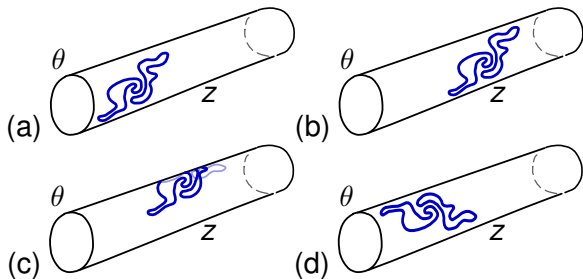


**ChaosBook.org chapter**  
**relativity for cyclists**

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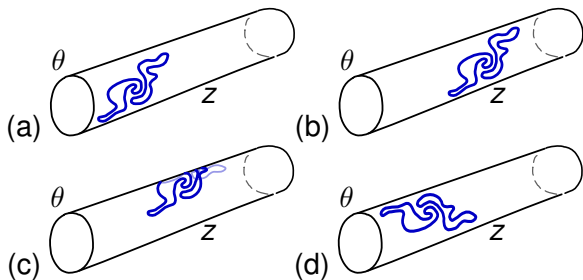
## Das Problem : dancers and drifters



pipe flow

(a) instantaneous global state of a fluid (marked by a 'swirl')

## Das Problem : dancers and drifters

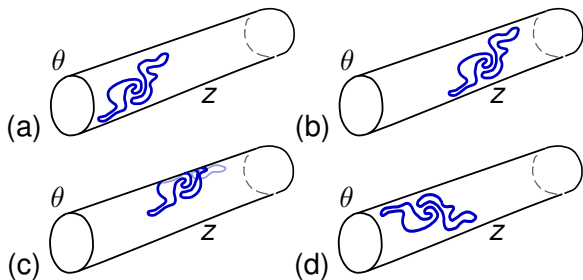


**symmetry** : a pipe flow solution

**translated** or **rotated** or **reflected** is also a solution

(b) the state **translated** by downstream shift  $d$  (fluid states are  $SO(2)_z$  equivariant in a stream-wise periodic pipe),

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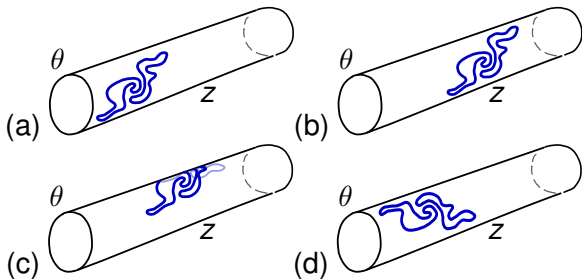


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(c) the state translated by  $d$  and **rotated** azimuthal by  $\phi$  (the two states are  $SO(2)_\theta \times SO(2)_z$  equivariant)

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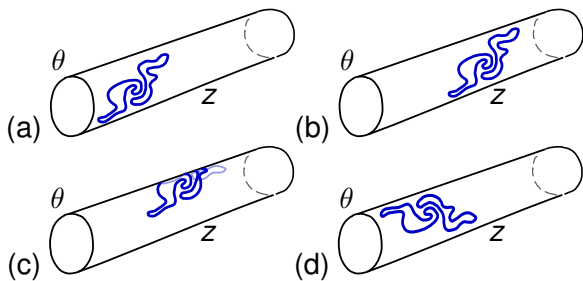


**symmetry** : a pipe flow solution

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(d) the state **reflected** and rotated azimuthally by  $\phi$  (the two states are  $O(2)_\theta$  equivariant).

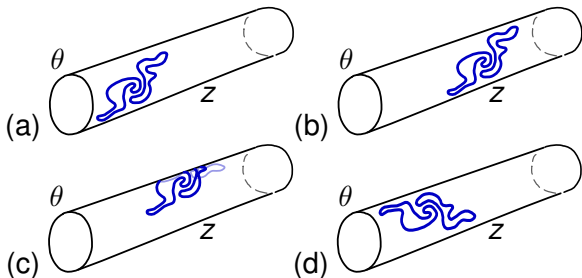
## Das Problem : dancers and drifters



states may also be symmetry-related by **time evolution**

**relative equilibrium** : solution that retains its shape while **rotating** and **traveling** downstream with constant  $c$ .

## Das Problem : dancers and drifters



states may also be symmetry-related by **time evolution**

**relative periodic orbit** :  $\mathcal{M}_p$  a *time dependent*, shape-changing state of the fluid that after a period  $T_p$  reemerges as (b), (c), or (d), the initial state **translated** by  $d_p$ , **rotated** by  $\phi_p$  and possibly also azimuthally **reflected**

## Das Problem : don't be stupid

with a continuous symmetry,  
there are families of  $\infty$ -many equivalent states

you do not want to compute the same solution over and over,  
do you?

so, you **must** reduce any continuous symmetry



**Happy families are all alike;  
every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way**

everybody, her mother,  
and Robert MacKay knows how to do this

except the author of

# masters of group theory

Predrag Cvitanović

## GROUP THEORY



Birdtracks, Lie's, and  
Exceptional Groups

# Das Problem : a 5-dimensional drifting attractor

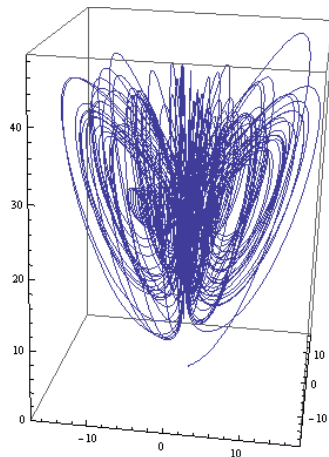
## complex Lorenz equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sigma x_1 + \sigma y_1 \\ -\sigma x_2 + \sigma y_2 \\ (\rho_1 - z)x_1 - \rho_2 x_2 - y_1 - ey_2 \\ \rho_2 x_1 + (\rho_1 - z)x_2 + ey_1 - y_2 \\ -bz + x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

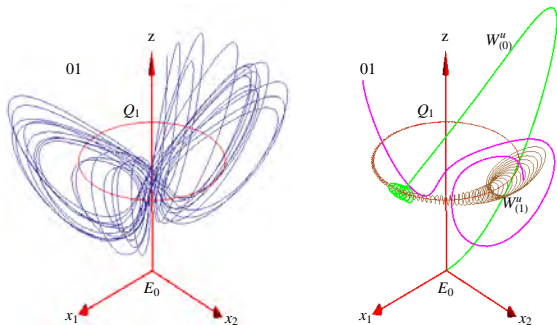
$$\rho_1 = 28, \rho_2 = 0, b = 8/3, \sigma = 10, e = 1/10$$

