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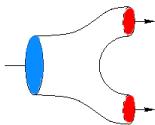
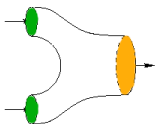
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J. R. Tredicce

Can you explain my data?

I dare you to explain my data!

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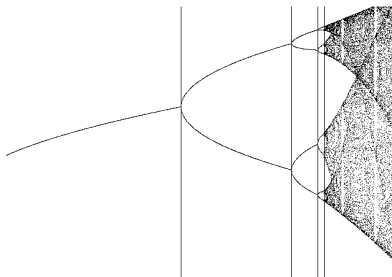
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Motivation

Where is Tredicce coming from?

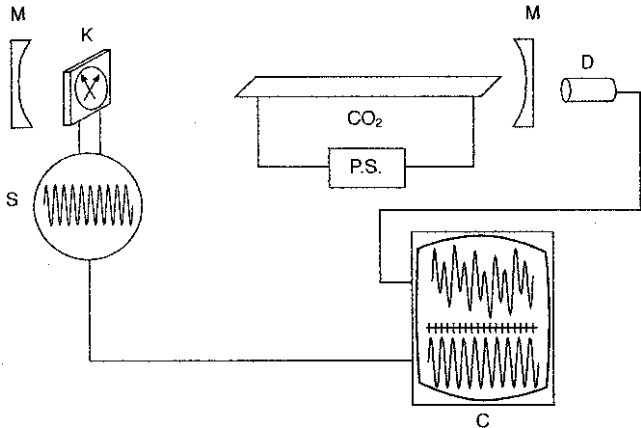


Feigenbaum:

$$\alpha = 4.66920\ 16091\ \dots$$

$$\delta = -2.50290\ 78750\$$

Laser with Modulated Losses Experimental Arrangement



Original Objectives

Construct a simple, algorithmic procedure for:

- Classifying strange attractors
- Extracting classification information

from experimental signals.

Result

There is now a classification theory.

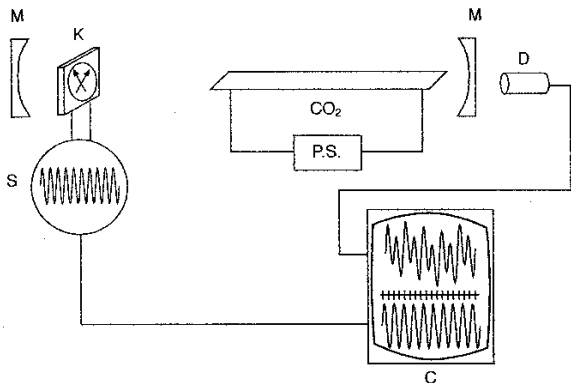
- ① It is topological
- ② It has a hierarchy of 4 levels
- ③ Each is discrete
- ④ There is rigidity and degrees of freedom
- ⑤ It is applicable to R^3 only — for now

The 4 Levels of Structure

- Basis Sets of Orbits
- Branched Manifolds
- Bounding Tori
- Extrinsic Embeddings

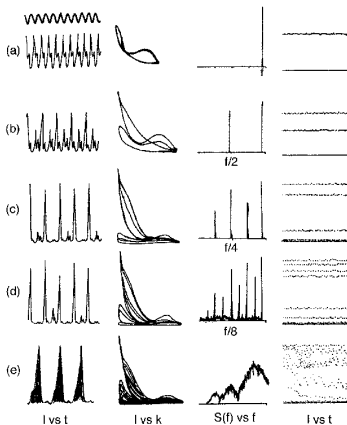
Experimental Schematic

Laser Experimental Arrangement



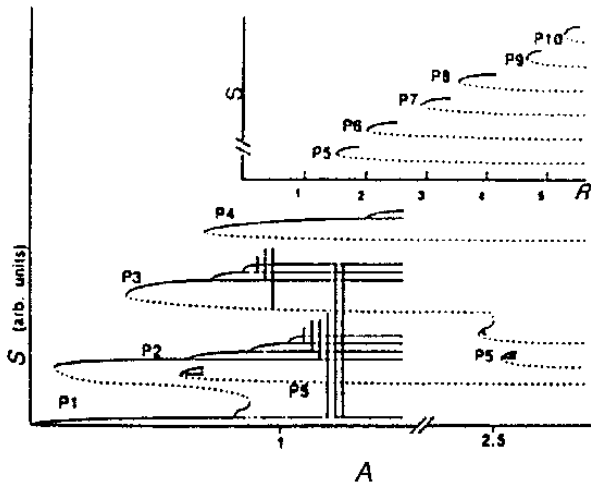
Experimental Motivation

Oscilloscope Traces



Results, Single Experiment

Bifurcation Schematics



Some Attractors

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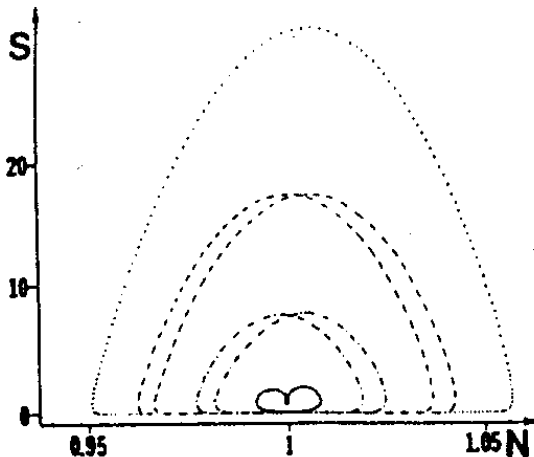
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Coexisting Basins of Attraction



