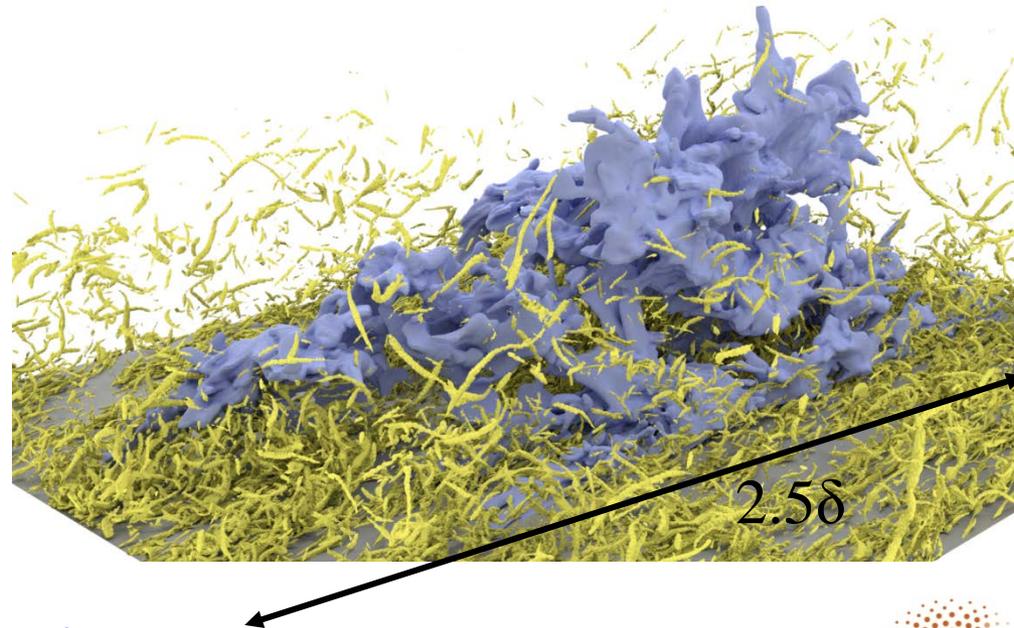


# **(So called) inertial eddies in turbulence**

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**TBL:  $Re_\tau=1800$ ,  $u'^+=2$   
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# ‘Cascades’

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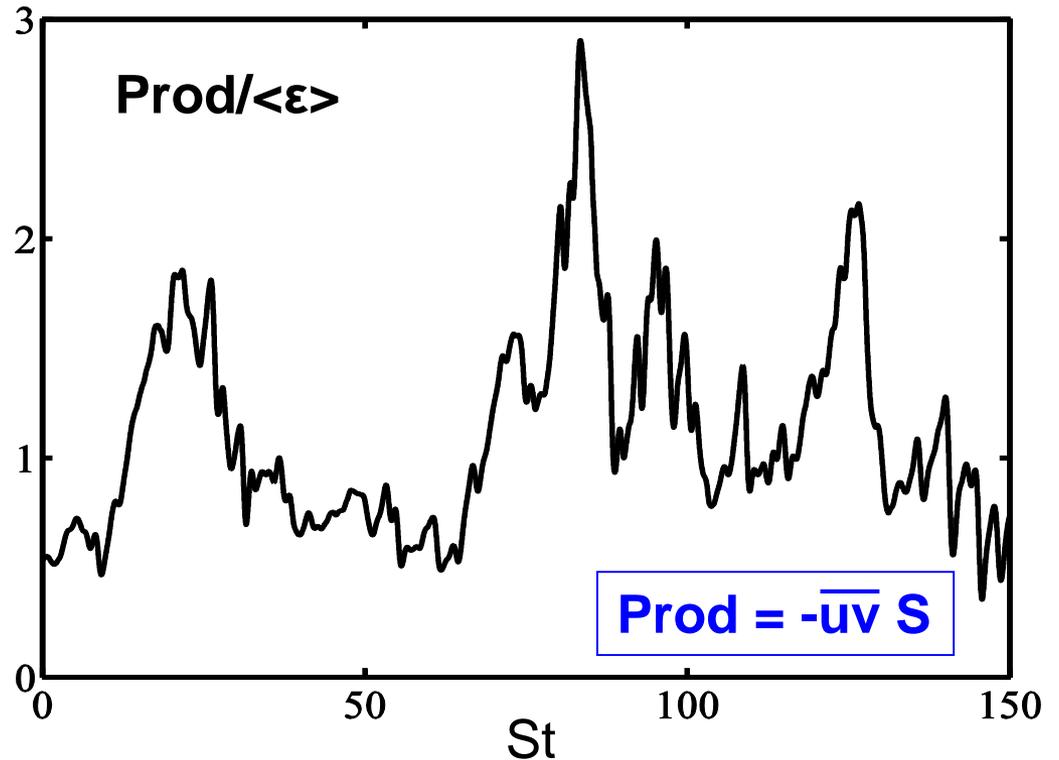
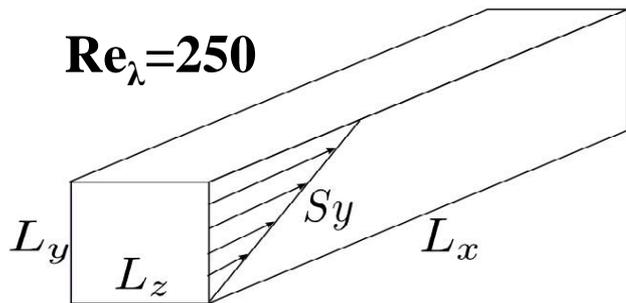
The **flux** of a conserved quantity across a range of scales

**e.g.**

- **Energy in Homog. Turbulence**
- **Momentum in shear flows**

# The energy cascade

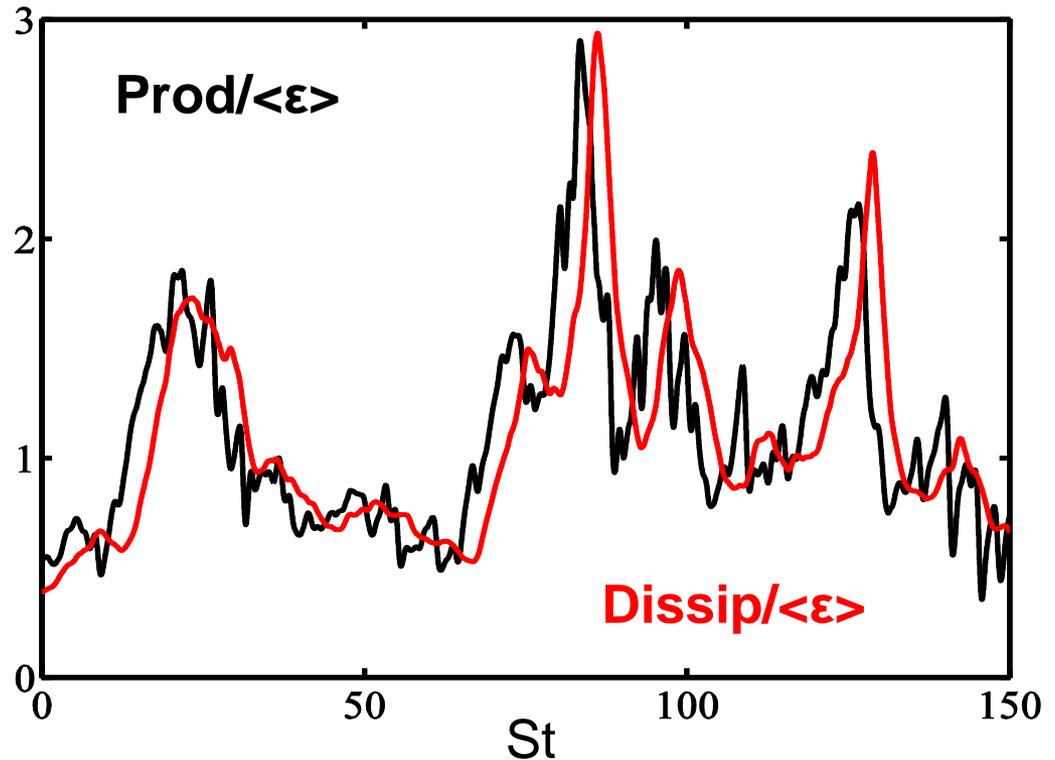
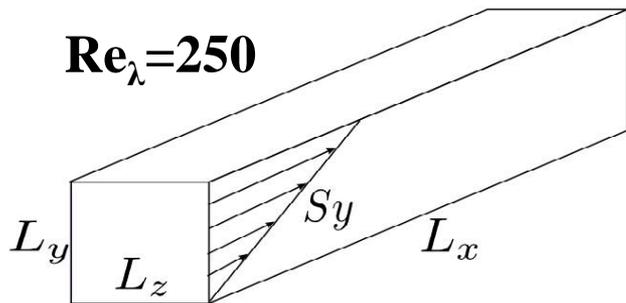
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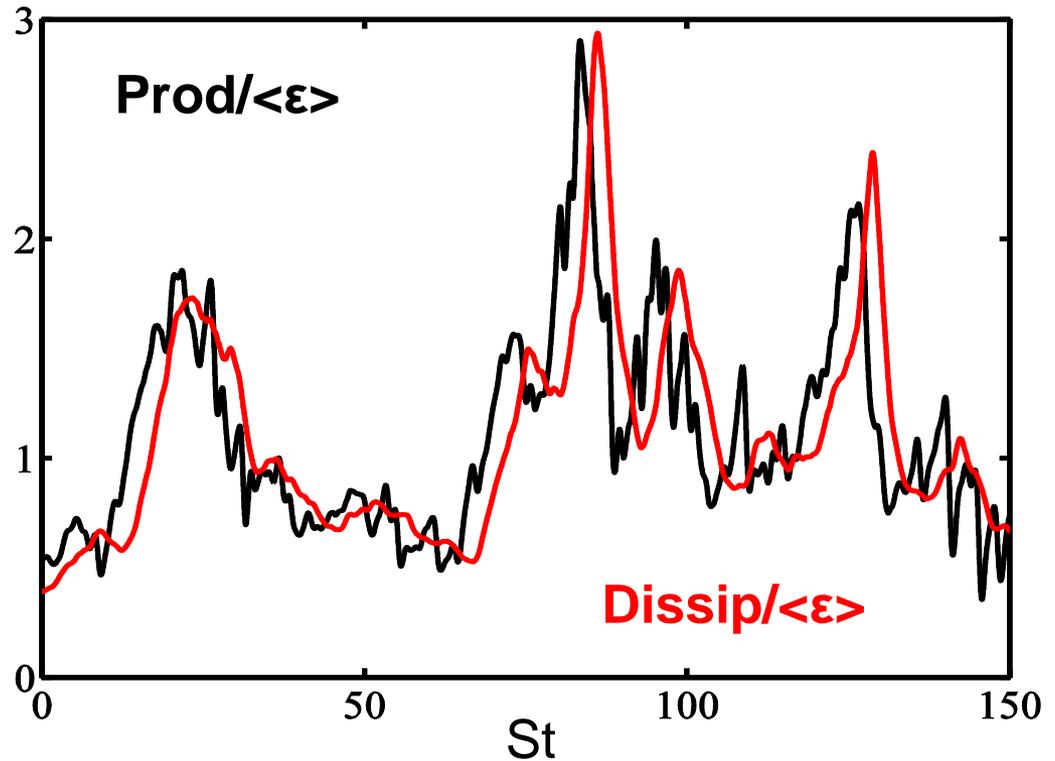
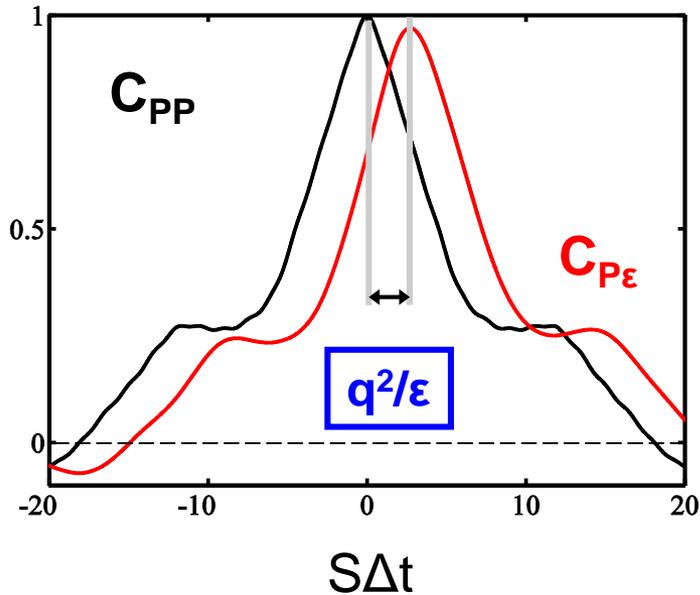


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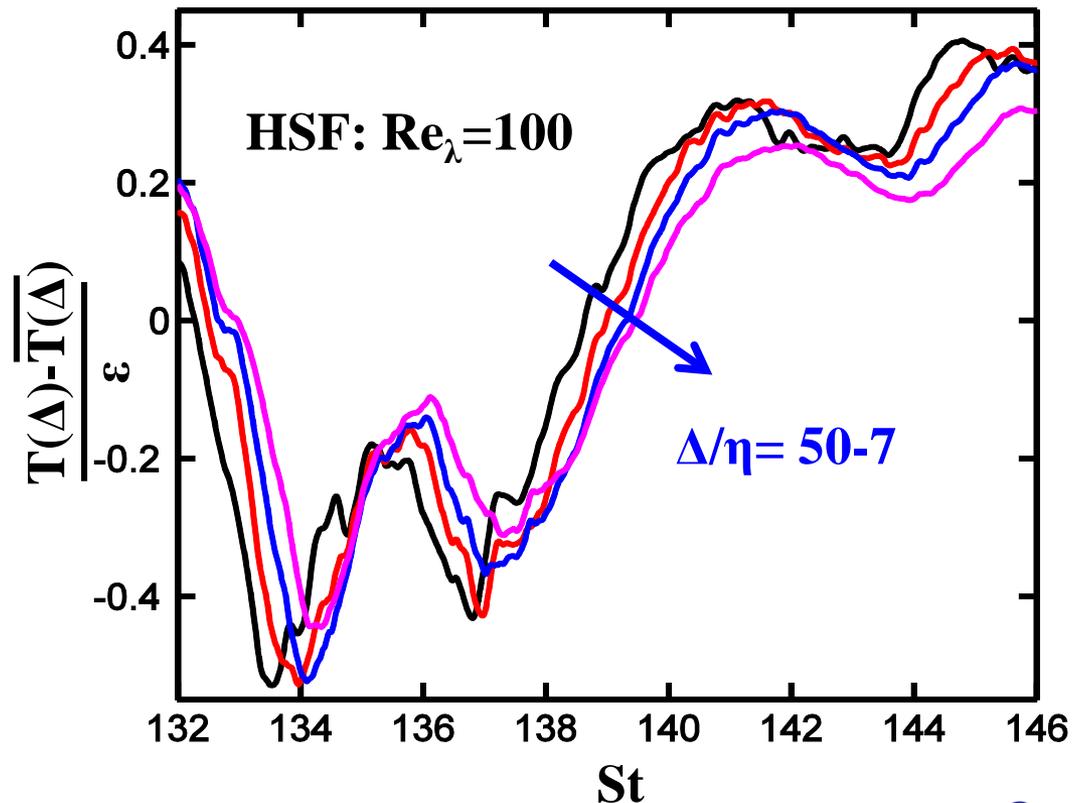
Temporal cross-correl.