- A typical  $\{x_1, x_2, z\}$  trajectory
- superimposed: a trajectory whose initial point is close to the relative equilibrium  $Q_1$

## attractor



## continuous symmetry induces drifts



- generic chaotic trajectory (blue)
- $E_0$  equilibrium
- $E_0$  unstable manifold - a cone of such (green)
- $Q_1$  relative equilibrium (red)
- $Q_1$  unstable manifold, one for each point on  $Q_1$  (brown)
- relative periodic orbit  $0\bar{1}$  (purple)

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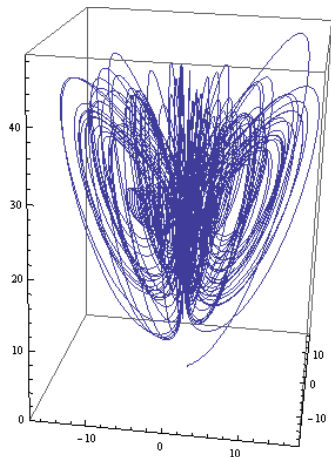
## what to do?

it's a mess

## the goal

reduce this messy strange attractor to something simple

## attractor



# die Lösung

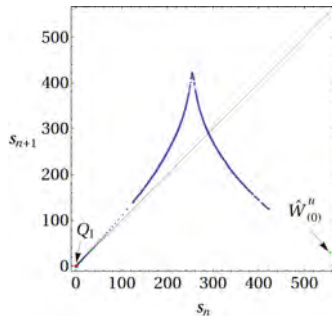
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must learn how to reduce (quotient) the  $SO(2)$  symmetry

## 1D return map!



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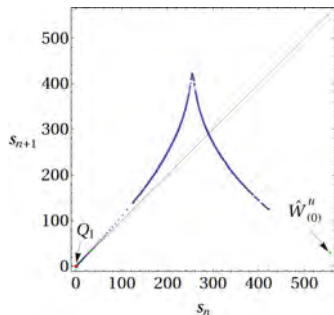
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**how?** hang on, that's what we'll explain here

## symmetries of dynamics

a flow  $\dot{x} = v(x)$  is  $G$ -equivariant if

$$v(x) = g^{-1} v(gx), \quad \text{for all } g \in G.$$

**definition: Lie group**

a topological group  $G$  such that

- (1)  $G$  has the structure of a smooth differential manifold
- (2) composition map  $G \times G \rightarrow G : (g, h) \rightarrow gh^{-1}$  is smooth

mystified?

just think “aha, like the rotation group  $SO(3)$ ...”



## example: SO(2) invariance

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invariant under a SO(2) rotation by finite angle  $\phi$ :

$$g(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## example: abelian group $SO(2)$

$SO(2)$  : rotations in a plane

reflection  $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$  excluded ( $\det g = -1$ )

if the group  $G$  actions consists of two such rotations which commute, the group  $G$  is an Abelian group that sweeps out a  $T^2$  torus

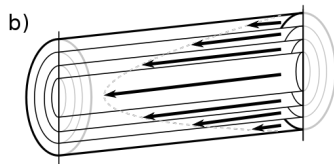
## example: continuous symmetries of pipe flow

### pipe flow

- periodic streamwise, spanwise
- eqs. under azimuthal flip invariant

**a)**  $SO(2)_z \times O(2)_\theta$  symmetry

**b)** laminar sol. is invariant



## group orbits

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

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

states in  $\mathcal{M}_x$  are physically equivalent

## example: group orbit of a pipe flow relative equilibrium

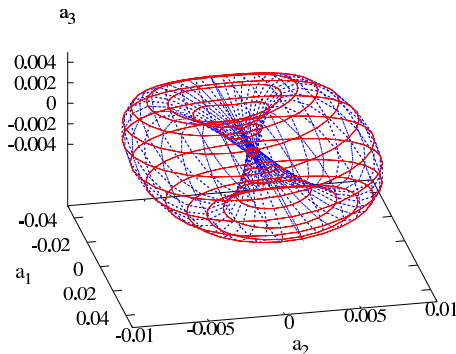
$\hat{x}' = \text{Kerswell et al } N2\_M1 \text{ solution, } (Re = 2400, \text{ stubby } L = 2.5D \text{ pipe})$

a very smooth, almost laminar solution

**$SO(2) \times SO(2)$  symmetry**  
 **$\Rightarrow$  group orbit is 2-torus**

projected on

- 2  $\hat{x}'$  group tangents
- 3. axis along the curvature direction



$2d$  group orbit (in 100,000 dimension **state space**) traced out by

- equal increment translations in  $\theta$  (dashed blue)
- equal increments in  $z$  (solid red)

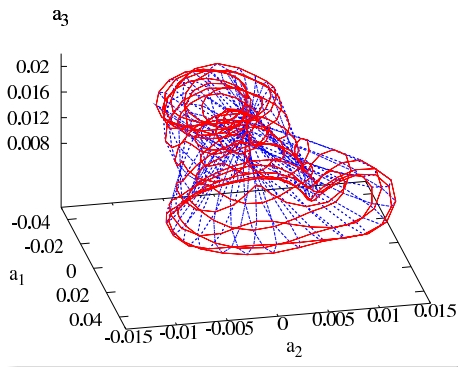
## example: group orbit of a pipe flow turbulent state

$\hat{x}'$  is Kerswell *et al*  $N2\_M1$  relative equilibrium

( $Re = 2400$ , stubby  $L = 2.5D$  pipe)

a turbulent state

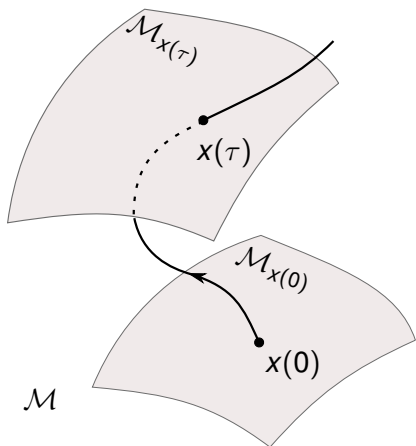
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group orbits of nonlinear states are highly contorted

