

2. Structure of wall-bounded flows

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Turbulent flows and Reynolds number

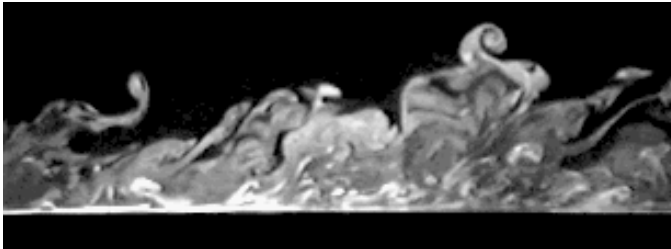
- As the Reynolds number increases, so does the range of scales

$$Re_\tau = \frac{\delta}{\nu/u_\tau} = \frac{\delta u_\tau}{\nu}$$

- That is, the spectrum broadens
- We will focus primarily on the one-dimensional spectrum of u'

$$\overline{u^2} = \int_0^\infty E(k) dk = \int_0^\infty k E(k) d \log k$$

$Re_\tau \approx 150$

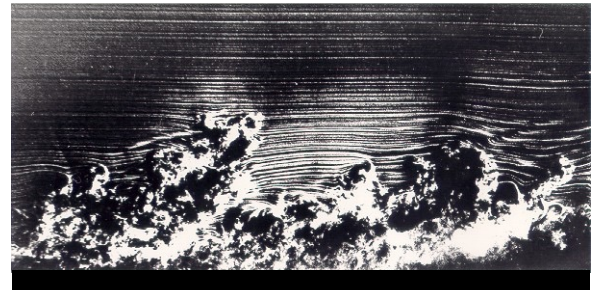


Delo, Kelso & Smits (2004)

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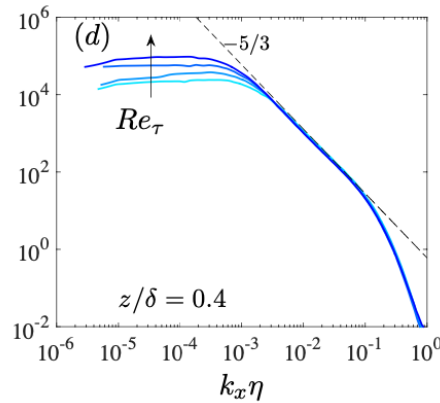
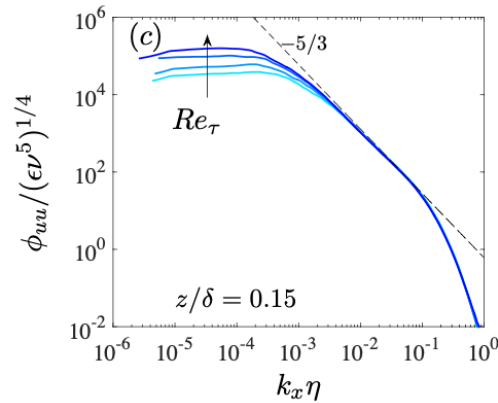
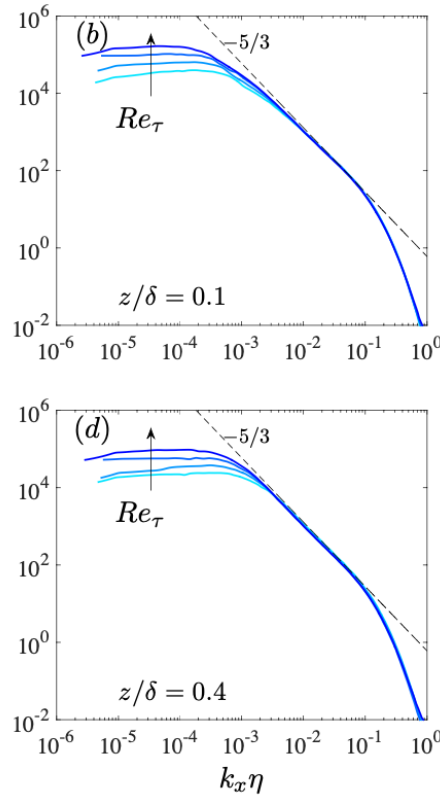
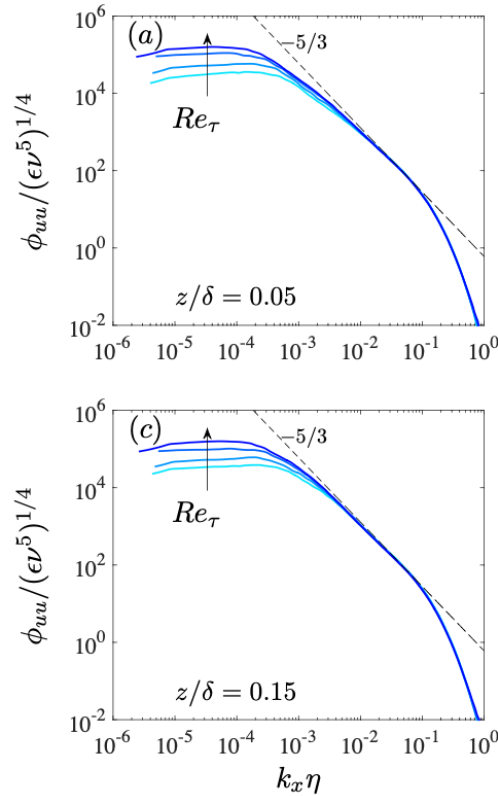
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$Re_\tau \approx 2000$



Corke, Guezennec & Nagib (1980)

Turbulent spectra



Boundary layer:

$Re_\tau = 6000; 10,000; 14,500; 20,000$

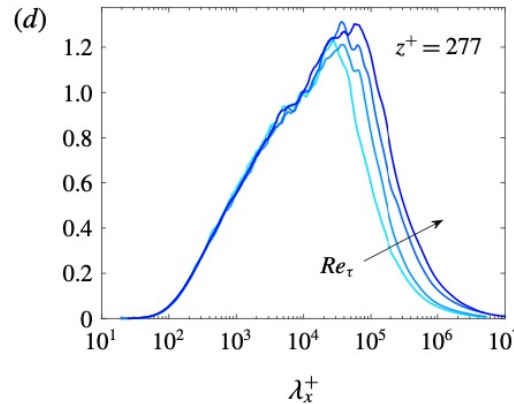
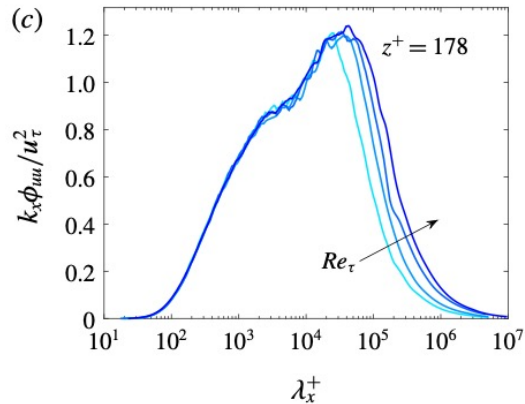
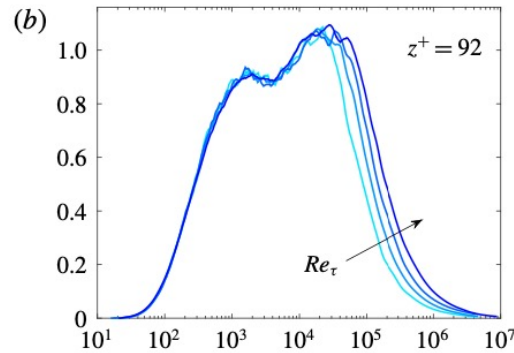
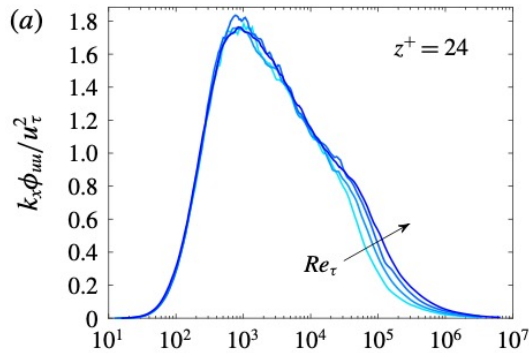
Dissipation from isotropic estimate:

$$\varepsilon = 15\nu \int_0^\infty k_x^2 \phi_{uu} dk$$

$$\eta = (\nu^3/\varepsilon)^{1/4}$$

Inertial region grows with Reynolds number and with distance from the wall

Premultiplied spectra



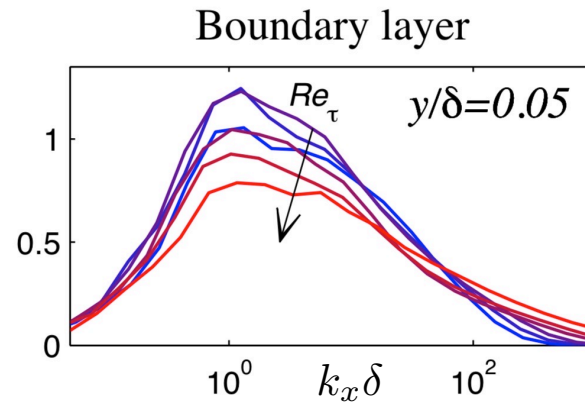
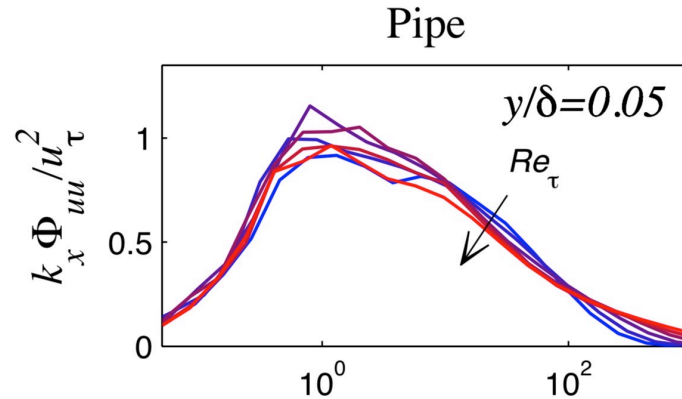
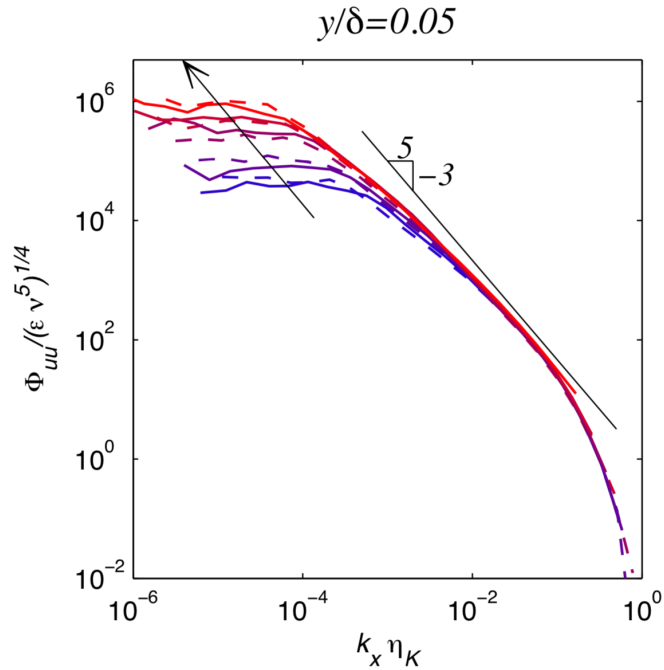
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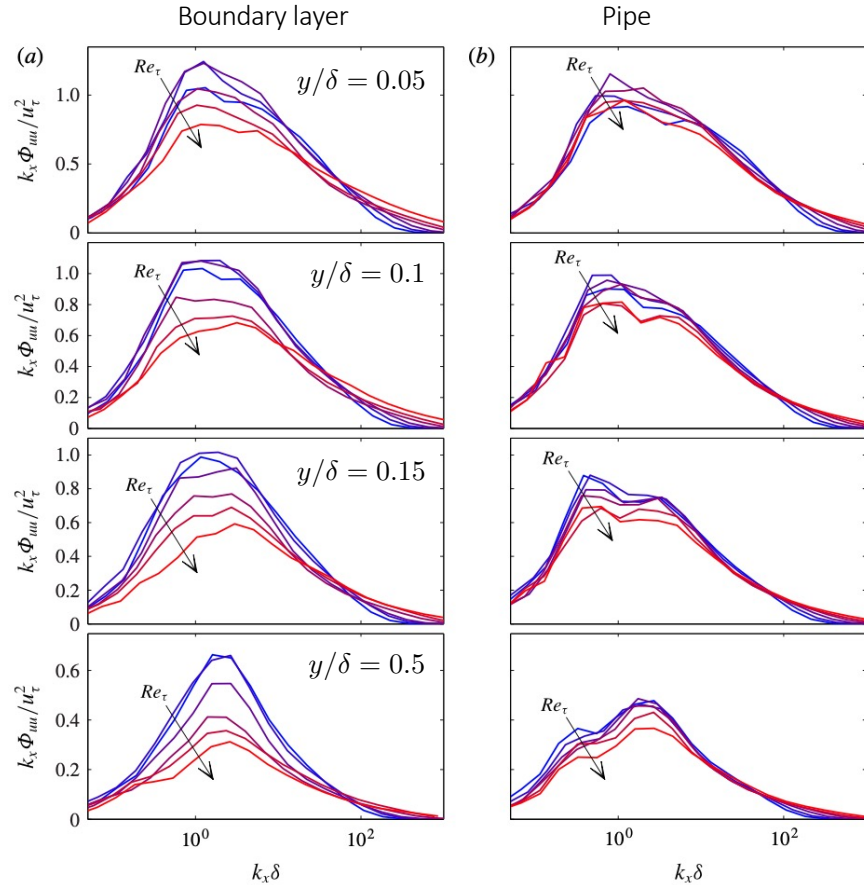
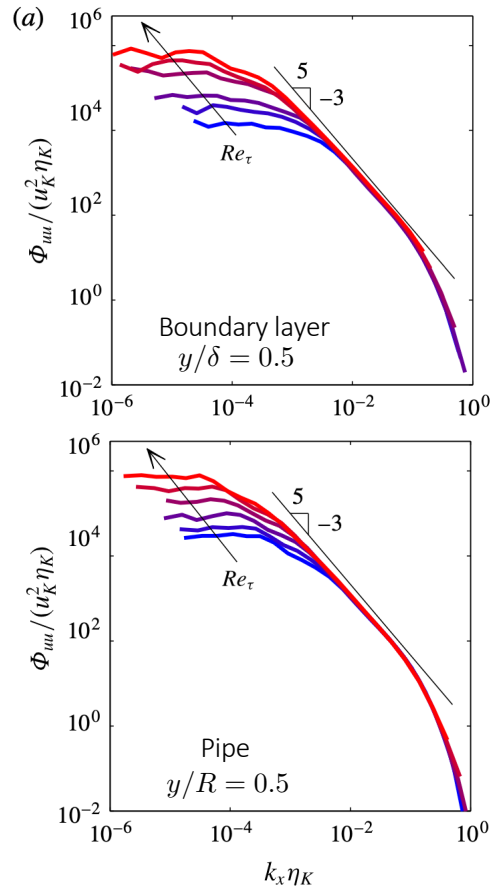
- Small scale motions independent of Reynolds number
- Large scales present even very close to the wall
- Energy in large scales grows with Reynolds number

Comparing pipe and boundary layer

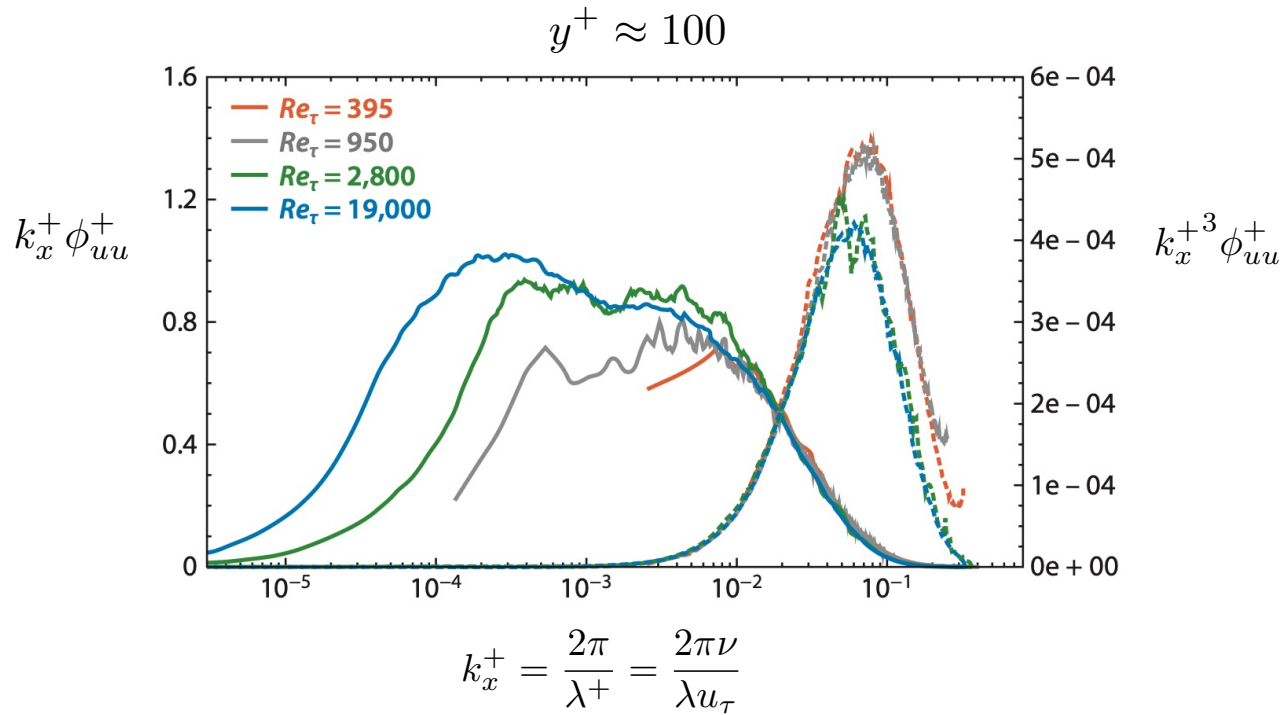


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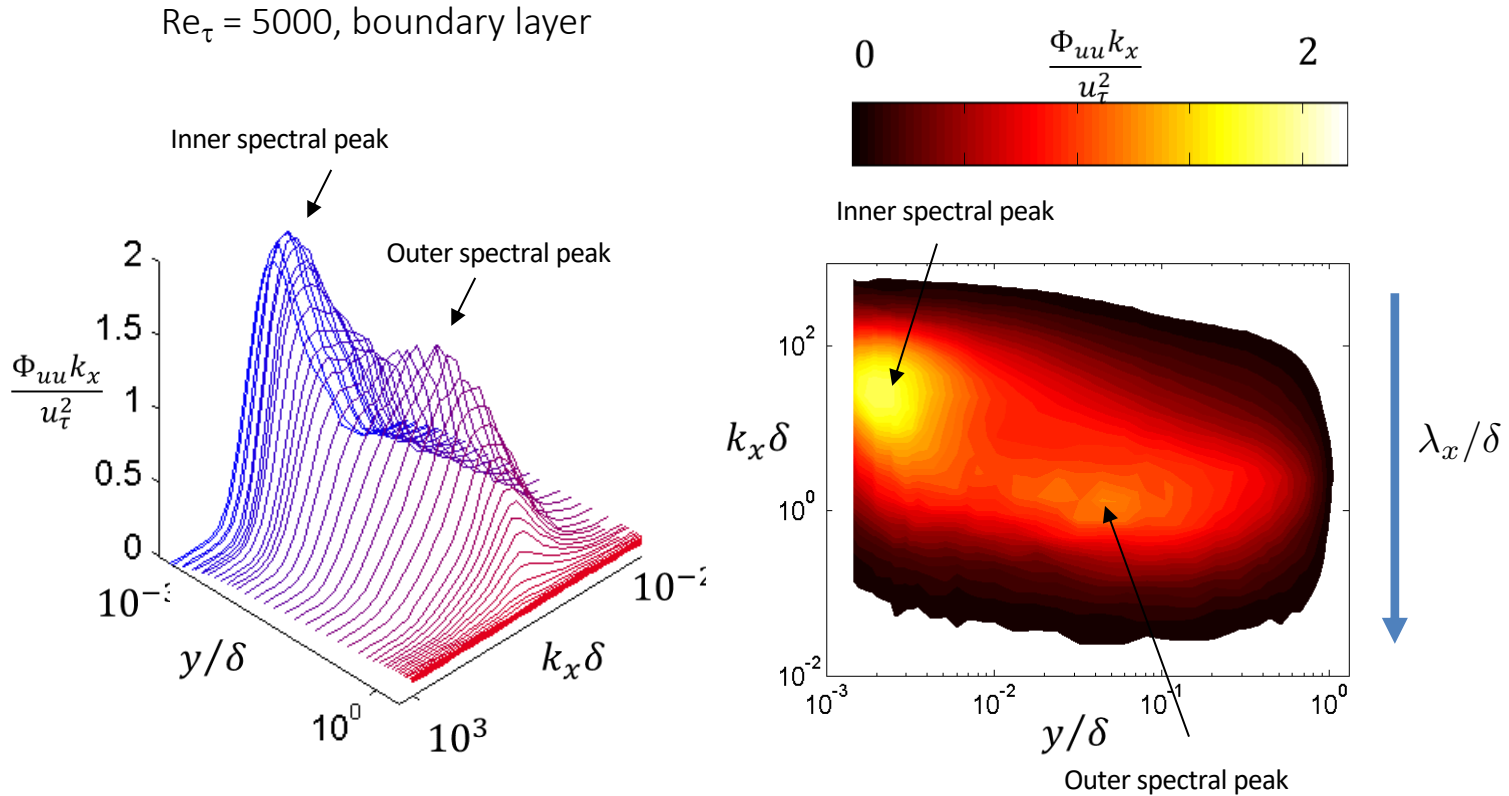
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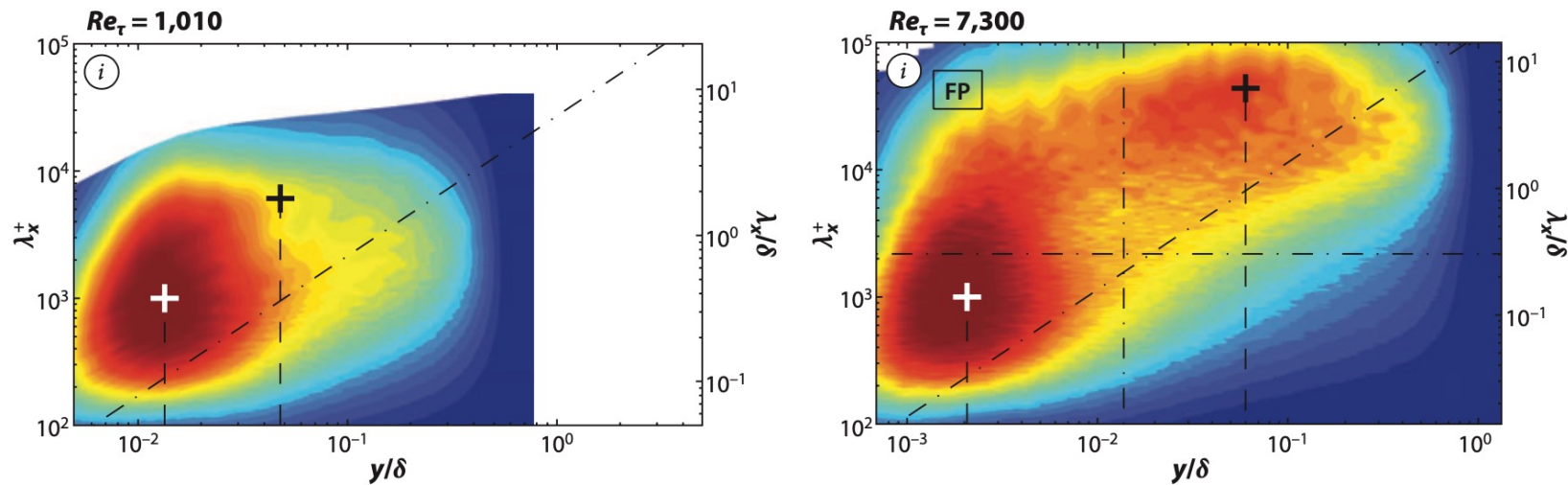
Premultiplied energy and dissipation spectra



Premultiplied spectral maps



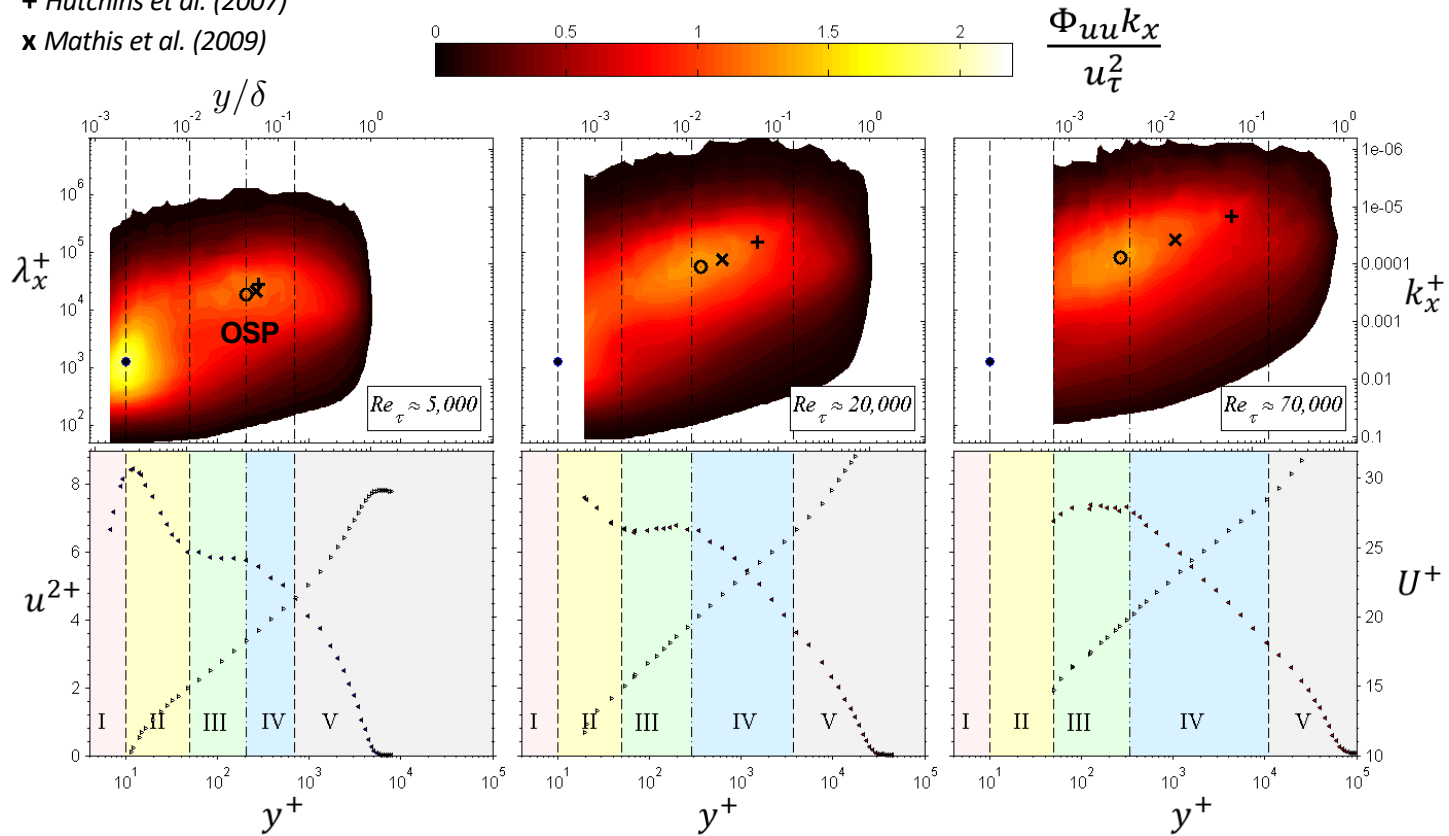
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Boundary layer

