

# Resolvent modes and invariant solutions

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*'To the flows observed in the long run after the influence of the initial conditions has died down there correspond certain solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations. These solutions constitute a certain manifold  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}(\mu)$  in phase space invariant under the phase flow. Presumably owing to viscosity  $\mu$  has a finite number  $N = N(\mu)$  of dimensions.'*

Hopf (on turbulence), 1948

**The essential idea is to approximate  $\mathfrak{M}$  with a basis derived from NSE,  
allowing low-dimensional truncations  
— to 'sketch the attractor'**



**The periodic table of turbulence**

*VS.*

**The optimal basis for turbulence**

# What should a model be/do?

- ▶ simpler than Navier-Stokes equations
- ▶ capture the 'essential features'
- ▶ provide an approximating basis
- ▶ *gracefully degrade* with truncation
- ▶ may be extracted from data, but ideally derived

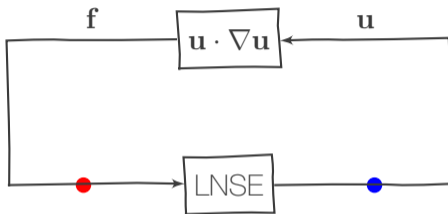
# Outline

We will see how the resolvent framework gives a low-dimensional space in which Navier-Stokes dynamics approximately evolve.

We'll use it to find new invariant solutions of NSE.

**We are entering an age where UPOs etc will be useful in *application*;  
we need methods to find them easily**

Solutions to NSE are intersection of graph from (r) to (b) with (b) to (r).



Can insert a symmetry transformation to restrict the space of solutions.

*Zames, IEEE TAC 1966*

*Sharma, Limebeer, McKeon, Morisson, AIAA, 2006*

# An expansion around the turbulent attractor I

Let  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  be the state, and the Navier-Stokes equations be written

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}(t)). \quad (1)$$

In the “long run”, decompose the state as

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) d\omega.$$

Notice that the equation corresponding to  $\omega = 0$  is the mean equation

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) dt$$

with  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}(0)$  the mean.

## An expansion around the turbulent attractor II

The expansion of (1) about this mean (and subtracting this mean equation) is

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathcal{O}(2) \\ &= \mathbf{L} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{g}}(t)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  represents the second-order terms in the expansion of  $\mathbf{f}$ .

At a particular  $\omega \neq 0$  we then have

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) = (\omega I - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\omega).$$

The second-order terms, rather than being truncated, act to excite the state.

## A low-rank basis

The resolvent  $\mathbf{H}(\omega) = (\omega I - \mathbf{L})^{-1}$  is well-approximated by a projection  $\Pi(\omega)$ ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) = \mathbf{H}(\omega)\hat{\mathbf{g}}(\omega) \simeq \Pi(\omega)\hat{\mathbf{g}}(\omega).$$

**The SVD gives the optimal  $N$ -dimensional basis on which the velocity field evolves, in sense that  $\|\mathbf{H}(\omega) - \Pi_N(\omega)\|_F$  is minimised. <sup>[1]</sup>**

**The flow “lives” mostly in  $\Pi$ .**

The ‘error’ is  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^\perp = \Pi_N^\perp \hat{\mathbf{g}}$ .

[1] McKeon & Sharma, *JFM*, 2010.

# A basis for optimal projection; resolvent modes

$$\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{g}} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \psi_m(\mathbf{x})\sigma_m \langle \phi_m^*(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$$

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$$\langle \psi_m, \psi_{m'} \rangle = \delta_{m,m'}$$

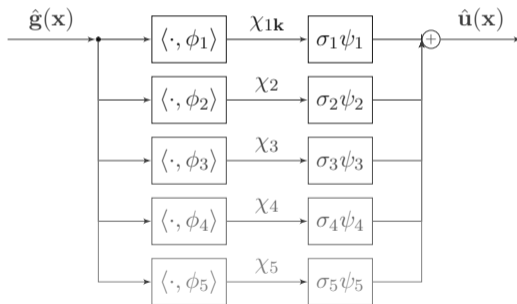
$$\langle \phi_m, \phi_{m'} \rangle = \delta_{m,m'}$$

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots$$

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Each  $\sigma_m$  is a (real) gain,  $\sigma_1$  is the maximum gain.

Velocity field response is  $\psi_m(\mathbf{x})$ .



