

Transport barriers and coherent structures in mean-field Hamiltonian systems

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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ **Reduced models** play a key role in the study of coherent structures and transport.
- ▶ The basic idea of these models is to capture some of the **essential aspect** of the dynamics in a **mathematically tractable** setting.
- ▶ These models provide a useful **laboratory to test dynamical systems methods and diagnostics**.
- ▶ Early studies of chaotic advection were based on pretty **simple**, yes quite **linsightful kinematic models**. For example, periodically perturbed, one-degrees-of-freedom Hamiltonian dynamical systems.
- ▶ The **limitations** of simple kinematic models are well-known, e.g., flows in nature and in laboratory experiments are typically **not time periodic**.
- ▶ The incorporation of **ad hoc, time dependences** is to some degree straightforward (although understanding the consequences of this is highly non-trivial !).

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ However, arbitrary, **mathematically “sensible”**, ad hoc spatio-temporal dependences might be **physically questionable** (e.g., violation of potential vorticity conservation).
- ▶ At the heart of this issue is the construction of **dynamically consistent transport models**. That is, models that respect to some controlled level of approximation the underlying physics.
- ▶ Our goal is to develop dynamically consistent models of **intermediate complexity** between the exact, but “difficult” to study primitive equation models, and the highly approximated but “easy” to understand kinematic models.
- ▶ An early example of this approach is the **linearly** dynamically consistent “Bickley jet model” [del-Castillo-Negrete & Morrison, 1993].
- ▶ The goal of this talk is to present a class of **weakly nonlinear dynamically consistent mean-field models**.

SELF-CONSISTENT TRANSPORT

- Dynamical consistency is closely related to self-consistent transport.

- **Passive transport**: transport of a scalar (or vector) field that does not modify the prescribed advection velocity field

Advection-diffusion equation

$$\partial_t C + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} C) = D \nabla^2 C + S$$

\mathbf{V} independent of C

- **Self-consistent transport**: transport of an scalar (or vector) field that actively modifies the prescribed advection velocity field

Self-consistent coupling

$$\mathbf{V} = \Omega [C]$$

- This self-consistent coupling is what makes the advection-diffusion model above dynamically consistent.

SELF-CONSISTENT TRANSPORT

Example: Two-dimensional Hydrodynamics

Vorticity equation:

$$(\partial_t + V \cdot \nabla) \xi = \nu \nabla^2 \xi$$

Self-consistent
vorticity-velocity coupling:

$$\xi = \hat{z} \cdot \nabla \times V$$

Streamfunction
formulation:

$$\nabla \cdot V = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$V = \hat{z} \times \nabla \psi$$

$$V \cdot \nabla \xi = \{ \psi, \xi \}$$

Self-consistent transport problem

$$\partial_t \xi + \{ \psi, \xi \} = \nu \nabla^2 \xi$$

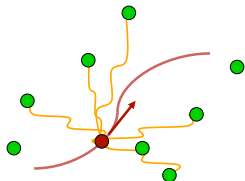
$$\psi(x, y, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' G(x, y; x', y') \xi(x', y', t)$$

SELF-CONSISTENT TRANSPORT

Example: One-dimensional electron dynamics

Single-particle electron
distribution function:

$$f(x, v, t)$$



Advection-diffusion equation
in phase space

$$\partial_t f + u \partial_x f + \partial_x \phi \partial_u f = \nu \partial_u^2 f$$

Vlasov
equation

Self-consistent coupling

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \int f \, du - \rho_i$$

Poisson
equation

$$H = \frac{u^2}{2} - \phi(x, t)$$

Self-consistent transport problem

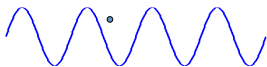
$$\partial_t f + \{H, f\} = \nu \nabla^2 f$$

$$\phi(x, t) = \int dx' G(x; x') \int du' f(x', u', t)$$

SELF-CONSISTENT CHAOTIC TRANSPORT

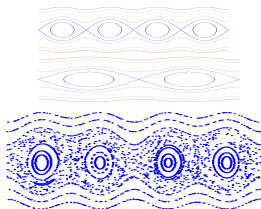
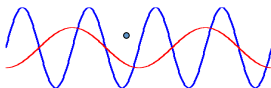
Integrable motion in a **one-wave** field

$$\phi = \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t)$$



Chaotic motion in a **two-waves** field

$$\phi = \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) + \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t)$$



How does this well-understood picture change when we take into account self-consistency?

