

# is space time?

## a spatio-temporal theory of transitional turbulence

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## overview

- 1 what this talk is about
- 2 “turbulence” in small domains
- 3 “turbulence” in infinite spatial domains
- 4 space is time
- 5 bye bye, dynamics

**this talk is about** <sup>1</sup>

how to solve

strongly nonlinear field theories

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<sup>1</sup>references in this presentation are hyperlinked

## do clouds solve PDEs?

do clouds integrate Navier-Stokes equations?



do clouds satisfy Navier-Stokes equations?

yes!

they satisfy them **locally**, everywhere and at all times

## part 1

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**goal : go from equations to turbulence**

### **Navier-Stokes equations**

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

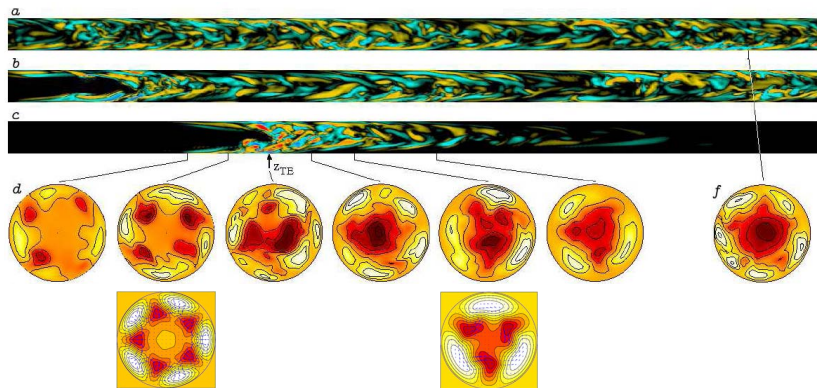
velocity field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  ; pressure field  $p$  ; driving force  $\mathbf{f}$

### **describe turbulence**

starting from the equations (no statistical assumptions)

## example : pipe flow<sup>2</sup>

amazing data! amazing numerics!



## dynamical description of turbulence

### state space

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

### representative point

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

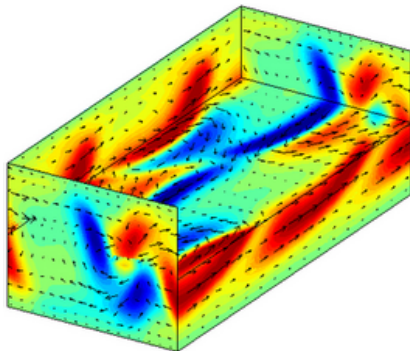
a state of physical system at instant in time

### integrate forward in time

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



# plane Couette : so far, **small** computational cells<sup>3</sup>



## velocity field visualization

John F Gibson (U New Hampshire)

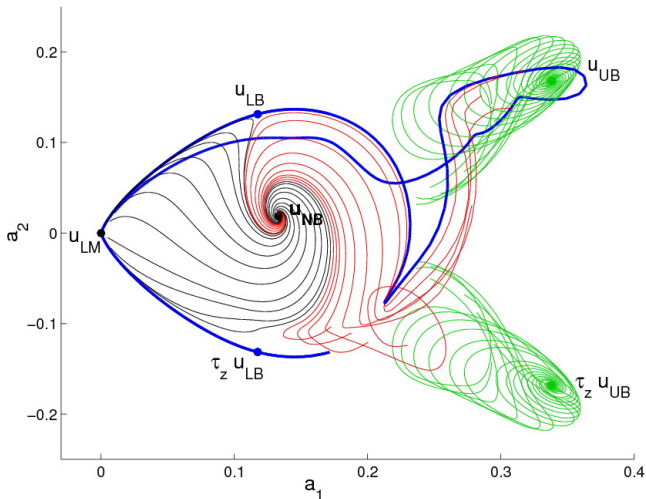
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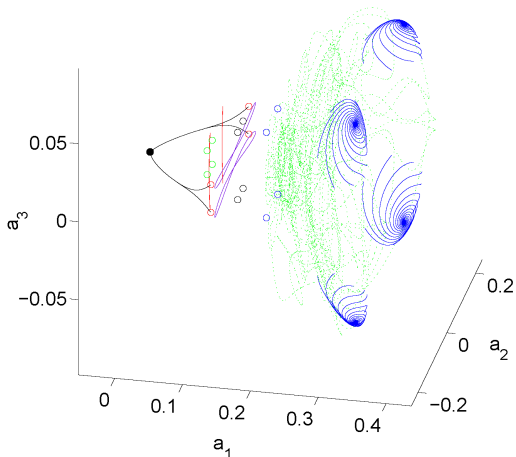
<sup>3</sup>J. F. Gibson et al., J. Fluid Mech. **611**, 107–130 (2008).

