

# Turbulence, shmurbulence how fat is it?

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## part 1

- 1 dynamical theory of turbulence
- 2 state space
- 3 symmetry reduction
- 4 dimension of the inertial manifold

## a life in extreme dimensions

since 1822 have Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{R} \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \nabla p + \mathbf{f}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0,$$

velocity field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  ; pressure field  $p$  ; driving force  $\mathbf{f}$

since 1883 Osborne Reynolds experiments

an outstanding problem of classical physics :

describe turbulence

## plane Couette experiment



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## pipe experiment

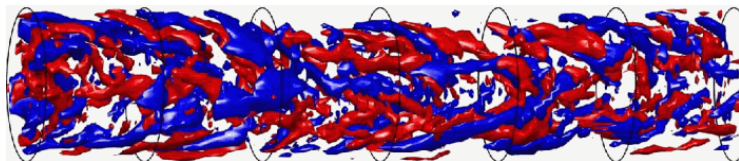


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## pipe experiment data point

### a state of turbulent pipe flow at instant in time

Stereoscopic Particle Image Velocimetry  $\rightarrow$  3-*d* velocity field over the entire pipe<sup>1</sup>



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## numerical challenges

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requires 3-dimensional volume discretization

→ integration of  $10^4$ - $10^6$  coupled ordinary differential equations

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### typical simulation

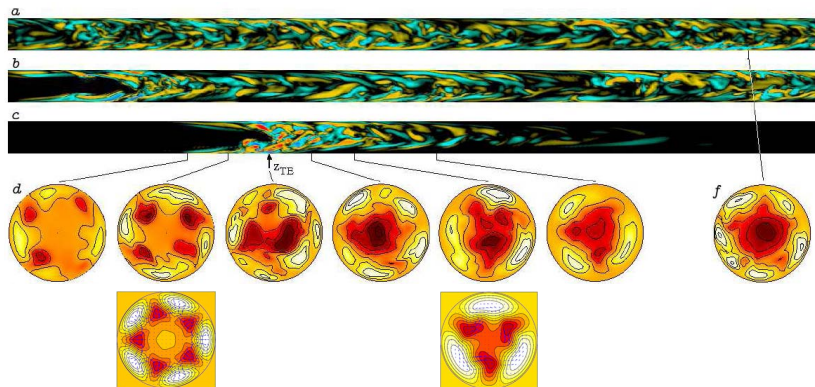
each instant of the flow > Megabytes

a video of the flow > Gigabytes



## example : pipe flow

amazing data! amazing numerics!

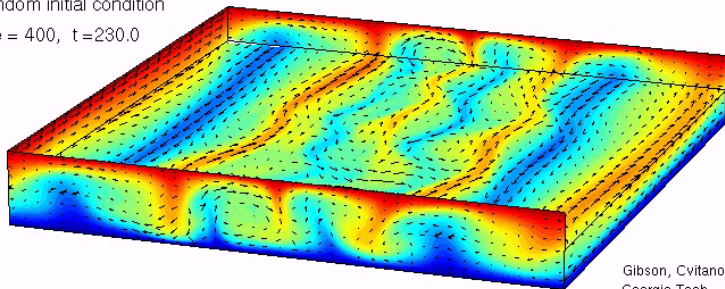


- here each instant of the flow  $\approx 2.5$  MB
- videos of the flow  $\approx$  GBs

## plane Couette velocity visualization

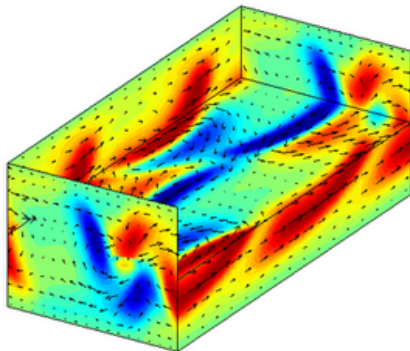
random initial condition

$Re = 400$ ,  $t = 230.0$



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## computational cell, velocity visualization



