

Turbulence Control — Better, Faster and Easier with Machine Learning



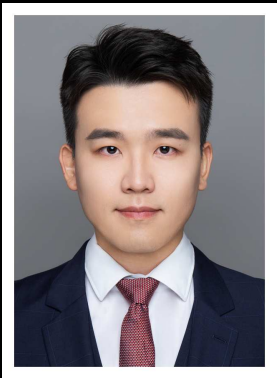
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Turbulence control \mapsto car drag reduction

Control strategies

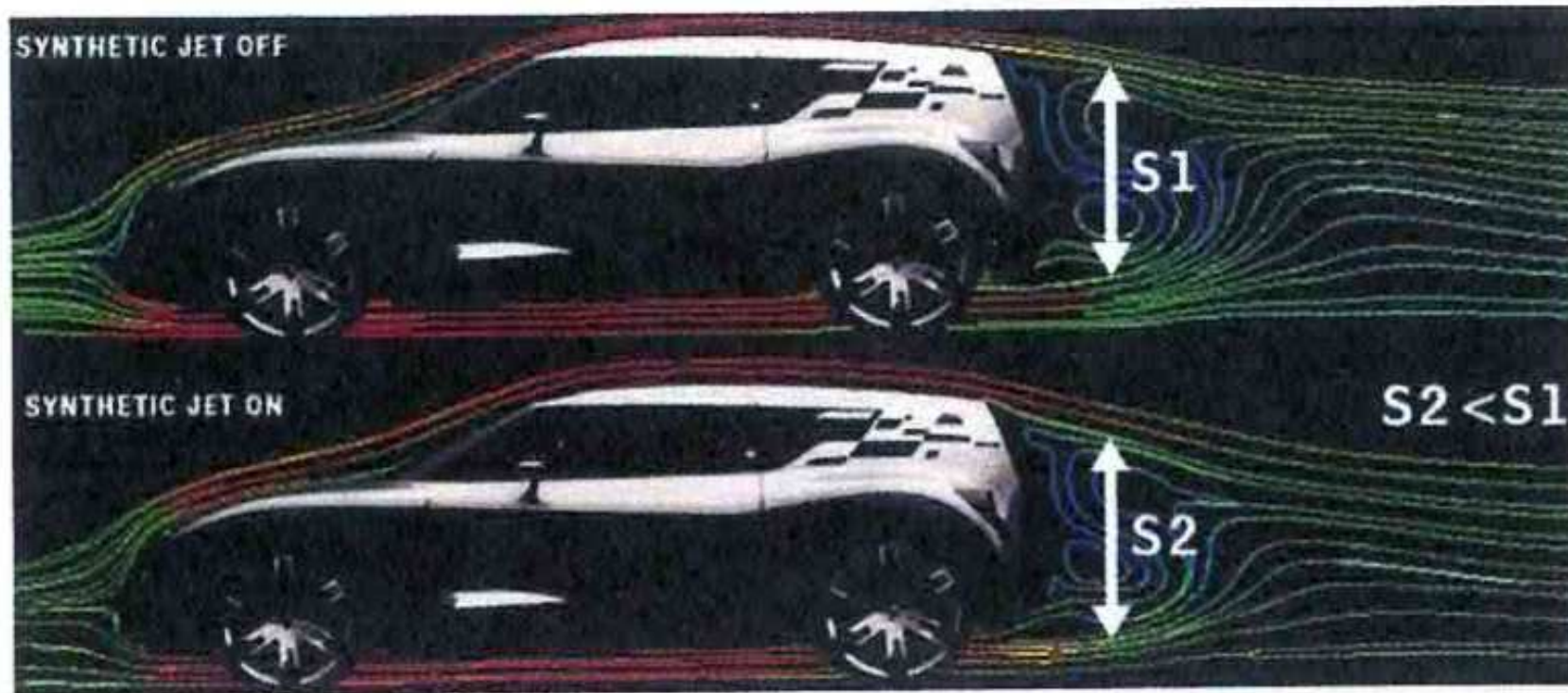
- aerodynamic design
- passive (e.g. spoilers)
- active, open-loop
(e.g. periodic blowing)
- active, closed-loop
(largest opportunities!)

Renault Altica 2006 \mapsto



Renault Altica – Article in R & D 06/2004

AÉRODYNAMIQUE ACTIVE



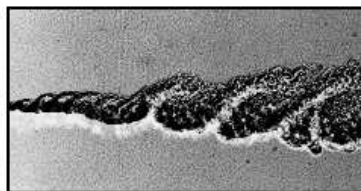
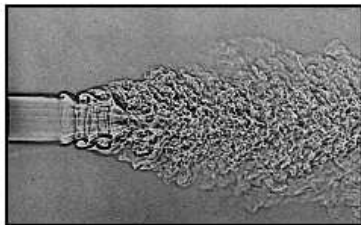
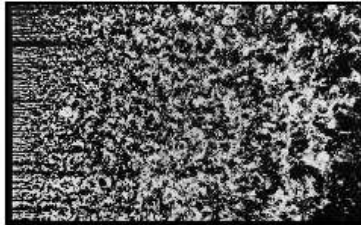
Active flow control with synthetic jets:

- 20% drag reduction at 90km/h;
- 1l fuel saving per 100 km;
- only 10 Watt actuation energy.

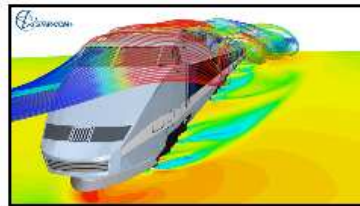


Turbulence control \mapsto myriad applications

Simple prototype flows



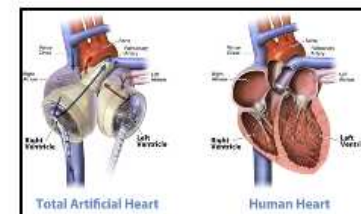
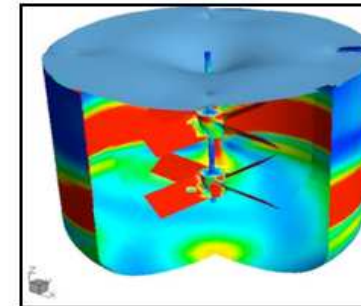
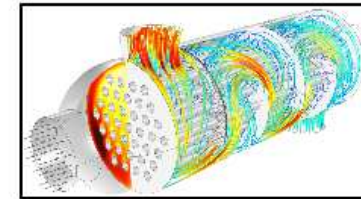
Transport vehicles



Energy systems



Production etc.



Paradigms for turbulence control laws

Machine learning makes turbulence control student-proof

Feedback law: $b = K(s)$, b : actuation, s : sensing

Classical paradigm



- (1) Understand
- ↓
- (2) Modeling
- ↓
- (3) Control design
- ↓
- (4) Test+tune control
in plant

Lots of human modeling

Simple control laws

for 1+2 frequencies

Machine learning



- (4) Understand
- ↑
- (3) Modeling
- ↑
- (2) Control law
- ↑
- (1) Control optimization
in plant

(1)-(3) Fully automated

Complex control laws

~ 1h wind-tunnel test

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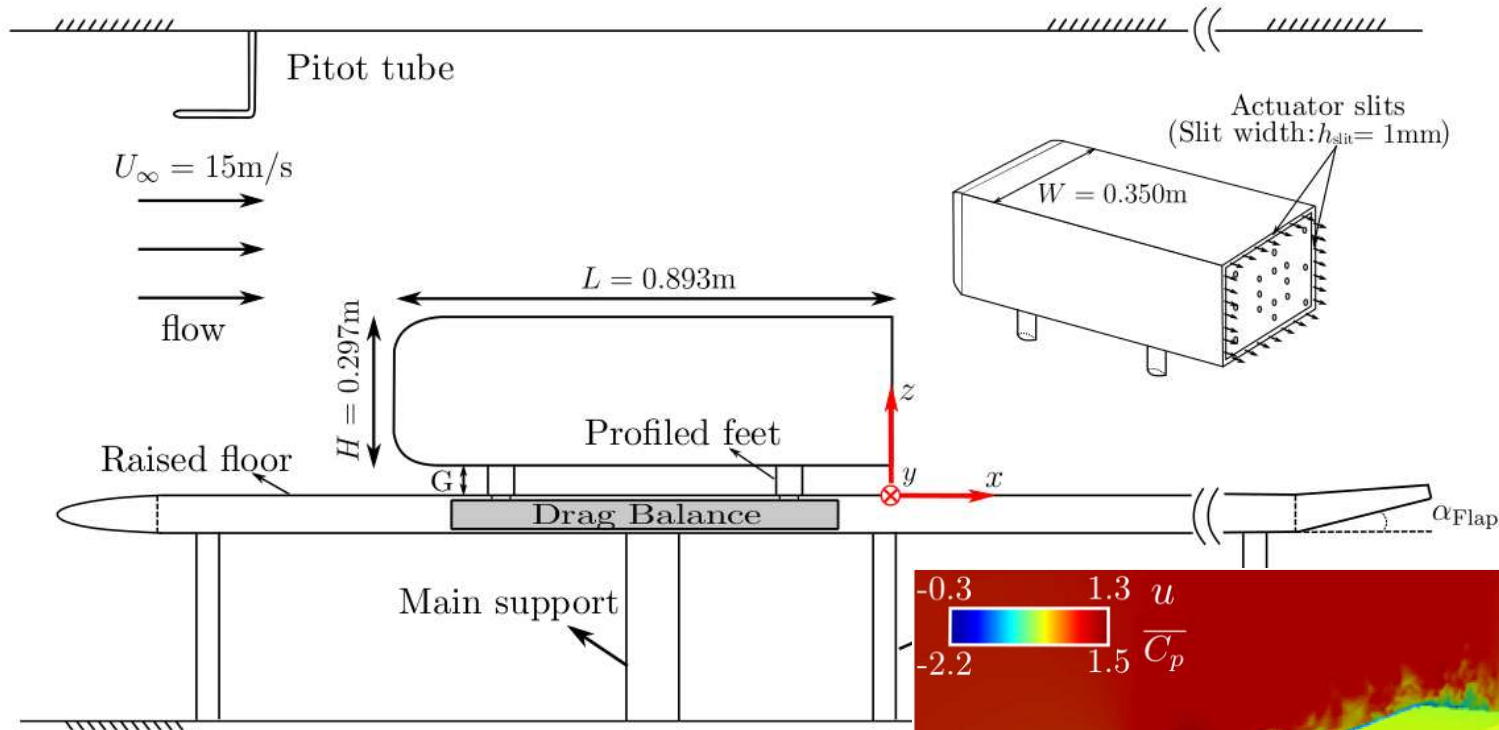
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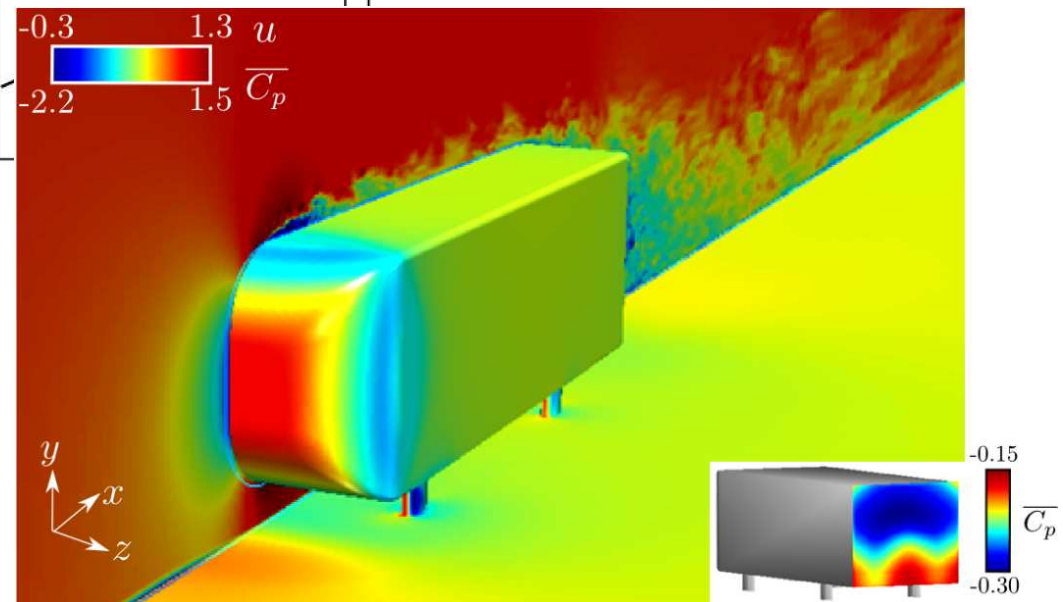
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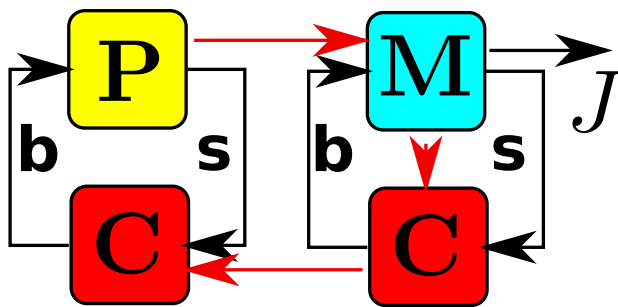
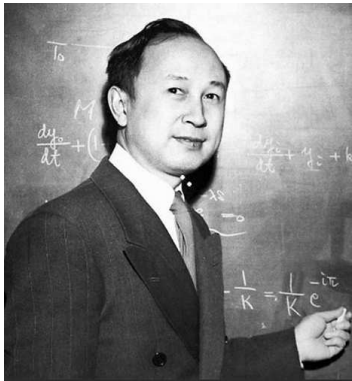


LES simulation
of same configuration →

Jan Östh et al. 2014 JFM



Model-based control



Build model:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = F(a, b)$$

$$s = G(a, b)$$

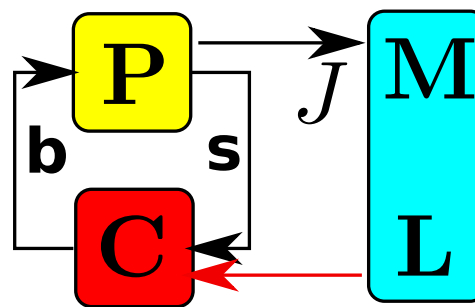
Derive control:

$$b = K(s)$$

Machine learning control



Movie



Define cost function:

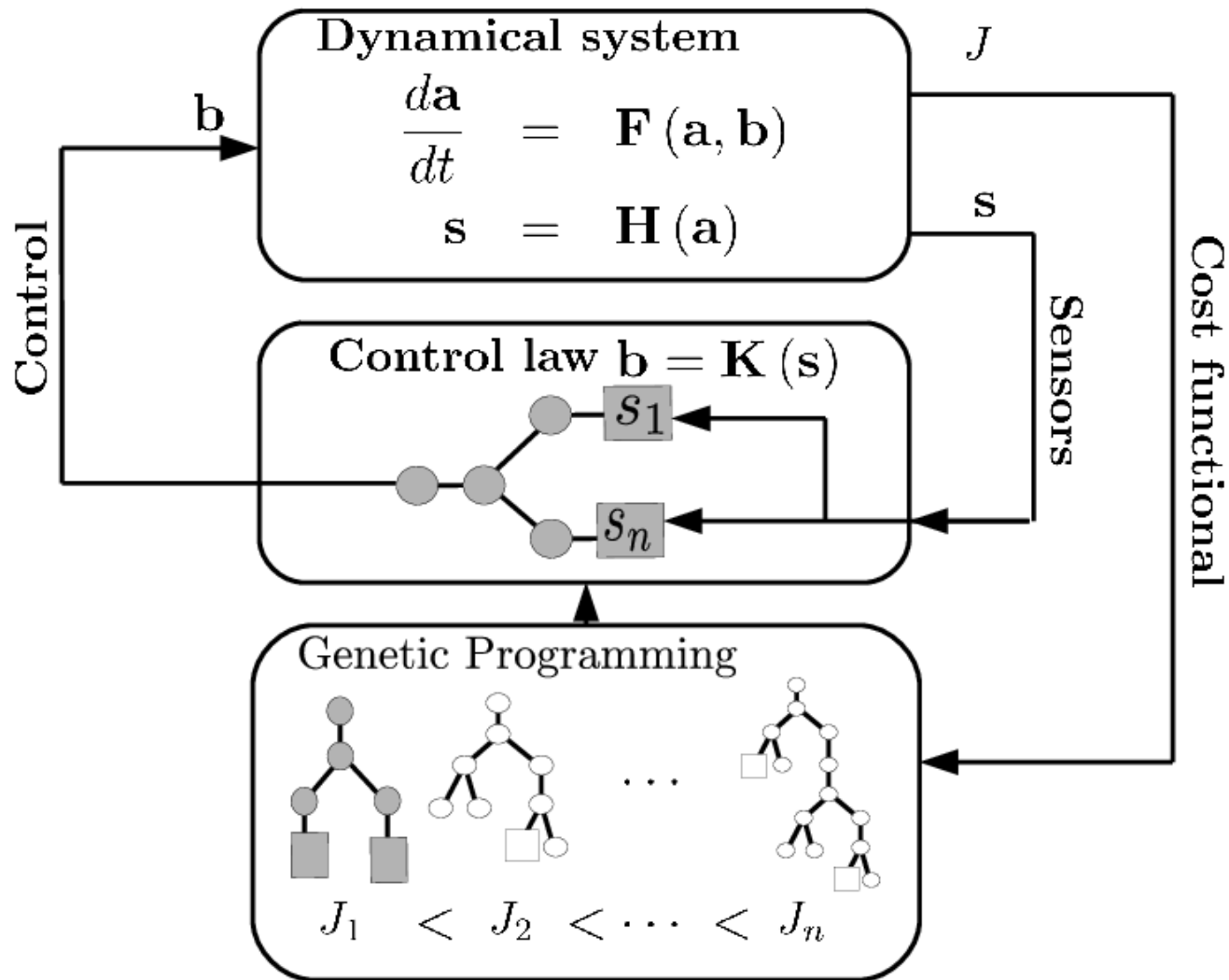
$$J = J_a + J_b = \min$$

Solve regression problem:

$$K_{opt}(s) = \arg \min J [K(s)]$$

Machine learning control

☰ Duriez, Brunton & Noack 2016 Springer, ☰ Wahde 2008



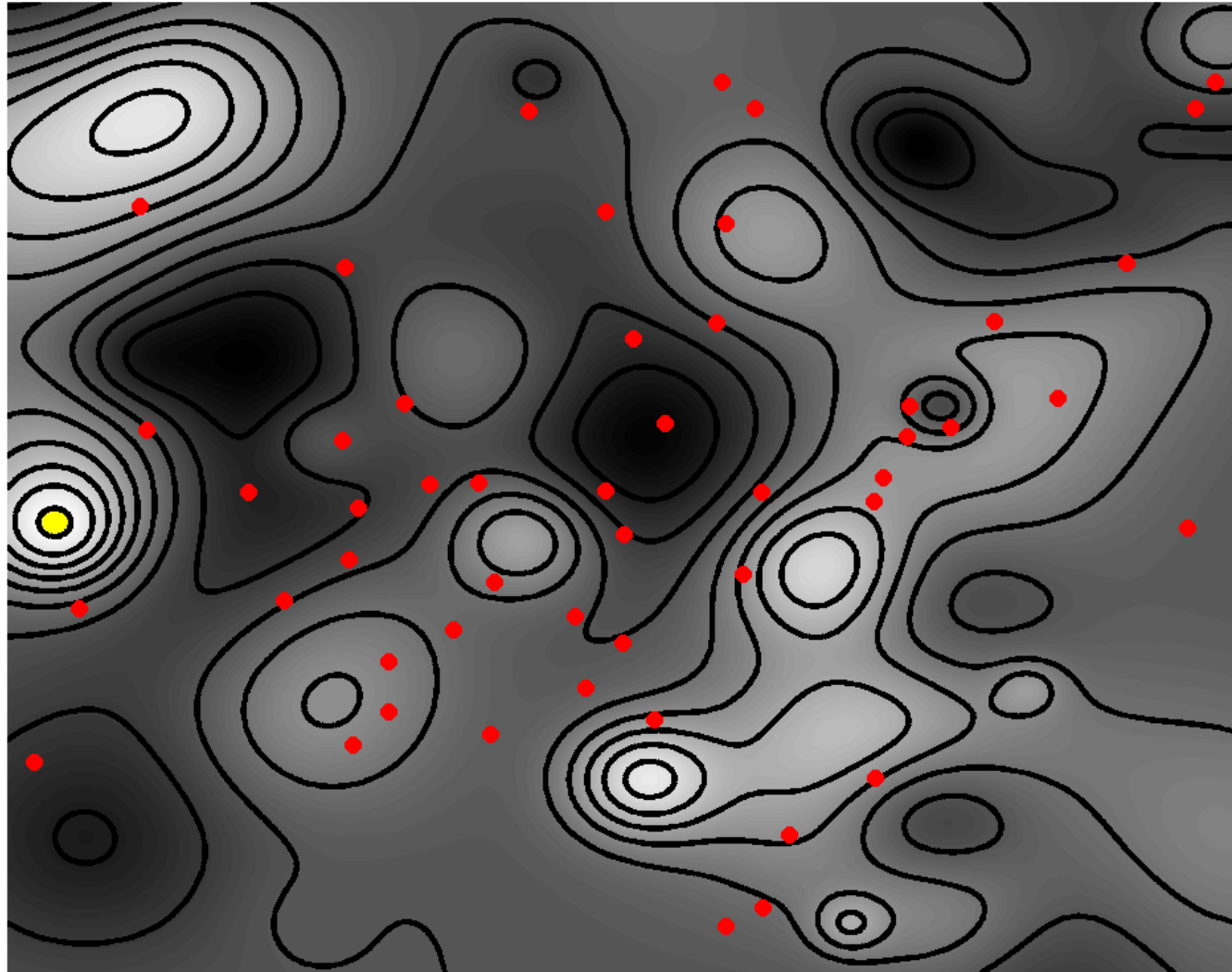
Regression problem: Find $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{K}(s)$ so that $J = \min$

Regression method = Genetic programming

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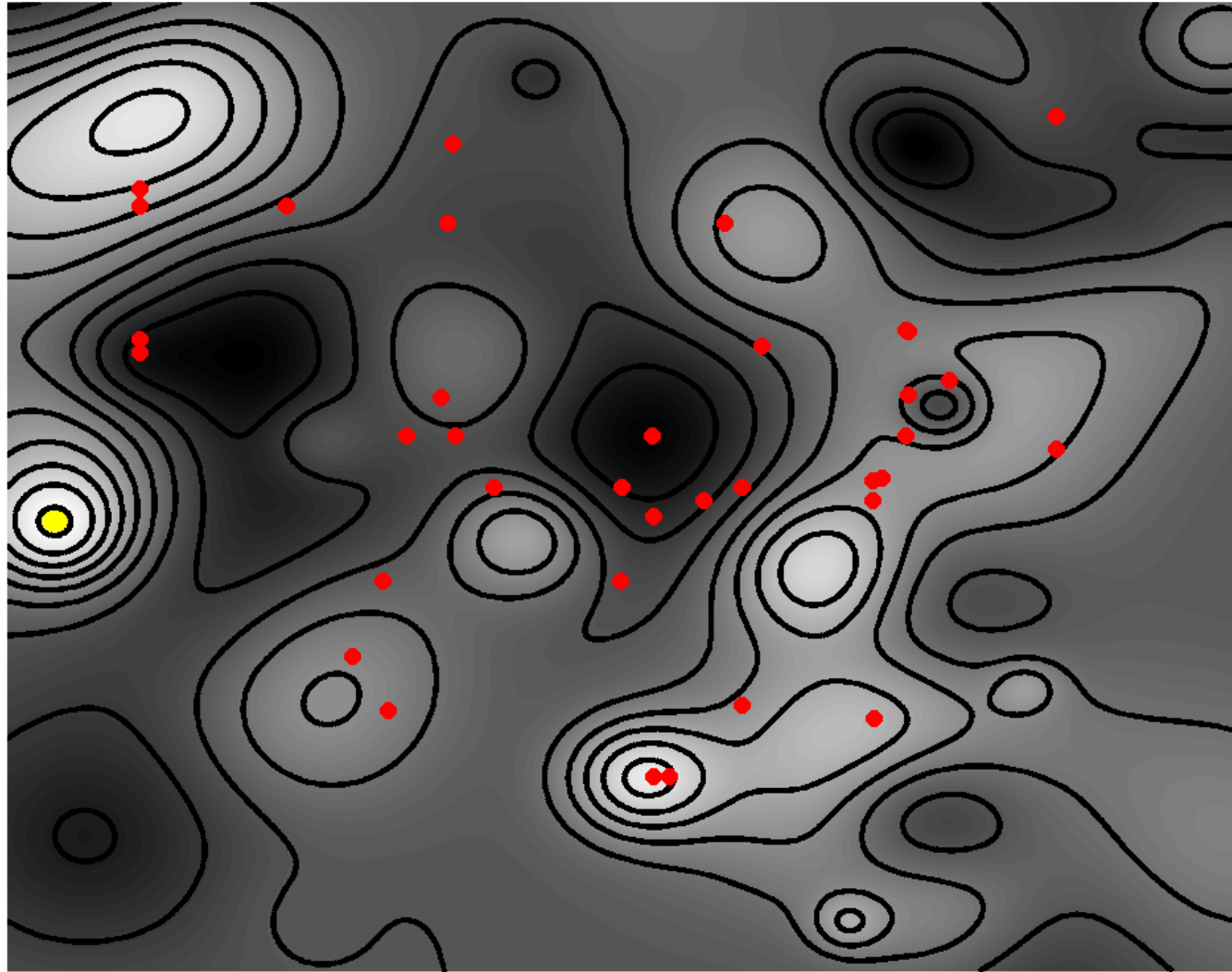
$n = 1$



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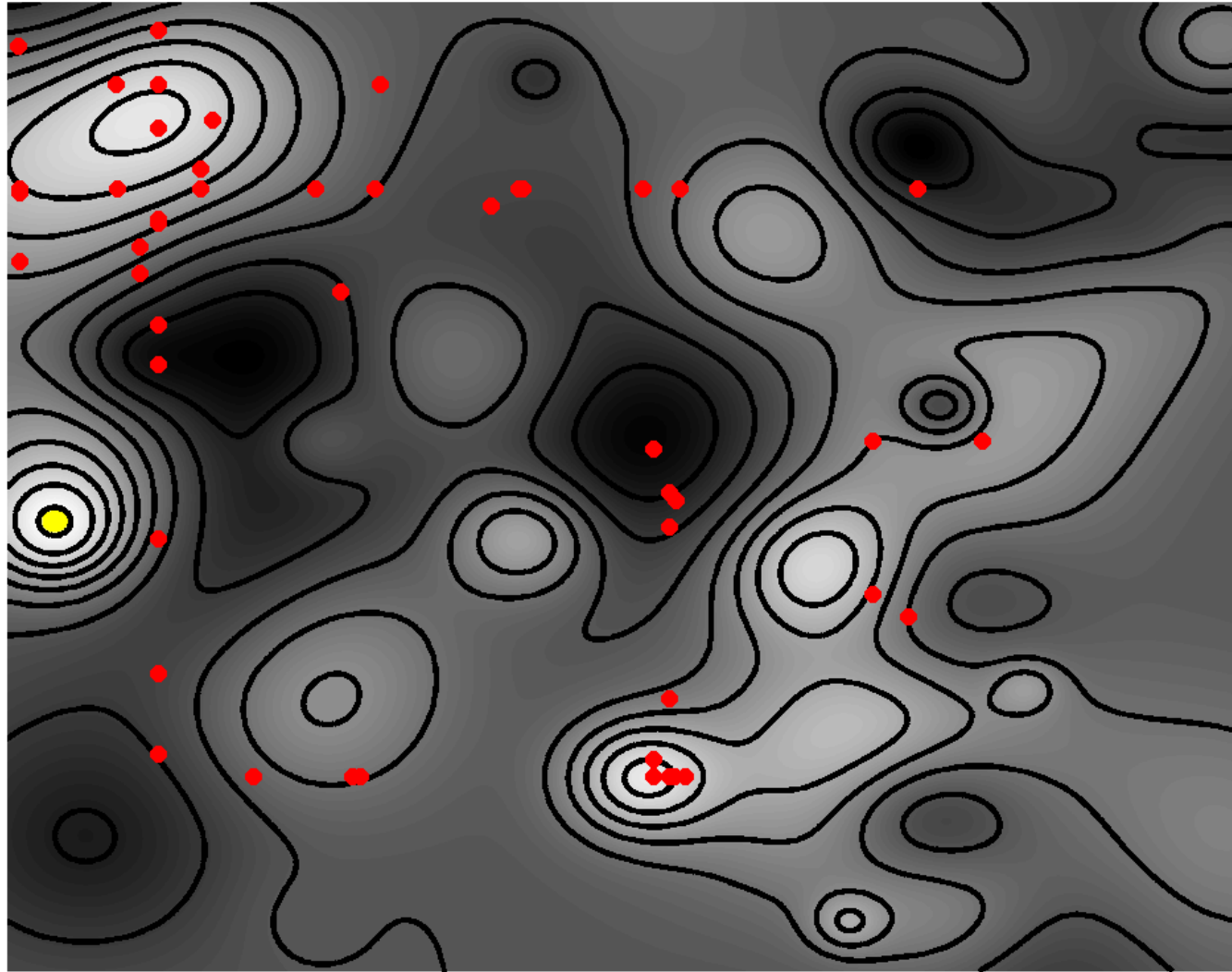
$n = 2$



Machine learning control

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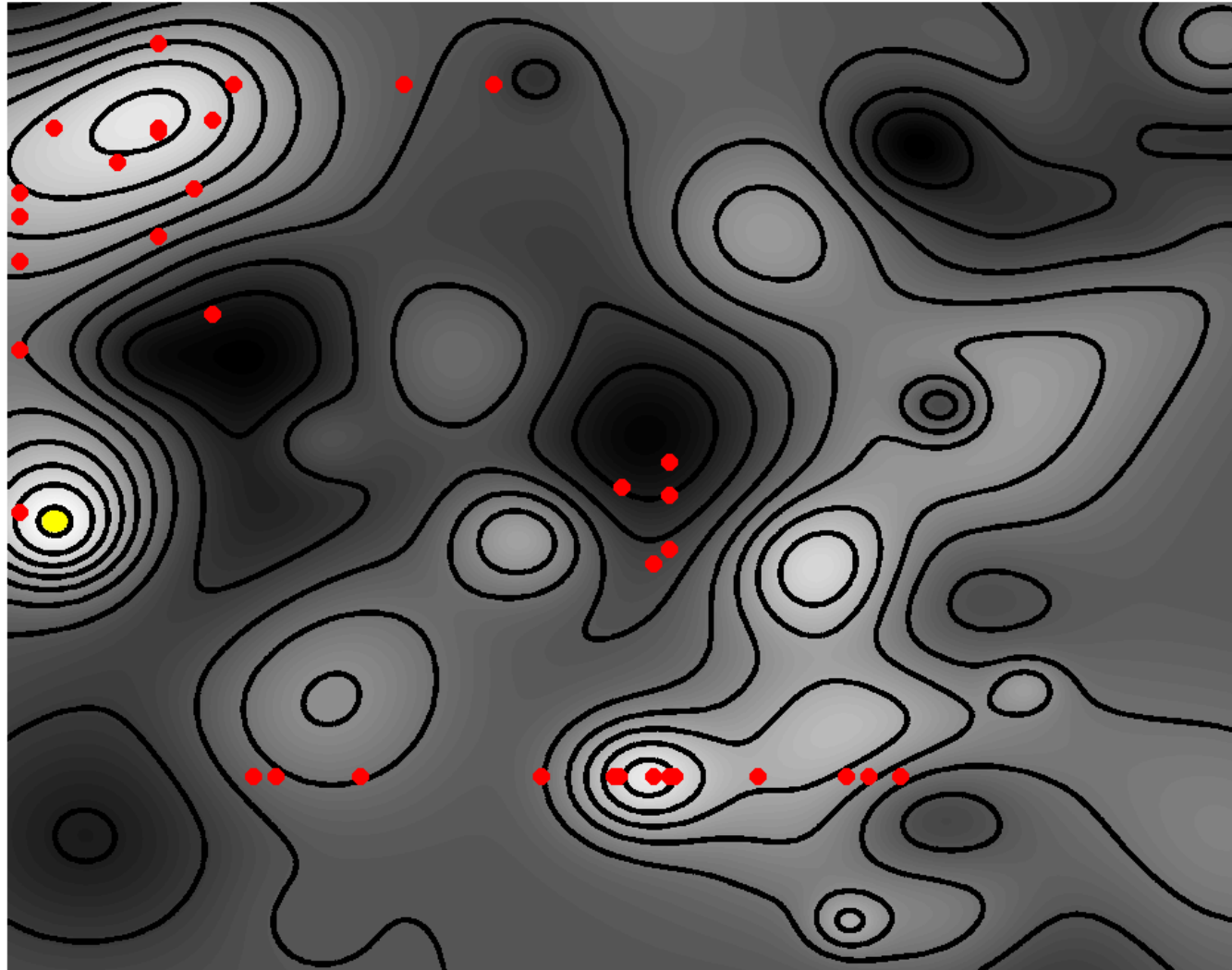
$n = 3$



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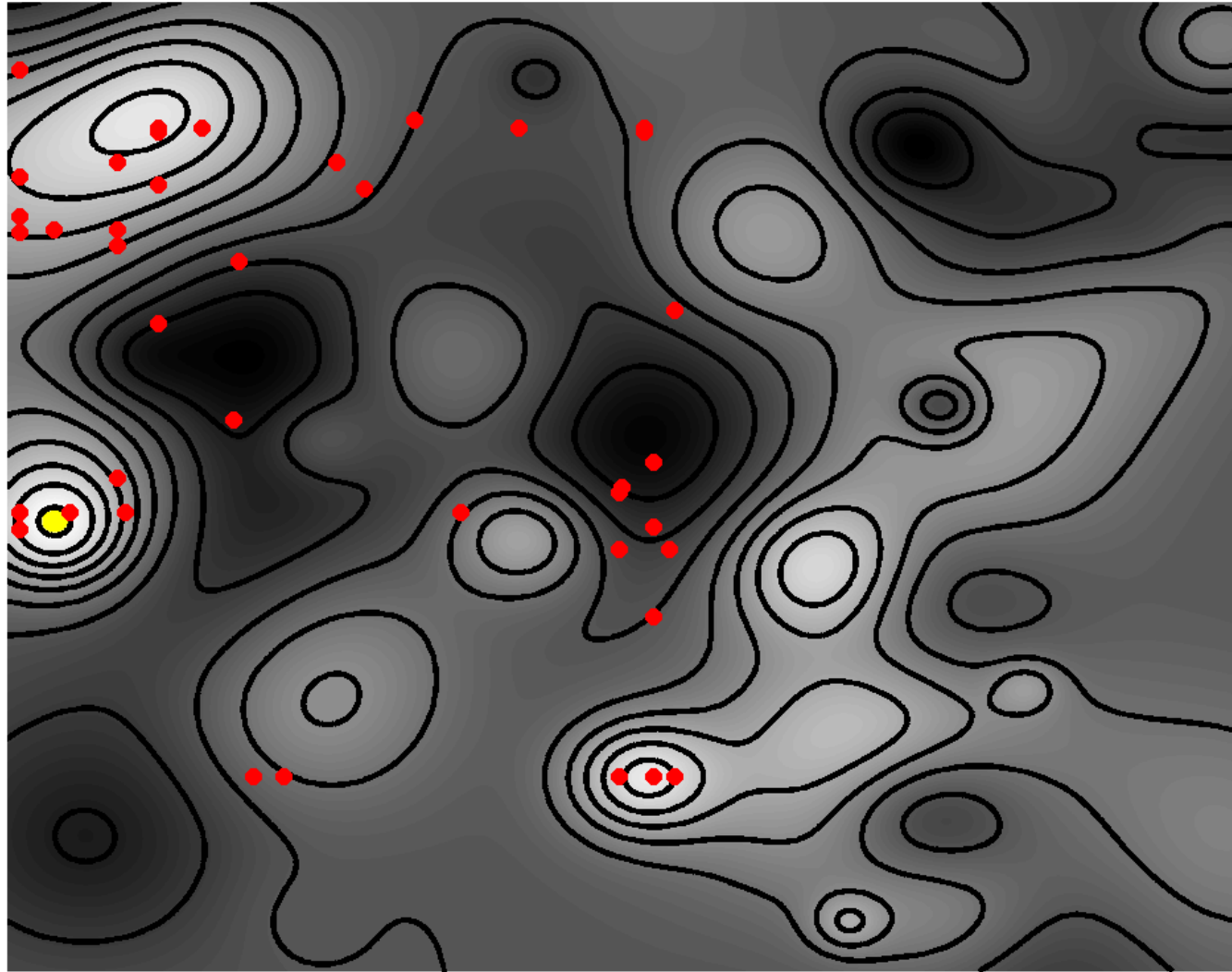
$n = 4$