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J.L. Tennyson, J.D. Meiss, and P.J. Morrison: Phys. D, 71,1, (1994). D. del-Castillo-Negrete: CHAOS, 10, 75, (2000).
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A HIERARCHY OF DYNAMICALLY CONSISTENT MODELS

$$\partial_t C + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla C = D \nabla^2 C$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \times \nabla \psi$$

$$\psi(x, z, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' G(x, z; x', z') C(x', z', t)$$

2-D +1 (x, z, t)
Euler type
Self-consistency

$$\mathbf{V} = z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \partial_x \Phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\Phi(x, t) = \int dx' K(x; x') \int dz' C(x', z', t)$$

1-D +1 (z, t)
Vlasov type
Self-consistency

$$\Phi(x, t) = a(t) e^{ix} + a^*(t) e^{-ix}$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = iU a + i \int dx \int dz e^{-ix} C(x, z, t)$$

0-D +1 (t)
Single wave model
Self-consistency

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VLASOV-POISSON REDUCTION OF 2D EULER EQUATION

One-dimensional electron dynamics and two-dimensional vortex dynamics

2-D vorticity dynamics ("harder" problem)

$$\partial_t \xi + \{ \psi, \xi \} = \nu \nabla^2 \xi \quad \psi(x, y, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' G(x, y; x', y') \xi(x', y', t)$$

1-D electron dynamics ("simpler" problem)

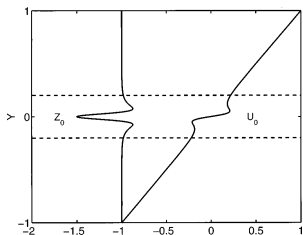
$$\partial_t f + \{ H, f \} = \nu \nabla^2 f \quad \phi(x, t) = \int dx' G(x; x') \int du' f(x', u', t)$$

- We want to construct a **tractable reduced model of self-consistent transport** that (under some conditions) applies to **vortex dynamics and electron transport**

- **As a first step:** Can we **approximate the 2-D vortex dynamics Green's function** by a **1-D Green's function** (like the one in the electron dynamics)?

VLASOV-POISSON REDUCTION OF 2D EULER EQUATION

The vorticity “defect” equation



The vorticity defect approximation assumes a localized small vorticity perturbation in a strong constant vorticity background

Under these assumptions, a matched asymptotic expansion leads to the reduced streamfunction

$$\psi(x, y, t) \rightarrow \psi = -\frac{y^2}{2} + B(x, t)$$

vorticity “defect” dynamics (“simpler” problem)

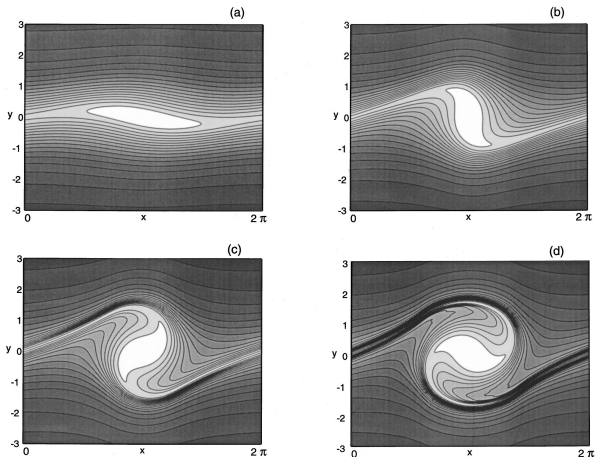
$$\partial_t \xi + \{\psi, \xi\} = \nu \nabla^2 \xi \quad B(x, t) = \int dx' \Gamma(x; x') \int dy' \xi(x', y', t)$$

Mathematically similar to the 1-D electron-dynamics!

N.J. Balmforth, D. del-Castillo-Negrete, and W.R. Young: *J. Fluid Mech.*, 333, 197-230, (1997).