## can visualize 61,506 dimensional state space of turbulent flow



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

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



equilibria, periodic orbits, their (un)stable manifolds  
shape the turbulence

## problem

unable to compute invariant solutions for large spatial domains<sup>4</sup>

solutions on large domains are too unstable

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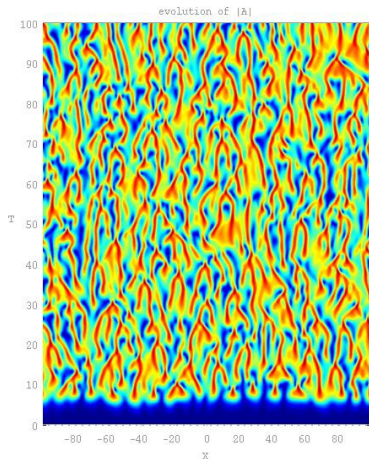
<sup>4</sup>A. P. Willis et al., "Relative periodic orbits form the backbone of turbulent pipe flow", *In preparation.*, 2015.

## part 2

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next: large space-time domains

example : complex Ginzburg-Landau on a large domain



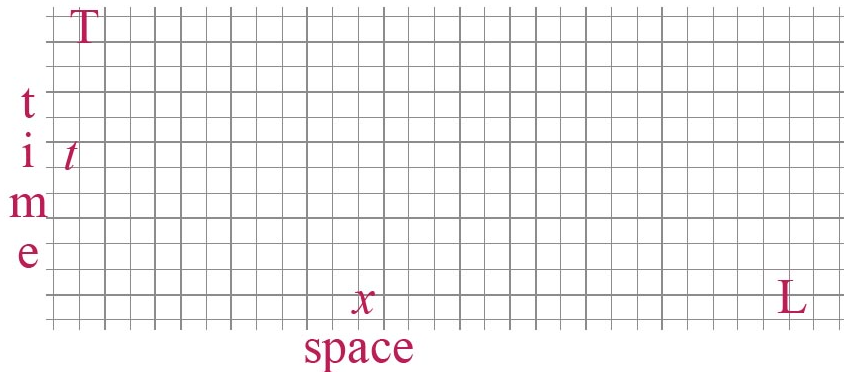
[horizontal] space  $x$

[up] time evolution

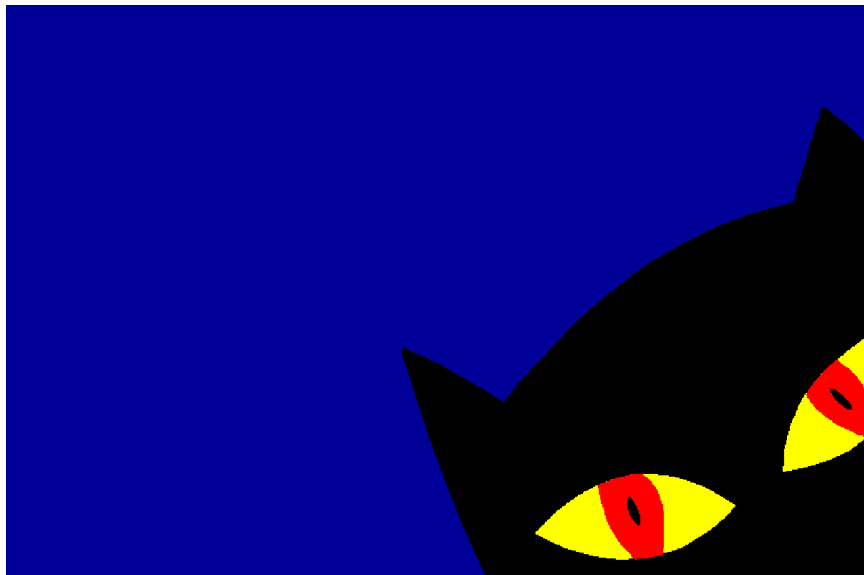
**challenge : describe**  $(x, t) \in (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)$

continuous symmetries : space, time translations

## spacetime discretization



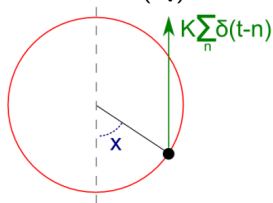
## 1) chaos and a single kitten





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

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



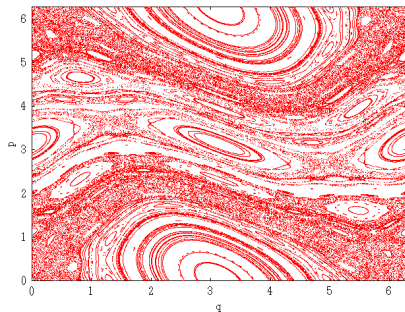
### Taylor, Chirikov and Greene standard map

