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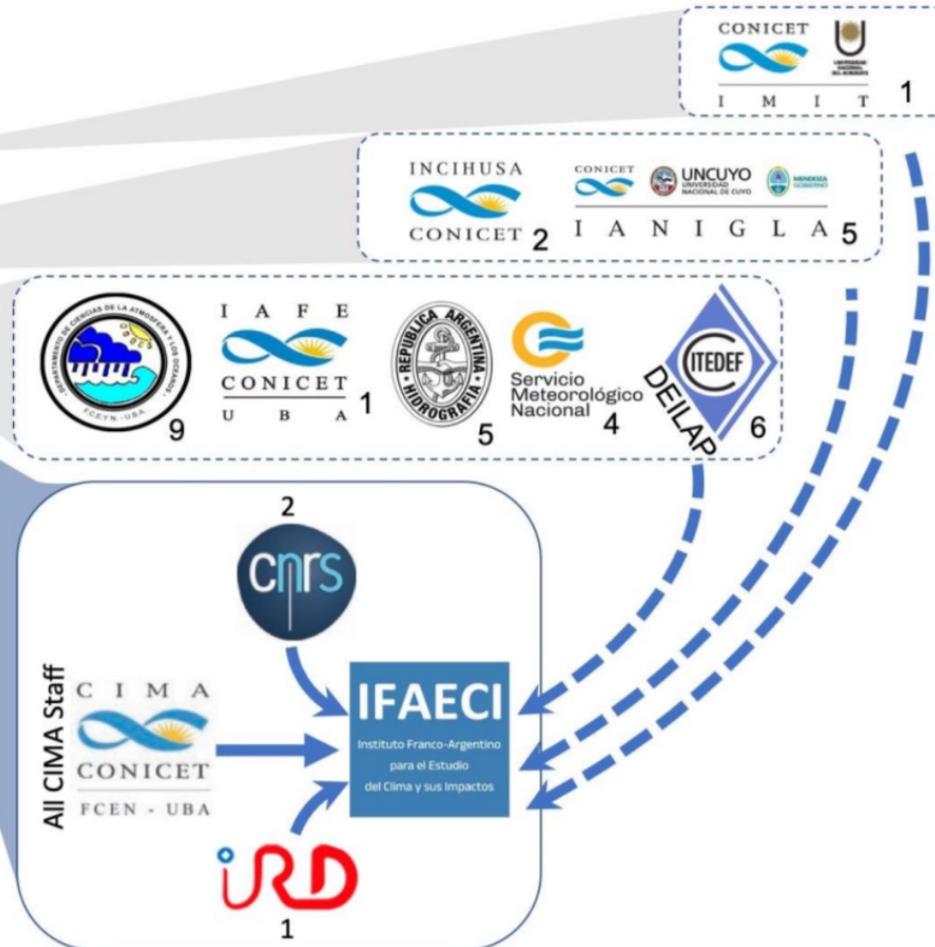
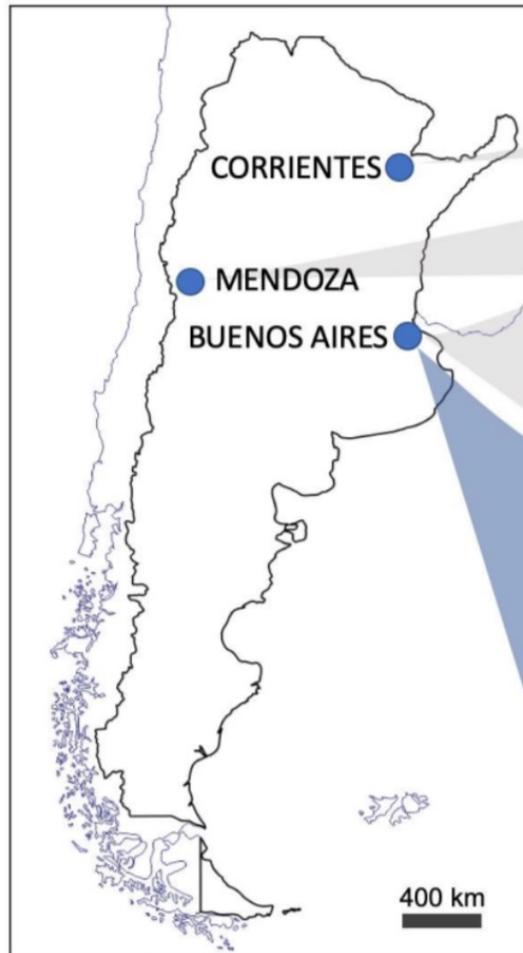


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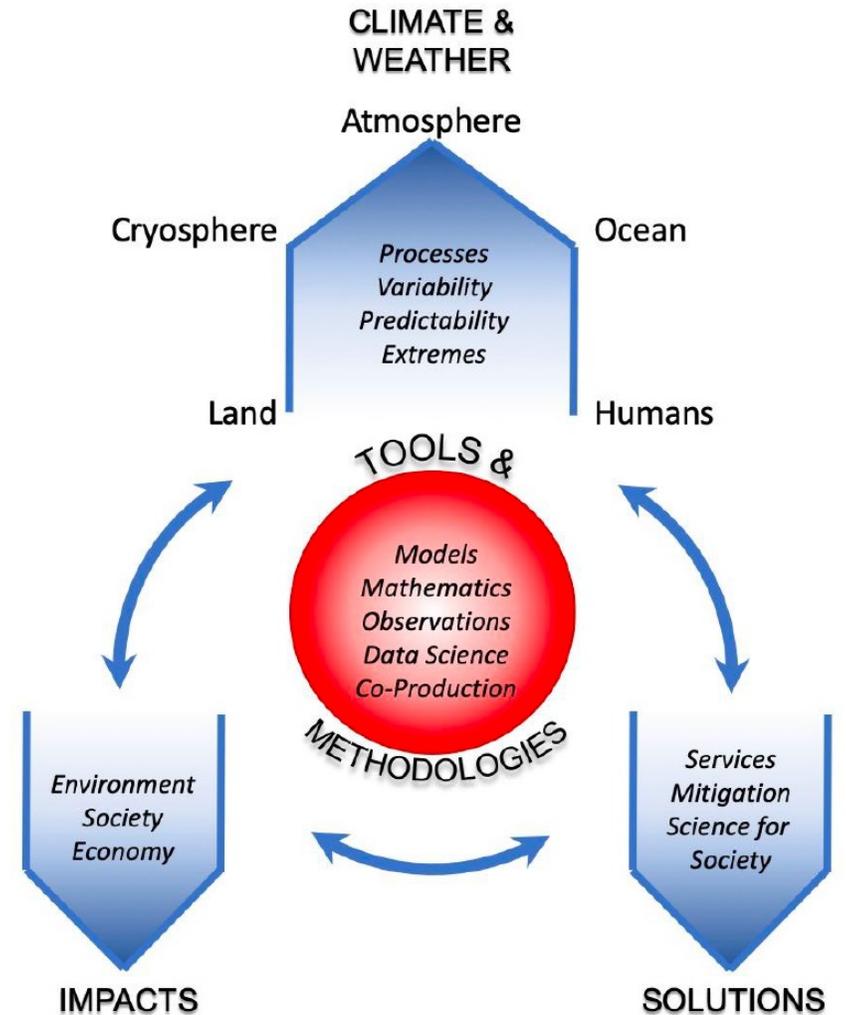
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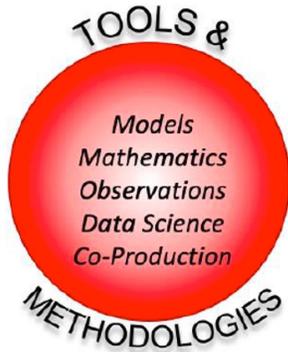
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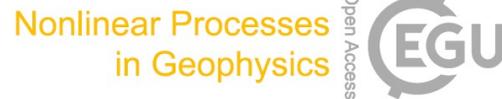




# Topology as a theoretical and data analysis tool for understanding the fundamental processes underlying the dynamics of complex systems.

This paper is based on the invited talks given by the two authors in an online series on “Perspectives on climate sciences: From historical developments to research frontiers”.

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## Review article: Dynamical systems, algebraic topology and the climate sciences

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# Phase Space Topology of chaos: Theory and Applications

## Introduction

- What is chaos topology?

## Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, cell complexes, homologies.

## Applications

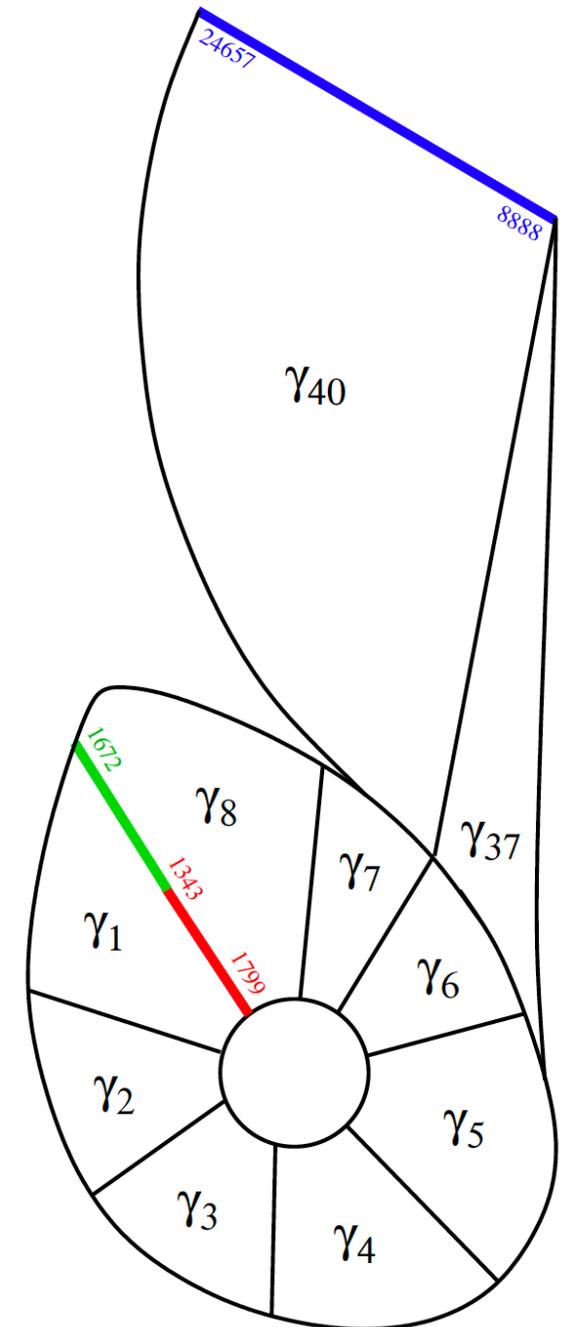
- Lagrangian analysis, Climate dynamics.

## Templex

- Why and how was it conceived? How is it computed?

## Random templex

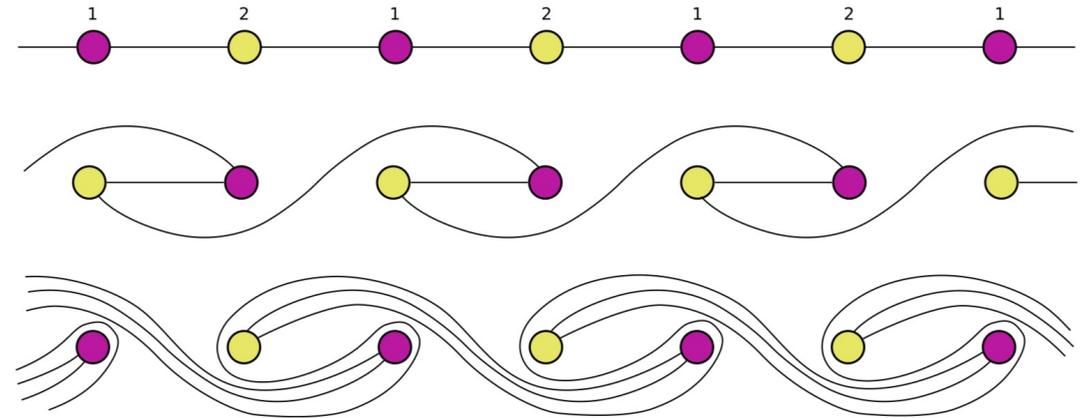
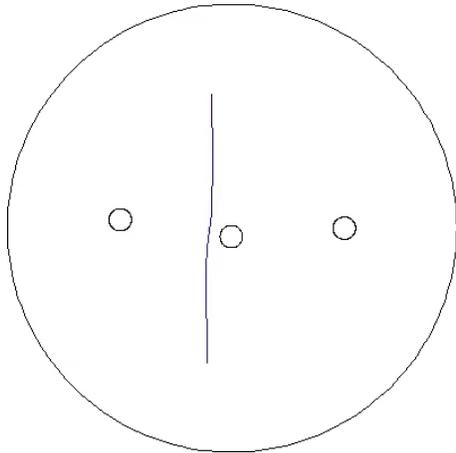
- How is it defined? How does it encode topological tipping points?



## Introduction

- What is chaos topology and why is it important?

Topological chaos considers the problem of how fluid particle trajectories are entangled in physical space during a mixing experiment.



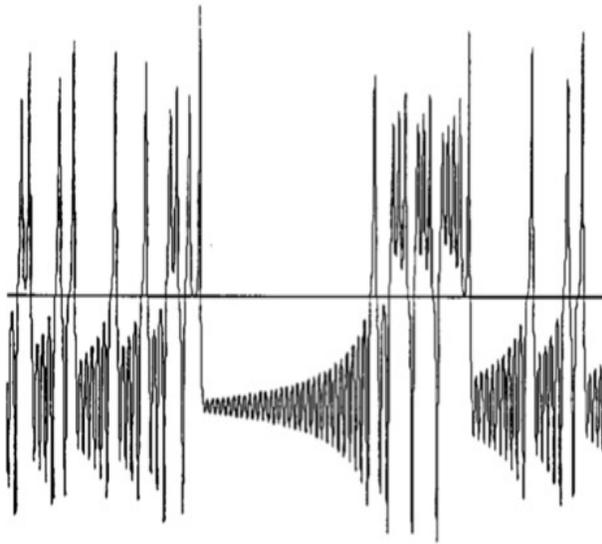
Topological mixing with ghost rods  
Gouillart, *et al.* PRE 73, 036311 (2006)

It generally relies on the periodic motion of obstacles in a two-dimensional flow in order to form nontrivial braids. This motion generates exponential stretching of material lines, and hence efficient mixing.

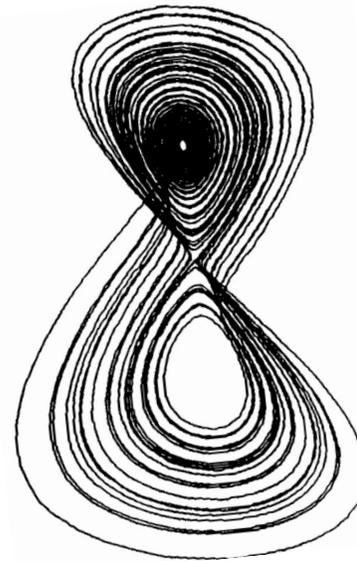
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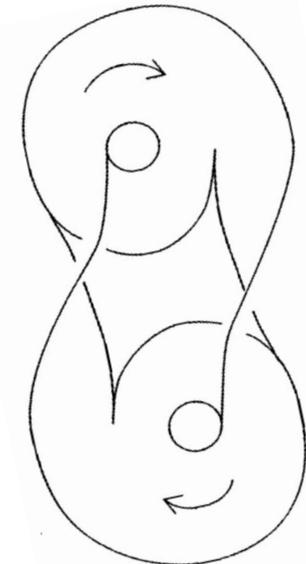
Chaos topology (or topology of chaos) considers the problem of how  $n$ -dimensional trajectories/point-clouds are topologically structured in state space.



Optically pumped molecular laser run under a resonance-operating condition.



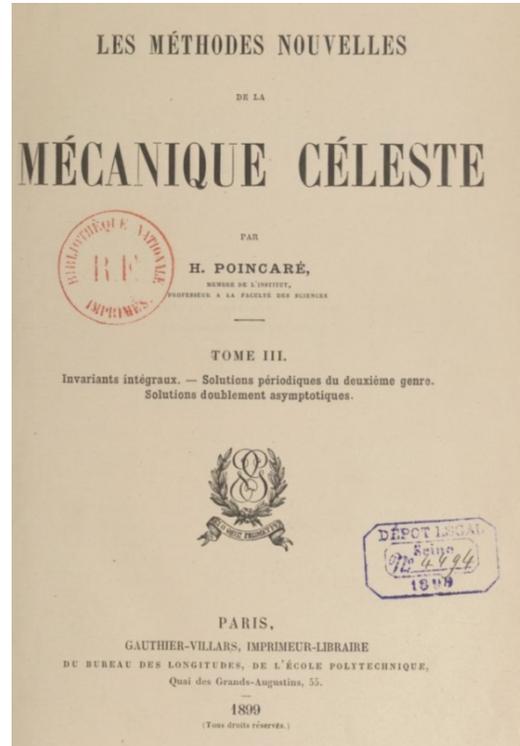
Embedding projection onto a plane.



Branched manifold.

## Introduction

- What is chaos topology and why is it important?



The origins of « chaos » theory can be found in the pioneering works of Henri Poincaré towards the end of the XIX century concerning the old and difficult problem of the stability of the Solar System.

“Analysis Situs” is a seminal mathematics paper that he published in 1895 with five supplements that followed between 1899 and 1904.

These papers provided the first systematic treatment of topology and introduced the use of algebraic structures to study topological spaces, founding the field of algebraic topology.

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ANALYSIS SITUS;

PAR M. H. POINCARÉ.

Poincaré introduced the concept of homology, that we are going to encounter further and thoroughly in this presentation.

## Introduction

- What is chaos topology and why is it important?

The first methods to reconstruct phase space from experimental time series and to study [geometric structures](#) significance in that space appear in 1980.

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### Geometry from a Time Series

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(Received 13 November 1979)

It is shown how the existence of low-dimensional chaotic dynamical systems describing turbulent fluid flow might be determined experimentally. Techniques are outlined for reconstructing phase-space pictures from the observation of a single coordinate of any dissipative dynamical system, and for determining the dimensionality of the system's attractor. These techniques are applied to a well-known simple three-dimensional chaotic dynamical system.

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## Introduction

- What is chaos topology and why is it important?

Geometric methods continue to be used, e.g., to understand datasets of Lagrangian trajectories.

### Understanding the **geometry** of transport: Diffusion maps for Lagrangian trajectory data unravel coherent sets

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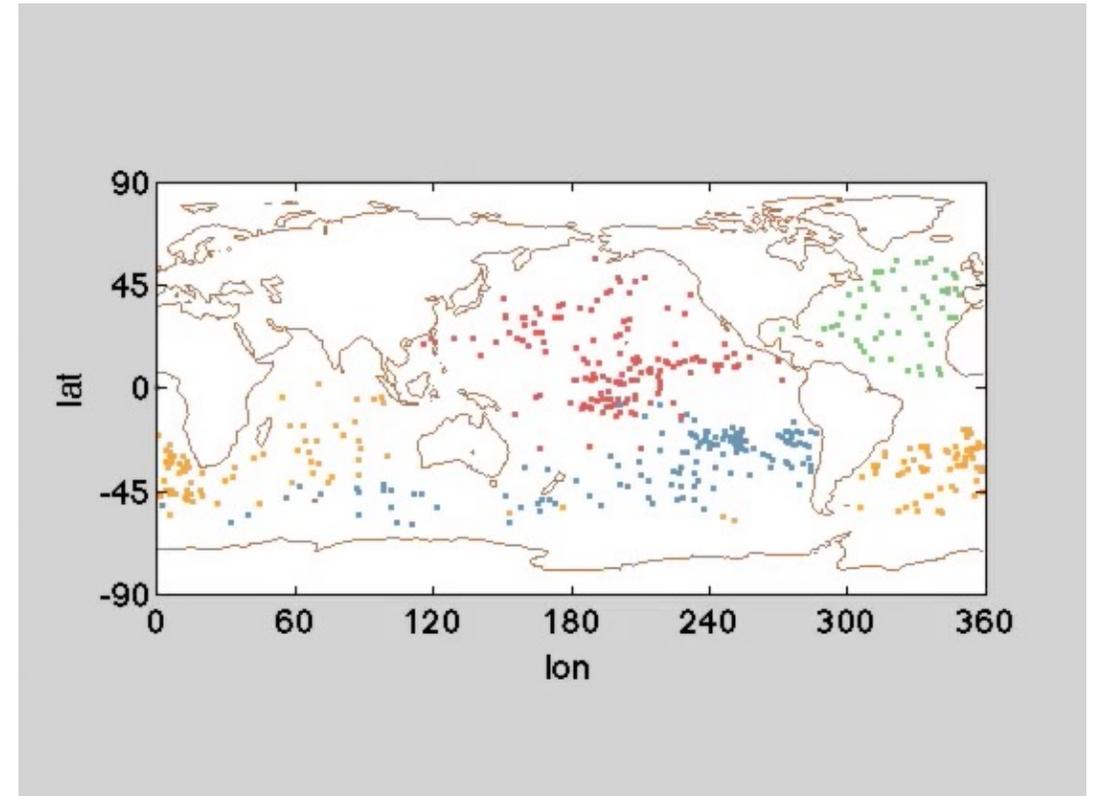
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But is **geometry** the *best* lens we can use to classify data according to underlying differences in dynamics?



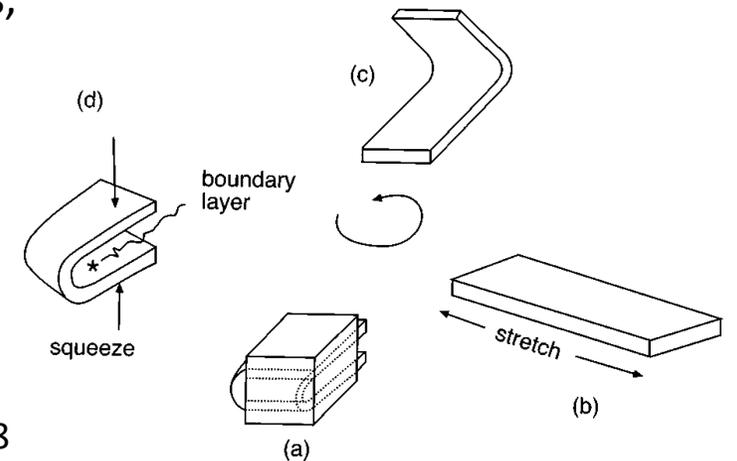
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Invariants in phase space can be of different types:

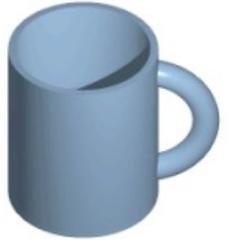
- a) **Metric**: dimensions of various types, e.g., correlation dimension (Grassberger & Procaccia, 1983), multifractal scaling functions (Halsey et al., 1986).
- b) **Dynamic**: Lyapunov exponents (Oseledec, 1968; Wolf et al., 1985), as discussed by Eckmann & Ruelle (1985) and by Abarbanel et al. (1993).
- c) **Topological**: linking numbers, relative rotation rates, Conway polynomials, Branched Manifolds (Birman & Williams, 1983).

Invariants (a) and (b) do not provide information on how to model the system's dynamics, while (c) actually does!

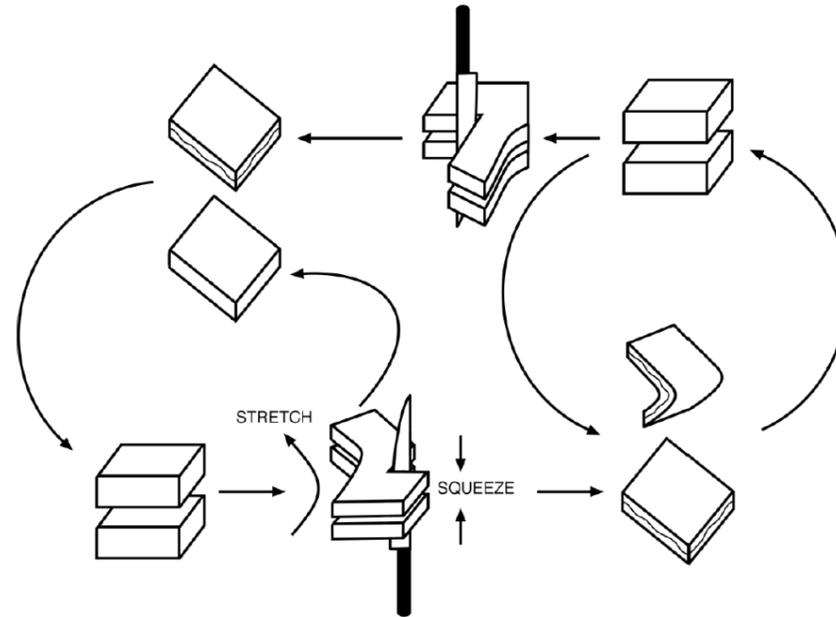
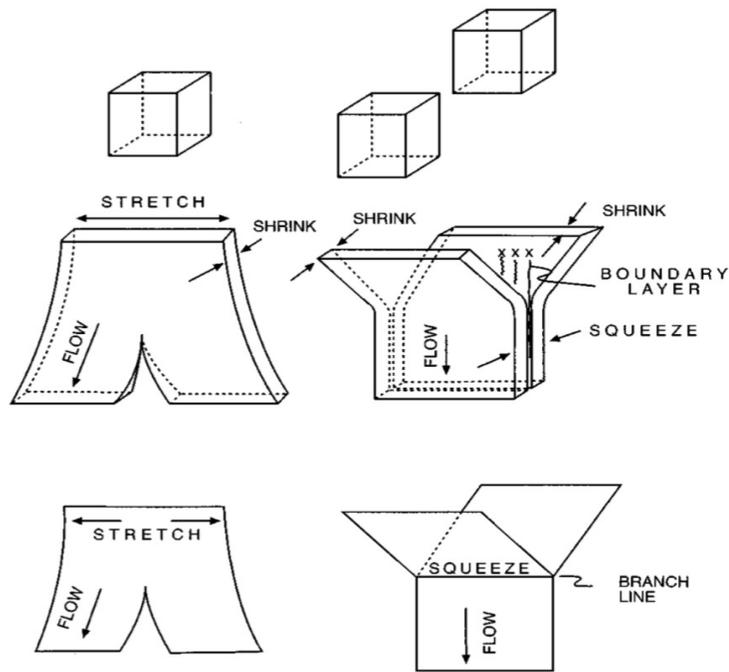


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- What is chaos topology and why is it important?



Topology is concerned with the properties of a geometric object that are preserved under continuous deformations, such as stretching, twisting, crumpling, and bending; that is, without closing holes, opening holes, gluing, or passing through itself. The animated image shows a continuous deformation of a mug into a doughnut: both objects are topologically equivalent.



The “recipe” to “knead” the Lorenz’63 attractor is a sequence of steps that are topological in nature.

Gilmore & Lefranc. *The Topology of Chaos: Alice in Stretch and Squeezeland*. Wiley-Interscience, 2002.

## Introduction

- What is chaos topology and why is it important?

The advantage of using topology, instead of geometry or fractality, to describe chaos lies in the fact that topology provides information about the stretching, folding, tearing or squeezing mechanisms that act in phase space to shape the flow.



Geometry may differ, but if the underlying dynamics is equivalent, the topology should be the same.

Unveiling the topology  $\Leftrightarrow$  Unveiling the dynamics

# Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, knot-holders, cell complexes, homologies

Henri Poincaré first described the way in which a dynamical system's properties depend upon its topology.

The concept of **branched manifold**, introduced by Robert F. Williams in 1974, was anticipated in Edward Lorenz's famous 1963 paper: on page 20, he remarks that the trajectory 'lives' on a surface and describes the architecture of the attractor in terms of "isopleths."

## EXPANDING ATTRACTORS

by R. F. WILLIAMS

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## Deterministic Nonperiodic Flow<sup>1</sup>

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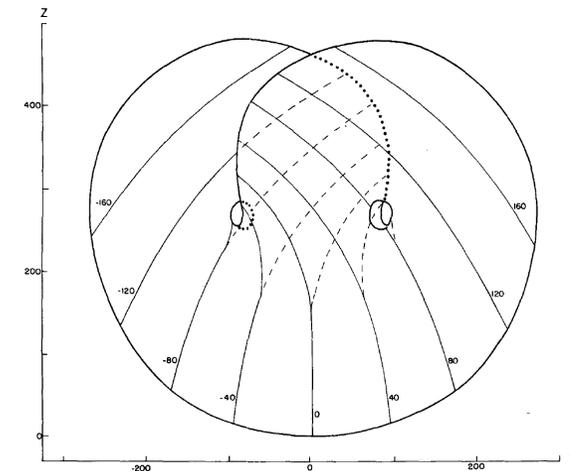


FIG. 3. Isopleths of  $X$  as a function of  $Y$  and  $Z$  (thin solid curves), and isopleths of the lower of two values of  $X$ , where two values occur (dashed curves), for approximate surfaces formed by all points on limiting trajectories. Heavy solid curve, and extensions as dotted curves, indicate natural boundaries of surfaces.

## Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, knot-holders, cell complexes, homologies

With Joan Birman, Robert F. Williams used branched manifolds to classify chaotic attractors in terms of the way periodic orbits are “knotted” in dynamical systems.

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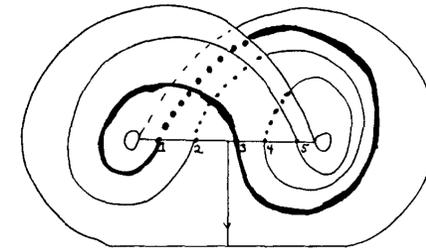
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### KNOTTED PERIODIC ORBITS IN DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS—I: LORENZ’S EQUATIONS

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(Received 31 March 1980)

#### §1. INTRODUCTION

THIS PAPER is the first in a series which will study the following problem. We investigate a system of ordinary differential equations which determines a flow on the 3-sphere  $S^3$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or ultimately on other 3-manifolds), and which has one or perhaps many periodic orbits. We ask: can these orbits be knotted? What types of knots can occur? What are the implications?