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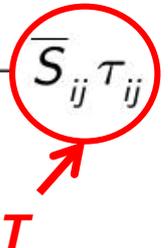
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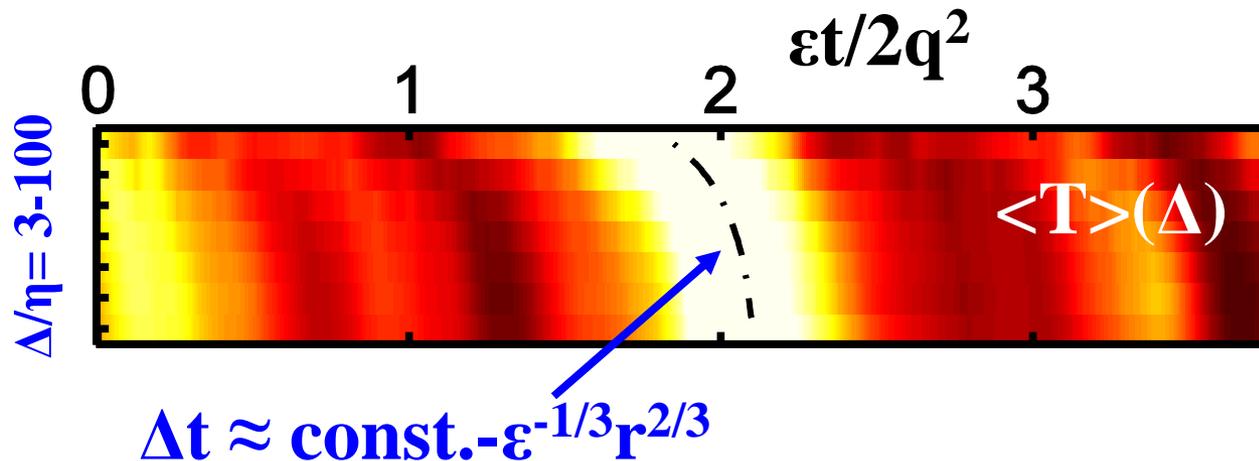


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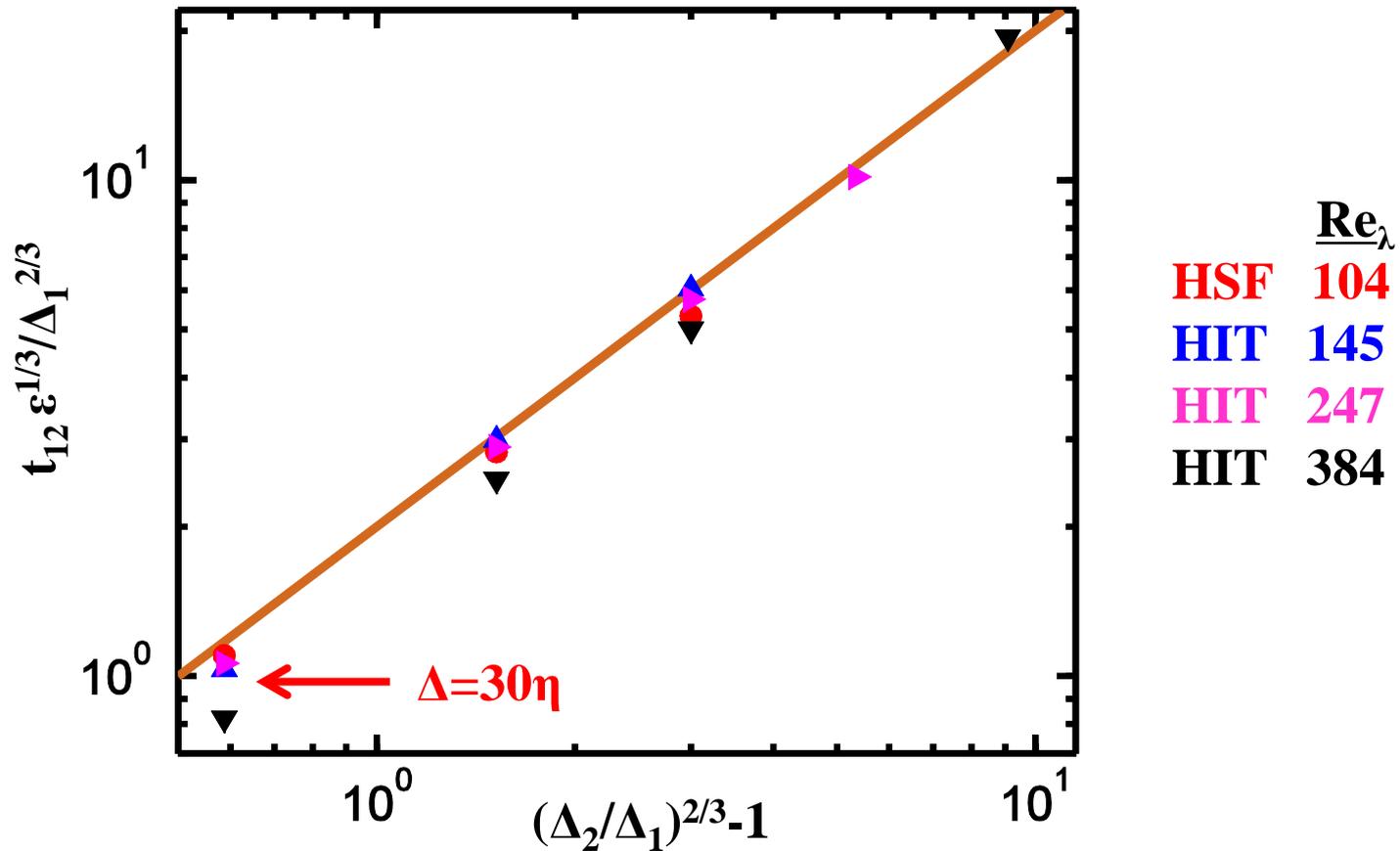
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**HIT:  $Re_\lambda = 384$**

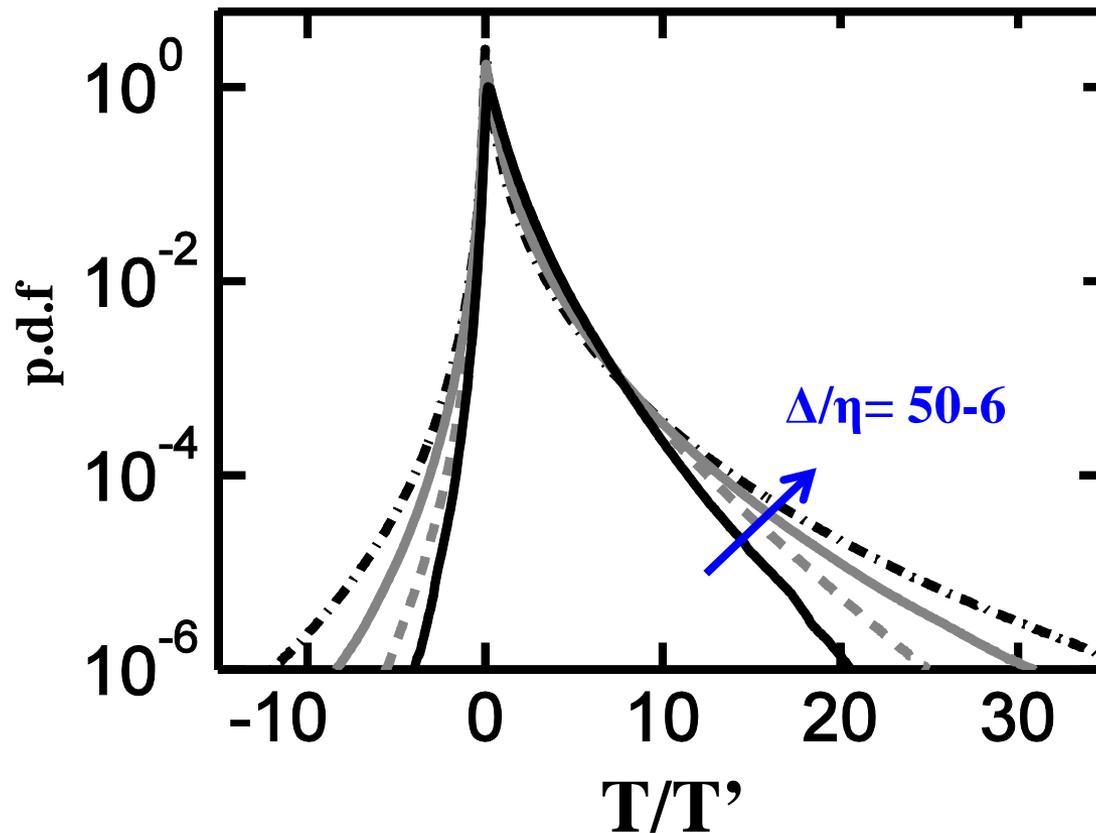
# The 'velocity' of the cascade



# The energy flux is intermittent

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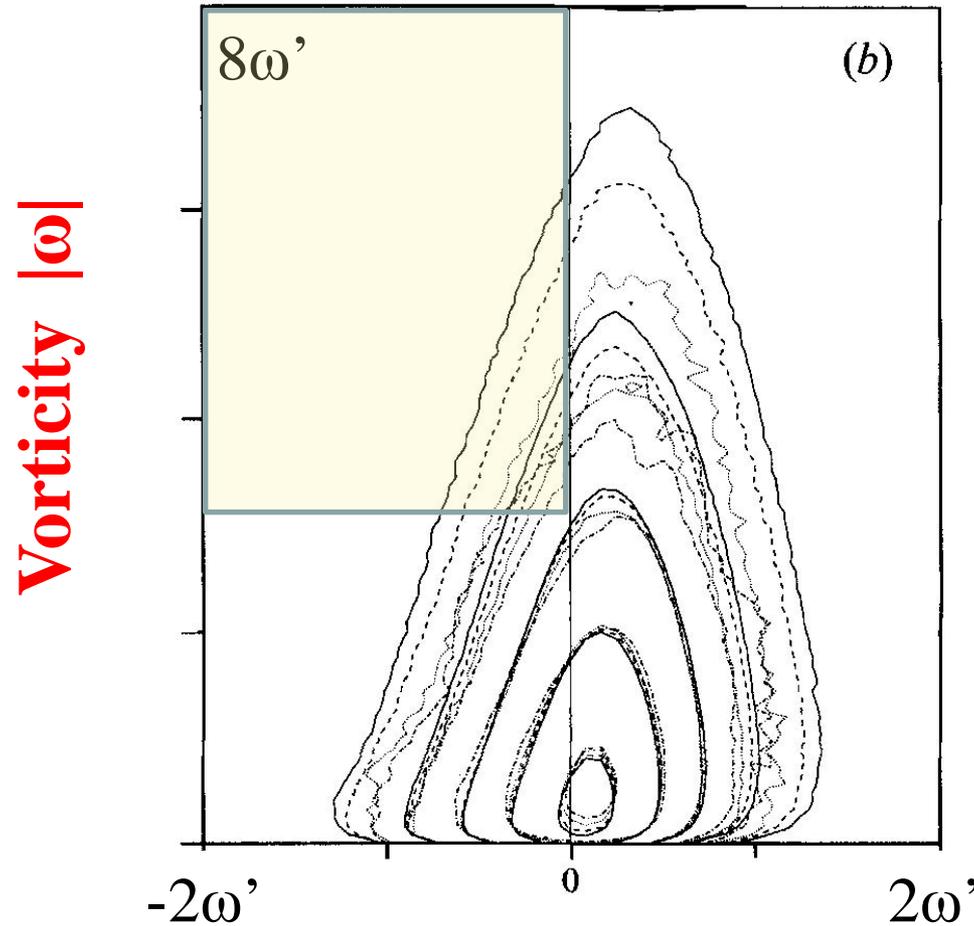
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$\bar{S}_{ij} \tau_{ij}$   
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HSF:  $Re_\lambda = 100$

# Stretching in turbulence



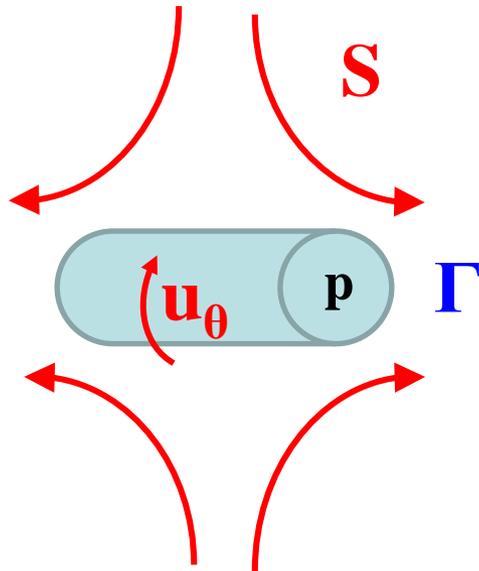
HIT, Re=60-200

Stretching  
 $\omega S \omega / |\omega|^2$

Jimenez, Wray, Saffman, Rogallo (1993,98)