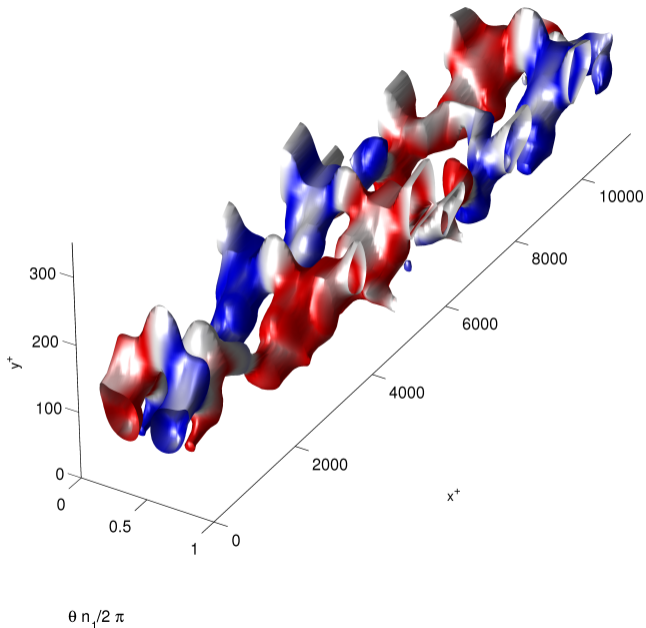


# Self-interacting structure

- ▶ Structure / kernel in log layer can self-interact
- ▶ Self-sustaining mode combo requires solving coefficients
- ▶ Relates to Hwang / Cossu log-layer SSP?

	k	n	c
'hairpin'	6	$\pm 6$	2/3
'VLSM'	1	$\pm 6$	2/3
beating mode	7	$\pm 12$	2/3

*Sharma & McKeon 2013*



## Problem: fixing coefficients in nonlinear optimisation

We have optimal basis  $\{\psi_i\}$  for velocity field; projecting Navier-Stokes onto these equations gives a quadratic optimisation problem in the coefficients  $\{\chi_i\}$ :

$$\chi_a = \sum_{b,c} N_{abc} \chi_b \chi_c.$$

$N_{abc}$  is  $\sim$  “eddy-eddy” interaction.

Solving this optimisation is solving turbulent flow in a (projected) low-dimensional space.

For turbulence this is still very high-dimensional. We would like a lower-dimensional problem to develop the techniques on.

# How are invariant solutions and resolvent modes linked?

- ▶ Symmetric recurrent solutions thought to give shape to turbulent state-space; cause coherent structure
- ▶ Resolvent framework designed to capture coherent structure
- ▶ RM should somehow capture low-dimensional structure of invariant solutions
- ▶ These provide a nice testbed for RM, since single  $c$

# Projection of solutions onto model modes

- ▶ 15 pipe solutions provided by A Willis (Sheffield),  $Re_B = 5300$
- ▶ Also channel solutions provided by M Graham, JS Park (Wisconsin-Madison)
- ▶ S and N solutions presented, upper and lower branch\*, †
- ▶ modes generated using  $\mathbf{u}_0$  of solution

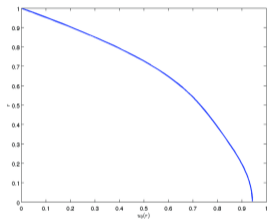
*\*original pipe solutions continued from Pringle et al, Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A, 2009*

*†S have shift-reflect, N also have mirror, rotational symmetries*

*Sharma, Moarref, McKeon, Park, Graham, Willis, Phys. Rev. E 2016*

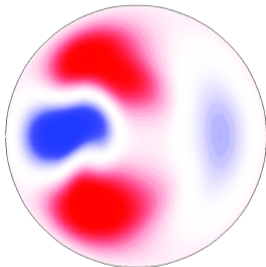
# S1 solution 3403.0007

close to laminar; well represented with one mode per  $k$



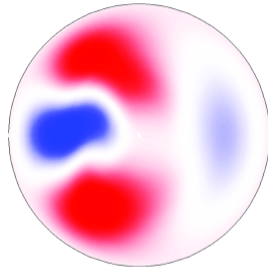
actual solution

$z=0$



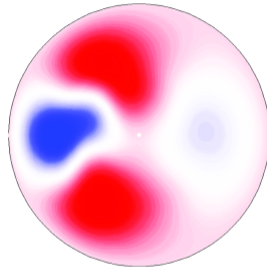
$m = 1 \dots 5$

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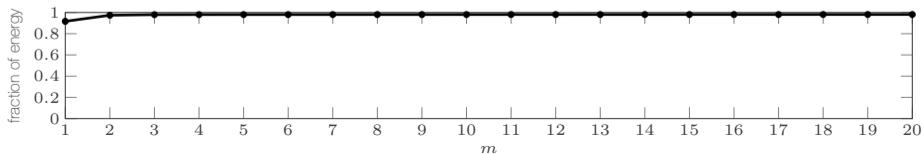


