



# spatiotemporal cat

## a chaotic field theory

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## overview

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## what is this? some background

this talk is an introduction to the

spatiotemporal cat<sup>1</sup>

if there is time, will discuss the larger picture

spatiotemporal turbulence<sup>2</sup>

that motivates our study of discrete spatiotemporal lattices

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<sup>1</sup>P. Cvitanović and H. Liang, *Spatiotemporal cat: An exact classical chaotic field theory*, in preparation, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>M. Guderf and P. Cvitanović, *Spatiotemporal tiling of the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky flow*, in preparation, 2020.

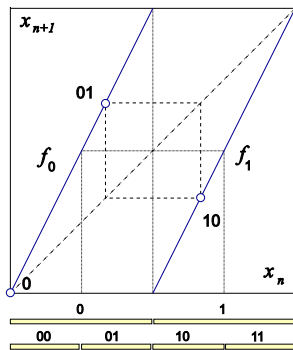
the goal of this presentation

build  
a chaotic field theory  
from  
the simplest chaotic blocks

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# the essence of deterministic chaos

## fair coin toss (AKA Bernoulli map)



$$x_{t+1} = \begin{cases} f_0(x_t) = 2x_t \\ f_1(x_t) = 2x_t \pmod{1} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  fixed point  $\bar{0}$ , 2-cycle  $\bar{01}$ ,  $\dots$

a coin toss

the simplest example of deterministic chaos

## what is (mod 1) ?

map with integer-valued 'stretching' parameter  $s \geq 2$  :

$$x_{t+1} = s x_t$$

(mod 1) : subtract the integer part  $m_{t+1} = \lfloor s x_t \rfloor$   
to keep fractional part  $\phi_{t+1}$  in the unit interval  $[0, 1)$

$$\phi_{t+1} = s \phi_t - m_{t+1}, \quad \phi_t \in \mathcal{M}_{m_t}$$

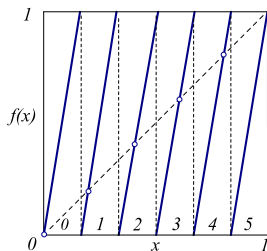
$m_t$  takes values in the  $s$ -letter alphabet

$$m \in \mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, s-1\}$$



## a fair dice throw

### slope 6 Bernoulli map



$$\phi_{t+1} = 6\phi_t - m_{t+1}, \quad \phi_t \in \mathcal{M}_{m_t}$$

6-letter alphabet

$$m \in \mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 5\}$$

6 subintervals  $\{\mathcal{M}_{m_1}\}$ ,  $6^2$  subintervals  $\{\mathcal{M}_{m_1 m_2}\}, \dots$

$N_n = 6^n$  **unstable orbits**, each labeled by  $M = m_1 m_2 \dots m_n$

**this is chaos!**

positive Lyapunov ( $\ln s$ ) + positive entropy ( $\frac{1}{n} \ln N_n$ )

the precise sense in which

deterministic chaos is a **dice throw**

## lattice Bernoulli

now recast the time-evolution Bernoulli map

$$\phi_{t+1} = s\phi_t - m_{t+1}$$

as a 1-step difference equation on the **temporal lattice**

$$\phi_t - s\phi_{t-1} = -m_t, \quad \phi_t \in [0, 1)$$

with a field  $\phi_t$ , source  $m_t$

on each site  $t$  of a 1-dimensional lattice  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

write an  $n$ -sites lattice segment as  
the **lattice state** and the **symbol block**

$$\mathbf{X} = (\phi_{t+1}, \dots, \phi_{t+n}), \quad \mathbf{M} = (m_{t+1}, \dots, m_{t+n})$$

