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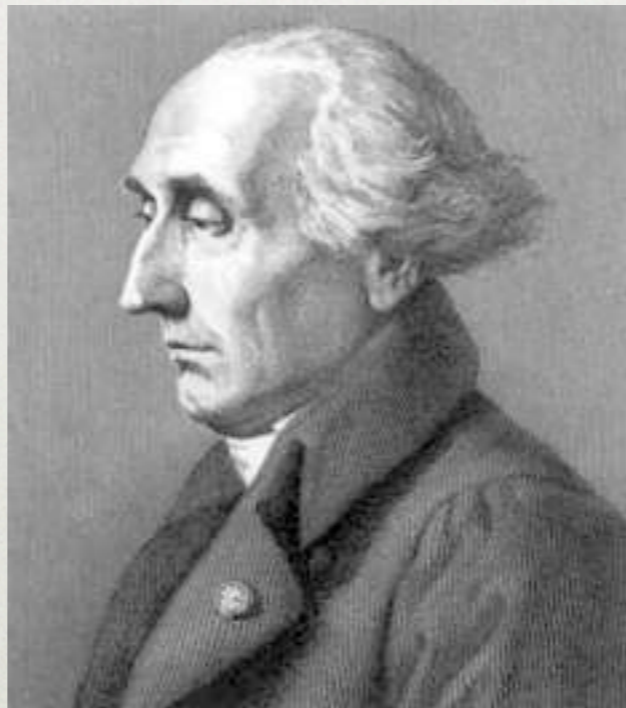
# Three-body problem

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Particular solutions to the three-body problem

Euler's **collinear solution** (1765)

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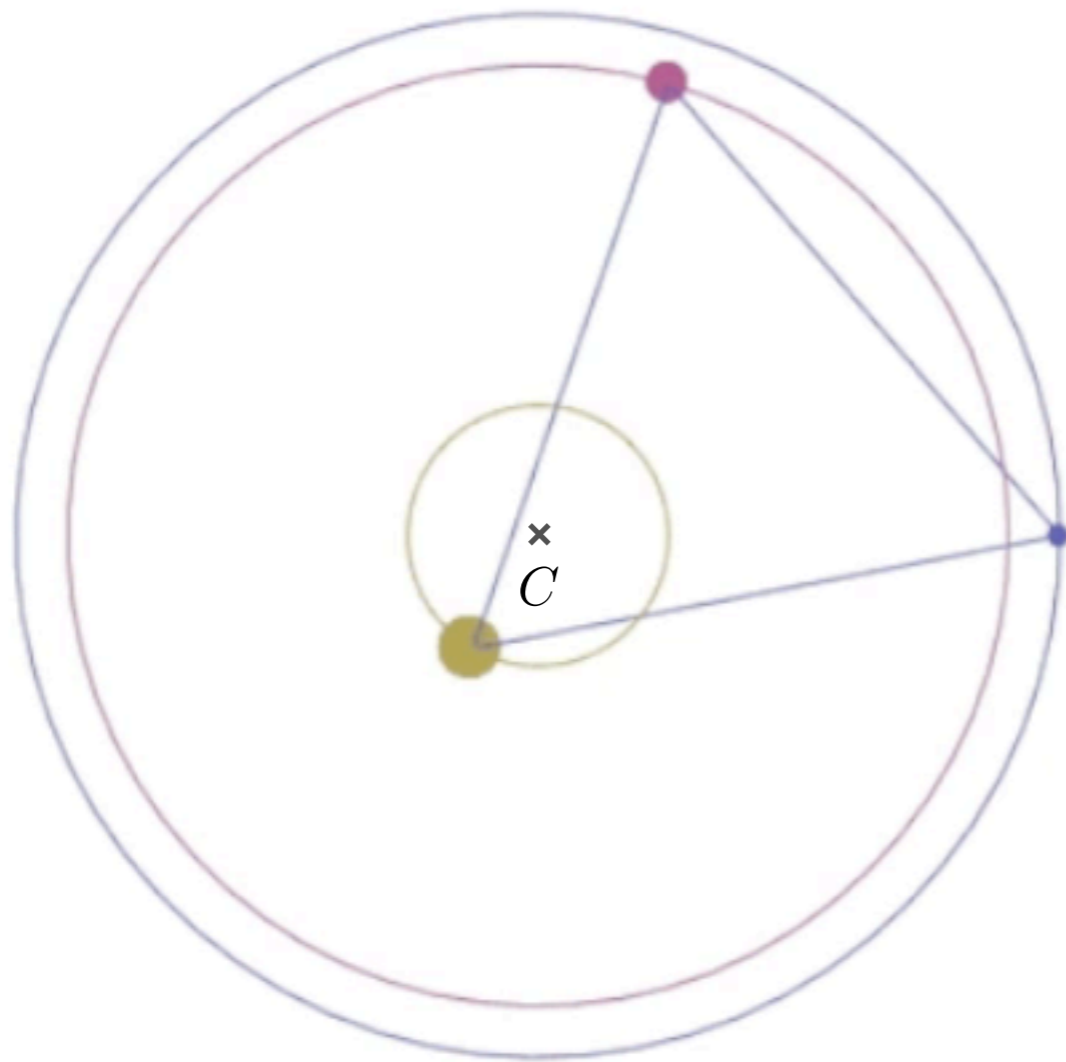


