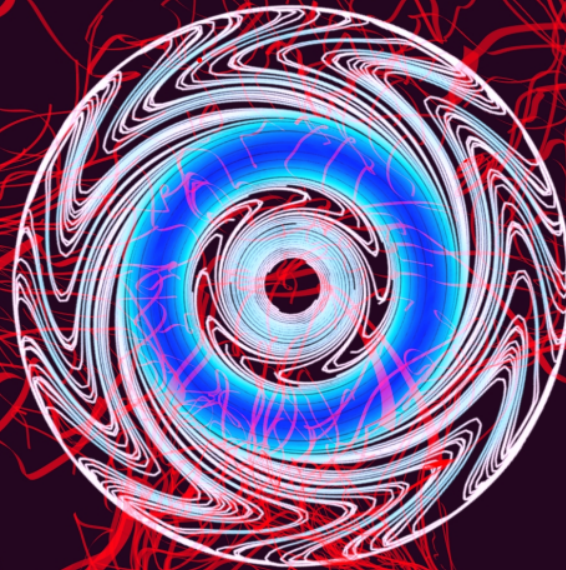


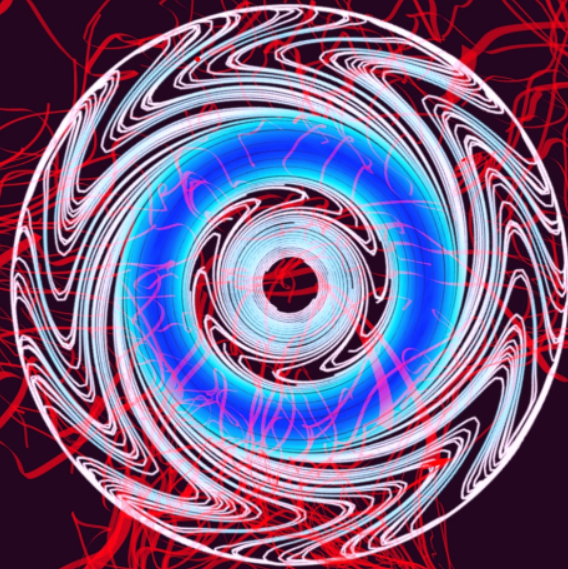
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SCALING LAWS FOR ISING MODELS NEAR T_c *

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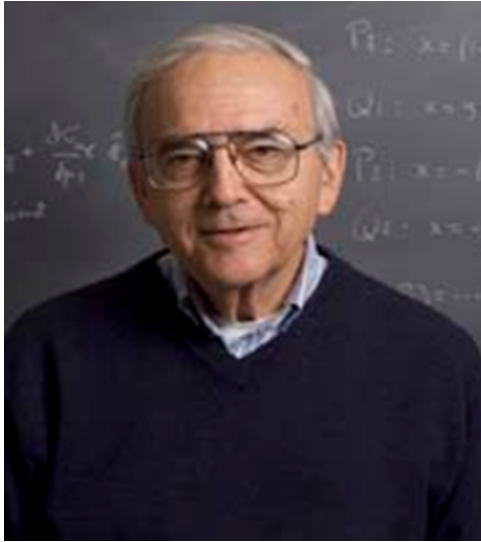
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Abstract

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How was critical phenomena solved?



Ben Widom discovered “data collapse” (1963)



Leo Kadanoff explained data collapse, with scaling concepts (1966)



Ken Wilson developed the RG based on Kadanoff’s scaling ideas (1970)

- Common features
 - Strong fluctuations
 - Power law correlations
- Can we solve turbulence by following critical phenomena?
- **Does turbulence exhibit critical phenomena at its onset?**

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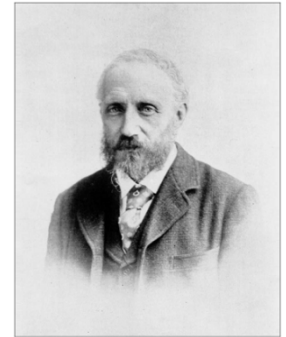
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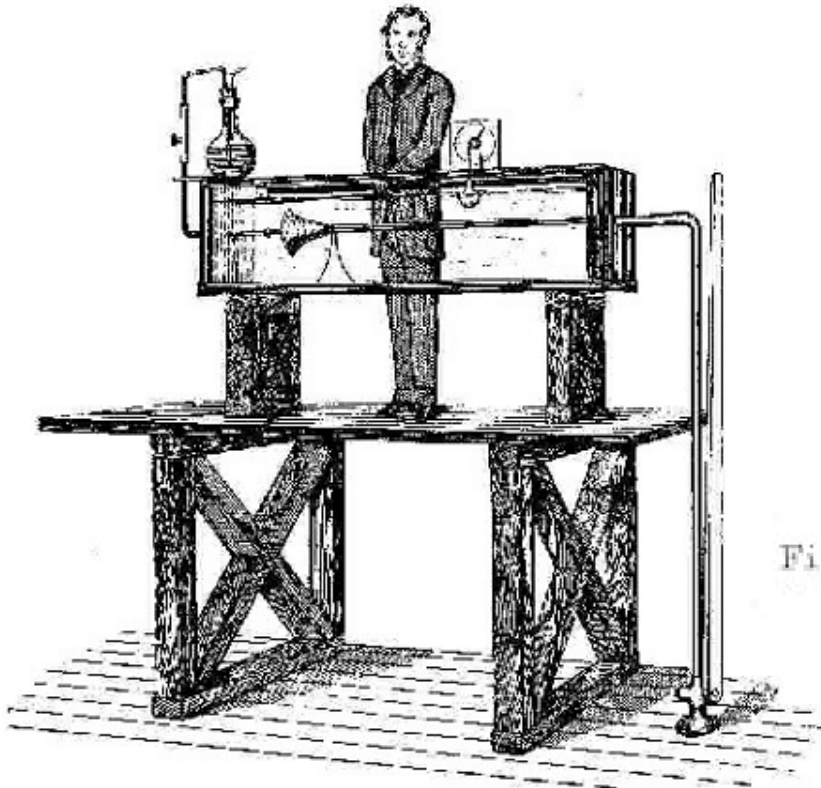


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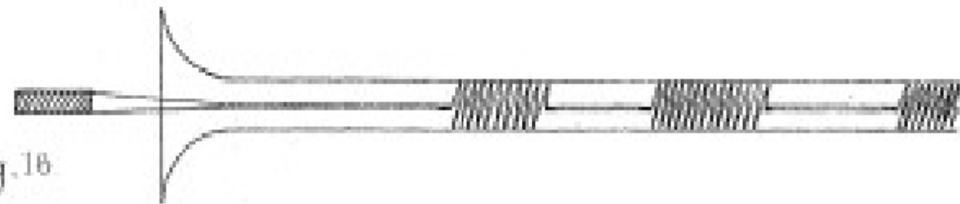
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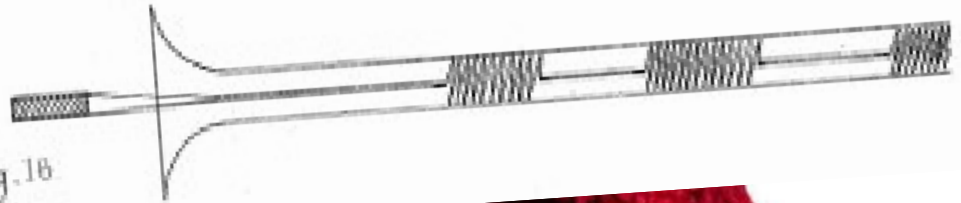
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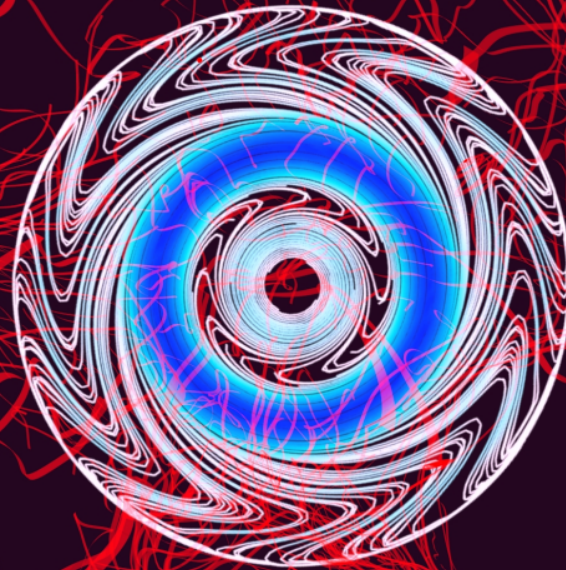


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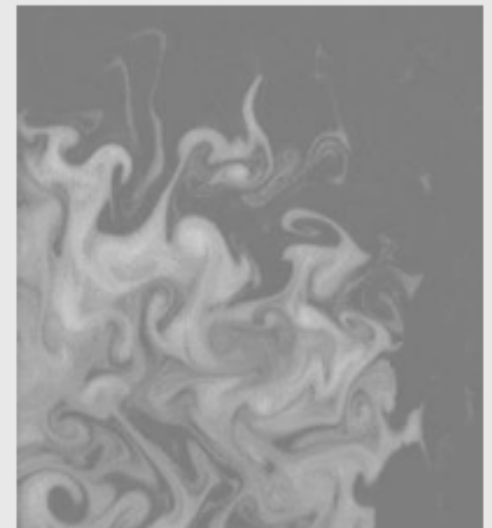
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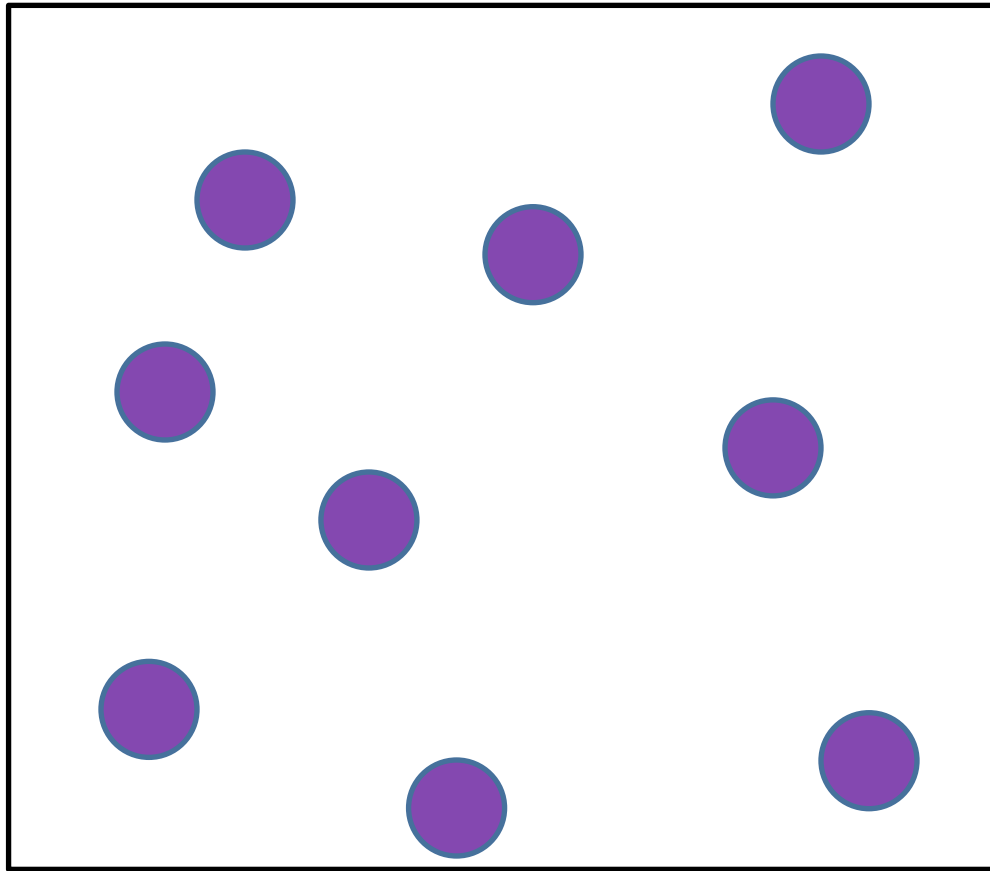
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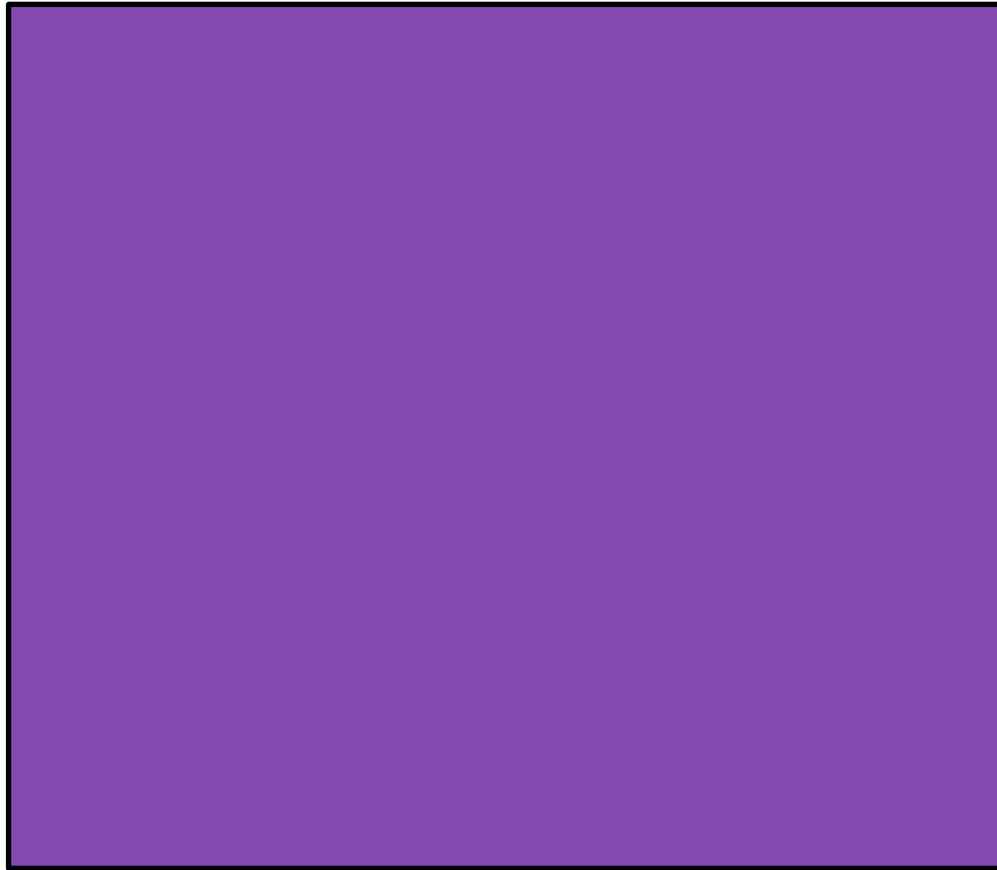
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

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Turbulence is stochastic and wildly fluctuating

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Scale invariance in turbulence



- Eddies spin off other eddies in a Hamiltonian process.
 - Does not involve friction!
 - Hypothesis due to Richardson, Kolmogorov, ...
- Implication: viscosity will not enter into the equations

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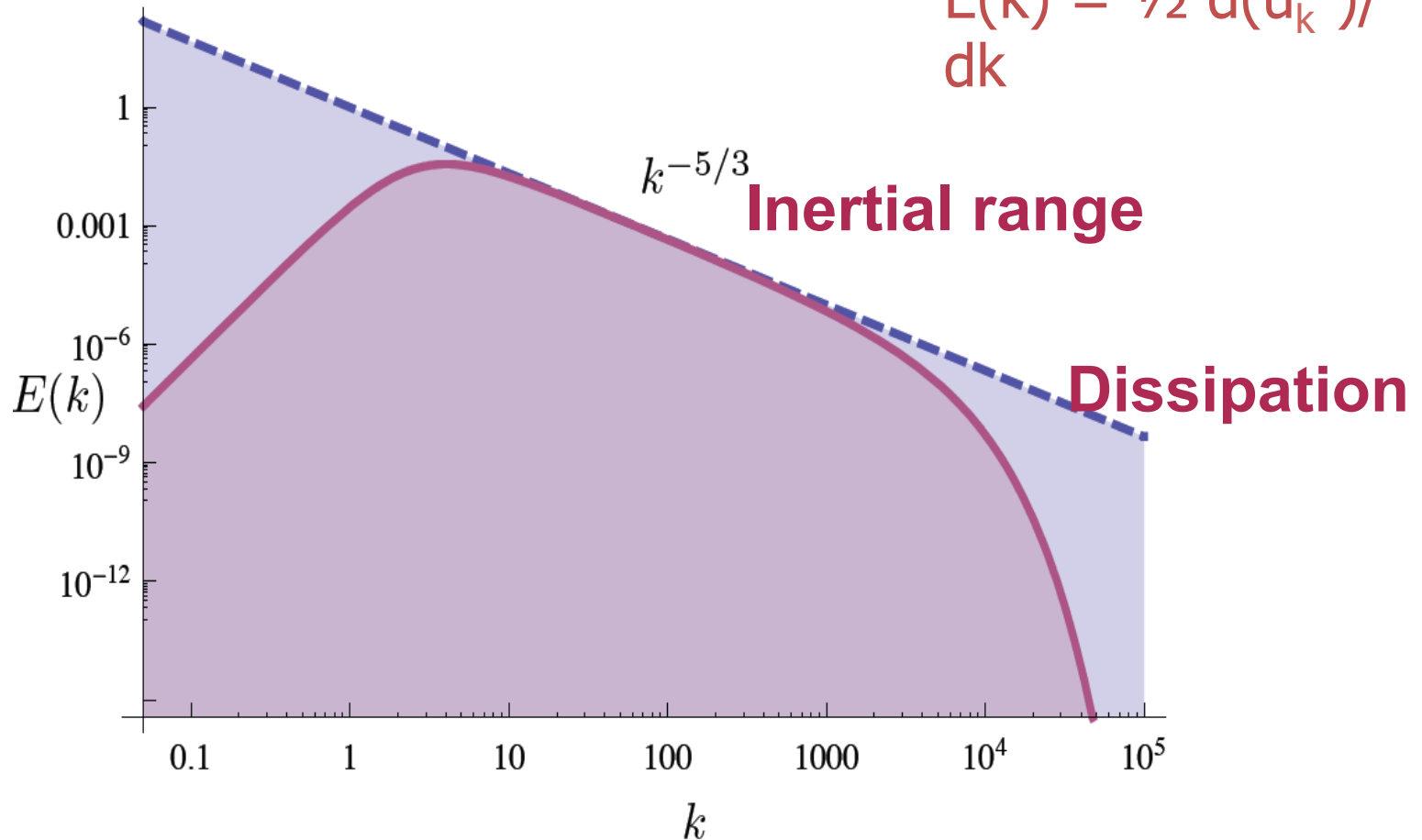
A.N. Kolmogorov

- Compute $E(k)$, turbulent kinetic energy in wave number range k to $k+dk$
 - $E(k)$ depends on k
 - $E(k)$ will depend on the rate at which energy is transferred between scales: ε
- Dimensional analysis:
 - $E(k) \sim \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$

The energy spectrum

Integral scale

$$E(k) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(u_k^2)}{dk}$$



Turbulent cascades



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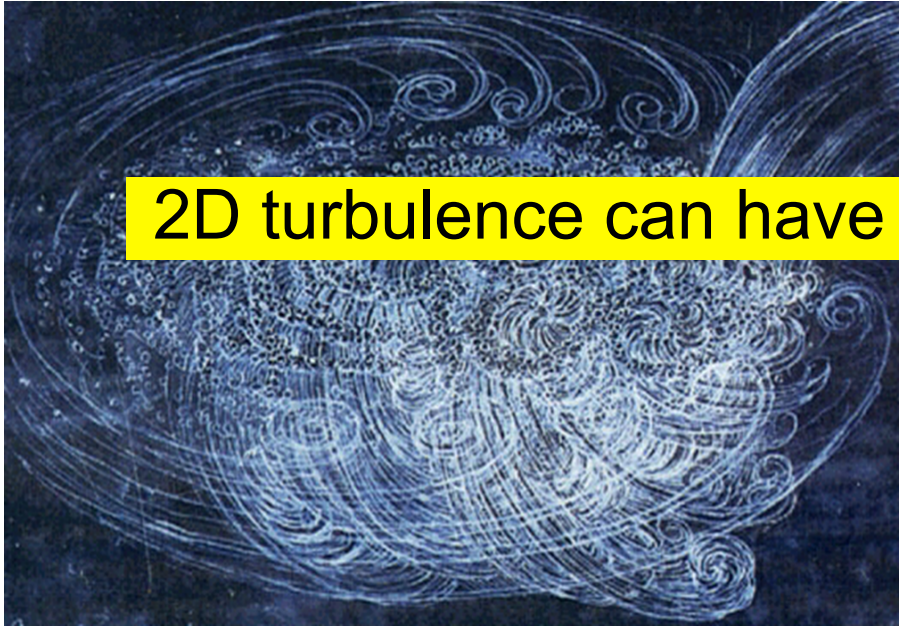
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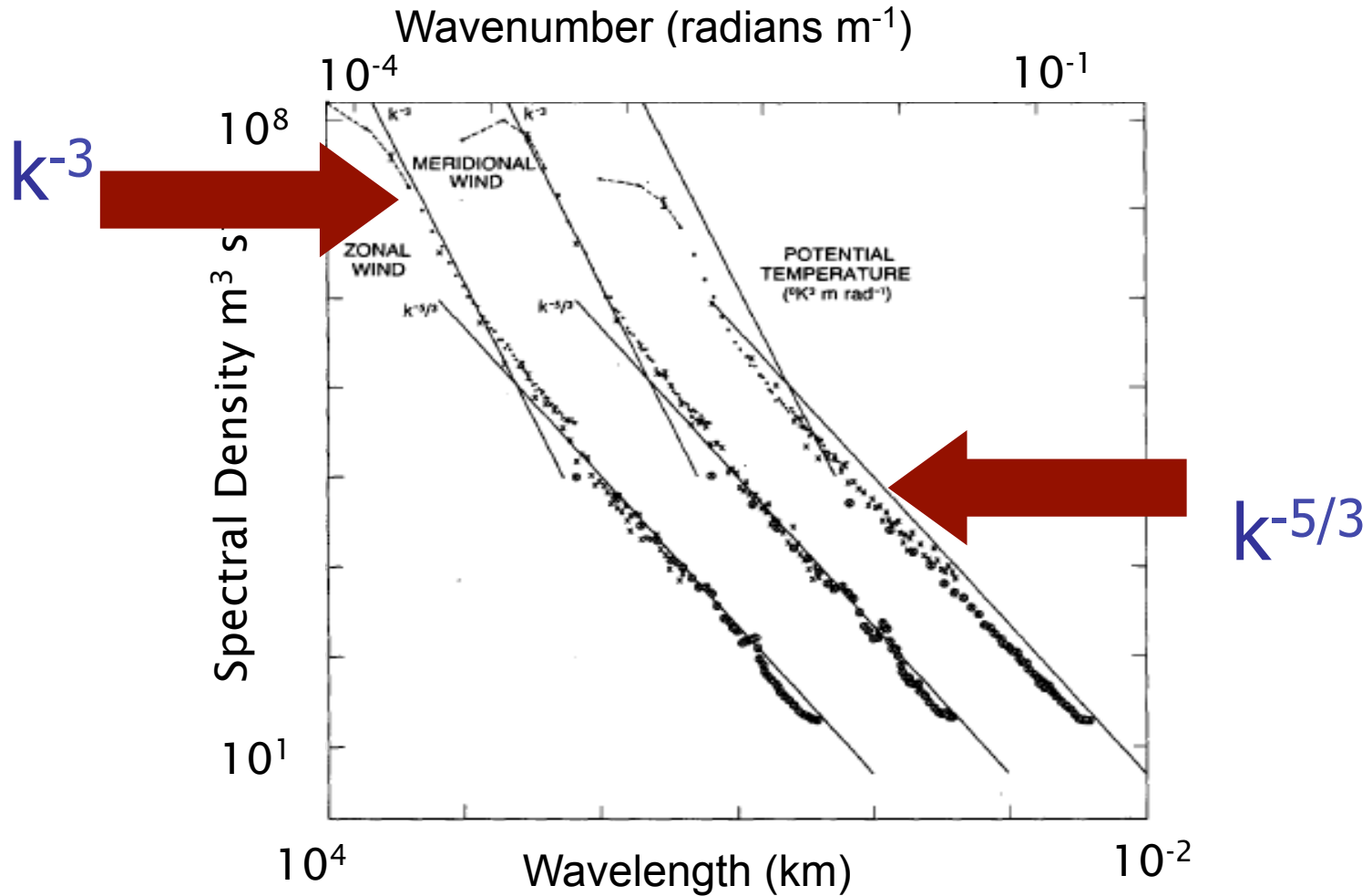
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Atmospheric turbulence



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Turbulence is a statistical mechanical non-equilibrium steady state

Fluctuation-dissipation theorem for non-equilibrium steady states predicts that macroscopic flow properties such as friction depend on the energy cascade

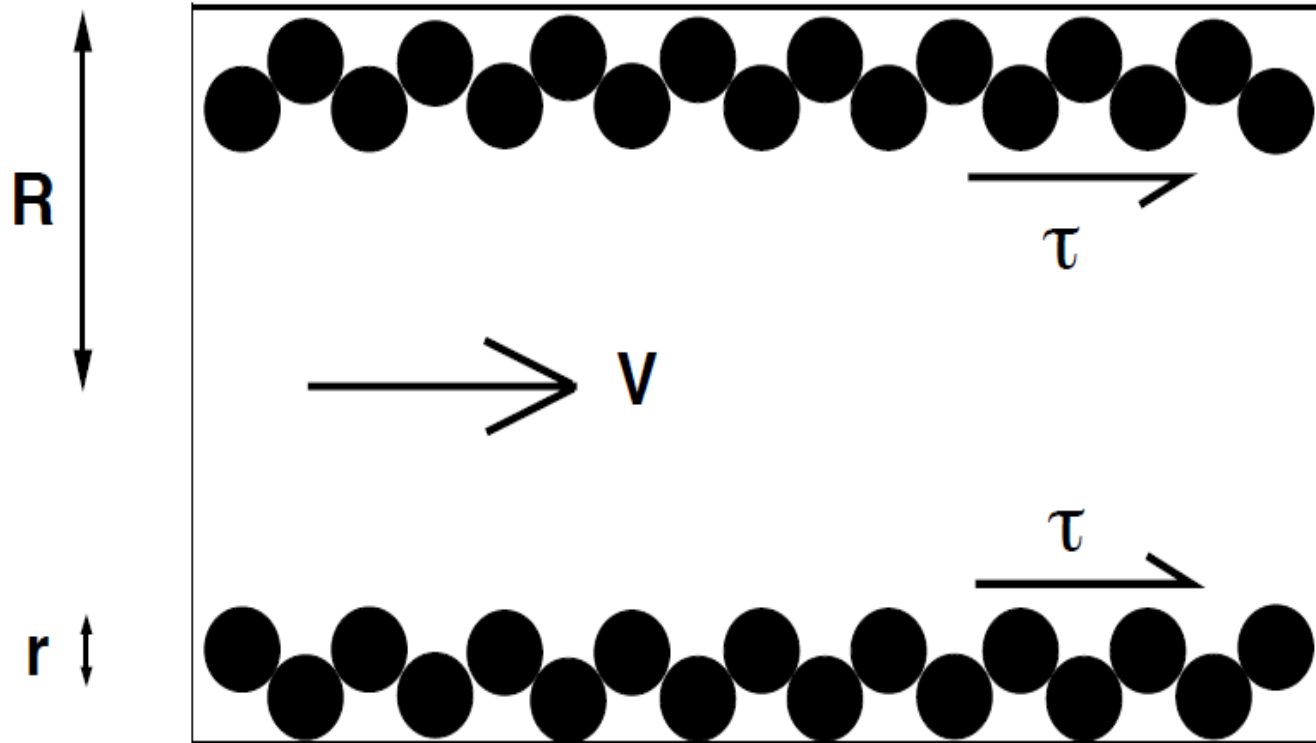
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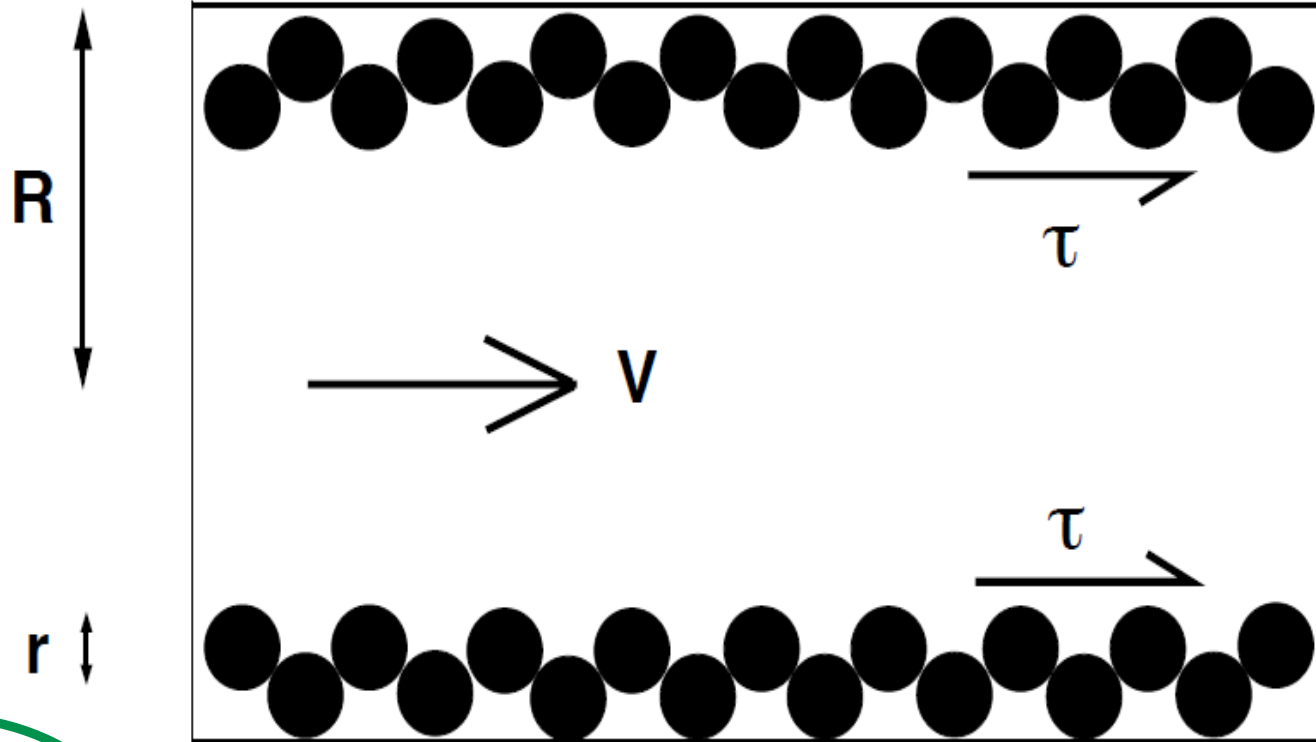
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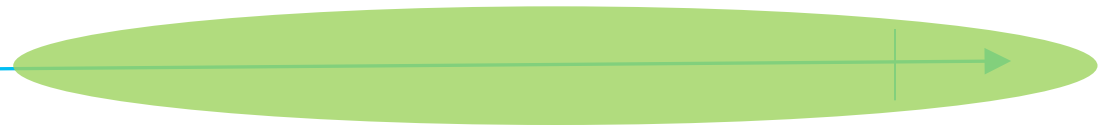
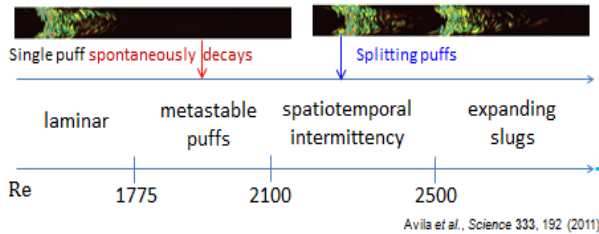
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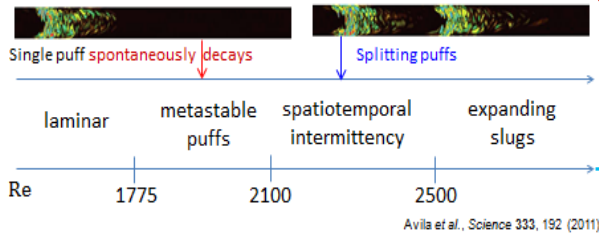
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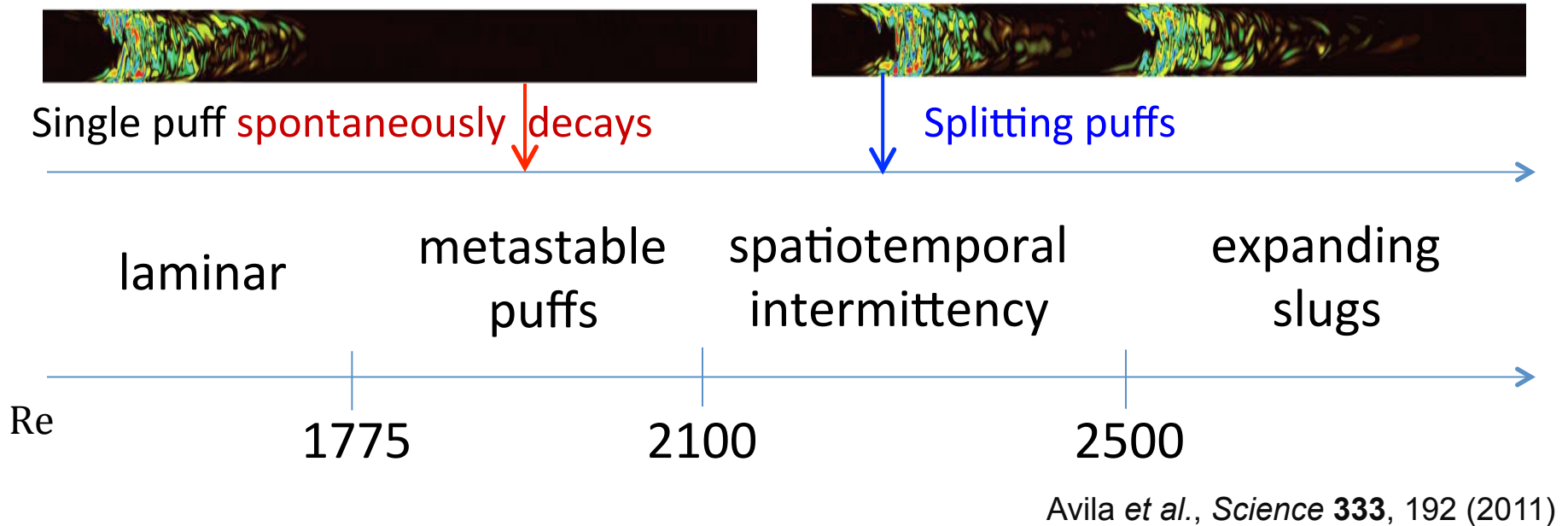


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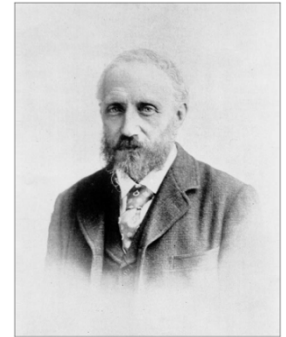
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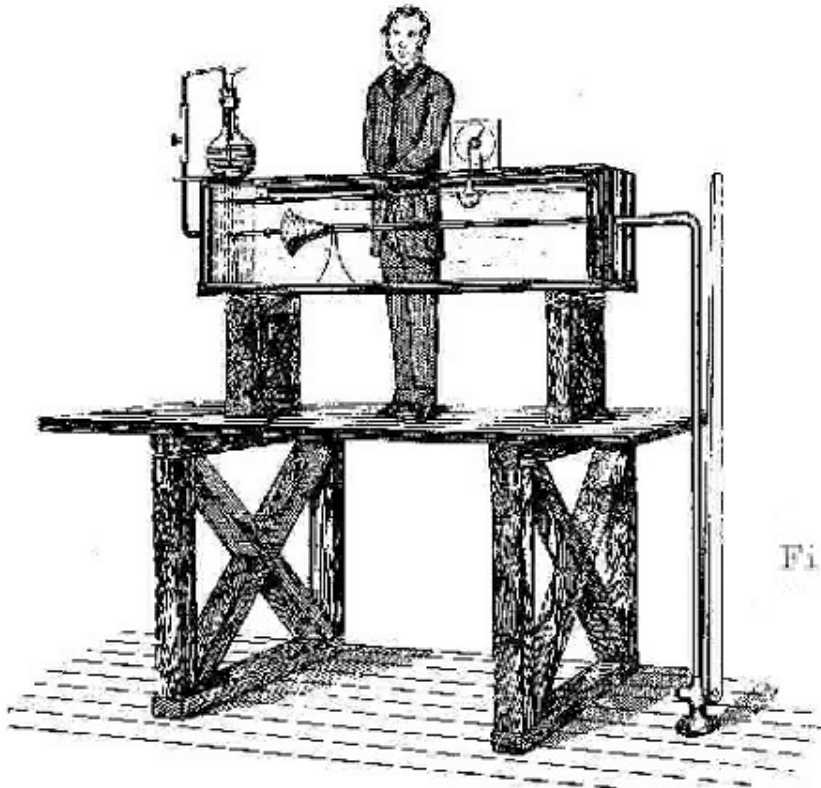
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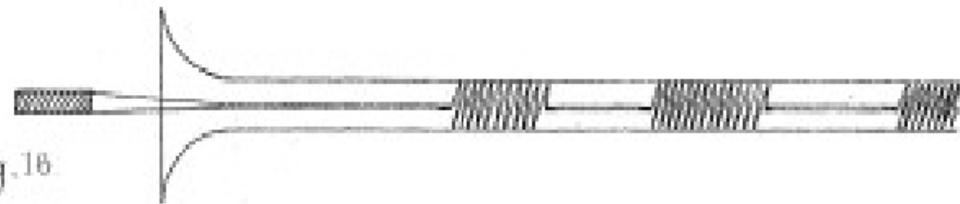
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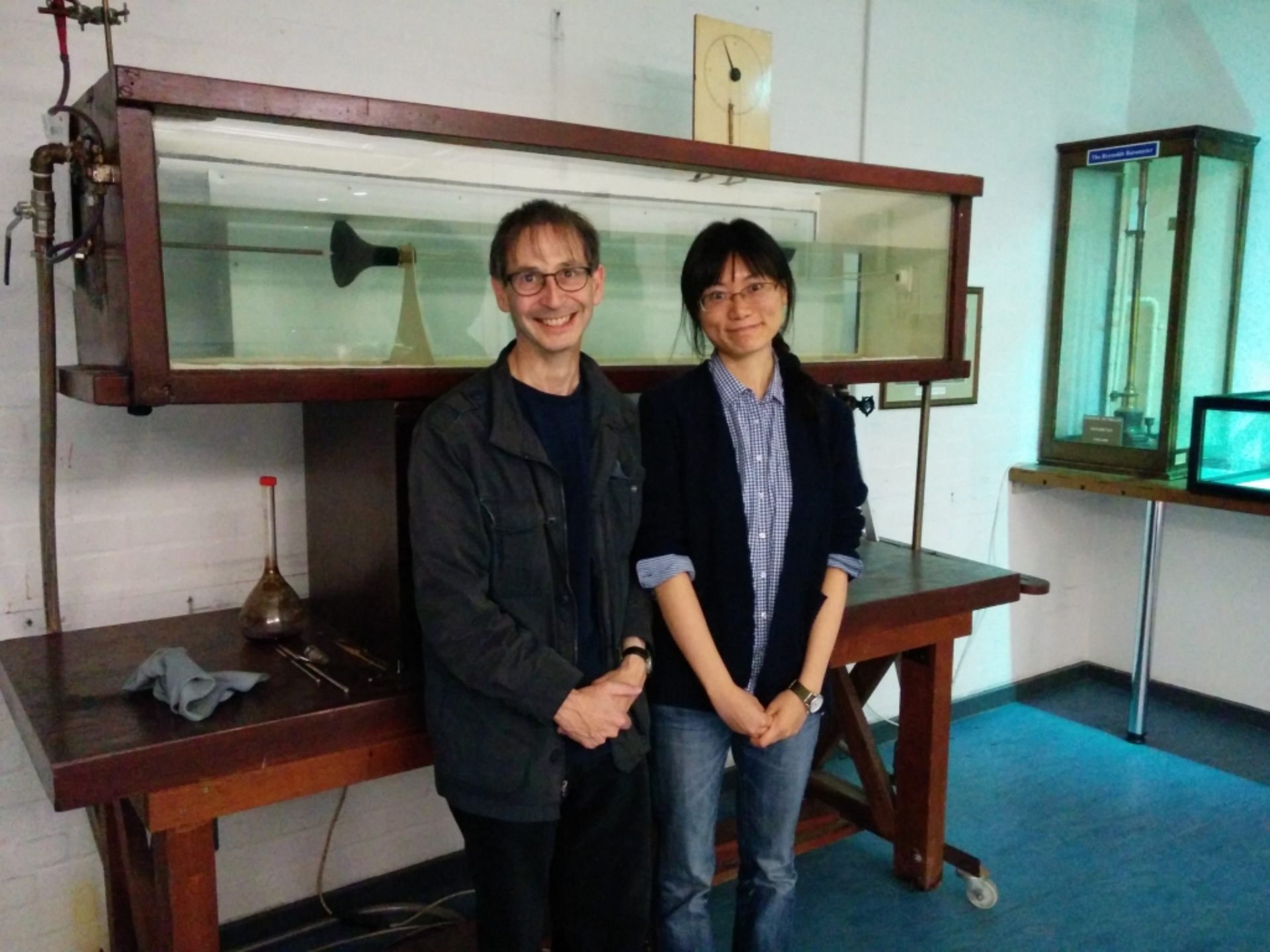


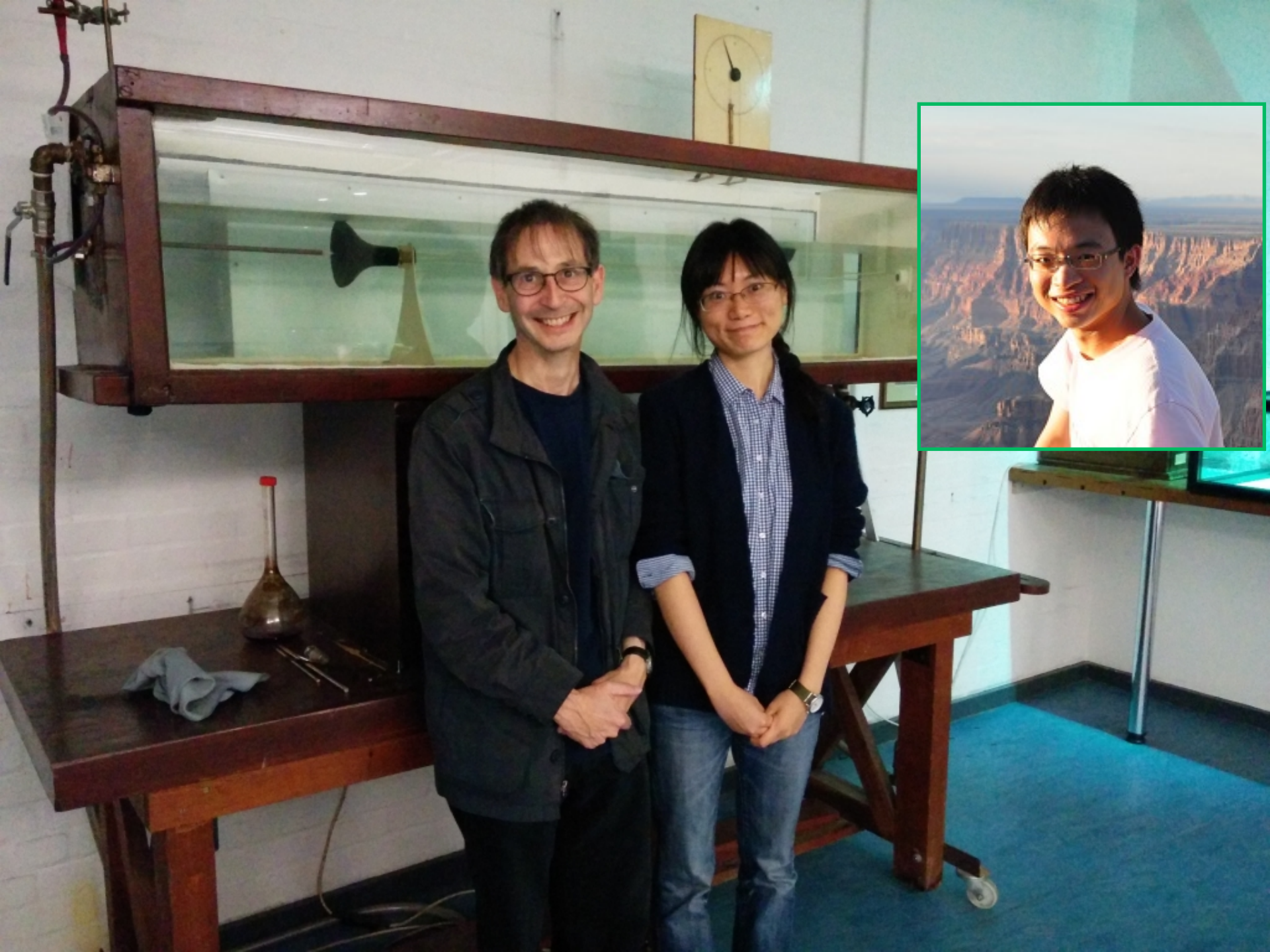
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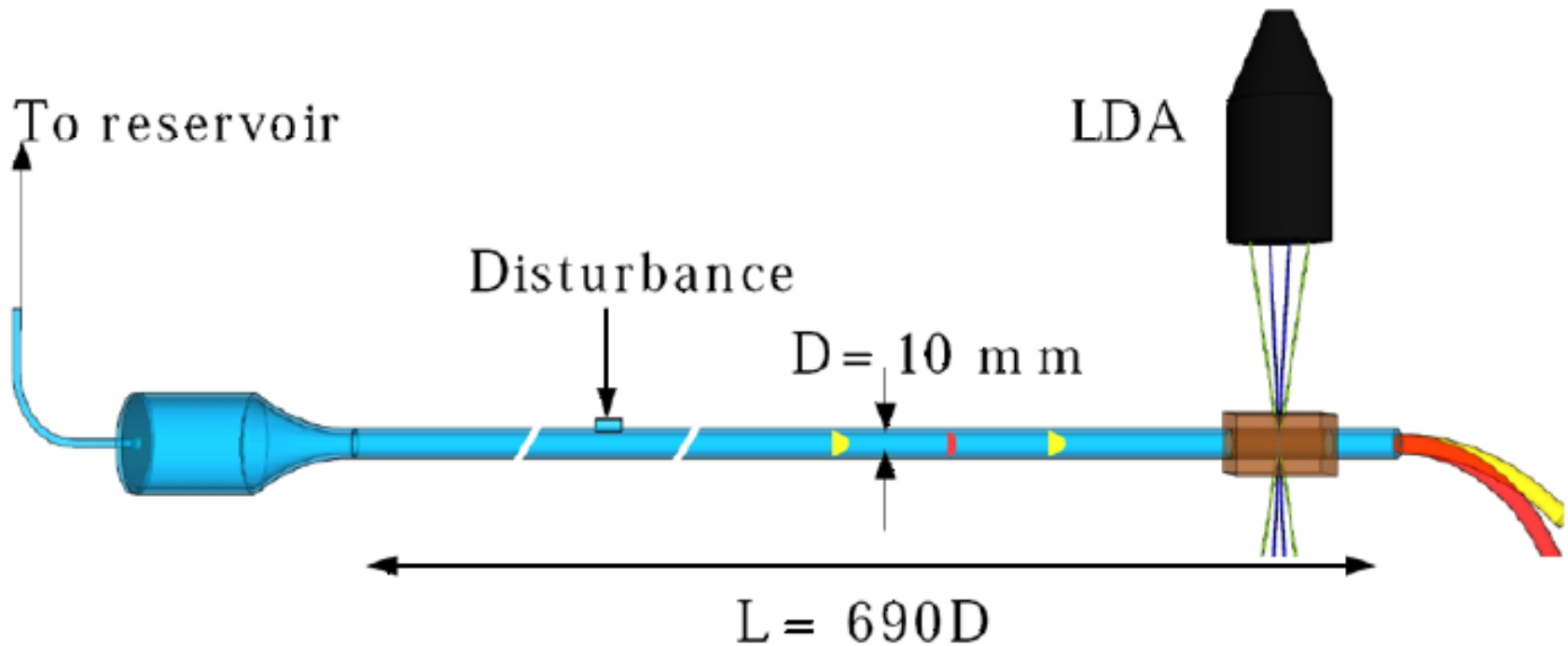






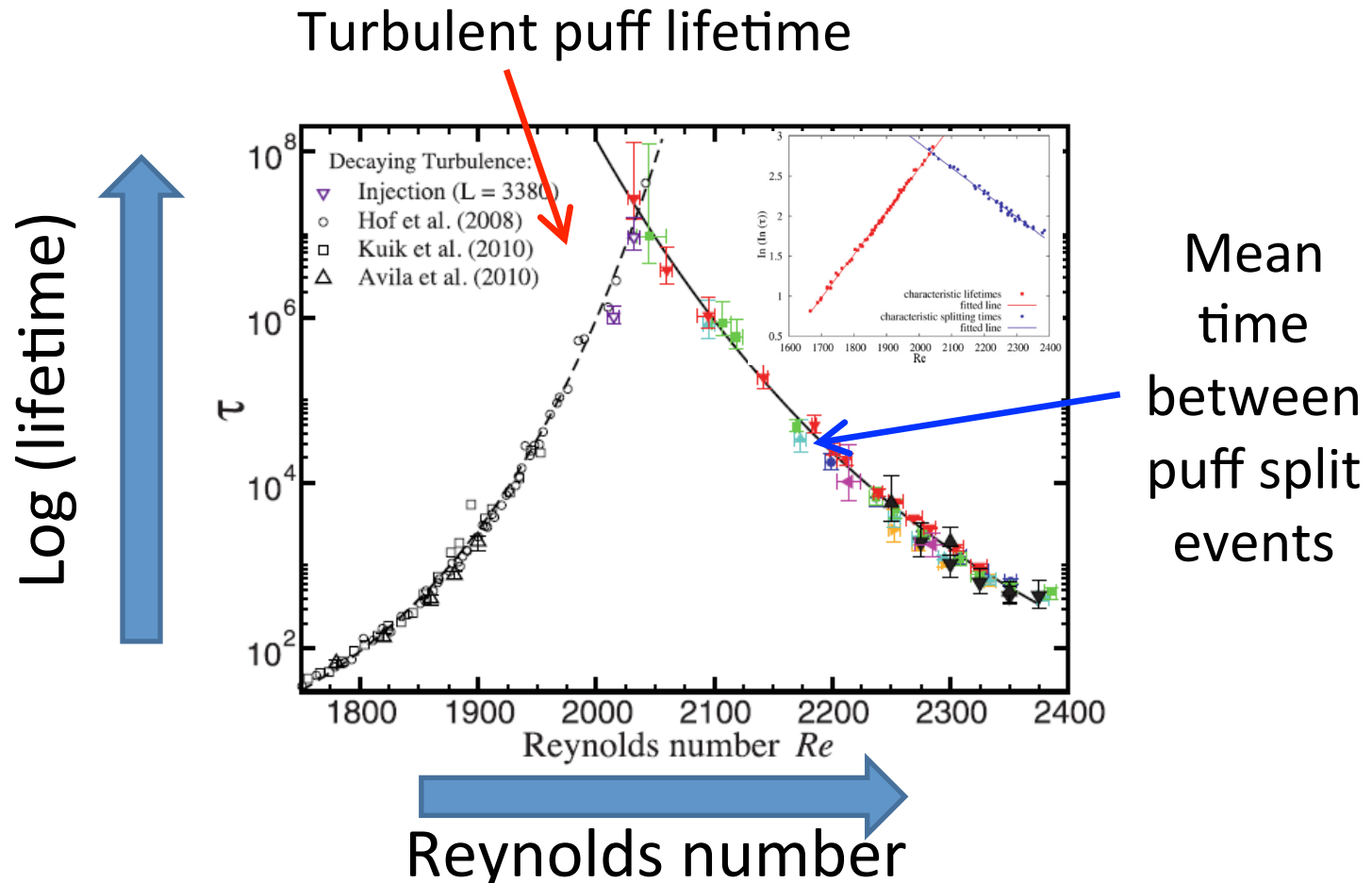
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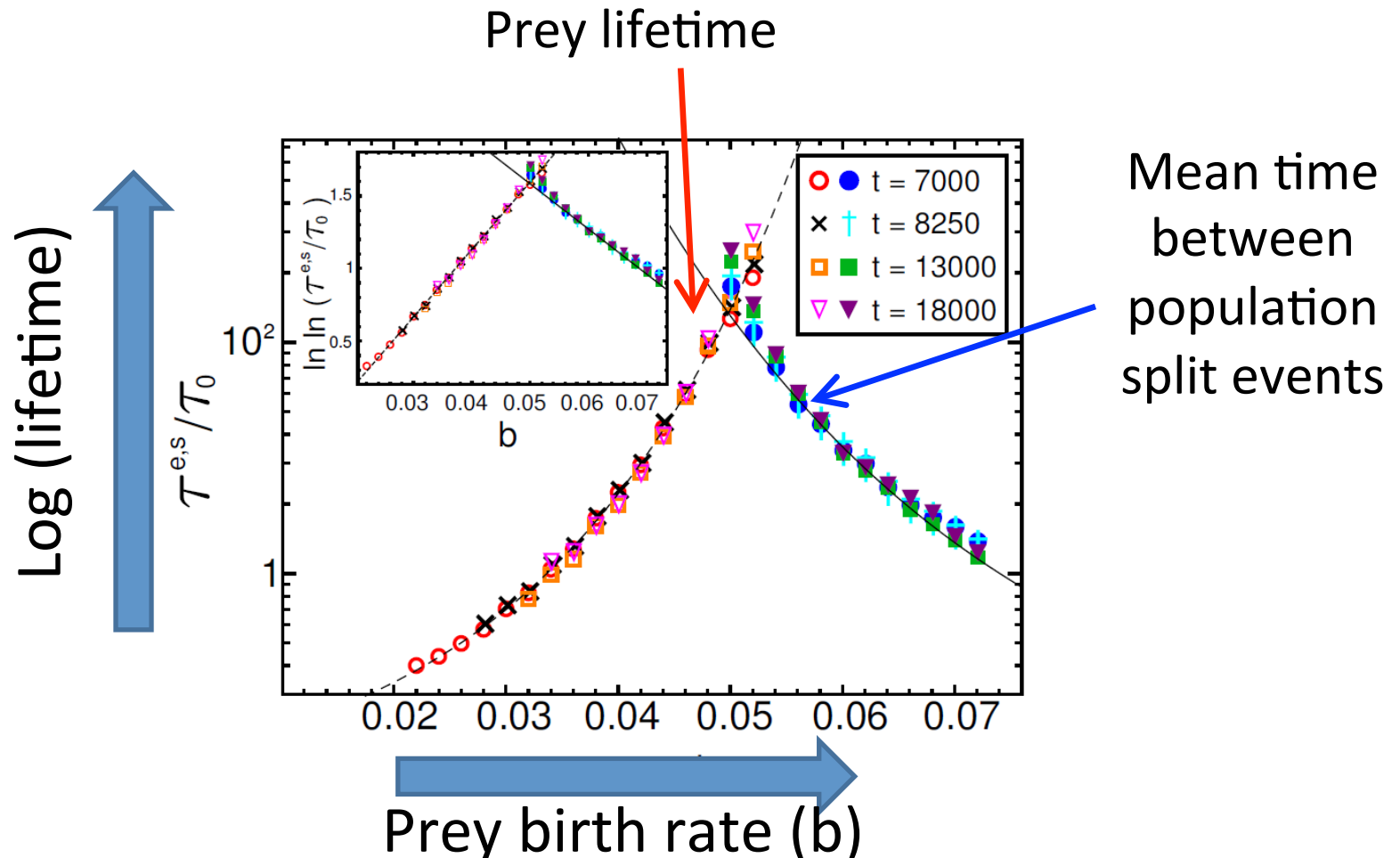
Many repetitions \rightarrow survival probability $P(\text{Re}, t)$

Fluid in a pipe near onset of turbulence



Super-exponential scaling: $\tau/\tau_0 \sim \exp(\exp Re)$

Predator-prey ecosystem in a pipe near extinction

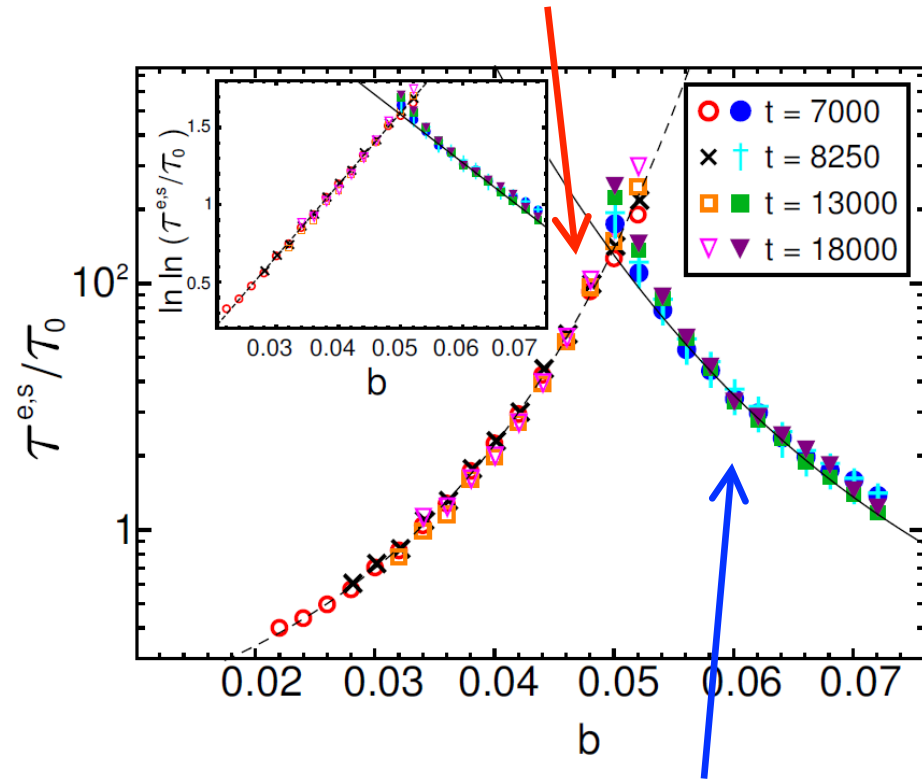


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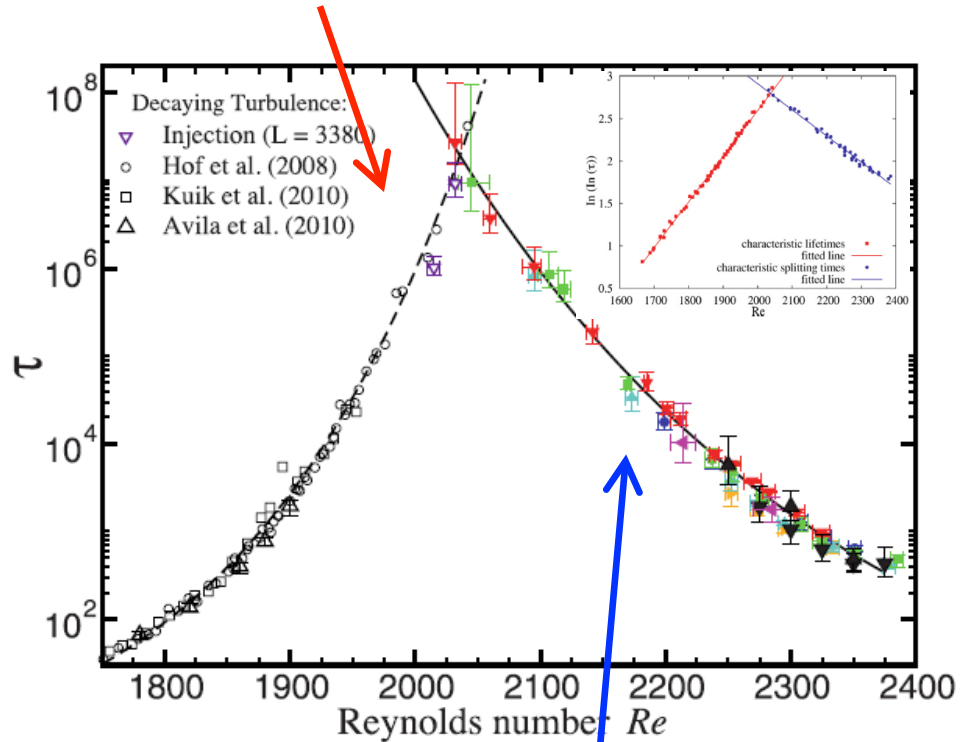
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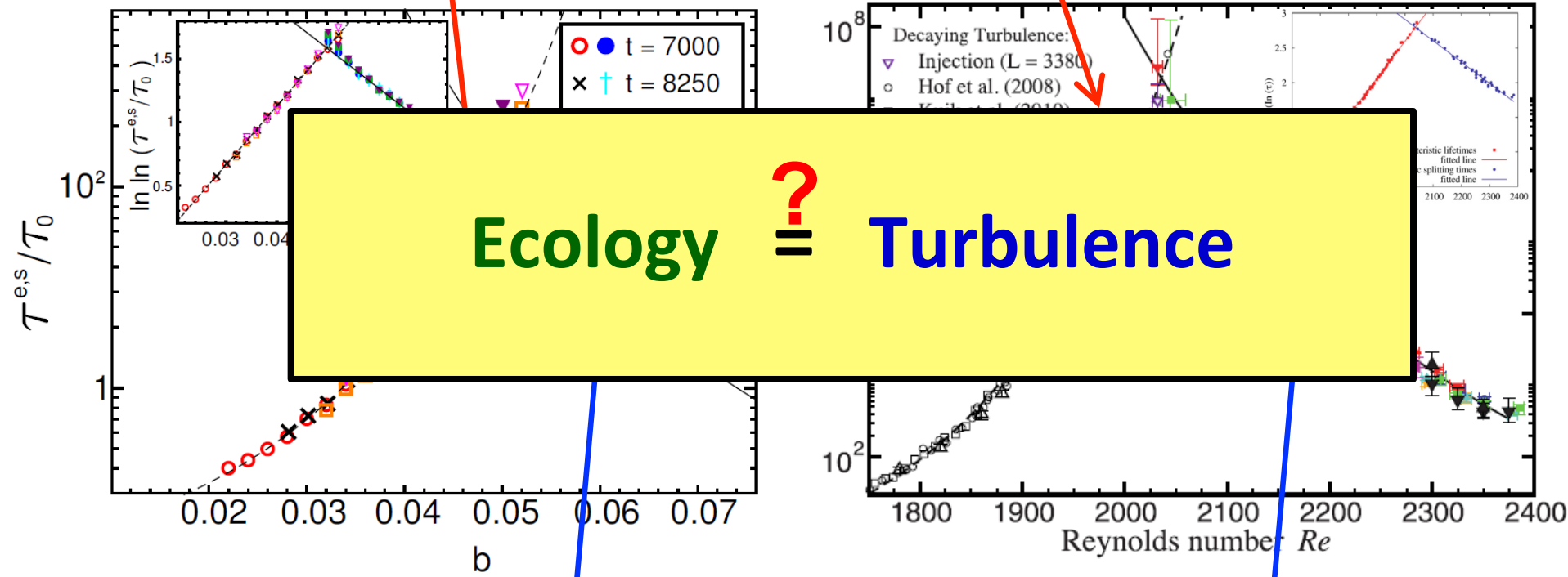


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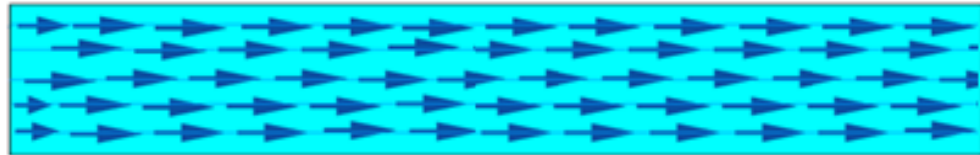
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Flow in a pipe

- Fluid flow can be in 2 regimes:

- Laminar



- Turbulent

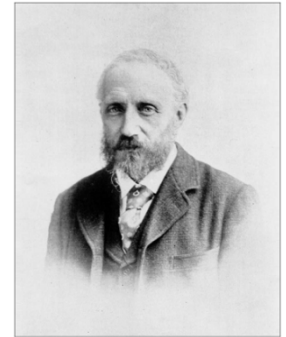


- Phase of the flow is characterized by the dimensionless **Reynolds number**: $Re = V\rho D/\mu = VD/\nu$