## think globally, act locally

Bernoulli equation at every instant  $t$ , **local** in time

$$\phi_t - s\phi_{t-1} = -m_t$$

is enforced by the **global** equation

$$\left(1 - s\sigma^{-1}\right) X = -M,$$

where the  $[n \times n]$  matrix

$$\sigma_{jk} = \delta_{j+1,k}, \quad \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

implements the 1-time step operation

## think globally, act locally

solving the lattice Bernoulli equation

$$\mathcal{J}X = -M,$$

with the  $[n \times n]$  matrix  $\mathcal{J} = 1 - s\sigma^{-1}$ ,

can be viewed as a search for zeros of the function

$$F[X] = \mathcal{J}X + M = 0$$

the entire **global lattice state**  $X_M$  is now

a single **fixed point**  $X_M = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$

in the  $n$ -dimensional unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^n$

## orbit Jacobian matrix

solving a nonlinear  $F[X] = 0$  fixed point condition with Newton method requires evaluation of the  $[n \times n]$  orbit Jacobian matrix

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[X]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$$

what does this global orbit Jacobian matrix do?

- 1 fundamental fact !
- 2 global stability of lattice state  $X$ , perturbed everywhere

## (1) fundamental fact

to satisfy the fixed point condition

$$\mathcal{J}X + M = 0$$

the orbit Jacobian matrix  $\mathcal{J}$

- 1 stretches the unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^n$  into the  $n$ -dimensional **fundamental parallelepiped**
- 2 maps each periodic point  $X_M$  into an integer lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  point
- 3 then translate by integers  $M$  into the origin

hence  $N_n$ , the total number of solutions = the number of integer lattice points within the fundamental parallelepiped

the **fundamental fact**<sup>3</sup>

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$$

# integer points in fundamental parallelepiped = its volume

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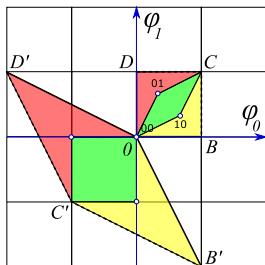
<sup>3</sup>M. Baake et al., J. Phys. A **30**, 3029–3056 (1997).

## example : fundamental parallelepiped for $n = 2$

orbit Jacobian matrix, unit square basis vectors, their images :

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{B'} = \mathcal{J} \mathbf{x}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdots,$$

## Bernoulli periodic points of period 2



$$N_2 = 3$$

fixed point  $\mathbf{x}_{00}$

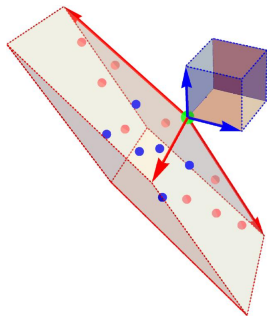
2-cycle  $\mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{10}$

square  $[0BCD] \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow$  fundamental parallelepiped  $[0B'C'D']$

fundamental fact for any  $n$

### temporal cat $n = 3$ example

$\mathcal{I}$  [unit hyper-cube] = [fundamental parallelepiped]



unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^n$

$n > 3$  cannot visualize



## (2) orbit stability vs. temporal stability

### orbit Jacobian matrix

$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[\mathbf{X}]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$  stability under **global** perturbation of the whole orbit  
for  $n$  large, huge  $[dn \times dn]$  matrix

### Jacobian matrix

$J^n$  propagates **initial** perturbation  $n$  time steps  
small  $[d \times d]$  matrix

are related by<sup>4</sup>

### Hill's (1886) remarkable formula

$$|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}| = |\det(\mathbf{1} - J^n)|$$

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<sup>4</sup>G. W. Hill, Acta Math. 8, 1–36 (1886).

## periodic orbit theory

how come that  $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}$  counts periodic orbits ?

in 1984 Ozorio de Almeida and Hannay<sup>5</sup> related the number of periodic points to a Jacobian matrix by their

### principle of uniformity

“periodic points of an ergodic system, counted with their natural weighting, are uniformly dense in phase space”

where

### natural weight of periodic orbit M

$$\frac{1}{|\det(1 - J_M)|}$$

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<sup>5</sup>A. M. Ozorio de Almeida and J. H. Hannay, J. Phys. A **17**, 3429 (1984).