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

→ chaos in Hamiltonian systems

## standard map

### example of chaos in a Hamiltonian system



## the simplest example : a single kitten in time

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

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + p_{t+1} \quad \text{mod } 1$$

$$p_{t+1} = p_t + Kx_t \quad \text{mod } 1$$

Continuous Automorphism of the Torus, or  
(after some algebra, replacing  $K \rightarrow s$ , etc)

### Hamiltonian cat map

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{t+1} \\ p_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_t \\ p_t \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{mod } 1, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} s-1 & 1 \\ s-2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

## cat map in Lagrangian form<sup>5</sup>

replace momentum by velocity

$$p_{t+1} = (x_{t+1} - x_t)/\Delta t$$

dynamics in  $(x_t, x_{t-1})$  state space is particularly simple

### 2-step difference equation

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

unique integer  $m_t$  ensures that

$x_t$  lands in the unit interval at every time step  $t$

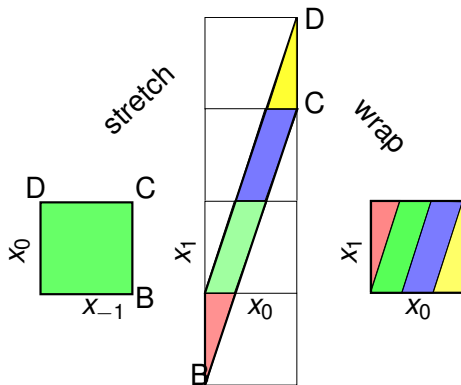
nonlinearity : mod 1 operation, encoded in

$$m_t \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \text{finite alphabet of possible values for } m_t$$

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<sup>5</sup>I. Percival and F. Vivaldi, *Physica D* **27**, 373–386 (1987).

example :  $s = 3$  cat map symbolic dynamics

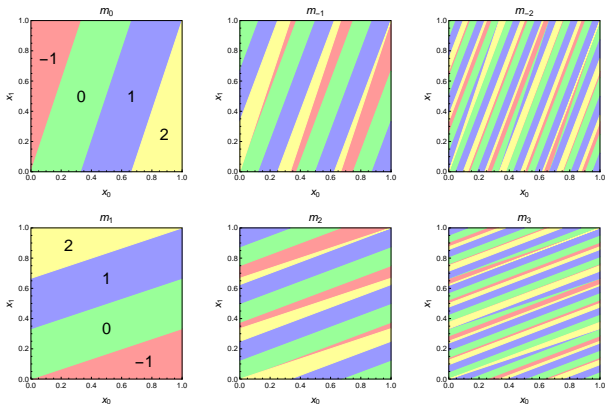


cat map stretches the unit square translations by

$$m_0 \in \mathcal{A} = \{\underline{1}, 0, 1, 2\} = \{\text{red}, \text{green}, \text{blue}, \text{yellow}\}$$

return stray kittens back to the torus

# cat map $(x_0, x_1)$ state space partition



(a) 4 regions labeled by  $m_0$  , obtained from  $(x_{-1}, x_0)$  state space by one iteration

(b) 14 regions, 2-steps past  $m_{-1}m_0$ . (c) 44 regions, 3-steps past  $m_{-2}m_{-1}m_0$ .

(d) 4 regions labeled by future  $.m_1$

(e) 14 regions, 2-steps future  $.m_1m_2$  (f) 44 regions, 3-steps future block  $m_3m_2m_1$ .

