# Linear control of 3D disturbances on a flat-plate



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### Transition control

• Sensitive dynamics  $\rightarrow$  response depends on initial conditions



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 Reduce sensitivity to external disturbances → transition delay

# Transition control

- No exact knowledge of disturbances  $\rightarrow$  Feedback control
  - Inputs: disturbances & actuators
  - Outputs: sensors for estimation & performance



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- Closed-loop: Connect sensor to actuator using the reduced controller
  Run small controller online and evaluate closed-loop perfomance

## Inputs & Outputs

- Inputs: Optimal disturbances giving largest growth at time T (Ref: Monokrousos et. Al. (IUTAM 09, P30))
  - Short time: Lift-up mechanism  $\rightarrow$  streaky structures



- Long time: Orr mechanism/TS wavepacket  $\rightarrow$  2D wavepacket



Negative u-vel

Outputs: leading POD modes → most of energetic structures



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# Projection onto balanced modes

- Reduced-order model via a Galerkin (oblique) projection onto spatial modes
  - POD modes captures most energetic structures
  - Global eigenmodes captures instability dynamics
  - Balanced modes captures the input-output behavior

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- Snapshot method to compute balanced modes (Rowley, 2005)
  - 1. Collect flow field snapshots from impulse response simulation for each input
  - 2. Collect flow field snapshots from impulse response simulation of the adjoint equation for each output
  - 3. One small SVD (size: adjoint snapshots x forward snapshots)

### Balanced mode #1: TS wave

• Direct mode – wavepacket downstream



# Balanced mode #11: Streak

• Direct mode – streaky structures in u



• Adjoint mode – streamwise vortices (v,w)



• Component-wise non-normality

Positive u-velocity Negative u-velocity



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# Reduced-order model (size=50)

 Compare output signals of DNS and small model for impulsive input



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### **Reduced-order controller**

- B2/C2: actuators/sensors:
  - Localized wavepackets near the wall
  - C1: objective functions
    - A number of localized spanwise Fourier function  $\rightarrow$  defines a spatial region downstream
- Design H2/LQG controller
  - Small: 50 degrees of freedom
  - Optimal: one Riccati for estimation & one Riccati for control
  - Control penalty: I=1, degree of measurements noise:  $\alpha = 0.1$



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# Control performance

- Response to stochastic (white noise) excitation
- RMS of streamwise velocity component



### Outlook

- Design a controller that effeciently reduced disturbance growth for any disturbance
  - Design "realistic" actuators and sensors
  - Extend basis used for the objective function to span larger domain
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- Compensate the nonlinear flow
- Move to wind-tunnel:
  - Use the computed low-dimensional controller
  - Use the numerical model for parametric studies (i.e. actuator/sensor shapes and locations, control configuration etc...)