# Stretching an **infinite** vortex

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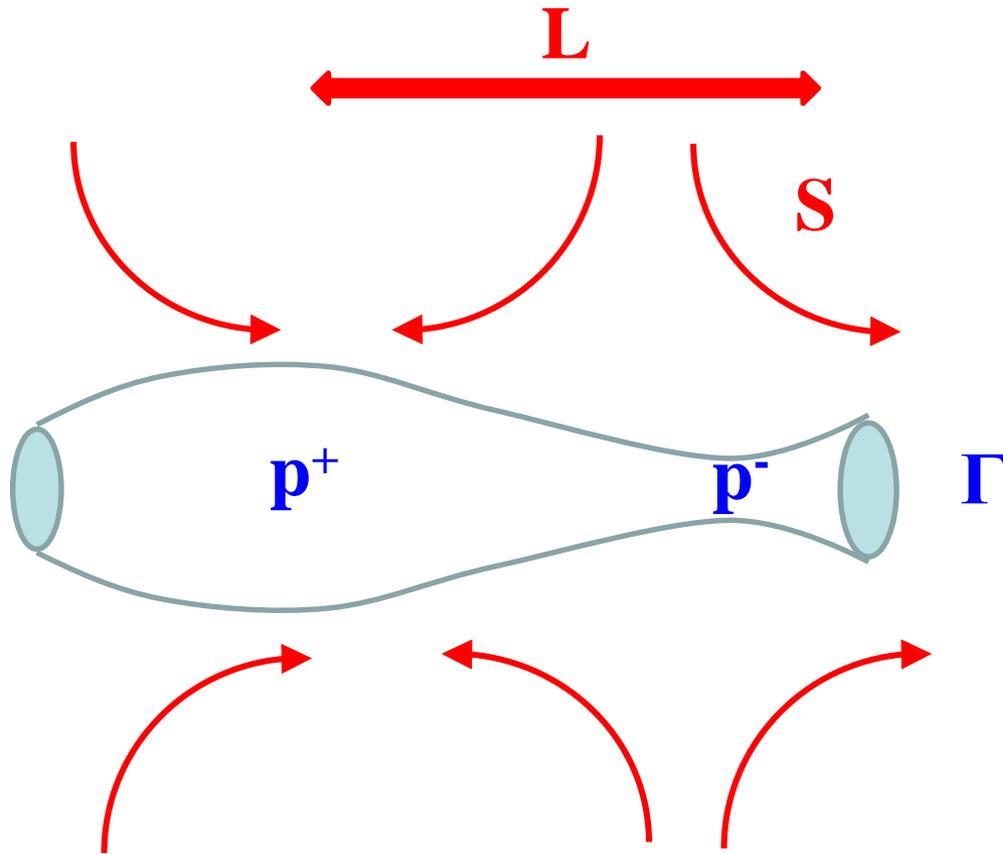


$$u_\theta = \Gamma (S/\nu)^{1/2}$$

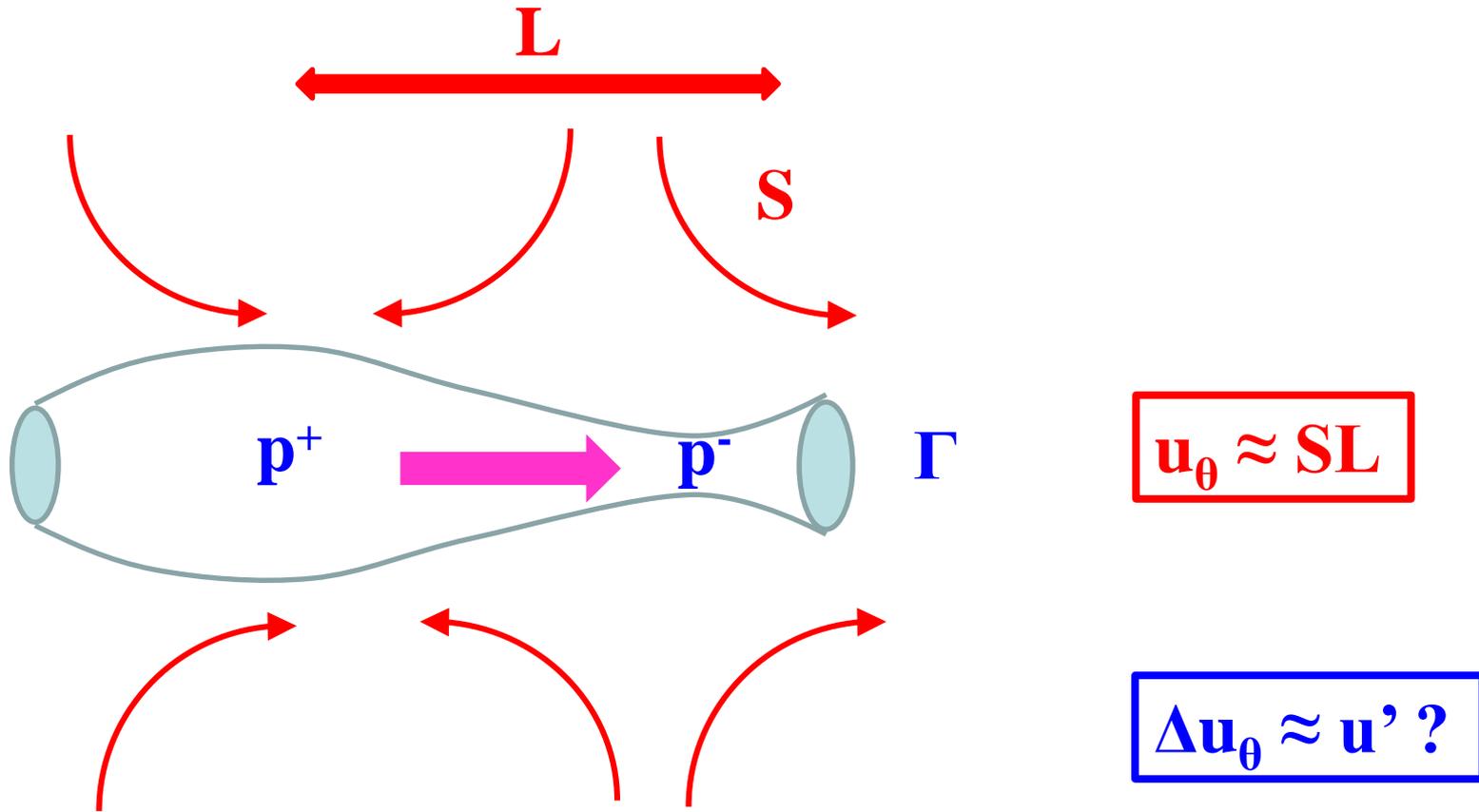
$$p \approx -u_\theta^2$$

# Stretching an **finite** vortex

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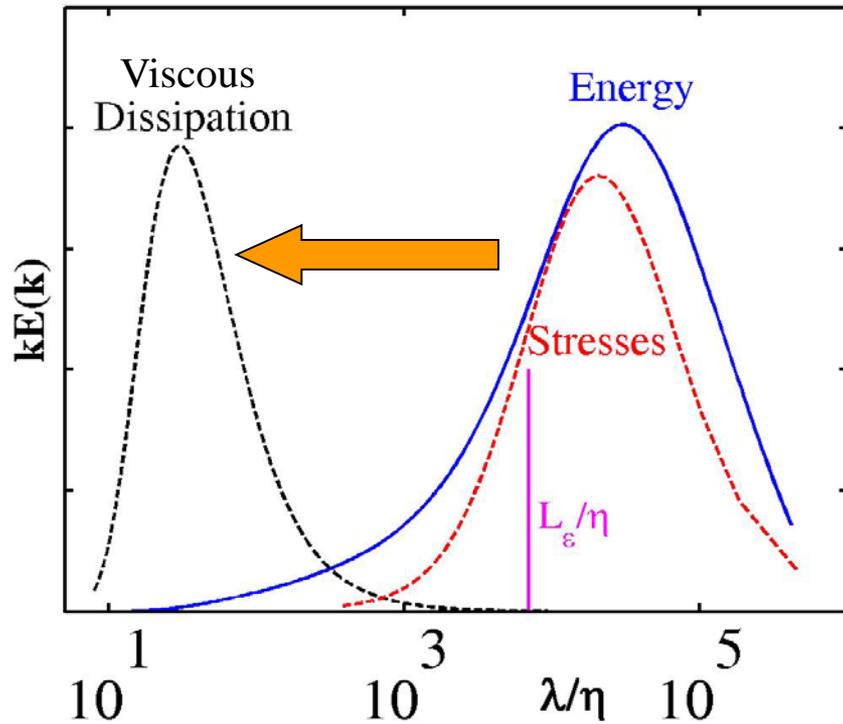


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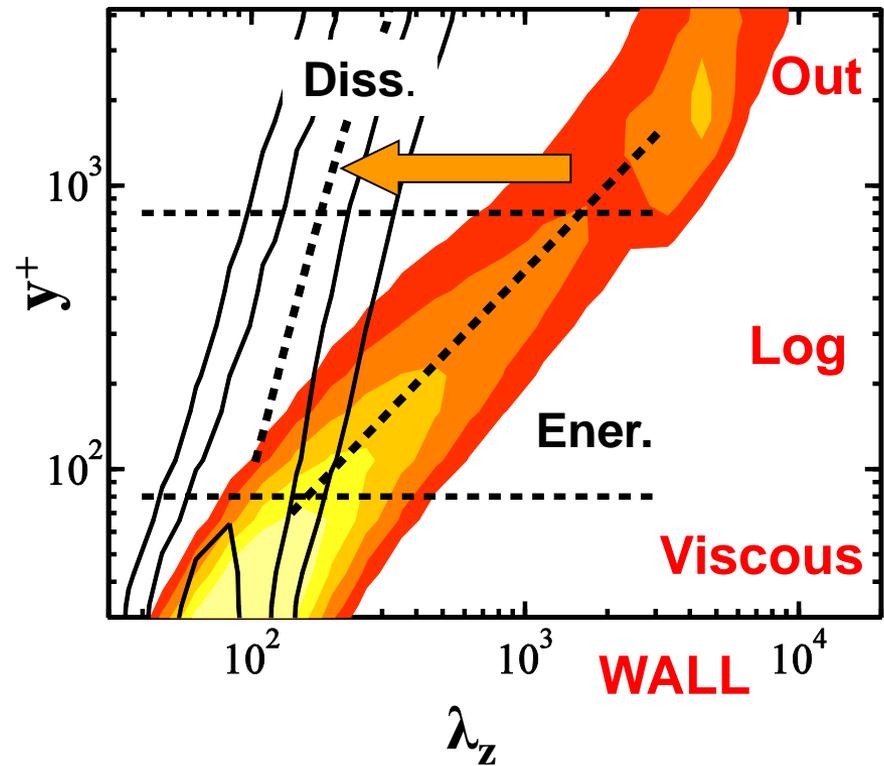


# Wall-bounded Flows

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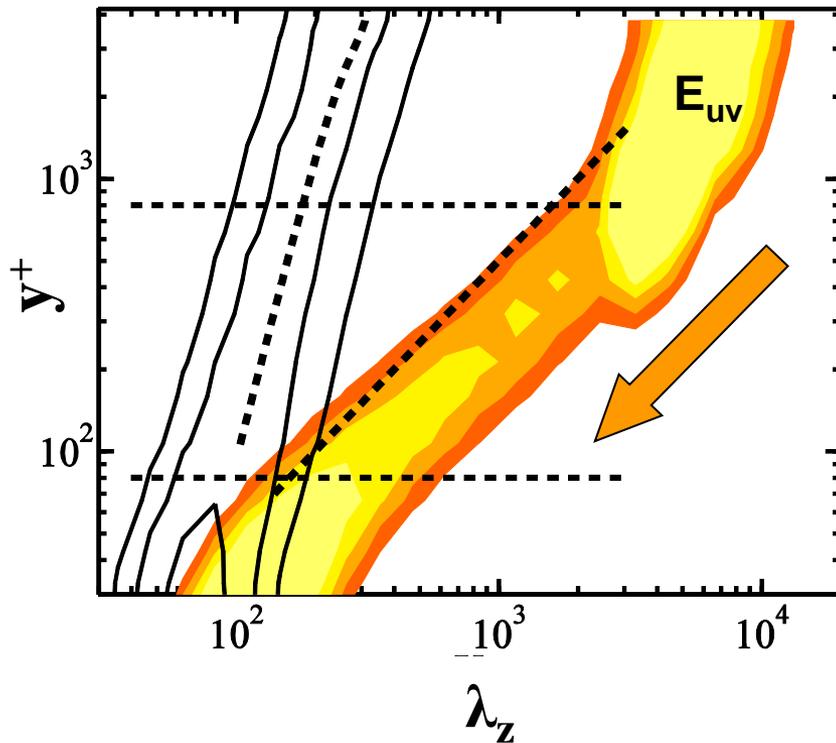


## Wall Turbulence (Channel)

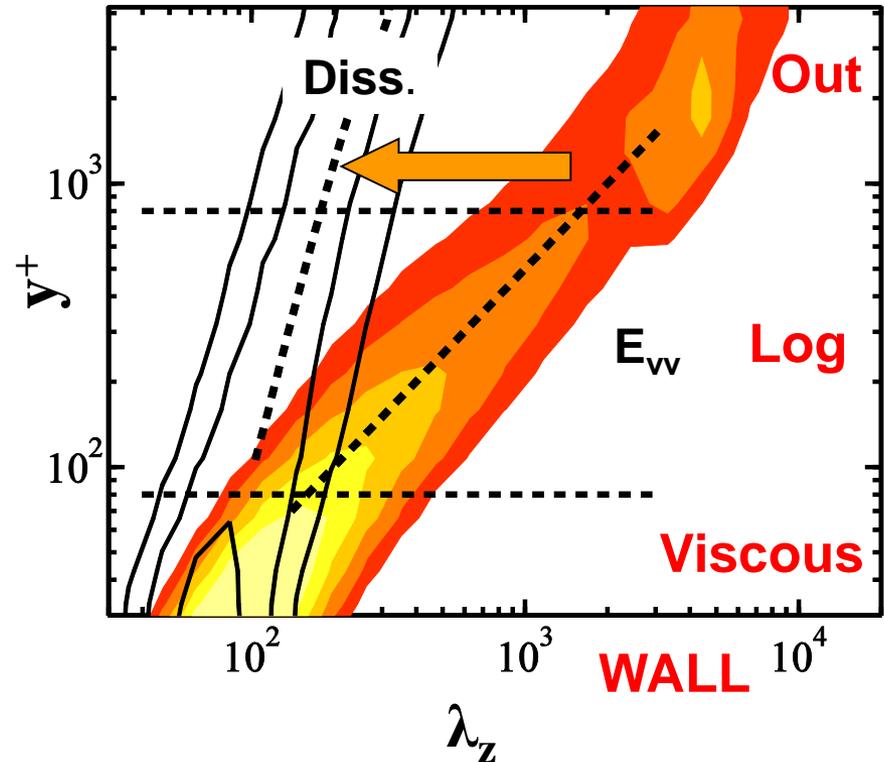


# Momentum Flux Cascade

Momentum (Channel)