+ Hutchins et al. (2007)

x Mathis et al. (2009)

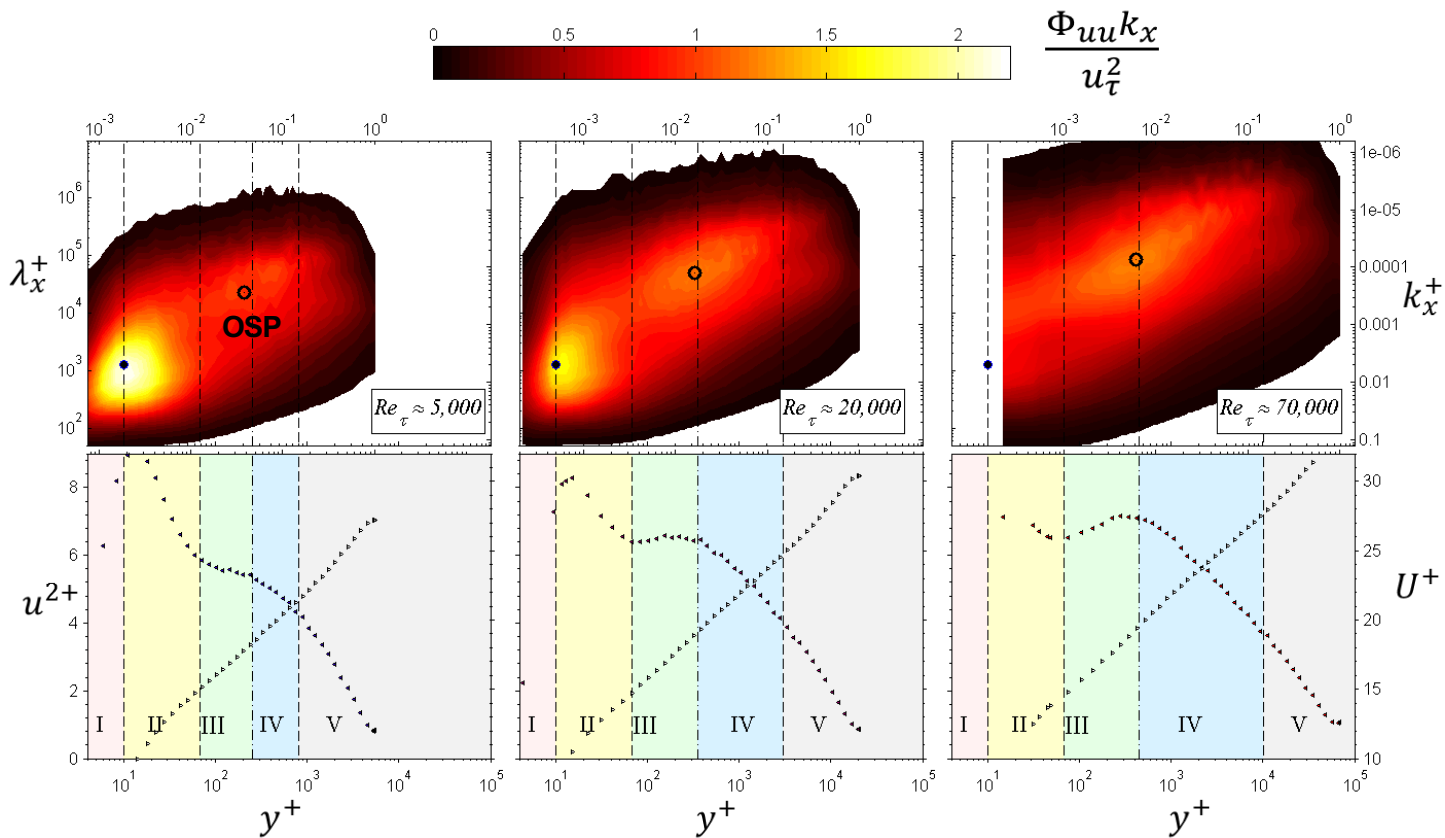


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II – Buffer Layer

III – Mesolayer
IV – Inertial Sublayer

V – Wake Region

Pipe

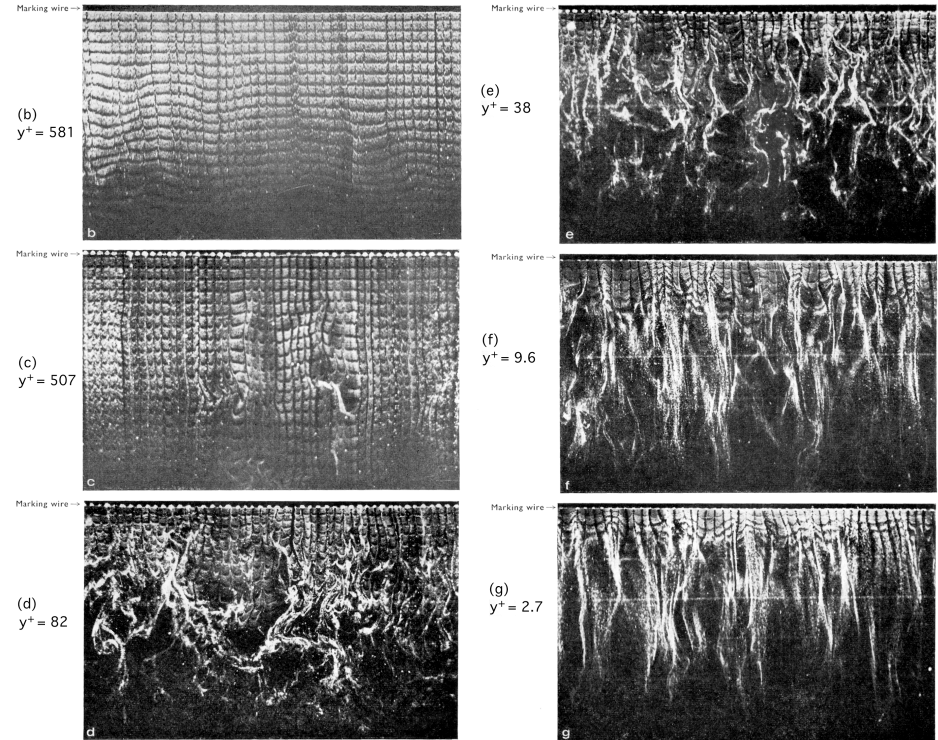
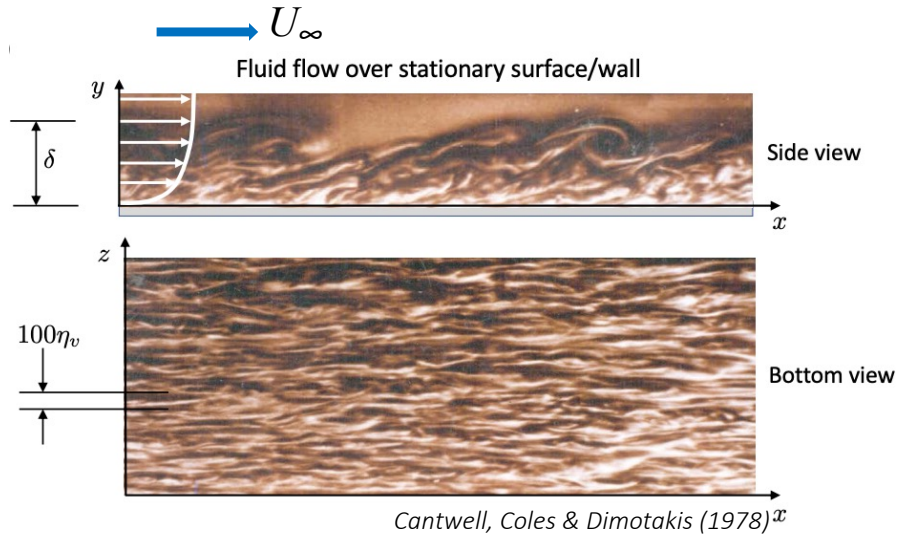


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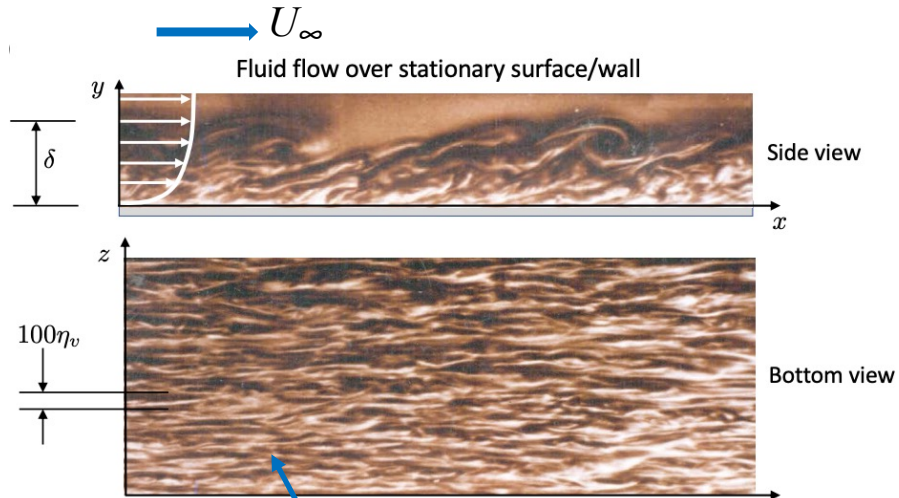
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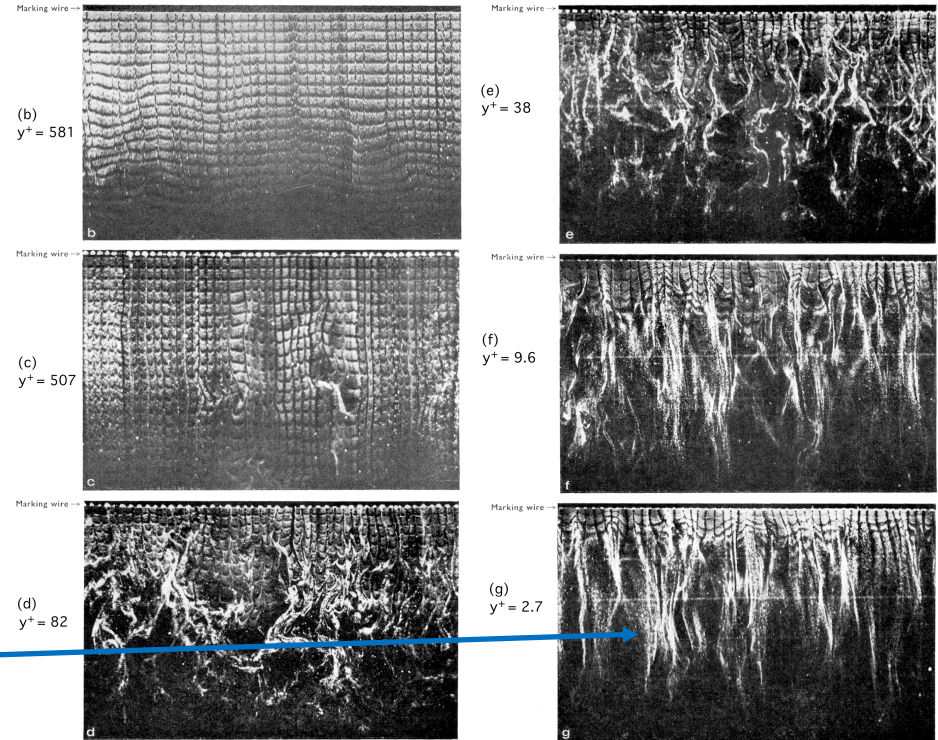
Kline et al. (1967)

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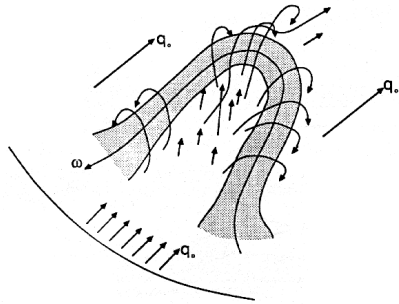
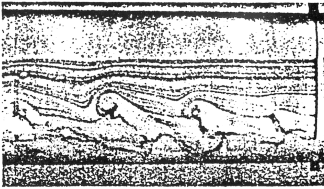
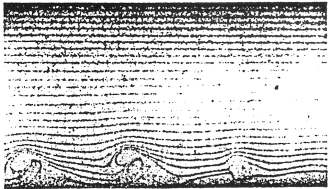
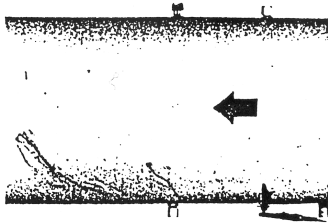
Cantwell, Coles & Dimotakis (1978)

Near-wall streaks



Kline et al. (1967)

Hairpin vortices

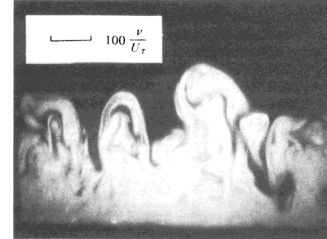


Theodorsen (1952, 1955)

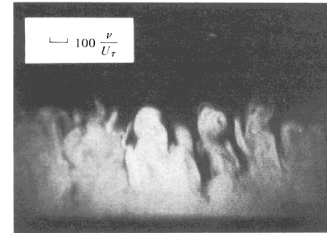
Downstream light plane



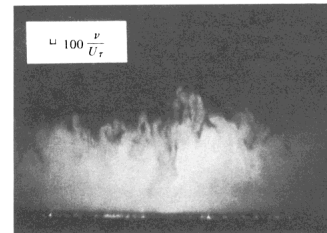
$Re_\theta = 600$



$Re_\theta = 1700$

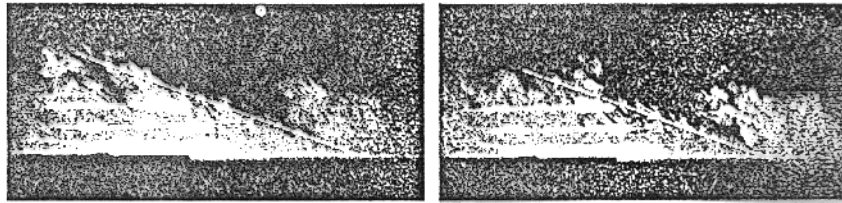


$Re_\theta = 9400$

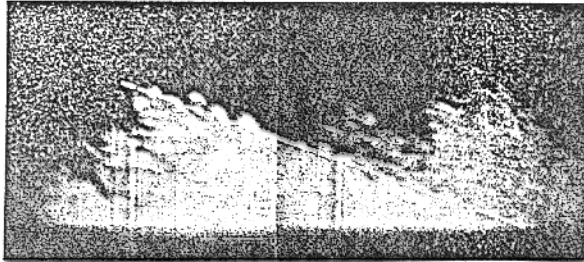


Head & Bandyopadhyay (1981)

Vortex packets

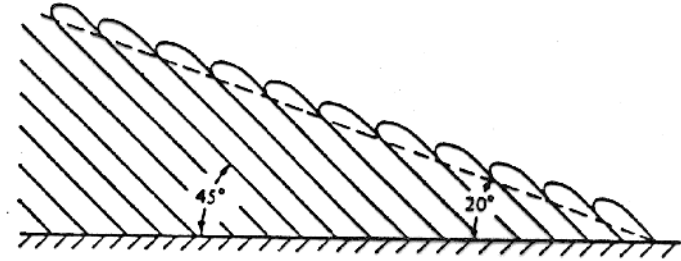


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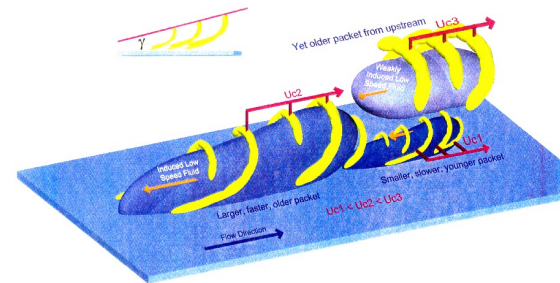


(b)

(a) Examples of features with interface inclined at approximately 20° to surface.
 (b) Example of 20° interface at $Re_\theta = 17500$ (this is a composite of two frames because of the restricted length of the light plane).



Head and Bandyopadhyay [1981].



Adrian, Meinhart & Tomkins (1991)

Visualizations of coherent motions

Adrian, Meinhart, Tomkins (1999)

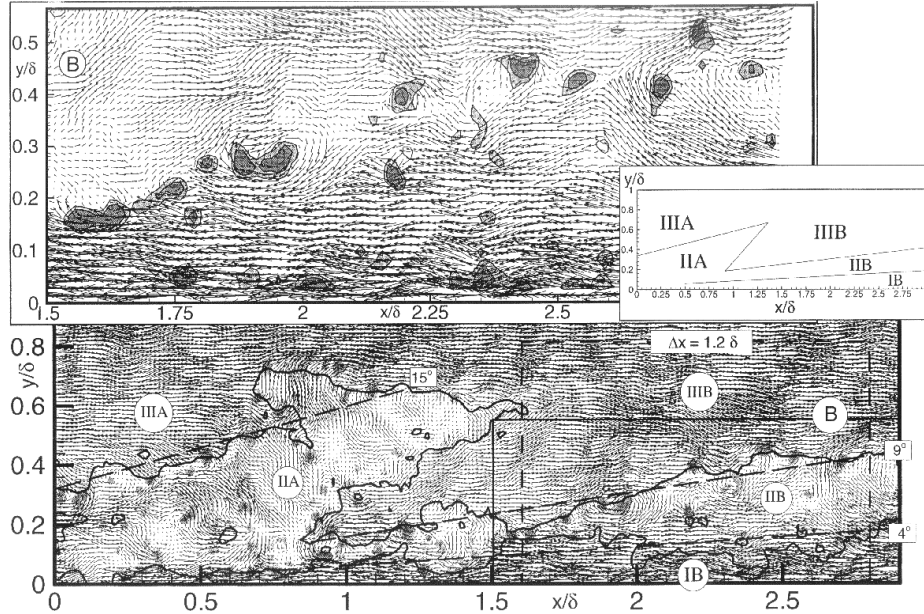
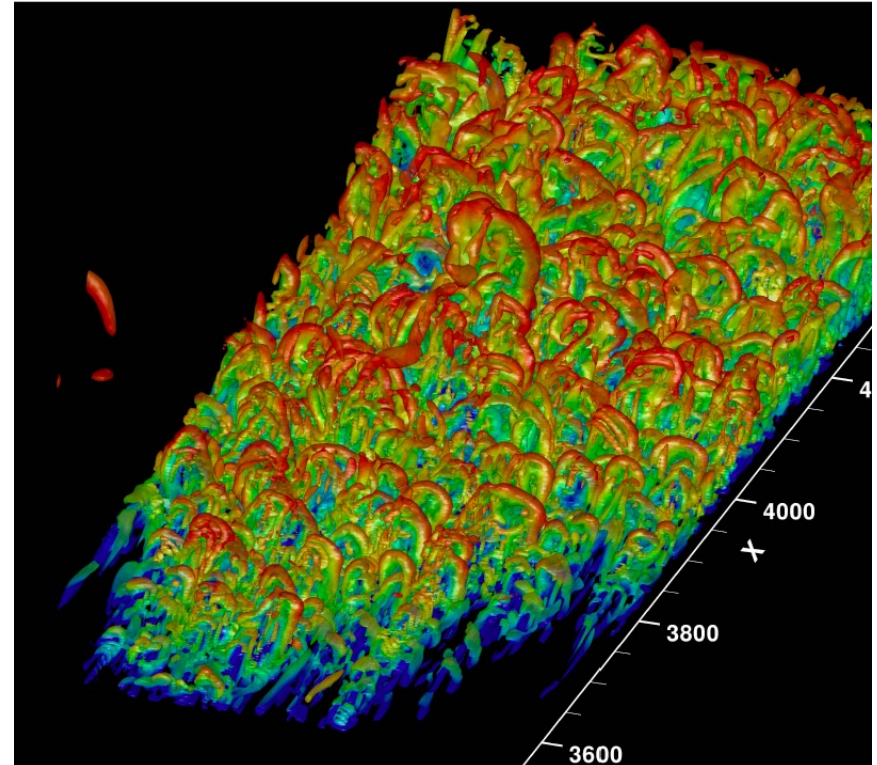


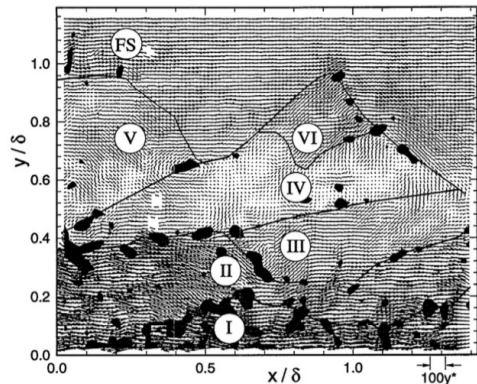
Figure 19 Illustrative example of large-scale structure of hairpin vortex packets at $Re_\theta = 7705$. The solid lines are contours of constant streamwise velocity at 61% and 79% of the free stream velocity. The velocity field in the lower plot has $U_c = 0.75U_\infty$ subtracted and gray levels indicate swirling strength. The upper plot of the inset region has $U_c = 0.75U_\infty$ subtracted, and gray-levels indicate fluctuating spanwise vorticity.

Wu & Moin (2009)



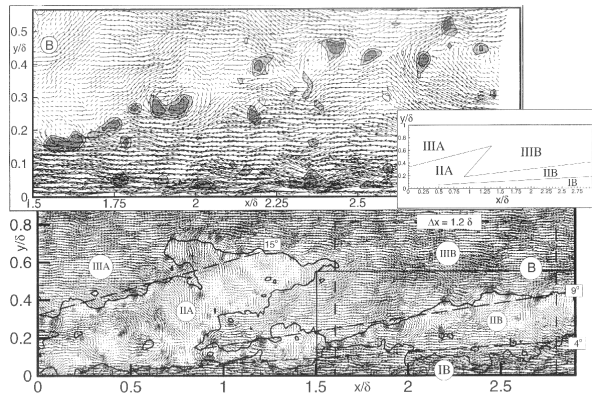
Uniform momentum zones (UMZ)

$Re_\tau \approx 2600$



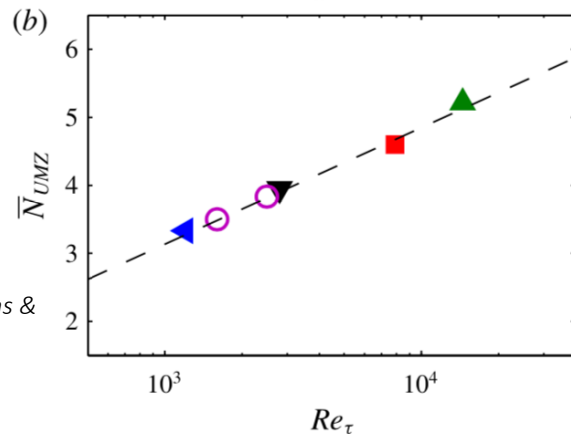
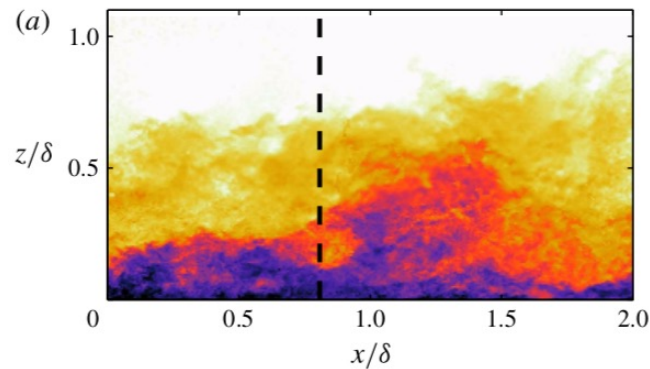
Meinhart & Adrian (1995)

- Number of UMZ's scales logarithmically with Re^+
- But not as fast as the number of hierarchies



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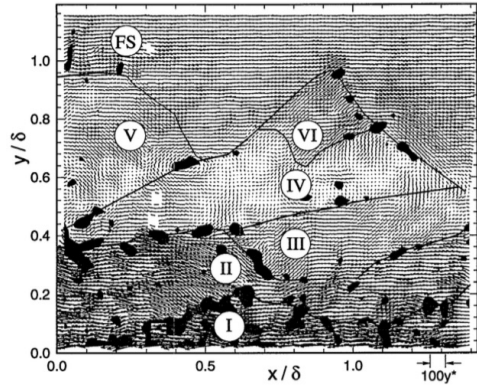
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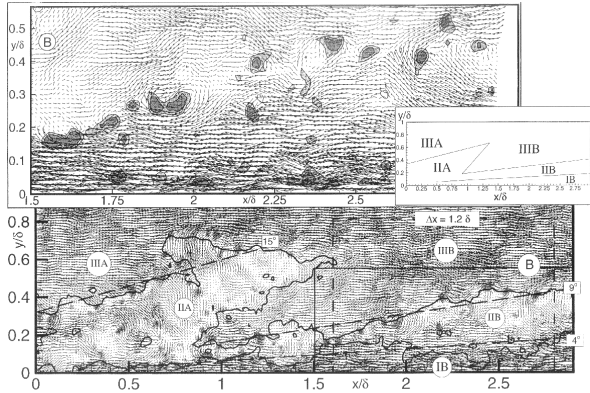
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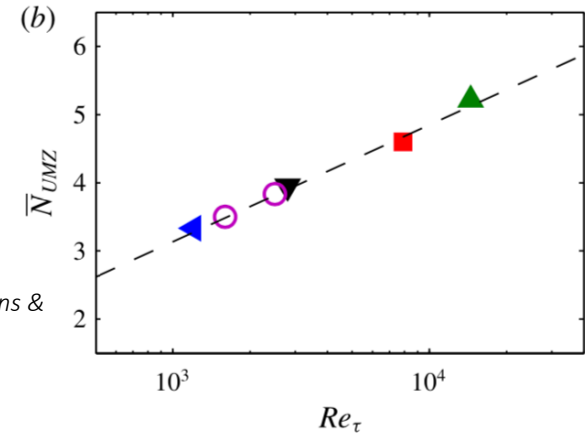
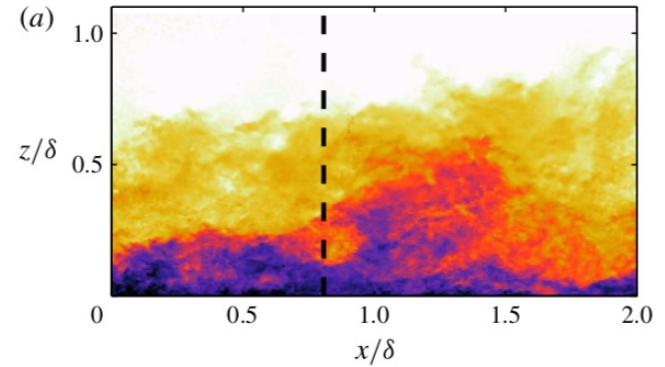
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Incompressible flow
Mach = 0



