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Vortex Motion and Soliton

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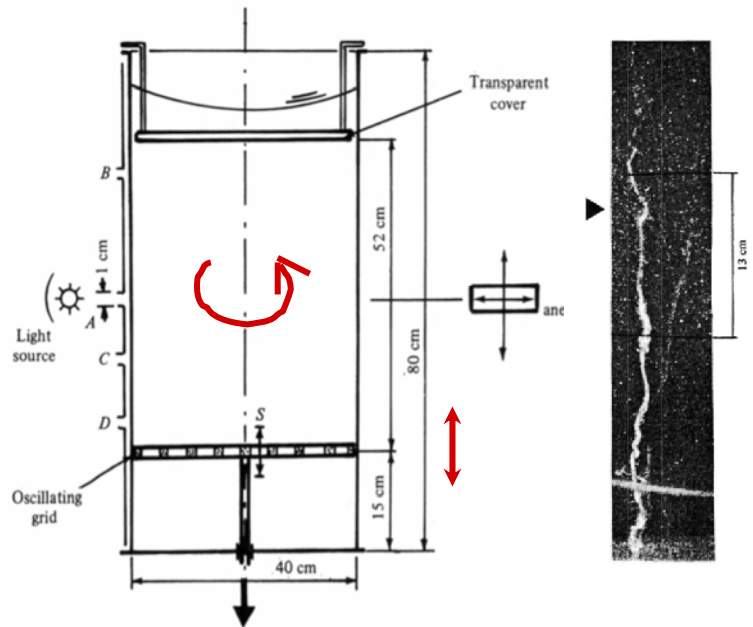
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Vortex Soliton



Experiment

Turbulence and waves in a rotating tank
Hopfinger, E.J., Browand, F. & Gagne, Y.
J. Fluid Mech. (1982) **125**, pp 505-534.

Theory

A soliton on a vortex filament

Hasimoto, H.

J.Fluid Mech. (1972) **51**, pp 477-485.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial t} = G \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{X}}{\partial s^2}$$

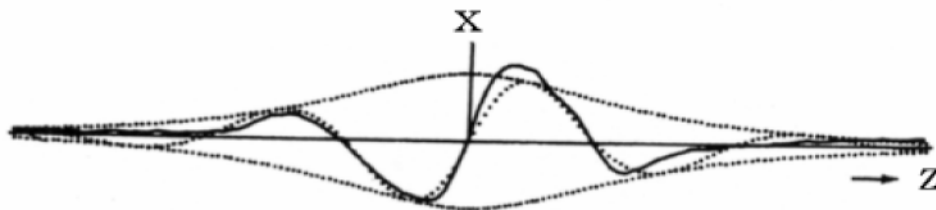
$\mathbf{X} = (X_f, Y_f, Z_f)$

s : arc length

G : self - induction

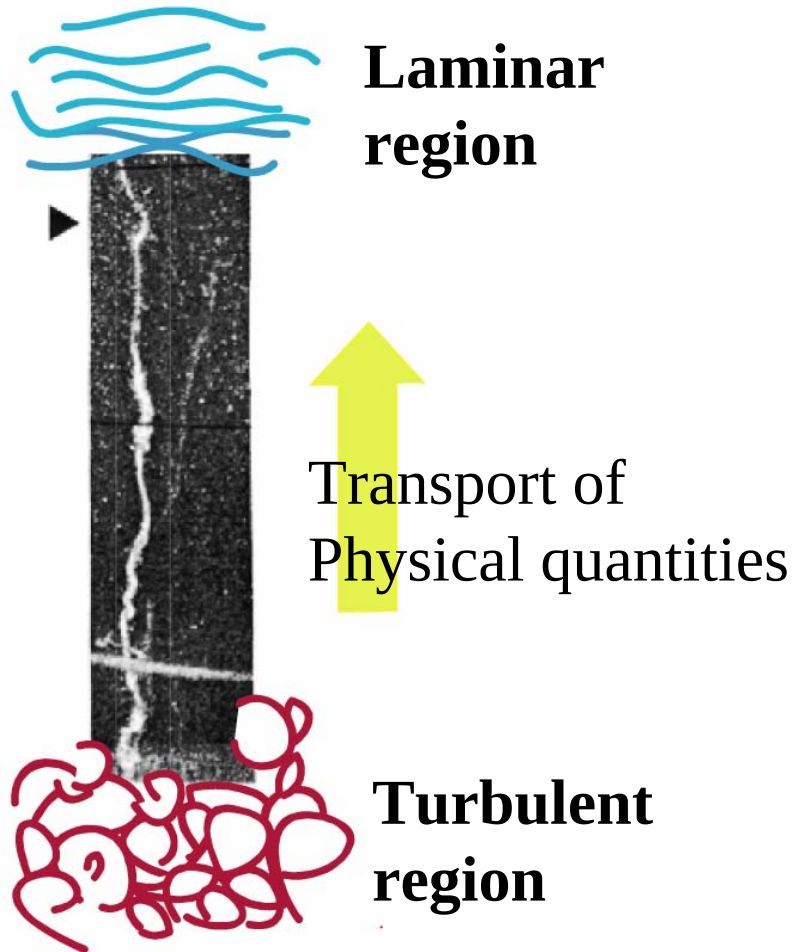


$$\begin{aligned} X_f(s,t) &= \frac{2\mu}{v} \operatorname{sech} [\nu(s - 2\tau Gt)] \cos [\tau(s - 2\tau Gt) + (\nu^2 + \tau^2)Gt] \\ Y_f(s,t) &= \frac{2\mu}{v} \operatorname{sech} [\nu(s - 2\tau Gt)] \sin [\tau(s - 2\tau Gt) + (\nu^2 + \tau^2)Gt] \\ Z_f(s,t) &= S - \frac{2\mu}{v} \tanh [\nu(s - 2\tau Gt)] \end{aligned}$$