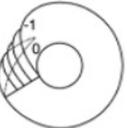
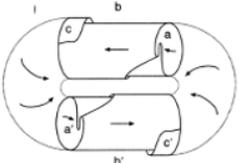
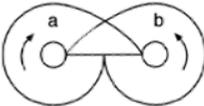
The set of unstable periodic orbits (UPOs) of the Lorenz attractor lie on a “Branched Manifold”, i.e. on a 2-manifold or surface with the property that each point has a neighbourhood that is homoeomorphic to either a full 2-ball or a half 2-ball.

Birman & Williams discovered that systems whose branched manifolds have the same topology are dynamically equivalent.

## Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, knot-holders, cell complexes, homologies

Is there a “table of elements” for the different dynamics?

Dynamical system	ODEs	Parameters	Branched manifold
Rossler	$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y - z \\ \dot{y} &= x + ay \\ \dot{z} &= b + z(x - c)\end{aligned}$	$(a, b, c) = (2.0, 4.0, 0.398)$	
Duffing	$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -\delta y - x^3 + x + A \sin(\omega t)\end{aligned}$	$(\delta, A, \omega) = (0.4, 0.4, 1.0)$	
van der Pol	$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= by + (c - dy^2)x \\ \dot{y} &= -x + A \sin(\omega t)\end{aligned}$	$(b, c, d, A, \omega) = (0.7, 1.0, 10.0, 0.25, \pi/2)$	
Lorenz	$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -\sigma x + \sigma y \\ \dot{y} &= Rx - y - xz \\ \dot{z} &= -bz + xy\end{aligned}$	$(R, \sigma, b) = (26.0, 10.0, 8/3)$	

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In the late 90s, it was possible to determine whether or not two three-dimensional (3-D) dissipative dynamical systems are equivalent by using knot theory.

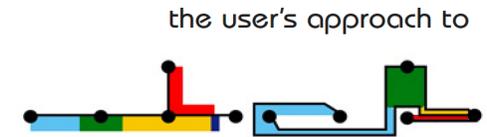
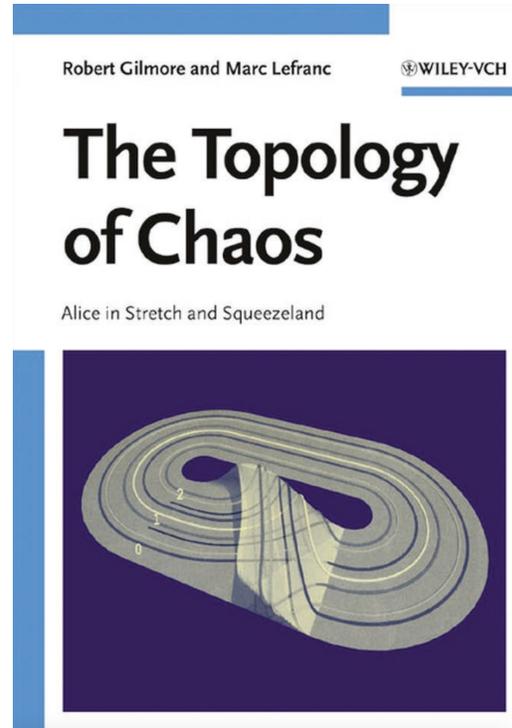
## Topological analysis of chaotic dynamical systems

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Topological methods have recently been developed for the analysis of dissipative dynamical systems that operate in the chaotic regime. They were originally developed for three-dimensional dissipative dynamical systems, but they are applicable to all “low-dimensional” dynamical systems. These are systems for which the flow rapidly relaxes to a three-dimensional subspace of phase space. Equivalently, the associated attractor has Lyapunov dimension  $d_L < 3$ . Topological methods supplement methods previously developed to determine the values of metric and dynamical invariants. However, topological methods possess three additional features: they describe how to model the dynamics; they allow validation of the models so developed; and the topological invariants are robust under changes in control-parameter values. The topological-analysis procedure depends on identifying the stretching and squeezing mechanisms that act to create a strange attractor and organize all the unstable periodic orbits in this attractor in a unique way. The stretching and squeezing mechanisms are represented by a caricature, a branched manifold, which is also called a template or a knot holder. This turns out to be a version of the dynamical system in the limit of infinite dissipation. This topological structure is identified by a set of integer invariants. One of the truly remarkable results of the topological-analysis procedure is that these integer invariants can be extracted from a chaotic time series. Furthermore, self-consistency checks can be used to confirm the integer values. These integers can be used to determine whether or not two dynamical systems are equivalent; in particular, they can determine whether a model developed from time-series data is an accurate representation of a physical system. Conversely, these integers can be used to provide a model for the dynamical mechanisms that generate chaotic data. In fact, the author has constructed a doubly discrete classification of strange attractors. The underlying branched manifold provides one discrete classification. Each branched manifold has an “unfolding” or perturbation in which some subset of orbits is removed. The remaining orbits are determined by a basis set of orbits that forces the presence of all remaining orbits. Branched manifolds and basis sets of orbits provide this doubly discrete classification of strange attractors. In this review the author describes the steps that have been developed to implement the topological-analysis procedure. In addition, the author illustrates how to apply this procedure by carrying out the analysis of several experimental data sets. The results obtained for several other experimental time series that exhibit chaotic behavior are also described. [S0034-6861(98)00304-3]

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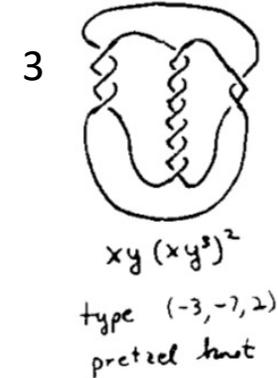
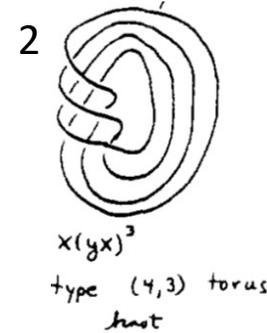
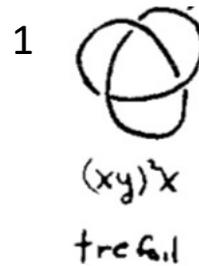
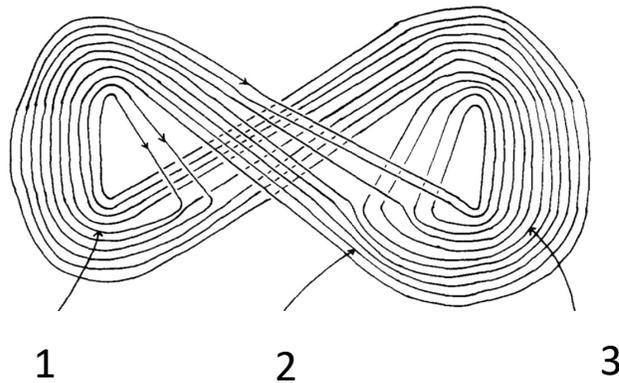
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## Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, knot-headers, cell complexes, homologies

- 1) Approximate trajectories by closed curves.
- 2) Find a topological representation for the orbit structure.
- 3) Obtain an algebraic description for the topological structure.



- 1) Close-return method – time series, though, must be long and noise free.
- 2) Knot theory – knot  $\equiv$  orbit in three dimensions.
- 3) Knot invariants – e.g., linking numbers, Conway polynomials.

Computing topological invariants using knots...



3D trajectory set



Knot invariants

Knotted periodic orbits in dynamical systems.  
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## Methods

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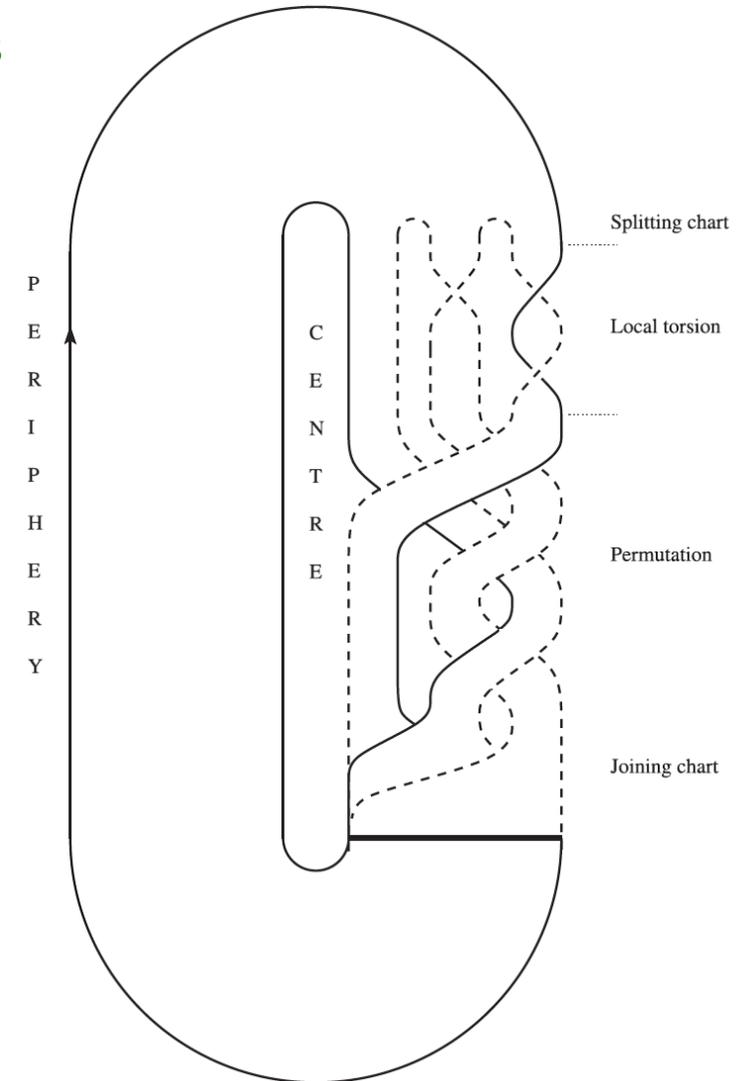
Knot information for a chaotic attractor can be condensed in a [knot-holder](#) or [template](#).

A chaotic attractor is an invariant set under the action of a flow. For strongly dissipative systems, this invariant set can be described strips that lodge the knots along the attractor.

The different branches discriminate the different paths followed by the flow determining the (fictive) boundaries between the different strips.

Typically, a strip is defined between a splitting chart and a joining chart where the strips are joined (squeezed) into a single strip.

All the non-trivial dynamical processes are captured between the splitting and the joining chart, ended by a joining line, which corresponds to a Poincaré section.



## Methods

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Should all the species of a food chain be counted to investigate the global dynamics?

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How tumor growth can be influenced by delayed interactions between cancer cells and the microenvironment?

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Analysis of the dynamics of a realistic ecological model

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Forecasting the Time Series of Sunspot Numbers

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What's wrong with templates? They are very difficult to construct... they imply the reconstruction of Unstable Periodic Orbits (UPOs) and besides, they are no longer meaningful if a fourth dimension in phase space is involved, since they unknot....

### Chapter 7

#### A braided view of a knotty story

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Periodic orbits of 3-d dynamical systems admitting a Poincaré section can be described as braids. This characterisation can be transported to the Poincaré section and Poincaré map, resulting in the braid type. Information from braid types allows to estimate bounds for the topological entropy of the map while revealing detailed orbit information from the original system, such as the orbits that are necessarily present along with the given one(s) and their organisation. We review this characterisation with some examples –from a user-friendly perspective–, focusing on systems whose Poincaré section is homotopic to a disc.

#### 6.6.3 Homology groups

Still, we may want to understand the topological properties of the set of periodic orbits hidden in our data. We need some “braidless” method (in the sense that knots “dissolve” into trivial objects in higher dimensions) and one method that appears to jump at hand is to consider the homology groups associated to our data [Muldoon et al. 1993, Sciamarella and Mindlin 1999; 2001].

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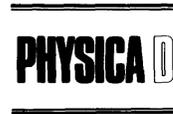
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## Methods

- Isopleths, branched manifolds, knot-headers, cell complexes, homologies

### Computing topology using knot theory



3-D trajectory set



Knot invariants

### Computing topology using homologies



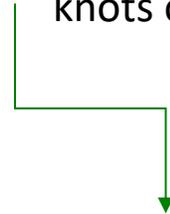
$n$ -D point-cloud



Homologies

### RESTRICTIONS

- Precision and length of time series must be good enough for orbits in phase space to be reconstructed accurately ...
- Phase space dimension cannot be higher than three, since knots or braids unknot ...



### HOMOLOGY GROUPS

- Time series can be shorter and noisy since the method is independent of the reconstruction of trajectories in phase space (no periodic orbit).
- Applicable in  $n$  dimensions: the method is knotless and braidless.

## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

Acronym first used in Charó, Artana & Sciamarella,  
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Sanskrit: ब्रह्मा, Romanized: Brahmā or Bramāh

Brahmā is a Hindu god, referred to as "the Creator" within the Trimurti, the trinity of supreme divinity. He is associated with knowledge and creation.

Brahmā is traditionally depicted with four faces and four arms. Each face of his points to a cardinal direction. His hands hold no weapons, one of his hands holds mālā (Sanskrit: माला) symbolizing time. As we shall see, time will lead us to the templex.

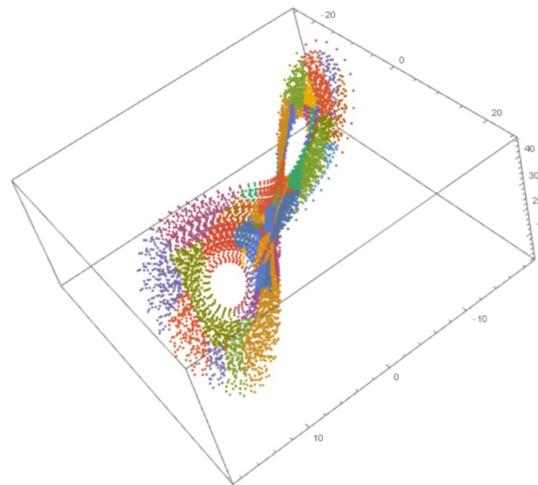
Unlike other complexes, the BraMAH cell complex is constructed to fit on a branched manifold.



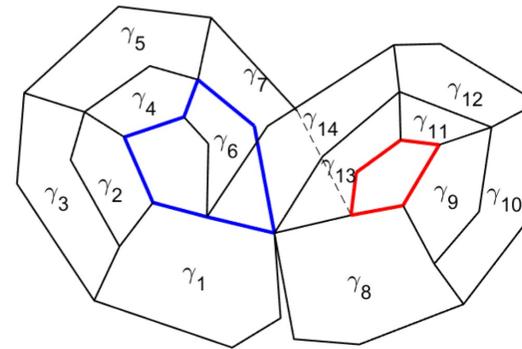
## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

- 1) Approximate points as lying on a branched manifold.
- 2) Find a topological representation for the branched manifold.
- 3) Obtain an algebraic description of the topological structure.



BraMAH  
COMPLEX  
construction



HOMOLOGY  
GROUP  
computation

$$H_0 \approx \mathbb{Z}^1;$$

$$H_1 \approx \mathbb{Z}^2;$$

$$H_2 \approx 0$$

- 1) Local approximation by  $d$ -disks => *short and noisy time series can be handled.*
- 2) Build a cell complex keeping track of the gluing prescriptions => *3D+ can be handled.*
- 3) Compute homologies and orientability properties of the cell complex => *the structure can be identified.*

Computing topological invariants  
using **homologies**



$nD$  point-cloud



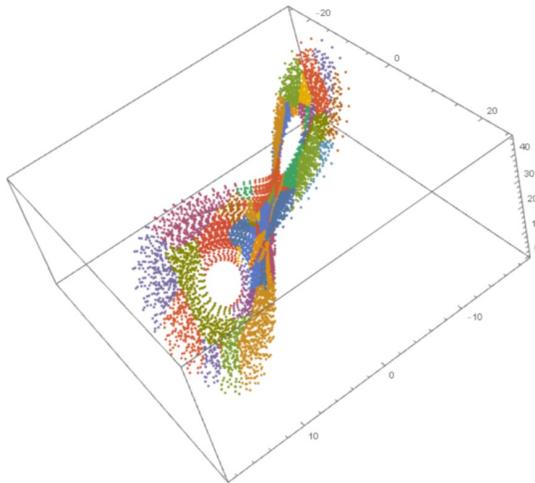
Homologies

## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

A **patch** is a set of points  $\{x_i\}$  around an arbitrary point  $x_0$ , that is locally homeomorphic to the interior of a disk in  $d$  dimensions ( $d \leq n$ )

Point-cloud decomposition  
into patches

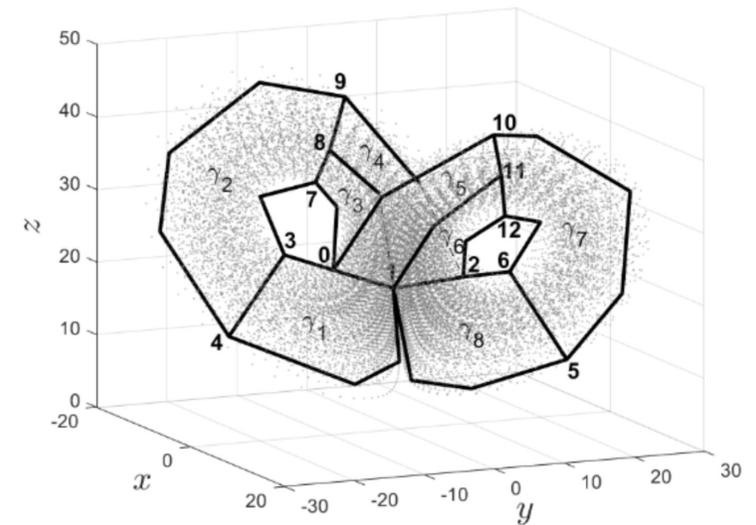


A patch is a good approximation of a hyperplane of dimension  $d$  in a space of dimension  $n$  if the square roots of  $d$  among the  $n$  second moments of  $\{x_i\}$  decrease linearly with  $R$  while  $(n-d)$  decrease as lower powers of  $R$ .

$$X_{i,j} = (x_{i,j} - x_{0,j}) \Rightarrow$$

find  $N_1$  such that  $d$  among  $n$  singular values of  $X_{i,j}$  vary linearly with  $N$

Patches are used to construct the cells in the cell complex

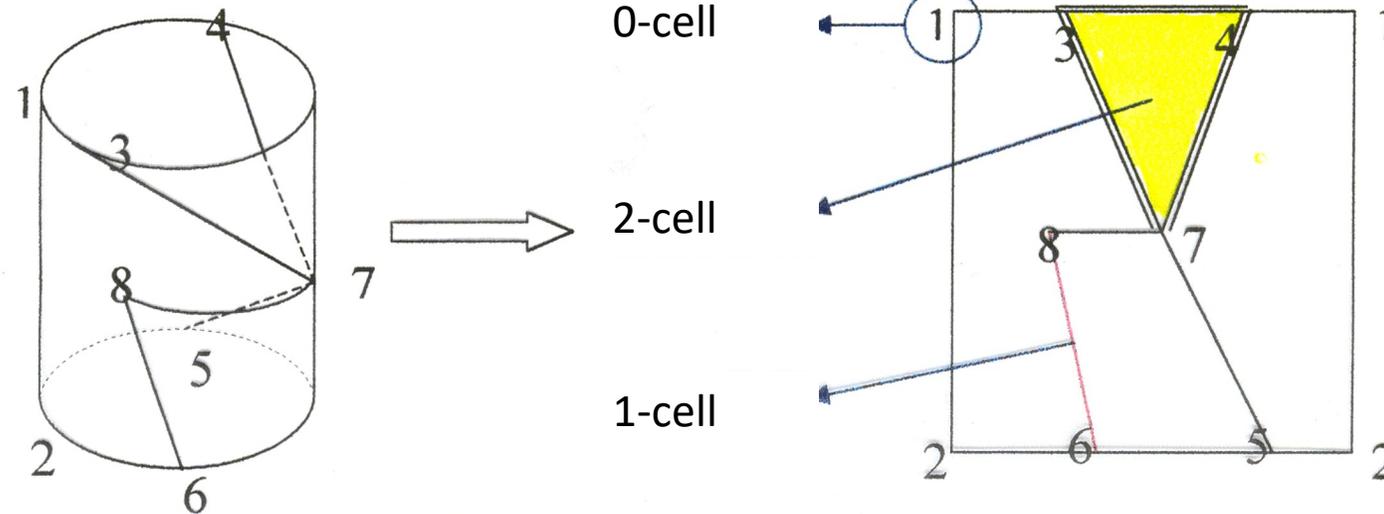


## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

How to determine if two spaces are topologically equivalent?

Cell complex covering the cylinder

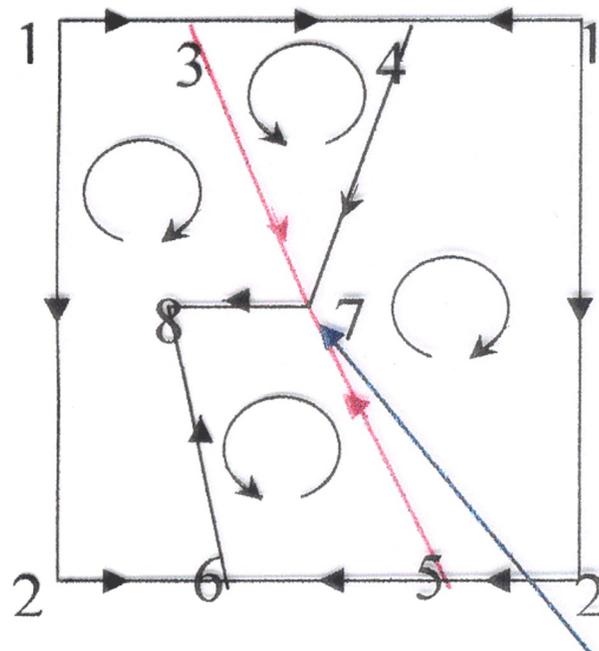


An  **$n$ -cell** is a set corresponding to the interior of a disk in  $n$  dimensions whose borders are divided into a number of cells of lower dimension.

An  **$n$ -complex** is a set of cells such that their borders are elements of the complex with interiors that do not intersect.

## Methods

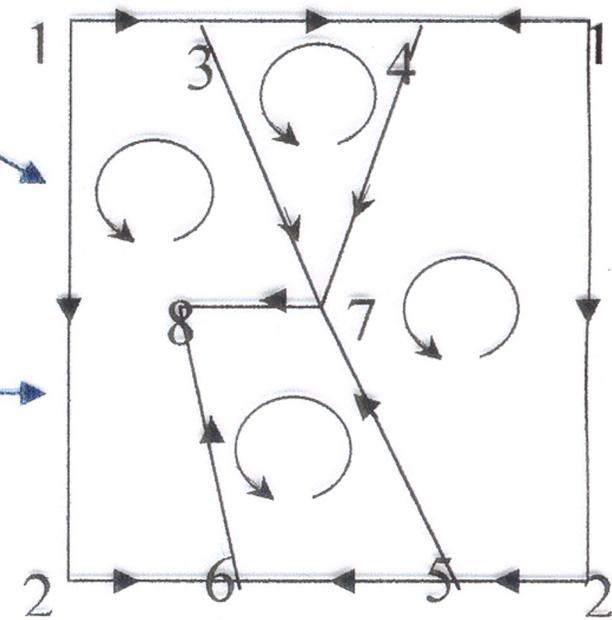
- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)



Oriented complexes

Uniformly oriented complex

Example of a 1-chain:  
 $\langle 3,7 \rangle - \langle 5,7 \rangle$



Example of border map:

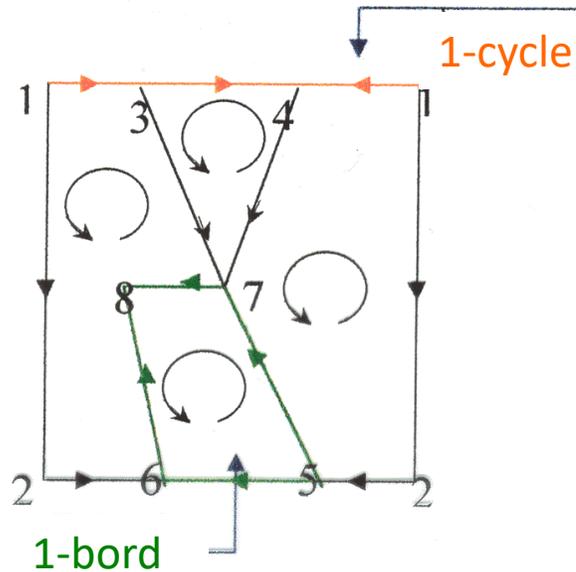
$$\partial(\langle 3,7,4 \rangle) = \langle 3,7 \rangle - \langle 4,7 \rangle - \langle 3,4 \rangle$$

A **k-chain** in a complex  $K$  is a sum  $C = \sum a_i \sigma_i$  such that  $\sigma_i$  are the  $k$ -cells with  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and such that  $C_k(K) = \{k\text{-chains of } K\}$  has an abelian group structure.

A **border map** is an operation  $\partial: C_k(K) \rightarrow C_{k-1}(K)$  such that  $\partial(\sum a_i \sigma_i) = \sum a_i \partial(\sigma_i)$

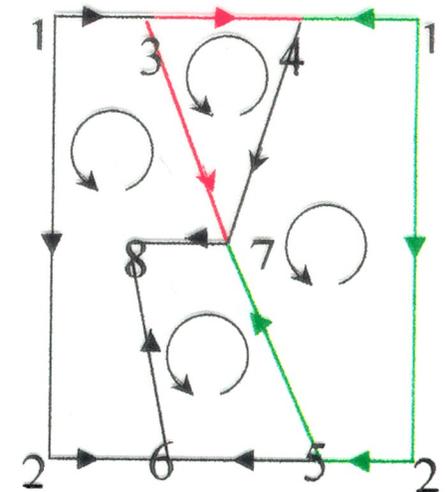
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A  **$k$ -cycle** is a  $k$ -chain  $C$  such that  $\partial(C)=0$   
 $Z_k(K) = \{\text{all } k\text{-cycles in a complex}\}$

A  **$k$ -border** is a  $k$ -chain  $C$  / there exists a  $(k+1)$ -chain  $D$  such that  $\partial(D)=C$   
 $B_k(K) = \{\text{all } k\text{-borders of an } n\text{-complex}\}$



**Equivalence relationship:**  
 Two  $k$ -chains  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are called homologically equivalent ( $C_1 \sim C_2$ ) if there exists a  $(k+1)$ -chain  $D$  such that  $\partial(D)=C_1-C_2$

Example:  $-\langle 3,4 \rangle + \langle 3,7 \rangle \sim -\langle 1,4 \rangle + \langle 1,2 \rangle + \langle 2,5 \rangle + \langle 5,7 \rangle$

## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

### Homology groups

The  $n+1$  homology groups of an  $n$ -complex  $K$  are the sets:

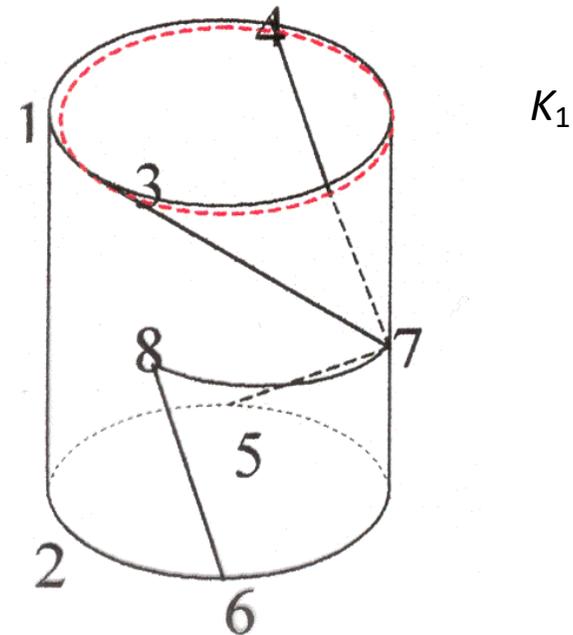
$$H_k(K) = Z_k/B_k = \{\text{the } k\text{-cycles being homologically independent that are not borders of any } (k+1)\text{-cell}\}$$

Example: the cylinder

$$H_0(K_1) = [\langle 1 \rangle] \sim \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow \text{one connected component}$$

$$H_1(K_1) = [\langle 1,3 \rangle + \langle 3,4 \rangle - \langle 1,4 \rangle] \sim \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow \text{one nontrivial loop}$$

$$H_2(K_1) = \emptyset \sim 0 \Rightarrow \text{no cavities enclosed}$$



## Methods

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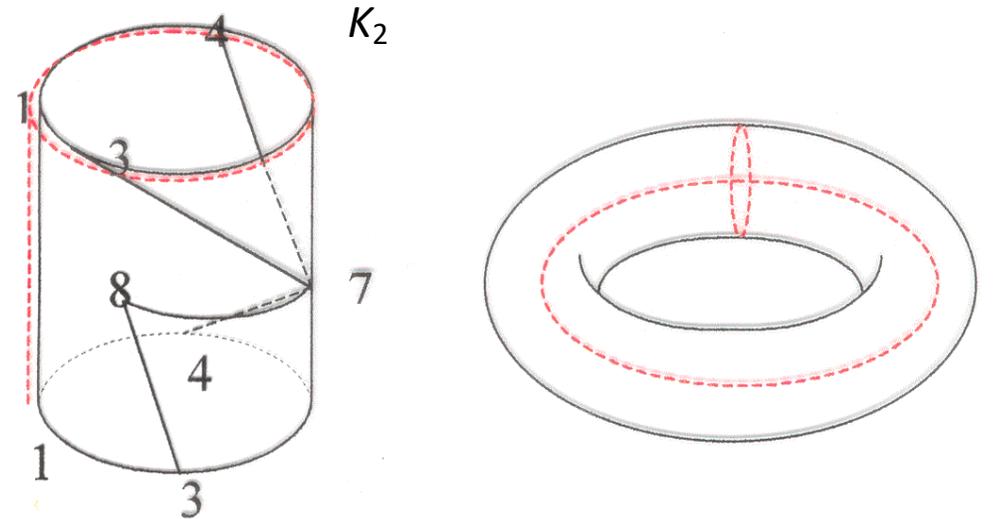
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Example: the torus

$$H_0(K_2) = [\langle 1 \rangle] \sim \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow \text{one connected component}$$

$$H_1(K_2) \sim \mathbb{Z}^2 \Rightarrow \text{two nontrivial loops}$$

$$H_2(K_2) \sim \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow \text{one cavity enclosed}$$



## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

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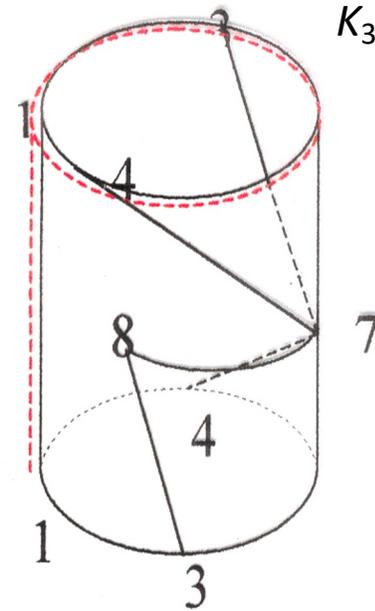
Example: the Klein bottle

$$H_0(K_3) = [\langle 1 \rangle] \sim \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow \text{one connected component}$$

$$H_1(K_3) \sim \mathbb{Z}^2 \Rightarrow \text{two nontrivial loops}$$

$$H_2(K_3) \sim 0 \Rightarrow \text{no cavity enclosed}$$

The Klein bottle has a torsioned 1-cycle that is not the boundary of any 2-chain, but that becomes one if travelled 2 times, thus defining a **weak boundary**.