next - the same solution, different visualization

# plane Couette isovorticity visualization

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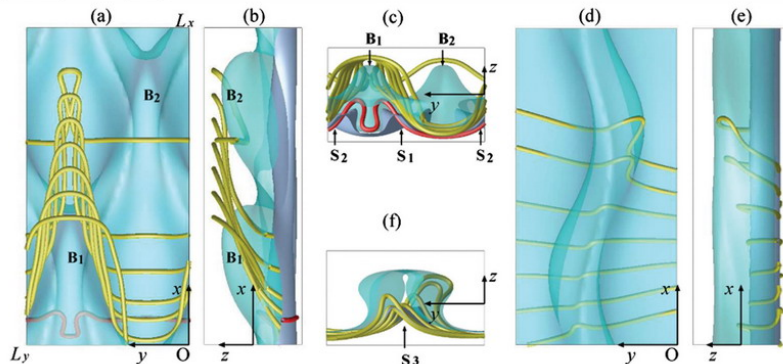


FIG. 3 (color). (a), (b), (c) The  $x$ - $y$ ,  $x$ - $z$ , and  $y$ - $z$  projections of the new state (upper branch) at  $Re = 200$  in PCF. Yellow curves are vortex lines across the channel midplane (visualized over  $B_1$ , but not over  $B_2$ ), underneath which there are low-speed structures visualized as isosurfaces of  $u_x = -0.1$  and  $-0.4$ , colored by cyan [ $z \approx \frac{1}{2}$  for the peaks of  $(B_1, B_2)$ ] and blue [ $z \approx -\frac{1}{2}$  for  $(S_1, S_2)$ ], respectively. (d), (e), (f) Correspond to the same projections but for the upper branch of the NBW state. The vortex lines are integrated from the equivalent points located at  $|z| = 0.8$  for both HVS and NBW.

## part 2

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new : look at it in

state space!

E. Hopf 1948

# dynamical description of turbulence

## state space

a manifold  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  :  $d$  numbers determine the state of the system

## representative point

$x(t) \in \mathcal{M}$

a state of physical system at instant in time

## deterministic dynamics

trajectory  $x(t) = f^t(x_0)$  = representative point time  $t$  later

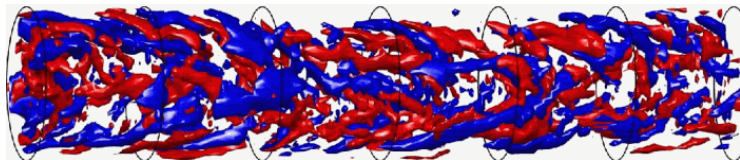
## today's experiments

### example of a representative point

$$x(t) \in \mathcal{M}, d = \infty$$

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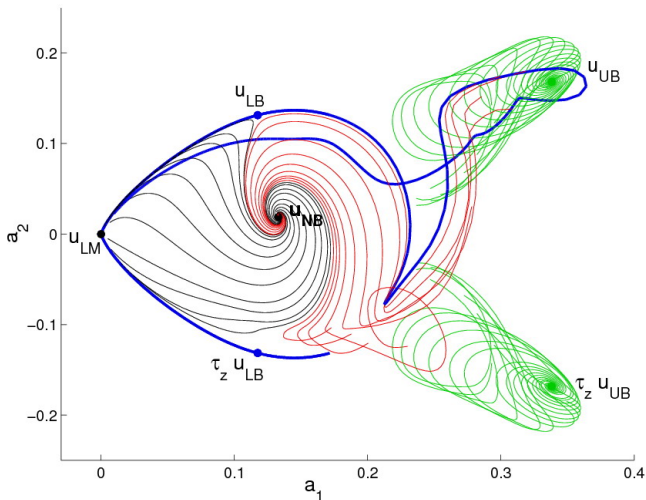


## charting the state space of a turbulent flow

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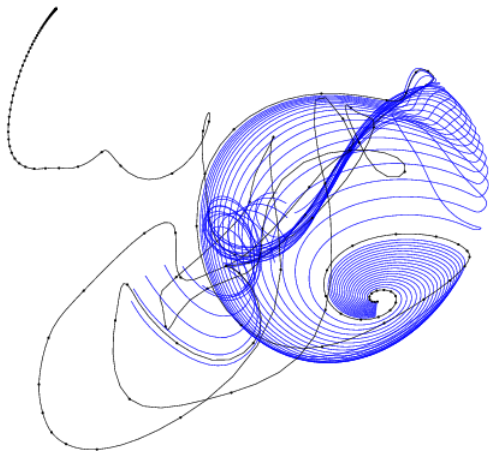
Jonathan Halcrow (Google)