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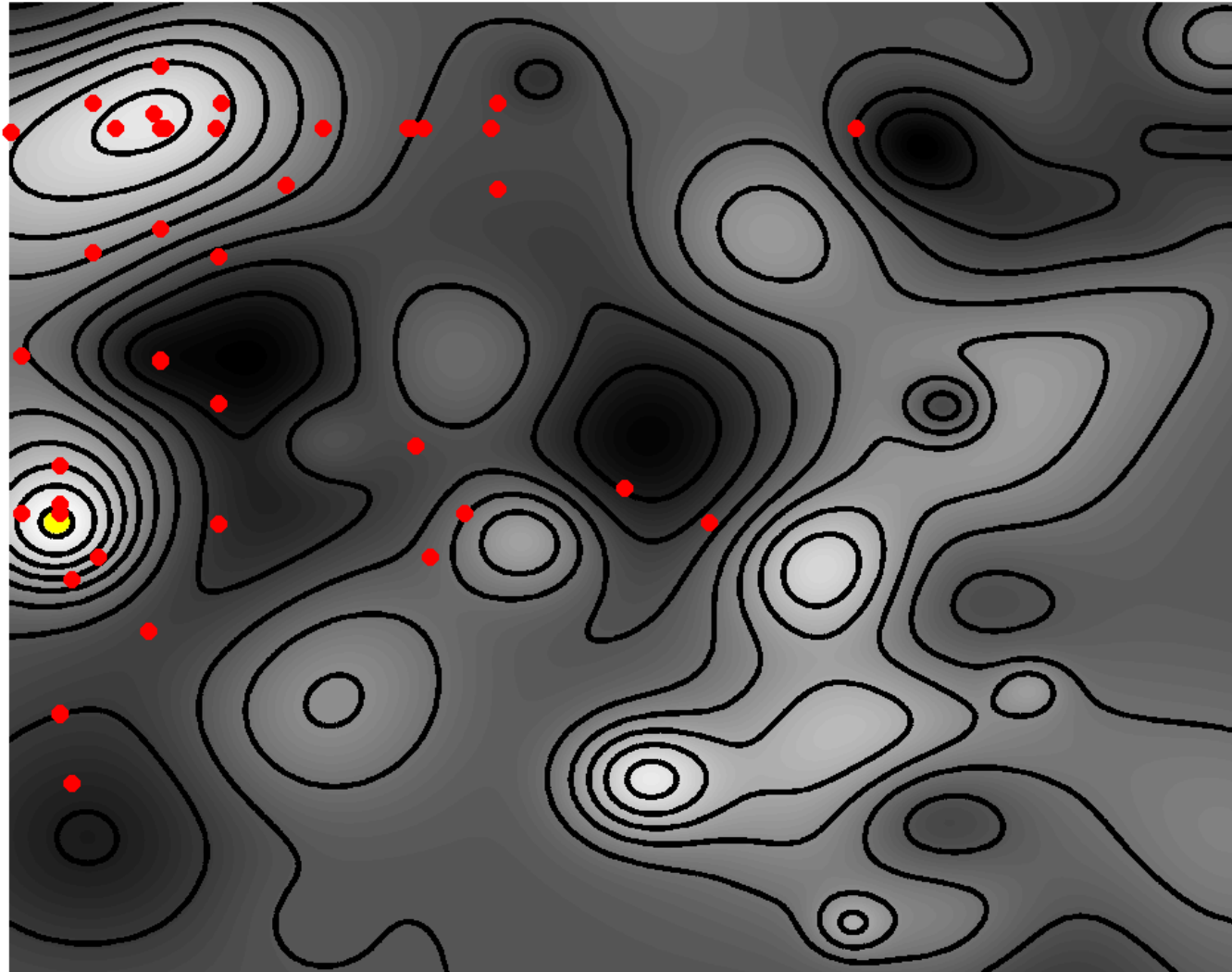
$n = 5$



Machine learning control

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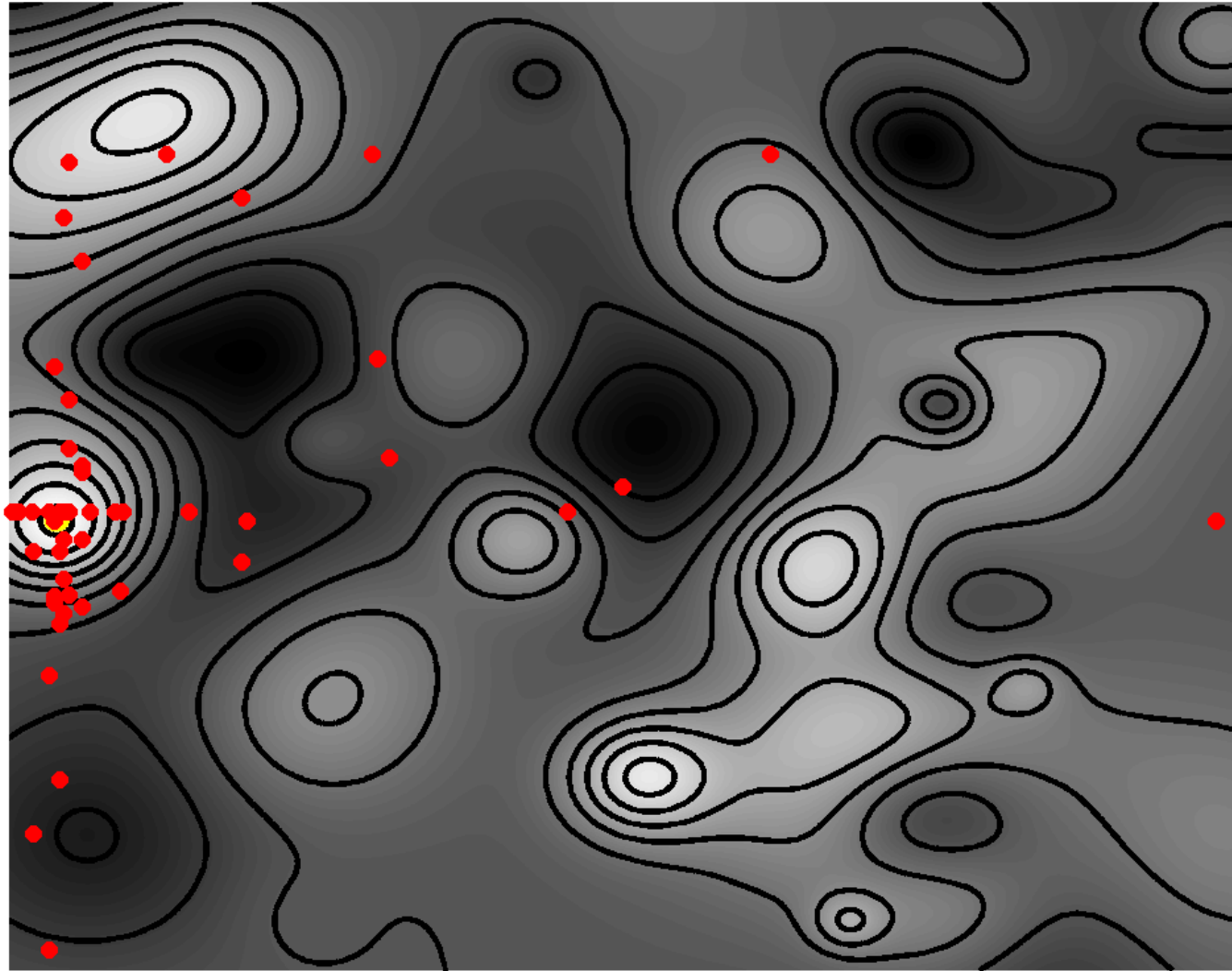
$n = 10$



Machine learning control

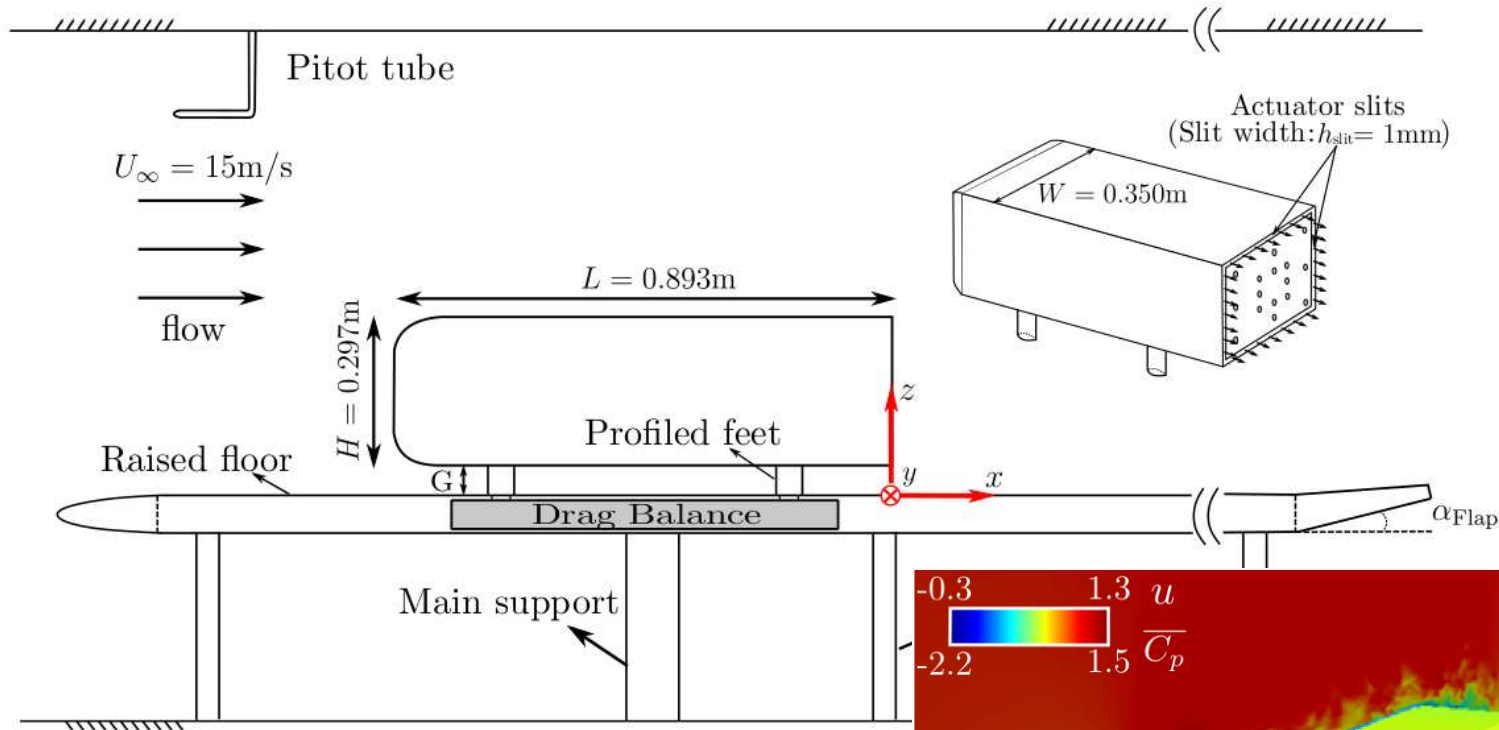
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$n = 20$



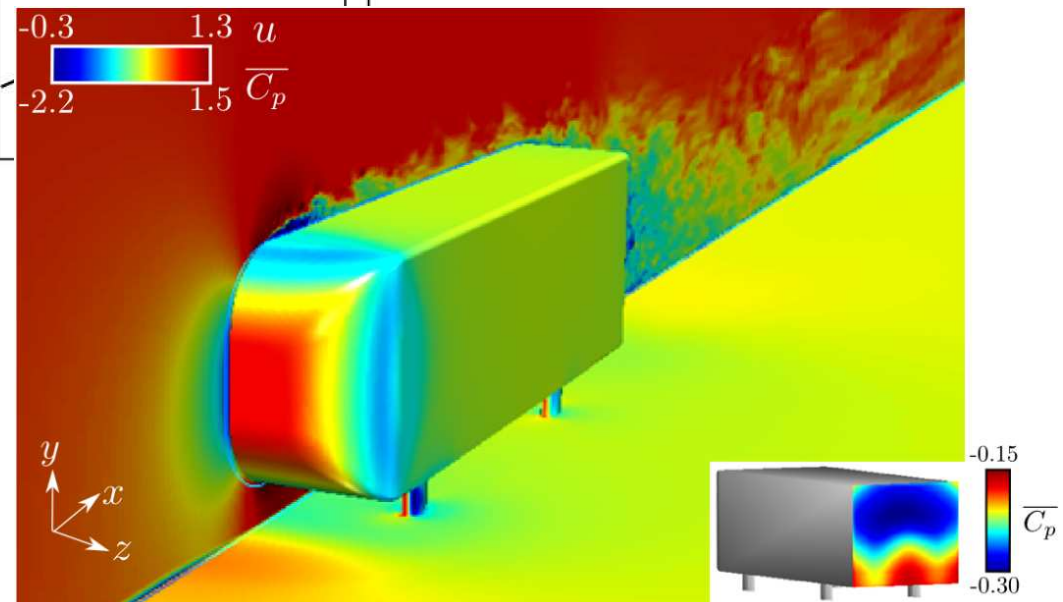
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MLC-based drag reduction

Li+ 2017 EF & Barros+ 2016 JFM



Experiment: $Re = 3 \times 10^5$

MIMO control problem:

Ansatz $b = K(s)$

Drag reduction: 22%

Energy investment: 3%

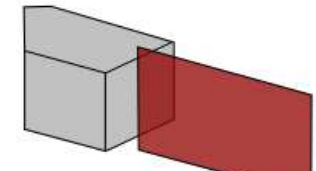
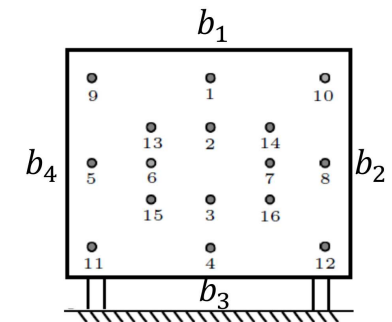
MLC application

Testing time < 1 hour

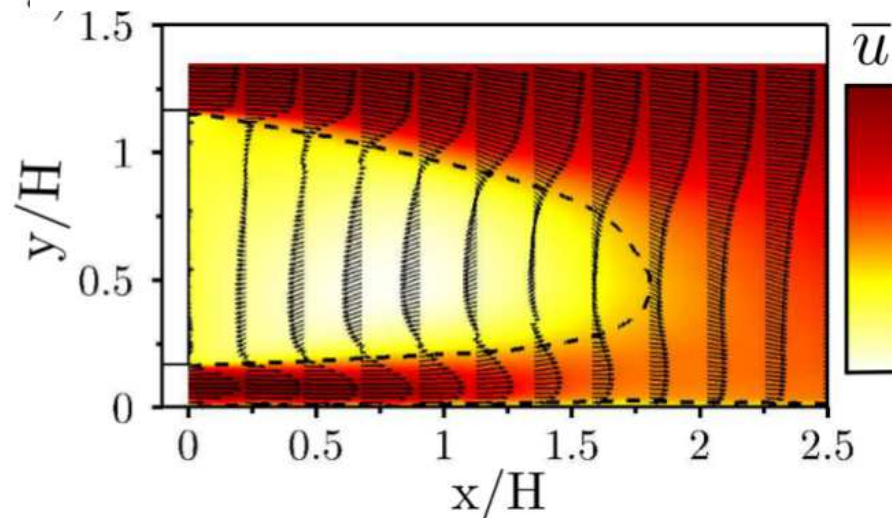
MLC law:

$$b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = b$$

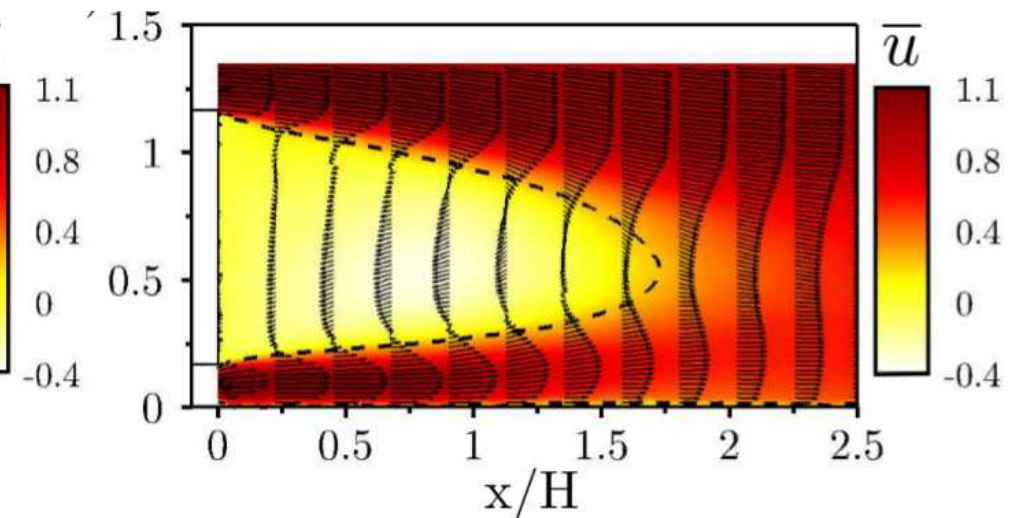
$$b = H \left[\tanh \tanh(s'_4 - 0.1) \right]$$