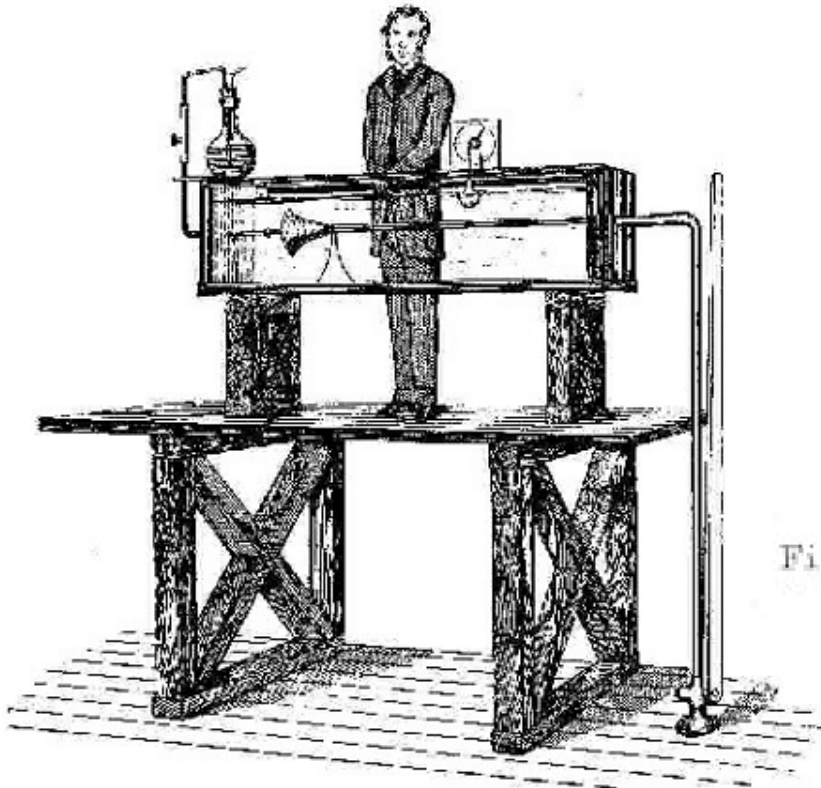
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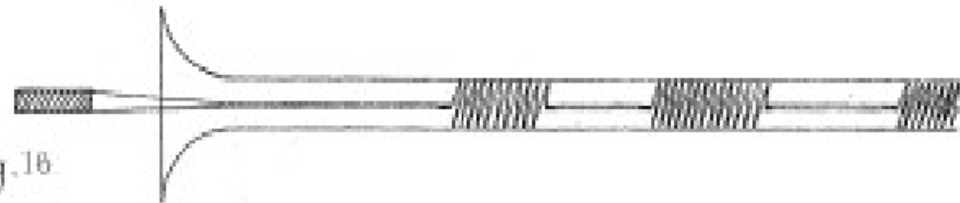
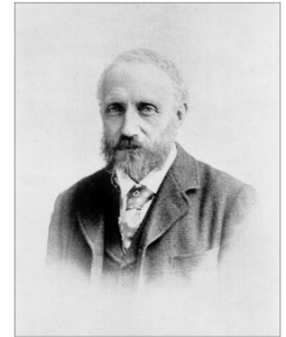


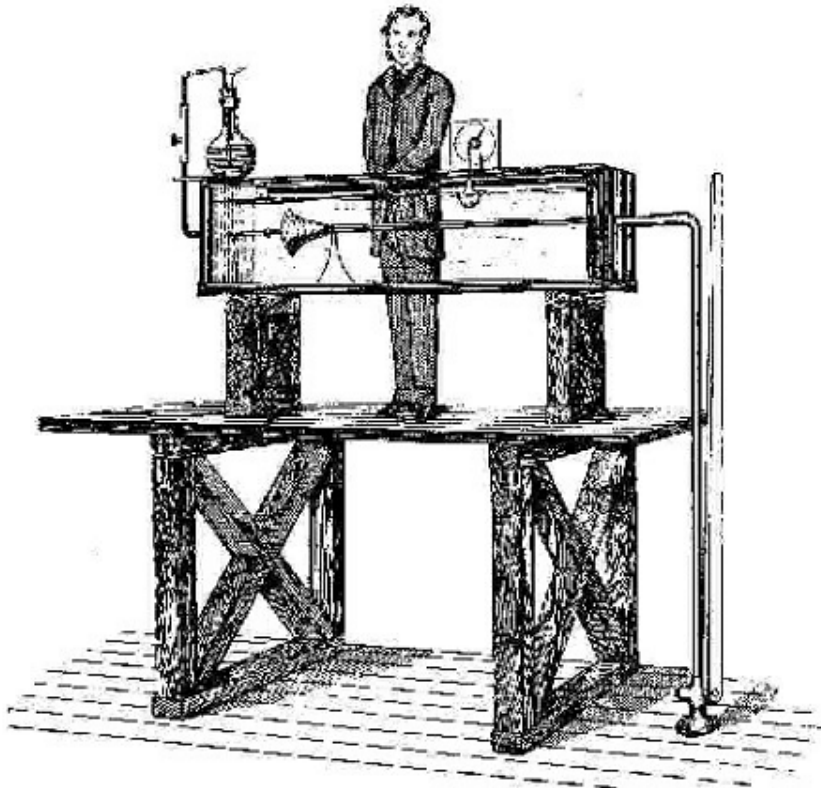
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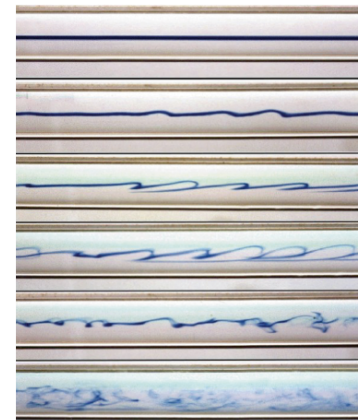
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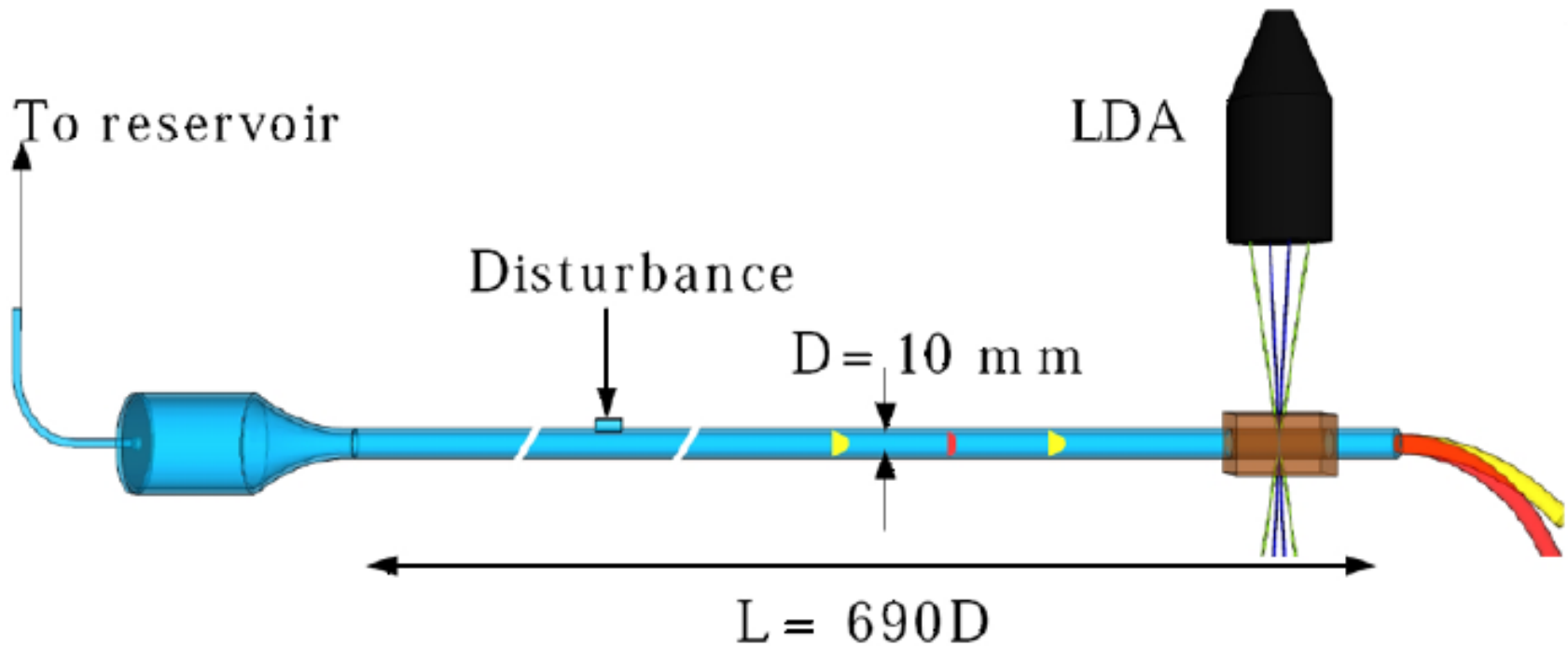
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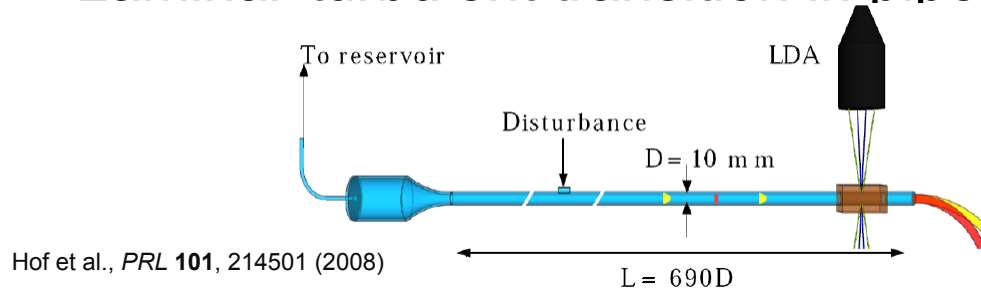


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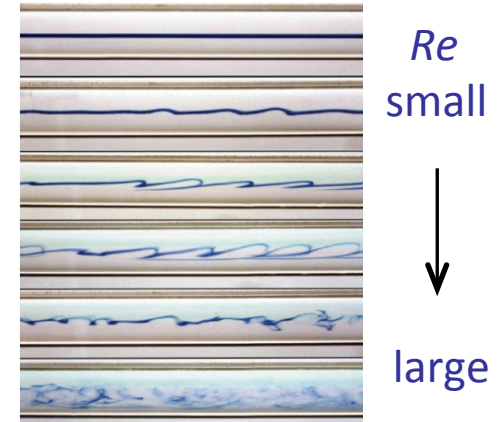
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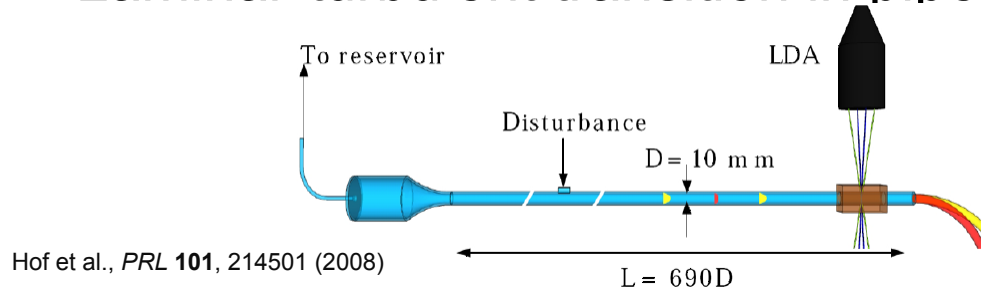
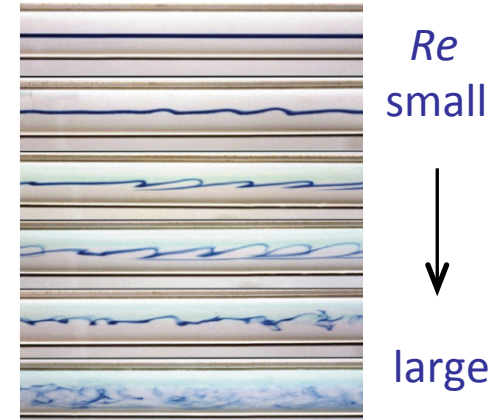
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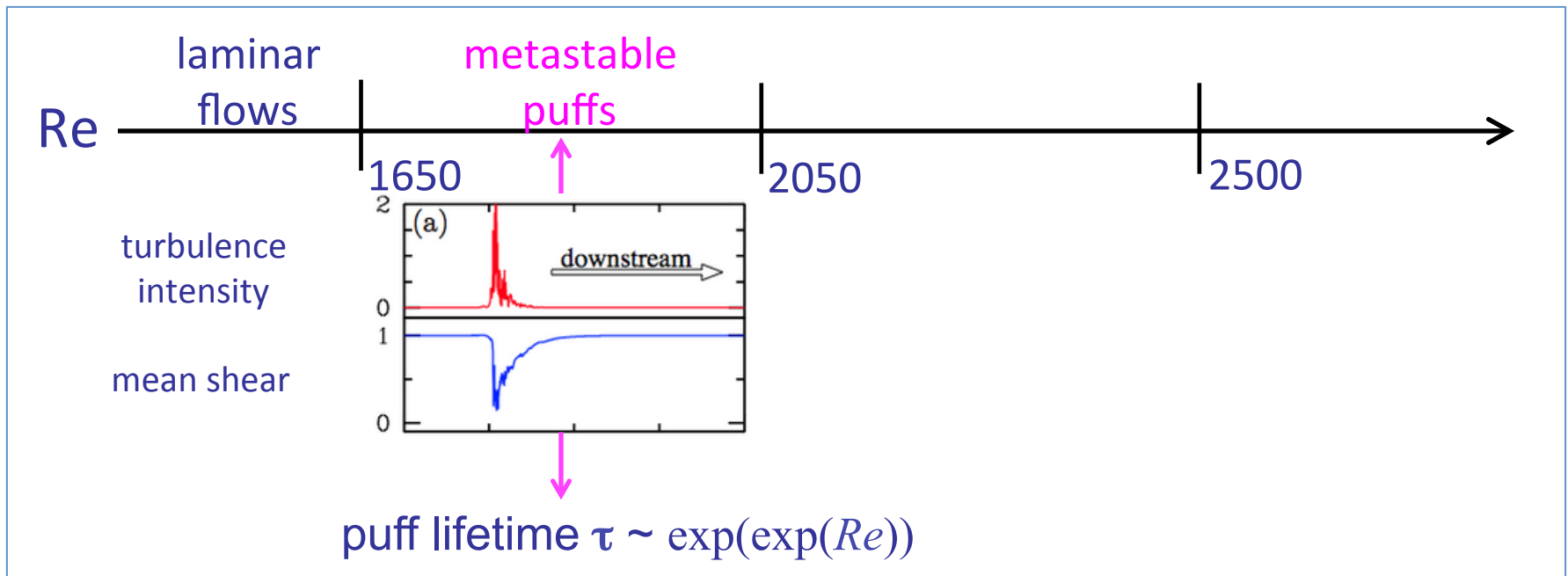
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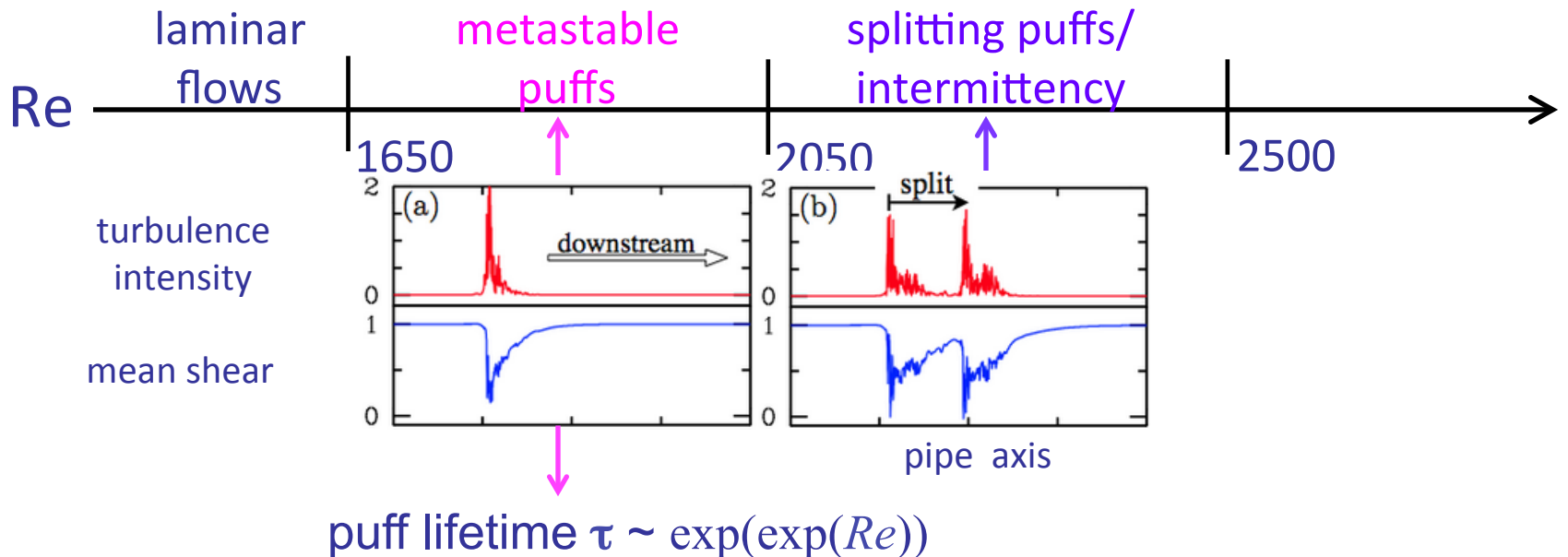
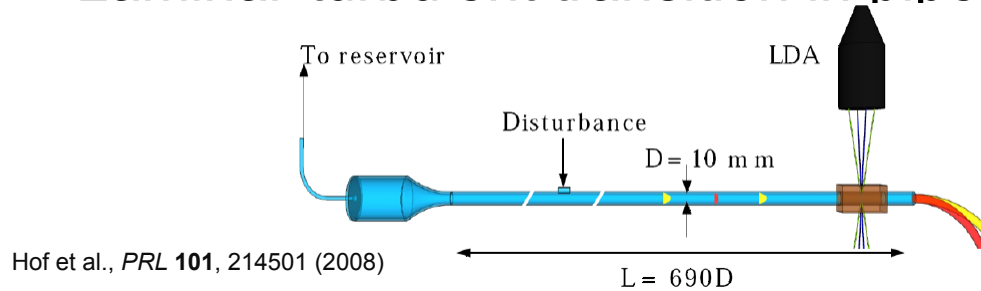
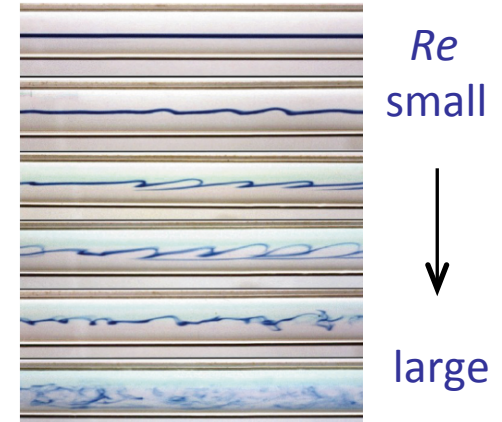
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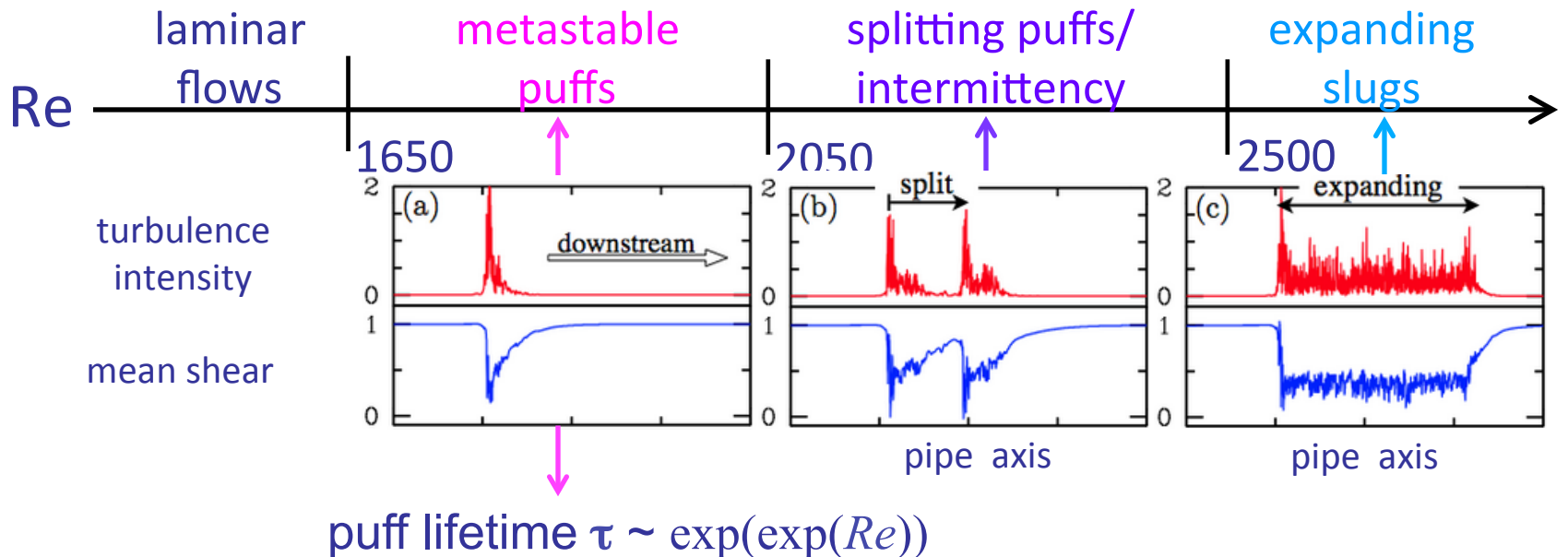
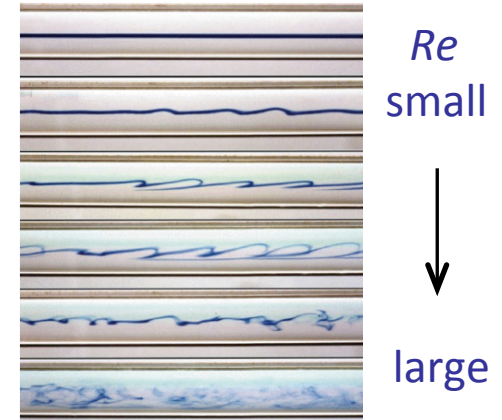
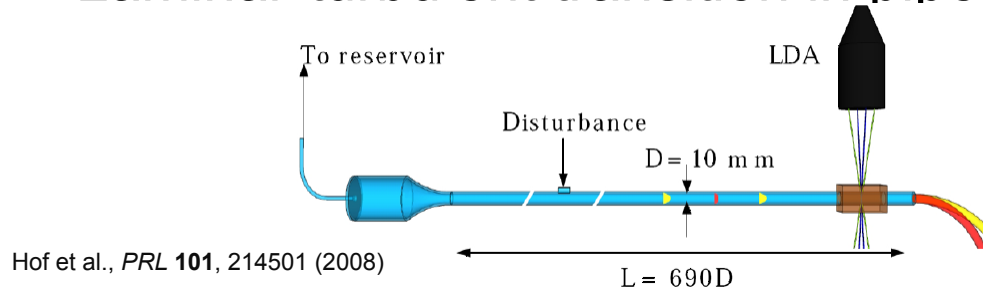
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Directed percolation and the laminar-turbulent transition

- Y. Pomeau (1986) first suggested the universality class of DP:
 - Turbulent regions can spontaneously relaminarize (go into an absorbing state).
 - They can also contaminate their neighbourhood with turbulence.
- Our work:
 - What quantitative aspects of the transitional turbulence phenomenology can be described by such a minimal model?
 - Can we derive such a statistical mechanics, minimal model from fluid dynamics flow equations?

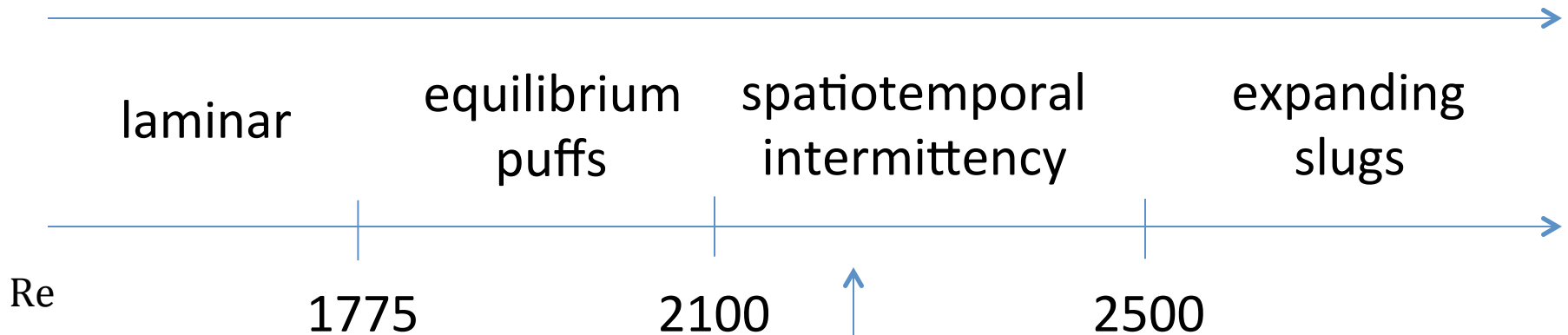
Main messages

- Transition to turbulence is in the universality class of directed percolation
 - Generic absorbing state argument
 - Puff lifetime as a function of Re
 - Extreme value statistics and finite-size scaling
 - Slug spreading rate as a function of Re
- How to derive universality class from hydrodynamics
 - Transitional turbulence maps into predator-prey dynamics
 - Statistical field theory of ecology of turbulence
 - Observational signatures

Phase diagram of pipe flow

Single puff that can spontaneously decay

Regions of turbulence with clear growth rate.



But: laminar state is linearly stable.

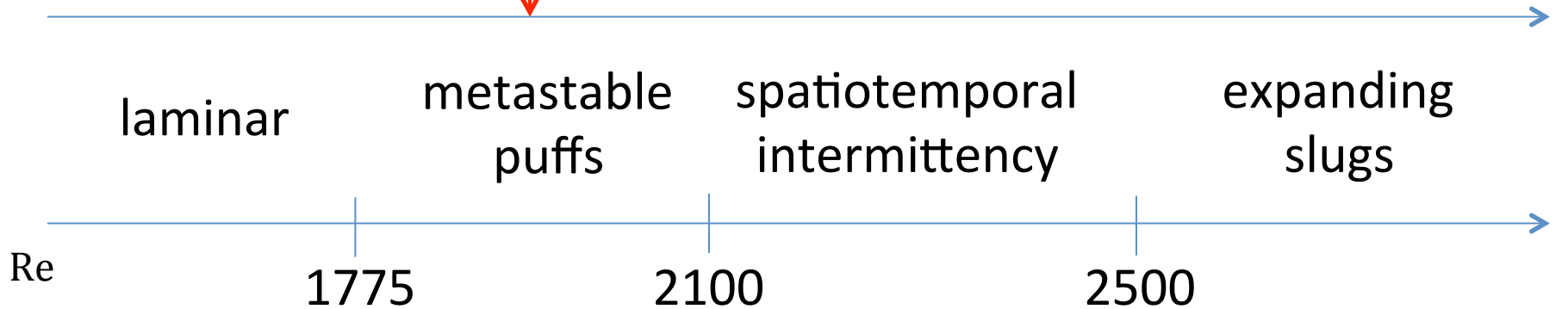
Extensive puffs that can interact and split. Regions of turbulence with intermittent laminar patches.

Meseguer and Trefethen (J. Comp. Phys (2003))

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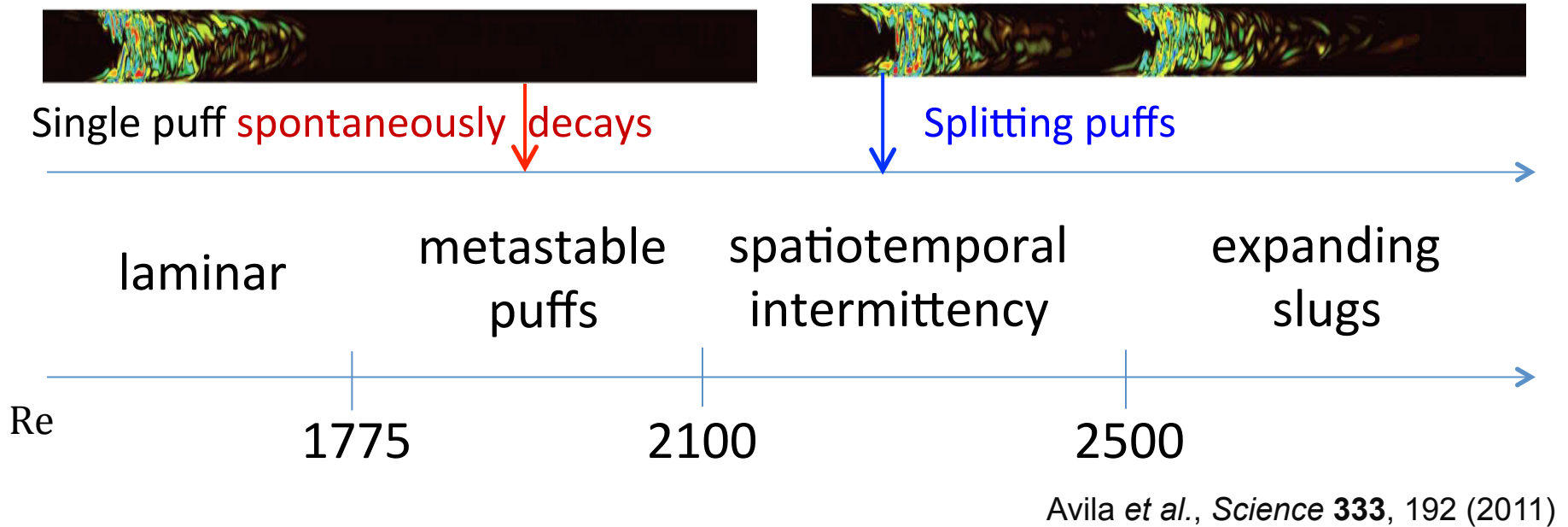


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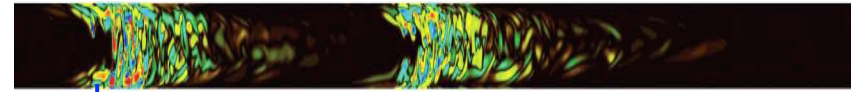
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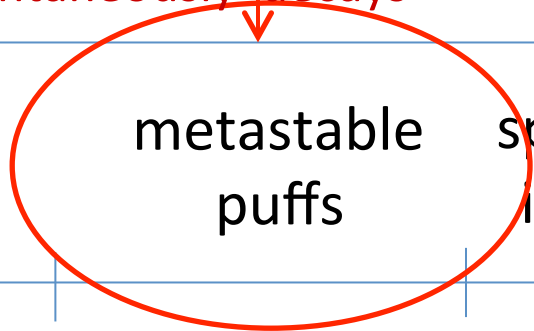
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Splitting puffs



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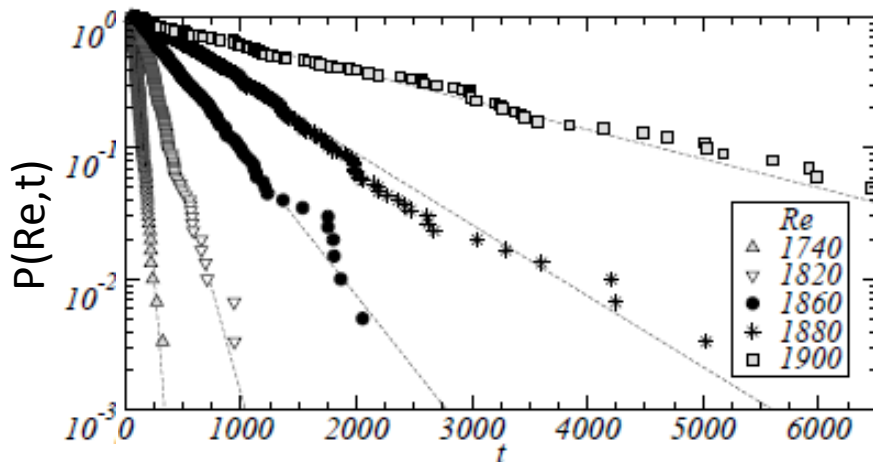
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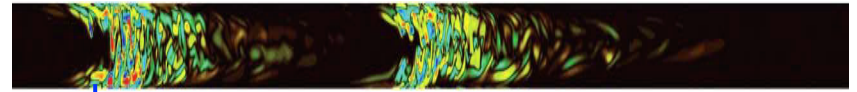


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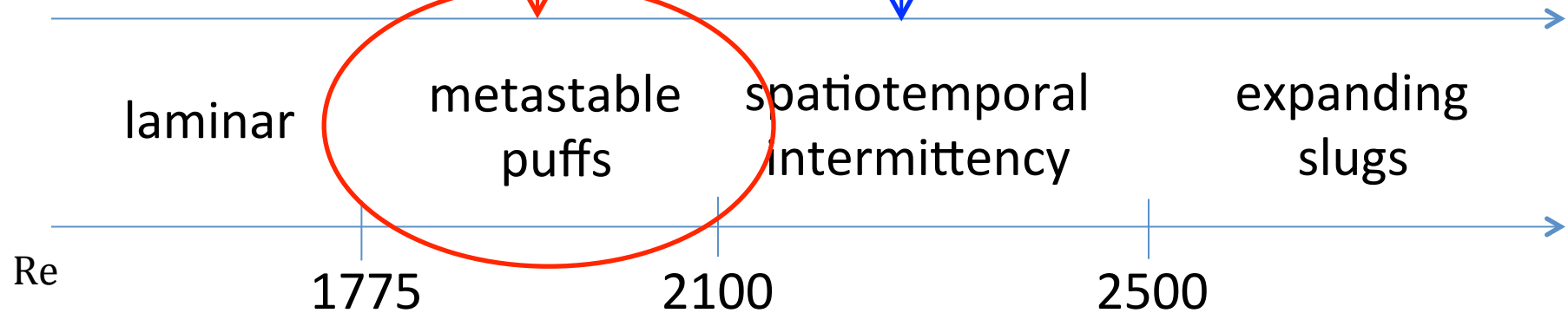
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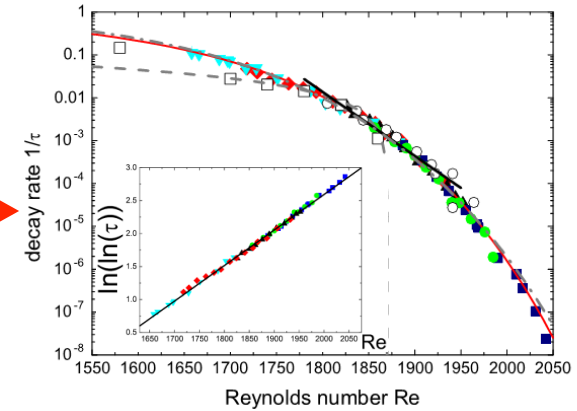
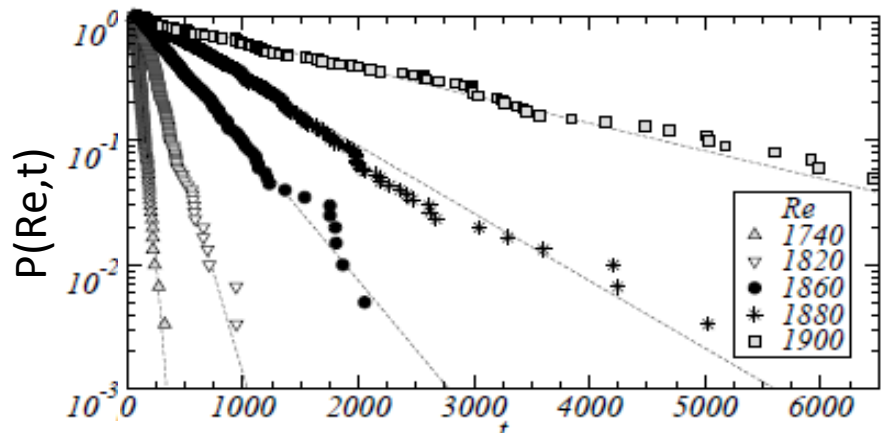


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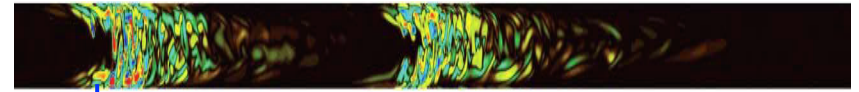


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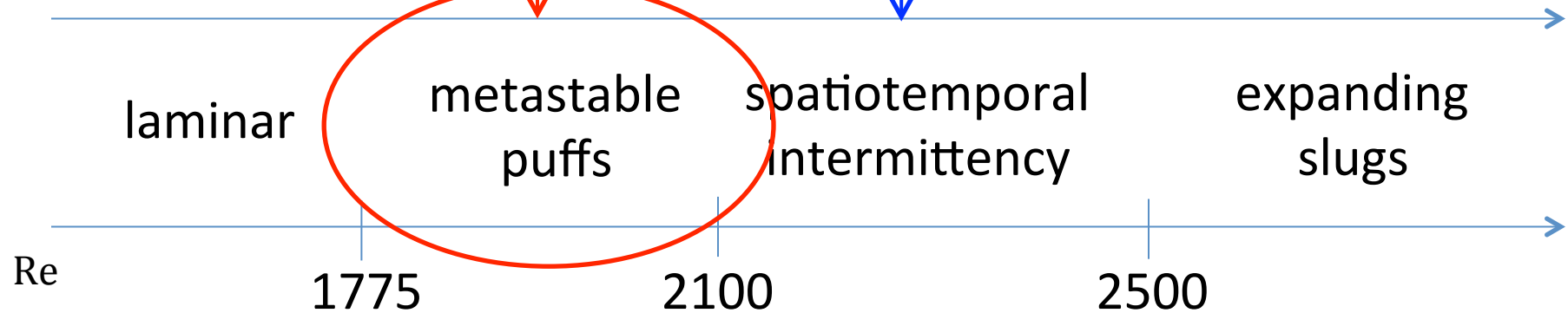
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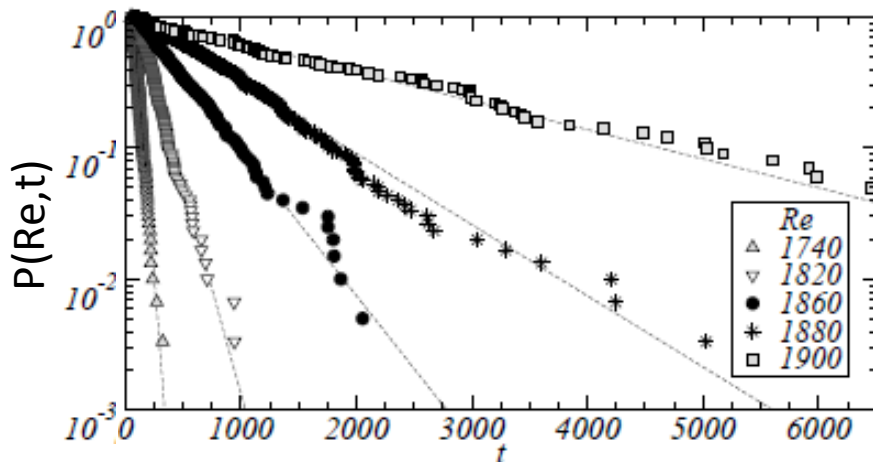
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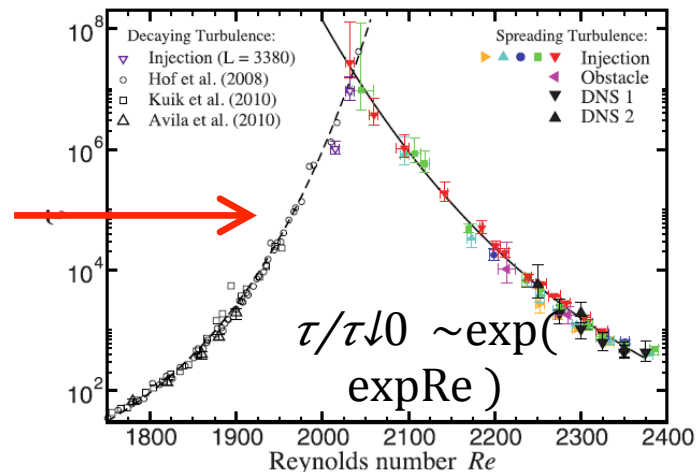
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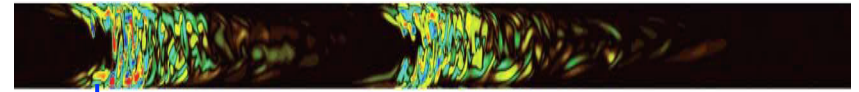
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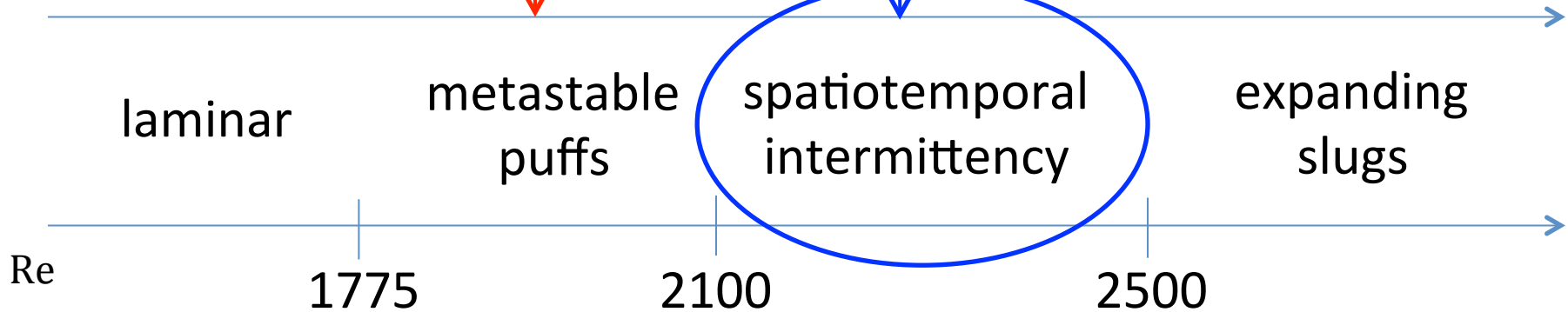
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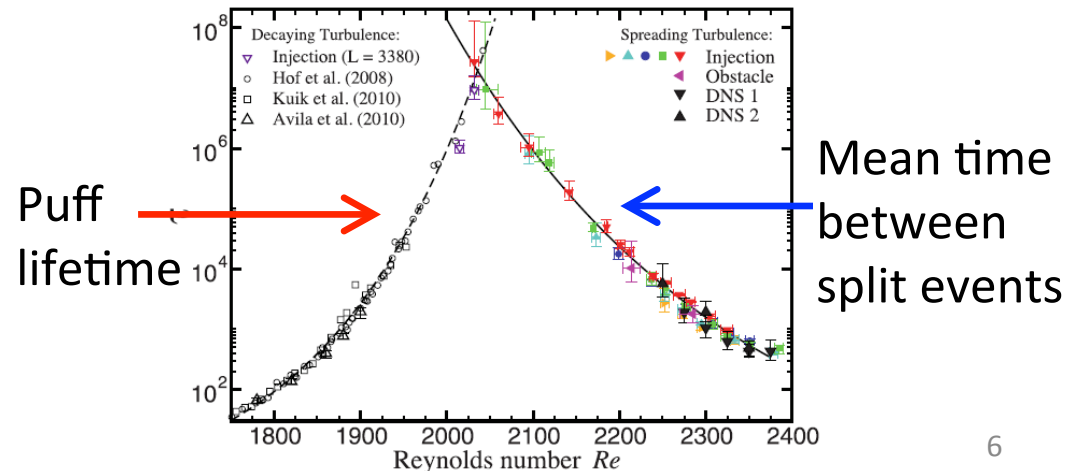
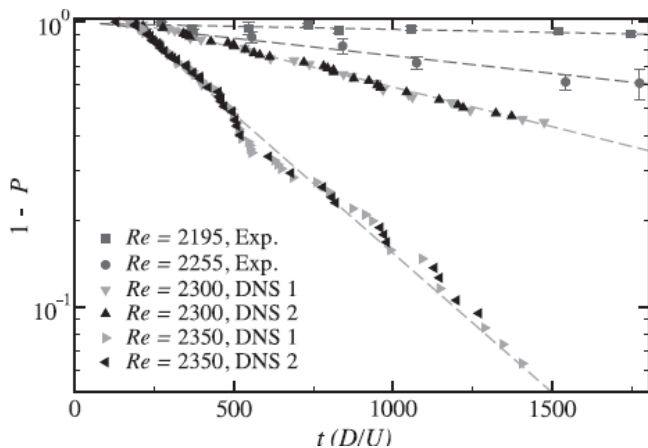


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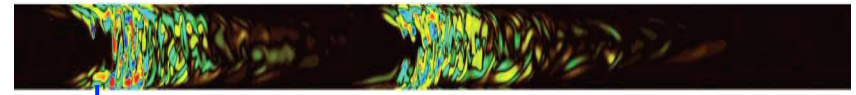
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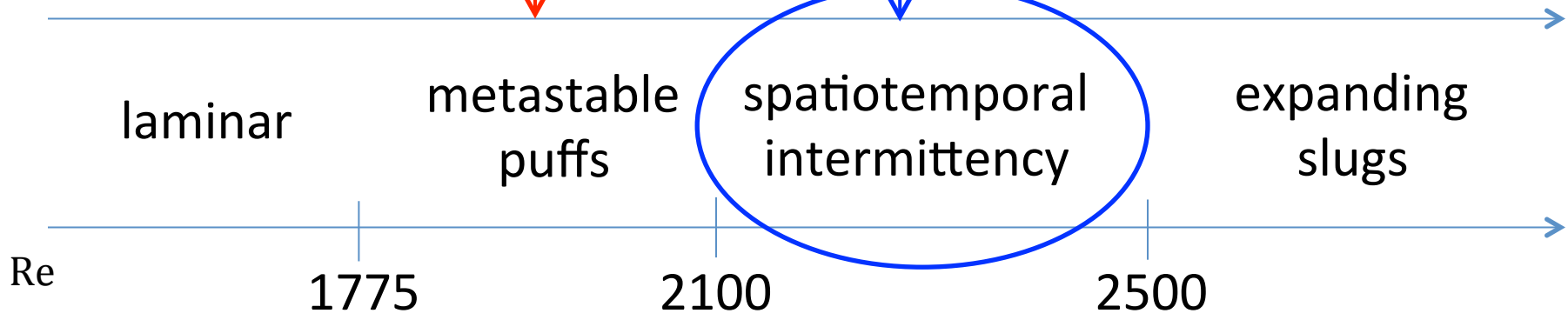
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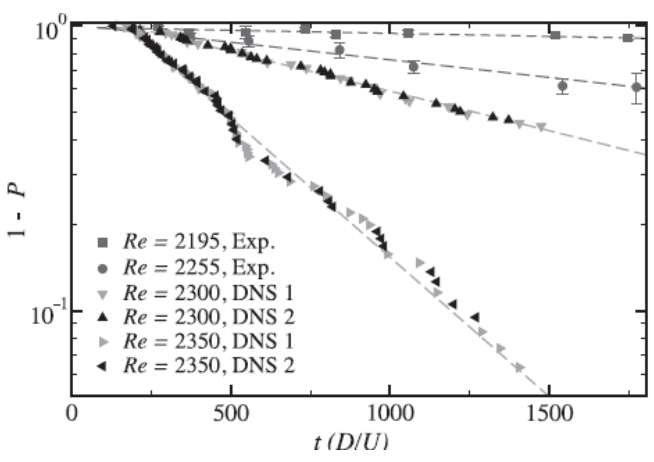


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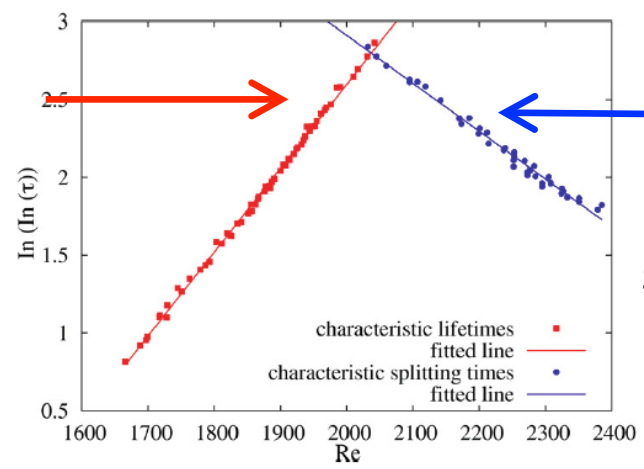


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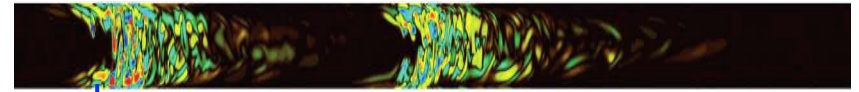


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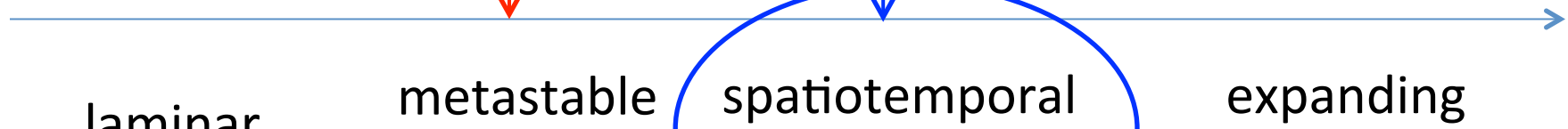
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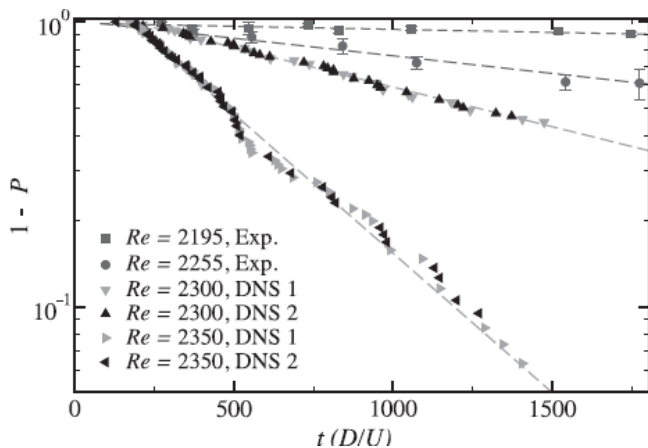


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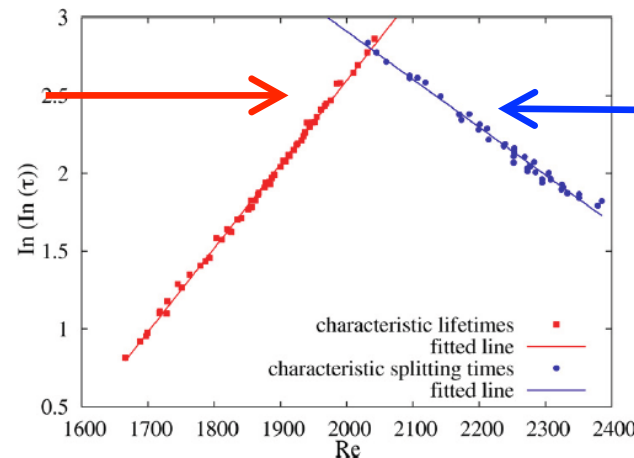


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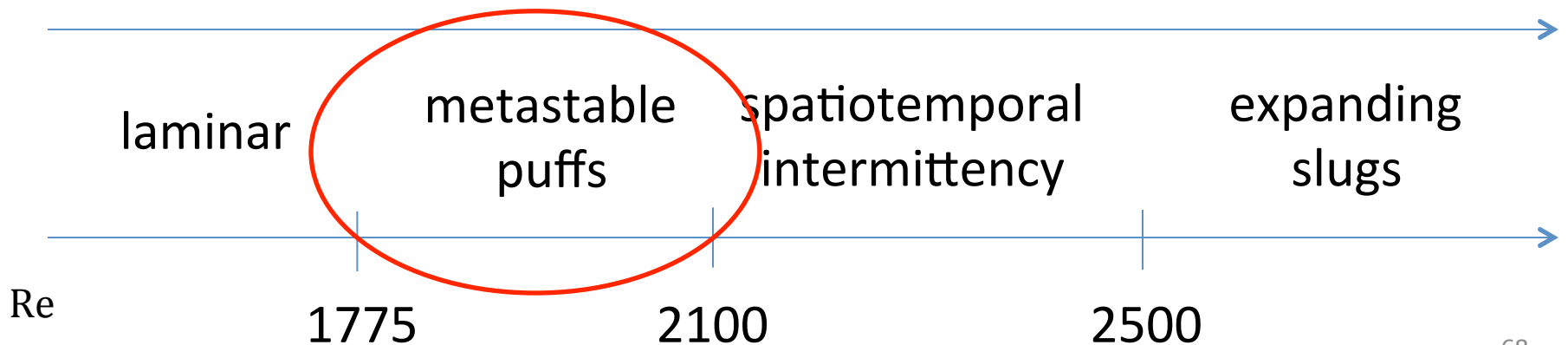


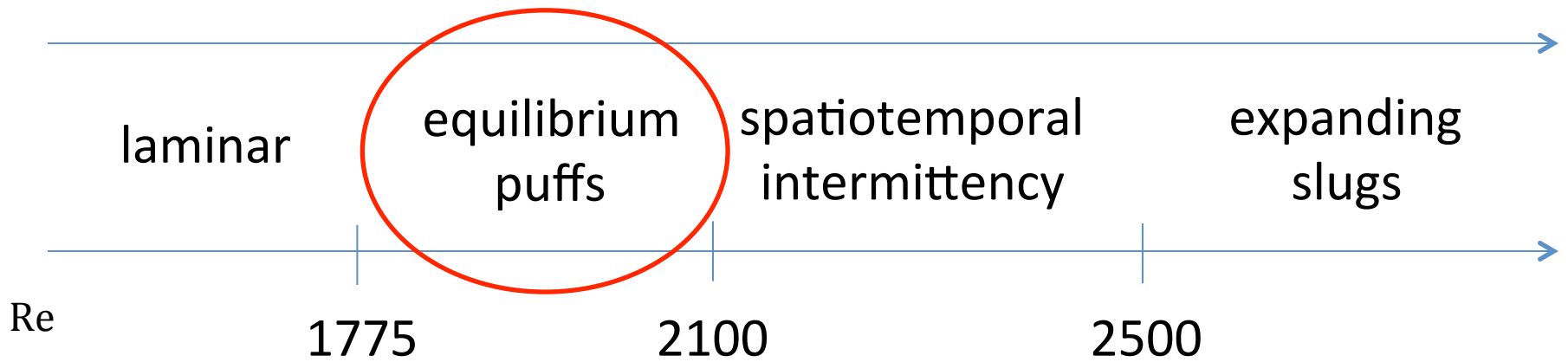
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MODEL FOR METASTABLE TURBULENT PUFFS

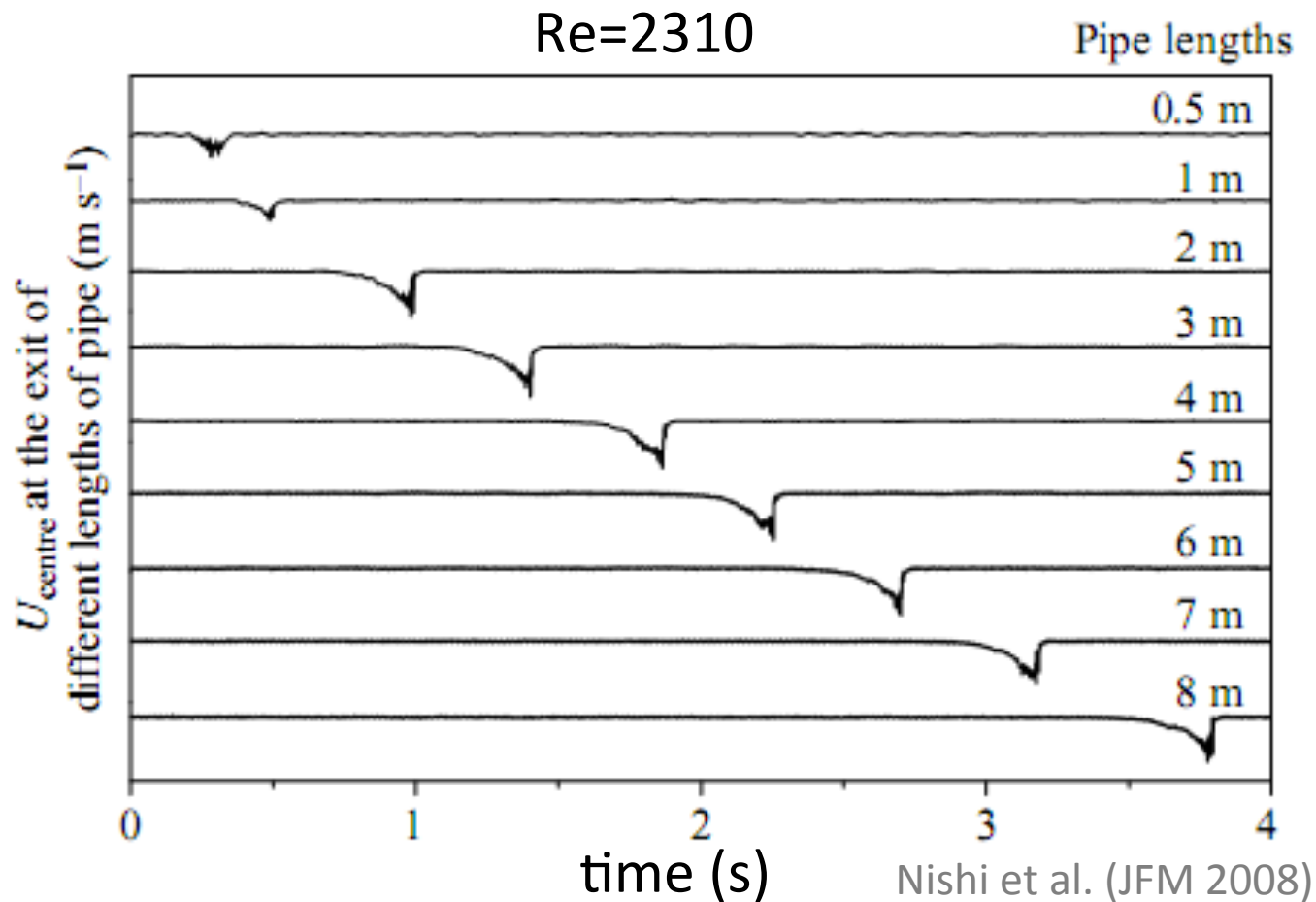




Van Doorne and Westerweel (Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A 2009)

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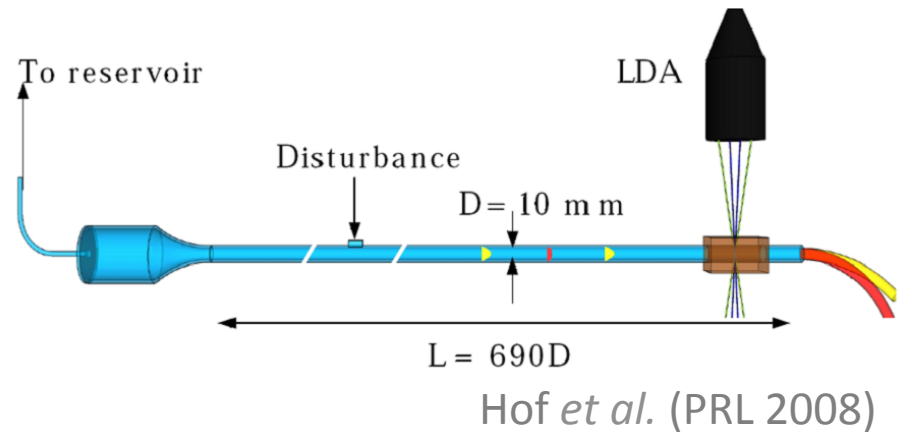
- Hot wire measurements:



Metastable puff

- Lifetime of puff decay was measured conclusively by Hof et al. (PRL **101**, 214501 2008).

- Their experimental setup:



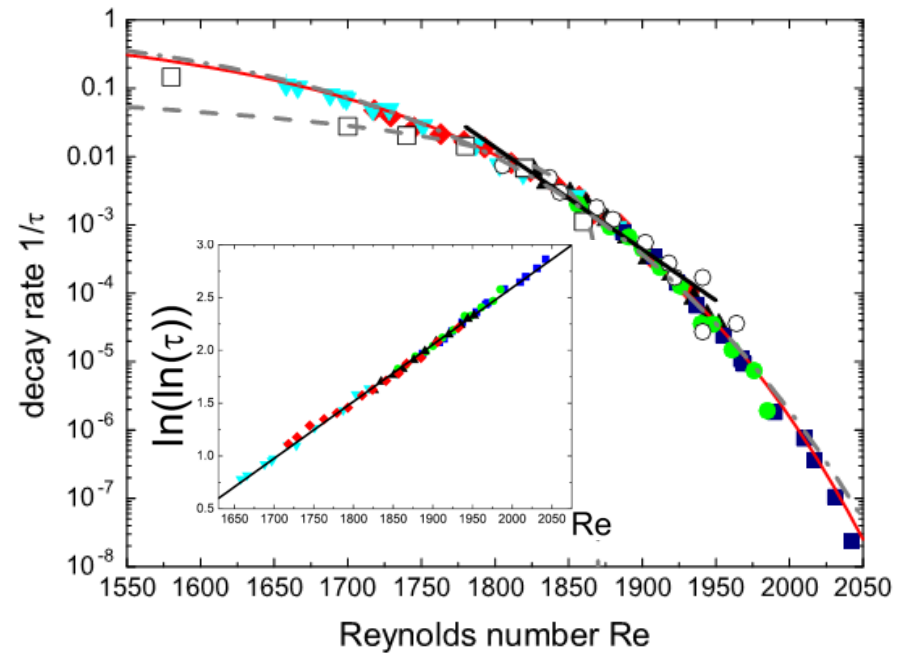
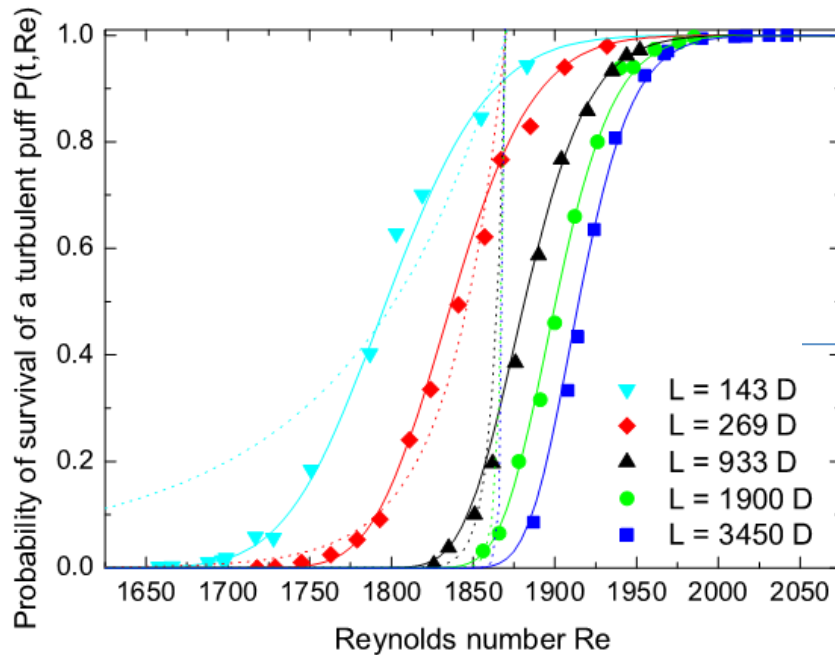
- They measured the survival probability (probability that a puff is alive when it reaches the outlet of the pipe).

