

# Lectures 2 & 3: Examples of distributed systems

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## Diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + u(x, t) \Leftrightarrow \phi_t(x, t) = \phi_{xx}(x, t) + u(x, t)$$

$\phi(x, t)$  – temperature at position  $x$  and time  $t$

$u(x, t)$  – heat addition along the bar

- Need to specify initial and boundary conditions

★ One IC:

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$$

★ Two BCs:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Homogeneous Dirichlet:} & \phi(\pm 1, t) = 0 \\ \text{Homogeneous Neumann:} & \phi_x(\pm 1, t) = 0 \\ \text{Homogeneous Robin:} & \begin{array}{l} a \phi(-1, t) + b \phi_x(-1, t) = 0 \\ c \phi(+1, t) + d \phi_x(+1, t) = 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

- In higher spatial dimensions

$$\phi_t(x, t) = \Delta\phi(x, t) + u(x, t)$$

$$x = [x_1 \ \cdots \ x_n]^T \text{ -- vector of spatial coordinates}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} \text{ -- Laplacian } \blacksquare$$

- Boundary actuation in 1D

$$\phi_t(x, t) = \phi_{xx}(x, t) + d(x, t)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$$

$$\phi(-1, t) = u(t), \quad \phi(+1, t) = 0$$

## A finite dimensional example

- Mass-spring system

$$m \ddot{\phi}(t) + k \phi(t) = u(t)$$

$\phi(t)$  – position of a mass at time  $t$

$u(t)$  – force acting on a mass

- A state-space representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\psi}_1(t) \\ \dot{\psi}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/m \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$
$$\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\psi_1(t) = \phi(t)$  – position at time  $t$

$\psi_2(t) = \dot{\phi}(t)$  – velocity at time  $t$

## State-space (evolution) representation

$$\dot{\psi}(t) = A \psi(t) + B u(t)$$

$$\phi(t) = C \psi(t)$$

- Finite dimensional state space:  $\psi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Variations of constants formula

$$\psi(t) = e^{At} \psi(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau$$

- Can we do something similar for infinite dimensional systems?

## Linear transport equation

$$\phi_t(x, t) = -a \phi_x(x, t)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Spatial Fourier transform

$$\hat{\phi}(\kappa, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x, t) e^{-j\kappa x} dx$$

yields

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\phi}}(\kappa, t) &= -(a j\kappa) \hat{\phi}(\kappa, t) \\ \hat{\phi}(\kappa, 0) &= \hat{f}(\kappa), \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\kappa, t) = e^{-a j\kappa t} \hat{f}(\kappa)$$

- Back to physical space

$$\phi(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}(\kappa, t) e^{j\kappa x} d\kappa = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\kappa) e^{j\kappa(x - at)} d\kappa = f(x - at)$$

Solution doesn't appear to be of the form:  $e^{-a \partial_x} \times f(x)$

## Diffusion equation

$$\phi_t(x, t) = \phi_{xx}(x, t) + u(x, t)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$$

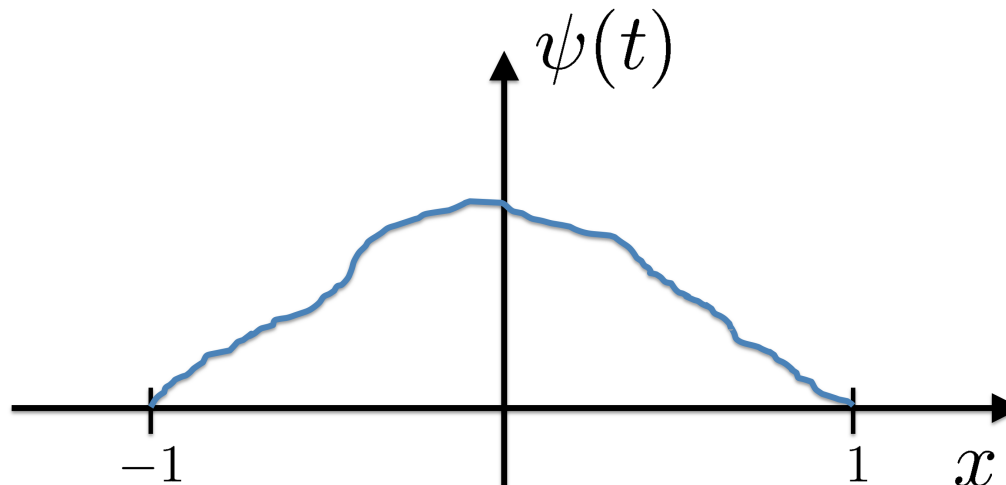
$$\phi(\pm 1, t) = 0$$

Define  $\psi(t) = \phi(\cdot, t)$  and write an **abstract evolution equation**:

$$\dot{\psi}(t) = \mathcal{A}\psi(t) + u(t)$$

$$\phi(t) = \psi(t)$$

- Infinite dimensional state-space:  $\psi(t) \in \mathbb{H}$





- A candidate for state-space

square-integrable functions:  $\mathbb{H} = L_2[-1, 1] = \left\{ f, \int_{-1}^1 f^*(x) f(x) dx < \infty \right\}$

- $\mathcal{A} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} +$  boundary conditions (contained in the **domain** of  $\mathcal{A}$ )

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}) = \left\{ f \in L_2[-1, 1], \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \in L_2[-1, 1], f(\pm 1) = 0 \right\}$$

## Wave equation

$$\phi_{tt}(x, t) = \phi_{xx}(x, t) + u(x, t)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_{10}(x), \quad \phi_t(x, 0) = \phi_{20}(x),$$

$$\phi(\pm 1, t) = 0$$

Define  $\psi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(\cdot, t) \\ \phi_t(\cdot, t) \end{bmatrix}$  and write an **abstract evolution equation**:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\psi}_1(t) \\ \dot{\psi}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ d^2/dx^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \psi_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Energy of a wave: 
$$\begin{cases} E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (\phi_x^2(x, t) + \phi_t^2(x, t)) dx \\ = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (\psi_{1x}^2(x, t) + \psi_2^2(x, t)) dx \end{cases}$$

- Selection of state-space: more subtle than for diffusion equation!

## Evolution of population equation

$$\phi_t(x, t) = -\phi_x(x, t) - \mu(x, t) \phi(x, t)$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x) \quad x \geq 0,$$

$$\phi(0, t) = u(t), \quad t \geq 0$$

$\phi(x, t)$  – number of people of age  $x$  at time  $t$

$\mu(x, t)$  – mortality function

$\phi_0(x)$  – initial age distribution

$u(t)$  – number of people born at time  $t$

- Control problem: design  $u$  to achieve desired age profile  $\phi_d(x)$  at time  $T$