Many Experiments

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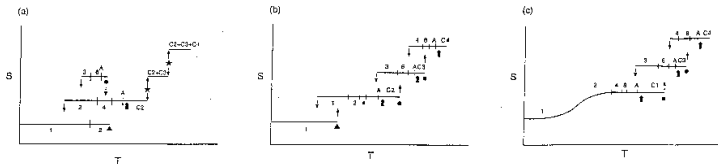
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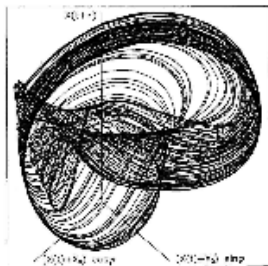
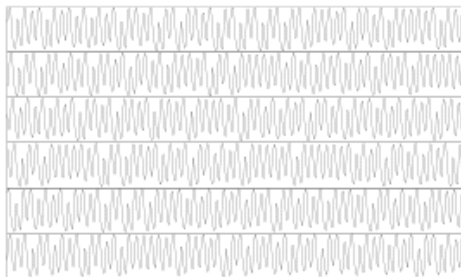
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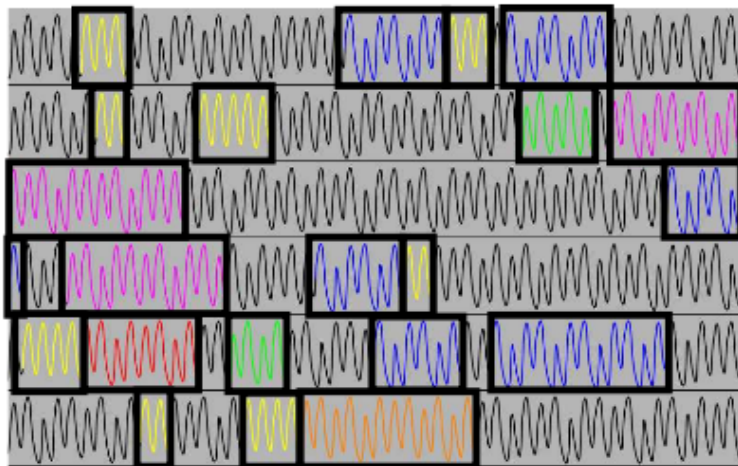


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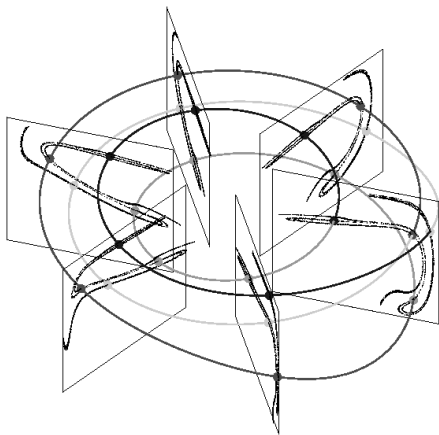


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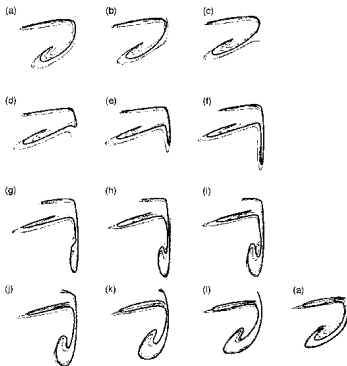
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Stretching & Squeezing in a Torus



Rotating the Poincaré Section around the axis of the torus



Rotating the Poincaré Section around the axis of the torus

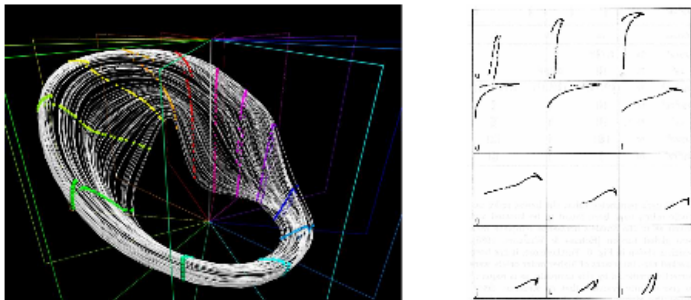
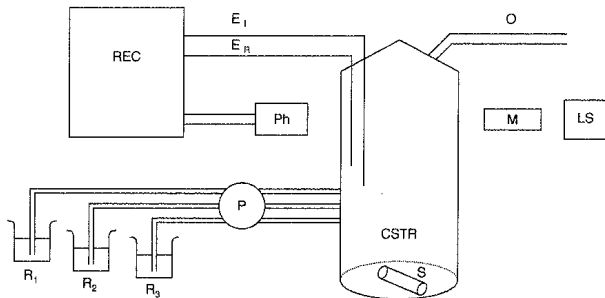


Figure 2. Left: Intersections of a chaotic attractor with a series of section planes are computed. Right: Their evolution from plane to plane shows the interplay of the stretching and squeezing mechanisms.