Metastable puff

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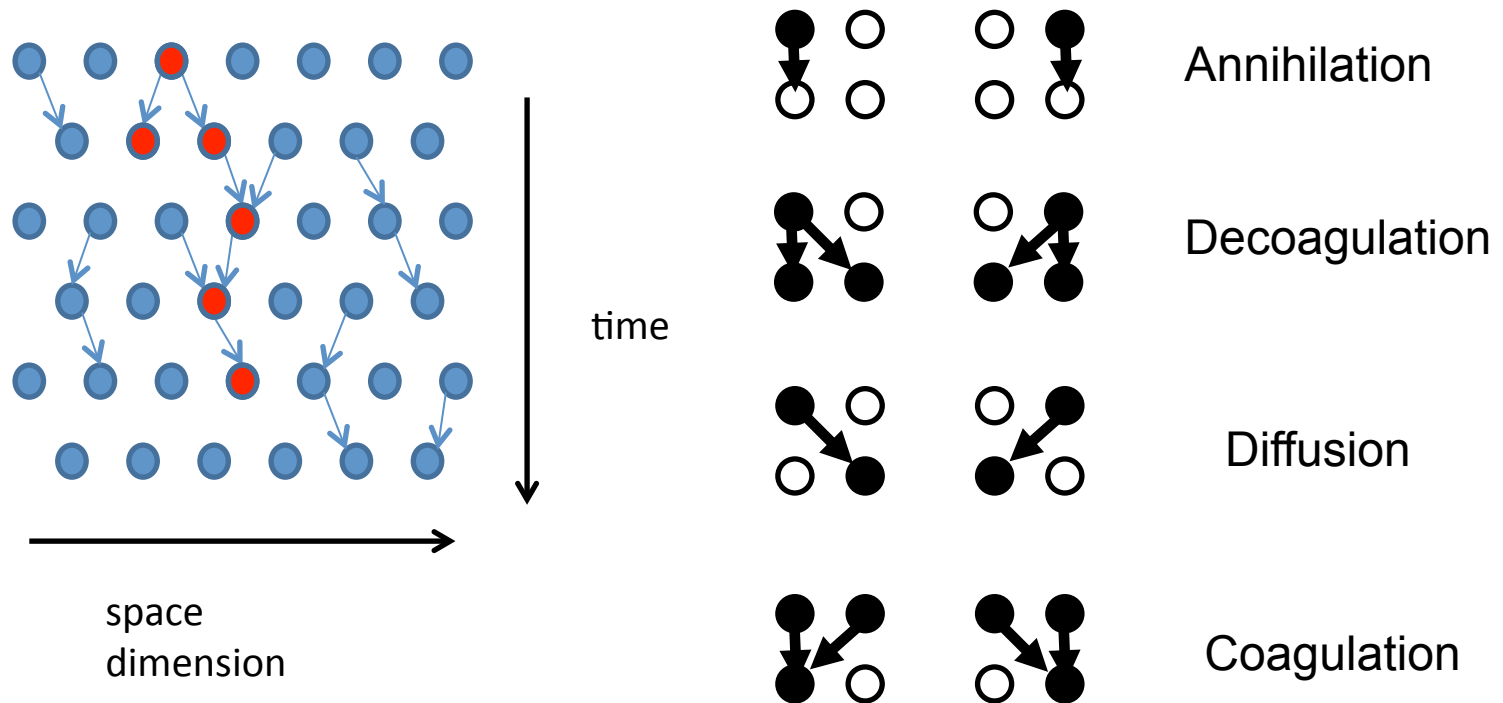


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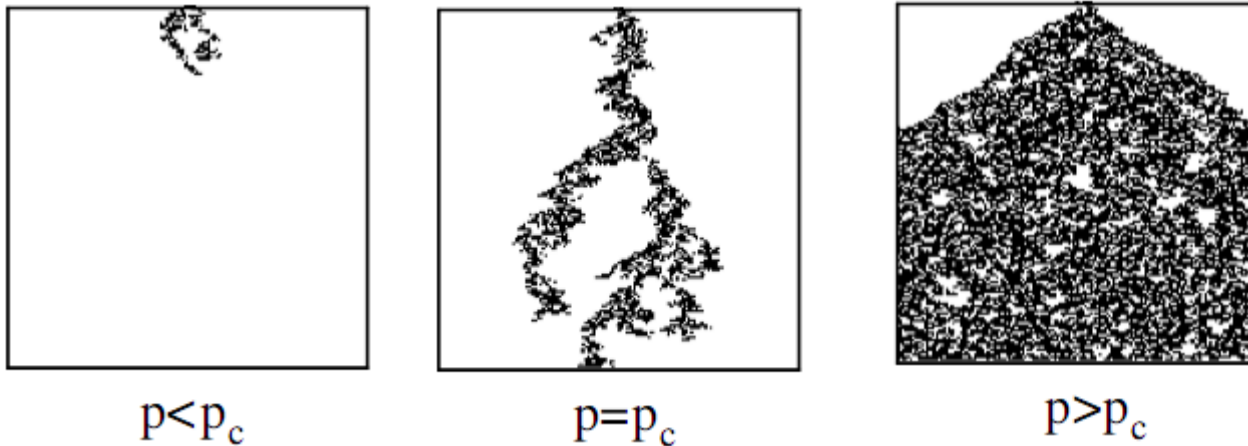
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Directed Percolation Transition

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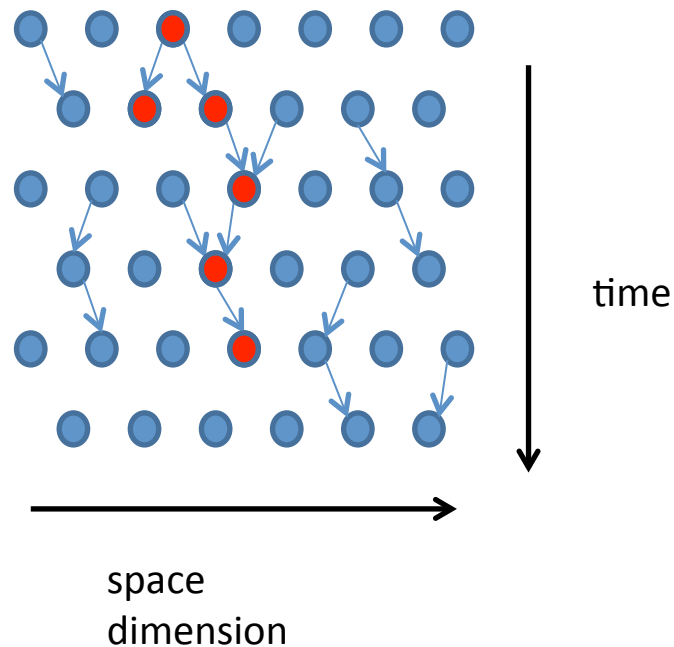
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to DP models

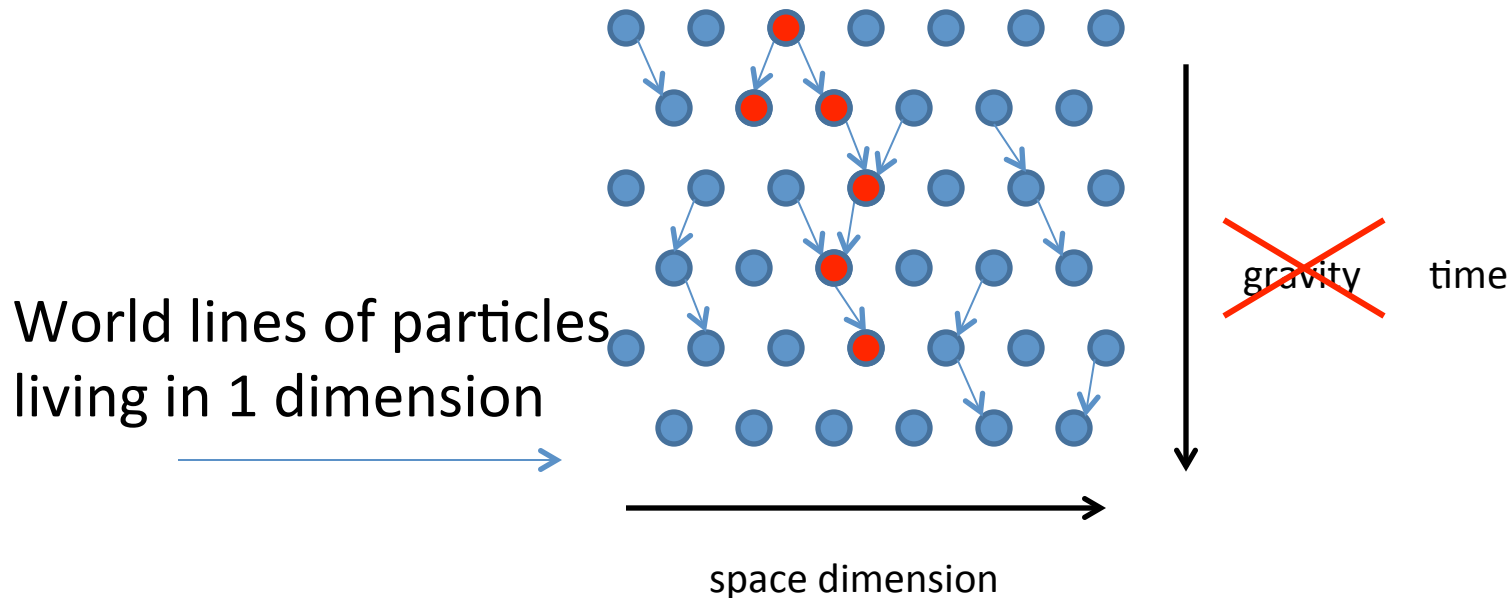
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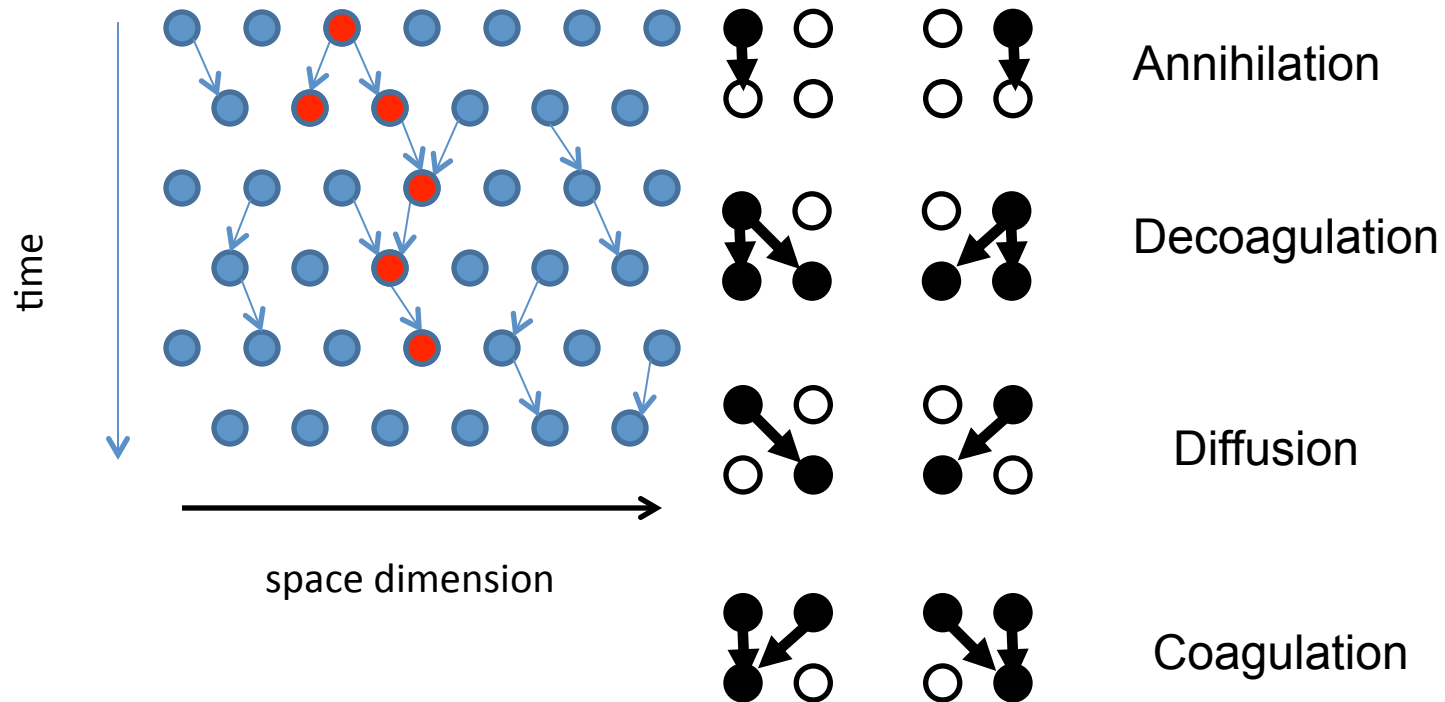
- Bond percolation: Diagonal lattice with bonds open with probability p .



- This would be called 1 + 1-dimensional DP.

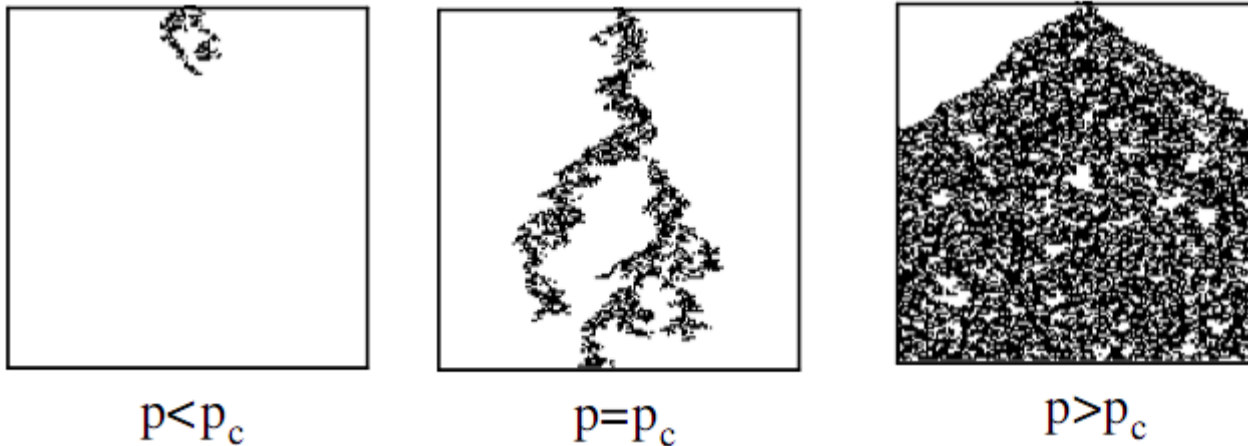
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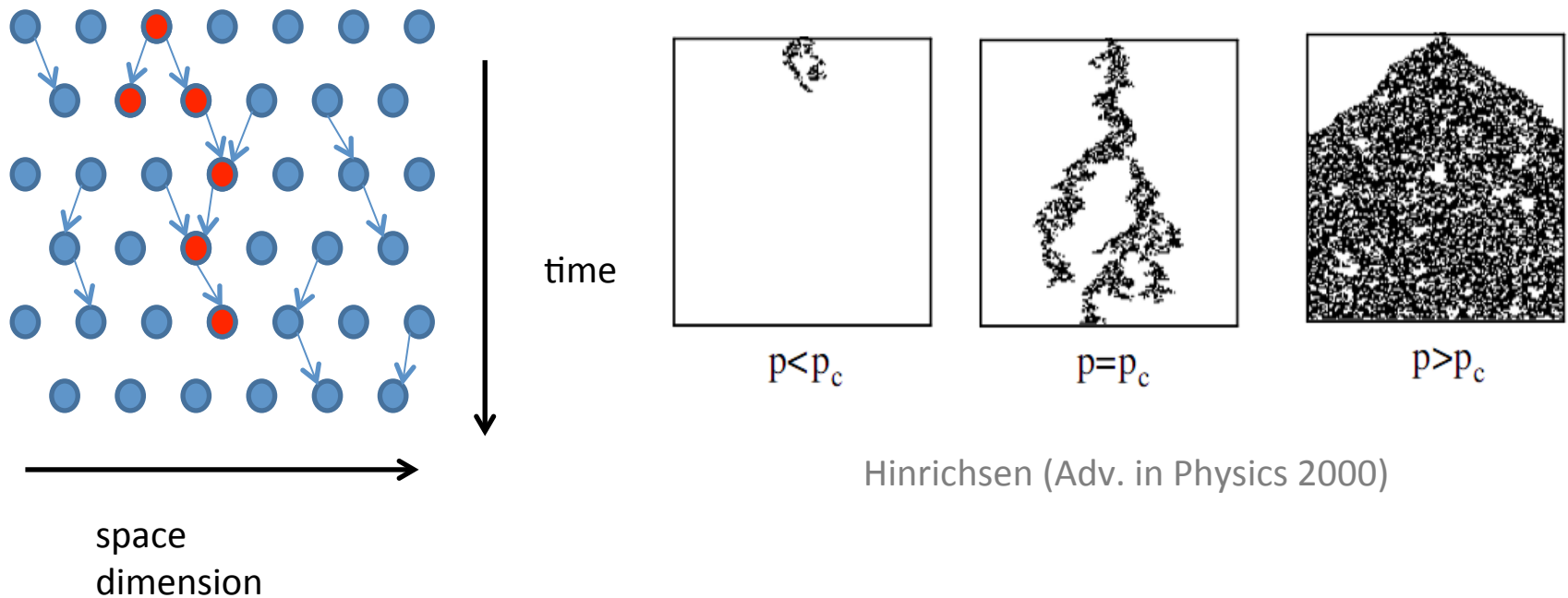
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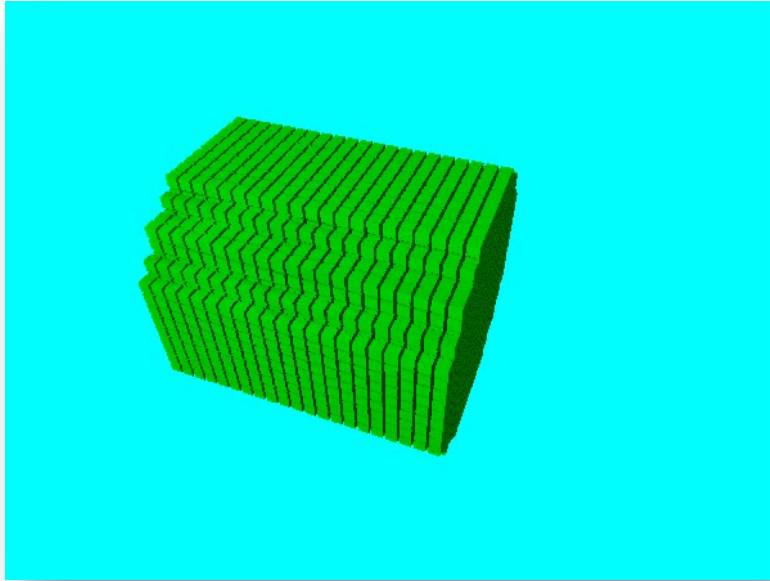
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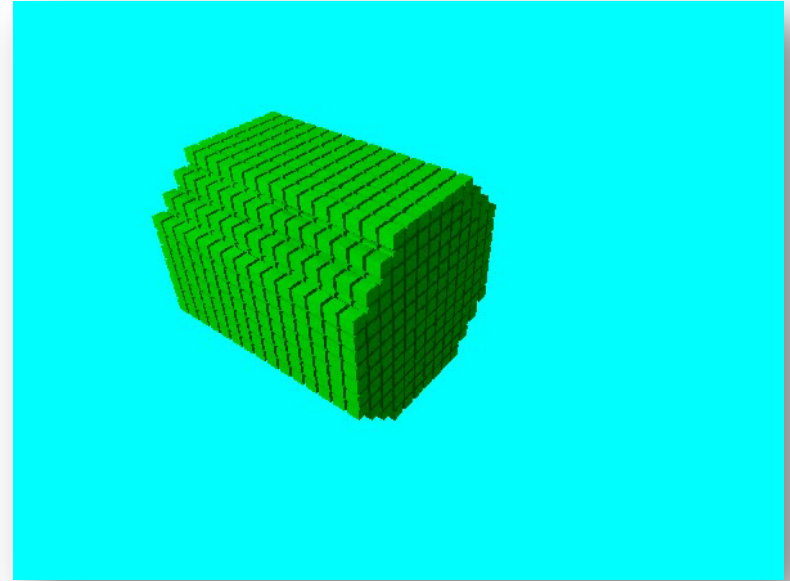


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DP in 3 + 1 dimensions in pipe



Puff decay



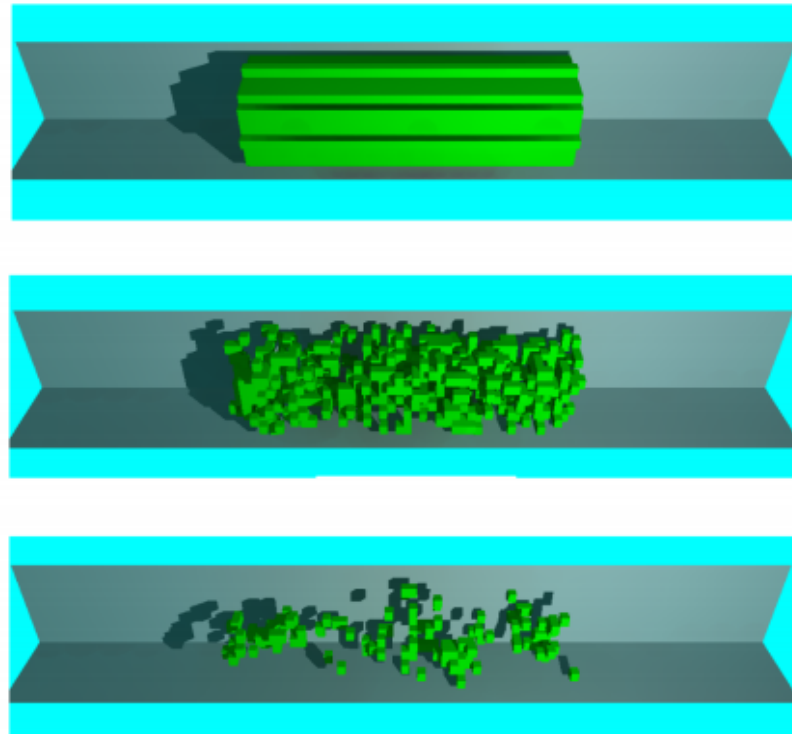
Slug spreading

Turbulent transients: Puffs

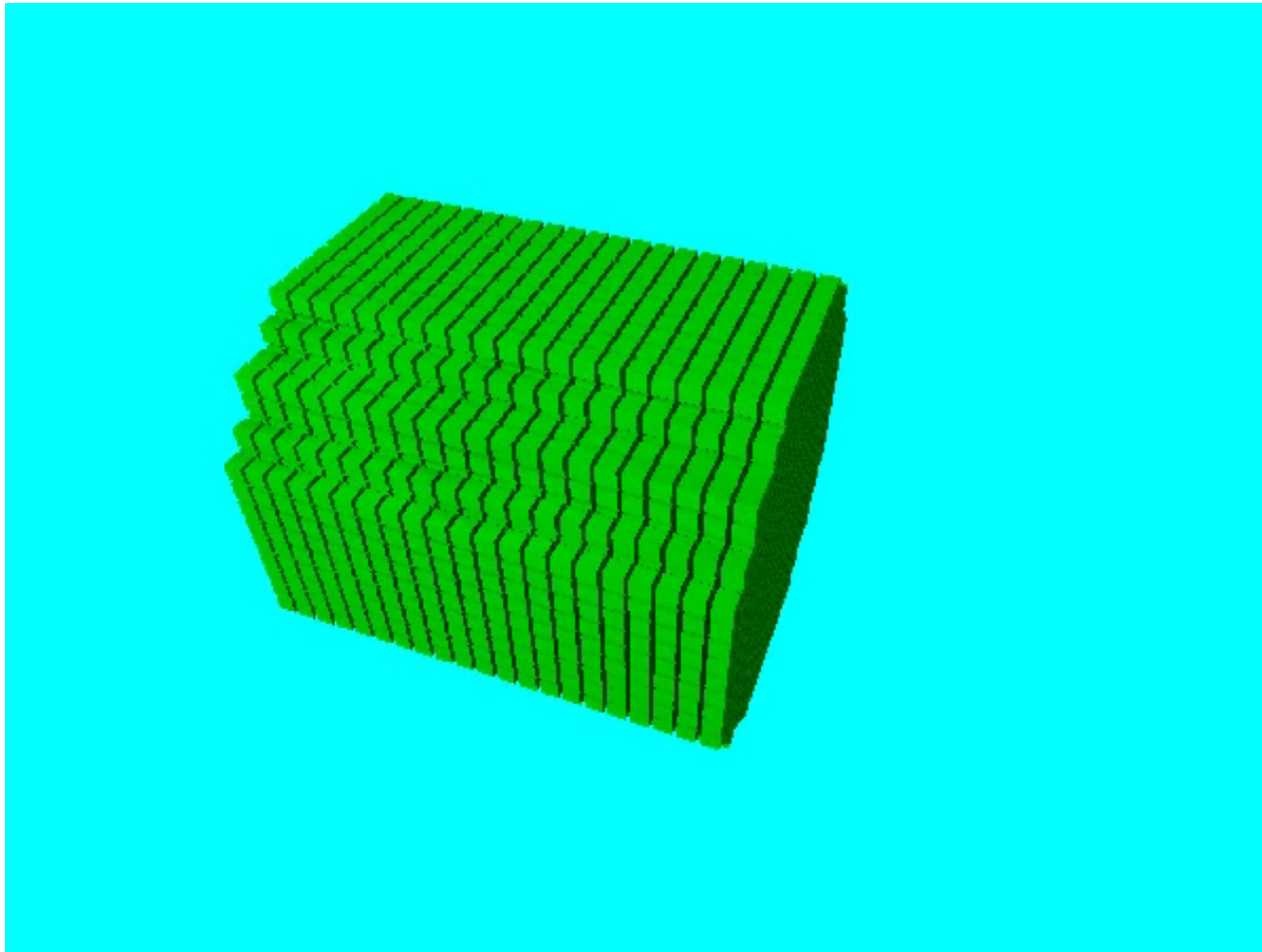
- Here we consider decay not of a single seed but an initial puff
- Below p/c , DP cluster decays as a memoryless process.

1+1 DP

3+1 DP



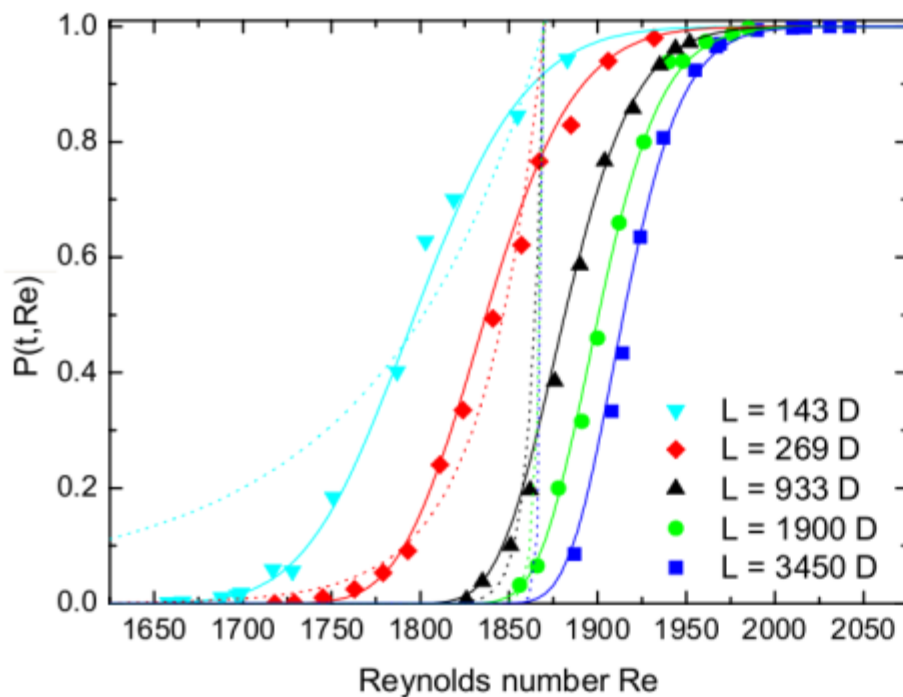
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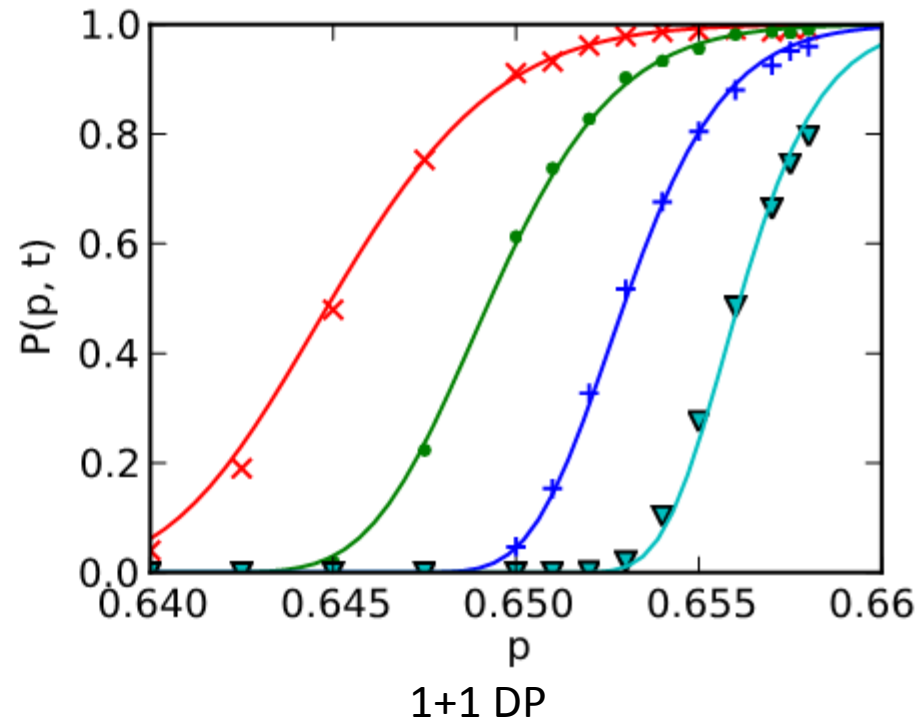
Turbulent transients: Puffs

- We can measure the survival probability of active DP regions, like Hof *et al.* did in pipe experiments:

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Hof *et al.* (PRL 2008)

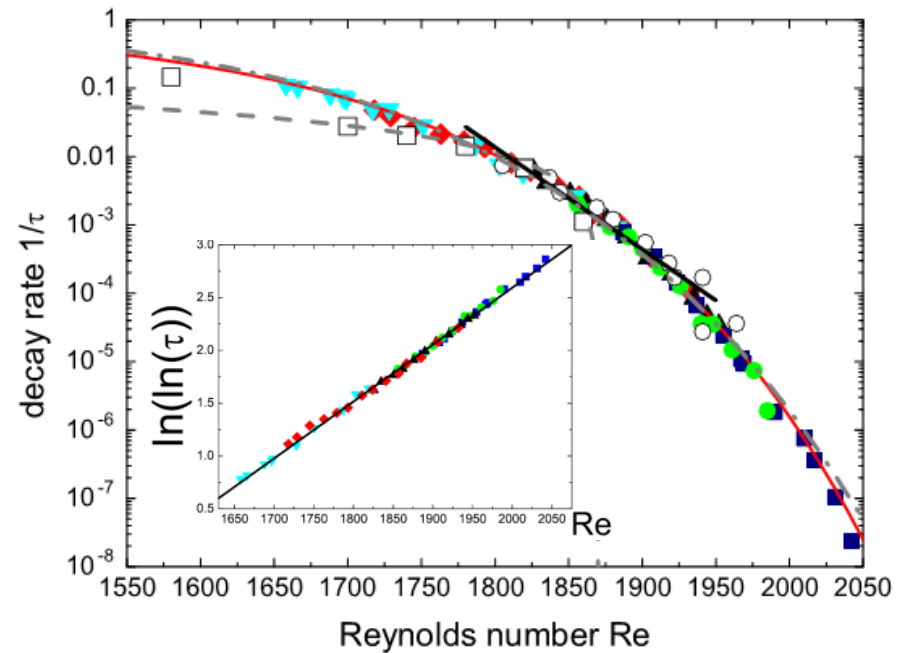
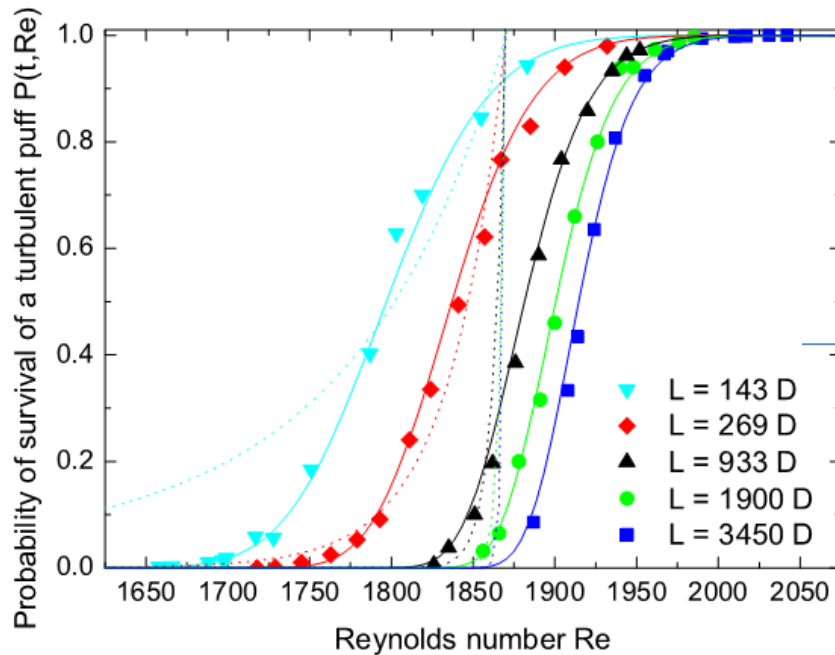


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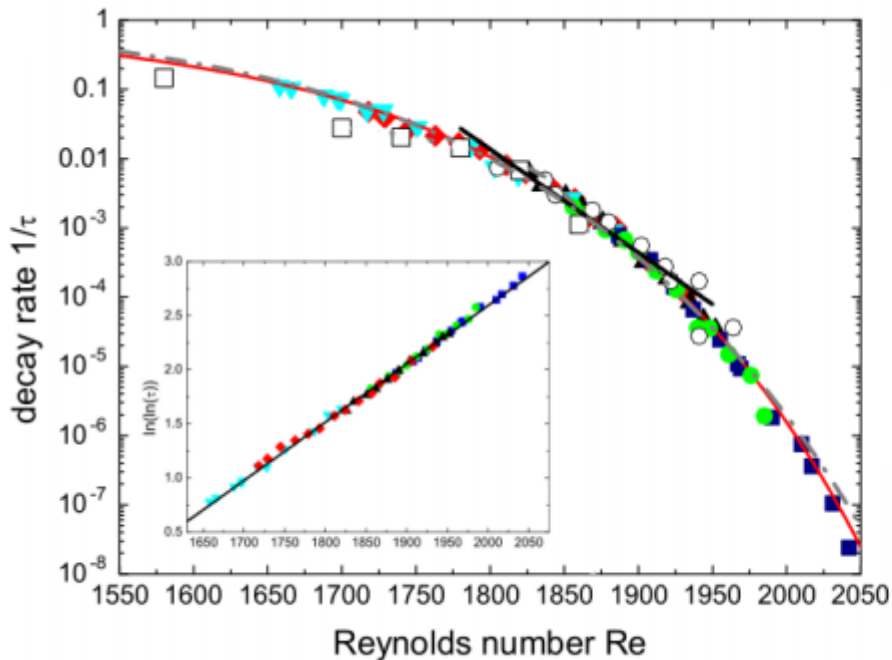


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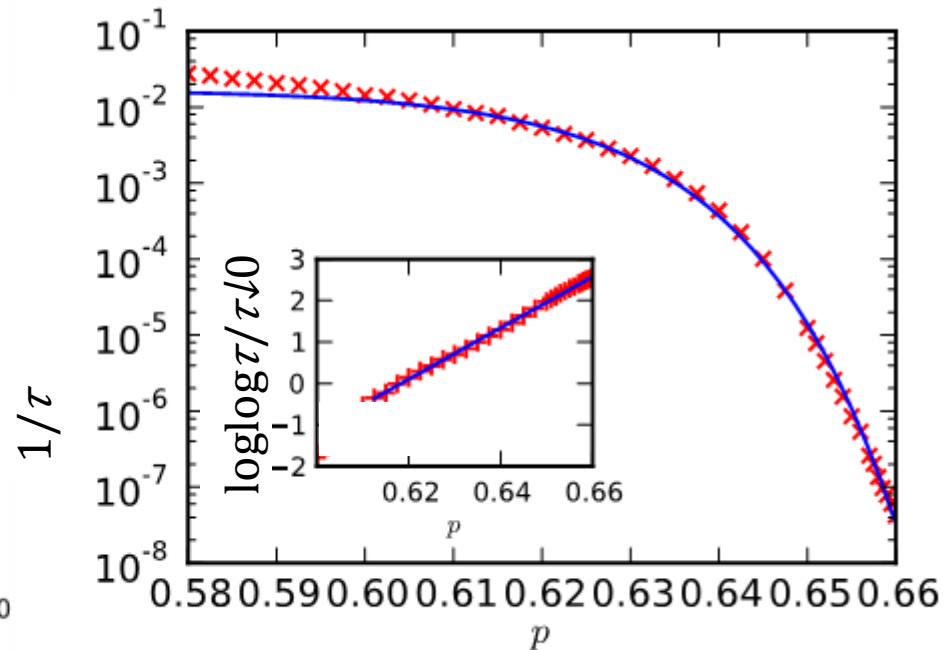
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Turbulent transients: Puffs

- The lifetime τ fits a super-exponential scaling
- $\tau/\tau \downarrow 0 \sim \exp(\exp Re)$



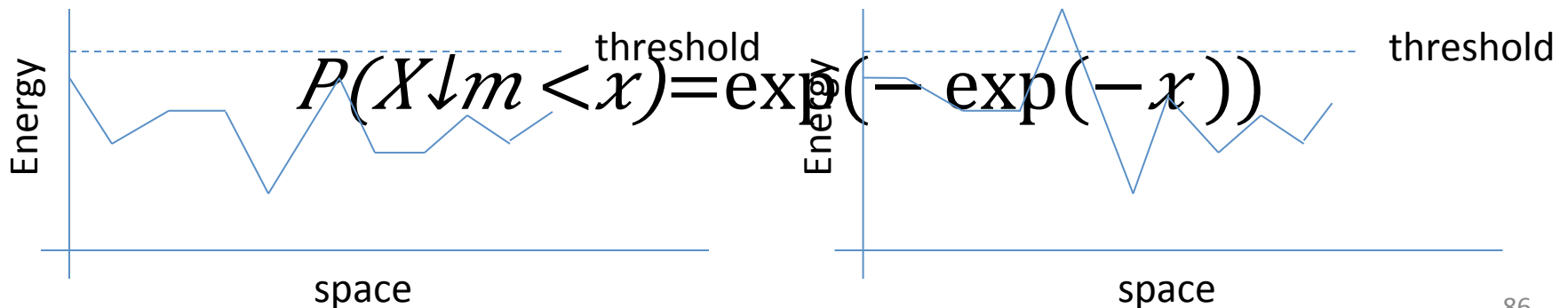
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Super-exponential scaling and extreme statistics

- Consider identical and independently distributed random variables X_i whose distribution decays sufficiently fast at infinity
- Their mean $X \propto \sum_i X_i$ is normally distributed (Central limit theorem). more on FT
- Their maximum $X_m \propto \max_i X_i$ is distributed according to the Fisher-Tippett type I distribution: more on FT 2



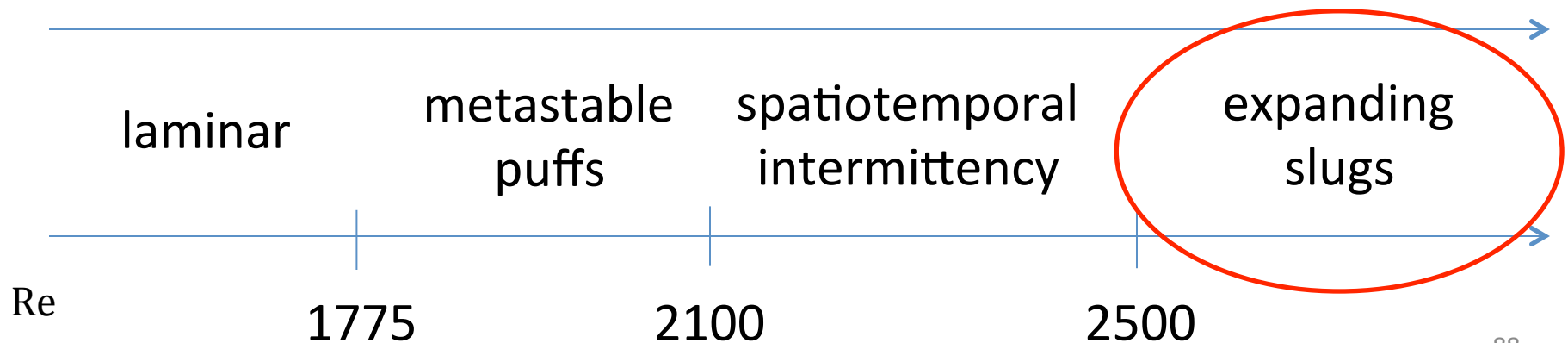
Super-exponential scaling and extreme statistics

- Active state persists until the most long-lived percolating “strands” decay.
 - extreme value statistics
- Why do we not observe the power law divergence of lifetime of DP near transition?
- Close to transition, transverse correlation length diverges, so initial seeds are not independent
 - Crossover to single seed behaviour
 - Asymptotically will see the power law behavior in principle



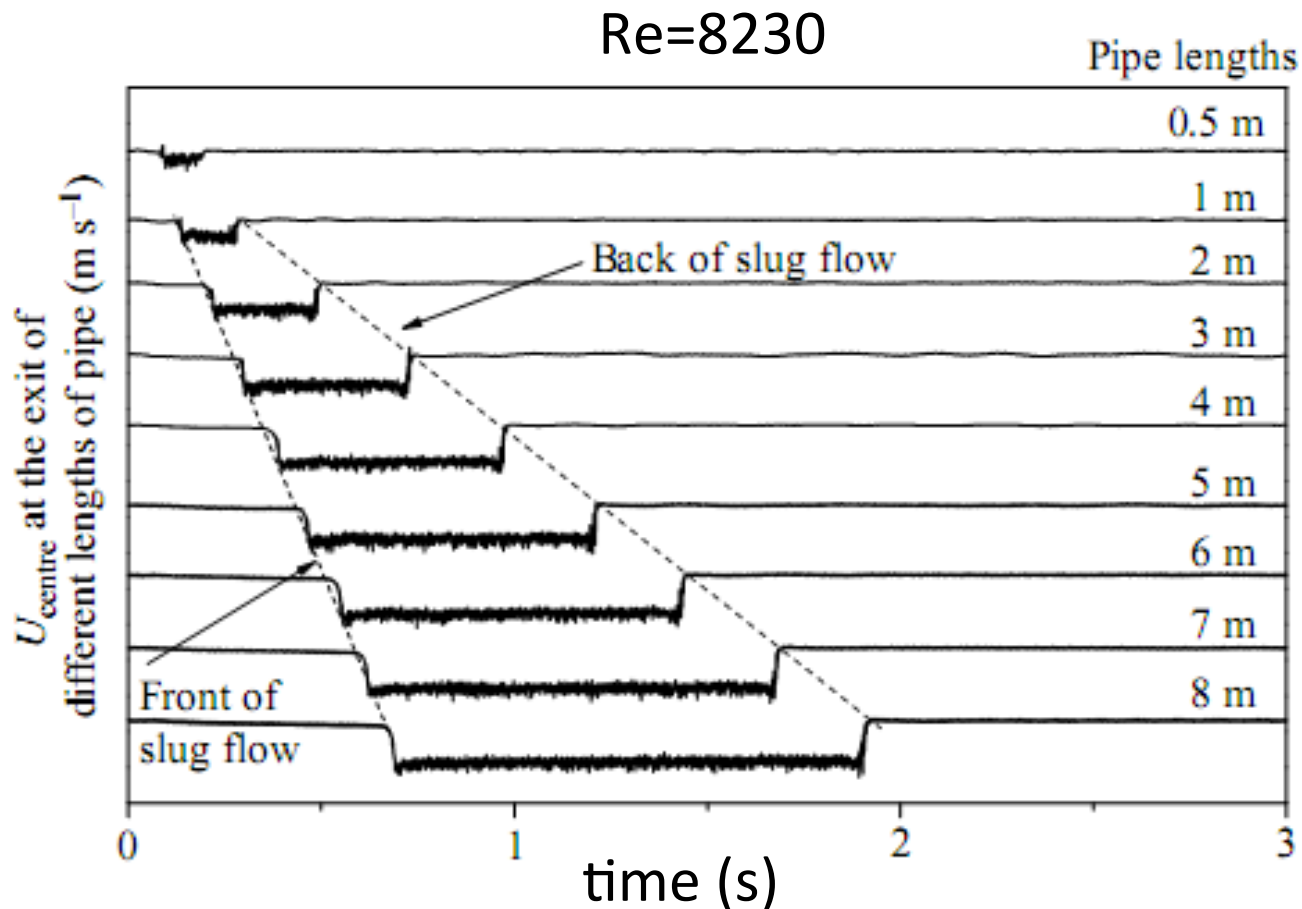
$$\xi_{\perp} \sim (p - p_c)^{-\nu_{\perp}}$$

MODEL FOR EXPANDING TURBULENT SLUGS



Turbulent slugs

- Turbulent slugs have well-defined fronts with well-defined expansion



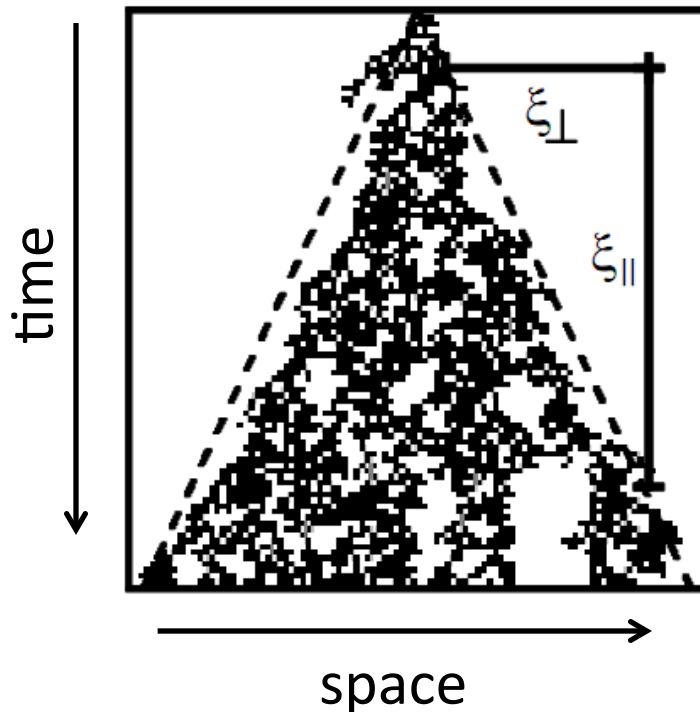
Growing fronts in DP

- Above $p \downarrow c$, percolating clusters grow with front velocity:

$$G \sim \xi_{\perp} / \xi_{\parallel} \sim (p - p \downarrow c)^{\nu_{\perp} / \nu_{\parallel}}$$

dim	$\nu_{\perp} / \nu_{\parallel}$
1+1	0.637
2+1	0.561
3+1	0.524

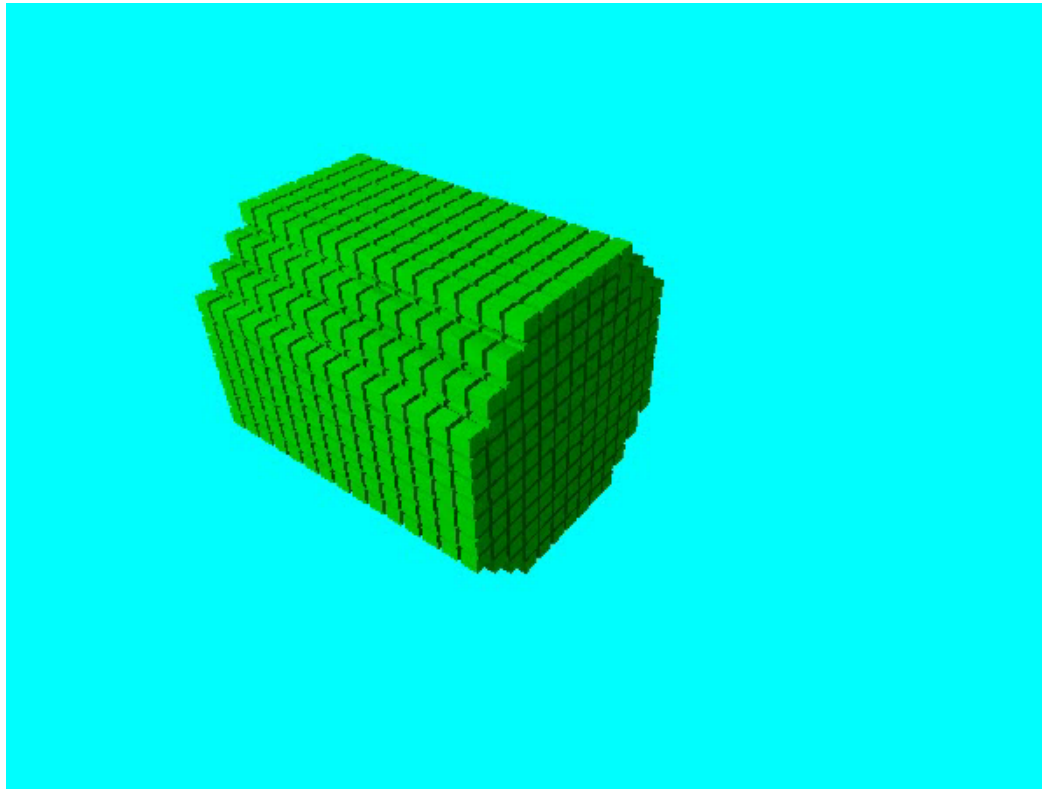
- In 1+1 DP:



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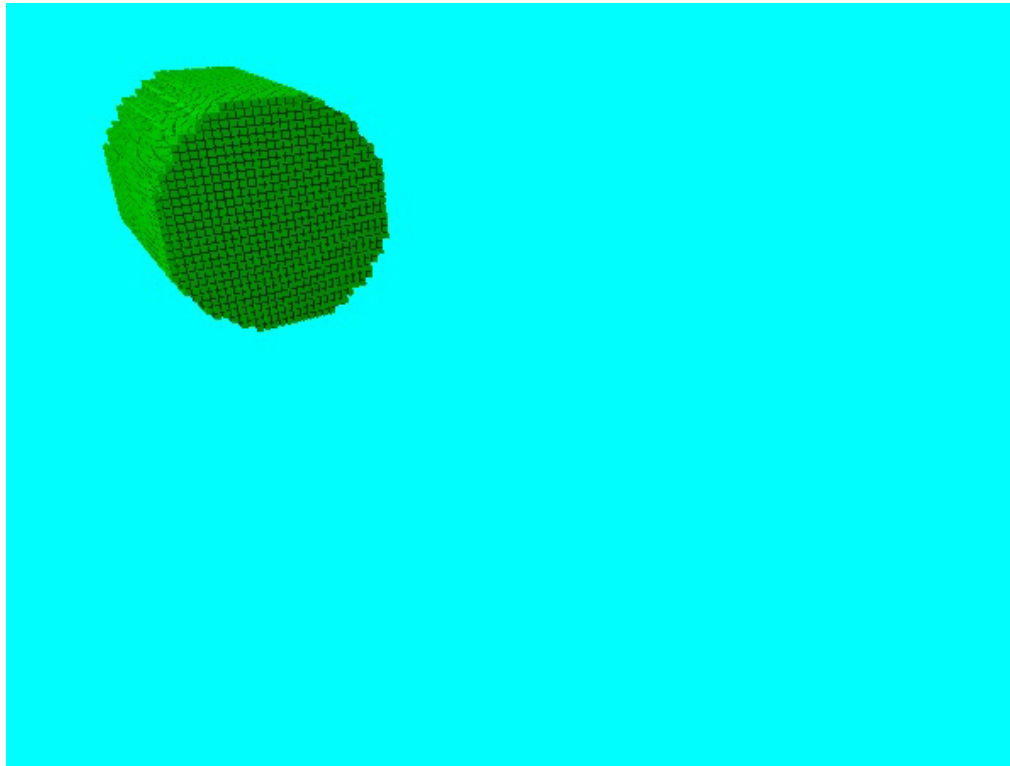
When $p - p_{lc}$ is small:



$$p - p_{lc} / p_{lc} \sim 0.05$$

Growing fronts in DP

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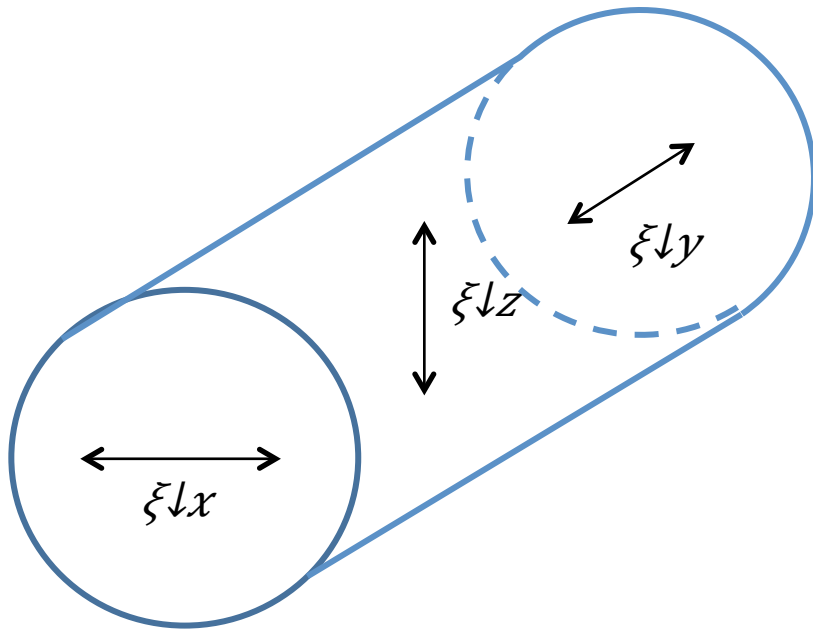


$$p - p_{lc} / p_{lc} \sim 3$$

Crossover in pipe geometry

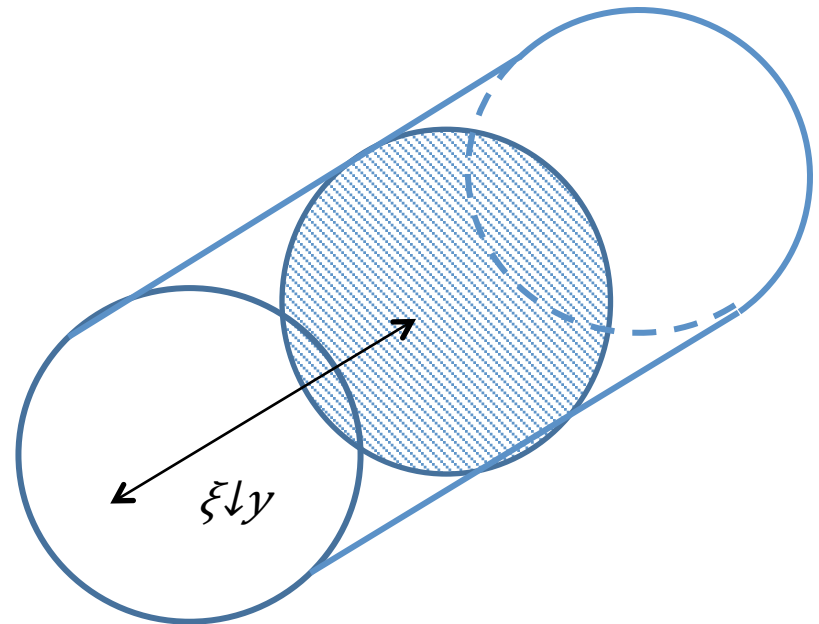
$$\xi_{\perp} = (p - p_{lc}) \uparrow - \nu_{\perp}$$

- When $p - p_{lc}$ is large



$\xi_{\perp} < D \rightarrow 3+1$ DP

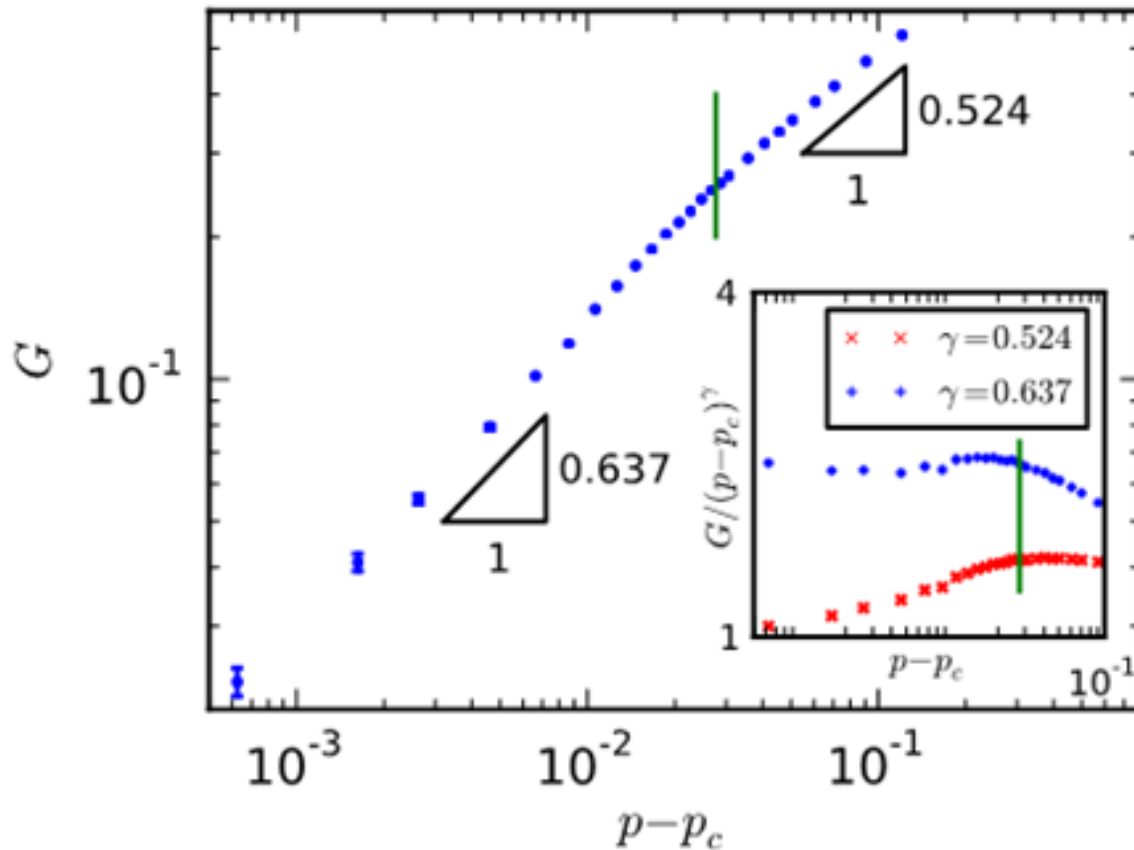
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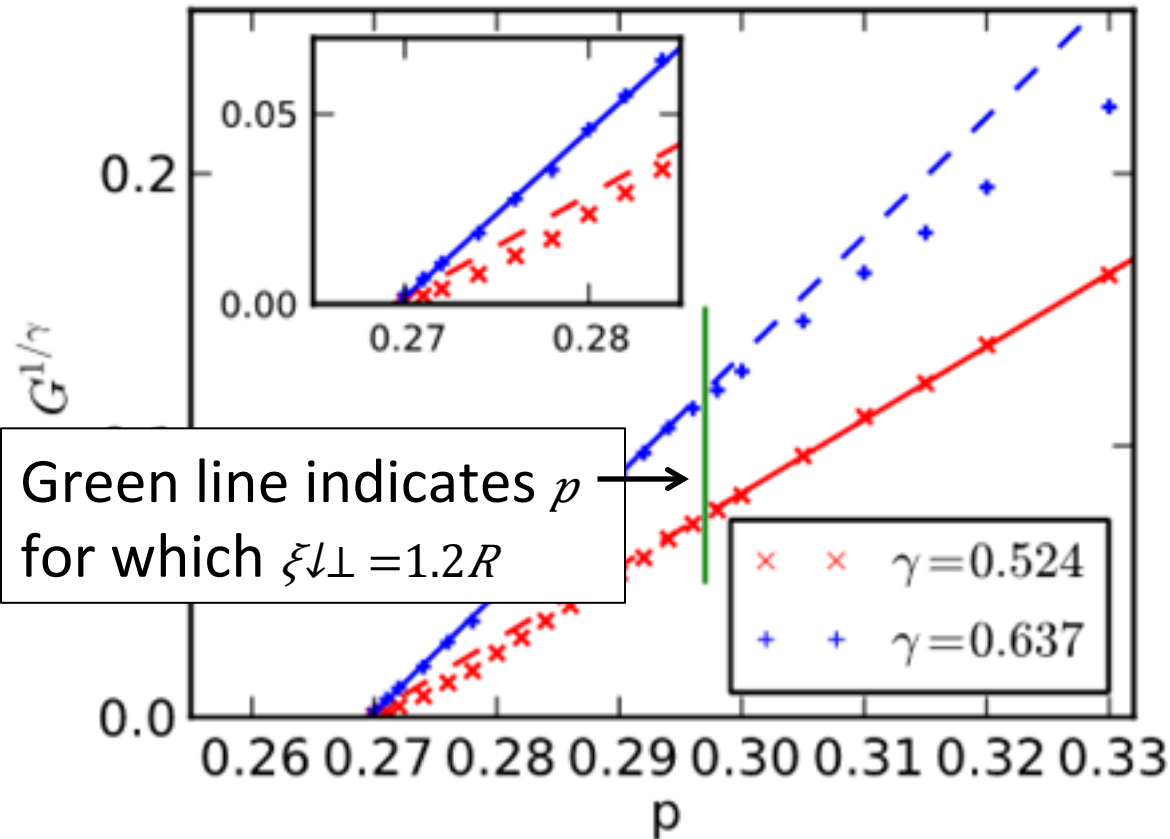
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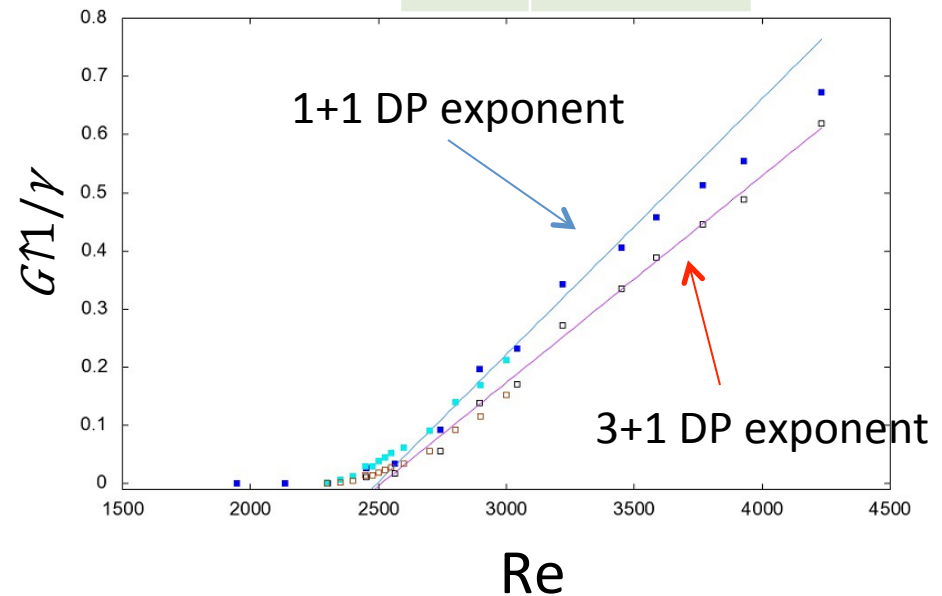
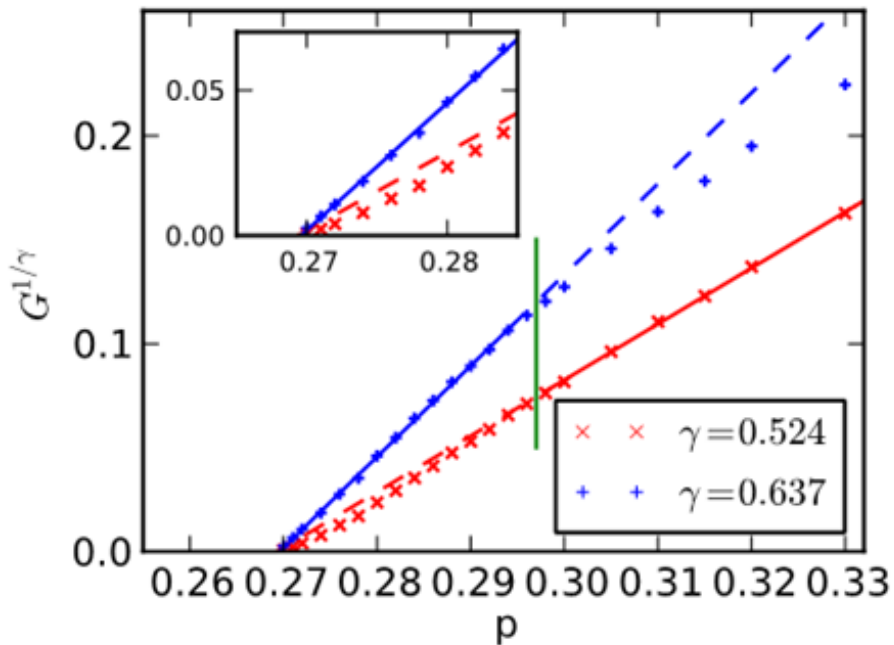
Can't use p_{lc} from the literature since it depends on the size of the system.

