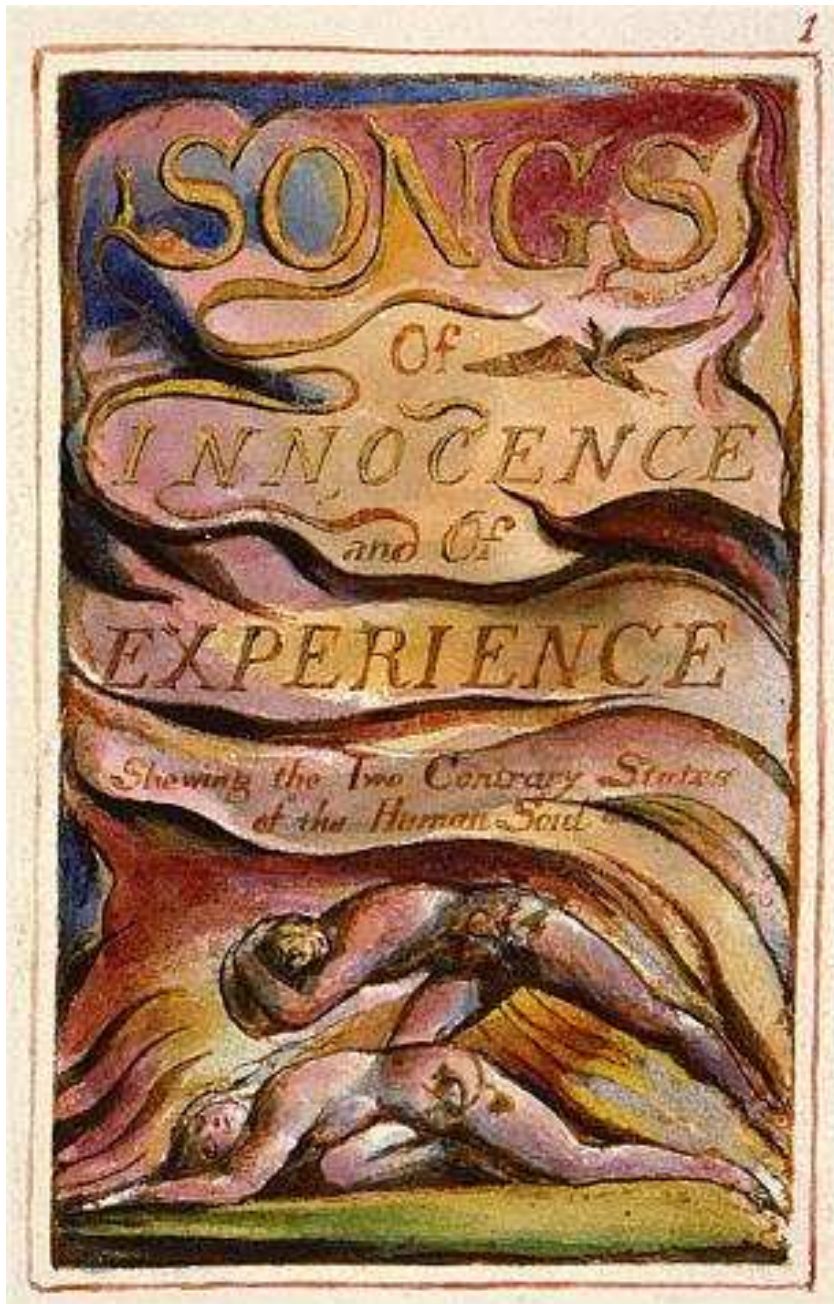


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Turbulence?

a stroll through 61,506
dimensions

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Turbulence: A walk through a repertoire of unstable recurrent patterns?

As a turbulent flow evolves, every so often we catch a glimpse of a familiar pattern:



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other swirls

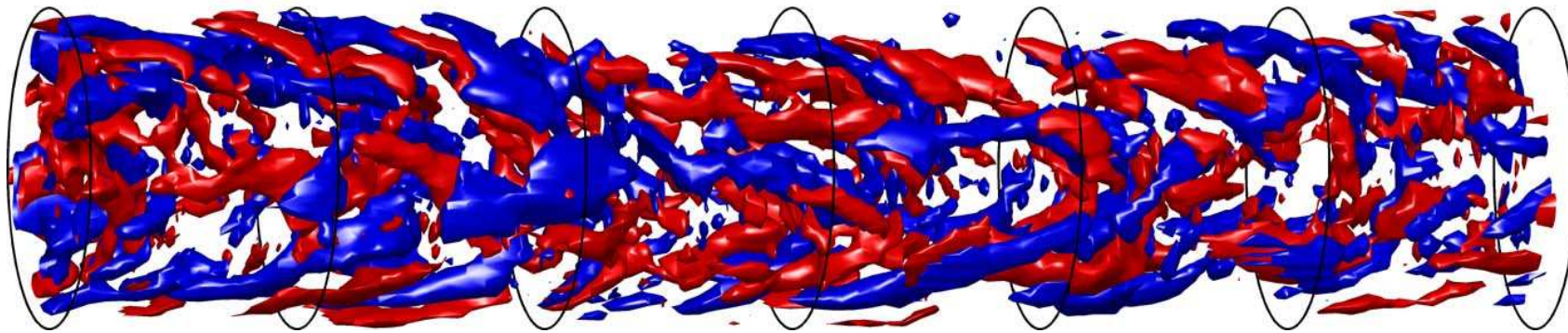
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For any finite spatial resolution, the system follows approximately for a finite time a pattern belonging to a **finite alphabet** of admissible patterns. The long term dynamics = a **walk through the space of such unstable patterns**.

New experiments: Unstable Coherent Structures

Stereoscopic Particle Image Velocimetry → 3-d velocity field over the entire pipe¹

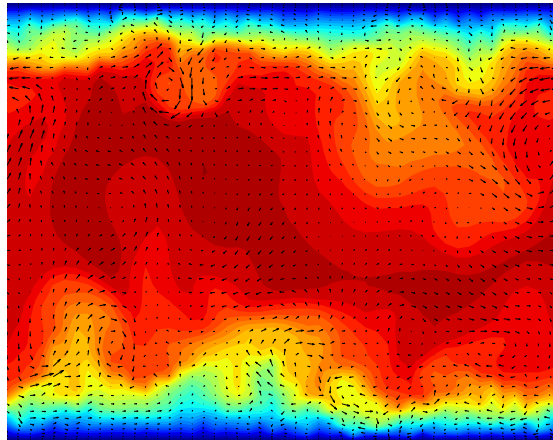


Observed structures resemble numerically computed traveling waves

What lies beyond?

¹Casimir W.H. van Doorne (PhD thesis, Delft 2004); Hof et al., Science (Sep 10, 2004)

Wall-bounded turbulence in channel flow



Pressure driven turbulent channel flow, $Re = 3700$. Walls top/bottom, periodic BCs front/back and sides. Red/blue is fast/slow into screen.²

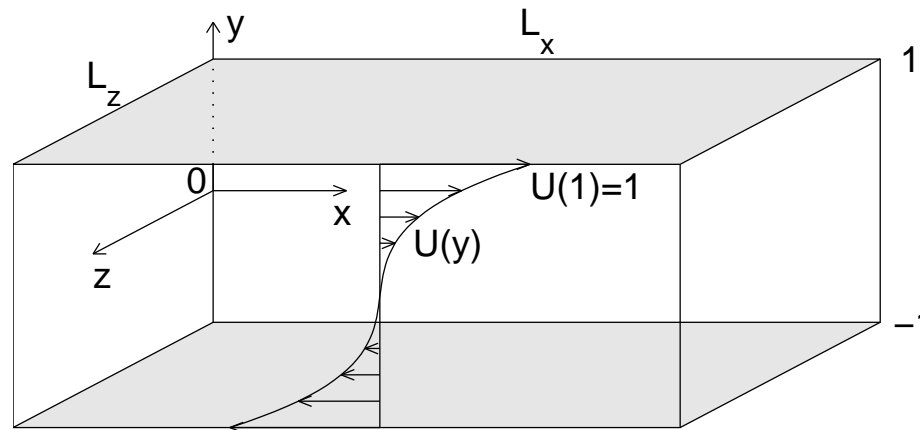
- * Near-wall rolls generate turbulence.
- * Mix high and low speed fluids near wall, generating drag.