J. L. Lagrange

Lagrange's **equilateral triangular solution** (1772)

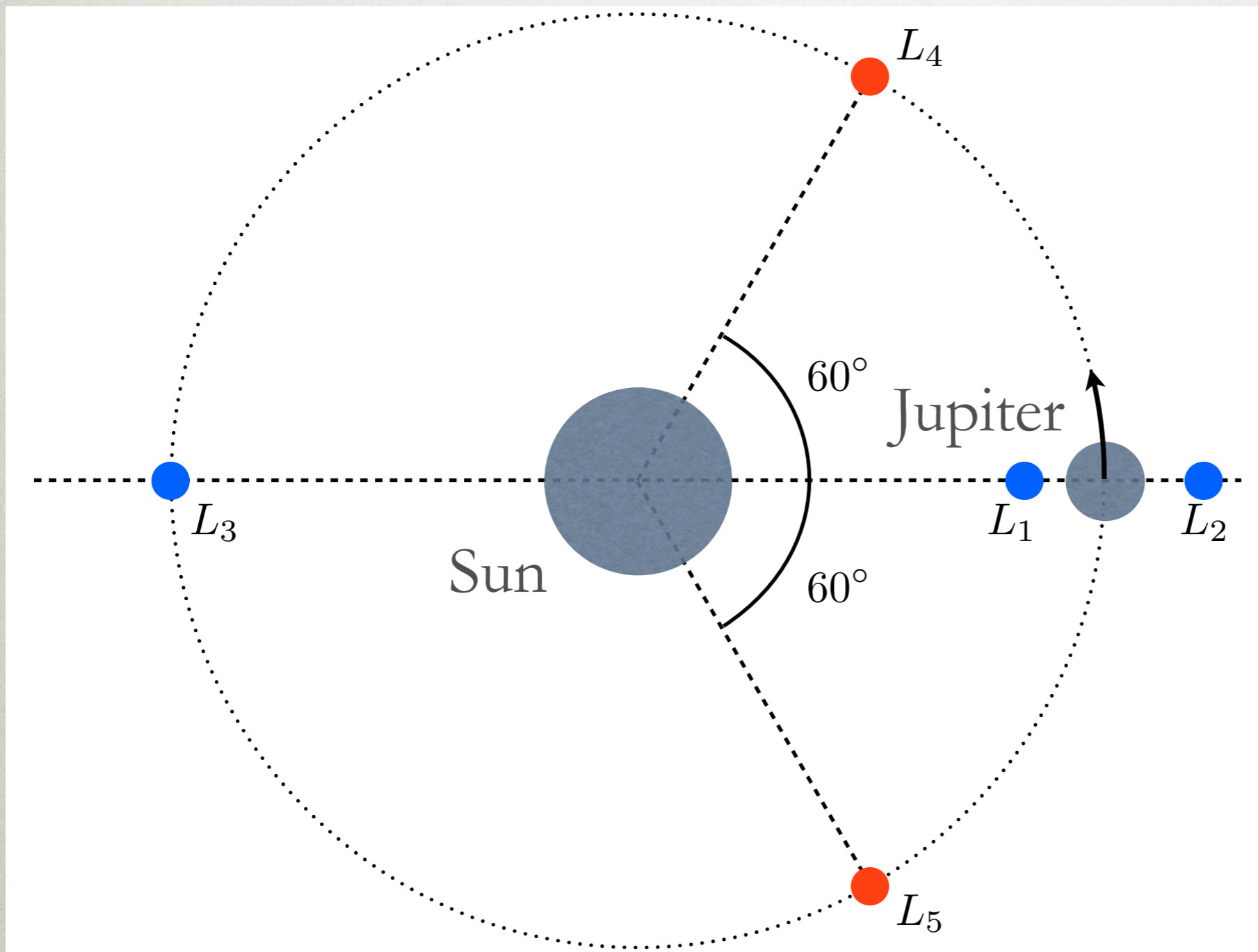