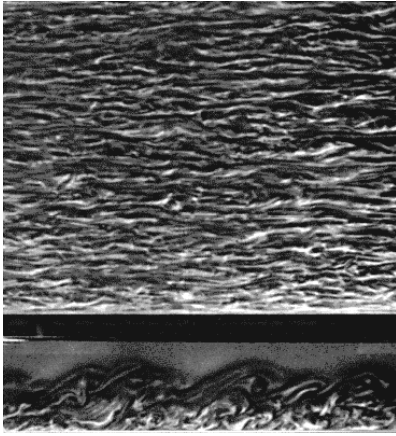
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Coherent motions in wall-bounded turbulence



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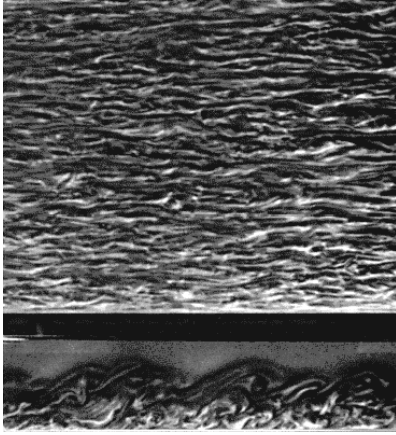
$$y^+ < 10$$
$$x^+ \approx 1000$$

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Inner scaling

Cantwell, Coles & Dimotakis (1978)

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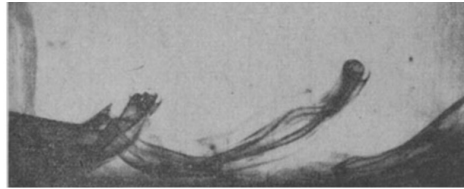
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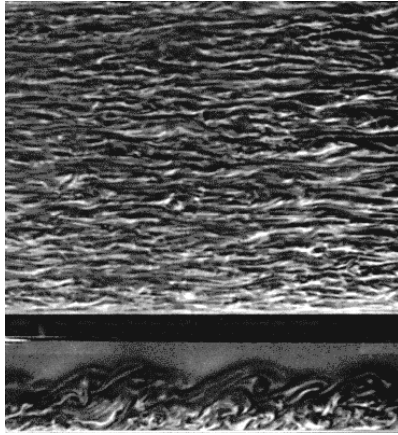
Hairpin vortices

$$y^+ > 100, 45^\circ$$



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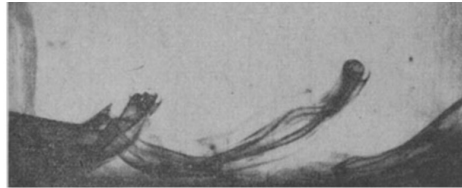
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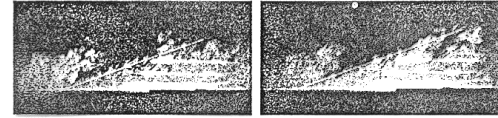
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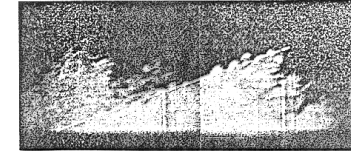
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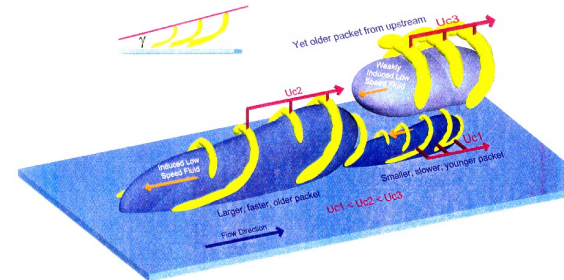
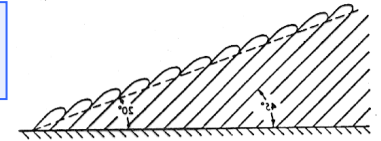


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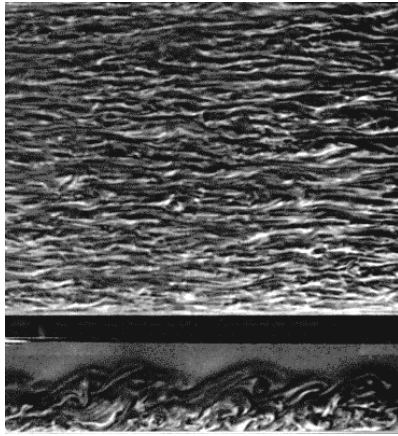
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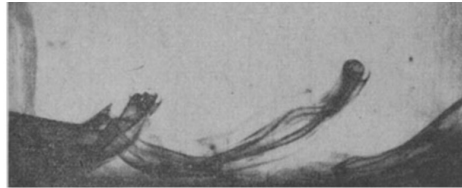
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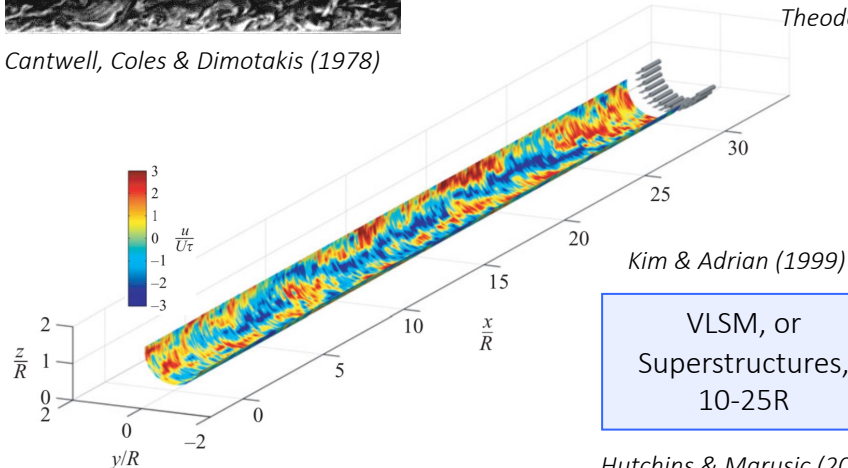
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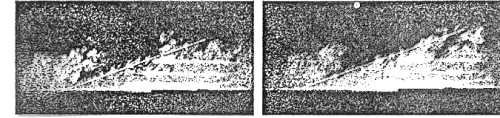


Kim & Adrian (1999)

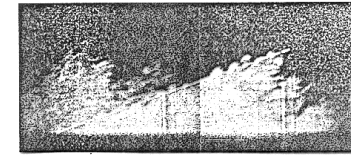
VLSM, or
Superstructures,
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Hutchins & Marusic (2007)

Monty, Stewart, Williams & Chong (2007)

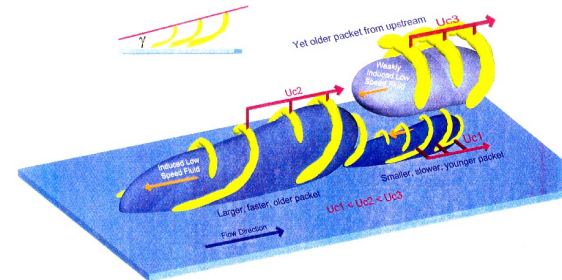
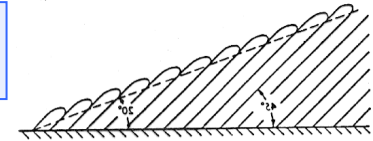


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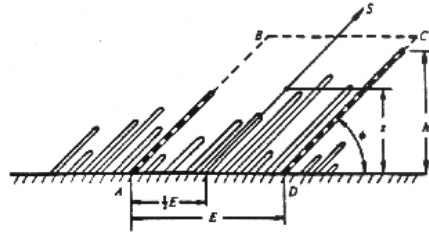
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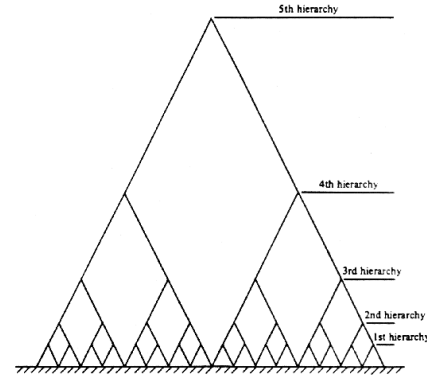
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Attached eddy concepts

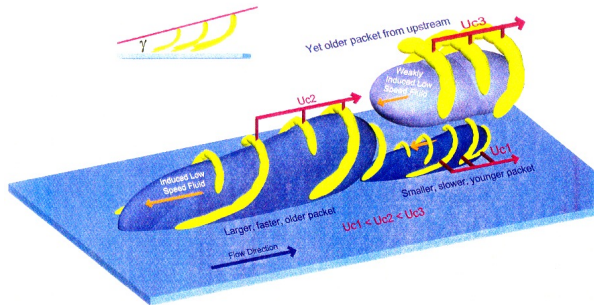


Random distribution of horseshoe vortices, from Perry and Chong's (1982) model of a turbulent boundary layer.

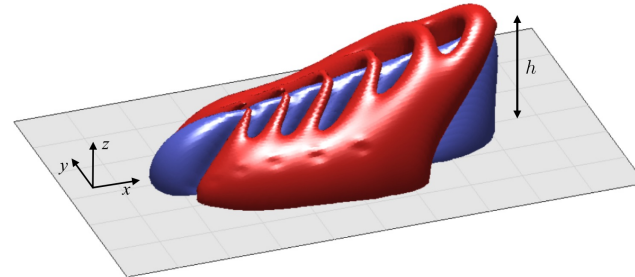
Hierarchical model of outer layer turbulence using Λ -eddies



Symbolic representation of a discrete system of geometrically similar eddy hierarchies from Perry and Chong [1982].

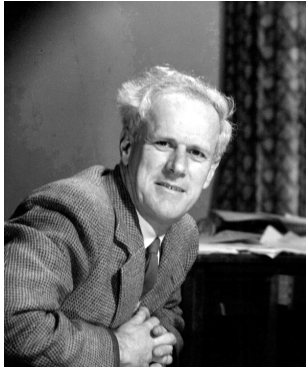


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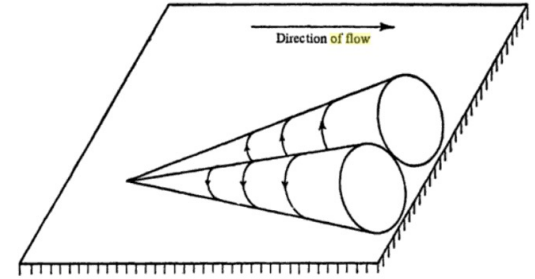


Woodcock & Marusic (2015)

Scaling the turbulence: the Attached Eddy Hypothesis

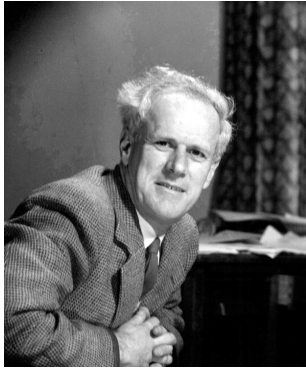


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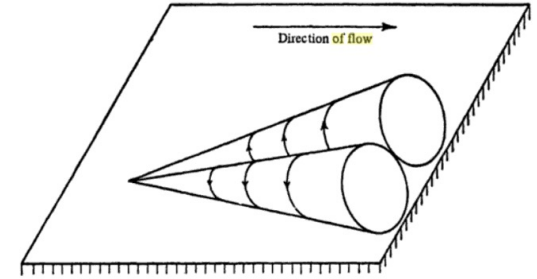


Townsend (1976)

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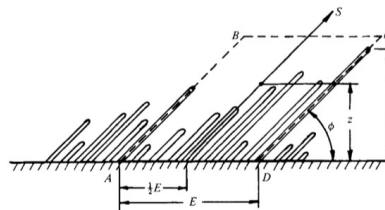
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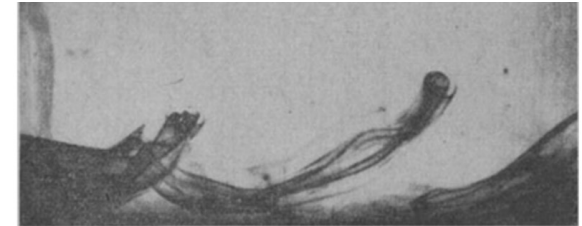
Townsend (1976)



Perry: In this theory, wall turbulence is considered to consist of a 'forest' of randomly positioned horseshoe, hairpin or Λ -shaped vortices that lean in the streamwise direction and have their legs extending to the wall.



Perry & Chong (1982)



Theodorsen (1952)

Townsend Attached Eddy Model

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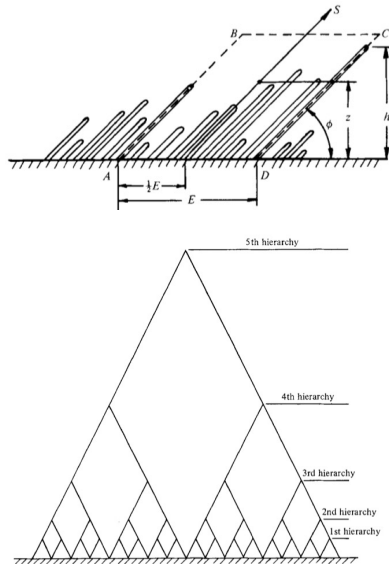
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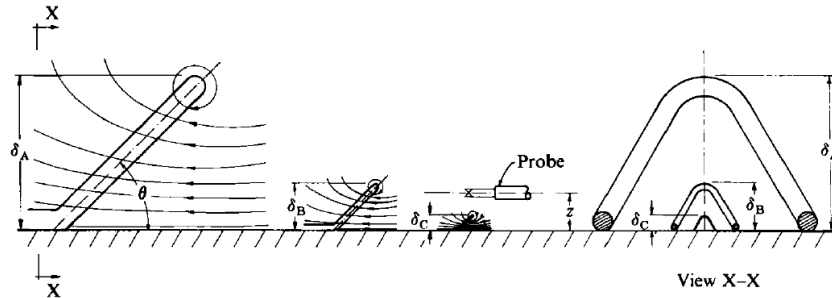
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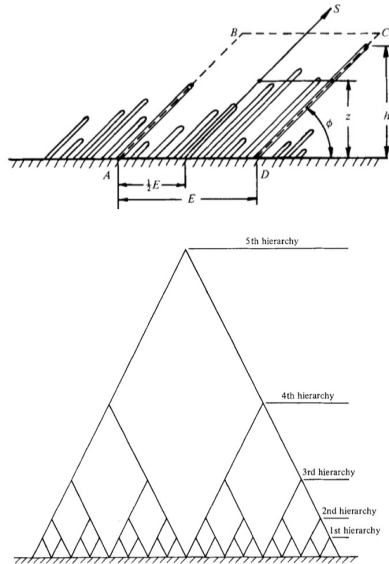
Perry & Chong (1982)



Perry, Henbest
& Chong (1986)

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$$\frac{dU}{dy} = \frac{u_\tau}{\kappa y} \longrightarrow \text{log-law}$$

And it is consistent with:

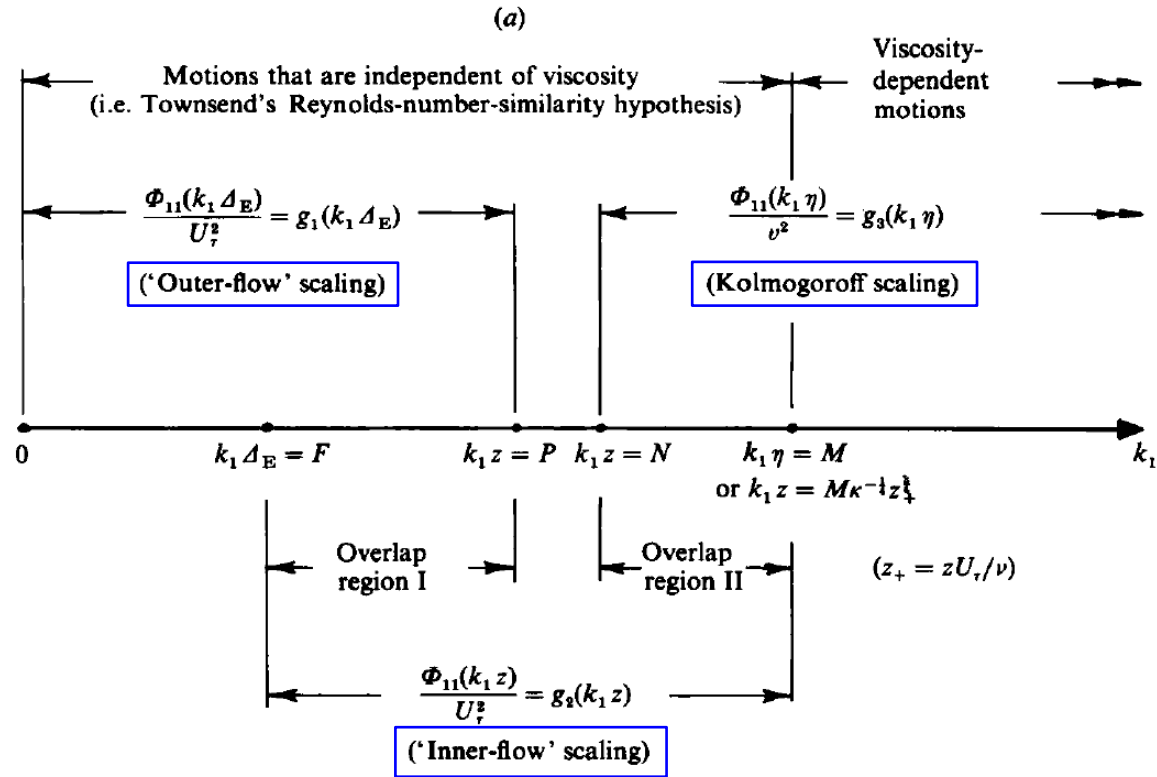
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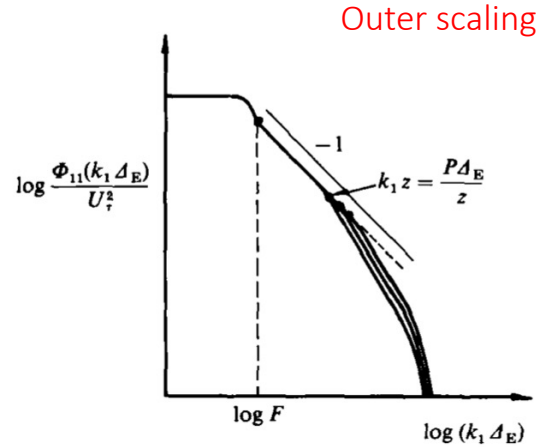
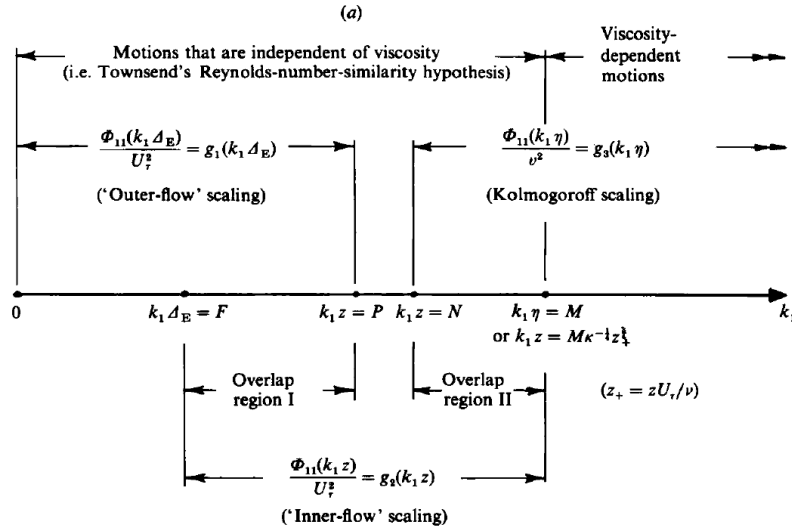
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(see also Marusic and Monty, Annual Reviews, 2019)

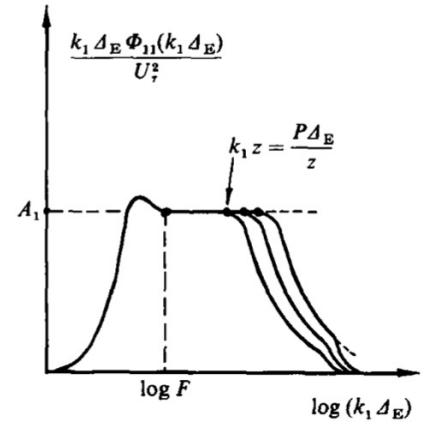
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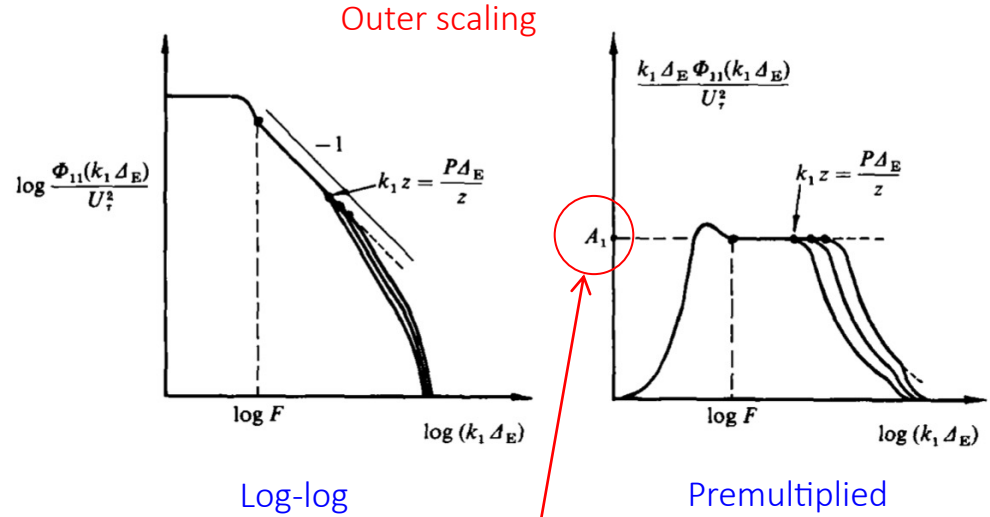
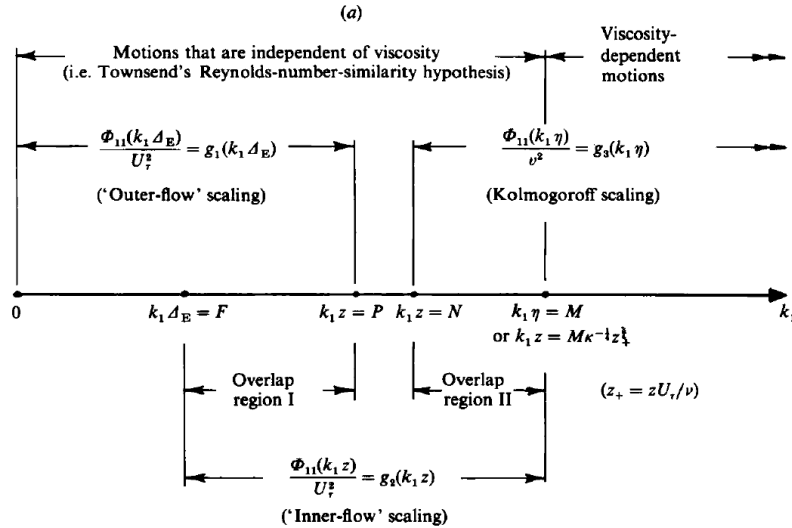


Log-log



Premultiplied

Connection to the spectrum



$$\frac{\overline{u^2}}{u_\tau^2} = B_1 - A_1 \ln \left(\frac{y}{\delta} \right)$$