can visualize 61,506 dimensional state space of turbulent flow

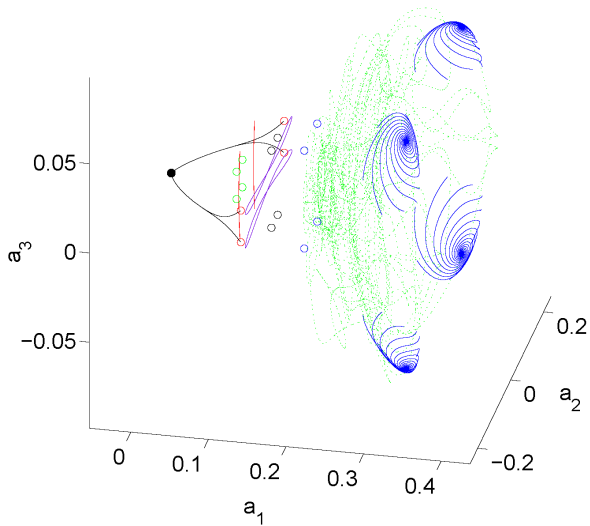


equilibria of turbulent plane Couette flow,  
their unstable manifolds, and  
myriad of turbulent videos mapped out as one happy family

**plane Couette state space, an equilibrium unstable manifold**



plane Couette state space  $10^5 \rightarrow 3D$



## part 3

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# nature loves symmetry

or does she?

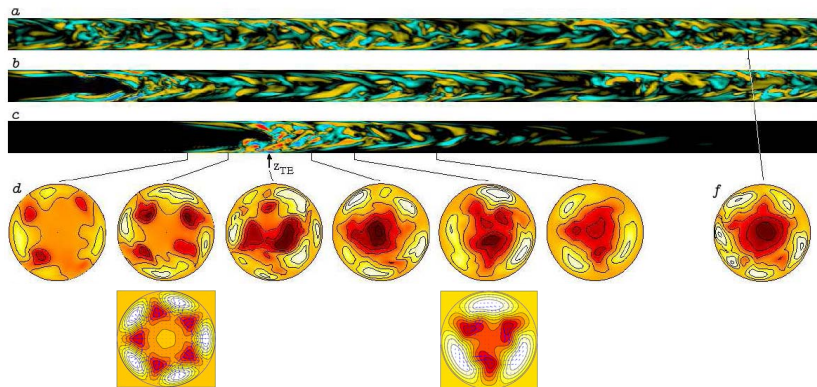
## problem

physicists like symmetry more than Nature

Rich Kerswell

## nature : turbulence in pipe flows

top : experimental / numerical data  
bottom : theorist's solutions



Nature, **she don't care** : turbulence breaks all symmetries

in turbulence,

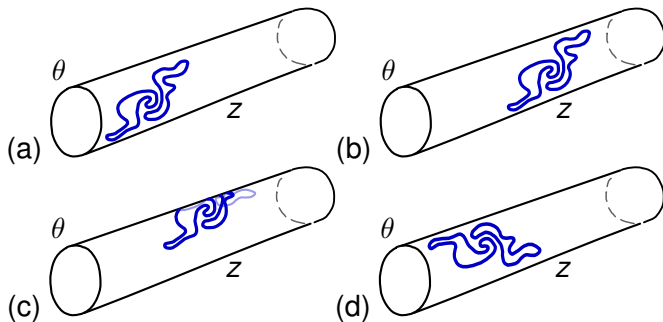
use of symmetries is subtle

Elie Cartan 1926 :

slice it!



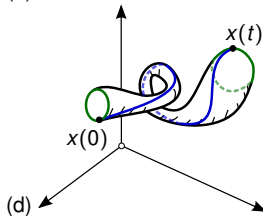
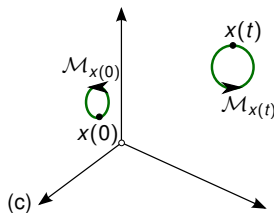
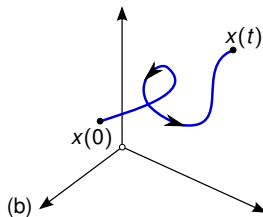
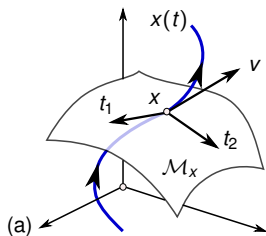
**example :  $SO(2)_z \times O(2)_\theta$  symmetry of pipe flow**



a fluid state, shifted by a stream-wise translation, azimuthal rotation  $g_p$  is a physically equivalent state

