

Irregular
in
Time & Space

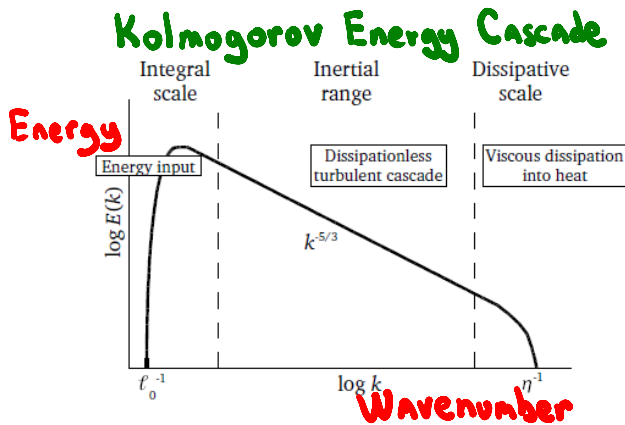
Gravity & Turbulence
Determine
Star Formation



Turbulence
↓
Fuel
Consumption

10% Reduction in Turbulent Drag
SAVES
R\$ 20 Billion (US\$ 10 Billion)

Statistical Viewpoint
Irregular ⇒ Random, Stochastic



Deterministic Viewpoint
Irregular ⇒ Properties of Solutions

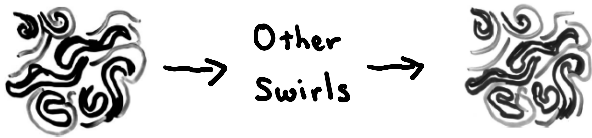
Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

\vec{v} - velocity
 p - pressure

Coherent Structures

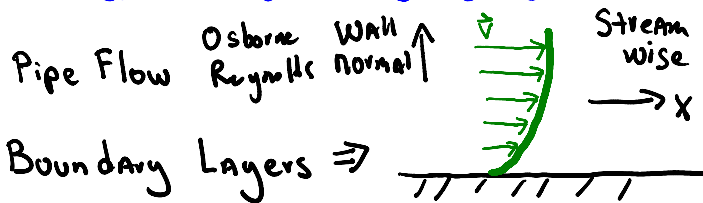


Familiar Patterns Recur

Experimentally Observed for Decades

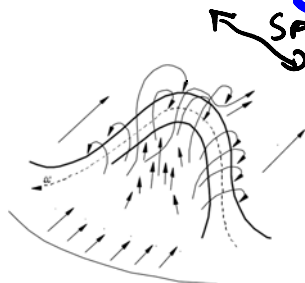
Recent Theory: Special Navier-Stokes Solutions

Wall-Bounded Shear Flow Turbulence



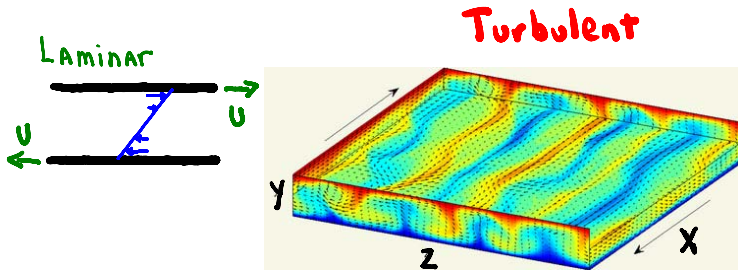
Channel Flows

Coherent Structures in Shear Flow



Hairpin Vortex

Plane Couette Flow



Direct Transition

"Exact Coherent Structures"

Plane Couette

- Waleffe (1995)
- Nagata (1991)
- Kawahara (2001)
- Halcrow, Gibson, Cvitanović (2008, 2009)

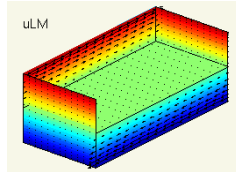
Pipe Flow

- Kerswell, Tutty (2007)
- Hof et al. (2004)