Unforced

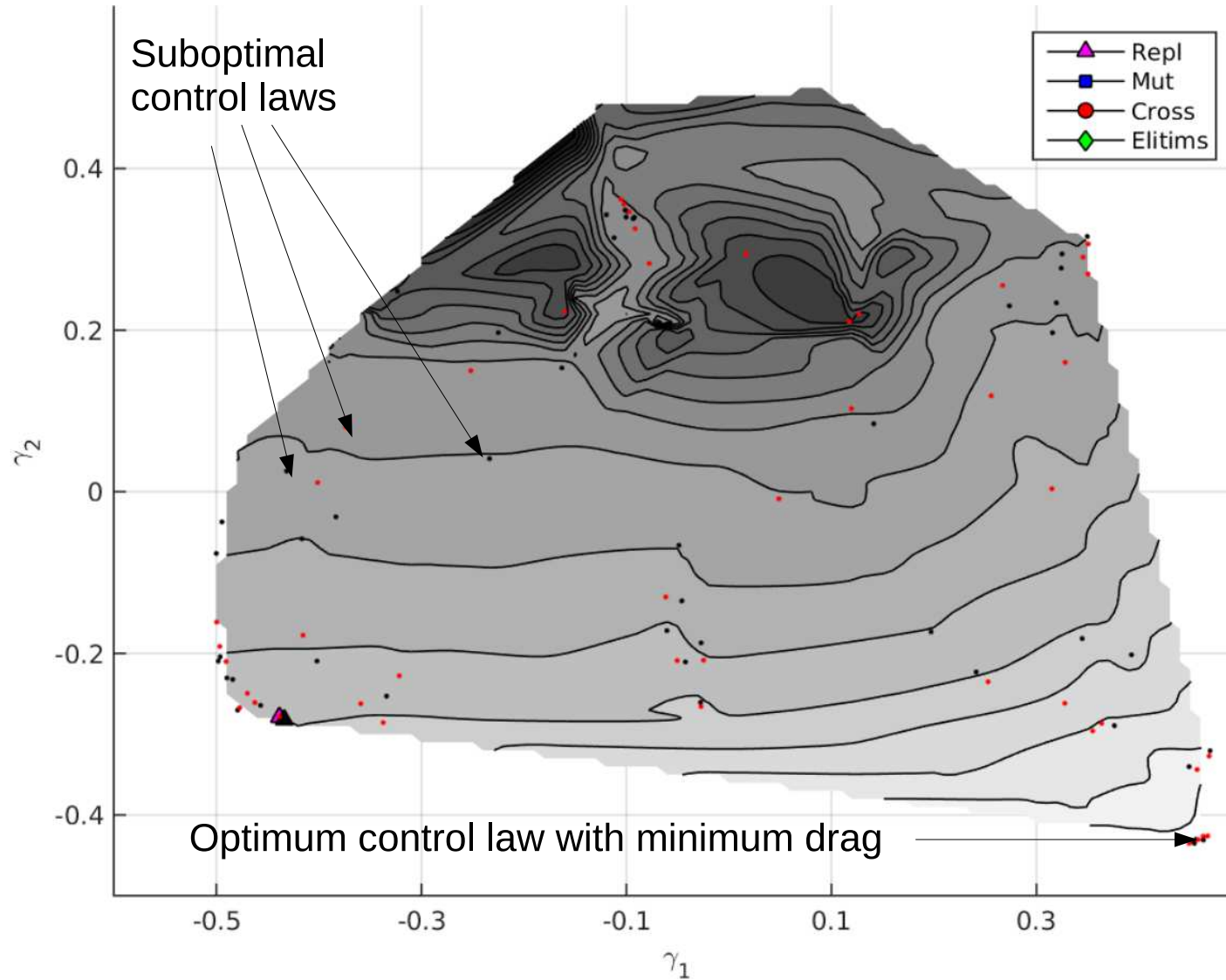


MLC controlled



Proximity plot for MLC of car model

2017 Kaiser+ FSSIC 2016 Kaiser+ TCFD



MLC with 5 generations with 50 control laws each.

More

AI / Machine Learning Control Experiments

☰ *Brunton & Noack 2015 AMR; Duriez+ 2016 Springer; Noack 2019 FSSIC*

- ■ **Drag reduction of an Ahmed body** ☰ Li+ 2017 EF
Multi-frequency forcing beats opt. periodic forcing (PF)
- ■ **Mixing enhancement in shear layer** ☰ Parezanovic+ 2016 JFM
Feedback phaser control; linear models invalidated
- ■ **Separation control over a BFS** ☰ Gautier+ 2015 JFM
Feedback low-freq. forcing beats opt. PF
- ■ **Separation mitigation of a TBL $Re = 13,000$**
High-freq. feedback beats opt. PF ☰ Debien+ 2016 EF
- ■ **Jet mixing with 6 actuators** ☰ Zhou+ 2020 JFM
- ■ **Drag reduction of a TBL** ☰ Yu+ 2021 AMS
- ■ **Many more experiments and simulations**

MLC has outperformed existing optimized control.

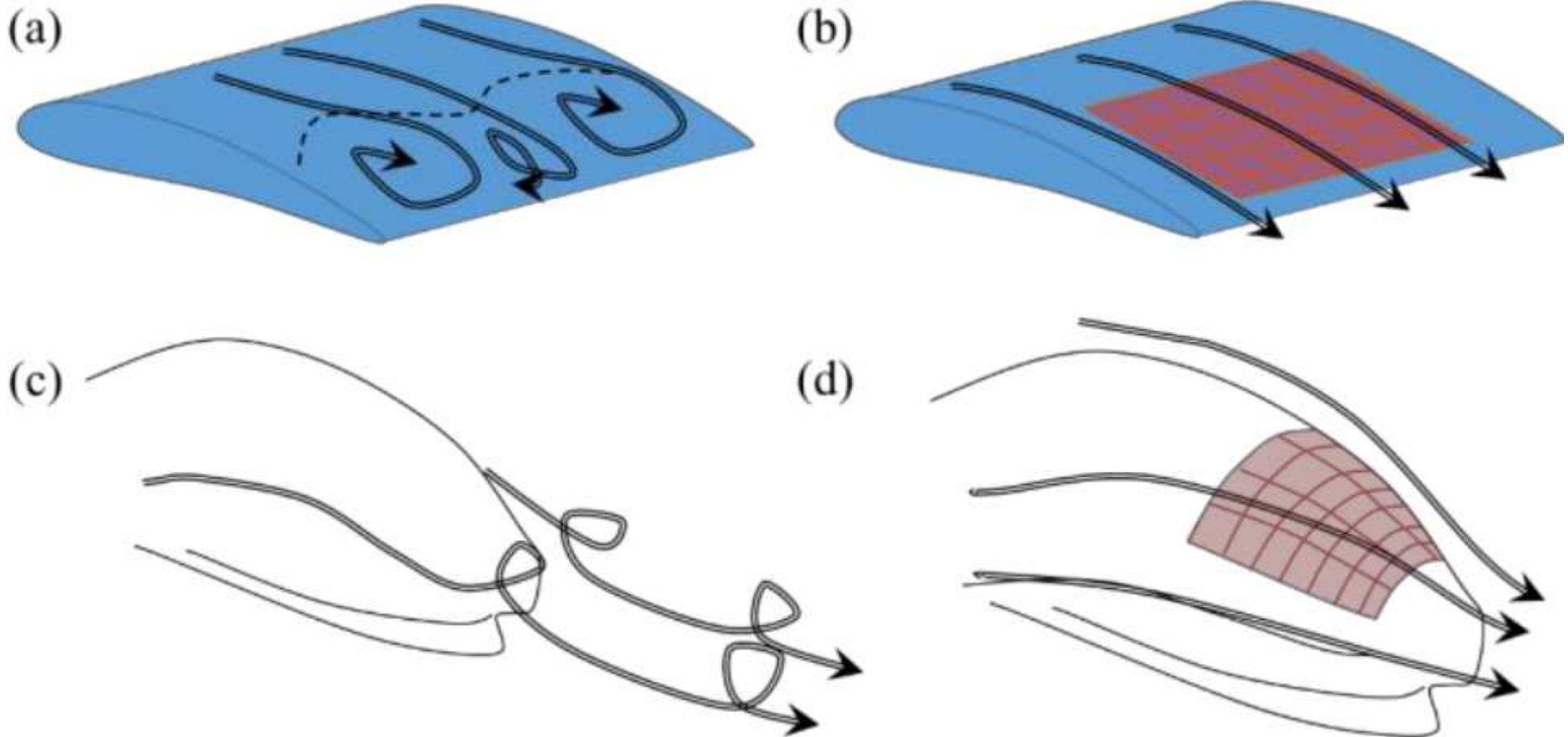
MLC selects sensors + actuators.

Small chances for modeling-based control.

Actuation mechanisms often used unexpected frequencies, unexpected frequency crosstalk and multi-freq. forcing

Smart skin concept

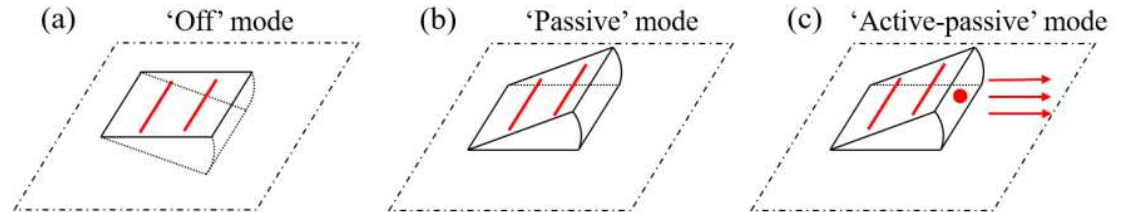
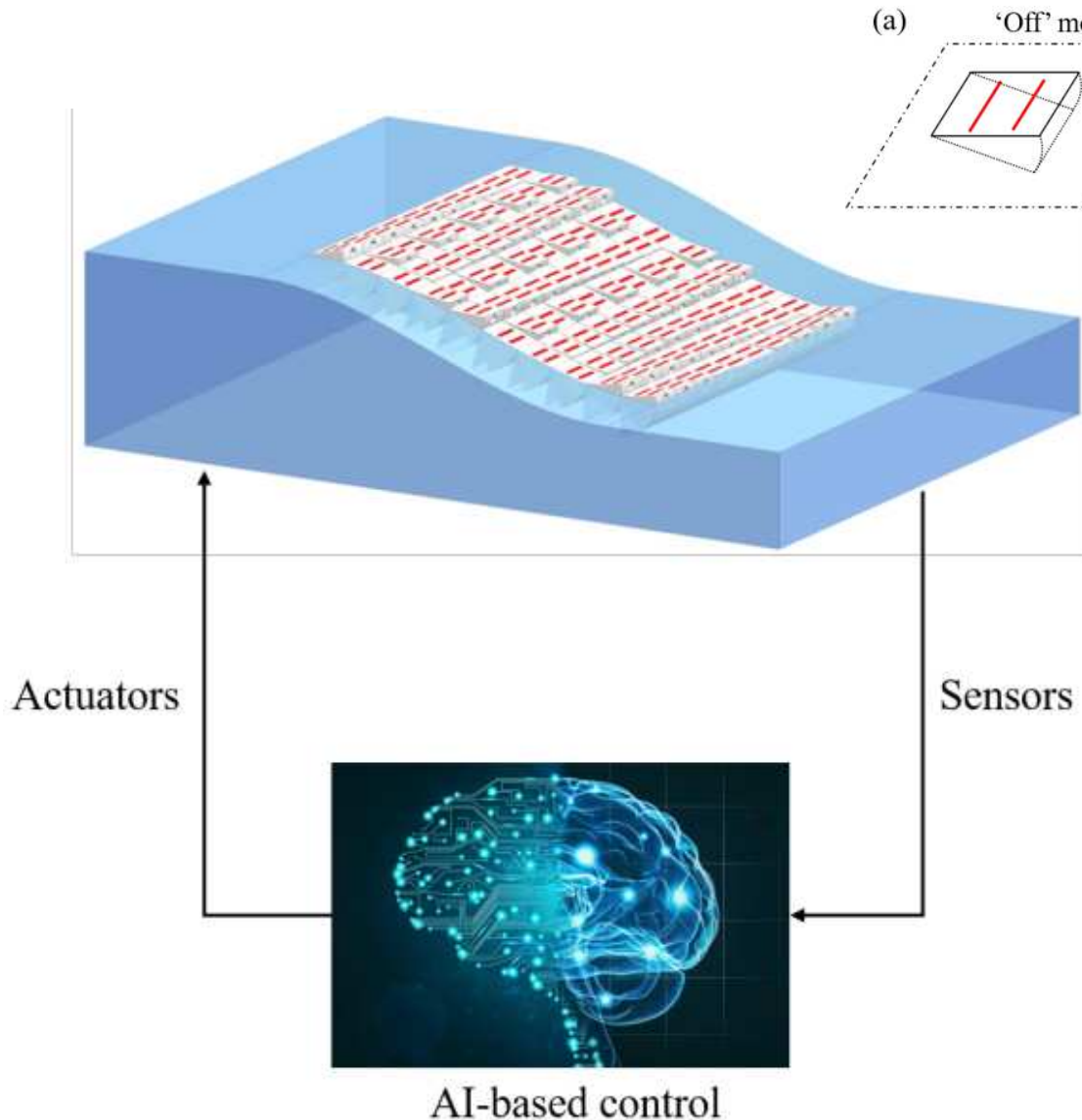
☰ S.L. Brunton & B.R. Noack 2015 AMR



Targeted actuation near sensed point of separation with AI-based control.

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Goal: Delay separation

Hardware: 10 × 10
array of actuation +
sensing elements

AI-based control

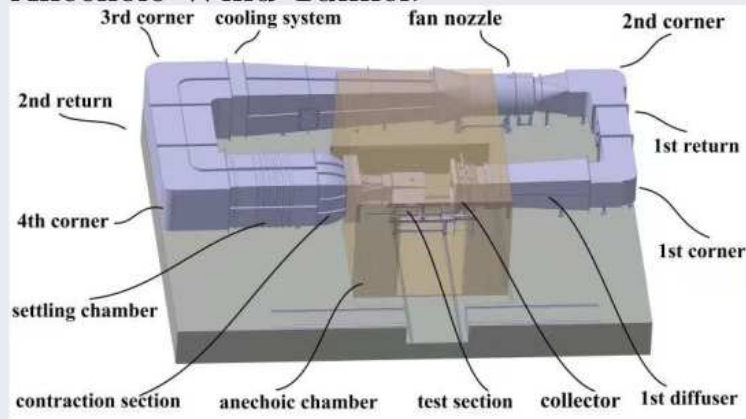
Customizable: Passive,
open-loop, feedback,
number of actuators.

Smart skin separation control experiment

— Work in progress —

WIND TUNNELS

- Anechoic Wind Tunnel:



- Low-speed wind tunnel:



RAMP DEMONSTRATOR

Actuators for hybrid control algorithms:

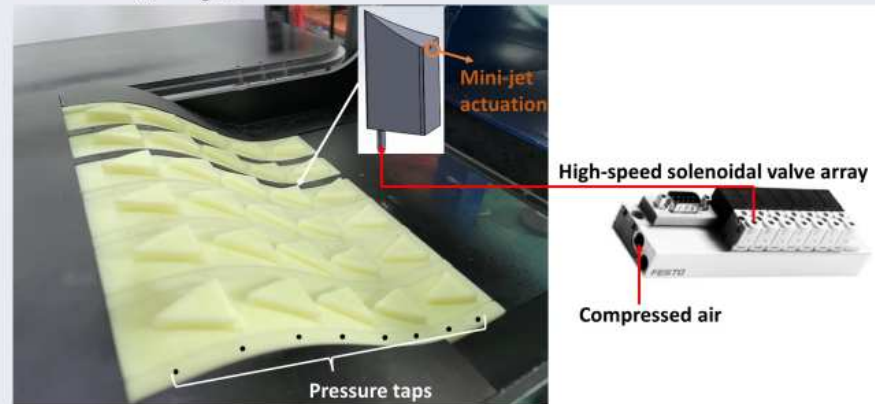
- Passive control: Height-adjustable vortex generators 5 (streamwise) × 6 (spanwise).
- Active: Mini-jets actuation (up to 500Hz).

Sensors: 8 × 7 pressure taps.