SHEAR FLOW INSTABILITY AND COHERENT STRUCTURE FORMATION

Numerical simulation of the reduced, **vorticity defect equation**



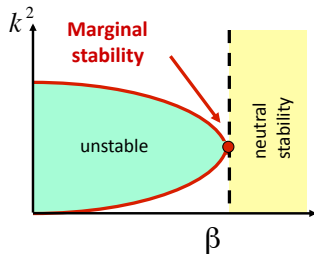
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SINGLE WAVE MODEL

$$\partial_t C + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla C = D \nabla^2 C$$

$$\mathbf{V} = z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \partial_x \Phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\Phi(x, t) = \int dx' K(x; x') \int dz' C(x', z', t)$$



Marginally stable
equilibrium

$$C_0 = C_0(z, \beta)$$

The weakly nonlinear dynamics of perturbations of a marginally stable equilibrium is governed by the single-wave model for which

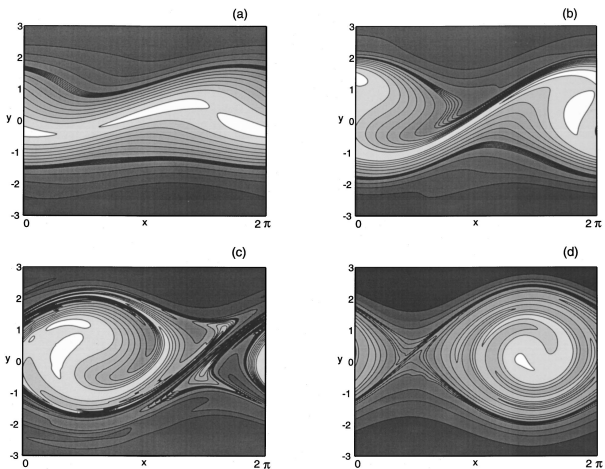
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$$\frac{da}{dt} = iU a + i \int dx \int dz e^{-ix} C(x, z, t)$$

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SHEAR FLOW INSTABILITY AND COHERENT STRUCTURE FORMATION

Numerical simulation of the reduced, **single wave model**



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SINGLE WAVE MODEL

•The SWM is a very general model describing the weakly nonlinear dynamics of a large family of fluids and plasma systems near marginal stability

•This is probably the simplest model for studying self-consistent chaotic transport

Continuum representation

$$\partial_t C + y \partial_x C + \partial_x \Phi \partial_y C = 0$$

$$\Phi(x,t) = a(t) e^{ix} + a^*(t) e^{-ix}$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = iU a + i \int dx \int dy e^{-ix} C(x,y,t)$$

Discrete point vortex representation

$$C = 2\pi \sum_{j=1}^N \Gamma_j \delta[x - x_j(t)] \delta[y - y_j(t)]$$

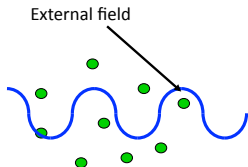
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx_j}{dt} &= y_j & j &= 1, 2, \dots, N \\ \frac{dy_j}{dt^2} &= -2\rho(t) \sin[x_j - \theta(t)] \end{aligned} \right\} \text{particles}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} (\rho e^{-i\theta}) + iU\rho e^{-i\theta}}_{\text{Mean field}} = i \sum_k \Gamma_k e^{-ix_k}$$

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MEAN-FIELD HAMILTONIAN DYNAMICS

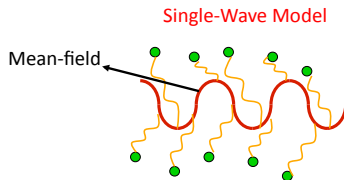
The single wave model is a N -degrees of freedom Hamiltonian mean field model.



No coupling between particles.
Chaos due to explicit time dependence added to the amplitude

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = y_j$$

$$\frac{dy_j}{dt} = -[1 + \varepsilon \cos \omega t] \sin x_j$$



Chaos due to self-consistent time dependence in ρ and θ

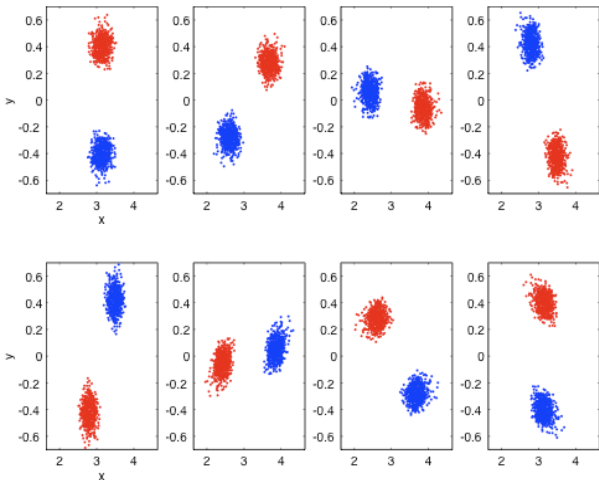
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$$\frac{d}{dt}(\rho e^{-i\theta}) + iU\rho e^{-i\theta} = i \sum_k \Gamma_k e^{-ix_k}$$