## Methods

- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

An orientability chain in a uniformly oriented complex  $K$  with cells  $b_i$  is a chain  $O = \partial(\sum b_i) = \sum a_j t_j$  if there exists at least one coefficient  $j$  such that  $|a_j| > 1$ . We call torsion chains, the consecutive cells  $t_j$  preceded by the same multiple in  $O$ .

Example: Möbius strip.

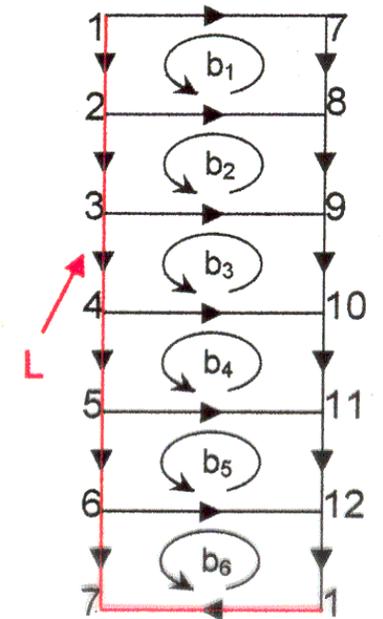
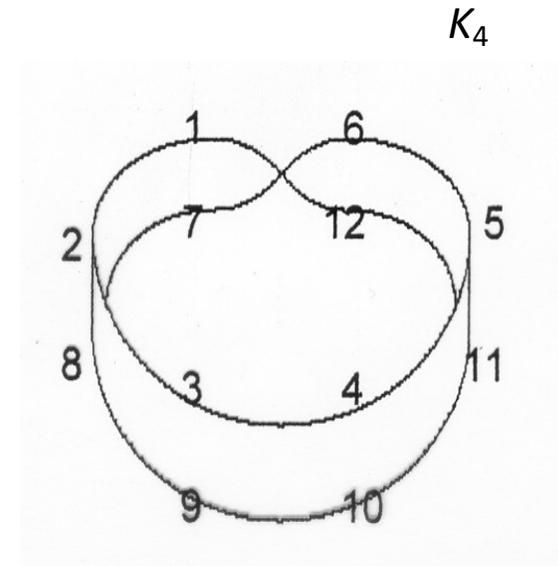
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$H_1(K_4) \sim [[L]] \mathbb{Z}^1 \Rightarrow$  one nontrivial loop

$H_2(K_4) \sim 0 \Rightarrow$  no cavities enclosed

$O(K_4) = \partial(\sum b_i) = -2 \langle 1, 7 \rangle$

$T(K_4) = \{\langle 1, 7 \rangle\} \Rightarrow$  on torsion located at  $\langle 1, 7 \rangle$ .



## Methods

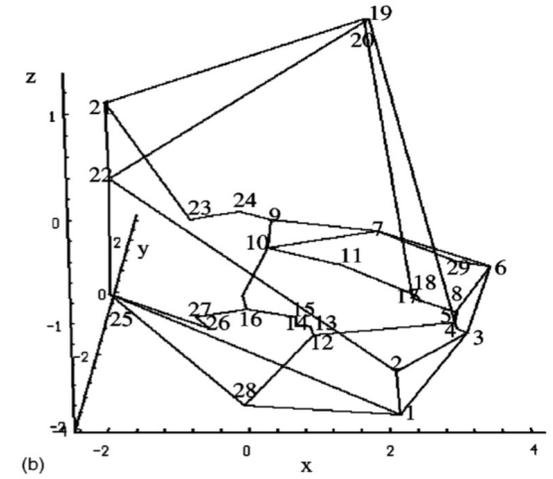
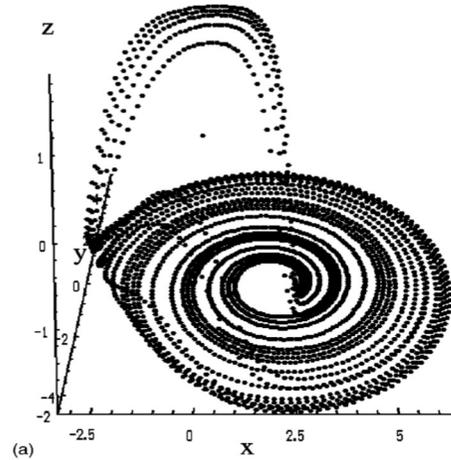
- Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies (BraMAH)

3D

$$x' = -(z+2) d(x-a) + (2-z) (\alpha(x-2) - \beta y - \alpha(x-2) ((x-2)^2 + y^2 / R^2))$$

$$y' = -(z+2) (y-b) + (2-z) (\beta(x-2) - \alpha y - \alpha y(x-2) ((x-2)^2 + y^2 / R^2))$$

$$\varepsilon z' = (4-z^2) (z+2 - m(x+2)) - \varepsilon c z$$



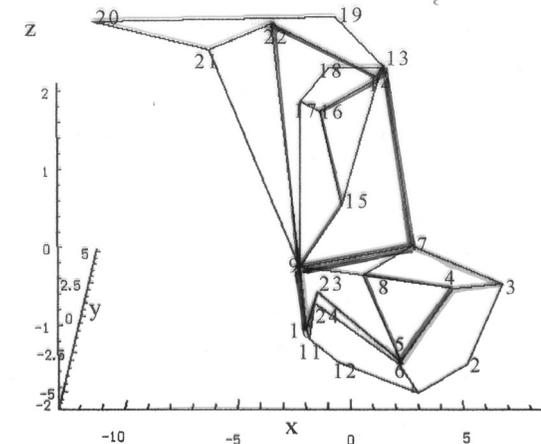
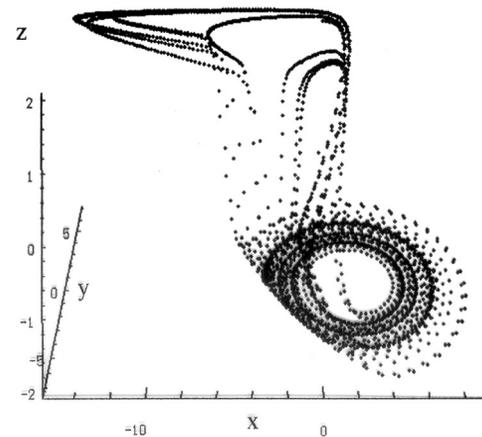
4D

$$x' = -(z+2) d(x - (a + \varepsilon_3(2+w))) + (2-z) (\alpha(x-2) - \beta y - \alpha(x-2) ((x-2)^2 + y^2 / R^2))$$

$$y' = -(z+2) (y-b) + (2-z) (\beta(x-2) - \alpha y - \alpha y(x-2) ((x-2)^2 + y^2 / R^2))$$

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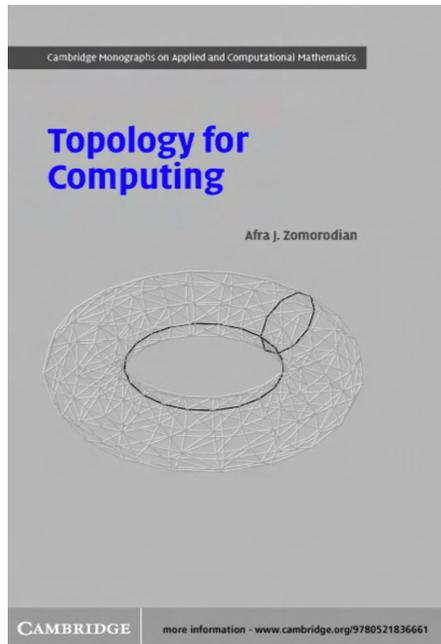
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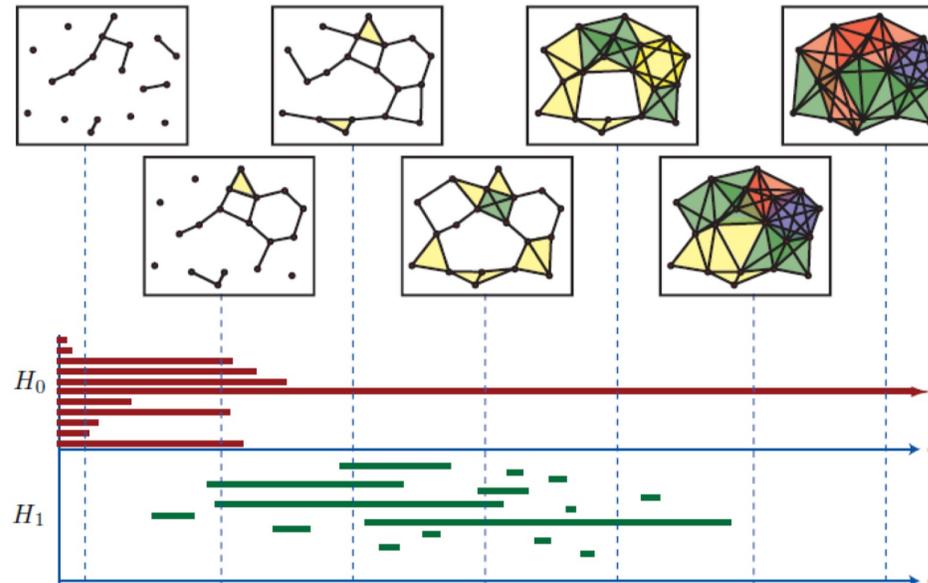
## Methods

- Persistent homologies

The concept of persistent homology (PH) emerged independently in Bologna, in Colorado, and within a bio-geometry project North Carolina, towards 2005.



Zomorodian, A. J. *Topology for computing* (Vol. 16). Cambridge university press.



The method constructs a series of complexes as a function of a distance parameter ( $\epsilon$  or  $d$ ).

The connectivity of the point cloud increases as  $\epsilon$  or  $d$  grows.

PH was conceived to solve pattern recognition problems, mainly in scanned images.

## Methods

- Persistent homologies

Software package	Creator	Latest release	Release date	Software license <sup>[7]</sup>	Open source	Programming language
<a href="#">OpenPH</a>	Rodrigo Mendoza-Smith, Jared Tanner	<a href="#">0.0.1</a>	25 April 2019	Apache 2.0	Yes	Matlab, CUDA
<a href="#">javaPlex</a>	Andrew Tausz, Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, Henry Adams	<a href="#">4.2.5</a>	14 March 2016	Custom	Yes	Java, Matlab
<a href="#">Dionysus</a>	Dmitriy Morozov			GPL	Yes	C++, Python bindings
<a href="#">Perseus</a>	<a href="#">Vidit Nanda</a>	4.0 beta		GPL	Yes	C++
<a href="#">PHAT</a>	Ulrich Bauer, Michael Kerber, Jan Reininghaus	1.4.1			Yes	C++
<a href="#">DIPHA</a>	Jan Reininghaus				Yes	C++
<a href="#">Gudhi</a>	INRIA	2.1.0	28 January 2018	GPLv3	Yes	C++, Python bindings
<a href="#">CTL</a>	Ryan Lewis	0.2		BSD	Yes	C++
<a href="#">phom</a>	Andrew Tausz				Yes	R
<a href="#">TDA</a>	Brittany T. Fasy, Jisu Kim, Fabrizio Lecci, Clement Maria, Vincent Rouvreau	1.5	16 June 2016		Yes	R
<a href="#">Eirene</a>	Gregory Henselman	1.0.1	9 March 2019	GPLv3	Yes	Julia
<a href="#">Ripser</a>	Ulrich Bauer	1.0.1	15 September 2016	LGPL	Yes	C++
<a href="#">the Topology ToolKit</a>	Julien Tierny, Guillaume Favelier, Joshua Levine, Charles Gueunet, Michael Michaux	0.9.2	25 June 2017	BSD	Yes	C++, VTK and Python bindings
Software package	Creator	Latest Release	Release date	Software license <sup>[7]</sup>	Open source	Programming language

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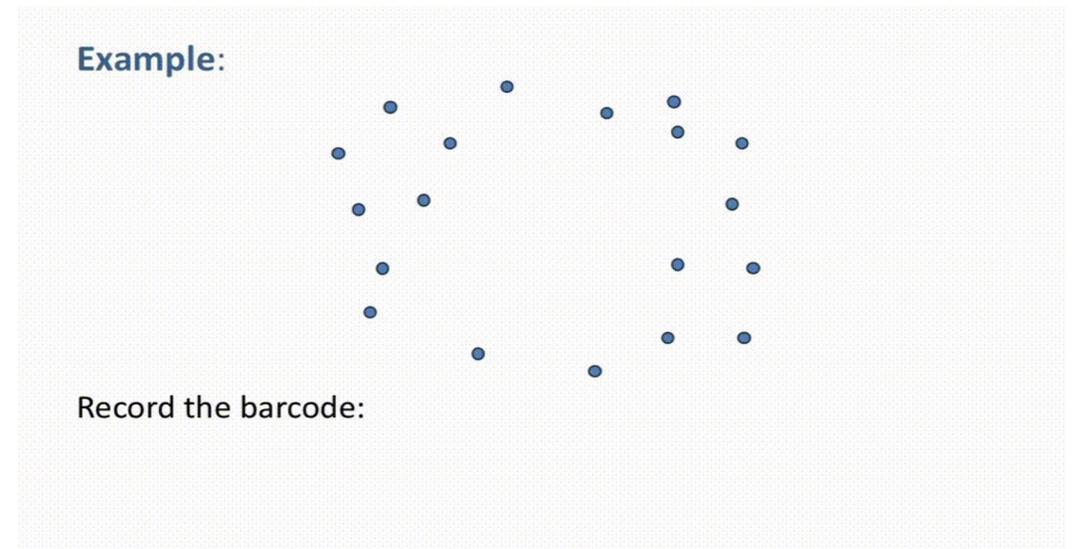
- Persistent homologies

Filtrations: the rules used to build cell complexes as the filtration parameter ( $\epsilon$ ) is varied. The Vietoris-Rips filtration is illustrated in the gif below.

### Vietoris-Rips

- A ball of diameter  $d$  is drawn around these points.
- Two balls intersect (two points are separated by a distance less than  $d$ )  $\rightarrow$  connect the two points with a segment or 1-cell (simplicial cell of dimension 1).
- The triangles formed are completed by forming 2-cells (simplicial cells of dimension 2), and so on.

The Vietoris–Rips complex was originally called the Vietoris complex, for Leopold Vietoris, who introduced it as a means of extending homology theory from complexes to metric spaces.



## Methods

- Persistent homologies

PH is not a Branched Manifold approximation method but *can* help characterizing state-space point-clouds, serving as guide.

Problems with barcodes:

- Betti numbers (the rank of  $H_k$ ) depend on the choice of  $\epsilon_{\max}$  which is always somewhat arbitrary.
- $H_k$  generators not provided as output: branches cannot be identified.
- Orientability properties are not computed.

Problems' origin:

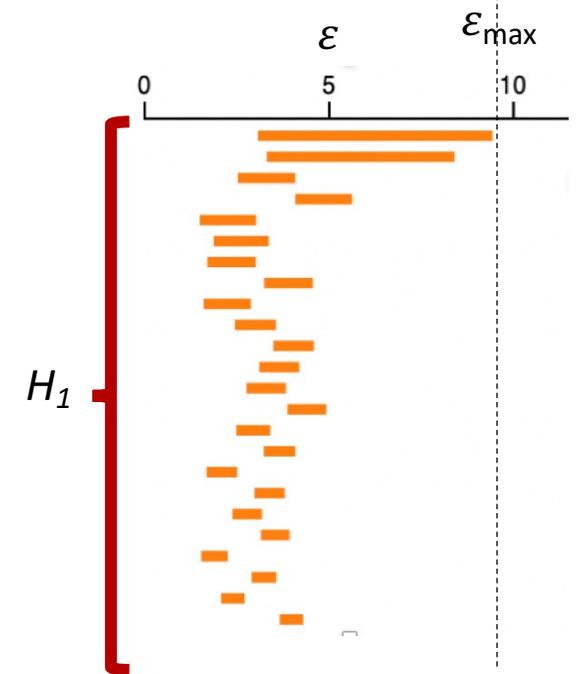
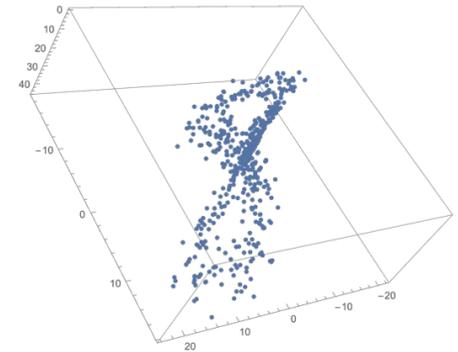
- The complexes are constructed in such a way that:
  - (1)  $\# \text{cells} \gg \# \text{points}$  in the point-cloud  $\Rightarrow$  big point clouds not supported.
  - (2) the complexes have  $k$ -cells with  $k > d$ ,  $d$  being the local dimension.

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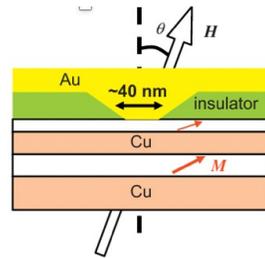


# Applications

- BraMAH can be harnessed for multiple purposes



Voice production



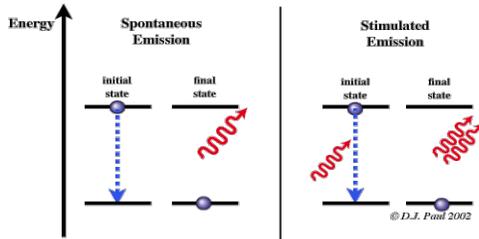
Nano-oscillators



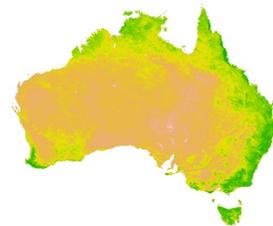
Chemical reactions



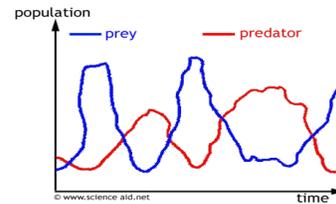
Cardiac arrhythmia



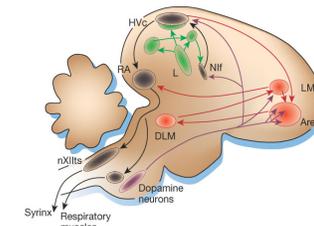
Laser optics



Vegetation index



Population dynamics



Birdsong motor control



Ocean color (with knots)

## Applications

- BraMAH can be harnessed for multiple purposes

« Topological methods can be used to determine whether or not two dynamical systems are equivalent; in particular, they can determine whether a model developed from time-series data is an accurate representation of a physical system. Conversely, it can be used to provide a model for the dynamical mechanisms that generate chaotic data. »

R. Gilmore, *Reviews of Modern Physics*, Vol. 70, No. 4, October 1998

- ✓ Validate/refute models – simulations vs. observations.
- ✓ Comparing models – time series generated by different models.
- ✓ Comparing datasets – e.g., *in situ* versus satellite data.
- ✓ Extracting models from data – using global modeling techniques with a topological validation.
- ✓ Characterizing and labeling chaotic behaviors – towards a systematic classification.
- ✓ Classifying sets of time series according to their main dynamical traits – e.g., in [Lagrangian Analysis](#).

## Applications

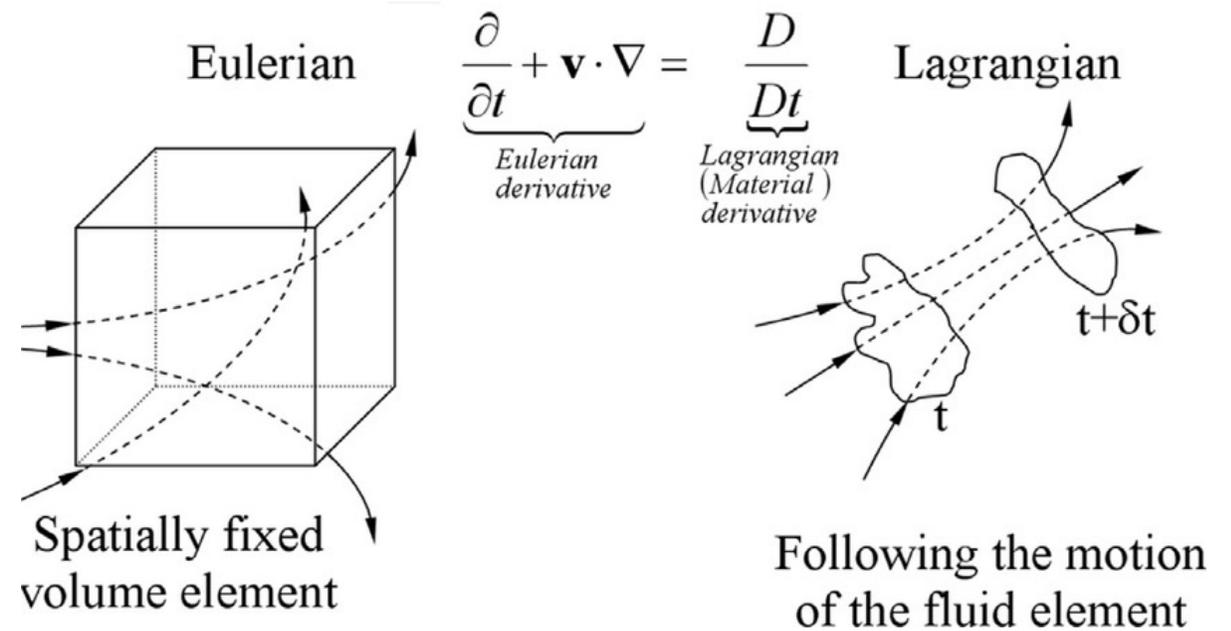
- Lagrangian Analysis

### What is Lagrangian analysis?

In fluid mechanics, two viewpoints are possible.

In the Eulerian viewpoint, fluid motion is observed at specific locations in space, as time passes.

In the Lagrangian viewpoint, the observer follows individual fluid particles as they move through the fluid domain.



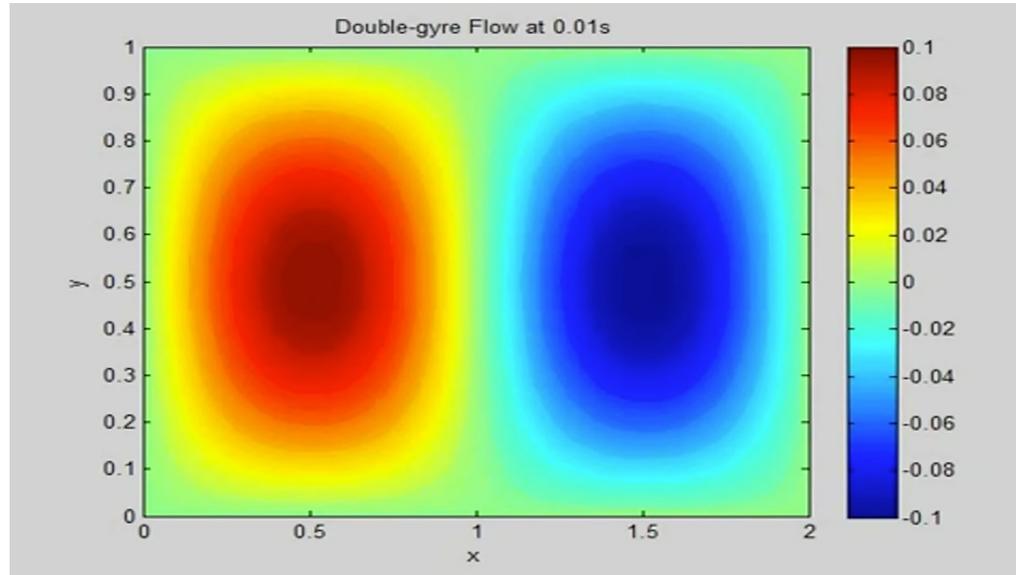
The [Driven Double Gyre \(DDG\)](#) system is an analytic model, often used to show how much Lagrangian patterns may differ from patterns in Eulerian fields.

It was introduced by Shadden et al. (2005) to mimic the motion of two adjacent oceanic gyres enclosed by land and, since Sulalitha Priyankara et al. (2017), it is known to present chaotic transport in some ‘regions’ of the fluid, even if the Eulerian picture is periodic.

## Applications

- Lagrangian Analysis

Let us consider the kinematic model inspired in a pattern that occurs frequently in geophysical flow.



$$(x, y) \in D = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -\pi A \sin(\pi * \text{forcing}) \cos(\pi y) \\ \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \pi A \cos(\pi * \text{forcing}) \sin(\pi y) (2ax + b); \end{cases}$$

$$a = \epsilon \sin(\omega t), \quad b = 1 - 2\epsilon \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\text{forcing} = ax^2 + bx$$

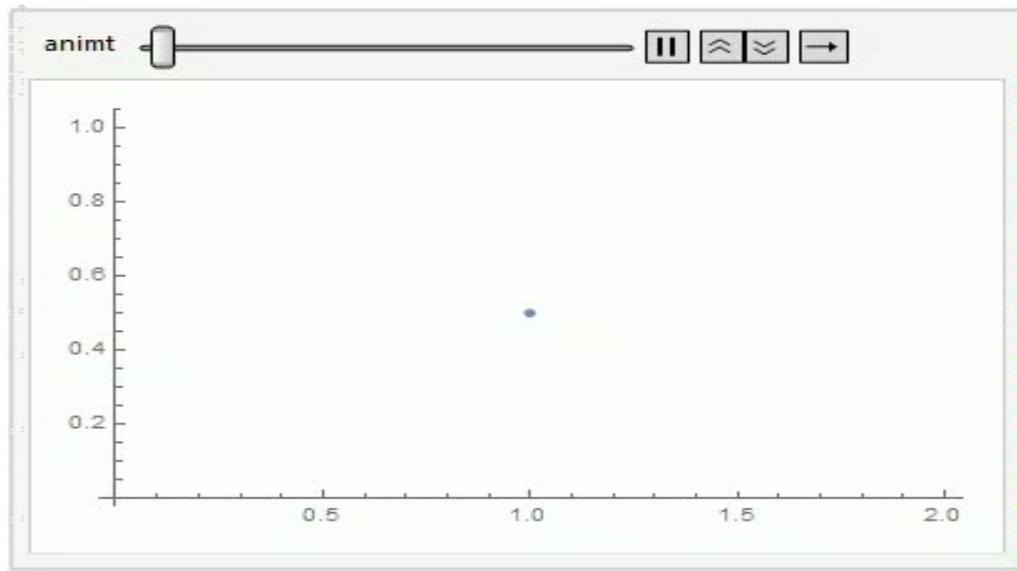
$$t_0 = 0, \quad t_f = 10, \quad \epsilon = 0.1, \quad A = 0.1, \quad \omega = \frac{\pi}{5}$$

From the Eulerian perspective periodically driven Double-Gyre flow has a periodic and simple behaviour. But what about particle behaviour? What happens, for instance, if there is an “oil spill” in the middle of the domain?

## Applications

- Lagrangian Analysis

Let us paint in blue the particles that are continuously passing through the centerpoint (streakline) to “visualize” particle behaviour.



Transport barriers appear, showing that the tracer invades some parts of the domain leaving some other regions blank.

These non-mixing islands move circularly in each half-domain.