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this principle is in<sup>6</sup>

## periodic orbit theory

known as the **flow conservation** sum rule :

$$\sum_{\phi_i \in \text{Fix} f^n} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - J_i)|} = \sum_{\phi_i \in \text{Fix} f^n} \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_i|} = 1$$

state space is divided into  
neighborhoods of periodic points of period  $n$

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<sup>6</sup>P. Cvitanović, "Why cycle?", in *Chaos: Classical and Quantum*, edited by P. Cvitanović et al. (Niels Bohr Inst., Copenhagen, 2020).

## periodic orbit theory

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**flow conservation sum rule :**

$$\sum_{\phi_i \in \text{Fix} f^n} \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_i|} = 1$$

Bernoulli system 'natural weighting' is simple :

the determinant  $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_i = \text{Det } \mathcal{J}$  the same for all periodic points,  
whose number thus verifies the **fundamental fact**

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$$

**the number of Bernoulli periodic lattice states**

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}| = s^n - 1 \quad \text{for any } n$$

## topological zeta function

the generating function that sums up number of periodic points  $N_n$  to all orders is called 'topological zeta function':

$$1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z) = \exp \left( - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} N_n \right) = \frac{1 - sz}{1 - z}$$

numerator  $(1 - sz)$  says that Bernoulli orbits are built from  $s$  fundamental **primitive** lattice states,

the fixed points  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{s-1}\}$

every other lattice state is built from their concatenations and repeats.

**solved!**

This is 'periodic orbit theory'

And if you don't know, **now you know**

## think globally, act locally - summary

the problem of enumerating and determining all global solutions stripped to its bare essentials :

- 1 each solution a zero of the global fixed point condition

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- 2 global stability : the orbit Jacobian matrix

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[X]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$$

- 3 **fundamental fact** : the number of period- $n$  orbits

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$$

- 4 zeta function  $1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z)$  : all predictions of the theory

## coin toss ? that's not physics

a field theory should be Hamiltonian and energy conserving,  
so that it can serve as an underpinning for  
a Quantum Field Theory

need a system as simple as the Bernoulli, but **mechanical**

so, we move on from running in circles,  
to a mechanical **rotor** to kick.

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## field theory in one spacetime dimension

we start with

**cat map in 1 spacetime dimension**

then we generalize to

$d$ -dimensional **spatiotemporal cat**

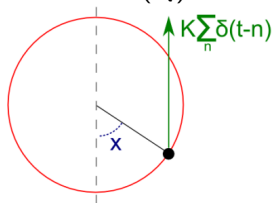
- cat map in Hamiltonian formulation
- cat map in Lagrangian formulation  
(so much more elegant!)

## (1) the traditional cat map

Hamiltonian formulation

## example of a “small domain” dynamics : a single kicked rotor

an electron circling an atom, subject to  
a discrete time sequence of angle-dependent kicks  $F(x_t)$



### Taylor, Chirikov and Greene standard map

$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1} &= x_t + p_{t+1} \quad \text{mod } 1, \\p_{t+1} &= p_t + F(x_t)\end{aligned}$$

→ chaos in Hamiltonian systems

## the simplest example : a cat map evolving in time

force  $F(x) = Kx$  linear in the displacement  $x$  ,  $K \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1} &= x_t + p_{t+1} \mod 1 \\p_{t+1} &= p_t + Kx_t \mod 1\end{aligned}$$

Continuous Automorphism of the Torus, or

### Hamiltonian cat map

a linear, area preserving map of a 2-torus onto itself

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = J \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{t-1} \\ \phi_t \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ m_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & s \end{pmatrix}$$

for integer “stretching”  $s = \text{tr } J > 2$  the map is  
hyperbolic  $\rightarrow$  a fully chaotic Hamiltonian dynamical system

(2) a modern cat

Lagrangian formulation

## cat map in Lagrangian form

replace momentum by velocity

$$p_{t+1} = (\phi_{t+1} - \phi_t)/\Delta t$$

formulation on  $(\phi_t, \phi_{t-1})$  temporal lattice is particularly pretty<sup>7</sup>

### 2-step difference equation

$$\phi_{t+1} - s\phi_t + \phi_{t-1} = -m_t$$

integer  $m_t$  ensures that

$\phi_t$  lands in the unit interval

$$m_t \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \{\text{finite alphabet}\}$$

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<sup>7</sup>I. Percival and F. Vivaldi, *Physica D* **27**, 373–386 (1987).