DIPOLE COHERENT STRUCTURES IN THE SINGLE WAVE MODEL

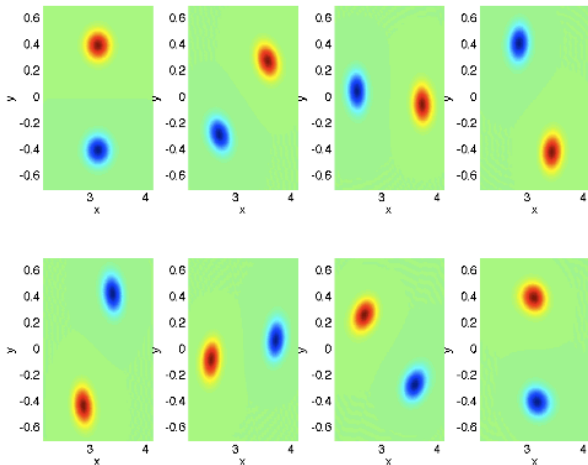
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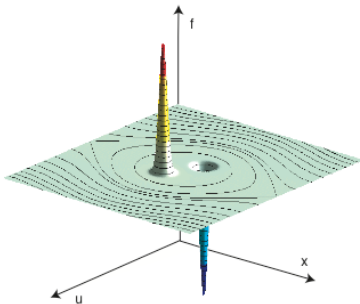
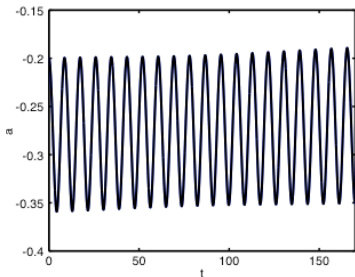
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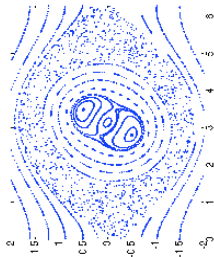
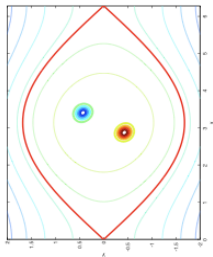
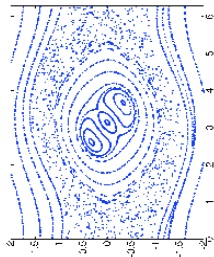
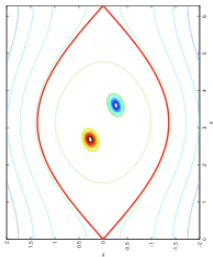
DIPOLE COHERENT STRUCTURE: MEAN FIELD EVOLUTION

Time periodic mean field
Coherent rotating dipole



$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int dx \int du e^{-ix} C(x,u,t)$$

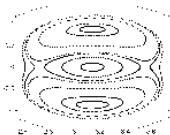
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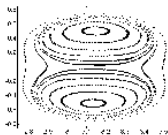
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Parametric instability in Poincare section
for test particle in dipole field

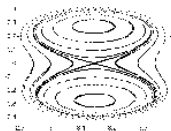
$P > P_c$



$P = P_c$



$P < P_c$



$$P_c = \left(\frac{5\Gamma^2}{6} \right)^{2/3}$$

Particle mean field
resonance

$$a(t) = \frac{\omega^2}{2} [1 - 2\varepsilon \cos \Omega t + K]$$

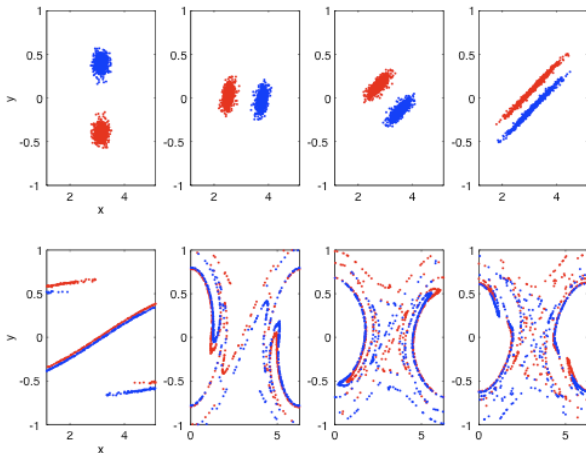
$$x(t) = \omega^3 [\varepsilon \sin \Omega t + K]$$