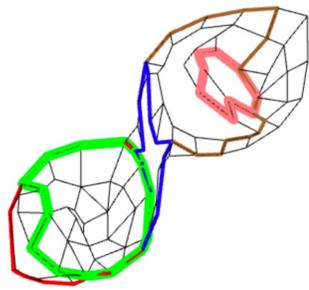
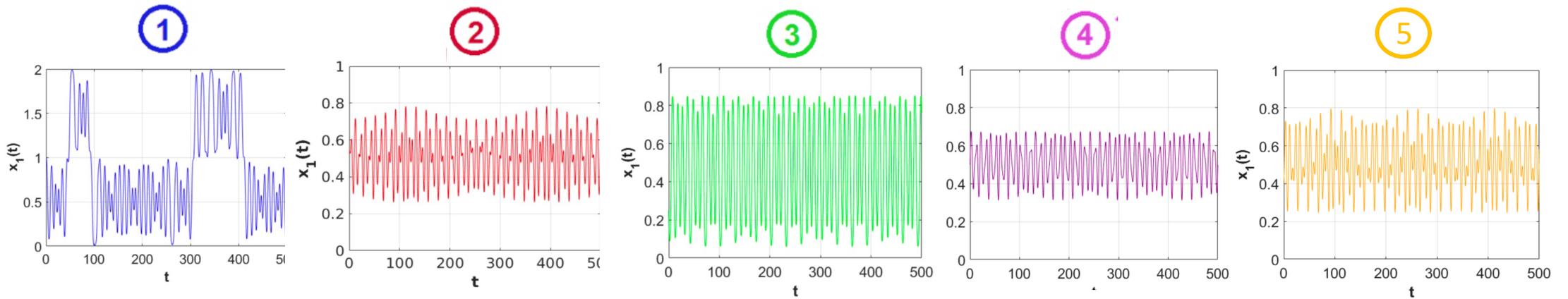
What can state-space topology tell us in a problem of this kind?

Lagrangian time series (the position or the velocity of a particle) can be generated and studied in state space with our topological tools.

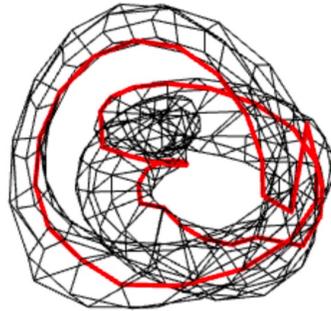
# Applications

- Lagrangian Analysis

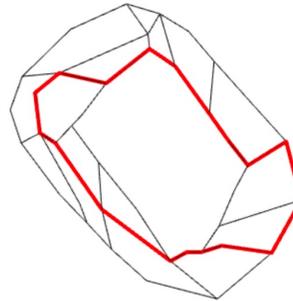
A BraMAH topological practised on a collection of 8528 particles ( $x_1$  time series) in a time window of 500 units yields five topological classes. Computations involve complexes constructed from 4-dimensional time-delay embeddings.



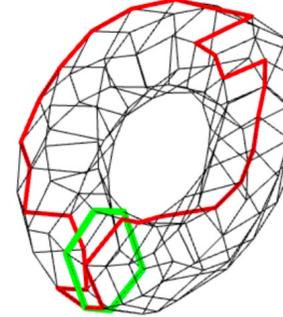
Five-loop structure



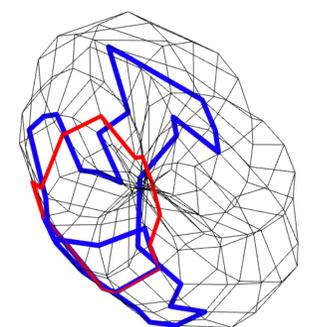
Moebius strip



Standard strip



Torus



Klein bottle

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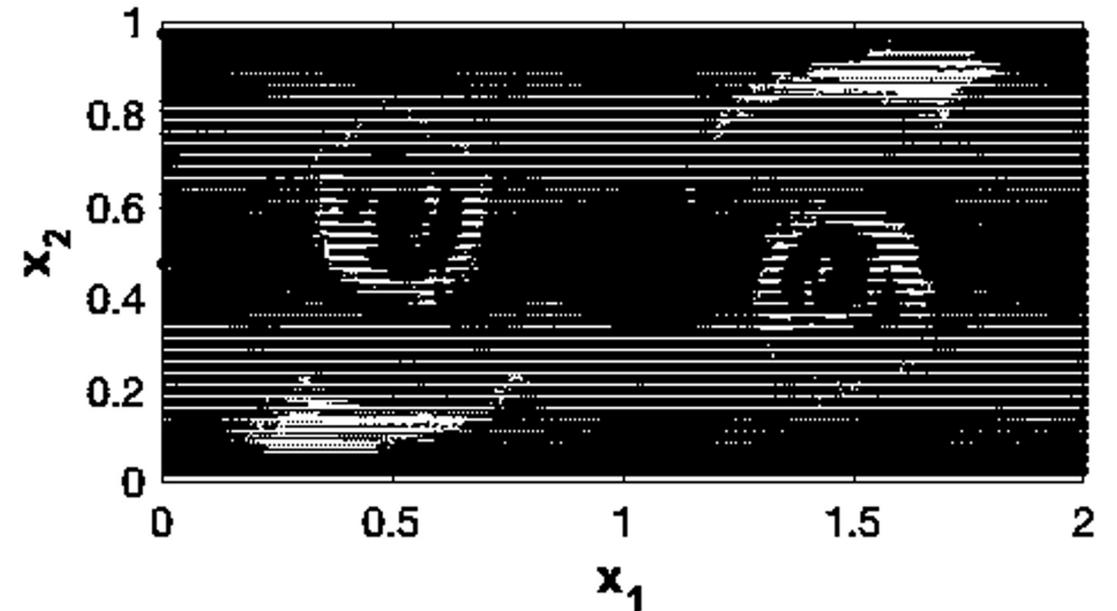
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Topological colouring of 8528 advected particles in the driven Double-Gyre flow to visualize topologies are organized in physical space.

Assigning a different color to each topological class, the colors in motion define particle sets that move together forming coherent regions, i.e., without mixing with the surrounding fluid.

Let us use the term ‘separator’ to designate the frontier between differently colored regions.

Such flow separators are associated with ‘Lagrangian coherent structures’, known to separate dynamically distinct regions in fluid flows (Kelley, Allshouse & Ouellette, 2013).



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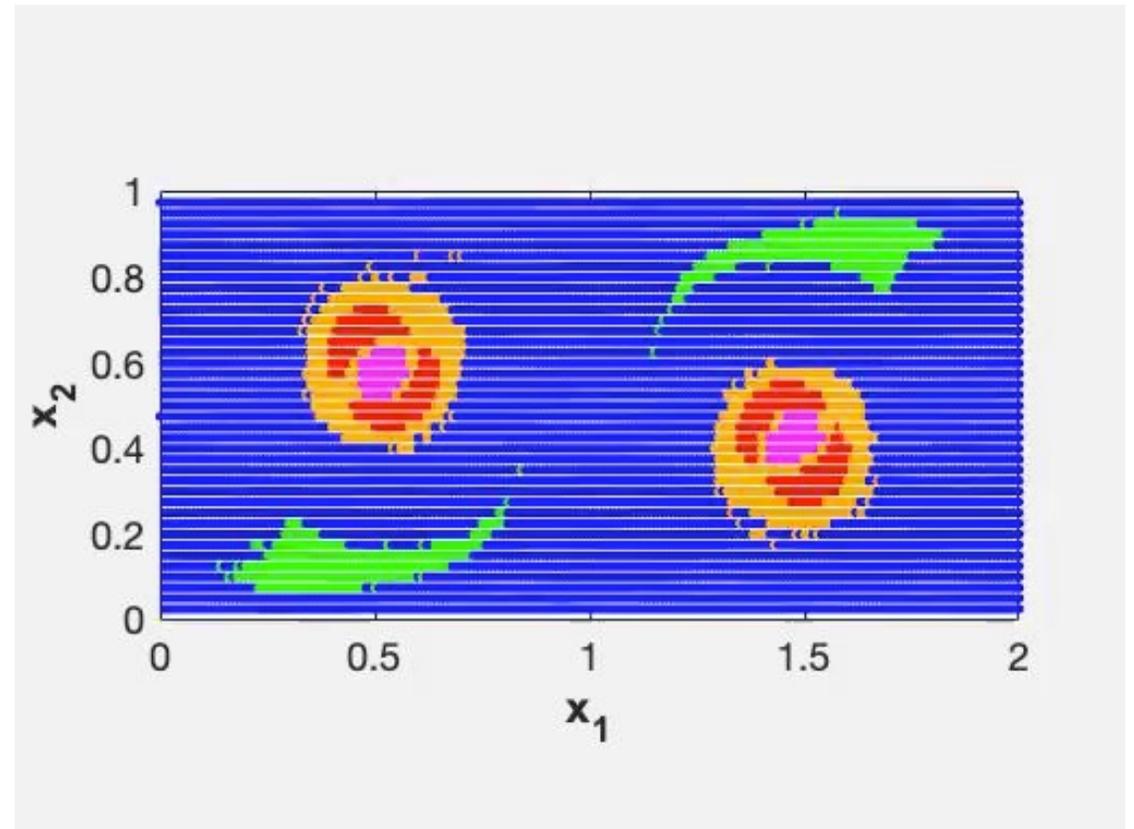
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**Topological** colouring of 8528 advected particles in the driven Double-Gyre flow to visualize topologies are organized in physical space.

If the advected particles are coloured according to the BraMAH topological analysis, the non-mixing islands come to light.

Classifying topologies (= classifying dynamics) can be used:

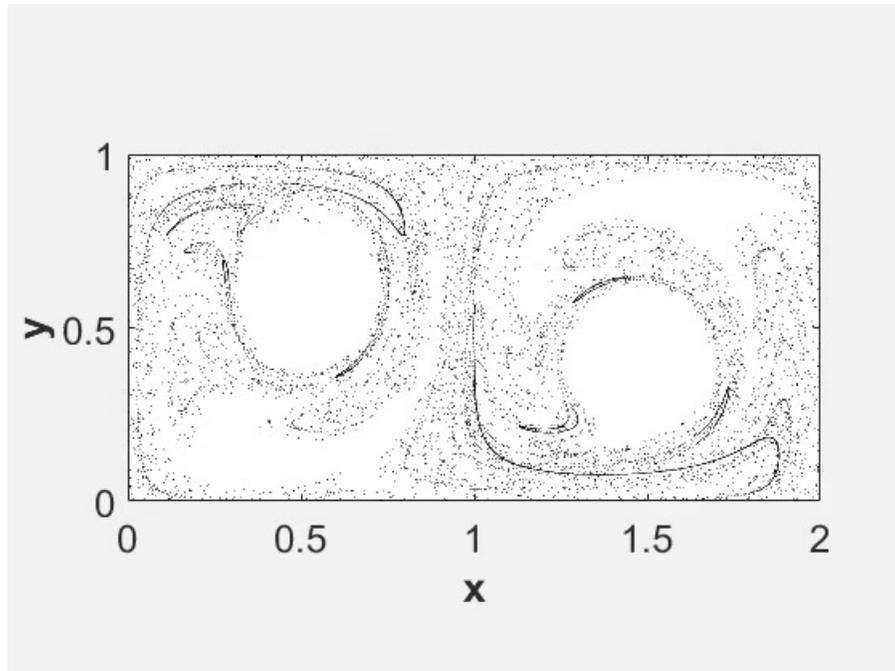
- for an indirect identification of particle sets that do not mix with the surrounding fluid,
- to characterize such dynamics within each region,
- to compare distant regions behaving similarly,
- to compare the behaviour of particles in different flows.



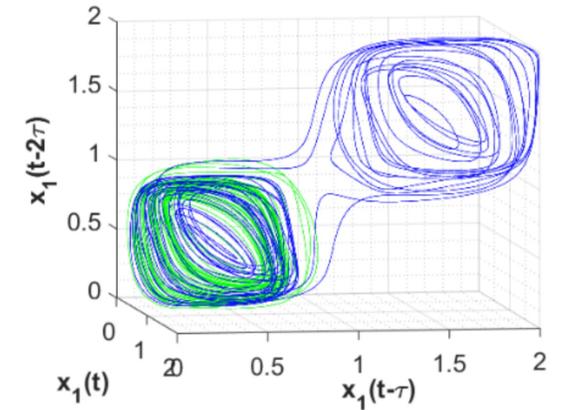
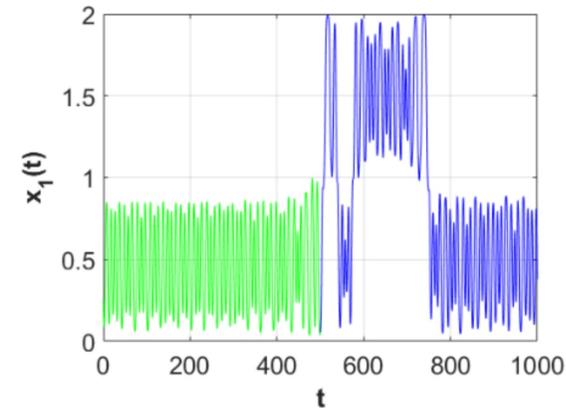
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What happens if we introduce a perturbation in the driving force of the Double-Gyre in which the particles in the formerly non-mixing islands slowly migrate towards the chaotic sea?



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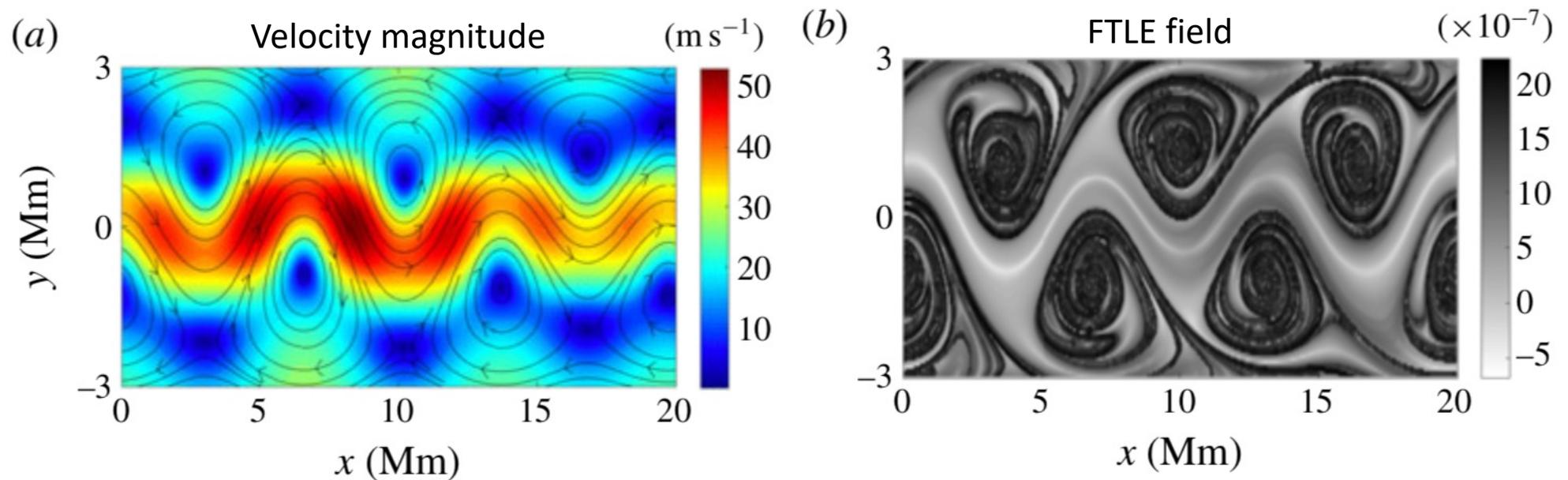


The topology that is computed is always referred to the time window that is chosen for the analysis. A particle that migrates 'moves' from one topological class to the other.

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The Bickley Jet: this kinematic flow simulates a zonal sinuous jet flanked by counter-rotating vortices. It corresponds to the idealization of geophysical flows such as the Gulf Stream or the polar-night jet perturbed by a Rossby wave.



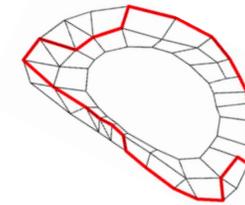
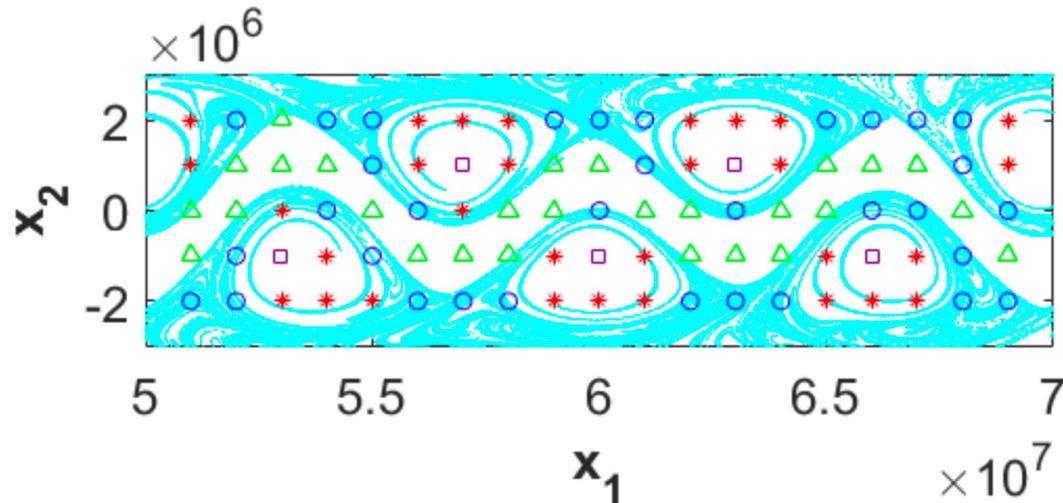
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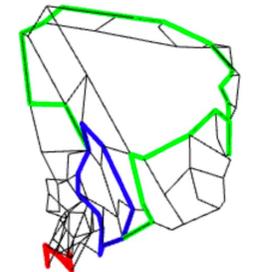
- Lagrangian Analysis

A BraMaH analysis on a collection of 105 time series of sparse particles produces 4 topological classes marked with different symbols. All the flanking vortices share the same structure: a torus “surrounded” by Moebius strips. The background flow has a three-loop structure, and the jet is characterized by a standard strip.

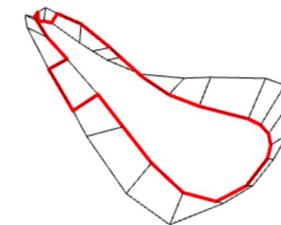
The streakline snapshot is taken at 40 days with injection locations  $p = (x_1, x_2) / x_1 = 1 \times 10^6 \wedge x_2 \in [-4 : 0.05 : -2] \times 10^6 \cup [2 : 0.05 : 4] \times 10^6$ .



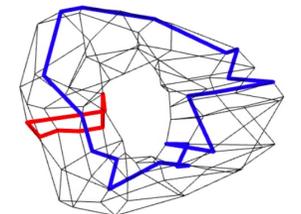
Standard strip



Three-loop structure



Moebius strip



Torus

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### Topological colouring of fluid particles unravels finite-time coherent sets

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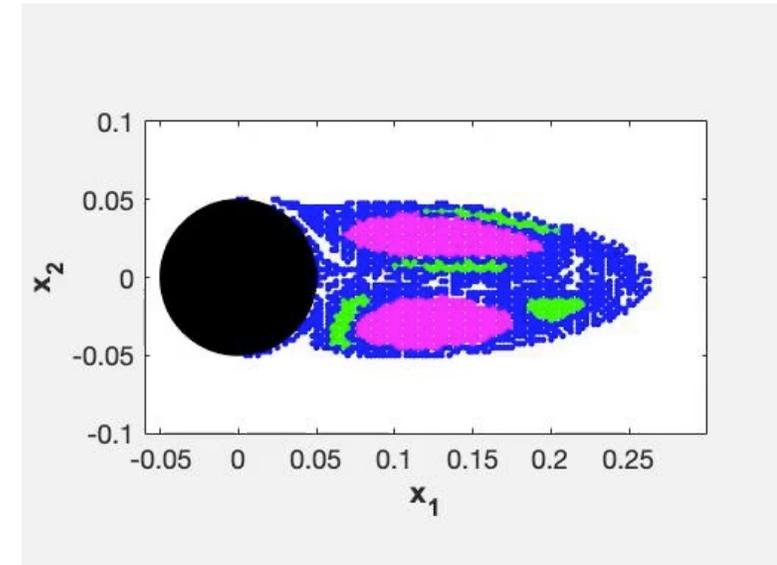
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Numerically generated fluid particle behaviour in the wake past a rotary oscillating cylinder (ROC). With these applications, methodological progress is being made: BraMAH is successfully applied to non-dissipative (conservative) systems.

“Topological colouring of fluid particles” = using BraMAH to study the individual dynamics of a sparse particle set.



# Applications

- Climate dynamics

Can homologies distinguish between simulated climate attractors?

Climate Dynamics  
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## Co-existing climate attractors in a coupled aquaplanet

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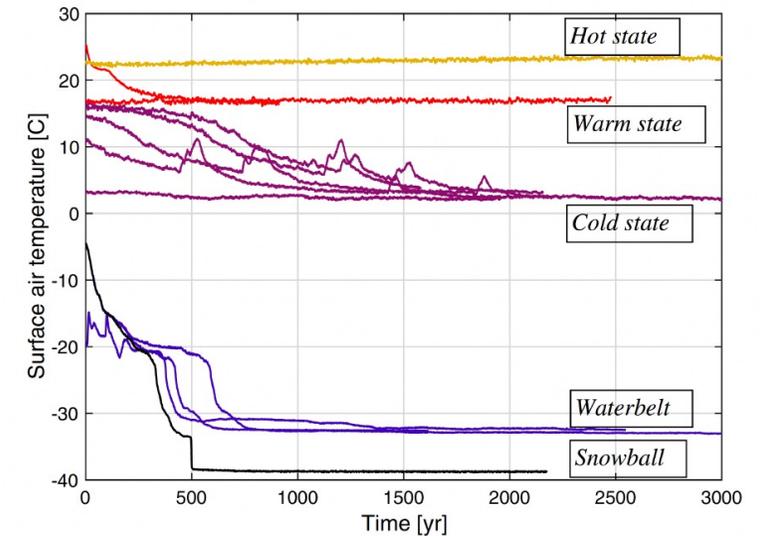
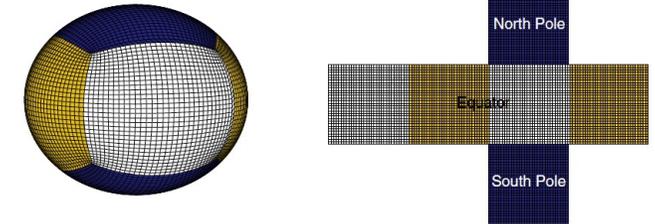
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### Abstract

The first step in exploring the properties of dynamical systems like the Earth climate is to identify the different phase space regions where the trajectories asymptotically evolve, called ‘attractors’. In a given system, multiple attractors can co-exist under the effect of the same forcing. At the boundaries of their basins of attraction, small changes produce large effects. Therefore, they are key regions for understanding the system response to perturbations. Here we prove the existence of up to five attractors in a simplified climate system where the planet is entirely covered by the ocean (aquaplanet). These attractors range from a snowball to a hot state without sea ice, and their exact number depends on the details of the coupled atmosphere–ocean–sea ice configuration. We characterise each attractor by describing the associated climate feedbacks, by using the principal component analysis, and by measuring quantities borrowed from the study of dynamical systems, namely instantaneous dimension and persistence.

**Keywords** Coupled aquaplanet · Attractors · GCM · Complexity

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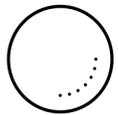
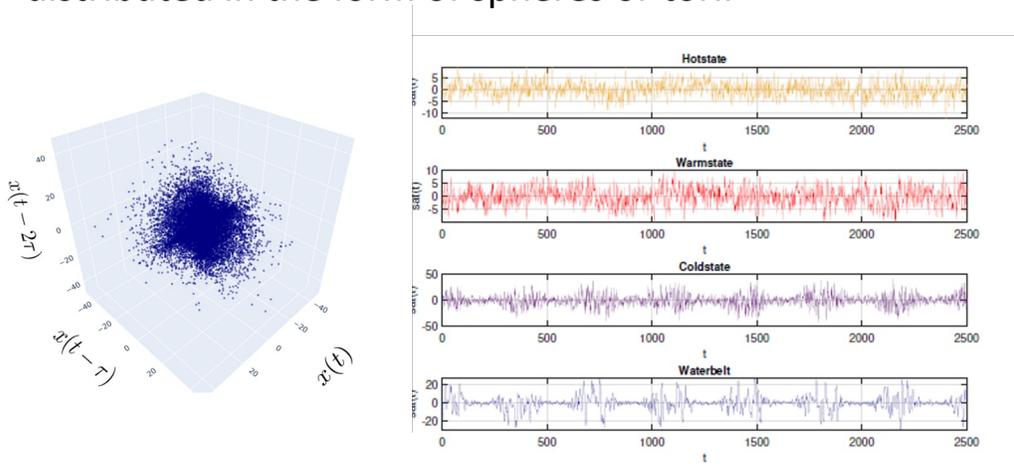


Attractor	Waterbelt	Cold state	Warm state	Hot state
SAT (°C)	$-33.00 \pm 0.03$	$2.2 \pm 0.1$	$17.0 \pm 0.2$	$23.4 \pm 0.1$
Ocean temperature (°C)	$-1.6449 \pm 0.0008$	$3.225 \pm 0.002$	$9.877 \pm 0.004$	$17.418 \pm 0.006$
Sea ice extent (10 <sup>6</sup> km <sup>2</sup> )	$429.51 \pm 0.06$	$160.4 \pm 0.9$	$67 \pm 1$	0
Latitude of sea ice boundary	9	43	60	90
TOA budget (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$1.6 \pm 0.1$	$3.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$	$2.3 \pm 0.2$
Ocean surface budget $Q_{net}$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$0.01 \pm 0.14$	$-0.009 \pm 0.217$	$0.03 \pm 0.29$	$0.05 \pm 0.27$

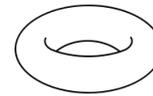
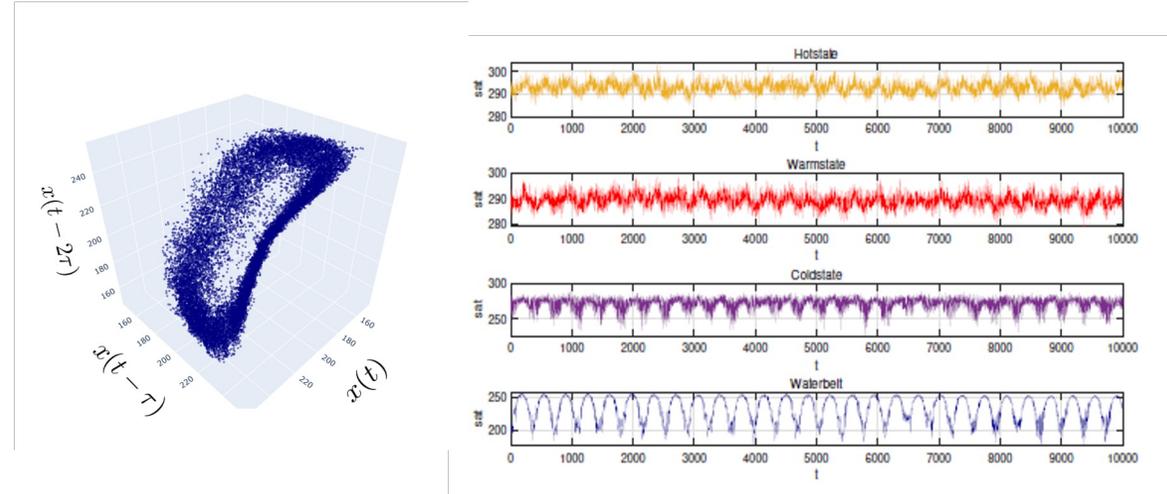
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The time series of the annual averages are, when embedded, indistinguishable from each other, giving rise to point clouds distributed in the form of spheres or tori.



Solid sphere in phase space → statistical version of a fixed point in phase space: transient discarded, the system stabilizes around a given point.

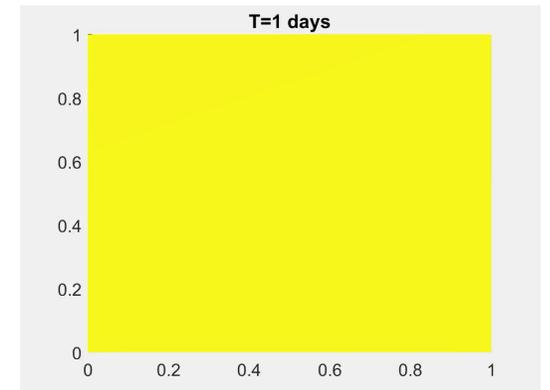
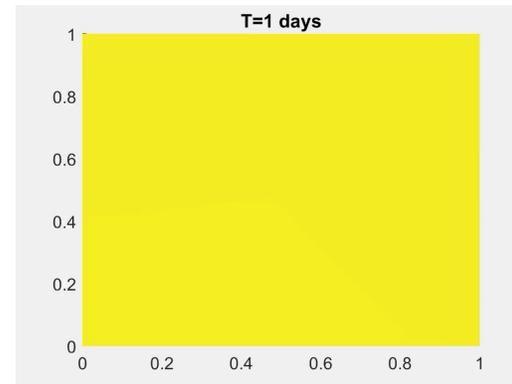
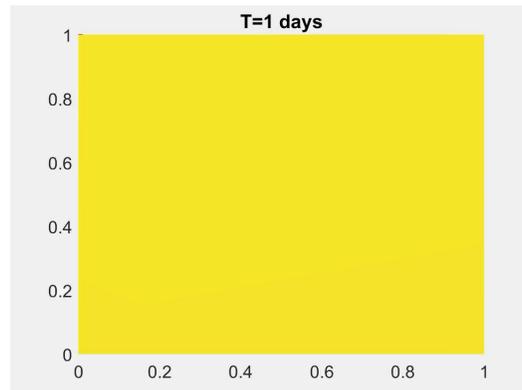
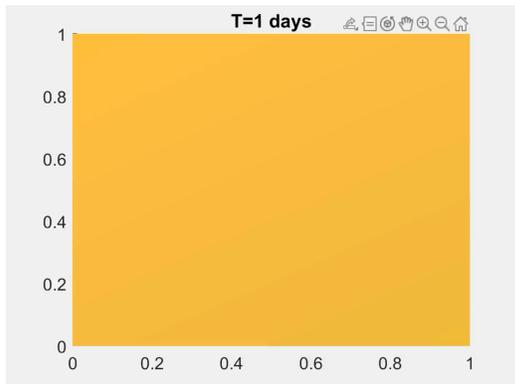


Filled torus in phase space → When the predominant dynamics in the global variability is that of the seasonal cycle Falasca, F., & Bracco, A. (2022). The seasonal cycle will be filtered.