Cost function: $J = J_a + \gamma J_b$, $\gamma = 0.2$.

$$J_a = U_\infty \int (p_\infty - \bar{p}) d\mathbf{x} \text{ (pressure recovery)}$$

$$J_b = \sum \frac{1}{2} \rho u_{\text{jet}}^3 dA \text{ (energy input)}$$



$$U_\infty = 5 \text{ m/s}; H = 5\text{cm}; \delta_{99} = 1\text{cm}; Re_H = 33,000;$$

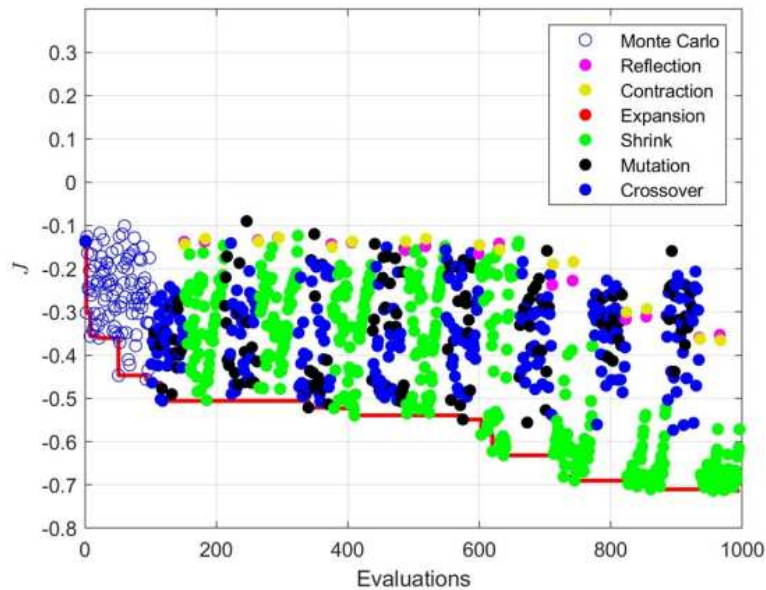
$$U_{\text{jet}} = 15\text{-}20 \text{ m/s}; \text{actuator/sensor element } 2 \text{ cm} \times 5 \text{ cm}.$$

Smart skin + gMLC: Learning curve

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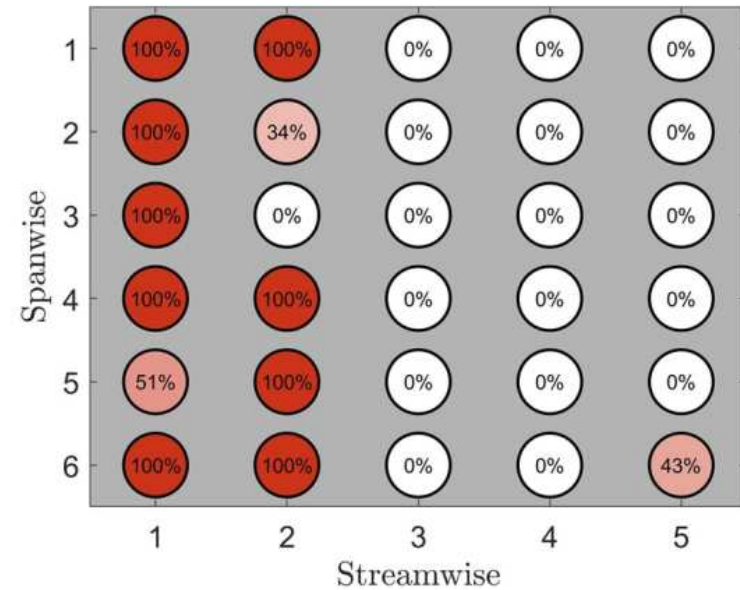
LEARNING CURVE

- Optimization problem: $\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{K} \in \mathcal{K}} J(\mathbf{K})$.



OPTIMIZED ACTUATION

- Equivalent duty cycles of the best control law

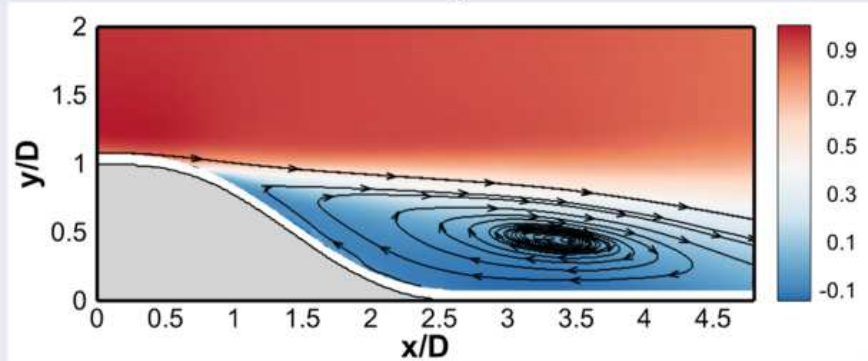


Smart skin + gMLC: Flows

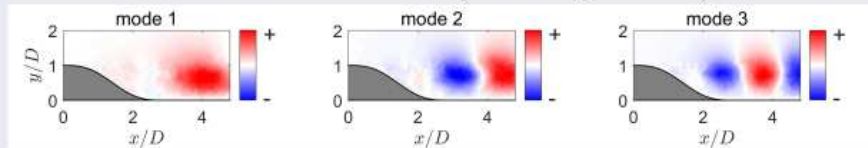
— Work in progress —

UNCONTROLLED FLOW

- Mean streamwise velocity:



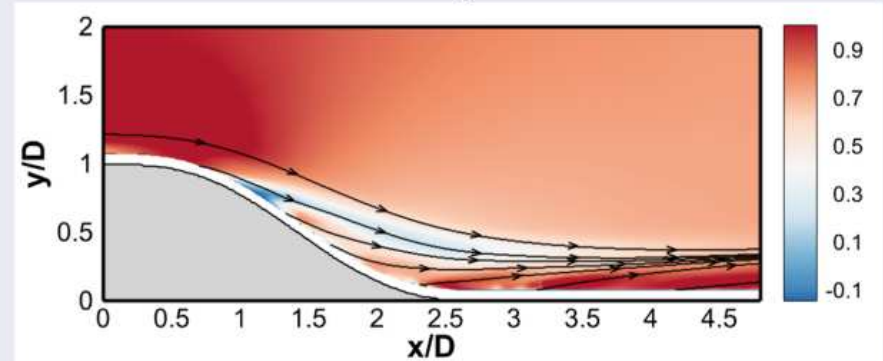
- First three POD modes (v component):



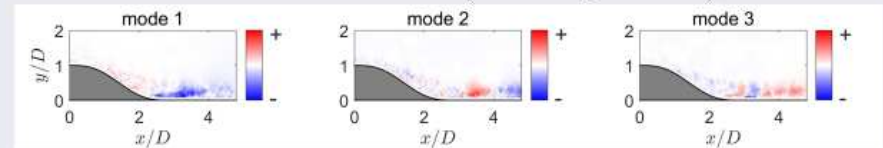
- Dominant turbulent modes: coherent structures from flow separation.

CONTROLLED FLOW

- Mean streamwise velocity:



- First three POD modes (v component):



- Dominant turbulent modes: smaller structures from jet actuation.

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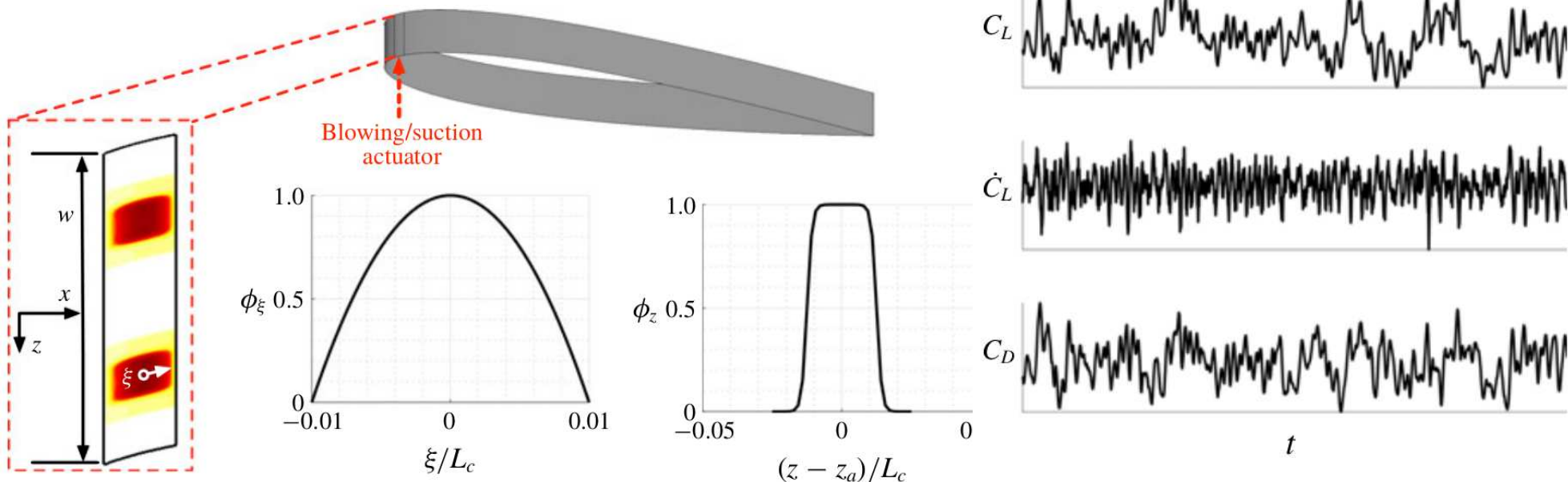
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Cluster-based feedback control

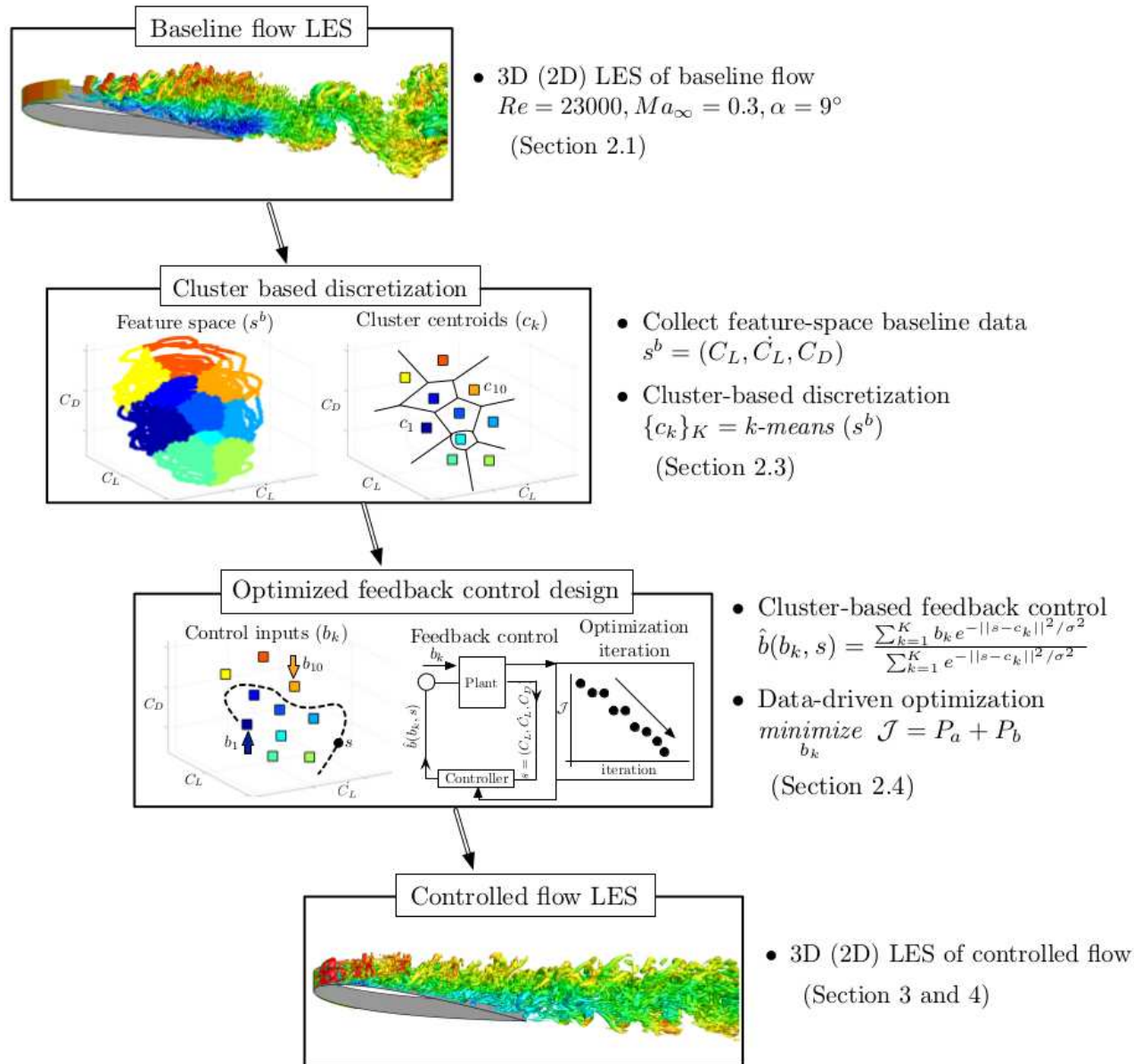
☰ A.G. Nair, C.-A. Yeh, E. Kaiser, B.R. Noack, S.L. Brunton & K. Taira 2019 JFM

- LES, NACA0012:** $Re = U_\infty L / \nu = 23,000$, $\alpha = 9^\circ$
- Single-input:** b , Amplitude of spanwise periodic jets
- Multiple-input:** $s = [C_D(t), C_L(t), dC_L/dt(t)]^\dagger$
- Control law:** $b = K(s)$;
- Cost function:** $J = \text{flight endurance} \sim \text{drag}$
(propulsion energy per unit mass and unit length)



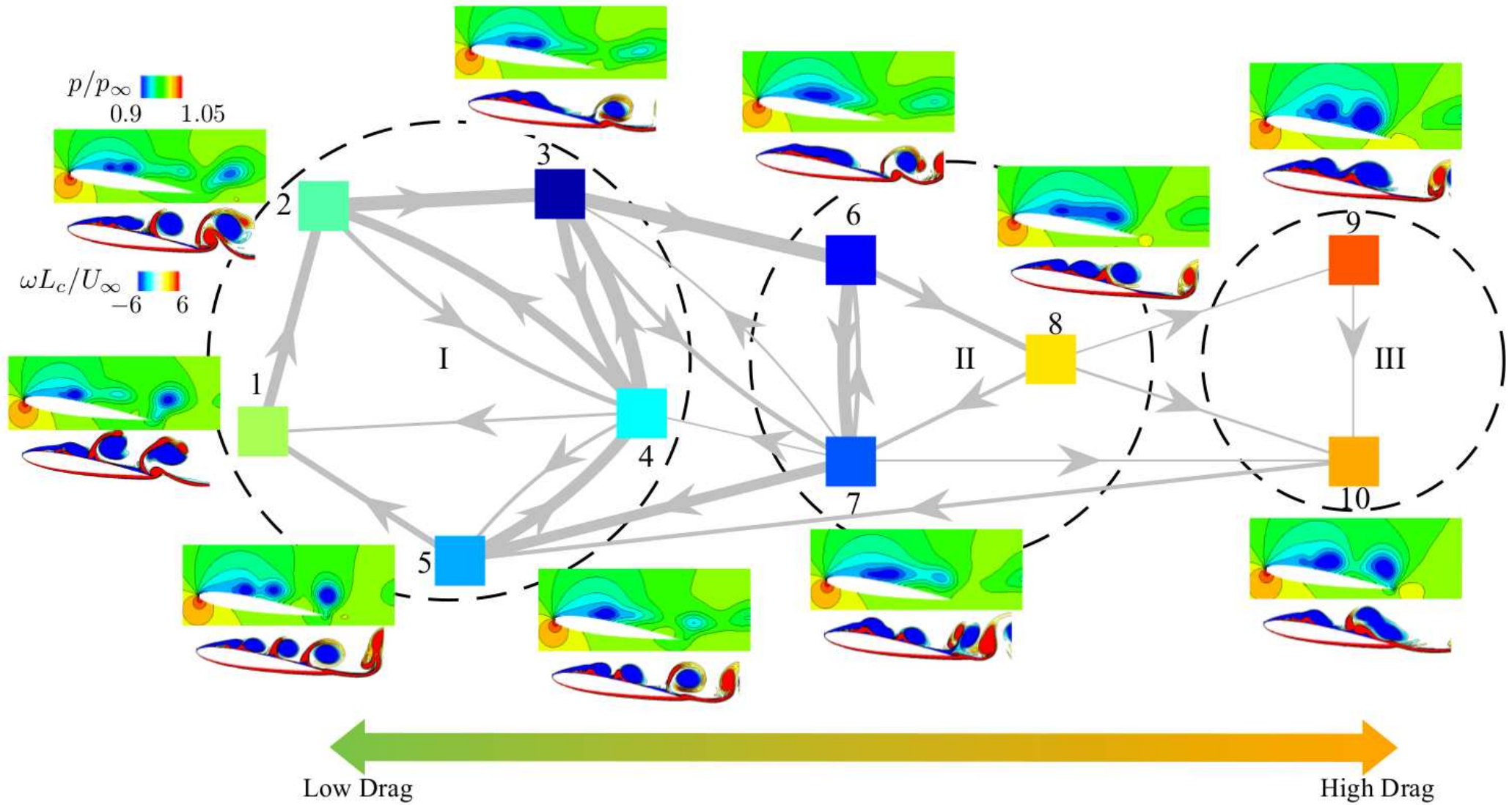
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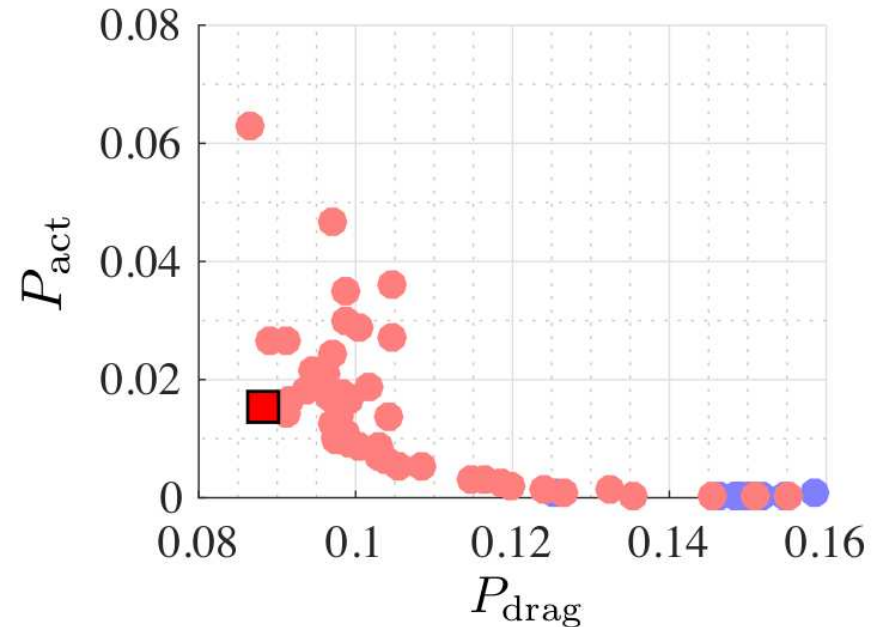
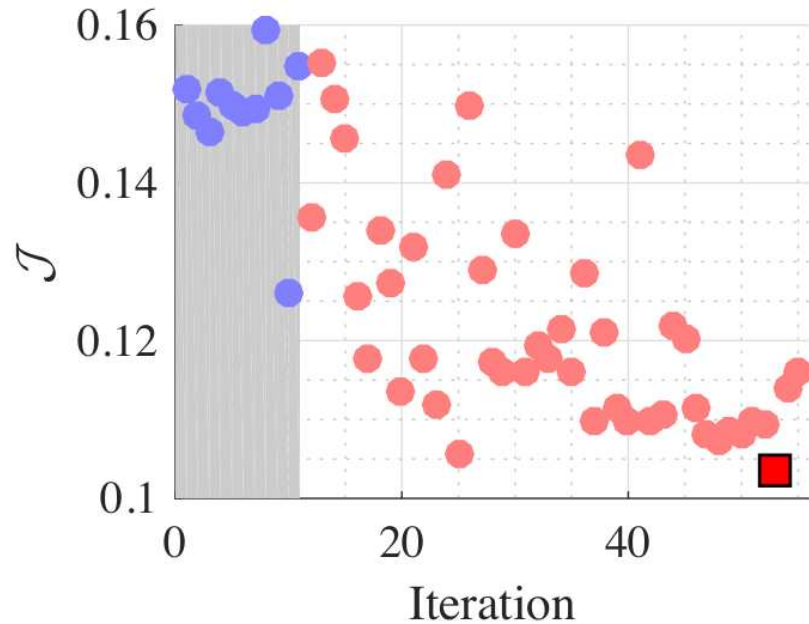
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Cost function $J = J_{drag} + J_{act}$ where