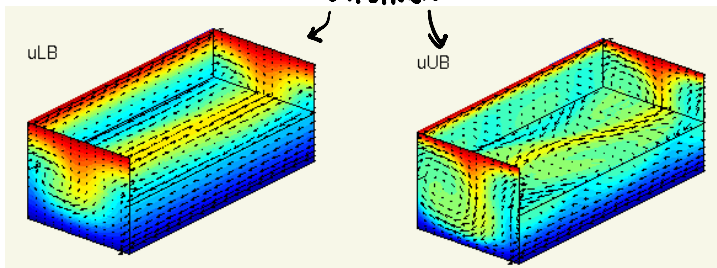
Exact Solutions

(Time-Independent)

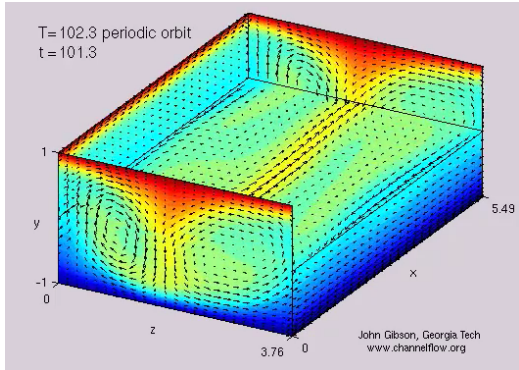
Stable



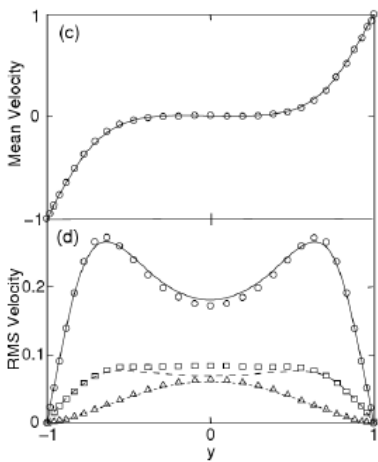
Unstable



Exact Solutions (Time-Dependent) Periodic Orbit



Statistical Comparison

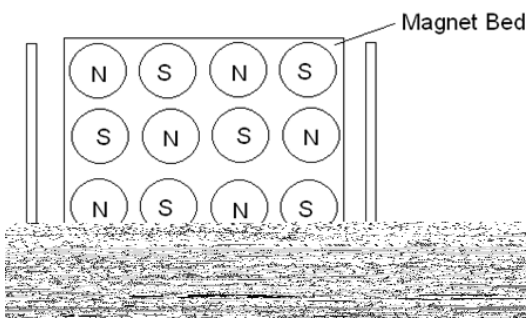
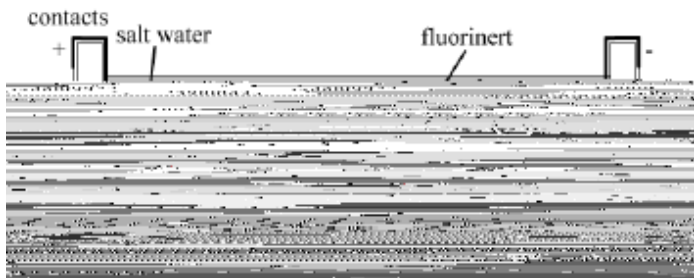


○ Circles - One Periodic Orbit
 — lines Turbulence

State Space Representation (Phase Space)