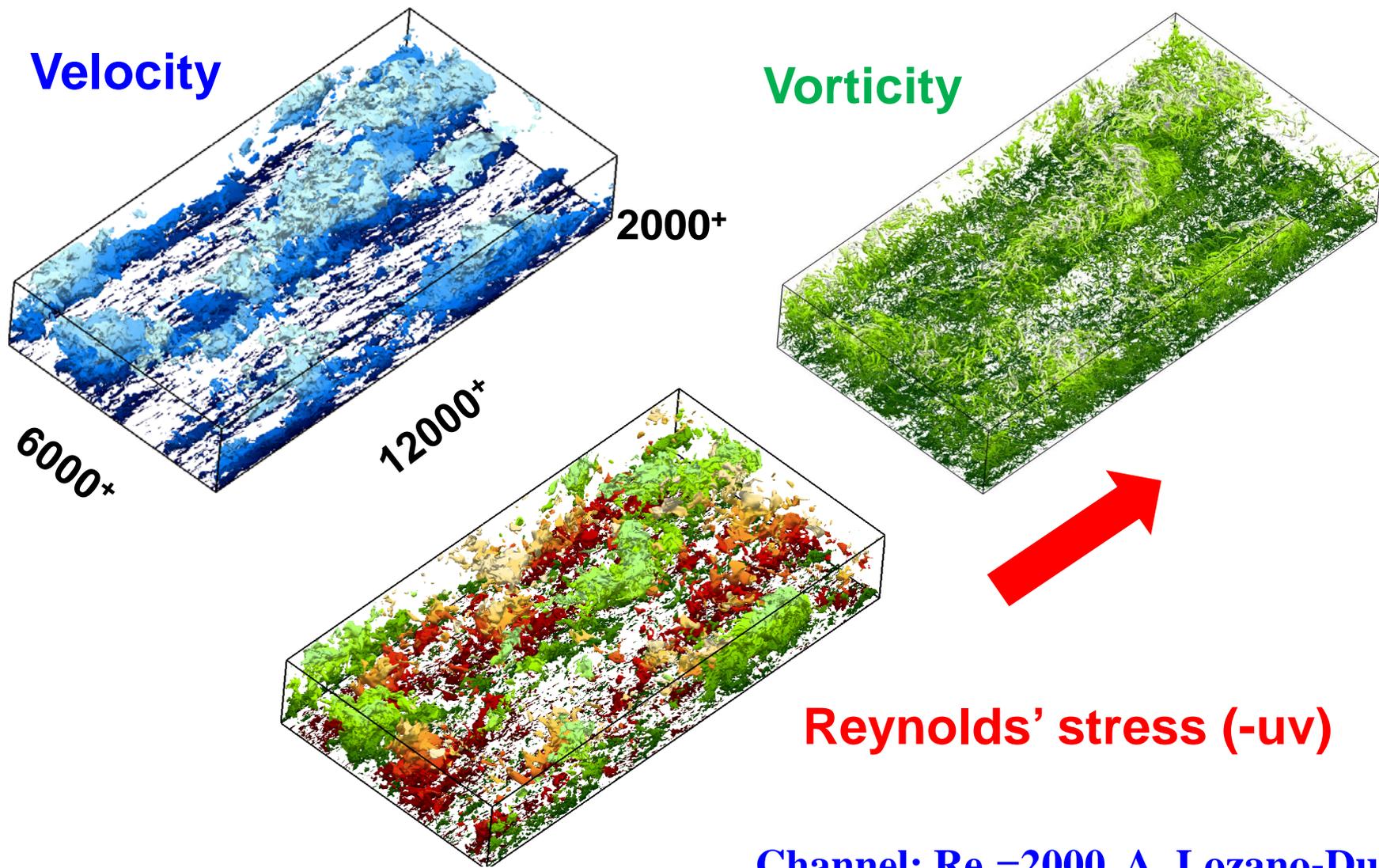
Energy (Channel)



$$\partial_t U + \partial_x P = \partial_y \langle -uv \rangle + O(\text{Re}_\tau^{-1})$$

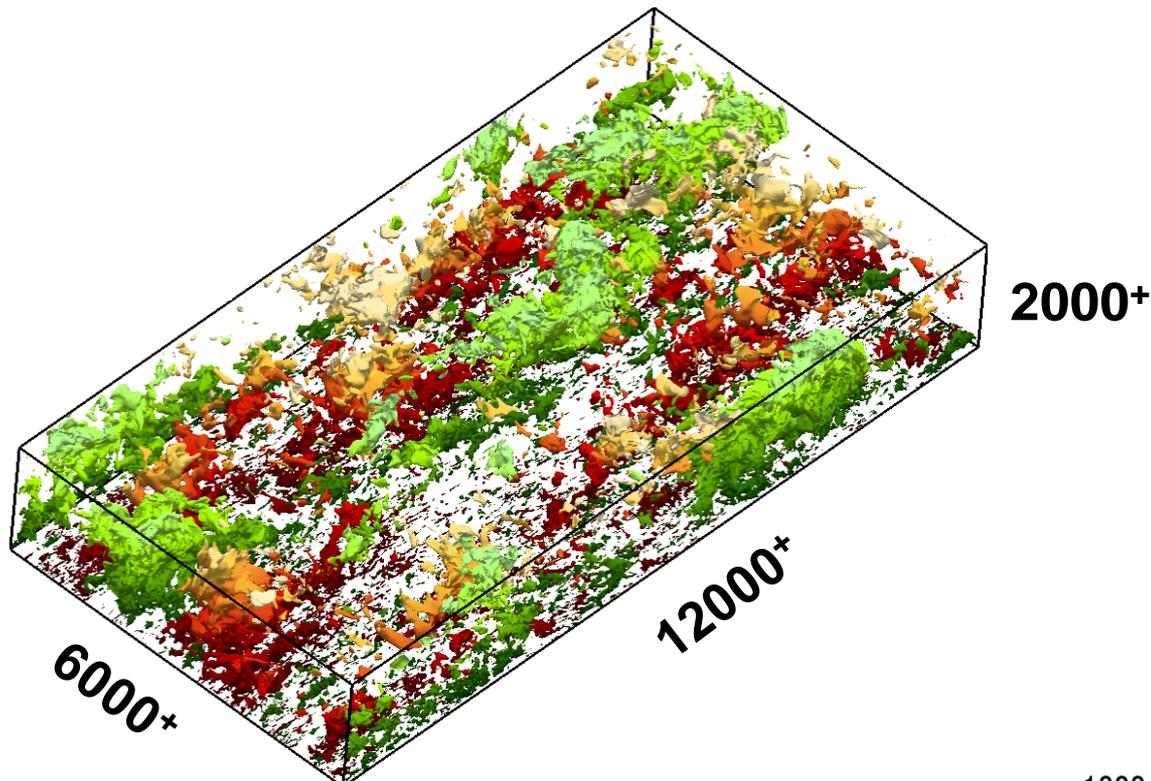
$$\tau = -uv \quad \leftarrow \text{Momentum flux}$$

# Flow fields of the Logarithmic layer

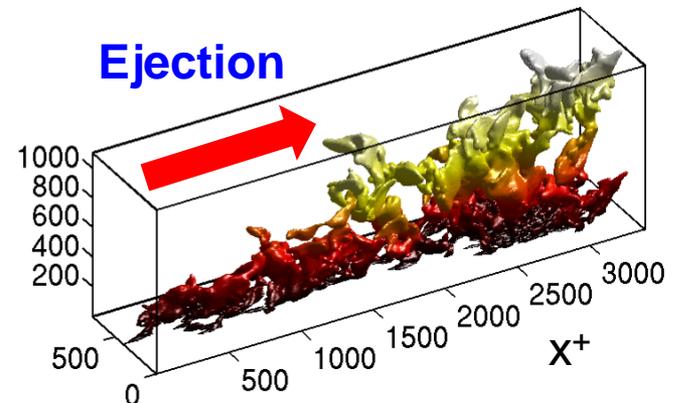
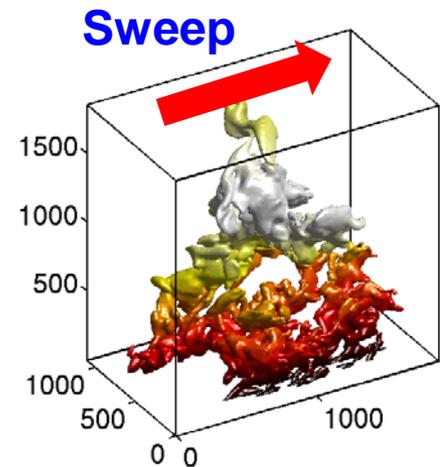