— experiment
- - - theory

Transport by a vortex soliton



..... The nonlinear waves transport mass, momentum and energy from the vigorously turbulent region near the grid to the rotation-dominated flow above.

(excerpt from the abstract of the J.F.M paper by Hopfinger, Browand & Gagne.)

Transport properties of waves on a vortex filament

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Physica D (1989) **37**, 485-489

Impulse & angular momentum

Hasimoto vortex soliton

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial t} = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{L}{\varepsilon}\right) \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{X}}{\partial s^2} \right) \quad (\text{Localized Induction Equation})$$

G : self-induction constant

—————> Determines the time scale



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Three parameters: (ν, τ) Shape of the vortex soliton

G Strength of the vortex soliton

linear and angular impulse

linear impulse

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathbf{X}(s,t) \times \vec{\omega} \, dV = \frac{\Gamma}{2} \int \mathbf{X}(s,t) \times \mathbf{t}(s,t) \, dV$$

position vec. vorticity ($\vec{\omega} = \Gamma \mathbf{t}$) tangential vec.

angular impulse

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{3} \int \mathbf{X} \times (\mathbf{X} \times \vec{\omega}) \, dV = \frac{\Gamma}{3} \int \mathbf{X} \times (\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{t}) \, dV$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4\Gamma\sigma\nu\tau_0/(\nu^2 + \tau_0^2)^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -8\Gamma\sigma\nu\tau_0^2/3(\nu^2 + \tau_0^2)^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

They are localized around the kink part ! $\longrightarrow$ transported

Sound emitted by a vortex soliton

(Lighthill's theory on vortex sound)

$$p = \frac{M^2 x_i x_j}{4\pi r^3} \frac{d^2 Q_{ij}}{dt^2}(t - Mr)$$

Sound pressure in the far field

Where $Q_{ij} = \frac{1}{3} \int X_i \times (\mathbf{X} \times \vec{\omega})_j dV$

$$p \propto \frac{1}{r} \operatorname{sech} \frac{\pi \tau_0}{2\nu} \sin 2\theta \sin(\omega t^* - \phi) + \frac{4}{r} \operatorname{cosech} \frac{\pi \tau_0}{\nu} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2(\omega t^* - \phi)$$

Two types of rotating quadrupole

Size estimate for the mass transport

$$\frac{|\mathbf{M}|}{|\mathbf{P}|} \approx \frac{\tau_0}{(\nu^2 + \tau_0^2)} \approx \frac{1}{\tau_0} \quad (\tau_0 \gg \nu)$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{\nu} \quad (\tau_0 \sim \nu)$$

For more precise structure and size, we needed to investigate the flow field around a vortex soliton

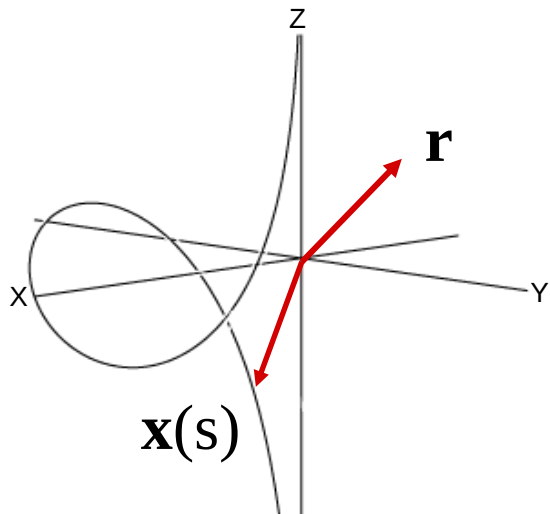
Dynamical system for the particle motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{x}'(s) \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}(s))}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}(s)|^3} ds}_{\text{Biot-Savart integral}} + \underbrace{\omega \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{rotation}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2\tau G \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{translation}}$$