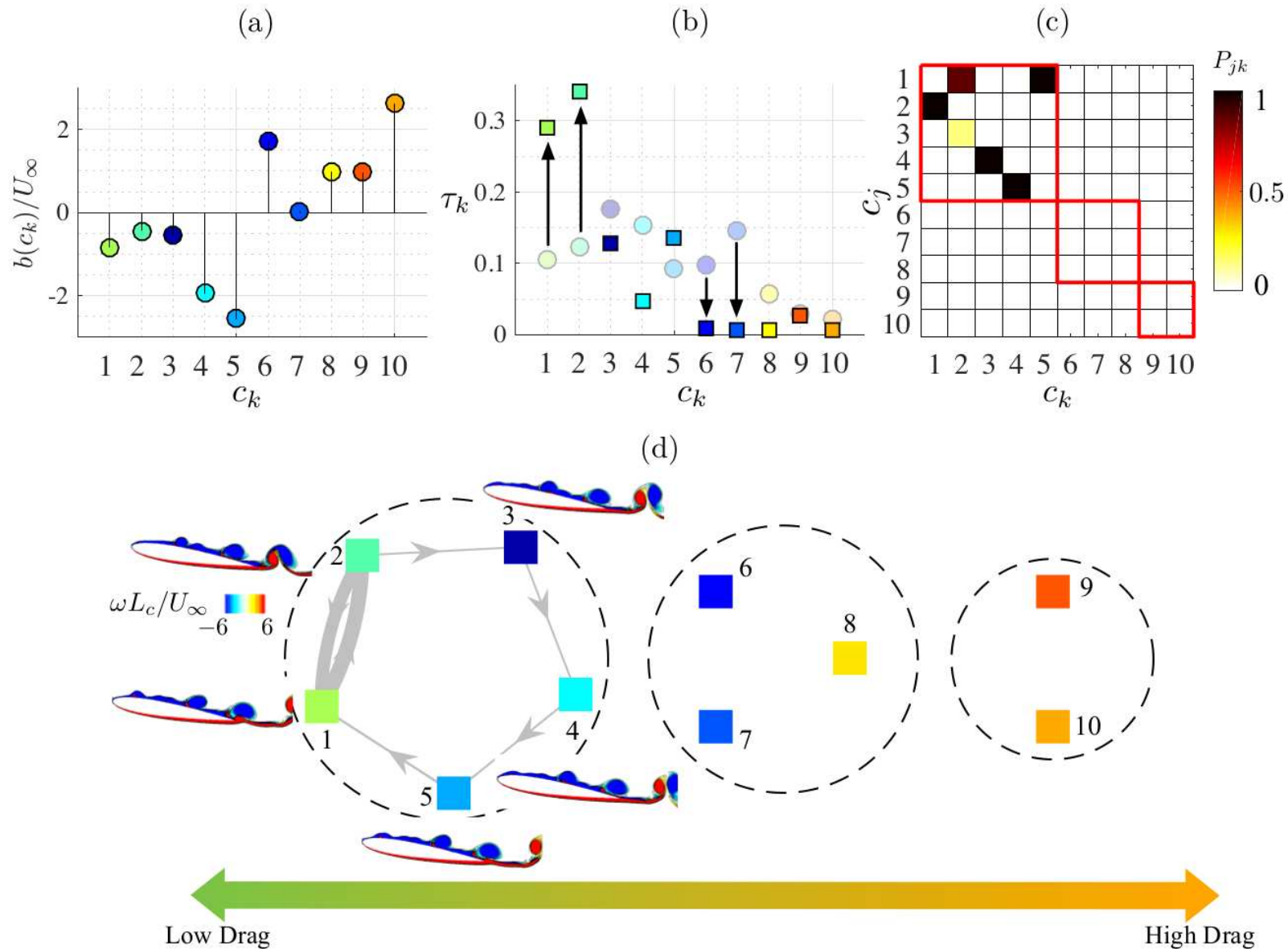
$J_{drag} = c_D^a (c_L/c_L^a)^{3/2}$ (flight endurance); J_{act} = act. power

Simplex optimization of cluster-based control law:

Lift preserved, drag reduced by 41 %

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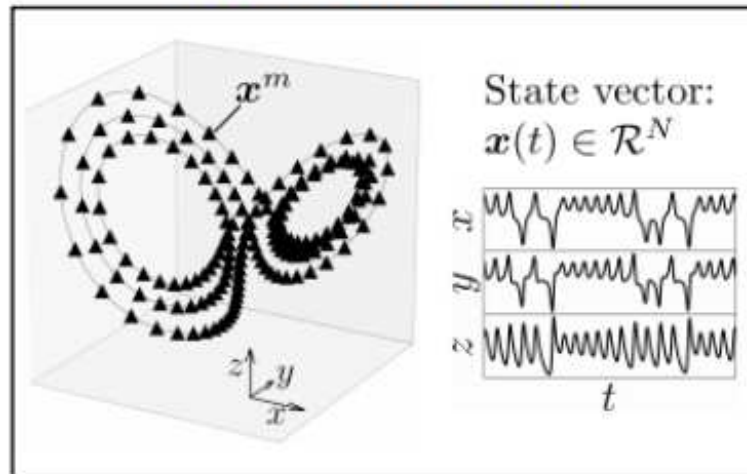


Cluster-based network model

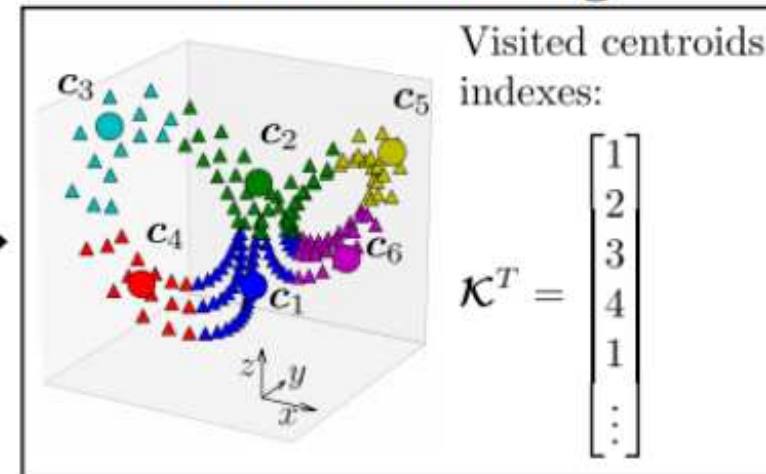
☰ *Fernex et al 2021 Sci Adv*, ☰ *H. Li et al. 2020 JFM*



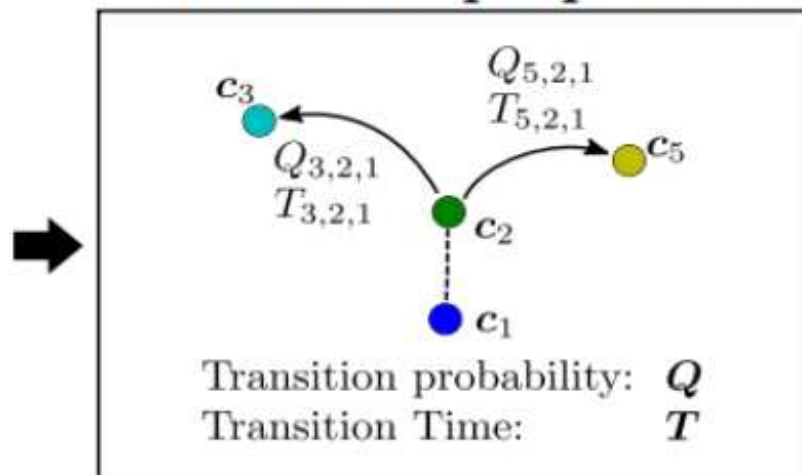
Data collection



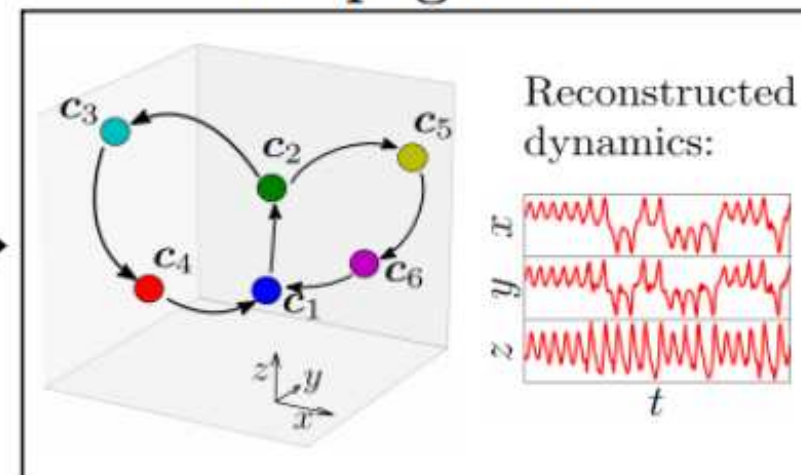
Data clustering



Transition properties

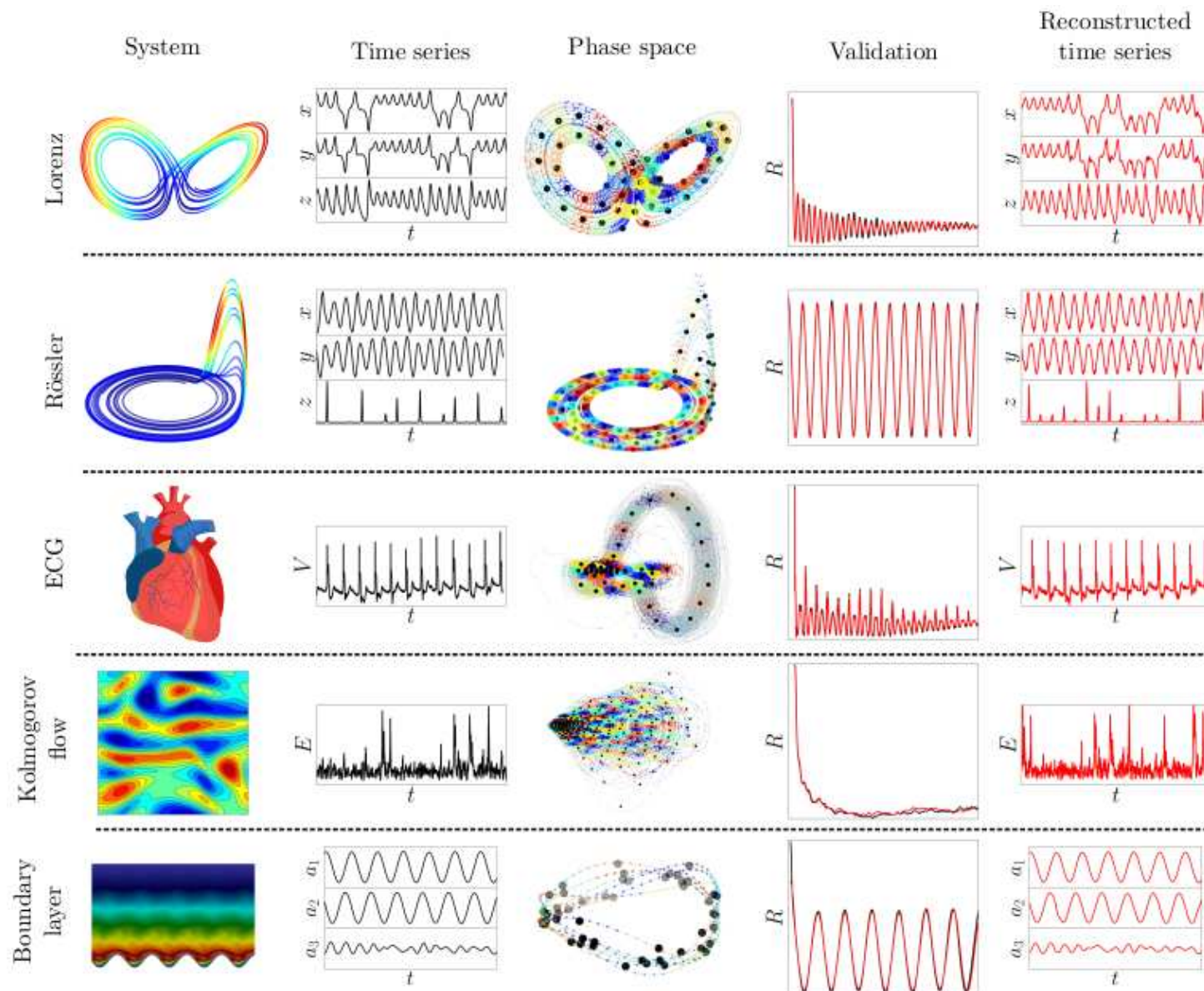


Propagation



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Toolbox for turbulence control

☰ *S. Brunton, B.R. Noack & P. Koumoutsakos 2020 ARFM*

(1) **Response model** $b \mapsto J$

(2) **Parametric optimizer** $b^* = \arg \min J(b)$

EGM, BO, PSO, ... ▷ 11:45 talk of Anne LI

(3) **Feedback learner** $K^*(s) = \arg \min J(K(s))$

▷ 11:15 talk of Guy CORNEJO MACEDA

(4) **Automatable reduced order model**

$$\frac{da}{dt} = f(a, b), u(x) = h(a, b, x)$$

(5) **Handcrafted model** ▷ 11:00 talk of Nan DENG

$$\frac{da}{dt} = f(a, b), u(x, t) = \sum a_i(t) u_i(x)$$

(6) **Full-state estimator** ▷ 11:30 talk of Songqi LI

$$u(x) = g(s, b, x)$$

Fluidic pinball—A modeling benchmark

☰ *N. Deng, B. R. Noack, M. Morzyński & L. Pastur 2020 & 2021 JFM*

Reynolds number $Re = \frac{U_\infty D}{\nu} = 100$



Fluidic pinball:

- $Re = 18$ Onset of vortex shedding
- $Re = 68$ Supercritical pitchfork bifurcation
- $Re = 104$ Second Hopf bifurcation
- $Re = 115$ Chaos