## Reaction-diffusion equations

$$\phi_t(x, t) = D \Delta \phi(x, t) + \mathbf{f}(\phi(x, t))$$

$\phi$  – vector-valued field of interest

$\mathbf{f}(\phi)$  – nonlinear reaction term

$\Delta$  – Laplacian

$D$  – matrix of positive diffusion constants

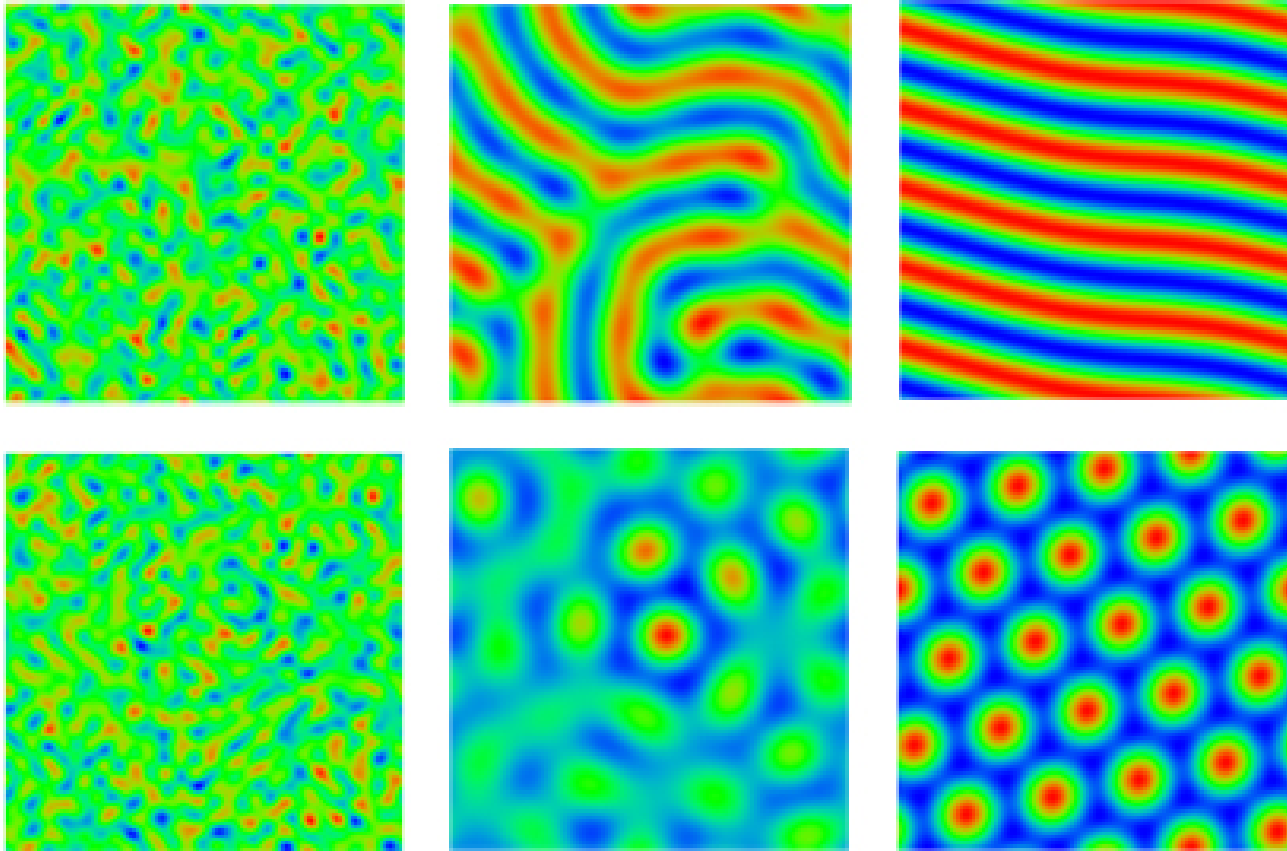
**MAPK CASCADES:** responsible for cell proliferation and growth

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{1t} &= 0.001 \phi_{1xx} - \frac{\phi_1}{1 + \phi_1} + \frac{0.4}{1 + \phi_3} \\ \phi_{2t} &= 0.001 \phi_{2xx} - \frac{\phi_2}{1 + \phi_2} + 0.4\phi_1 \\ \phi_{3t} &= 0.001 \phi_{3xx} - \frac{\phi_3}{1 + \phi_3} + 0.4\phi_2\end{aligned}$$

## Swift-Hohenberg equation

$$\phi_t = \epsilon \phi - (\Delta + 1)^2 \phi + c \phi^2 - \phi^3$$

Nonlinear: first order in time, fourth order in space



- Web-site of [Michael Cross](#) at Caltech contains interactive demonstrations

# Navier-Stokes equations

conservation of momentum:  $\mathbf{v}_t = - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} - \nabla p + (1/Re) \Delta \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{d}$

conservation of mass:  $0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$

Describe the fluid motion

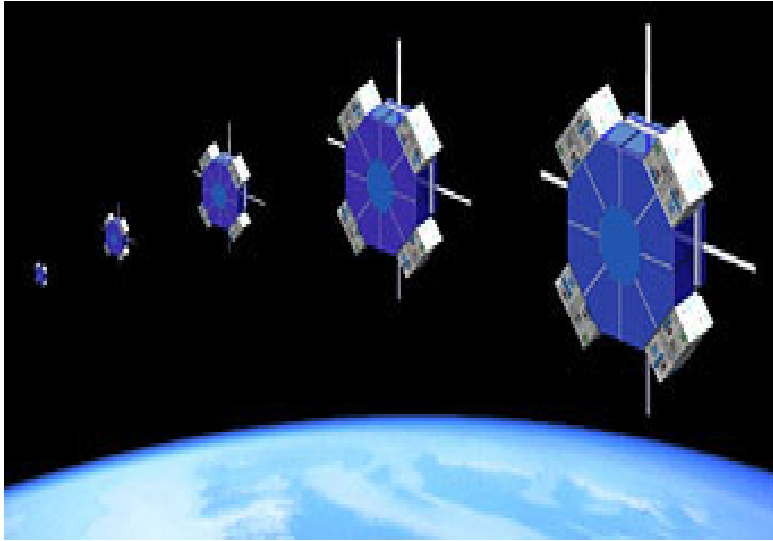
Nonlinear system of equations for:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pressure: } p(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) \\ \text{velocity: } \mathbf{v} = [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3]^T \end{array} \right.$