A Chemical Experiment

The Belousov-Zhabotinskii Reaction



Chaos

Motion that is

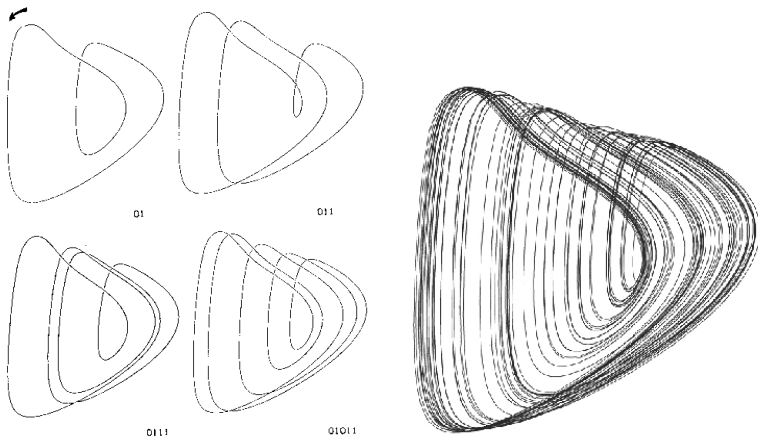
- **Deterministic:** $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$
- **Recurrent**
- **Non Periodic**
- **Sensitive to Initial Conditions**

Strange Attractor

The Ω limit set of the flow. There are unstable periodic orbits “in” the strange attractor. They are

- “Abundant”
- Outline the Strange Attractor
- Are the Skeleton of the Strange Attractor

UPOs Outline Strange attractors



BZ reaction

UPOs Outline Strange attractors

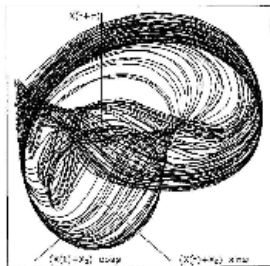
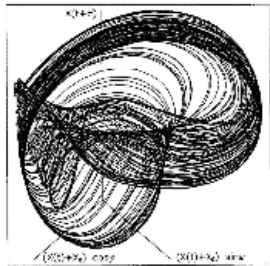


Figure 5. Left: a chaotic attractor reconstructed from a time series from a chaotic laser ; Right : Superposition of 12 periodic orbits of periods from 1 to 10.

Organization of UPOs in R^3 : Gauss Linking Number

$$LN(A, B) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint \oint \frac{(\mathbf{r}_A - \mathbf{r}_B) \cdot d\mathbf{r}_A \times d\mathbf{r}_B}{|\mathbf{r}_A - \mathbf{r}_B|^3}$$

Interpretations of $LN \simeq \#$ Mathematicians in World

Linking Number of Two UPOs

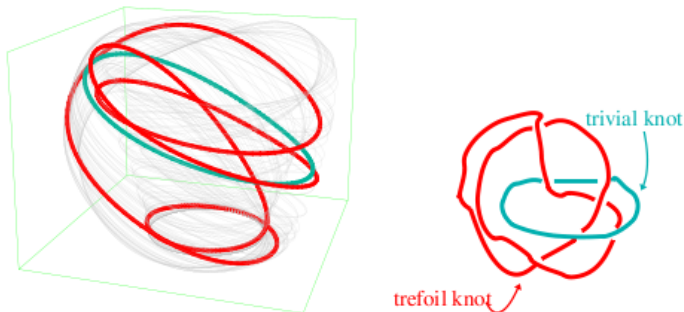


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Evolution in Phase Space

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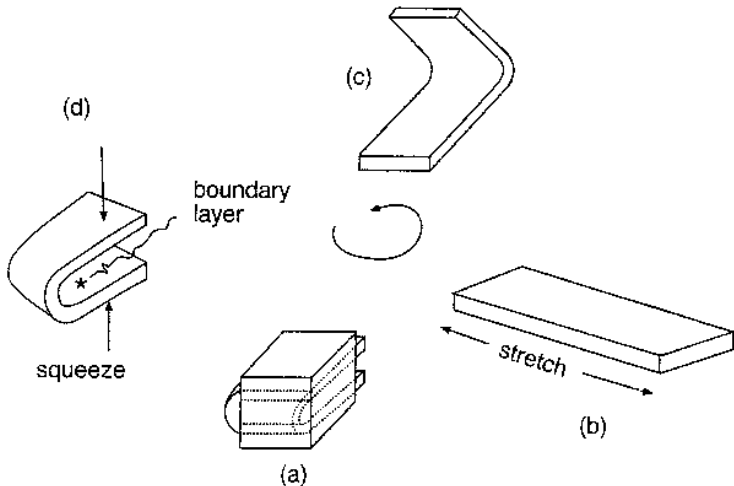
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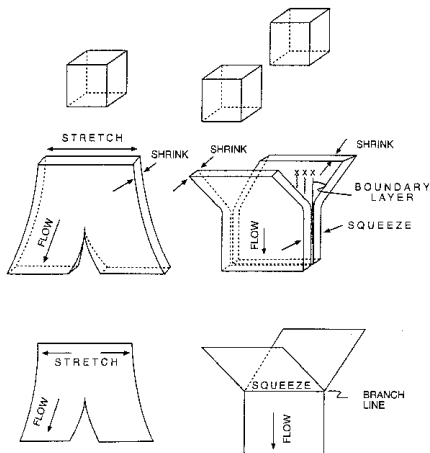
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One Stretch-&-Squeeze Mechanism



Motion of Blobs in Phase Space

Stretching — Squeezing



Birman - Williams Theorem

If:

Then:

Birman - Williams Theorem

If: **Certain Assumptions**

Then:

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Birman - Williams Theorem

If: **Certain Assumptions**

Then: **Specific Conclusions**

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Assumptions, B-W Theorem

A flow $\Phi_t(x)$

- on R^n is dissipative, $n=3$, so that $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 = 0, \lambda_3 < 0$.
- Generates a hyperbolic strange attractor SA

IMPORTANT: The underlined assumptions can be relaxed.

Conclusions, B-W Theorem

- The projection maps the strange attractor \mathcal{SA} onto a 2-dimensional branched manifold \mathcal{BM} and the flow $\Phi_t(x)$ on \mathcal{SA} to a semiflow $\bar{\Phi}(x)_t$ on \mathcal{BM} .
- UPOs of $\Phi_t(x)$ on \mathcal{SA} are in 1-1 correspondence with UPOs of $\bar{\Phi}(x)_t$ on \mathcal{BM} . Moreover, every link of UPOs of $(\Phi_t(x), \mathcal{SA})$ is isotopic to the correspond link of UPOs of $(\bar{\Phi}(x)_t, \mathcal{BM})$.

