

Course name: **Introduction to Turbulence**

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Reference books:

1. **An Introduction to Turbulent Flow/Jean Mathieu & Julian Scott, Cambridge University Press, 2000**
2. **Turbulent Flows/S.B. Pope (Cambridge)**
3. The physics of fluid turbulence/W.D. McComb
4. The theory of homogeneous turbulence/G.K. Batchelor
5. A first course in turbulence/H. Tennekes & J.L. Lumley

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1. Regularity, Chaos, and Turbulence
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5. Space and Time Scales of Turbulence
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1. Regularity, Chaos, and Turbulence

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☛ ABC Flows (Arnold(1965)+Beltrami+Childress(1970))

$$u = A \sin z + C \cos y$$

$$v = B \sin x + A \cos z$$

$$w = C \sin y + B \cos x$$

$$C \leq B \leq A = 1$$

- (1) laminar flows (Eulerian viewpoint)
- (2) a solution of steady incompressible Euler equations

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

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\nabla \frac{p}{\rho}$$

Ref: Dombre et al, JFM 167, 353-391 (1986)

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(3) Possess Beltrami properties: $\nabla \times \vec{u} = \vec{\omega} = \lambda \vec{u}$; $\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \lambda = 0$

(4) Integrable if $C = 0$

pathlines :

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} = A \sin z$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = B \sin x + A \cos z$$

$$w = \frac{dz}{dt} = B \cos x$$

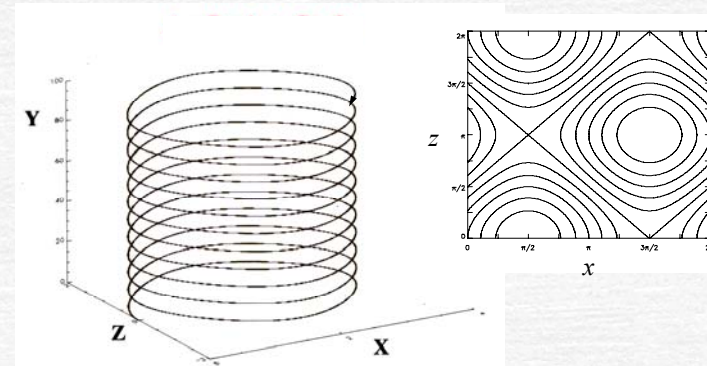
$$\Rightarrow B \cos x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} - A \sin z \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B \sin x + A \cos z = \text{constant} = V ; y(t) = y(0) + Vt$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= A \sin z + C \cos y \\ v &= B \sin x + A \cos z \\ w &= C \sin y + B \cos x \\ C &\leq B \leq A = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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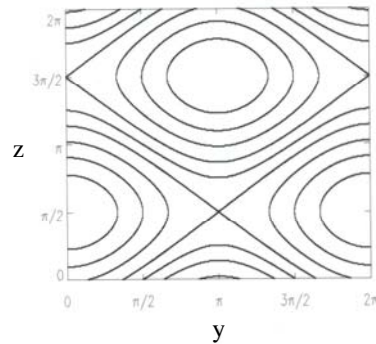
• Pathlines: $A=1, B=1, C=0$ (regular) $\Rightarrow \sin x + \cos z = \text{constant}$



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• contours of constant magnitudes: $A=1, B = C = 1/\sqrt{2}$

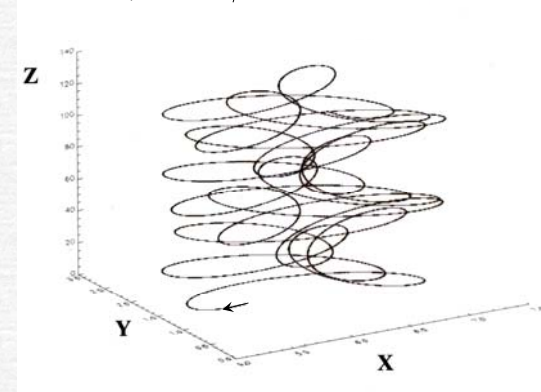
(Eulerian viewpoint: regular)