## foliation by group orbits

### group orbits

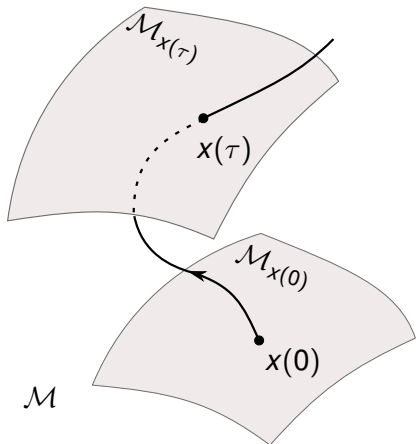


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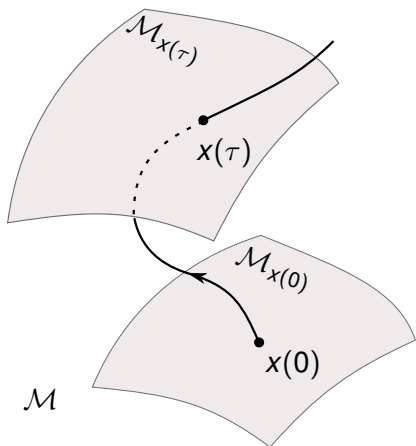


any point on the manifold  
 $\mathcal{M}_{x(t)}$  is equivalent to any other



## foliation by group orbits

### group orbits



action of a symmetry group  
foliates the state space into a  
union of group orbits

each group orbit an  
equivalence class

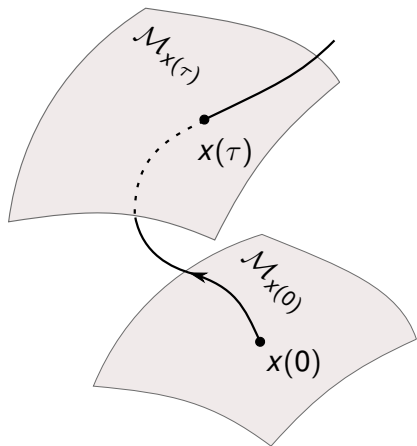
## the goal

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

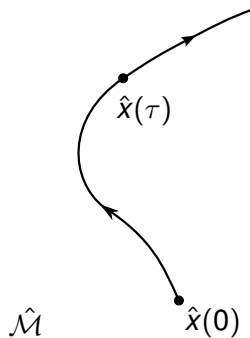
symmetry reduced state space  $\mathcal{M}/G$

# symmetry reduction

full state space

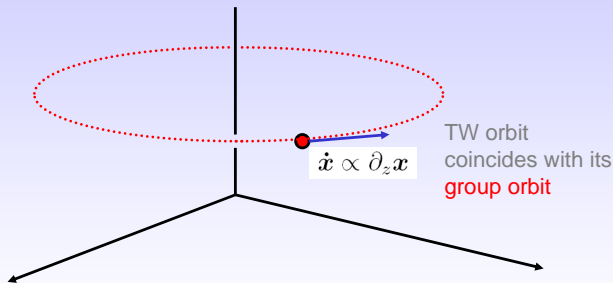


reduced state space



## pedestrian attempt : relative equilibrium or 'traveling wave'

Axial shifts of TW state

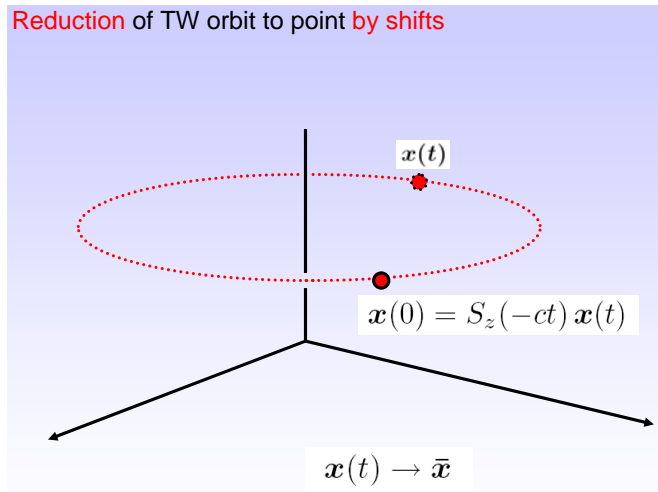


dynamical orbit confined to the group orbit

$$g(\tau) x(0) = x(\tau) \in \mathcal{M}_{TW}$$

## pedestrian\* attempt : moving frame

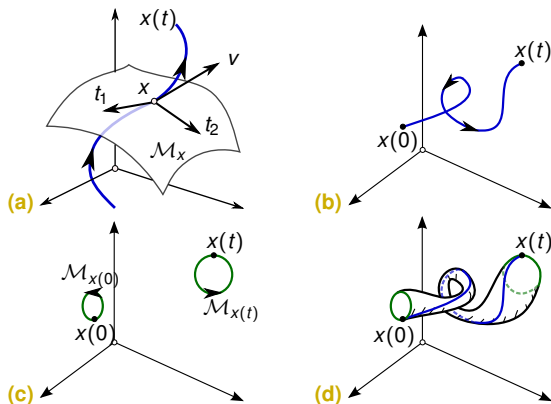
Reduction of TW orbit to point by shifts



relative equilibrium is made stationary by a counter-rotating 'frame'

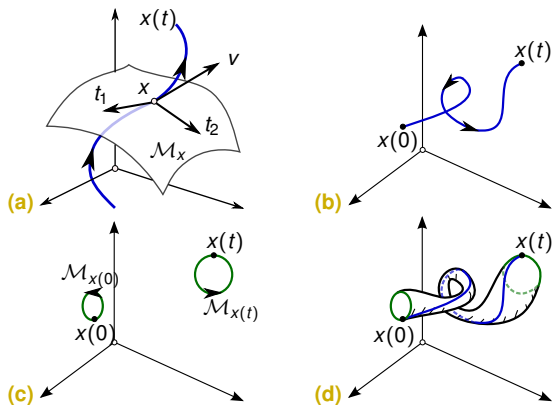
\* 'pedestrian' = polite word for 'applied mathematician'

## symmetries of dynamics



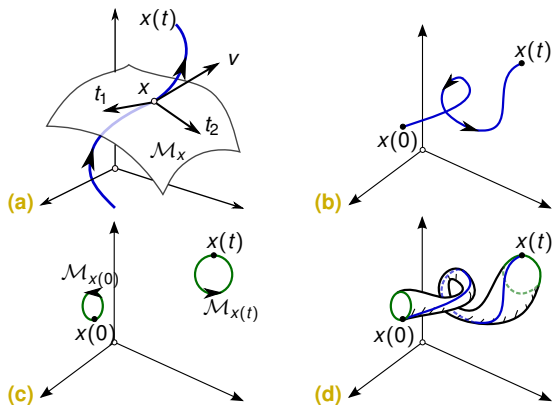
(a)  $N$ -continuous parameters symmetry : each state space point  $x$  owns  $(N+1)$  tangent vectors:  $v(x)$  along the **time** flow  $x(t)$  and the  $N$  group tangents  $t_1(x), t_2(x), \dots, t_N(x)$  along **space**, tangent to the  $N$ -dimensional group orbit  $\mathcal{M}_x$