## 2) chaos and the spatiotemporally infinite cat



$N$ -particle system

## spatiotemporal cat map<sup>6</sup>

Consider a 1-dimensional spatial lattice, with field  $x_{n,t}$  (the angle of a kicked rotor “particle” at instant  $t$ ) at site  $n$ .

require

- (0) each site couples to its nearest neighbors  $x_{n\pm 1,t}$
- (1) invariance under spatial translations
- (2) invariance under spatial reflections
- (3) invariance under the space-time exchange

obtain

### 2-dimensional coupled cat map lattice

$$x_{n,t+1} + x_{n,t-1} - S x_{n,t} + x_{n+1,t} + x_{n-1,t} = -m_{n,t}$$

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<sup>6</sup>B. Gutkin and V. Osipov, *Nonlinearity* **29**, 325–356 (2016).



## herding cats : a Euclidean field theory<sup>7</sup>

convert the spatial-temporal differences to discrete derivatives

discrete  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space-time Laplacian in  
 $d = 1$  and  $d = 2$  dimensions

$$\square x_t = x_{t+1} - 2x_t + x_{t-1}$$

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

→ the cat map equations generalized to

**$d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal cat map**

$$(\square - s + 2d)x_z = m_z$$

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

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<sup>7</sup>B. Gutkin et al., *A linear symbolic dynamics for coupled cat maps lattices*, In preparation, 2016.

## deep insight, derived from observing kittens

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

a  $d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal pattern

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

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).

## “periodic orbits” are now invariant $d$ -tori

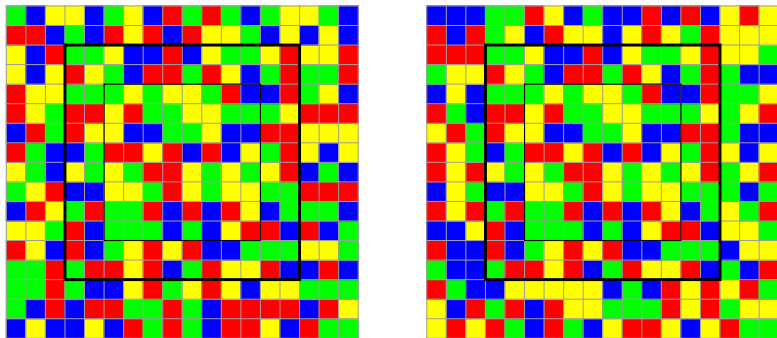
### 1 time, 0 space dimensions

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

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

a state 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  $M$  periodically, with period  $\ell_j$  in  $j$ th lattice direction

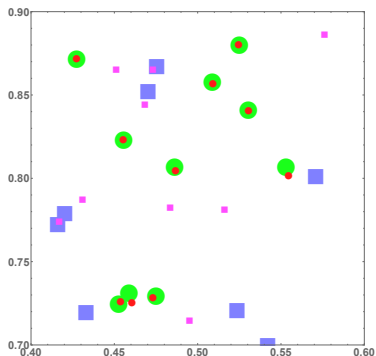
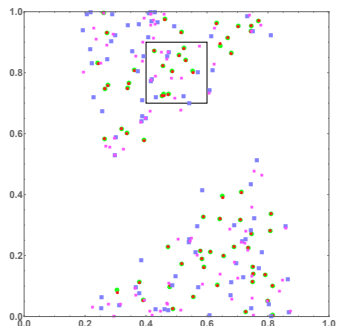
## an example of invariant 2-tori : shadowing, symbolic dynamics space



2d symbolic representation of two invariant 2-tori shadowing each other within the shared block  $M_{\mathcal{R}} = M_{\mathcal{R}_0} \cup M_{\mathcal{R}_1}$  (blue)

- border  $\mathcal{R}_1$  (thick black), interior  $\mathcal{R}_0$  (thin black)
- symbols outside  $\mathcal{R}$  differ

## shadowing, state space



(left) state space points  $(x_{0,t}, x_{0,t-1})$  of the two invariant 2-tori  
(right) zoom into the small rectangular area  
interior points  $\in \mathcal{R}_0$  (large green), (small red) circles  
border points  $\in \mathcal{R}_1$  (large violet), (small magenta) squares  
within the interior of the shared block,

the shadowing is exponentially good

## conclusion

space, time merely parametrize a given invariant solution

what matters is

the enumeration of distinct invariant solutions

## part 3

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yes, lattice schmatiz, but

does it work for PDEs?



In literary theory and philosophy of language, the chronotope is how configurations of time and space are represented in language and discourse.

