



Lagrangian Coherent Structures in an Idealized Model of a 3D, Time-Dependent Eddy

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Chaotic Advection

Aref and Pomphrey, 1982: Chaotic trajectories in simple (and regular) 2D flow.



Hassan Aref (1950-2011)





From Ledwell, McGillicuddy and Anderson DSR-II (2008)



Langmuir turbulence





Alboran Gyre (Jay Brett's thesis work)

hurricanes

Velocity Fields

1) Navier-Stokes integration (Nek5000 model)

2) Kinematic (3D velocity: non-divergent but no dynamics)

$$u = -bx(1-2z)\frac{R-r}{3} - ay(c+z^{2}) + \varepsilon \left[y(y-y_{o}+\gamma\cos(\sigma t) - \frac{R^{2}-r^{2}}{2} \right] (1-\beta z)$$
$$v = -by(1-2z)\frac{R-r}{3} + ax(c+z^{2}) - \varepsilon [y-y_{o}+\gamma\cos(\sigma t)] (1-\beta z)$$
$$w = bz(1-z) \left[\frac{2R}{3} - r \right]$$



















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E= 1, Ro=1 (Re=1)



E=1/4, Ro=1 (Re= 4)



E=1/8, Ro=1 (Re= 8)



(f)

Fig. 10a-f



(k)





New work: resonant layers in time-dependent, 3D flow.





resonance condition: $n\Omega_{\phi} + m\Omega_{\theta} - \bar{l} \cdot \bar{\sigma} = 0$

Weakly nonlinear theory for resonant tori leads to integral of motion:































Laboratory observations (Fountain et al. 2000)



What about background turbulence?

see Jay Brett thesis work

eddy diffusivity =
$$\frac{K_o}{1 + k^2 \gamma^{-2} [c_w - U(z)]^2}$$
 Ferrari and Nikurashin (2010)
in our 'eddy' =
$$\frac{K_o}{1 + \gamma^{-2} [\vec{l} \cdot \vec{\sigma} - n\Omega_\phi + m\Omega_\theta]^2}$$

Challenges

- How does one observe Lagrangian barriers in 3D+1?
- How to parameterize stirring/mixing due to chaotic motion in 3D+1?
- Establish extent to which LCS are relevant in in turbulent flow fields?

2014 Boston Museum of Science Exhibit w. artist Anastasia Azure



"Beauty will save the world." -Dostoyevsky