## symmetries of dynamics



(b) each point has a trajectory (blue) under time evolution

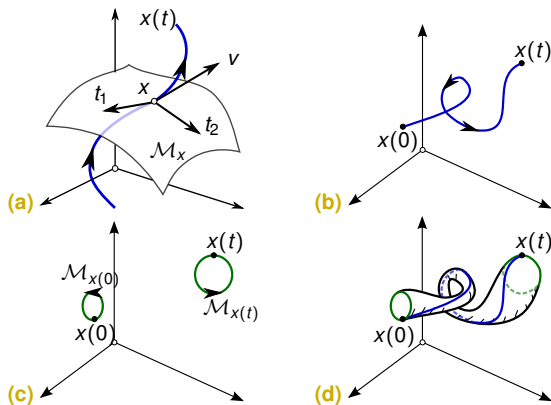
## symmetries of dynamics



(c) each point has a group orbit (green) of symmetry-related states. For  $SO(2)$ , this is topologically a circle. Any two points on a group orbit are physically equivalent, but may lie far from each other in state space



## symmetries of dynamics



(d) together, time-evolution and group actions trace out a wurst of physically equivalent solutions

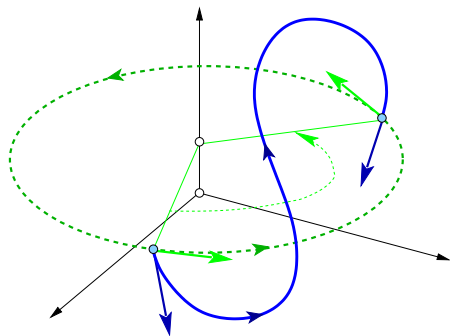
## relative periodic orbit

A relative periodic orbit  $p$  is an orbit in state space  $\mathcal{M}$  which exactly recurs

$$x_p(t) = g_p x_p(t + T_p), \quad x_p(t) \in \mathcal{M}_p$$

for a fixed **relative period**  $T_p$  and a fixed **group action**  $g_p \in G$  that “rotates” the endpoint  $x_p(T_p)$  back into the initial point  $x_p(0)$

## relative periodic orbit : state space visualization



(green dashes) group orbit  
(blue) relative periodic orbit  
(arrows) velocity, group tangents

each cycle point

$$x_p(0) = g_p x_p(T_p)$$

exactly recurs at a fixed

**relative period**

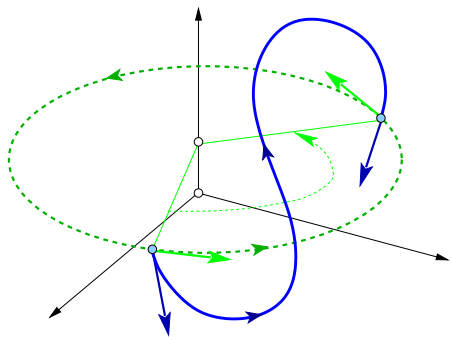
$T_p$

but shifted by a fixed

**group action**

$g_p$

## relative periodic orbit : state space visualization



group action parameters  
 $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_N)$  are  
irrational:

trajectory sweeps out  
ergodically the group orbit  
without ever closing into a  
periodic orbit

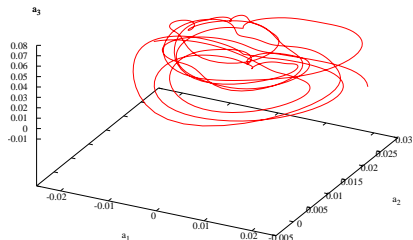
## example : pipe flow relative periodic orbit $\overline{r\rho\bar{0}}_{36.72}$

symmetry reduction: full state space trajectory  $x(t)$



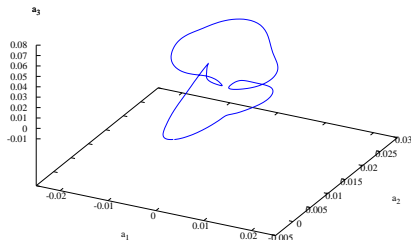
reduced state space trajectory  $\hat{x}(t)$ , continuous group induced drifts quotiented out

### full state space



traced for two periods:  
fills quasi-periodically a highly contorted  
2-torus

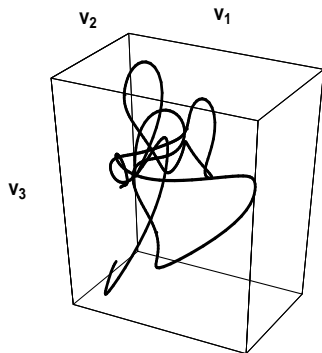
### reduced state space



closes a periodic orbit in one period

## relativity for pedestrians

try a co-moving coordinate frame?



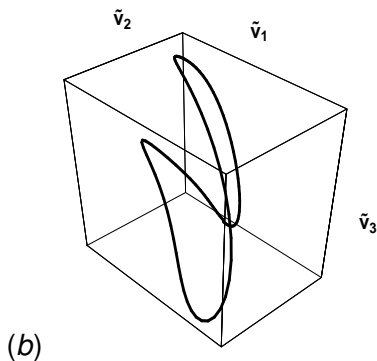
(a)

a relative periodic orbit of the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky flow,  $128d$  state space traced for four periods  $T_p$ , projected on

a stationary state space coordinate frame  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ; a mess

## relativity for pedestrians

try a co-moving coordinate frame?

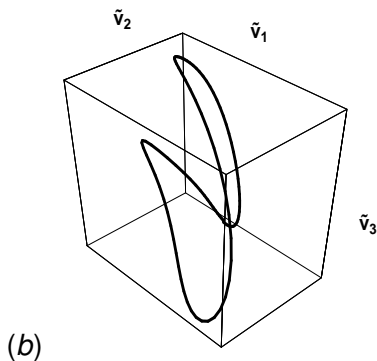


a relative periodic orbit of the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky flow  
projected on

a co-moving  $\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2, \tilde{v}_3\}$  frame

## relativity for pedestrians

no good global co-moving frame!



beautiful, but this is **no** symmetry reduction at all;

**all other** relative periodic orbits require their **own** frames, moving at different velocities!



## relativity for cyclists

### method of moving frames / slices

cut group orbits by a hypersurface (spatial analogue of time Poincaré section), so

each group orbit of symmetry-equivalent points represented by the single point

cut how?