Stability of the origin

$$q''(t) = 2 a(t) q$$

HYPERBOLIC-ELLIPTIC BIFURCATION IN MEAN FIELD HAMILTONIAN DYNAMICS

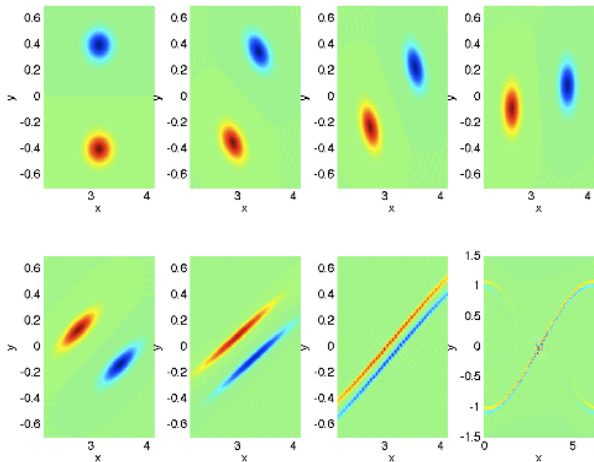
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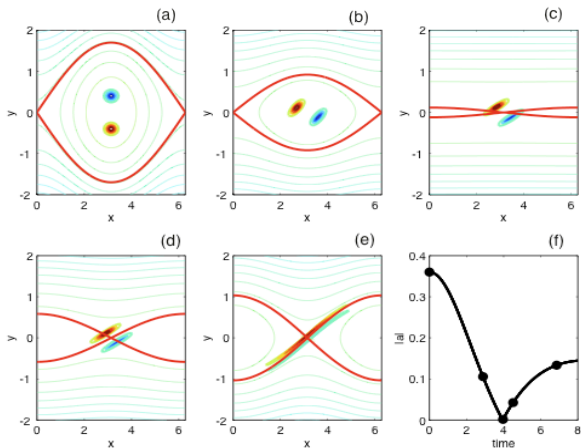
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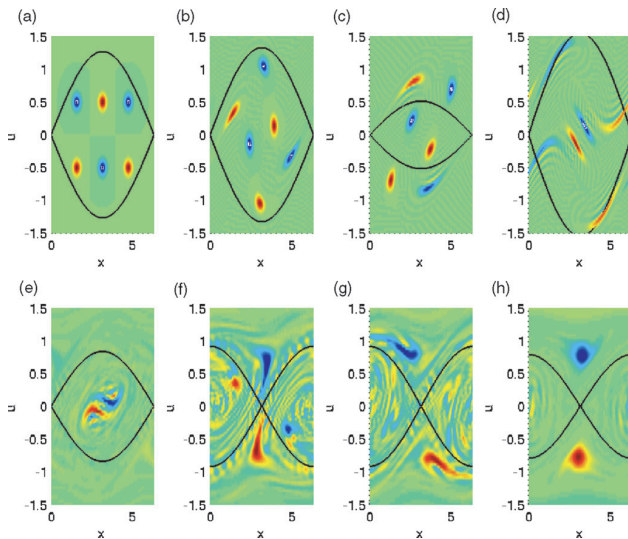


HYPERBOLIC-ELLIPTIC BIFURCATION IN MEAN FIELD HAMILTONIAN DYNAMICS

Elliptic--Hyperbolic bifurcation
and dipole destruction
Infinite--N kinetic simulation



RELAXATION TOWARDS ROTATING DIPOLE STATE



- D. del-Castillo-Negrete, Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion **47**, 1-11 (2005).