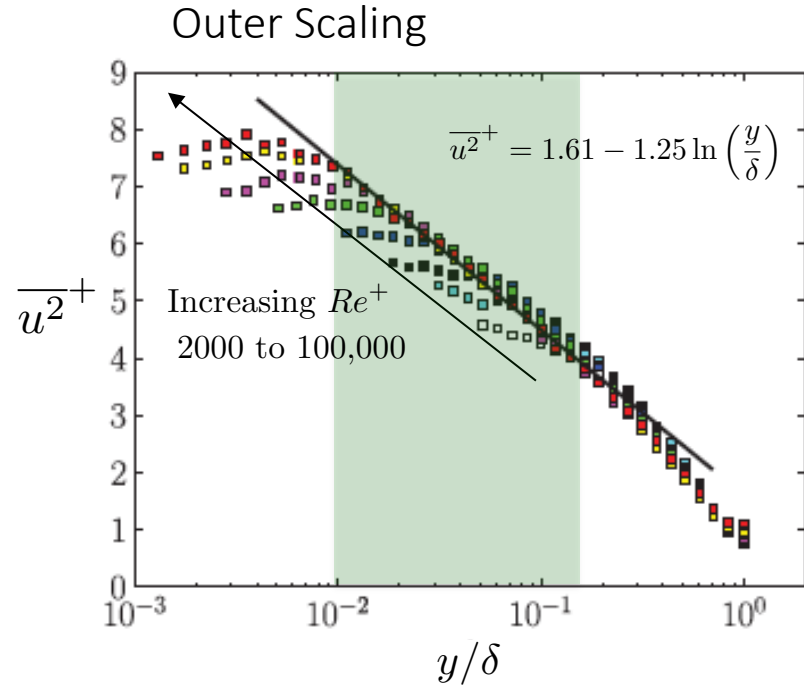
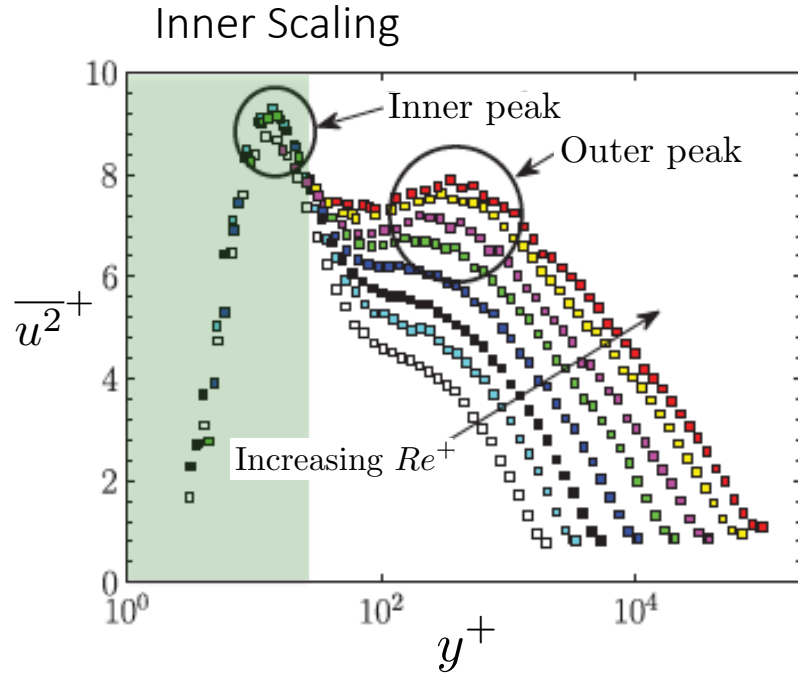
Connection to the spectrum

spectrum $\xrightarrow{\text{integrate}}$

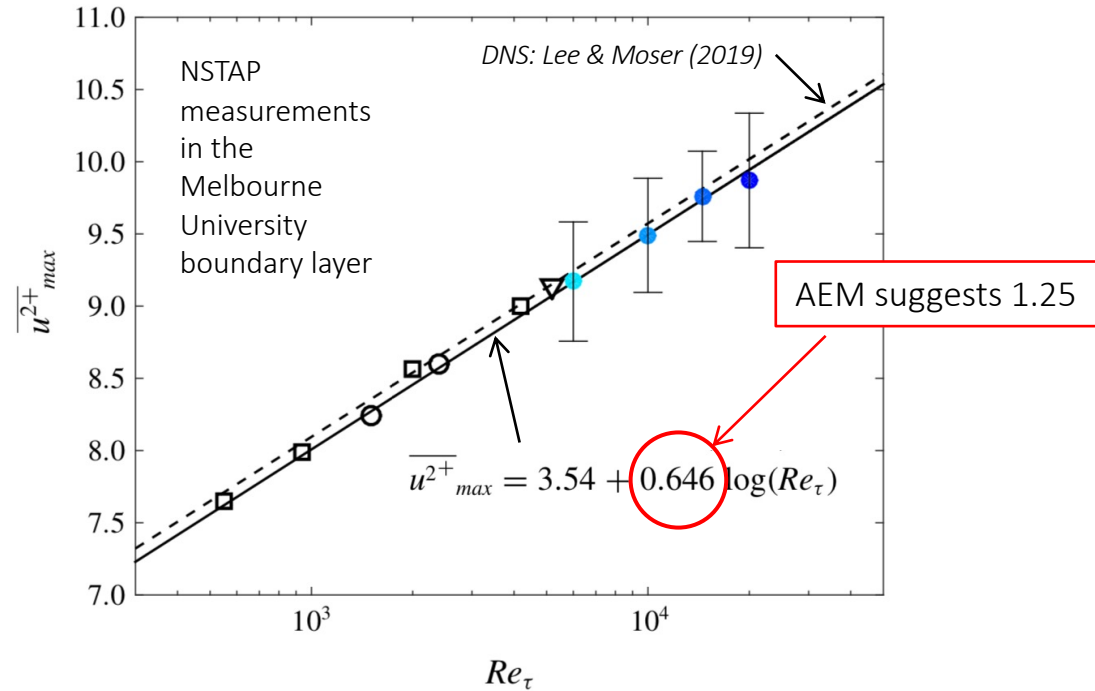
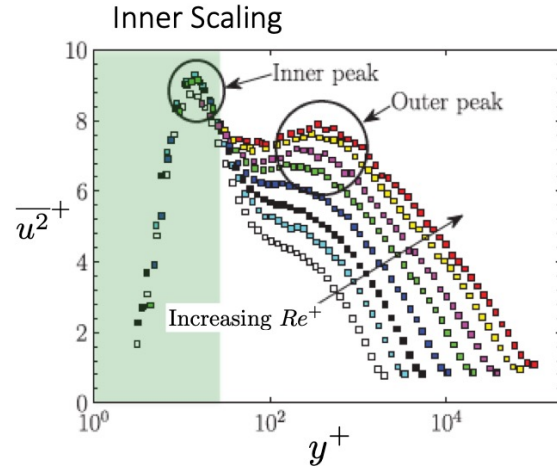
$$\frac{\overline{u^2}}{u_\tau^2} = B_1 - A_1 \ln\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - V_1(y^+)$$
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For high Reynolds numbers, $V(y^+) \rightarrow 0$

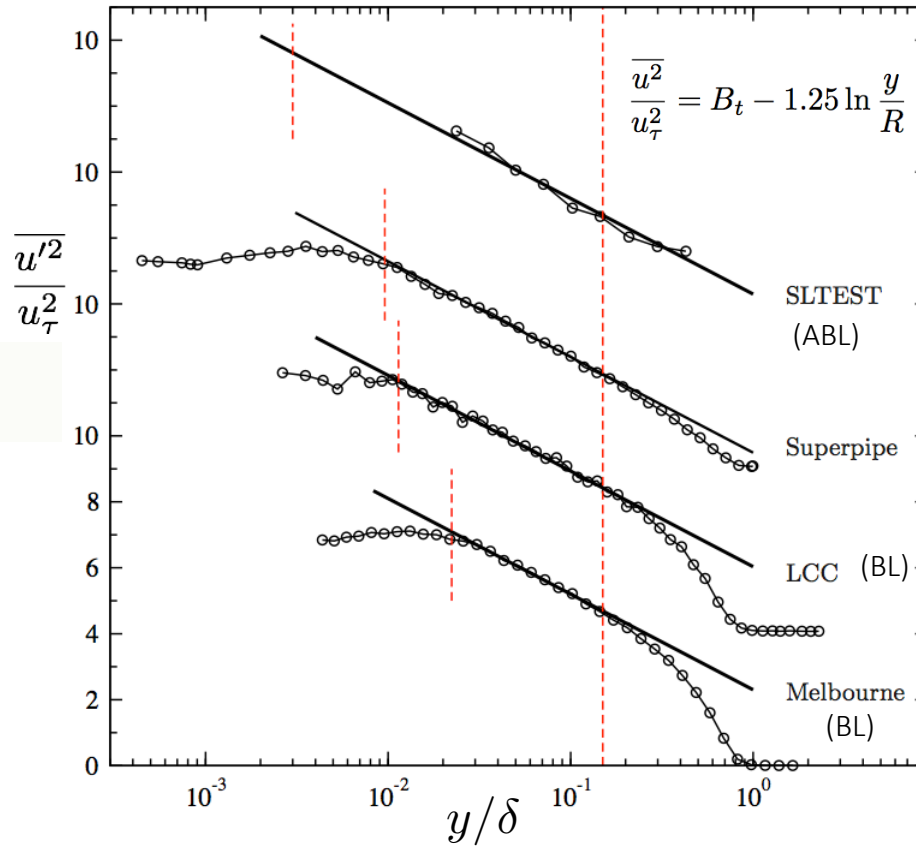
Superpipe turbulence data (NSTAP)



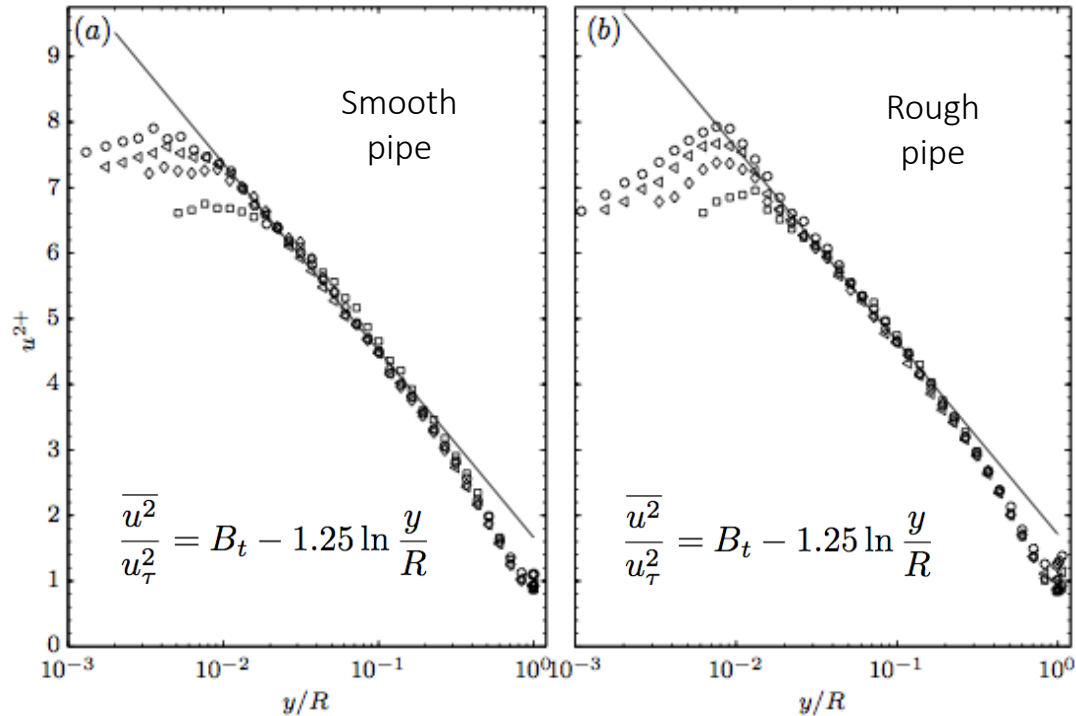
Growth of the inner peak



A universal log law for turbulence

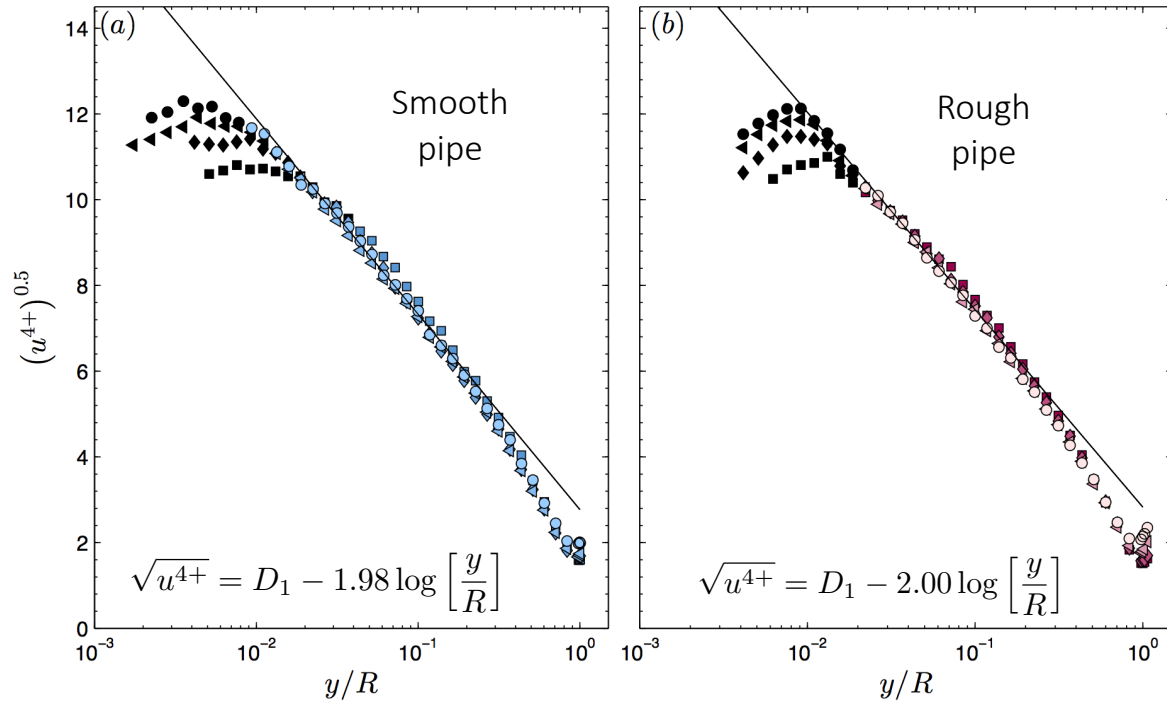


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Second order moments of u'

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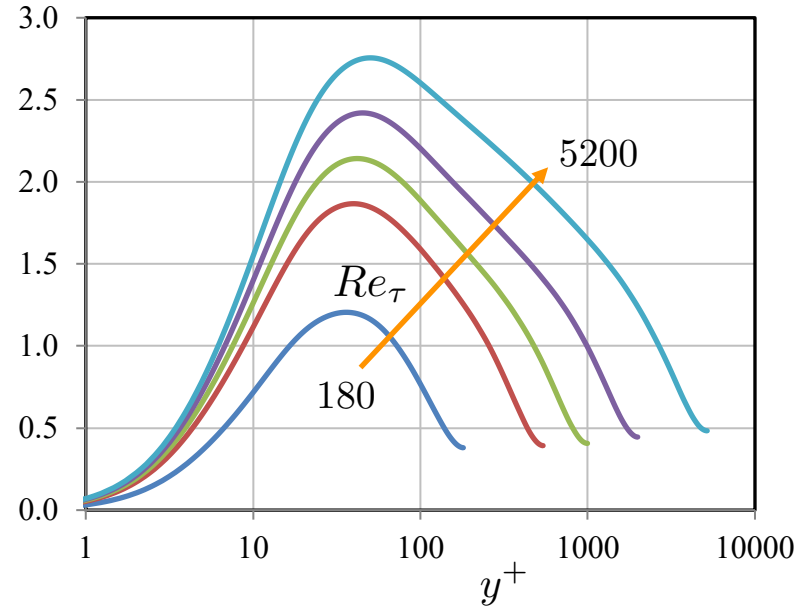
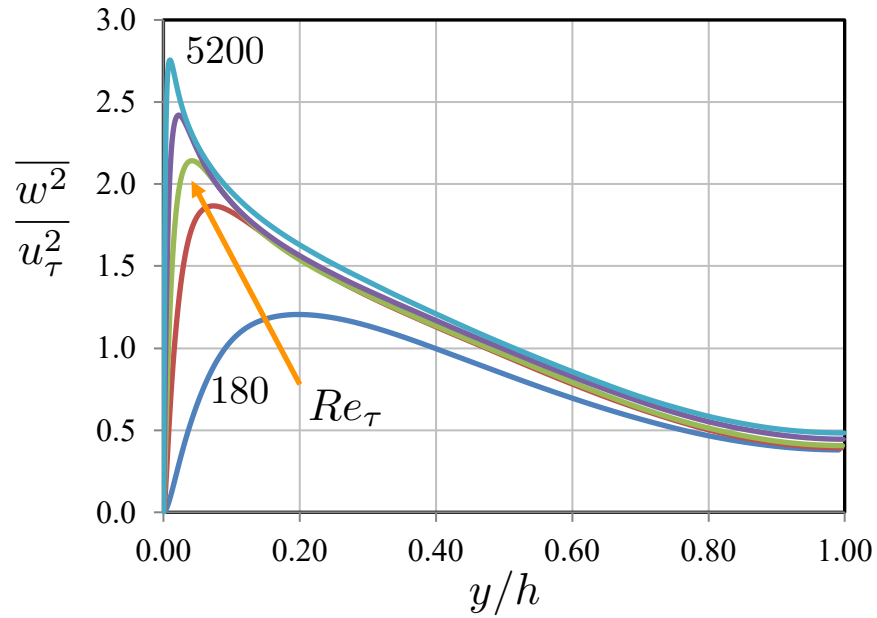
$$1.25\sqrt{3} = 2.16 \quad (\text{Gaussian expectation})$$

Meneveau & Marusic (2013)

Hultmark, Vallikivi, Bailey & Smits (2013)

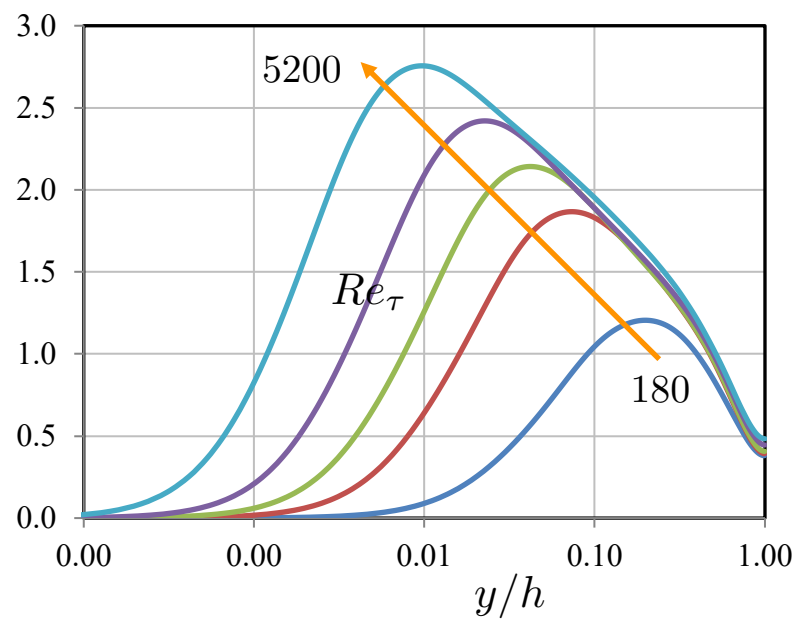
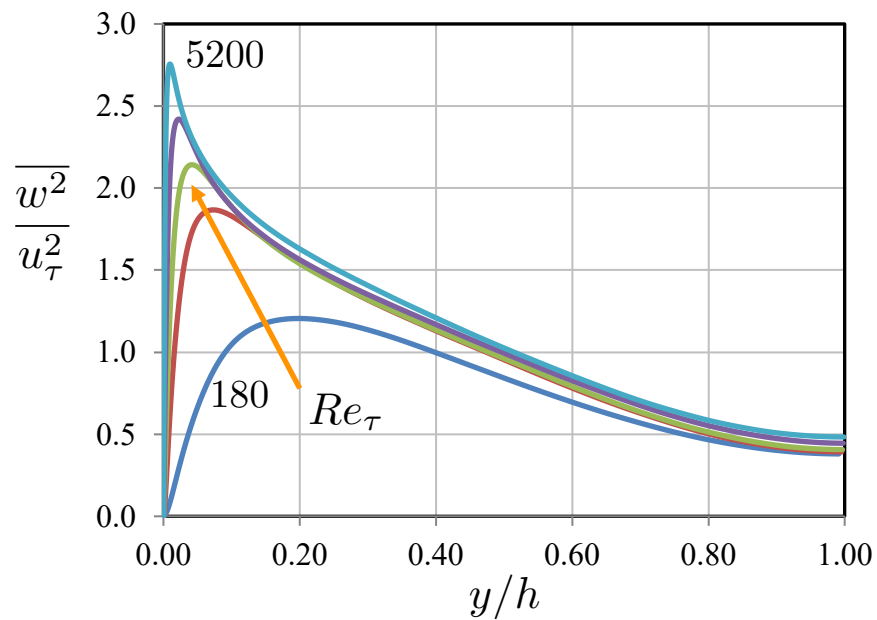
What about the other stresses?

Spanwise component



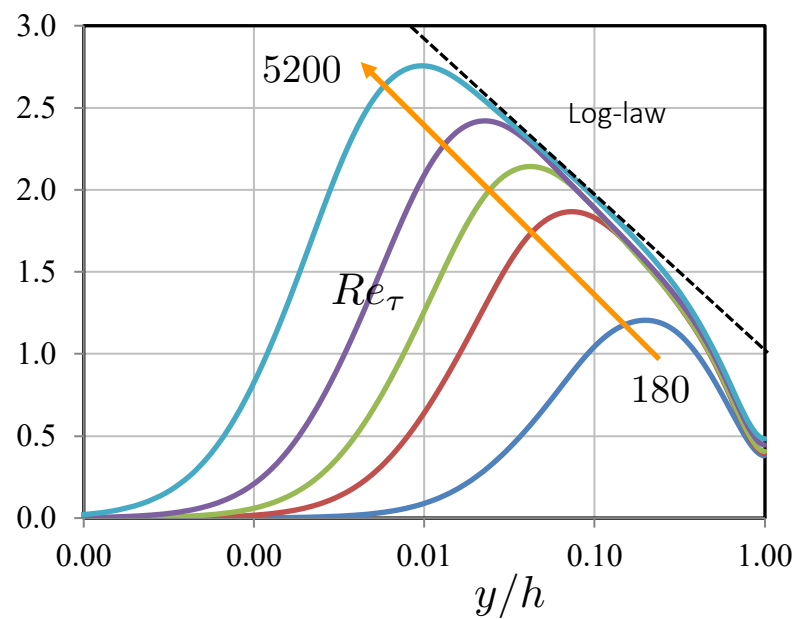
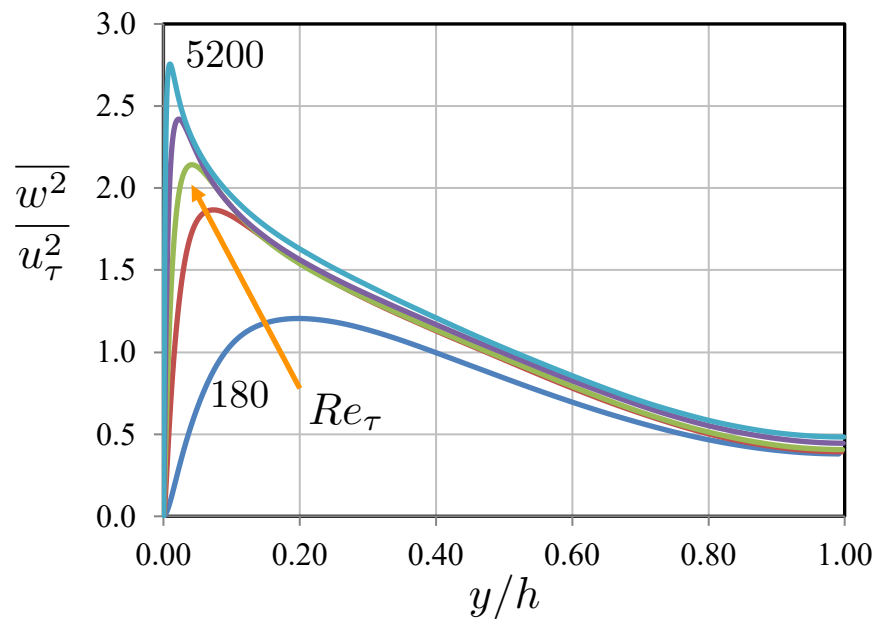
Spanwise component: channel

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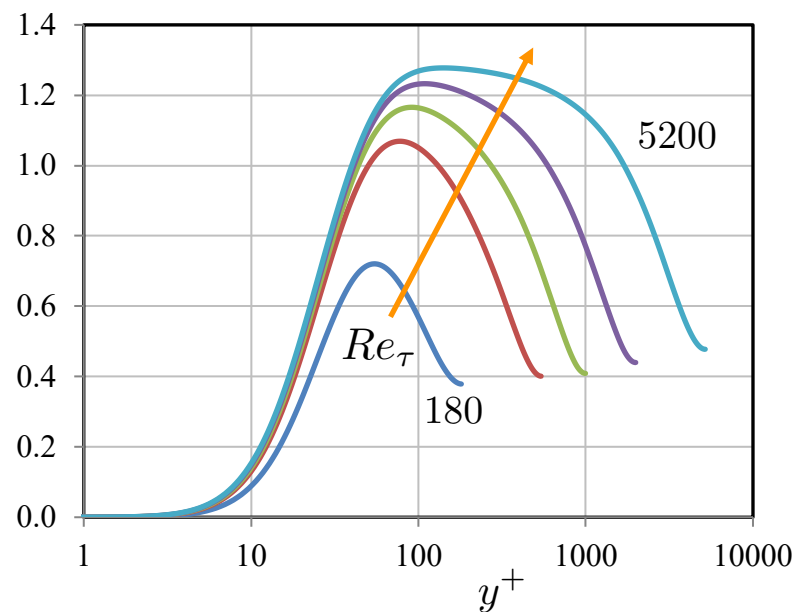
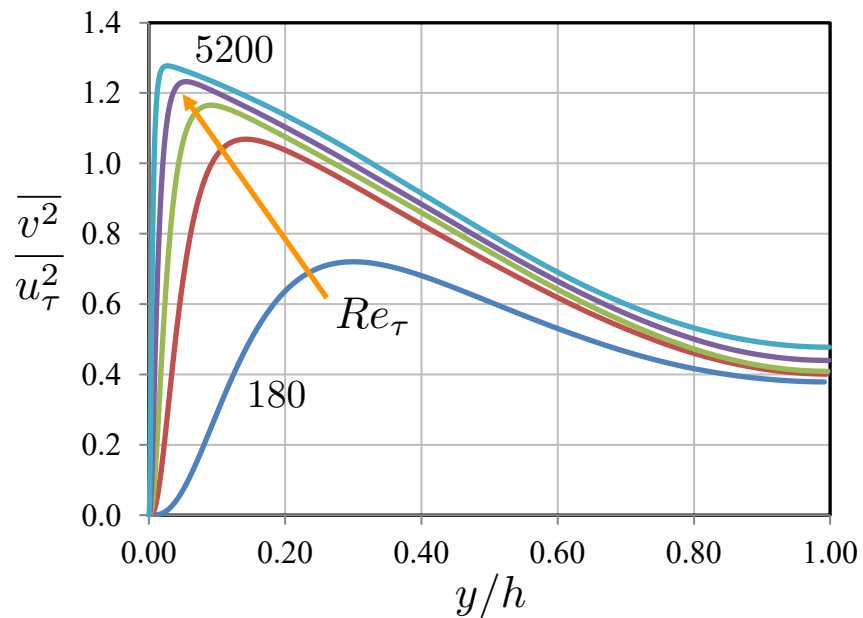
Spanwise component



$$\frac{\overline{w^2}}{\overline{u_\tau^2}} = 1.08 - 0.387 \ln \frac{y}{h}$$

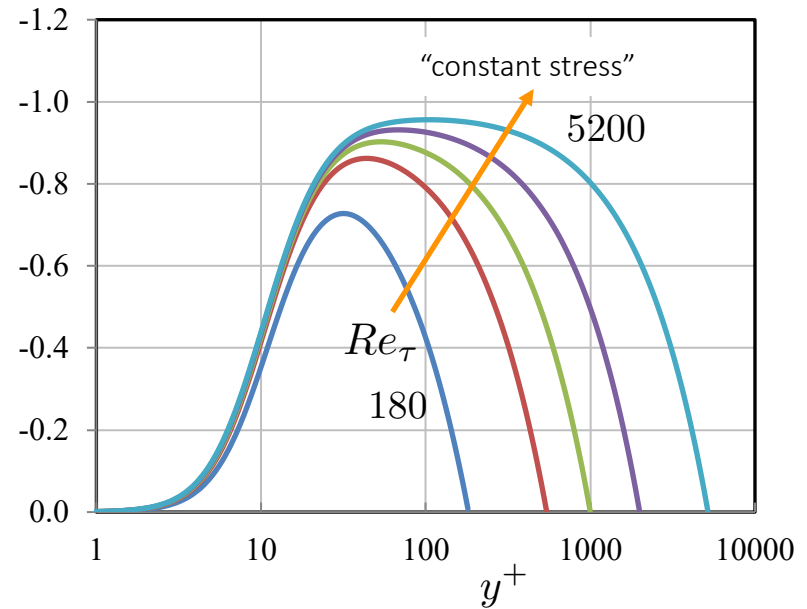
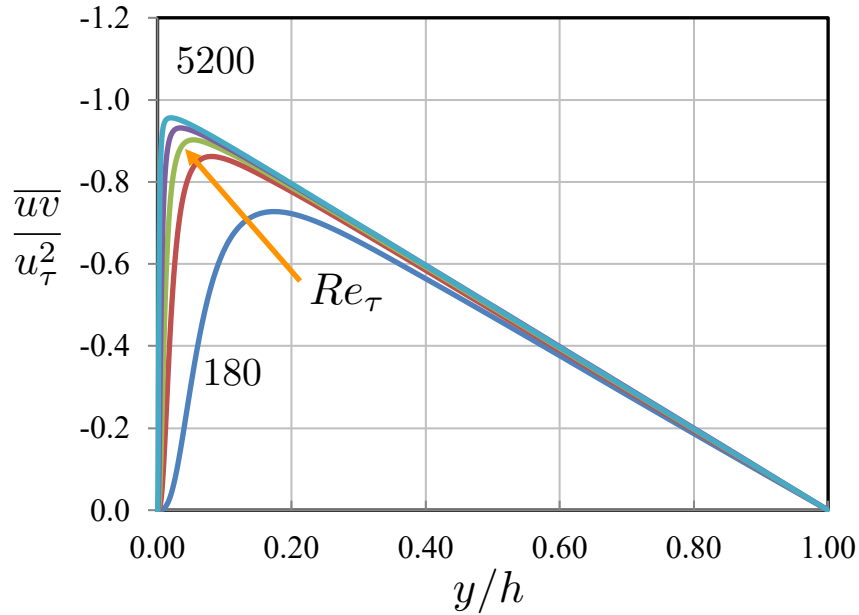
Wall-normal component: channel

