



# die Zeit ist tot now, get to work

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[ChaosBook.org/overheads/spatiotemporal](https://ChaosBook.org/overheads/spatiotemporal)  
→ Chaotic field theory slides

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## the goal

build  
a chaotic field theory  
from  
the simplest chaotic blocks

using

- time invariance
- space invariance

of the defining partial differential equations

- 1 coin toss
- 2 kicked rotor
- 3 spatiotemporal cat
- 4 **bye bye, dynamics**

## summary



spatiotemporal cat

## insight 1 : how is turbulence described?

### **not by the evolution of an initial state**

exponentially unstable system have finite (Lyapunov) time and space prediction horizons

but

### **by enumeration of admissible field configurations**

and their natural weights

## insight 2 : symbolic dynamics for turbulent flows

applies to all PDEs with  $d$  translational symmetries

a  $d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal field configuration

$$\{\phi_z\} = \{\phi_z, z \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$$

is labelled by a  $d$ -dimensional spatiotemporal block of symbols

$$\{m_z\} = \{m_z, z \in \mathbb{Z}^d\},$$

rather than a single temporal symbol sequence

(as is done when describing a small coupled few-“body” system, or a small computational domain).

## insight 3 : description of turbulence by invariant 2-tori

### 1 time, 0 space dimensions

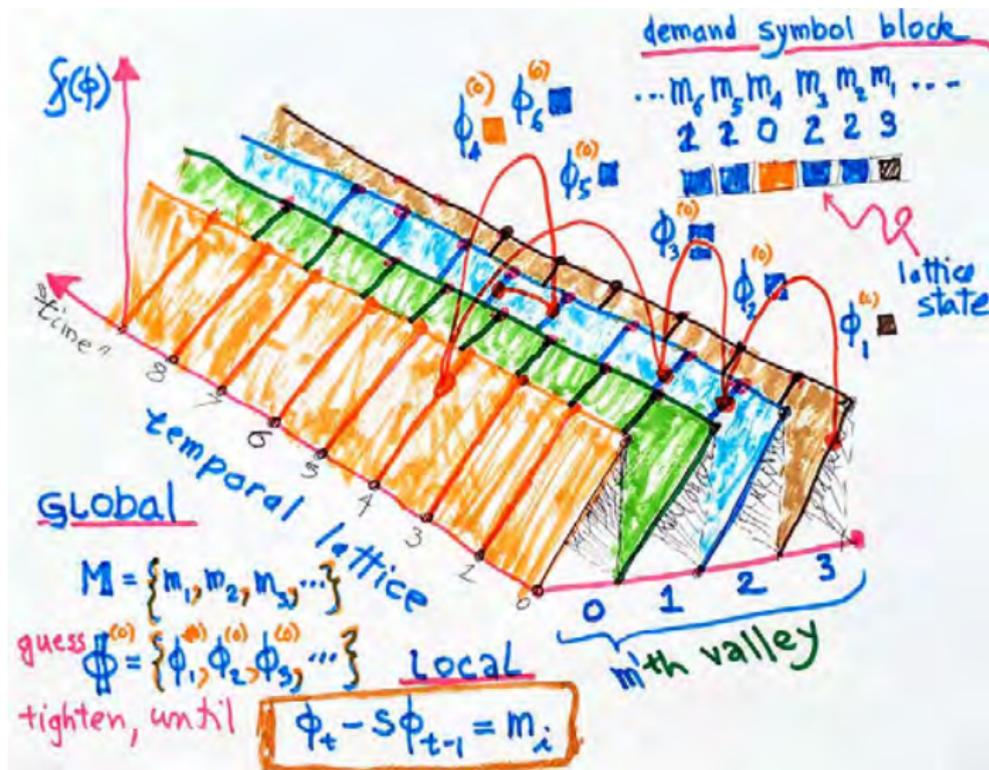
a phase space point is *periodic* if its orbit returns to itself after a finite time  $T$ ; such orbit tiles the time axis by infinitely many repeats

### 1 time, $d-1$ space dimensions

a phase space point is *spatiotemporally periodic* if it belongs to an invariant  $d$ -torus  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  
i.e., a block  $M_{\mathcal{R}}$  that tiles the lattice state  $M$ ,  
with period  $\ell_j$  in  $j$ th lattice direction

## insight 4 : can compute 'all' solutions

Bernoulliland - rough initial guesses converge



no exponential instabilities

## what we still do not understand today

- 1 solved so far only 1-dimensional spatiotemporal lattice, point group  $D_1$
- 2 should all time-reversal symmetric systems be analyzed this way ?
- 3 should all dynamical systems should be solved on reciprocal lattice ?
- 4 for 2-dimensional spatiotemporal chaotic field theory, still have to do this for square lattice point group  $D_4$
- 5 then, solve the problem of turbulence (Navier-Stokes, Yang-Mills, general relativity)

## Verbrechen des Jahrhunderts : das Ende der Zeit

die Zeit ist tot  
also, an die Arbeit!

## bye bye, dynamics

- 1 goal : describe states of turbulence in infinite spatiotemporal domains
- 2 theory : classify, enumerate all spatiotemporal tilings
- 3 example : spatiotemporal cat, the simplest model of “turbulence”

there is no more time

there is only enumeration of admissible spacetime field configurations

**crime of the century : this the end of time**

**time is dead**

now, get to work

**in future there will be no future**

goodbye

to long time and/or space integrators

they never worked and could never work

the stage is set for the quantum field theory of spatiotemporal cat, the details of which we leave to our always trustworthy friends Jon Keating and Marcos Saraceno

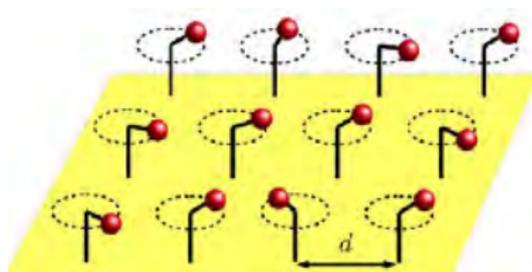
## take-home :

traditional field theory



Helmholtz

chaotic field theory



damped Poisson, Yukawa