Experimental measurements of slug fronts

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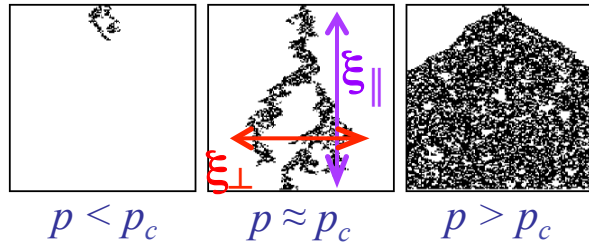
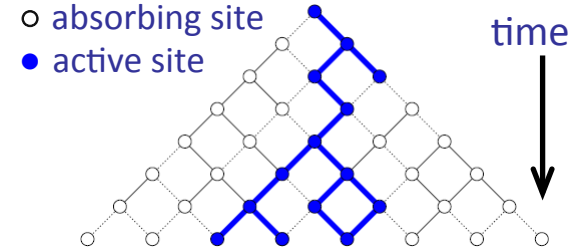
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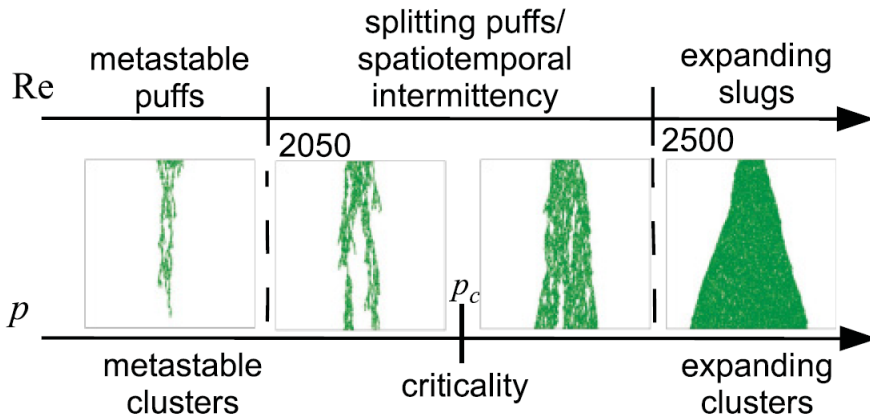
Summary: Transitional Turbulence as DP

- Transitional turbulence ~ Directed percolation (Pomeau, 1986)
- Directed percolation (DP)
 - percolating probability p at each site
 - absorbing state \rightarrow laminar flows
 - active state \rightarrow turbulent slugs
- Critical transition threshold p_c :

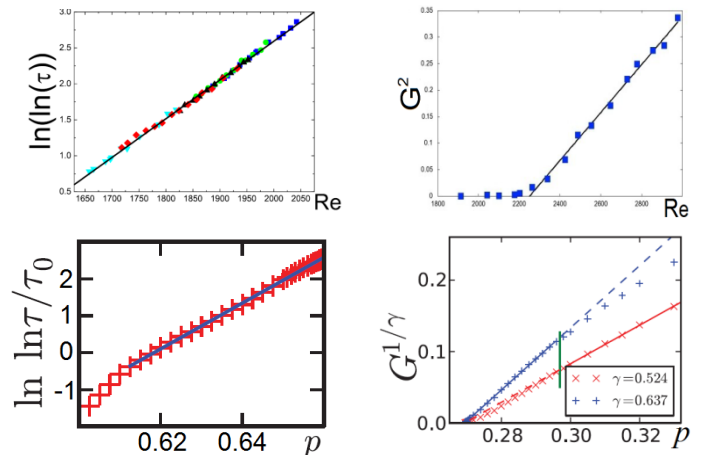


$$p \approx p_c \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{correlation length } \xi_{\parallel} \sim |p - p_c|^{\nu_{\parallel}} \\ \xi_{\perp} \sim |p - p_c|^{\nu_{\perp}} \\ \text{growth rate } G \sim \xi_{\perp} / \xi_{\parallel} \sim (p - p_c)^{\nu_{\parallel} - \nu_{\perp}} \end{array} \right.$$

- Turbulence vs. (3+1) DP in pipe:



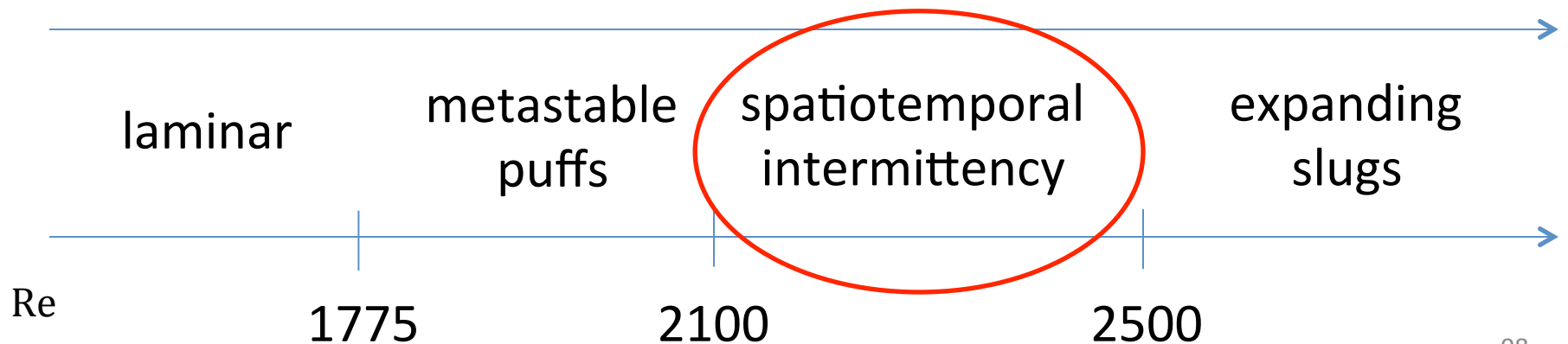
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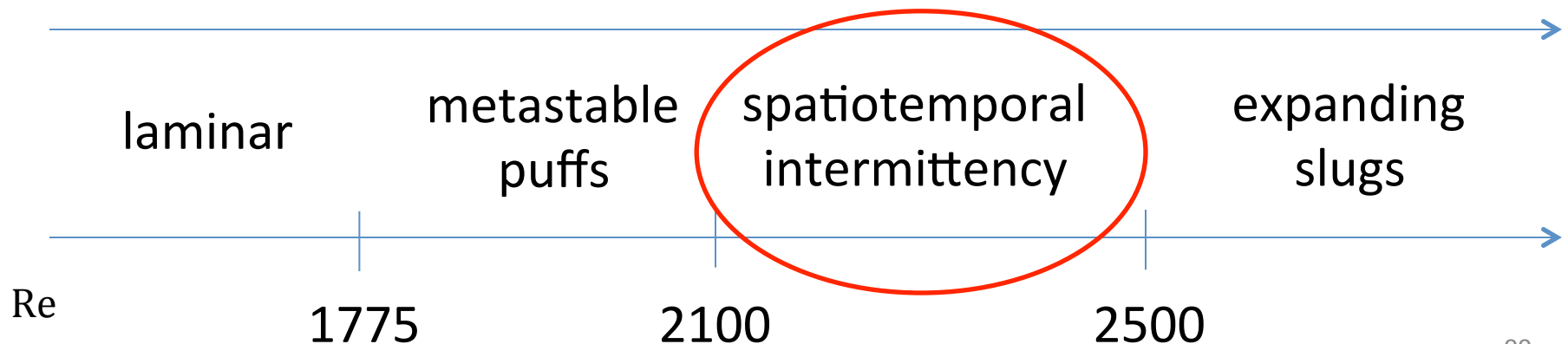
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MODEL FOR SPATIOTEMPORAL INTERMITTENCY



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Very complex behavior and we need to understand precisely what happens at the transition, and where the DP universality class comes from.



How to model transitional turbulence?

- Statistical description of phase transitions based on effective (Landau) theory for:
 - Order parameter
 - Collective modes
 - Hydrodynamic modes (long-wavelength, long-time)
- Effective theory functional form determined by symmetry, conservation laws
 - Direct derivation from microscopic theory usually not possible
 - Direct derivation from microscopic theory usually not desirable, because technical assumptions restrict the regime of validity of the effective theory

Logic of modeling phase transitions

Magnets

Electronic structure



Ising model



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Turbulence

Kinetic theory



Navier-Stokes eqn

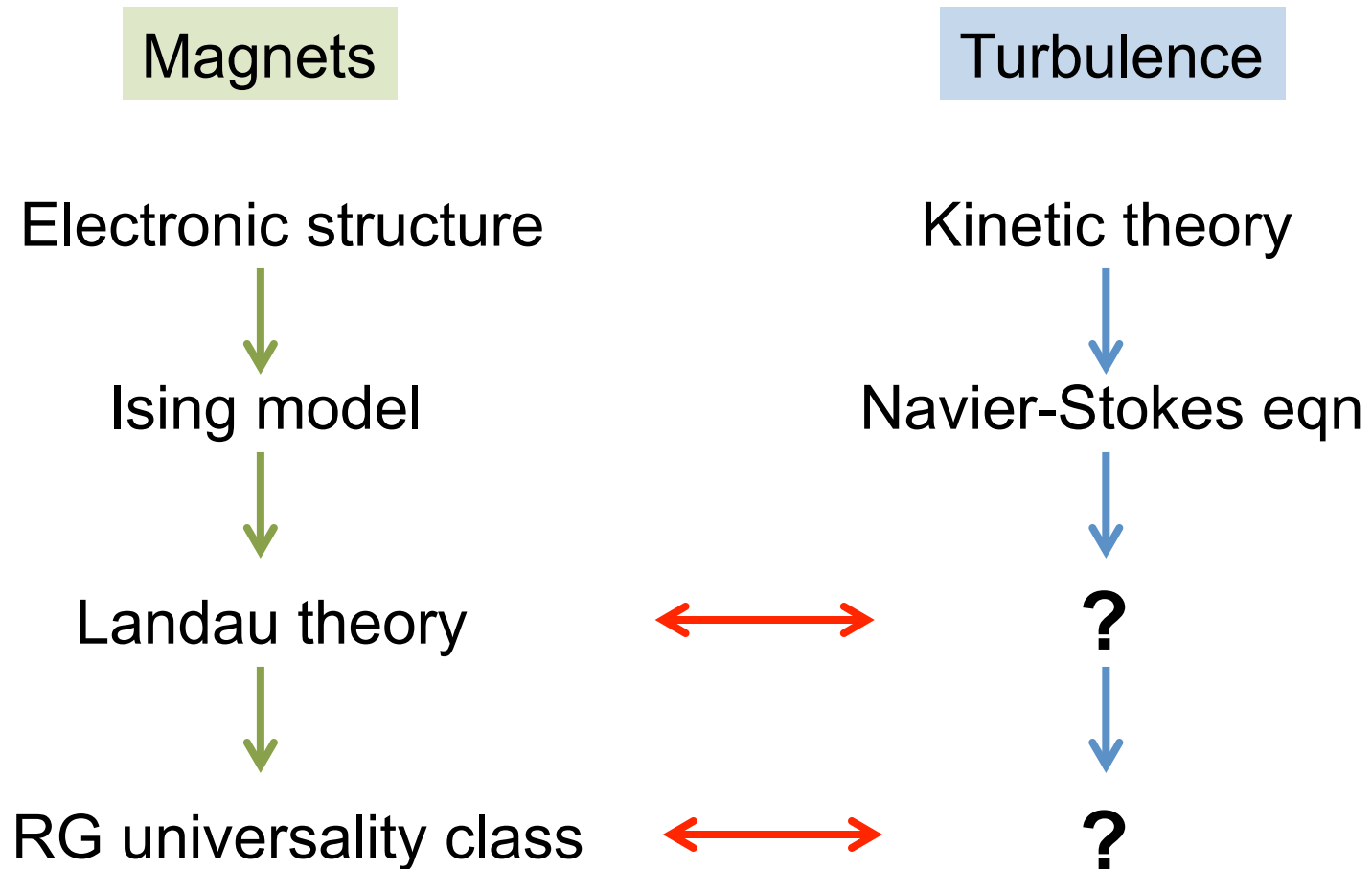


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Logic of modeling phase transitions



Identification of collective modes at the laminar-turbulent transition

To avoid technical approximations,
we use DNS of Navier-Stokes

How to model transitional turbulence?

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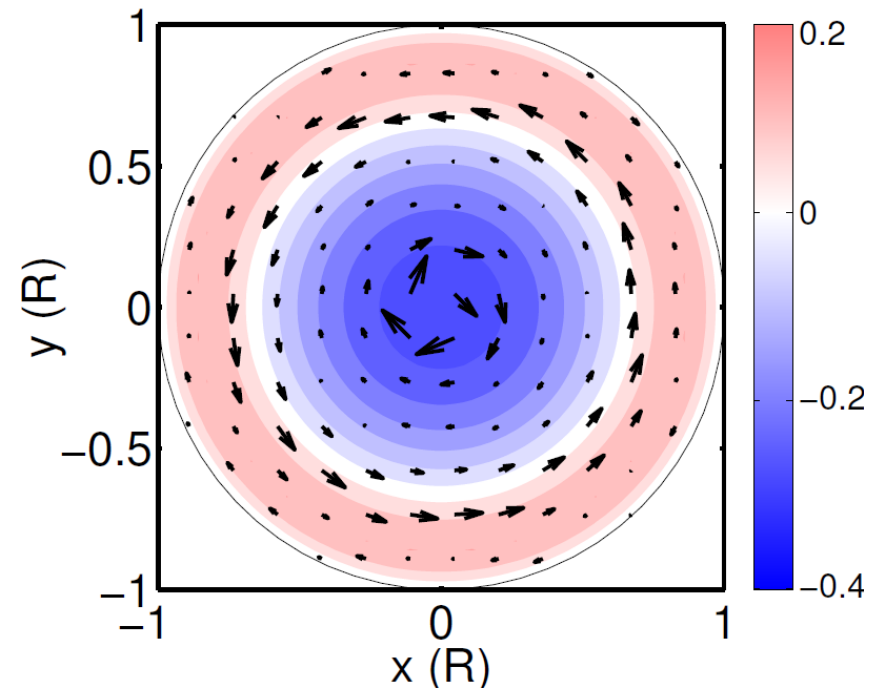
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- Pipe flow consists of two regions, turbulence and roughly laminar large scale flow
- The large scale flow is driven by the turbulent fluctuations
- The large scale flow suppresses the turbulent fluctuations
- Suggests: transitional turbulence = predator-prey ecosystem

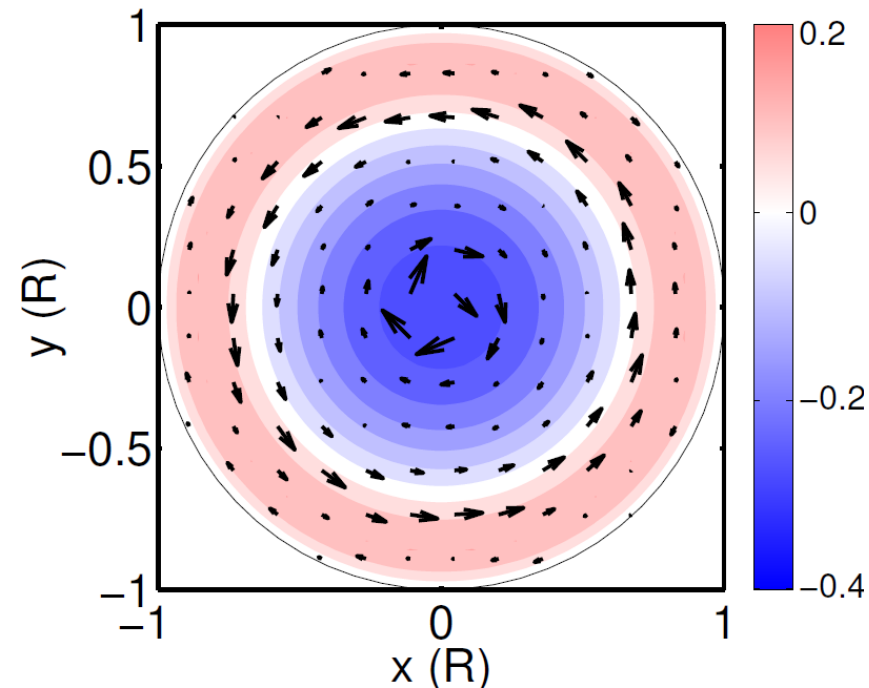
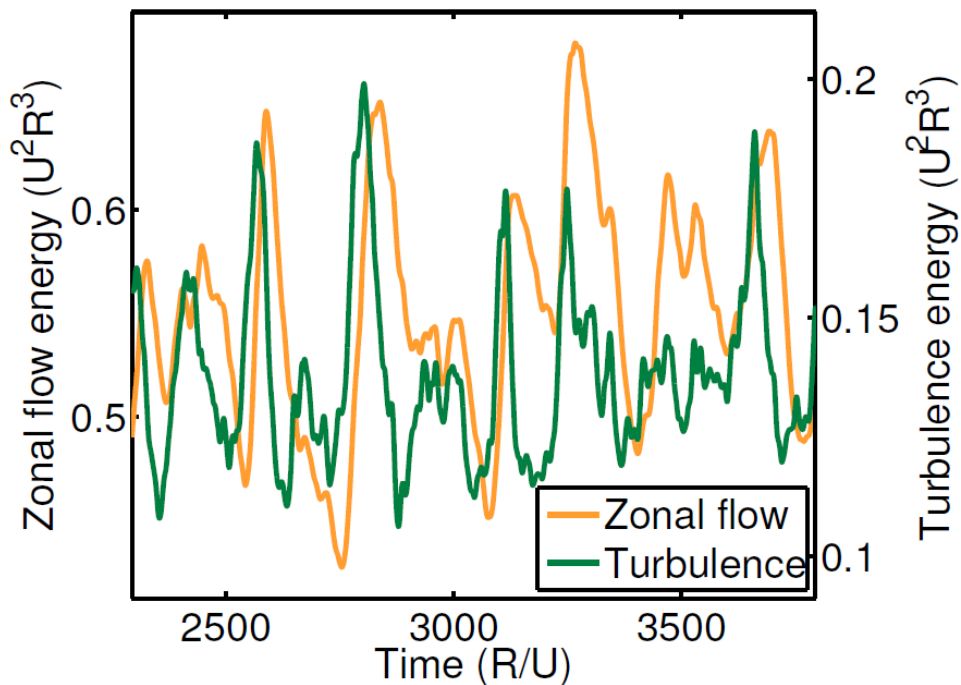
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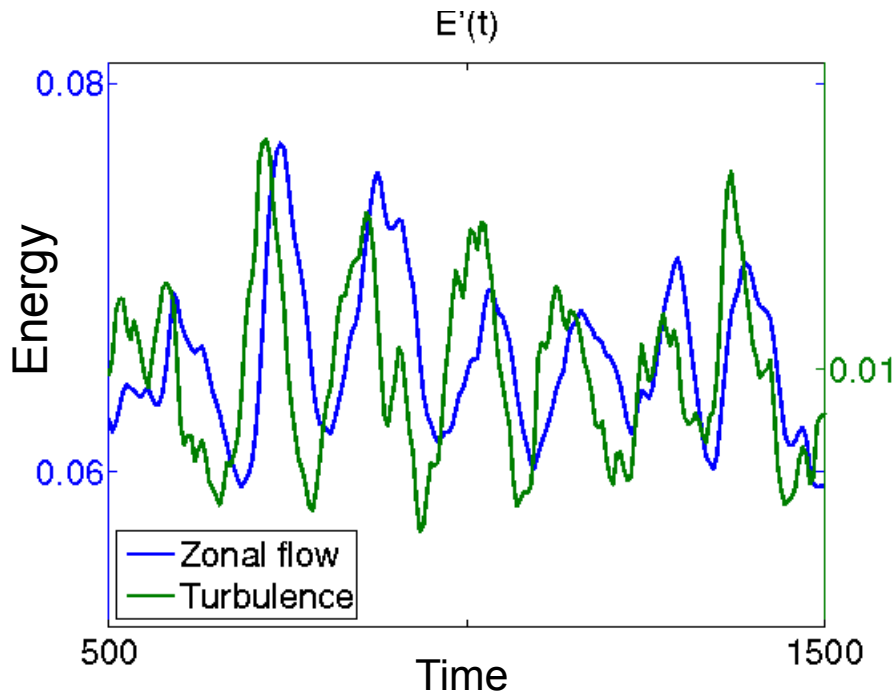
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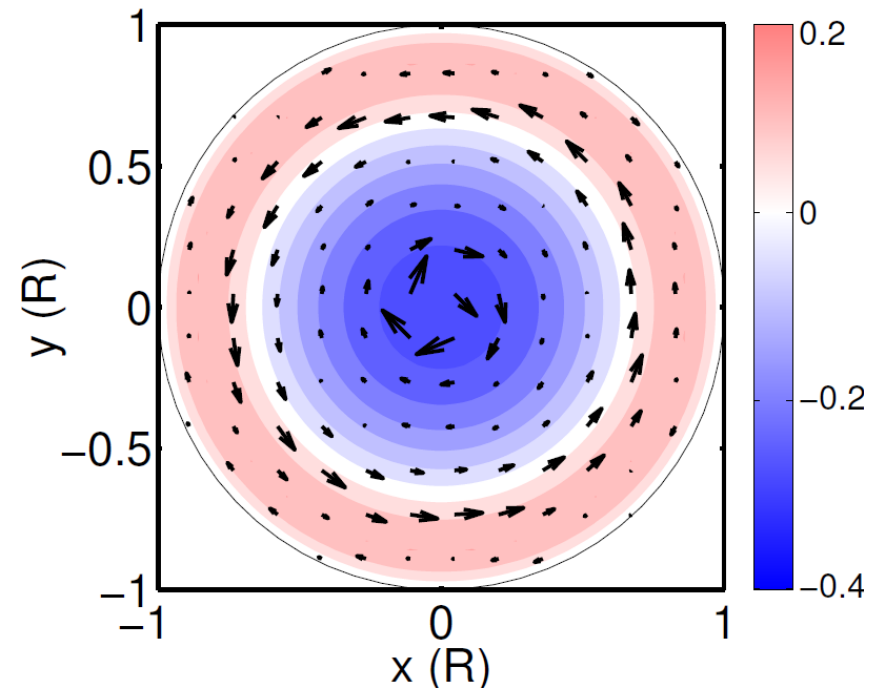
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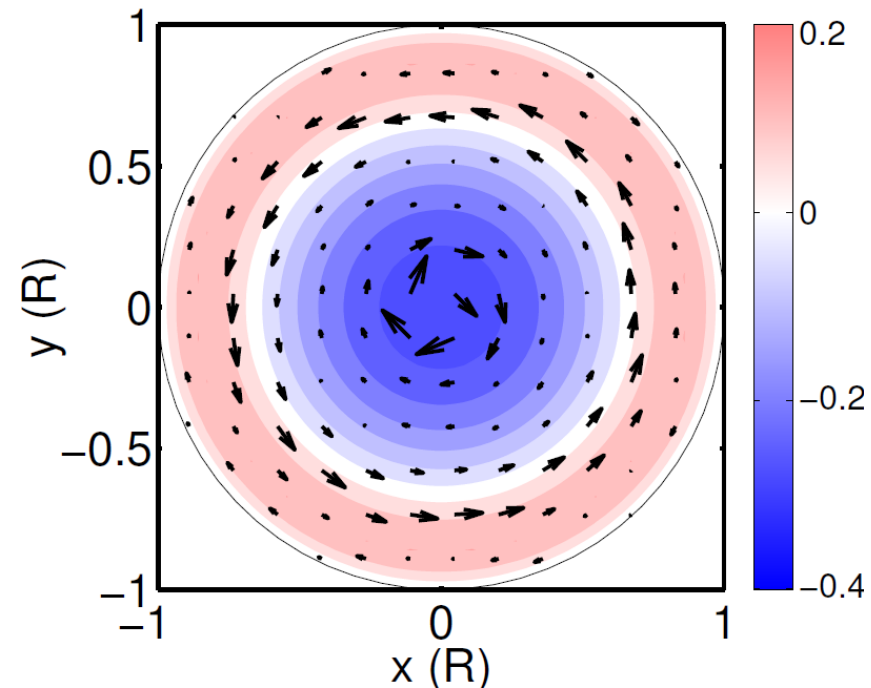
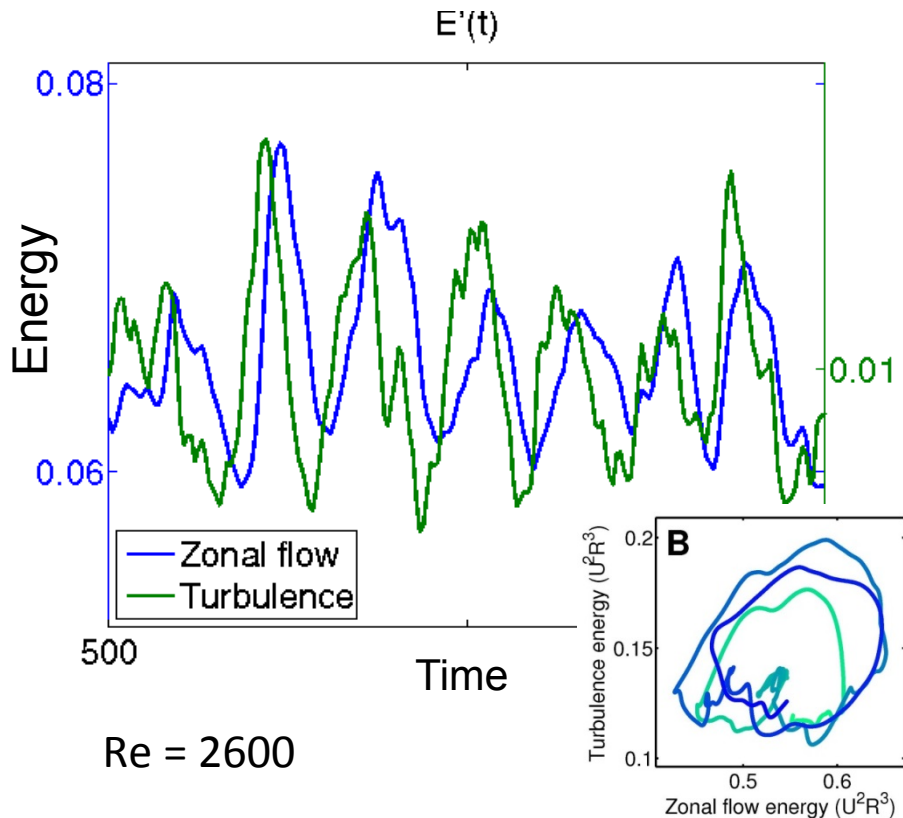
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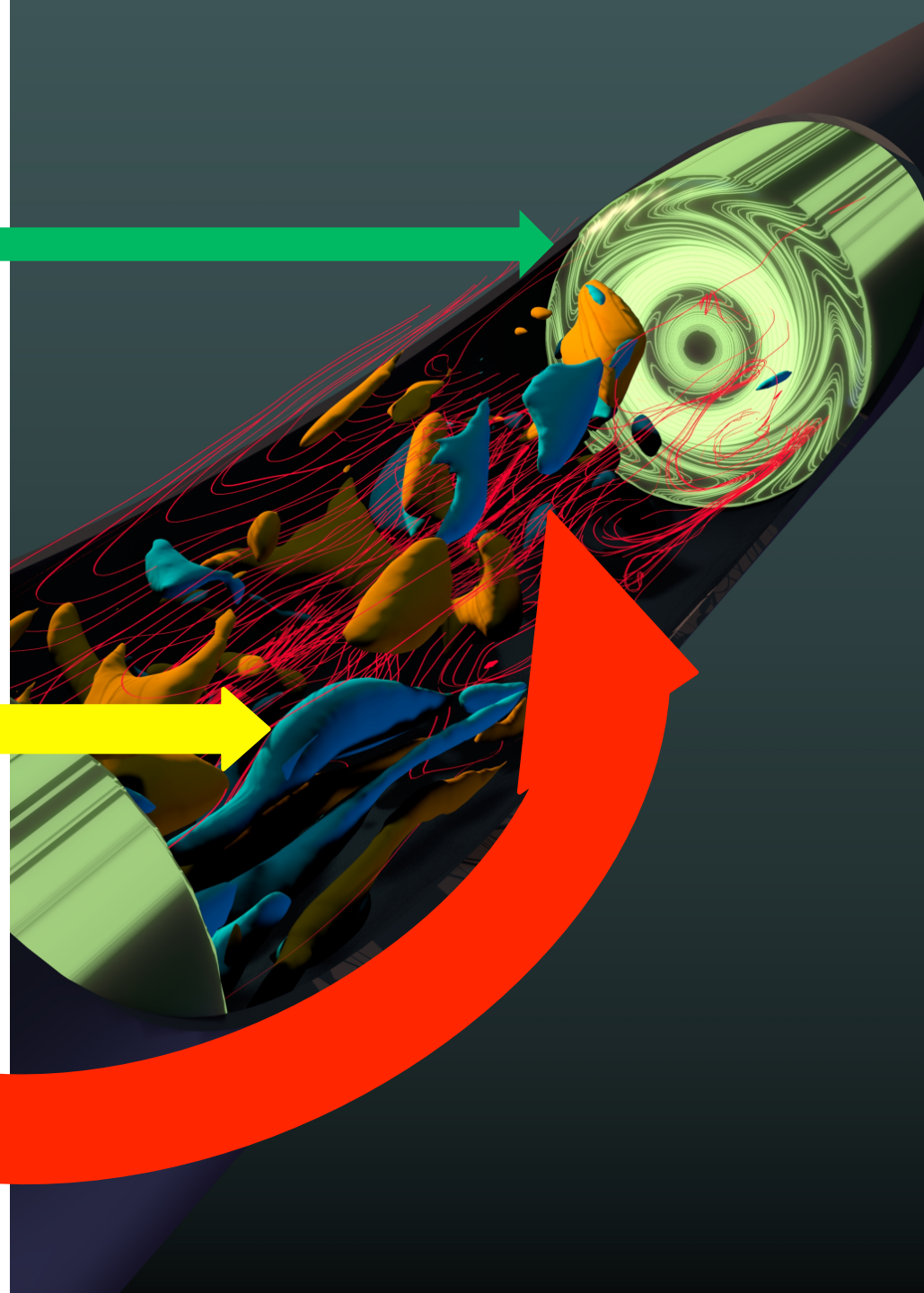


Simulation based on the open source code by Asnery Willis: openpipeflow.org

Zonal flow

Reynolds stress

Streamlines



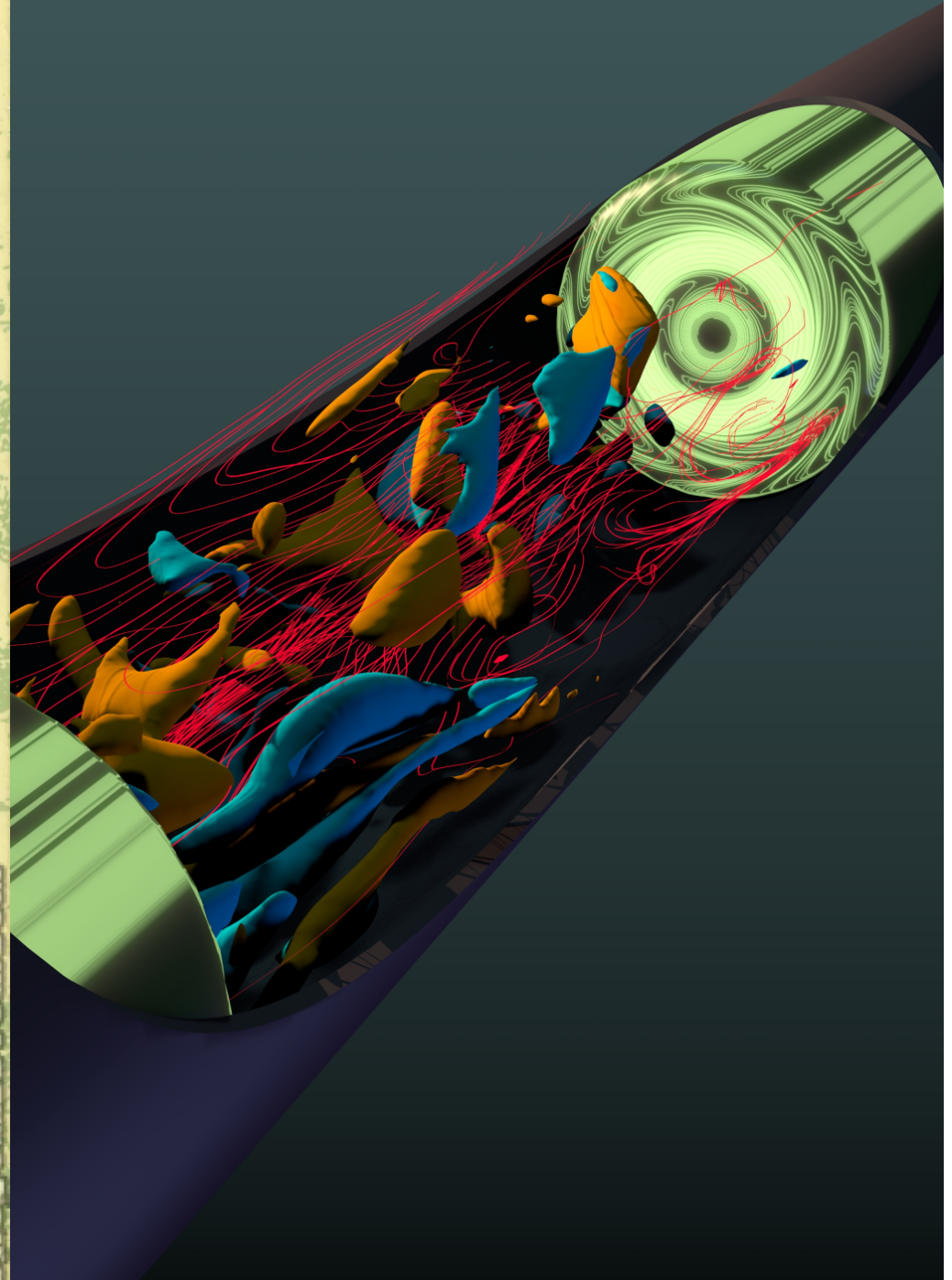
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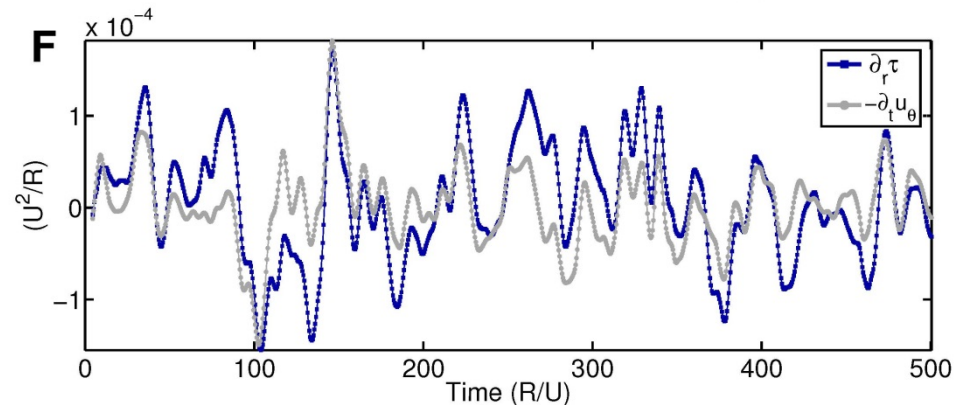
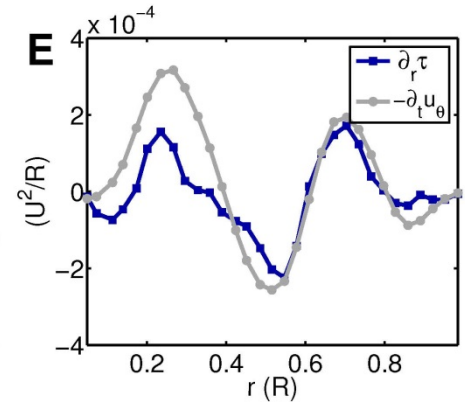
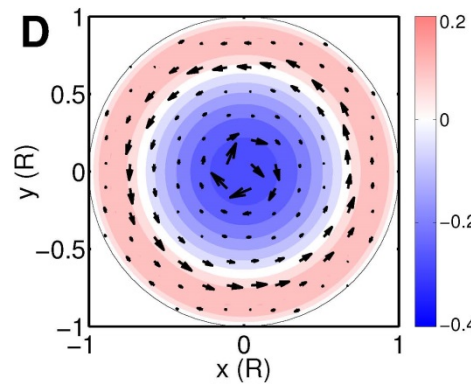
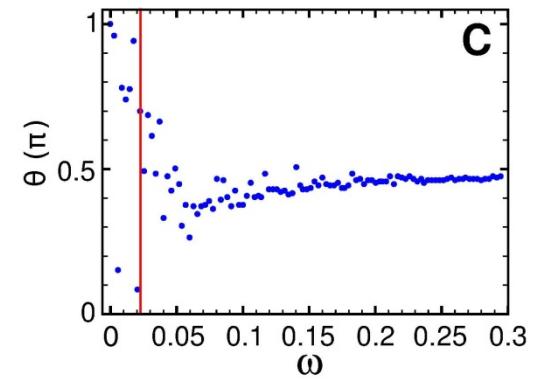
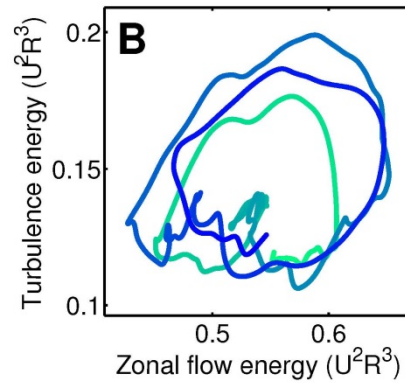
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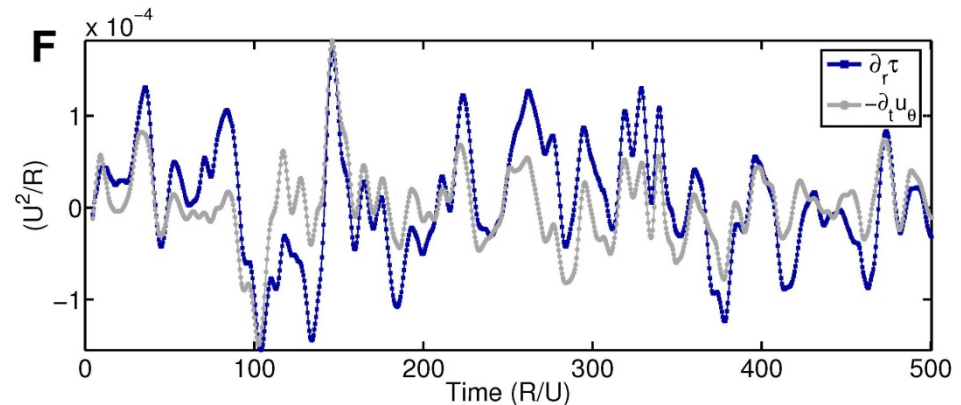
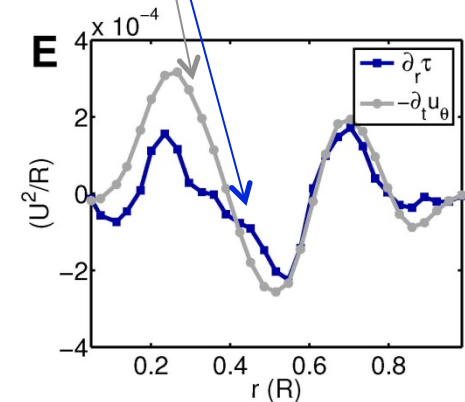


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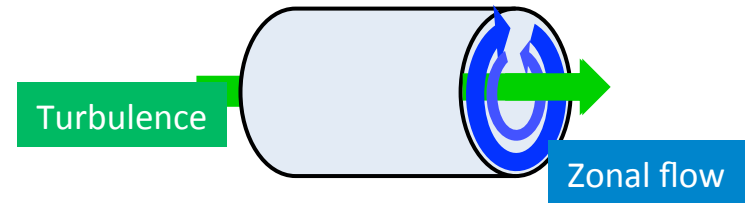
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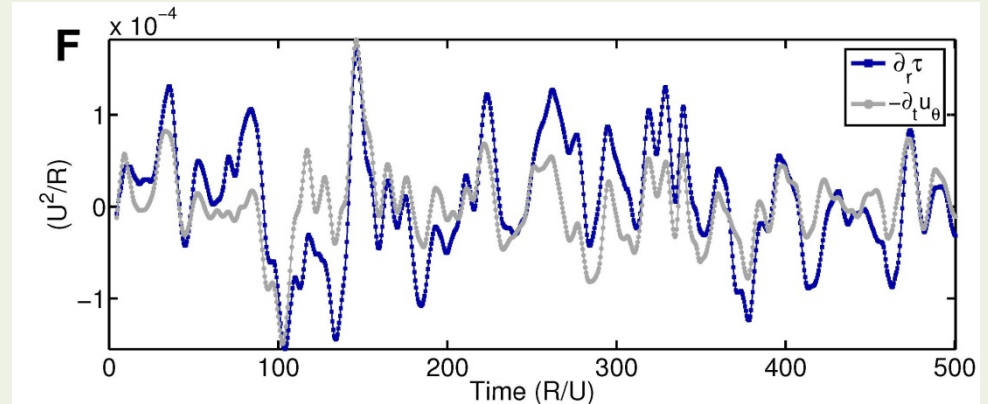
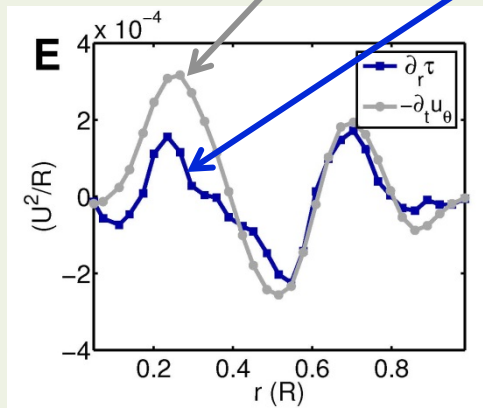
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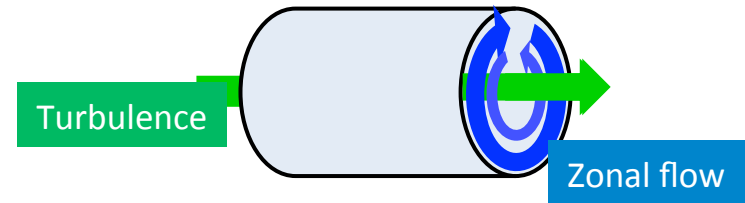
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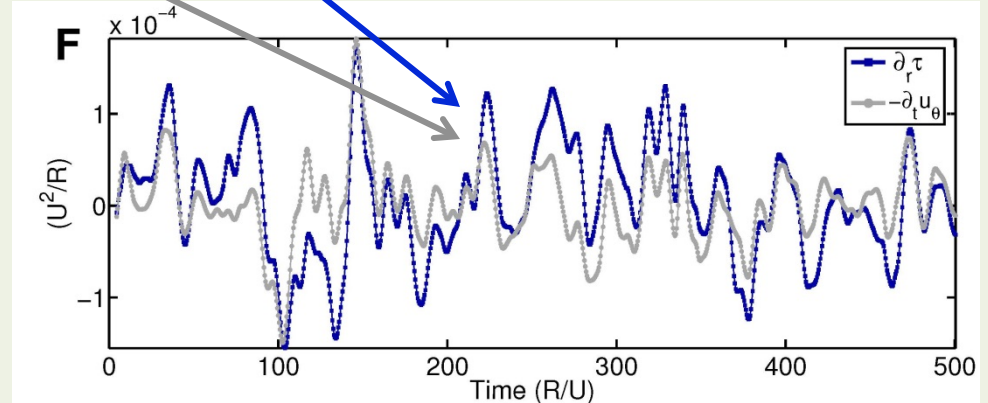
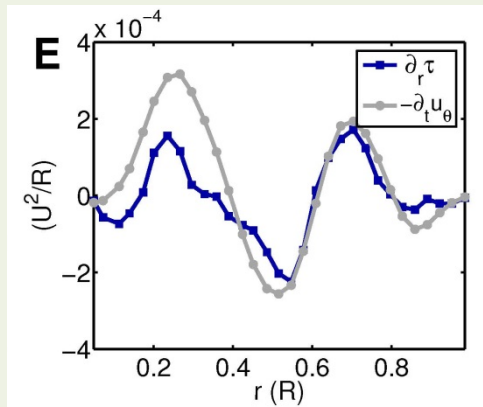
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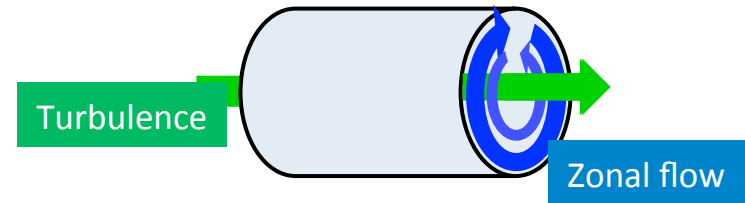
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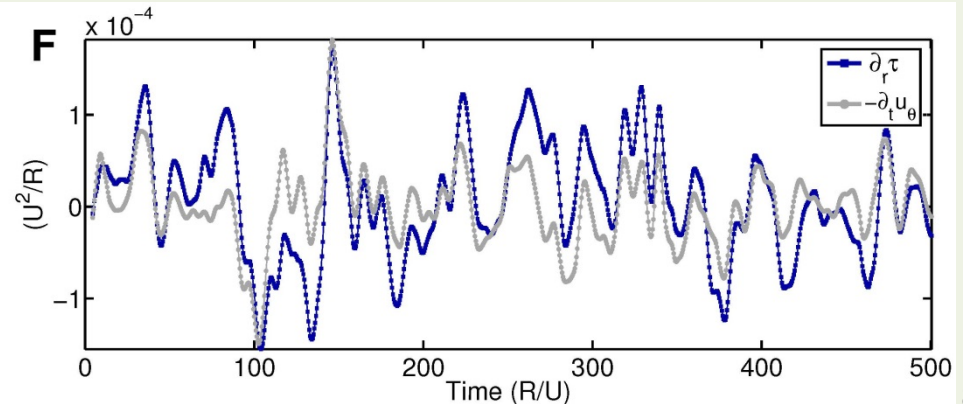
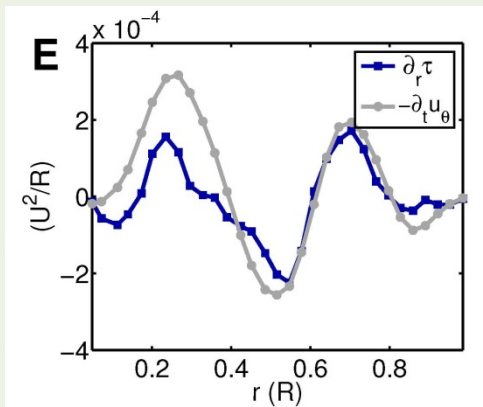
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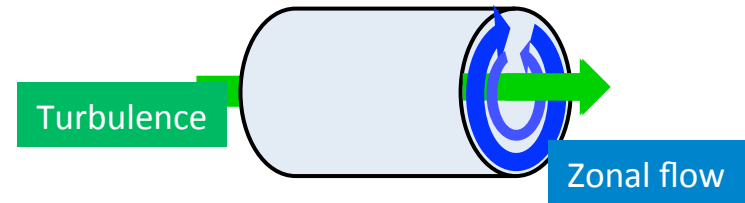
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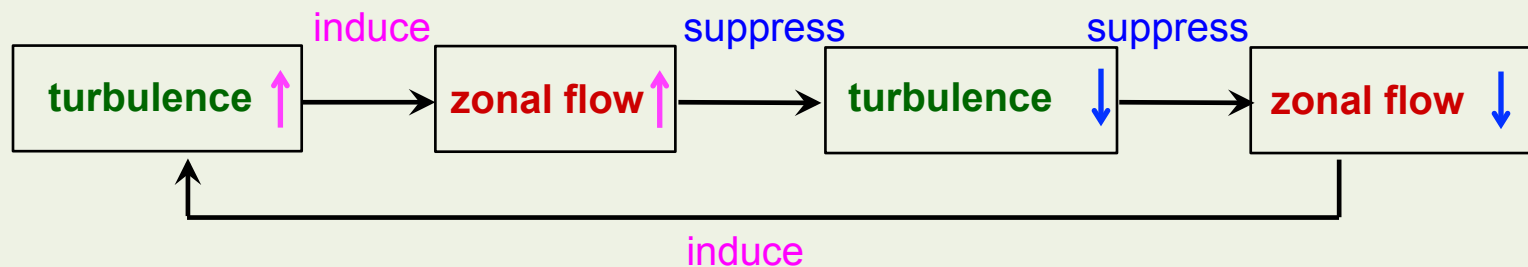
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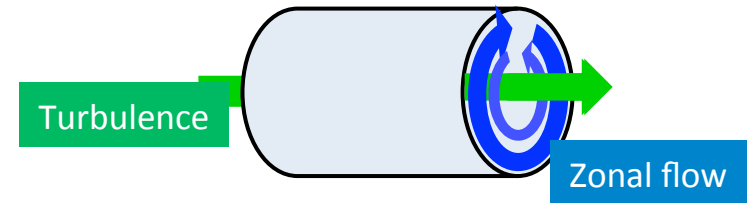
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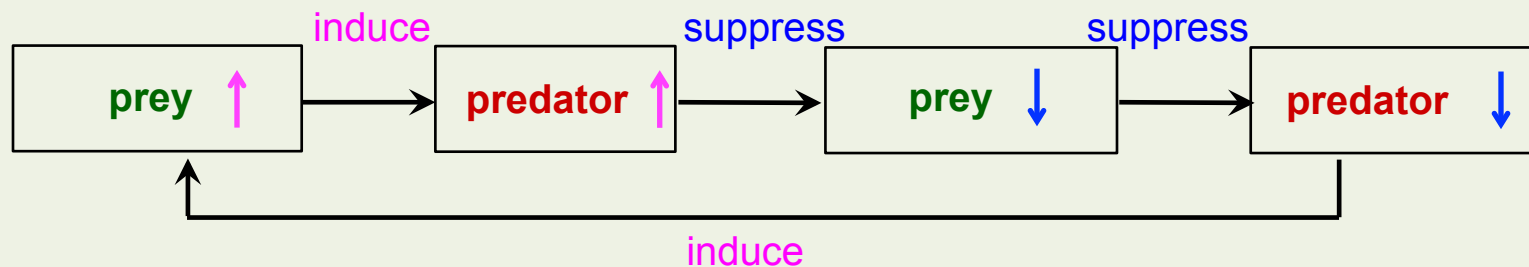
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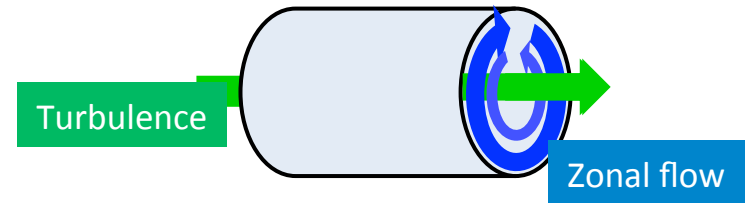
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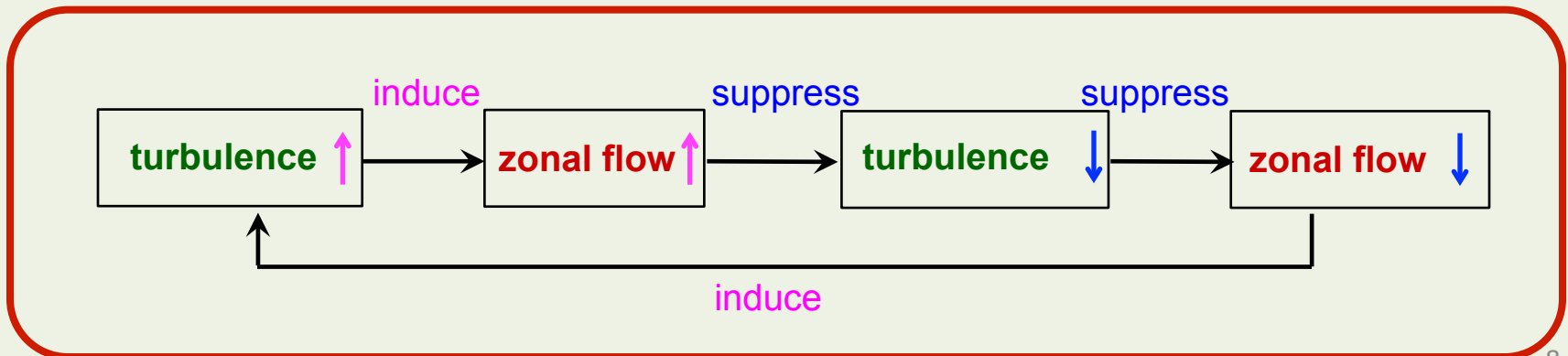
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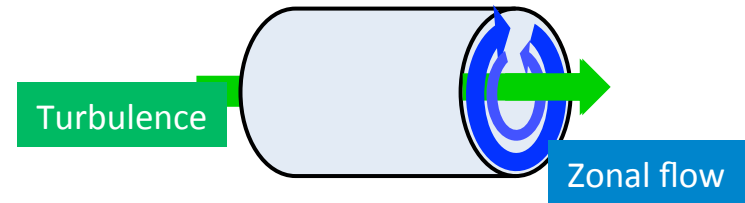
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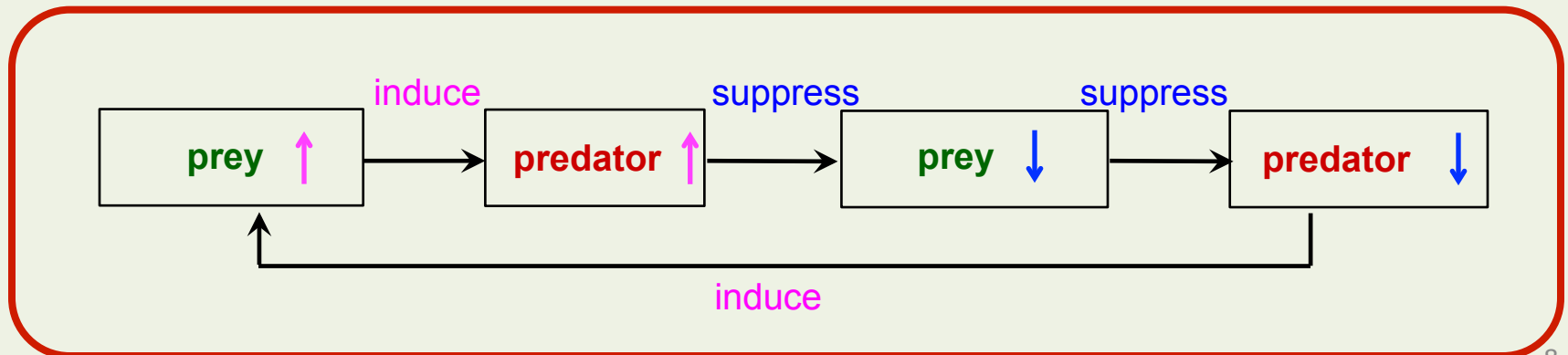
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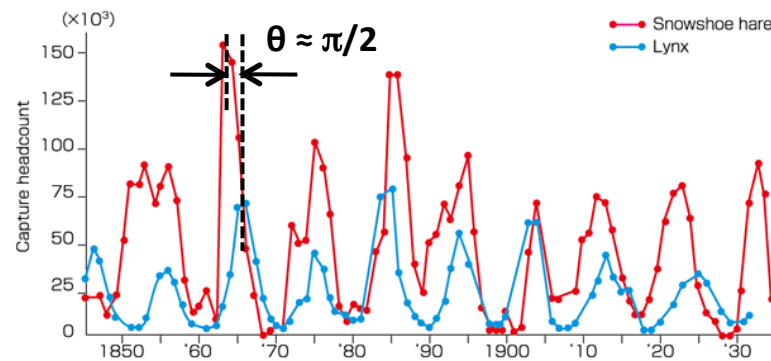
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Normal population cycles in a predator-prey system



$\pi/2$ phase shift between prey and predator population

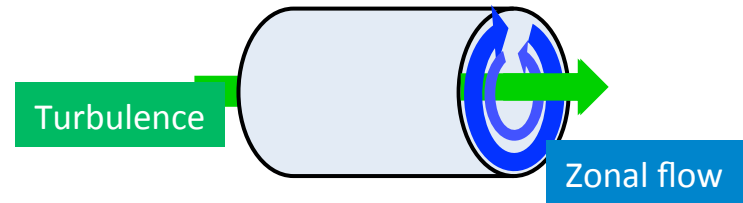


**Persistent oscillations
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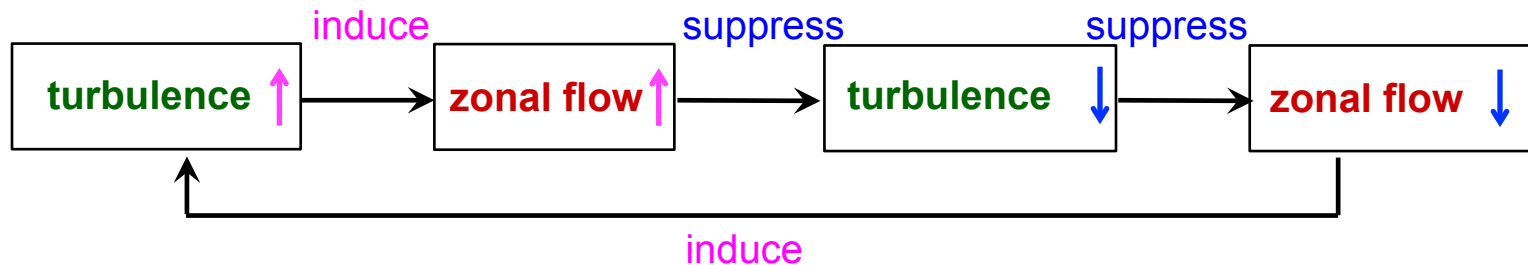
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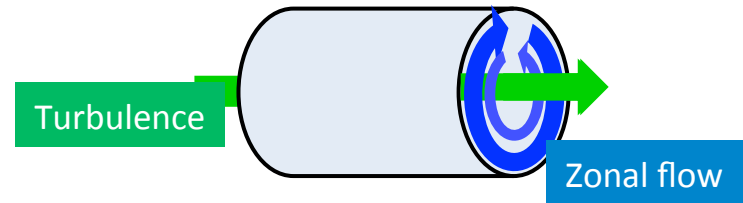
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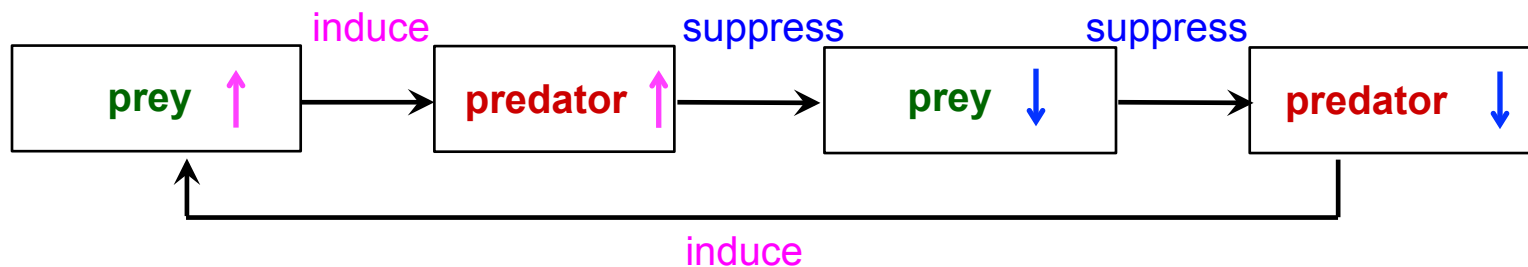
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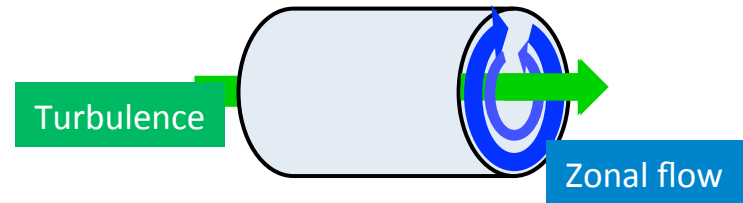
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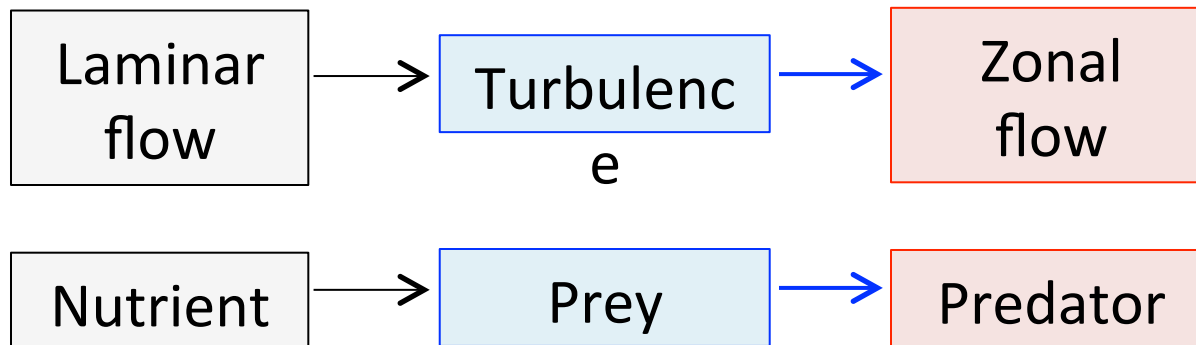
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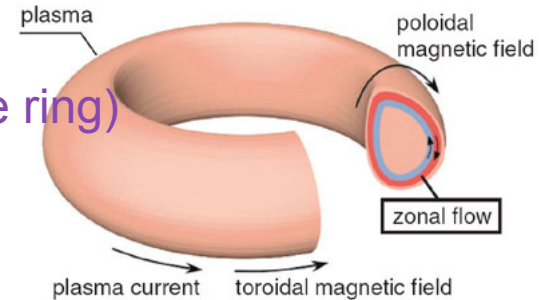
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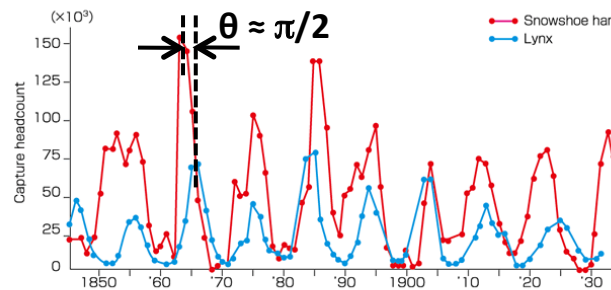
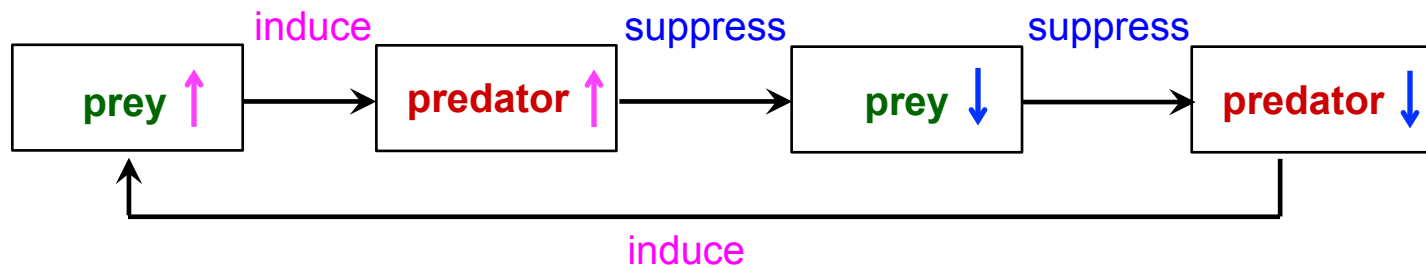