Marek Morzyński
Poznań University of Technology

Hopf ($Re \approx 18$)

$$da_1/dt = \sigma a_1 - \omega a_2$$

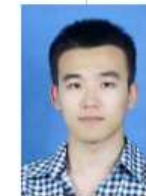
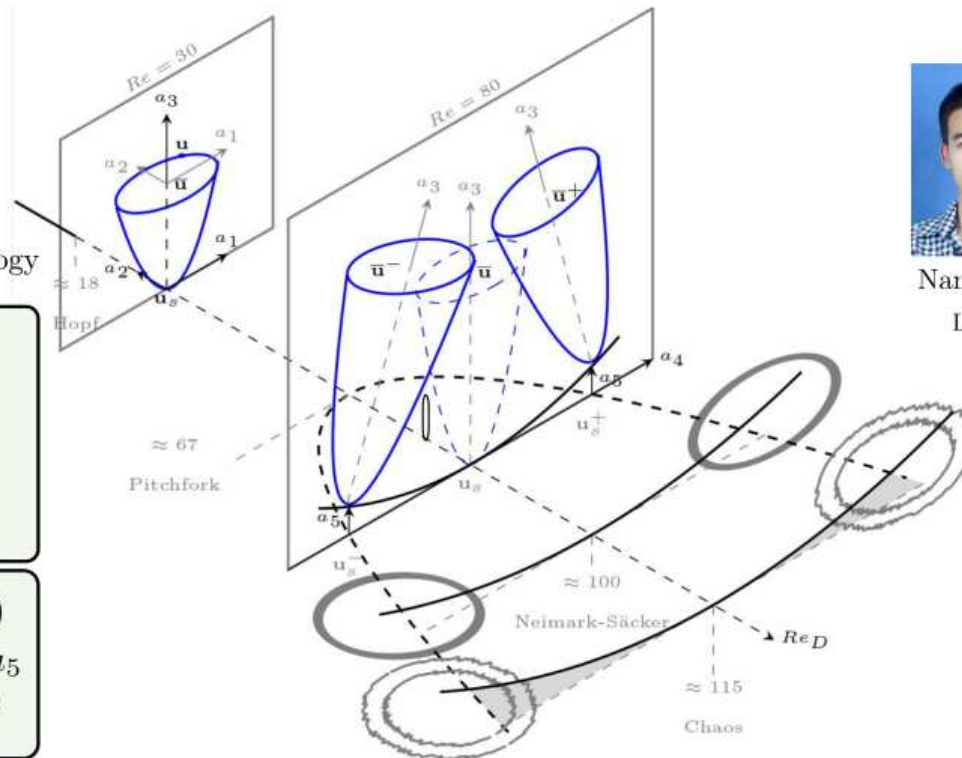
$$da_2/dt = \sigma a_2 + \omega a_1$$

$$da_3/dt = \sigma_3 a_3 + \beta_3 r^2$$

+ Pitchfork ($Re \approx 68$)

$$da_4/dt = \sigma_4 a_4 - \beta_4 a_4 a_5$$

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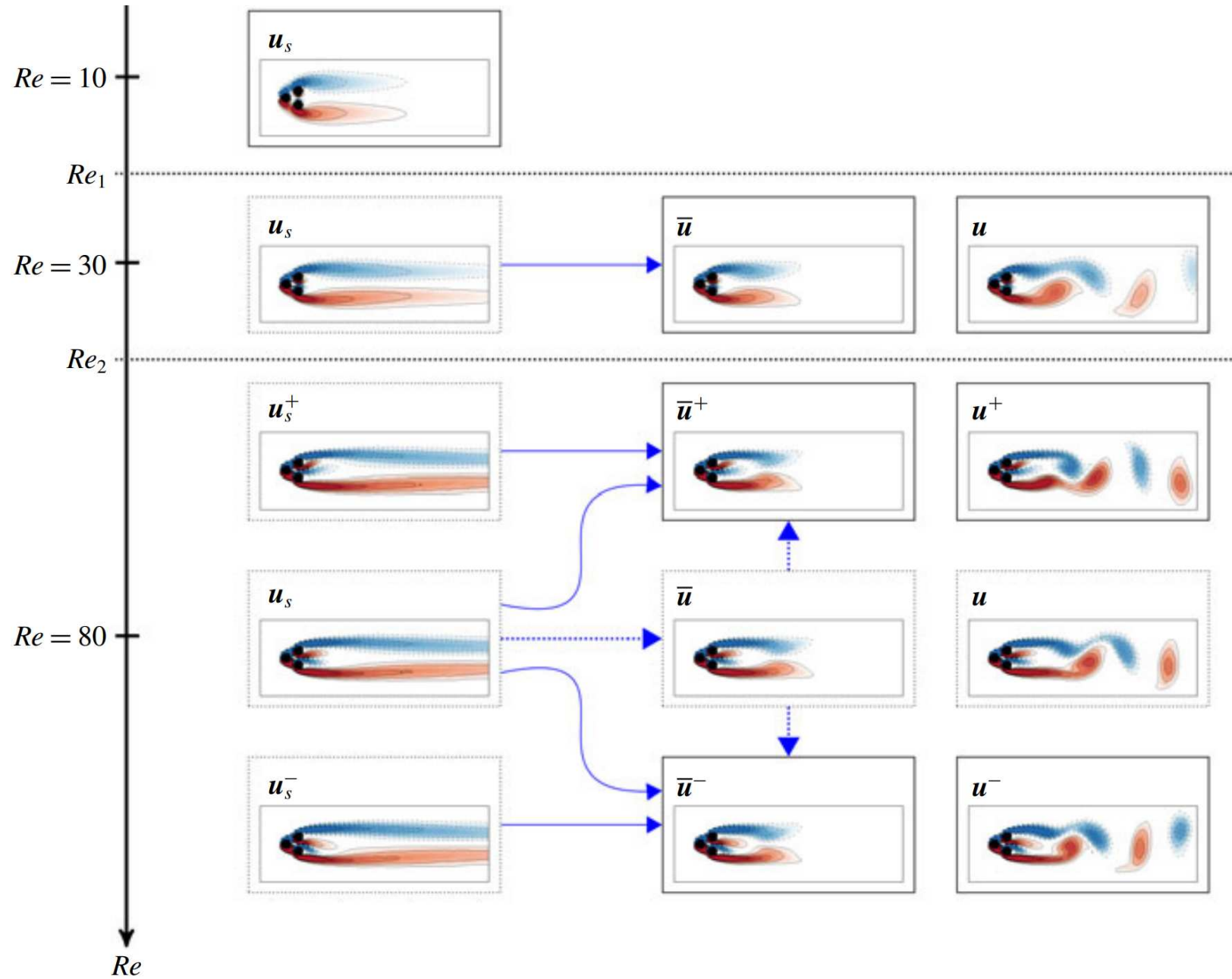
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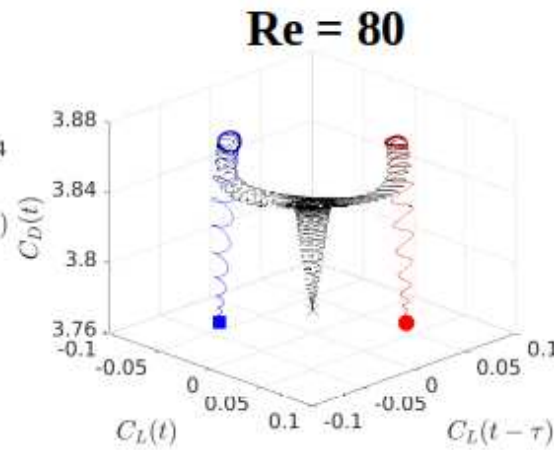
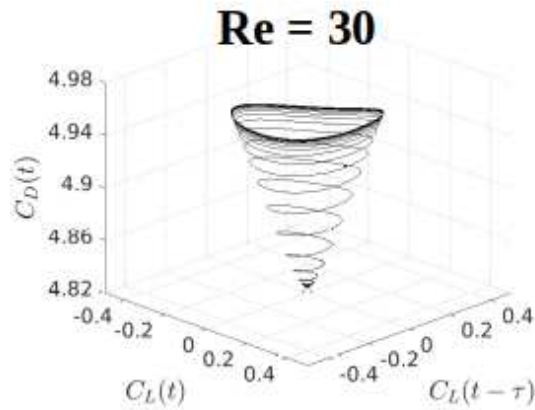
Fluidic pinball—Successive bifurcations

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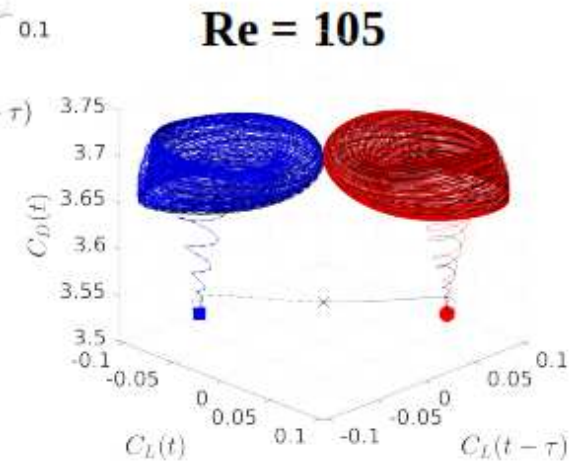
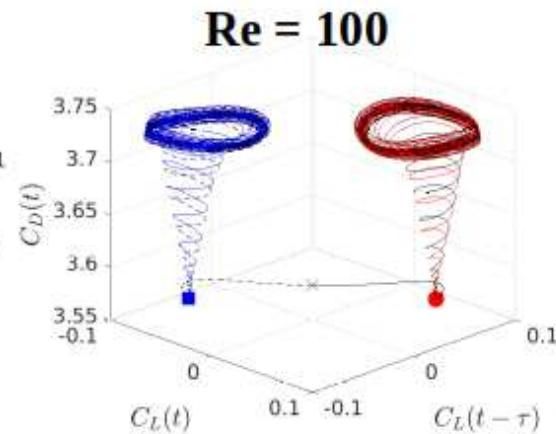
Fluidic pinball—Phase portraits

≡ *Deng, Noack, Morzyński & Pastur 2020 JFM*



The drag and lift coefficients:

$$C_D(t) = \frac{2F_D(t)}{\rho U^2}, \quad C_L(t) = \frac{2F_L(t)}{\rho U^2}.$$



$$Re = \frac{UD}{\nu}$$

POD Galerkin method — Summary

— Holmes, Lumley, Berkooz & Rowley 2012 Cambridge —

Galerkin method

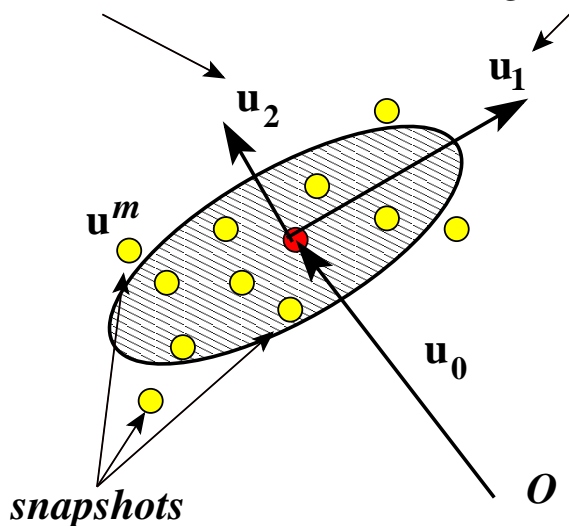
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{u} & \rightarrow & \partial_t \mathbf{u} & = & \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} & - \nabla(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) & - \nabla p \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i \mathbf{u}_i & \rightarrow & \frac{da_i}{dt} & = & \nu \sum_{j=0}^N l_{ij}^\nu a_j & + \sum_{j,k=0}^N (q_{ijk}^c + q_{ijk}^p) a_j a_k
 \end{array}$$

Galerkin approximation

(Proper orthogonal decomposition, principal axes)

*second (most energetic)
POD mode*

*first (most energetic)
POD mode*



Galerkin projection

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_\Omega := \int dV \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{u}_i, \partial_t \mathbf{u})_\Omega &= \int dV \mathbf{u}_i \cdot \partial_t \left(\sum_{j=0}^N a_j \mathbf{u}_j \right) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{da_j}{dt} \int dV \mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} a_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Fluidic pinball—Galerkin model for $Re = 80$

☰ *Deng, Noack, Morzyński & Pastur 2020 JFM*

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}, t) \approx \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_s(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{Steady solution}} + \underbrace{a_1 \mathbf{u}_1(\mathbf{r}) + a_2 \mathbf{u}_2(\mathbf{r}) + a_3 \mathbf{u}_3(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{Hopf bifurcation}} + \underbrace{a_4 \mathbf{u}_4(\mathbf{r}) + a_5 \mathbf{u}_5(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{Pitchfork bifurcation}}$$

Dynamical system with 5 d.o.f.

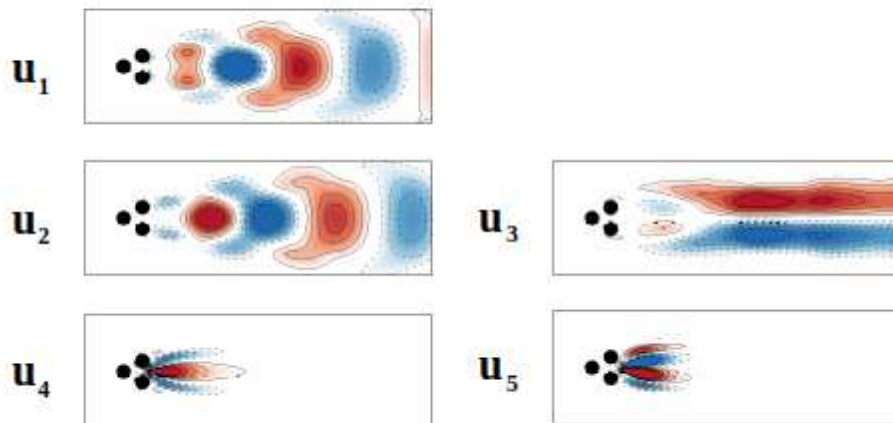
HOPF

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{a}_1 &= \sigma(a_3)a_1 - \omega(a_3)a_2, \\ \dot{a}_2 &= \sigma(a_3)a_2 + \omega(a_3)a_1, \\ \dot{a}_3 &= \sigma_3 a_3 + \beta_3(a_1^2 + a_2^2), \end{aligned}$$

PF

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{a}_4 &= \sigma_4 a_4 - \beta_4 a_4 a_5, \\ \dot{a}_5 &= \sigma_5 a_5 + \beta_5 a_4^2, \end{aligned}$$

Elementary d.o.f.



Identification of the coefficients from linear stability analysis and asymptotic dynamics.

σ_1	5.22×10^{-2}	β	1.31×10^{-2}
ω_1	5.24×10^{-1}	γ	2.95×10^{-2}
σ_3	-5.22×10^{-1}	β_3	1.53×10^{-1}
σ_4	2.72×10^{-2}	β_4	2.45×10^{-1}
σ_5	-2.72×10^{-1}	β_5	2.14×10^{-1}

— DNS - - - Low-order model

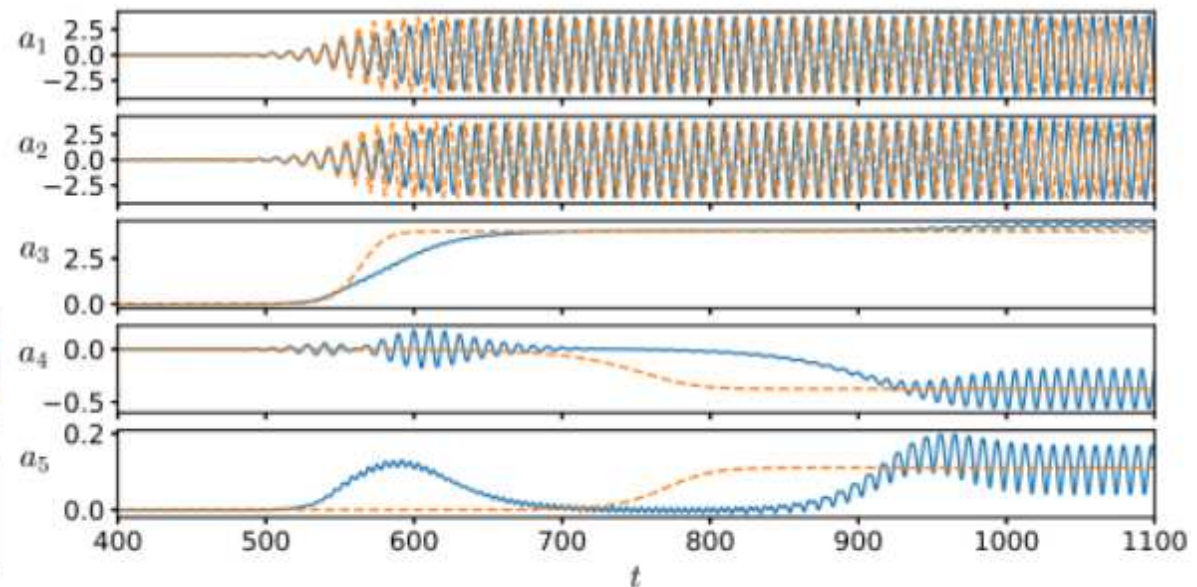


Figure : Comparison of DNS with R.O.M.