Channel:  $Re_\tau=2000$ . A. Lozano-Durán

# Momentum Structures of the Logarithmic layer

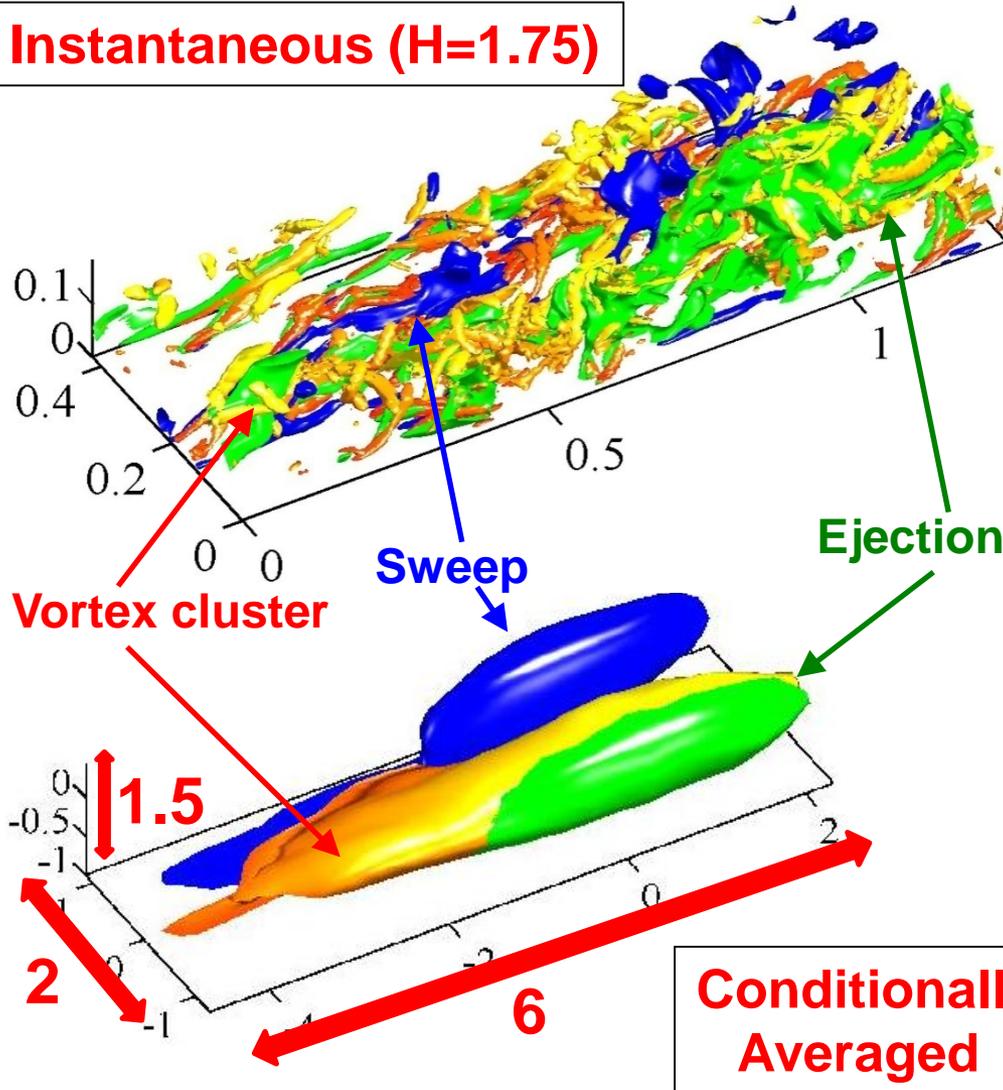


$$-uv > 1.75 u'v'$$

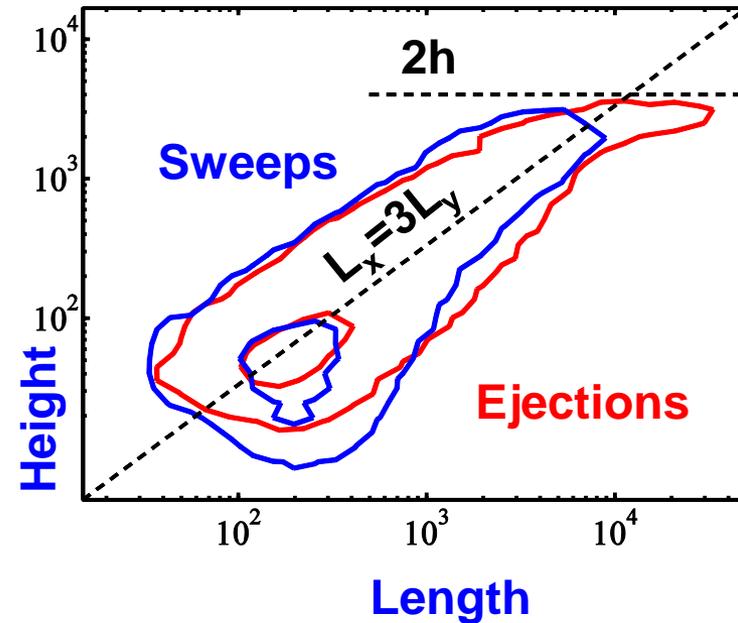


# Attached Sweeps and Ejections

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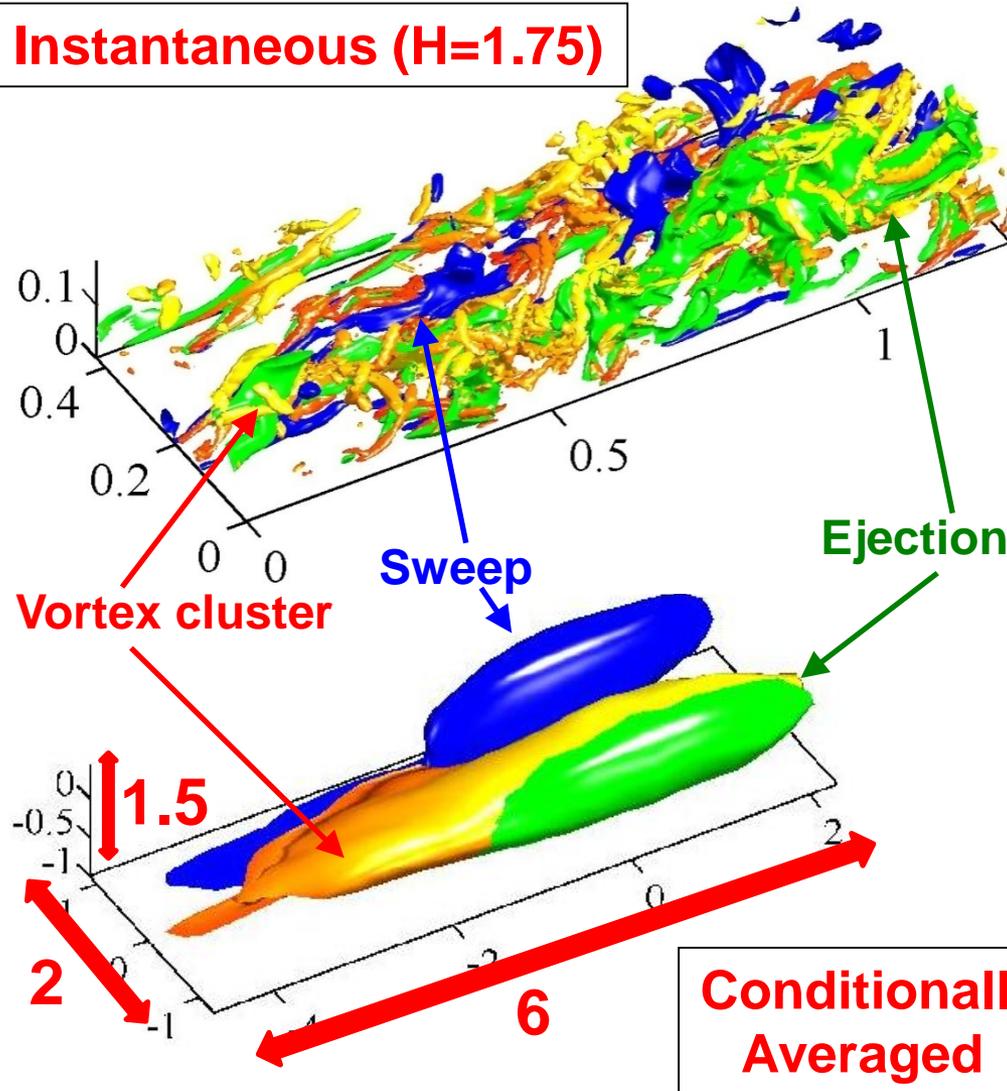
Momentum Transfer  
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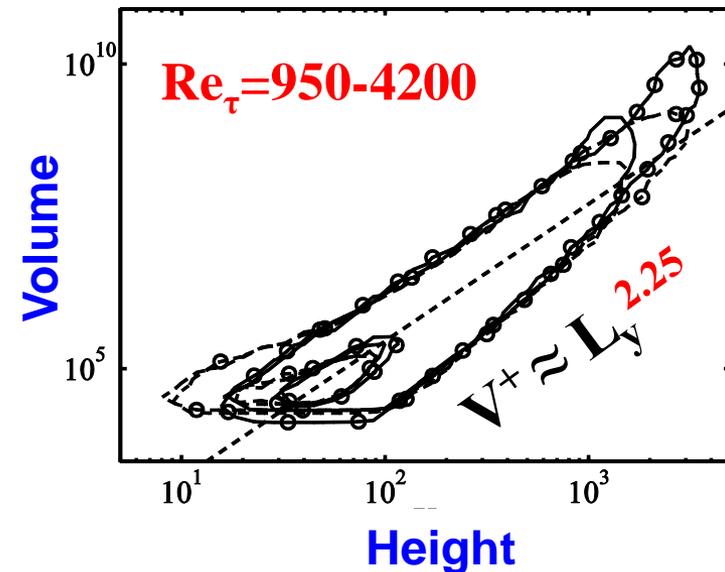
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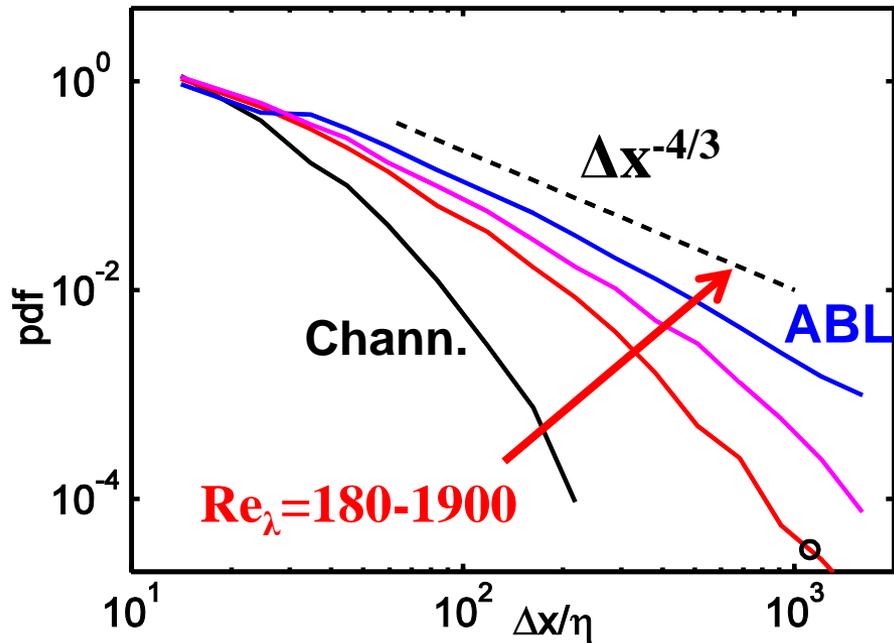
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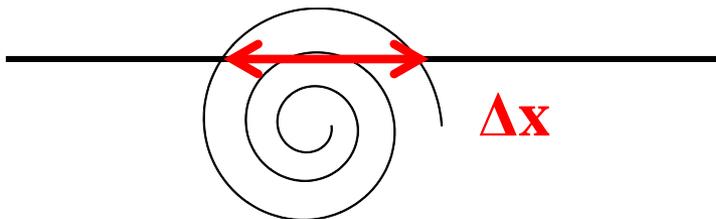
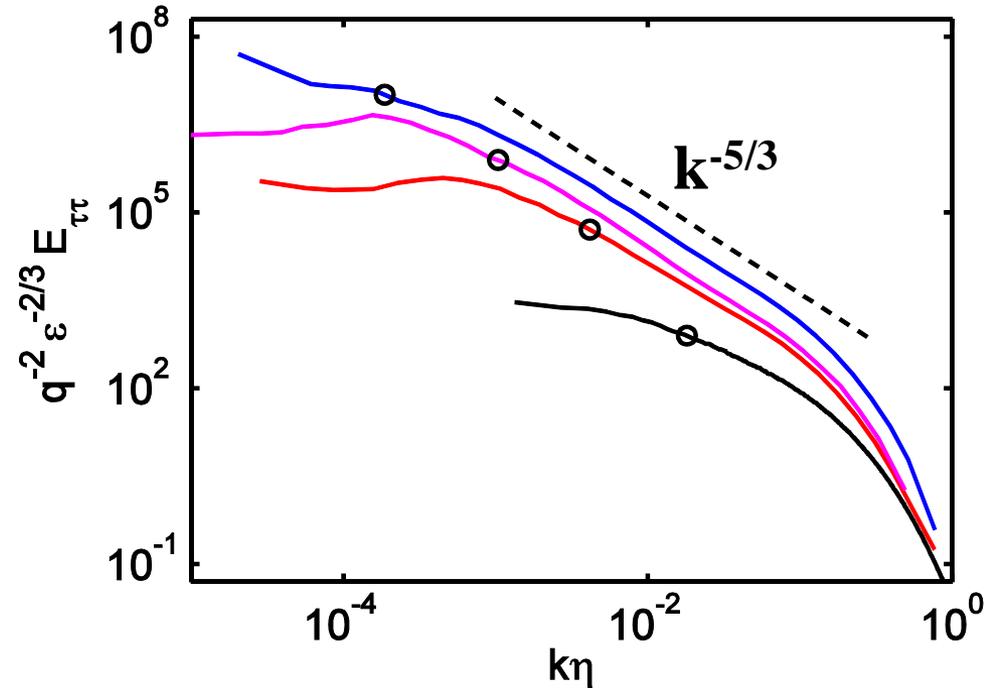
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# Momentum Transfer is “Universal”

## Length of (uv)

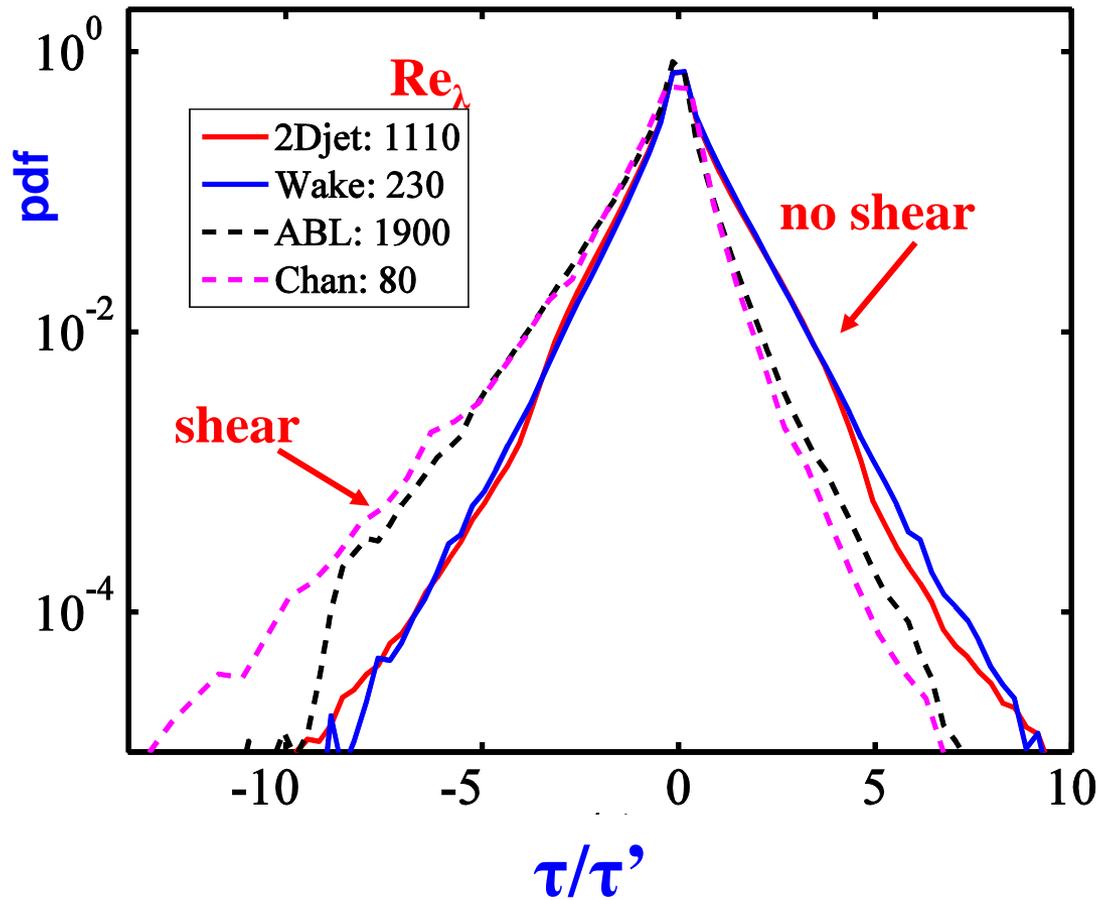


## Spectrum of (uv)

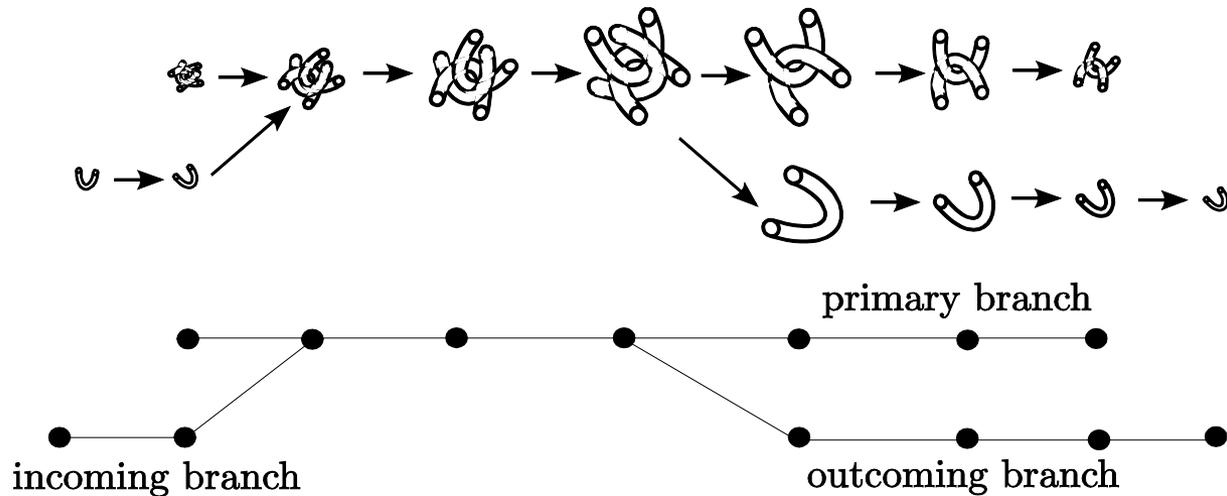
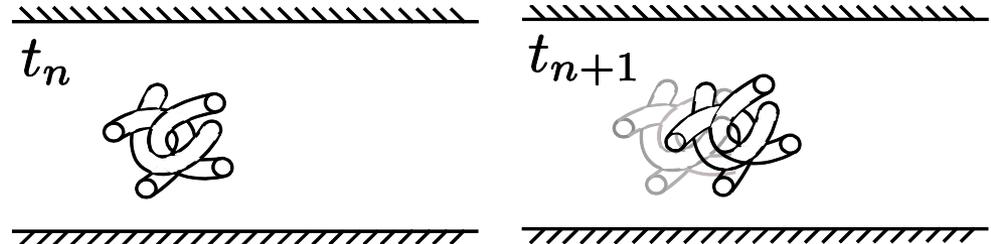
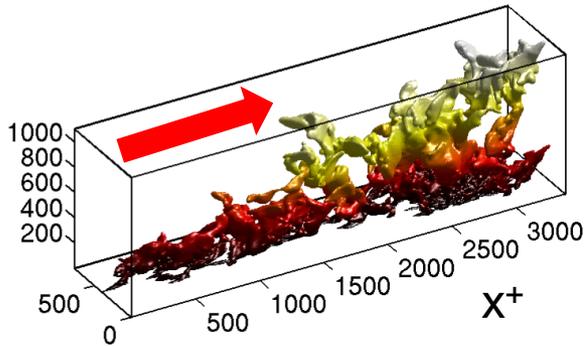


# Sweeps and Ejections

Momentum Transfer is **NOT** Intermittent

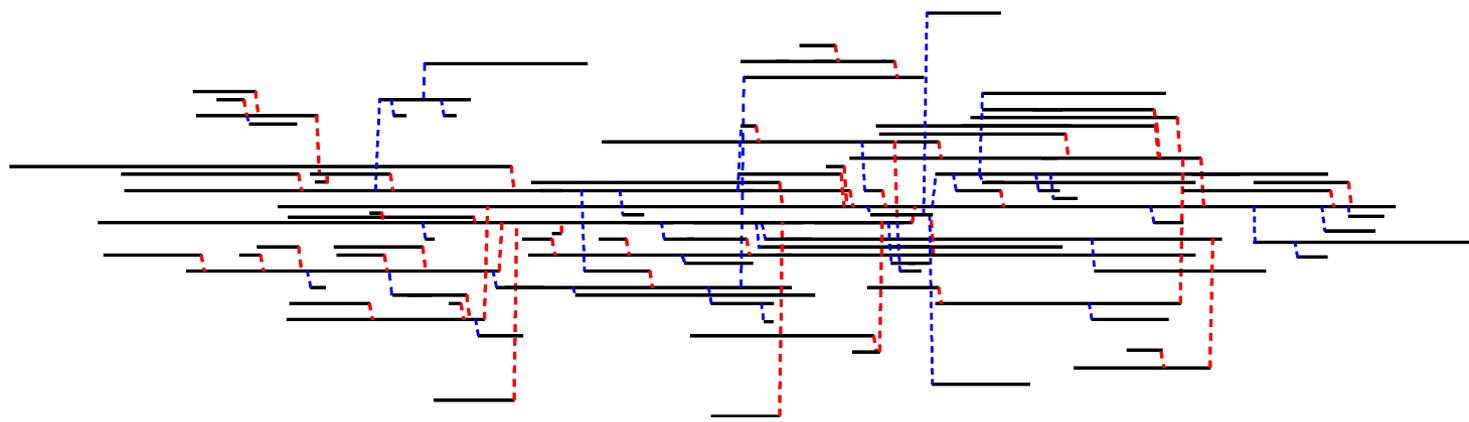
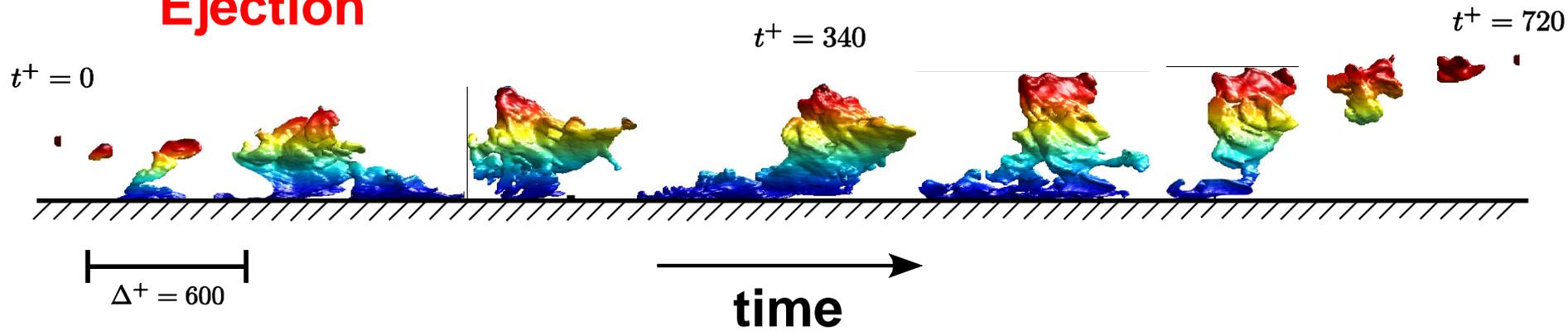