$m = 1$

$z=0$



fraction of solution energy, keeping  $m$  singular values per Fourier mode



# N3L solution 6507.1000

lower branch; close to laminar; well represented

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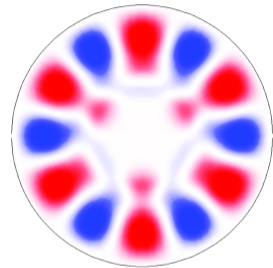
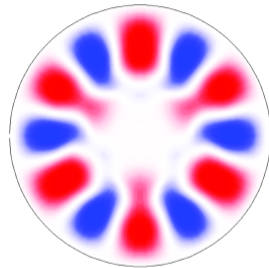
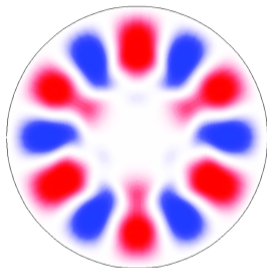
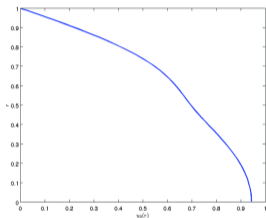
$z=0$

$m = 1 \dots 5$

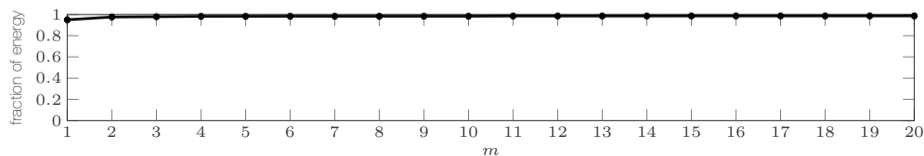
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$m = 1$

$z=0$



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# N2U solution 6502.0050

more 'turbulent'; less well represented

actual solution

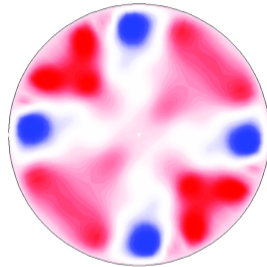
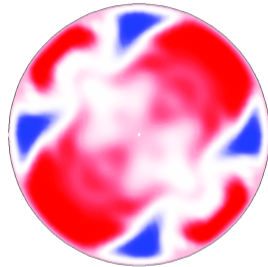
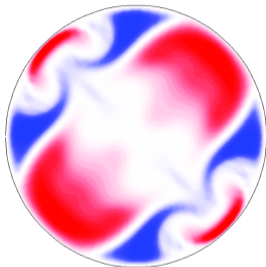
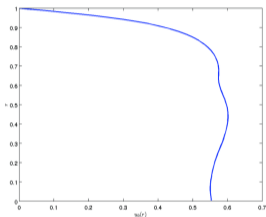
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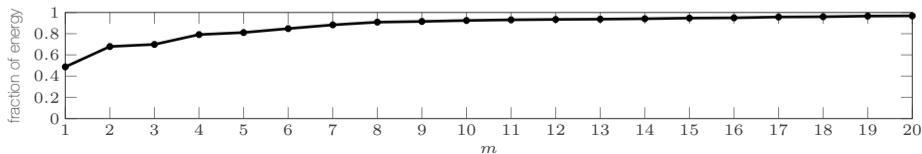
$z=0$

$m = 1$

$z=0$



fraction of solution energy, keeping  $m$  singular values per Fourier mode



# N4U solution 6512.1000

more 'turbulent'; less well represented; not visited in turbulent DNS

actual solution

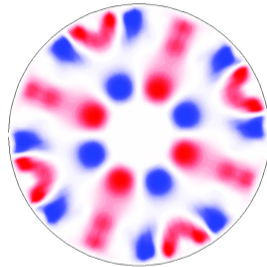
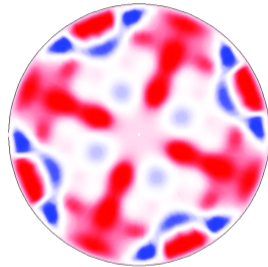
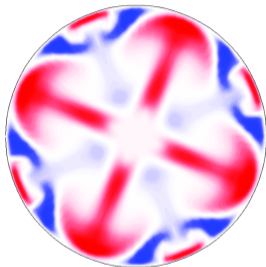
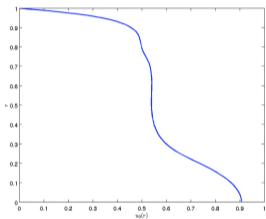
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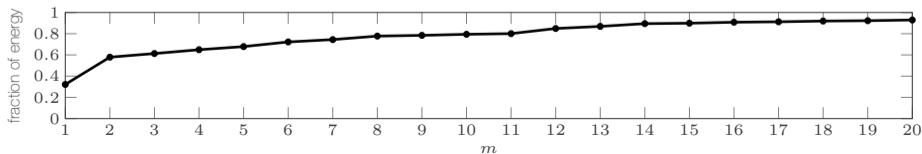
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fraction of solution energy, keeping  $m$  singular values per Fourier mode



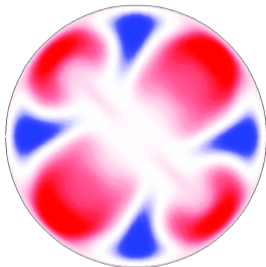


# N2U solution 6502.0001

more 'turbulent'; but well represented ?!