²J.F. Gibson: www.channelflow.org

Plane Couette flow

Navier-Stokes for fluid velocity $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and pressure $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$



periodic, wall-bounded domain $\Omega = [0, L_x] \times [-1, 1] \times [0, L_z]$ with BCs

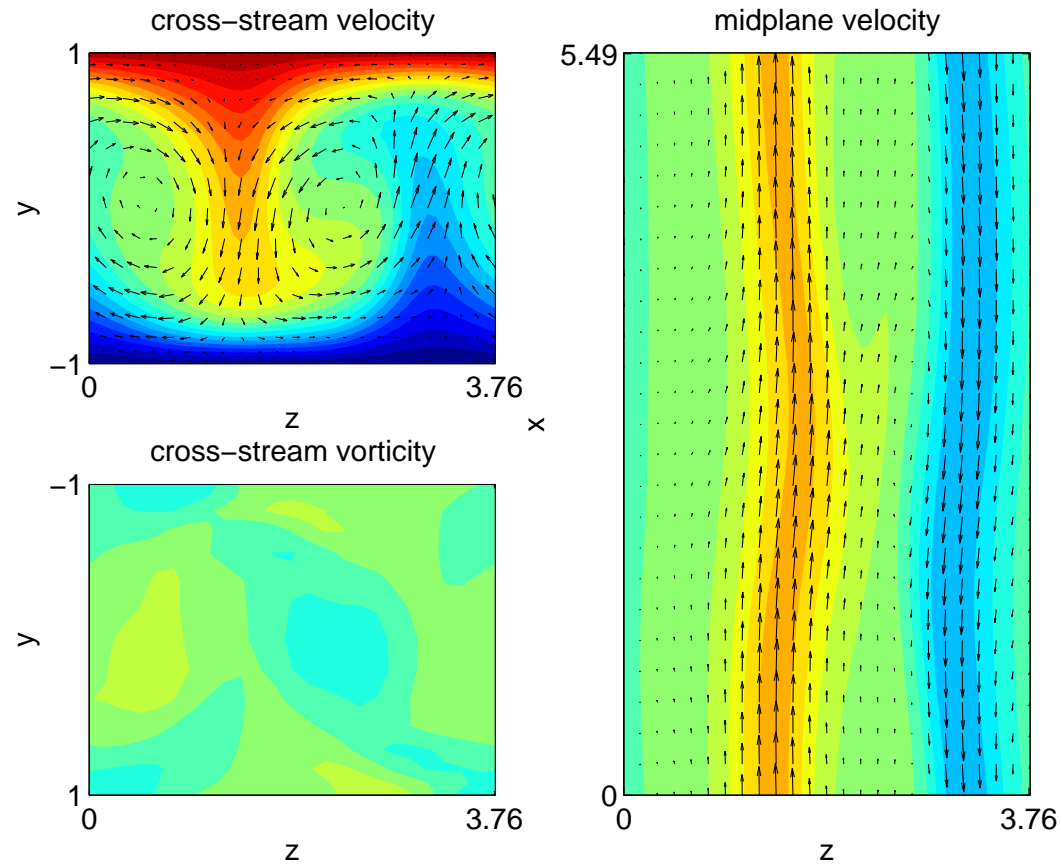
$$\mathbf{u}(x, \pm 1, z, t) = \pm 1$$

$$\mathbf{u}(x + L_x, y, z) = \mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t), \quad \mathbf{u}(x, y, z + L_z) = \mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t).$$

Turbulent plane Couette Flow

simplest possible
turbulent flow:

$Re = 400$



3,4

³Numerical study: Hamilton, Kim, Waleffe, JFM 287 (1995)

⁴Self-sustaining process: Waleffe, Phys. Fluids 9 (1997)

THE POINT OF THIS TALK



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UNLEARN:
3-d VISUALIZATION

instant in turbulent evolution:
a 3-d video frame,
each pixel a 3-d velocity field

THINK:
 ∞ -d PHASE SPACE

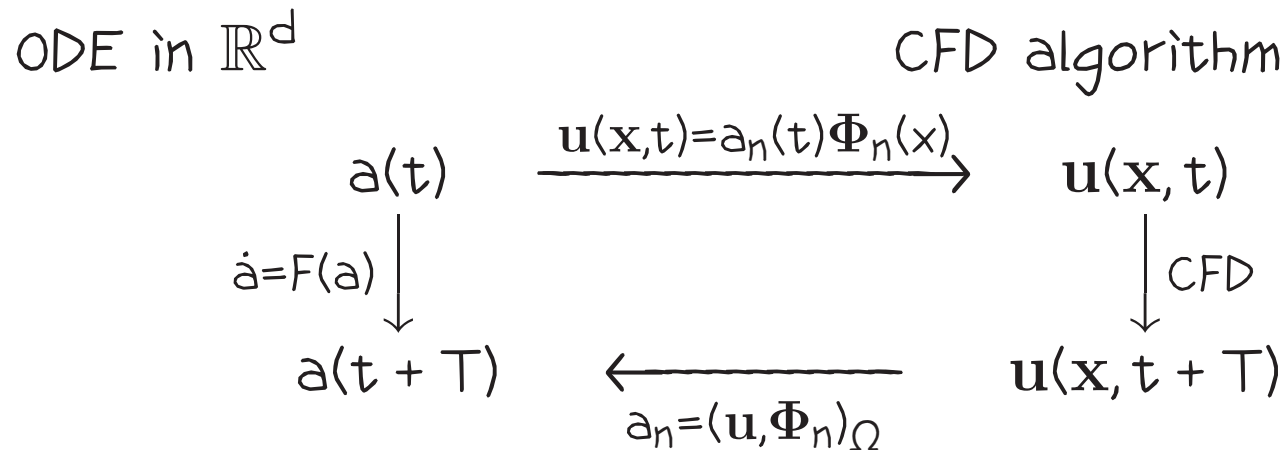
instant in turbulent evolution:
a *unique* point
theory of turbulence =
geometry of the state space

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THINK IN STATE SPACE!

Q: How do you treat Navier-Stokes as a dynamical system?

A: dual ODE/CDF representations



State space portraits = projections on well-chosen states \hat{u}_n :

$$\hat{a}_n(t) = (u(t), \hat{u}_n)_\Omega \quad (\text{integral over the box})$$

ODE vs. CFD reps. of Navier-Stokes

ODE formulation

- Closed-form, unconstrained, real-valued dynamical system
- Orthonormal Φ_n : $\|a\|^2 = \|u\|_{\Omega}^2$
- **Impossible** to integrate: F quadratic in \mathbb{R}^d , $d \approx 10^5$

CFD algorithm

- Efficient time integration of Navier-Stokes
- Constraints: pressure, BCs, complex symmetries
- **No 1-order ODE formulation**, no clear set of independent variables

ODE: Orthonormal, divergence-free basis

inner product:

$$(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})_{\Omega} = \frac{1}{V} \int_0^{\mathcal{L}_x} \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{\mathcal{L}_z} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{g} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

construct basis $\{\Phi_n(x) \mid n = 1, \dots, \infty\}$ with properties

real, vector-valued: $\Phi_n = \Phi_n^u \mathbf{e}_x + \Phi_n^v \mathbf{e}_y + \Phi_n^w \mathbf{e}_z$

orthonormal: $(\Phi_n, \Phi_m)_{\Omega} = \delta_{mn}$

divergence-free: $\nabla \cdot \Phi_n = 0$

Dirichlet at walls: $\Phi_n(x, \pm 1, z) = 0$

periodic in x, z : $\Phi_n(x, y, z) = \Phi_n(x + \mathcal{L}_x, y, z) = \Phi_n(x, y, z + \mathcal{L}_z)$

ODE: Galerkin projection of Navier-Stokes

expand \mathbf{u} (deviation of velocity from laminar)

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = a_n(t) \Phi_n(\mathbf{x}), \quad n, = 1, \dots, d$$

Galerkin projection of NS onto Φ_m produces ODE in \mathbb{R}^d

$$\dot{a}_m = F(a)_m = L_{mn} a_n + N_{mnp} a_n a_p, \quad m, n, p = 1, \dots, d.$$

where

- $L_{mn} = (\nu \nabla^2 \Phi_n - \partial \Phi_n / \partial x, -\Phi_n^v \cdot \mathbf{e}_x, \Phi_m)_\Omega$ and $N_{mnp} = -(\Phi_n \cdot \nabla \Phi_p, \Phi_m)_\Omega$
- Indices range from 1 to $d \approx 10^5$ (2×32^3 to 2×48^3)
- ODE system **too big to integrate**

CFD/ODE: State space portraits

Visualize state space by projecting ODE $\mathbf{a}(t)$ or CFD $\mathbf{u}(t)$ onto a few well-chosen $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ representative velocity fields

(e.g., a few equilibria and their unstable eigenvectors).