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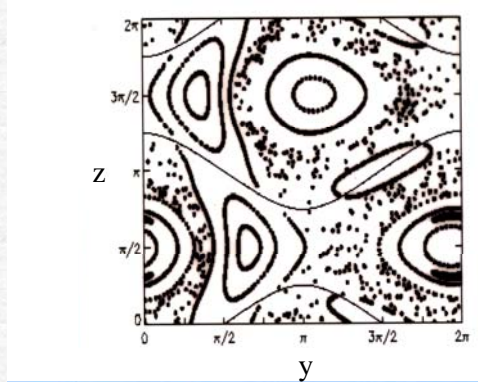
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(Lagrangian turbulence)

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- Poincare maps



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• Duffing Equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \delta \frac{dx}{dt} - x + x^3 = \gamma \cos \omega t$

δ : damping coefficient

γ : forcing amplitude

ω : forcing frequency

if $\delta = \gamma = 0$, then integrable

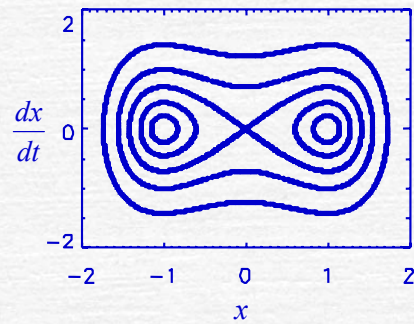
if $\gamma = 0$,

$0 < \delta < 2\sqrt{2}$: stable spiral nodes at $(x = \pm 1, \frac{dx}{dt} = 0)$

$\delta \geq 2\sqrt{2}$: stable nodes at $(x = \pm 1, \frac{dx}{dt} = 0)$

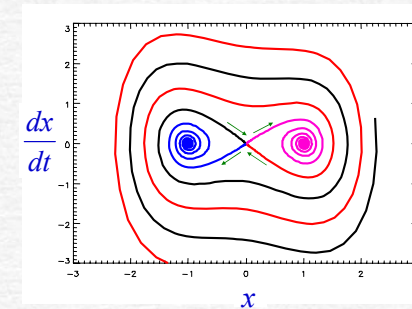
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- phase space ($\delta = \gamma = 0$) :



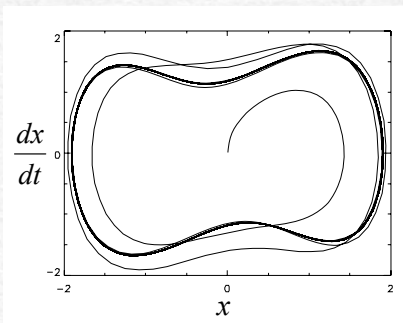
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- phase space ($\gamma = 0, \delta < 2\sqrt{2}$) :



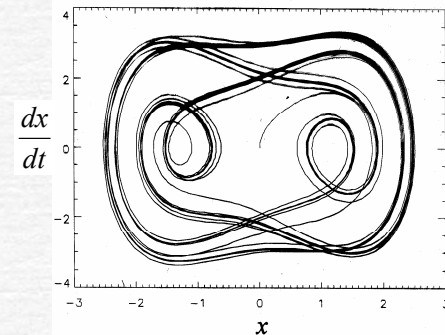
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- phase space ($\gamma = 1.2, \delta = 0.5, \omega = 1$) :



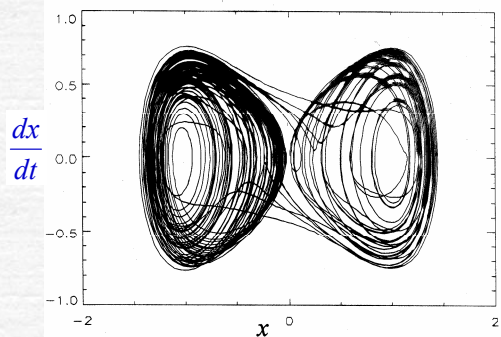
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- phase space ($\gamma = 1.6, \delta = 0.1, \omega = 1$) :



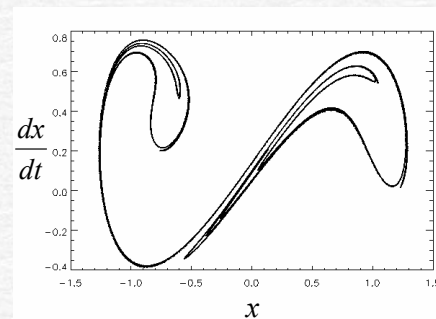
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- phase space ($\gamma = 0.32, \delta = 0.32, \omega = 1.2$) :