Wall-normal component



Shear stress: channel

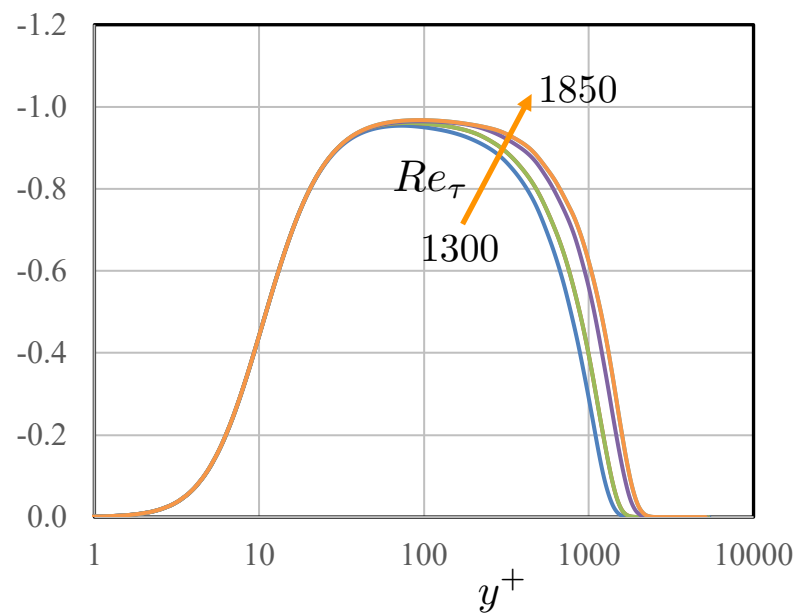
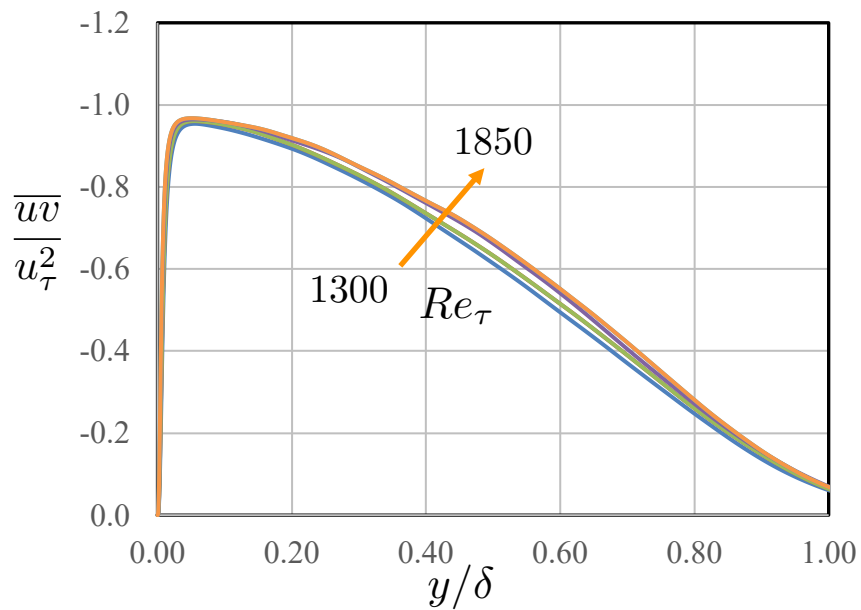
Shear stress



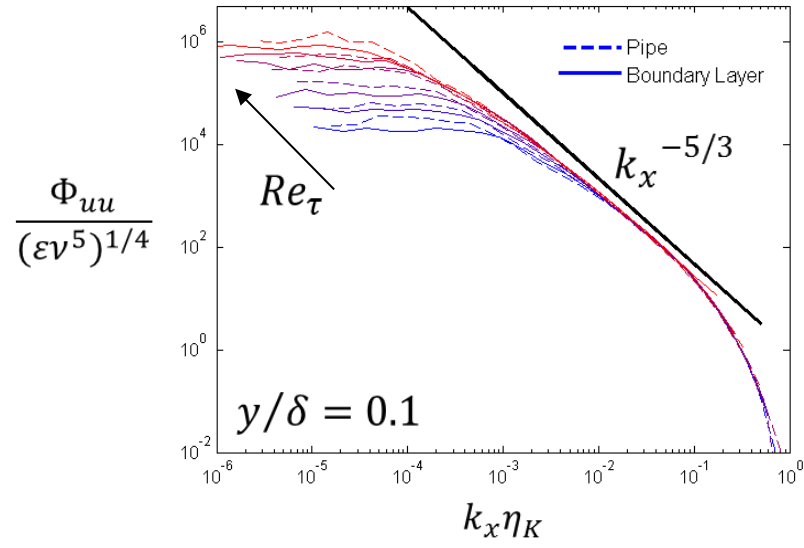
For fully-developed channel flow:
$$-\overline{uv} + \nu \frac{dU}{dy} = u_\tau^2 \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right)$$

Shear stress: boundary layer

Shear stress



Spectral scaling: what about $-5/3$?

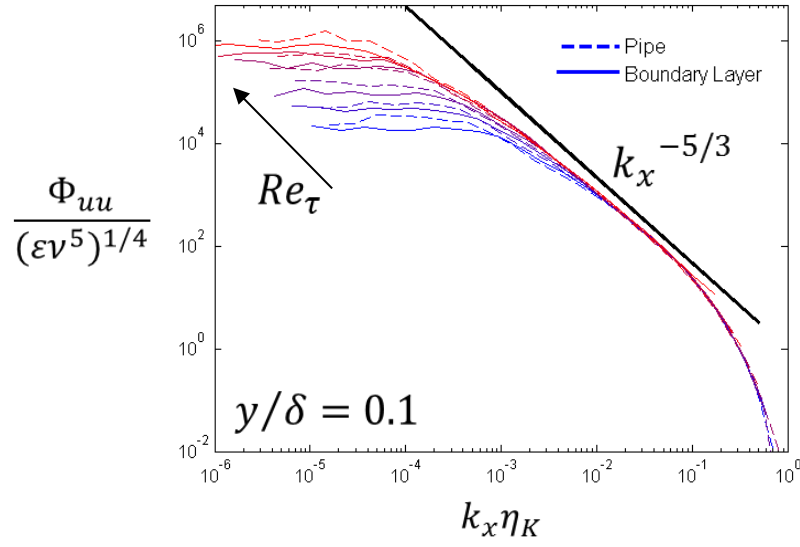


Overlap region II:

$k_x^{-5/3}$ region

$$\Phi_{uu} \sim k_x^{-5/3}$$

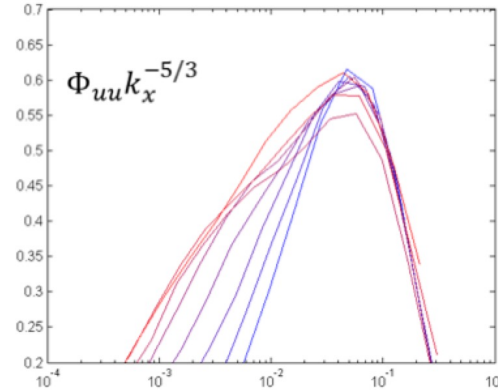
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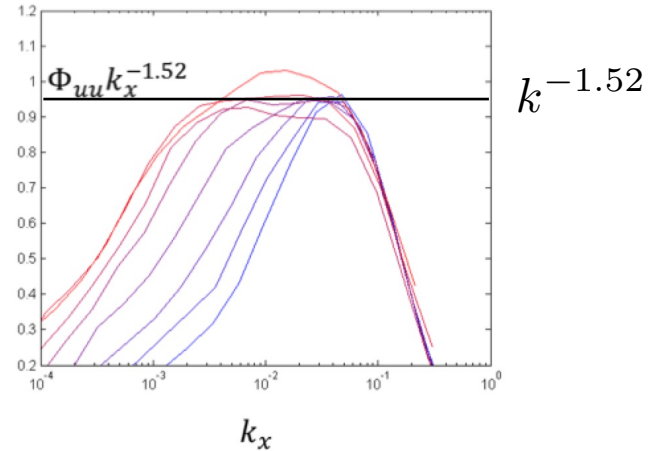
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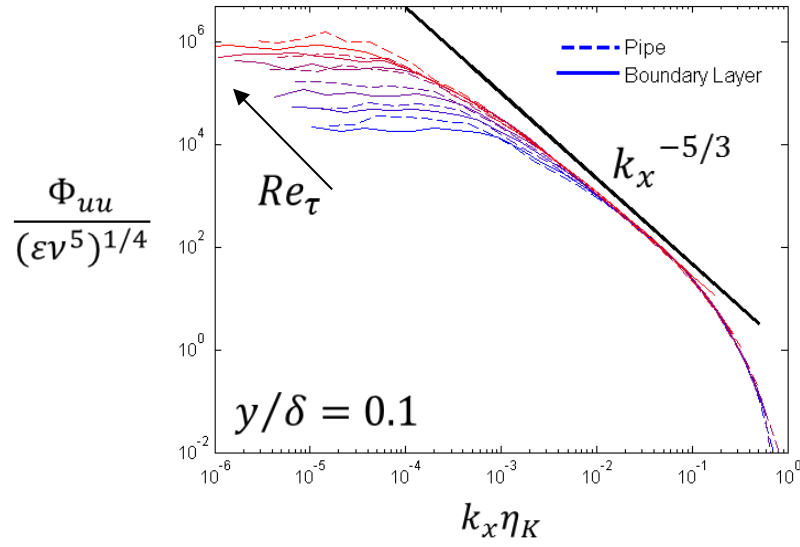


Pre-multiplied spectra



$k^{-1.52}$

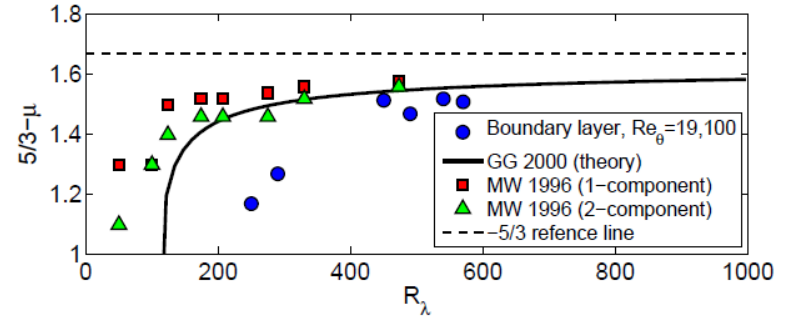
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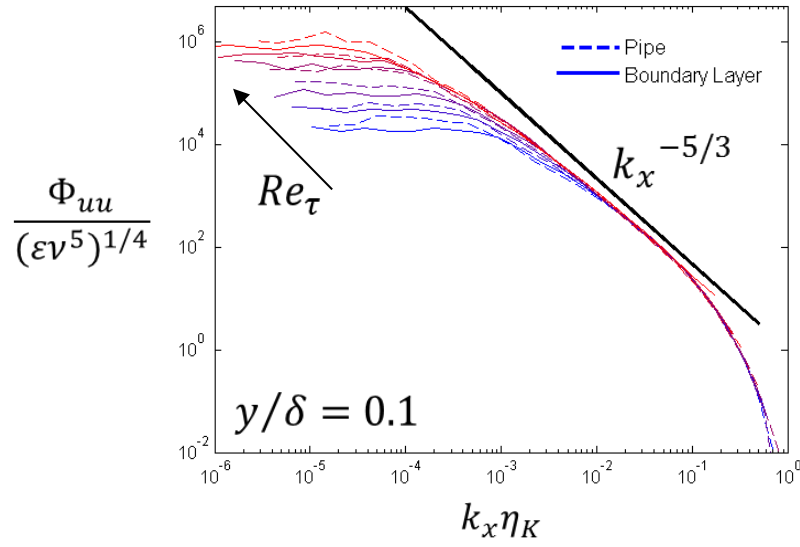
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Mydlarski and Warhaft (1996),
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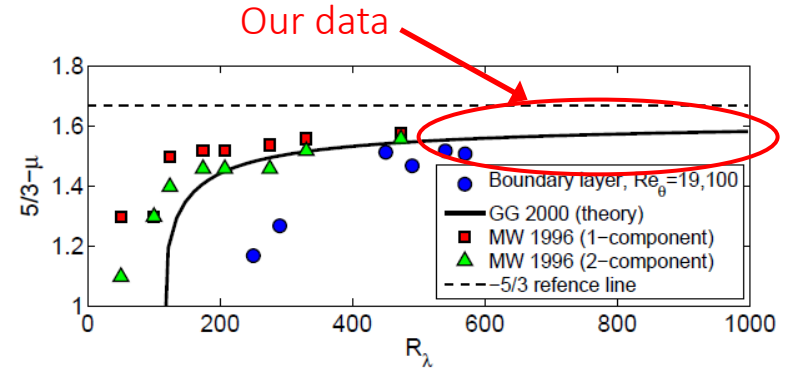
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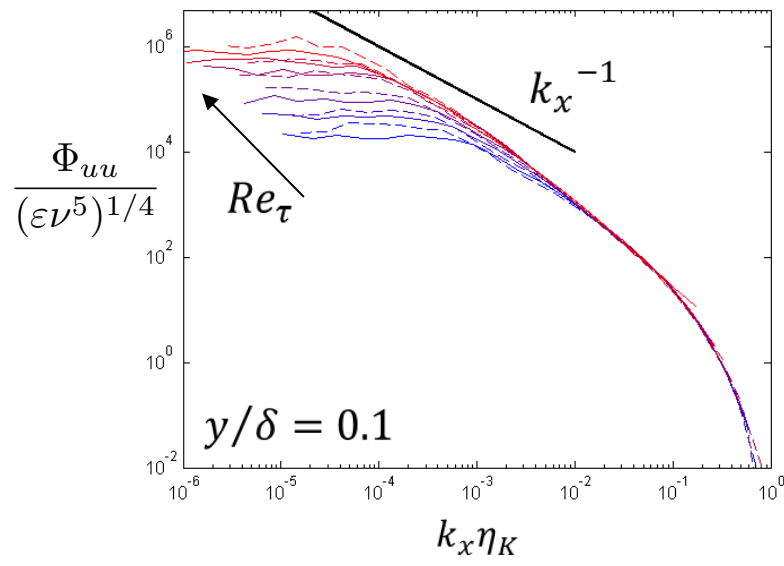
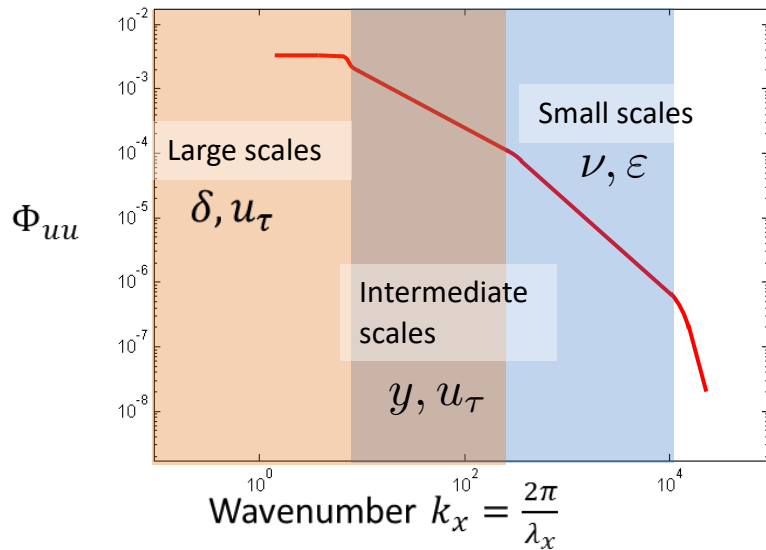
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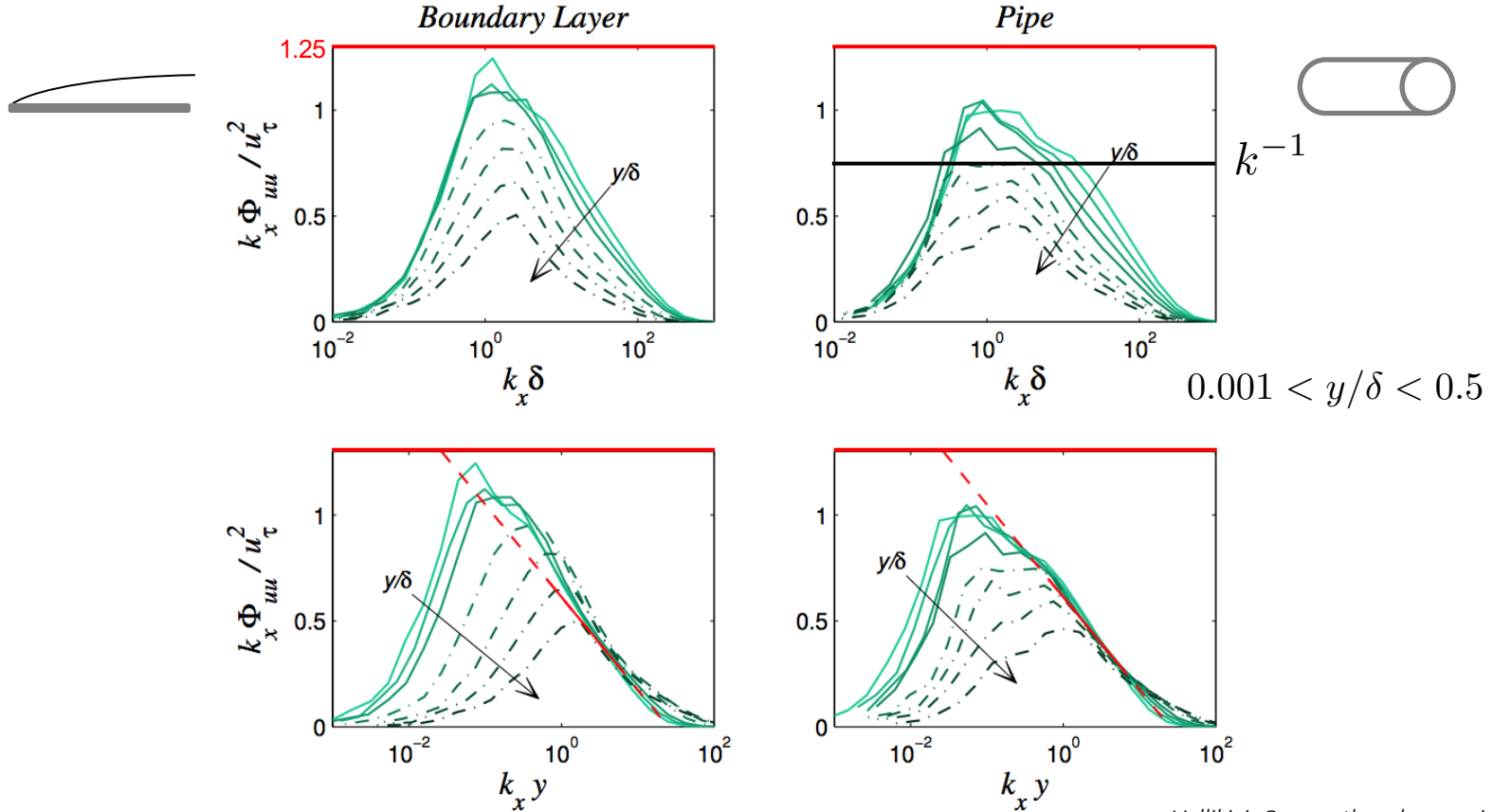


Overlap region I:

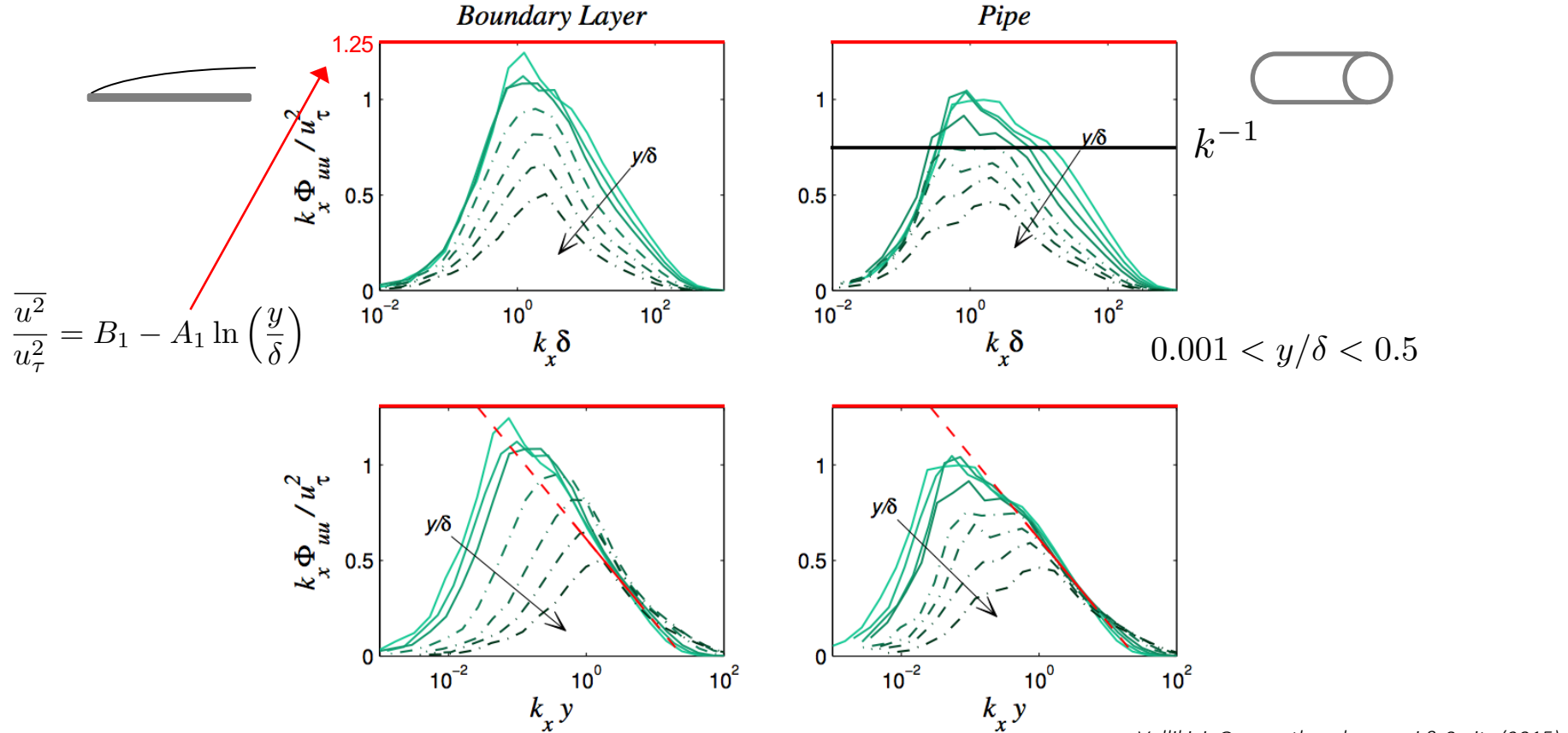
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Pre-multiplied-1 spectra: $Re_\tau \approx 5000$



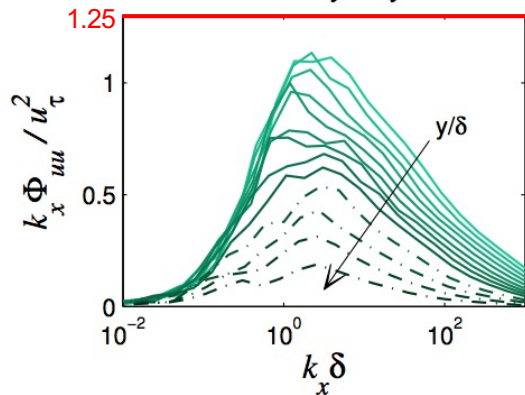
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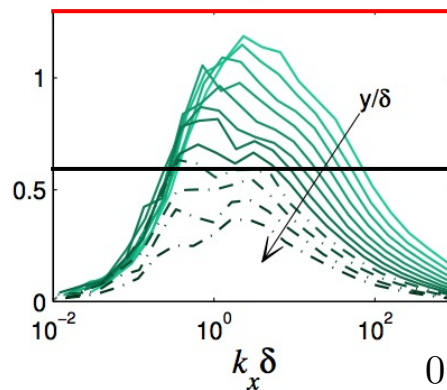
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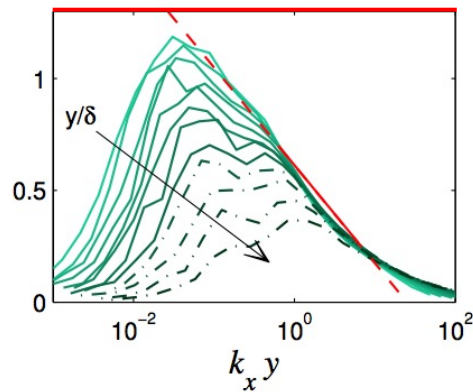
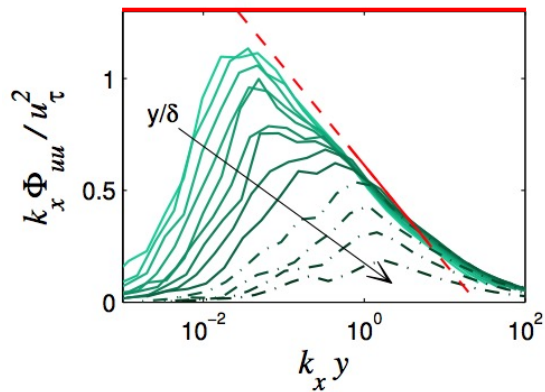
Boundary Layer