- b)** stream-wise
- c)** stream-wise, azimuthal
- d)** azimuthal flip

## state space trajectories, group orbits



(a)  $x$  tangent vectors:

$v(x)$  along time flow  $x(t)$

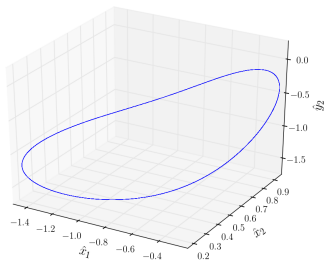
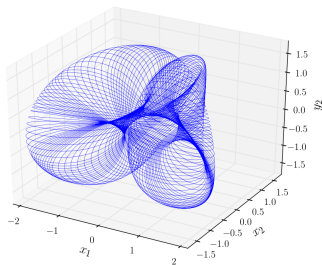
$t_1(x), \dots, t_N(x)$  group tangents

(b) trajectory  $x(t)$

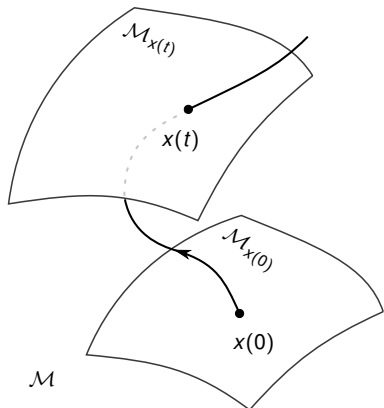
(c) group orbits  $g x(t)$

(d) worst  $g x(t)$

## relative periodic orbit, in full state space and in slice



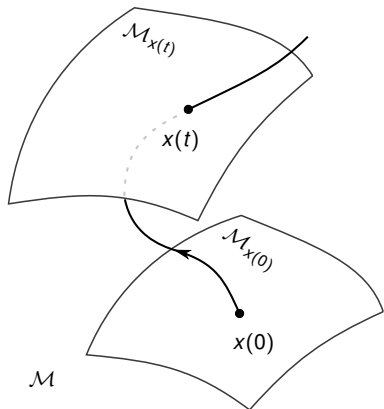
## foliation by group orbits



*group orbit*  $\mathcal{M}_x$  of  $x$  is the set of all group actions

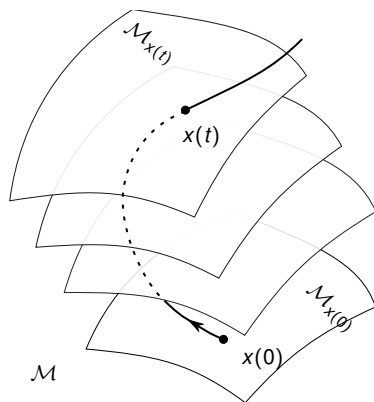
$$\mathcal{M}_x = \{g x \mid g \in G\}$$

## foliation by group orbits



any point on the manifold  
 $\mathcal{M}_{x(t)}$  is equivalent to any other

## foliation by group orbits



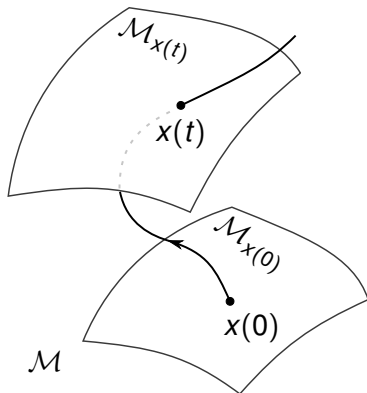
actions of a symmetry group  
foliates the state space  $\mathcal{M}$  into  
a union of group orbits  $\mathcal{M}_x$   
each group orbit  $\mathcal{M}_x$  is an  
equivalence class