Construct $\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_3\}$ by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization and inner product

$$(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2)_\Omega = \frac{1}{V} \int_0^{L_x} \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{L_z} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

State space portraits = projections

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}}_n(t) = (\mathbf{u}(t), \hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)_\Omega$$

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The devil is in the details

Turbulent flows **cannot** be modeled by a few modes

Attractor is "**low dimensional**," but has to be tracked in the full 10^3 to 10^5 dimensions

www.channelflow.org CFD software

John F. Gibson:

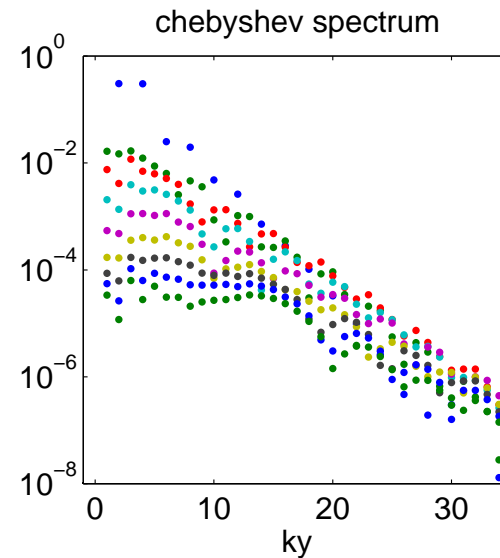
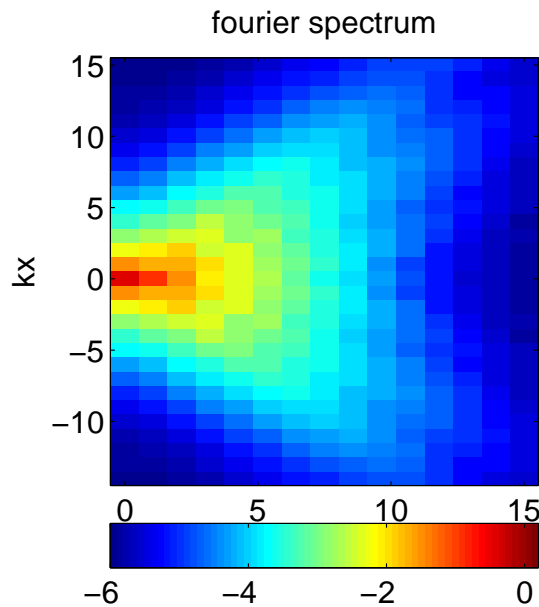
- High-level representation of CFD objects: fields, DNS algorithms, differential operators, etc
- Compact, readable programs
- C++ library of spectral CFD building blocks
- Automated test suite, verification against known solutions

CFD: Geometry and spectral convergence

Re L_x L_y L_z

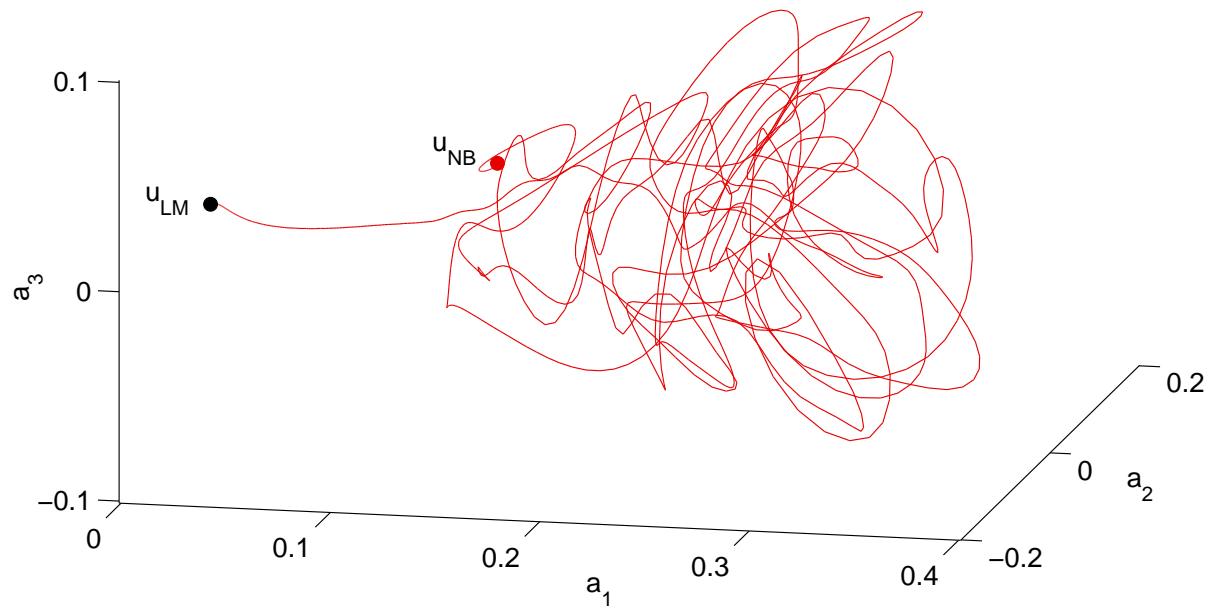
“Minimal” PCF ~ 400 $\sim 2\pi$ 2 $\sim \pi$

Hamilton, Kim, Waleffe (HWK) 400 $7\pi/4$ 2 $6\pi/5$ sustained turbulence



Adequate resolution: $32 \times 33 \times 32$ to $48 \times 49 \times 48$ grids

A "turbulent Plane Couette" trajectory $Re = 400$



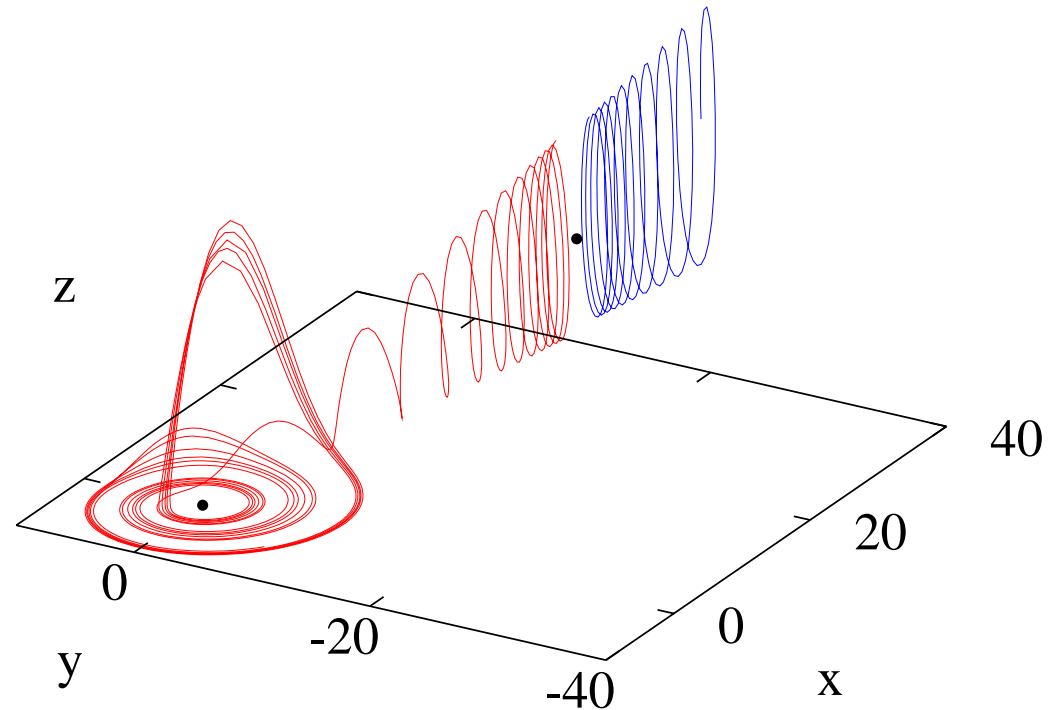
a long transient to the laminar state

60K modes 3D Navier-Stokes DNS, a projection from

Fourier \times Fourier \times Chebyshev \rightarrow well-chosen statespace 3d frame