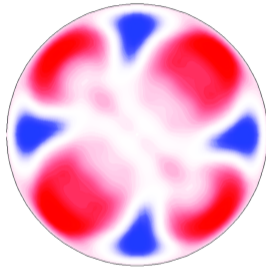
actual solution

$z=0$



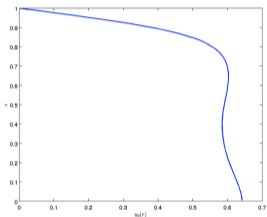
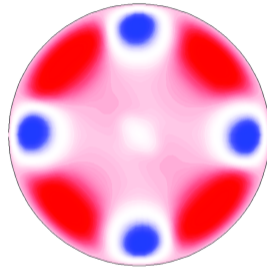
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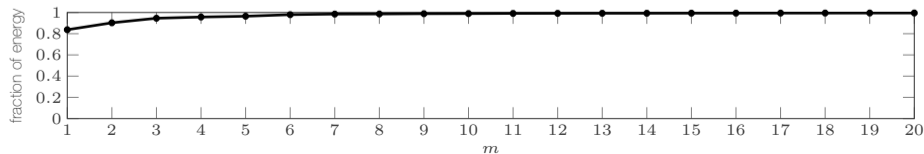


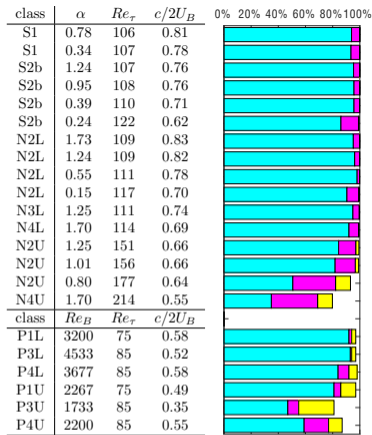
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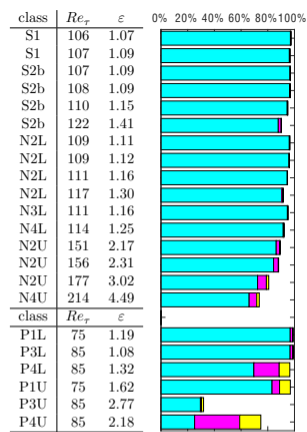


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Fluctuation energy



Dissipation

Upper set: pipe (all at  $Re_B = 5300$ ), 1, 5, 10 modes.

Lower set: channel (at a range of  $Re_B$ ), 1, 2, 5 mode pairs.

# An observation

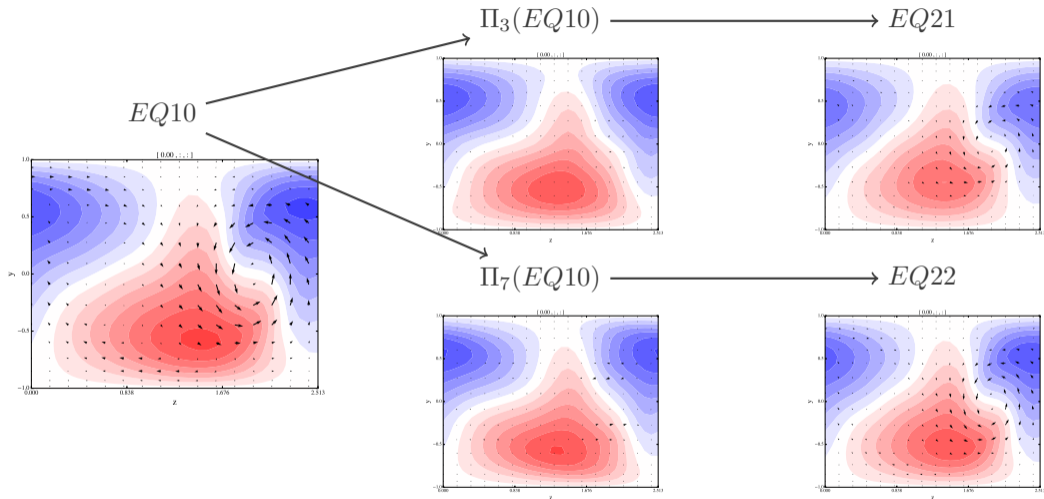
- ▶ JS Park noticed that the projection of P4U looks like its lower-branch counterpart \*
- ▶ Why?
- ▶ Can we use this to generate new solutions?