## the goal

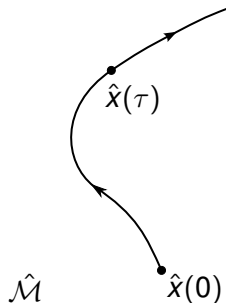
replace each group orbit by a unique point in a lower-dimensional

symmetry reduced state space  $\mathcal{M}/G$

## full state space



## reduced state space



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**symmetry reduced state space  $\mathcal{M}/G$**

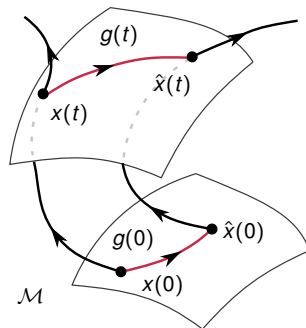
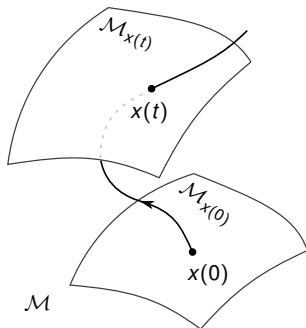


symmetry reduction : how?

continuous symmetry reduction in high-dimensional flows  
with

the method of slices

## Cartan's idea : moving frame



free to redefine the flow any time instant  
by transformation to  
a frame moving along symmetry directions

## relativity for cyclists

### method of slices

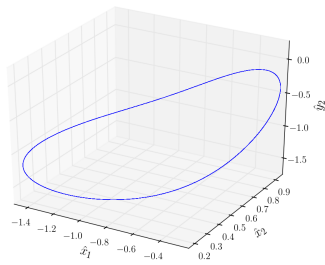
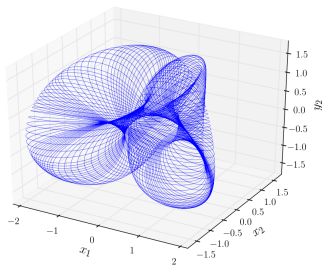
cut group orbits by a hypersurface (not a Poincaré section),  
each group orbit of symmetry-equivalent points represented by  
the single point

cut how?

### geometers' choice

chose the frames so that distances are minimized

## relative periodic orbit, in full state space and in slice



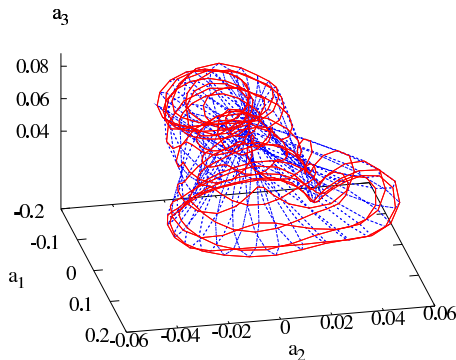
**group orbits are NOT circles**

**nonlinearities couple many Fourier modes**

group orbit manifolds of highly nonlinear states are smooth, but not nice

## example : group orbit of a pipe flow turbulent state

$SO(2) \times SO(2)$  symmetry  
 $\Rightarrow$  group orbit is  
topologically 2-torus,  
but  
a mess in any projection

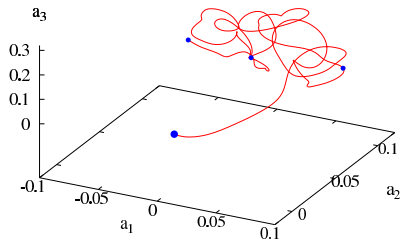


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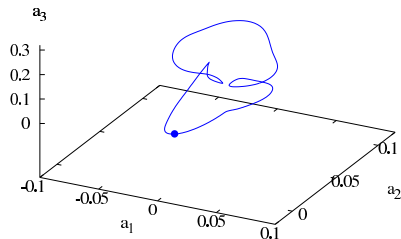
Ashley Willis

## example : pipe flow relative periodic orbit

3 repeats, full space



reduced space



Ashley Willis

**take home :**

if you have a symmetry, reduce it!

**your quandry**

mhm - seems this would require extra thinking

what's the payoff?