## inspiration: pattern recognition

you are observing turbulence in a pipe flow, or your defibrillator has a mesh of sensors measuring electrical currents that cross your heart, and

you have a precomputed pattern, and are sifting through the data set of observed patterns for something like it

here you see a pattern, and there you see a pattern that seems much like the first one

how 'much like the first one?'

take the first pattern

**'template' or 'reference state'**

a point  $\hat{x}'$  in the state space  $\mathcal{M}$

and use the symmetries of the flow to

**slide and rotate the 'template'**

act with elements of the symmetry group  $G$  on  $\hat{x}' \rightarrow g(\phi) \hat{x}'$

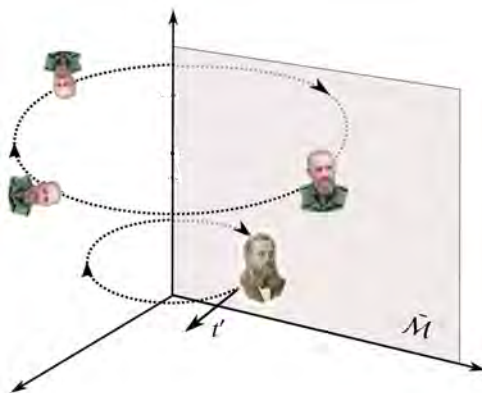
until it overlies the second pattern (a point  $x$  in the state space)

**distance between the two patterns**

$$|x - g(\phi) \hat{x}'| = |\hat{x} - \hat{x}'|$$

is minimized

## idea: the closest match



template: Sophus Lie

(1) rotate bearded guy  $x$   
traces out the group orbit  
 $\mathcal{M}_x$

(2) replace the group  
orbit by the closest  
match  $\hat{x}$  to the template  
pattern  $\hat{x}'$

the closest matches  $\hat{x}$  lie  
in the  $(d-N)$  symmetry  
reduced state space  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$

## distance

assume that  $G$  is a subgroup of the group of orthogonal transformations  $O(d)$ , and measure distance  $|x|^2 = \langle x|x \rangle$  in terms of the Euclidean inner product

numerical fluids: PDE discretization independent L2 distance is

### energy norm

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} | \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_{\Omega} d\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$$

experimental fluid:

### image discretization independent distance

is Hamming distance, or ???

## minimal distance

is a solution to the extremum conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_a} |x - g(\phi) \hat{x}'|^2$$

but what is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_a} g(\phi) ?$$

## Lie algebras for pedestrians

an element of a compact Lie group:

$$g(\phi) \propto e^{\phi \cdot \mathbf{T}}, \quad \phi \cdot \mathbf{T} = \sum \phi_a \mathbf{T}_a, \quad a = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$\phi \cdot \mathbf{T}$ : Lie algebra element

$\phi_a$ : parameters of the transformation.

### infinitesimal transformations

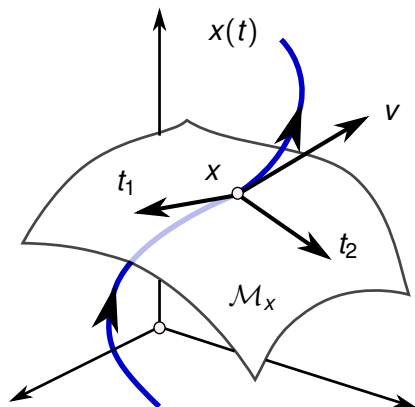
$$g = e^{\delta\phi \cdot \mathbf{T}} \simeq 1 + \phi \cdot \mathbf{T}, \quad |\delta\phi| \ll 1$$

### Lie algebra

- $T_a$  are **generators** of infinitesimal transformations
- here  $T_a$  are  $[d \times d]$  antisymmetric matrices
- $T_a$  are elements of the Lie algebra of  $G$

## symmetries of dynamics

each state space point  $x$  has

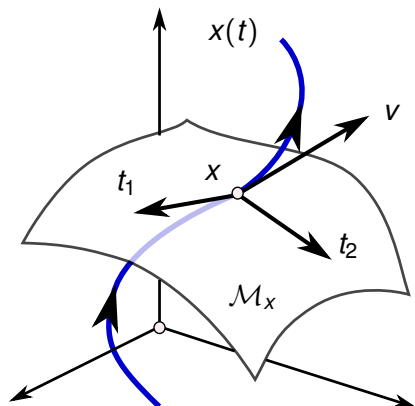


time tangent vector  $v(x)$  along the **time** flow  $x(t)$



## symmetries of dynamics

each state space point  $x$  has



group tangent vectors  $t_1(x), t_2(x), \dots, t_N(x)$  along the  $N$ -dimensional **space** group orbit  $\mathcal{M}_x$

## example: SO(2) invariance of complex Lorenz equations

complex Lorenz equations are invariant under SO(2) rotation by finite angle  $\phi$ :

$$g(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

SO(2) Lie algebra has one generator of infinitesimal rotations

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## now have the 'slice condition'

### group tangent fields

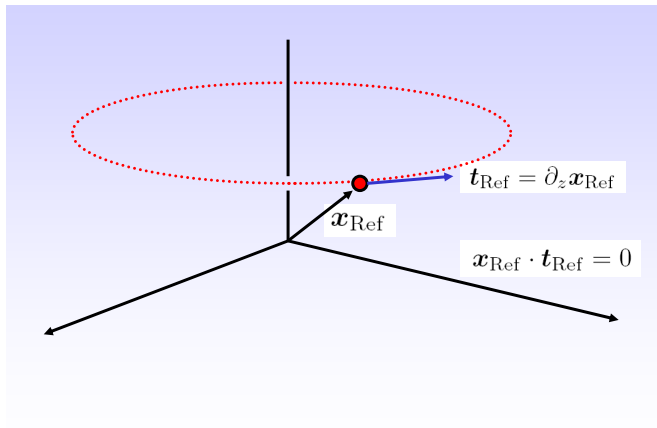
flow field at the state space point  $x$  induced by the action of the group is given by the set of  $N$  *tangent fields*

$$t_a(x)_i = (\mathbf{T}_a)_{ij} X_j$$

### slice condition

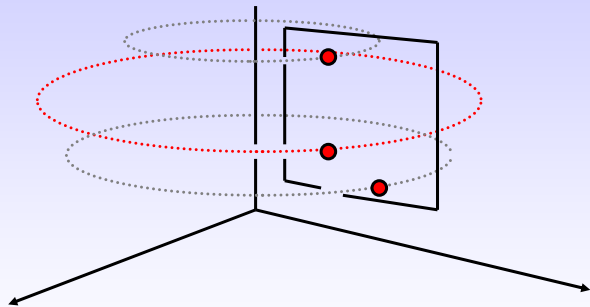
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_a} |x - g(\phi) \hat{x}'|^2 = 2 \langle \hat{x} - \hat{x}' | t'_a \rangle = 0, \quad t'_a = \mathbf{T}_a \hat{x}'$$

