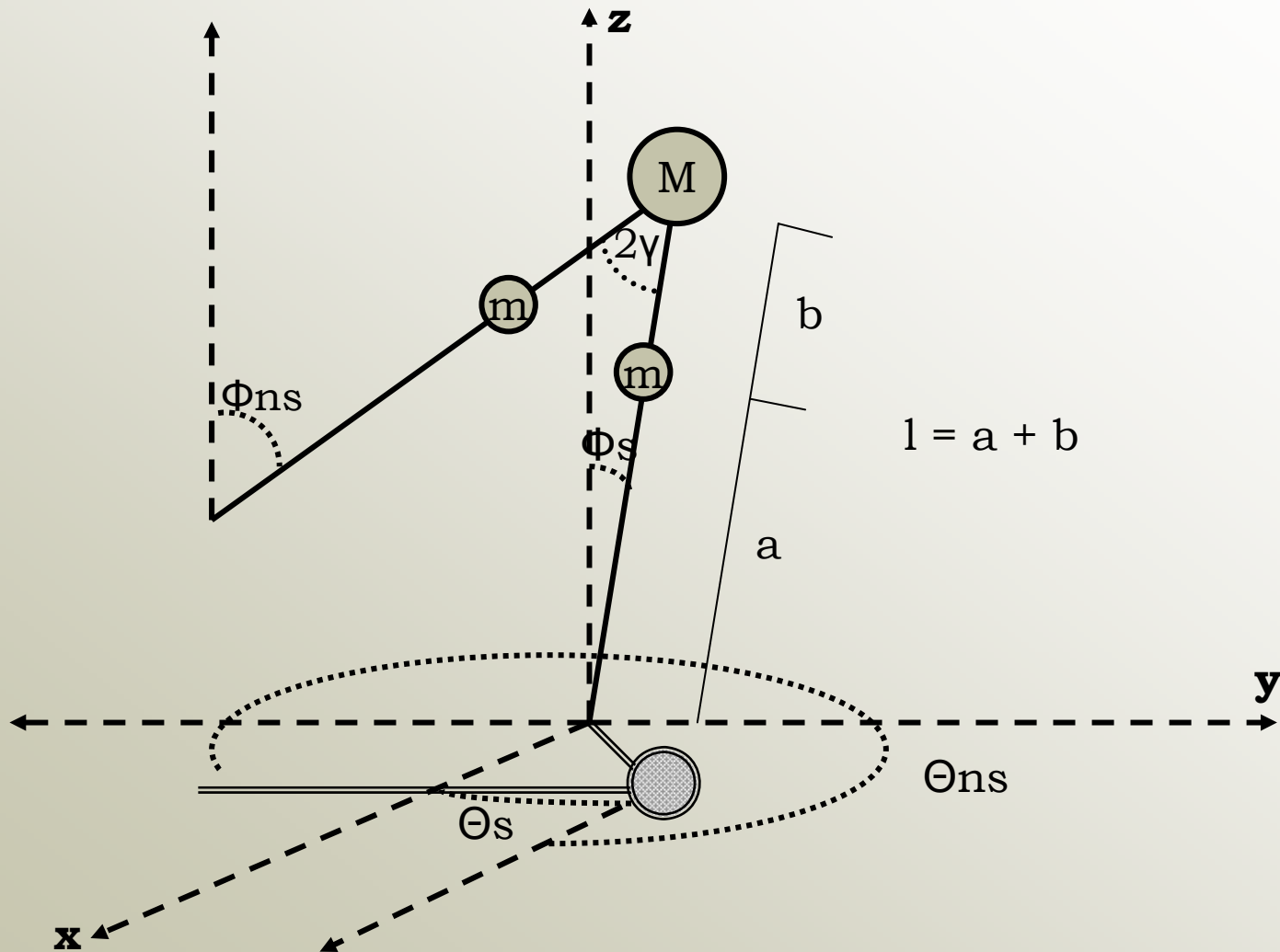


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❖ Four state dependencies: $\Phi_{\text{non-stance}}$, Φ_{stance} , and time-derivatives

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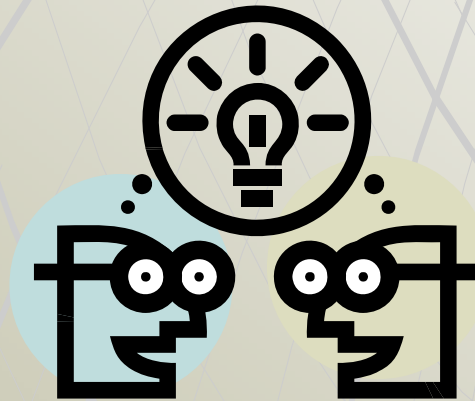
- ❖ Eight state dependencies: $\Phi_{\text{non-stance}}$, Φ_{stance} , $\Theta_{\text{non-stance}}$, Θ_{stance} , and time-derivatives



Scaling Complexity



- ❖ Increasing the model's dimensions from two to three results in a two-fold increase of state dependency
- ❖ Thus, in three dimensions, numerical analysis requires a phase space search of *eight* dimensions
- ❖ Analysis is computably impractical!