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- Poincare map ($\gamma = 0.32, \delta = 0.32, \omega = 1.2$) :



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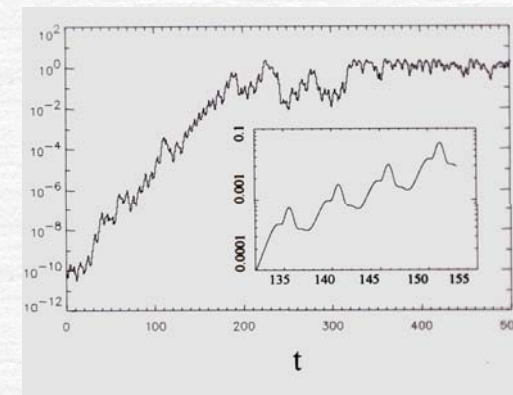
Chaotic Systems:

- dynamical systems with a limited number of degrees of freedom
- chaotic in time in the sense that two initially close-by points in the phase space will separate exponentially

Turbulent Flows:

- have infinite number of degrees of freedom
- chaotic both in time and in space

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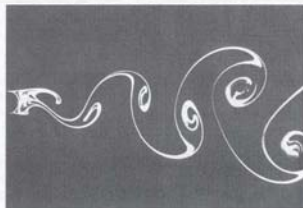


Figure 1.1. The Von Kármán vortex street behind a cylinder placed in a uniform flow. (Courtesy of Sadotshi Taneda.)

laminar v.s. turbulent

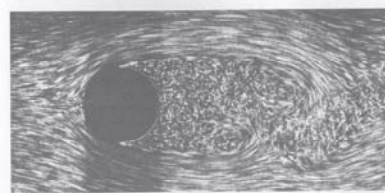
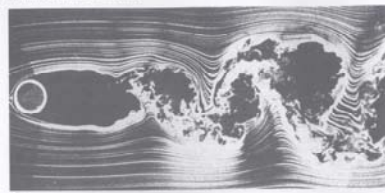


Figure 1.2. Visualizations of a turbulent cylinder wake. (b) shows a close-up. (a) Courtesy of Thomas Carke and Hassan Naghy. (b) ONERA photograph, Worke and Galton (1972), reproduced with permission.

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(1) Unpredictable

- ~ any small disturbance causes dramatically different results
- ~ ir-reproducible
- ~ by nature unstable in the sense that a small disturbance will be amplified by nonlinearity

c.f. **laminar – disturbance is damped by viscosity**

(2) Random fluctuations in all physical quantities

- ~ fluctuations both in time and in space
- ~ statistical tools may be helpful;
 - $\langle u \rangle$, $3q^2/2$ = mean fluctuation energy (turbulent intensity)
- ~ follows Navier-Stokes equations (continuum)

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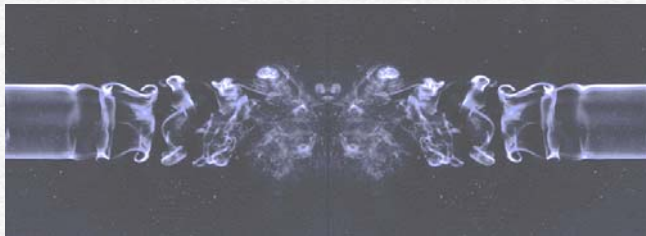
(3) Involve a wide range of length and time scales

cf. laminar – one or several dominant frequencies/wavelengths

❖ large scales (L)

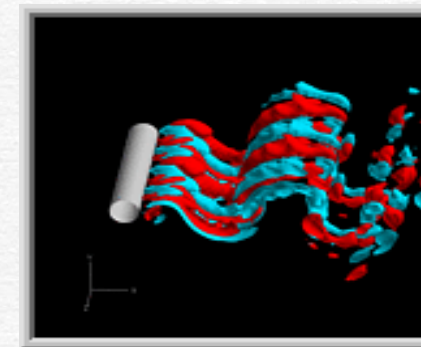
- fixed by the overall geometry of flow
- contain most of turbulent (kinetic) energy ($3q^2/2$)
- anisotropic and nonhomogeneous
- depends on boundaries, external forces, etc.