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The dynamical properties of a climate attractor depend on its local and instantaneous properties, rather than its average properties [Lucarini et al, 2016]. Time series for the analysis will have a lower time resolution than that used in [Brunetti et al, 2019], filtering the seasonal cycle.

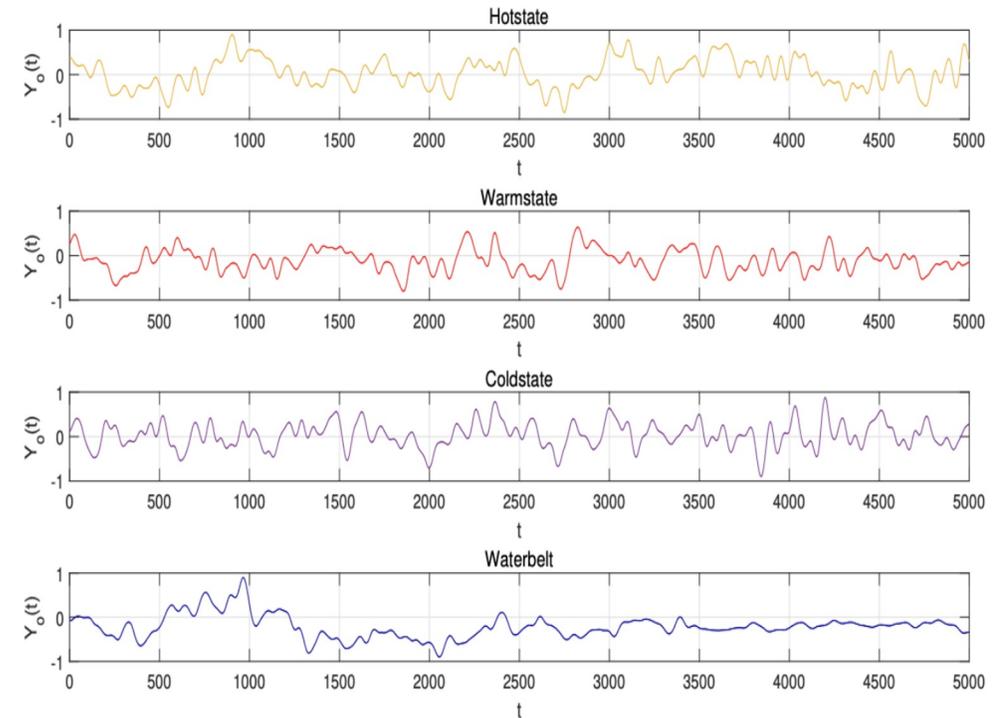
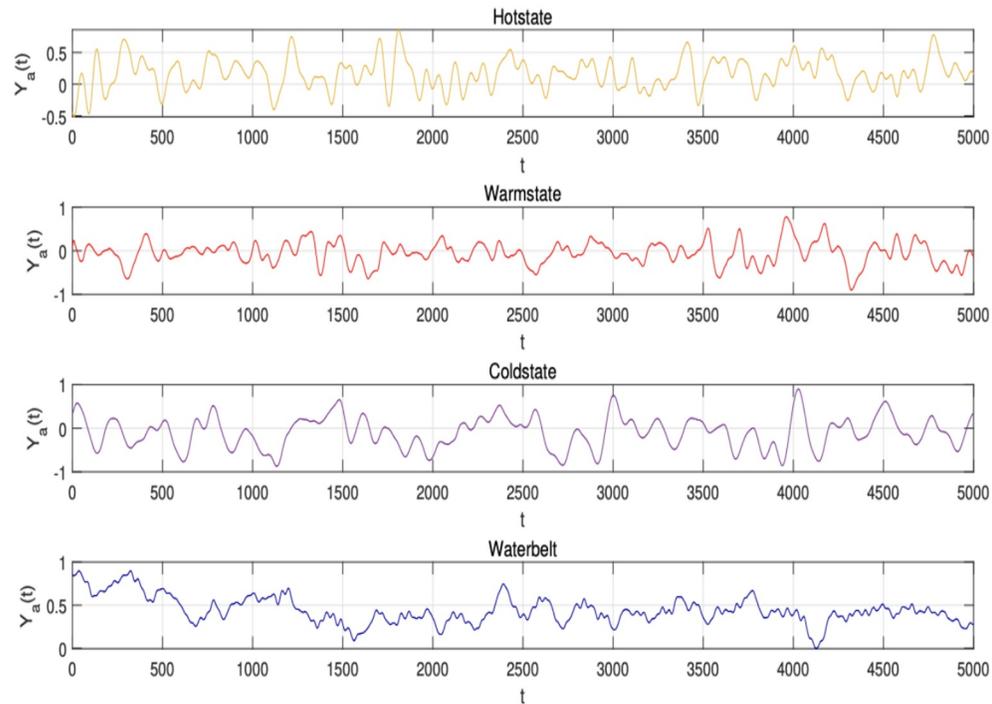


Evolution of four attractors with sliding time windows of 1000 days (range 5000 days) and daily time resolution. The time series were calculated by Maura Brunetti specifically for Luciana Salvagni's bachelor thesis.

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It is common practice to perform multi-channel singular spectrum analysis (M-SSA) separated by variable type (oceanic and atmospheric) to obtain consistent surrogate time series representative of each subsystem.

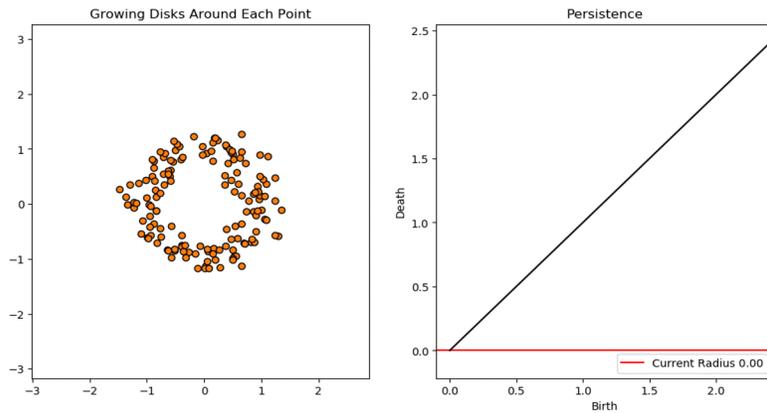
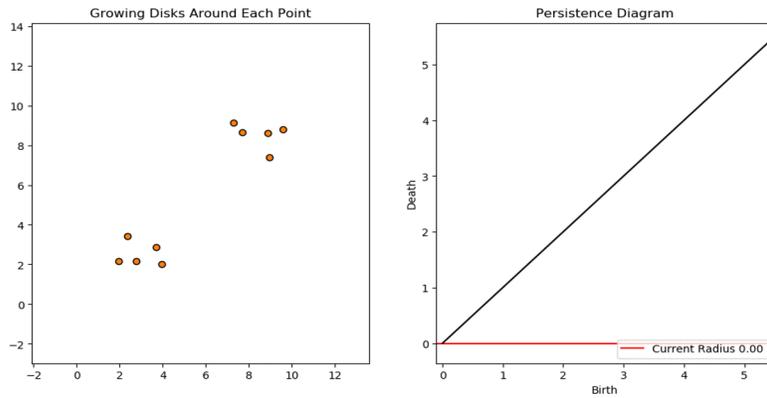


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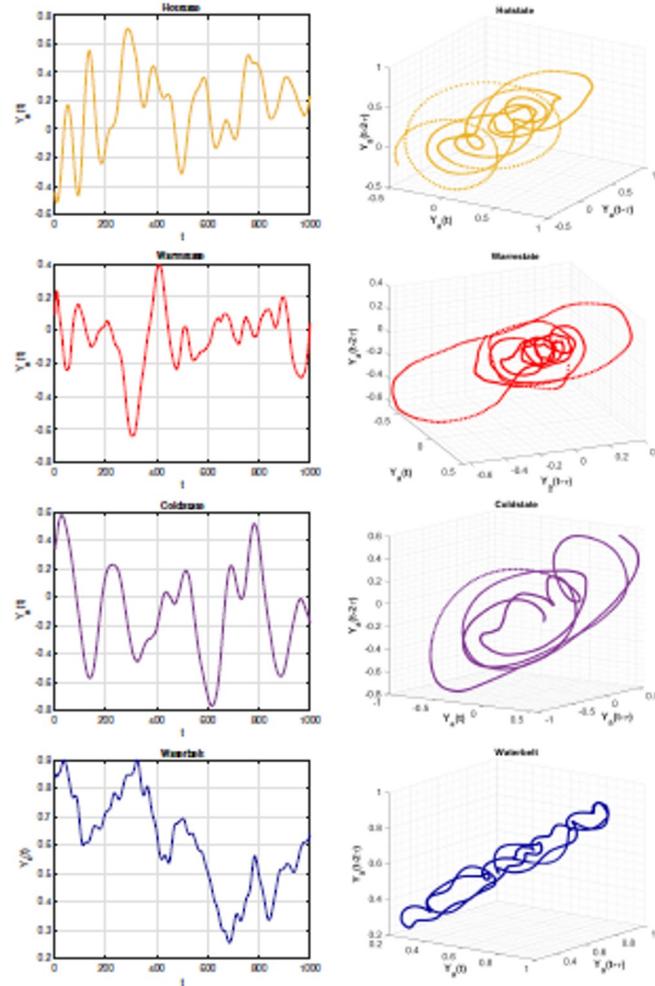
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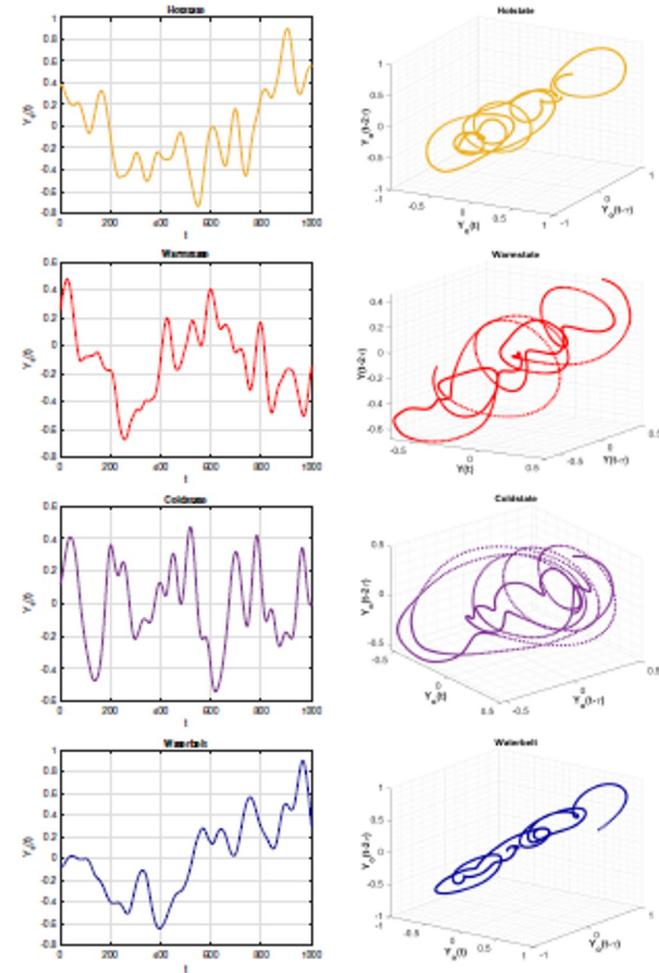
## Persistent diagrams



## Atmospheric variables $Y_a(t)$



## Oceanic variables $Y_o(t)$



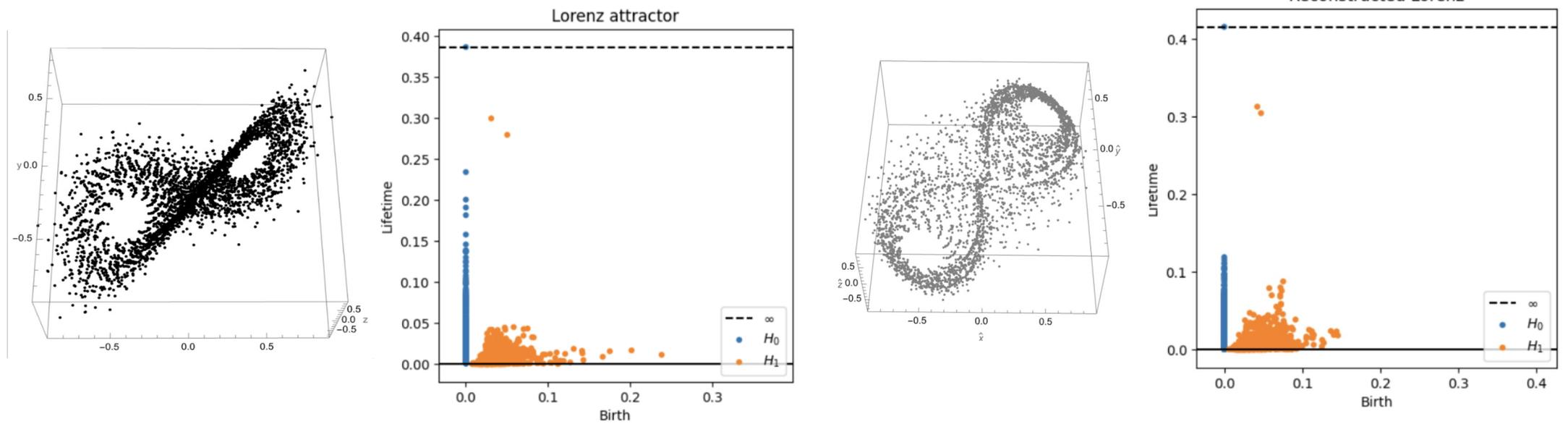
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Plane persistence diagram:

- Points close to the horizontal axis  $\rightarrow$  "noise", born and die fast.
- Points away from the horizontal axis  $\rightarrow$  significant features, persist longer.
- Two orange dots  $\rightarrow$  two 1-hole butterfly wings.

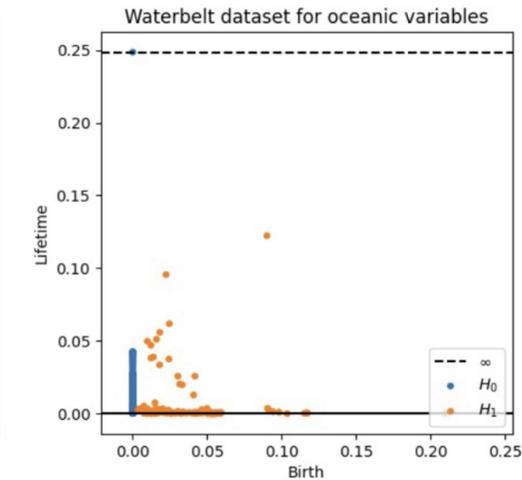
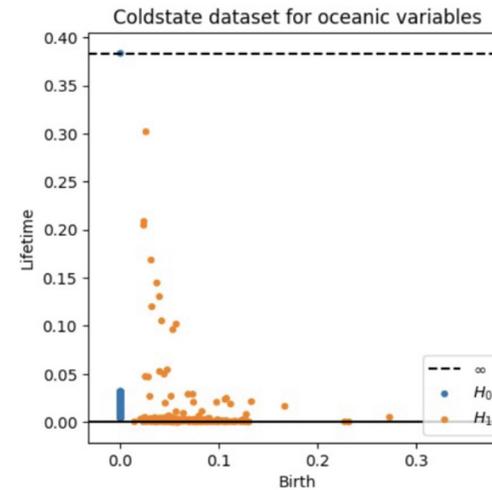
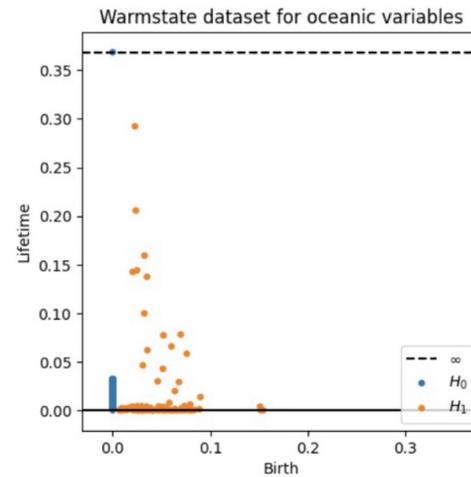
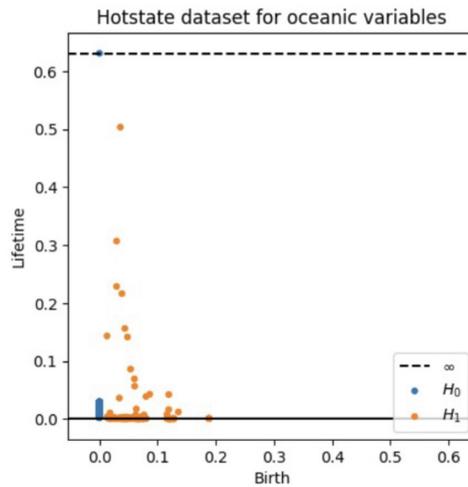
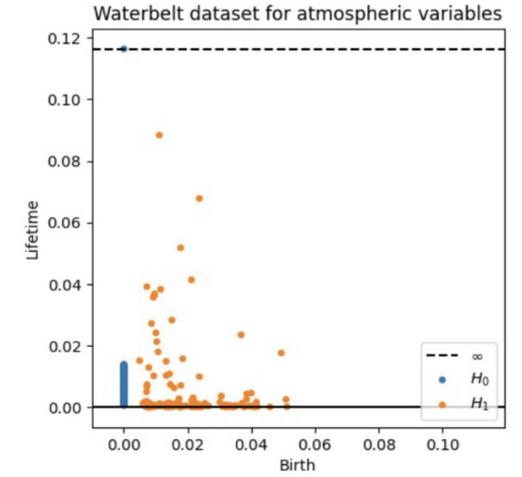
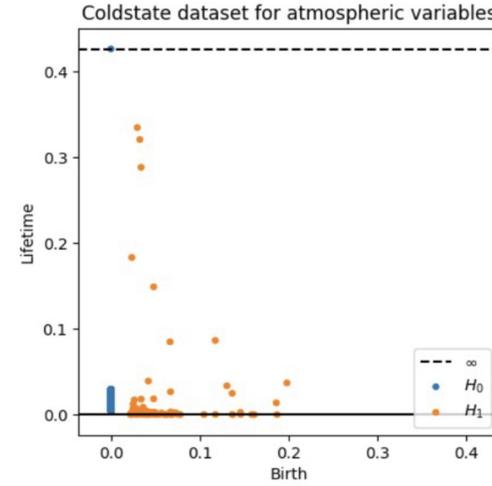
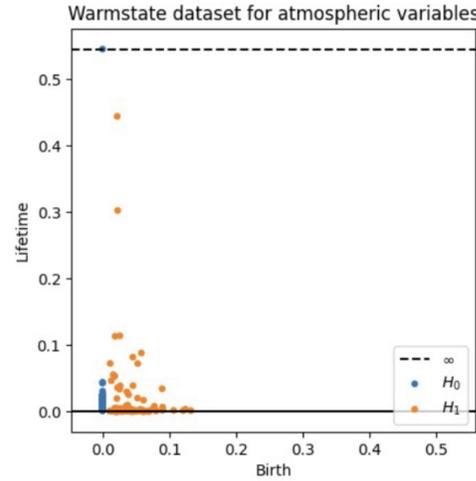
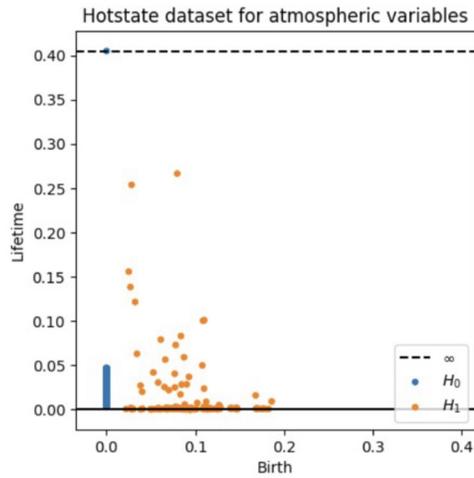
We gather in the same persistence diagram:  
 0-holes (blue),  
 1-hole (orange)



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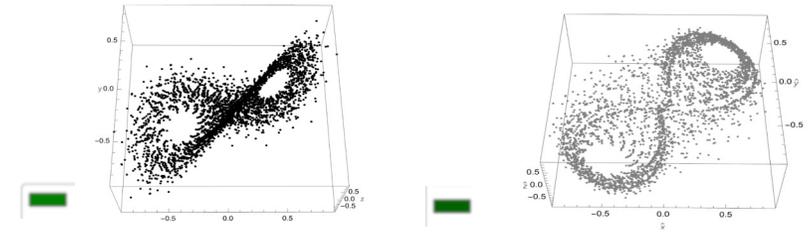
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Four attractors.  
Atmospheric & oceanic planar  
persistence diagrams.



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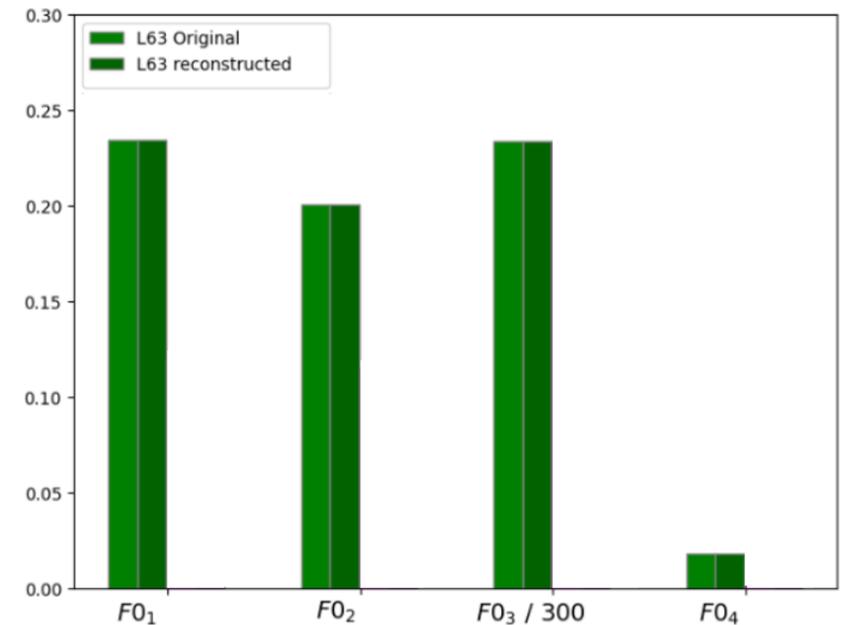
To analyze the persistence diagrams, a set of eight markers or topological indices will be defined to condense the properties of the diagrams and compare them with each other. The markers are based on the vertical coordinates of the blue and orange points of the persistence diagrams.

$F0_1$ : vertical coordinate or lifetime of the second most persistent 0-hole (indicates the onset in the filtration where the simplices of the corresponding complex form a connected component).

$F0_2$ : vertical coordinate or lifetime of the third 0-hole (indicates the beginning in the filtration where two related components are formed).

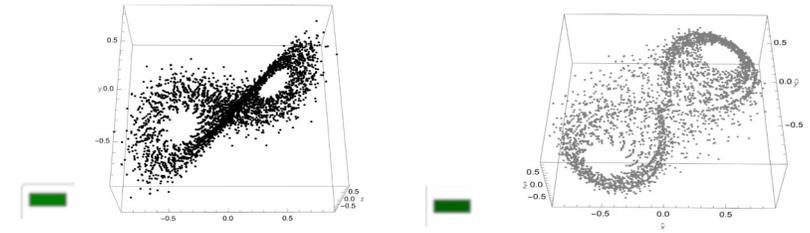
$F0_3$ : sum of the lifetimes of all 0-holes except those exceeding the maximum filtration value (describes the degree of compactness of the points).

$F0_4$ : averaged lifetime of the 0-holes except those exceeding the maximum filtration value.



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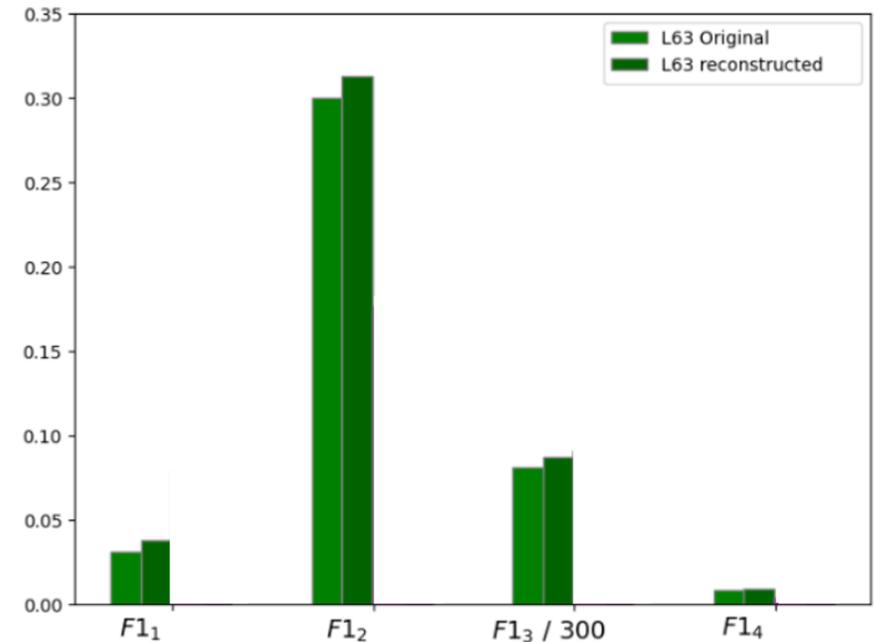
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$F1_1$ : the start (birth) value of the largest 1-hole (shows the filtration value at which the largest persistent 1-hole is formed).

$F1_2$ : vertical coordinate or lifetime of the largest 1-hole (reflects the size of the geometrically dominant 1-hole).

$F1_3$ : sum of the half-lives of all 1-holes except those exceeding the maximum filtration value.

$F1_4$ : averaged life time of the 1-holes, except those exceeding the maximum filtration value (indicative of the average size of the 1-holes).



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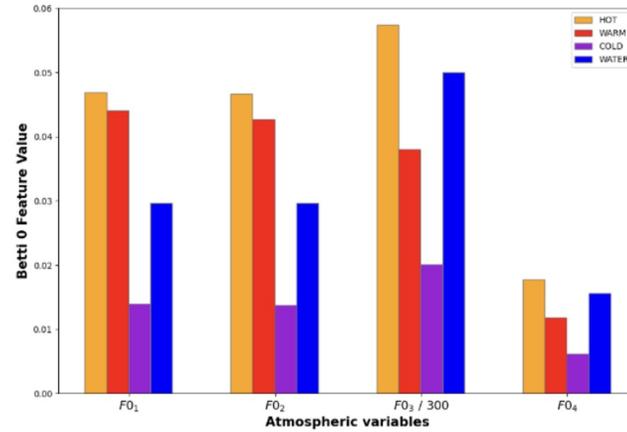
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Each attractor has a predominant trait that distinguishes it from the others in time windows of one thousand days.

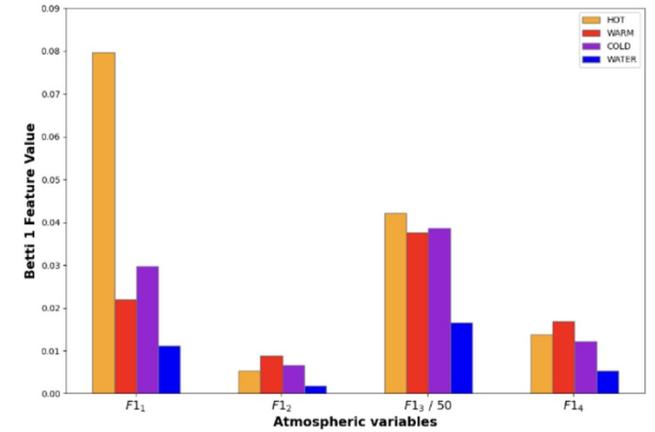
Persistent homology methods do not allow the topological structure of each attractor to be condensed into a single representative cell complex.

Although persistence diagrams offer a less precise topological characterization, they mark a path toward the construction of cell complexes that represent the topological structure of each climatic attractor, using the markers as a guide.