❖ **Solution:** Hybrid Reduction on the 3D Model



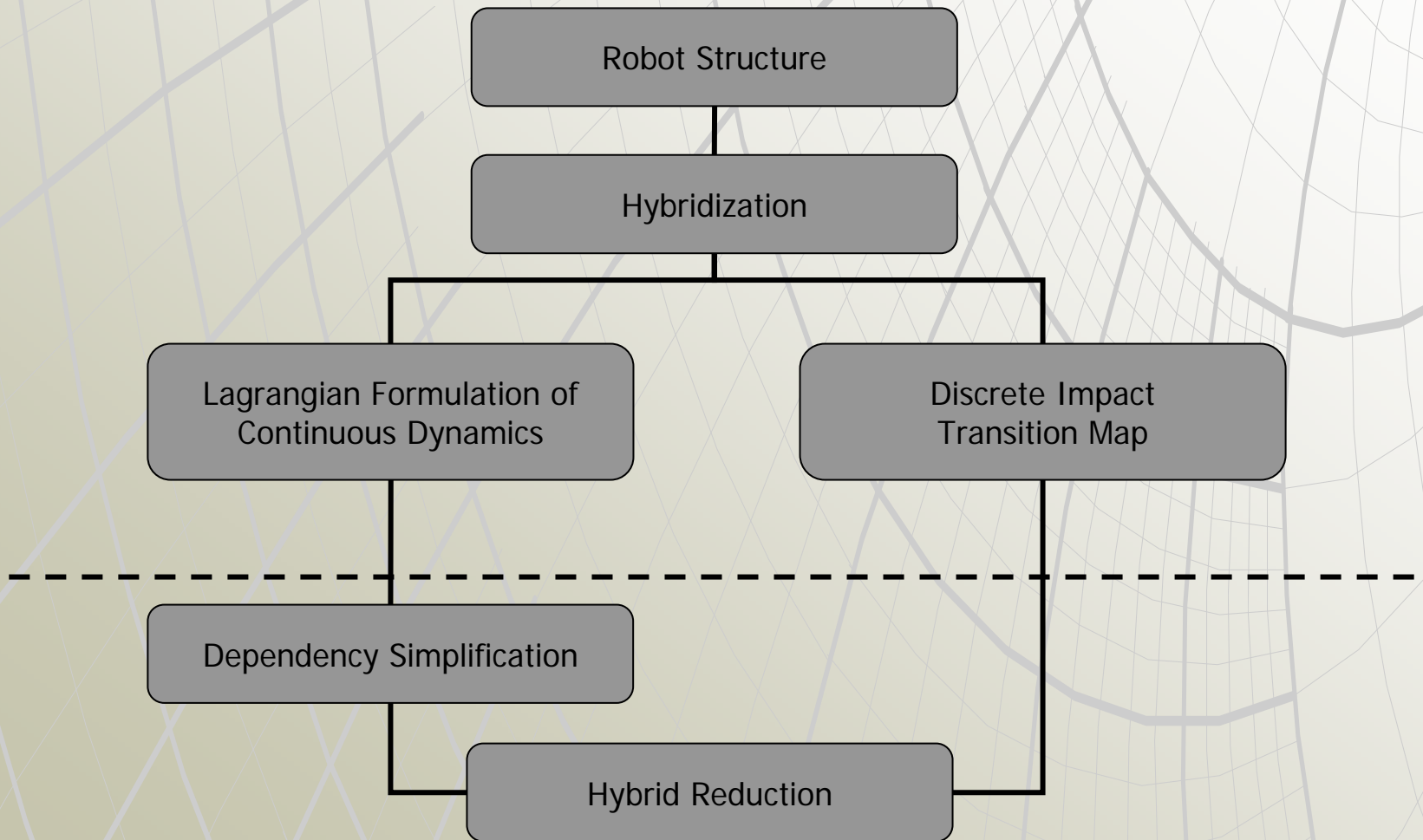
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Process of Reduction (General)