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double jets: L = jet width

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L = cylinder diameter

Re = 300 (Arthur Kravchenko)

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❖ small scales (Kolmogorov's dissipation length, η)

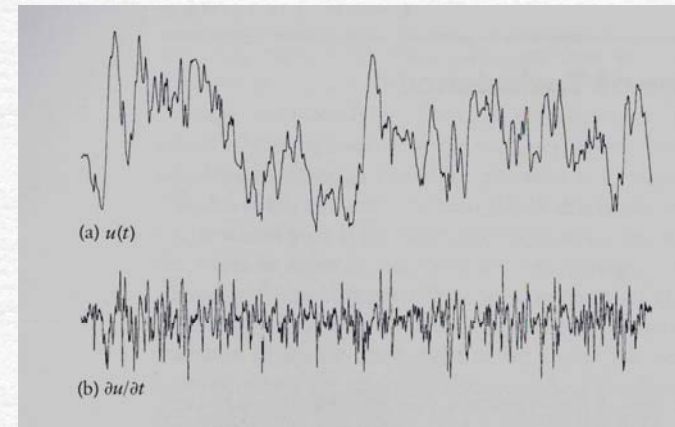
- dissipate most of the energy
- flow adjust itself according to viscosity
- approximately isotropic, homogeneous, universal
- weakly affected by boundaries, external forces, etc.
- important parameters:

ε = energy dissipation rate per unit mass (m^2/sec^3)

ν = momentum diffusivity (m^2/sec)

$$\eta = (\nu^3/\varepsilon)^{1/4} \quad ; \quad \tau_\eta = (\nu/\varepsilon)^{1/2}$$

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❖ Range of length/time scales

dimensional analysis: $\eta = (\nu^3/\varepsilon)^{1/4} \quad ; \quad \tau_\eta = (\nu/\varepsilon)^{1/2}$

Empirical relation: $L = q^3/\varepsilon \quad ; \quad \tau_L = L/q$

Range of time/length scales:

$$L/\eta = Re_L^{3/4}$$

$$\tau_L/\tau_\eta = Re_L^{1/2}$$

$$Re_L \equiv \frac{qL}{\nu}$$

Ex. d.o.f. in space = 10^9 for $Re_L = 10^4$

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Shear Layer Thickness $L \approx 40$ mm

Kolmogorov length scale, $\eta = L Re_L^{-3/4} = \left(\frac{\nu^3 L}{U^3}\right)^{1/4}$

For air ($\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} m^2/sec$)

if $U = 3.3$ m/sec and $L = 40$ mm

$$\Rightarrow \eta = 0.044$$
 mm

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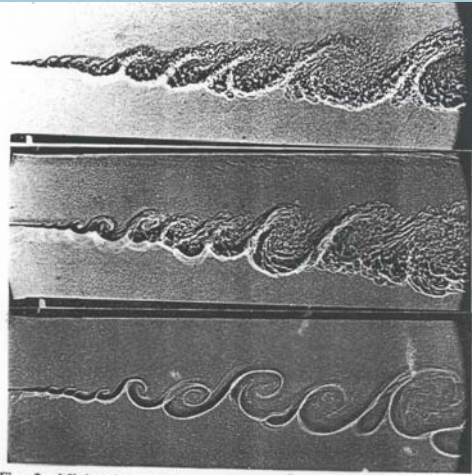
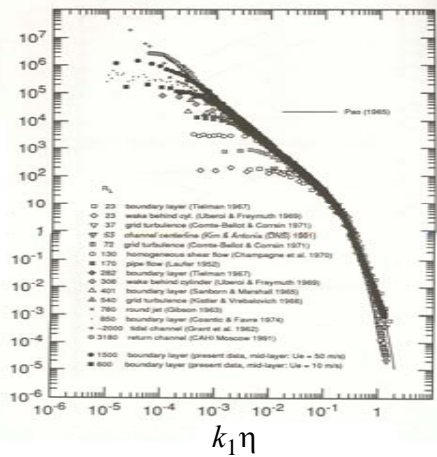


Fig. 2 Mixing layer between helium and nitrogen $U_2/U_1 = 0.38$; $\rho_2/\rho_1 = 7$; $\mu_1 L_1/\mu_2 = 1.2, 0.6$ and 0.3×10^5 , respectively, from top to bottom.