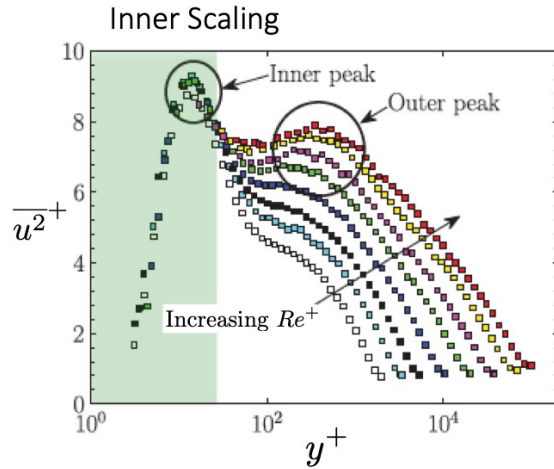
Pipe



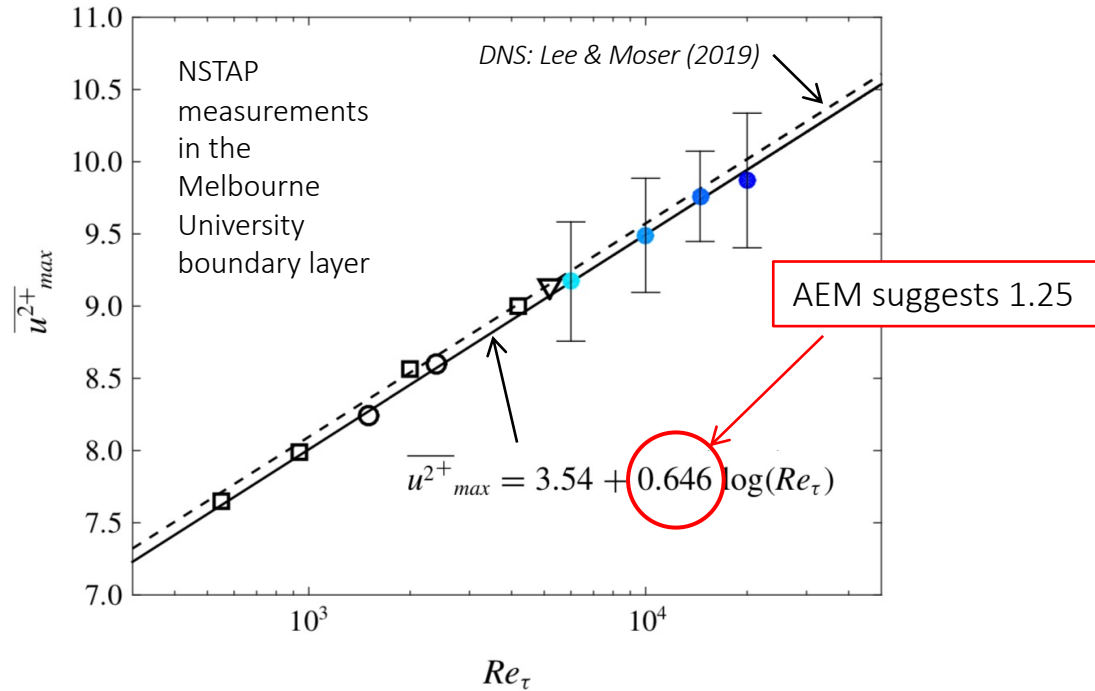
$$0.001 < y/\delta < 0.5$$



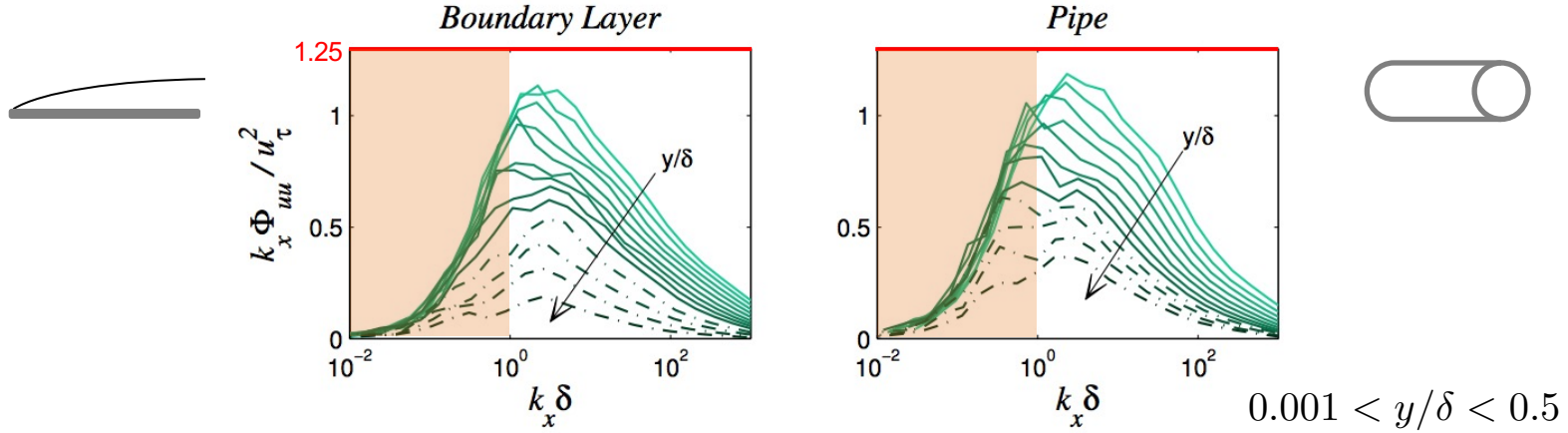
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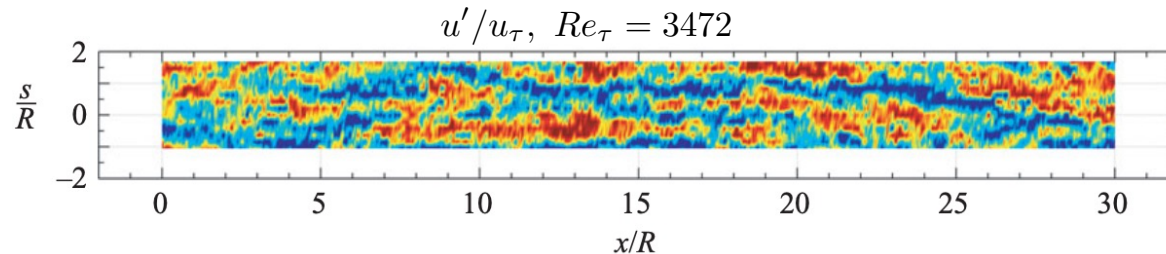
Something else is going on



VLSMs and superstructures



- Significant fraction of the energy is contained in region $\lambda < \delta$
- Energy associated with these motions in pipe flow called “Very Large Scale Motions”
- In boundary layers they are often called “superstructures”



Kim & Adrian (1999)
 Hutchins & Marusic (2007)
 Monty et al. (2007)

Influence of outer layer motions on inner layer motions

- The outer region in the turbulent stress distributions scale with the outer length scale δ, h, R
- The inner region has a mixed scaling, indicating the influence of outer scale motions on inner scale motions
- The outer scale motions modulate and superimpose on the inner scale motions

Rao, Narasimha & Badri Narayanan (1971)

Blackwelder & Kovasznay (1972)

Brown & Thomas (1977)

Alfredsson & Johansson (1984)

Bandyopadhyay & Hussain (1986)

Wark & Nagib (1991)

DeGraaff & Eaton (2000)

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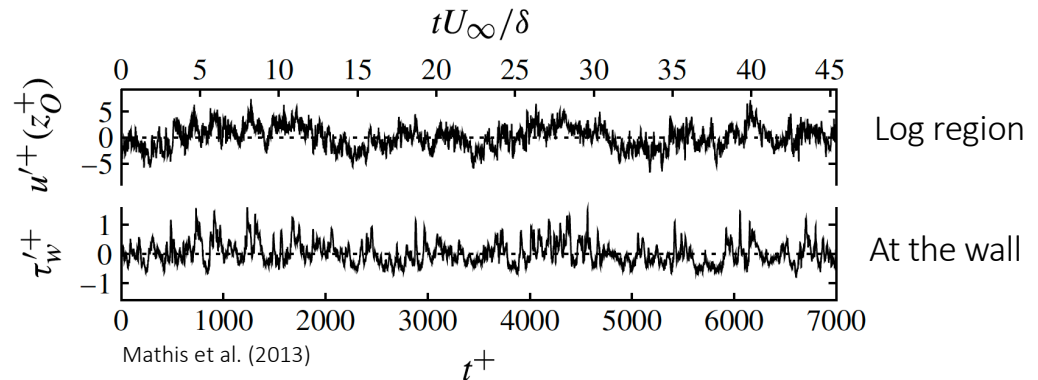
Schlatter et al (2009)

George & Tutkun (2009)

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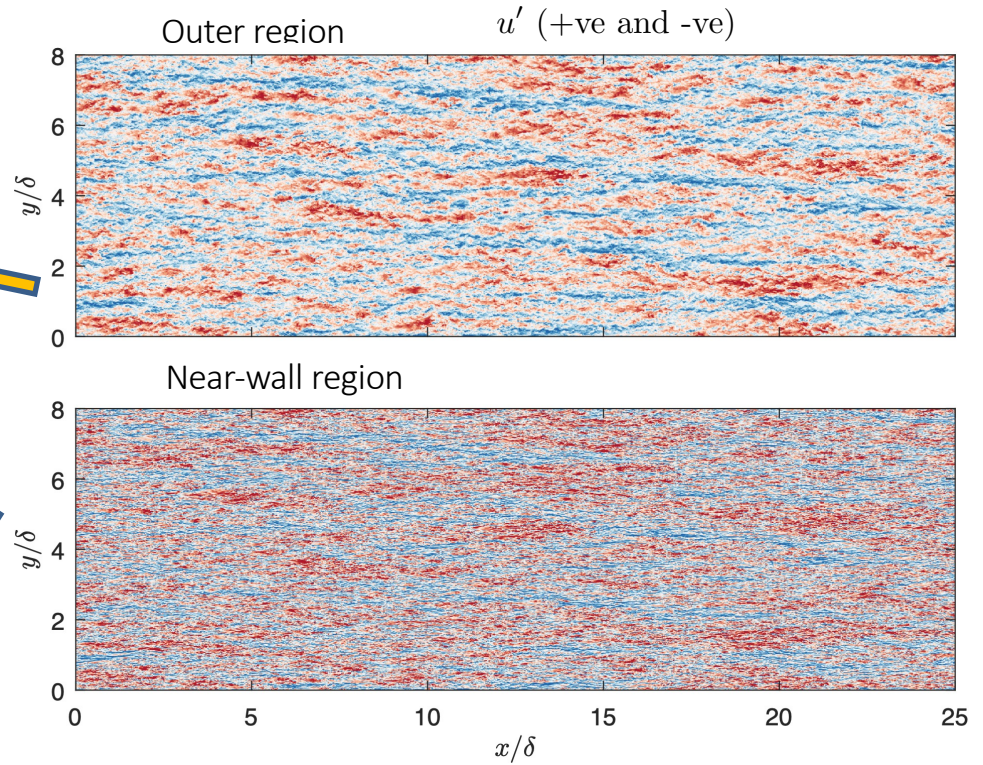
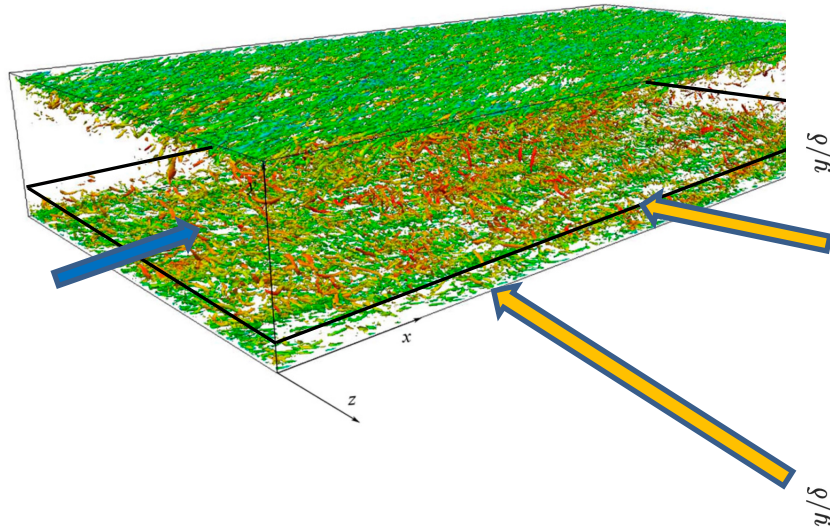
and others..

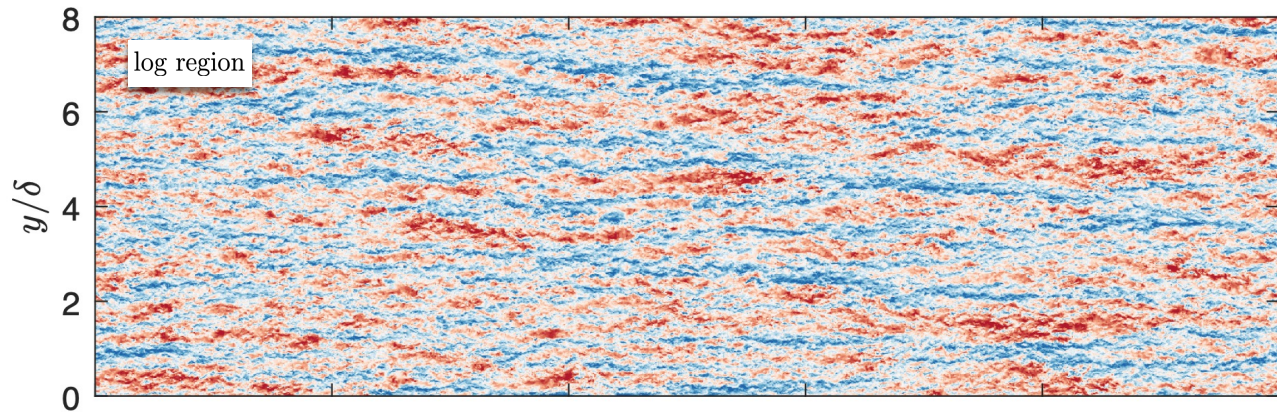


$Re_\tau = 4480$

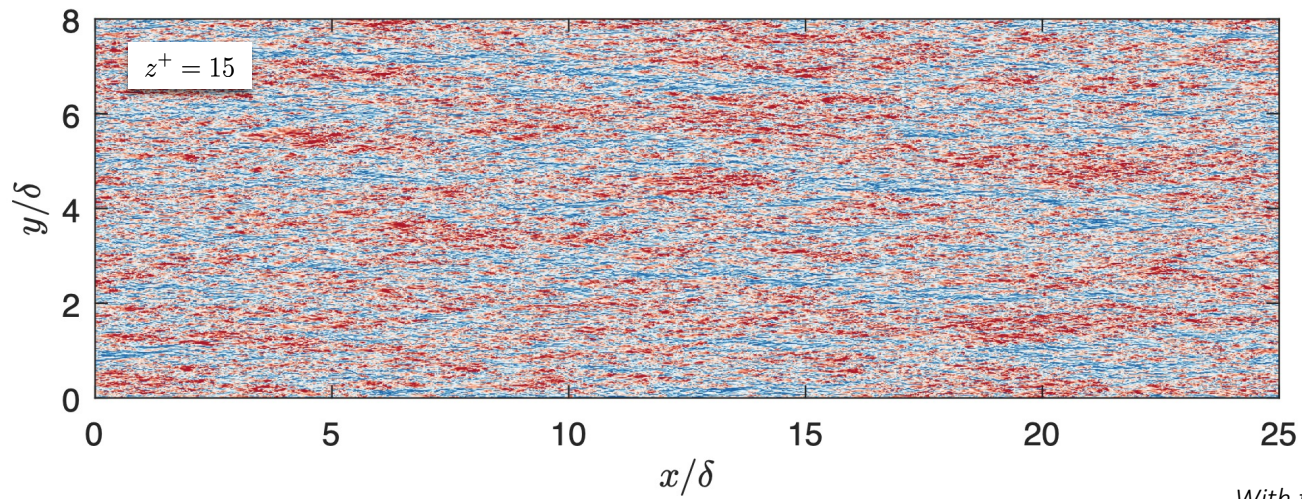
Outer scale motions modulate and superimpose on near-wall motions

DNS: $Re_\tau = 2003$; Hoyas & Jimenez (2006)

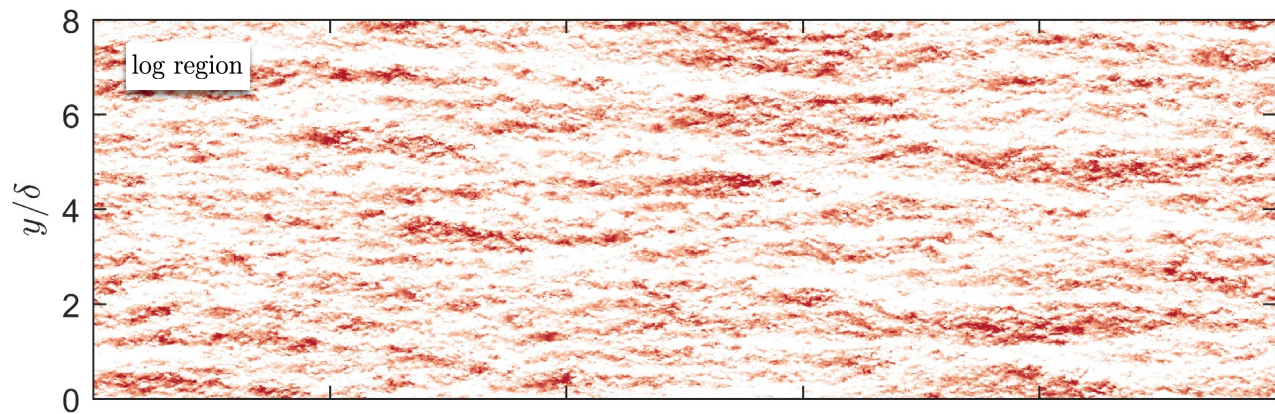




Outer region

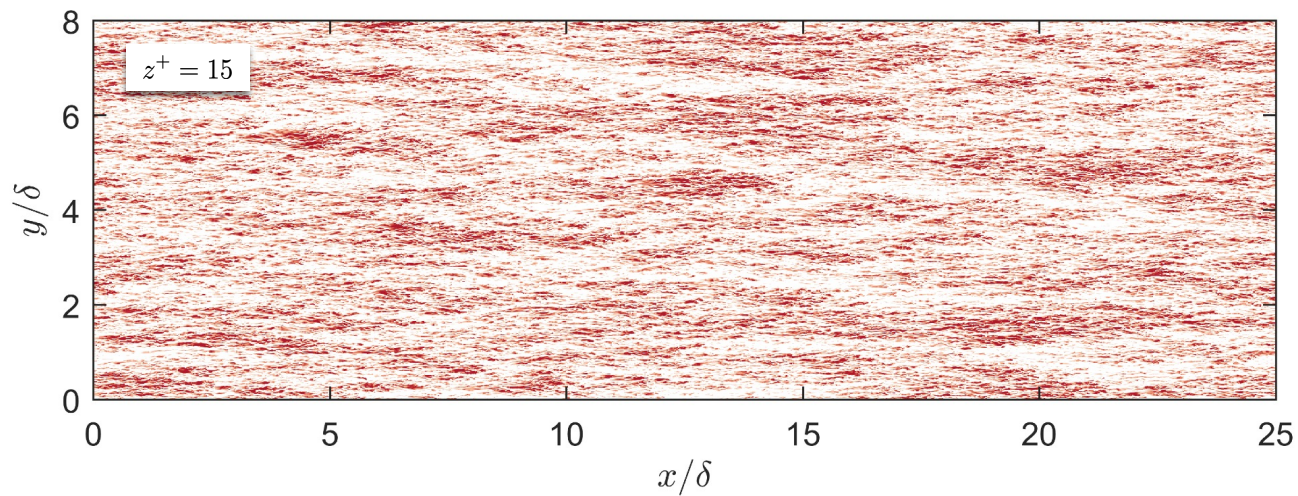


Inner region

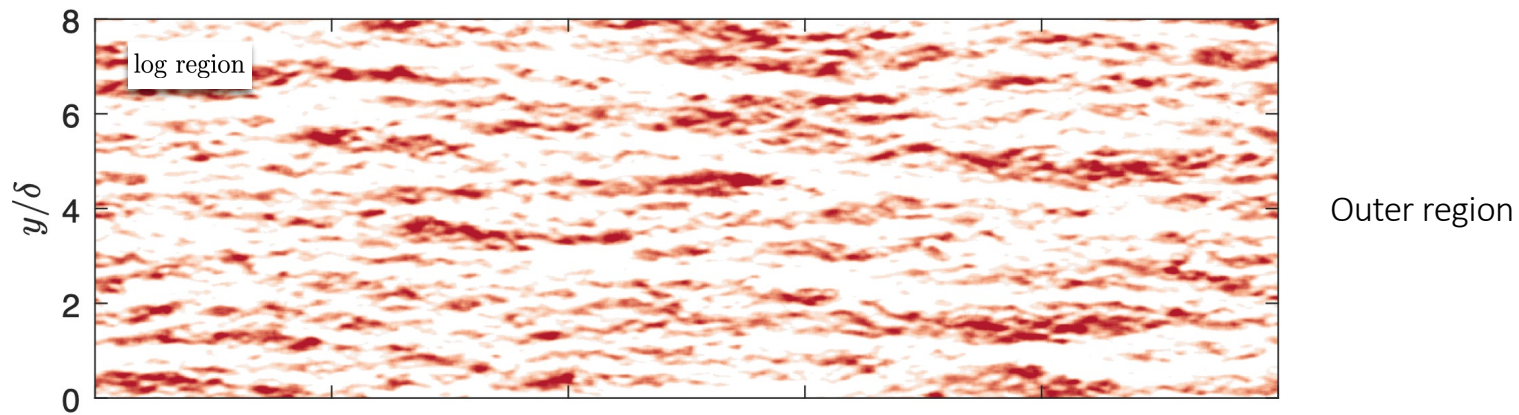


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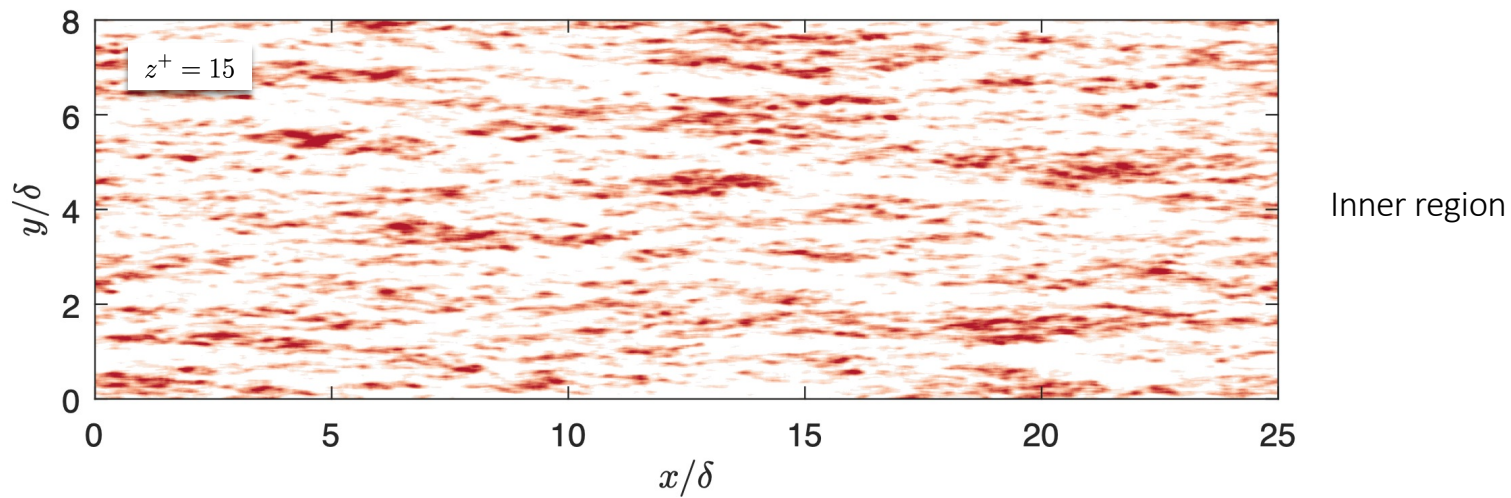
Focus on positive u fluctuations only

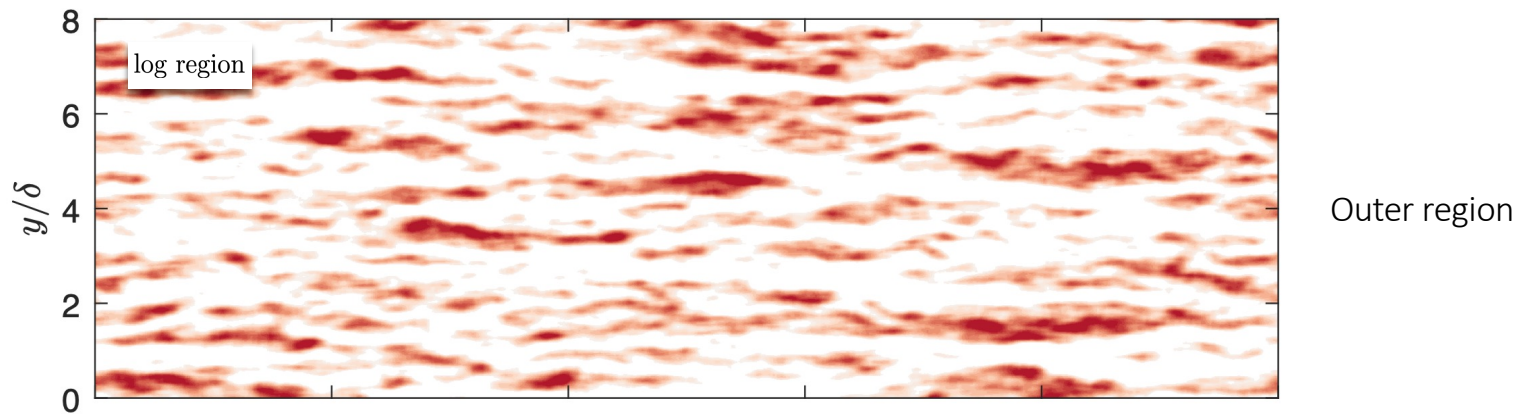


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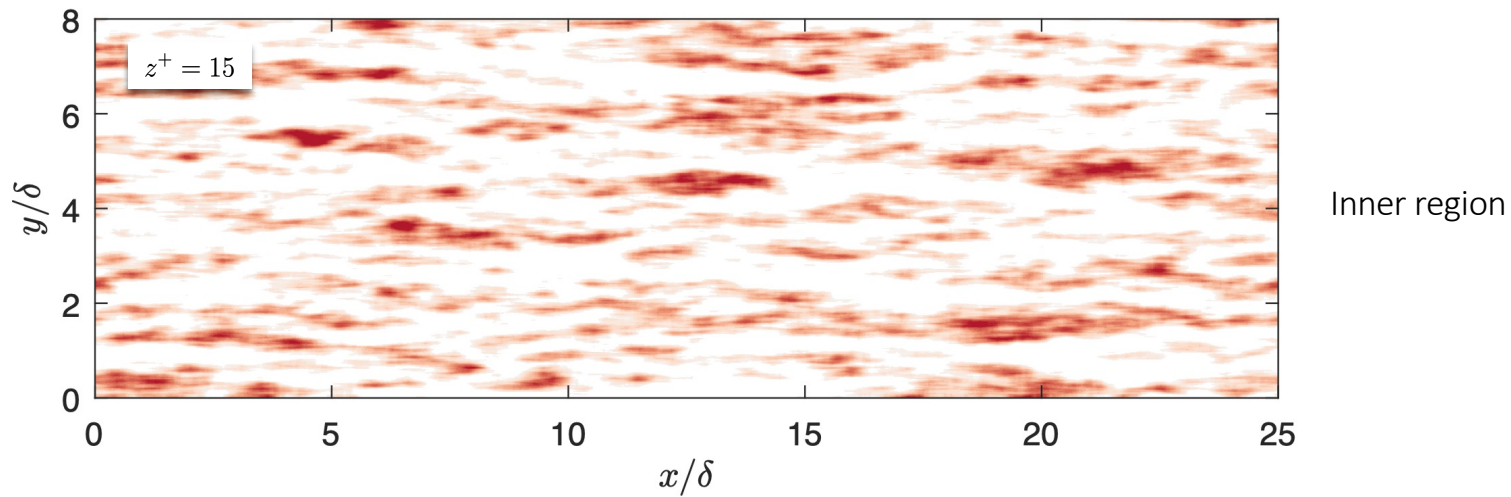