## think globally, act locally

temporal cat at every instant  $t$ , **local** in time

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is enforced by the **global** equation

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where

$$X = (\phi_{t+1}, \dots, \phi_{t+n}), \quad M = (m_{t+1}, \dots, m_{t+n})$$

are **lattice state** and **symbol block**

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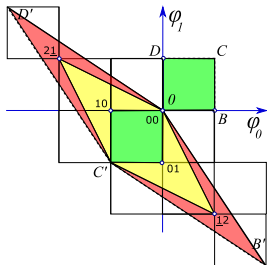
in the  $n$ -dimensional unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^n$



## fundamental fact in action

### temporal cat fundamental parallelepiped for period 2

square  $[0BCD] \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow$  fundamental parallelepiped  $[0B'C'D']$



$$N_2 = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}| = 5$$

fundamental parallelepiped  
= 5 unit area quadrilaterals

again, one periodic point per each unit volume

## temporal cat topological zeta function

again, can evaluate

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$$

substitute into the generating function for numbers of solutions:

substitute the number of periodic points  $N_n$  into the topological zeta function

$$\begin{aligned} 1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z) &= \exp \left( - \sum_{n=1} \frac{z^n}{n} N_n \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - sz + z^2}{(1 - z)^2} \end{aligned}$$

**solved!**

## what continuum theory is temporal cat discretization of?

have

### 2-step difference equation

$$\phi_{t+1} - s\phi_t + \phi_{t-1} = -m_t$$

use discrete lattice derivatives

### Laplacian in 1 dimension

$$\phi_{t+1} - 2\phi_t + \phi_{t-1} = \square \phi_t$$

to rewrite cat map as an (anti)oscillator chain

### $d = 1$ damped Poisson equation (!)

$$(\square - s + 2)\phi_t = -m_t$$

did you know that a cat map can be so cool?

that's it! for spacetime of 1 dimension

lattice damped Poisson equation

$$(\square - s + 2)\phi_Z = -m_Z$$

solved completely and analytically!

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the problem of enumerating and determining all global solutions stripped to its bare essentials :

- 1 each solution a zero of the global fixed point condition

$$F[X] = 0$$

- 2 compute the orbit Jacobian matrix

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[X]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$$

- 3 **fundamental fact**  $N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$   
counts the number  $N_n$  of period  $n$  orbits
- 4 construct zeta function  $1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z)$

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# spatiotemporally infinite 'spatiotemporal cat'



## herding cats in $d$ spacetime dimensions

start with

a cat map at each lattice site

talk to neighbors

spacetime  $d$ -dimensional      spatiotemporal cat

- Hamiltonian formulation is awkward, forget about it
- Lagrangian formulation is elegant



## spatiotemporal cat

consider a 1 spatial dimension lattice, with field  $\phi_{nt}$   
(the angle of a kicked rotor “particle” at instant  $t$ , at site  $n$ )

### require

- each site couples to its nearest neighbors  $\phi_{n\pm 1,t}$
- invariance under spatial translations
- invariance under spatial reflections
- invariance under the space-time exchange

obtain<sup>8</sup>

### 2-dimensional coupled cat map lattice

$$\phi_{n,t+1} + \phi_{n,t-1} - 2s\phi_{nt} + \phi_{n+1,t} + \phi_{n-1,t} = -m_{nt}$$

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<sup>8</sup>B. Gutkin and V. Osipov, *Nonlinearity* **29**, 325–356 (2016).