Predator-Prey Dynamics in Tokomaks

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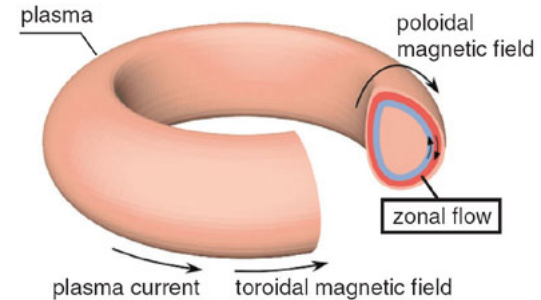
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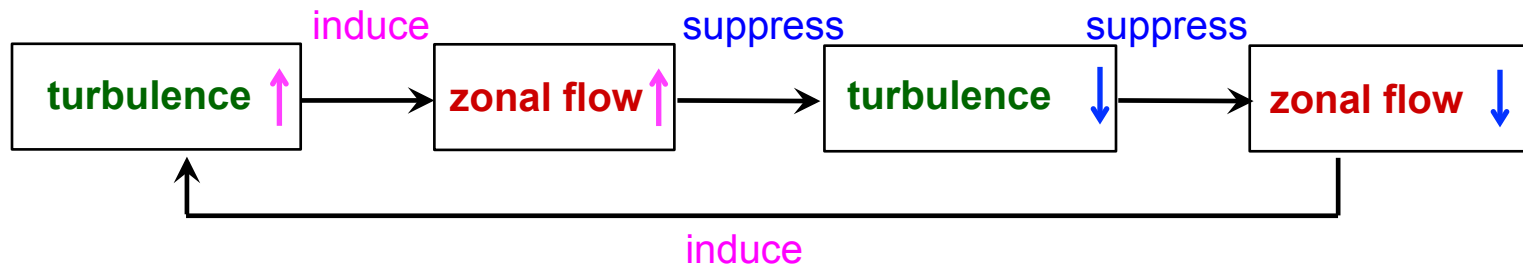
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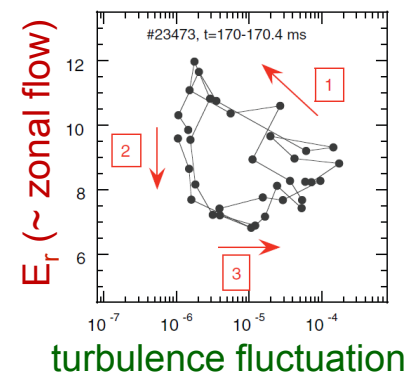
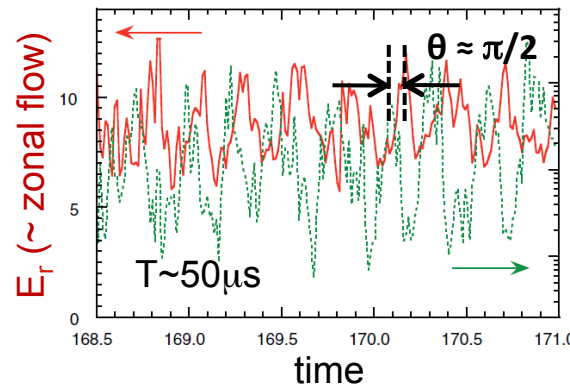
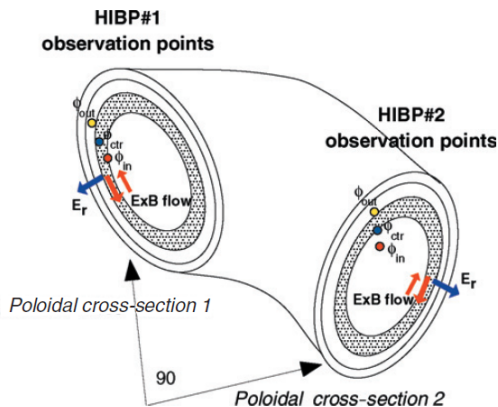
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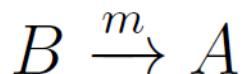
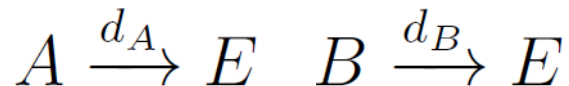
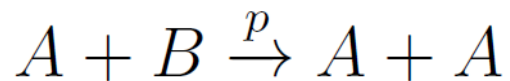
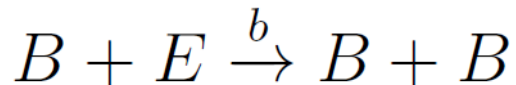
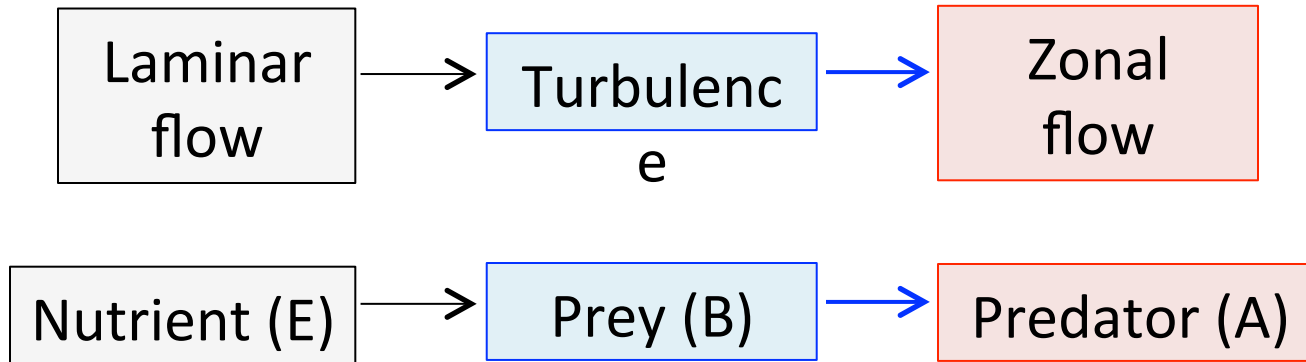
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Estrada et al. EPL (2012)



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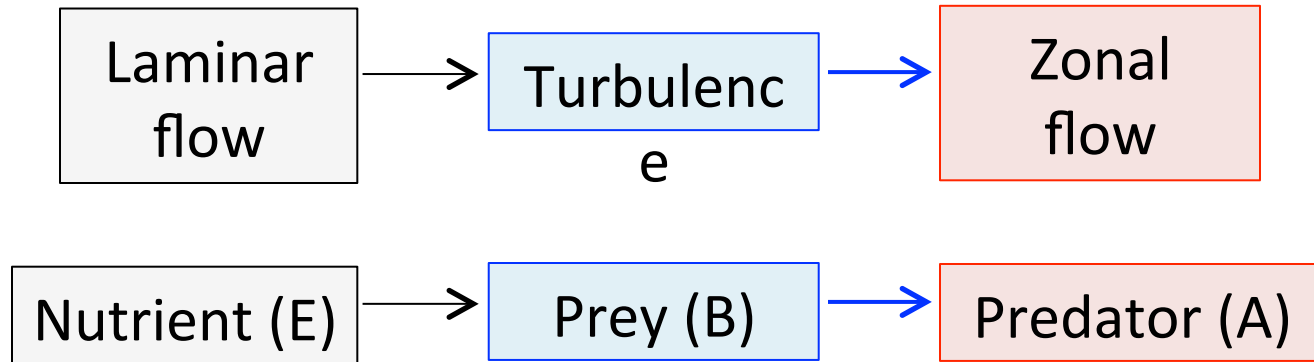


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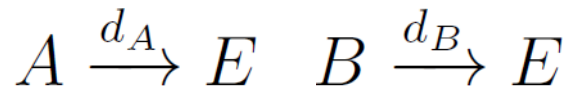
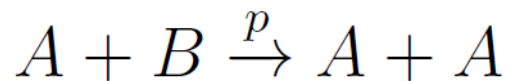
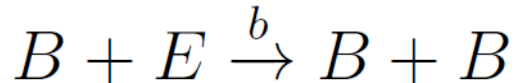
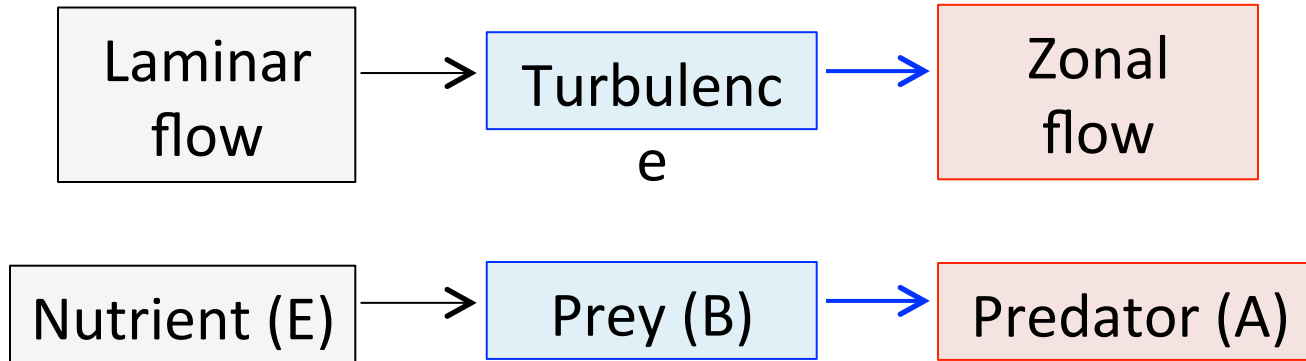
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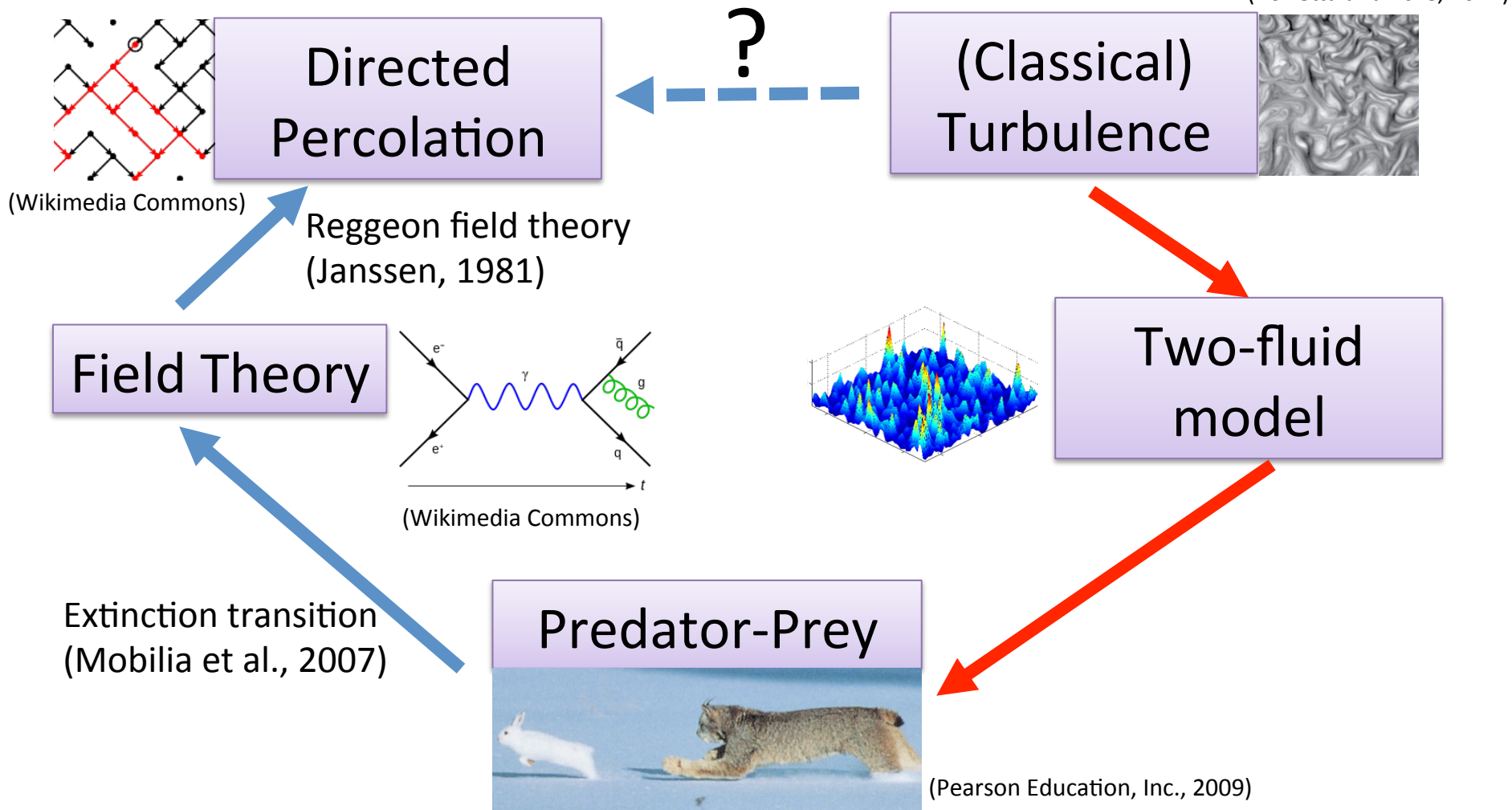
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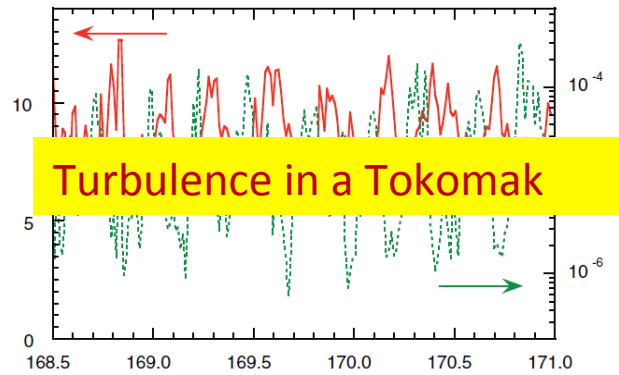
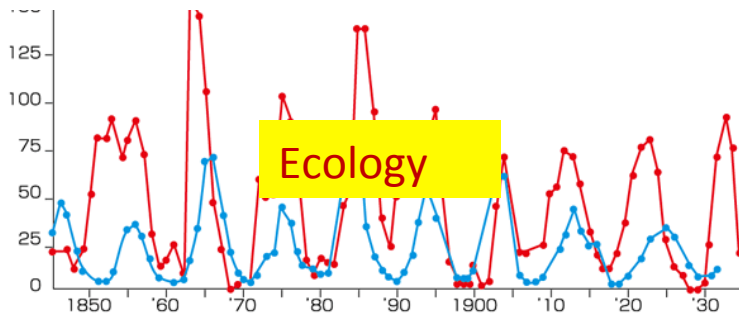
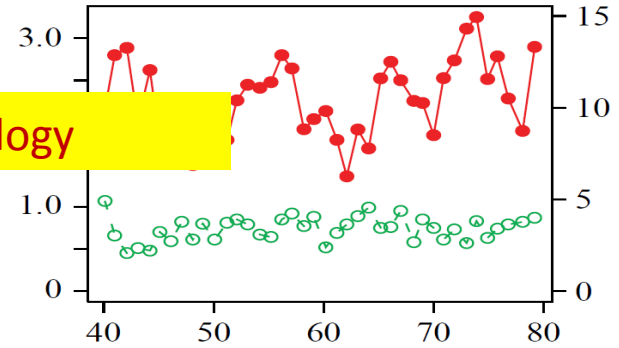
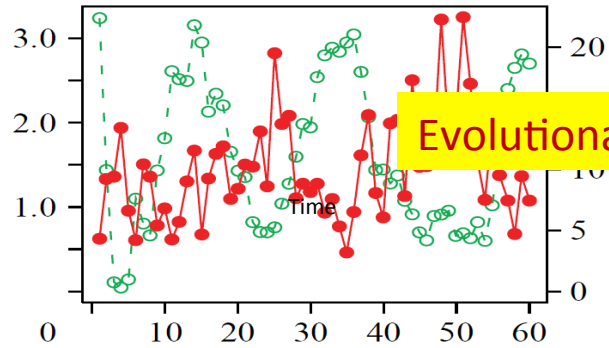
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Strategy: transitional turbulence to directed percolation

(Boffetta and Ecke, 2012)



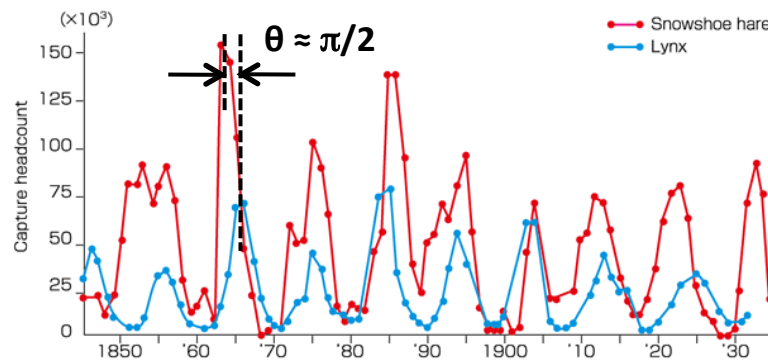
Introduction to stochastic predator-prey systems



Normal population cycles in a predator-prey system



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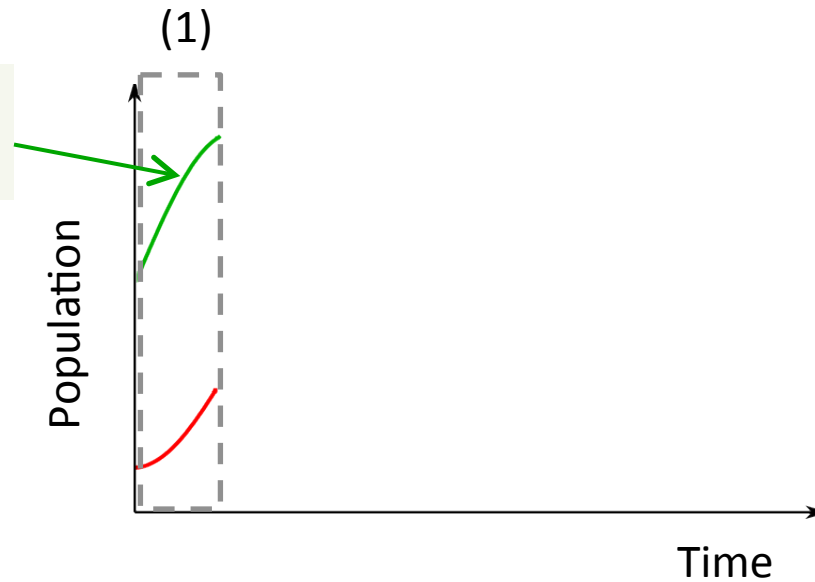
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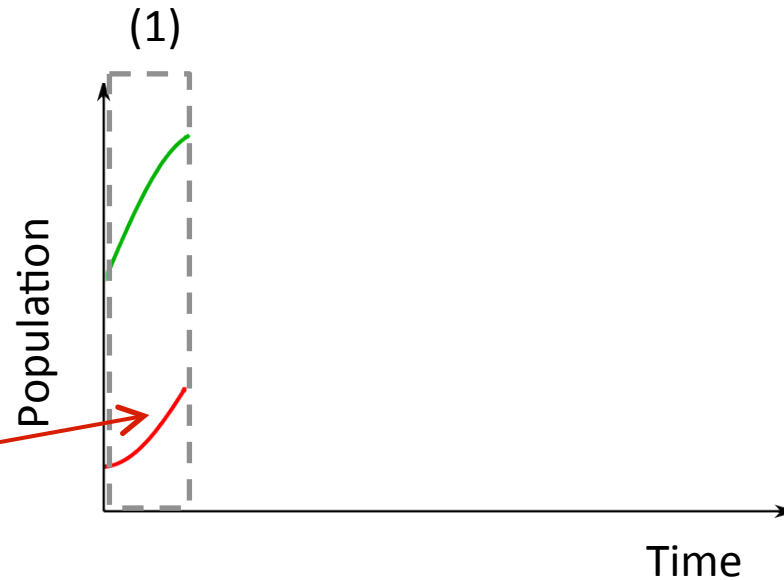


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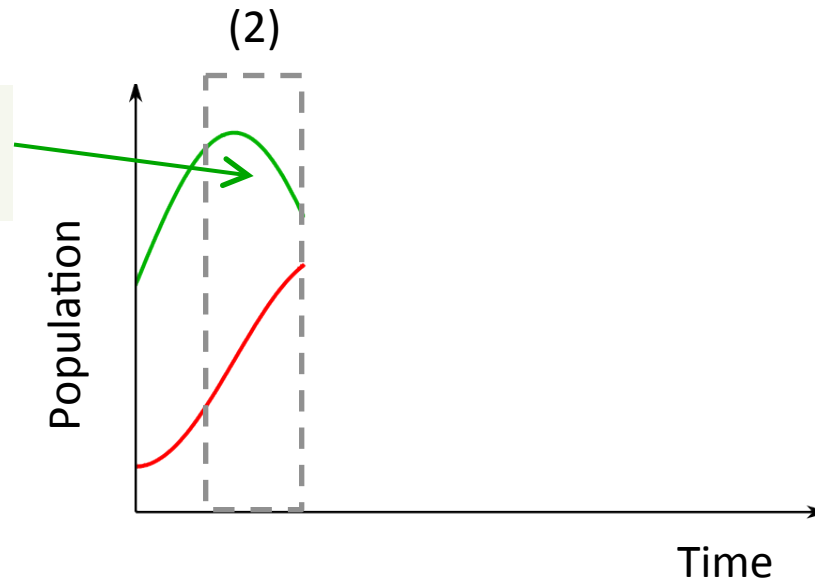
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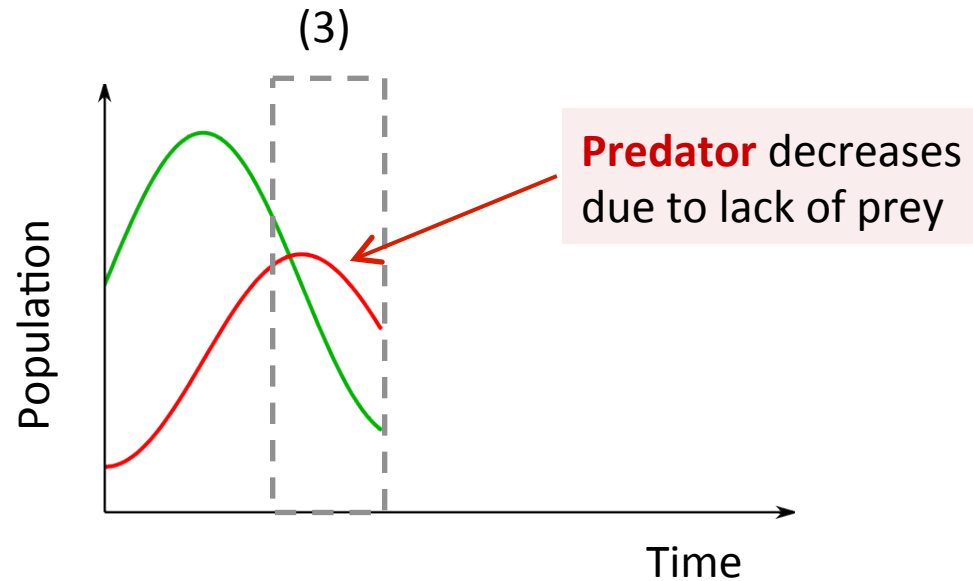
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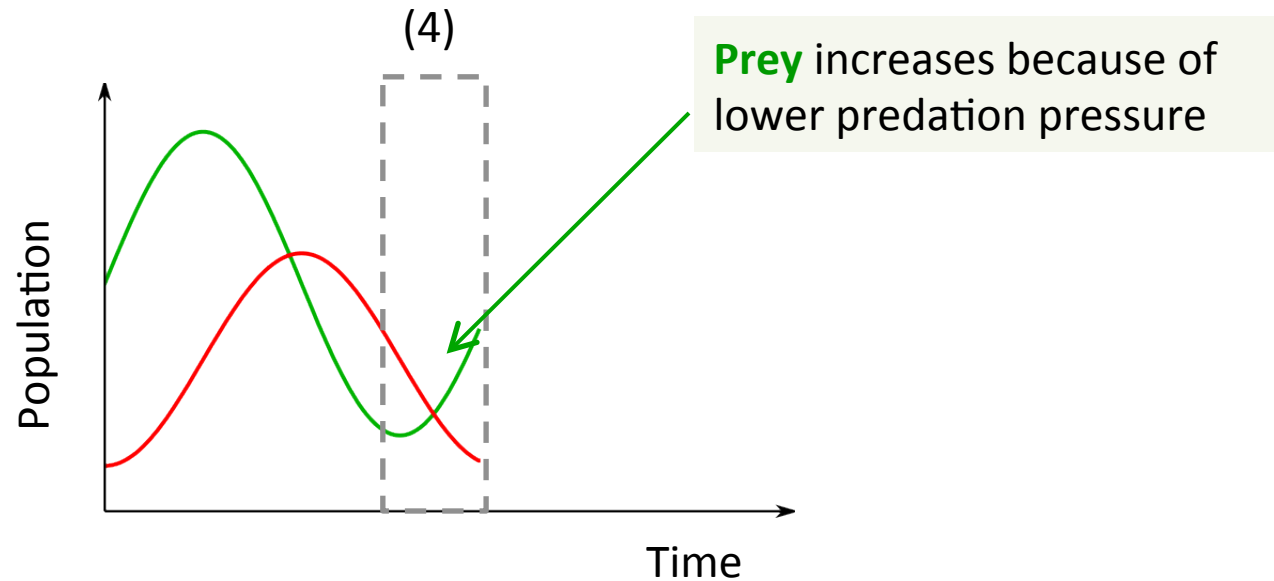
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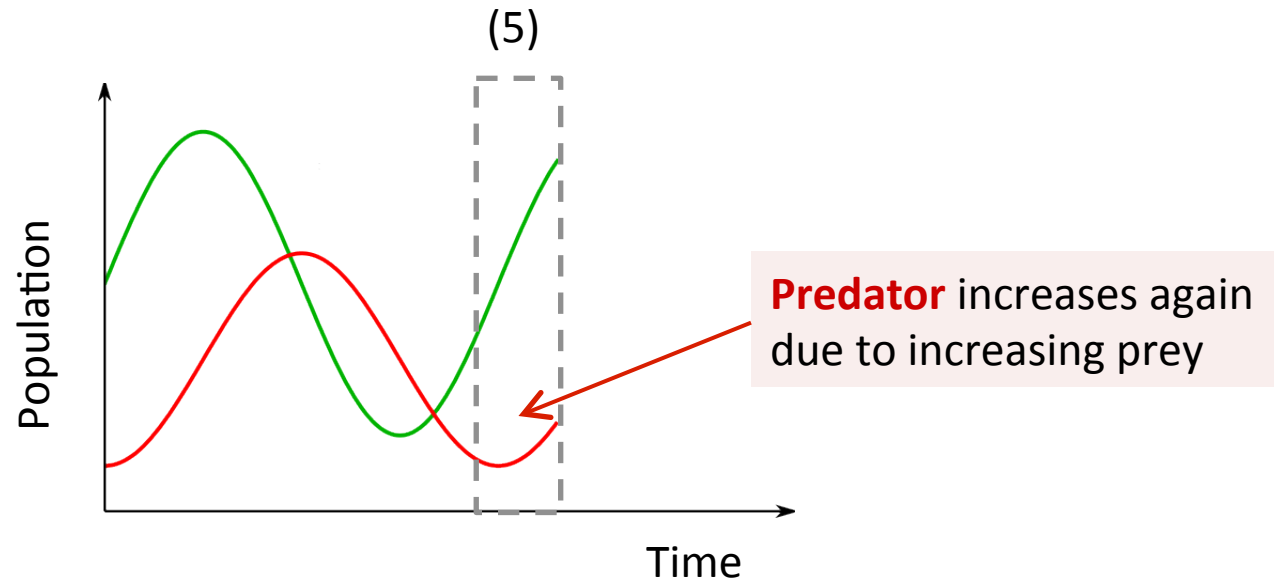
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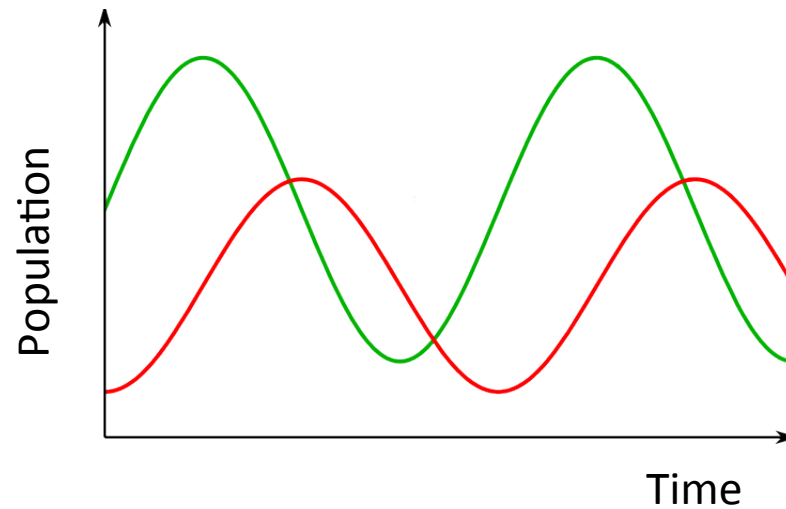
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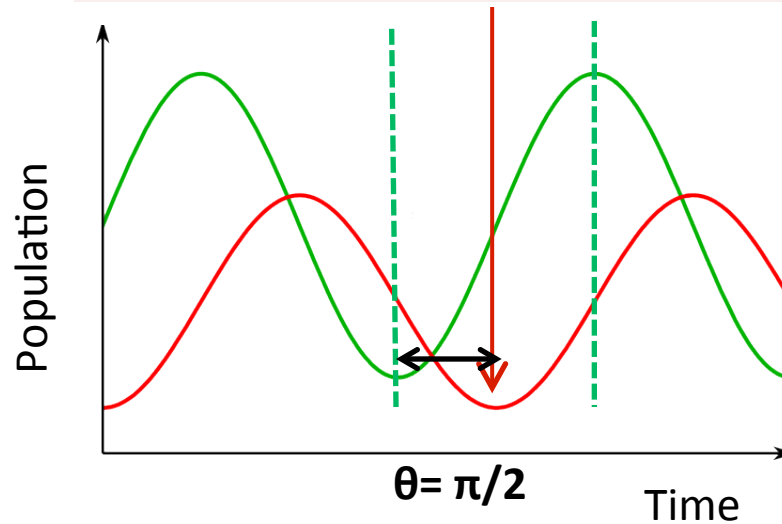
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Predator can only start to grow after **prey** grows and before **prey** declines



Phase shift is a quarter period

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B. What happens when ecological and evolutionary timescales are comparable?

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C. What is the universality class of the transition from laminar fluid flow to turbulence?

Answers

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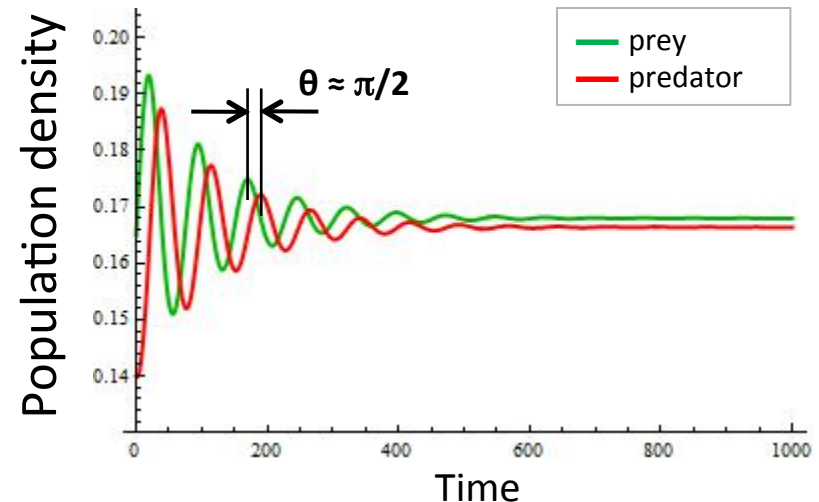
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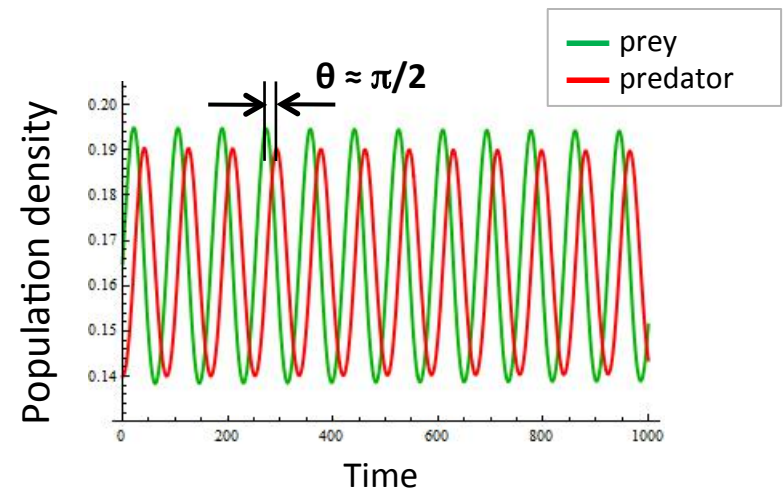
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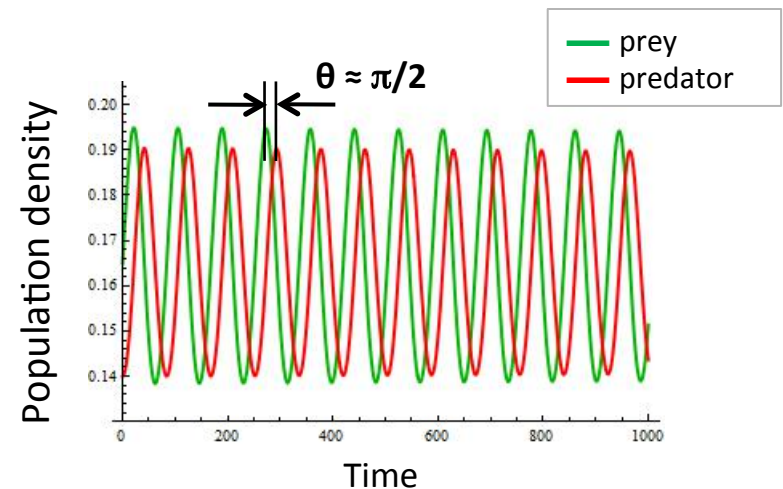


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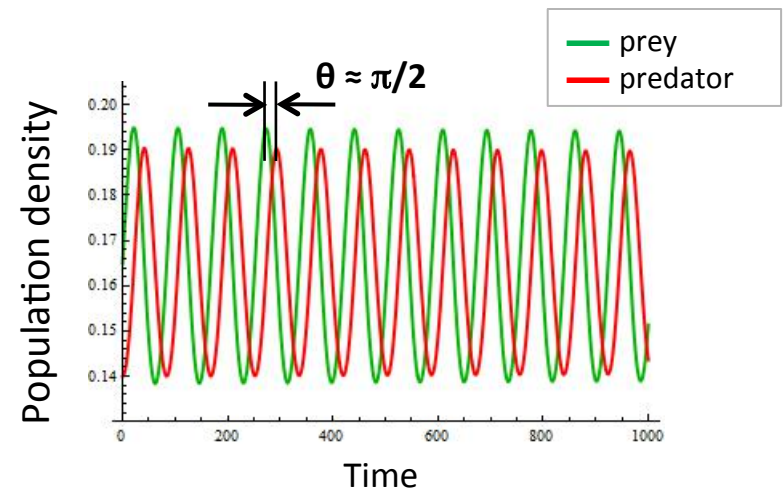
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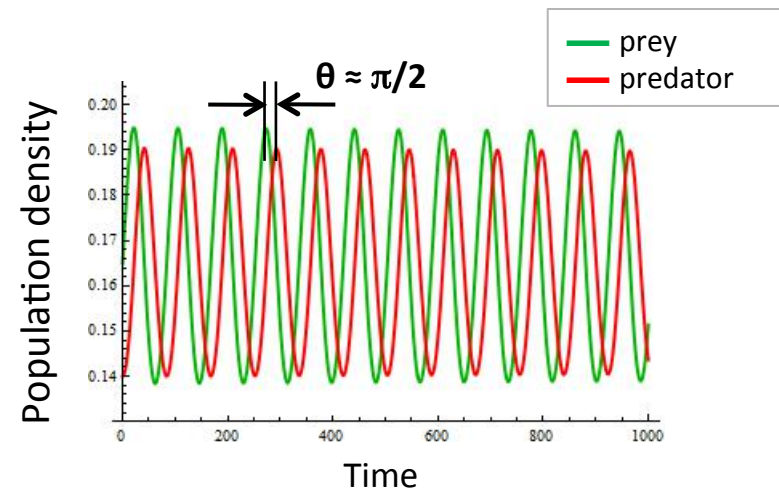
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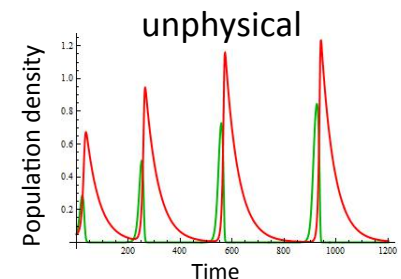
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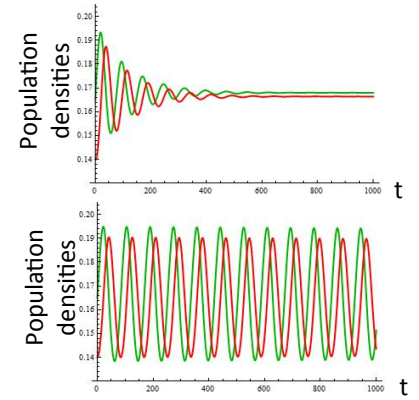
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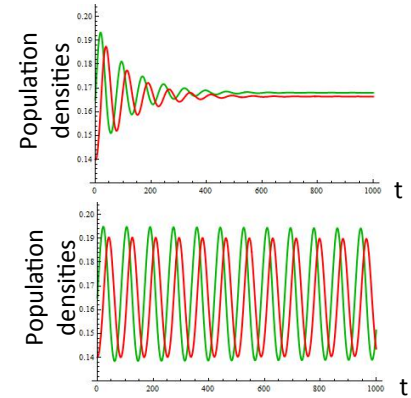
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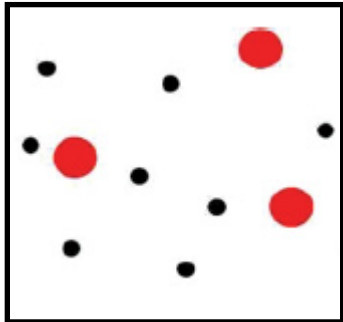
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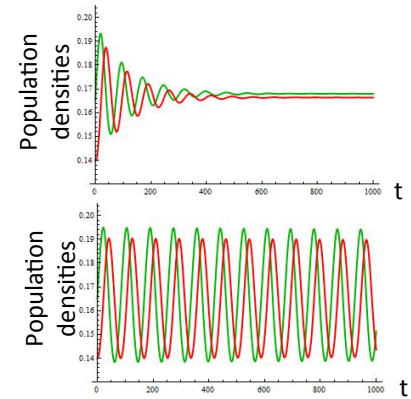
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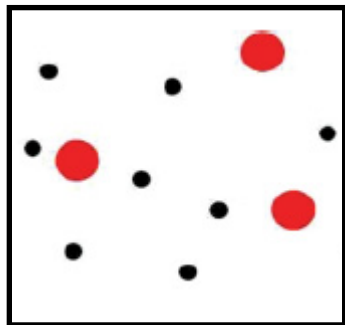
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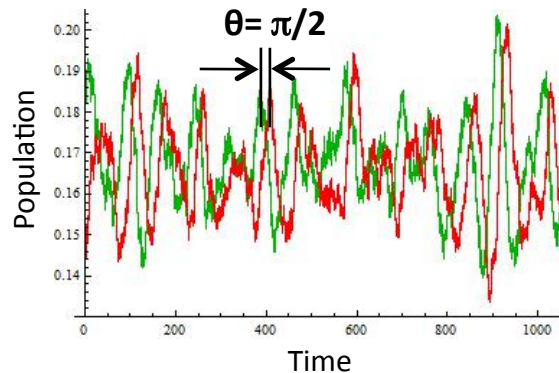


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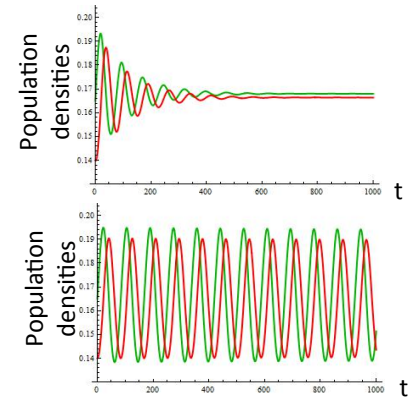
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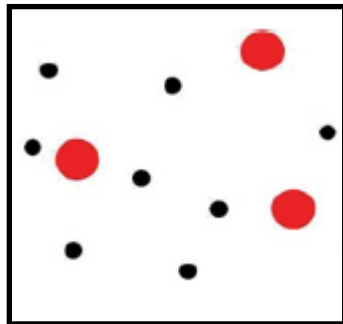
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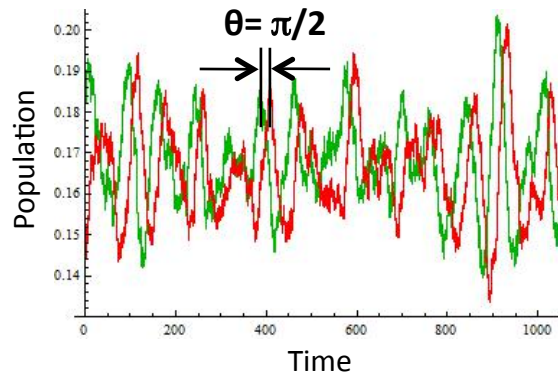


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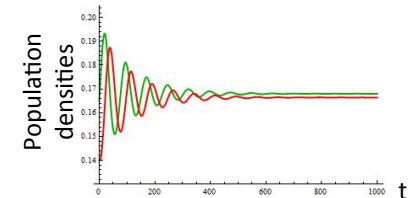
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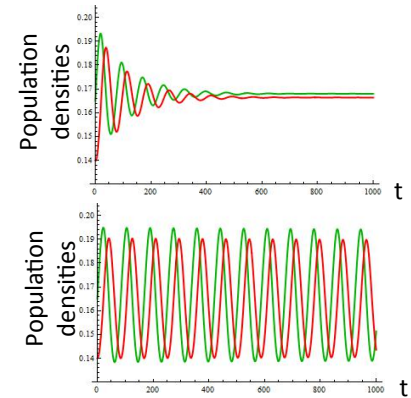
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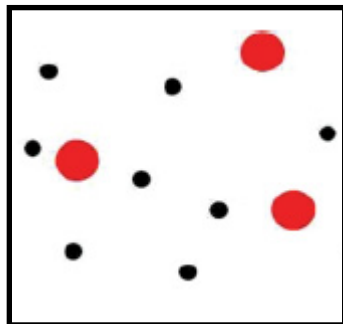
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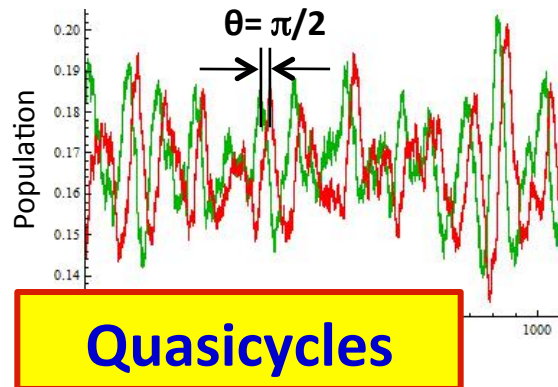


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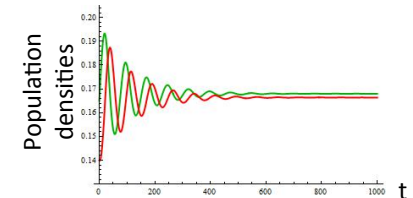
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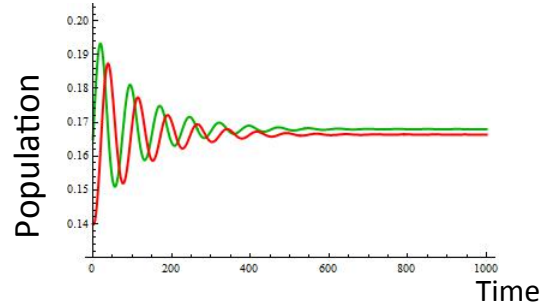
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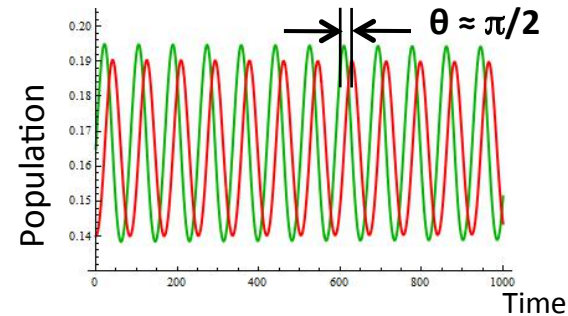
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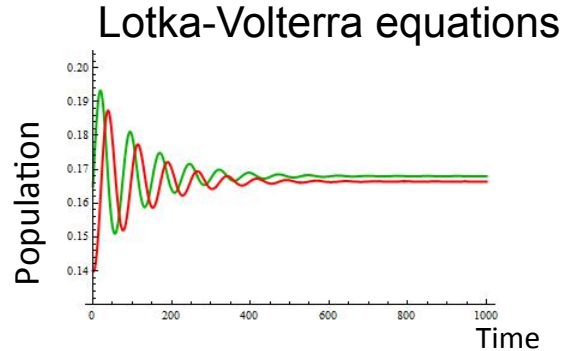
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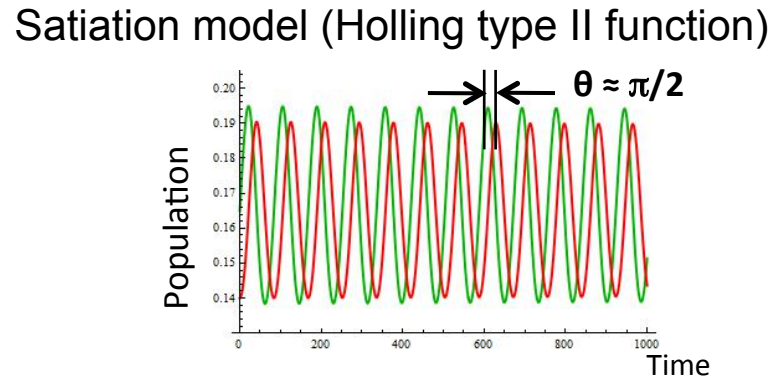
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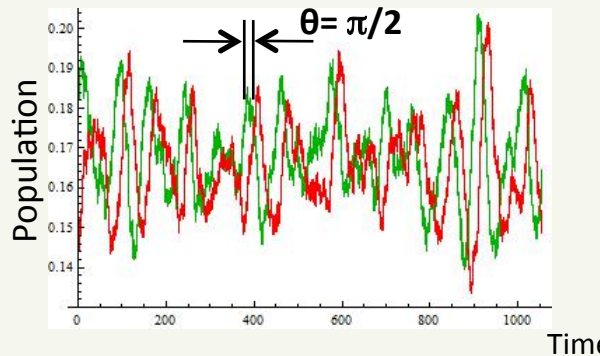
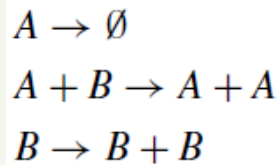
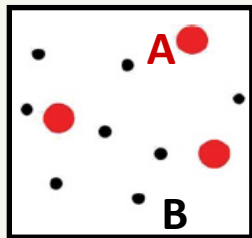
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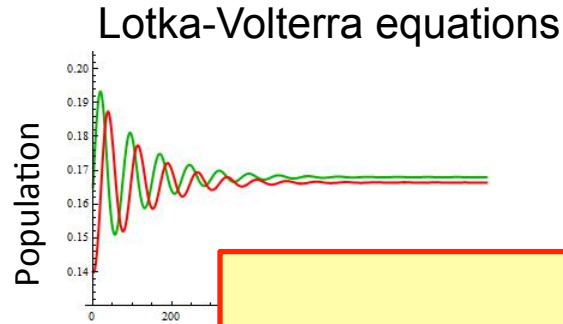
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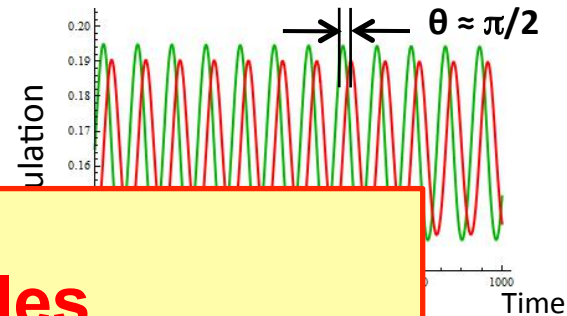
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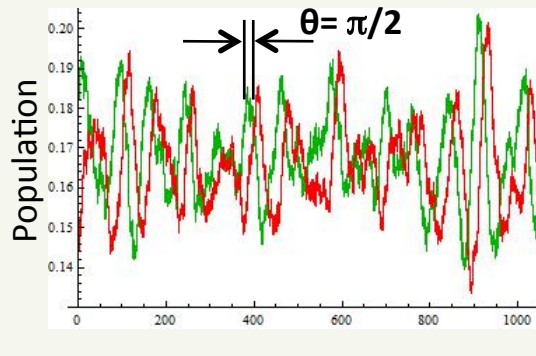
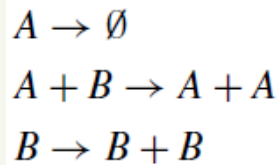
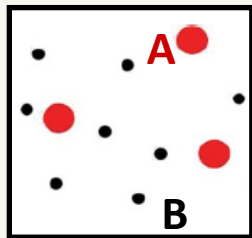


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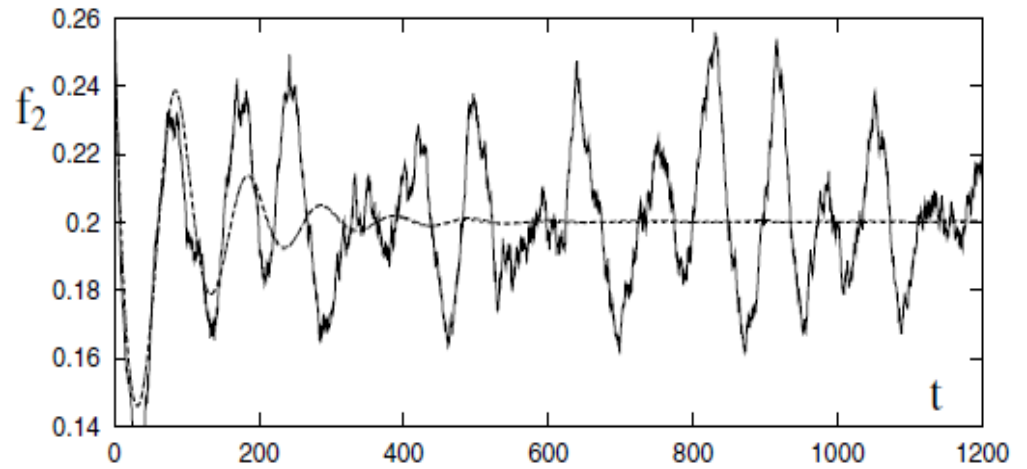
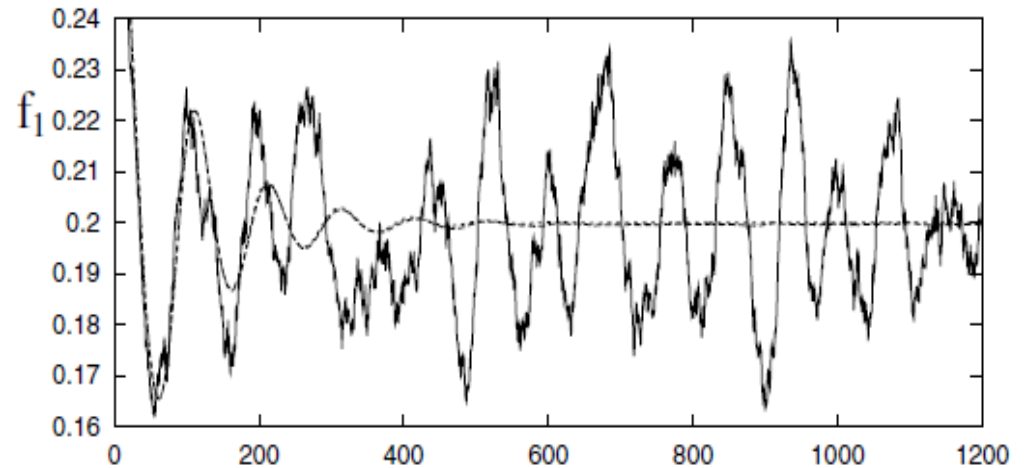
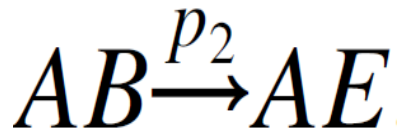
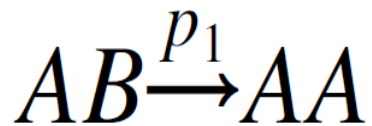
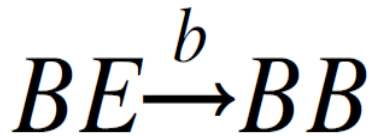
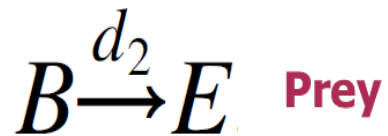
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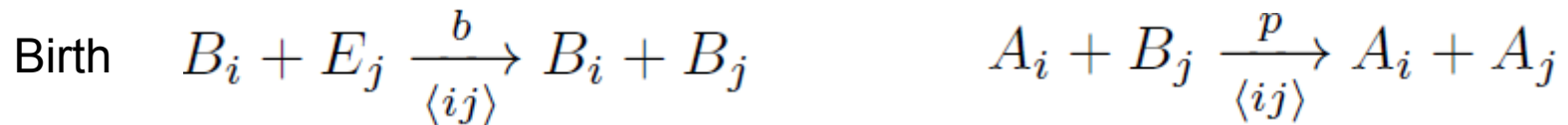
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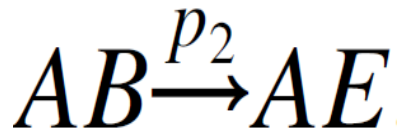
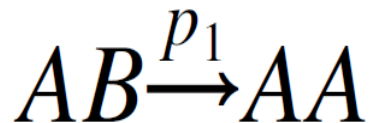
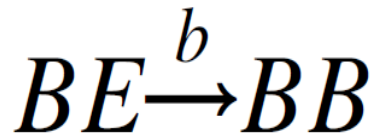
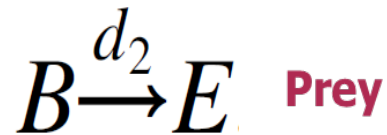
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Resonance from demographic noise

- Expand the number of predators and prey about average values in \sqrt{N} expansion

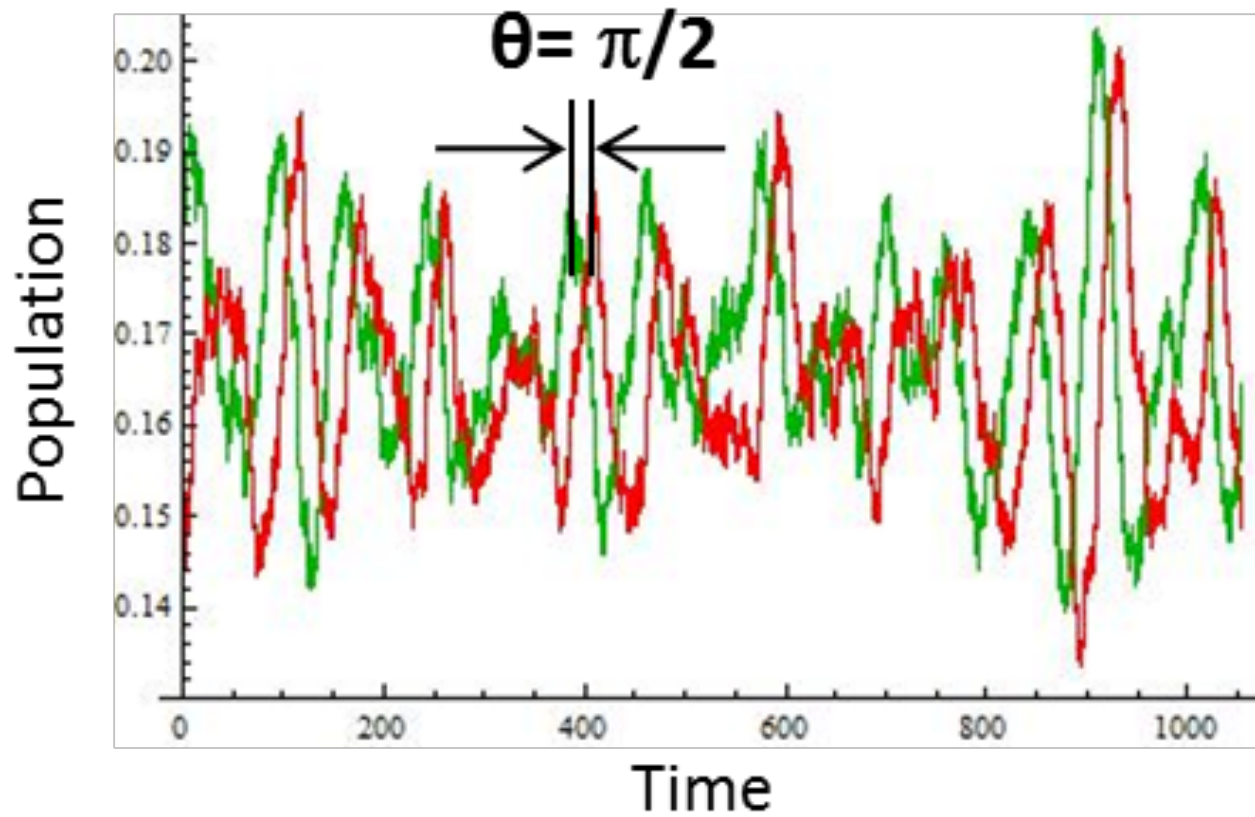
$$n/N = f_1 + x/\sqrt{N}$$

$$m/N = f_2 + y/\sqrt{N}$$

- Resulting equation is a linear stochastic equation in x, y with Langevin noise and power spectrum, sharply peaked about an internally-generated natural frequency

$$P(\omega) = \frac{\alpha + \beta\omega^2}{[(\omega^2 - \Omega_0^2)^2 + \Gamma^2\omega^2]}$$

Quasi-cycles



Extinction/decay statistics for stochastic predator-prey systems

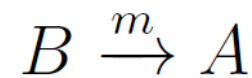
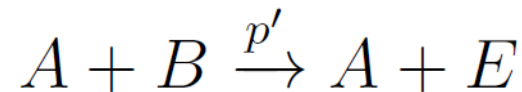
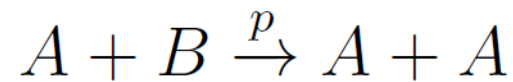
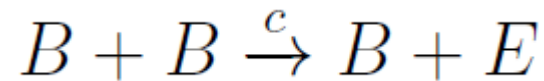
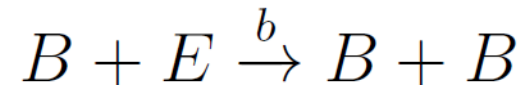
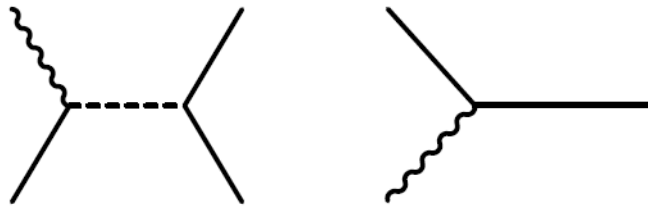
Derivation of predator-prey equations

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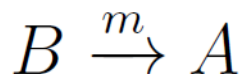
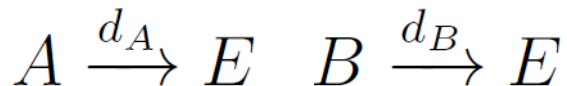
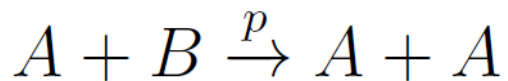
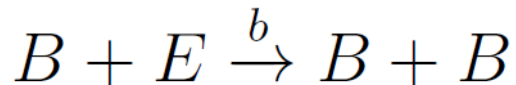
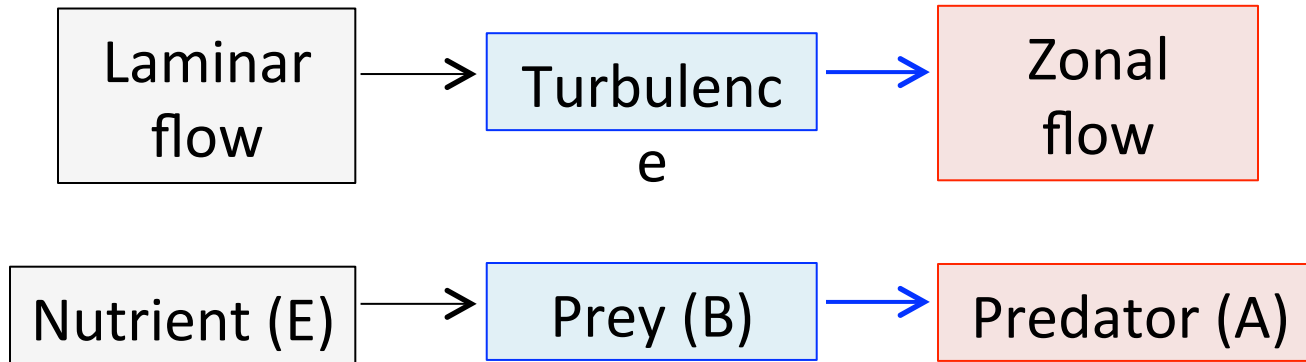
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Zonal flow-turbulence

Predator-prey



# Ecology model for turbulence



mean-field rate equation:

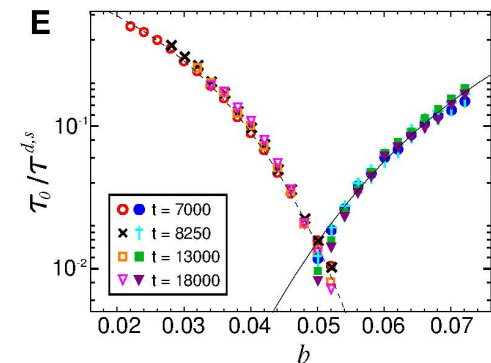
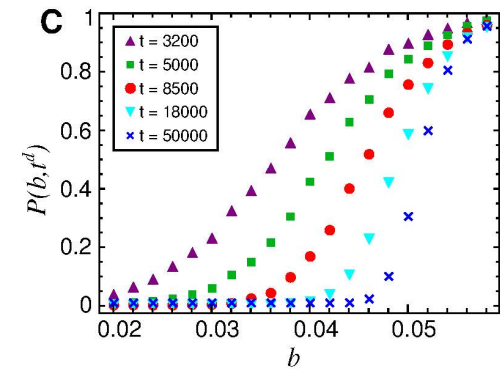
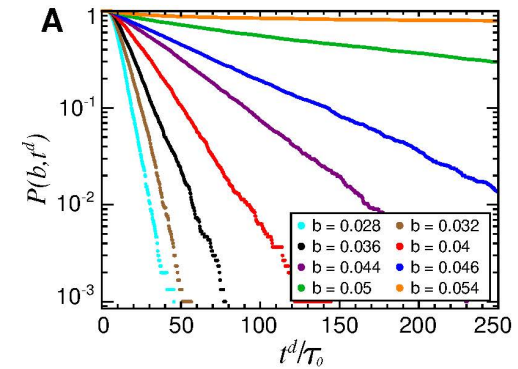
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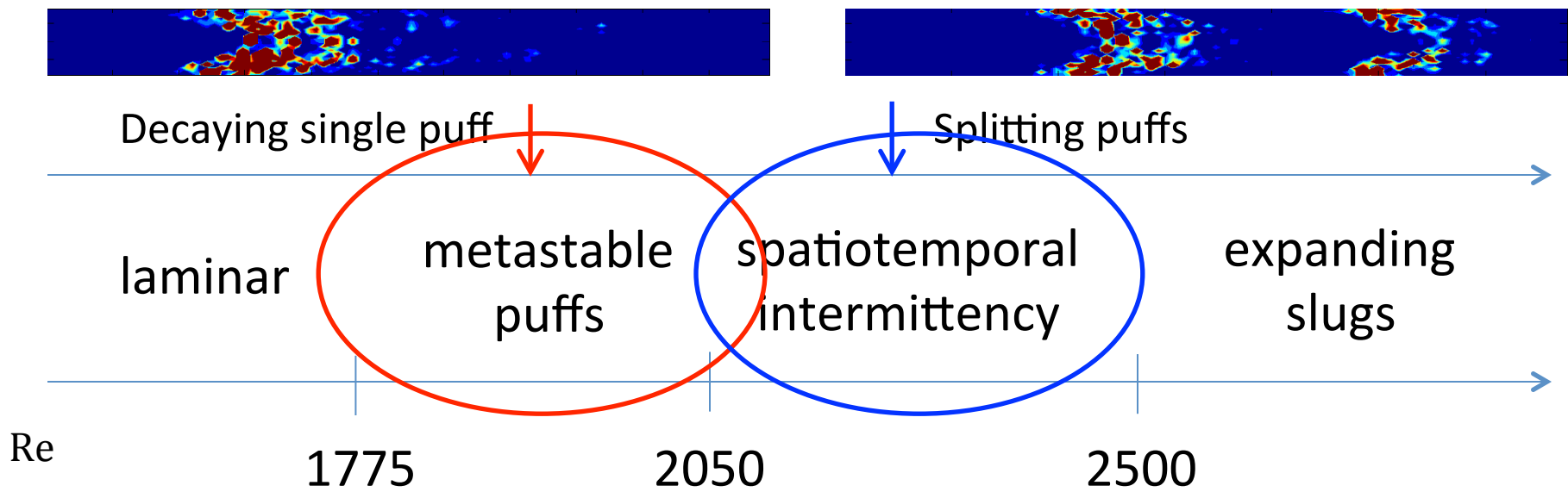