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Dynamical system with 5 d.o.f. :

Hopf	$\begin{aligned} \dot{a}_1 &= \sigma(a_3)a_1 - \omega(a_3)a_2, \\ \dot{a}_2 &= \sigma(a_3)a_2 + \omega(a_3)a_1, \\ \dot{a}_3 &= \sigma_3 a_3 + \beta_3(a_1^2 + a_2^2), \end{aligned}$	Cross terms
PF	$\begin{aligned} \dot{a}_4 &= \sigma_4 a_4 - \beta_4 a_4 a_5, \\ \dot{a}_5 &= \sigma_5 a_5 + \beta_5 a_4^2, \end{aligned}$	

- Identify the coefficients from the L.S.A. and asymptotic dynamics.
- Identify the cross terms.
[SINDy algorithm (☰ Brunton et al, 2016)]

Elementary d.o.f. :

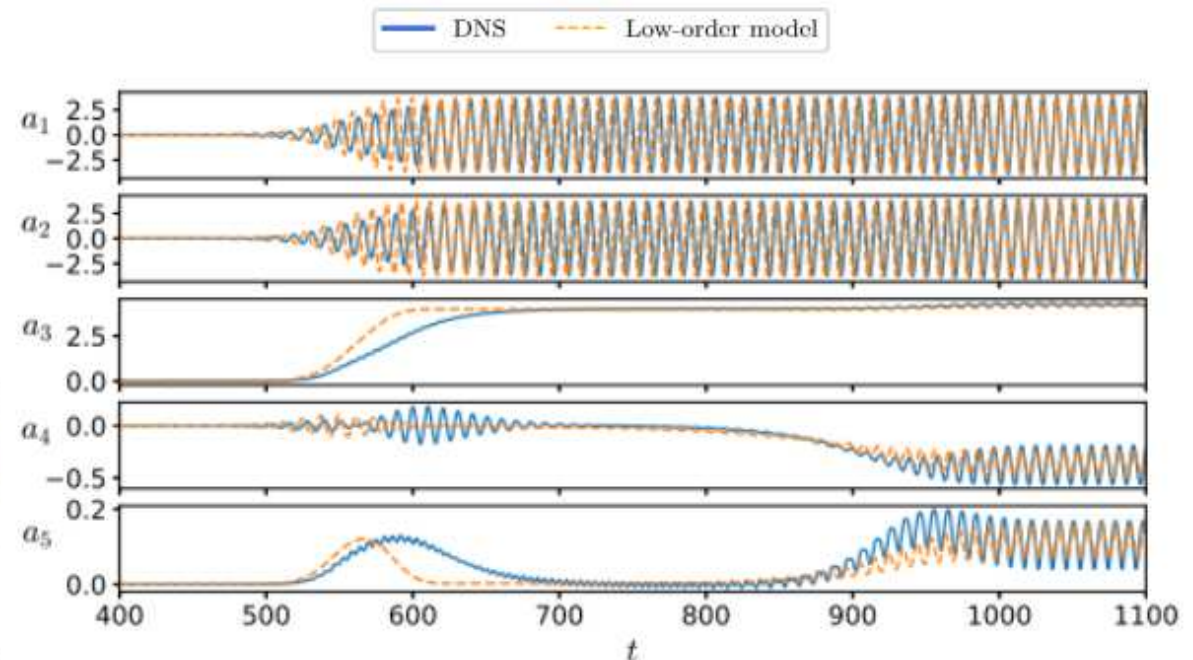
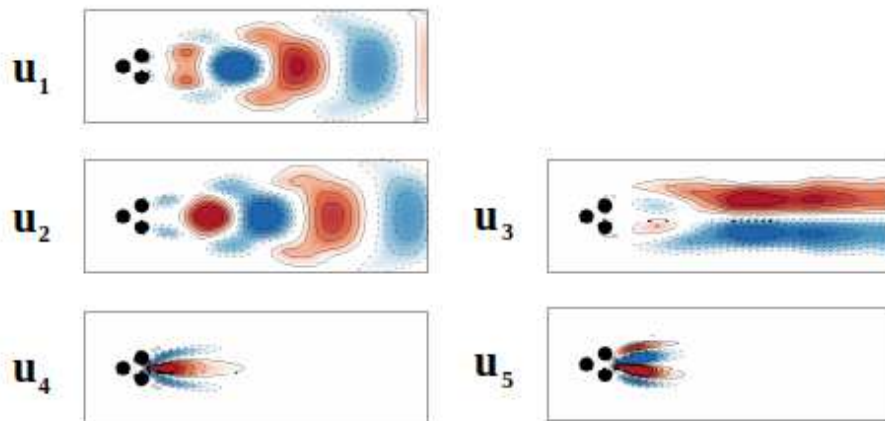
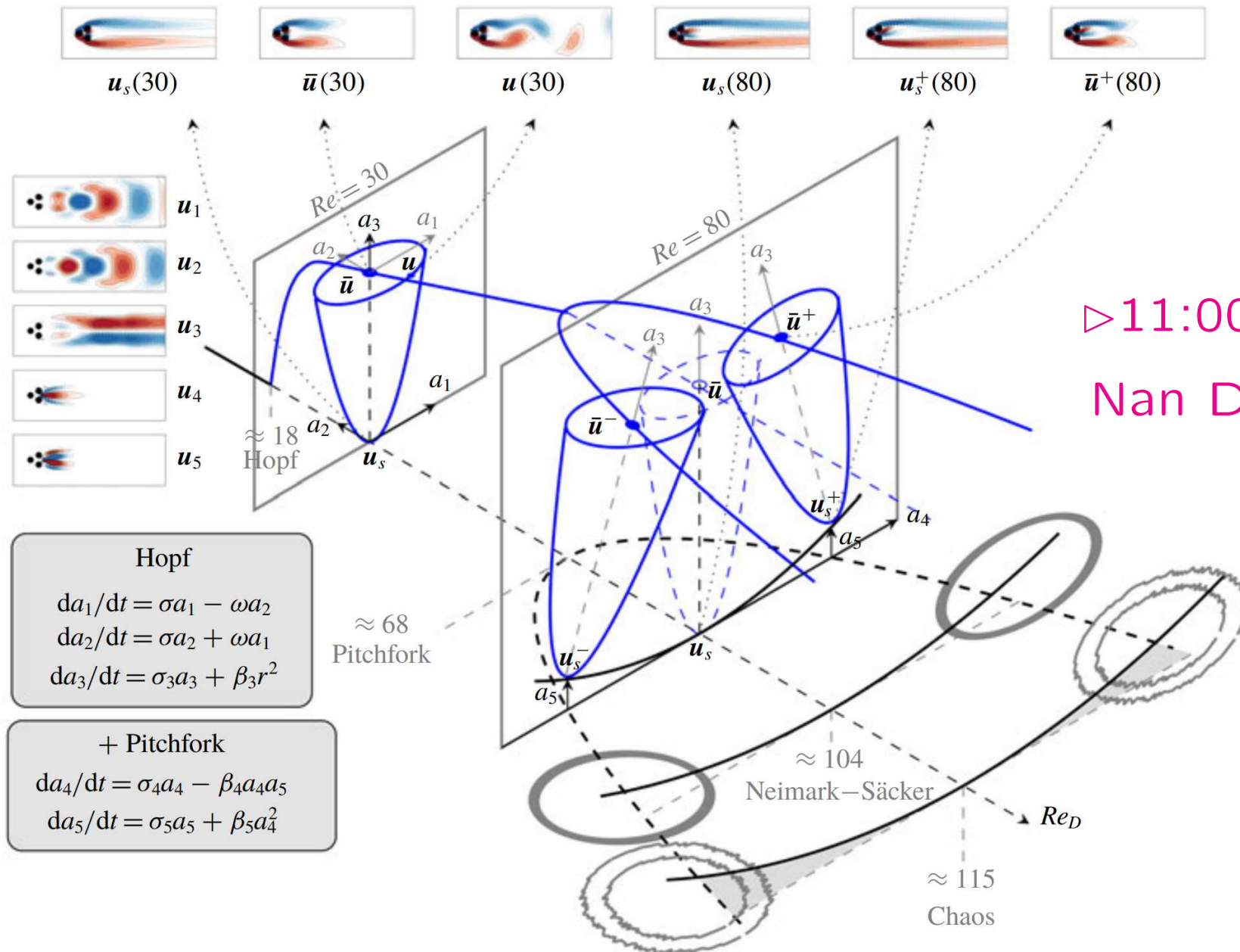


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Fluidic pinball—Galerkin model bifurcations

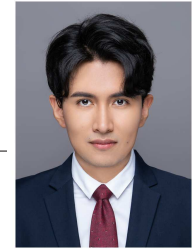
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▷ 11:00 talk
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Fluidic pinball—A control benchmark

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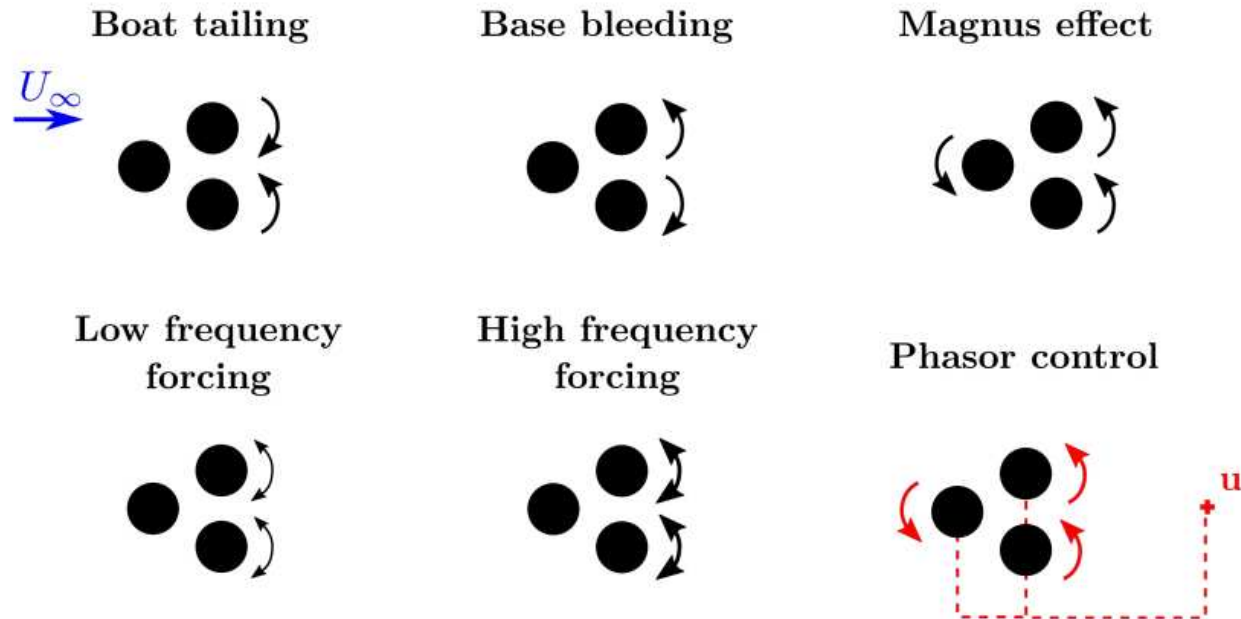


Fluidic pinball community:

$$\text{Reynolds number } Re = \frac{U_\infty D}{\nu} = 100$$



- **Model predictive control** by Steve Brunton (University of Washington)
- **Deep reinforcement learning control** by Jean Rabault (University of Oslo) and Thibaut Guégan & Laurent Cordier (Pprime Institute) and
- **Experiments** in the University of Calgary lead by Robert Martinuzzi and LISN/CNRS lead by François Lusseyran
- **Myriad of regimes** (Chen *et al.*, 2020 JFM)



Stablization of the fluidic pinball at $Re = 100$

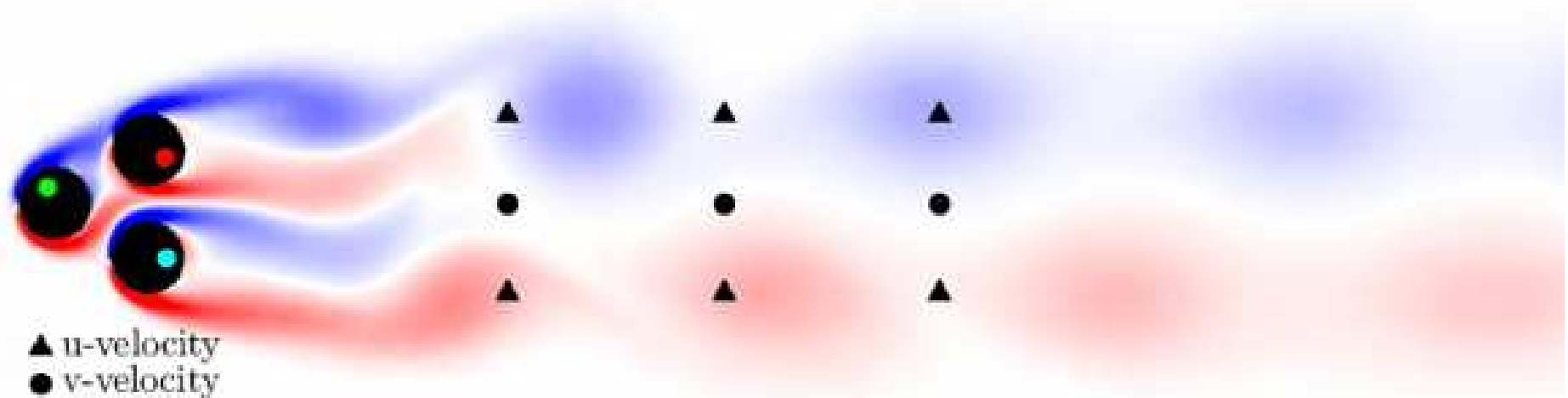
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Plant: 3 rotating cylinders \mathbf{b} + 9 sensors \mathbf{s}

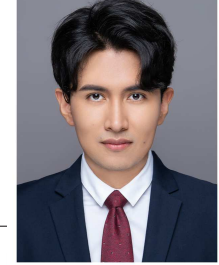
Control law: $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{a})$, $\mathbf{a}(t) = [s(t), s(t - \tau), \dots, s(t - 3\tau)]$

Cost function: $J_a = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \mathbf{u}_s(\mathbf{x})\|^2}$

Actuation penalty: $J_b =$ power to rotate the cylinders



Stabilizing the fluidic pinball



☰ G. Cornejo Maceda, Y. Li, F. Lusseyran, M. Morzyński & B.R. Noack 2021 JFM

Distance to the symmetric steady solution

$$J_a = \frac{1}{T_{ev}} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T_{ev}} \|\mathbf{u}_b(t) - \mathbf{u}_s\|_{\Omega}^2 dt \quad J_a/J_0 \downarrow \mathbf{72\%}$$

Actuation power

$$J_b = \mathbf{0.12}$$

$$J_b(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{T_{ev}} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T_{ev}} \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{P}_{act,i} dt$$

Optimization problem

$$\mathbf{K} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{K} \in \mathcal{K}} J_a(\mathbf{K})$$

Parametric study

$$\begin{cases} b_{front} = 0 \\ b_{bottom} = -b_{top} = \mathbf{-0.375} \end{cases}$$

$$J_a/J_0 \downarrow \mathbf{49\%}$$

$$J_b = \mathbf{0.03}$$

General steady actuation

$$\begin{cases} b_{front} = b_1 \\ b_{bottom} = b_2 \\ b_{top} = b_3 \end{cases}$$

Symmetric steady actuation

$$\begin{cases} b_{front} = 0 \\ b_{bottom} = -b_{top} = b \end{cases}$$

Feedback control law

Explorative gradient method

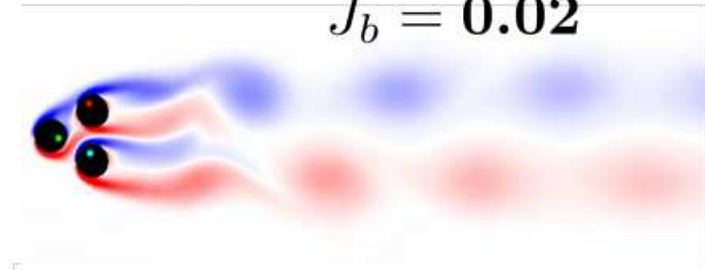
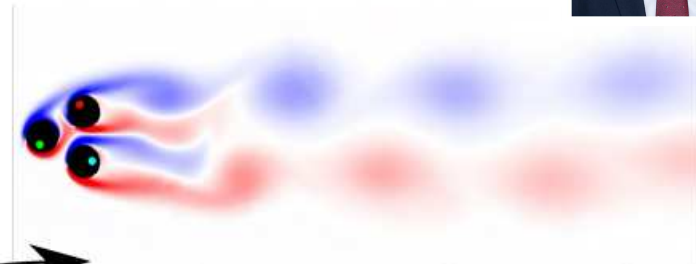
Y. Li 2021 JFM *submitted*

$$\begin{cases} b_{front} = \mathbf{1.11} \\ b_{bottom} = \mathbf{-0.20} \\ b_{top} = \mathbf{-0.16} \end{cases}$$

gradient-enriched machine learning control

$$J_a/J_0 \downarrow \mathbf{80\%}$$

$$J_b = \mathbf{0.02}$$



Optimal stabilization = asymm. boat tailing actuation + phasor control

Learning time: ~ 500 simulations. ▶ Talk of Guy CORNEJO MACEDA

Overview

1. An eldorado of engineering applications

..... *The need for closed-loop turbulence control*

2. Machine learning control

..... *Complex MIMO laws in ~1h wind-tunnel test*

3. Cluster-based control

..... *Simple feedback laws in few dozen simulations*

4. Tool development with fluidic pinball

..... *A new benchmark for modeling + control*

5. Summary and outlook of turbulence control

..... *Paradigm change by machine learning*

Conclusions

☰ *Brunton+ 2015 AMR; Duriez+ 2016 Springer; Brunton+ 2020 ARFM*

■ Machine learning control \mapsto Car+

Complex MIMO feedback \sim 1 hour wind-tunnel time

■ Cluster-based control \mapsto Airfoil+

Simple full-state feedback \sim few dozen simulations

■ Smart skin drag reduction \mapsto customizable control

Distributed actuation + sensing \mapsto Next big opportunity

■ Fluidic pinball = modeling + control benchmark

Rich unforced dynamics, many actuation mechanisms

▷ Talks of Anne, Guy, Nan and Songqi 11:00–12:00

Books and reviews

Machine Learning for Fluid Mechanics

Annual Review of Fluid Mechanics

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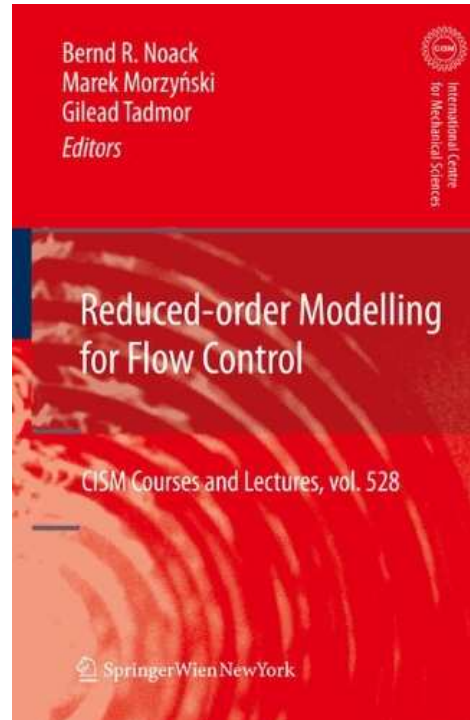
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