

Linearization theorems, Koopman operator and its application

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Complex systems-its characterization

- **Hierarchical Structure**

Many agents interconnected in a complex manner, resulting in a multi-scale, highly heterogeneous system.

- **Self-organized dynamics**

Nonlinear, non-equilibrium dynamics leads to the emergent behavior, which is non-reducible and unpredictable from single agent behavior.

- **Adaptability**

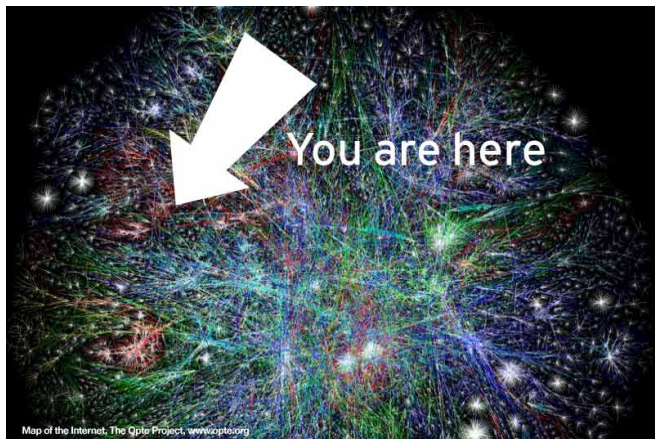
Robust while flexible, evolvable.

- **Uncertainties**

The determination of parameters and relations are hard.



The internetiverse



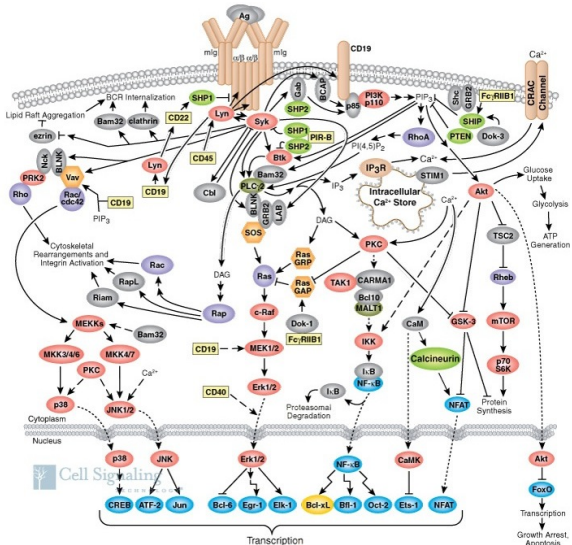
Turbulence



Structure of macromolecules



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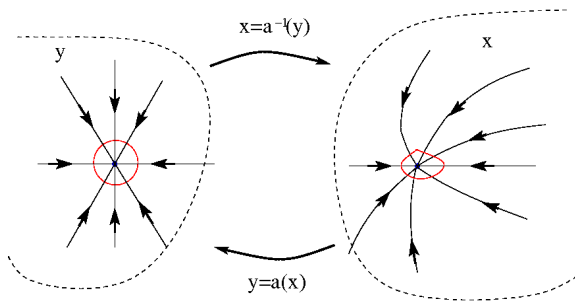


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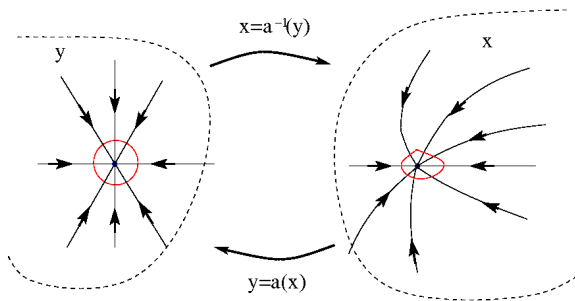
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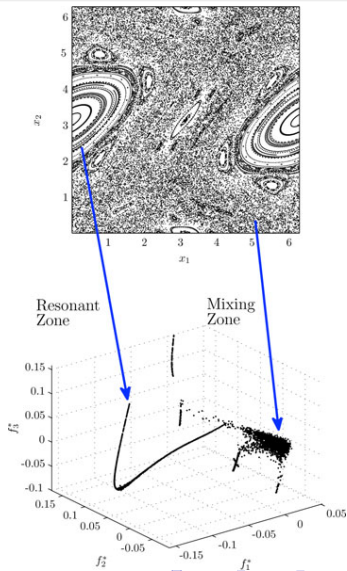
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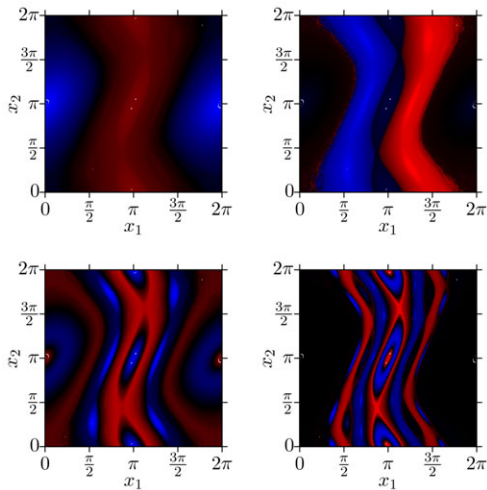
$$x_1^* = x_1 + 2\pi\epsilon \sin(x_2) \pmod{2\pi}$$

$$x_2^* = x_1^* + x_2 \pmod{2\pi}$$

- The embedding of dynamics into space of three observables.
 [M. Budisic and I. Mezic, 48th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control]



Organizing invariant set by diffusion map



Eigenvectors for $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_7, \lambda_{17}$ at $\epsilon = 0.133$.



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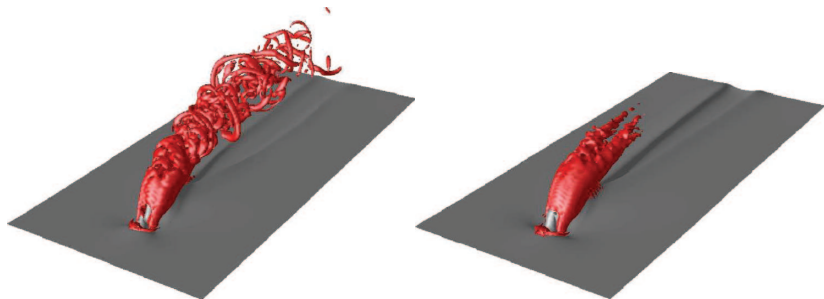
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Jet in cross flow



[C. W. Rowley *et al*, J. Fluid Mech. 641, 115(2009)]



The Arnoldi algorithm

- Consider a linear dynamical system $x_{k+1} = Ax_k$ and construct the matrix

$$K = [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}] = [x_0, Ax_0, \dots, A^{m-1}x_0].$$

If the m th iterate $x_m = Ax_{m-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} c_k x_k + r$, then we can write $AK \approx KC$, where

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The Arnoldi algorithm

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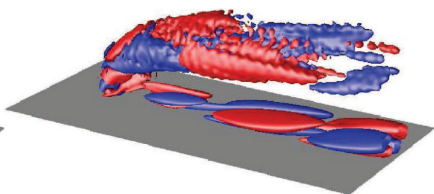
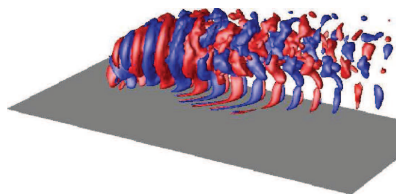
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