Remark: "One of the few theorems useful to experimentalists."

A Very Common Mechanism

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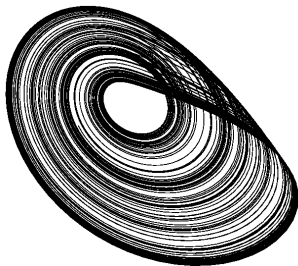
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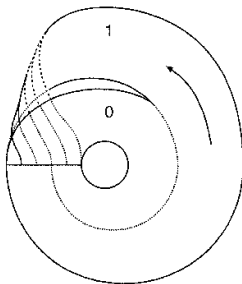
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Rössler:

Attractor



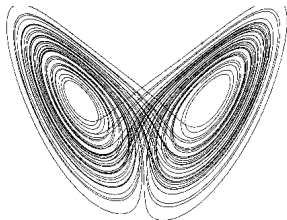
Branched Manifold



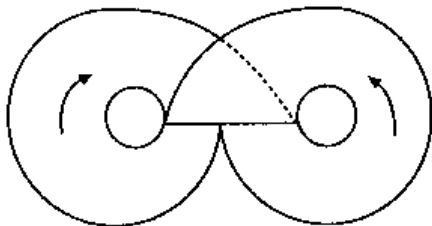
A Mechanism with Symmetry

Lorenz:

Attractor



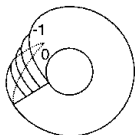
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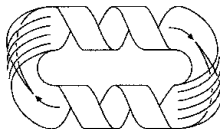
Examples of Branched Manifolds

Inequivalent Branched Manifolds

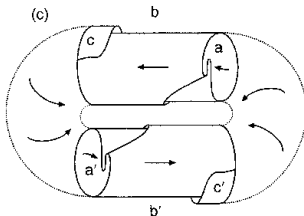
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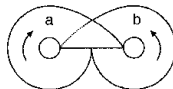
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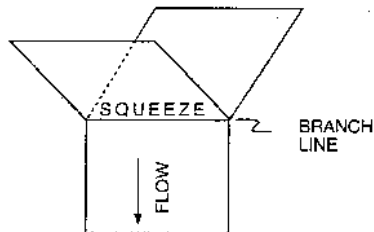
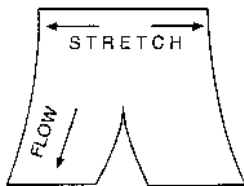


(d)



Aufbau Princip for Branched Manifolds

Any branched manifold can be built up from stretching and squeezing units



subject to the conditions:

- Outputs to Inputs
- No Free Ends

Dynamics and Topology

Rossler System

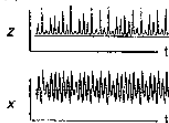
(a) Rössler Equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -y - z$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + ay$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = b + z(x - c)$$

(b)



(c)

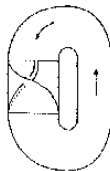


(f)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & +1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(e)



(d)



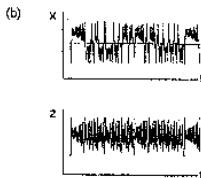
Lorenz System

(a) Lorenz Equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sigma x + \sigma y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Rx - y - xz$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = -bz + xy$$

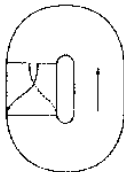


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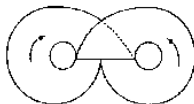
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} +1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e)



(d)



Poincaré Smiles at U s in R^3

- Determine organization of UPOs \Rightarrow
- Determine branched manifold \Rightarrow
- Determine equivalence class of \mathcal{SA}

Topological Analysis Program

Locate Periodic Orbits

Create an Embedding

Determine Topological Invariants (LN)

Identify a Branched Manifold

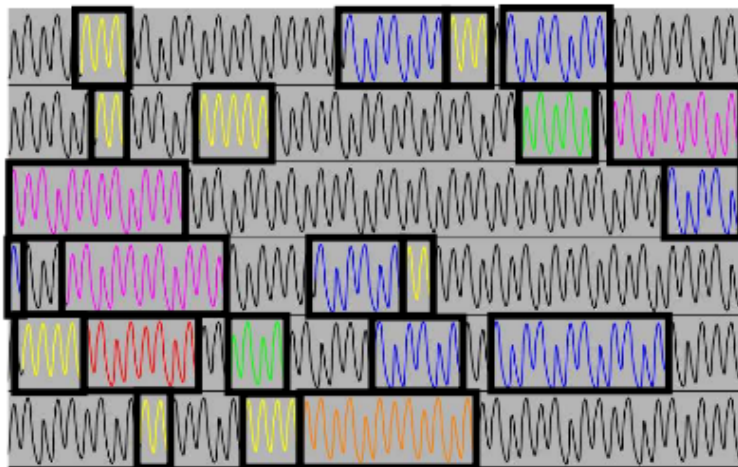
Verify the Branched Manifold

Model the Dynamics

Validate the Model

Locate UPOs

Method of Close Returns



Embeddings

Many Methods: Time Delay, Differential, Hilbert Transforms, SVD, Mixtures, ...