# Tracking Eddies in Time



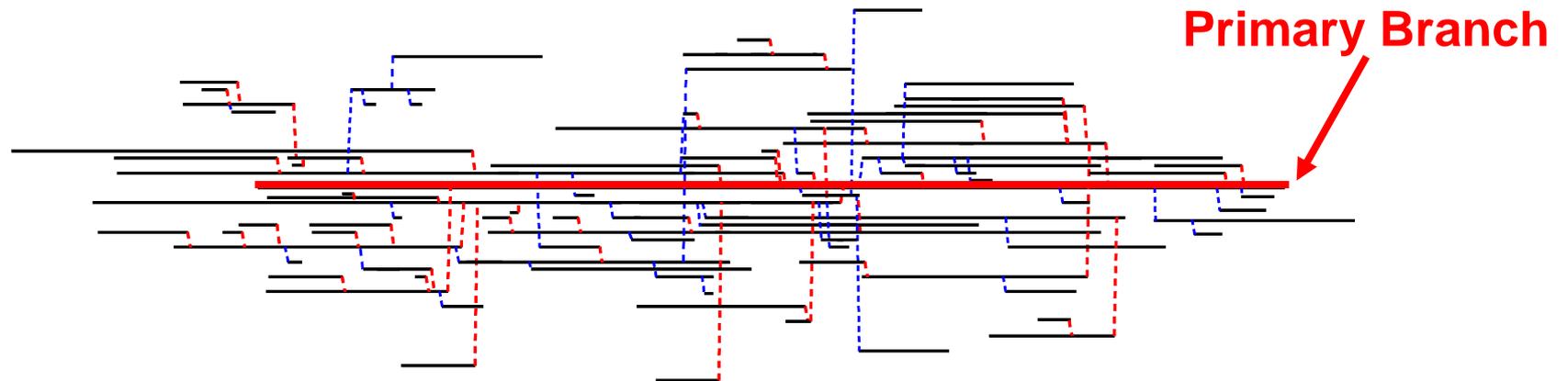
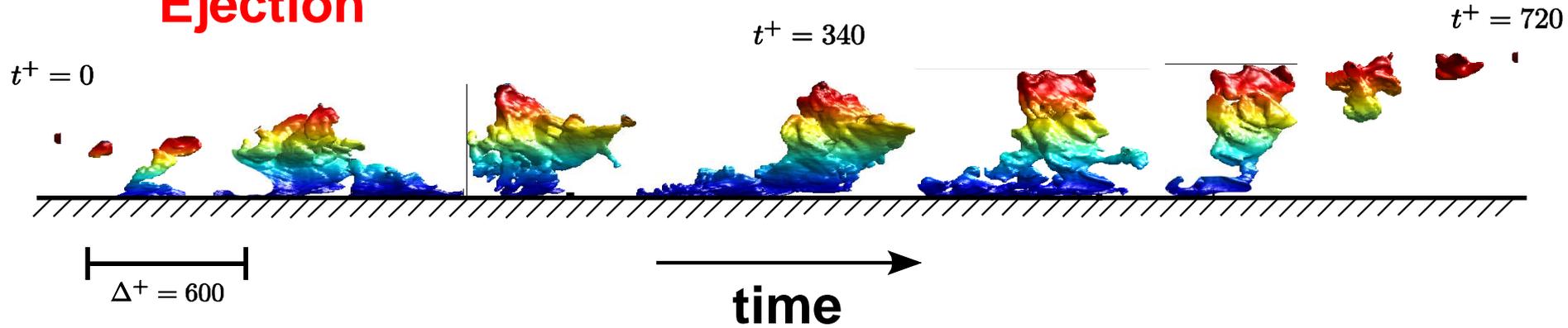
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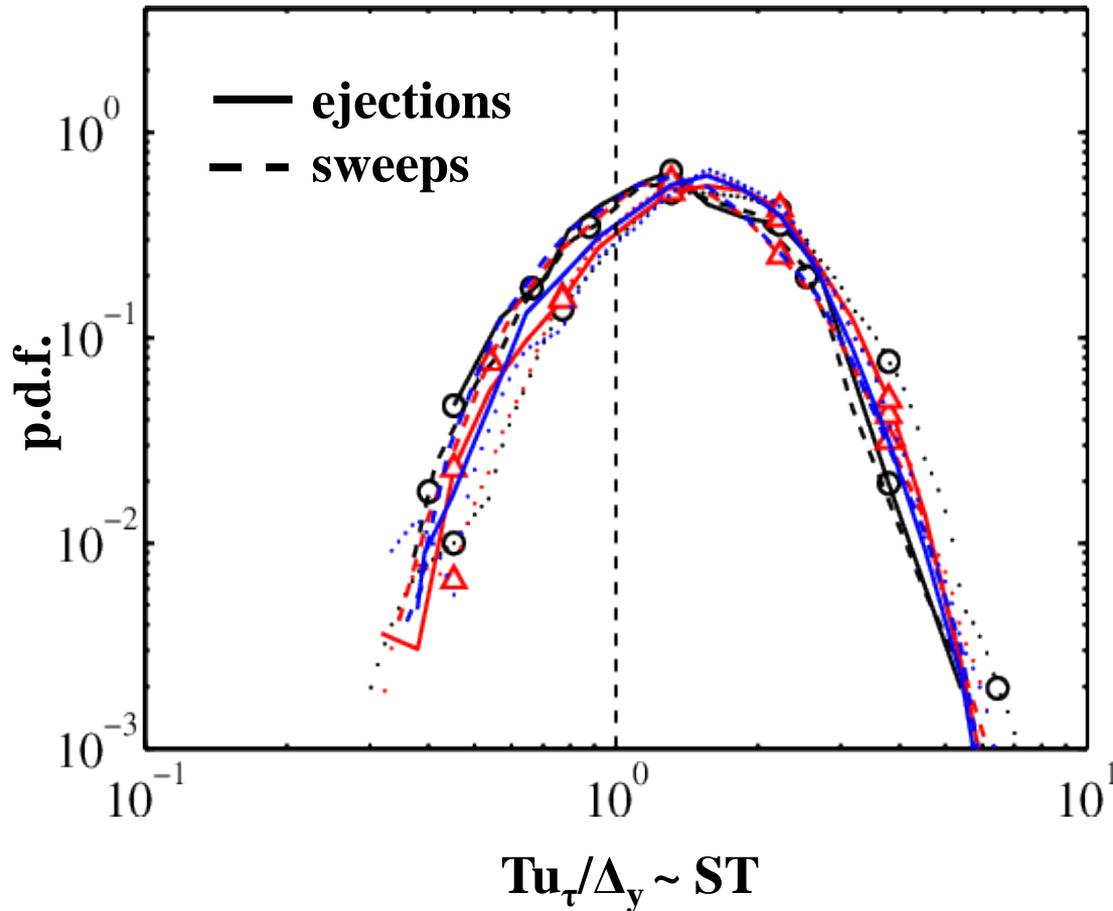


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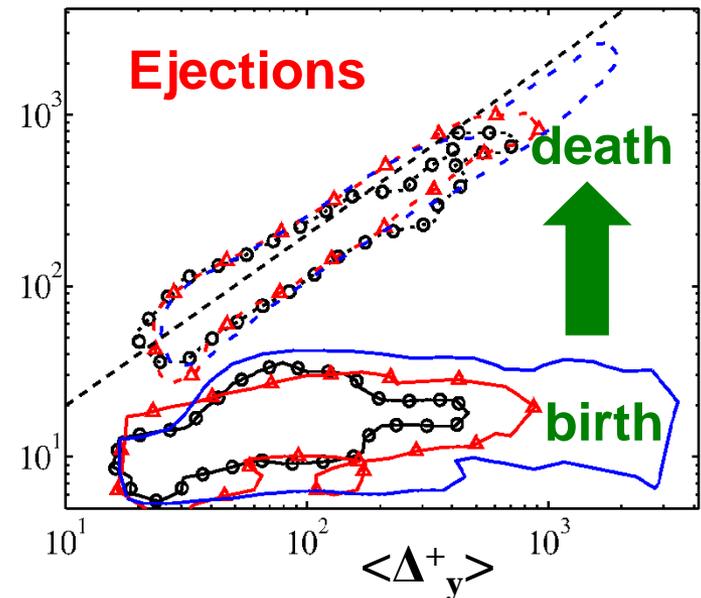
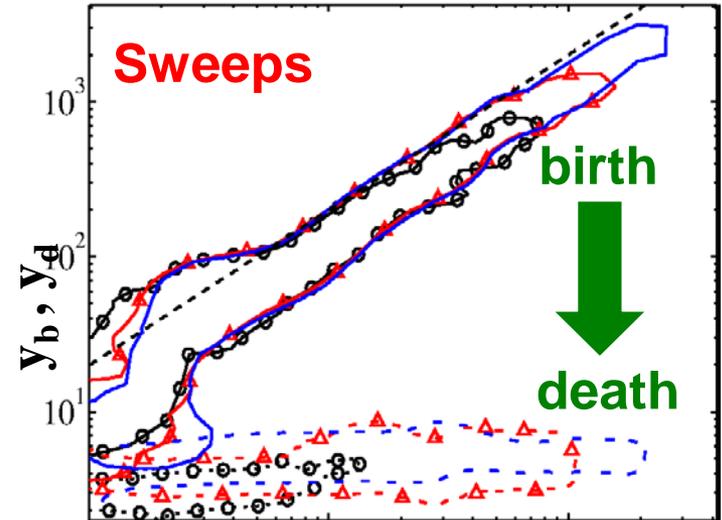


# Lifetimes: **Attached** Sweeps and Ejections

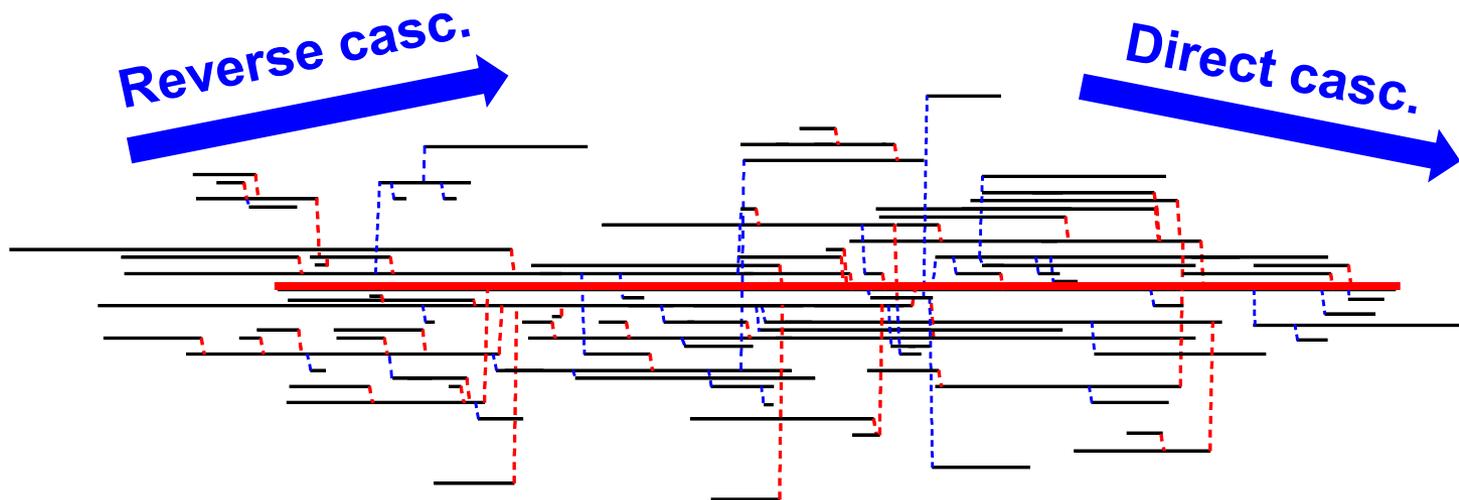
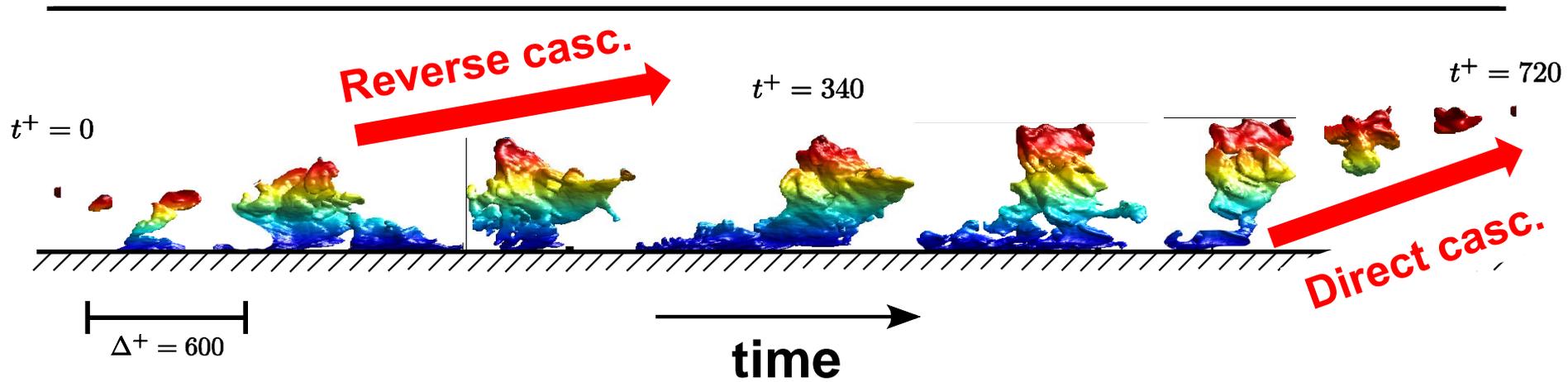