# Project and search

- ▶ Use projection of known PCF solutions\* as seed for Newton search of new solutions (using *channelflow*)

\* Gibson, Halcrow, Cvitanovic, *JFM* 2008

# What does project-and-search do?



A symmetry operation  $\sigma$  is an operation which commutes with forward integration,

$$\sigma \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \sigma f(\mathbf{u}) = f(\sigma \mathbf{u})$$

Plane Couette flow admits seven discrete symmetries plus  $e$ ,

$$\theta_1[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [-u, -v, w](-x, -y, z),$$

$$\theta_2[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [u, v, -w](x, y, -z + L_z/2),$$

$$\theta_3[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [-u, -v, -w](-x, -y, -z + L_z/2),$$

$$\theta_4[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [u, v, -w](x + L_x/2, y, -z),$$

$$\theta_5[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [-u, -v, -w](-x + L_x/2, y, -z),$$

$$\theta_6[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [u, v, w](x + L_x/2, y, z + L_z/2),$$

$$\theta_7[u, v, w](x, y, z) = [-u, -v, w](-x + L_x/2, -y, z + L_z/2)$$

subgroups:

$\Gamma$  = all continuous symmetries,

$$\Sigma = \{e, \theta_4, \theta_7, \theta_3\},$$

$$\Sigma_n = \{e, \sigma_n\},$$

$$\Theta = \{e, \tau_{xz}\} \times \Sigma,$$

$$K = \{e, \Theta_1, \Theta_2, \Theta_3\}.$$

$\sigma_1 = \theta_4$  is shift-reflect

$\sigma_2 = \theta_7$  is shift-rotate

$\sigma_3 = \theta_3 = \sigma_1\sigma_2$  is PWI

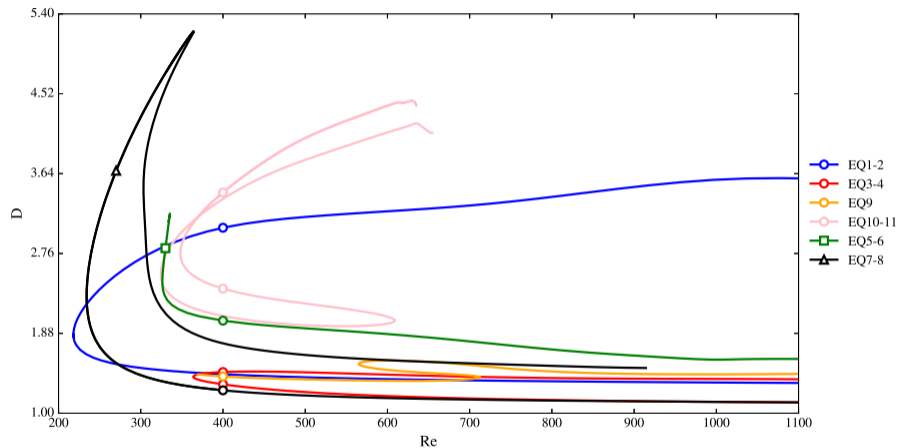
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		0	0.0000	0.1667	1.0000	$\Gamma$	0	0		199
	400	3	0.1259	0.1382	1.3177	$\Sigma$	4	2	$10^{-4}$	109
	400	4	0.1681	0.1243	1.4537	$\Sigma$	6	3	$10^{-6}$	75
	400	1	0.2091	0.1363	1.4293	$\Sigma$	1	1	$10^{-6}$	163
	400	5	0.2186	0.1073	2.0201	$\Sigma$	11	4	$10^{-3}$	33
	400	2	0.3858	0.0780	3.0437	$\Sigma$	8	2	$10^{-4}$	158
	400	7	0.0936	0.1469	1.2523	$\Theta$	3	1	$10^{-4}$	110
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	400	10	0.3285	0.1080	2.3721	$\Sigma_3$	10	7	$10^{-4}$	49
	400	11	0.4049	0.0803	3.4322	$\Sigma_3$	13	10	$10^{-3}$	1
$\Pi_5$ (EQ9)	400	20	0.2405	0.1289	1.6034	$\Sigma_3$	3	2	$10^{-5}$	146
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$\Pi_6$ (EQ6)	330	13	0.2168	0.1337	1.4705	$\Sigma$	1	1	$10^{-3}$	126
$\Pi_{40}$ (EQ6)	330	14	0.2375	0.1052	2.2785	$\Sigma$	15	6	$10^{-2}$	124
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$\Pi_{66}$ (EQ15)	330	26	0.2707	0.0975	2.6274	$\Sigma_3$	17	9	$10^{-2}$	21
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$\Pi_{11}$ (EQ8)	270	18	0.2292	0.1294	1.5415	$\Sigma$	1	1	$10^{-2}$	99
$\Pi_3$ (EQ8)	270	17	0.1546	0.1301	1.5530	$\Theta$	5	1	$10^{-2}$	70
$\Pi_{38}$ (EQ8)	270	19	0.3148	0.0904	3.1529	$K$	12	0	$10^{-2}$	76
$\Pi_2$ (EQ18)	270	27	0.2297	0.1292	1.5444	$\Sigma_3$	2	2	$10^{-2}$	128