Tests for Embeddings: Geometric, Dynamic, Topological[†]

None Good

We Demand a 3 Dimensional Embedding

An Embedding and Periodic Orbits

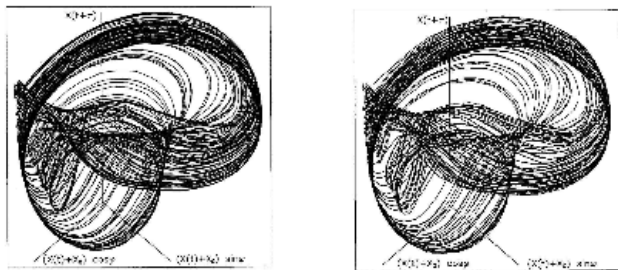


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Linking Number of Orbit Pairs

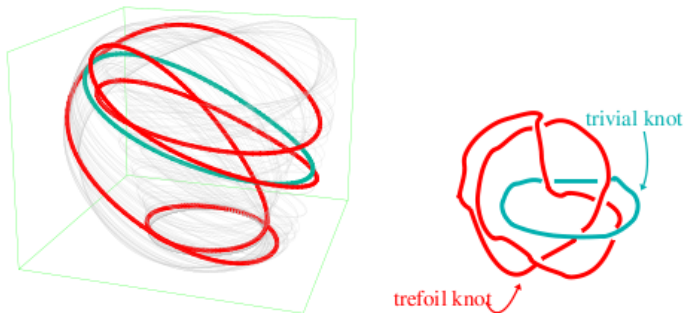


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Compute Table of Expt'l LN

Table 7.2 Linking numbers for all the surrogate periodic orbits, to period 8, extracted from Belousov-Zhabotinskii data^a

Orbit	Symbolics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8a	8b
1	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	3
2	01	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	6
3	011	1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	8
4	0111	2	3	4	5	8	8	11	13	12
5	01 011	2	4	5	8	8	10	13	16	15
6	011 0M1	2	4	6	8	10	9	14	16	16
7	01 01 011	3	5	7	11	13	14	16	21	21
8a	01 01 0111	4	6	8	13	16	16	21	23	24
8b	01 011 011	3	6	8	12	15	16	21	24	21

^aAll indices are negative.

Determine Topological Invariants

Compare w. LN From Various BM

Table 2.1 Linking numbers for orbits to period five in Smale horseshoe dynamics.

	$1s$	$1f$	2_1	$3f$	$3s$	4_1	4_2f	4_2s	5_2f	5_2s	5_2f	5_2s	5_1f	5_1s
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
01	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4
001	0	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5
011	0	1	2	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5
0111	0	2	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	7	7	8	8
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0011	0	1	2	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
00001	0	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
00011	0	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	5
00111	0	2	3	4	5	7	5	5	5	5	6	7	8	9
00101	0	2	3	4	5	7	5	5	5	5	7	6	8	9
01101	0	2	4	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	10
01111	0	2	4	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	9	9	10	8

Determine Topological Invariants

Guess Branched Manifold

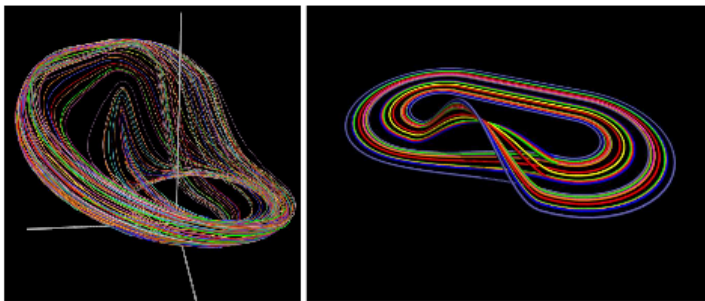


Figure 7. “Combing” the intertwined periodic orbits (left) reveals their systematic organization (right) created by the stretching and squeezing mechanisms.

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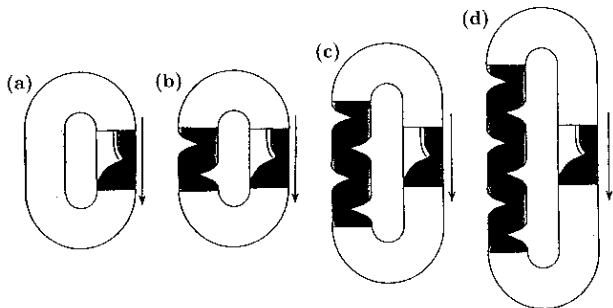
Identification & ‘Confirmation’

- \mathcal{BM} Identified by LN of small number of orbits
- Table of LN GROSSLY overdetermined
- Predict LN of additional orbits
- Rejection criterion

Determine Topological Invariants

What Do We Learn?

- \mathcal{BM} Depends on Embedding
- Some things depend on embedding, some don't
- Depends on Embedding: Global Torsion, Parity, ..
- Independent of Embedding: Mechanism



Perestroikas of Strange Attractors

Evolution Under Parameter Change

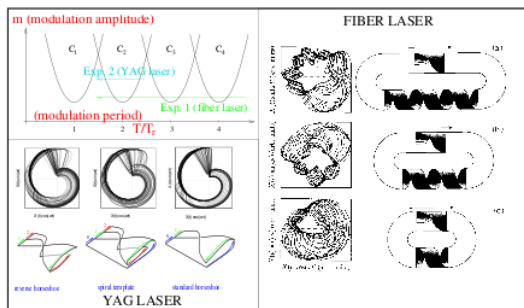
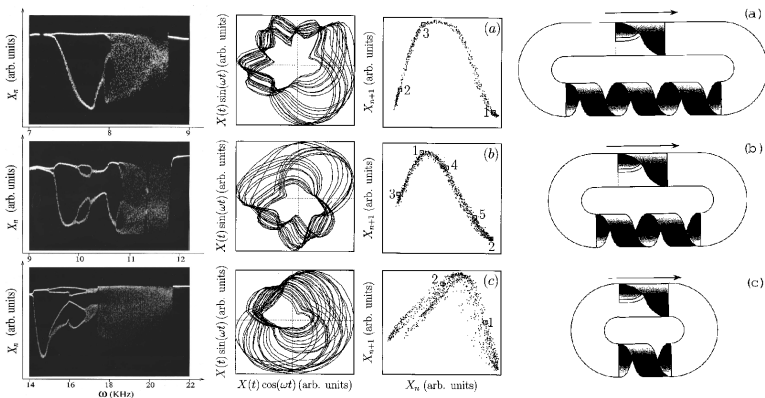