STANDARD MEAN FIELD MAP

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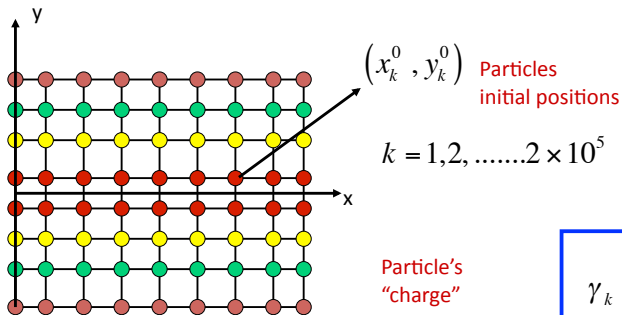
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} x_k^{n+1} &= x_k^n + y_k^{n+1} \\ y_k^{n+1} &= y_k^n - \kappa^{n+1} \sin(x_k^n - \theta^n) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} (\rho e^{-i\theta}) + iU\rho e^{-i\theta} = i \sum_k \Gamma_k e^{-ix_k} \right\} \text{mean field}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \kappa^{n+1} &= \sqrt{(\kappa^n)^2 + (\eta^n)^2} + \eta^n \\ \theta^{n+1} &= \theta^n + \frac{1}{\kappa^{n+1}} \frac{\partial \eta^n}{\partial \theta^n} \\ \eta^n &= \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_j \sin(x_j^n - \theta^n) \end{aligned} \right.$$

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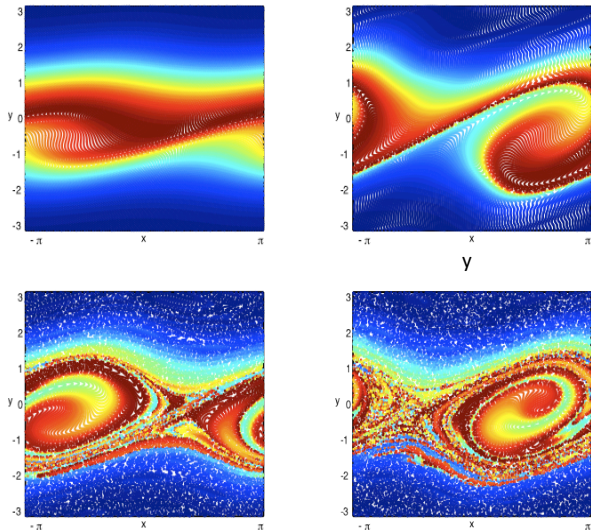
$$\gamma_k = \frac{\tau^3}{\pi} \exp\left(\frac{-y_k^2}{2}\right)$$

Mean field
initial condition

$$\theta^0 = 0 \quad \kappa^0 = 0.001$$

STANDARD MEAN FIELD MAP

Shear flow instability and coherent structure formation



NONTWIST MEAN FIELD MAP

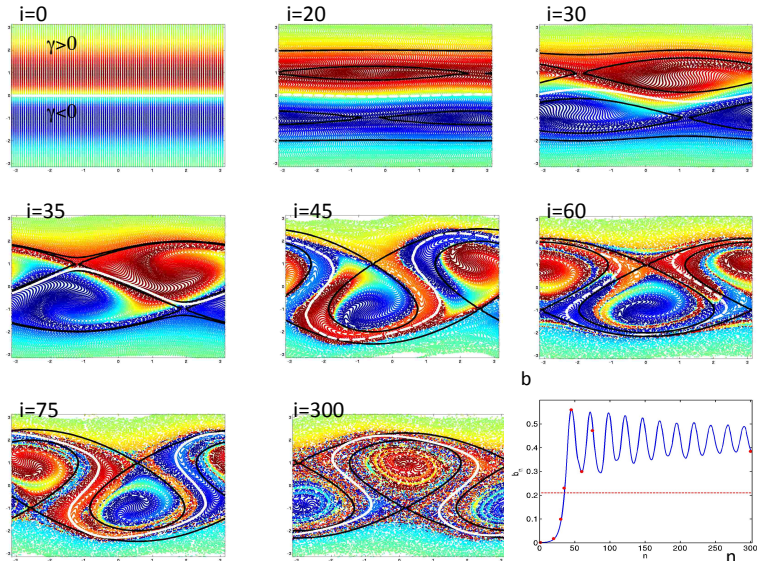
$$k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

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- L. Carbajal, D. del-Castillo-Negrete, and J. J. Martinell, Chaos, 22 013137 (2012).