## spatiotemporal cat : a strong coupling field theory

symmetries : translational and time-reversal, spatial reflection

### the key assumption

- invariance under the space-time exchange
- spatiotemporal cat is a Euclidean field theory
- in Lagrangian formulation

## herding cats : a discrete Euclidean space-time field theory

write the spatial-temporal differences as discrete derivatives

**Laplacian : in  $d = 1$  and  $d = 2$  dimensions**

$$\square \phi_t = \phi_{t+1} - 2\phi_t + \phi_{t-1}$$

$$\square \phi_{nt} = \phi_{n,t+1} + \phi_{n,t-1} - 4\phi_{nt} + \phi_{n+1,t} + \phi_{n-1,t}$$

$$-m_{nt} = \phi_{n,t+1} + \phi_{n,t-1} - 2s\phi_{nt} + \phi_{n+1,t} + \phi_{n-1,t}$$

the cat map is thus generalized to

**$d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal cat**

$$(\square - d(s - 2))\phi_z = -m_z$$

where  $\phi_z \in \mathbb{T}^1$ ,  $m_z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d =$  lattice sites

## discretized linear PDE

### $d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal cat

$$(\square - d(s - 2)) \phi_z = -m_z$$

is linear and known as

- **Helmholtz** equation if stretching is weak,  $s < 2$   
(oscillatory sine, cosine solutions)
- damped **Poisson** equation if stretching is strong,  $s > 2$   
(hyperbolic sinches, coshes)

the nonlinearity is hidden in the “source”

$$m_z \in \mathcal{A} \text{ at lattice site } z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

## the simplest of all 'turbulent' field theories !

spatiotemporal cat

$$(\square - d(s - 2))\phi_z = -m_z$$

can be solved completely (?) and analytically (!)

assign to each site  $z$  a letter  $m_z$  from the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ .

a particular fixed set of letters  $m_z$  (a lattice state)

$$\mathbf{M} = \{m_z\} = \{m_{n_1 n_2 \dots n_d}\},$$

is a complete specification of the corresponding  
lattice state  $\mathbf{X}$

from now on work in  $d = 2$  dimensions, 'stretching parameter'  $s = 5/2$

## think globally, act locally

solving the spatiotemporal cat equation

$$\mathcal{J}X = -M,$$

with the  $[n \times n]$  matrix  $\mathcal{J} = \sum_{j=1}^2 (\sigma_j - s1 + \sigma_j^{-1})$

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where the entire **global lattice state**  $X_M$  is

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in the  $LT$ -dimensional unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^{LT}$

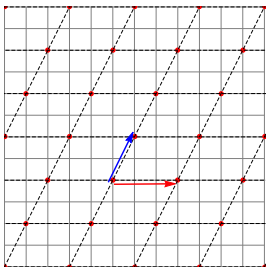
$L$  is the ‘spatial’,  $T$  the ‘temporal’ lattice period

## Bravais lattices

2-dimensional *Bravais lattice* is an infinite array of points

$$\Lambda = \{n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2 \mid n_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

**example :  $[3 \times 2]_1$  Bravais tile**



basis vectors

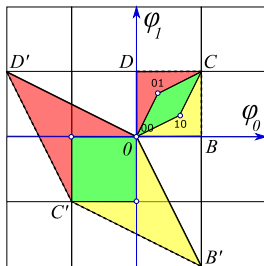
$$\mathbf{a}_1 = (3, 0), \mathbf{a}_2 = (1, 2)$$

6 field values, on 6 lattice sites  $z = (n, t)$ ,  $[3 \times 2]$  rectangle:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{01} & \phi_{11} & \phi_{21} \\ \phi_{00} & \phi_{10} & \phi_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

## fundamental fact works in spacetime (!)

recall Bernoulli example ?