Figure 11. Various templates observed in two laser experiments. Top left: schematic representation of the parameter space of forced nonlinear oscillators showing resonance tongues. Right: templates observed in the fiber laser experiment: global torsion increases systematically from one tongue to the next [40]. Bottom left: templates observed in the YAG laser experiment (only the branches are shown): there is a variation in the topological organization across one chaotic tongue [39, 41].

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Analysis of Nonstationary Data

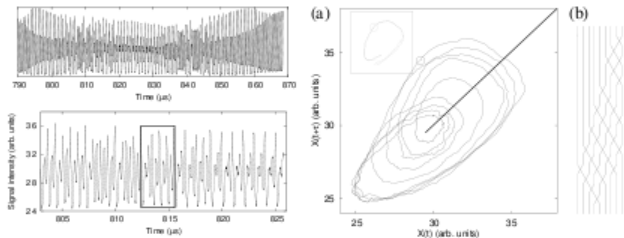


Figure 16. Top left: time series from an optical parametric oscillator showing a burst of irregular behavior. Bottom left: segment of the time series containing a periodic orbit of period 9. Right: embedding of the periodic orbit in a reconstructed phase space and representation of the braid realized by the orbit. The braid entropy is $h_T = 0.377$, showing that the underlying dynamics is chaotic. Reprinted from [61].

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Compare with Original Objectives

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Orbits Can be “Pruned”

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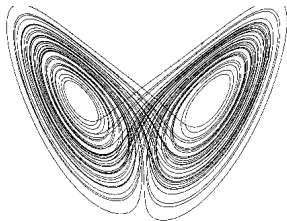
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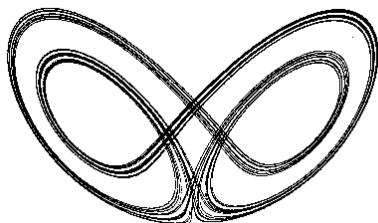
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There Are Some Missing Orbits

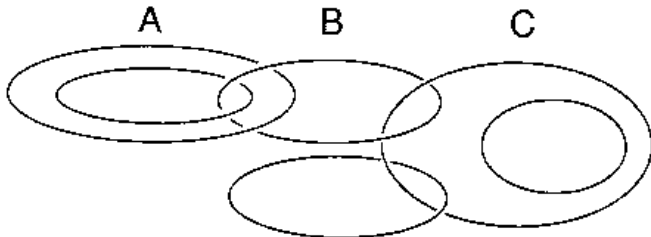


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Orbit Forcing



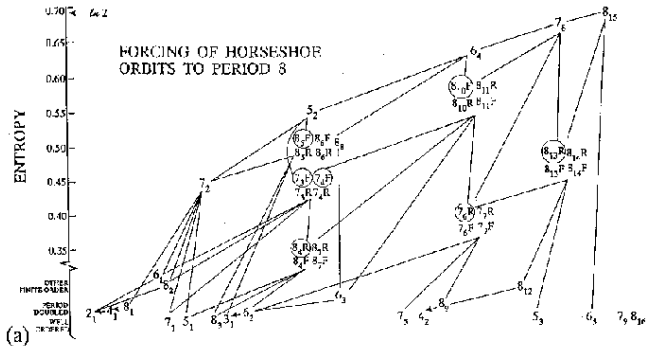
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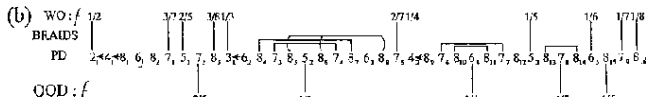
$$A \Rightarrow C$$

An Ongoing Problem

Forcing Diagram - Horseshoe



u - SEQUENCE ORDER



An Ongoing Problem

Status of Problem

- Horseshoe organization - active
- More folding - barely begun
- Circle forcing - even less known
- Higher genus - new ideas required

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Creating New Attractors

Rotating the Attractor

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(X, Y) \\ F_2(X, Y) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \sin(\omega_d t + \phi_1) \\ a_2 \sin(\omega_d t + \phi_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \Omega t & -\sin \Omega t \\ \sin \Omega t & \cos \Omega t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(t) \\ Y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = R\mathbf{F}(R^{-1}\mathbf{u}) + R\mathbf{t} + \Omega \begin{bmatrix} -v \\ +u \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = n \omega_d$$

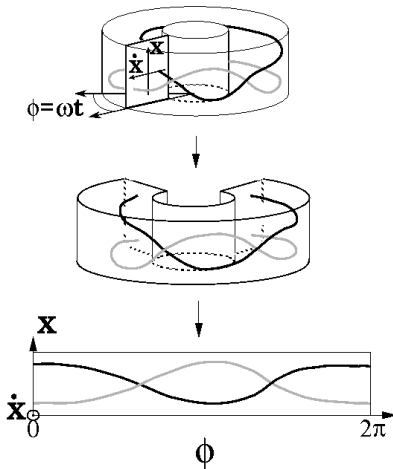
$$q \Omega = p \omega_d$$

Global Diffeomorphisms

Local Diffeomorphisms
(p-fold covers)