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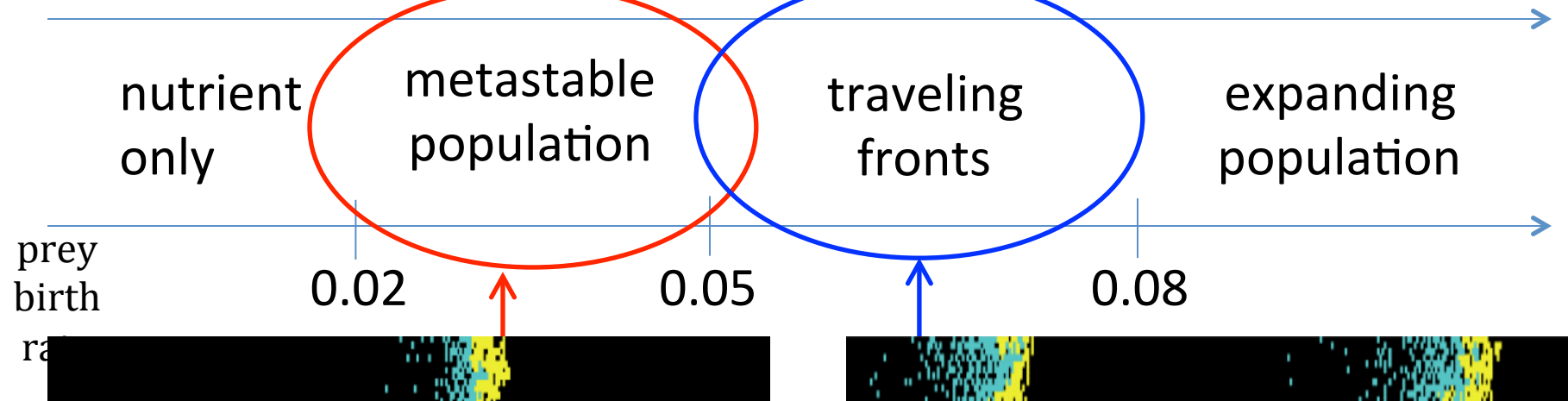
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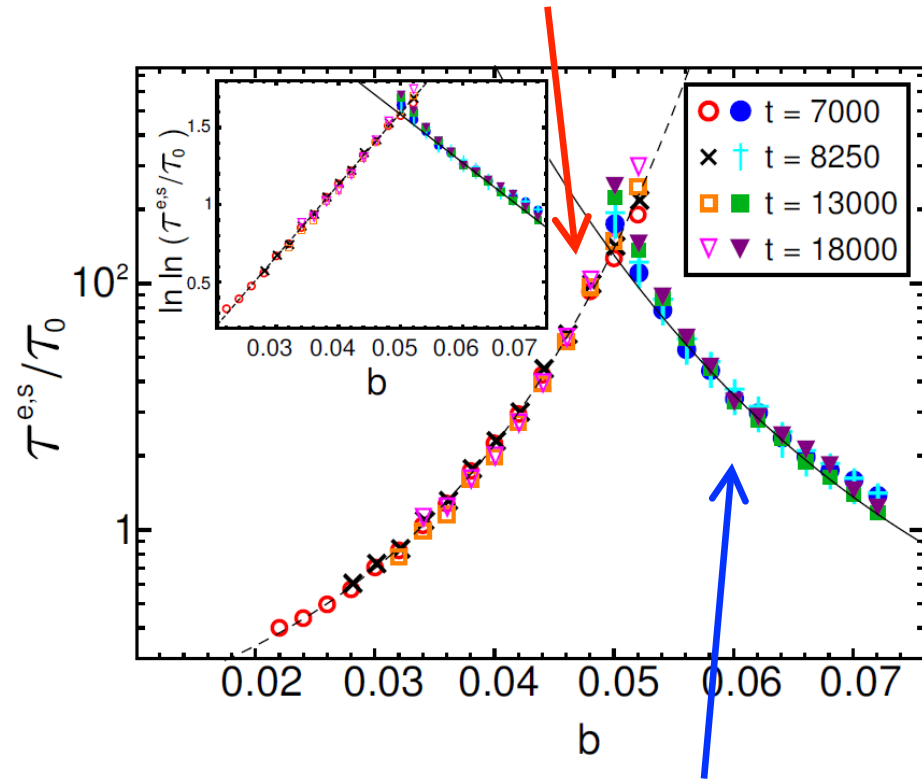


## Predator-prey model



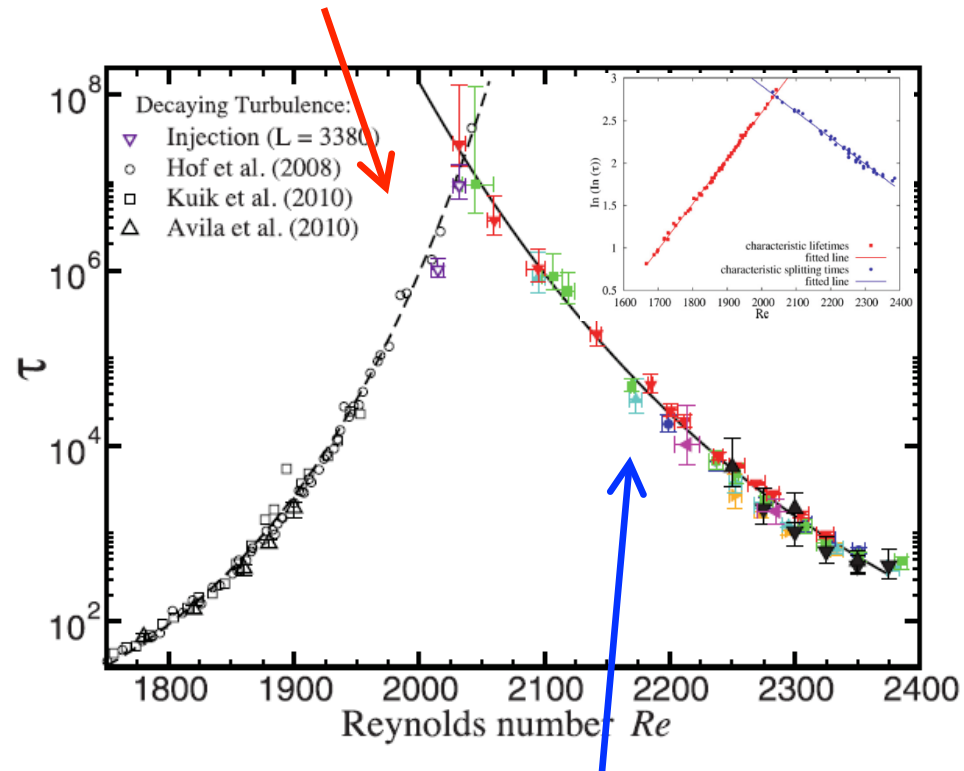
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Prey lifetime



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Turbulent puff lifetime



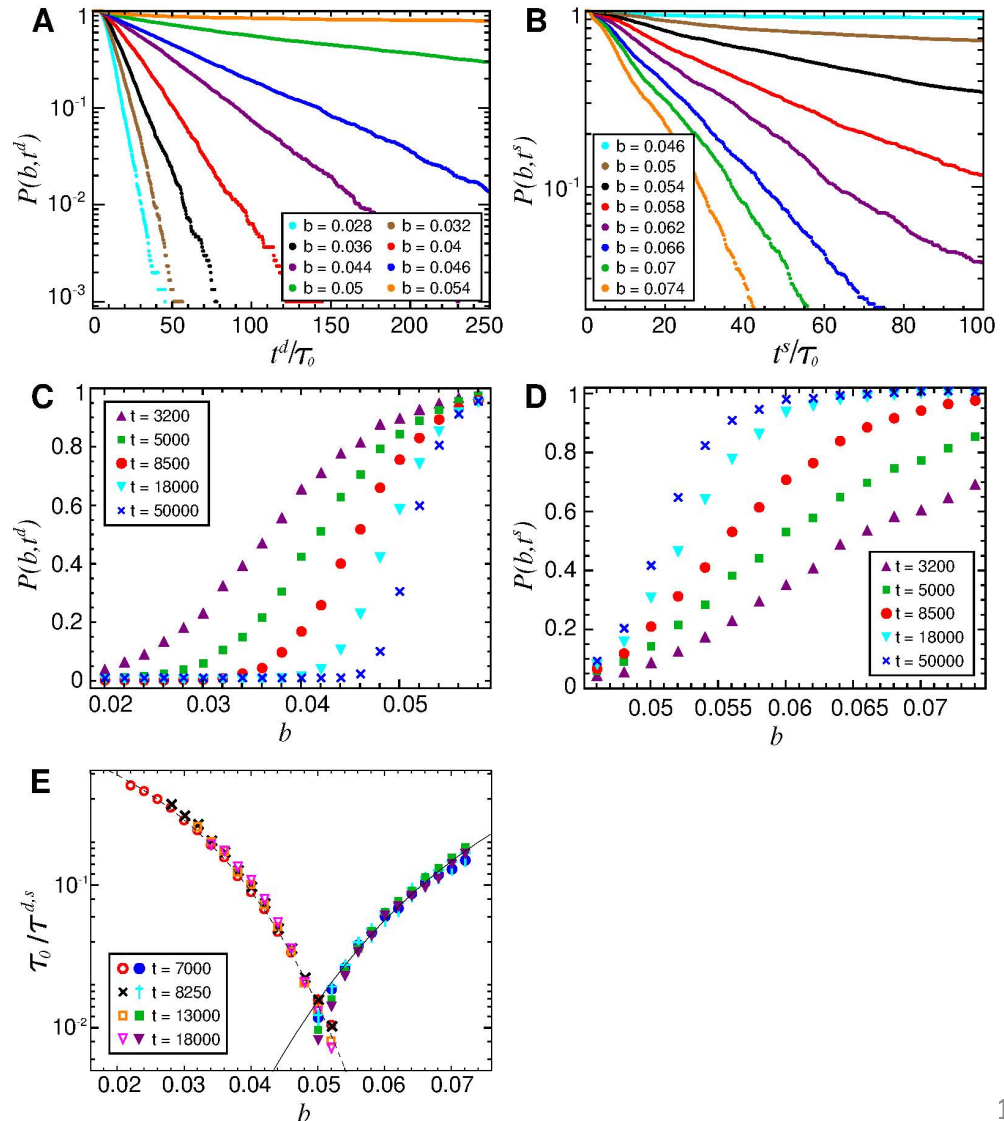
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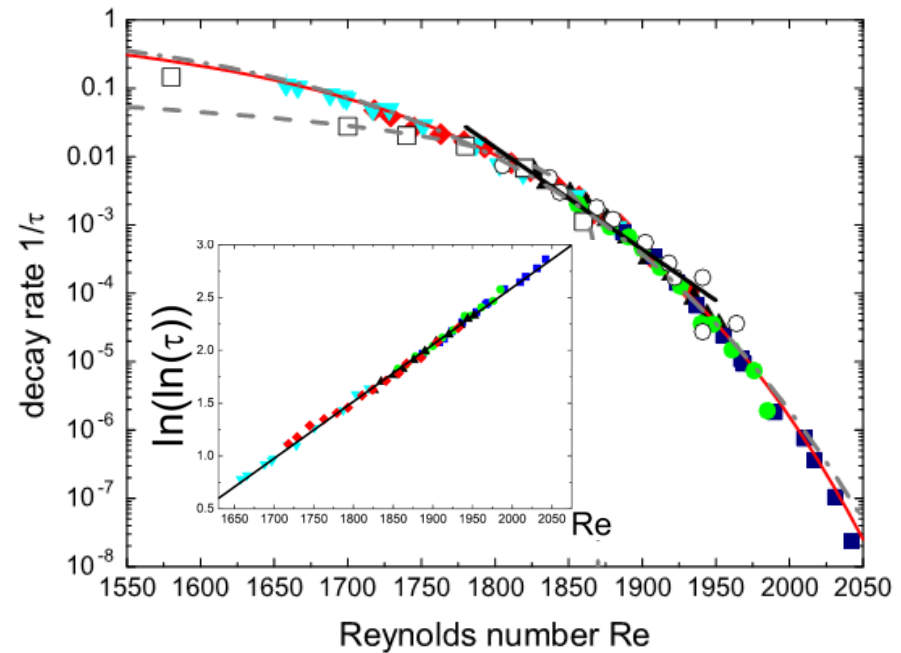
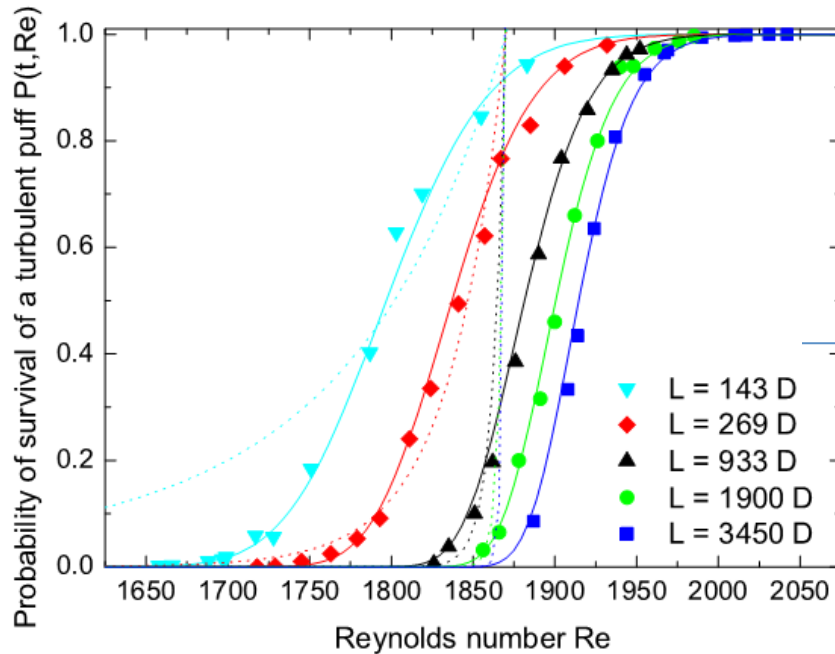


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$$P(\text{Re}, t) = e^{-t - t_0 / \tau(\text{Re})}$$

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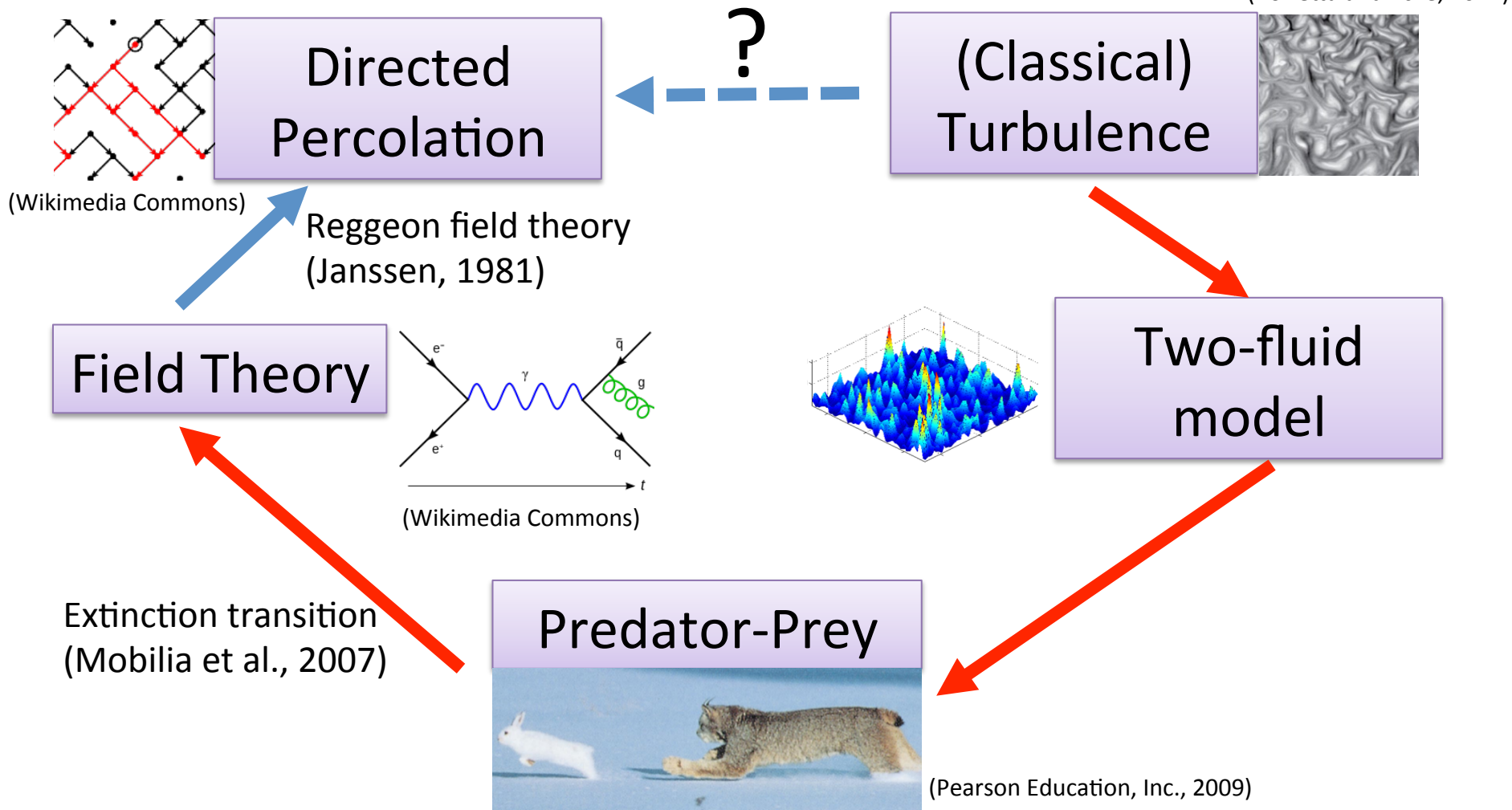
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Super-exponential scaling:  $\tau/\tau_0 \sim \exp(\exp \text{Re})$

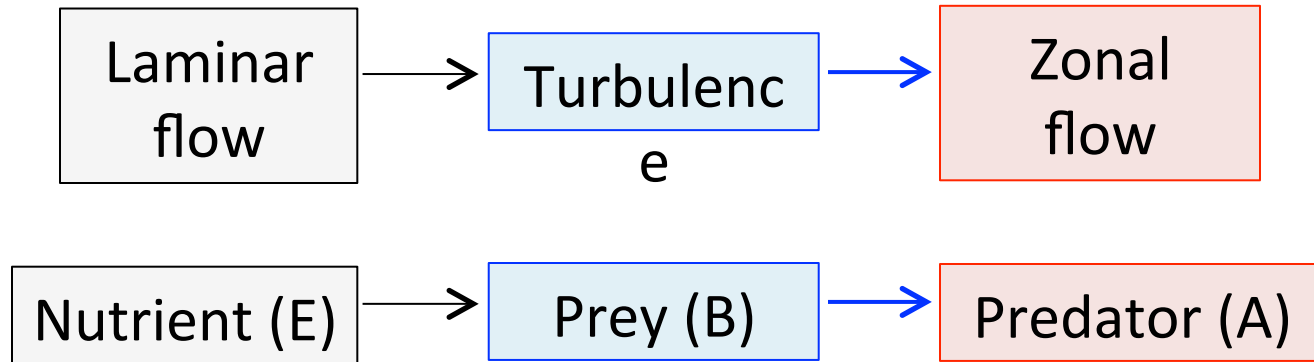
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# Strategy: transitional turbulence to directed percolation

(Boffetta and Ecke, 2012)



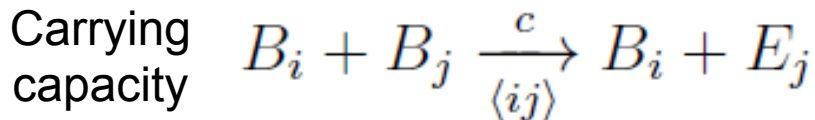
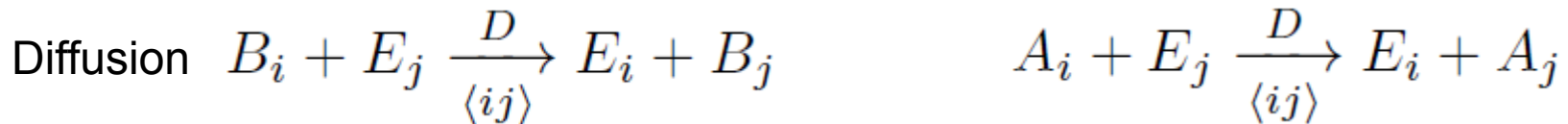
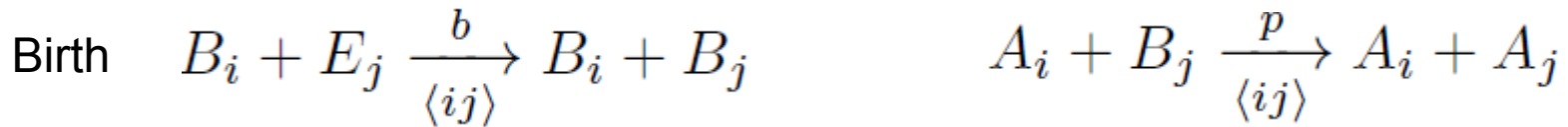
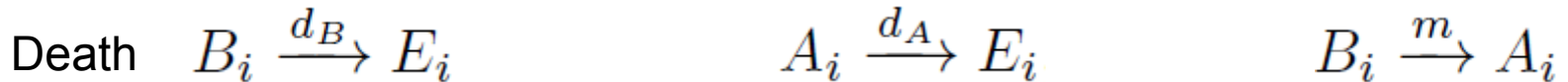
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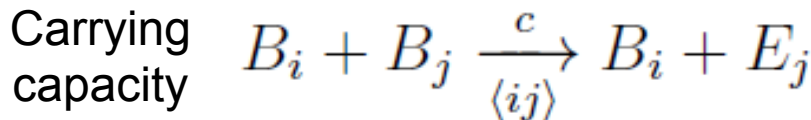
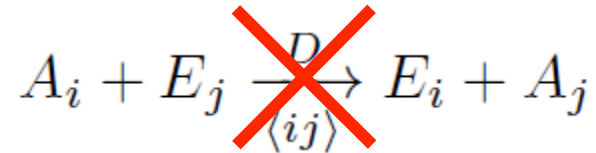
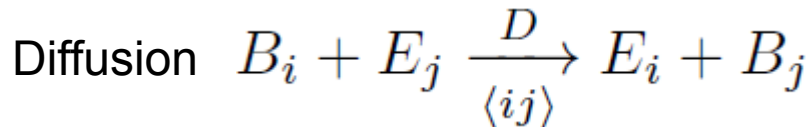
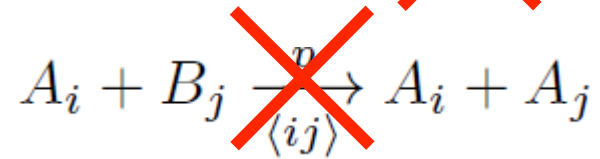
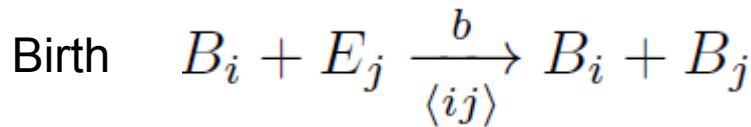
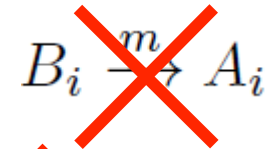
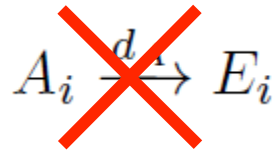
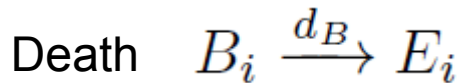
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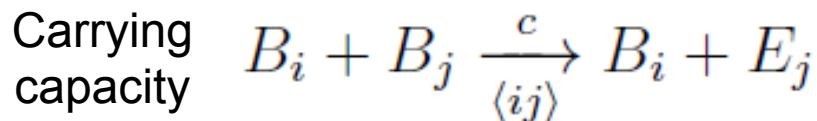
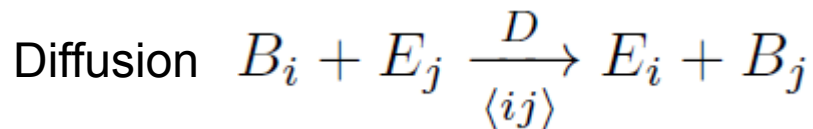
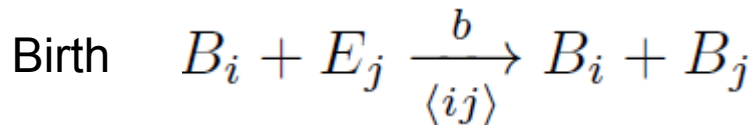
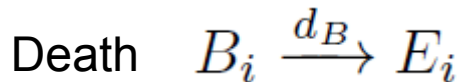
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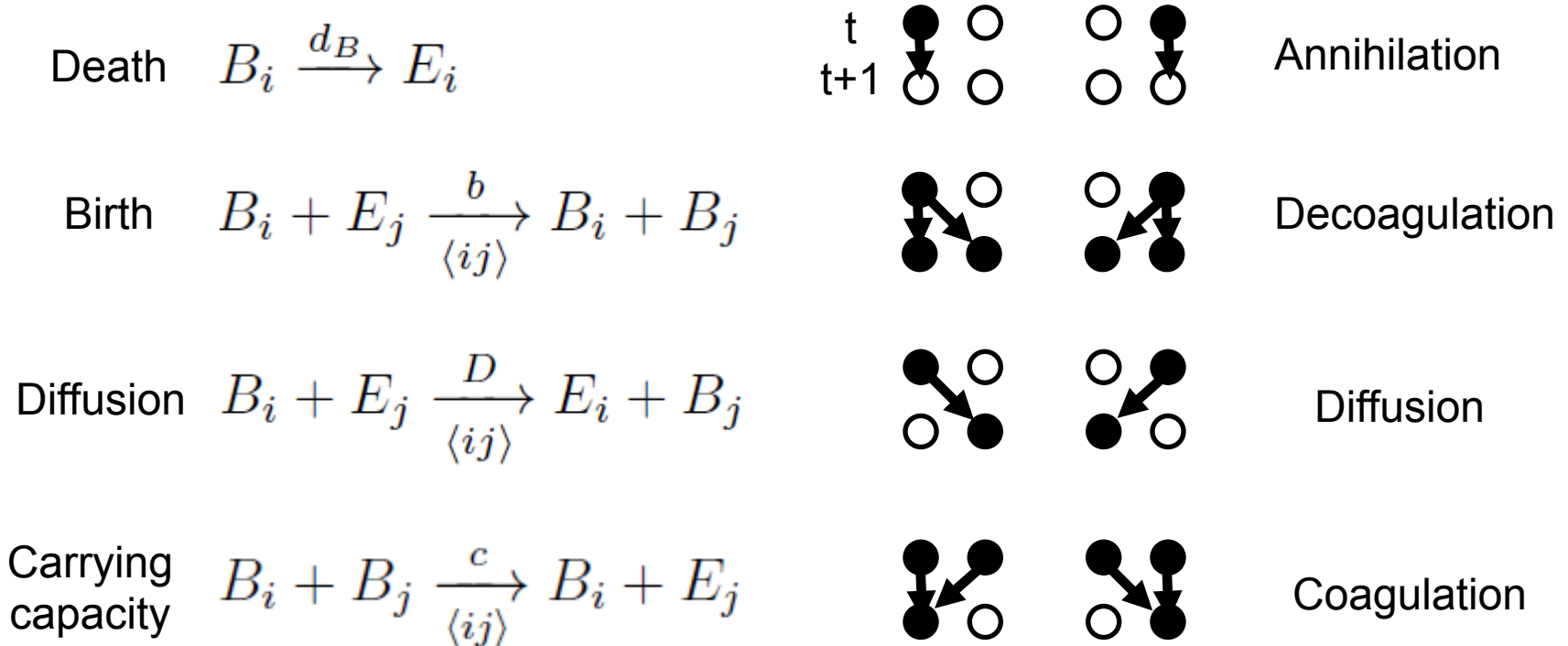
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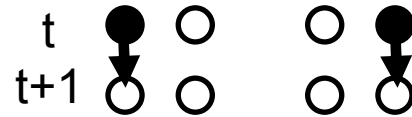
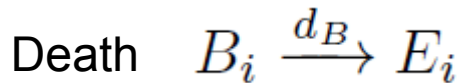
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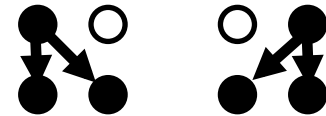
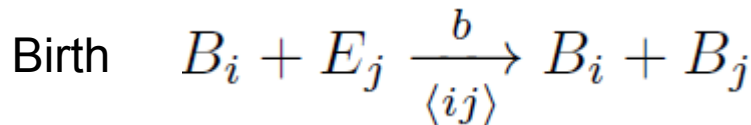


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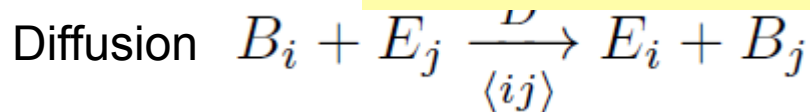


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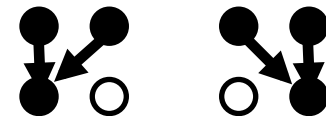
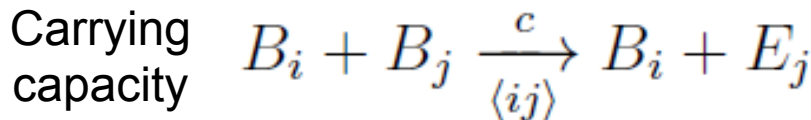


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Predator-prey = Directed percolation



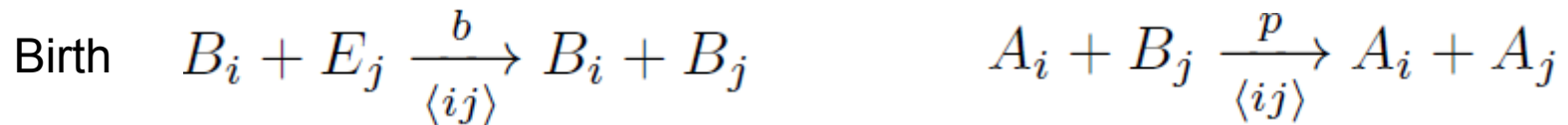
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# Field theory for predator-prey model

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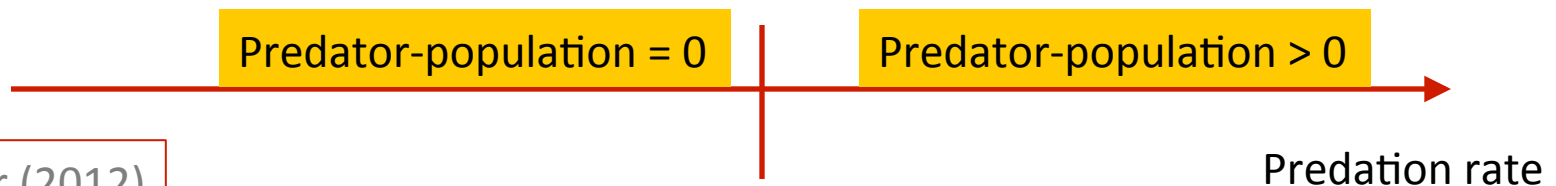
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| $A \rightarrow \emptyset$ | with rate $\mu$ ,      |
| $A + B \rightarrow A + A$ | with rate $\lambda'$ , |
| $B \rightarrow B + B$     | with rate $\sigma$ .   |
- Express as Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{reac}} = - \sum [ \mu (1 - a_i^\dagger) a_i + \sigma (b_i^\dagger - 1) b_i^\dagger b_i + \lambda' (a_i^\dagger - b_i^\dagger) a_i^\dagger a_i b_i ]$$

- Map into a coherent state path integral

$$S[\hat{a}, \hat{b}; a, b] = \int d^d x \int dt \left[ \hat{a} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - D_A \nabla^2 \right) a + \hat{b} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - D_B \nabla^2 \right) b \right. \\ \left. + \mu (\hat{a} - 1) a - \sigma (\hat{b} - 1) \hat{b} b e^{-a_0^d \hat{b} b} + \nu (\hat{b} - 1) \hat{b} b^2 - \lambda (\hat{a} - \hat{b}) \hat{a} a b \right]$$

- Phase diagram



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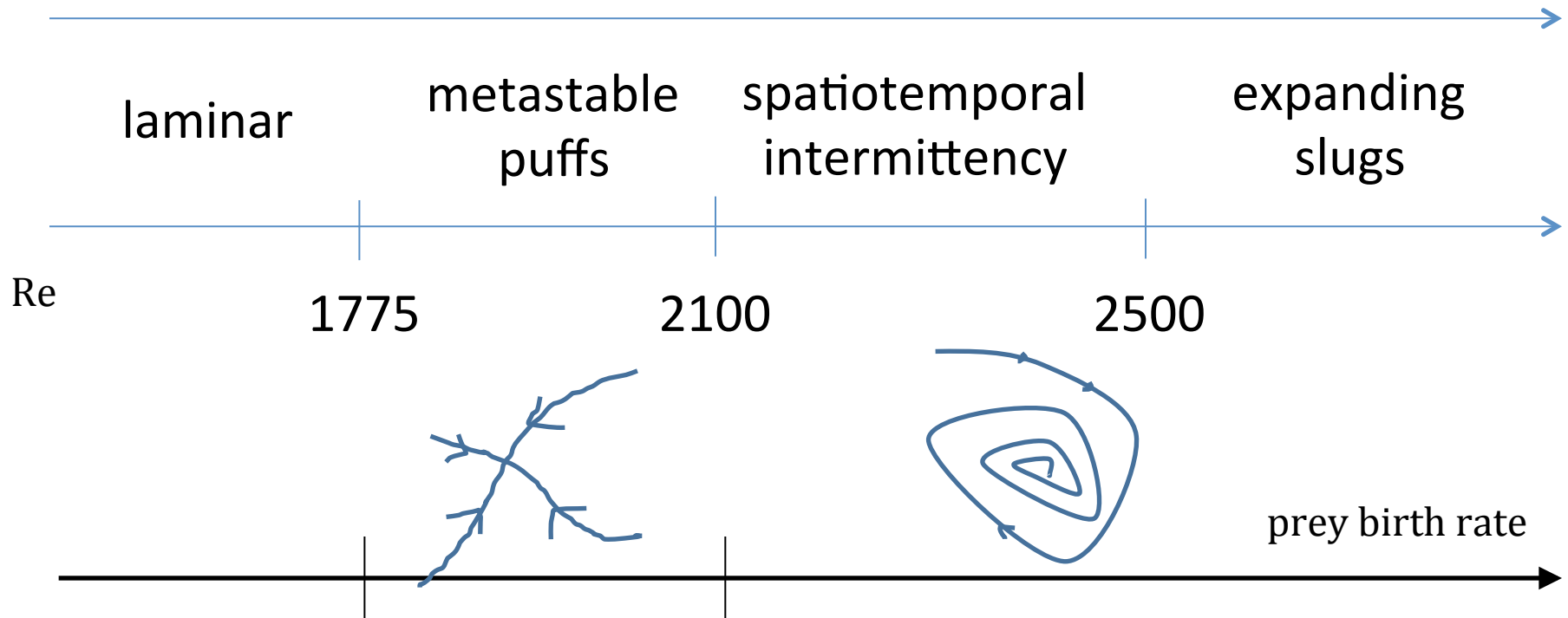
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- Reggeon field theory  $\leftrightarrow$  Extinction transition in predator-prey model (Mobilia et al (2007))
- Reggeon field theory  $\leftrightarrow$  DP universality class: non-equilibrium critical dynamics with absorbing state
- **Summary: ecological model of transitional turbulence predicts the DP universality class**

# Puff splitting in ecology model

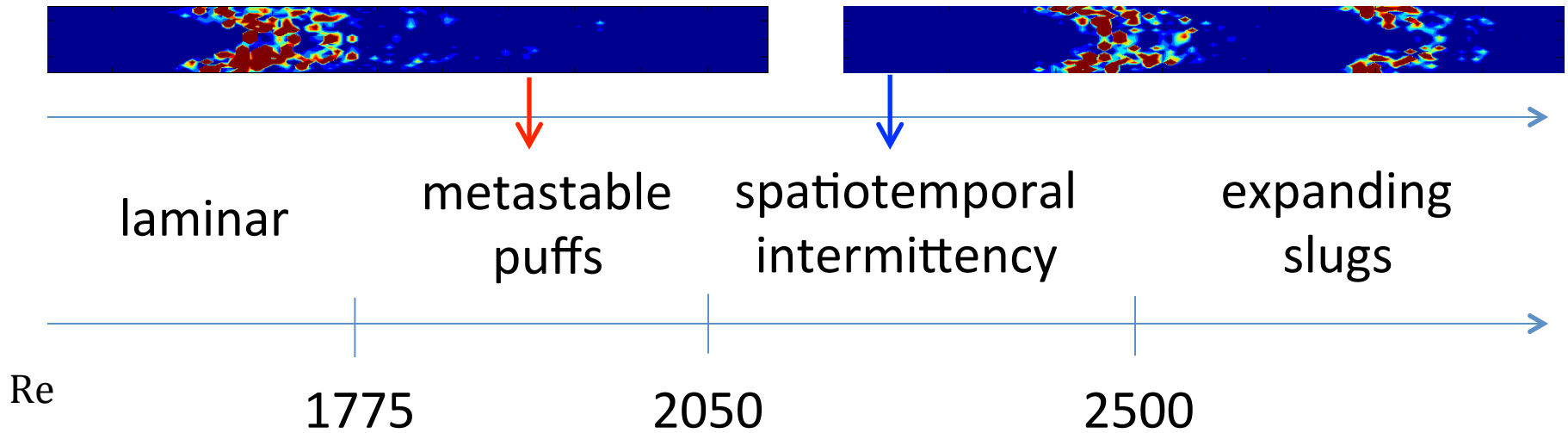
Driven by emerging traveling waves  
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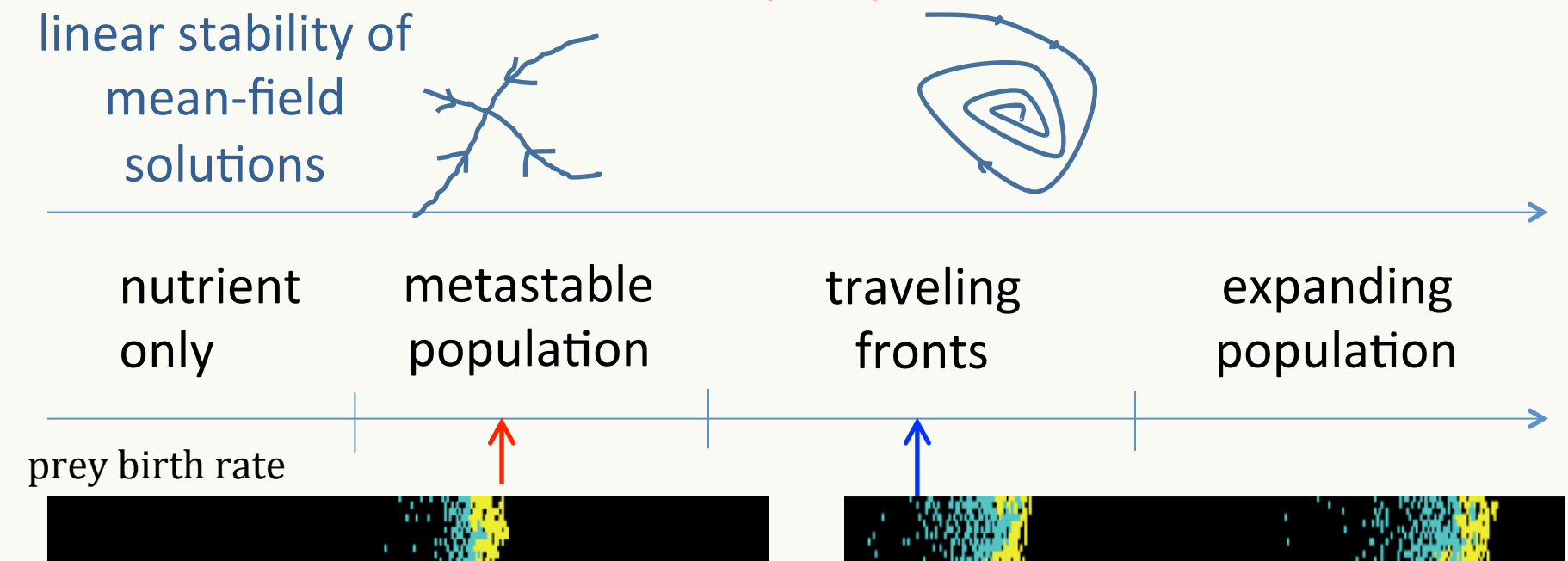


- Stability of predator-prey mean field theory has a transition between stable node and spiral
  - Near transition, no oscillations
  - Away from the transitions, oscillations begin

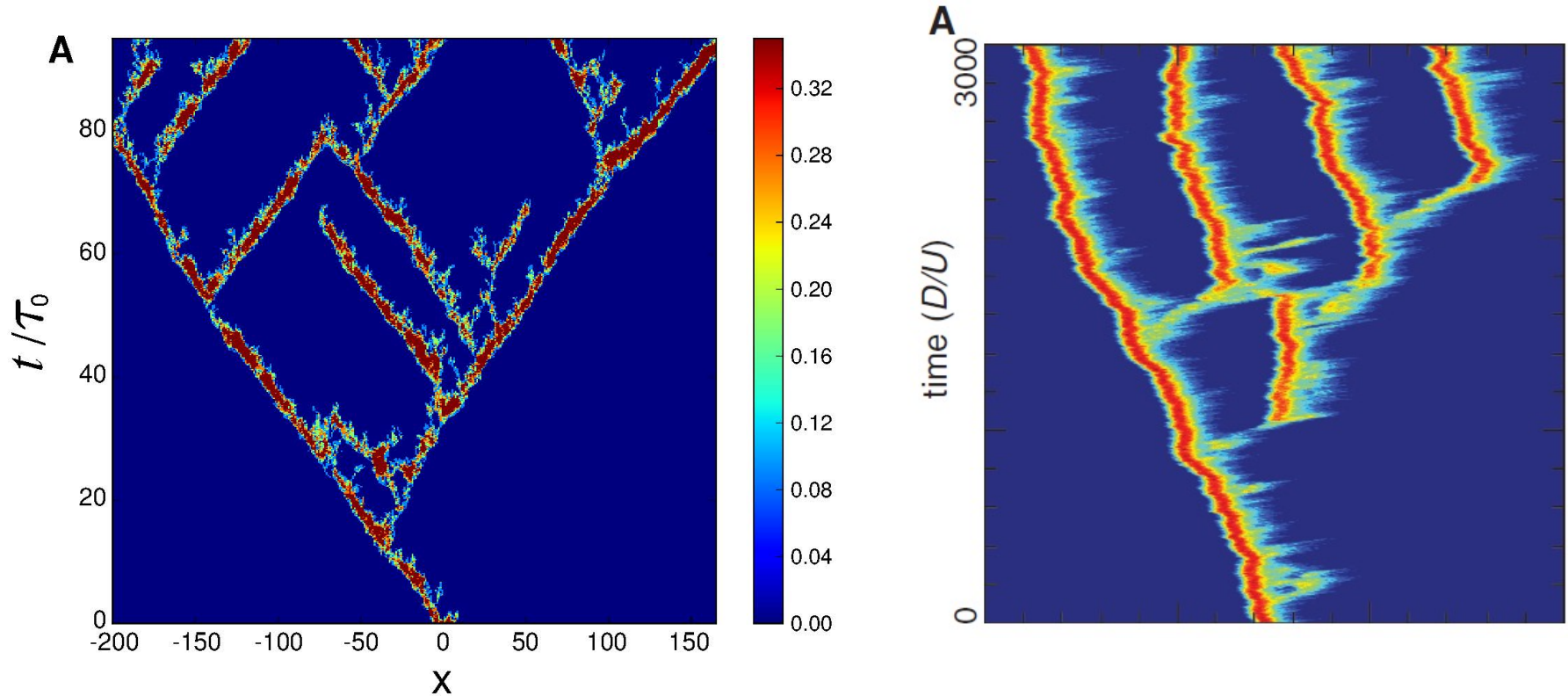
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## Predator-prey model



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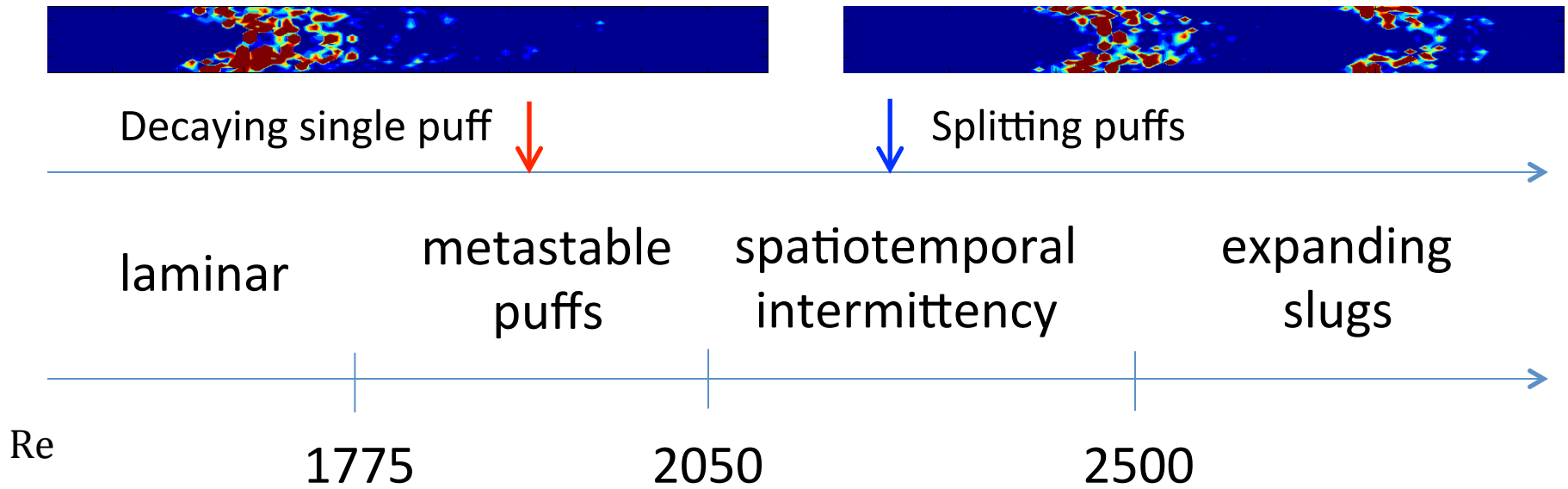


Puff-splitting in predator-prey ecosystem  
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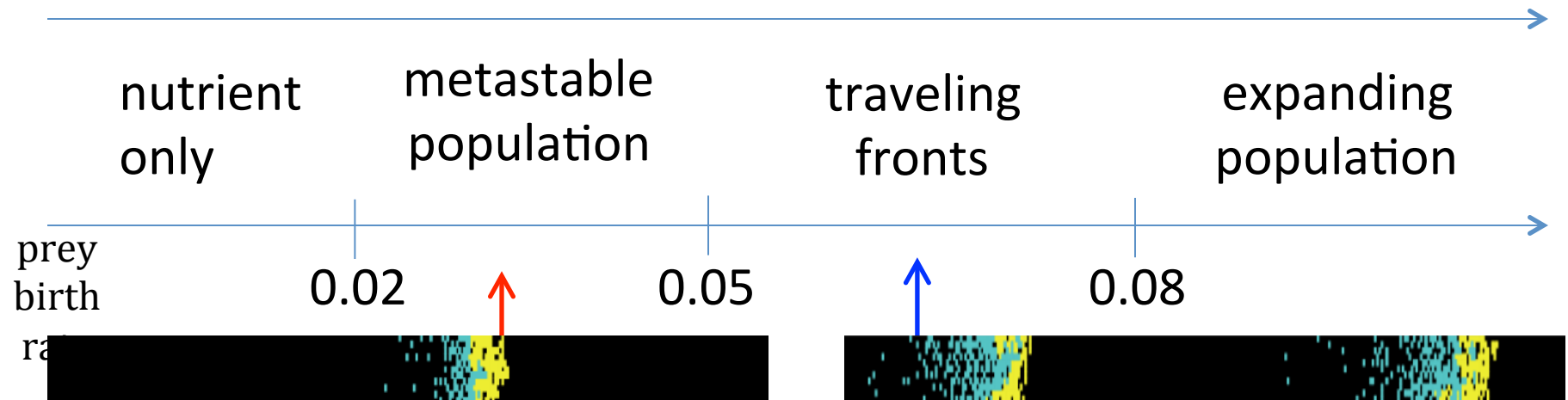
Puff-splitting in pipe turbulence

Avila et al., Science (2011)

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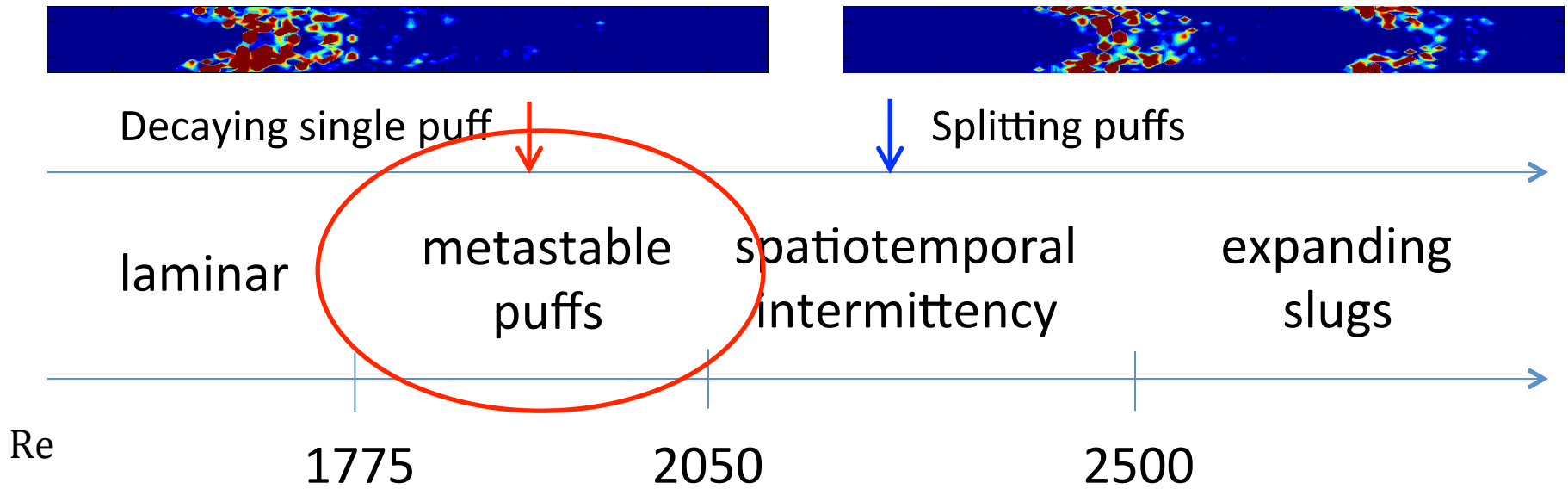


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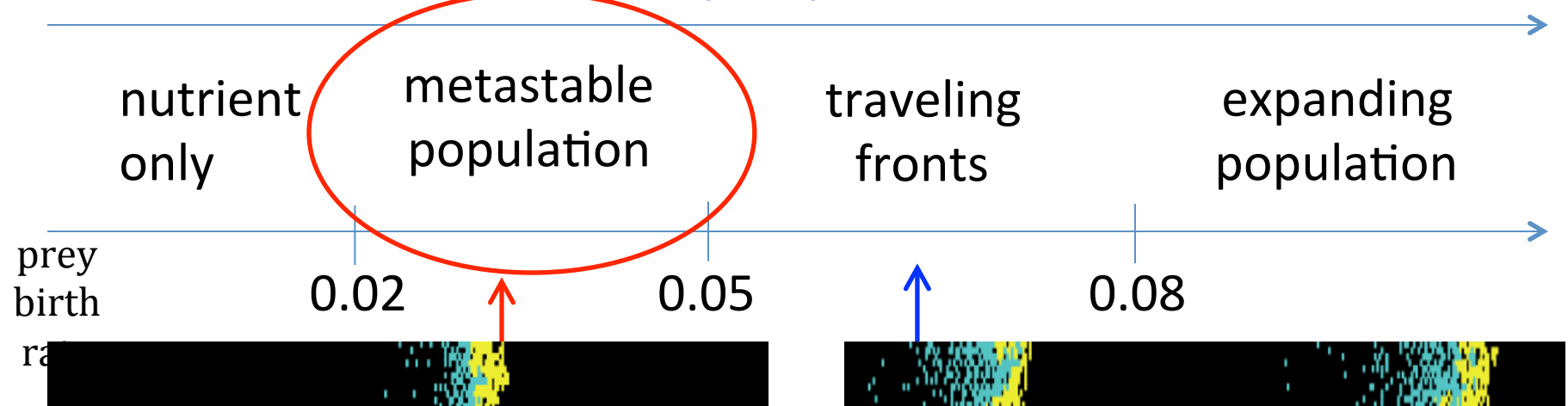




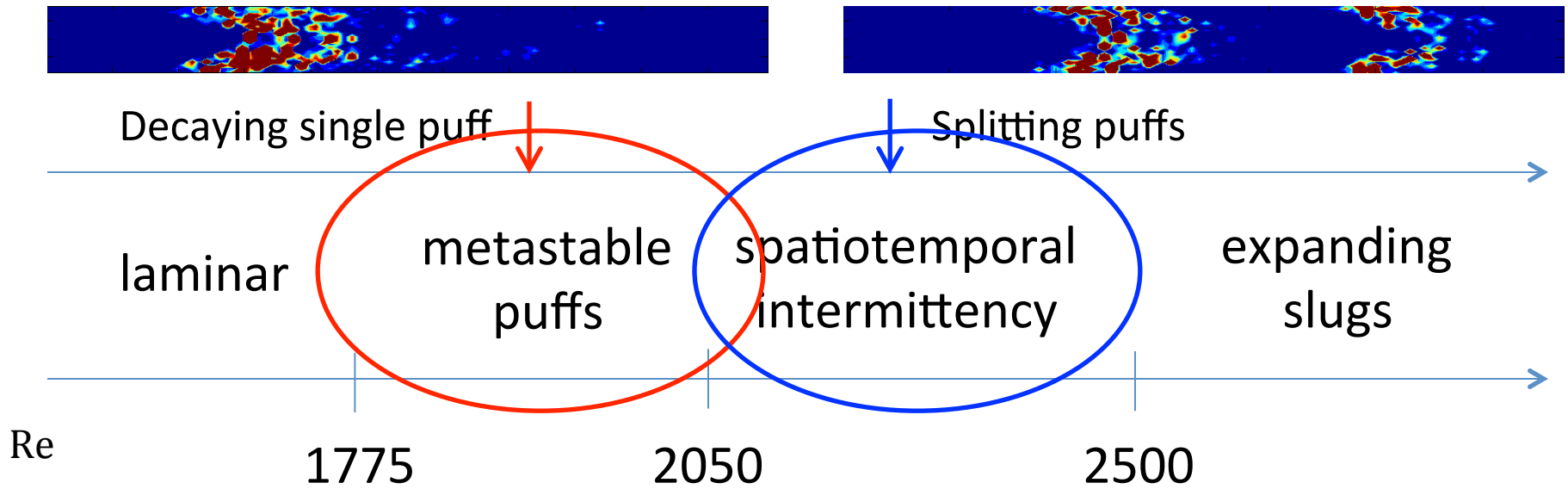
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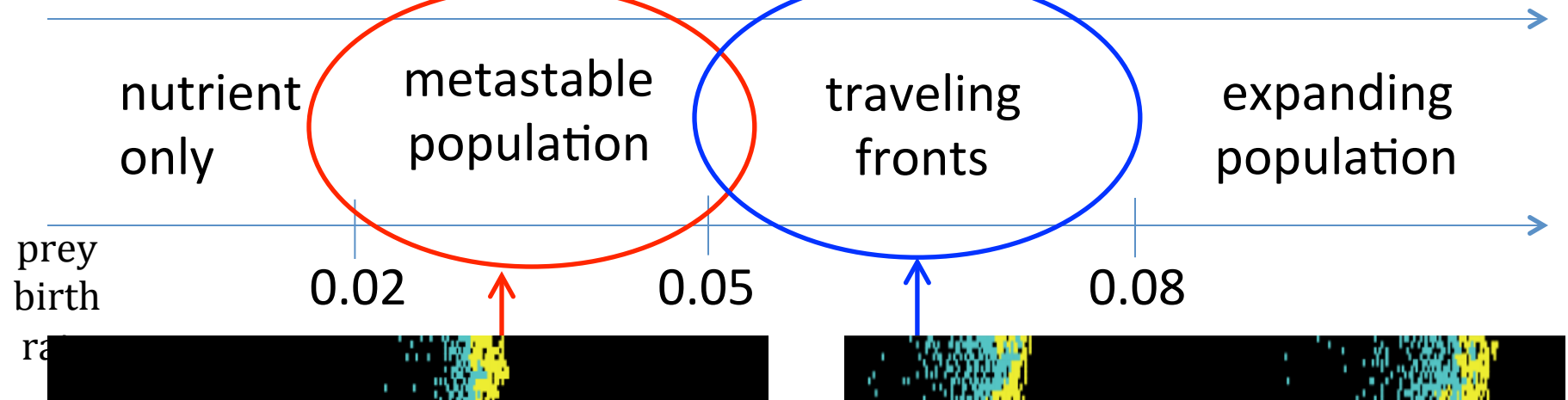
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## Predator-prey model



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Decaying single puff

Splitting puffs

laminar

metastable

spatiotemporal

expanding

Measure the **extinction time** and the **time between split events** in predator-prey system.