— [Wikipedia : Chronotope](#)

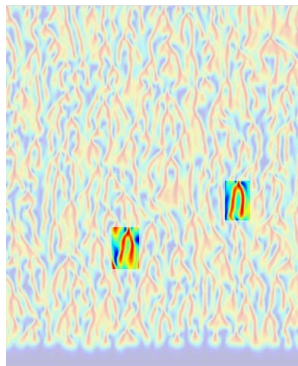
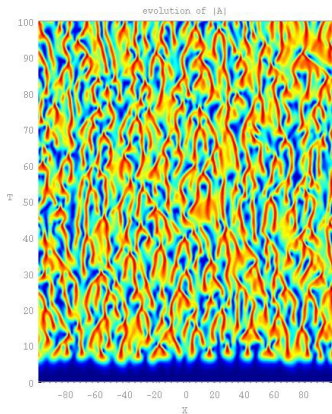
- Mikhail Mikhailovich Bakhtin (1937)

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<sup>8</sup>S. Lepri et al., J. Stat. Phys. **82**, 1429–1452 (1996).

# space-time complex Ginzburg-Landau on a large domain

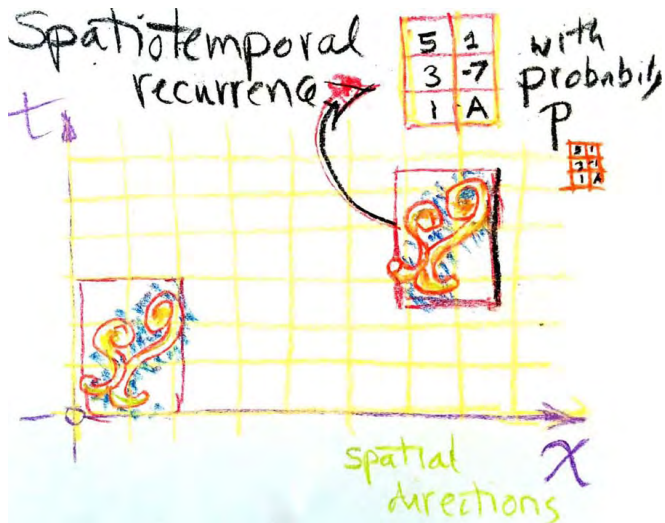
## a nearly recurrent chronotope



[horizontal] space  $x \in [-L/2, L/2]$

[up] time evolution

must have<sup>9</sup>: 2D symbolic dynamics  $\in (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)$



<sup>9</sup>B. Gutkin and V. Osipov, *Nonlinearity* **29**, 325–356 (2016).

## (1+1) space-time dimensional “Navier-Stokes”

computationally not ready yet to explore the inertial manifold of  
(1 + 3)-dimensional turbulence - start instead with  
(1 + 1)-dimensional

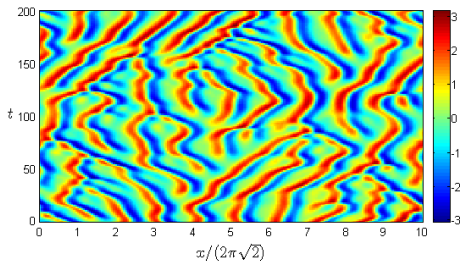
### Kuramoto-Sivashinsky time evolution equation

$$u_t + u\nabla u = -\nabla^2 u - \nabla^4 u, \quad x \in [-L/2, L/2],$$

describes spatially extended systems such as

- flame fronts in combustion
- reaction-diffusion systems
- ...

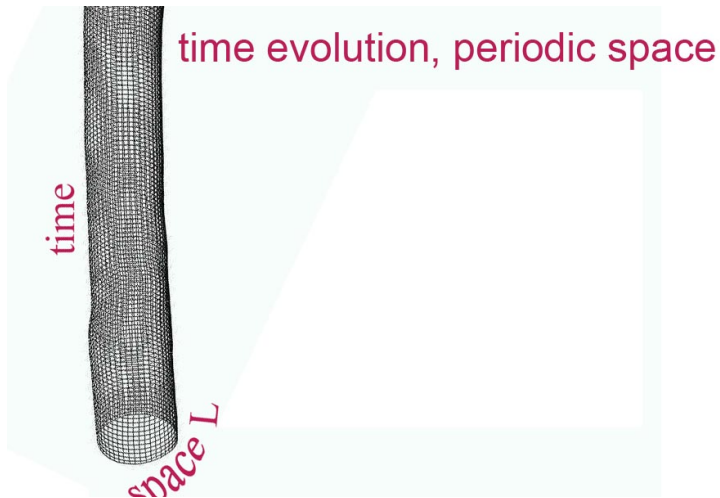
## a test bed : Kuramoto-Sivashinsky on a large domain