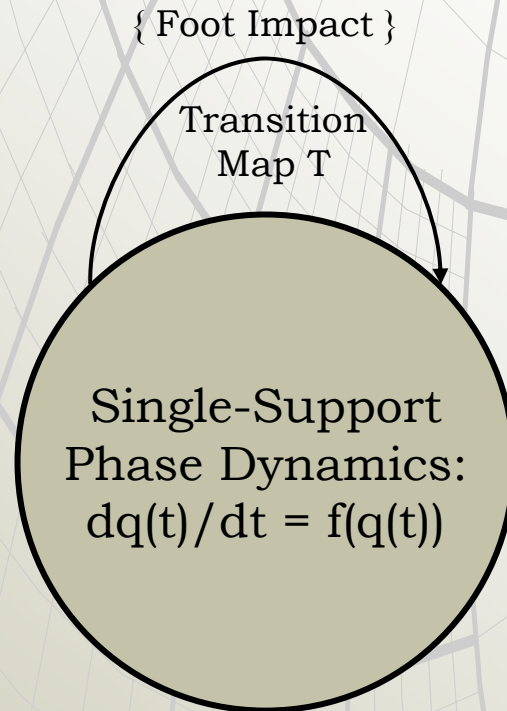




Hybridization



- System's single-support phase guided by differential equations (continuous dynamics)
- Swing leg's impact with ground considered a reset transition for hybrid system (discrete event)



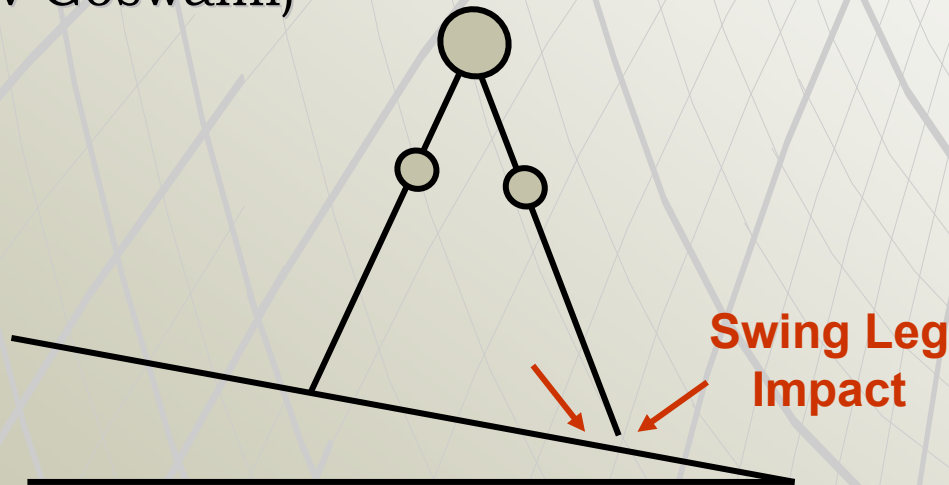


Discrete Foot Impact



❖ Impact Equations (swing leg impact on ground):

- ❑ Angle positions preserved
- ❑ Discontinuity in angle velocity (different ways of modeling, Grizzle v Goswami)



❖ Transition Map (hybrid system reset)

- ❑ Swing leg becomes stance leg: angle positions swap
- ❑ Angle velocities: $\Theta^+ = H(\gamma) \Theta^-$



Lagrangian Formulation



- ❖ The Lagrangian formulation accounts for all energy in the system

- ❖ Lagrangian = Kinetic Energy – Potential Energy

$$L = K - V$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \Theta'^T M(\Theta) \Theta' - \int q(\Theta)$$

- ❖ Derive the continuous Equations of Motion (passive):

$$M(\Theta) \Theta'' + F(\Theta, \Theta') \Theta' + q(\Theta) = \mathbf{0}$$

where $\Theta = [\Theta_{ns}, \Theta_s, \varphi_{ns}, \varphi_s]^T$

- ❖ M and F are 4x4 matrices and q is a 4x1 vector

- ❖ Pages and pages of matrix entries!