## traveling wave



## traveling wave

Reduce all TWs into a single slice



$$\mathbf{x}_i(0) = S_z(-c_i t) \mathbf{x}_i(t)$$

How? - several speeds  $c$ , possibly unknown

## flow within the slice

slice fixed by  $\hat{x}'$

reduced state space  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$  flow  $\hat{v}(\hat{x})$

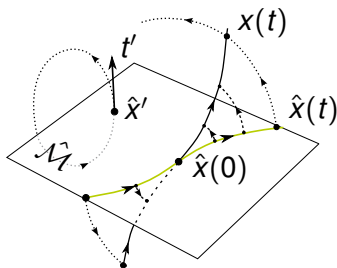
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{v}(\hat{x}) &= v(\hat{x}) - \dot{\phi}(\hat{x}) \cdot t(\hat{x}), & \hat{x} \in \hat{\mathcal{M}} \\ \dot{\phi}_a(\hat{x}) &= (v(\hat{x})^T t'_a) / (t(\hat{x})^T \cdot t').\end{aligned}$$

- $v$  : velocity, full space
- $\hat{v}$  : velocity component in slice
- $\dot{\phi} \cdot t$  : velocity component normal to slice
- $\dot{\phi}$  : reconstruction equation for the group phases

## Cartan derivative

$$g^{-1} \dot{g} x = e^{-\phi \cdot \mathbf{T}} \frac{d}{d\tau} e^{\phi \cdot \mathbf{T}} x = \dot{\phi} \cdot t(x)$$

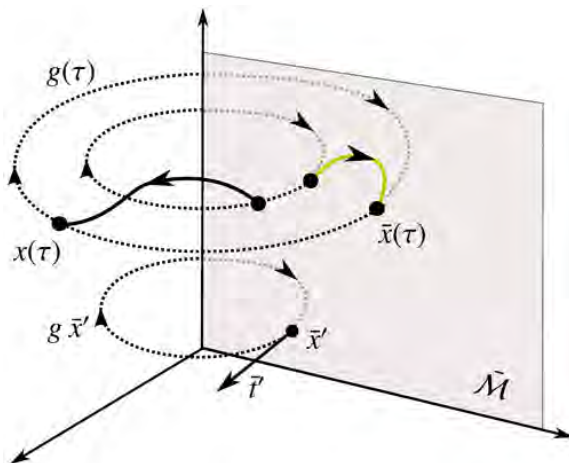
## flow within the slice



slice hyperplane  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$  through the template point  $\hat{x}'$ , normal to its group tangent  $t'$ , intersects all group orbits (dotted lines) in a neighborhood of  $\hat{x}'$

state space trajectory point  $x(t)$  (solid black line) and the **reduced state space** trajectory  $\hat{x}(t)$  (solid green line) belong to the same group orbit  $\mathcal{M}_{x(t)}$ , and are equivalent up to a moving frame group rotation  $g(t)$

## flow within the slice



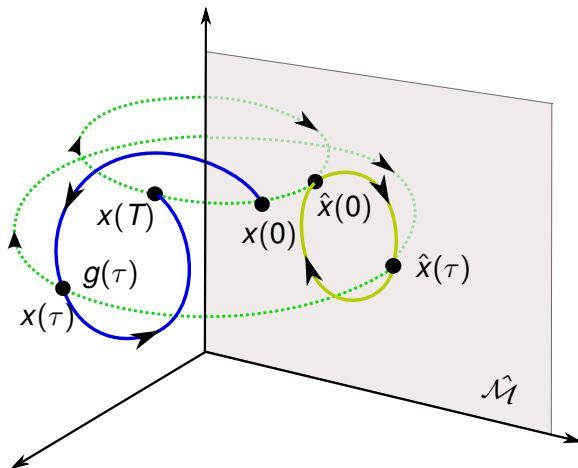
full-space trajectory  $x(\tau)$

rotated into the reduced state space  $\hat{x}(\tau) = g(\phi)^{-1}x(\tau)$

by appropriate *moving frame* angles  $\{\phi(\tau)\}$

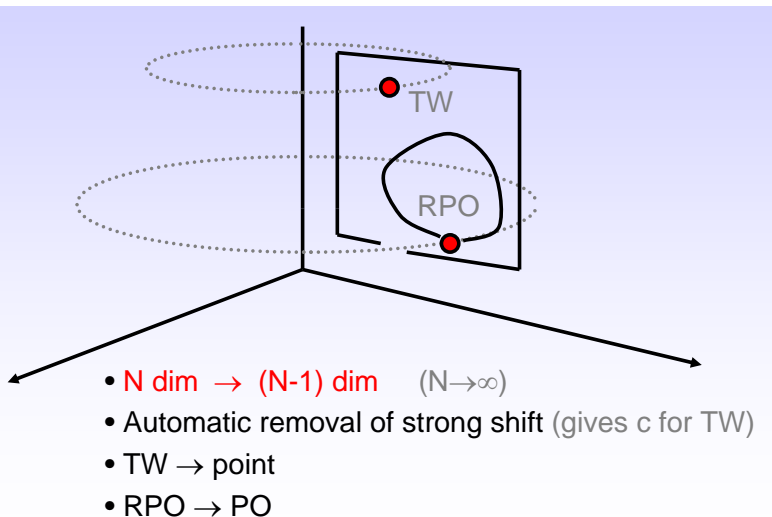


## relative periodic orbit $\rightarrow$ periodic orbit

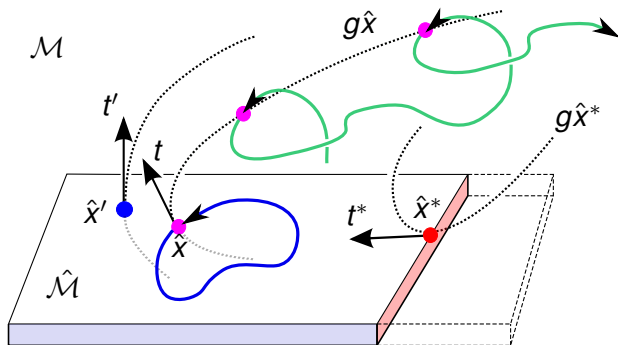


full state space relative periodic orbit  $x(\tau)$   
is rotated into the reduced state space periodic orbit