Equilibria / Traveling waves

Role of Rössler flow equilibria

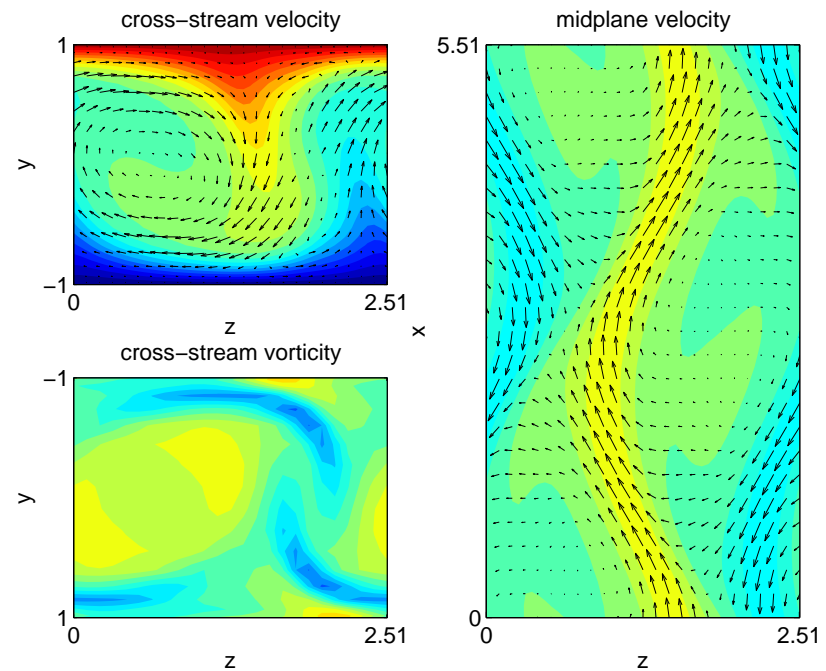
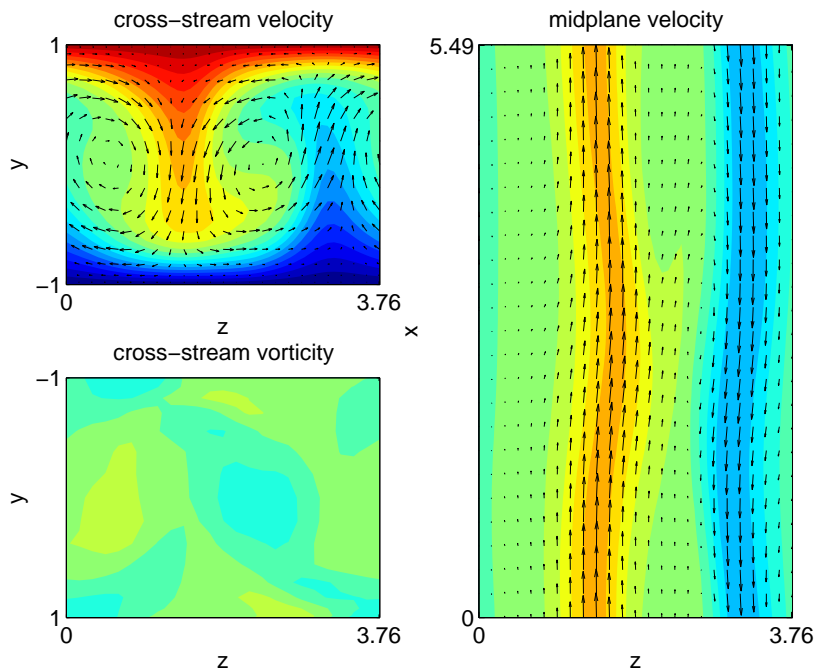


“+” equilibrium point
stable manifold
= basin boundary

right of the “+” trajectories escape

left of the “+” fall into chaotic attractor circling the “-” equilibrium point

Turbulence vs. upper-branch equilibrium

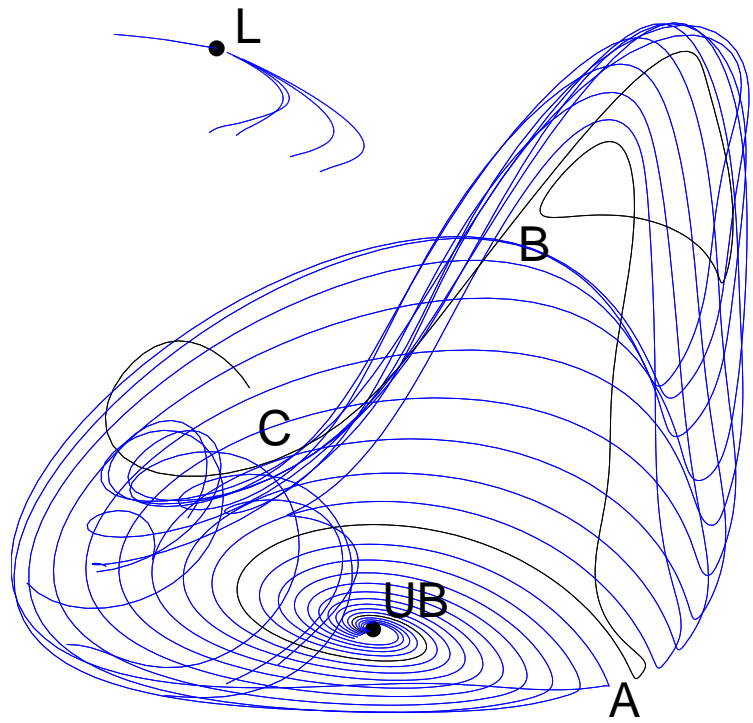


Typical turbulent field

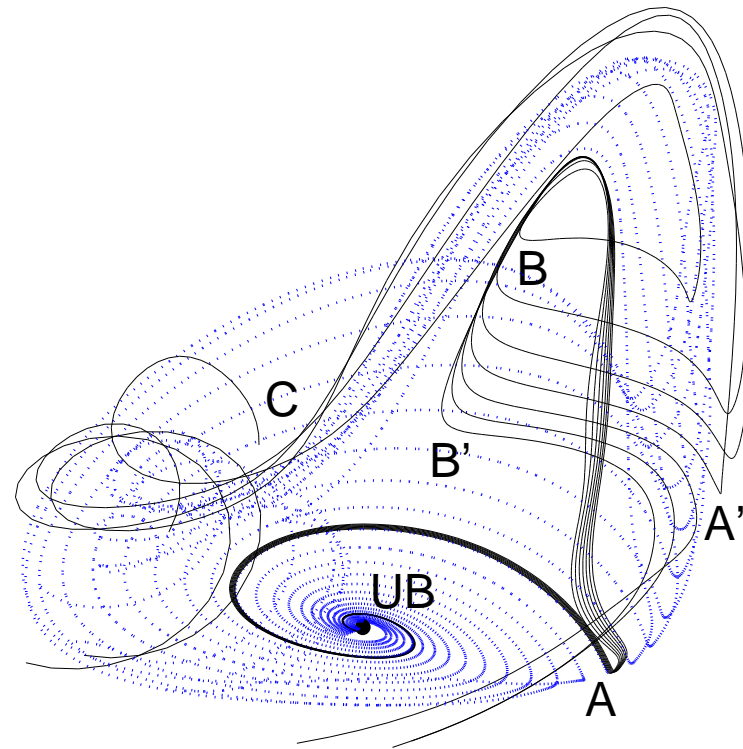
Upper-branch equilibrium⁵

⁵Waleffe, Phys. Fluids 15 (2003)