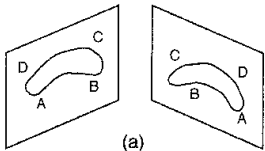
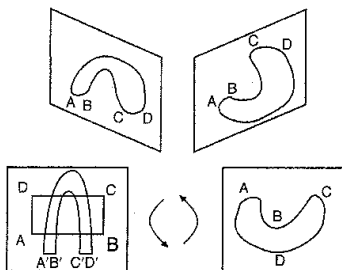
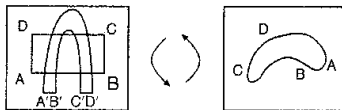
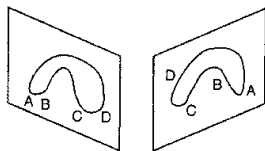
Another Visualization

Cutting Open a Torus

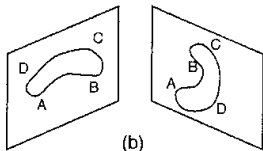


Satisfying Boundary Conditions

Global Torsion



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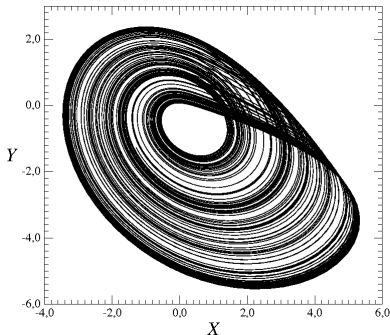


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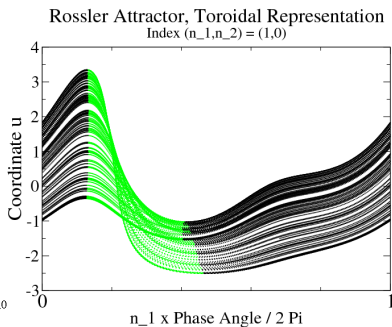
Two Phase Spaces: R^3 and $D^2 \times S^1$

Rossler Attractor: Two Representations

R^3



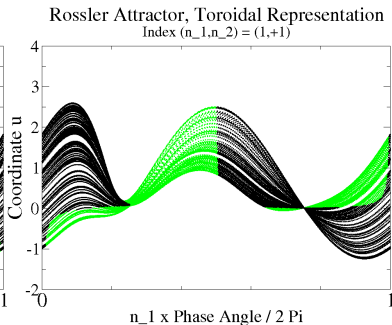
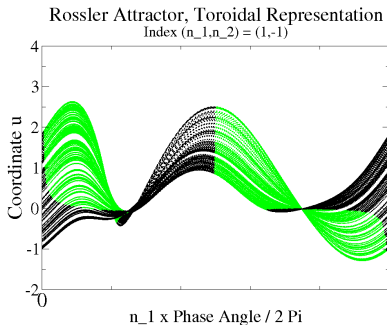
$D^2 \times S^1$



Other Diffeomorphic Attractors

Rossler Attractor:

Two More Representations with $n = \pm 1$

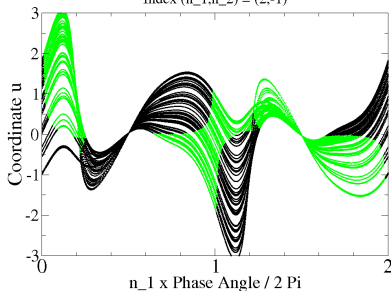


Subharmonic, Locally Diffeomorphic Attractors

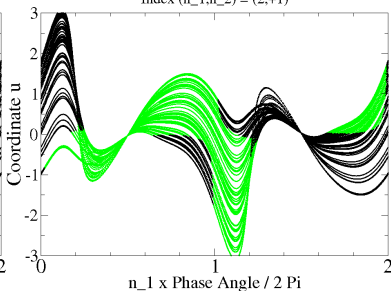
Rossler Attractor:

Two Two-Fold Covers with $p/q = \pm 1/2$

Rossler Attractor, Toroidal Representation
Index $(n_1, n_2) = (2, -1)$



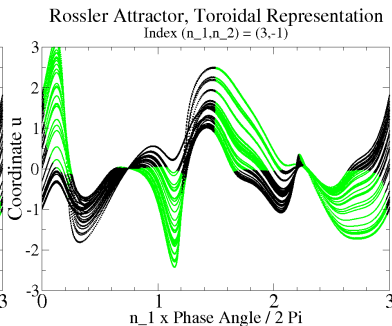
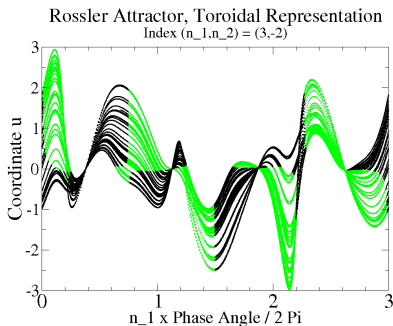
Rossler Attractor, Toroidal Representation
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Rossler Attractor:

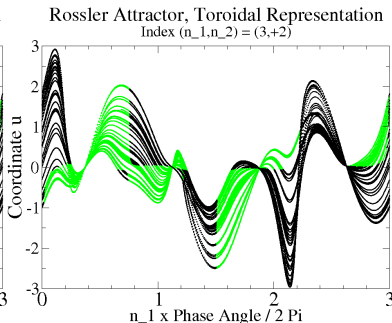
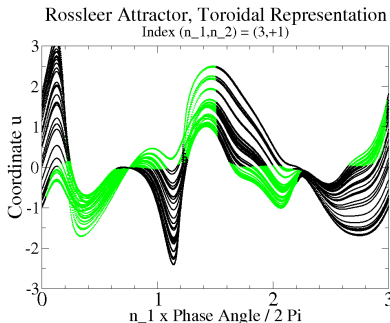
Two Three-Fold Covers with $p/q = -2/3, -1/3$