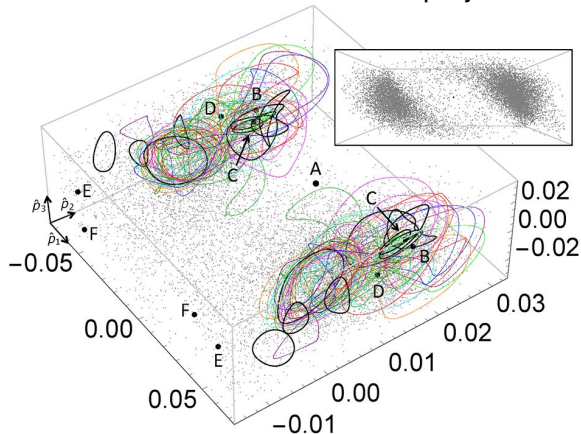


**it works !**

Kimberly Short  
Ashley Willis

## it works : all pipe flow solutions in one happy family

symmetry-reduced infinite-dimensional slice : a 3D projection



grey cloud : the natural measure

32 relative periodic orbits, 6 relative equilibria

periodic orbits capture the natural measure density well

could not find without symmetry reduction :

## part 4

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## the challenge

turbulence.zip

**or 'equation assisted' data compression:**

replace the  $\infty$  of turbulent videos by the best possible

**small finite set**

of **videos** encoding all physically distinct motions of the turbulent fluid

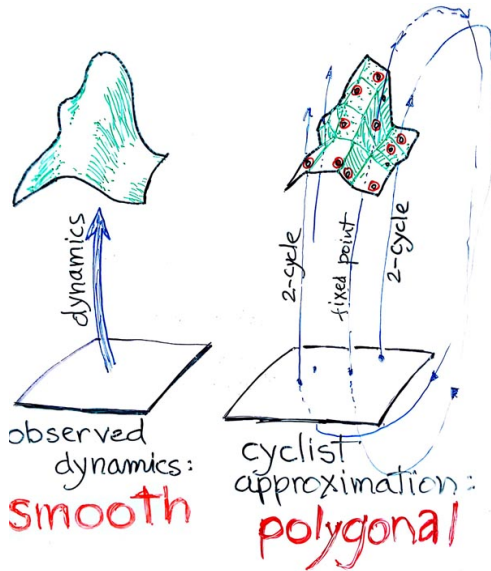
# dynamical description of turbulence

## dynamical system

the pair  $(\mathcal{M}, f)$

## the problem

enumerate, classify all solutions of  $(\mathcal{M}, f)$



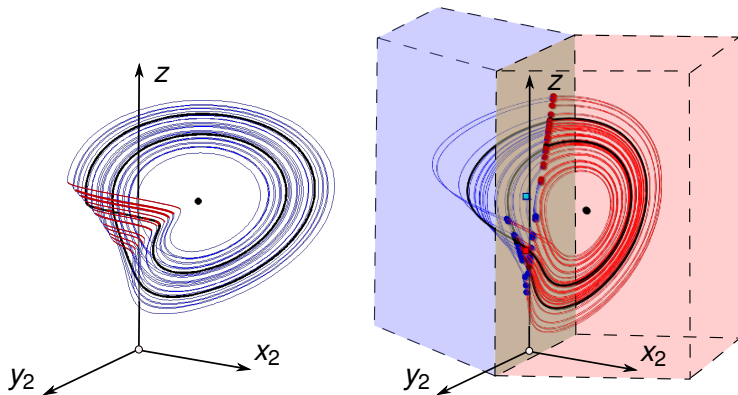
tessellate the state space by recurrent flows

## cartography for geometers

cover the reduced manifold with a set of flat charts

yes, we can do this with 8-dimensional brick embedded in  $10^6$  dimensions

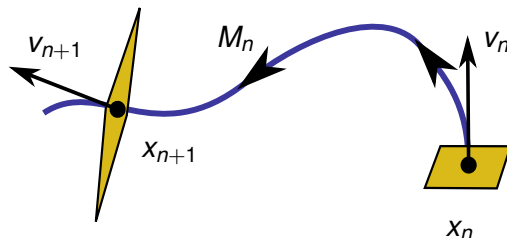
## tiling the inertial manifold



The N-chart atlas of the same strange attractor stays in the physical manifold.