UB unstable manifold, symmetric subspace



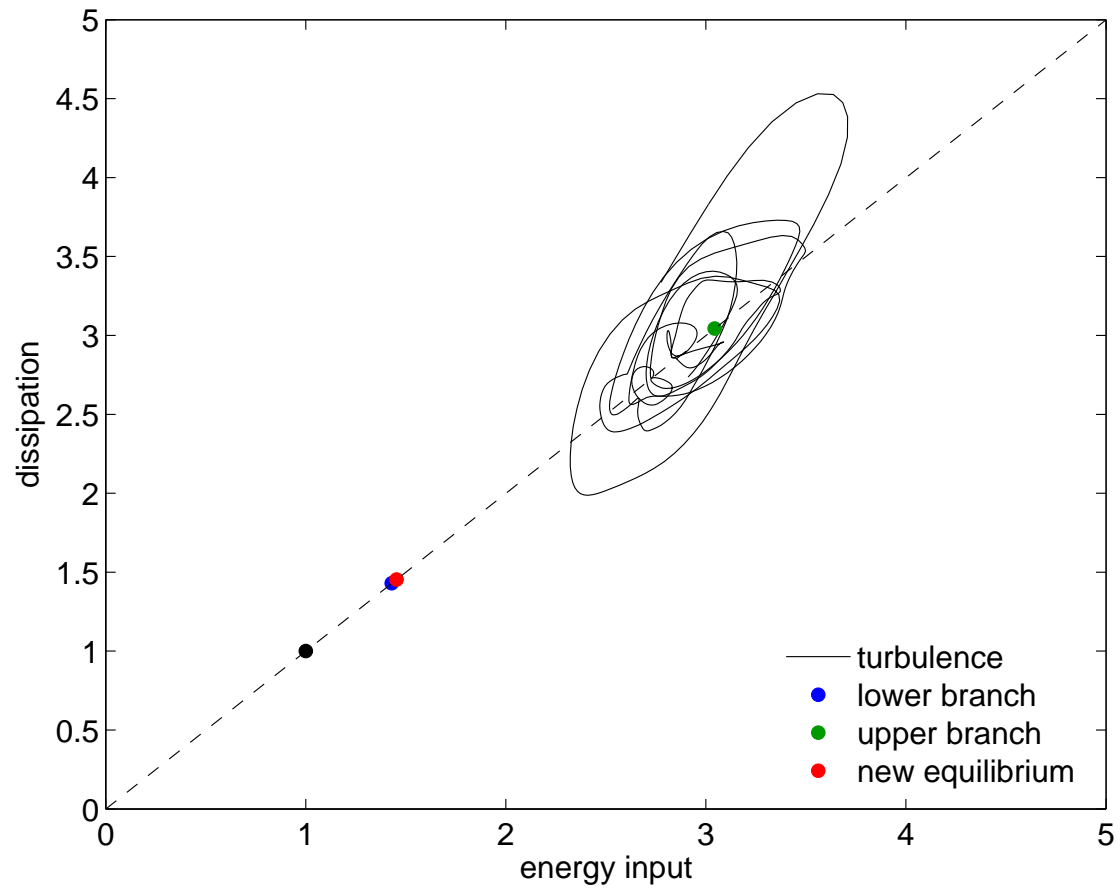
(a)



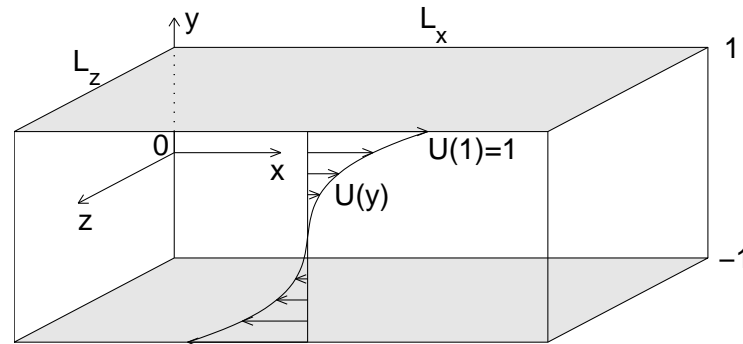
(b)

Shift-reflect, shift-rotate unstable manifold of upper branch.