Moving frame (translation+rotation) in which the soliton is stationary

cf. A vortex filament moving without change of form

S. Kida, J.Fluid Mech. (1981) **112**, pp397-409



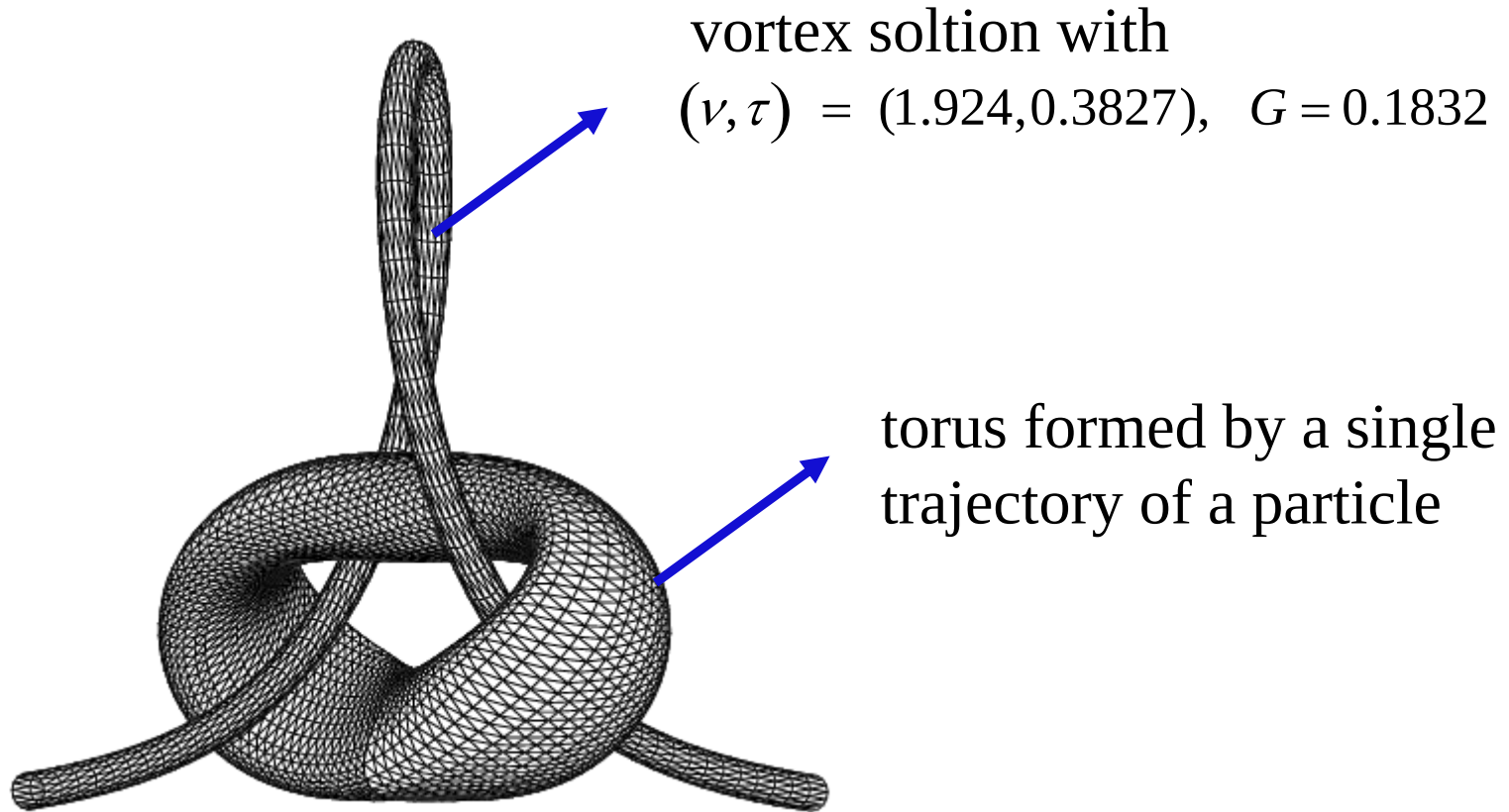
$$\omega = \left(v^2 + \tau^2 \right) G$$