$[0BCD]$  :  
unit hyper-cube  $X \in [0, 1)^n$

$[0B'C'D']$  :  
fundamental parallelepiped

$$\mathcal{J} [0BCD] = \text{fundamental parallelepiped } [0B'C'D']$$

any spacetime, fundamental parallelepiped basis vectors  $X^{(j)}$   
= columns of the orbit Jacobian matrix

$$\mathcal{J} = (X^{(1)} | X^{(2)} | \dots | X^{(n)})$$



### example : spacetime periodic $[3 \times 2]$ Bravais block

$$F[X] = \mathcal{J}X + M = 0$$

6 field values, on 6 lattice sites  $z = (n, t)$ ,  $[3 \times 2]$  rectangle:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{01} & \phi_{11} & \phi_{21} \\ \phi_{00} & \phi_{10} & \phi_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = (\ell t), z' = (\ell' t') \in T_{[3 \times 2]}^2$$

vectors and matrices are written in block-matrix form, vectors as 1-dimensional arrays,

$$X_{[3 \times 2]} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{01} \\ \phi_{00} \\ \phi_{11} \\ \phi_{10} \\ \phi_{21} \\ \phi_{20} \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{[3 \times 2]} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{01} \\ m_{00} \\ m_{11} \\ m_{10} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the orbit Jacobian matrix as

$$\mathcal{J}_{[3 \times 2]} = \begin{pmatrix} -2s & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2s & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2s & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2s & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2s & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2s & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2s & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2s \end{pmatrix}$$

The ‘fundamental fact’ now yields the number of solutions

$$N_{[3 \times 2]} = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_{[3 \times 2]}| = 4(s-2)s(2s-1)^2(2s+3)^2$$

## counting spatiotemporal cat solutions

- 1 can construct Bravais spacetime tilings, from small tiles to as large as you wish
- 2 for each Bravais spacetime tile  $[L \times T]_S$ , can evaluate

$$N_{[L \times T]_S}$$

the number of doubly-periodic lattice states for a Bravais tile

short tiles are exponentially good approximations to longer ones (shadowing), so can attain any desired accuracy

## spatiotemporal cat topological zeta function

again, can evaluate

$$N_{[L \times T]_S}$$

number of doubly-periodic lattice states for any  $[L \times T]_S$  Bravais tile

the generating function for solution counting?

substitute the number of periodic points  $N_n$  into the topological zeta function

$$\begin{aligned} 1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z) &= \exp \left( - \sum_{n=1} \frac{z^n}{n} N_n \right) \\ &= ?? \end{aligned}$$

not solved :(

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## insight 1 : how is turbulence described?

**not by the evolution of an initial state**

exponentially unstable system have finite (Lyapunov) time and space prediction horizons

but

**by enumeration of admissible field configurations**

and their natural weights

## insight 2 : symbolic dynamics for turbulent flows

applies to all coupled-map lattices, and  
all PDEs with translational symmetries

a  $d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal field configuration

$$\{\phi_z\} = \{\phi_z, z \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$$

is labelled by a  $d$ -dimensional **spatiotemporal block** of symbols

$$\{m_z\} = \{m_z, z \in \mathbb{Z}^d\},$$

rather than a **single** temporal symbol sequence

(as is done when describing a small coupled few-“particle”  
system, or a small computational domain).

## insight 3 : description of turbulence by invariant 2-tori

### 1 time, 0 space dimensions

a phase space point is *periodic* if its orbit returns to it after a finite time  $T$ ; such orbit tiles the time axis by infinitely many repeats

### 1 time, $d-1$ space dimensions

a phase space point is *spatiotemporally periodic* if it belongs to an invariant  $d$ -torus  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  
i.e., a block  $M_{\mathcal{R}}$  that tiles the lattice state  $M$ ,  
with period  $\ell_j$  in  $j$ th lattice direction



but, is this

chaos?