Dependency Simplification



❖ Goal is to find cyclic variables in Lagrangian

Strategies:

- ❖ Fixing inner angle $2\gamma \Rightarrow$ No cyclic variables
- ❖ Limit as M/m approaches infinity \Rightarrow No cyclic
- ❖ Limit as b/a approaches infinity \Rightarrow No cyclic
- ❖ Fixing $\Theta_s[t] = \Theta_{ns}[t]$ (x-y plane)
 - *Two* cyclic variables: $\Theta_{ns}[t]$ and $\Theta_s[t]$

$M[\varphi] =$

M1

β^2	$-\beta (1 + \beta) \text{Cos}[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]]$	0
$-\beta (1 + \beta) \text{Cos}[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]]$	$1 + (1 + \beta)^2 (1 + \mu)$	0
0	0	
0	0	

$\beta^2 \text{Sin}[\phi_{ns}[t]]^2$	$-\beta (1 + \beta) \text{Sin}[\phi_{ns}[t]] \text{Sin}[\phi_s[t]]$
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M2



Routhian Reduction



❖ $\Theta_{ns}[t]$ and $\Theta_s[t]$ independent

❖ $M_2(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) \boldsymbol{\Theta}' = \mathbf{c}$ (Routhian constant)

where $\boldsymbol{\Theta}' = [\Theta'_{ns}, \Theta'_s]^T$,

$\boldsymbol{\varphi} = [\varphi_{ns}, \varphi_s]^T$,

$\mathbf{c} = [c_1, c_2]^T$

and $\Theta'_{ns}[t] = \Theta'_s[t]$

❖ Solve: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}' = \mathbf{c}/m(\boldsymbol{\varphi})$

❖ Routhian = $[L(\boldsymbol{\varphi}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}', \boldsymbol{\Theta}') - \mathbf{c} \boldsymbol{\Theta}']_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}' = \mathbf{c}/m(\boldsymbol{\varphi})}$

Augmented Term

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'^T M_1(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) \boldsymbol{\varphi}' - q(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{c}^2 / m(\boldsymbol{\varphi})$$



Results of Reduction



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Reduced Model



- ❖ Continuous Equations of Motion (passive):

$$M(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) \boldsymbol{\varphi}'' + F(\boldsymbol{\varphi}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}') \boldsymbol{\varphi}' + \mathbf{q}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) + \text{aug}_c(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \mathbf{0}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\varphi} = [\varphi_{ns}, \varphi_s]^T$

Original 2D Model

Augmented Potential

Conclusions:

- ❖ M and F are 2x2 matrices; q and aug are 2x1 vectors
- ❖ The reduced model (now 2D) is equivalent to the original 2D model with an augmented term
- ❖ Matrices M and F and vector q remain the same; overall potential term is modified.
- ❖ Additional constant c (if zero => original 2D model)
- ❖ Uniqueness: Can bring back to 3D



Equations of Motion (2D)



$$M(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 & -\beta (1 + \beta) \cos[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]] \\ -\beta (1 + \beta) \cos[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]] & 1 + (1 + \beta)^2 (1 + \mu) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F(\boldsymbol{\varphi}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\beta (1 + \beta) \sin[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]] \dot{\phi}_s[t] \\ \beta (1 + \beta) \sin[\phi_{ns}[t] - \phi_s[t]] \dot{\phi}_{ns}[t] & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \begin{pmatrix} g \beta \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]] \\ -g (1 + (1 + \beta) (1 + \mu)) \sin[\phi_s[t]] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{aug}_c(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{c^2 \beta \cos[\phi_{ns}[t]] (\beta \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]] - (1 + \beta) \sin[\phi_s[t]])}{(\beta^2 \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]]^2 - 2 \beta (1 + \beta) \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]] \sin[\phi_s[t]] + (1 + (1 + \beta)^2 (1 + \mu)) \sin[\phi_s[t]]^2)^2} \\ \frac{c^2 \cos[\phi_s[t]] ((-1 - \beta) \beta \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]] + (1 + (1 + \beta)^2 (1 + \mu)) \sin[\phi_s[t]])}{(\beta^2 \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]]^2 - 2 \beta (1 + \beta) \sin[\phi_{ns}[t]] \sin[\phi_s[t]] + (1 + (1 + \beta)^2 (1 + \mu)) \sin[\phi_s[t]]^2)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Hypothesis of 3D Motion



- ❖ Current reduced model is in 2D, but can easily bring into 3D using the property of Routhian reduction

$$\Theta' = M_2^{-1}(\varphi) \mathbf{c},$$

$$\Theta = \int M_2^{-1}(\varphi) \mathbf{c}$$

- ❖ Hypothesis of Reduced 3D Motion: If stable limit cycles exist for the reduced model in two dimensions, then stable limit cycles also exist for the three dimensional version of the reduced model
- ❖ We will be conducting tests with Simon Ng's HyVisual implementation to confirm this hypothesis



Final Thoughts



- ❖ A 3D biped model is related to its much simpler 2D model by a computable term
- ❖ The 3D model is thus easily implemented in a visual simulation, which is useful for confirming results
- ❖ The final outcome of this project is a general framework by which previously established techniques can be applied to three dimensional bipeds