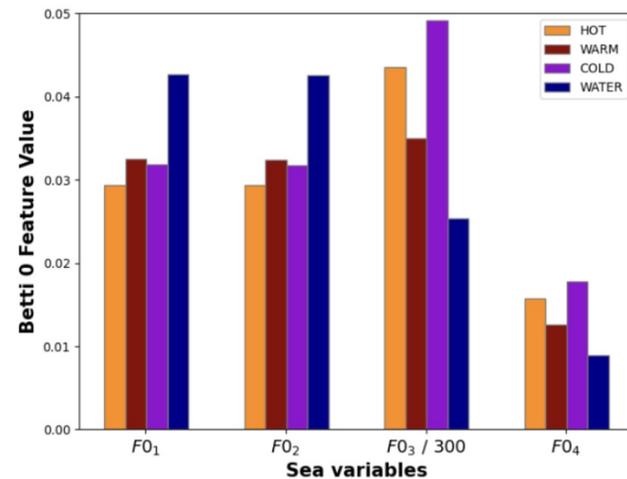
## Topological markers for the four climatic attractors



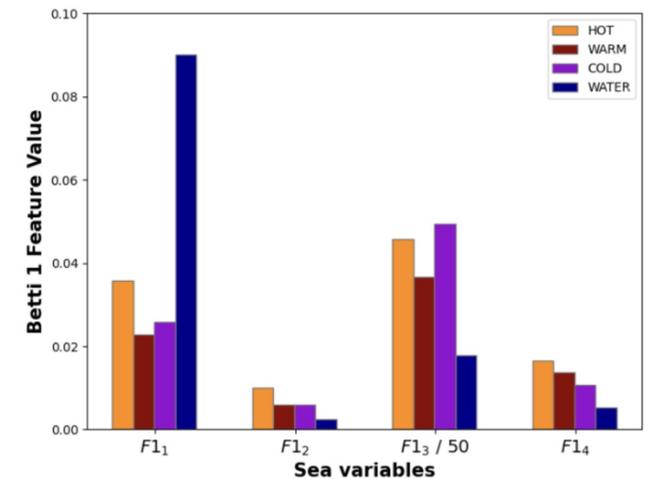
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

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## Templex: A bridge between homologies and templates for chaotic attractors

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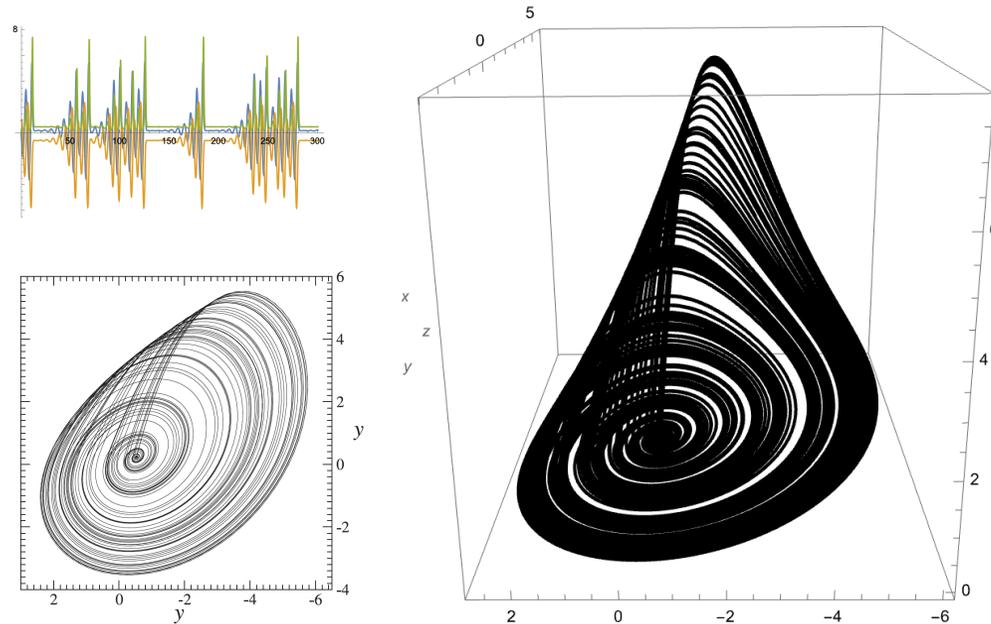
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- Why and how was it conceived?

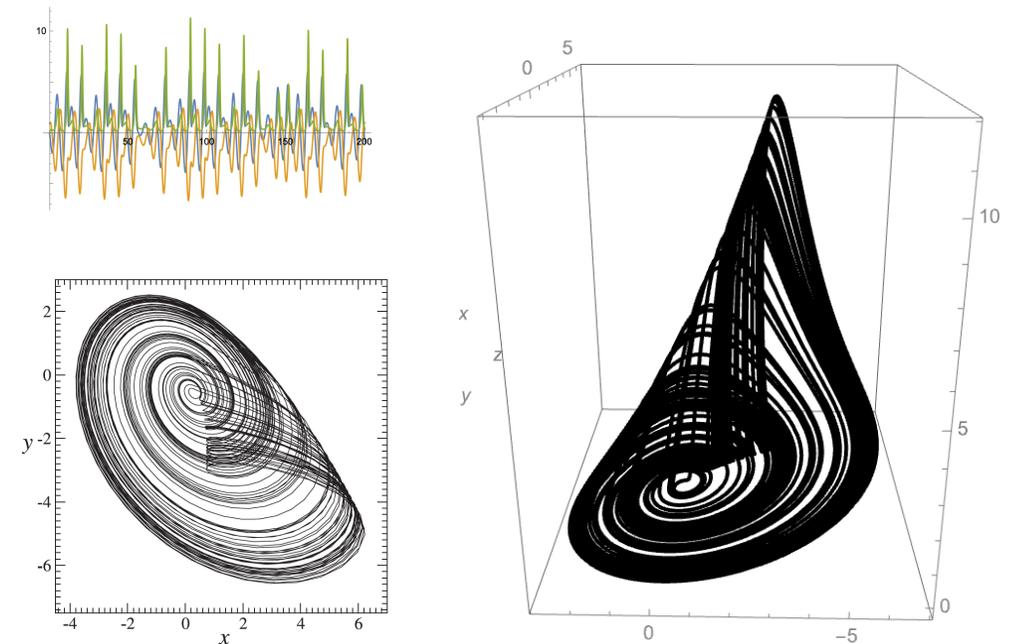
Homologies **cannot** distinguish between two different attractors produced by the Rössler dynamical system with different parameter values (spiral Rössler attractor with  $a = 0.343295$  on the left and the funnel Rössler attractor with  $a = 0.492$  on the right).

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -y - z, \\ \dot{y} = x + ay, \\ \dot{z} = b + z(x - c). \end{cases}$$

Spiral Rössler attractor



Funnel Rössler attractor

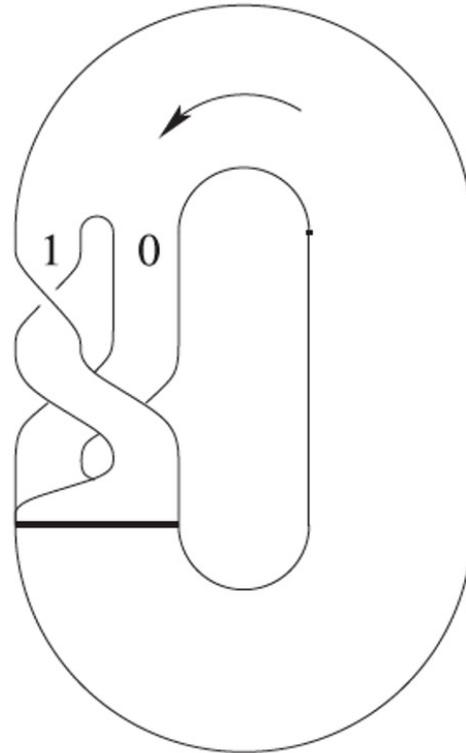


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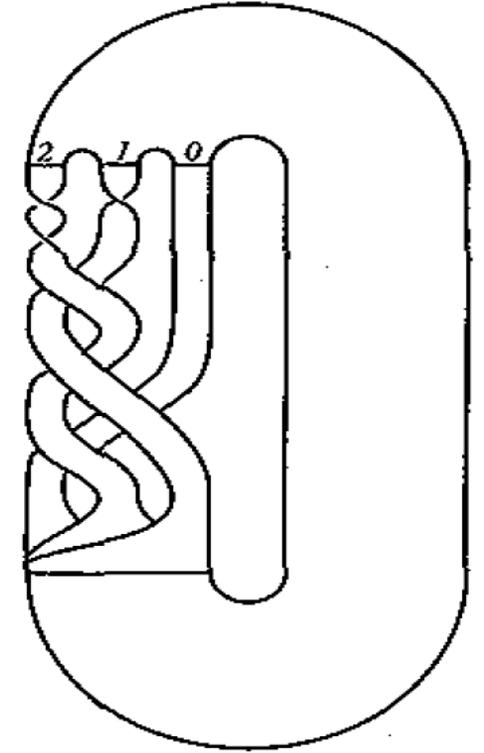
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The template **does distinguish** between both: the spiral Rössler attractor has two strips (0, 1), while the funnel Rössler attractor has three strips (0,1,2).

Spiral Rössler attractor



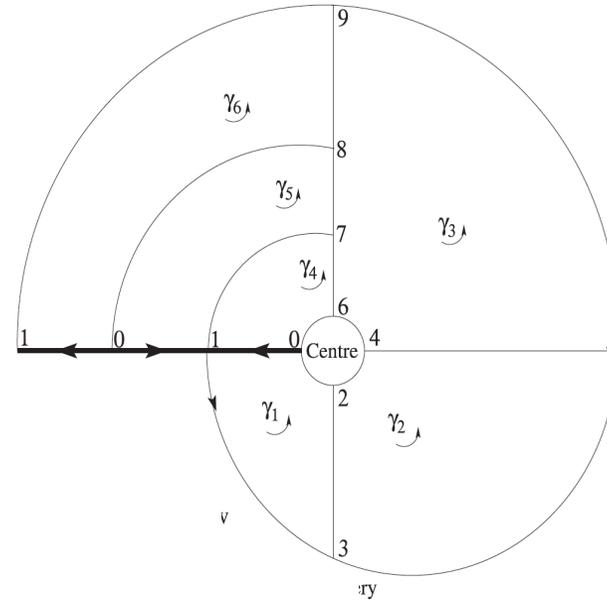
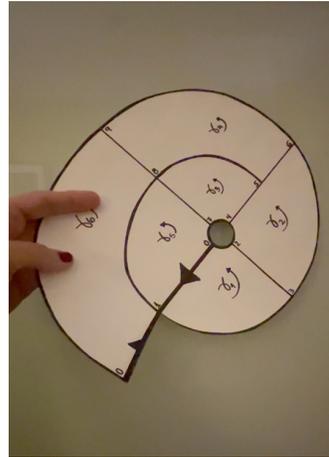
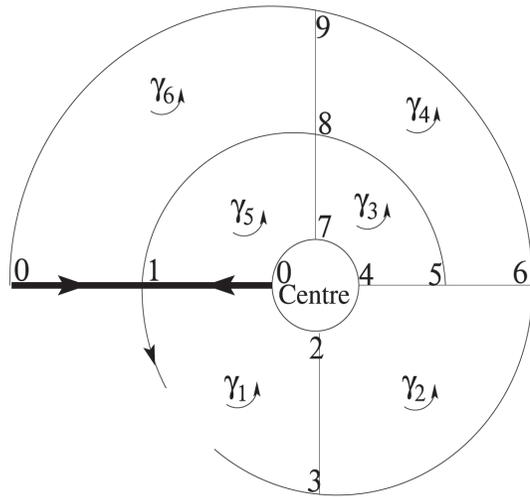
Funnel Rössler attractor



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- Why and how was it conceived?

The spiral and funnel Rössler attractors are homologically equivalent: **they have both one hole in the centre** ( $H_1 = \mathbb{Z}^1$ ).



$$\mathcal{H}_1(K(\mathbb{R})) = [[\langle 0, 2 \rangle - \langle 0, 7 \rangle + \langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 4, 7 \rangle]]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1(K(\mathbb{R}_3)) = [[\langle 0, 2 \rangle - \langle 0, 6 \rangle + \langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 4, 6 \rangle]]$$

But there is more information in a cell complex than the one contained in its homology groups... for instance, the **joining lines**! They can be detected as the 1-cells shared by at least three 2-cells (thick lines). Notice that the recipe to **scotch** the cell complexes is different.

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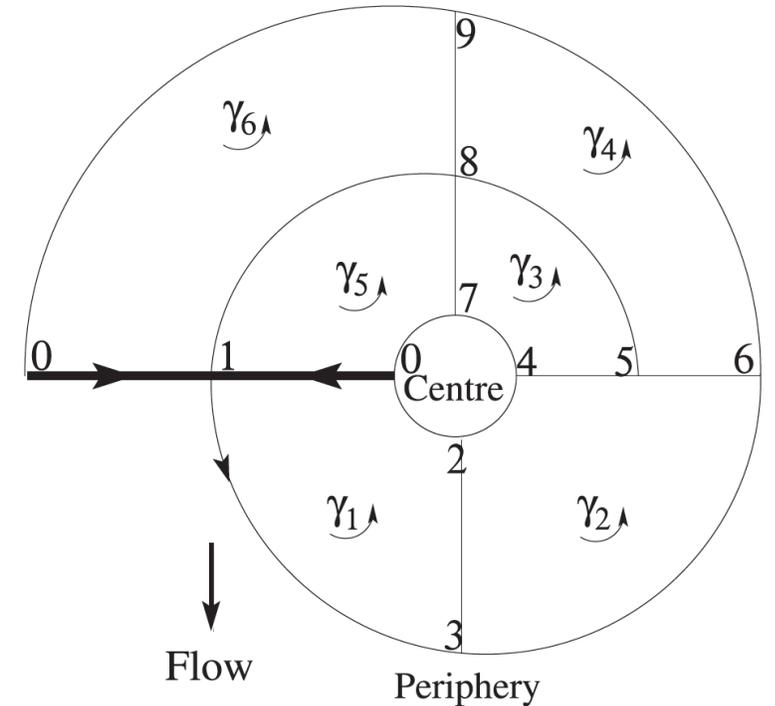
But there is something else that is very important and that is missing in a cell complex representing a branched manifold.

This is the *flow* or, in other words, *time*!

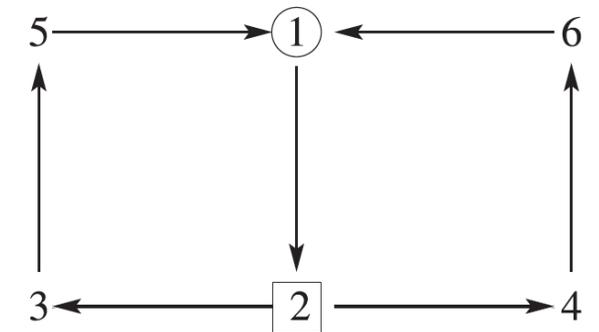
Homologies do not consider the action of the flow on the cell complex...

In order to take the flow on the complex into account, the cell complex will be endowed with a directed graph that prescribes the flow direction between its highest-dimensional cells.

**Definition 1.** A **templex**  $T \equiv (K, G)$  is made of a complex  $K$  of dimension  $\dim(K) = \kappa$  and a digraph  $G = (N, E)$  whose underlying space is a branched  $\kappa$ -manifold associated with a dynamical system, such that (i) the nodes  $N$  are the  $\kappa$ -cells of  $K$  and (ii) the edges  $E$  are the connections between the  $\kappa$ -cells allowed by the flow.



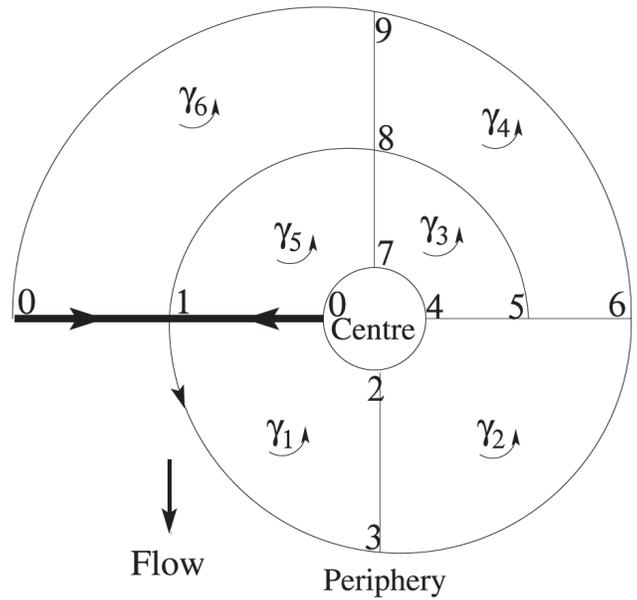
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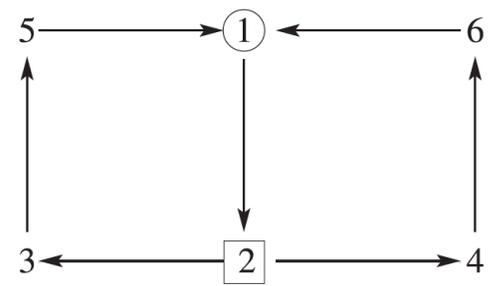
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# Templex

- Why and how was it conceived? How is it computed?



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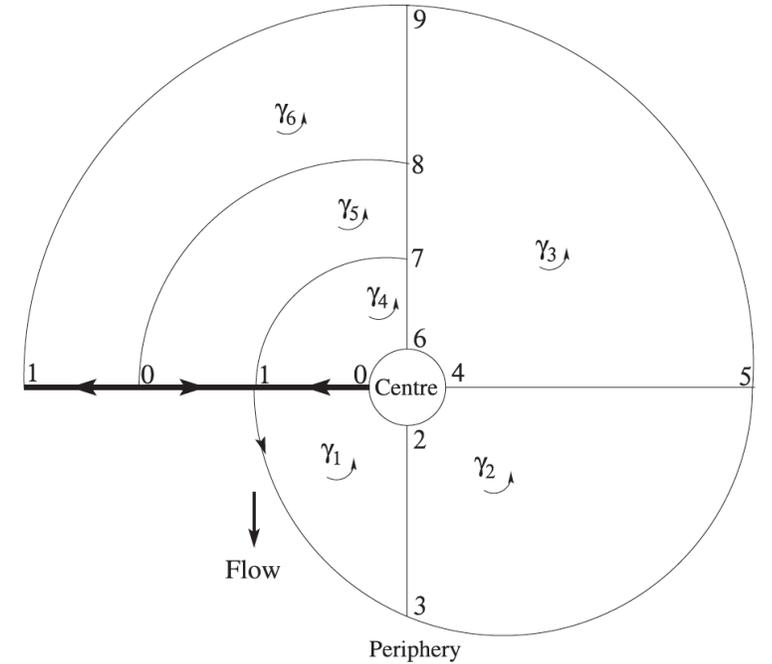


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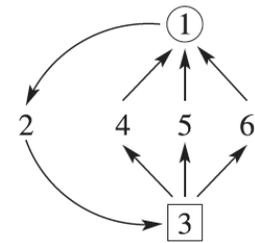
The thick line indicates the joining 1-cell  $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ , which will be used to identify:

- ingoing nodes (squares)
- outgoing nodes (circles)

in the digraph.



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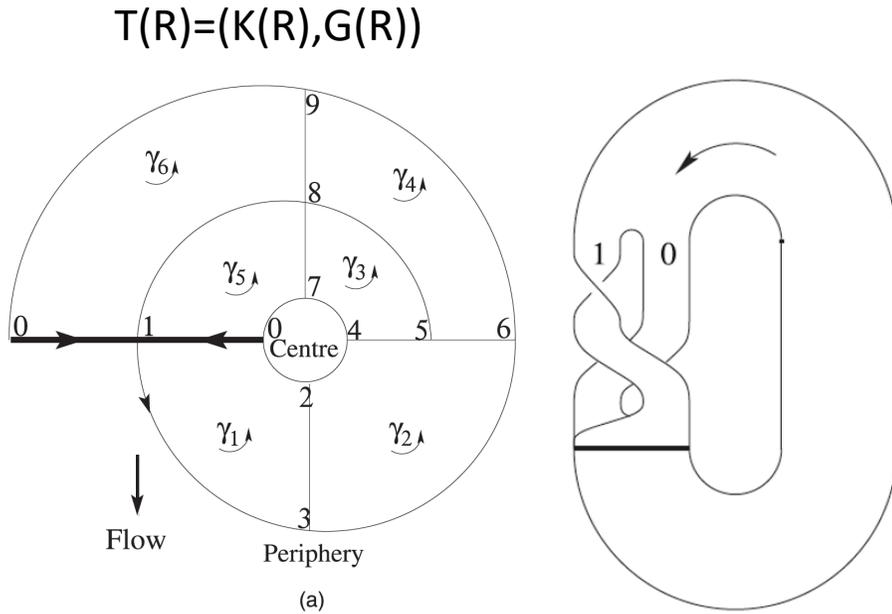


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# Templex

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## Spiral Rössler attractor

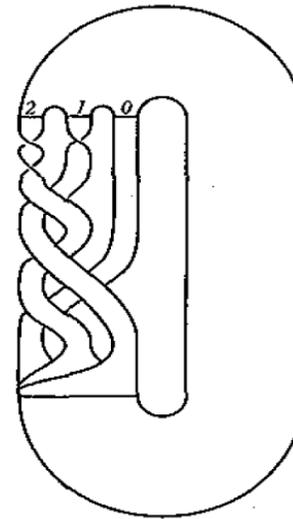


Stripexes in  $T(R)$ :

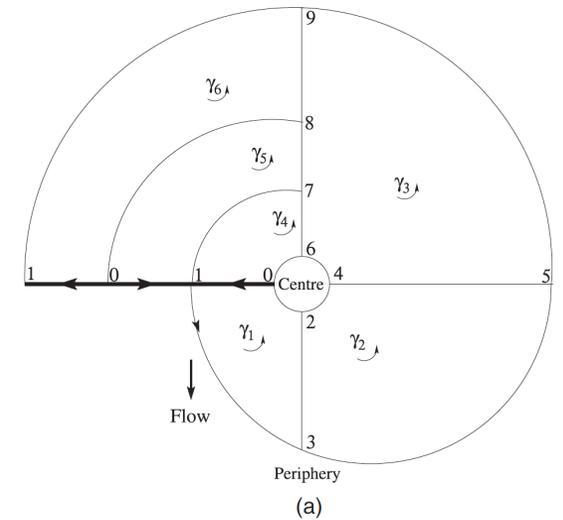
twisted  $\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \underline{1}$ ,

$\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \underline{1}$ .

## Funnel Rössler attractor



$T(R_3)=(K(R_3),G(R_3))$



Stripexes in  $T(R_3)$ :

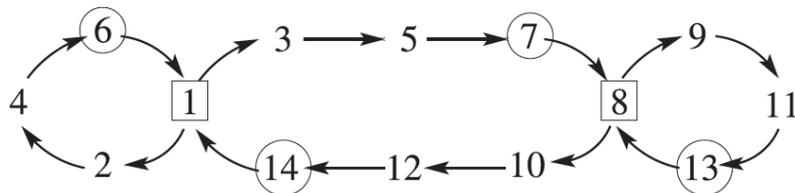
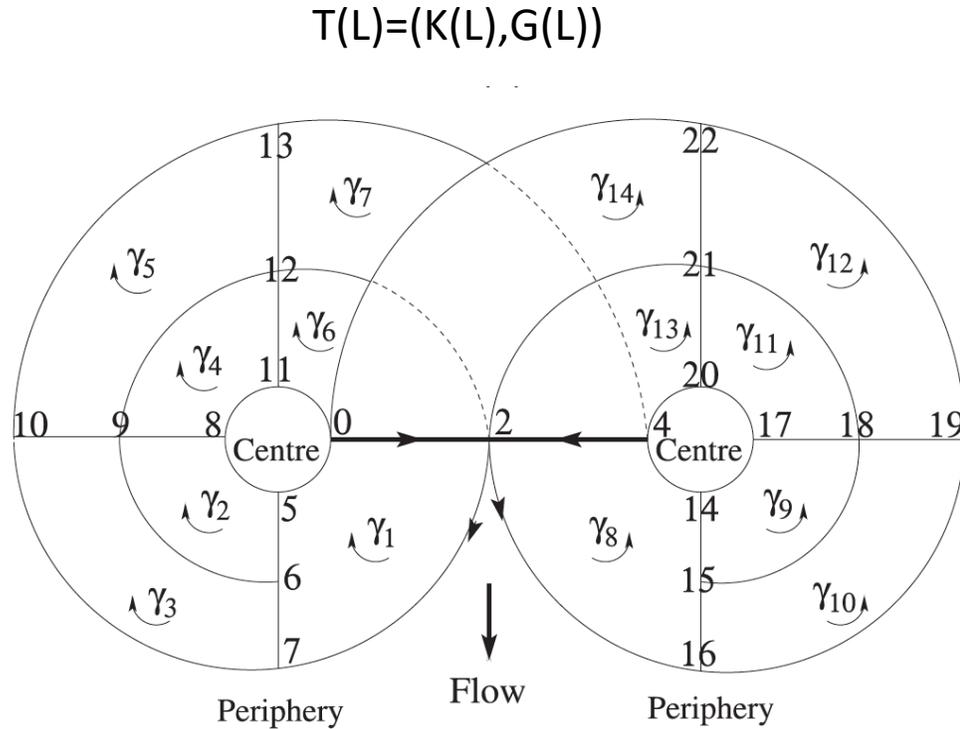
$\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow \underline{1}$ ,

twisted  $\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \underline{1}$ ,

$\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \underline{1}$ ,

# Templex

- Example I: Lorenz 63 example (autonomous)



Four stripexes in  $T(L)$ :

$$c_1 \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \underline{1},$$

$$c_2 \equiv \underline{8} \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow \underline{8},$$

} strong cycles

$$c_{3_1} \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow \underline{8}$$

$$c_{3_2} \equiv \underline{8} \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow \underline{1}.$$

} weak cycles

The weak cycles that form the **two twisted stripexes** correspond to a single generatex of order 2.

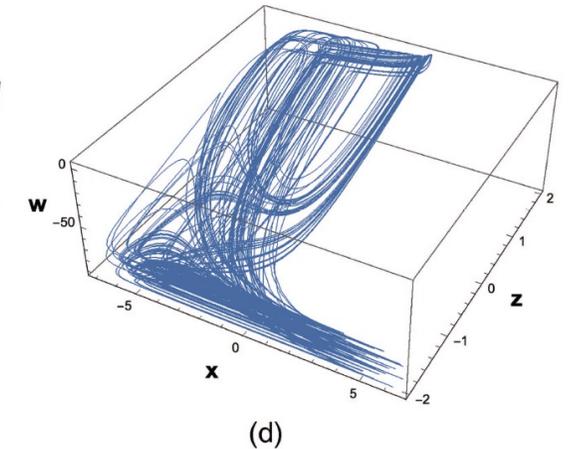
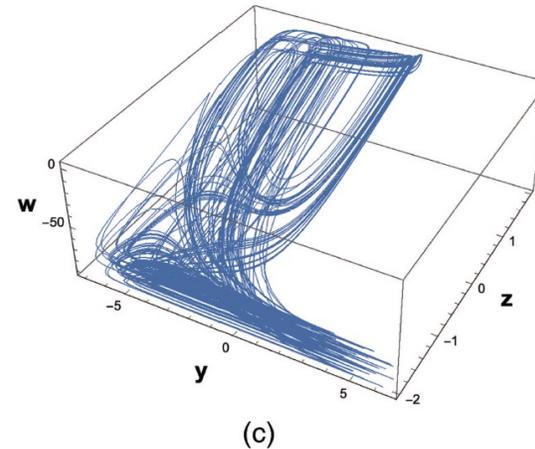
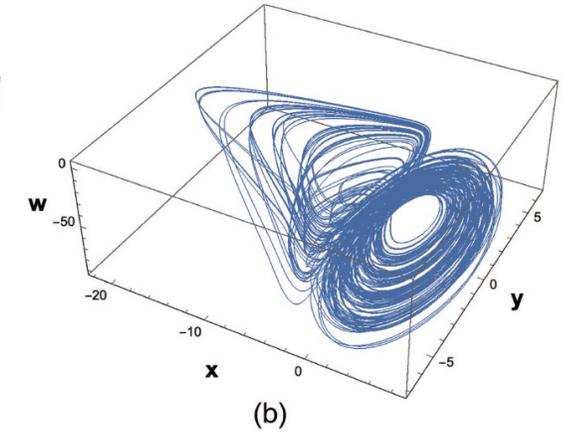
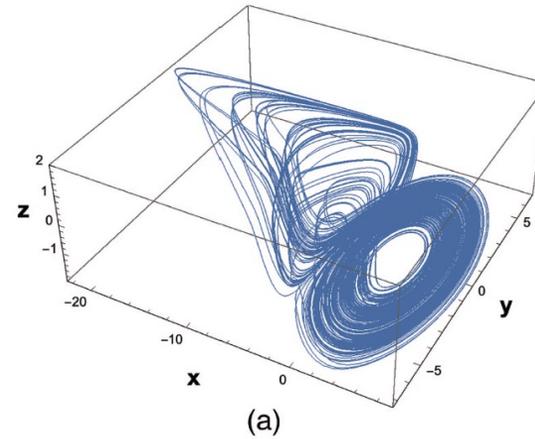
This is consistent with the Lorenz template that has four stripexes and a Poincaré section divided into two components.

# Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

A four-dimensional system designed from a three-dimensional system proposed by Deng.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -(z+2)d(x - [a + \epsilon_3(2+w)]) + (2-z) \\ \quad \left[ \alpha(x-2) - \beta y - \alpha(x-2) \frac{(x-2)^2 + y^2}{R^2} \right], \\ \dot{y} = -(z+2)(y-b) + (2-z) \\ \quad \left[ \beta(x-2) + \alpha y - \alpha y \frac{(x-2)^2 + y^2}{R^2} \right], \\ \dot{z} = (4-z^2) \frac{z+2 - \mu(x+2)}{\epsilon_1} - cz, \\ \dot{w} = (4-z^2) \frac{z+2 - \mu(x+2)}{\epsilon_2} - cz. \end{cases}$$



A solution to this system was already investigated with a BraMAH cell complex (but not with a templex) in Sciamarella & Mindlin, 2001.

## Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

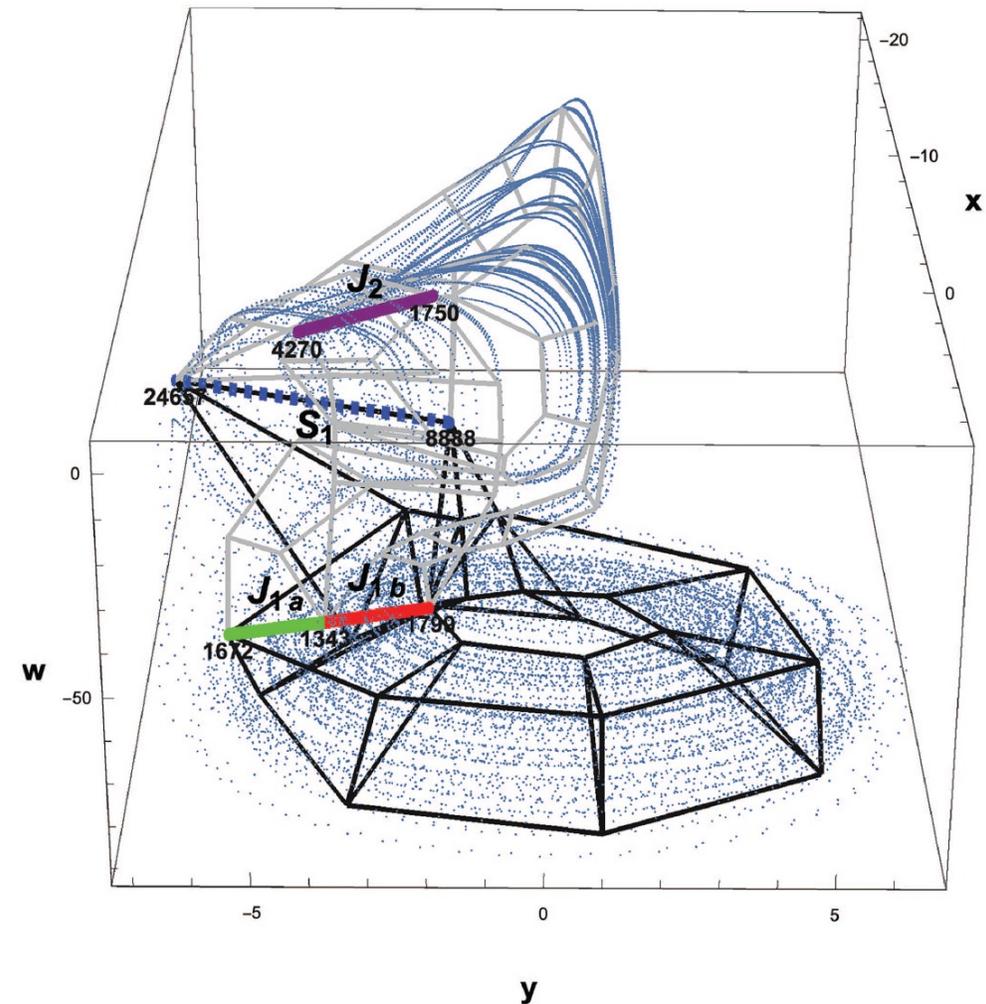
The BRAMAH complex  $K(4D)$  is built from a cloud of 24999 points (once the transient regime is completed).

The highest-dimensional cells of this complex are the 3-cells  $\gamma_i$ , and the 2-cells  $\sigma_i$  which are not the border of any 3-cell.

The complex has one 0-hole, five 1-holes and no 2-holes (no enclosed empty cavity).

The joining lines are highlighted in colour. They are the 1-cells shared by a set of at least three  $k$ -cells, with  $k=2,3$ .

The green and red lines form the main joining locus in the bottom scroll and the second one (violet) is in the upper part of the attractor according to our plot.



## Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

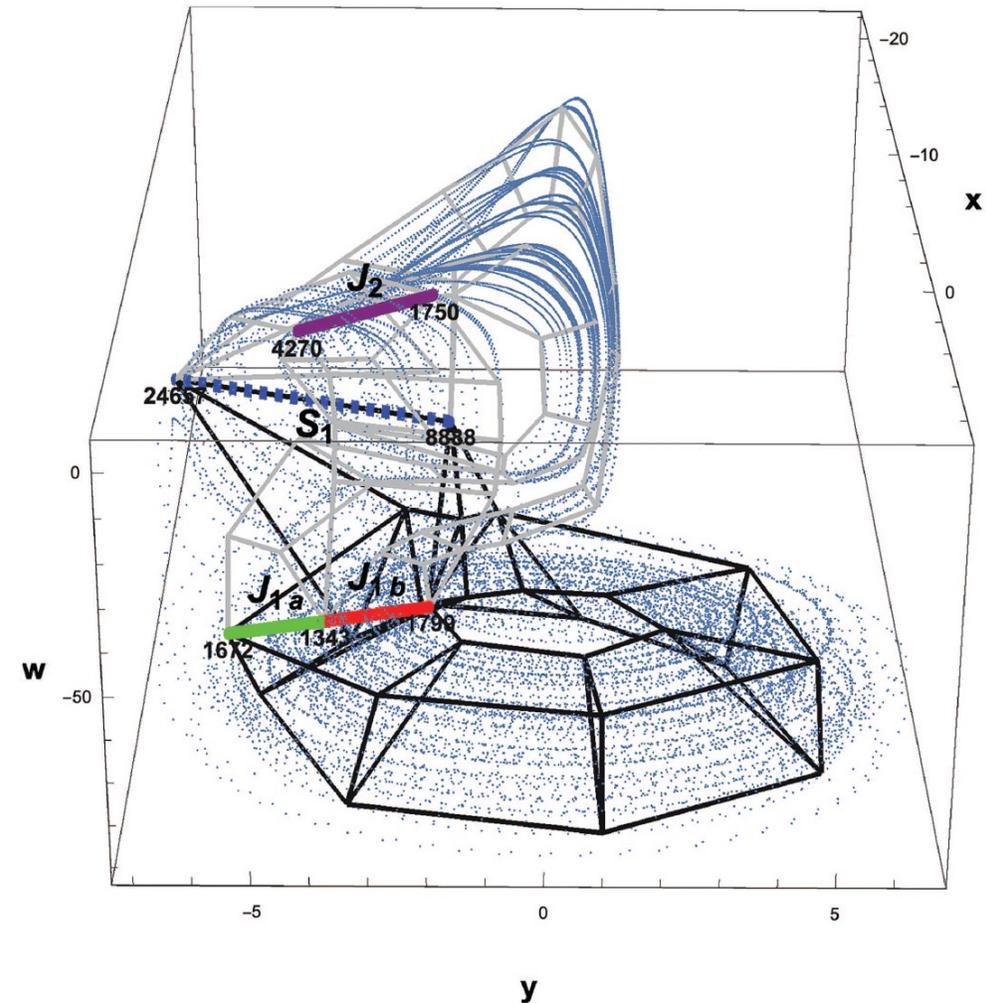
The dotted blue line is a splitting line between one 3-cell and three 2-cells.

The fact that the ingoing cell is of dimension 3 allows us to preserve the determinism at this **splitting locus**.

This is a feature that we had not observed for three-dimensional systems.

The simplest deterministic representation of the flow around this splitting locus is to consider that three strips—close to each other as in a foliation within the 3-cell—are sent away from each other.

This specificity will require a novel element for drawing a template.



# Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

Digraph on the BRAMAH complex constituting the templex. Ingoing and outgoing nodes are squared and circled, respectively. Splitting loci are not considered for stripex computation.

Three order-1 cycles:

$$c_1 \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow \underline{1},$$

$$c_2 \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 36 \\ \rightarrow 35 \rightarrow 25 \rightarrow 26 \rightarrow 27 \rightarrow 28 \rightarrow 29 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 31 \\ \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow 33 \rightarrow 34 \rightarrow \underline{1}.$$

$$c_3 \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 38 \\ \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 19 \rightarrow 18 \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 23 \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow \underline{1},$$

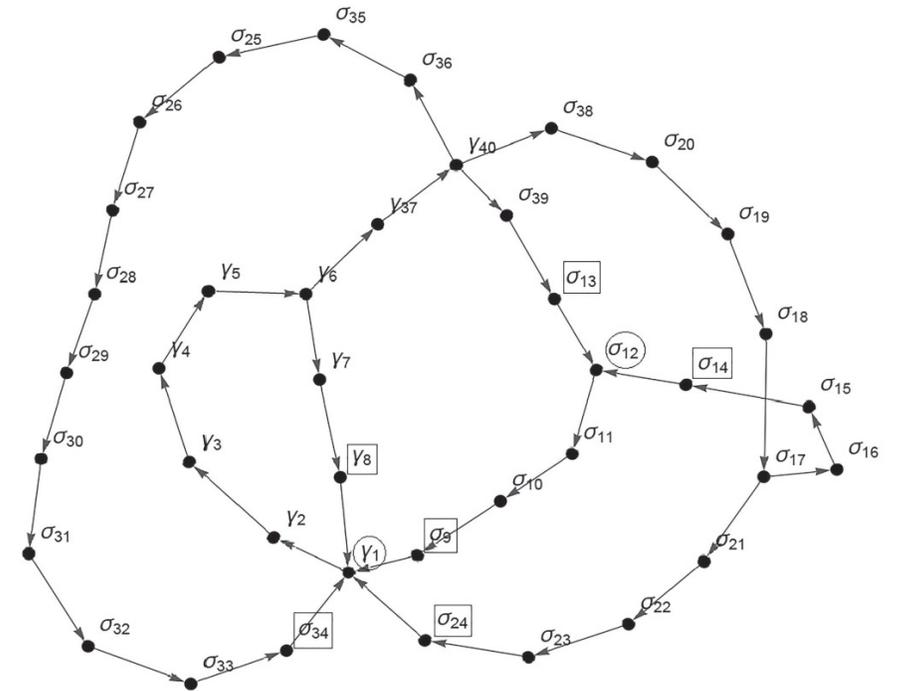
Two order-2 cycles:

$$c_{4_1} \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 38 \\ \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 19 \rightarrow 18 \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow \underline{12},$$

$$c_{4_2} \equiv \underline{12} \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow \underline{1}.$$

$$c_{5_1} \equiv \underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 39 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow \underline{12},$$

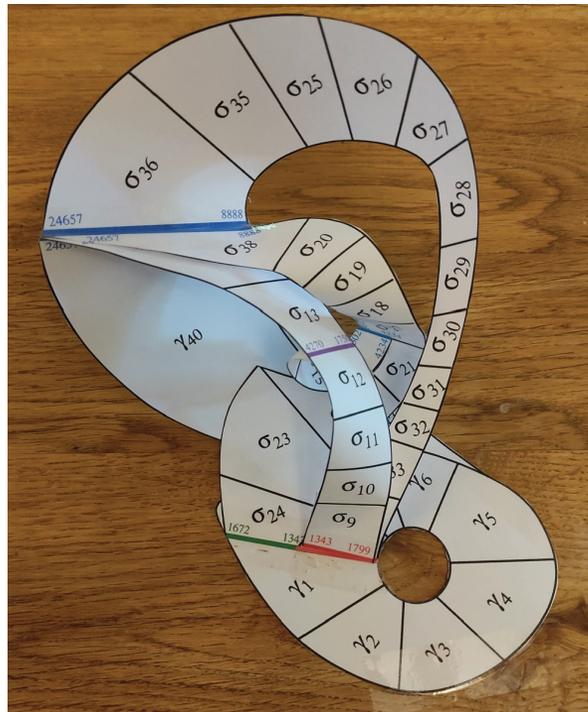
Five stripexes in  $T(4D)=(K(4D),G(4D))$ :



# Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

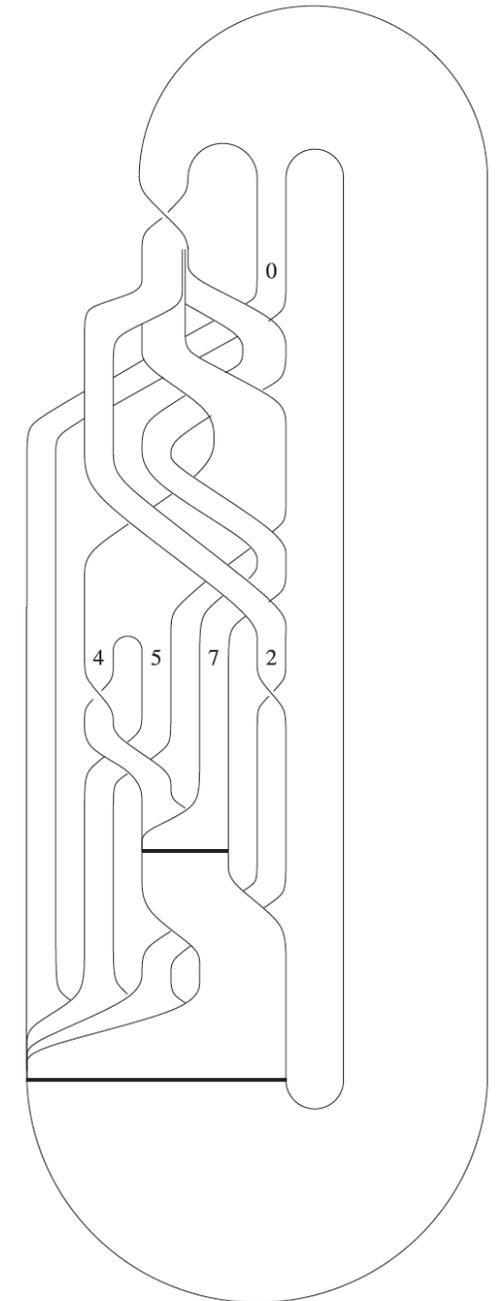
The four-dimensional attractor can be described with five stripexes, that is, with a five symbol dynamics. A paper model of the attractor is constructed, similar to the xyz projection of the system.



The volume formed by the ten 3-cells of  $K(4D)$  is topologically equivalent to a solid (filled) torus.

Homologies of a filled torus are equivalent to those of a cylinder, and so, the paper model is homologically equivalent to  $K(4D)$ .

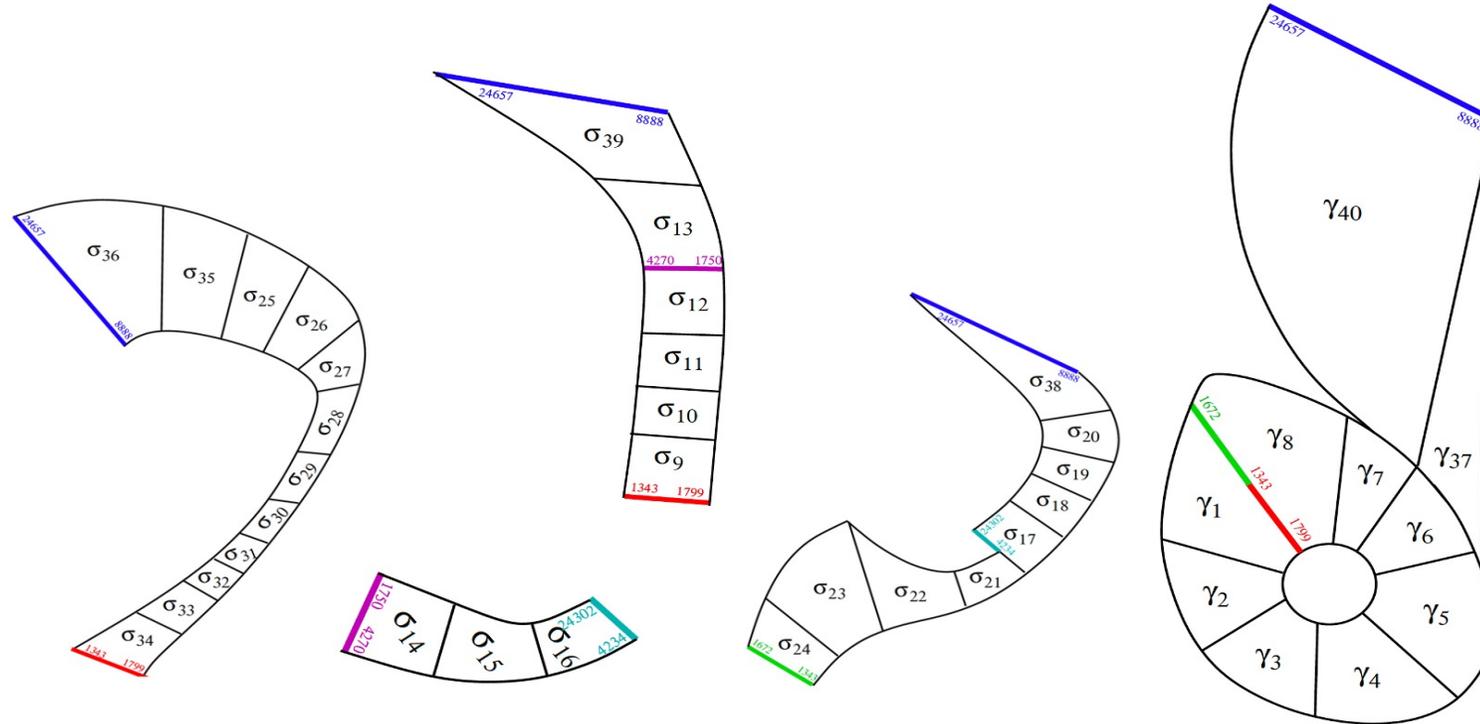
A direct template can be drawn for the four-dimensional system from the templex analysis.



# Templex

- Example II: 4D Deng 94 attractor (autonomous)

The templex dissects the phase-space structure into several identifiable components, connected at certain joints. Closed non-redundant pathways are cell sequences encoded by the digraph.



The templex properties: some describe the spatial structure alone (homology groups, torsion groups, weak boundaries) and a subset for the topology of flow along the structure (generatex, stripex, twists).

# Templex

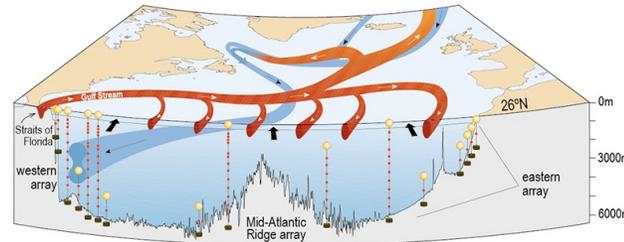
- Example III: 3D AMOC example (autonomous)

Let us now consider an autonomous 3D model of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) : Sévellec et Fedorov, *J. Clim.*, 2014) reproducing the chaotic dynamics of the glacial periods.

$$d_t \omega = -\lambda \omega - \epsilon \beta S_{NS},$$

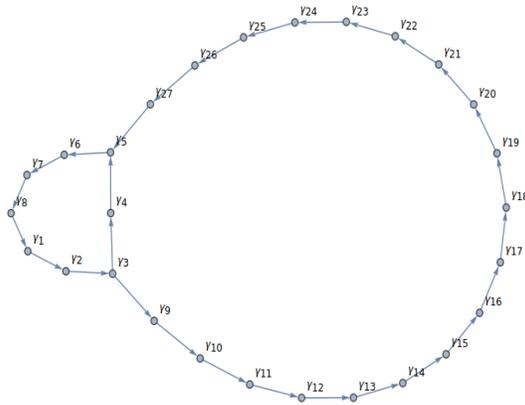
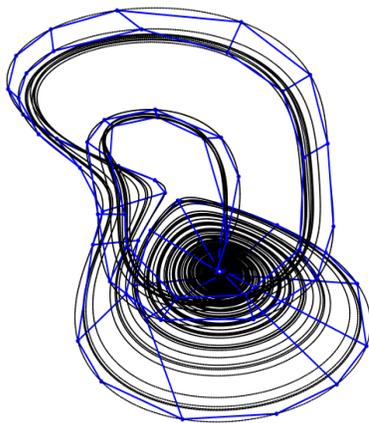
$$d_t S_{BT} = +\Omega S_{NS} - K S_{BT} + F_{BT},$$

$$d_t S_{NS} = -\Omega S_{BT} - K S_{NS} + F_{NS}.$$



The most simple AMOC model has the same set of stripexes as the spiral Rössler attractor.

$$T(\text{AMOC3D}) = (K(\text{AMOC3D}), G(\text{AMOC3D}))$$

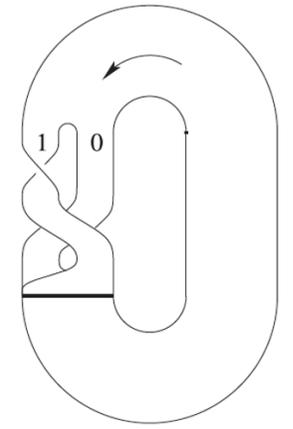


$K(\text{AMOC3D})$  has two 1-holes  
 $T(\text{AMOC3D})$  has two stripexes.

Stripexes in  $T(\text{AMOC3D})$

$$\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \underline{1},$$

$$\underline{1} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \underline{1}.$$



## Templex

- Example IV: Unstable AMOC (non autonomous)

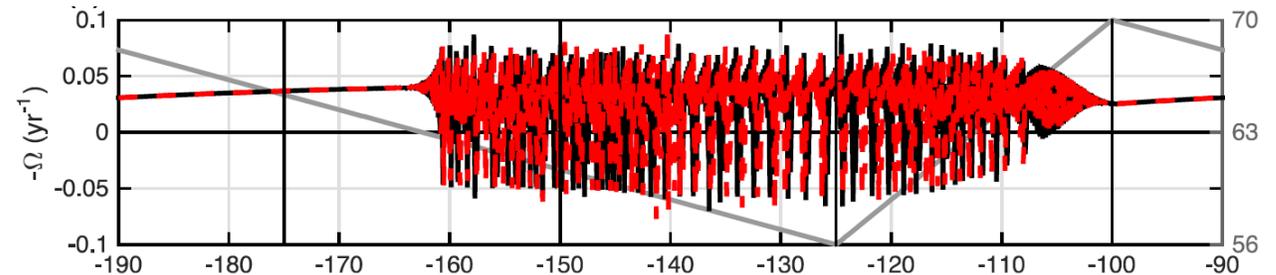
Let us consider the imposed temporal changes in the position of the edge of sea ice (ESI) to account for the chaotic behavior during the glacials and for the stable ocean conditions during the interglacials..  $F_{BT}$  and  $F_{NS}$  are the Fourier projections of surface salt flux.

$$d_t \omega = -\lambda \omega - \epsilon \beta S_{NS},$$

$$d_t S_{BT} = +\Omega S_{NS} - K S_{BT} + F_{BT},$$

$$d_t S_{NS} = -\Omega S_{BT} - K S_{NS} + F_{NS},$$

$$\text{where } F_{BT} + iF_{NS} = \frac{S_0}{2\pi h} \int_0^{2\pi} F e^{-i\theta} d\theta.$$



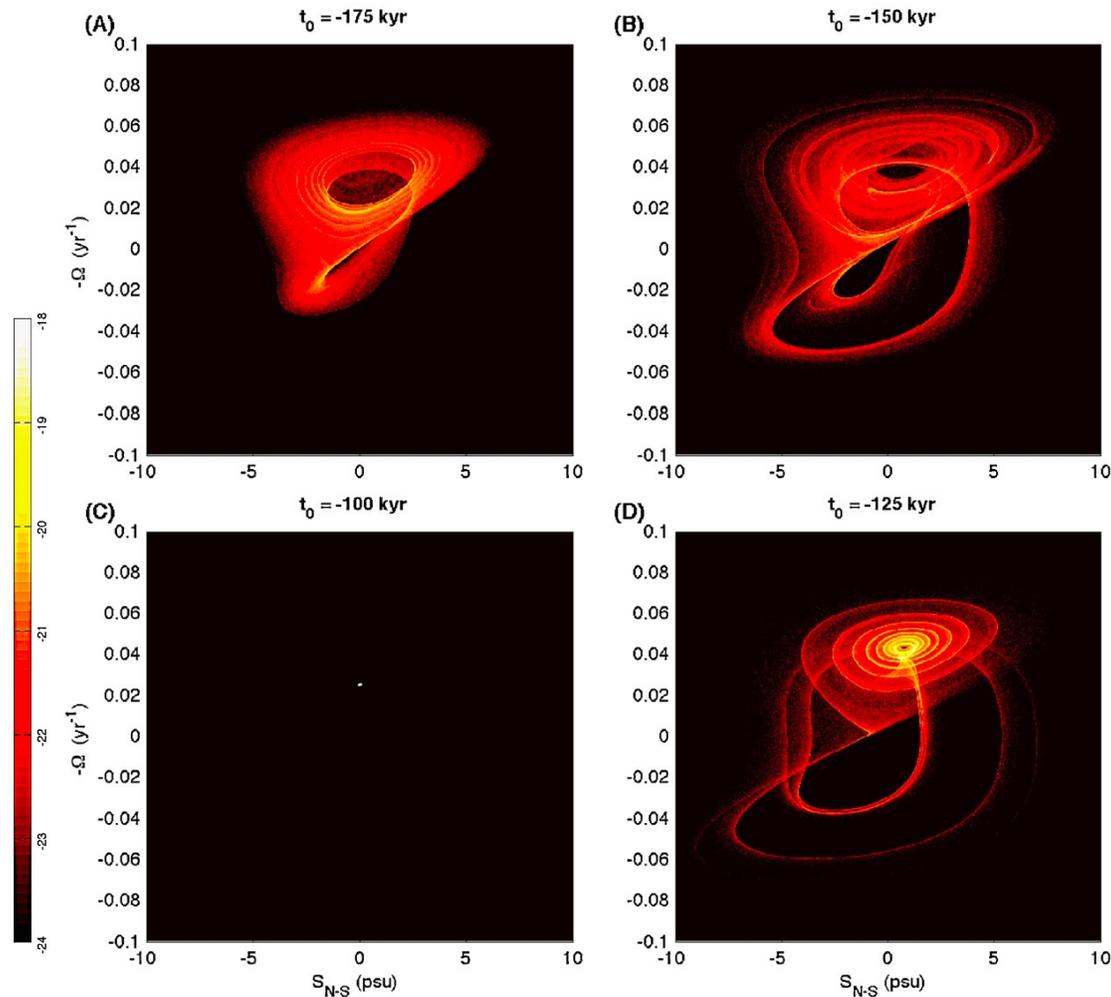
Simulated variations in the overturning rate ( $-\Omega$ ) for two slightly different sets of initial conditions (solid black and red dashed lines) for a single glacial–interglacial cycle.

The grey sawtooth line indicates the imposed temporal changes in the position of the edge of sea ice (ESI).

The four vertical lines indicate the freezing times ( $t_0$ ) used later to compute the Pullback attractor (**PBA**) [Ghil et al, 2008 ; Chekroun et al, 2011].

# Templex

- Example IV: Unstable AMOC (non autonomous)

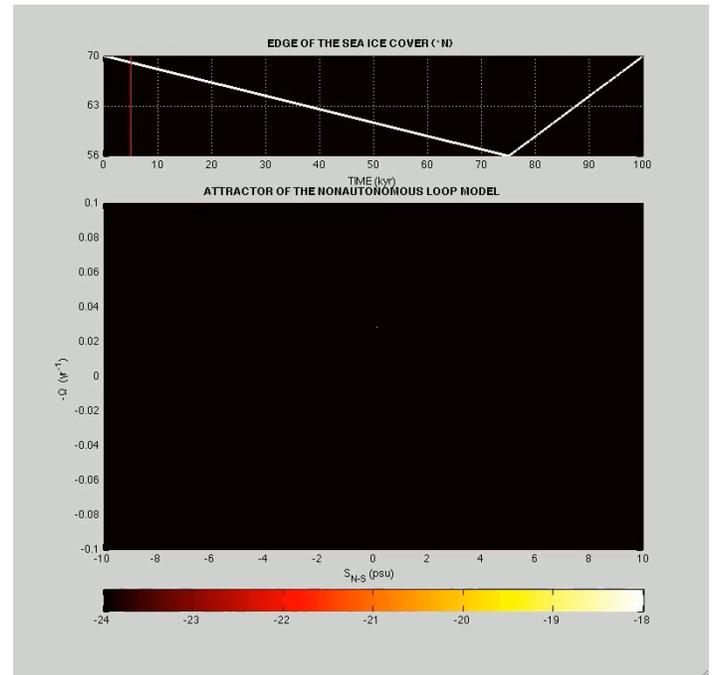


Unstable AMOC during glacial intervals and millennial variability:  
The role of mean sea ice extent



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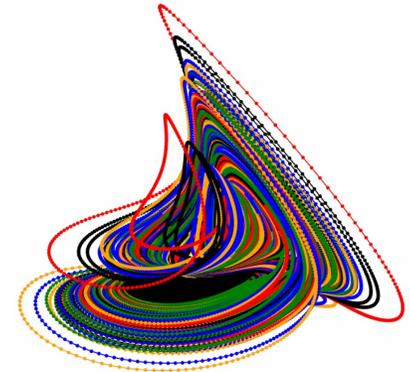
# Templex

- Example IV: Unstable AMOC (non autonomous)

**4D solutions:** we obtain a cloud of four-dimensional points. We construct the **BraMAH** complex from this point cloud. The four-dimensional point cloud does not have false neighbors: it is related to an autonomous writing of the AMOC equations and can be used to build a templex.