“del” operator:  $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \mathbf{e}_3$

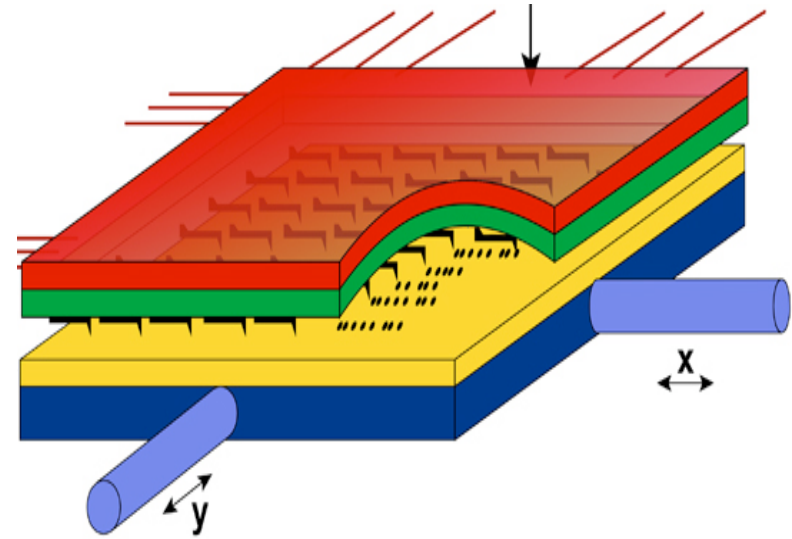
Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{\text{inertial forces}}{\text{viscous forces}}$