# Equilateral triangular solution

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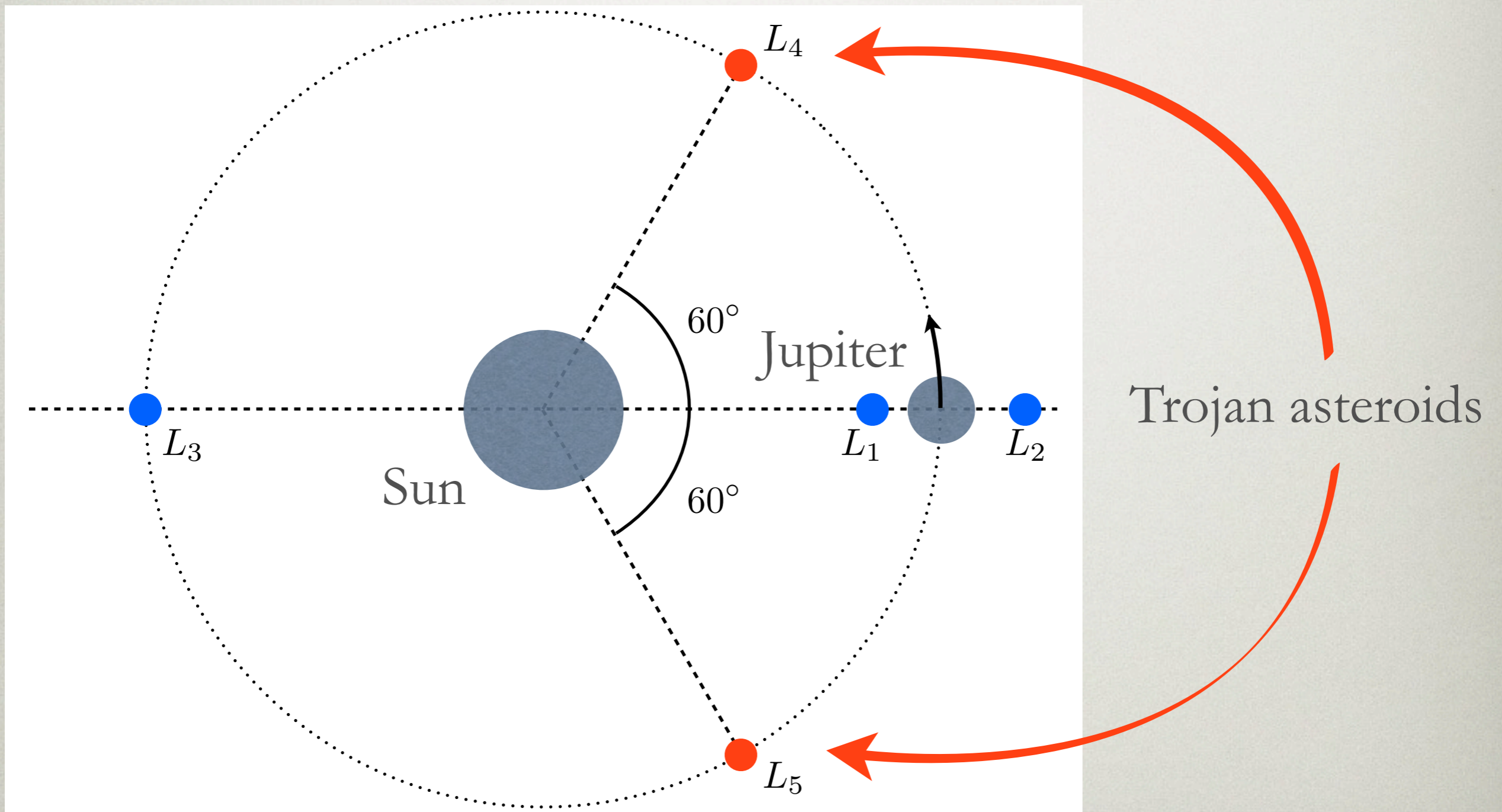