angular velocity

$\kappa = 2v \operatorname{sech}(\nu s)$: curvature

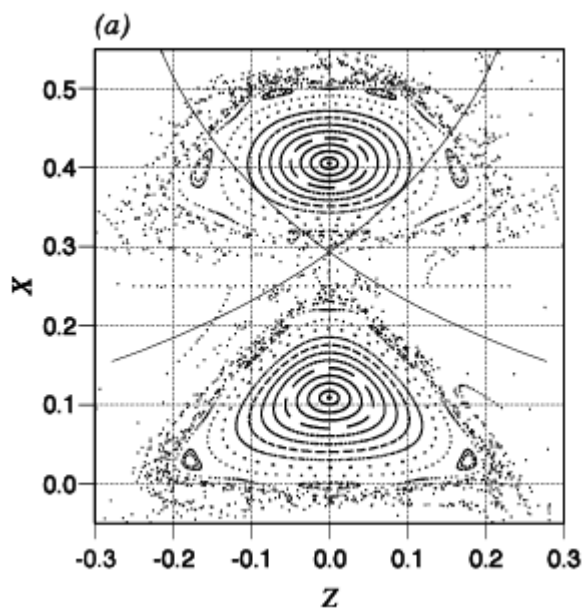
τ : torsion

Vortex soliton and torus

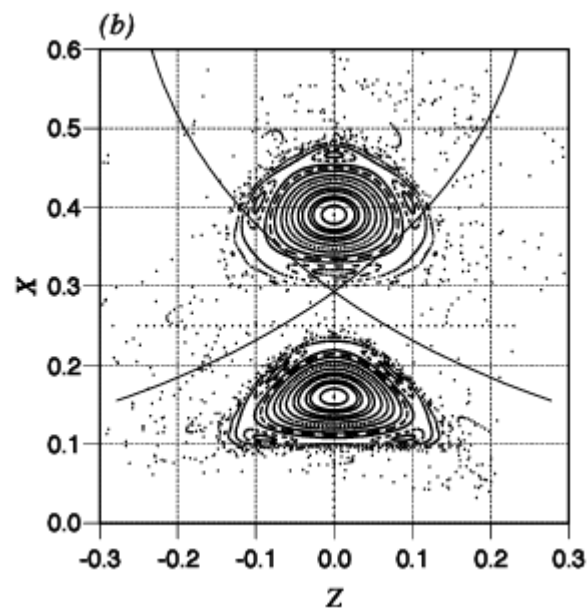


Poincaré sections (intersection of the torus)

$$(\nu, \tau) = (1.924, 0.3827)$$

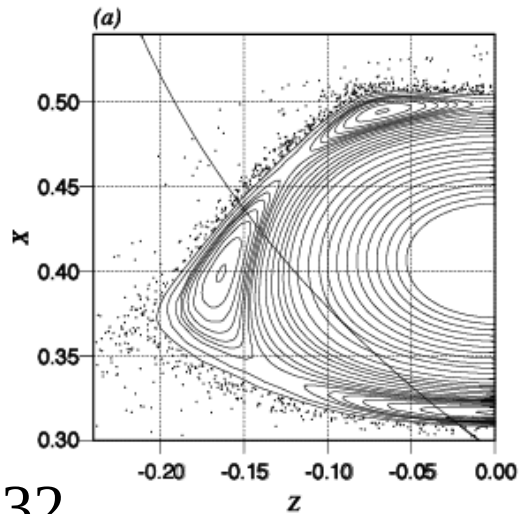


$$G = 0.1832$$

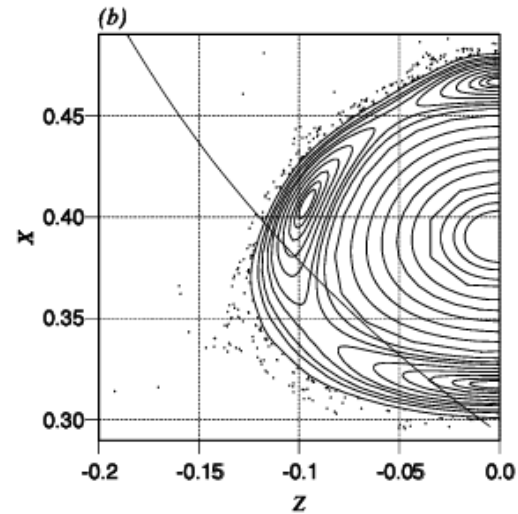


$$G = 0.3113$$

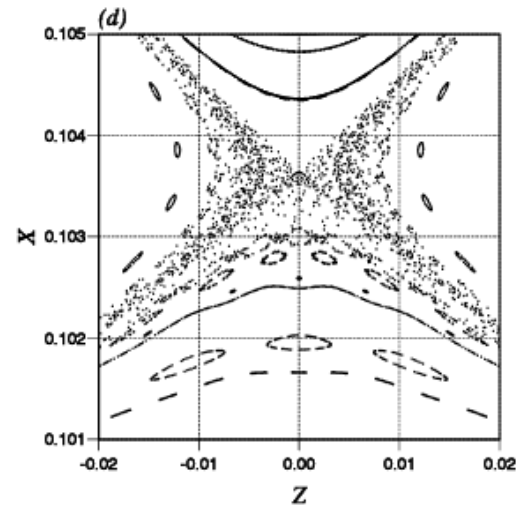
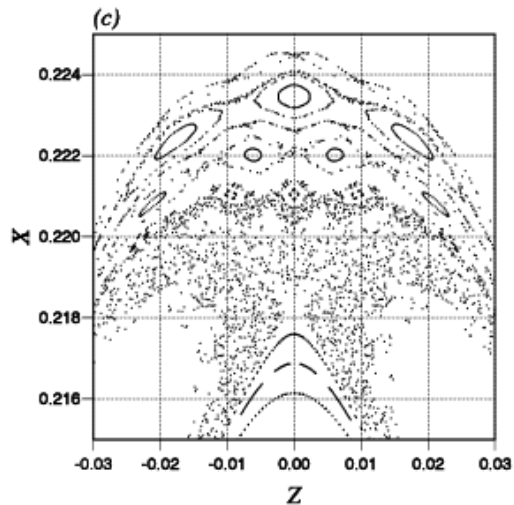
Poincaré sections (magnified view)