Dissipation versus energy input

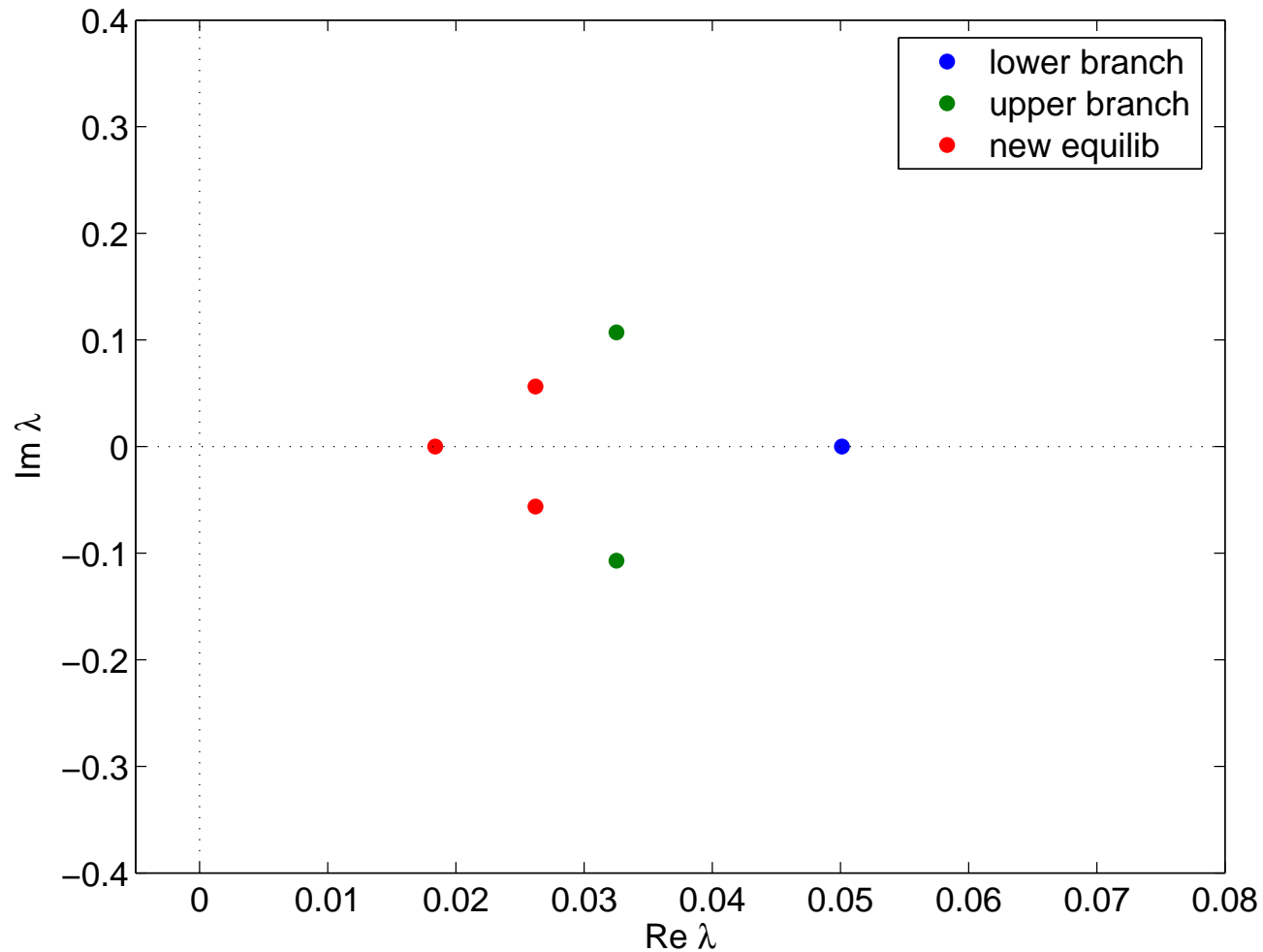


Symmetries of plane Couette

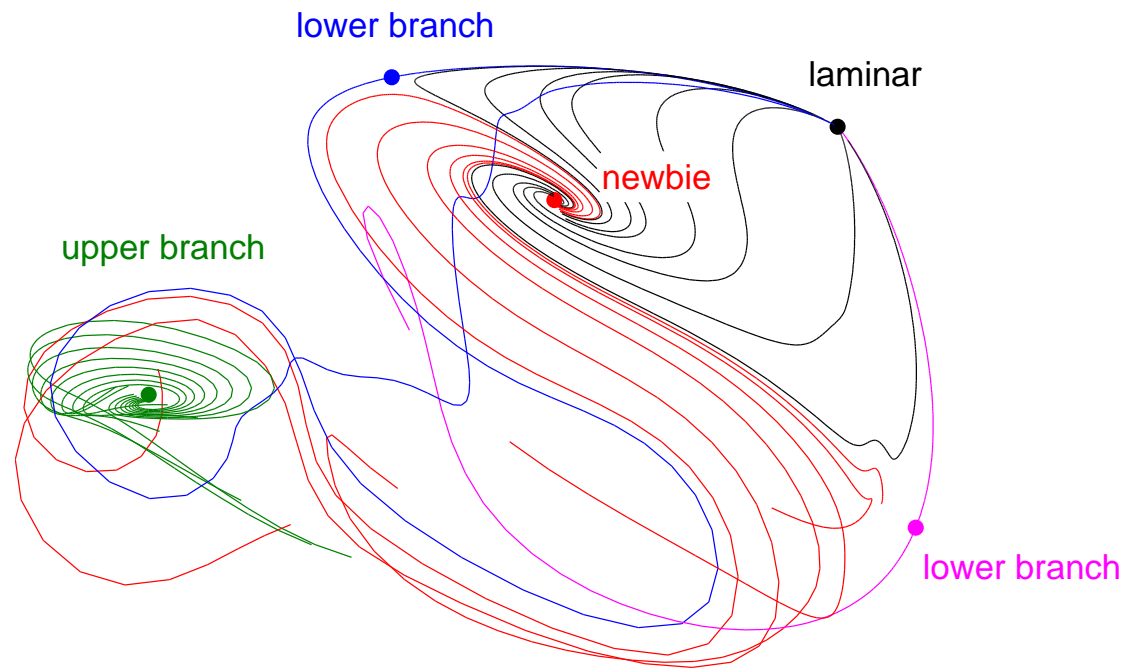


$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ -w \end{pmatrix} \left(\frac{L_x}{2} + x, y, -z \right) && \text{shift-reflect} \\
 &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -u \\ -v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \left(\frac{L_x}{2} - x, -y, \frac{L_z}{2} + z \right) && \text{shift-rotate} \\
 &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} (x + \tau_x, -y, z + \tau_z) && \text{translate}
 \end{aligned}$$

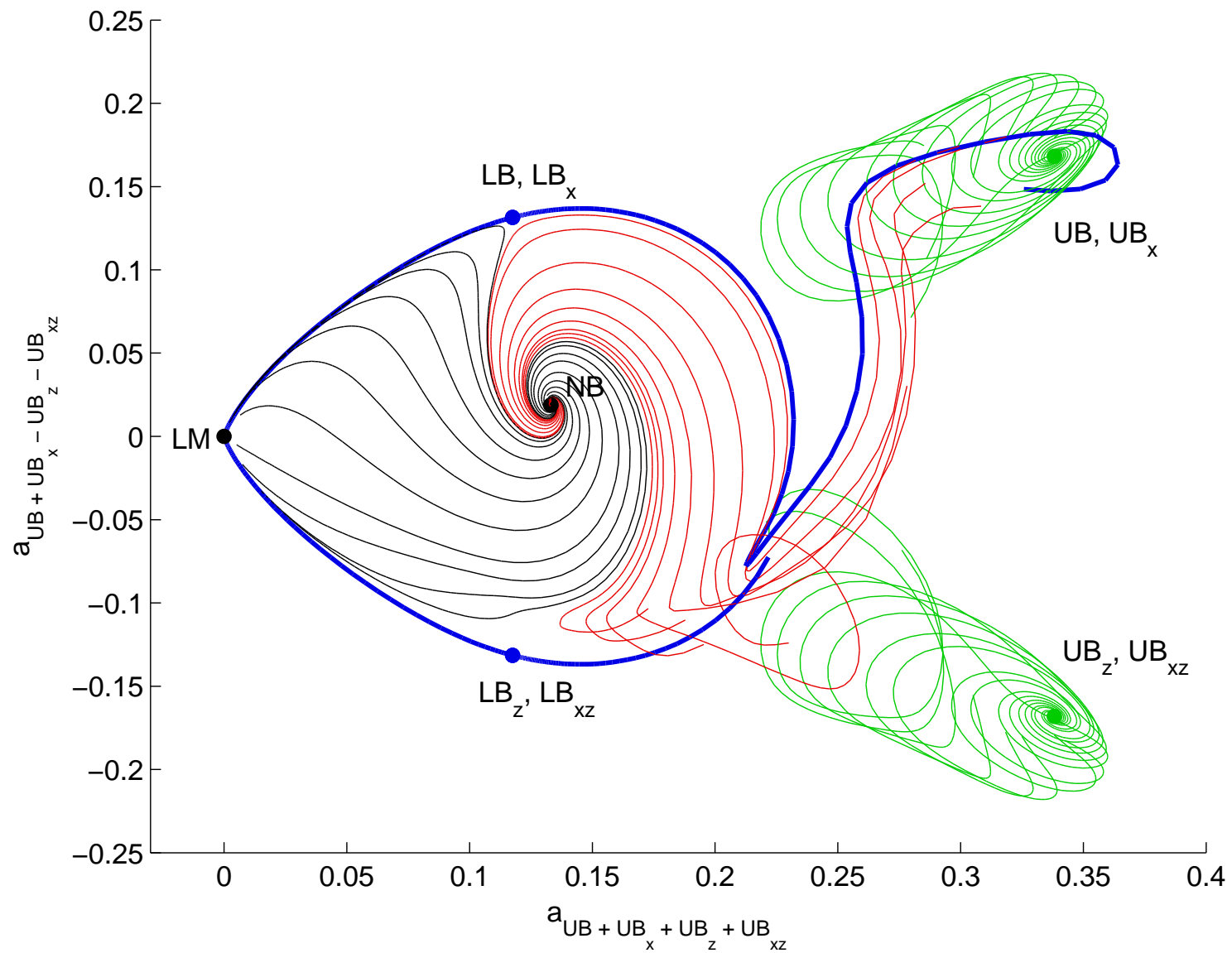
Unstable symmetric LB, UB, NB eigenvalues



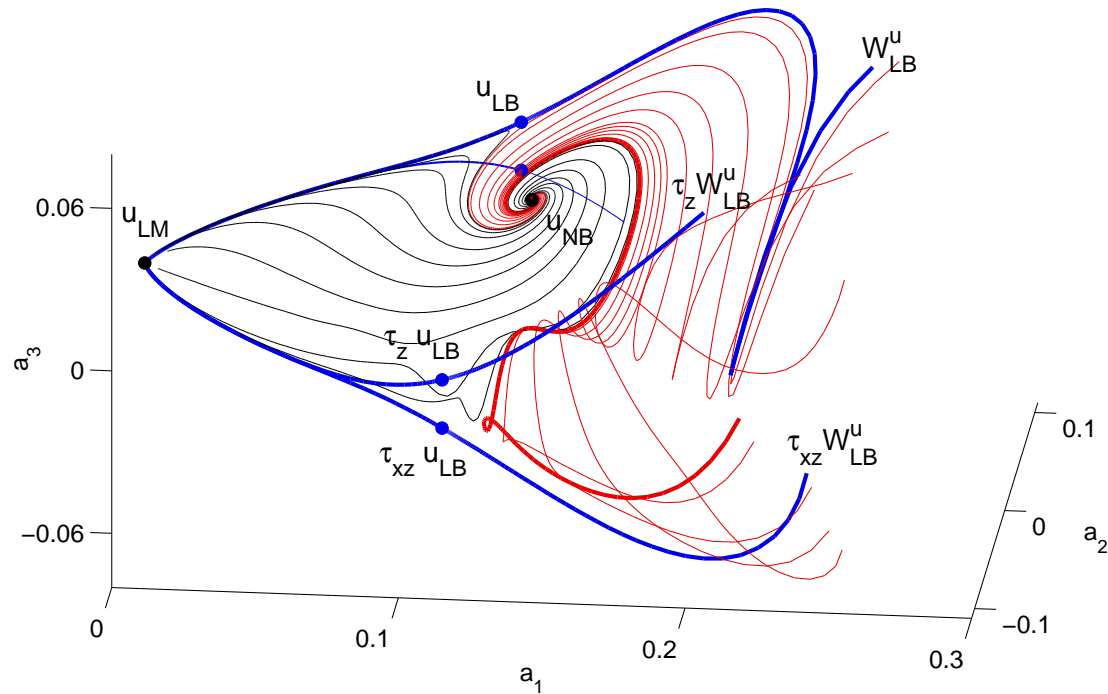
UB, LB and NB symmetric state-space portrait