$C$  : the center of mass

# Lagrange points

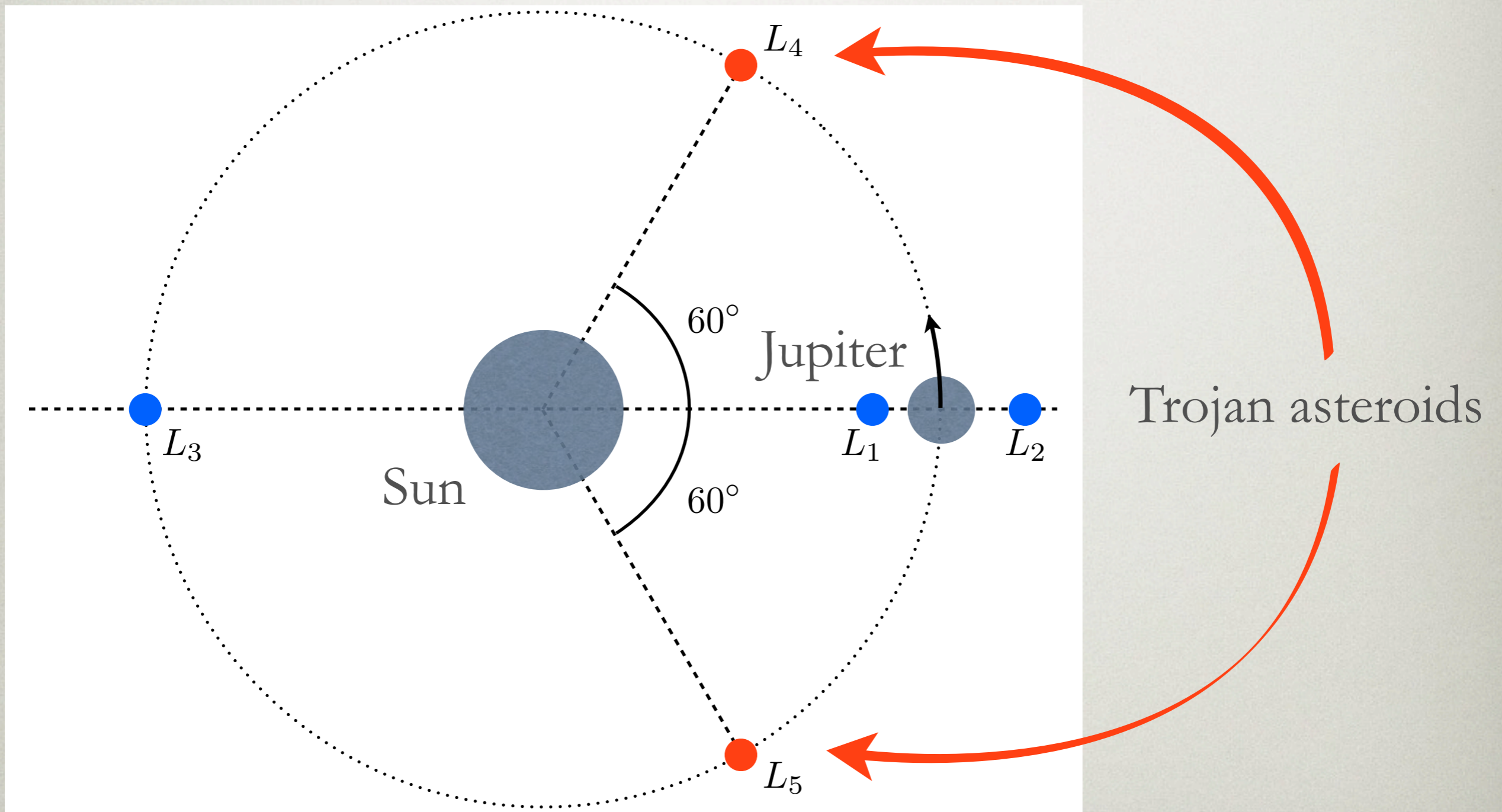


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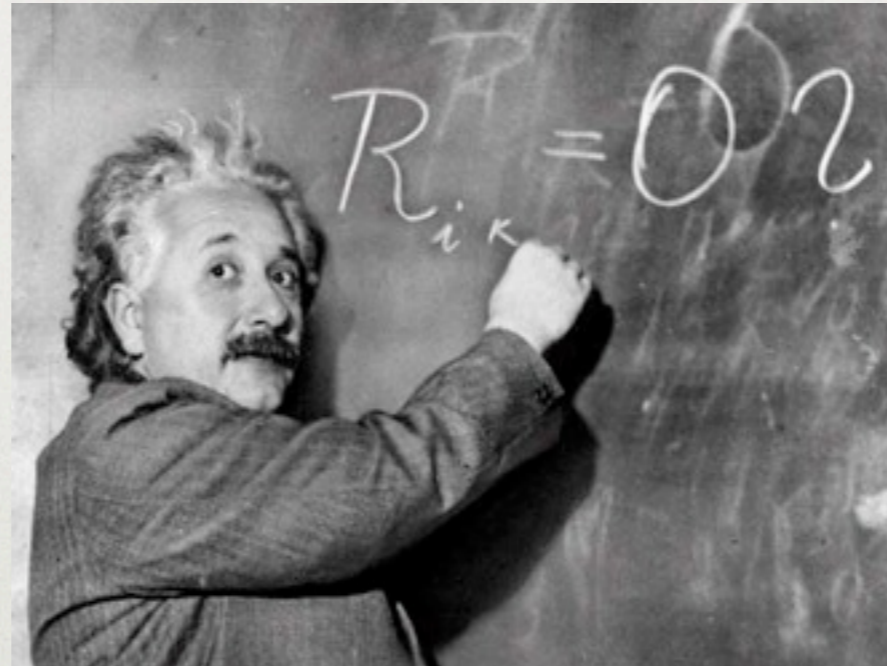
What happens in the general relativity (GR)?

# GR effects of Solar system

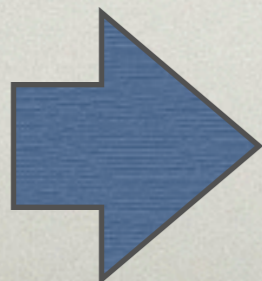
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Two-body systems: ○

(e.g. the perihelion precession of Mercury)



Three-body systems: ?



It is interesting as a new test of GR

# EIH equation of motion

Einstein-Infeld-Hoffman (EIH) equation of motion for N bodies

$$m_K \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_K}{dt^2} = \sum_{A \neq K} \mathbf{r}_{AK} \frac{Gm_A m_K}{r_{AK}^3} \left[ \underbrace{1}_{\text{Newtonian term}} - 4 \sum_{B \neq K} \underbrace{\frac{Gm_B}{c^2 r_{BK}}}_{\text{GR correction by mass}} - \sum_{C \neq A} \frac{Gm_C}{c^2 r_{CA}} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AK} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{CA}}{2r_{CA}^2} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. + \underbrace{\left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_K}{c} \right)^2}_{\text{GR correction by velocity}} + 2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_A}{c} \right)^2 - 4 \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_A}{c} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_K}{c} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_A}{c} \right) \cdot \mathbf{r}_{AK}}{r_{AK}} \right)^2 \right.$$

$$\left. - \sum_{A \neq K} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_A}{c} \right) - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_K}{c} \right) \right] \frac{Gm_A m_K}{r_{AK}^3} \mathbf{r}_{AK} \cdot \left[ 3 \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_A}{c} \right) - 4 \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_K}{c} \right) \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{7}{2} \sum_{A \neq K} \sum_{C \neq A} r_{CA} \underbrace{\frac{Gm_C m_K}{r_{CA}^3} \frac{Gm_A}{c^2 r_{AK}}}_{\text{Triple product}} \right]$$