G=0.1832

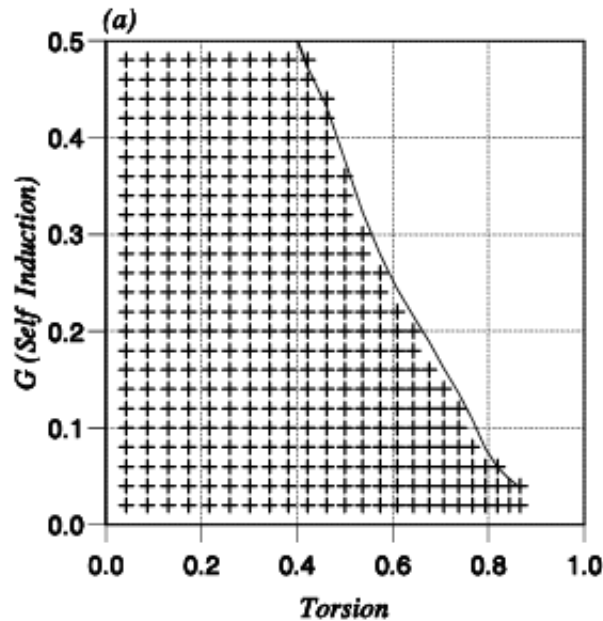


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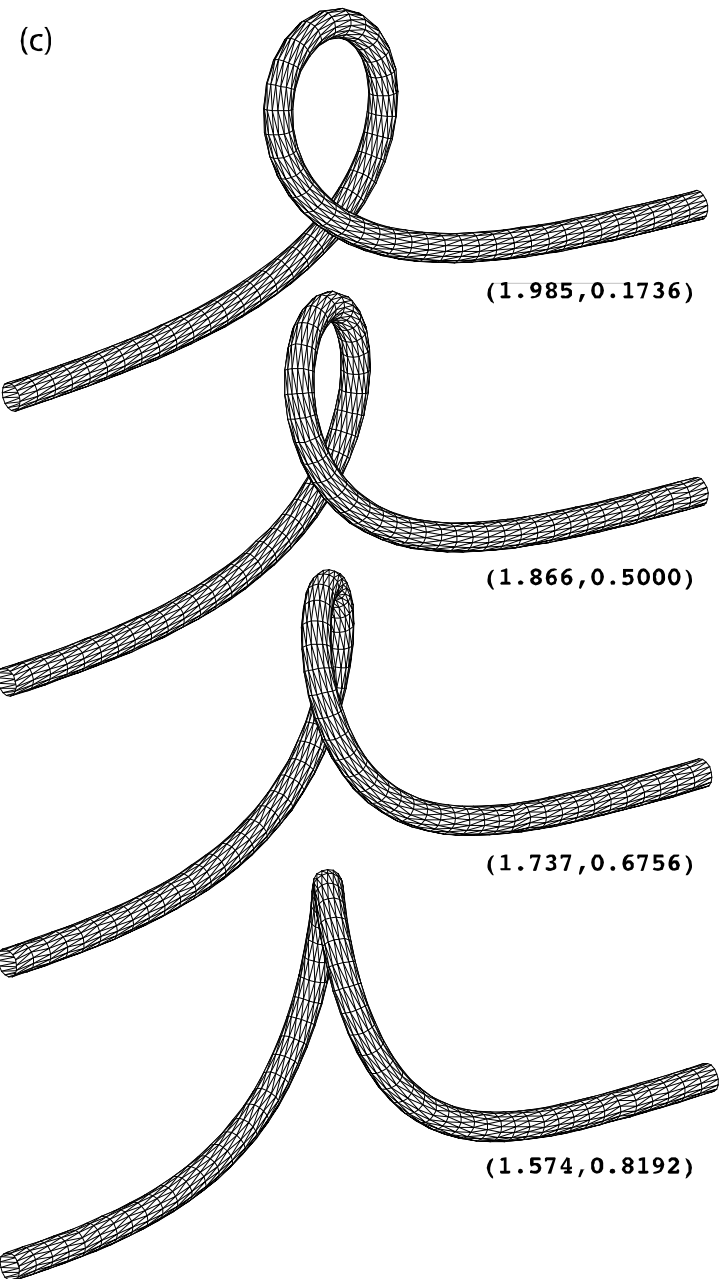
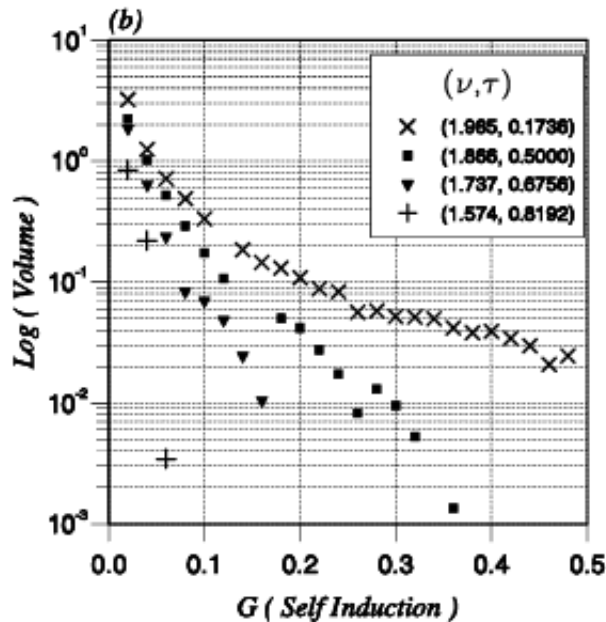