## relative equilibria and relative periodic orbits together

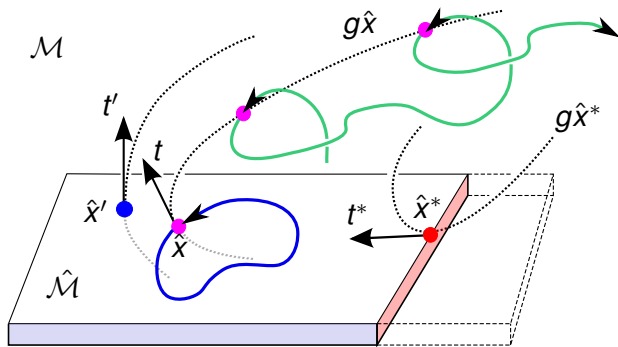


## symmetry reduction by the method of slices



blue point : the template  $\hat{x}'$

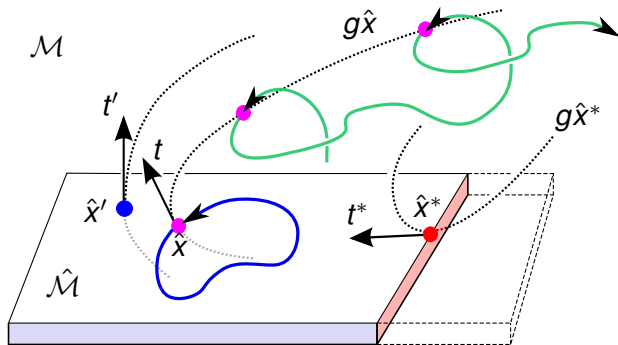
## symmetry reduction by the method of slices



pink points : equivalent to  $\hat{x}$  up to a shift, so

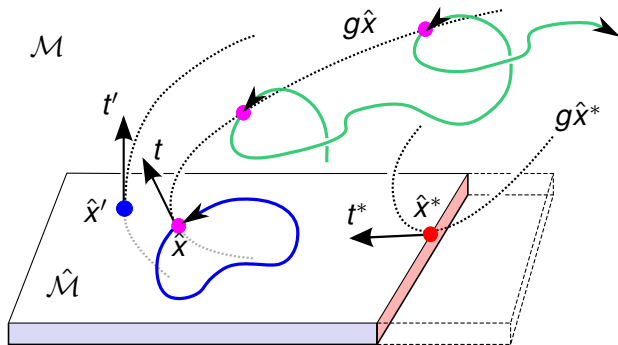
a relative periodic orbit (green) in the  $d$ -dimensional full state space  $\mathcal{M}$  closes into a periodic orbit (blue) in the slice  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$

## symmetry reduction by the method of slices



slice  $\hat{\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{M}/G$ : a  $(d-1)$ -dimensional slab  
transverse to the template group tangent  $t'$

## symmetry reduction by the method of slices



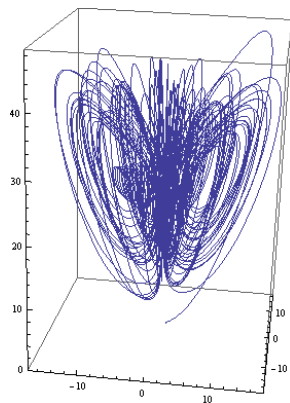
typical group orbit (dotted) crosses the slice hyperplane **transversally**, with group tangent  $t = t(\hat{x})$

## symmetry reduction achieved!

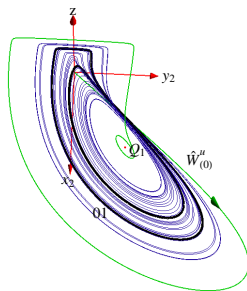
- all points equivalent by symmetries are represented by
  - a single point
- families of solutions are mapped to a single solution
  - relative equilibria become equilibria
  - relative periodic orbits become periodic orbits

# die Lösung : complex Lorenz flow reduced

full state space



reduced state space

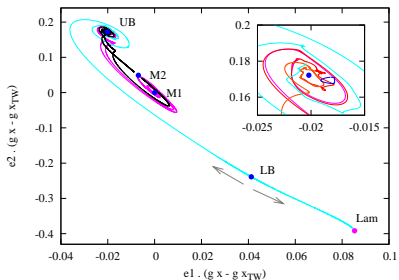


ergodic trajectory was a mess, now the topology is revealed  
relative periodic orbit  $\overline{01}$  now a periodic orbit

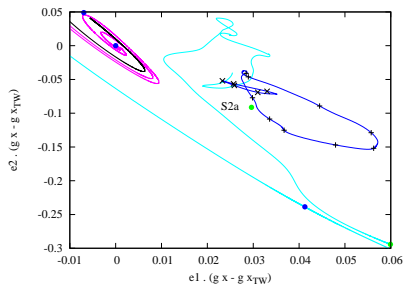


## triumph : all pipe flow solution in one happy family

a typical turbulent state  $\hat{x}'$  breaks all symmetries  
plot relative equilibria and unstable manifolds



all in the same projection  
inset: an expanded view  
blue loop:  $T = 4.93$   
relative periodic orbit

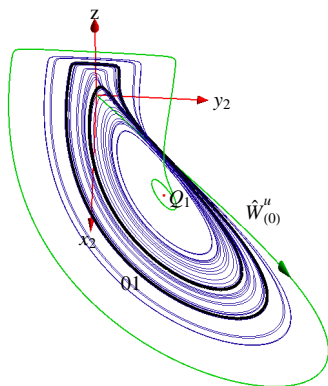


$T = 10.96$  and  $T = 36.92$   
relative periodic orbits  
embedded in turbulence

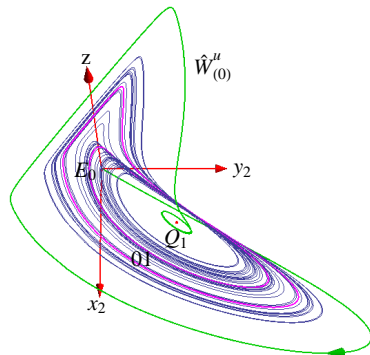
first 'turbulent' relative periodic orbits for pipe flows!