## is spatiotemporal cat ergodic?

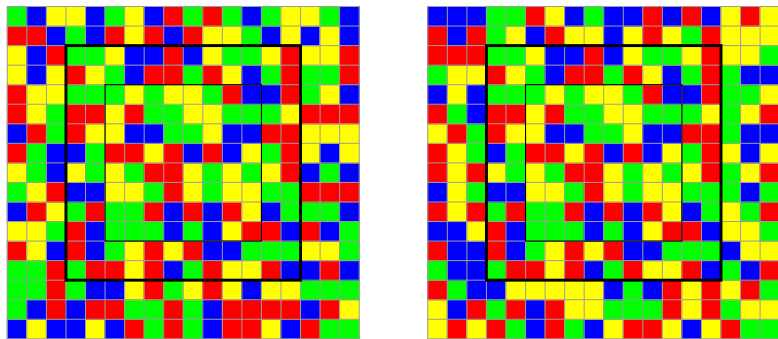
the state at each site is coded with (color) alphabet

$$m_{t\ell} \in \mathcal{A} = \{\underline{1}, 0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \{\text{red}, \text{green}, \text{blue}, \text{yellow}, \dots\}$$

indicating the state  $\phi_{t\ell}$  at the lattice site  $t\ell$

in deterministic chaos any non-wandering set orbit can be shadowed

## shadowing, symbolic dynamics space



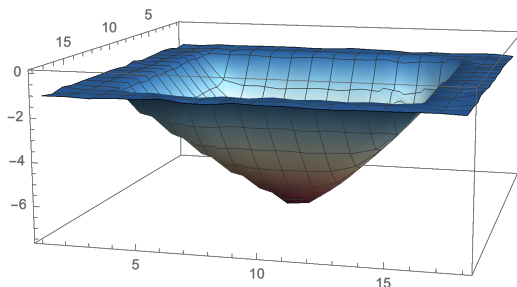
2d symbolic representation of two invariant 2-tori shadowing each other within the shared block  $M_{\mathcal{R}}$

- border  $\mathcal{R}$  (thick black)
- symbols outside  $\mathcal{R}$  differ

$s = 7$

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## shadowing



the logarithm of the average of the absolute value of site-wise distance

$$\ln |X_{2,z} - X_{1,z}|$$

averaged over 250 solution pairs

emphasizes the exponential falloff of the distance around the center of the shared block  $\mathcal{R}$

## shadowing, phase space

⇒ within the interior of the shared block  
the shadowing is exponentially close

## **zeta function for a field theory ???**

**"periodic orbits" are now spacetime tilings  $p$**

$$Z(s) \approx \sum_p \frac{e^{-A_p s}}{|\det(1 - J_p)|}$$

tori / spacetime tilings : each of area  $A_p = L_p T_p$

**symbolic dynamics :  $d$ -dimensional**

essential to encode shadowing

at this time :

- $d = 1$  cat map zeta function works like charm
- $d = 2$  spatiotemporal cat works
- $d \geq 2$  Navier-Stokes zeta is still but a dream

## summary



spatiotemporal cat

## summary

- 1 goal : describe states of turbulence in infinite spatiotemporal domains
- 2 theory : classify, enumerate all spatiotemporal tilings
- 3 the simplest model of “turbulence” : spatiotemporal cat

there is no more time

there is only enumeration of admissible spacetime field configurations



in future there will be no future

goodbye

to long time and/or space integrators

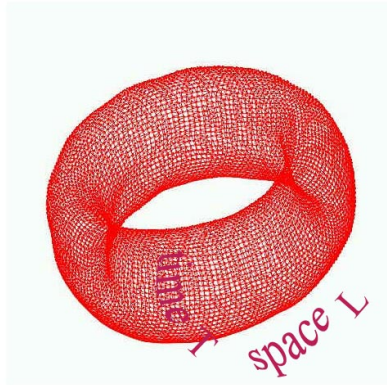
they never worked and could never work





take chronotopes to be spatiotemporally compact solutions

periodic spacetime : 2-torus



after the space and time Fourier transforms, obtain

## the simplest of chaotic field theories ?

a description of  
the admissible Kuramoto-Sivashinsky,  
complex Ginzburg-Landau or Navier-Stokes  
field configurations is still out of our reach