Volume of the torus

Parameters
for which
a torus is
observed



Volume of
the torus for
various
parameters



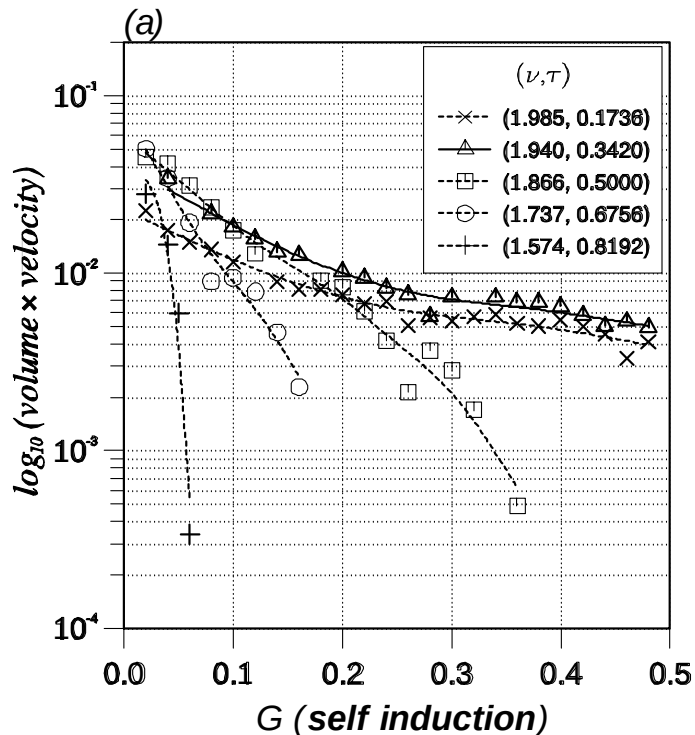
Optimized Shape for the Maximum Transport

Planar soliton carries large volume but its speed is slow

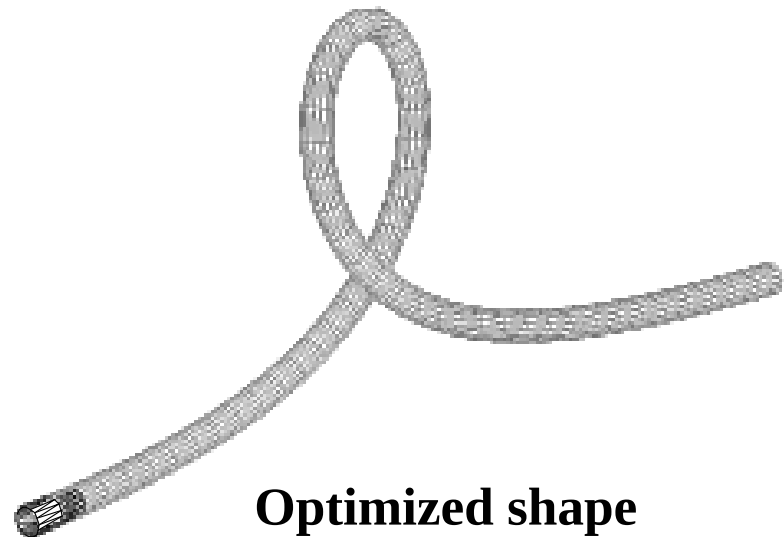
→ There is an optimized shape for the maximum rate of transport