[horizontal] space  $x \in [0, L]$       [up] time evolution

- turbulent behavior
- simpler physical, mathematical and computational setting than Navier-Stokes

## compact space, infinite time cylinder



so far : Navier-Stokes on compact spatial domains, all times

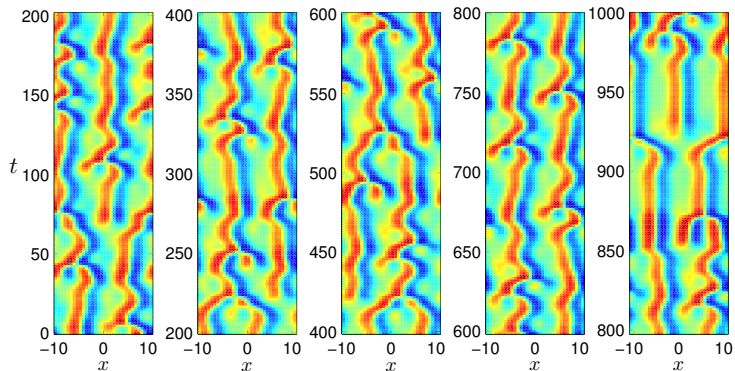
## compact space, infinite time Kuramoto-Sivashinsky

### in terms of discrete spatial Fourier modes

$N$  ordinary differential equations (ODEs) in time

$$\dot{\tilde{u}}_k(t) = (q_k^2 - q_k^4) \tilde{u}_k(t) - i \frac{q_k}{2} \sum_{k'=0}^{N-1} \tilde{u}_{k'}(t) \tilde{u}_{k-k'}(t).$$

## evolution of Kuramoto-Sivashinsky on small $L = 22$ cell



horizontal:  $x \in [-11, 11]$

vertical: time

color: magnitude of  $u(x, t)$



yes, but

is space time?

compact time, infinite space cylinder

space evolution, periodic time



## compact time, infinite space Kuramoto-Sivashinsky<sup>10</sup>

$$u_t = -uu_x - u_{xx} - u_{xxxx},$$
$$u^{(0)} \equiv u, \quad u^{(1)} \equiv u_x, \quad u^{(2)} \equiv u_{xx}, \quad u^{(3)} \equiv u_{xxx}$$

**periodic boundary condition in time**  $u(x, t) = u(x, t + T)$

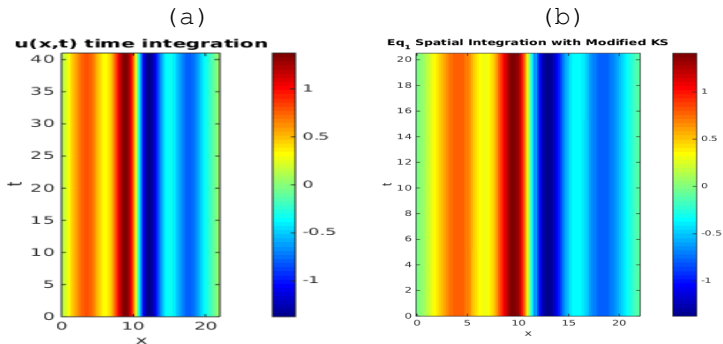
evolve  $u(t, x)$  in  $x$ , 4 equations, 1st order in spatial derivatives

$$u_x^{(0)} = u^{(1)}, \quad u_x^{(1)} = u^{(2)}, \quad u_x^{(2)} = u^{(3)}$$
$$u_x^{(3)} = -u_t^{(0)} - u^{(2)} - u^{(0)}u^{(1)}$$

initial values  $u(x_0, t)$ ,  $u_x(x_0, t)$ ,  $u_{xx}(x_0, t)$ ,  $u_{xxx}(x_0, t)$ ,  
for all  $t \in [0, T)$  at a space point  $x_0$

<sup>10</sup>M.Gudorf et al., *Is space time? A spatio-temporal theory of transitional turbulence*, In preparation, 2017.