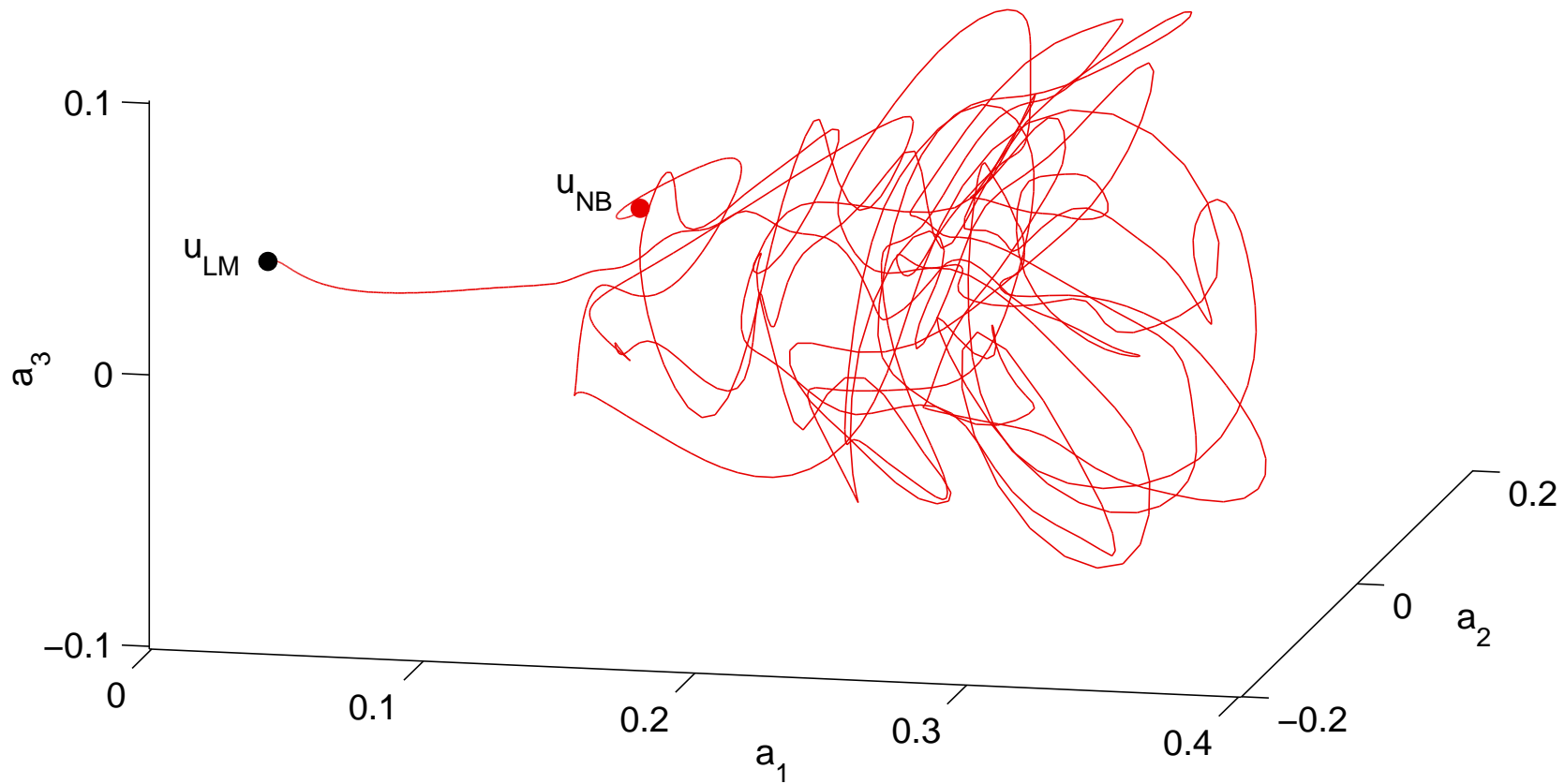
Coordinates of phase portrait are orthogonalized LB, NB, UB.



