

Fig. 1.—Geometry of the initial orbit for the NGC 4038/9 look-alike. The two disks are shown at their starting positions, one time unit before pericenter. They are symmetrically inclined by 60° to the orbital plane; dashed lines show where the disks intersect the orbital plane. Viewing direction for Fig. 2 is shown by the arrow.

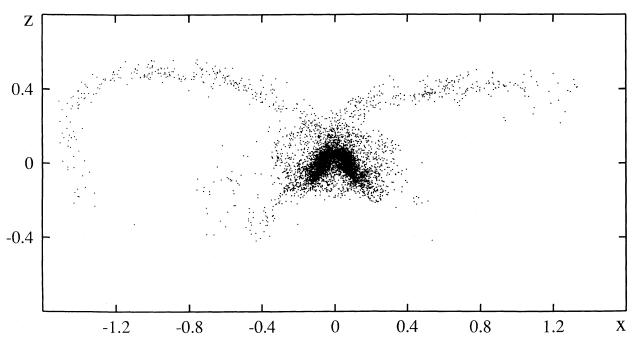


Fig. 2.—NGC 4038/9 look-alike. This configuration was produced by an encounter of two bulge/disk/halo galaxies on an e=0.5 orbit. The view is edge-on to the orbital plane; only luminous (bulge + disk) components are plotted.