Subharmonic, Locally Diffeomorphic Attractors

Rossler Attractor:

And Even More Covers (with $p/q = +1/3, +2/3$)



Angular Momentum and Energy

$$L(0) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau X dY - Y dX \quad K(0) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{2} (\dot{X}^2 + \dot{Y}^2) dt$$

$$L(\Omega) = \langle uv - vu \rangle \quad K(\Omega) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} (\dot{u}^2 + \dot{v}^2) \right\rangle$$

$$= L(0) + \Omega \langle R^2 \rangle \quad = K(0) + \Omega L(0) + \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \langle R^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle R^2 \rangle = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau (X^2 + Y^2) dt = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau (u^2 + v^2) dt$$

New Measures, Diffeomorphic Attractors

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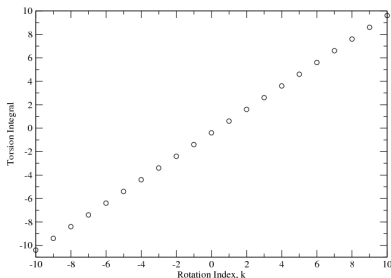
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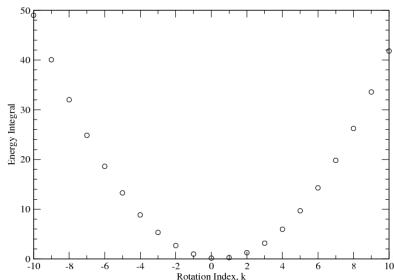
Energy and Angular Momentum

Diffeomorphic, Quantum Number n

Torsion Integral



Energy Integral



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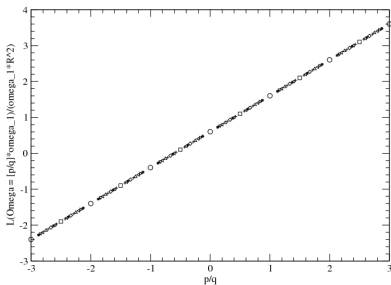
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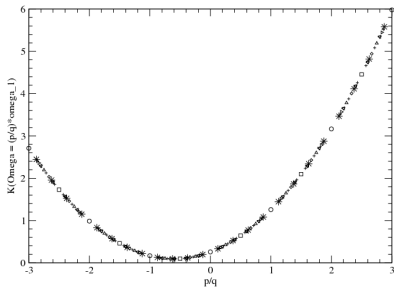
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Energy and Angular Momentum Subharmonics, Quantum Numbers p/q

Torsion Integral



Energy Integral



Summary

1 Question Answered \Rightarrow

2 Questions Raised

We must be on the right track !

Original Objectives Achieved

There is now a simple, algorithmic procedure for:

- Classifying strange attractors
- Extracting classification information

from experimental signals.

Result

**There is now a classification theory
for low-dimensional strange attractors.**

- ① It is topological
- ② It has a hierarchy of 4 levels
- ③ Each is discrete
- ④ There is rigidity and degrees of freedom
- ⑤ It is applicable to R^3 only — for now

The Classification Theory has 4 Levels of Structure

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① Basis Sets of Orbits

The Classification Theory has 4 Levels of Structure

- 1 Basis Sets of Orbits
- 2 Branched Manifolds

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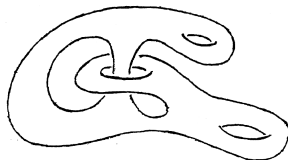
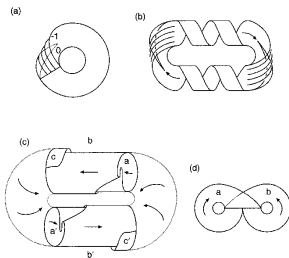
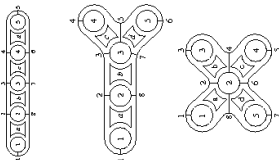
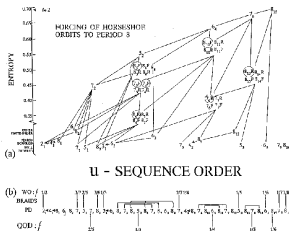
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The Classification Theory has 4 Levels of Structure

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- 4 Extrinsic Embeddings

Four Levels of Structure

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Poetic Organization

LINKS OF PERIODIC ORBITS

organize

BOUNDING TORI

organize

BRANCHED MANIFOLDS

organize

LINKS OF PERIODIC ORBITS

Some Unexpected Results

- Perestroikas of orbits constrained by branched manifolds
- Routes to Chaos = Paths through orbit forcing diagram
- Perestroikas of branched manifolds constrained by bounding tori
- Global Poincaré section = union of $g - 1$ disks
- Systematic methods for cover - image relations
- Existence of topological indices (cover/image)
- Universal image dynamical systems
- NLD version of Cartan's Theorem for Lie Groups
- Topological Continuation – Group Continuation
- Cauchy-Riemann symmetries
- Quantizing Chaos
- Representation labels for inequivalent embeddings
- Representation Theory for Strange Attractors

We hope to find:

- Robust topological invariants for R^N , $N > 3$
- A Birman-Williams type theorem for higher dimensions
- An algorithm for irreducible embeddings
- Embeddings: better methods and tests
- Analog of χ^2 test for NLD
- Better forcing results: Smale horseshoe, $D^2 \rightarrow D^2$, $n \times D^2 \rightarrow n \times D^2$ (e.g., Lorenz), $D^N \rightarrow D^N$, $N > 2$
- Representation theory: complete
- Singularity Theory: Branched manifolds, splitting points (0 dim.), branch lines (1 dim).
- Singularities as obstructions to isotopy