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- ❖ intermediate scales
- inertial scales called usually
 - exist only when Re is sufficiently large
 - free from large-scale effects
 - free of dissipation
- energy spectrum: $E(k) = C_k \epsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$
 - experimentally supported and theoretically derived

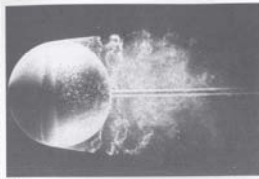
$$E_{11}(k_1)/(\epsilon v^5)^{1/4}$$



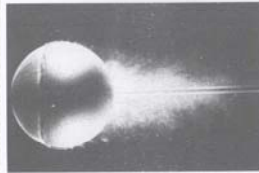
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- (4) Strong mixing ability
 - ~ larger friction drag
 - ~ more resistant to adverse pressure gradients
 - e.g. golf ball, baseball
 - ~ powerful dispersal of material and heat
 - molecular diffusivities: α and ν (m^2/sec)
 - turbulent diffusivities: Lq (large scale*turbulent velocity)

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laminar



turbulent

Figure 1.8. A solid sphere placed in uniform flow: (a) the boundary layer is laminar and separates to form the wake behind the sphere; (b) a trip wire has triggered boundary-layer transition upstream of where flow separation occurs in Figure 1.8a and hence delayed separation. (ONERA photograph, Worle (1980), reproduced with permission.)

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Consider a room of size L :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Molecular dispersal time scale } T_\alpha \approx L^2/\alpha \\ \text{Turbulent dispersal time scale } T_q \approx L/q \end{array} \right\} \text{ratio} = \frac{Lq}{\alpha}$$

$$\text{air, } L = 5\text{m, } q = 0.05\text{m/s, } \alpha = 0.208\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$T_\alpha \sim 10^6\text{ s}$$