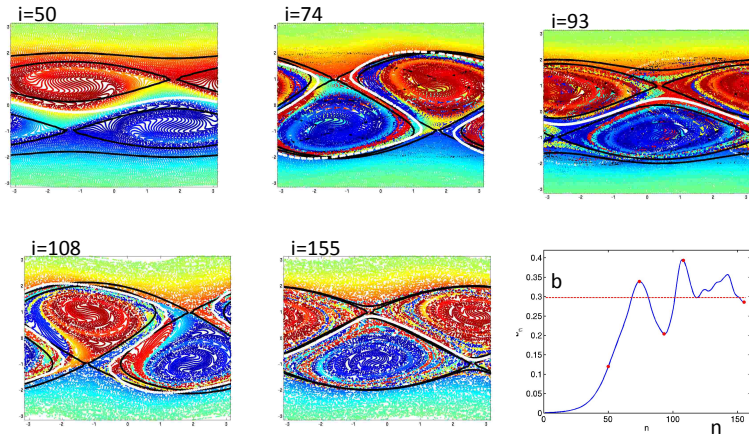
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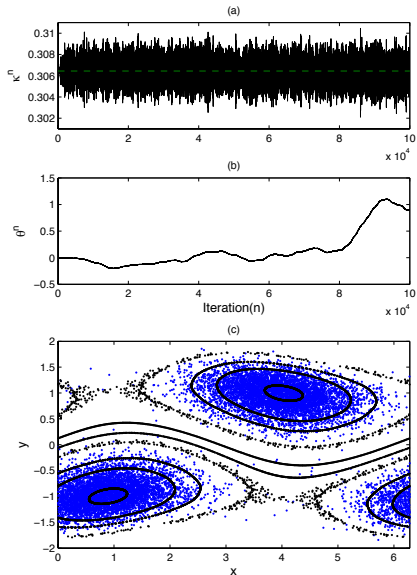
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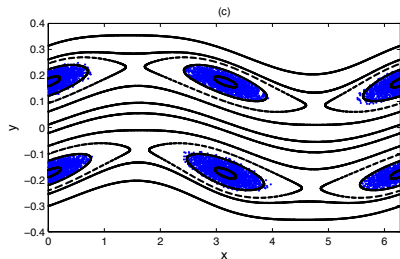
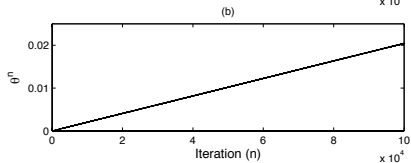
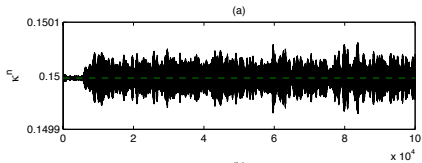
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Period-one coherent structures



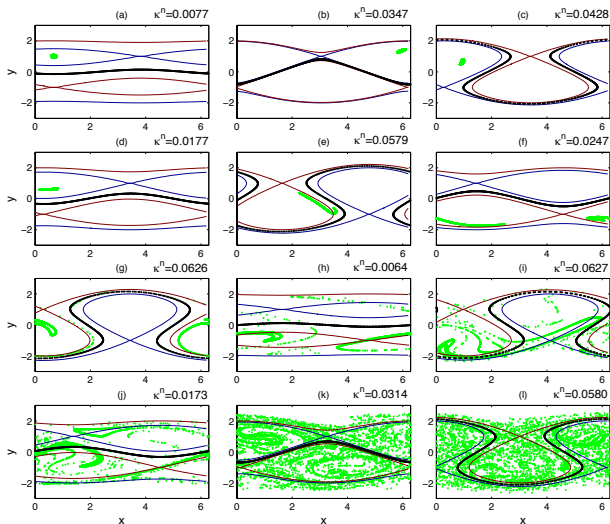
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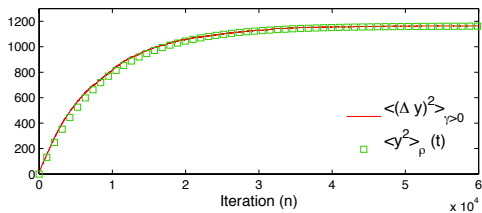
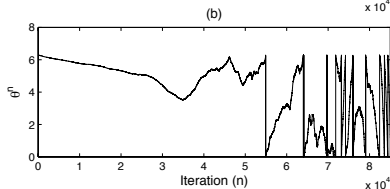
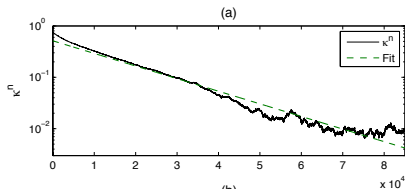
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Self-consistent separatrix reconnection in the mean-field map