We look for an equilibrium solution in a circular motion

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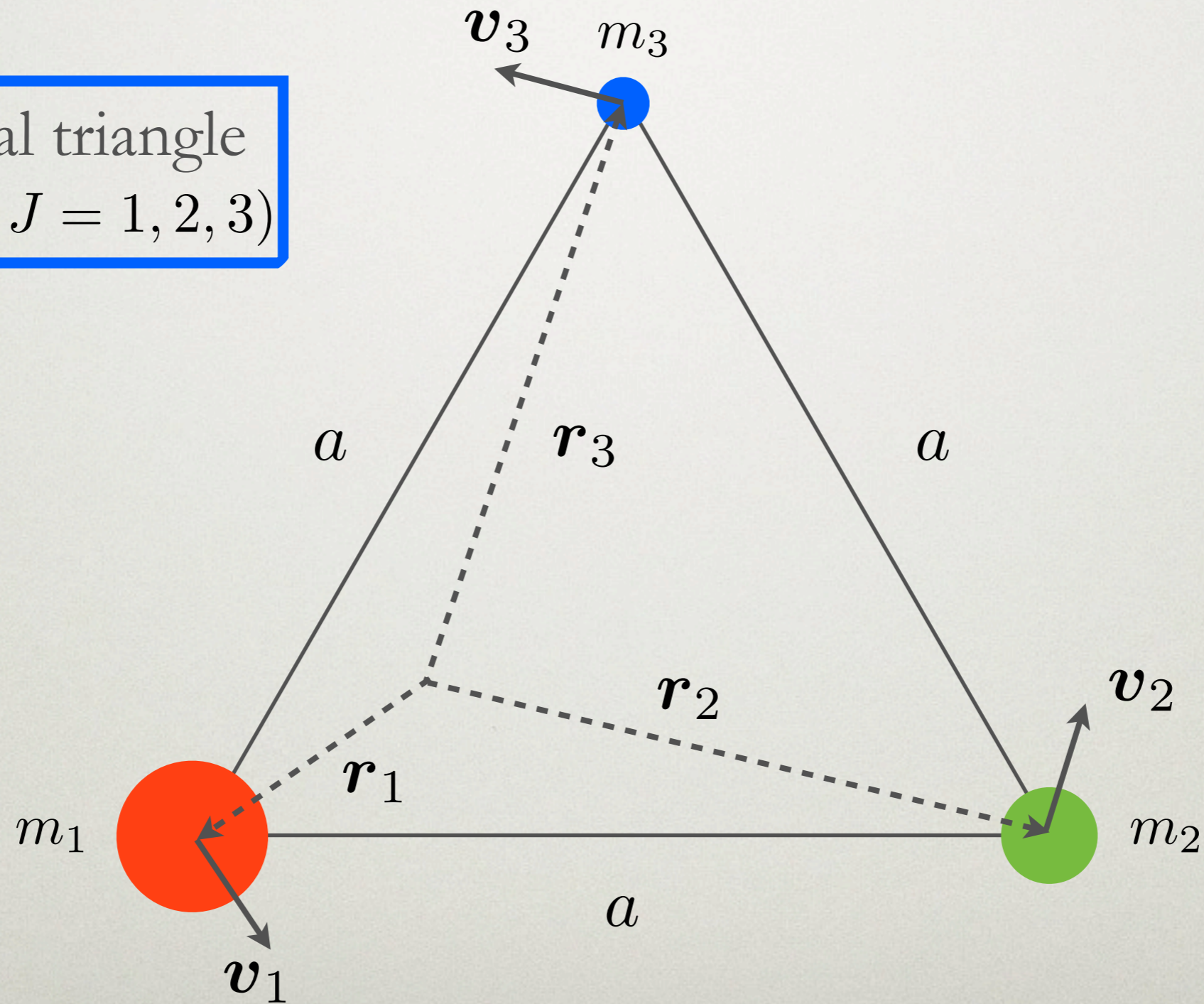
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# Equilateral triangular configuration

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Equilateral triangle  
 $r_{IJ} = a \ (I, J = 1, 2, 3)$



# Center of mass at 1PN

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$$\mathbf{r}_G = \frac{\sum_A \nu_A \mathbf{r}_A \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{v_A}{c} \right)^2 - \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{Gm_B}{c^2 r_{AB}} \right) \lambda \right]}{\sum_C \nu_C \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{v_C}{c} \right)^2 - \sum_{D \neq C} \frac{Gm_D}{c^2 r_{CD}} \right) \lambda \right]}, \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{GM}{c^2 a} \ll 1$$

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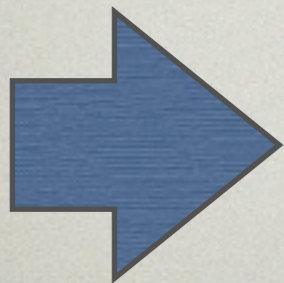
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In this case, this agrees with the Newtonian case