## slice trouble 1

### portrait of complex Lorenz flow in reduced state space



(a)



(b)

any choices of the slice  $\hat{x}'$  exhibit flow discontinuities

## take-home message

rotation into a slice **is not** an average  
over 3D pipe azimuthal angle

it is the full snapshot of the flow embedded in the

**$\infty$ -dimensional state space**

**NO information** is lost by symmetry reduction

- not modeling by a few degrees of freedom
- no dimensional reduction

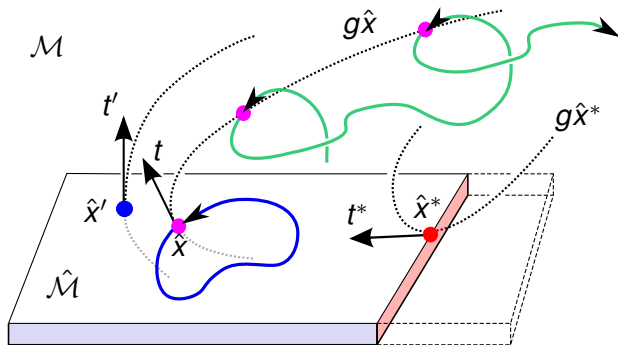
## slice trouble 1

### glitches!

group tangent of a generic trajectory orthogonal to the slice tangent at a sequence of instants  $\tau_k$

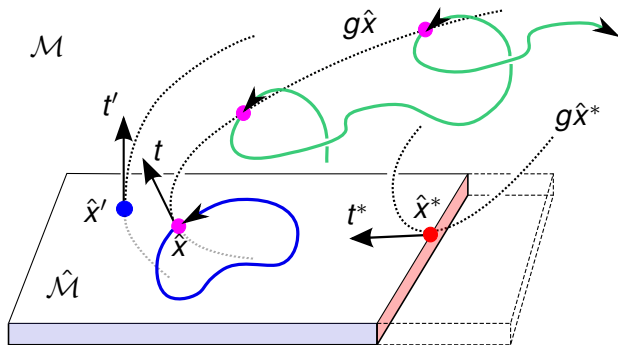
$$t(\tau_k)^T \cdot t' = 0$$

## slice trouble 1



slice hyperplane is almost never a global slice; it is valid up to **slice border**, a  $(d-2)$ -dimensional hypersurface (red) of points  $\hat{x}^*$  whose group orbits graze the slice, i.e. points whose tangents  $t^* = t(\hat{x}^*)$  lie in  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$

## slice trouble 1



group orbits beyond the slice border miss the slice hyperplane :  
the “missing chunk” is here indicated by the dashed lines.

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

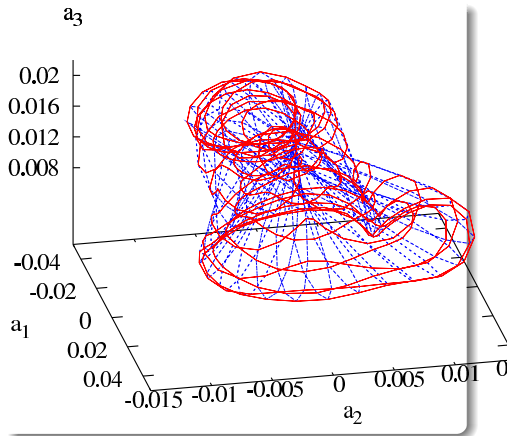
$\hat{x}'$  is Kerswell *et al*  $N2\_M1$  relative equilibrium  
(  $Re = 2400$ , stubby  $L = 2.5D$  pipe)

**$SO(2) \times SO(2)$  symmetry**  
 $\Rightarrow$  **group orbit is 2-torus**

a turbulent state

**distance extremum condition**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_a} |x - g(\phi) \hat{x}'|^2 = 0$$



group orbits of highly nonlinear states are highly contorted:  
many extrema, multiple sections by a slice

## How good is your slice?

hyperplane of points  $x^*$  defined by being normal to the quadratic Casimir-weighted vector  $\mathbf{T}^2 \hat{x}'$ , such that from the template vantage point their group orbits are not transverse, but locally 'horizontal,'

$$\langle t(x^*) | t' \rangle = -\langle x^* | \mathbf{T}^2 \hat{x}' \rangle = 0$$

(for simplicity, specialize to the SO(2) case)



## inflection hyperplane

$S$  : set of all points  $\hat{x}^*$  which are both

(a) in the slice

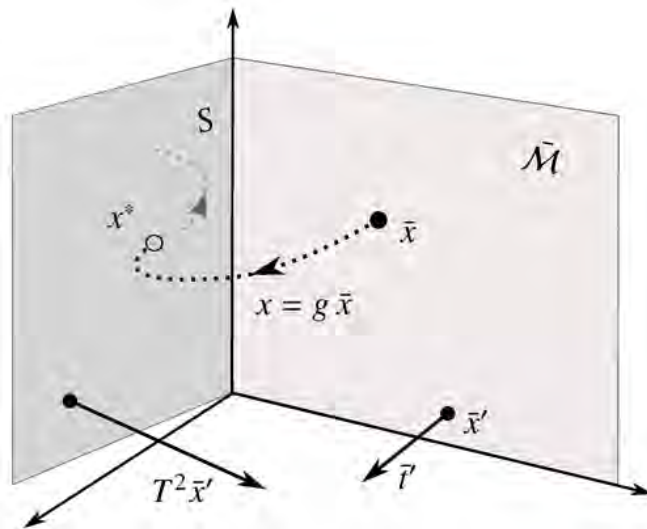
(b) whose group tangent  $t(\hat{x}^*)$  is also in the slice

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{x}^* | t' \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle t(\hat{x}^*) | t' \rangle &= -\langle \hat{x}^* | \mathbf{T}^2 \hat{x}' \rangle = 0\end{aligned}$$

$S$  is the locus of inflection points, a hyperplane through which

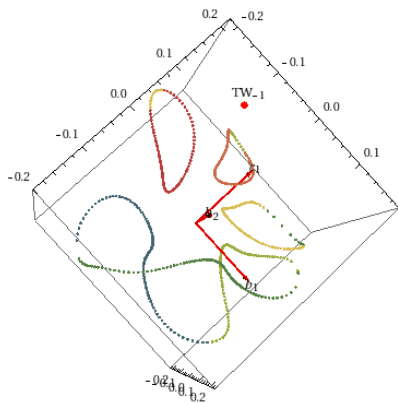
- curvature of the distance function changes sign
- local minimum turns into a local maximum

slice is good up to inflection hyperplane



## slice trouble 2

slice may cut a relative periodic orbit multiple times



here a single relative periodic orbit is intersected by a slice in 3 separate sections of the relative periodic orbit torus, and 3 sections that appear to connect to a closed loop

# die Lösung für alle Ihre Probleme : be a cartographer

construct a **global atlas** by deploying a set of linear Poincaré sections and slices,

each a **local chart** in the neighborhood of an important equilibrium and/or periodic orbit

## summary

### conclusion

- symmetry reduction by method of slices:  
efficient, allows exploration of high-dimensional flows  
hitherto unthinkable
- stretching and folding of unstable manifolds in reduced  
state space organizes the flow

### to be done

- construct Poincaré sections and return maps
- find all (relative) periodic orbits up to a given period
- use the information quantitatively (periodic orbit theory)

## take-home message

if you have a symmetry

use it!

without symmetry reduction,  
no understanding of pipe, Couette, ..., flows is possible

amazing theory! amazing numerics! and still... frustration...



*"Ask your doctor if taking a pill to solve all your problems is right for you."*