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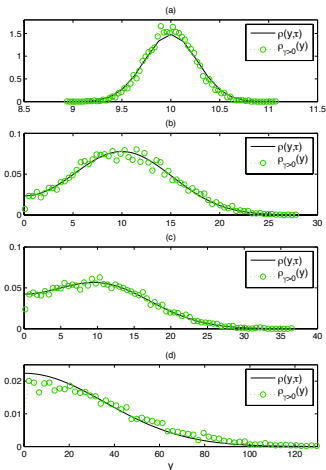
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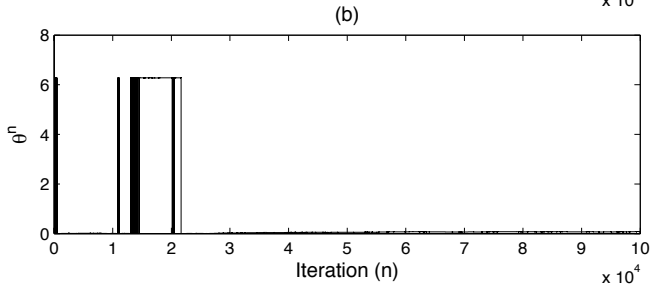
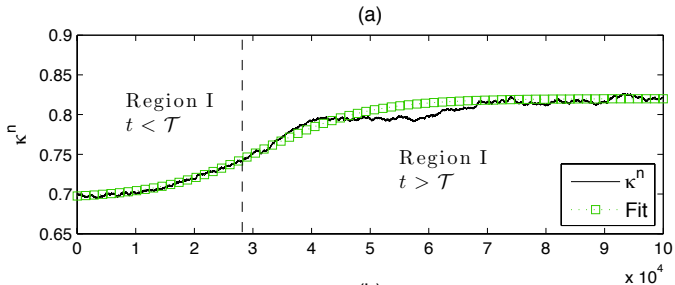
Self-consistent suppression of diffusion

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D_{QL}(t) \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial y^2}, \quad D_{QL}(t) = \frac{\kappa_0^2}{4} e^{-2t\nu}.$$



NONTWIST MEAN FIELD MAP

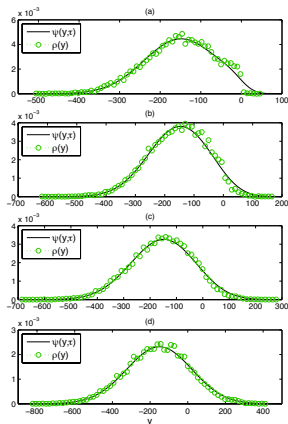
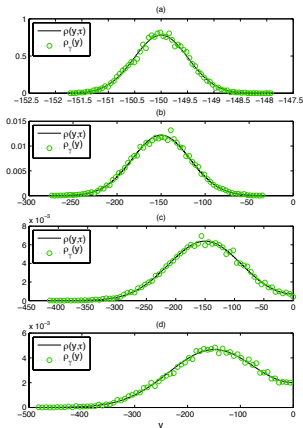
Self-consistent transition to global chaos



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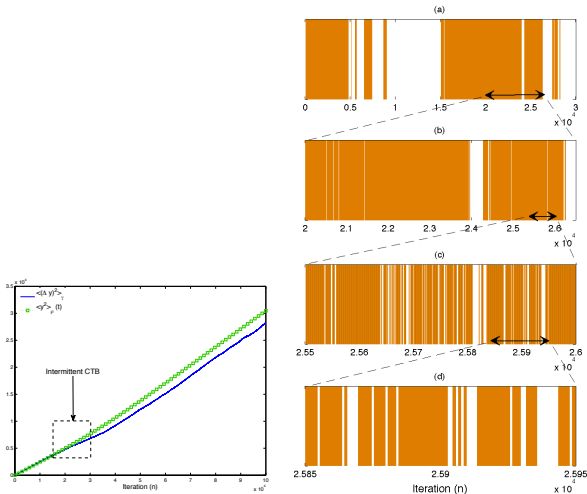
Self-consistent transport across shearless barrier

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D_{QL}(t) \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial y^2}, \quad D_{QL}(t) = \frac{1}{4} \left[K + \alpha \tanh \left(\frac{t - \mu}{\beta} \right) \right]^2$$



NONTWIST MEAN FIELD MAP

Self-consistent intermittent transport near criticality



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