## a time-invariant equilibrium, spatial periodic orbit



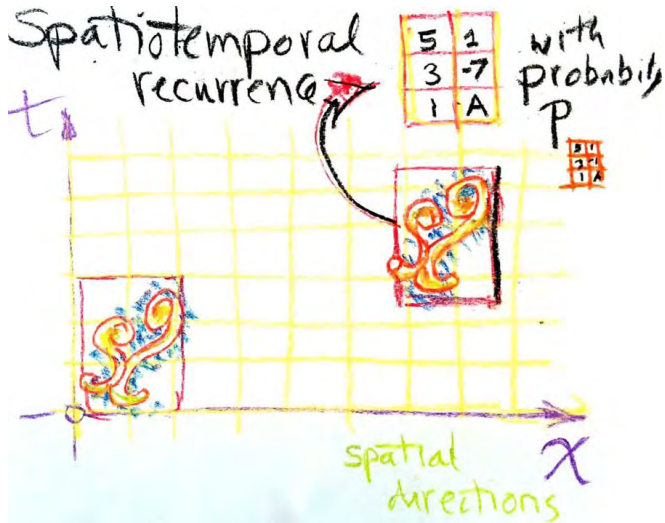
evolution of  $EQ_1$  : (a) in time, (b) in space

initial condition for the spatial integration is the time strip

$u(x_0, t)$ ,  $t = [0, T)$ , where time period  $T = 0$ , spatial  $x$  period is  $L = 22$ .

# chronotope :

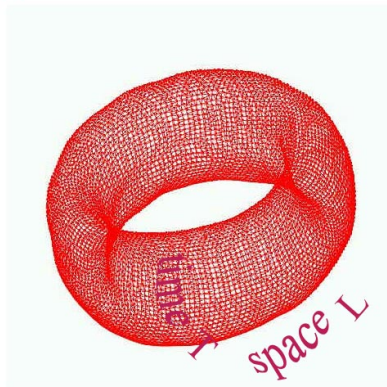
a finite  $(1 + D)$ -dimensional symbolic dynamics rectangle



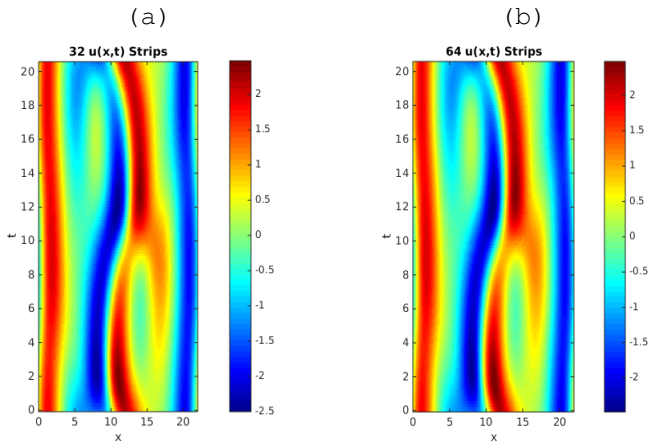
make it doubly periodic

## compact space and time chronotope

periodic spacetime : 2-torus



# a spacetime invariant 2-torus<sup>11</sup>



(a) old : time evolution.

(b) new : space evolution

$x = [0, L]$  initial condition : time periodic line  $t = [0, T]$

Gudorf 2016

<sup>11</sup>M.Gudorf et al., *Is space time? A spatio-temporal theory of transitional turbulence*, In preparation, 2017.

## zeta function for a field theory ? much like Ising model<sup>12,13</sup>

"periodic orbits" are now spacetime tilings

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

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

**symbolic dynamics :  $(1 + D)$ -dimensional**

essential to encoded shadowing

at this time : this zeta is still but a dream

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<sup>12</sup>M. Kac and J. C. Ward, Phys. Rev. **88**, 1332–1337 (1952).

<sup>13</sup>Y. Ihara, J. Math. Society of Japan **18**, 219–235 (1966).



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## problem

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unable to integrate the equations for large spatial domains

spatial integration is ill-posed, wildly unstable<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>Q. Wang et al., Phys. Fluids **25**, 110818 (2013).

## part 4

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A R R I V A L



kiss your DNS codes

goodbye

for long time and/or space integrations

they never worked and could never work

## life outside of time

the trouble:

forward time-integration codes too unstable

multishooting inspiration: replace a guess that a point is on the periodic orbit by a guess of the entire orbit.

an example is “Newton descent” : a variational method to drive the initial guess toward the exact solution.

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a variational method for finding spatio-temporally periodic solutions of classical field theories<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup>Y. Lan et al., Phys. Rev. E **74**, 046206 (2006).