Channels:  $Re_\tau = 950-4200$

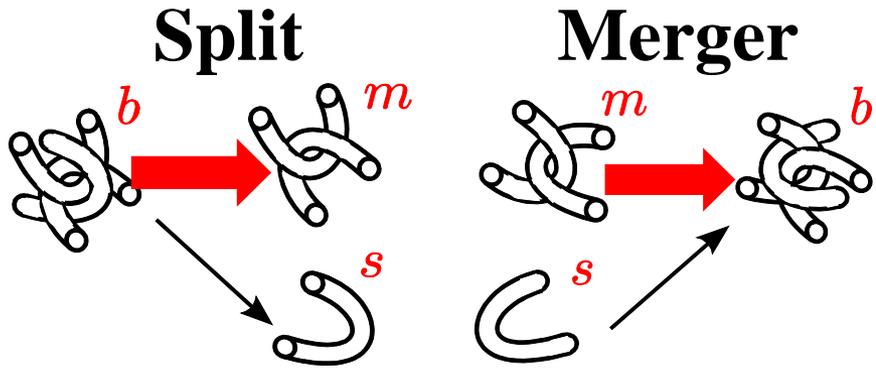
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# Scale Change in Time



# Splits and Mergers



$$V_b \approx V_m + V_s$$

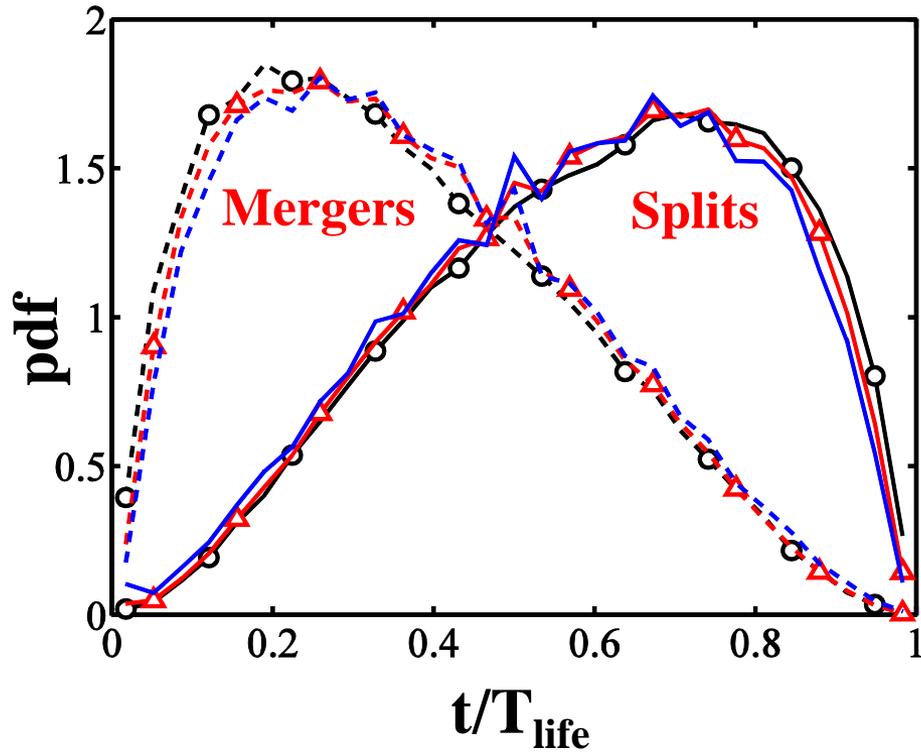
$$\Delta V_{\text{BRANCH}} = \sum |\Delta V| \approx \sum V_s$$

$\Delta_y/\eta$	<b>Inertial</b> $\Delta_s > 100\eta$	<b>Viscous</b> $\Delta_s < 100\eta$	<b>Smooth Growth</b>
0-50	0%	23%	77%
50-200	28%	23%	49%
200-400	54%	8%	38%
>400	94%	5%	1%

$Re_\tau = 4200$ ; “detached”

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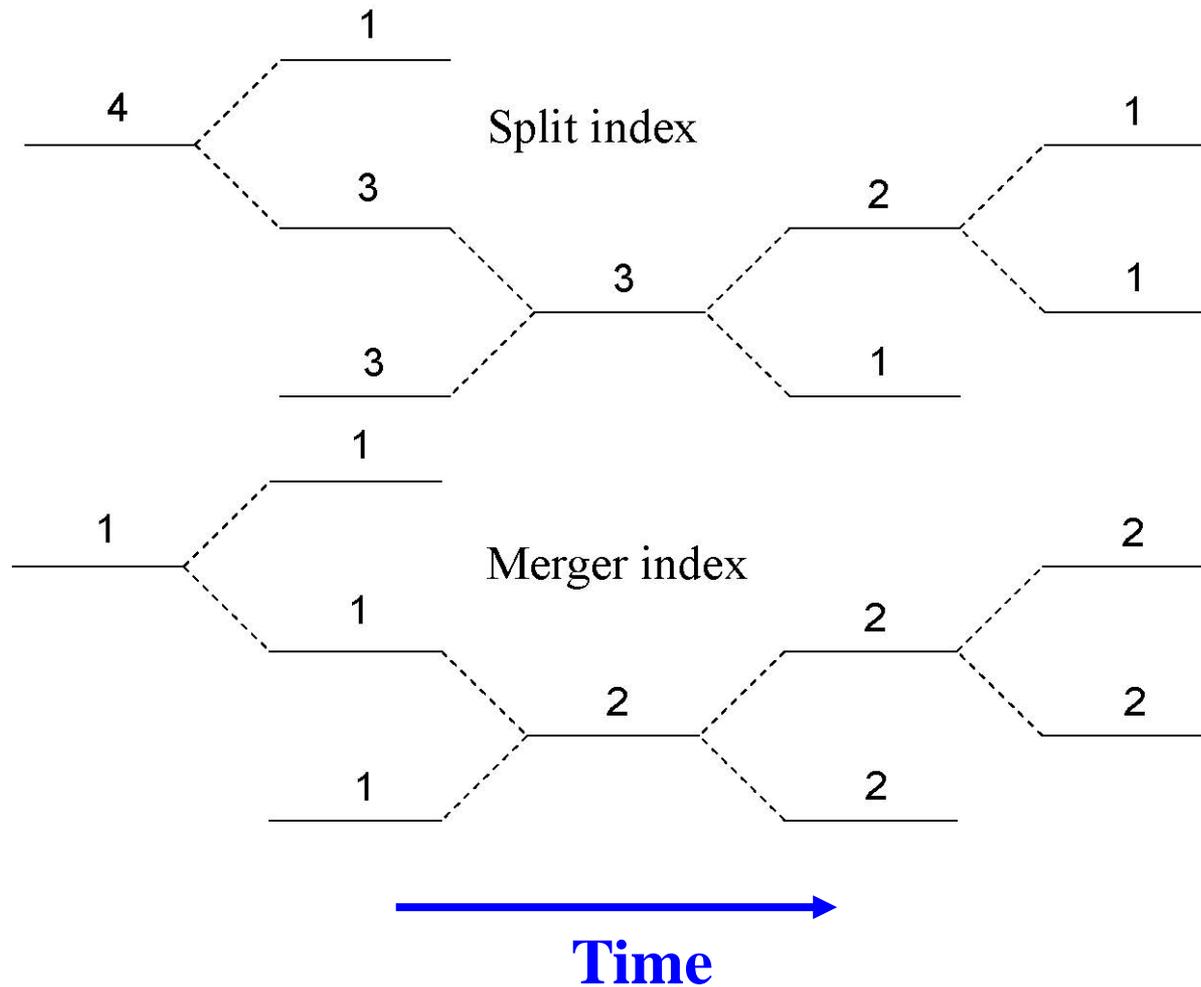
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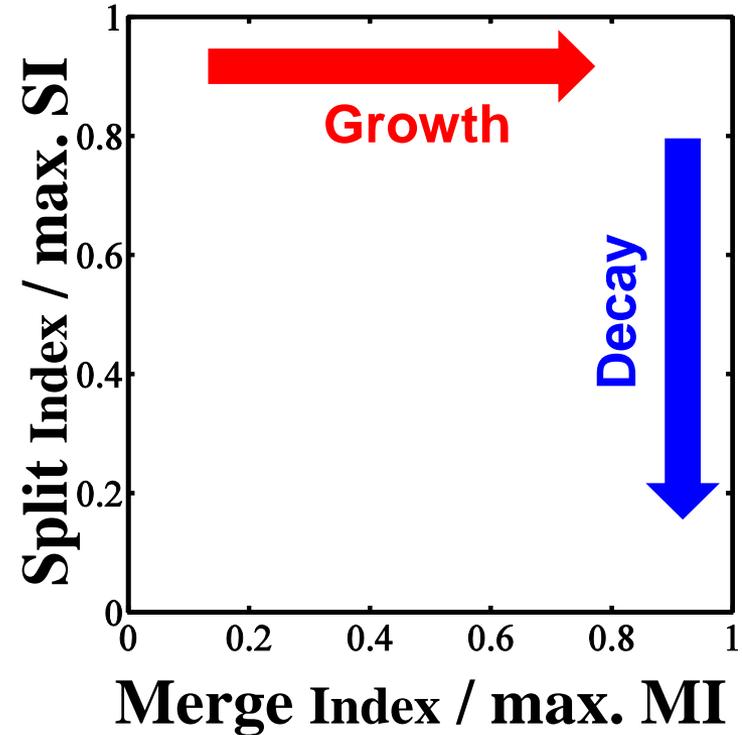
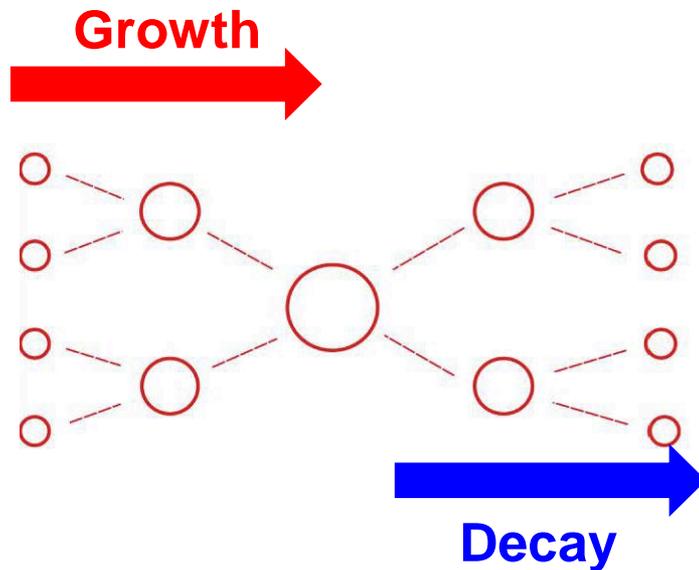
**$Re_{\tau} = 950-4200$**

# Merger and Split Indices

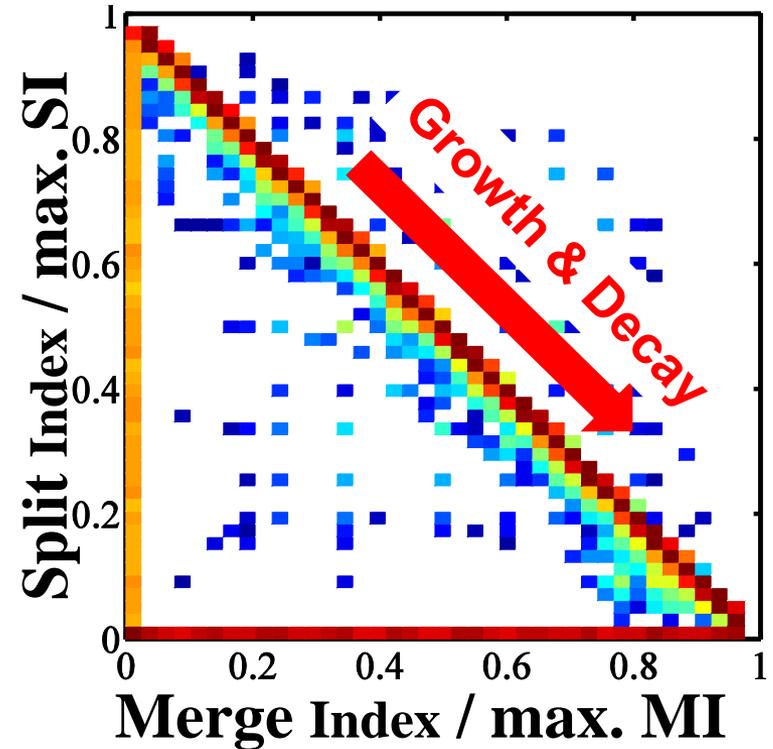
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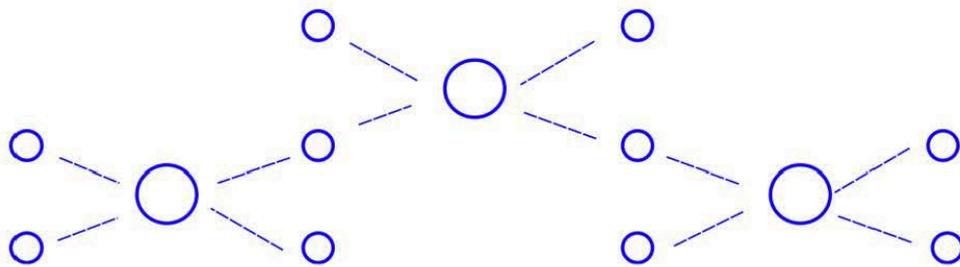
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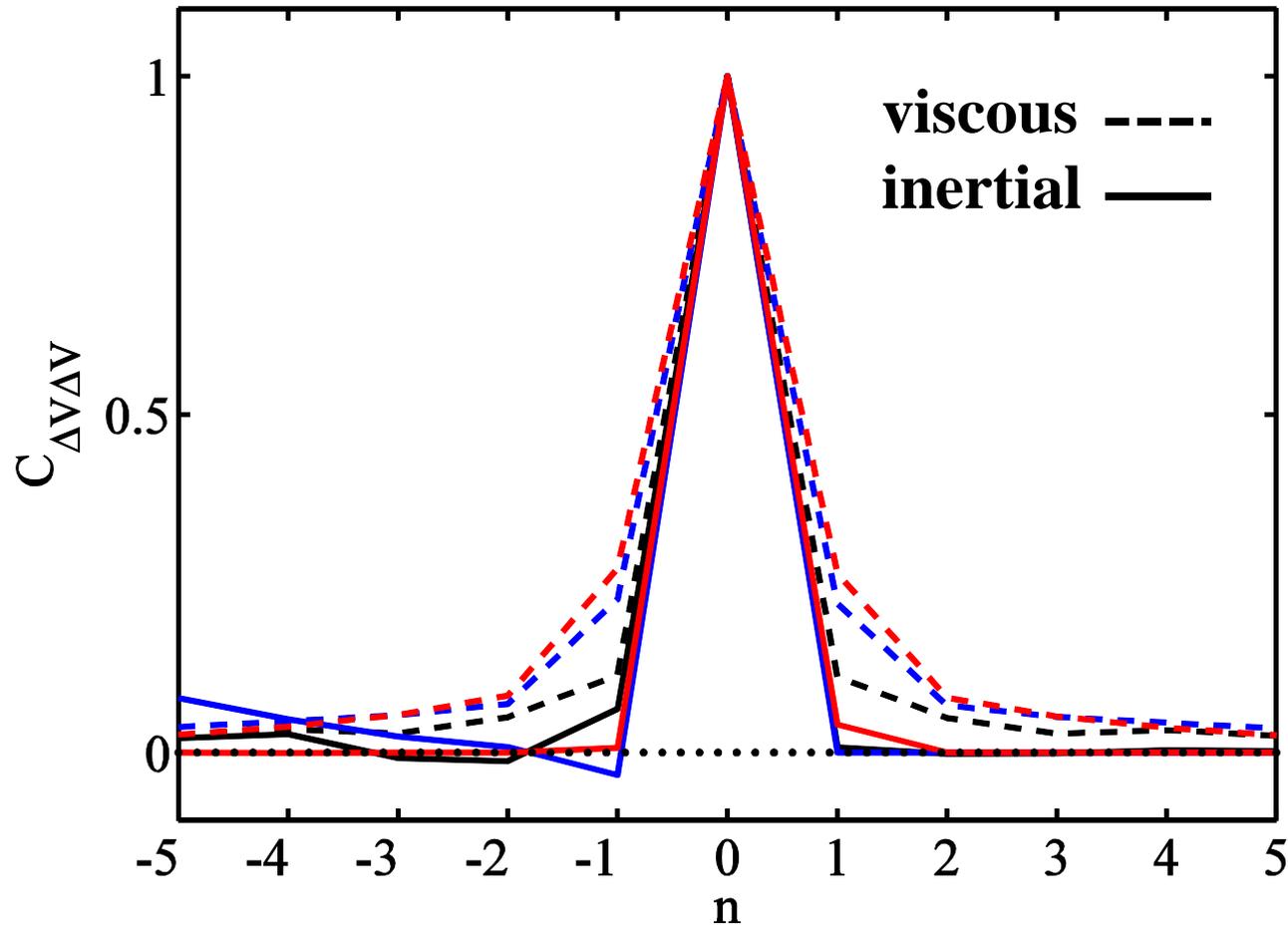
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Growth & Decay