# Networks of dynamic systems

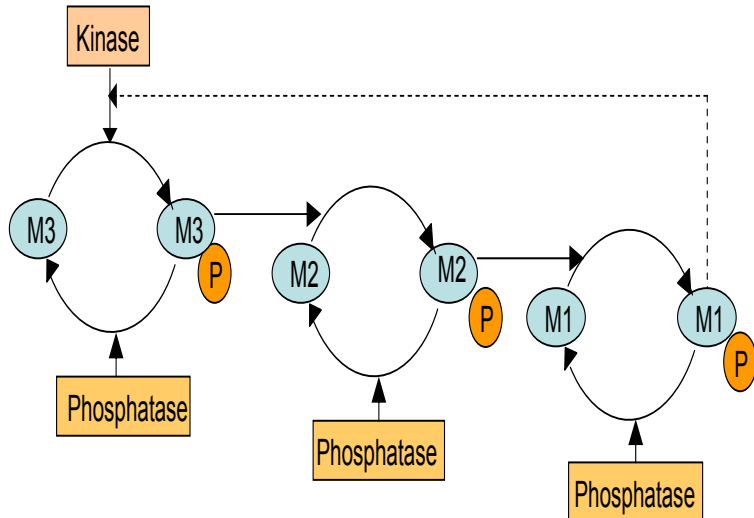
## Coordinated control



## Micro-cantilever arrays



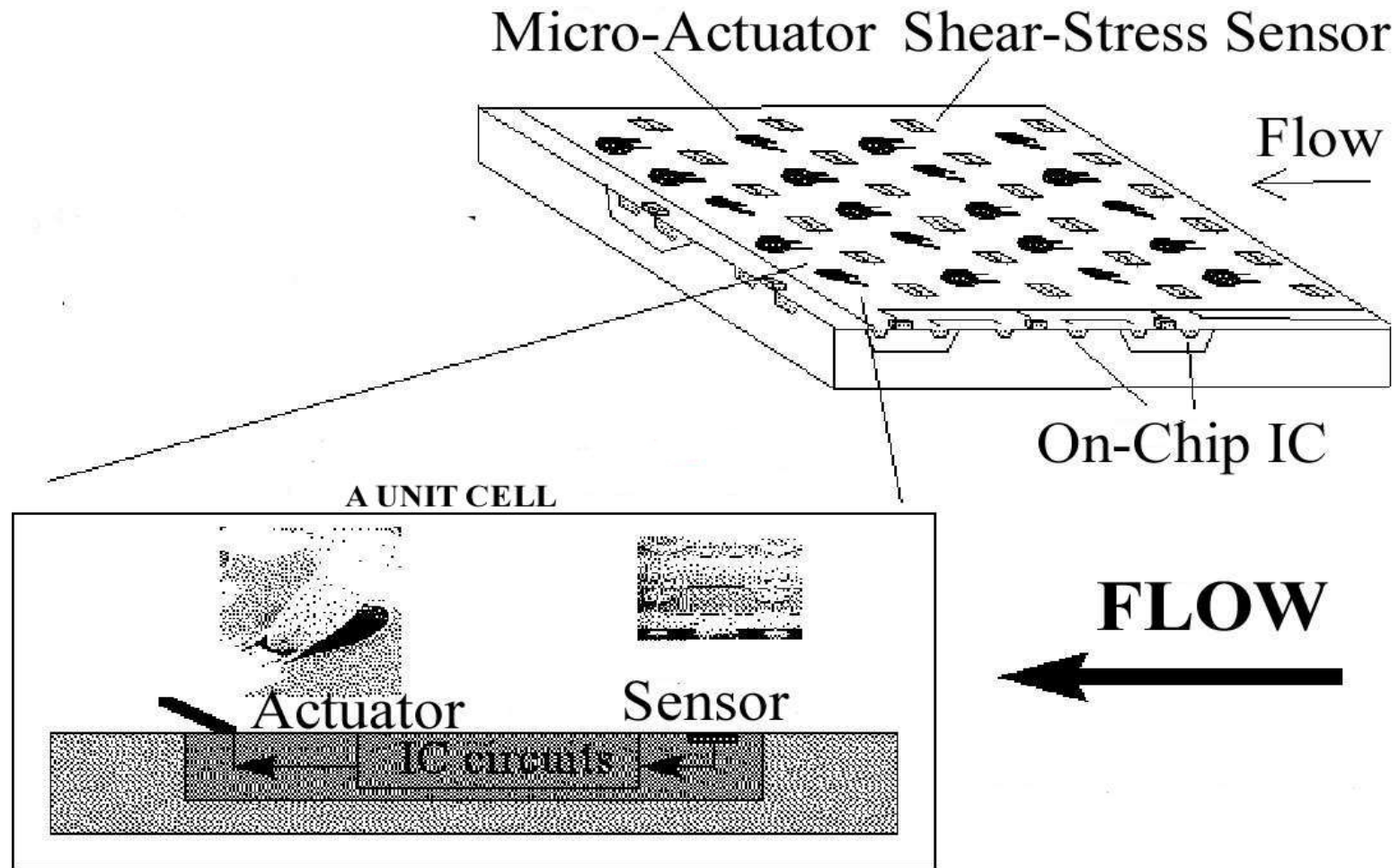
## Biochemical networks



## Wind farms



## Feedback flow control

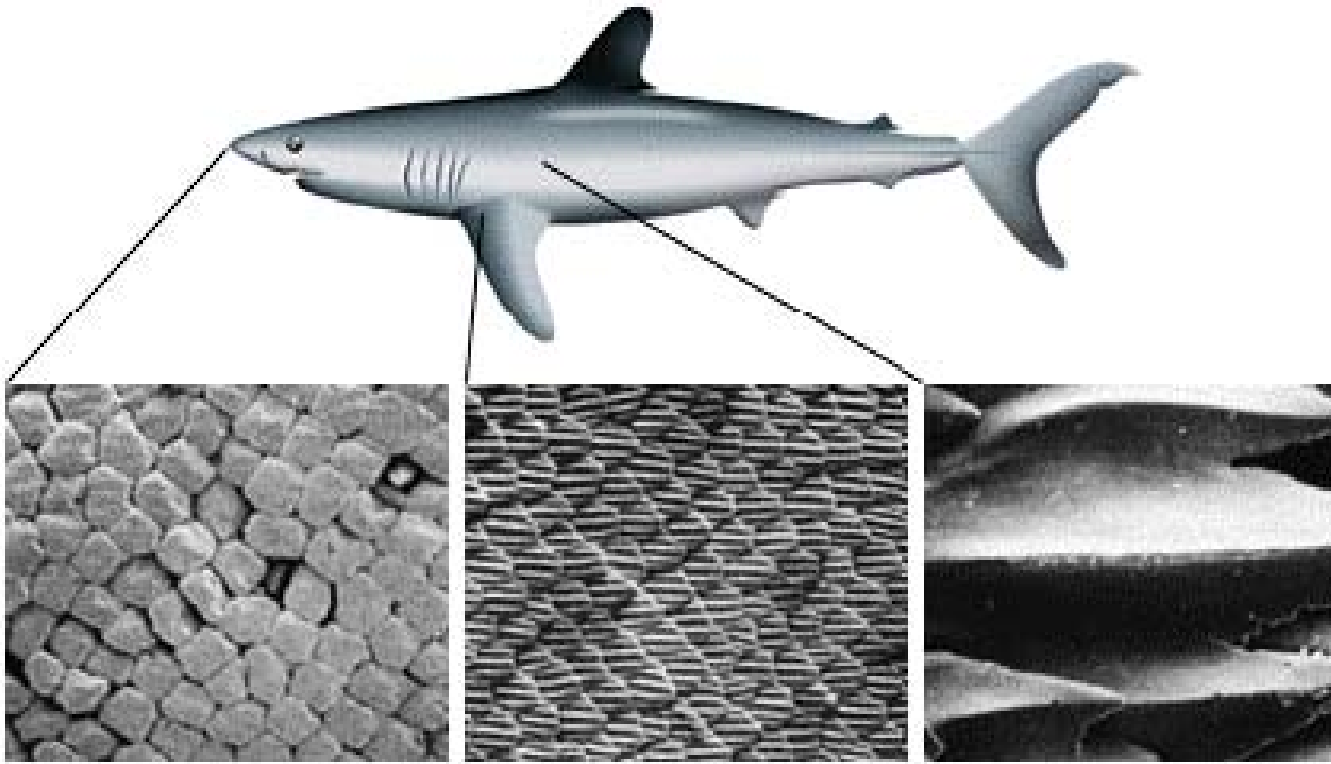


### ● CHALLENGES

- ★ control-oriented modeling of turbulent flows
- ★ design of estimators for turbulent flows
- ★ **design of spatially localized distributed controllers**
- ★ design of controllers of low dynamical order