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$$-\omega^2 \mathbf{n}_1 = -\frac{M}{a^3} \mathbf{n}_1 + g_{PN1} \mathbf{n}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} M}{16 a^3} \frac{\nu_2 \nu_3 (\nu_2 - \nu_3)}{\nu_2^2 + \nu_2 \nu_3 + \nu_3^2} [6 + 9(\nu_2 + \nu_3)] \lambda \mathbf{n}_{\perp 1}$$

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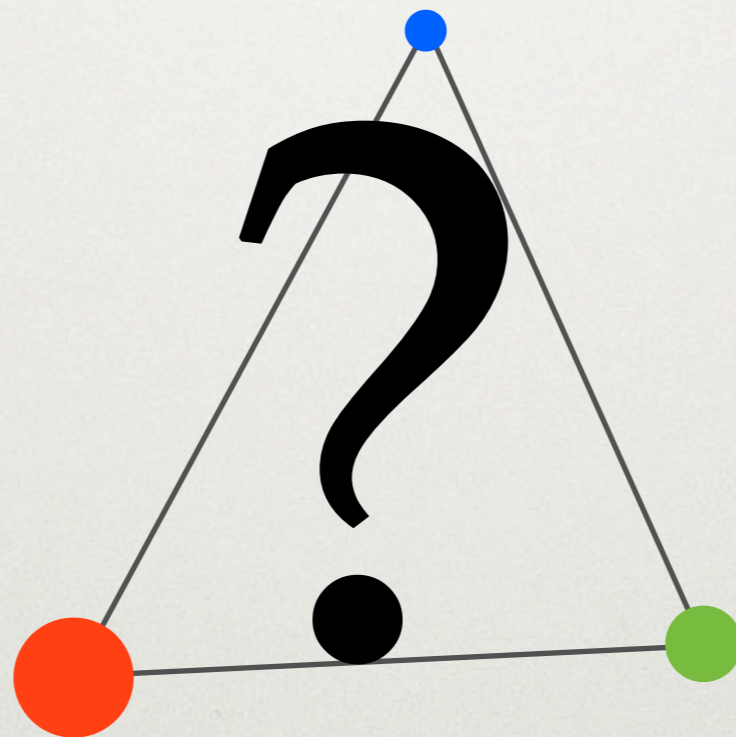
**This solution does not always exist in GR**

[Ichita, KY & Asada, PRD **83**, 084026 (2011)]

# Equilateral triangular solution at the 1PN

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For **the arbitrary mass ratio**,  
a solution exists?



cf. [Krefetz, *Astron. J.* **72**, 471 (1967)]  
for **restricted** 3-body problem,  
used by [Seto & Muto, *PRD* **81**, 103004 (2010)]