volume × velocity



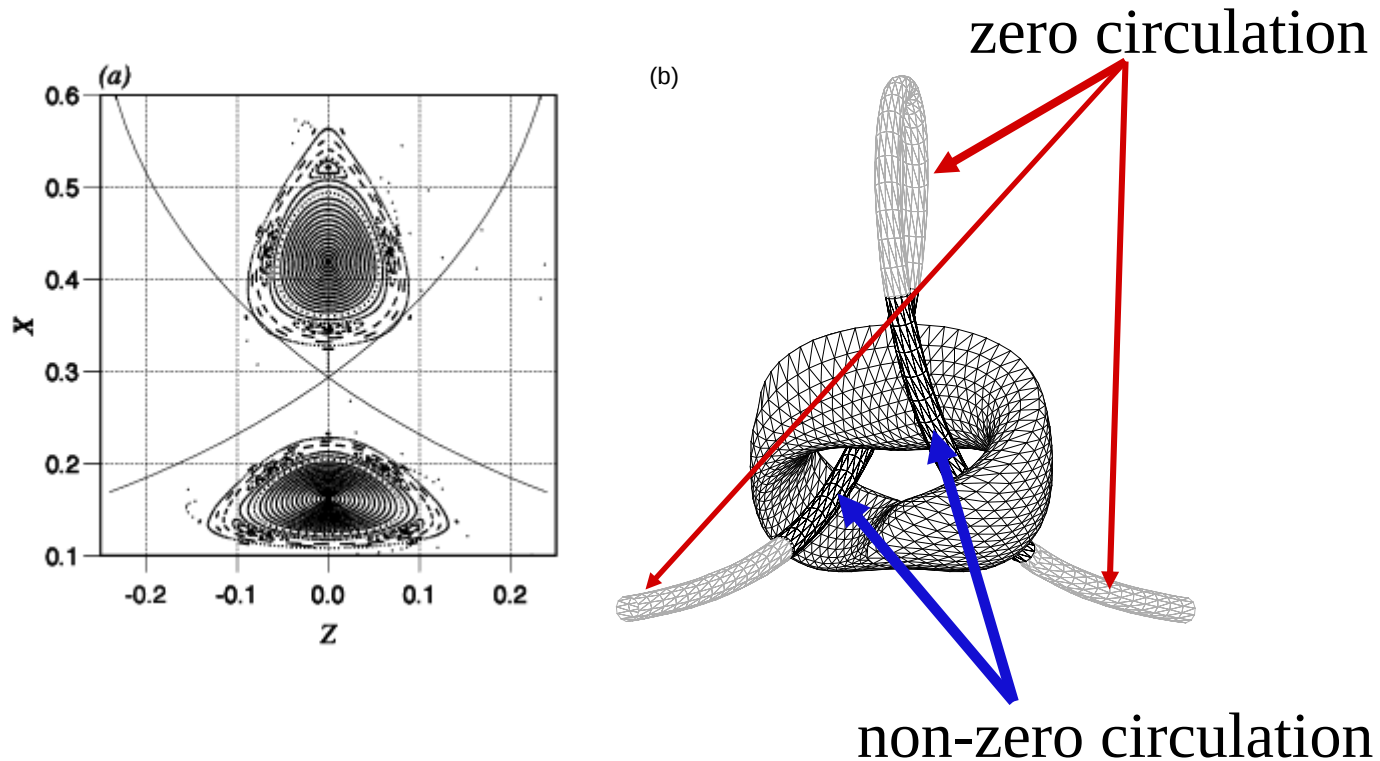
(b)



Optimized shape

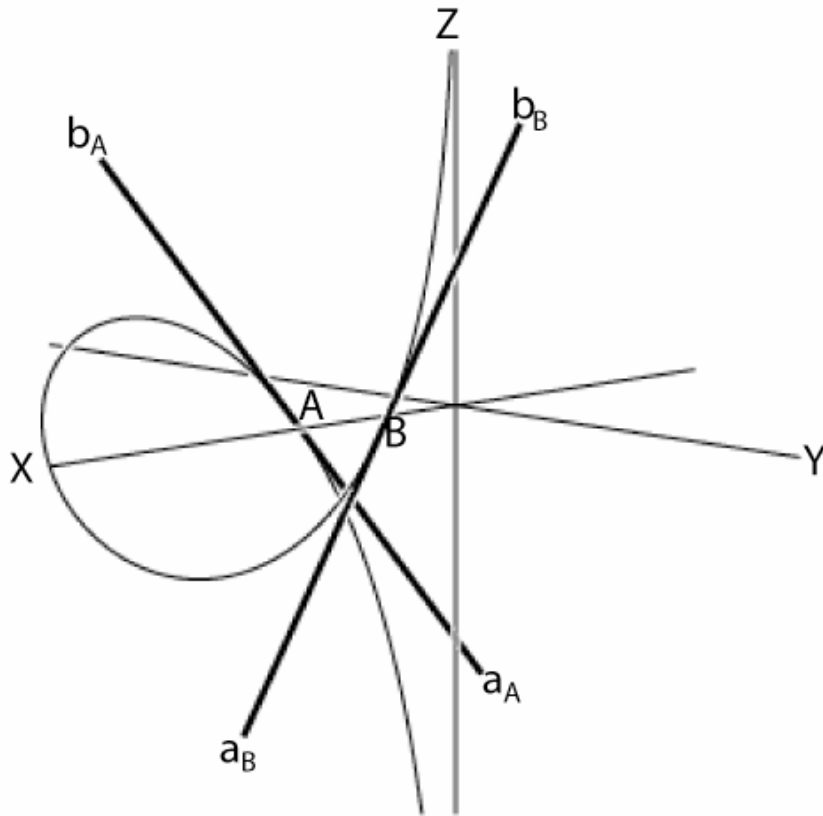
$(v = 1.940, \tau = 0.3420)$

Essential mechanism for producing torus



A truncated vortex soliton still produces a torus and islands !