$$T_q \sim 10^2\text{ s}$$

$$\text{ratio} \sim 10^4!$$

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(5) Intermittency

(a) External intermittency

~ recognizable coherent structures

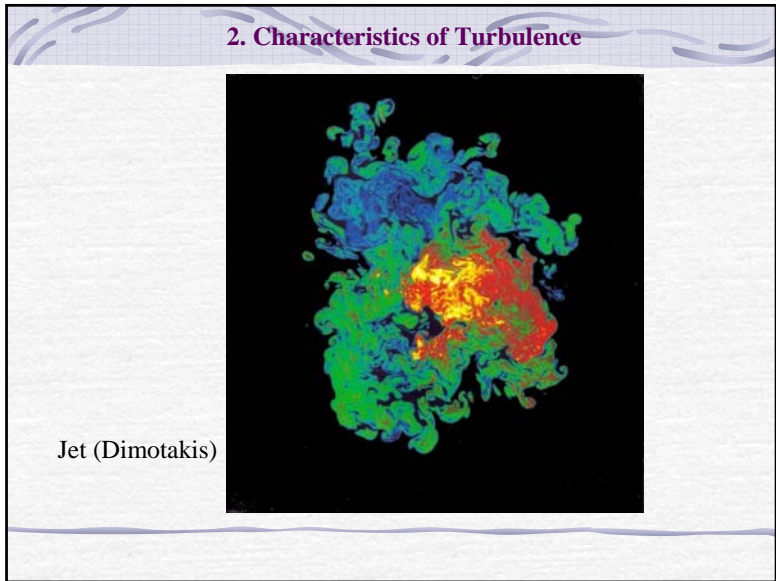
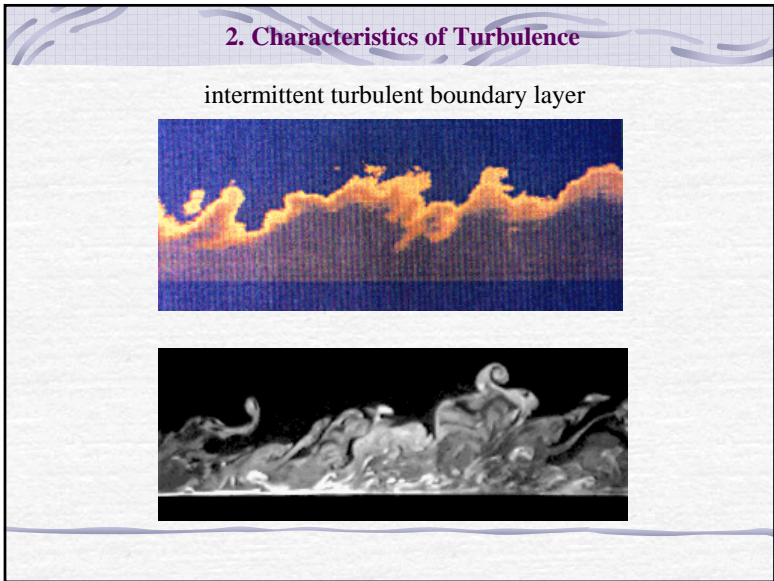
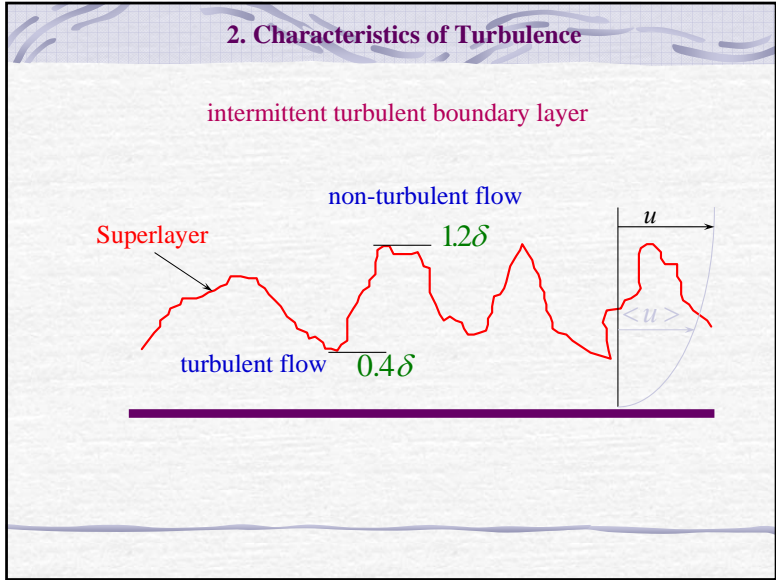
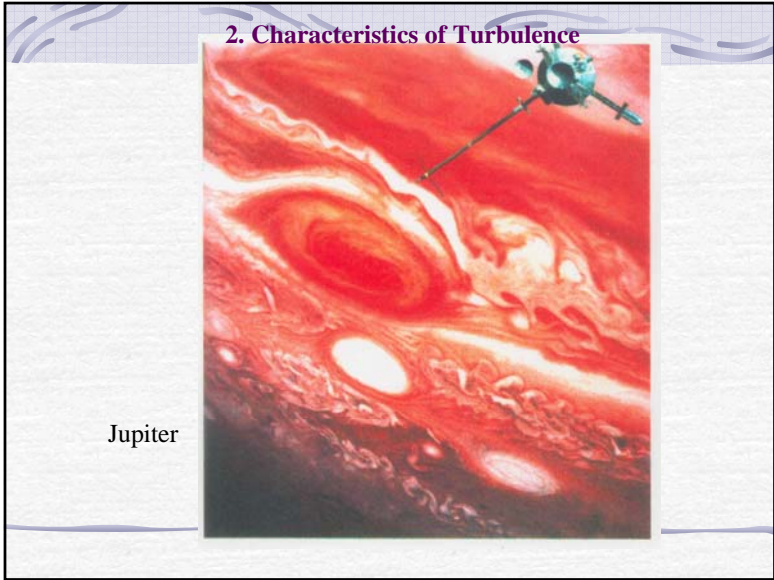
(some flow patterns which may have many random features but nevertheless occurs with sufficient regularity in space and/or time)