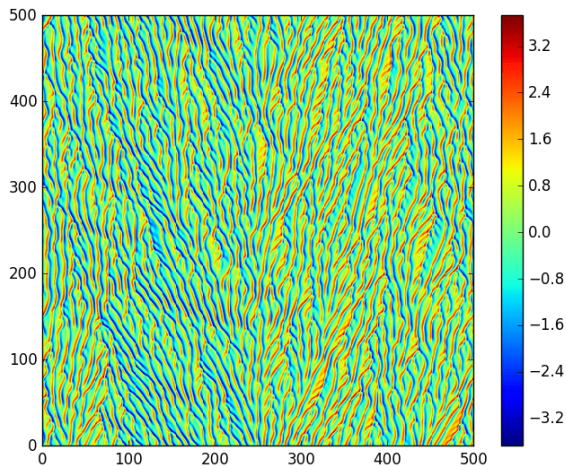
**we need a simple exact model to hone our intuition**

spatiotemporal cat

does that

# an example of large spacetime domain field configuration

## Kuramoto-Sivashinsky



[horizontal] space  $\phi \in [0, L]$

[up] time evolution

**describe this!**

now and forever you will be able to distinguish  
a Kuramoto-Sivashinsky field configuration vs.  
a complex Ginzburg-Landau field configuration

we need the corresponding

**alphabets of spatiotemporal patterns (chronotopes)**

and grammars of admissible ways of joining them

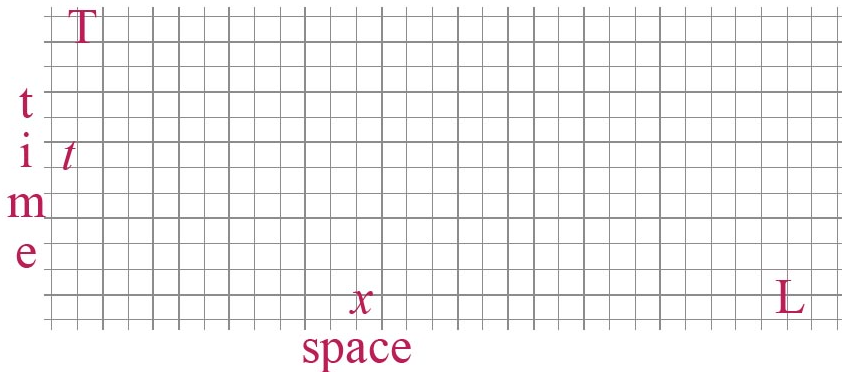
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teaches us that

**spacetime lattice sites**  $z = (x, t) \in (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)$

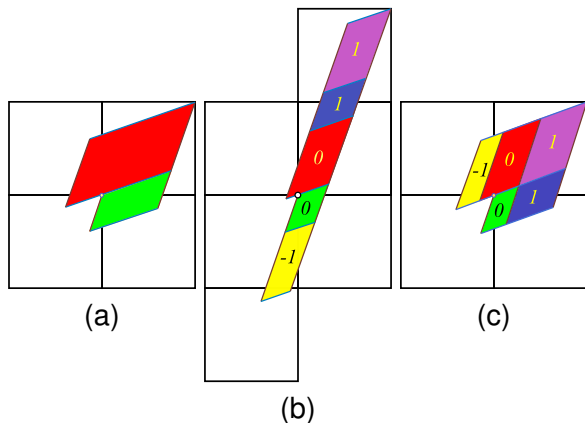
continuous symmetries : space, time translations

## spacetime discretization





## cat map generating partition of the unwrapped torus



(b) mapped step forward in time, the rectangles are stretched along the unstable direction and shrunk along the stable direction

(c) sub-rectangles  $\mathcal{M}_j$  that have to be translated back into the partition are indicated by color and labeled by their lattice translations  $m_j \in \mathcal{A} = \{\underline{1}, 0, 1\}$