$H$  is the isotropy subgroup

$d(W^u)$  is the dimension of unstable manifold

$d(W_H^u)$  is the dimension of the unstable manifold within the  $H$ -invariant subspace

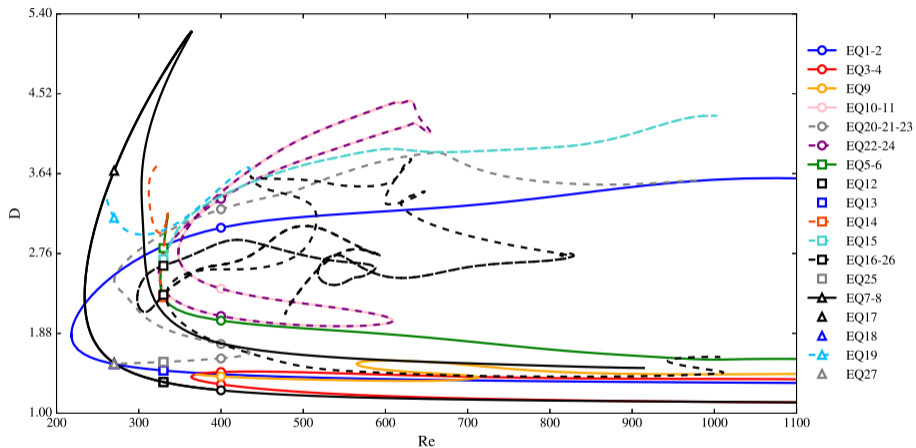
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dissipation ( $D$ ) continuations;  
solid: known equilibria

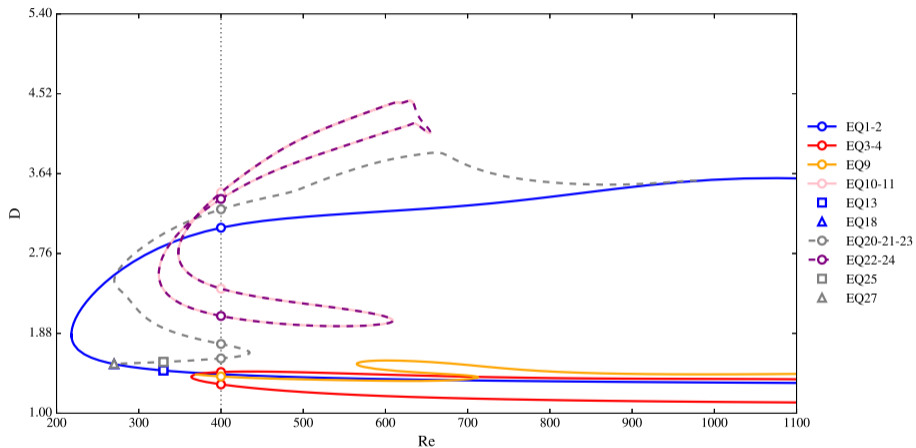


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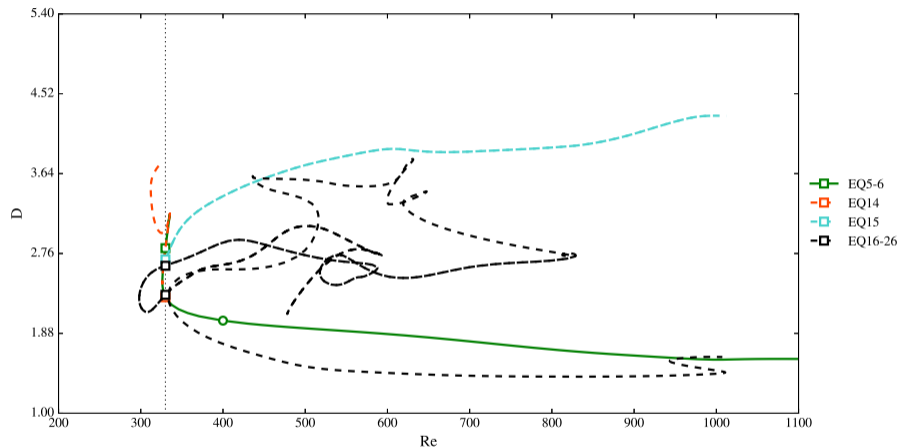
dissipation (D) continuations;  
solid: known equilibria, dashed: new equilibria