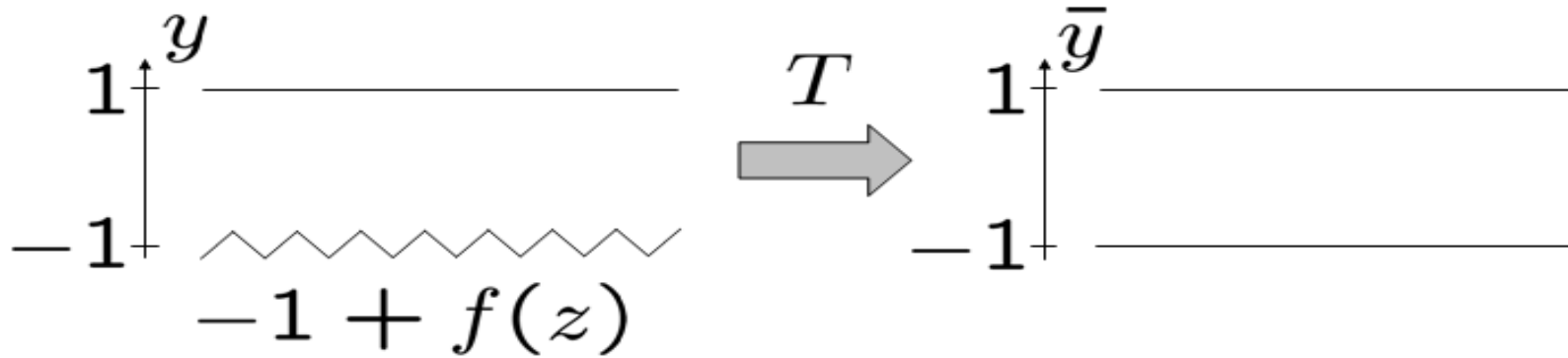
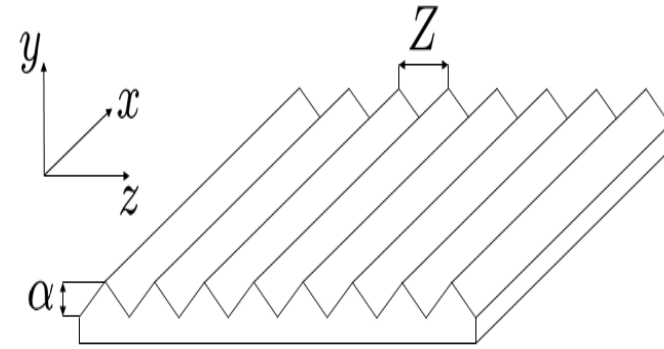
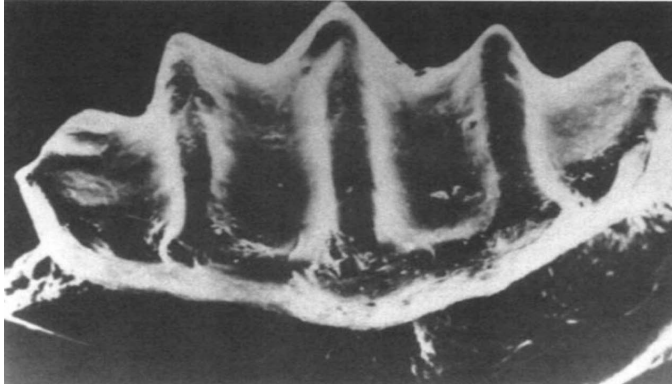
## Flow control in nature ...



## ... and in swimming competitions

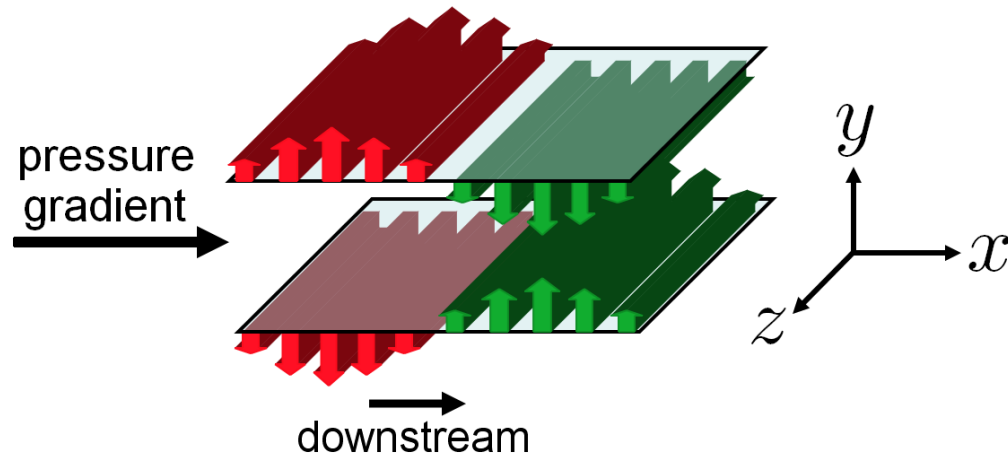


# Riblets



**PDEs with spatially periodic coefficients**

## Blowing and suction along the walls



$$\text{NORMAL VELOCITY: } V(y = \pm 1) = \mp \alpha \cos(\omega_x(x - ct))$$

- TRAVELING WAVE PARAMETERS:

spatial frequency:  $\omega_x$

speed:  $c \begin{cases} c > 0 & \text{downstream} \\ c < 0 & \text{upstream} \end{cases}$

amplitude:  $\alpha$

- INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF  $c$ ,  $\omega_x$ ,  $\alpha$  ON:

- ★ **cost of control**

- ★ **onset of turbulence**