~ appears at some particular locations and times

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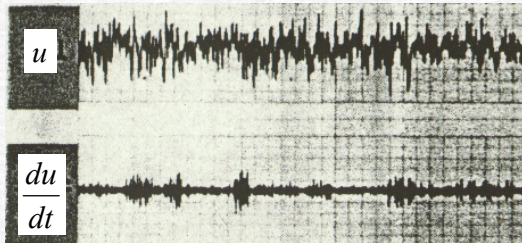
wall turbulence: mushroom structures



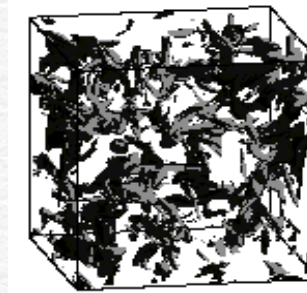
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(b) Internal intermittency

~ intermittent distribution in time/space of small-scale quantities (such as vorticity, dissipation rate, and so on)



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small-scale structures
energy cascade
spectral dynamics
fractal/multifractal

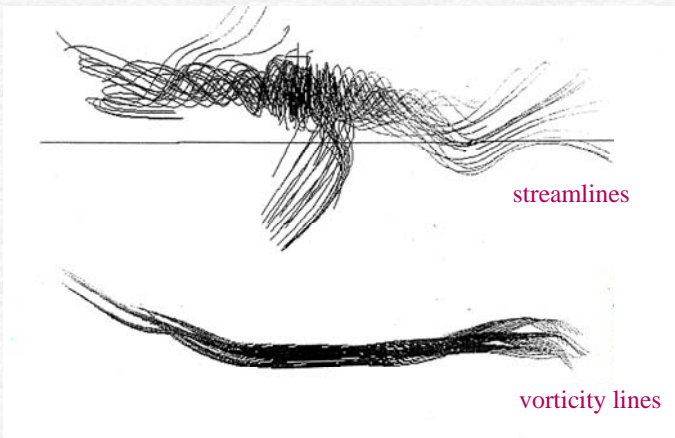
Iso-surfaces of enstrophy $Re_\lambda = 59$

pseudospectral method (120^3)

G.R. Ruetch & J.H. Ferziger (1997)

$Re_\lambda \approx 200$ for 512^3

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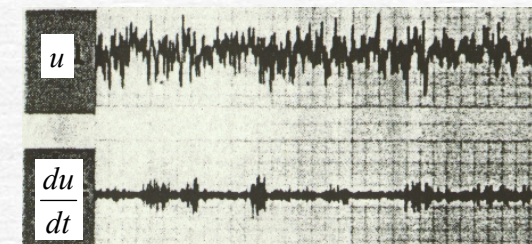
streamlines

vorticity lines

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(b) Internal intermittency

~ Fractal (irregular/fragmented, e.g. Cantor set, Koch curve)



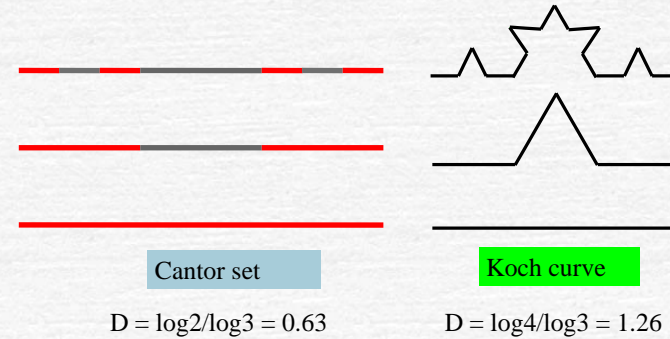
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(b) Internal intermittency

~ Self-similar (invariant under change of scale)



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(6) Self-Sustaining (Energy Cascade)

- ~ large eddies extract energy from mean shear
- ~ smaller eddies extract energy from large eddies
- ~ smallest eddies dissipate energy

(7) Rotational

- ~ $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{u} \neq 0$ at least for certain regions of space
- ~ sources: viscosity+solid wall, pressure+stratification, gravity
- ~ growth: vortex stretching
- ~ decay: viscosity diffusion

Some Questions

1. Why turbulence occur?
2. Why large eddies are energy-containing eddies?
3. Why small eddies take charge of dissipation?
4. How is the energy cascaded?
5. Why is the energy so cascaded?
6. How to *predict* (analytically and/or numerically) turbulence qualitatively and/or quantitatively?