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nutrient only

metastable population

traveling fronts

expanding population

prey birth rate

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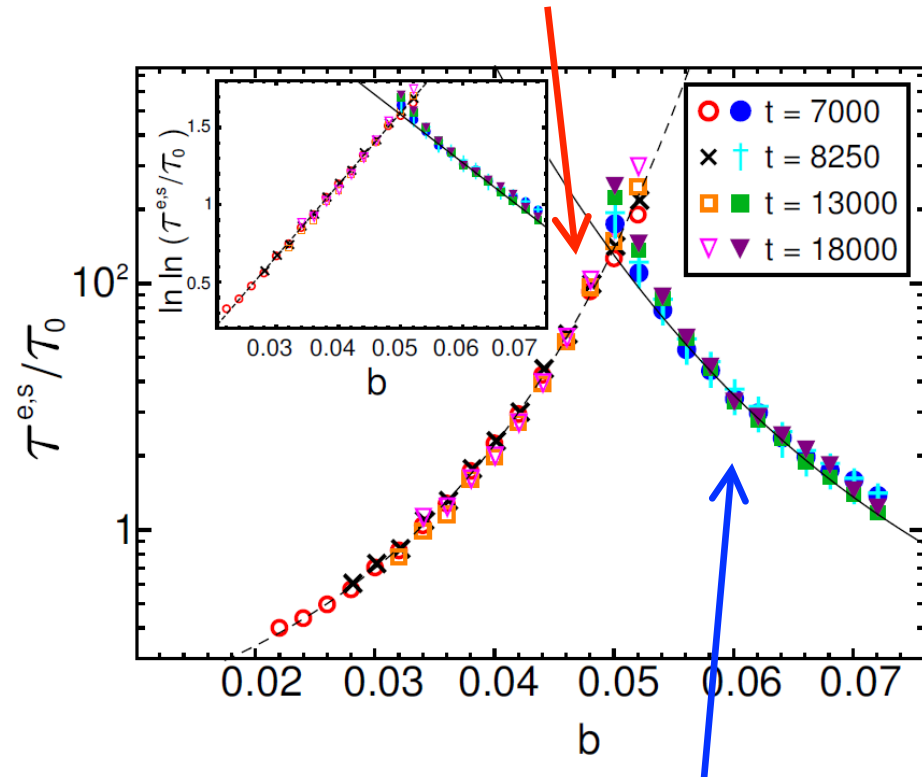
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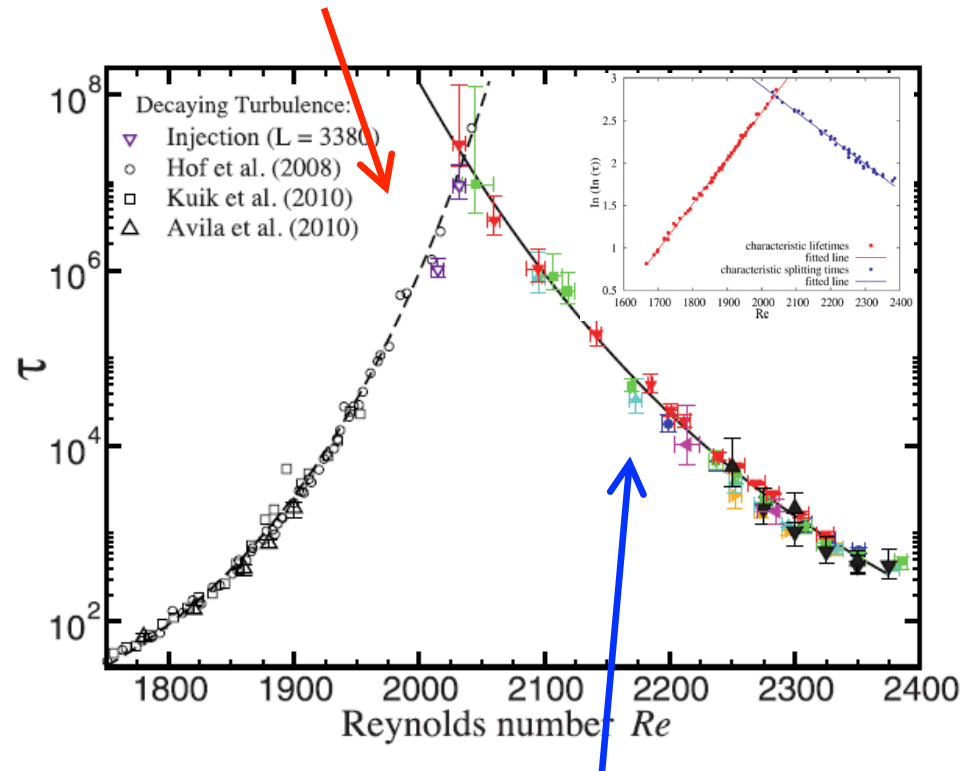
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Turbulent puff lifetime



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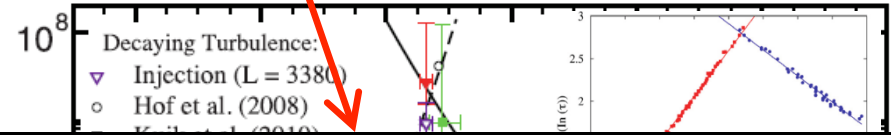
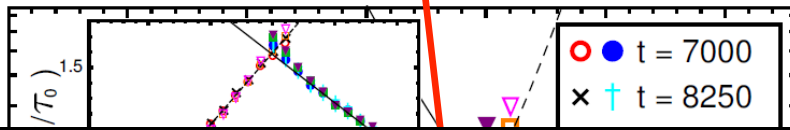
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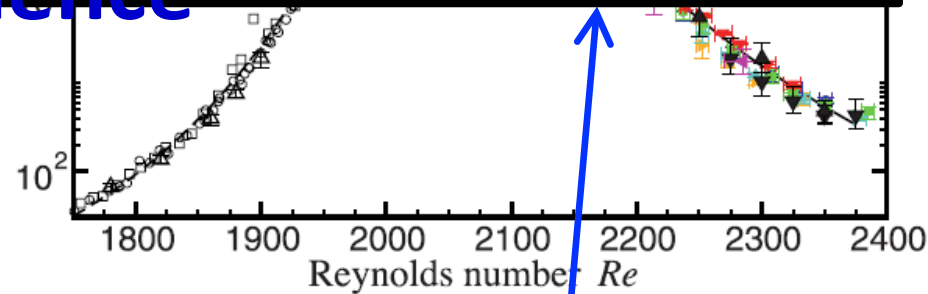
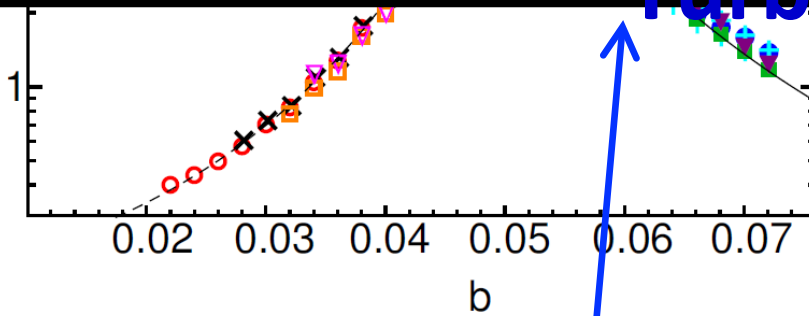
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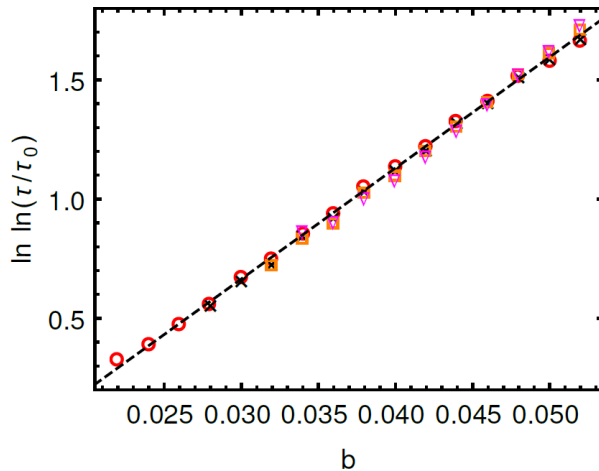
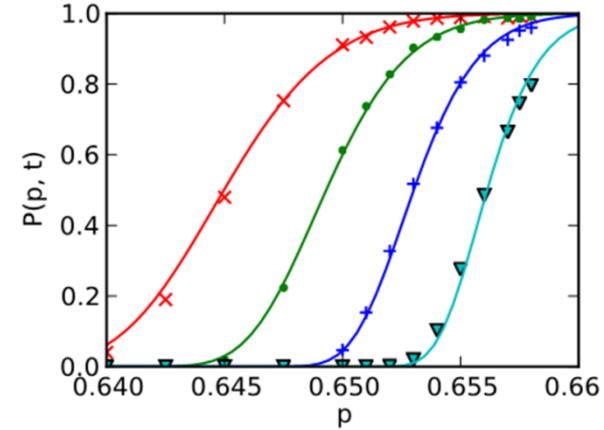
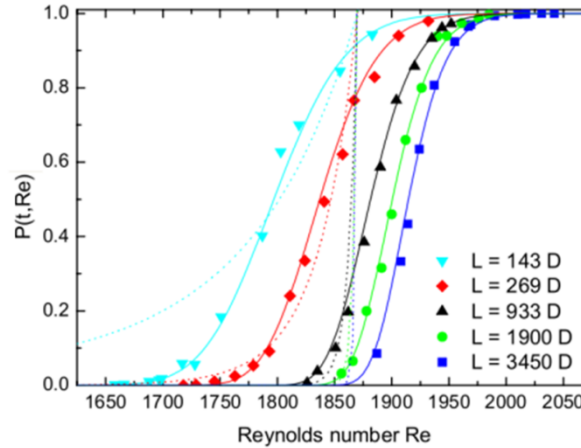
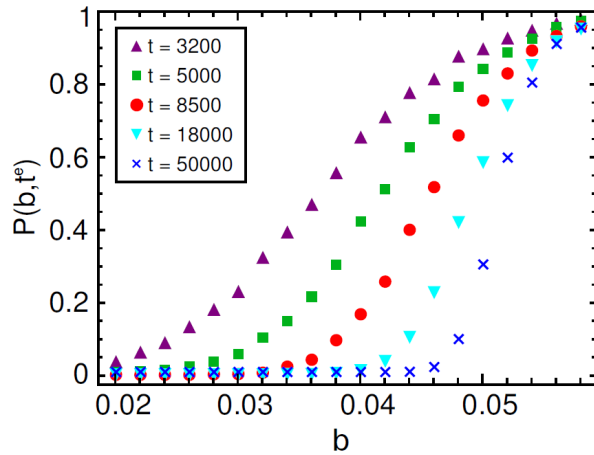
**Extinction in Ecology = Death of Turbulence**



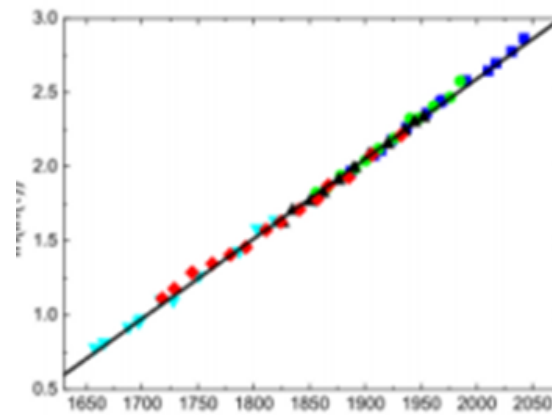
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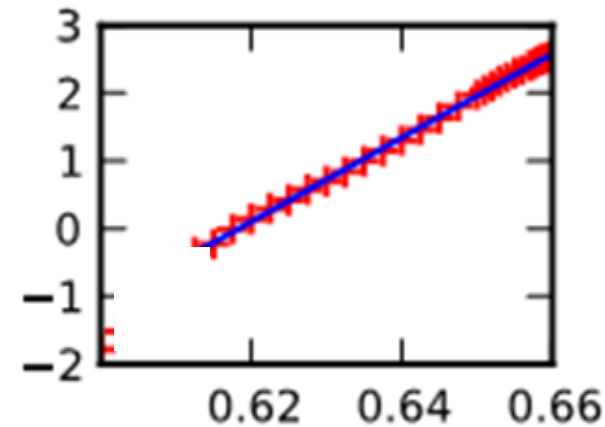
# Ecology = turbulence = DP



Shih, Hsieh, NG (2015)



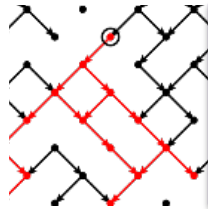
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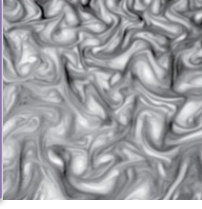
# Summary: universality class of transitional turbulence

(Boffetta and Ecke, 2012)



Directed Percolation

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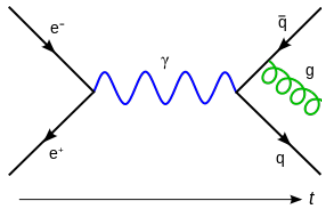


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Reggeon field theory  
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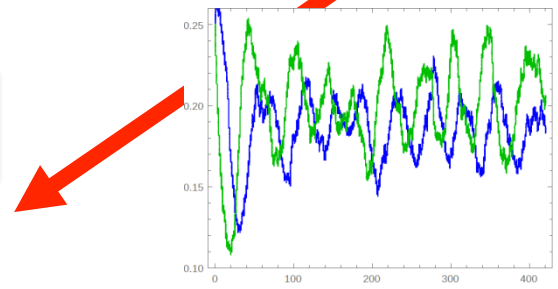


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Two-fluid model

Extinction transition  
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Predator-Prey



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# Predator-prey oscillations in convection

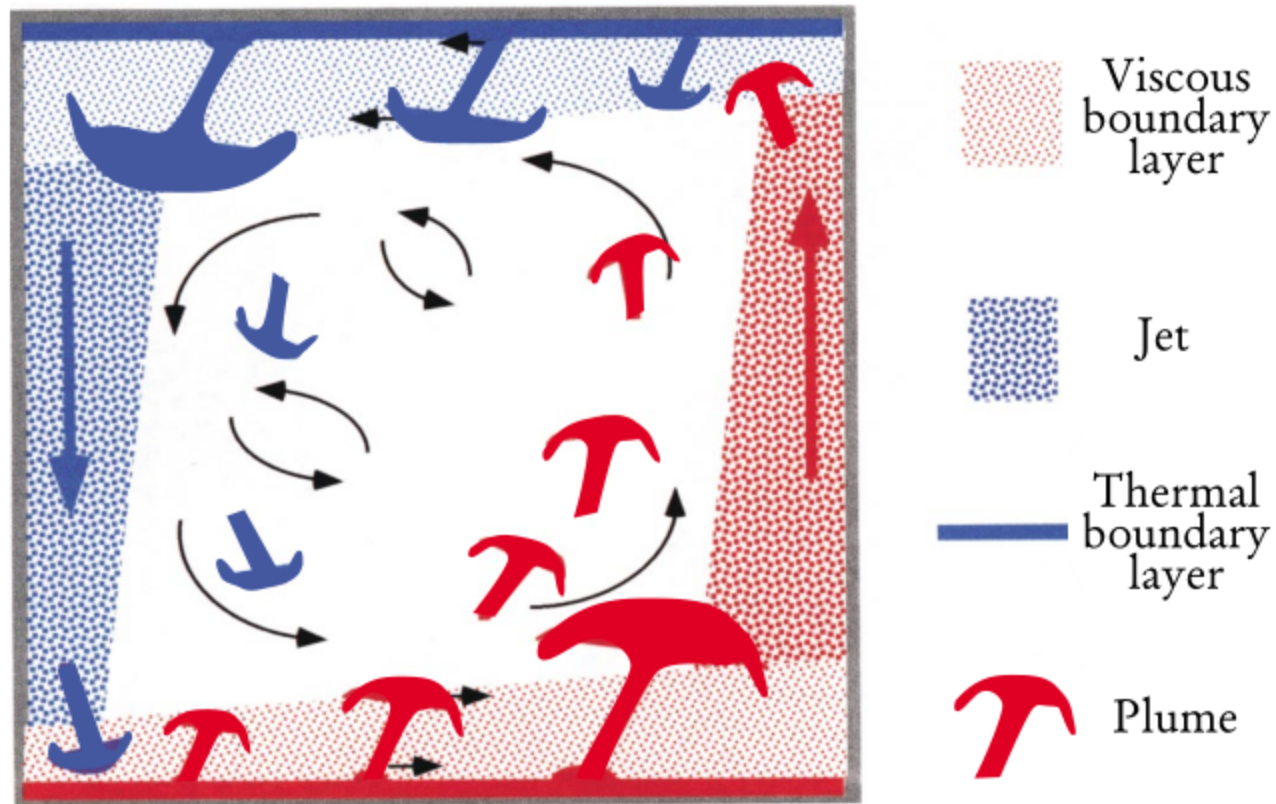
The head pushes upward but  
the fluid above pushes back.  
So the head grows outward,  
until the outward pushing hot  
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A plume is an example of  
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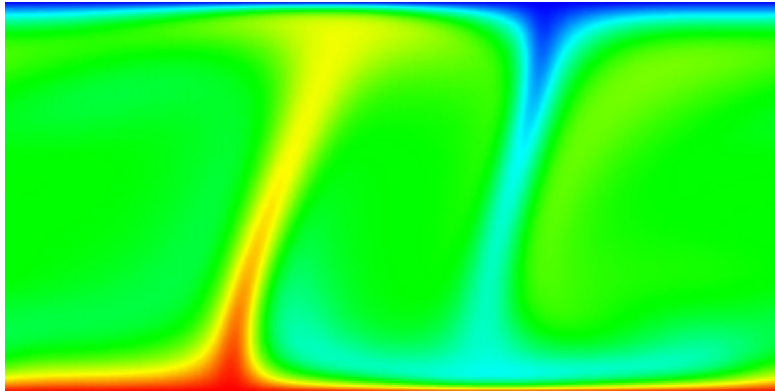


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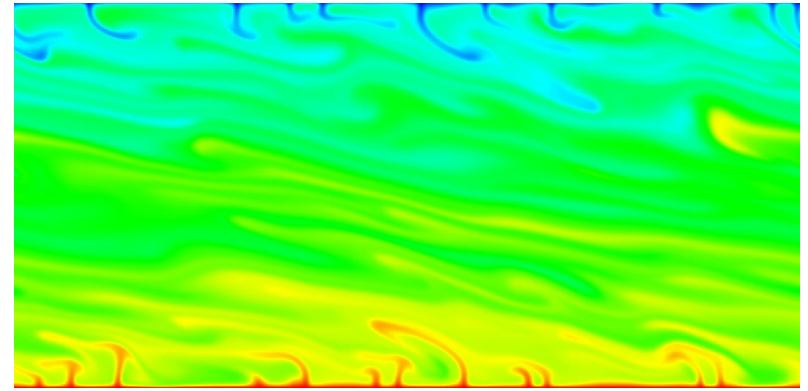
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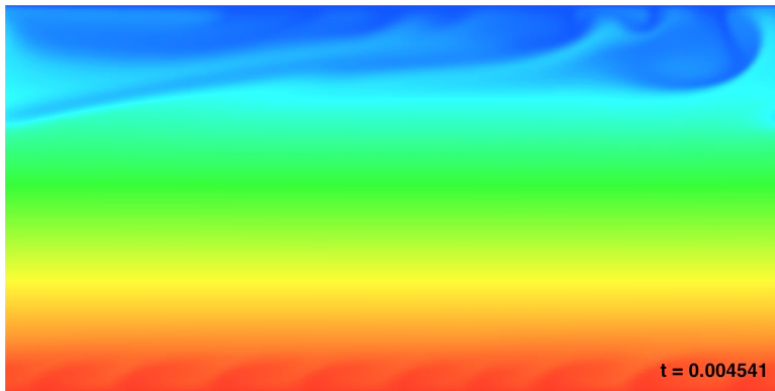
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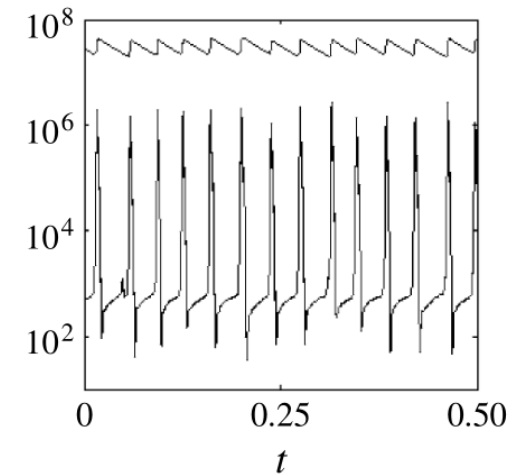
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Pr = 1 Ra=2 x 10<sup>8</sup> Bursty shearing convection

Energy in zonal flow and vertical plumes shows predator-prey oscillations

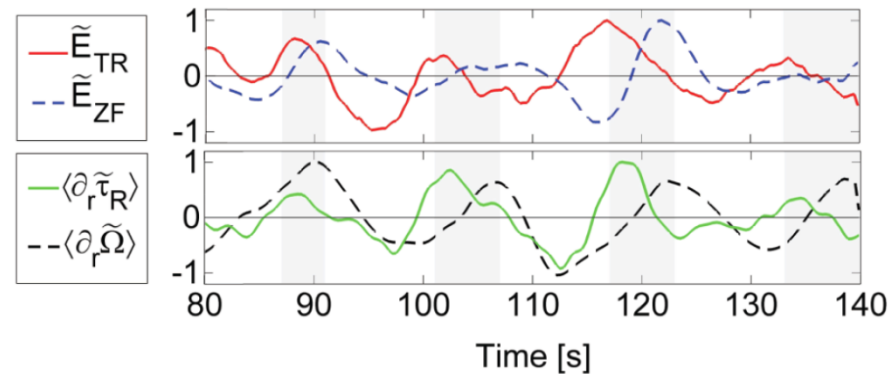
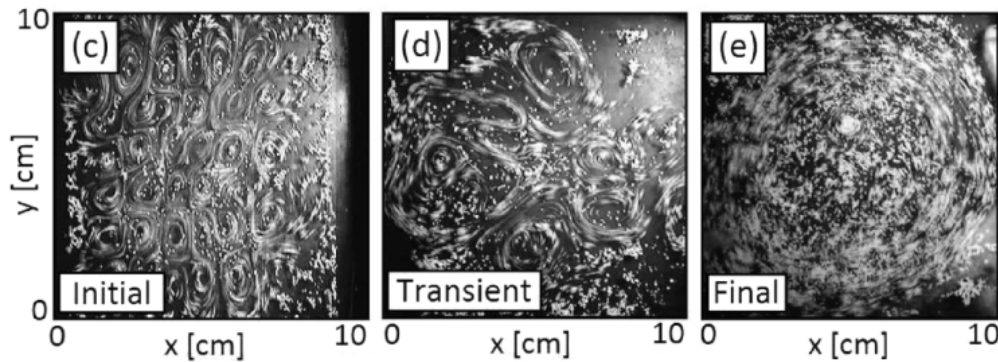
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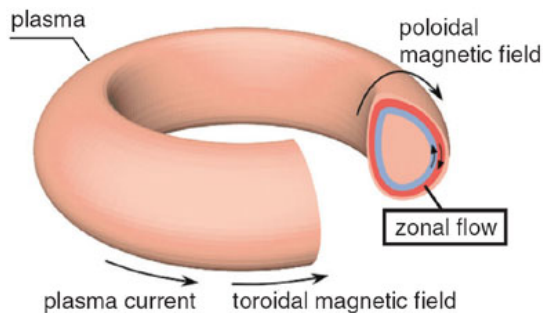
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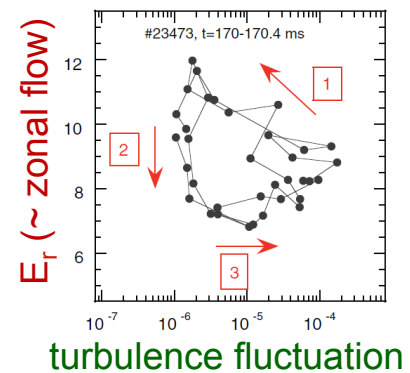
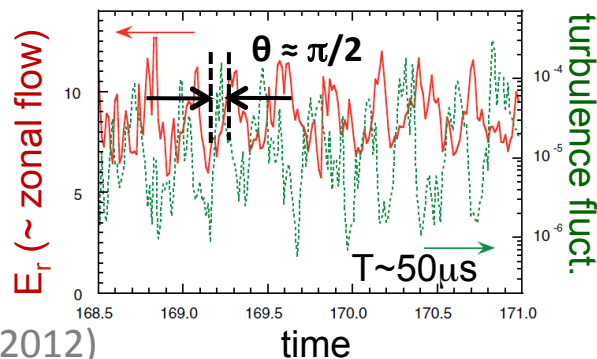
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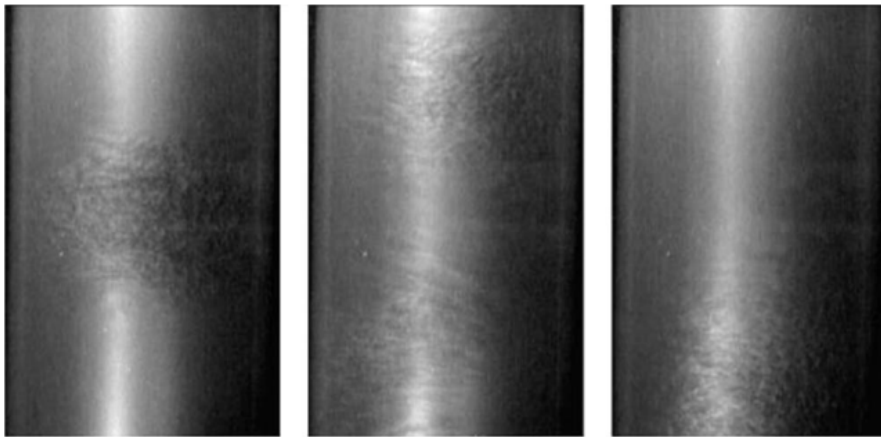
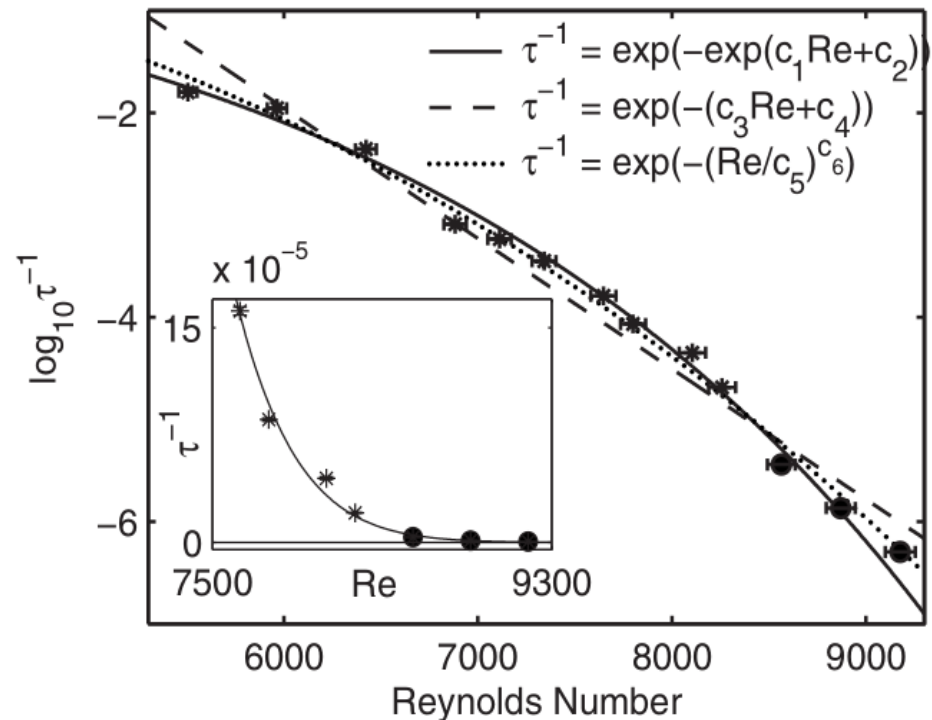
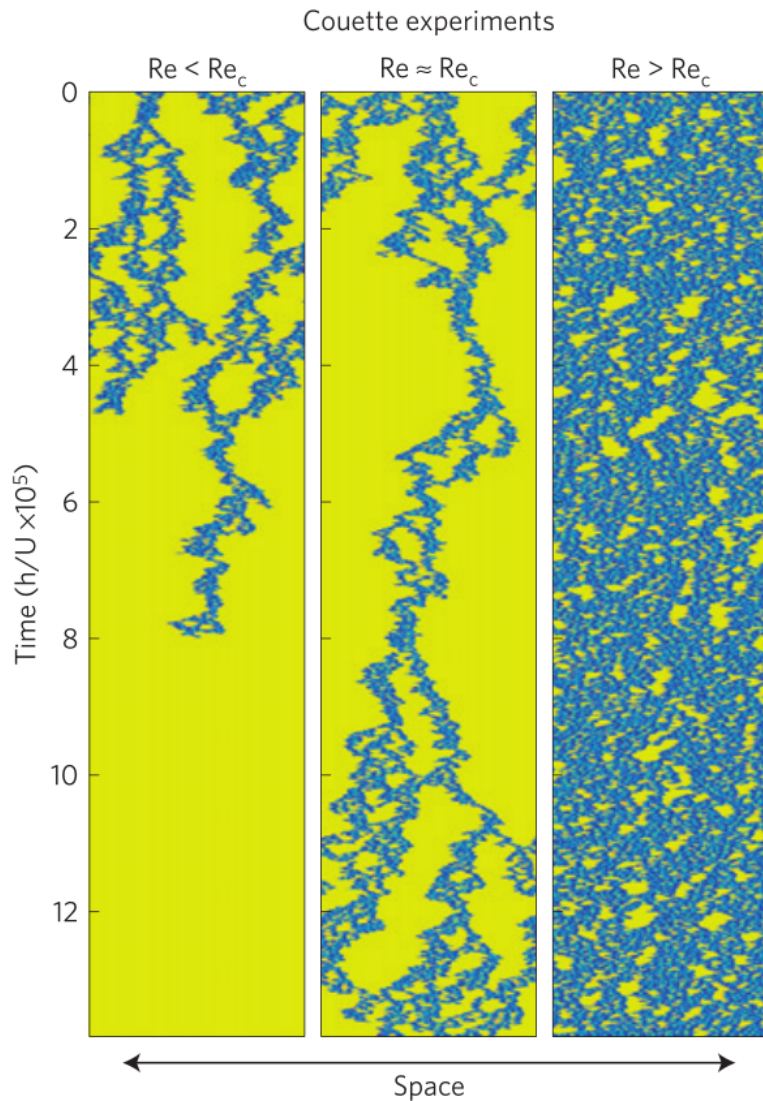


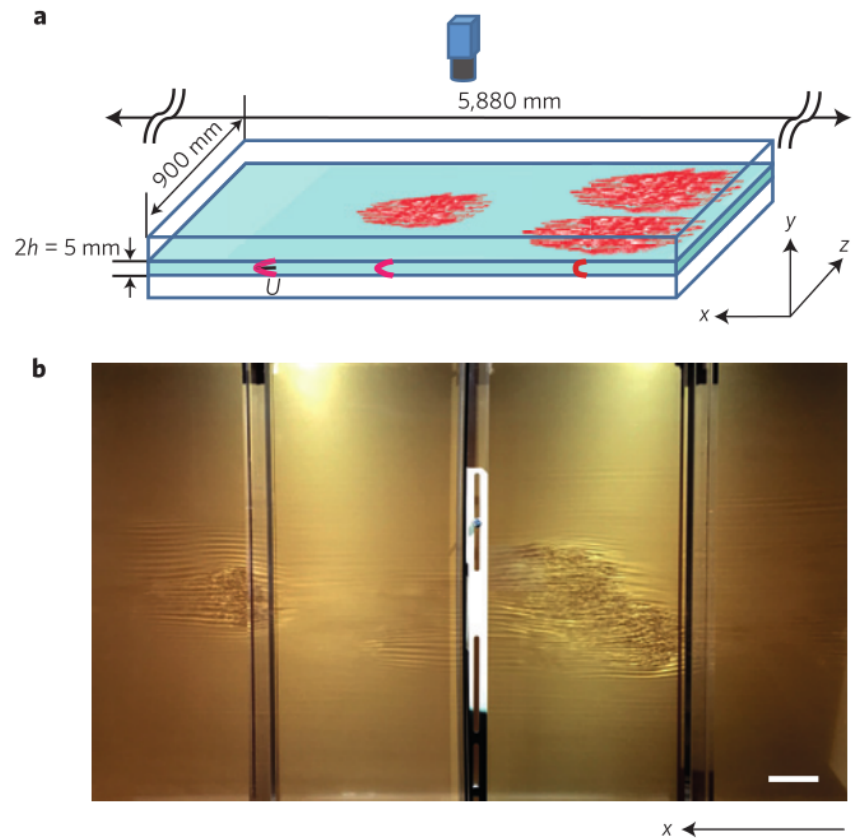
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# Measurement of DP exponents



Lemoult et al., Nature Physics (2016)



**Figure 1 | Apparatus and snapshot of turbulent spots.** **a**, Schematic of the apparatus. The aspect ratio of the channel is  $2,352h \times 2h \times 360h$ , where the depth  $2h$  is 5 mm. **b**, Turbulent spots are visualized near the middle ( $x = 3$  m) downstream location of the channel at  $Re = 810$ . The turbulent flows are injected by using a grid at the inlet ( $x = 0$ ) of the channel. Visualization was assisted by means of micro-platelets and grazing angle illumination. Scale bar, 100 mm.

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# DP in large aspect ratio Taylor-Couette

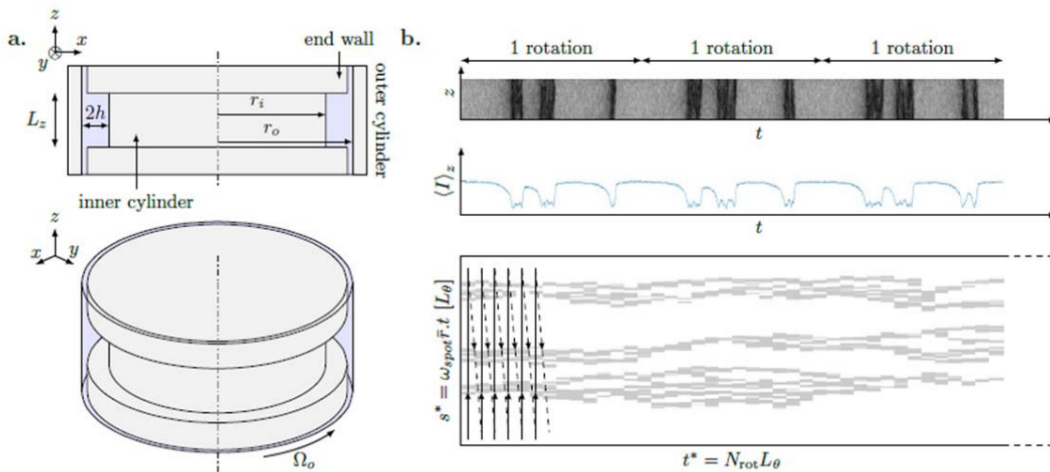
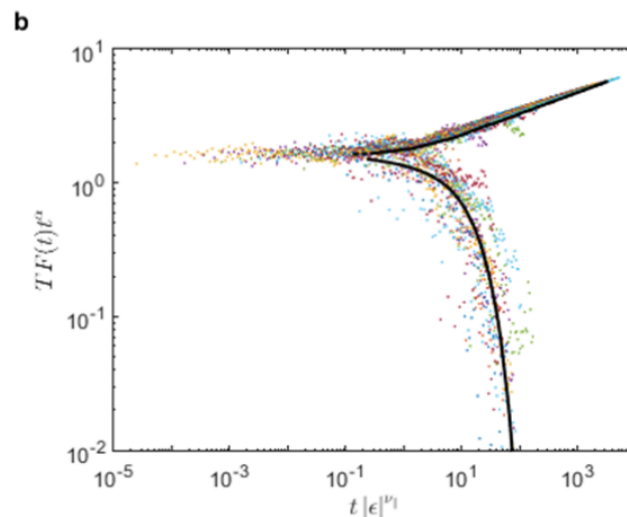
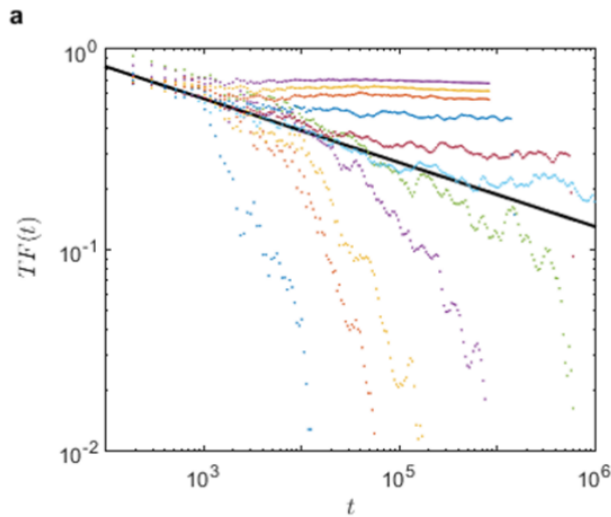
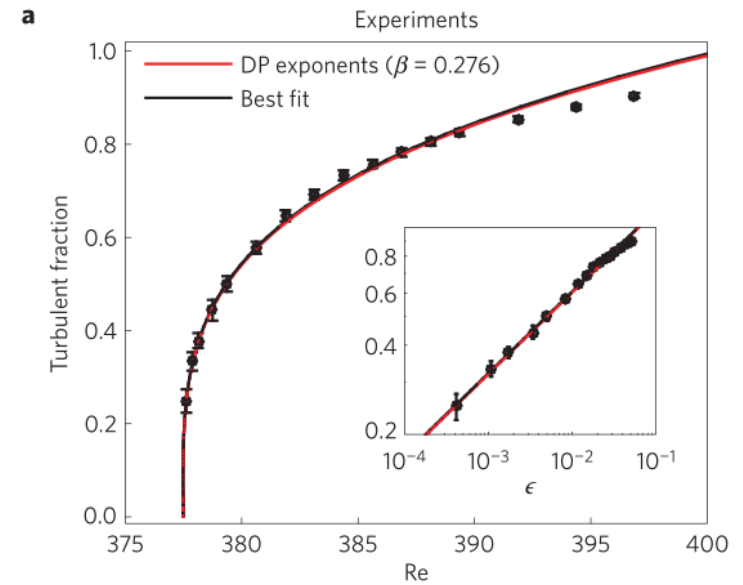


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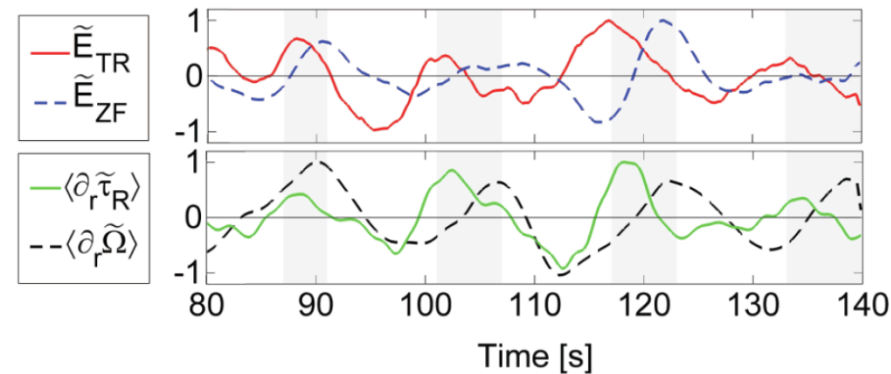
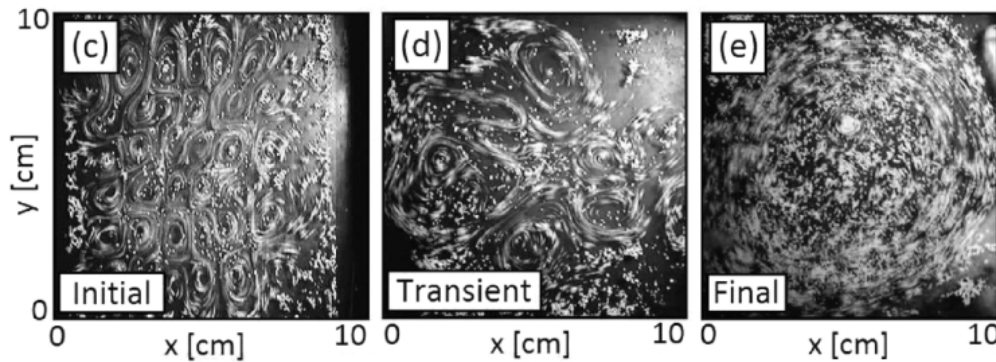
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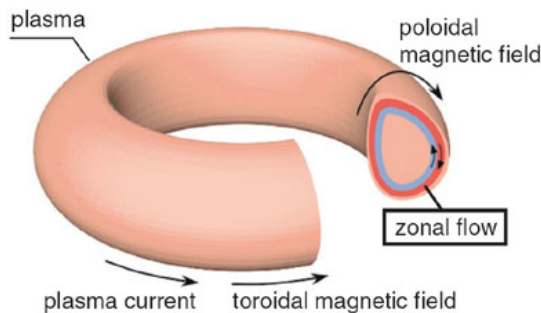


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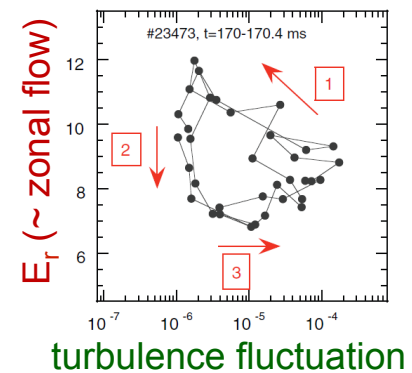
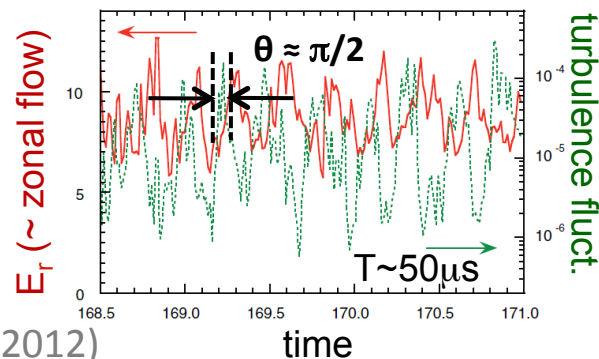
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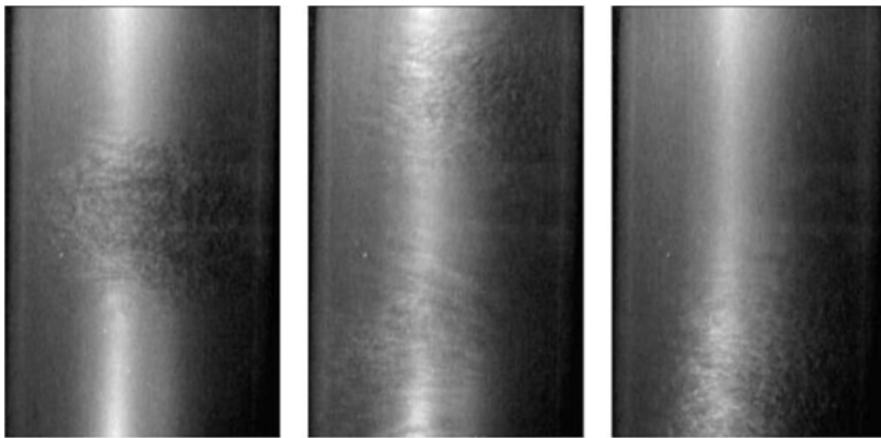
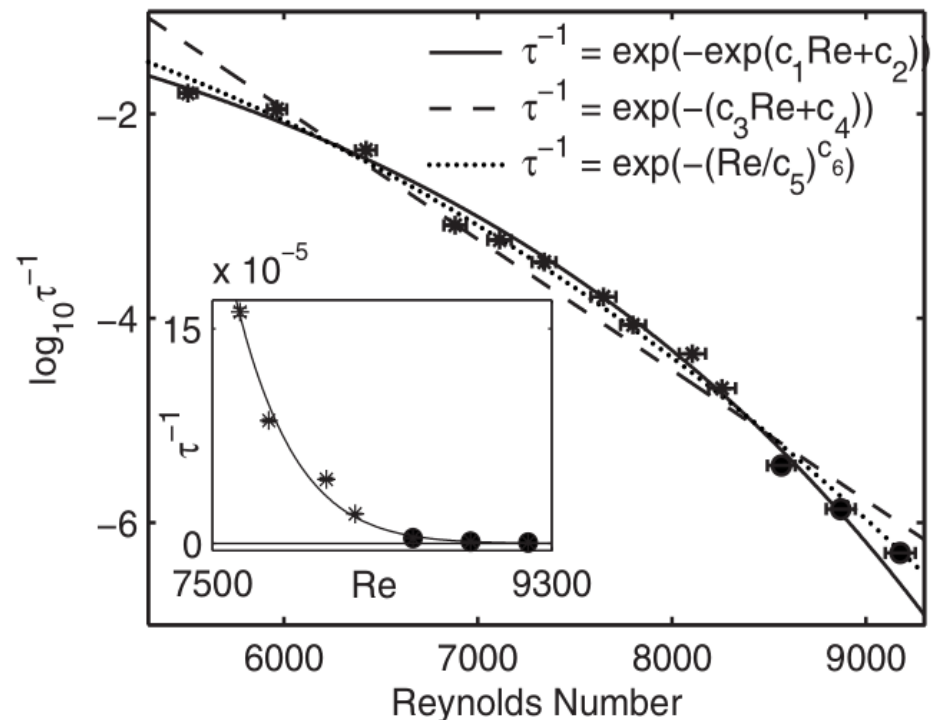


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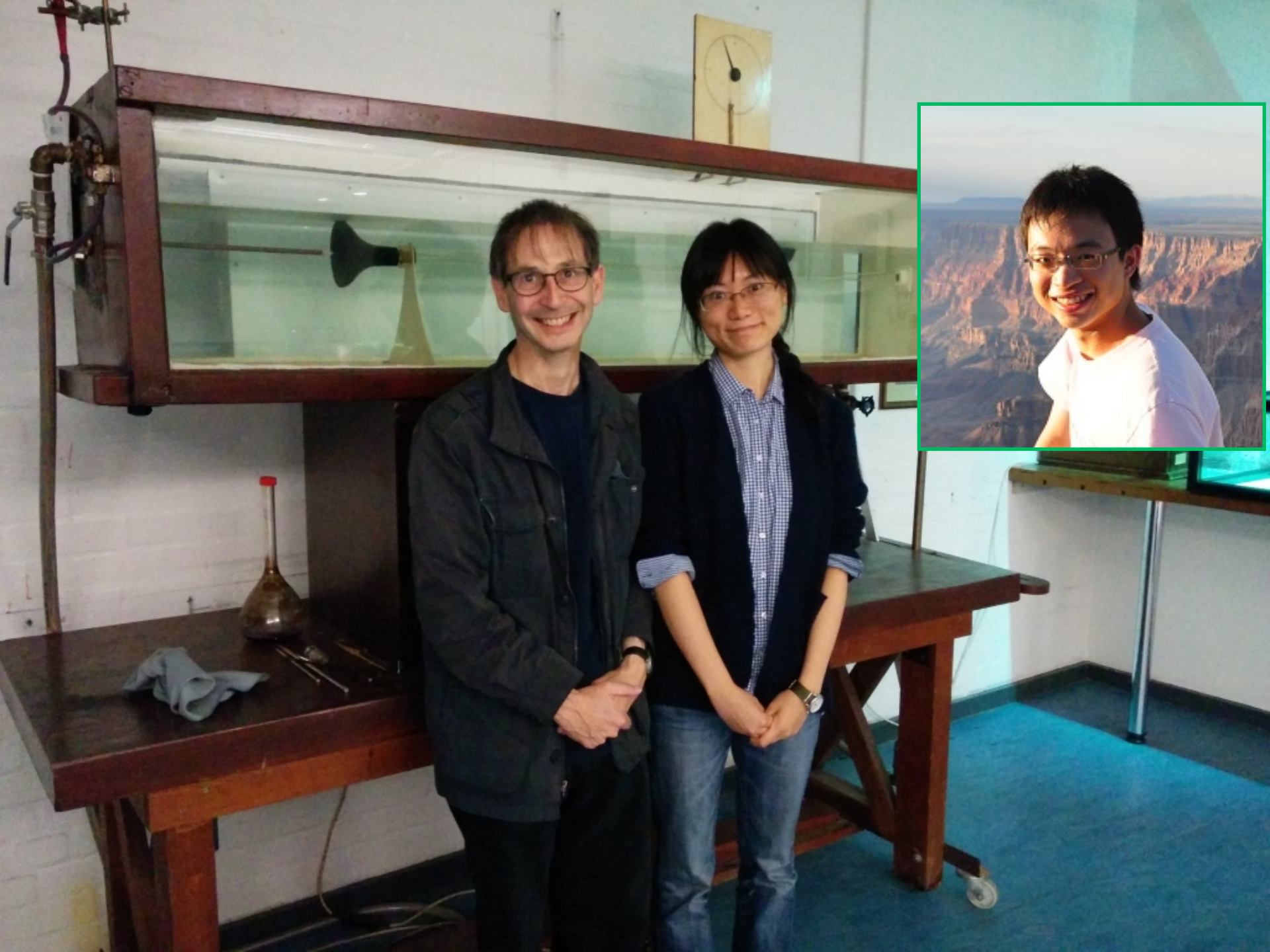


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# Conclusion

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  - Effective theory (“Landau theory”) is stochastic predator-prey ecosystem
  - Exact mapping: fluctuating predator-prey = Reggeon field theory = DP near extinction
- Observational signatures
  - Predator-prey near extinction shows superexponential lifetime scaling for decay and splitting of puffs



**Turbulence is a life force. It is opportunity.  
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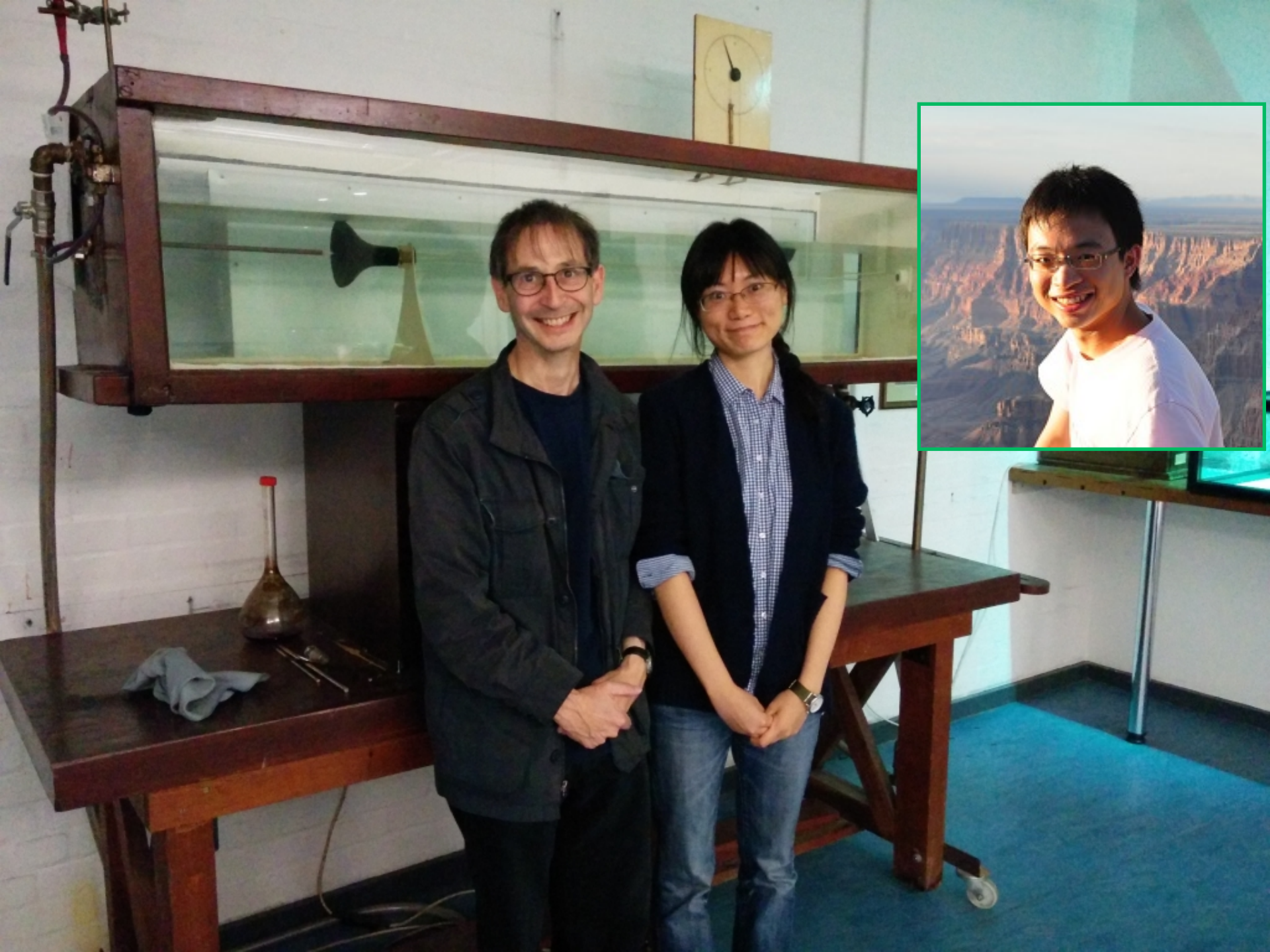
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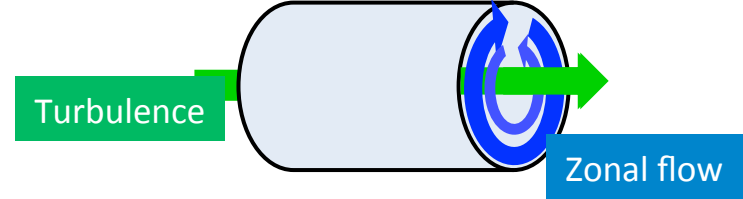
- Active state persists until the most long-lived percolating “strands” decay.
  - extreme value statistics
- Why do we not observe the power law divergence of lifetime of DP near transition?
- Close to transition, transverse correlation length diverges, so initial seeds are not independent
  - Crossover to single seed behaviour
  - Asymptotically will see the power law behavior in principle



$$\xi_{\perp} \sim (p - p_c)^{-\nu_{\perp}}$$

# Ecology of turbulence

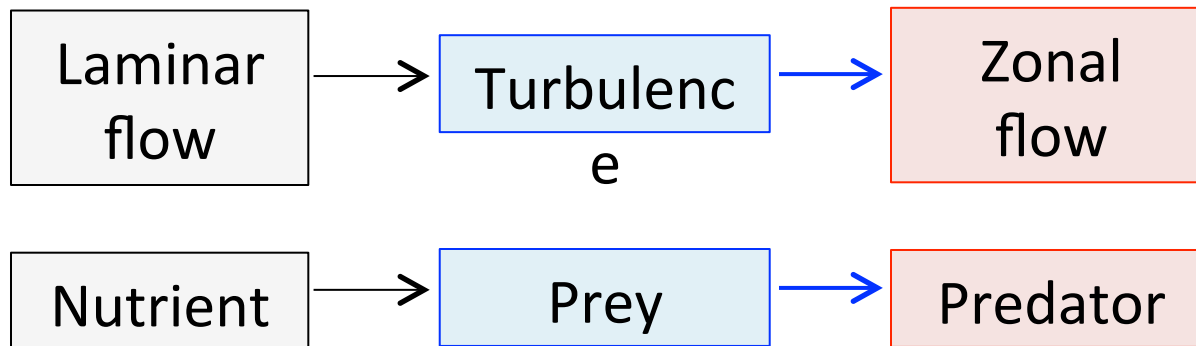
- **Interaction in two fluid model**



- Turbulence, small-scale ( $k > 0$ )
- Zonal flow, large-scale ( $k = 0, m = 0$ )
- Anisotropy of turbulence creates Reynolds stress
- The radial gradient of Reynolds stress generates the large scale fluctuations in azimuthal direction (zonal flow)

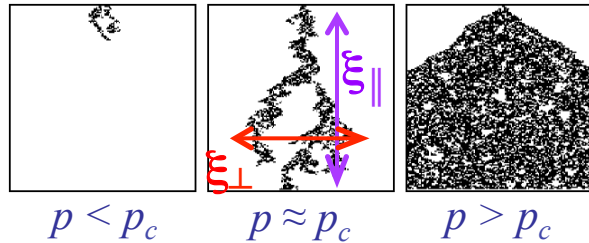
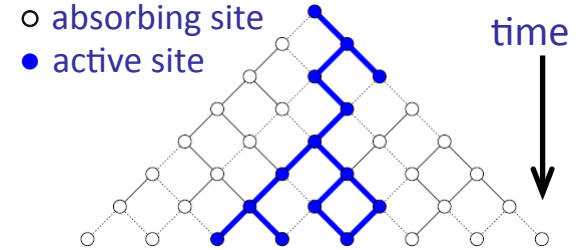
$$\partial_t \langle v_\theta \rangle = -\partial_r \langle (\tilde{v}_\theta \cdot \tilde{v}_r) \rangle - \mu \langle v_\theta \rangle$$

- Zonal flow creates shear to turbulence and decreases the anisotropy of turbulence and thus suppress turbulence



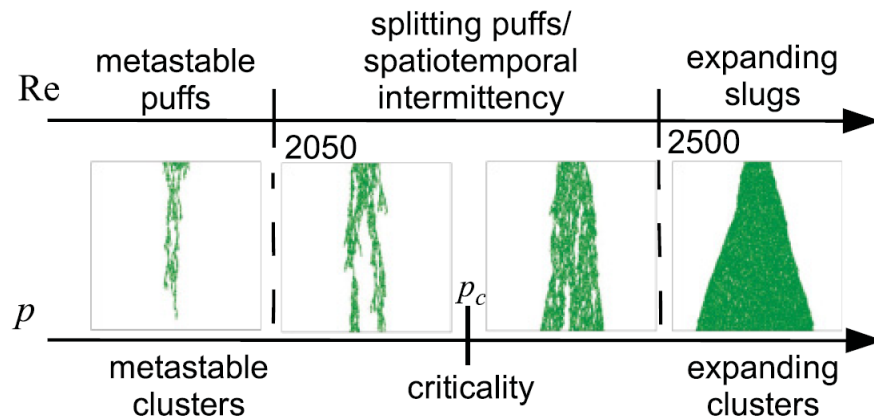
# Summary: Transitional Turbulence as DP

- Transitional turbulence ~ Directed percolation (Pomeau, 1986)
- Directed percolation (DP)
  - percolating probability  $p$  at each site
  - absorbing state → laminar flows
  - active state → turbulent slugs
- Critical transition threshold  $p_c$ :

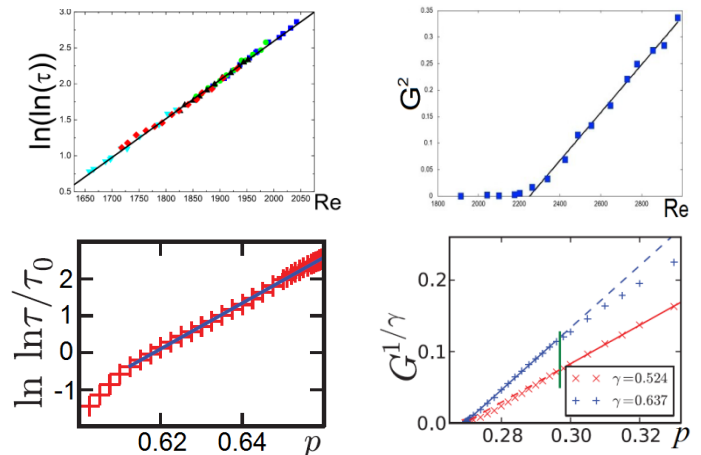


$$p \approx p_c \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{correlation length } \xi_{\parallel} \sim |p - p_c|^{\nu_{\parallel}} \\ \xi_{\perp} \sim |p - p_c|^{\nu_{\perp}} \\ \text{growth rate } G \sim \xi_{\perp} / \xi_{\parallel} \sim (p - p_c)^{\nu_{\parallel} - \nu_{\perp}} \end{array} \right.$$

- Turbulence vs. (3+1) DP in pipe:



Hof et al., *PRL* **101**, 214501 (2008) De Lozar et al. arXiv:1001.2481 (2010)

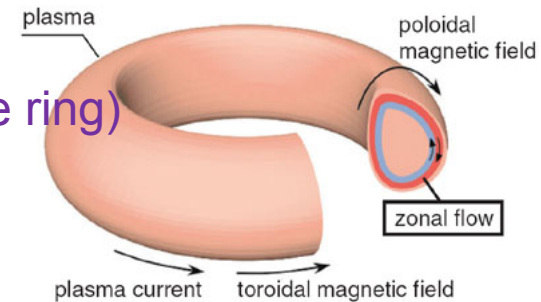


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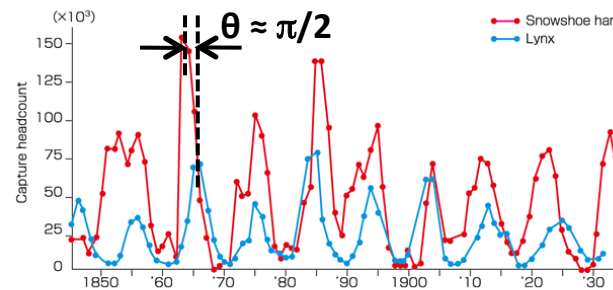
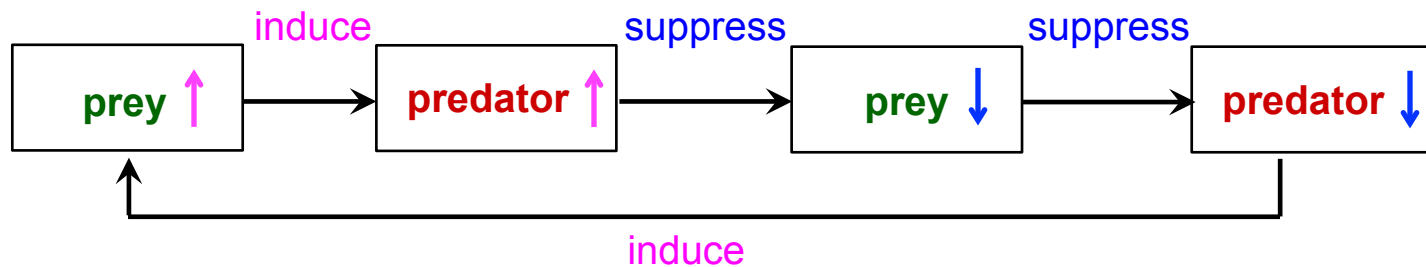


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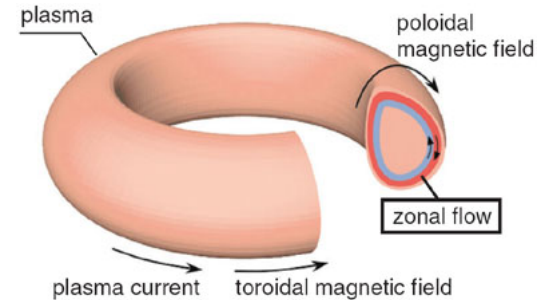
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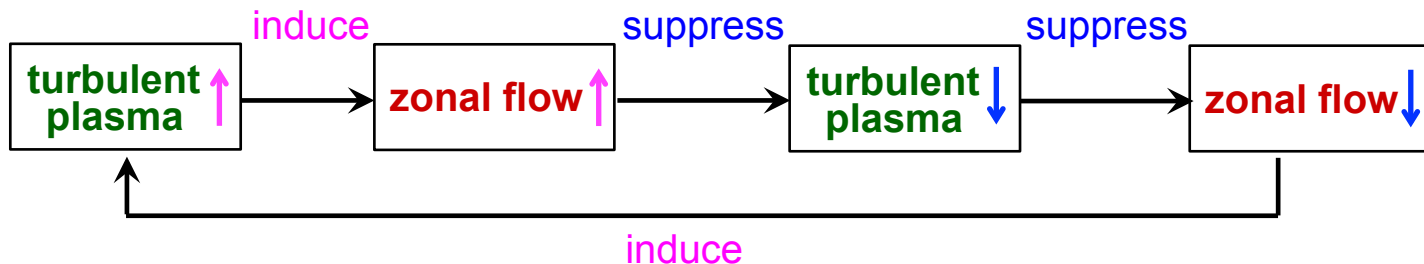
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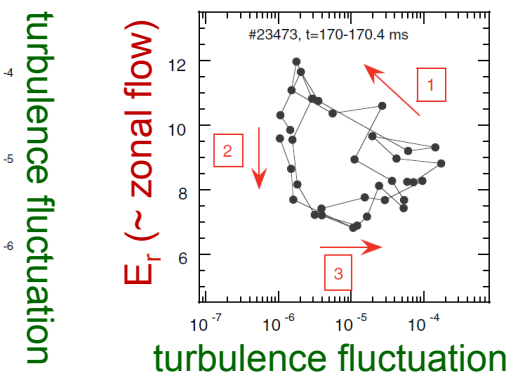
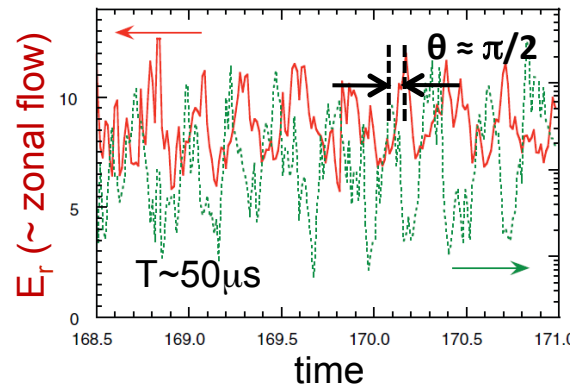
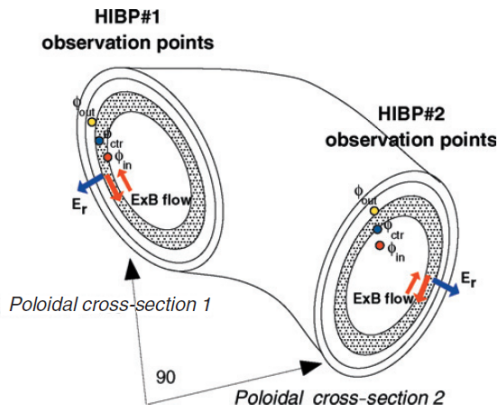
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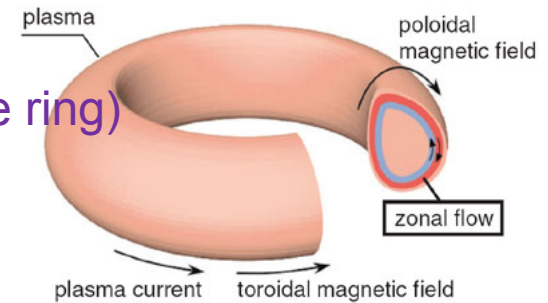


# Two-fluid predator-prey model for transitional turbulence

Can we observe predator-prey  
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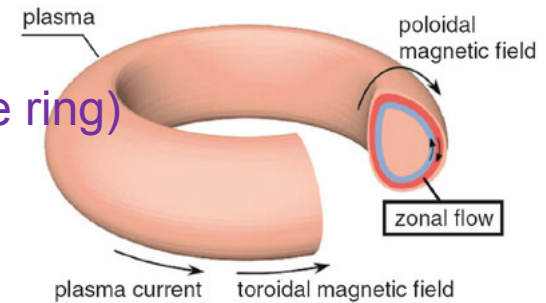
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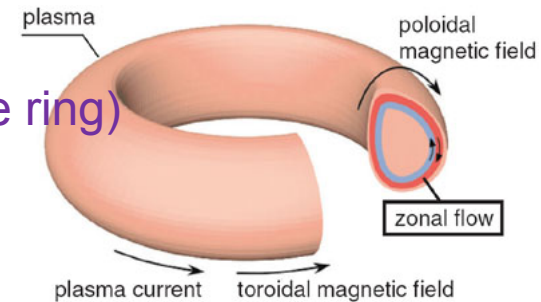
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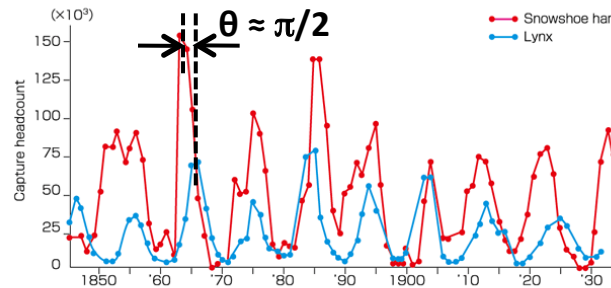
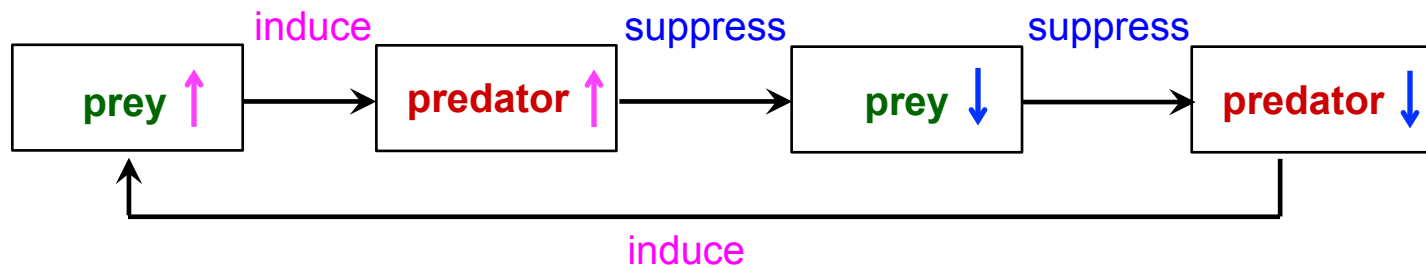