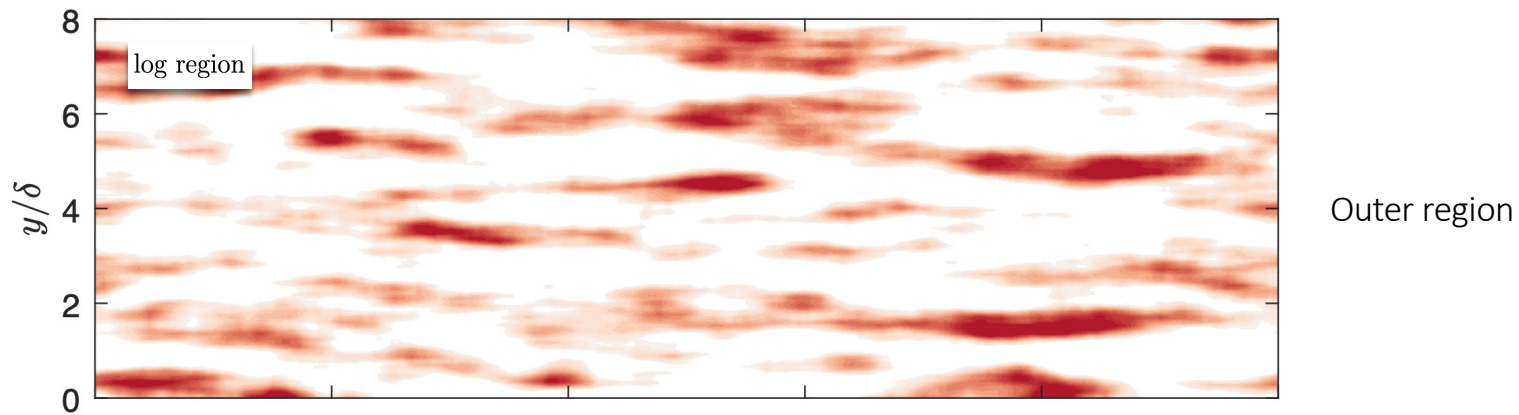
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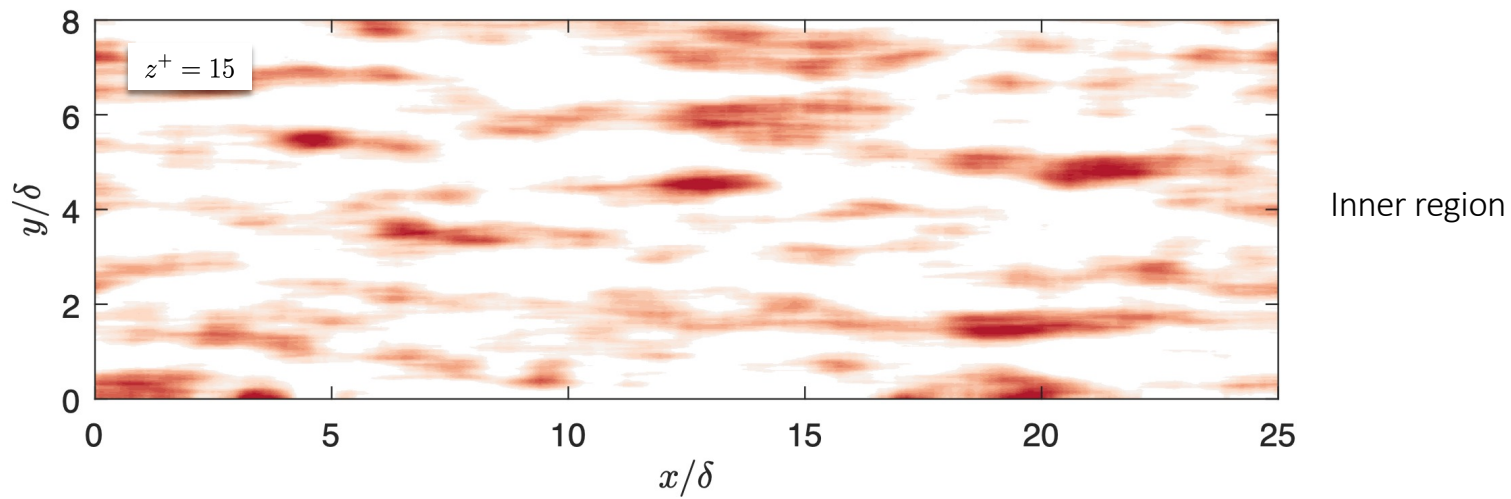


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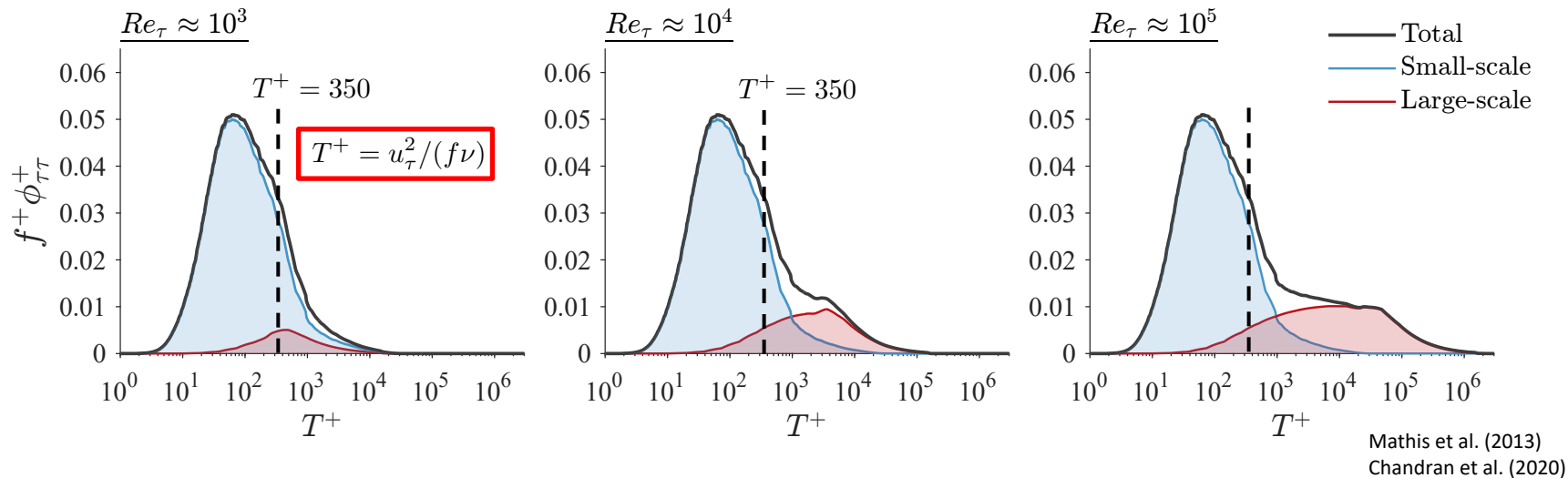




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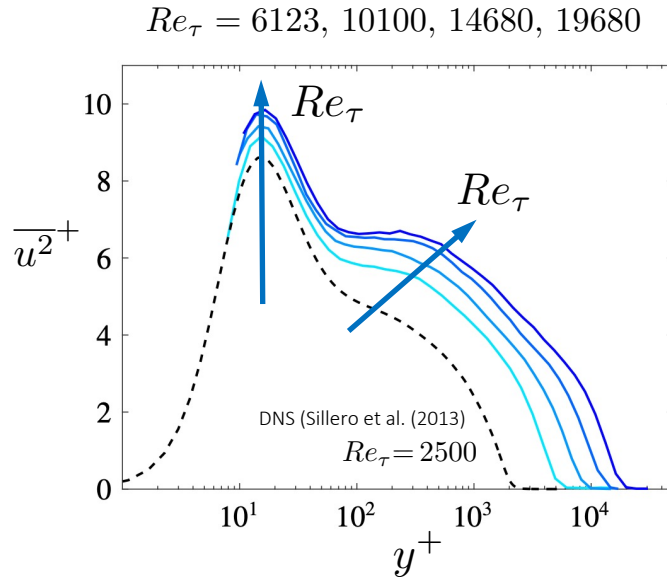


Wall-shear stress spectra with increasing Reynolds number



- We consider $T^+ < 350$ to be associated with inner-scaled motions, and $T^+ > 350$ with outer-scaled motions
- Outer-scaled motions contribute more and more to the wall shear stress fluctuations with increasing Re_τ
- Targeting outer-scale motions gives new pathway to drag reduction at high Reynolds number (Marusic et al. 2021)

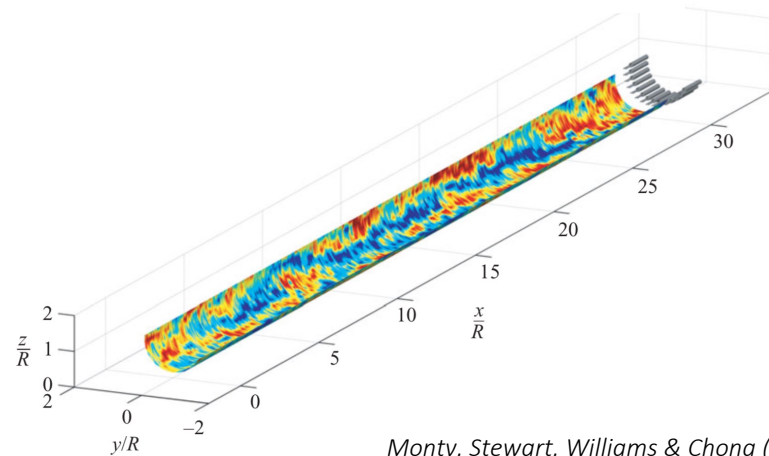
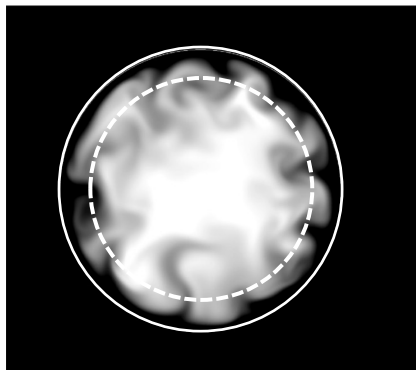
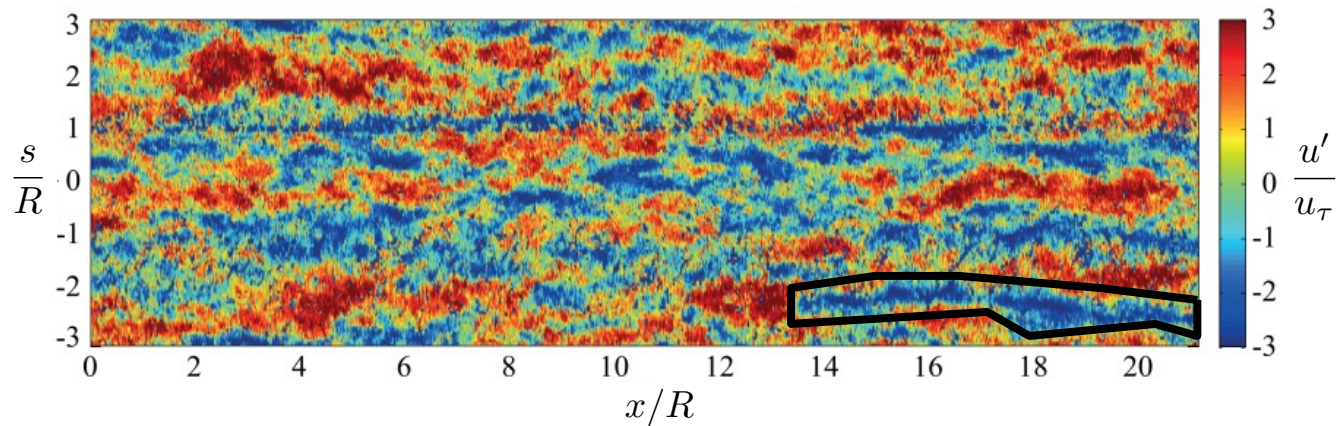
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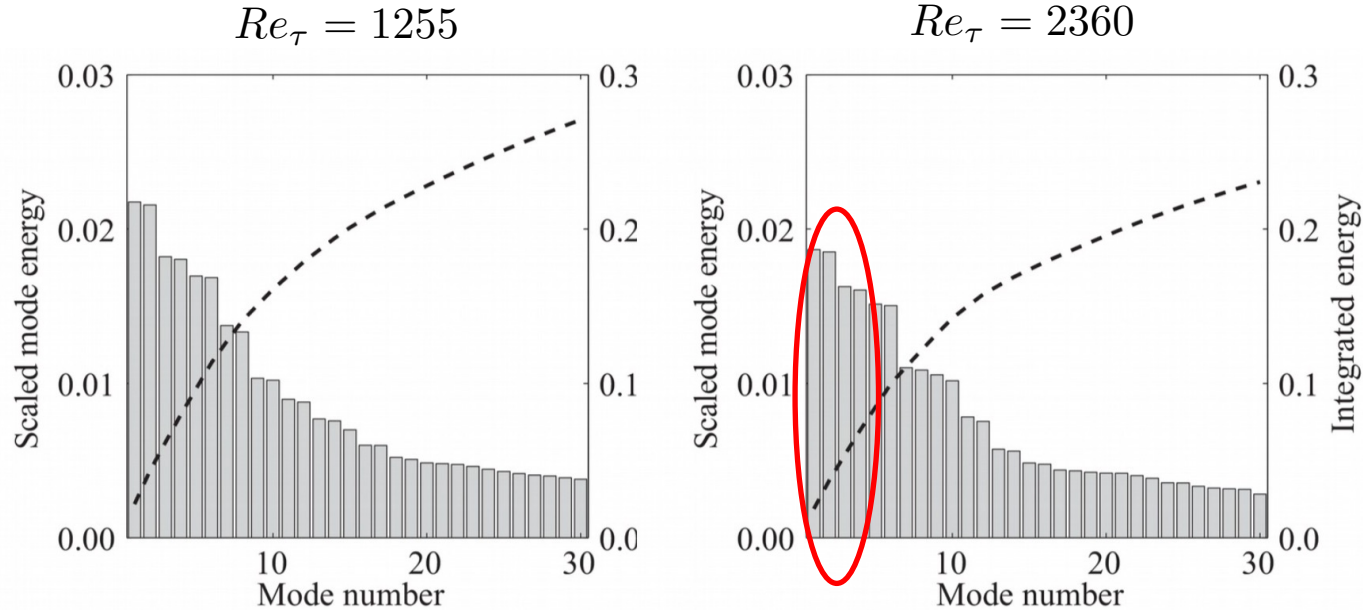
- Superstructures and VLSM
- Growth of the inner peak reflects the influence of the outer layer motions on the inner layer
- Modulation and superimposition
- Outer layer scales on δ
- Inner layer has mixed scaling
- Transition between inner and outer regions often called the meso-layer
- Power law in mean velocity

POD analysis of VLSM

Pipe flow
 $Re_\tau = 354$
 $y = 0.2$



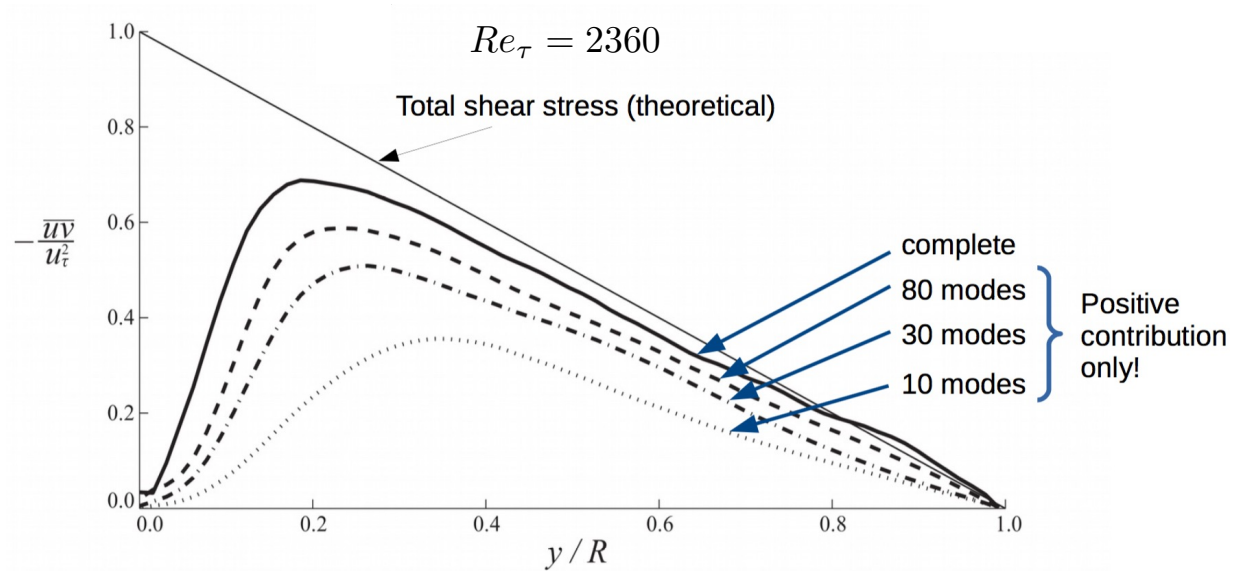
Energy distribution among POD modes



- We expect the VLSM to be the most energetic structures
- First 16 modes come in pairs
- The first 10 modes contain 15% of total energy

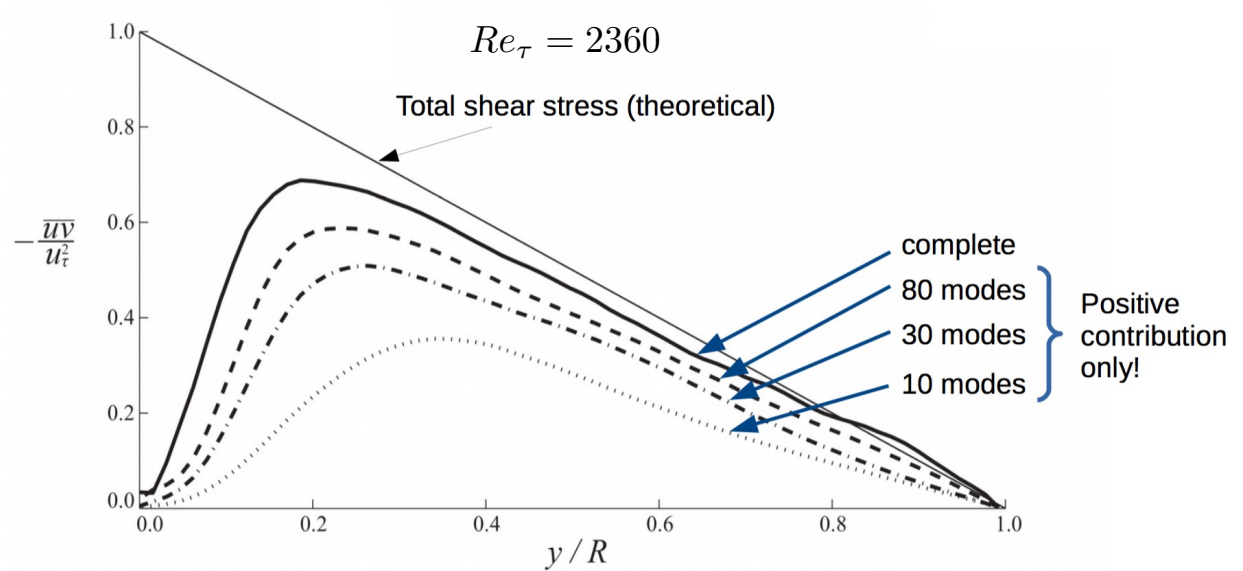
POD mode contribution to shear stress

- First 10 most energetic modes also contain 43% of the integrated Reynolds shear stress



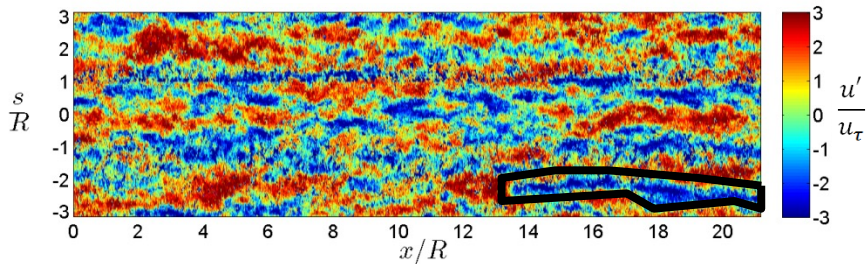
POD mode contribution to shear stress

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- Superposition of the first few most energetic modes may reconstruct the structures

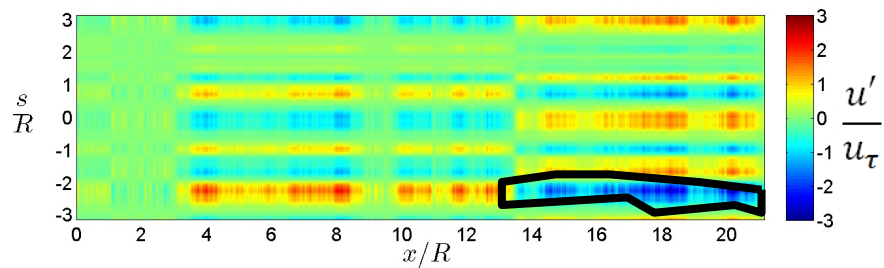


Reconstructed POD modes

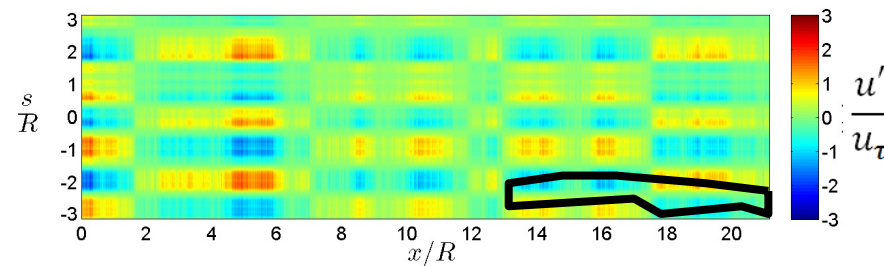
Original velocity field



Reconstructed mode 1

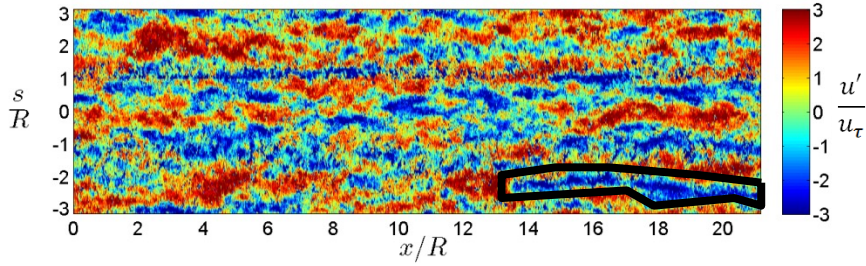


Reconstructed mode 2

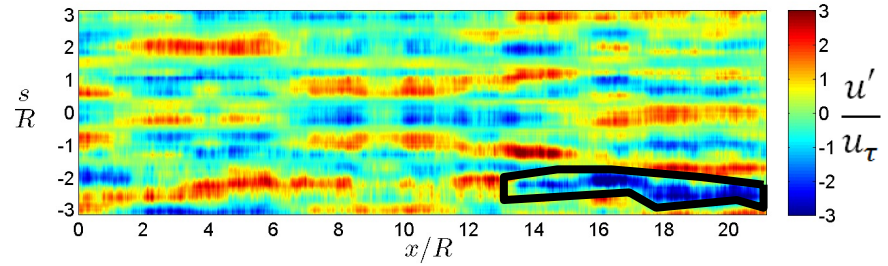


POD mode superposition

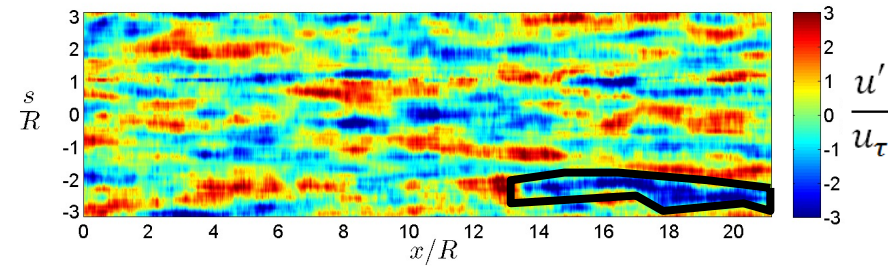
Original velocity field



Superimposed 4 modes

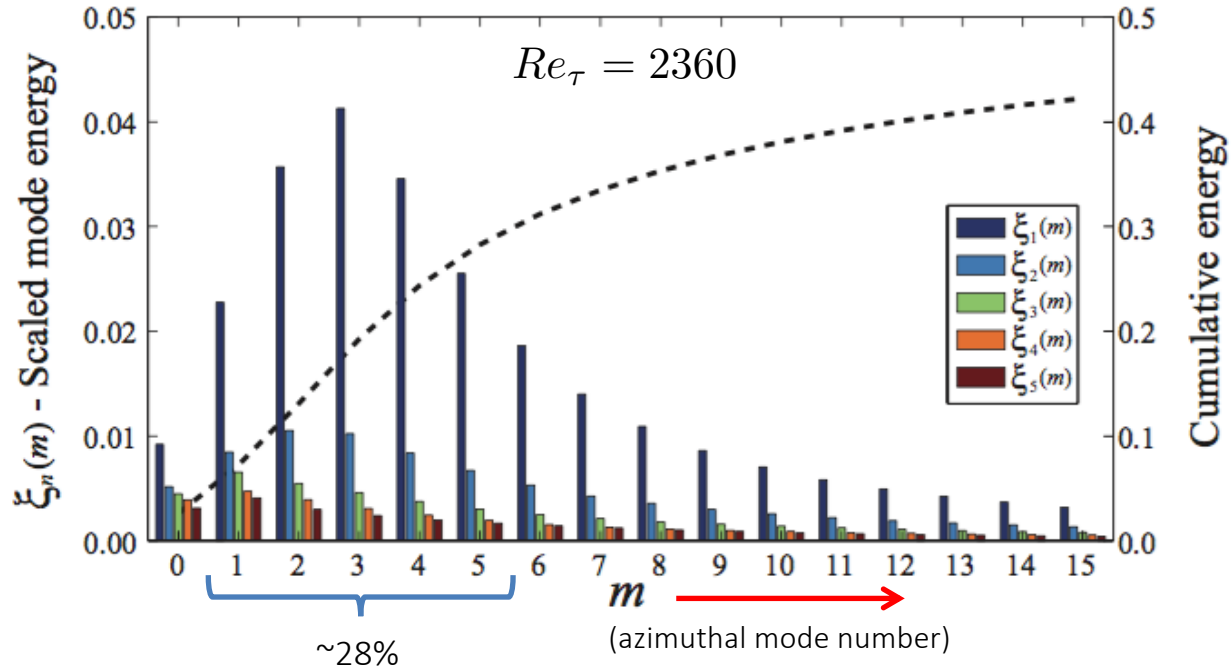


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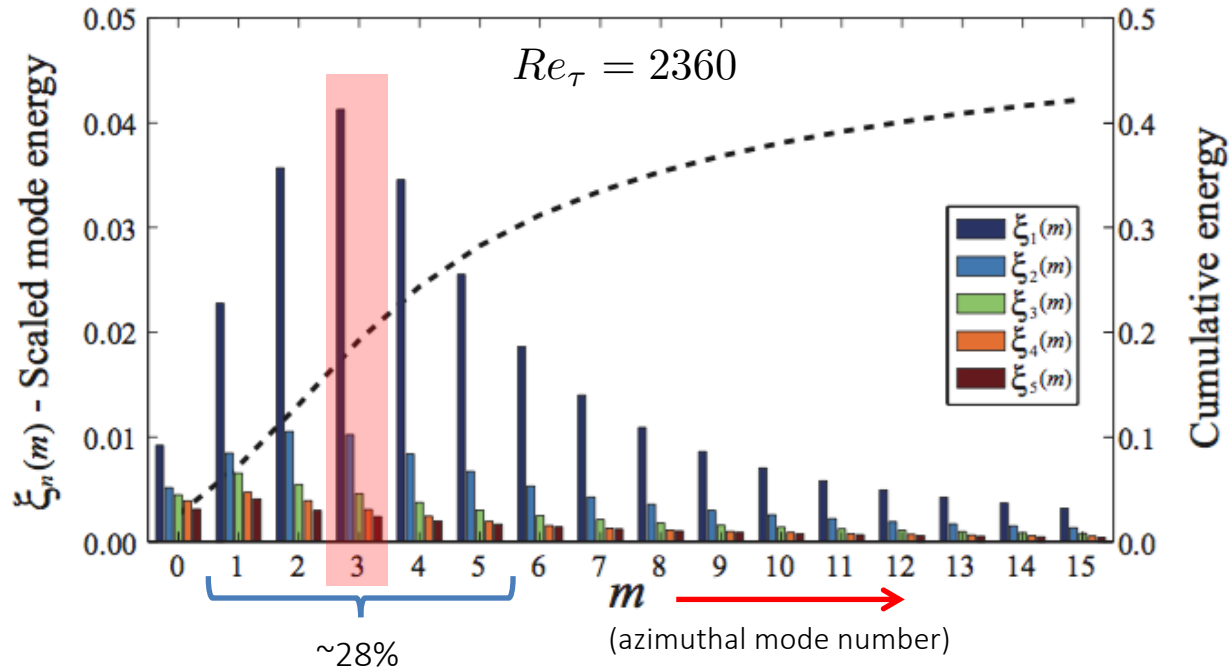
Ordering by azimuthal mode