# New branches ( $Re = 400$ )



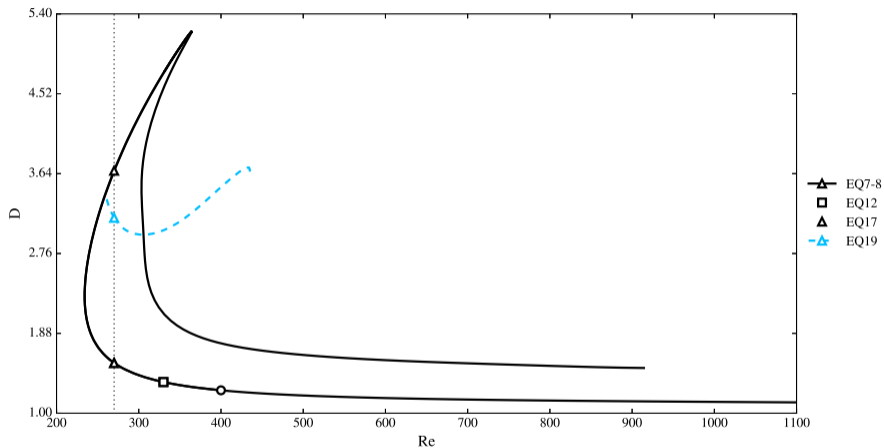
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# New branches ( $Re = 330$ )

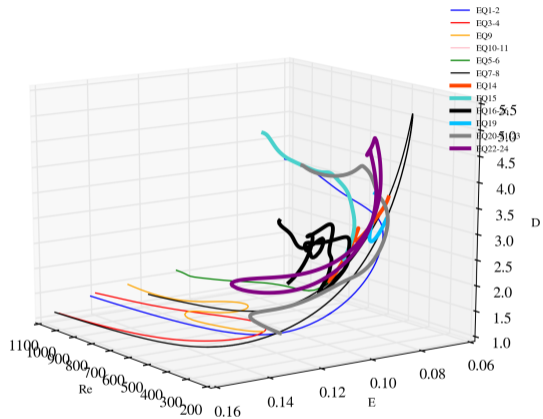
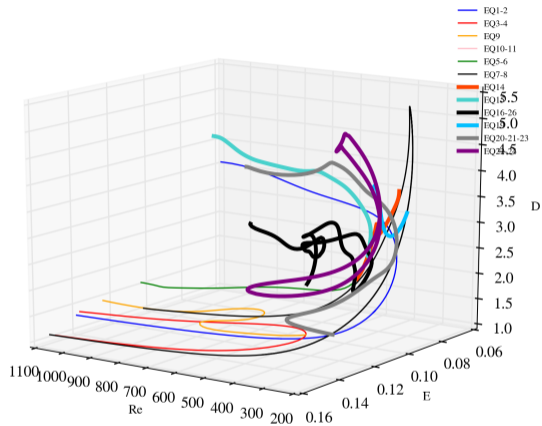


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# New branches ( $Re = 270$ )

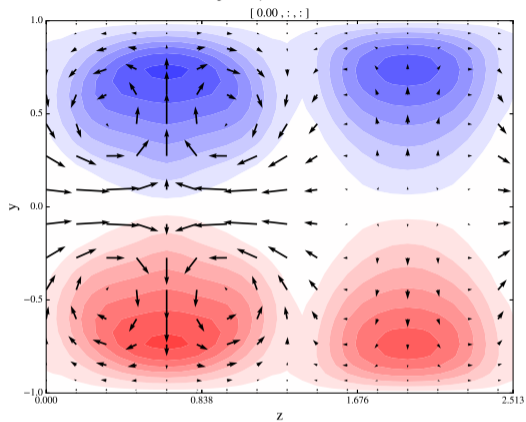


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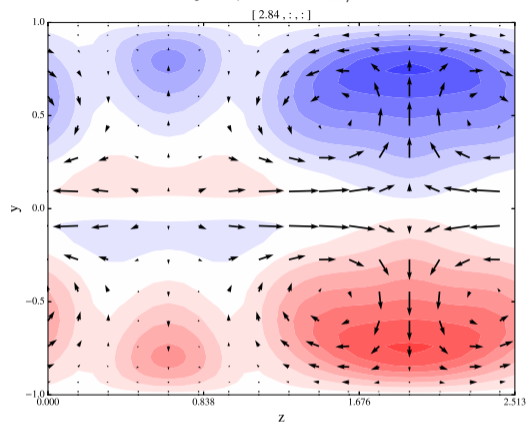