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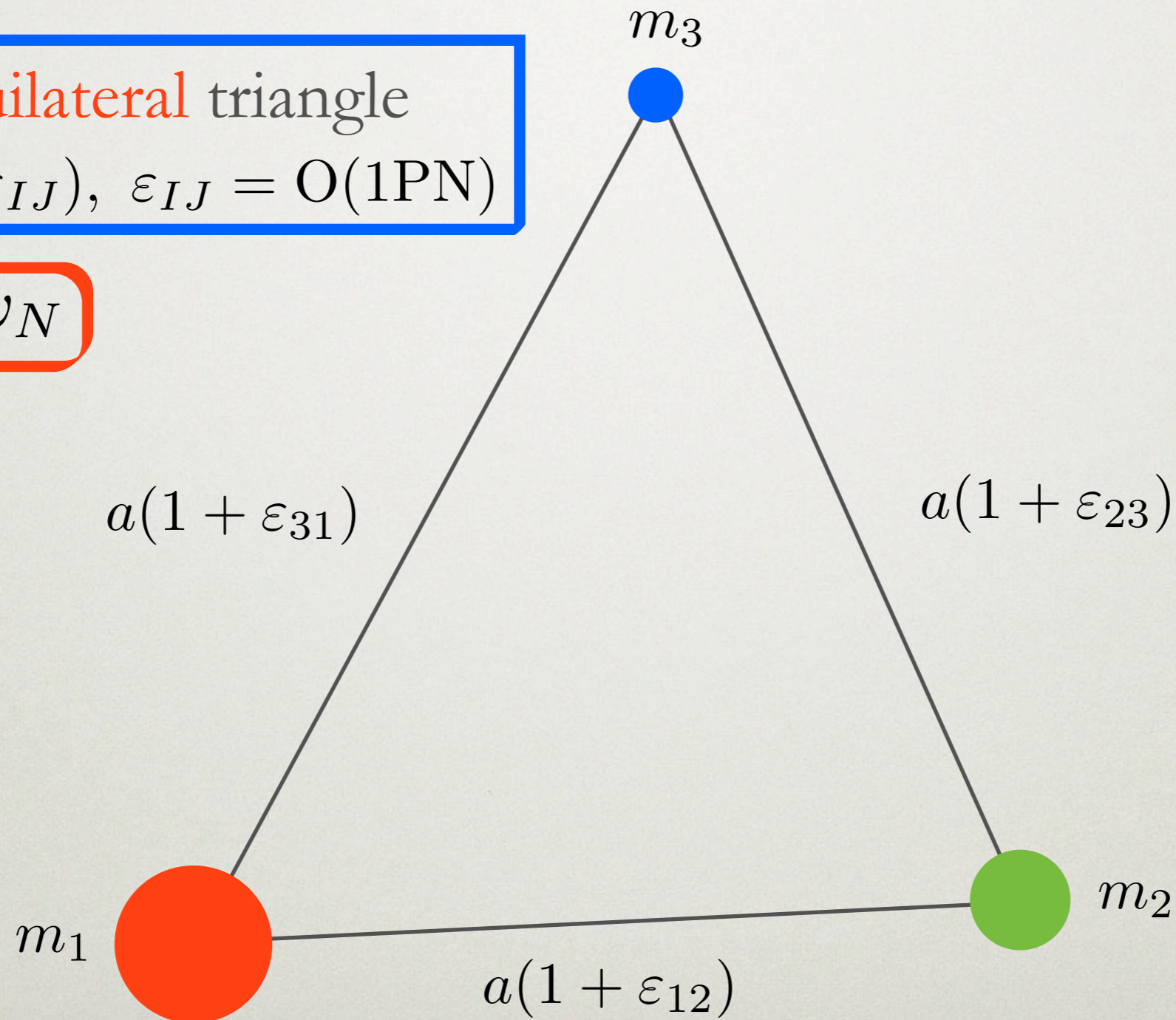
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# Corrections of distance

PN **inequilateral** triangle

$$r_{IJ} = a(1 + \varepsilon_{IJ}), \quad \varepsilon_{IJ} = \mathcal{O}(1\text{PN})$$

$$\omega = \omega_N$$



We can ignore the 1PN correction to the center of mass

# Triangular solution at the 1PN

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EOM for  $m_1$  becomes

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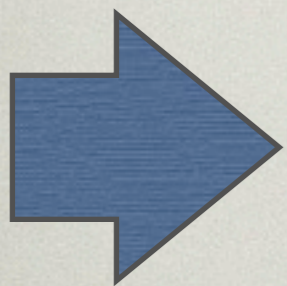
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As a result, we could uniquely express  $\varepsilon_{IJ}$

$$\varepsilon_{12} = - \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3}(\nu_1\nu_2 + \nu_2\nu_3 + \nu_3\nu_1) + \frac{1}{8}\nu_3[5 - 3(\nu_1 + \nu_2)] \right] \lambda,$$

$$\varepsilon_{23} = - \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3}(\nu_1\nu_2 + \nu_2\nu_3 + \nu_3\nu_1) + \frac{1}{8}\nu_1[5 - 3(\nu_2 + \nu_3)] \right] \lambda,$$

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**Triangular solution** for the arbitrary mass ratio at 1PN

[KY & Asada, submitted]

# Application for Solar system

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Corrections for L4 (L5) of Solar system [m]

Planet	Sun-Planet	Sun-L4 (L5)	Planet-L4 (L5)
Earth	-1477	-1477	-1477 -923
Jupiter	-1477	-1477	-1477 -922

The sign + denotes increase of distance

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- We found a **triangular solution** at the 1PN order
- The PN triangle is smaller than the Newtonian one (for same mass ratio), and changed from an equilateral triangle
- This solution may also be applied to near SMBHs and compact binaries
- Future observations are needed

# Ongoing & Future works

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- *The Stability*
- The Gravitational wave
- Higher order PN approximation
- An elliptical motion
- Four (or more) body systems



Thank you for your attention