## linearized deterministic flow

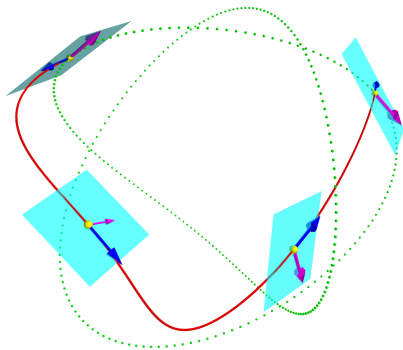


$$x_{n+1} + z_{n+1} = f(x_n) + M_n z_n, \quad M_{ij} = \partial f_i / \partial x_j$$

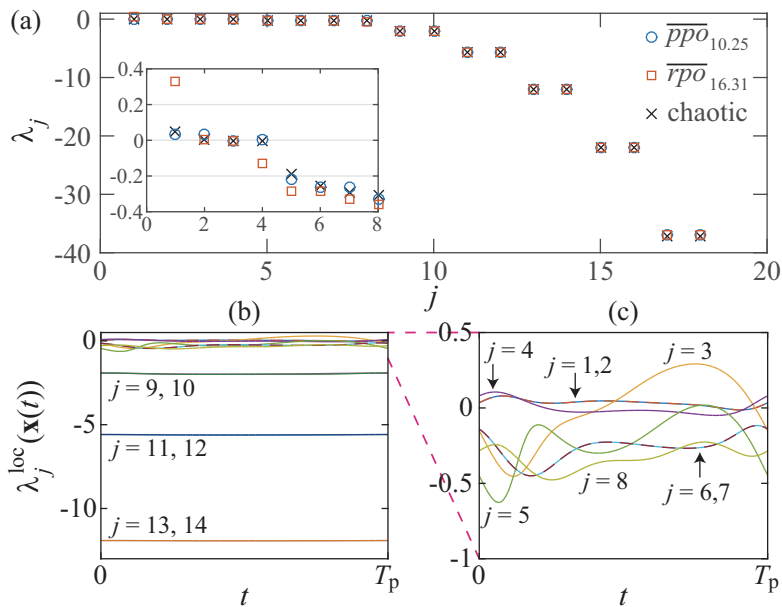
in one time step a linearized neighborhood of  $x_n$  is

- (1) advected by the flow
- (2) transported by the Jacobian matrix  $M_n$  into a neighborhood given by the  $M$  eigenvalues and eigenvectors

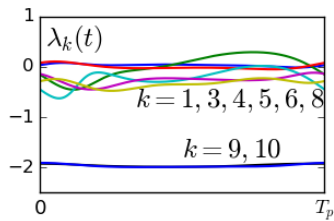
## relative periodic orbit with a pair of Floquet vectors



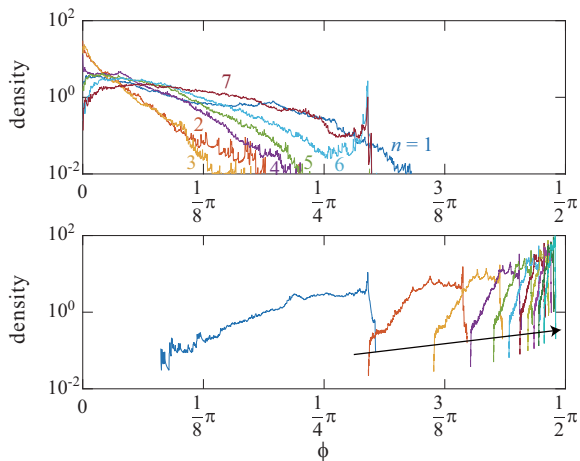
# Floquet and Lyapunov exponents



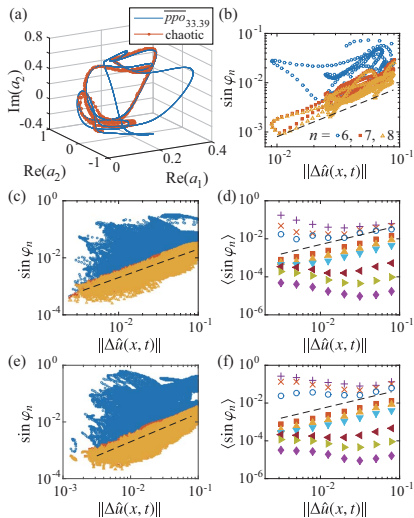
## entangled Floquet modes



## distribution of principal angles between Floquet subspaces



# ergodic trajectory shadows periodic orbits within the entangled subspace



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