## 1d example : variational principle for any periodic orbit<sup>16,17</sup>

$N$  guess points  $\rightarrow \infty$  points along a smooth loop (snapshots of the pattern at successive time instants)

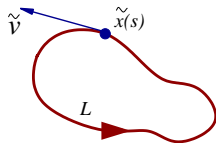
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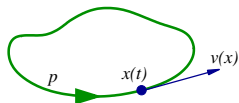
<sup>17</sup>P. Cvitanović and Y. Lan, in Correlations and fluctuations in qcd : proceedings of 10<sup>th</sup> international workshop on multiparticle production, edited by N. Antoniou (2003), pp. 313–325.

## a guess loop vs. the desired solution

loop **defines** tangent vector  $\tilde{v}$



periodic orbit **defined** by  
velocity field  $v(x)$

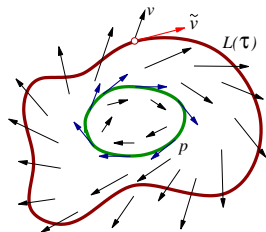




## extremal principle for a general flow

loop tangent  $\tilde{v}(\tilde{x}) \neq v(\tilde{x})$

periodic orbit  $\tilde{v}(\tilde{x}), v(\tilde{x})$  aligned



### cost function

$$F^2[\tilde{x}] = \oint_L ds (\tilde{v} - v)^2; \quad \tilde{v} = \tilde{v}(\tilde{x}(s, \tau)), \quad v = v(\tilde{x}(s, \tau)),$$

penalizes misorientation of the loop tangent  $\tilde{v}(\tilde{x})$  relative to the true dynamical flow  $v(\tilde{x})$

# Newton descent

cost minimization

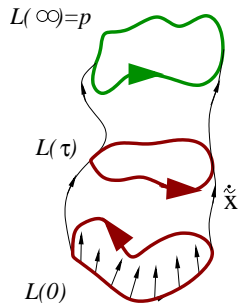
drives

initial guess  $L(0)$

→

cycle  $p = L(\infty)$

as fictitious time  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$



the answer is

scalability

in the spirit of this workshop

## compute locally, adjust globally

Computing literature : parallelizing spatiotemporal computation is FLOPs intensive, but more robust than integration forward in time<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>Q. Wang et al., Phys. Fluids **25**, 110818 (2013).

## how do clouds solve field equations?

do clouds integrate Navier-Stokes equations?



at any spacetime point Navier-Stokes equations describe the local tangent space

they satisfy them **locally**, everywhere and at all times

## summary

- 1 small computational domains reduce “turbulence” to “single particle” chaos
- 2 consider instead turbulence in infinite spatiotemporal domains
- 3 theory : classify all spatiotemporal tilings
- 4 numerics : parallelize spatiotemporal computations

there is no more time

there is only enumeration of spacetime solutions

## bonus slide : each chronotope is a fixed point

discretize  $u_{n,m} = u(x_n, t_m)$  over  $NM$  points of spatiotemporal periodic lattice  $x_n = nT/N$ ,  $t_m = mT/M$ , Fourier transform :

$$\tilde{u}_{k,\ell} = \frac{1}{NM} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} u_{n,m} e^{-i(q_k x_n + \omega_\ell t_m)}, \quad q_k = \frac{2\pi k}{L}, \quad \omega_\ell = \frac{2\pi \ell}{T}$$

Kuramoto-Sivashinsky is no more a PDE / ODE, but a fixed point problem of determining all invariant unstable 2-tori

$$\left[ -i\omega_\ell - (q_k^2 - q_k^4) \right] \tilde{u}_{k,\ell} + i \frac{q_k}{2} \sum_{k'=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m'=0}^{M-1} \tilde{u}_{k',m'} \tilde{u}_{k-k',m-m'} = 0$$

Newton method for a  $NM$ -dimensional fixed point :

invert  $1 - J$ ,

where  $J$  is the 2-torus Jacobian matrix, yet to be elucidated

# bonus slide : dynamical zeta function for a field theory

## trace formula for a field theory

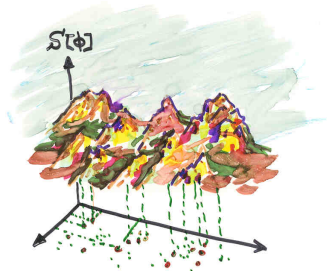
TURBULENT Q.F.T. ?

### $\infty$ of spacetime tilings

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

tori / plane tilings

each of area  $A_p = L_p T_p$



$$\langle \text{observable} \rangle = \sum_{\text{set}}^{\text{fractal}} \frac{e^{i S_n[\phi_c]/\hbar}}{\sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j}}}$$

learn to **count** + weigh **unstable saddles**



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