Energy content of the first 15 azimuthal modes



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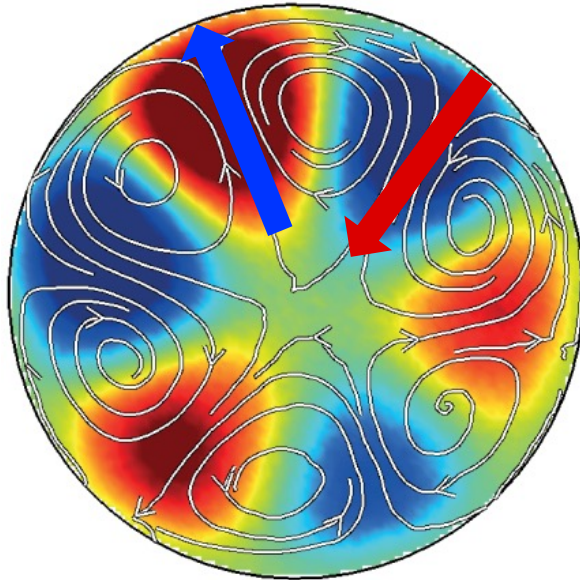


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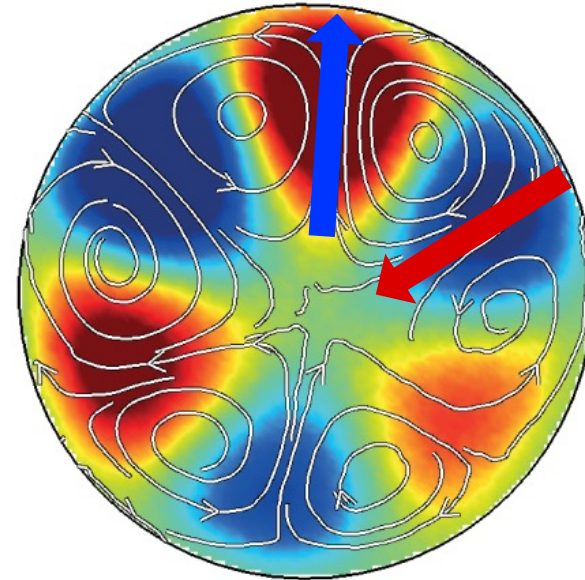
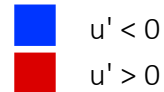
Positive contribution to the
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$$Re_\tau = 2360$$

Azimuthal mode number $m = (3)$



sPOD Mode 1



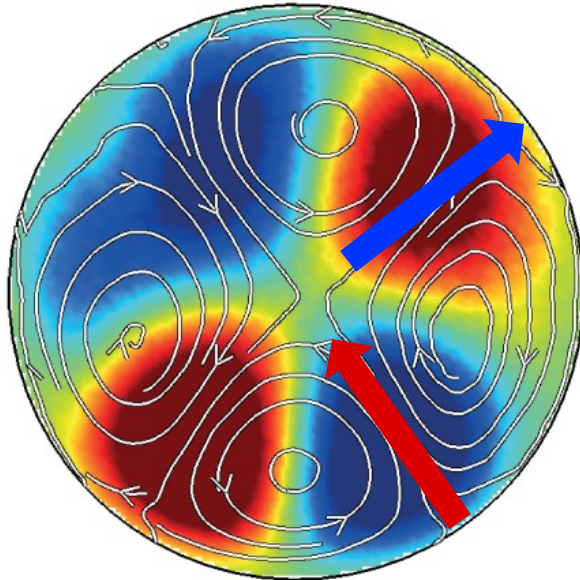
sPOD Mode 2

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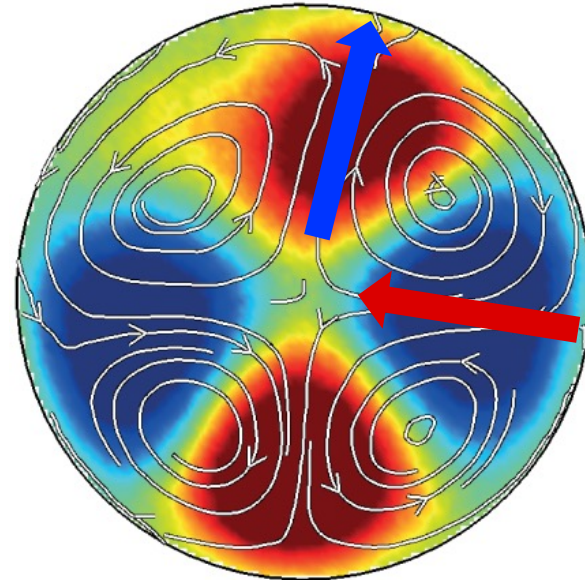
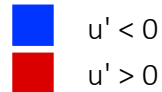
Positive contribution to the
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$Re_\tau = 2360$

Azimuthal mode number $m = (2)$



sPOD Mode 3



sPOD Mode 4

Azimuthal mode self similarity

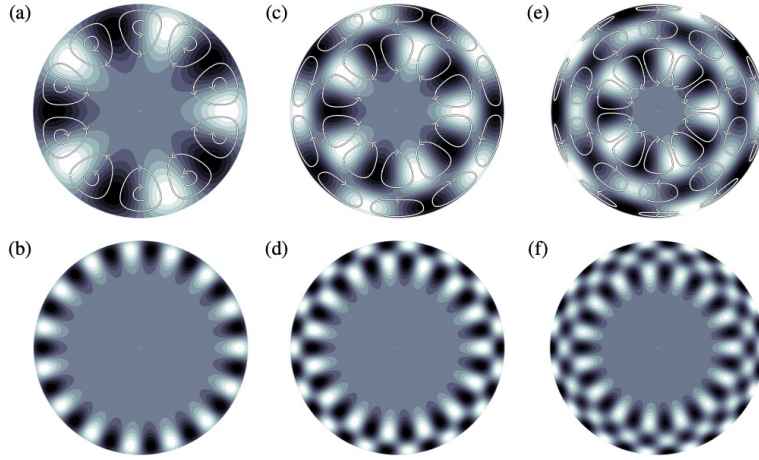


FIGURE 3. Contour plots of the streamwise component of sample POD modes for $Re_\tau = 2460$, where white and black represent positive and negative values, respectively. The streamlines indicate the in-plane component of the POD modes, $\Phi^{(n)}(m;r)$. (a) $\Phi^{(1)}(5;r)$; (b) $\Phi^{(1)}(15;r)$; (c) $\Phi^{(2)}(5;r)$; (d) $\Phi^{(2)}(15;r)$; (e) $\Phi^{(3)}(5;r)$; (f) $\Phi^{(3)}(15;r)$.

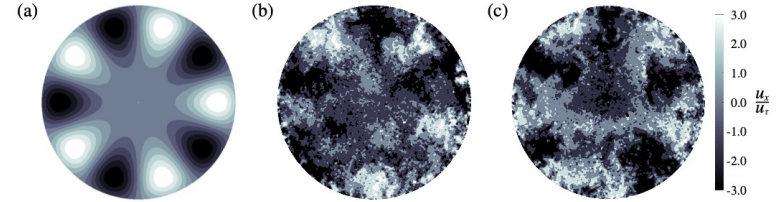


FIGURE 4. Activity of the POD modes in the instantaneous velocity field. (a) the streamwise component of $\Phi^{(1)}(5;r)$. (b) and (c) show the instantaneous streamwise velocity fluctuations at data block 6 and images 900 and 2108, respectively. $Re_\tau = 2460$

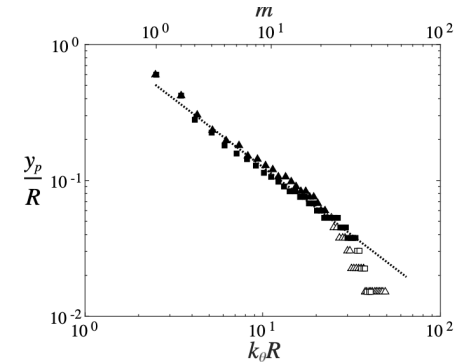
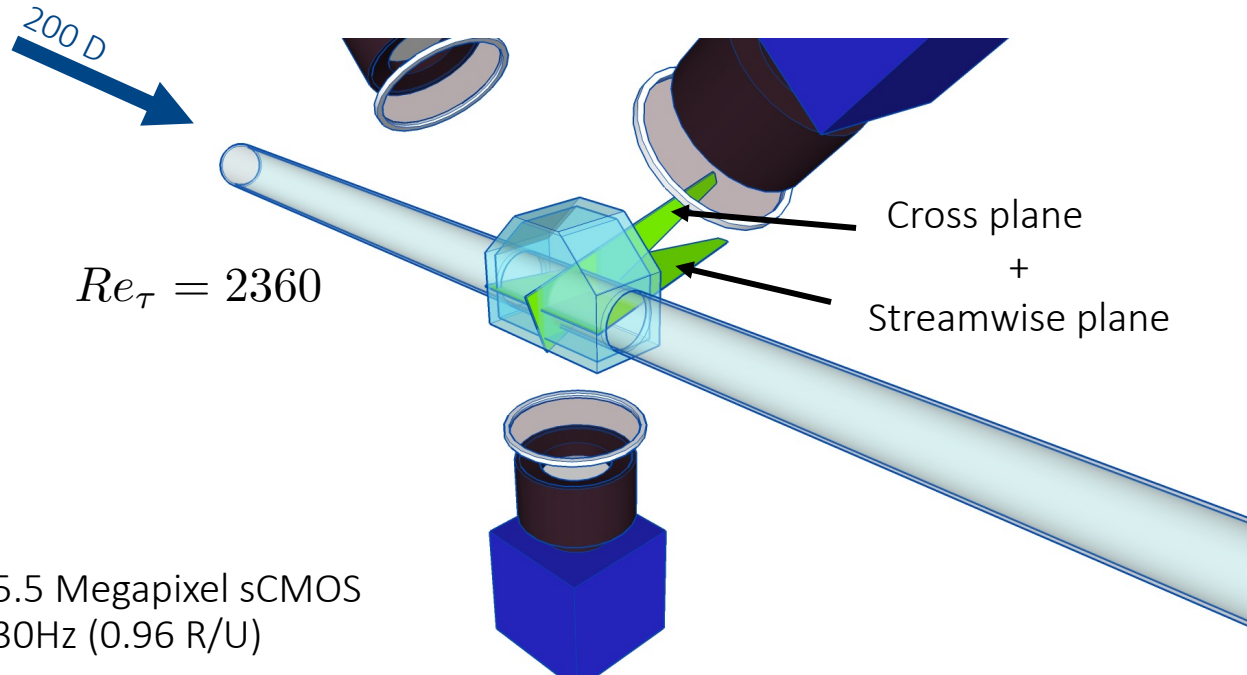


FIGURE 5. Modal peak location for the first POD mode ($n = 1$) and azimuthal modenumbers $m \in [1, 64]$. \blacktriangle $Re_\tau = 1330$; \blacksquare $Re_\tau = 2460$; \cdots $y_p/R = 2\pi C (k_0 R)^{-1}$, with $C = 0.2$. Modes with a peak location $y_p^+ < 75$ are identified with open symbols. The lower abscissa indicates the azimuthal wave number, while the upper abscissa shows the corresponding azimuthal mode number, for $Re_\tau = 2460$.

Two-plane PIV



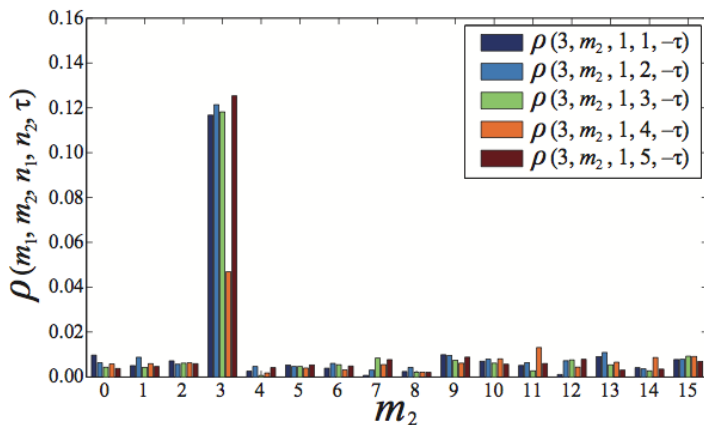
- 5.5 Megapixel sCMOS
30Hz (0.96 R/U)
- 22000 Snapshots

Cross-correlation of $\alpha_I(3,t)$ with all other coefficients

$$\rho(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2, \tau) = \frac{(\alpha_{n_1}(m_1, t), \alpha_{n_2}(m_2, t + \tau))}{\|\alpha_{n_1}(m_1, t)\| \|\alpha_{n_2}(m_2, t)\|}$$

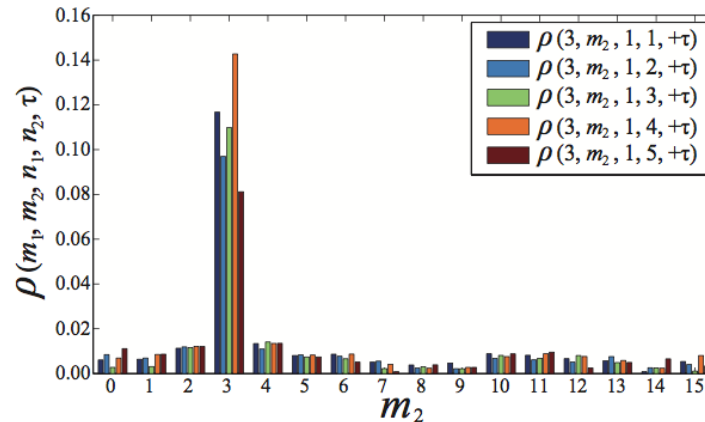
Which mode comes before?

(downstream)



Which mode comes after?

(upstream)



- Within $\pm R$, the structures either remain the same, or they transition to a higher order POD mode with the same azimuthal mode number but a different radial mode number.

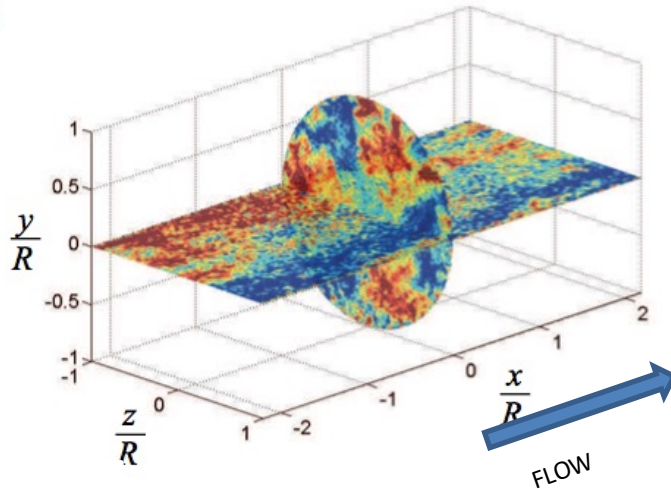
Conditional mode shown for $(m,n) = (3,1)$

$$\Phi_{cond}^n = \langle u_i(x, r, \theta, t) \mid \{\alpha^n > \alpha_{rms}^n\} \rangle$$

$$\alpha^n \text{ is the coefficient for } \Phi_{sPOD}^n$$

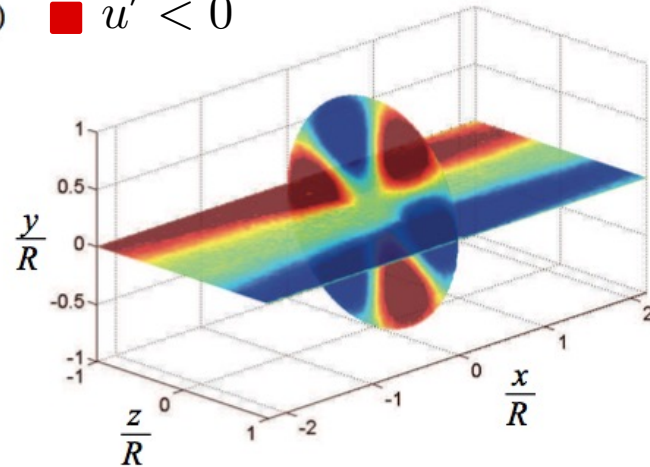
(cross-stream plane)

(a)



Instantaneous velocity field

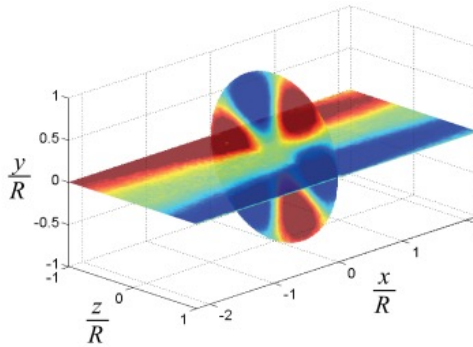
(b) $\square u' > 0$
 $\square u' < 0$



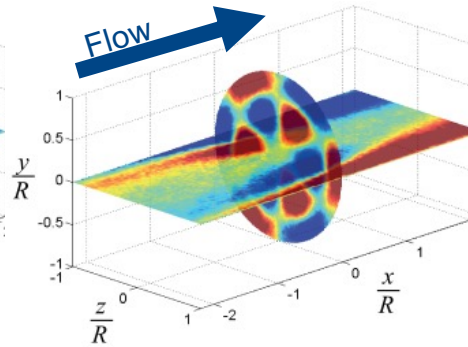
Conditional mode

Where do the VLSM come from?

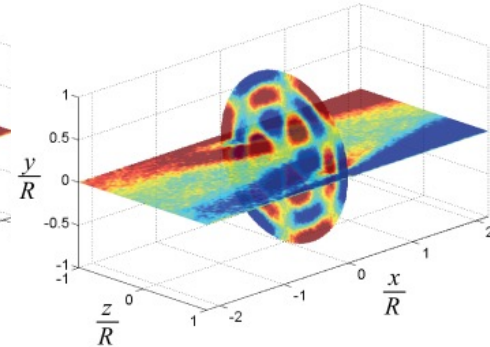
Conditional mode $m = 3$



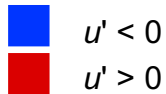
$\Psi_{(3,1)}(x, r, \theta)$



$\Psi_{(3,2)}(x, r, \theta)$



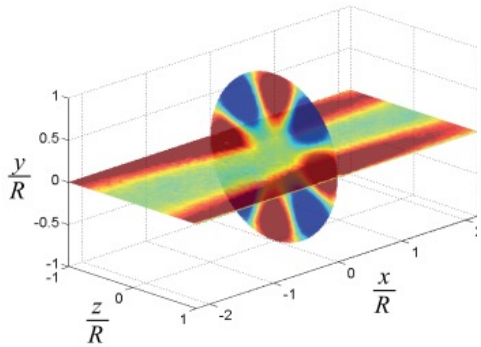
$\Psi_{(3,3)}(x, r, \theta)$



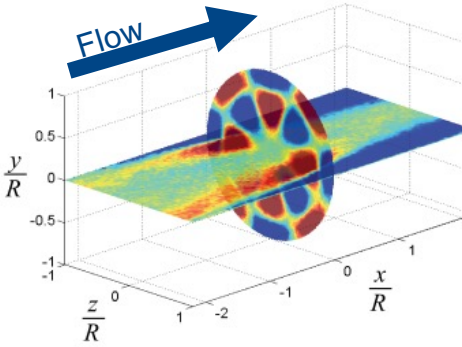
- Transition between these modes will appear as an azimuthal phase shift but it is caused by a radial displacement

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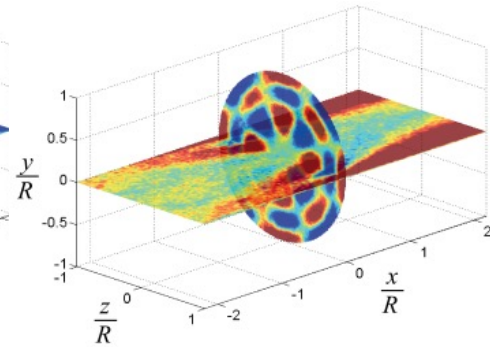
Conditional mode $m = 4$



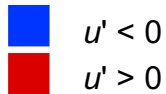
$\Psi_{(4,1)}(x, r, \theta)$



$\Psi_{(4,2)}(x, r, \theta)$



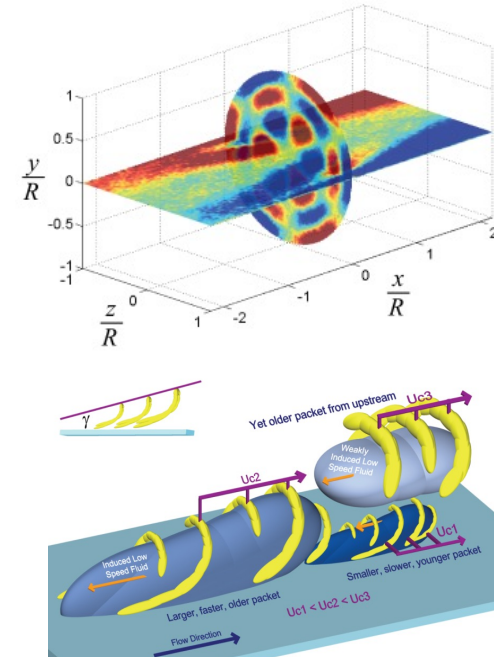
$\Psi_{(4,3)}(x, r, \theta)$



- Transition between these modes will appear as an azimuthal phase shift but it is caused by a radial displacement

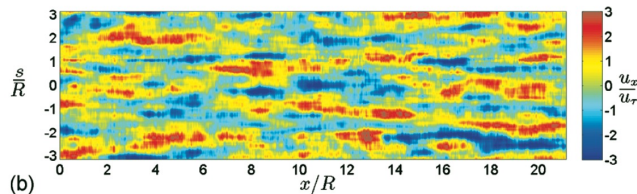
Conclusions

- The dual plane conditional modes show structures starting at the wall, growing towards the wake region, detach and vanish.
- The structure associated with POD mode $\Phi^{(n)}(r, \theta)$ exist for $\approx 2R$, after which a transition occurs.
- The conditional modes show a radial evolution of the structures.
- The VLSM consist of an alignment of 2-3 structures.
- The long VLSM wavelength is due to a structure repetition, rather than azimuthal meandering.
- The meandering is primarily due to the superposition of structures with different azimuthal mode number (m)

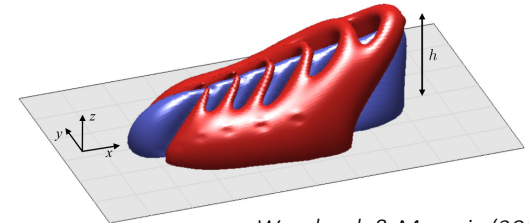


Summary: incompressible pipe and boundary layers

- A log-law in turbulence is found to occur in the same region where the log-law in mean velocity is found, in accordance with AEM, but only for $Re^+ > 10,000$
- Von Karman constant value needs DNS
- A mesolayer exists as a blending region between the wall-scaled region and the y-scaled region (only evident at high Reynolds number)
- Inner peak increases logarithmically with Re_τ , but slower than expected for AEM
- Outer peak appears for $Re_\tau > 10,000$
- Spectra asymptote very slowly to -5/3
- No k^{-1} region at these Reynolds numbers, not in accord with spectral overlap argument
- Number of UMZ's increases logarithmically with Re^+ , but slower than hierarchy count
- The increasing dominance of the VLSM may be disrupting the AEM at higher Reynolds number
- New developments in AEM are extending its range



Hellstrom, Sinha & Smits (2011)



Woodcock & Marusic (2015)

Beyond canonical flows

- Flat plate zero pg flow, or fully developed pipe/channel flows are canonical but singular cases
- Need to move beyond canonical flows
- Wall-bounded turbulence includes roughness, pressure gradients, surface curvature, three-dimensional flows, separation, blowing, suction, etc.
- Much work was done in the past, but the last 20 years or so the basic research community seems to have focused on canonical cases (including me)
- We may have reached a point of diminishing returns in studying canonical flows

Questions?