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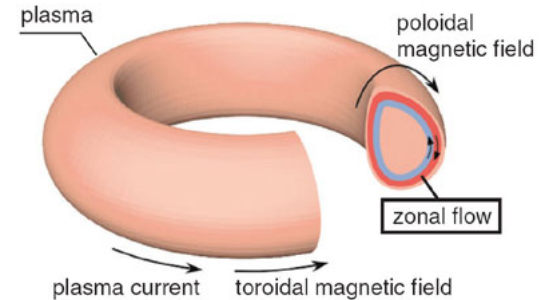


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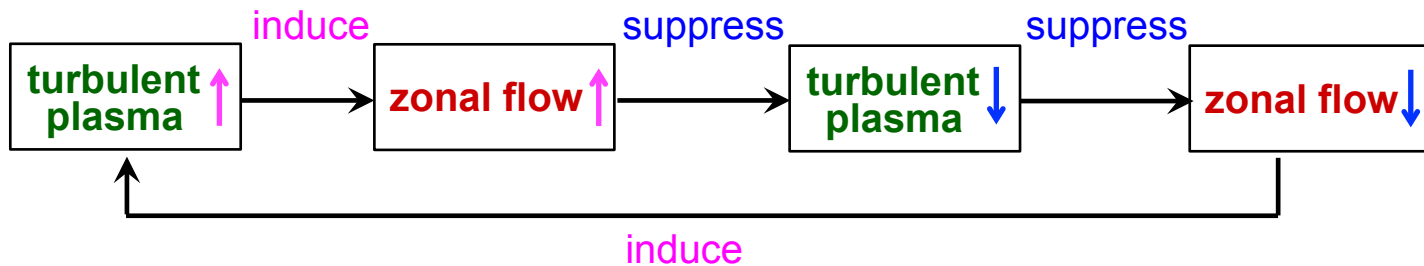


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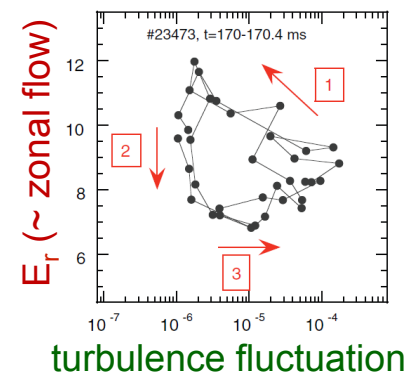
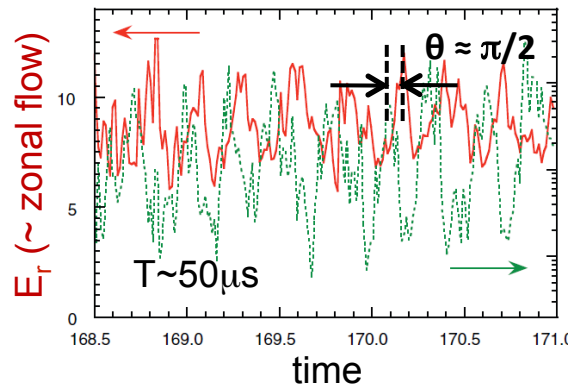
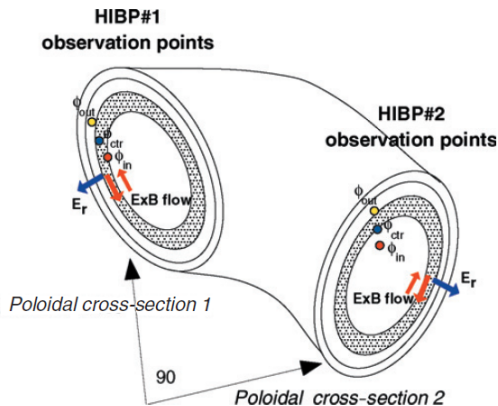
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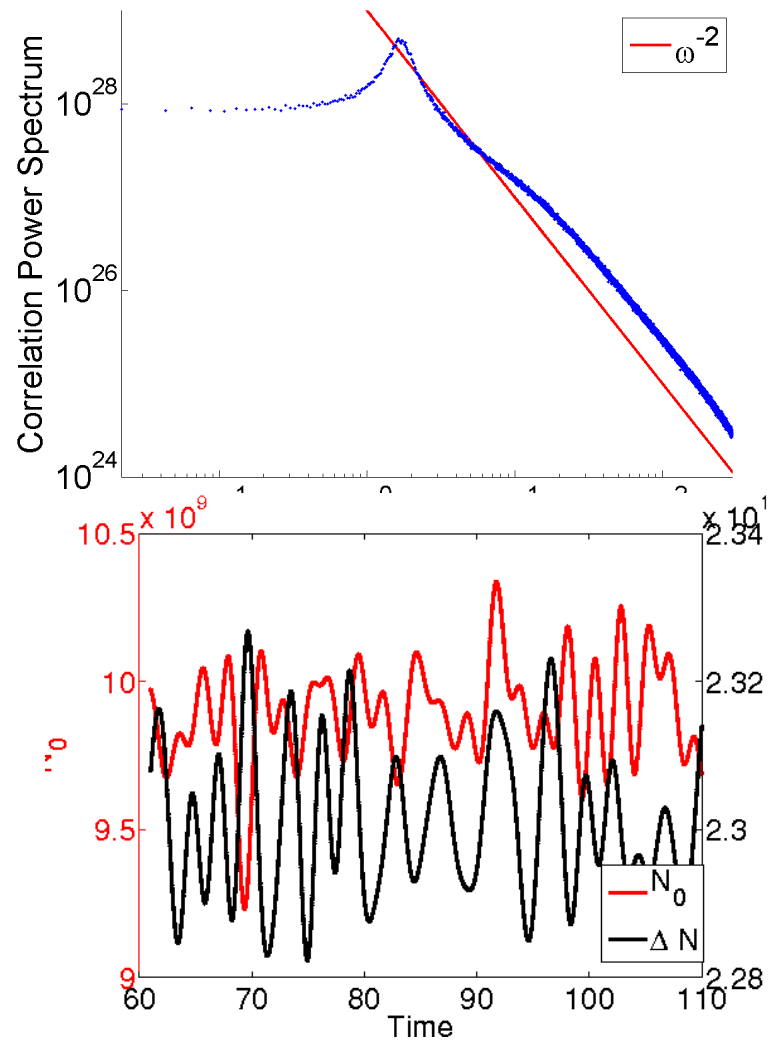
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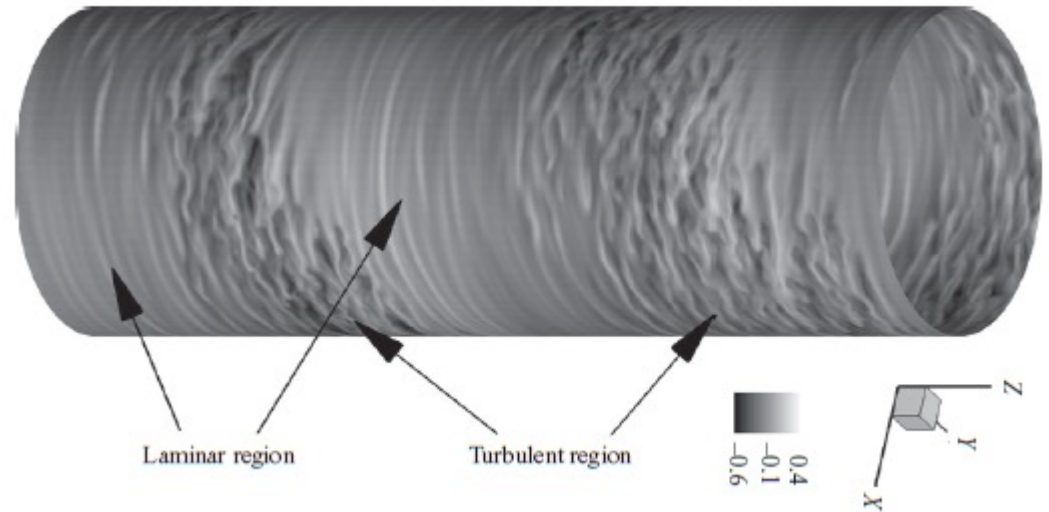
# Testing the ecology of turbulence

- Quasi-cycles in ecology are driven by number fluctuations, ie. discreteness
- Quasi-cycles exhibit  $f^2$  power spectrum, not  $f^4$  expected for noisy limit cycle
  - What sets discreteness in turbulence number fluctuations of large-scale modes (predator) and small-scale turbulence (prey)?
  - Nonlinearity and locality  $\rightarrow$  thresholds for scattering of modes
- Quasi-cycles seen in pumped nonlinear Schrodinger equation
  - Dyachenko et al. (1992) first proposed existence of predator-prey oscillations in NLSE



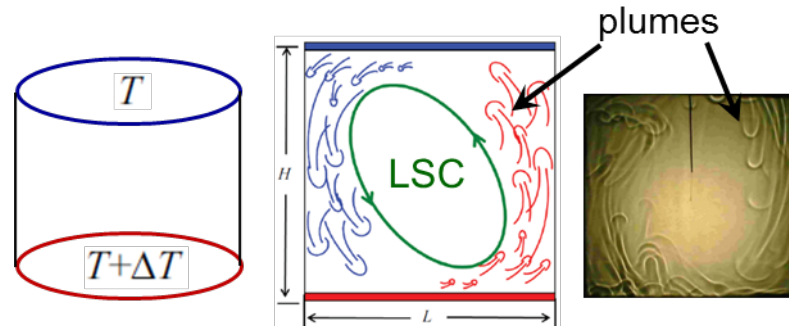
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Dong and Zheng 2011

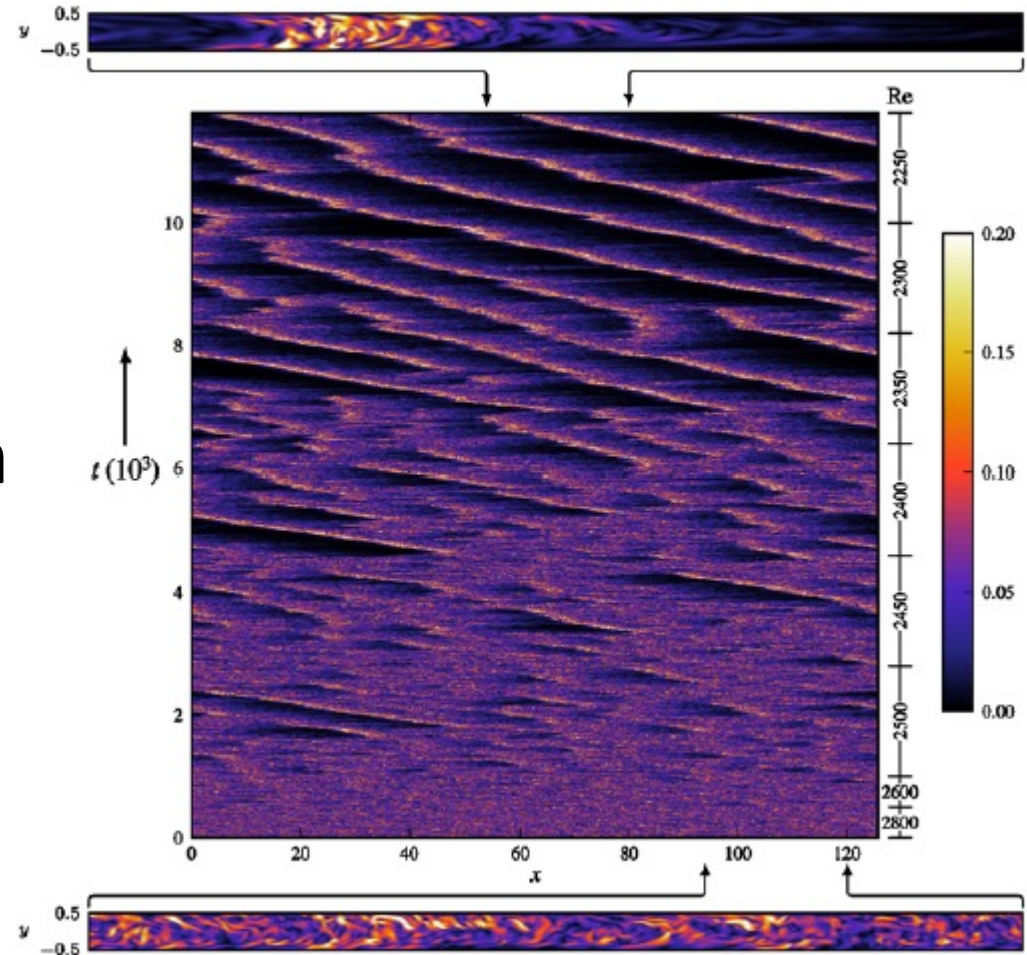
- Large-scale circulation in turbulent convection



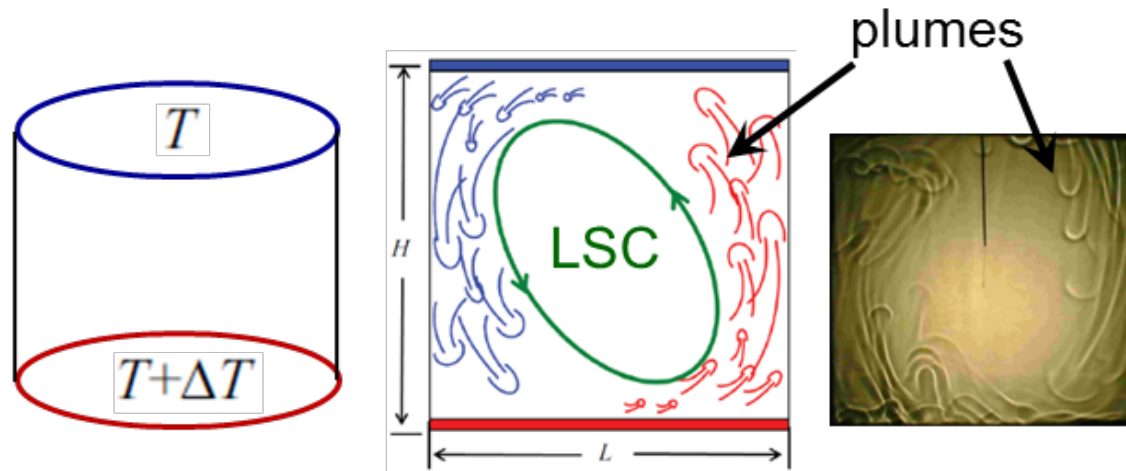
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# Generic two-fluid behavior in transitional turbulence

- Pipe flow exhibits both laminar and turbulent regions
- The turbulence moves slower than mean flow
- There is an induced or emergent large-scale flow



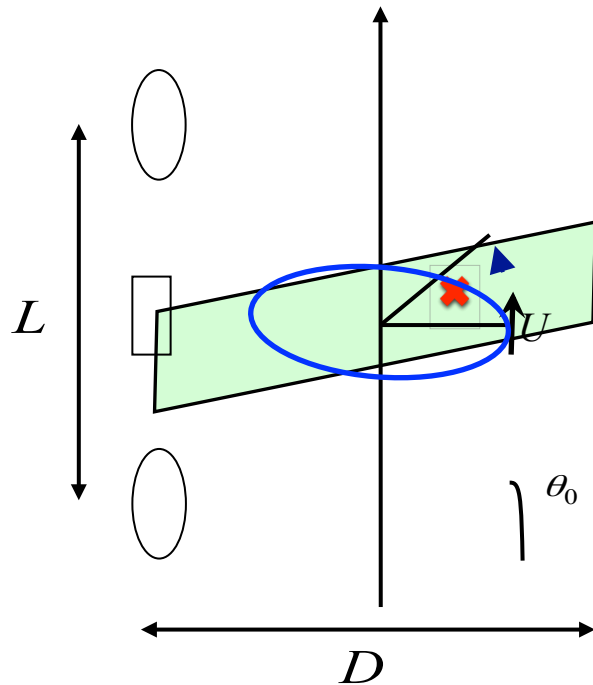
# Turbulent convection transition



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- Next step: are there predator-prey oscillations between the LSC and the turbulent fluctuations?
- Can test this with Brown and Ahlers data
- Come back for GA 90!

# Large-scale circulation

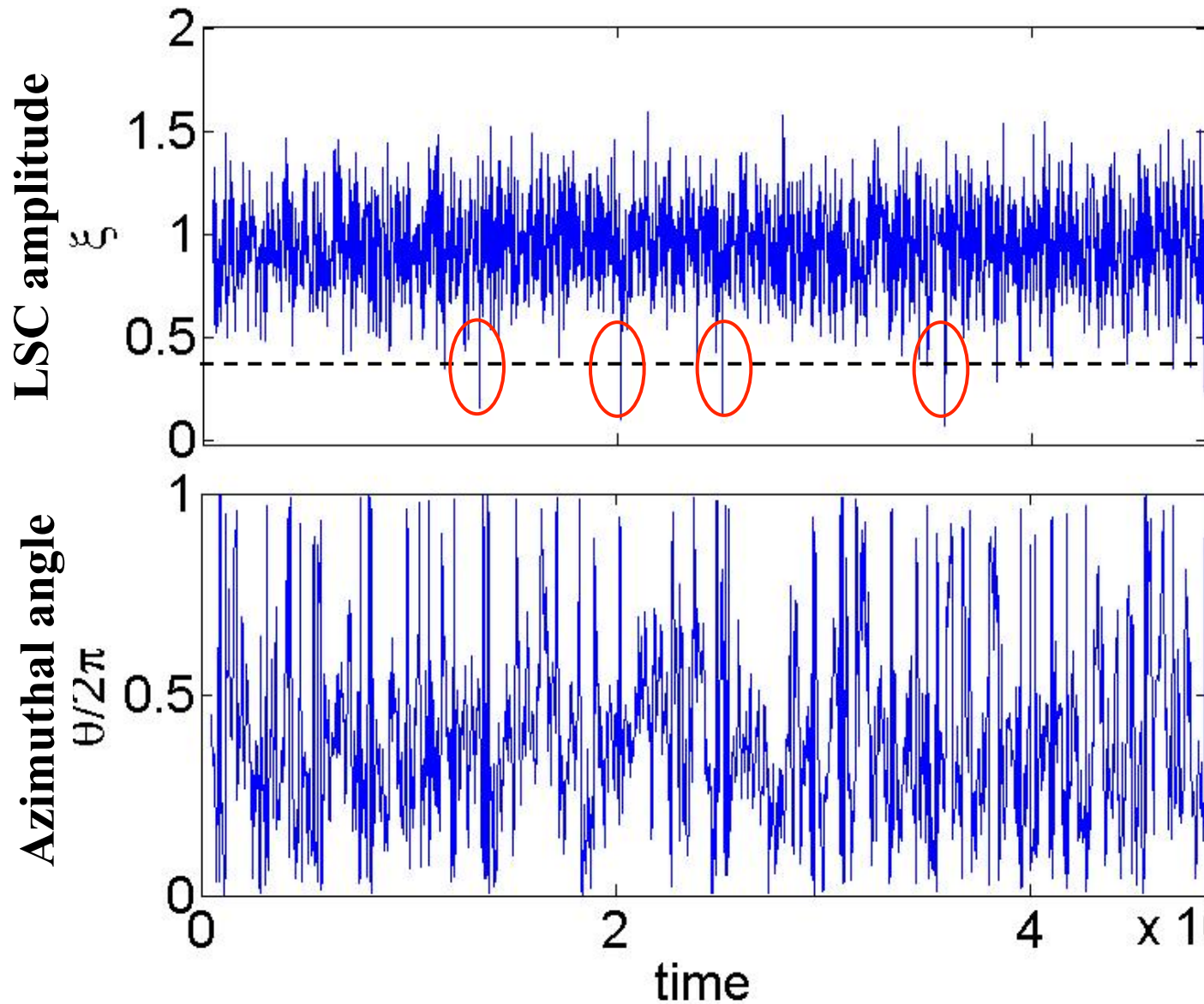


Experiment with water,  $Ra=3.7 \cdot 10^8$ :  
Du and Tong, JFM (2000)

- **Coherent LSC**

- carries warm fluid from the bottom plate up one side of the sample; cools when passes the top plate and goes down on opposite side of the sample

- **Cessations and reorientations**



Redrawn from  
experimental  
data Brown and  
Ahlers (2008)

cessation threshold

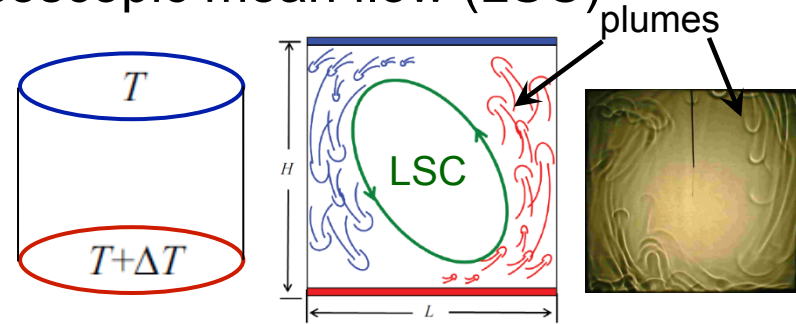
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$$Pr = 4.38$$

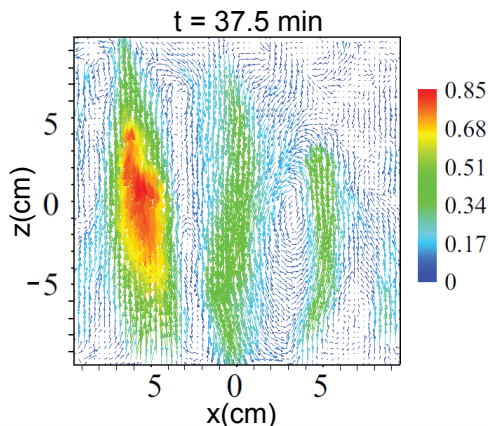
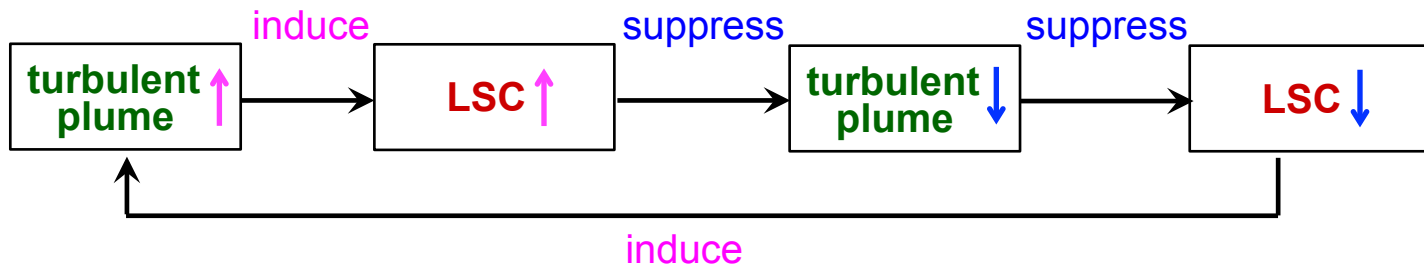
**Cessations are rare events. However due to their importance, we want to accurately estimate how rare is rare!**

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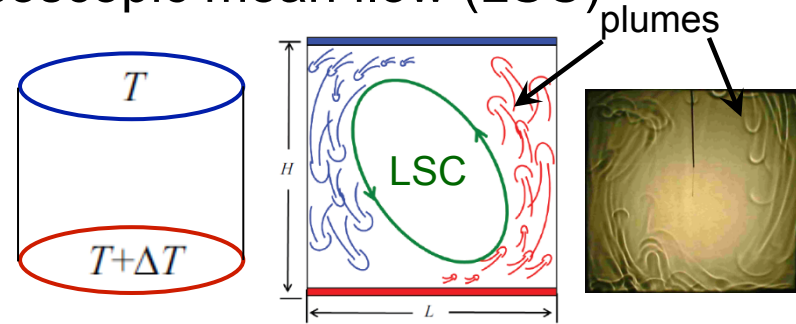


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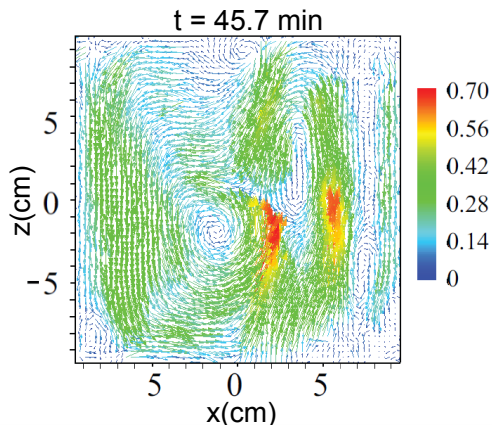
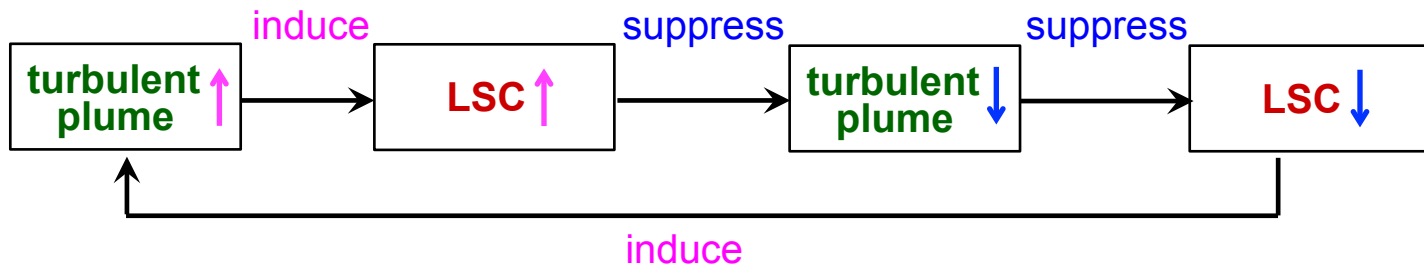


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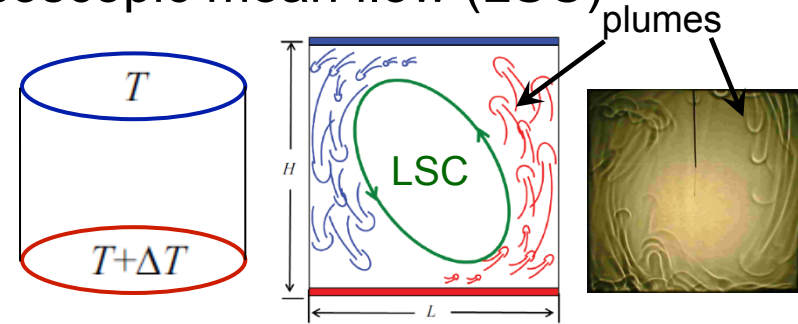
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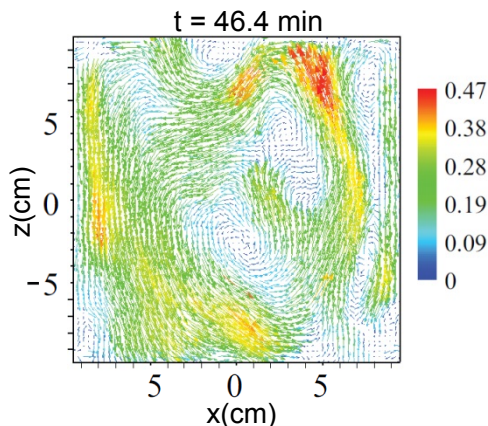
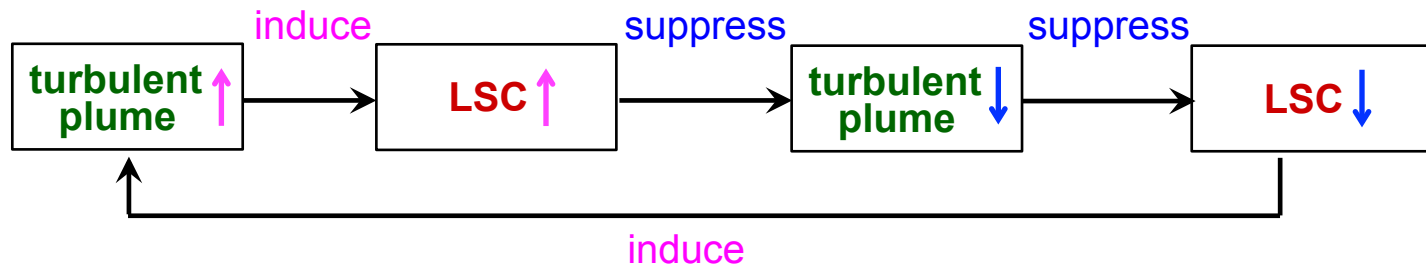


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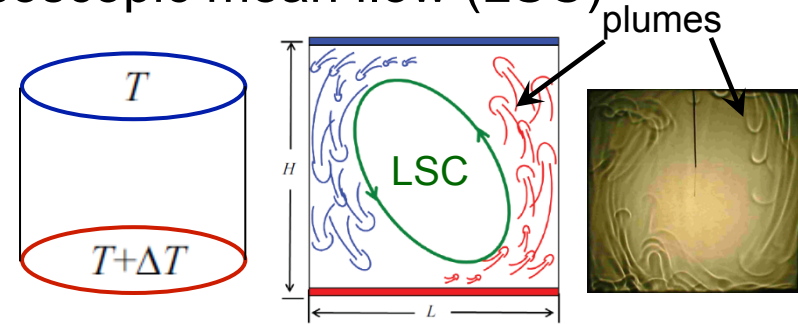


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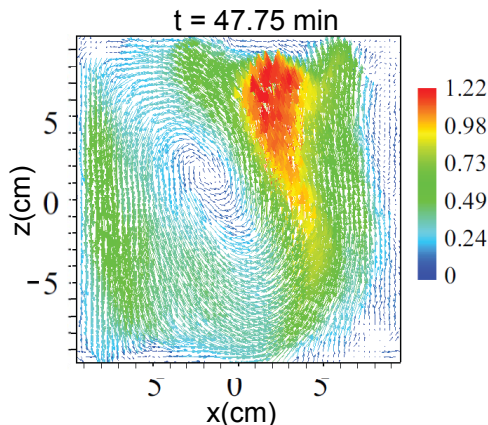
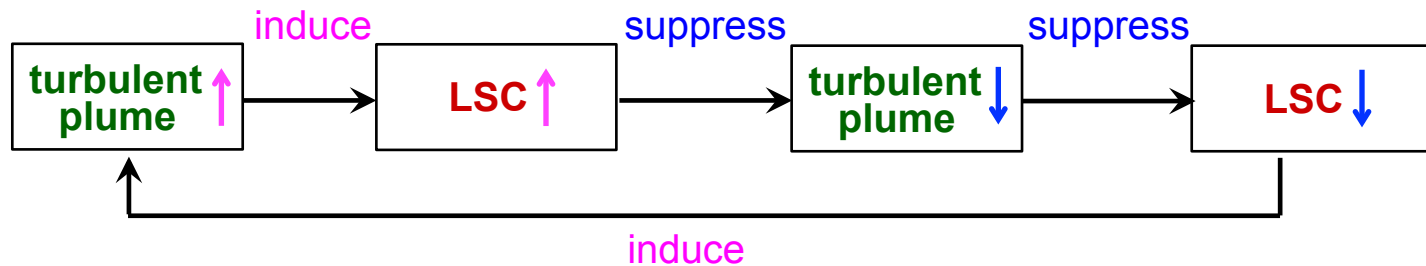


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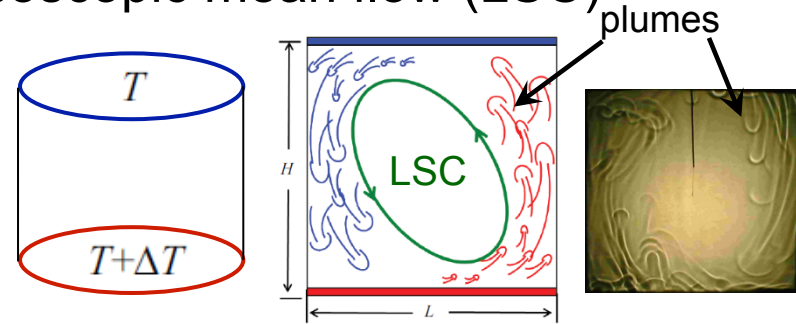


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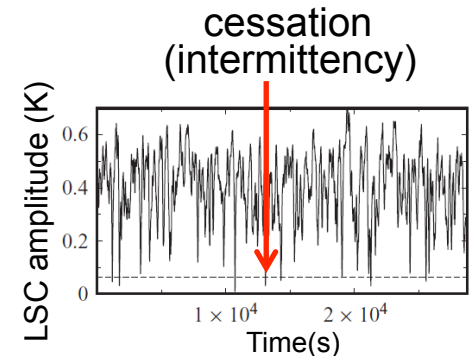
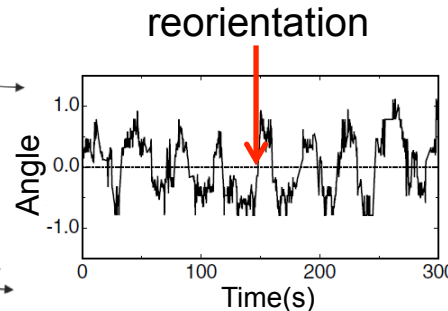
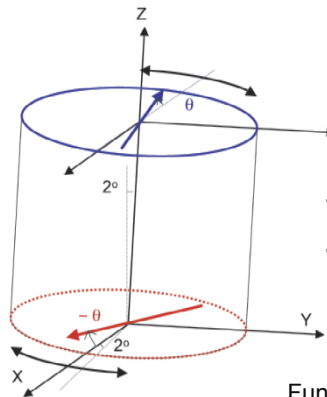
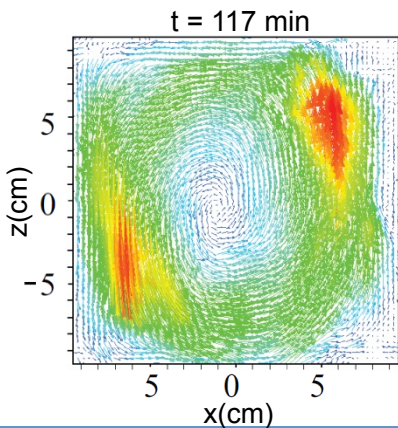
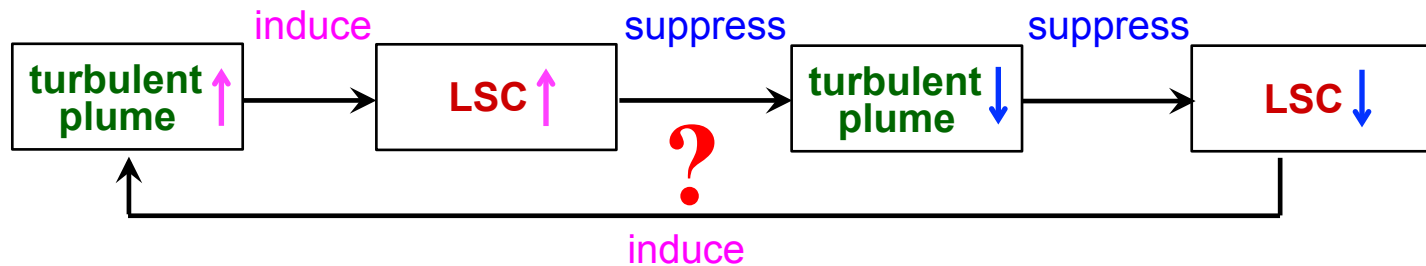


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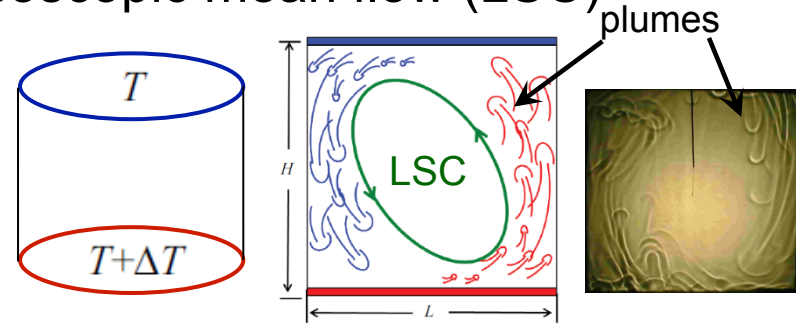
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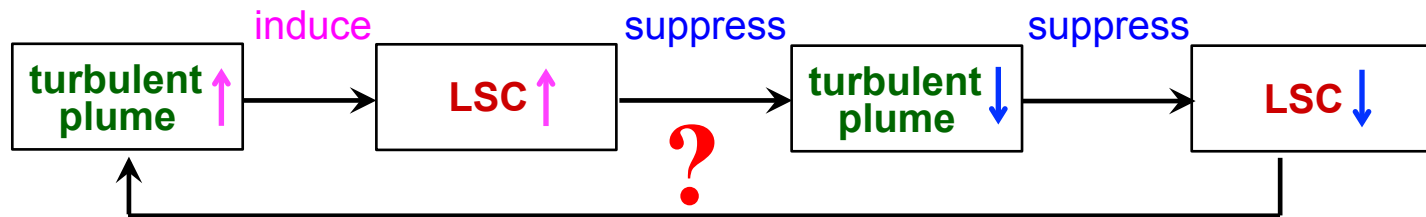
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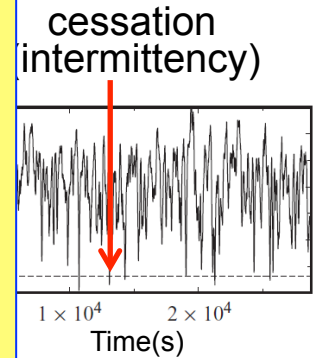
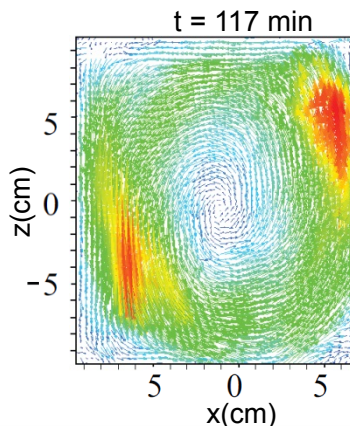


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## Future work:

1. Are there heuristic predator-prey equations for LSC?
2. If so, investigate predator-prey dynamics and phase shift in experimental data
3. individual level model & quasicycle theory



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# Navier-Stokes

- Incompressible NS:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

Linear stability

- Express  $\mathbf{u}$  in cylindrical coordinates.
- Linearize around laminar solution

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{laminar}} + \delta \mathbf{u}$$

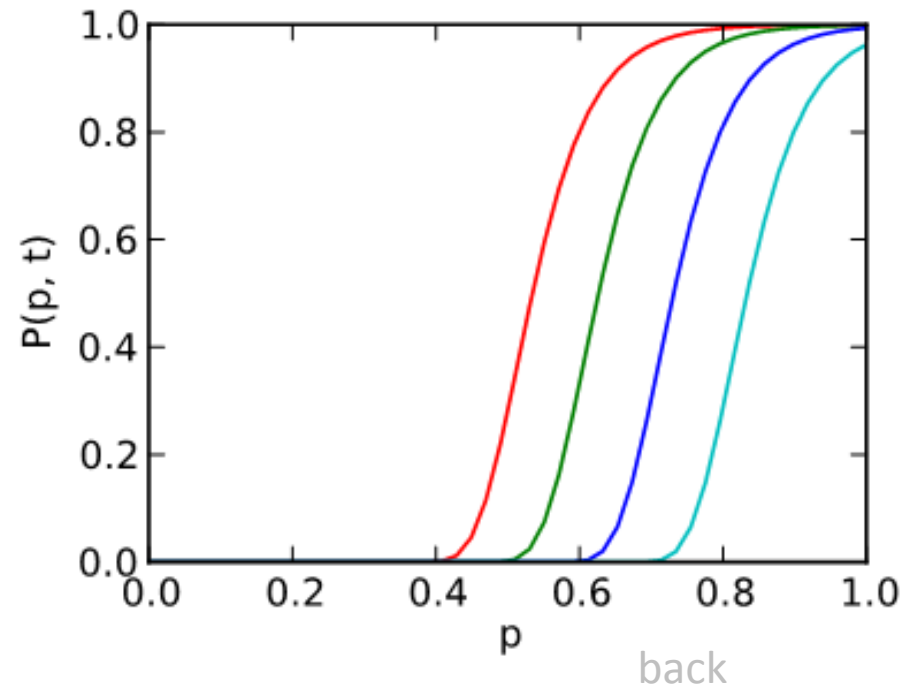
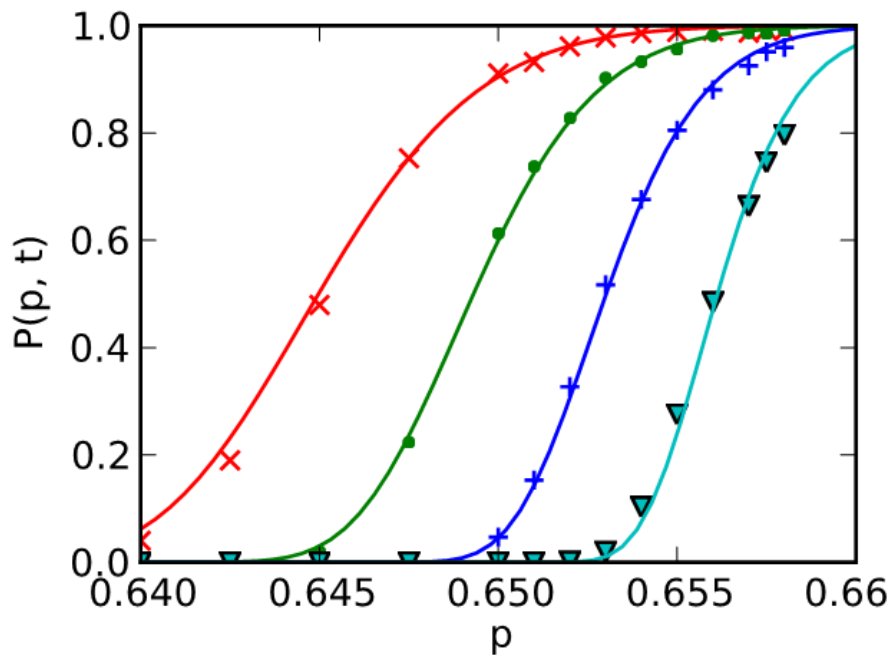
- Write as

$$\frac{\partial \delta \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L} \delta \mathbf{u}$$

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# Super-exponential scaling of lifetimes

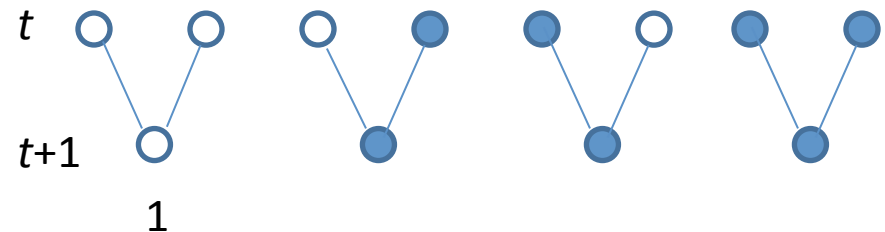
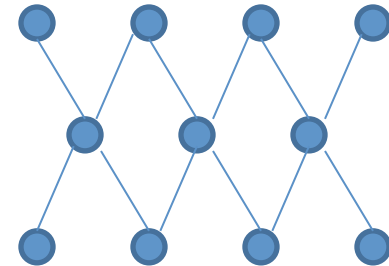
- Slopes become steeper:  $\tau$  grows faster than exponential.
- We plot survival curves at same times, but with assumed  $\tau$  exponential.



# Simulating DP Models

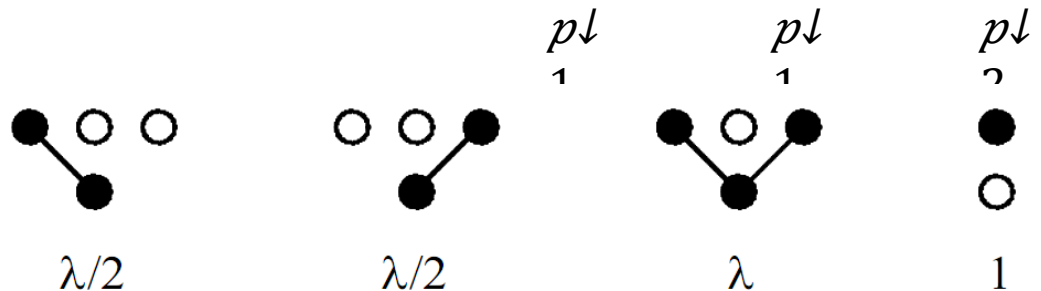
## Diagonal lattice models:

- Bond percolation
  - each bond open with probability  $p$
- Site percolation
  - each site passable with probability  $p$
- Domany-Kinzel
  - 2 probabilities



## Contact process:

- Continuous time
- Contact rate  $\lambda$



# Fisher-Tippett

- Distribution of the extremum depends on the tail of the source distribution  $P(X \downarrow i)$
- If  $P(X \downarrow i) \lesssim e^{-X \downarrow i}$  then one uses Fisher-Tippett type I or Gumbel distribution

$$F(x) = e^{-e^{-x - \mu} / \sigma}$$

- Otherwise, one uses the Fisher-Tippett type II and III (Frechet and Weibull) distributions

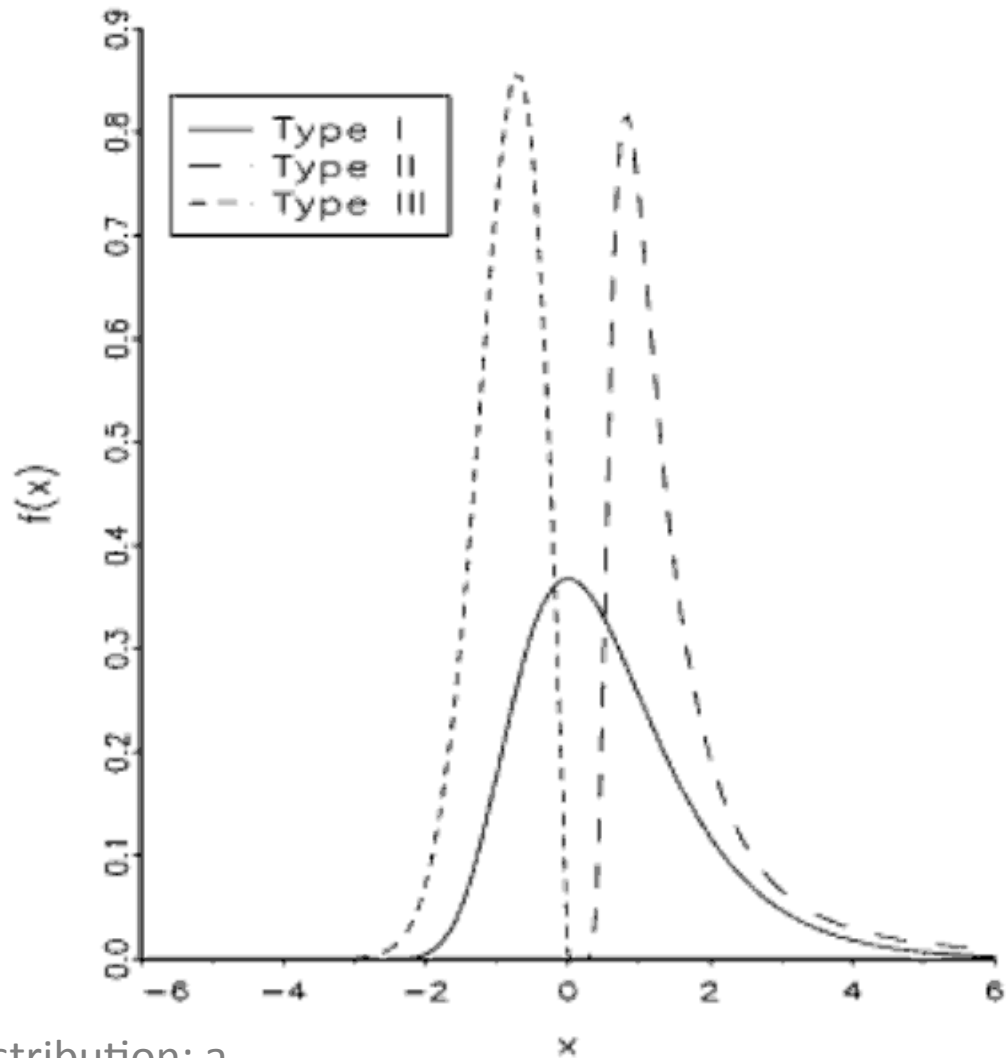
$$F(x) = \exp\{-[1 + \xi(x - \mu / \sigma)]^{-1/\xi}\}$$

where the shape parameter  $\xi > 0$  for Frechet and  $\xi < 0$  for Weibull.

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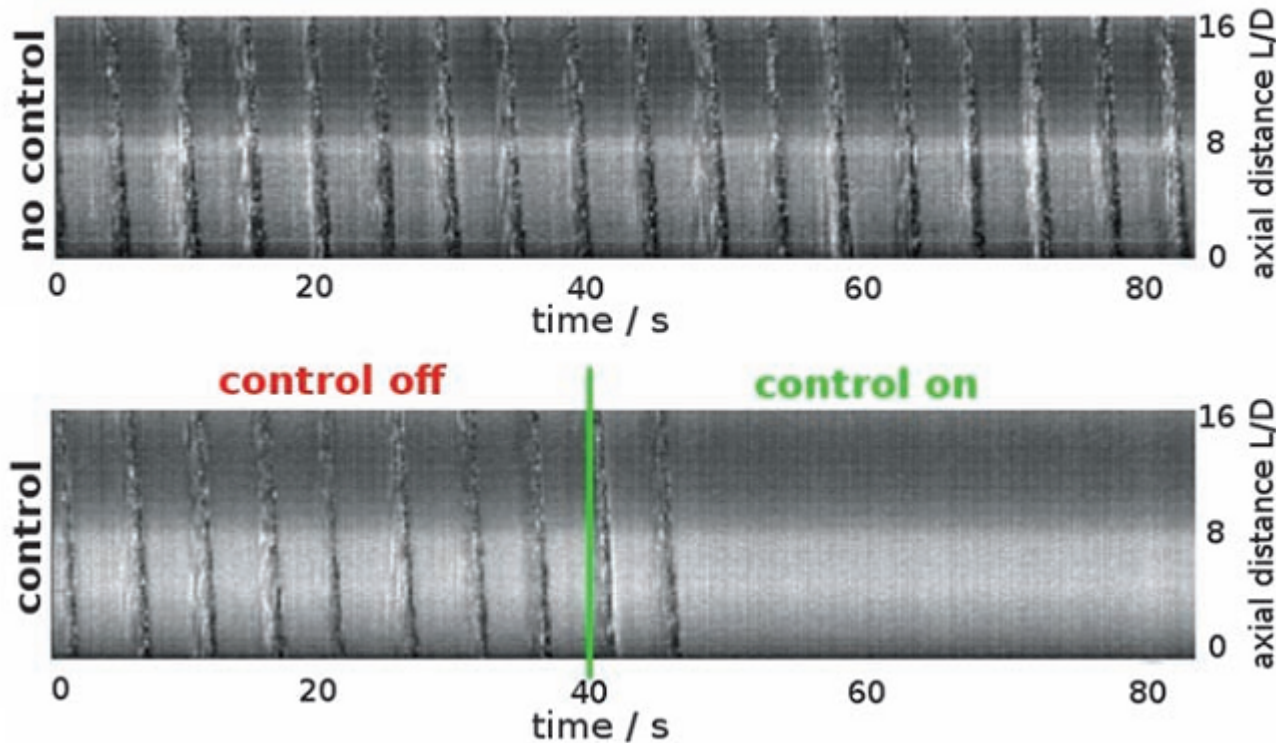
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# Hydrodynamic Phenomena

- Interaction of puffs (puffs that are close by can annihilate each other).



Hof et al. (Science 2010)

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# Laminar patch size and fractal dimension

Size of laminar patches will follow

$$P(A) = A^{d_f}$$

where  $d_f$  can be calculated by noting that

$$\xi^{d_f} = (p - p_c)^{\beta} (\xi_{\perp})^{d-1} \xi_{\parallel}$$

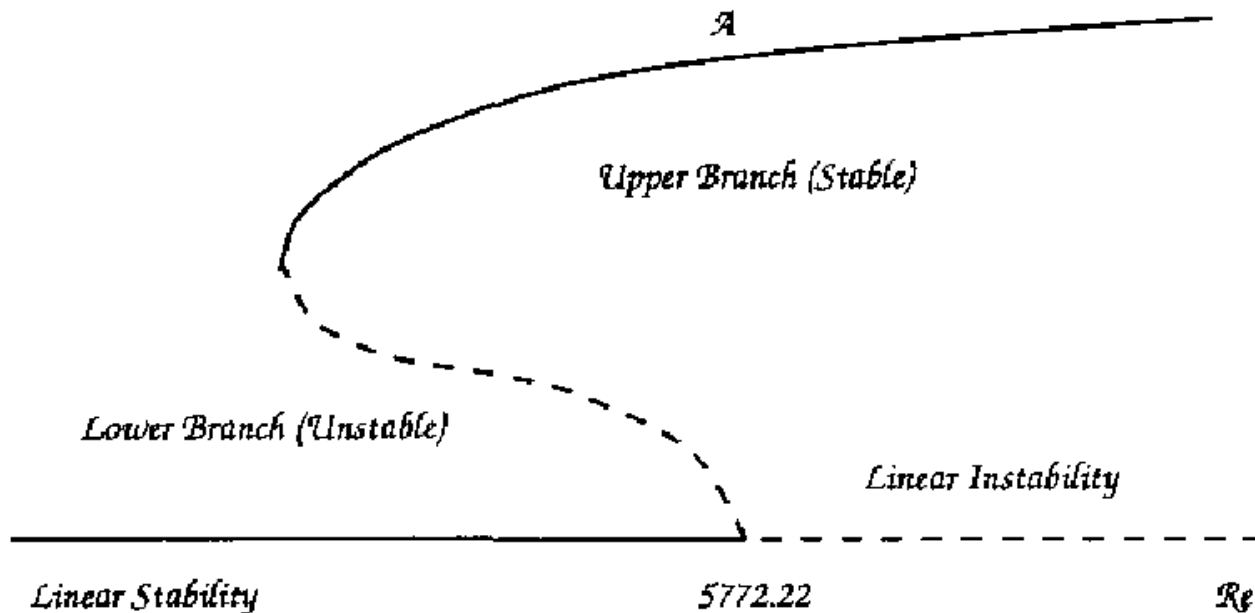
and using

$$\xi = (p - p_c)^{\nu}$$

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# 2D Poiseuille Flow

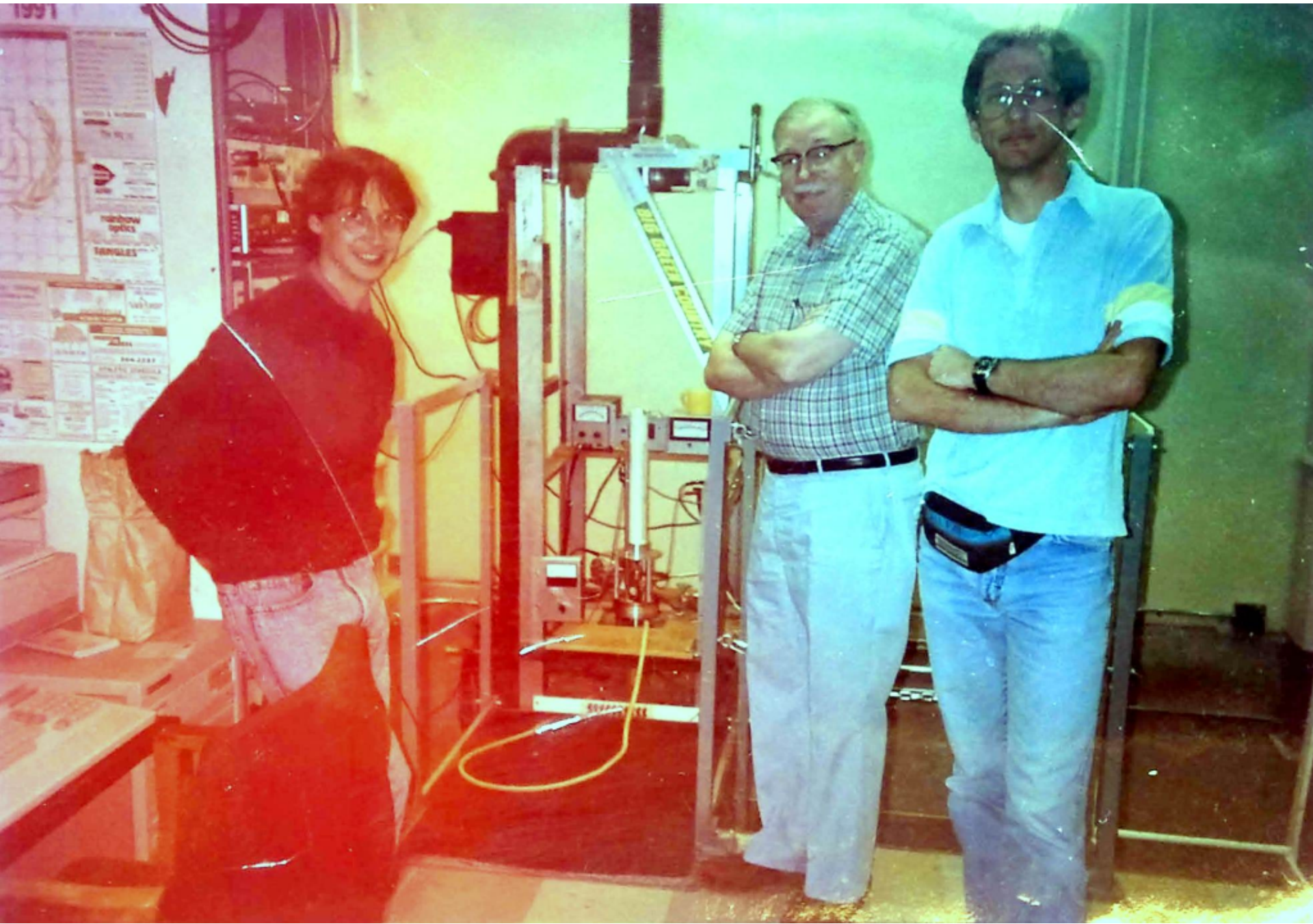
- Not linearly stable for all  $Re$ .



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**Decay of turbulence to rest**



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### Decay of Vorticity in Homogeneous Turbulence

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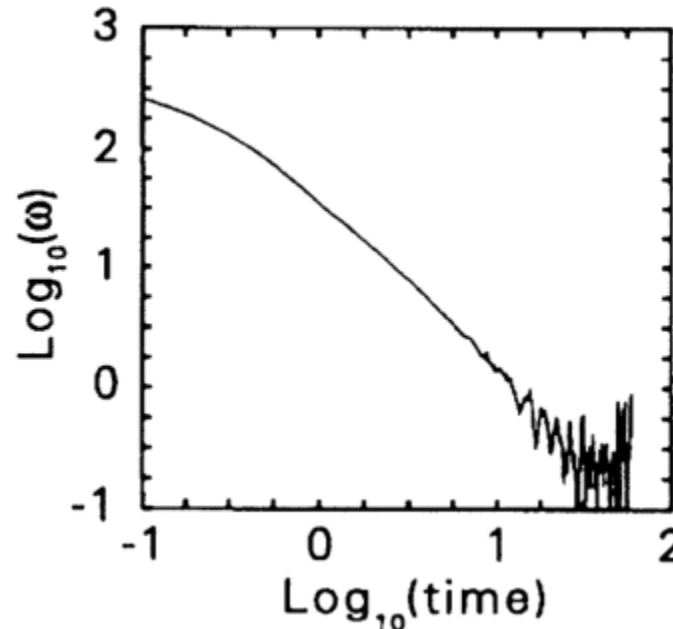
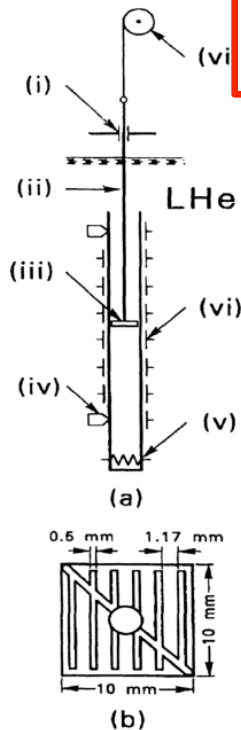
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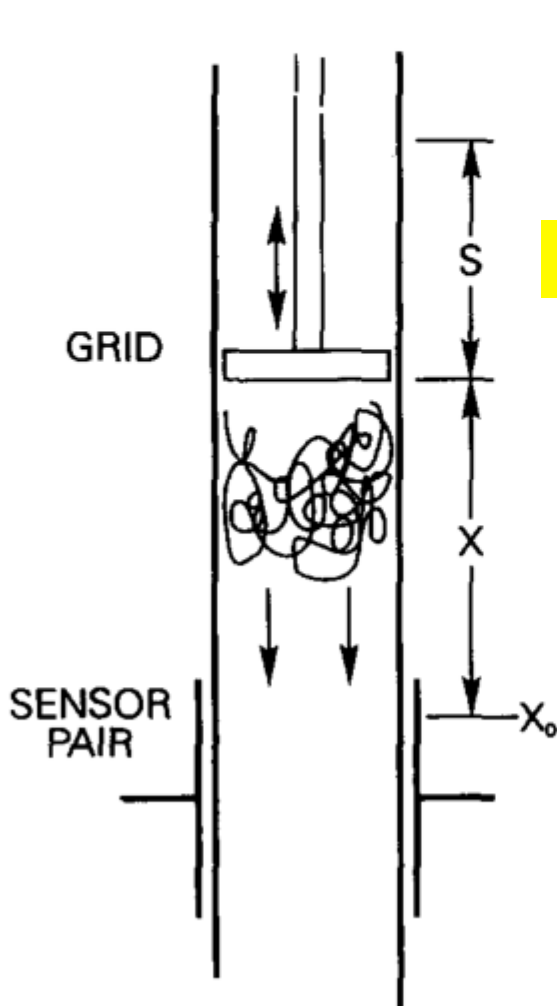
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We report on observations of turbulent behavior made without requiring the use of Taylor's "frozen turbulence" hypothesis. Initially, a towed grid generates homogeneous turbulence of grid Reynolds number of order  $10^5$  within a stationary channel filled with helium II. The subsequent decay in time  $t$  of the line density of quantum vortices is measured by second sound attenuation, and the associated rms vorticity  $\omega$  follows the behavior expected of a classical fluid with  $\omega \sim t^{-3/2}$ , consistent with the notion of a coupled turbulent state of helium II. This technique also yields the time dependence of the Kolmogorov microscale.

$$\omega = \omega_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{vt}{2} \left( \frac{2}{3} \frac{\omega_0 \epsilon_0}{l_e v} \right)^{2/3} \right]^{-3/2} \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \left( \frac{2}{v} \right)^{1/2} \frac{3l_e}{\epsilon_0} t^{-3/2}$$



# Propagation of turbulence



$$\partial_t q = \partial_z [\alpha h(t) \sqrt{q} \partial_z q] - \frac{\epsilon q^{3/2}}{\alpha h(t)}$$

Turbulence energy density

Size of turbulent burst

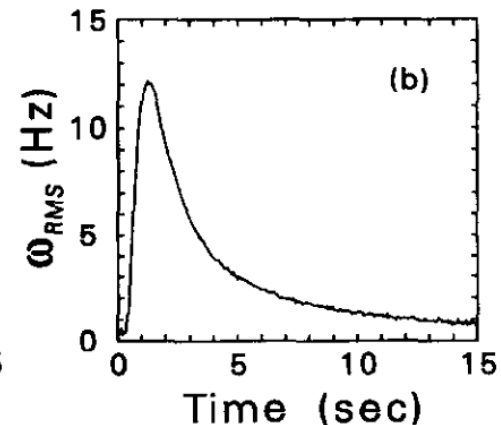
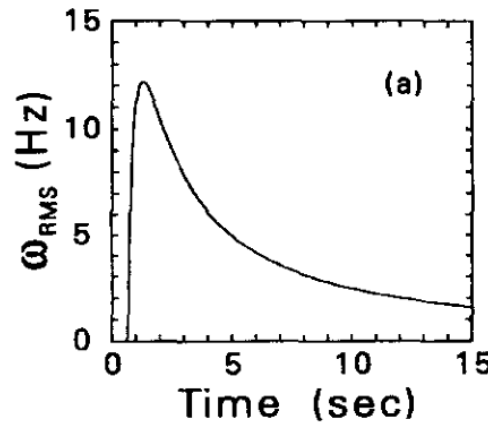


Fig. 5. Theoretical and observed turbulent bursts. Panel (a) shows the theoretical pulse proposed from Chen and Goldenfeld [15]. A good example of an experimentally observed burst after signal averaging is shown in (b). In both cases,  $x = 1.337$  cm and  $V = 50$  cm/s.



# **Decay of turbulence to laminar flow**