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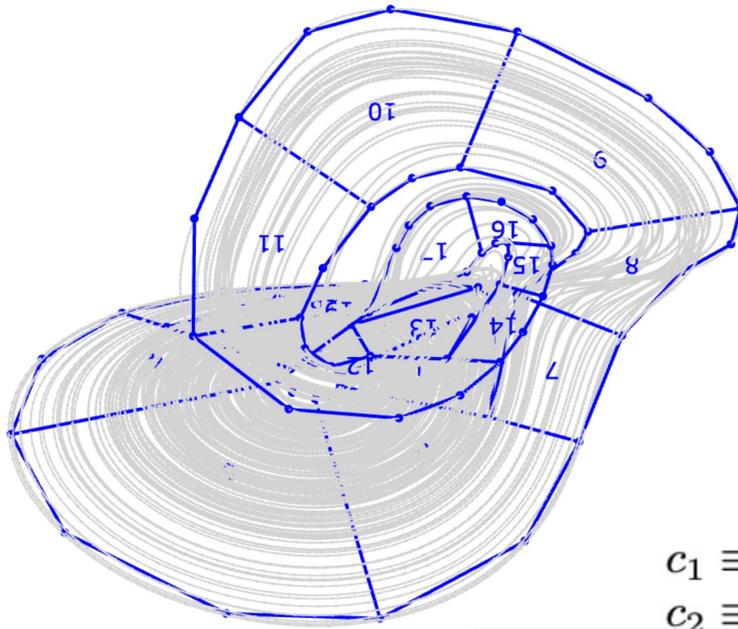
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# Templex

- Example IV: Unstable AMOC (non autonomous)

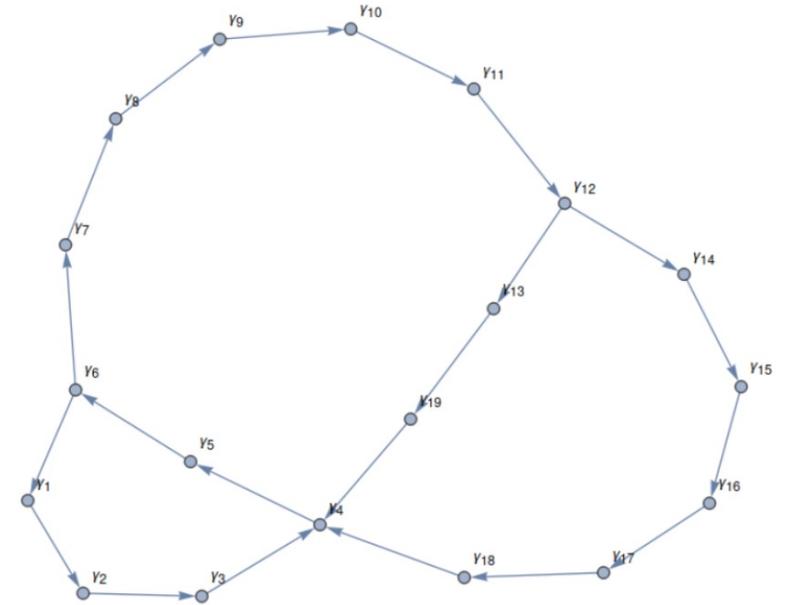
$$T(\text{AMOC4D}) = (K(\text{AMOC4D}), G(\text{AMOC4D}))$$



$K(\text{AMOC4D})$  has 3-cells  
(basis: solid torus)

Three 1-holes in the BraMAH complex

3 stripexes  
(1 twisted)



$$c_1 \equiv \underline{4} \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \underline{3}$$

$$c_2 \equiv 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 19$$

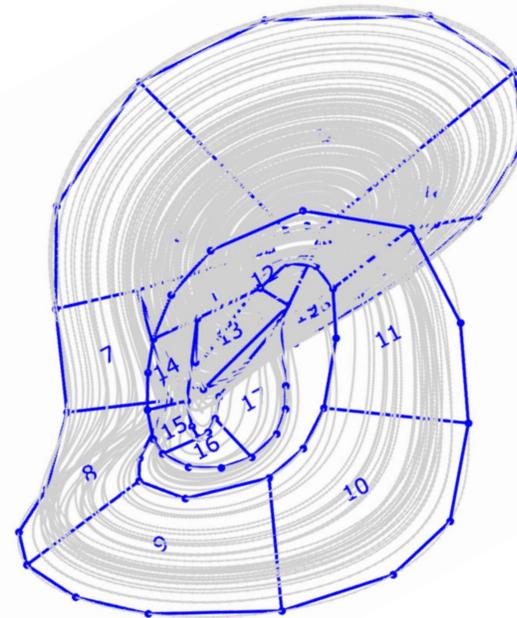
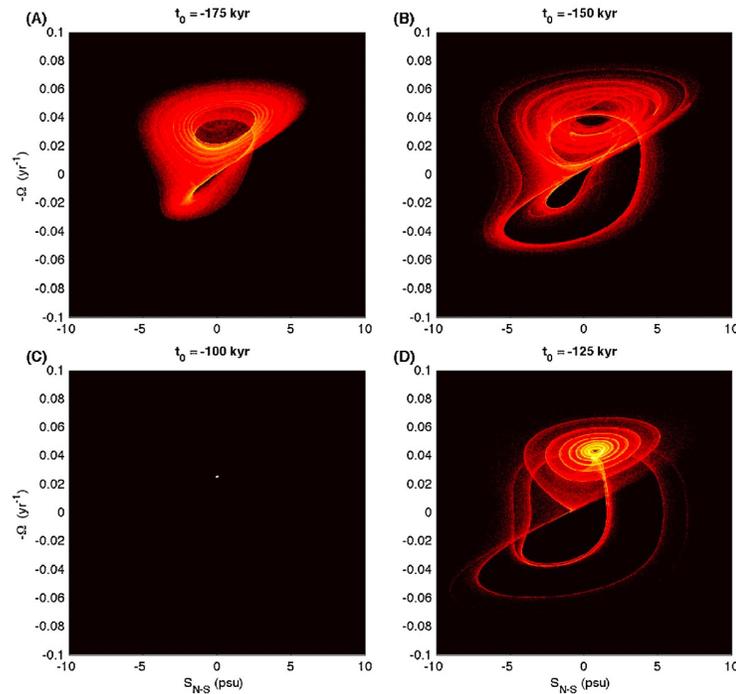
$$\text{twisted } c_3 \equiv \underline{4} \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow \underline{18}$$

What is the relationship between the PBA approach and the 4D Templex structure?

# Templex

- Example IV: Unstable AMOC (non autonomous)

The **templex** can be considered as a single static object of higher dimension, combining all the « parts » of the structure observed in the snapshot sequence in a PBA approach as a function of  $(t_0, t)$ .



Working in higher dimensions may provide an alternative to working with the PBA approach.

## Random Templex

- How is it defined?

The topological characterization of **noise-driven chaos** is a challenging issue that is crucial in the understanding of complex systems, where part of the dynamics remains unresolved and is modelled as noise.

While additive noise in a system of equations will blur the topological structure, multiplicative noise may radically change it [Chekroun et al, 2011].

[Charó et al, 2021] extended the concept of a **branched manifold** to account for the integer-dimensional set in phase space that robustly supports the system's invariant measure at each instant.

Such a branched manifold, however, does not contain any information about the future or the past of the invariant measure. The branched manifold is now itself **time-dependent**.



# Random Templex

- How is it defined?

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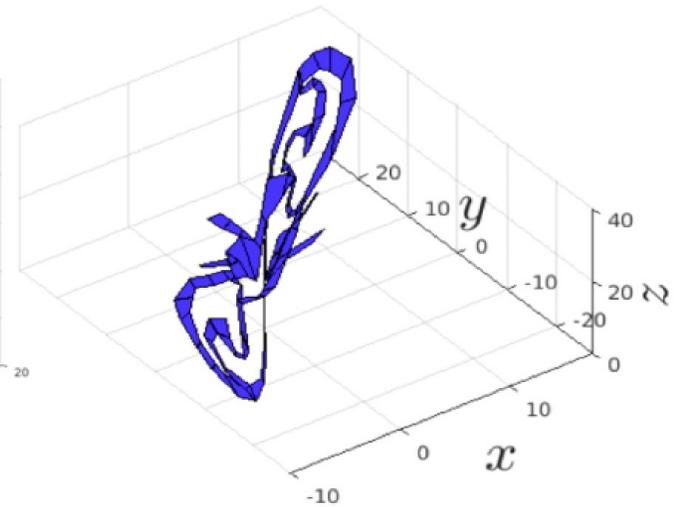
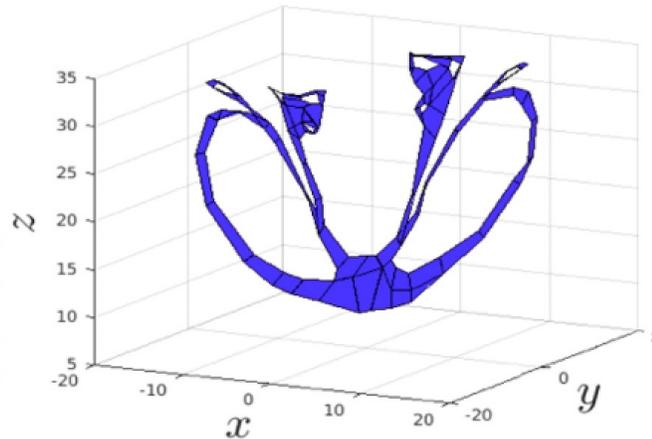
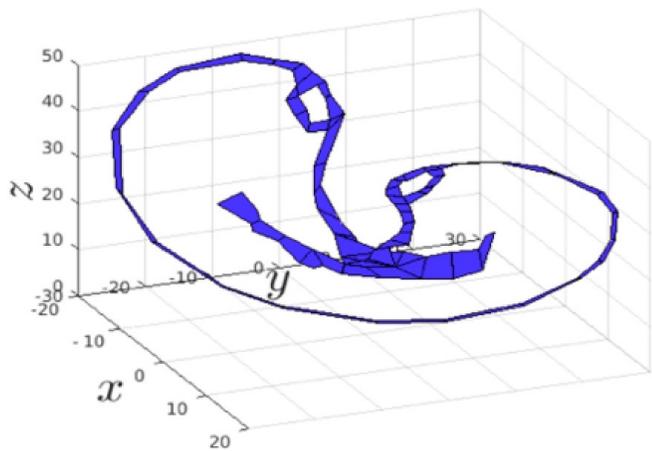
## Noise-driven topological changes in chaotic dynamics

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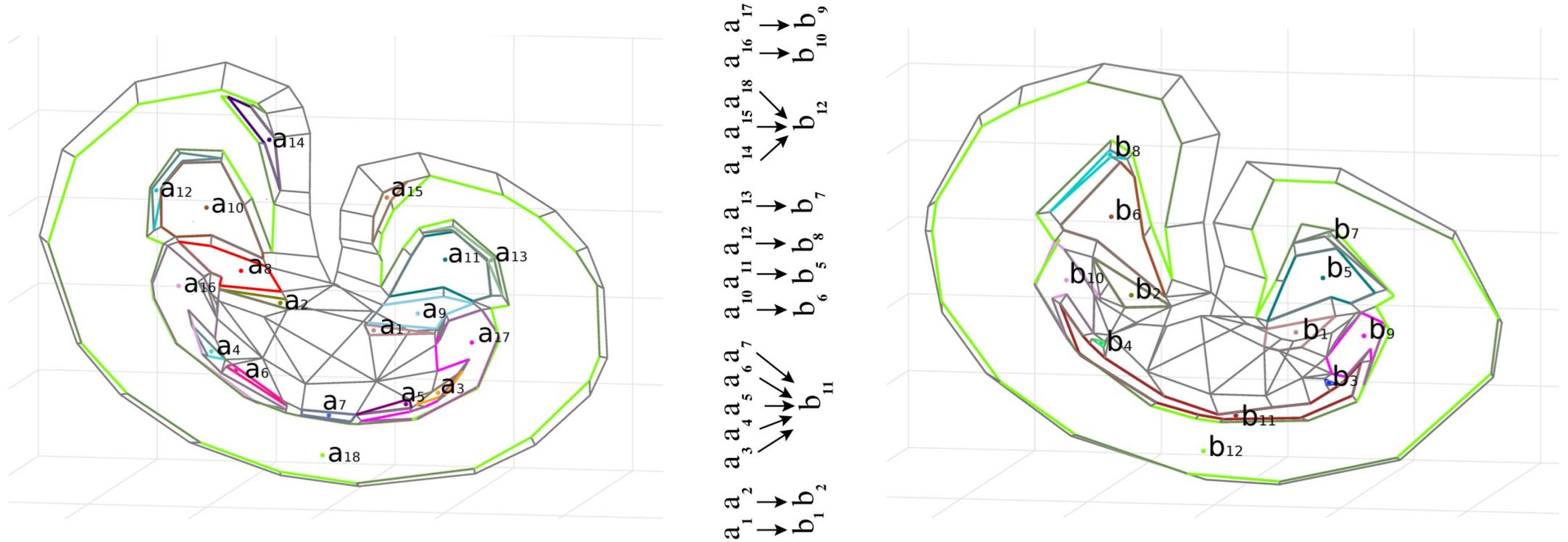
One cell complex per snapshot!



# Random Templex

- How is it defined?

How can we track changes between different cell complexes? Tracking holes!



For a random attractor, the digraph does not connect cells, but holes of successive time cell complexes.

# Random Templex

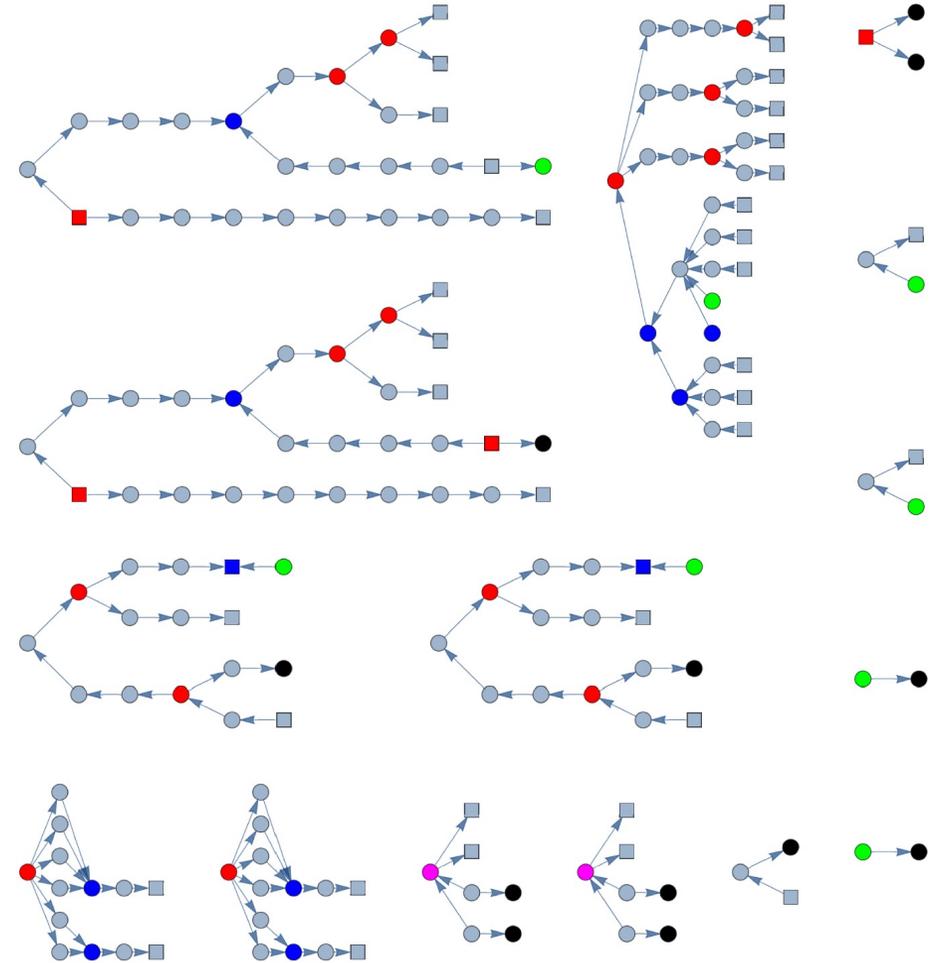
- How is it defined?

A random 2-templex  $R = (K, D)$  is an indexed family  $K$  of BraMAH 2-complexes and a digraph  $D$ .

The digraph  $D$  is presented as a tree plot on the left. It has 15 singly connected components, each of which tells the story of one or several holes.

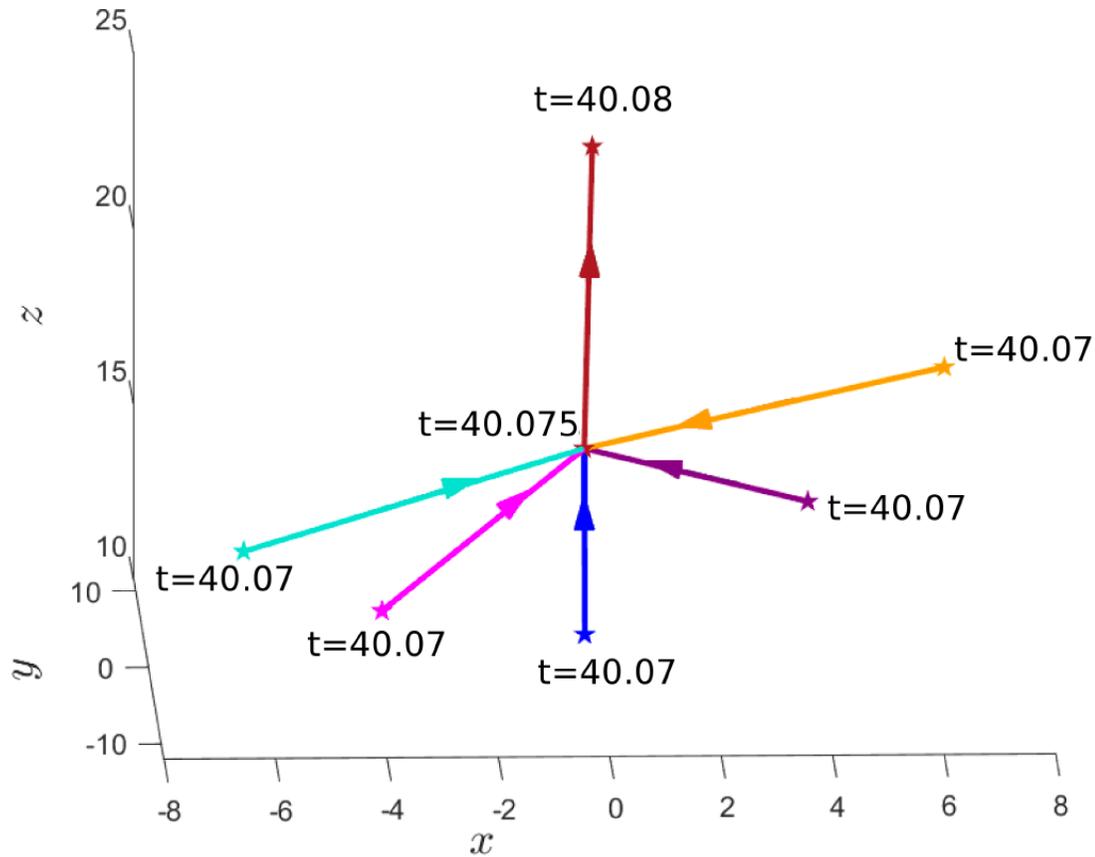
Tipping points can be identified and classified using the digraph.

They are highlighted in different colours according to the type of event: creation in green, destruction in black, splitting in red, merging in blue, and merging followed immediately by splitting in magenta.

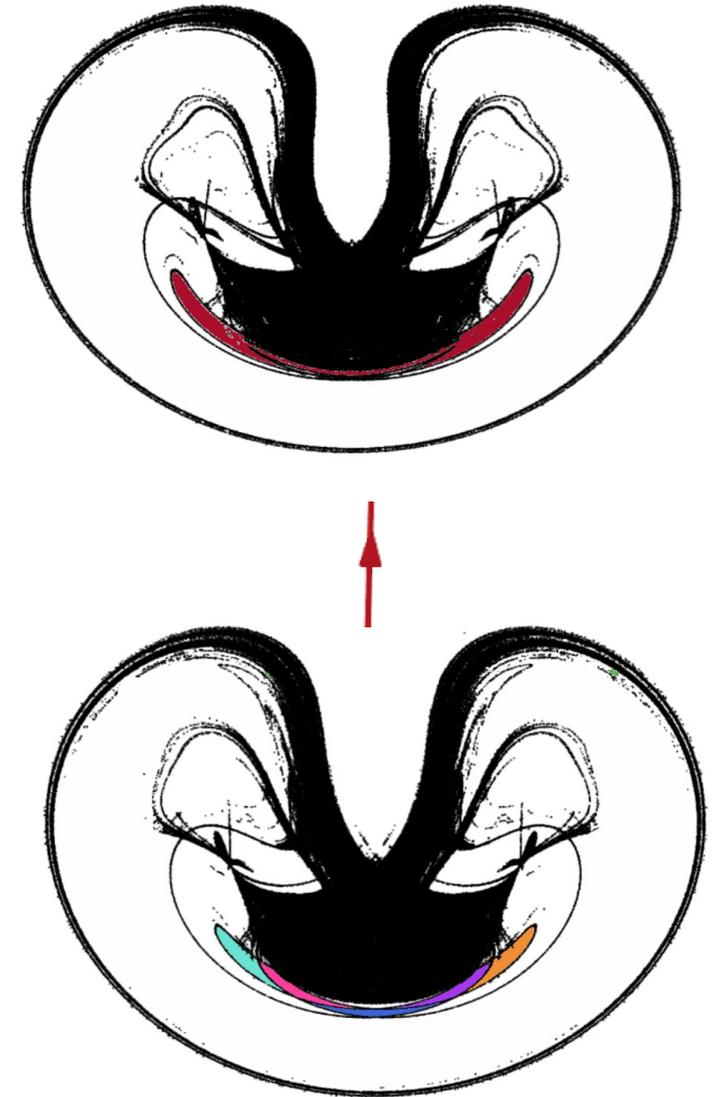


# Random Templex

- How does it encode topological tipping points?

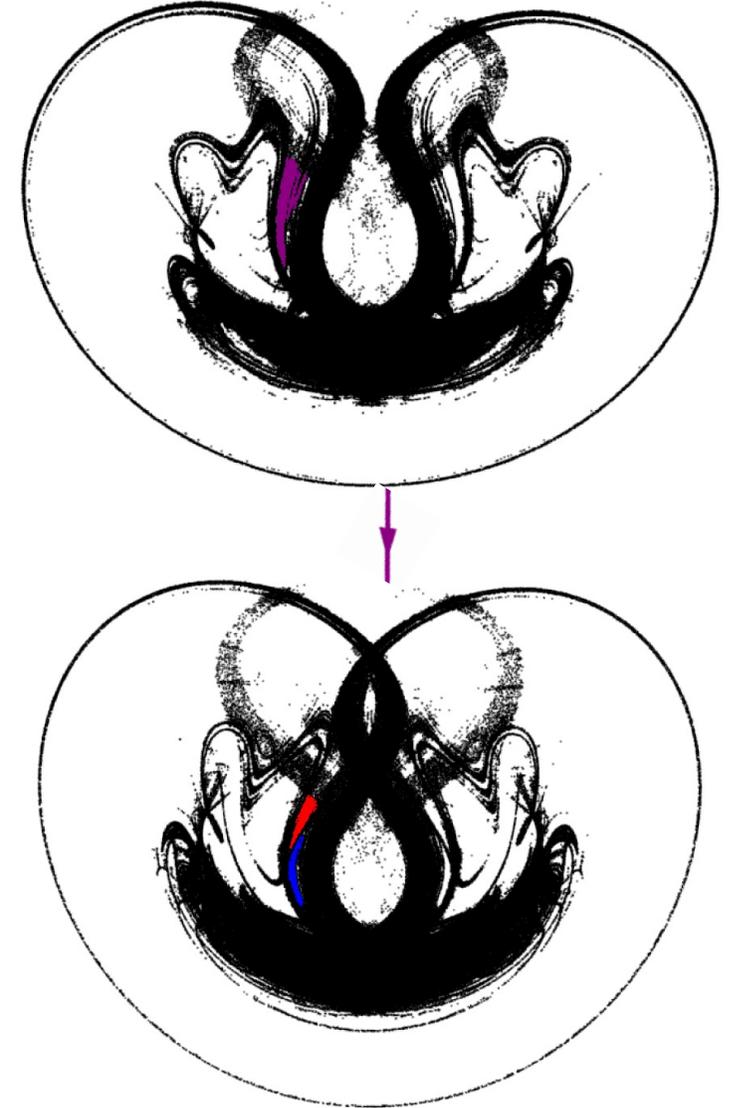
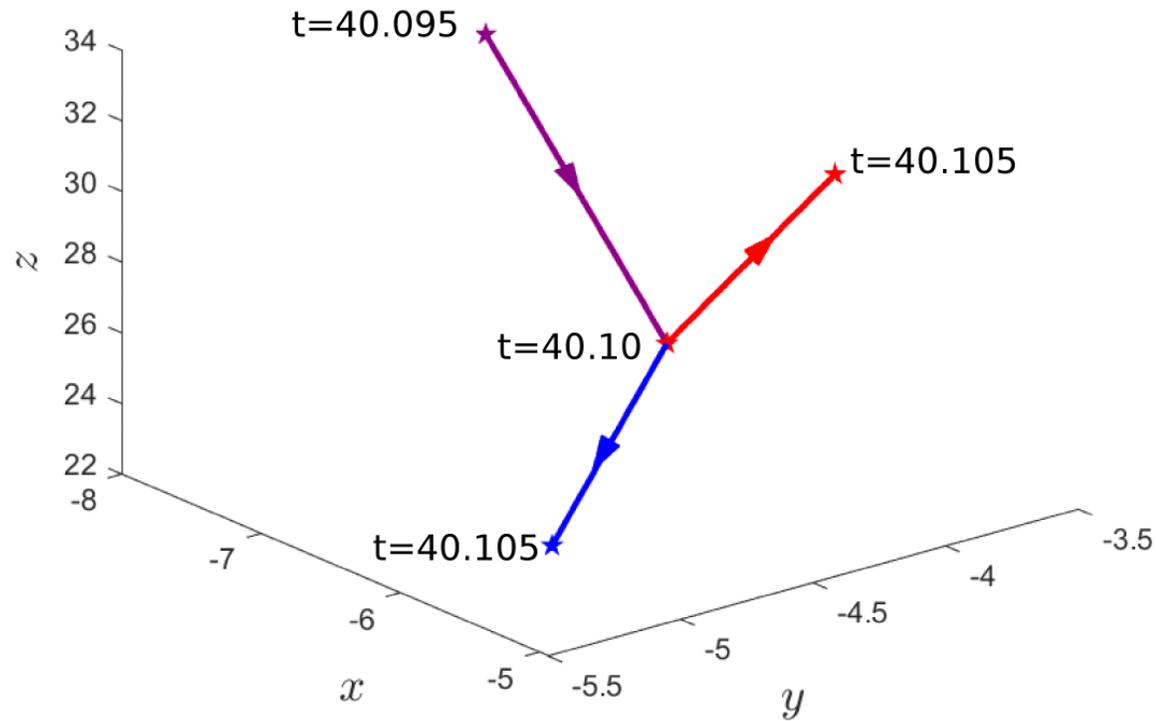


Merging event: a type of topological tipping point



# Random Templex

- How does it encode topological tipping points?

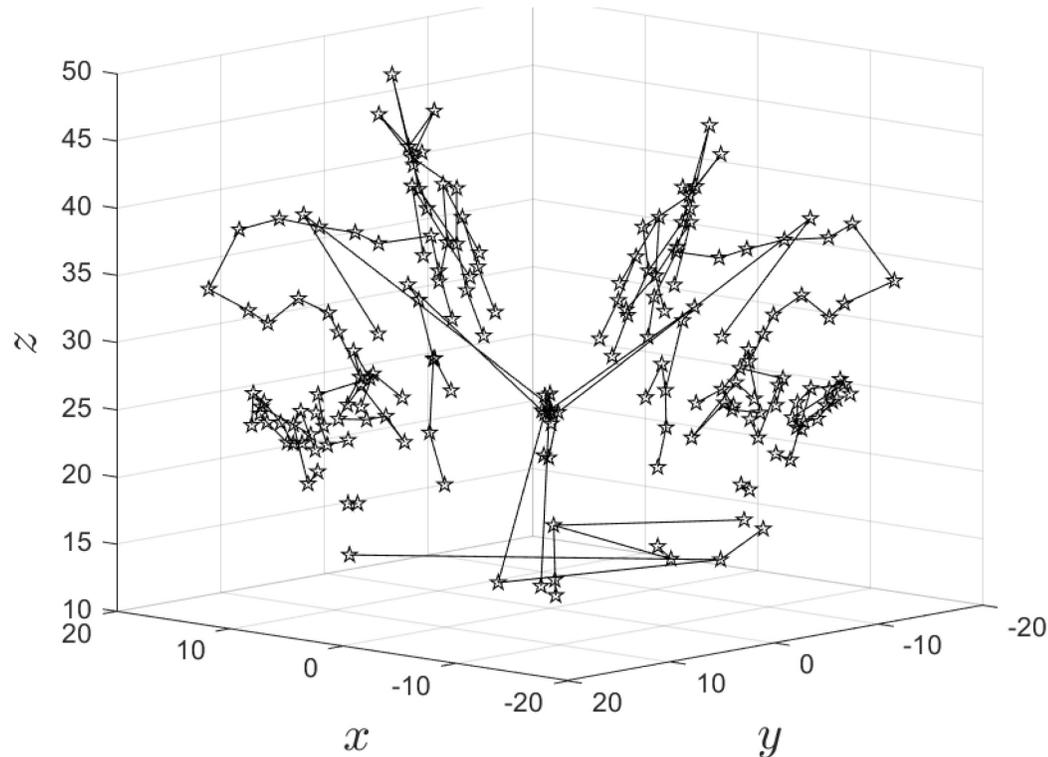


Splitting event: a type of topological tipping point

## Random Templex

- How does it encode topological tipping points?

A better picture of how the holes are evolving in the system's phase space can be gained by using the coordinates of the barycenters of the holes for an embedding of  $D$  into this space. We call the embeddings of  $D$ 's distinct connected components into phase space constellations.



A **constellation**  $C$  is the set of immersed nodes and edges forming a connected component in the digraph  $D$  of a random tempnex.

Each node is immersed in the phase space using the coordinates of the corresponding hole's barycenter.

## Concluding remarks

In this talk, we introduce novel tools into algebraic topology and used them to provide insights into the behaviour of deterministic and stochastically perturbed chaotic attractors.

- Attractors in state space can be studied using Branched Manifold Analysis through Homologies: this strategy constructs a cell complex from a cloud of points in state space and uses homology groups to characterize its topology.
- The approach, however, does not consider the action of the flow on the cell complex. The procedure is here extended to take this fundamental property into account, as done with templates.
- The goal is achieved endowing the cell complex with a directed graph that prescribes the flow direction between its highest-dimensional cells.
- The tandem of cell complex and directed graph, baptized templex, is shown to allow for a sophisticated characterization of chaotic attractors and for an accurate classification of them.
- In a random templex, there is one complex per snapshot of the random attractor and the digraph connects the generators or “holes” of successive cell complexes.
- Tipping points appear in a random templex as drastic changes of its holes in motion, namely their birth, splitting, merging, or death.

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