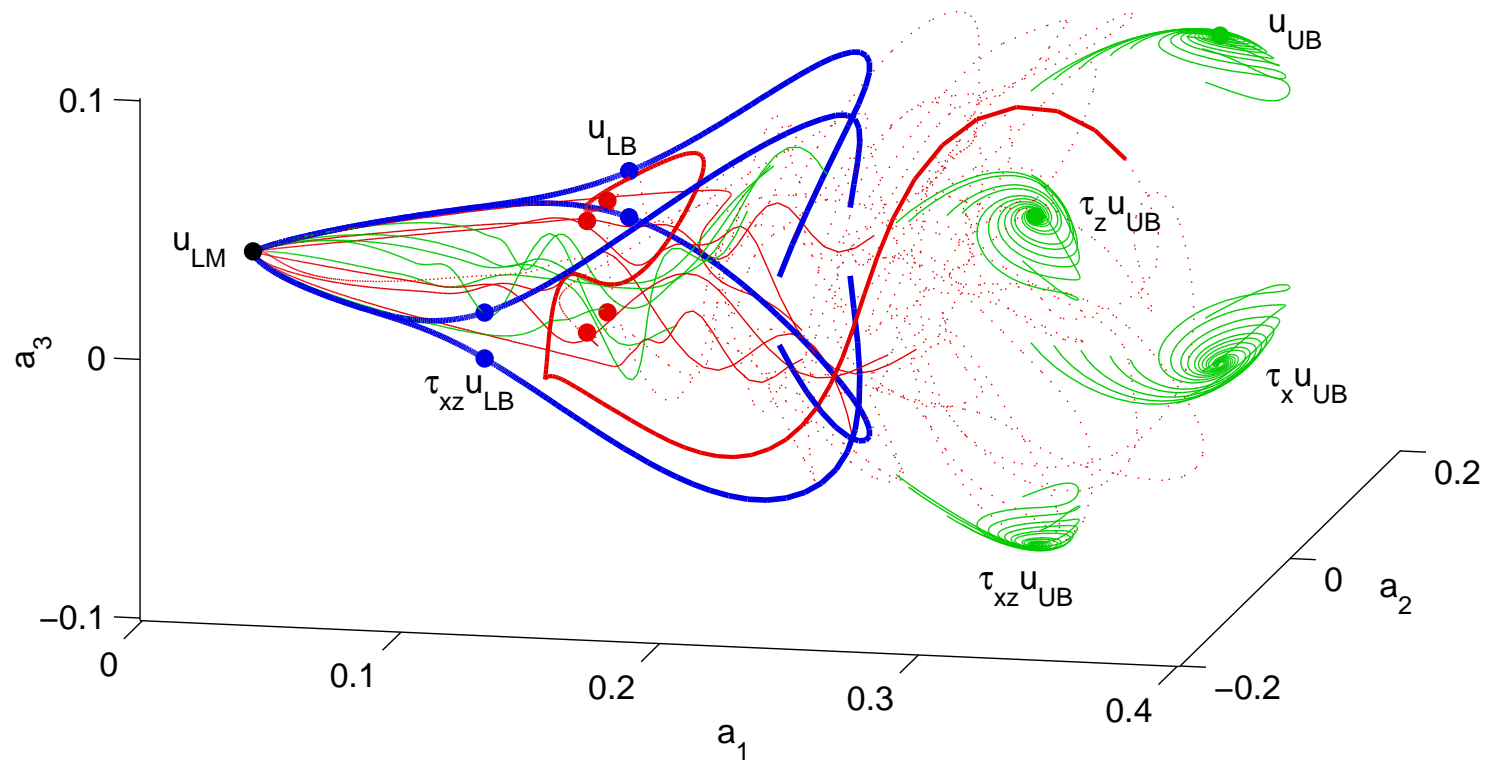
A stroll in 61,506 dimensions



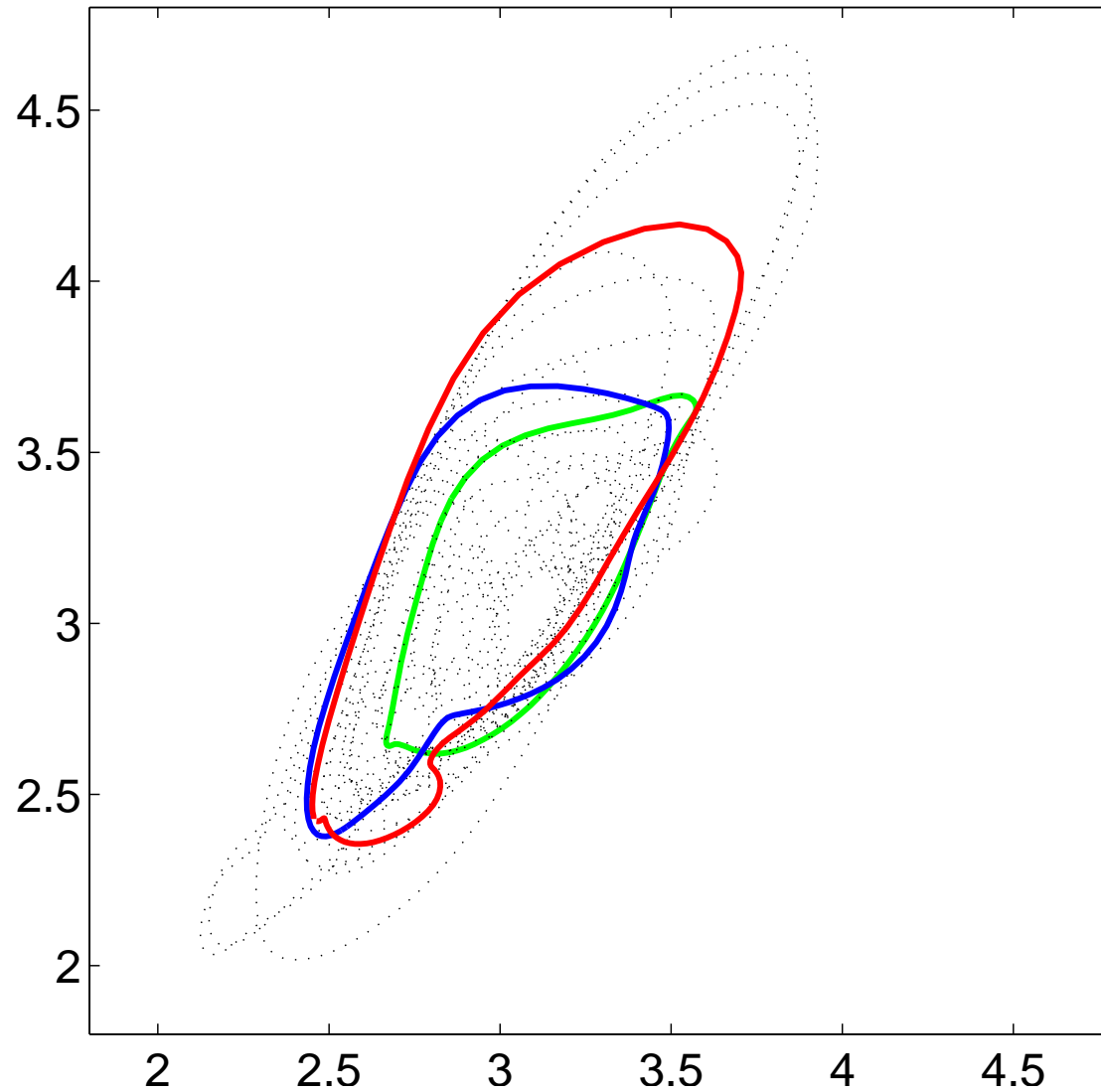
Unstable manifolds of u_{LB} and its half-cell translations, and a 2d portion of the u_{NB} unstable manifold, projected from 61,506 dimensions to 3 in the state space global basis



A transiently turbulent trajectory in the u_{NB} unstable manifold, in isolation.



A transiently turbulent trajectory in the \mathbf{u}_{NB} unstable manifold, within the cage formed by \mathbf{u}_{LB} , \mathbf{u}_{NB} , \mathbf{u}_{UB} , their half-cell translations, and their unstable manifolds. The final decay to laminar of several other trajectories in the unstable manifolds of \mathbf{u}_{NB} and \mathbf{u}_{UB} are also shown.



Three periodic orbits: (green) $T = 74.348$. (red) $T = 102.286$ (may be a close recurrence). (blue) $T = 88.905$.

Conclusions: geometry of Navier Stokes

dual ODE / CFD representations of Navier-Stokes

State space portraits

Computed eigenvalues, eigenfunctions of equilibrium states,
w/w/o symmetry

Heteroclinic connections between equilibria

Turbulent dynamics around upper branch

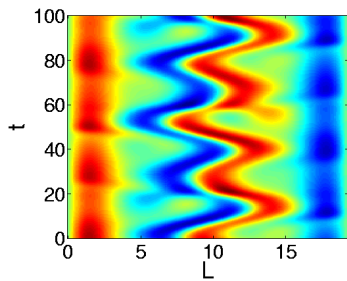
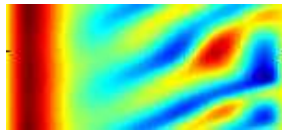
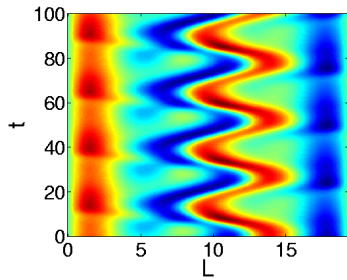
www.channelflow.org public domain software

Future looks bright

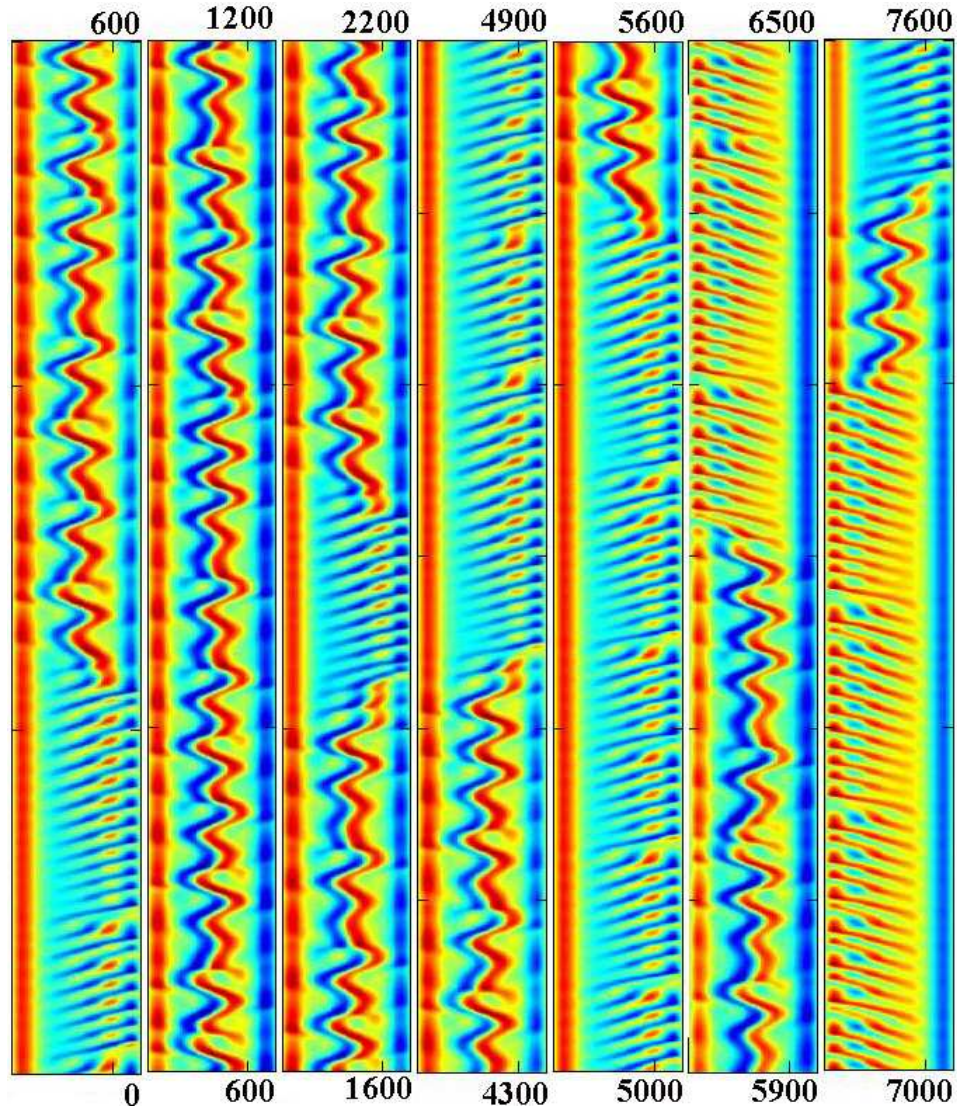
Kuramoto-Sivashinsky: Hopf's vision

A long time series:

jumps between



→ etc.





Moral of the story

If you raise a group of plumbers, you shouldn't be⁶ upset if they can't do theoretical physics.

A retired Army two-star general [who requested anonymity]

⁶Fred Kaplan, "Challenging the Generals", New York Times Sunday Magazine (August 26, 2007).