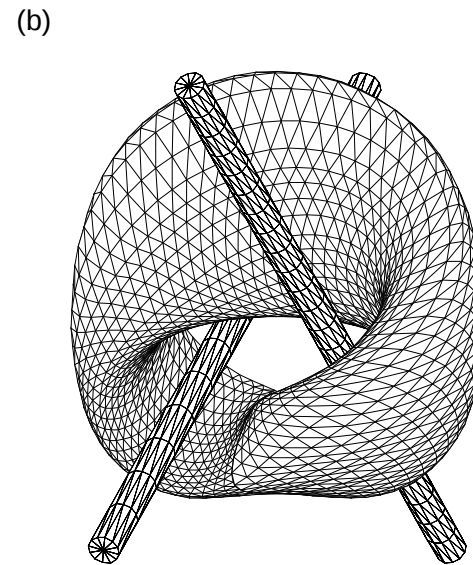
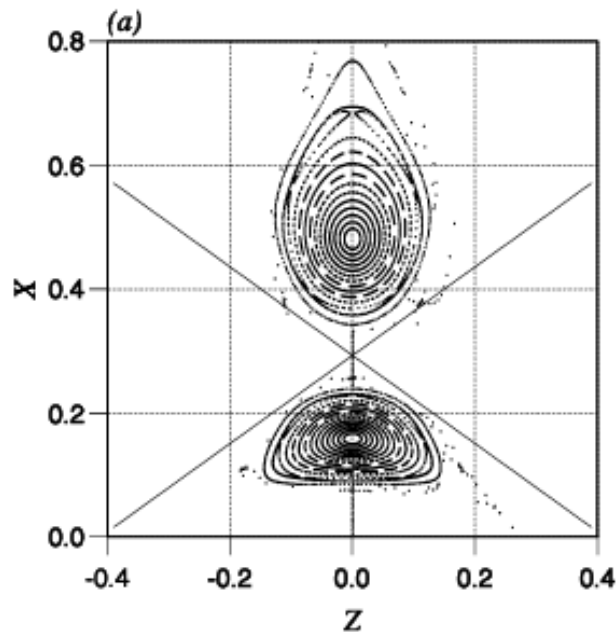
Chopsticks model



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = & \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{t}_A \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_A)|^2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \phi \sin \theta z - \cos \theta (y + y_0) \\ \cos \theta (x - x_0) - \cos \phi \sin \theta z \\ \cos \phi \sin \theta (y + y_0) - \sin \phi \sin \theta (x - x_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ & + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{t}_B \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_B)|^2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \phi \sin \theta z - \cos \theta (y - y_0) \\ \cos \theta (x - x_0) + \cos \phi \sin \theta z \\ -\cos \phi \sin \theta (y - y_0) - \sin \phi \sin \theta (x - x_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ & + (\nu^2 + \tau^2) G \begin{pmatrix} y \\ -x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2\tau G \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

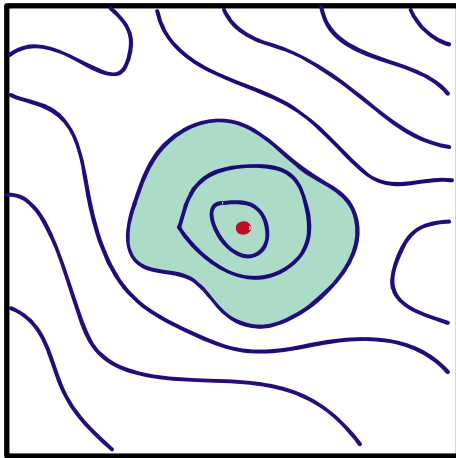
Replacing the vortex soliton with two straight vortex sticks tangent to the vortex soliton

Chopsticks model (3D view and Poincaré section)

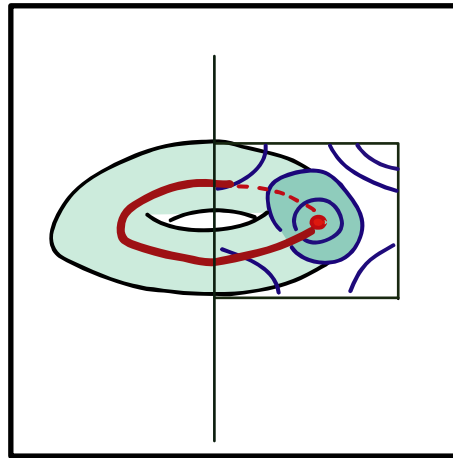


Chopsticks still produce a torus and the hyperbolic structure !

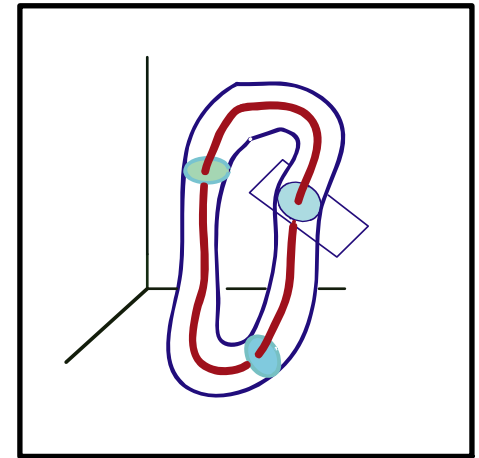
Closedness of streamlines in steady~slowly varying flows



2D



axisymmetric



3D



fixed point



periodic orbit



Poincare-Hopf theorem
(or index-theorem)



No systematic method
to detect one

Conclusions

- ◆ A vortex soliton can carry fluid particles inside a domain with a finite volume that makes a knot with the loop of the vortex soliton for a wide range of the parameter values.
- ◆ The configuration of two vortex sticks in 3D space seems to be the essential for producing the torus.

Open problems

- ◆ Stability of a vortex soliton.
- ◆ Effect of diffusion on the particle motion and the torus.
- ◆ Integrability and the torus structure of the chopsticks model.
- ◆ Similarity between the electromagnetic problem.

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