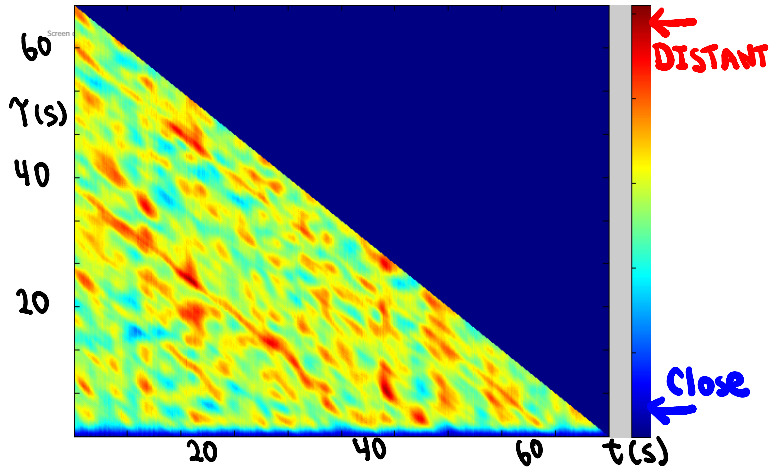
$\vec{v}(x, y, z, t)$ gives full specification of state at time t
 (incompressible, isothermal flow)

Fully Resolved Flow \Rightarrow Very High Dimensional ($> 10^5$)

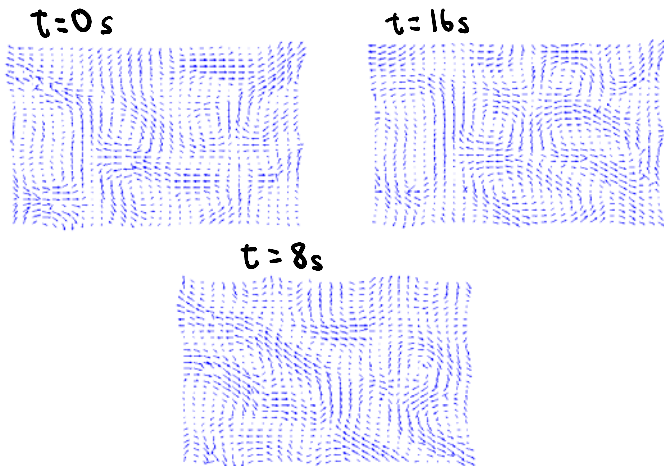




Recurrence Plot: 2D Turbulence

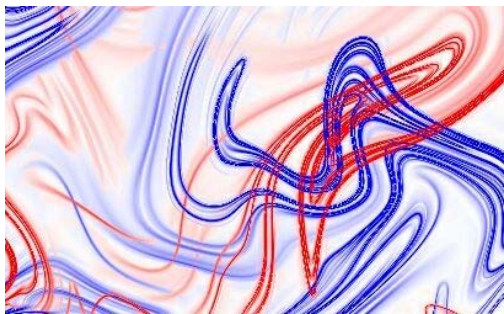


Recurrence in 2D Turbulence?



Lagrangian Coherent Structures (Stretching Fields)

Governs Turbulent Mixing

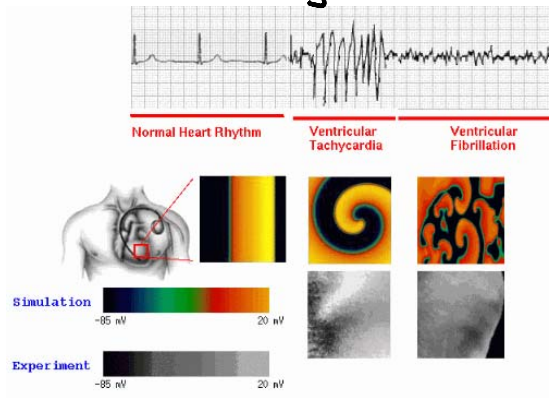


Voth, Haller & Gollub (2002)

Other Applications

Cardiac Arrhythmias

Fenton & Cherry



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Summary

- Recent Turbulence Theory
Coherent Structures \Rightarrow Unstable, Exact Solutions
- Experimental Tests Needed

2D Electromagnetic Flows May Provide Good Tests