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*EQ19*,  $x = 0$

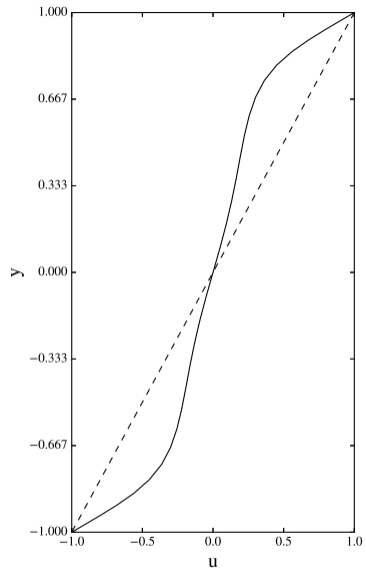
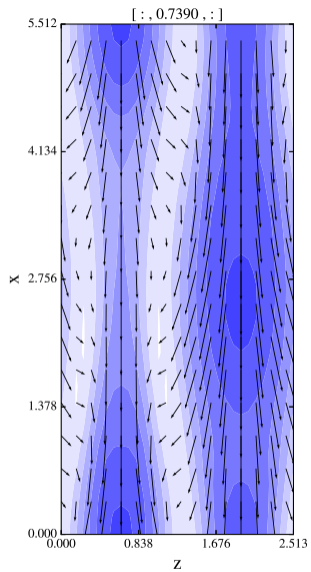


*EQ19*,  $x = L_x/2$



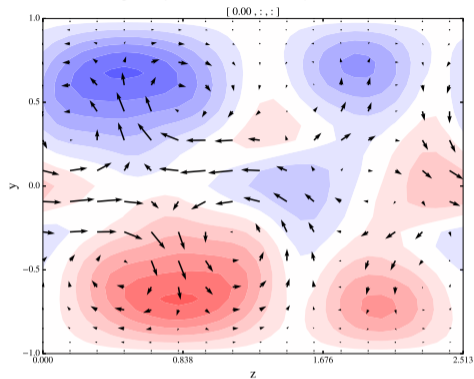
- ▶ new subgroup  $K$  (breaks half-cell shift in  $x$ )
- ▶ arises from pitchfork bifurcation from EQ7-8 curve

*EQ19*,  $y = 0.73$

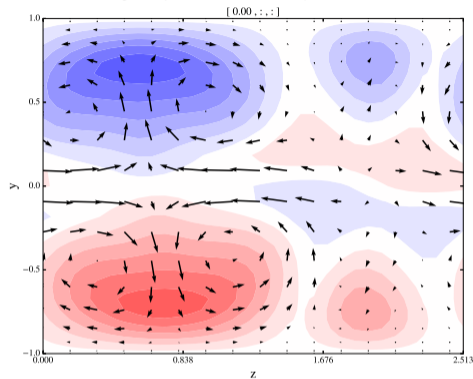




EQ16,  $Re = 330$ ,  $x = 0$

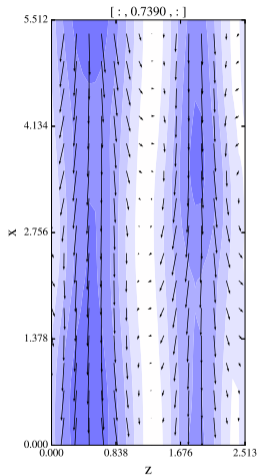


EQ26,  $Re = 330$ ,  $x = 0$

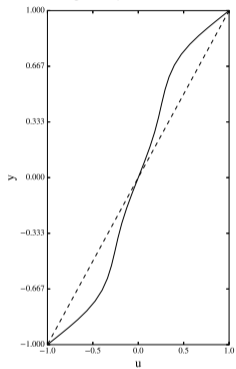


- ▶ arise from *two* saddle node bifurcations at  $Re = 298.1$  and  $Re = 517.9$
- ▶ upper and lower branches swap at higher  $Re$

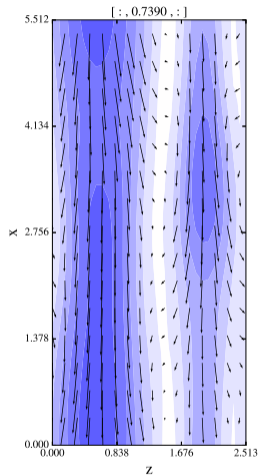
*EQ16*,  $y = 0.739$



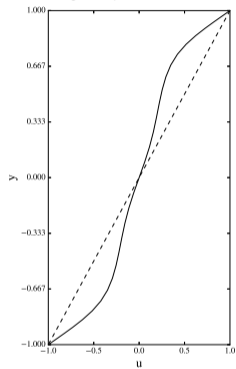
*EQ16*, mean



*EQ26*,  $y = 0.739$



*EQ26*, mean



EQ16-26 following bifurcation curve

# To do

- ▶ Heteroclinic connections between equilibria
- ▶ Periodic orbits etc
- ▶ Coefficient solver

# Conclusions

- ▶ Gain-optimal basis from NSE captures turbulent structure and invariant solutions
- ▶ We may generate good initial guesses at will
- ▶ A 'force multiplier' when finding equilibria
- ▶ Extends trivially to periodic orbits etc.
- ▶ **We are entering an age where UPOs etc will be useful in *application*;**
- ▶ **'industrialisation' is becoming key**