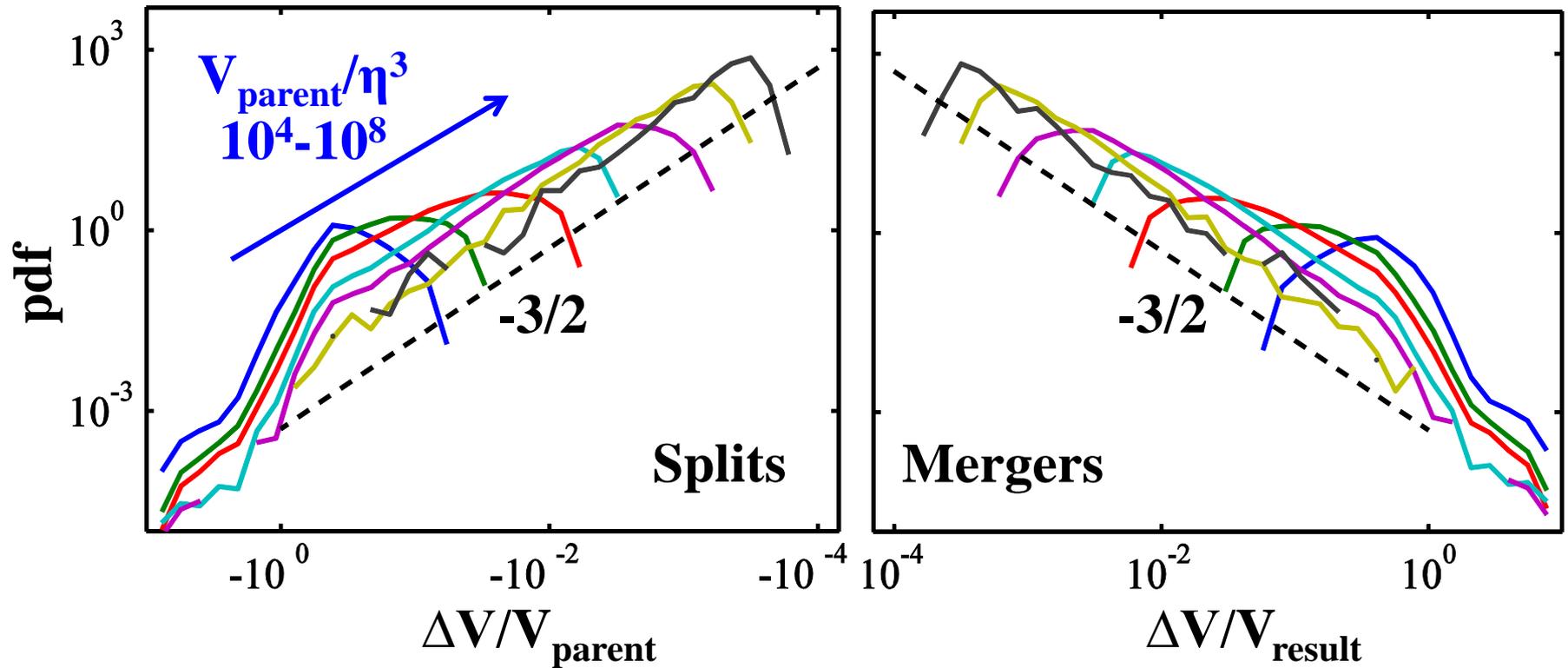
# Mergers and Splits are **Markovian**



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# Relative Volume Increments



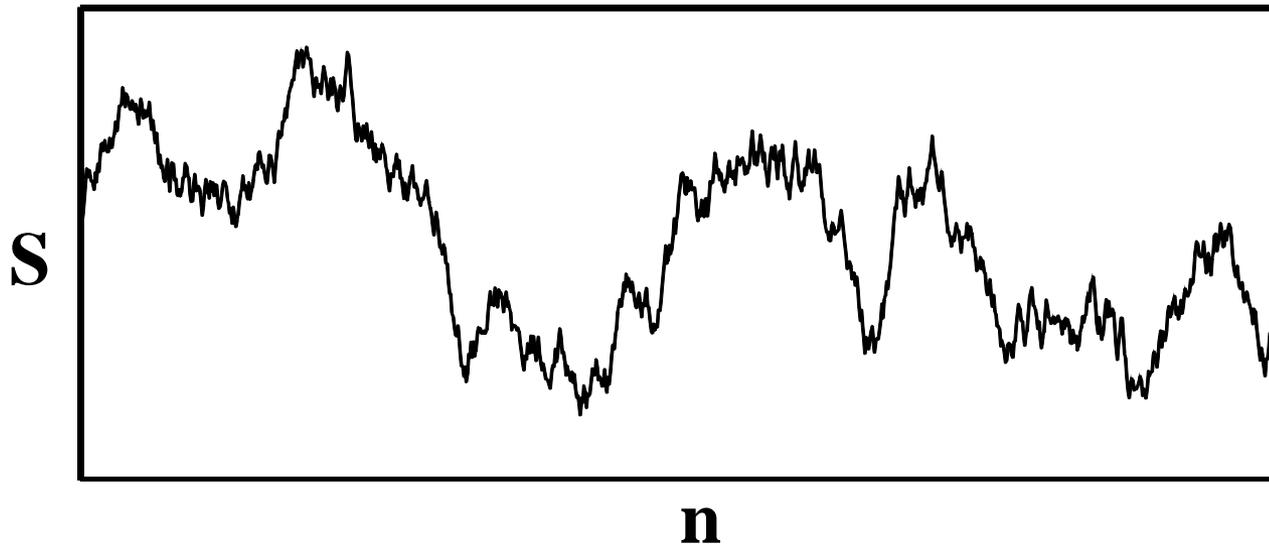
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# A fair coin toss (martingale)

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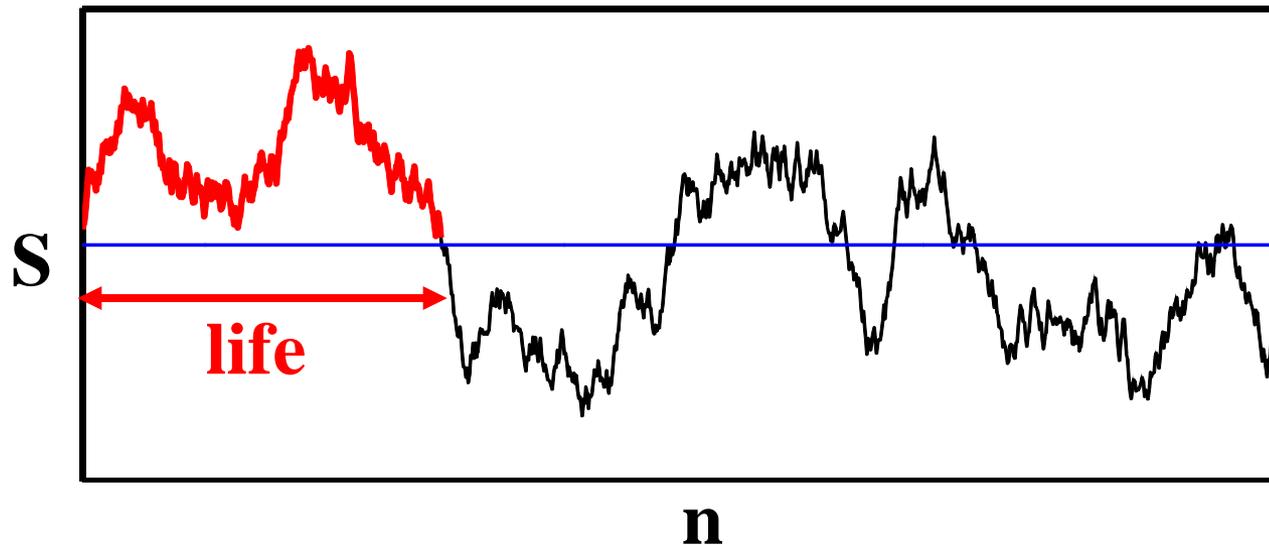
$$S_n = S_{n-1} \pm 1\$$$



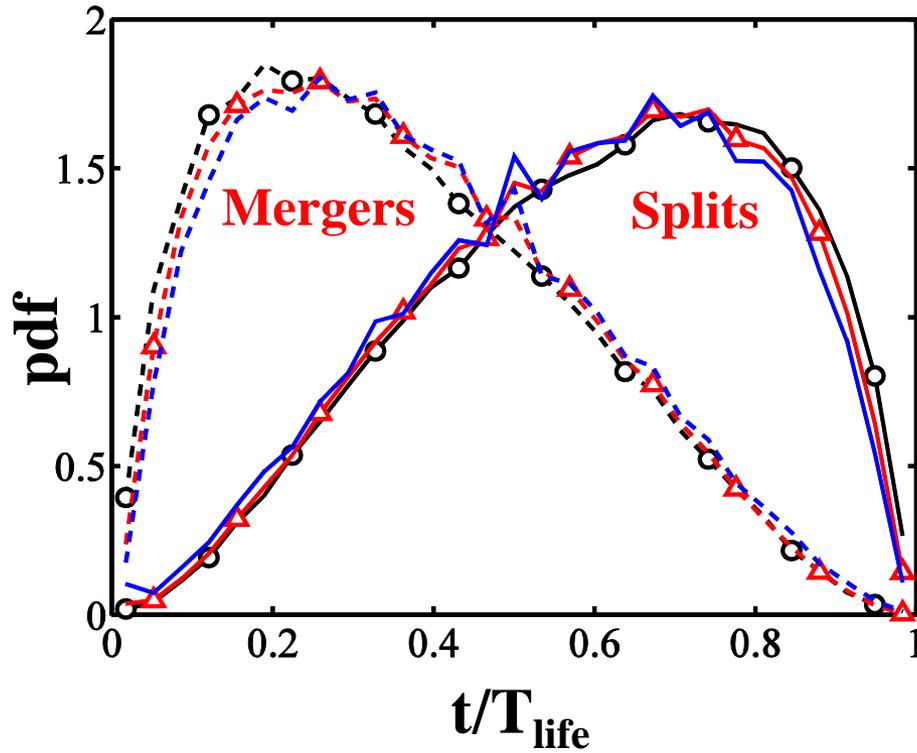
# A fair coin toss (martingale with ruin)

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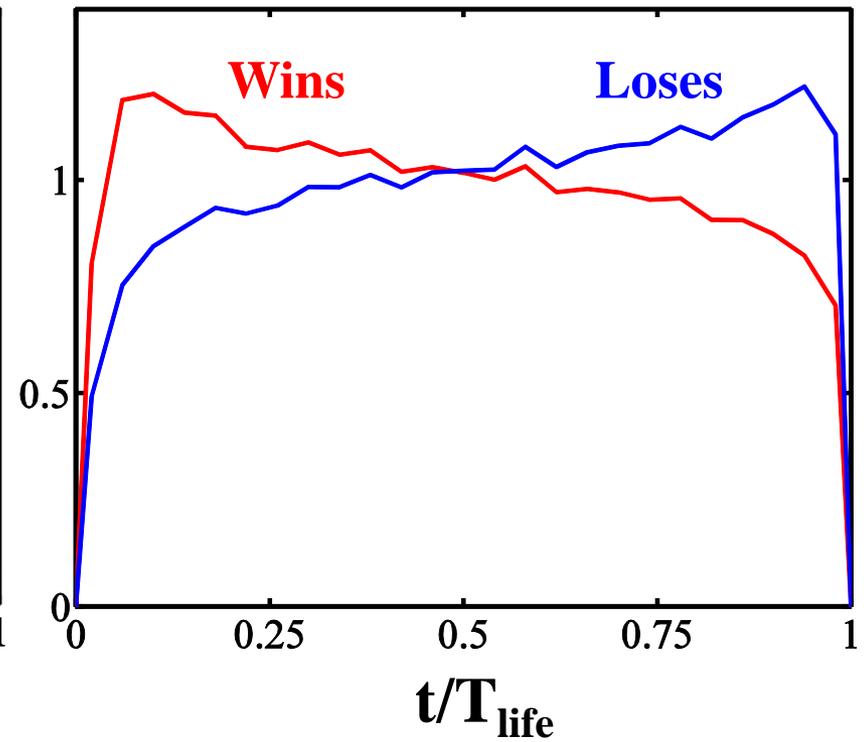
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# Growth and Decay



**Channel**



**Martingale**

# Martingales with ruin

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**Additive:**  $S_{n+1} = S_n + r_n$

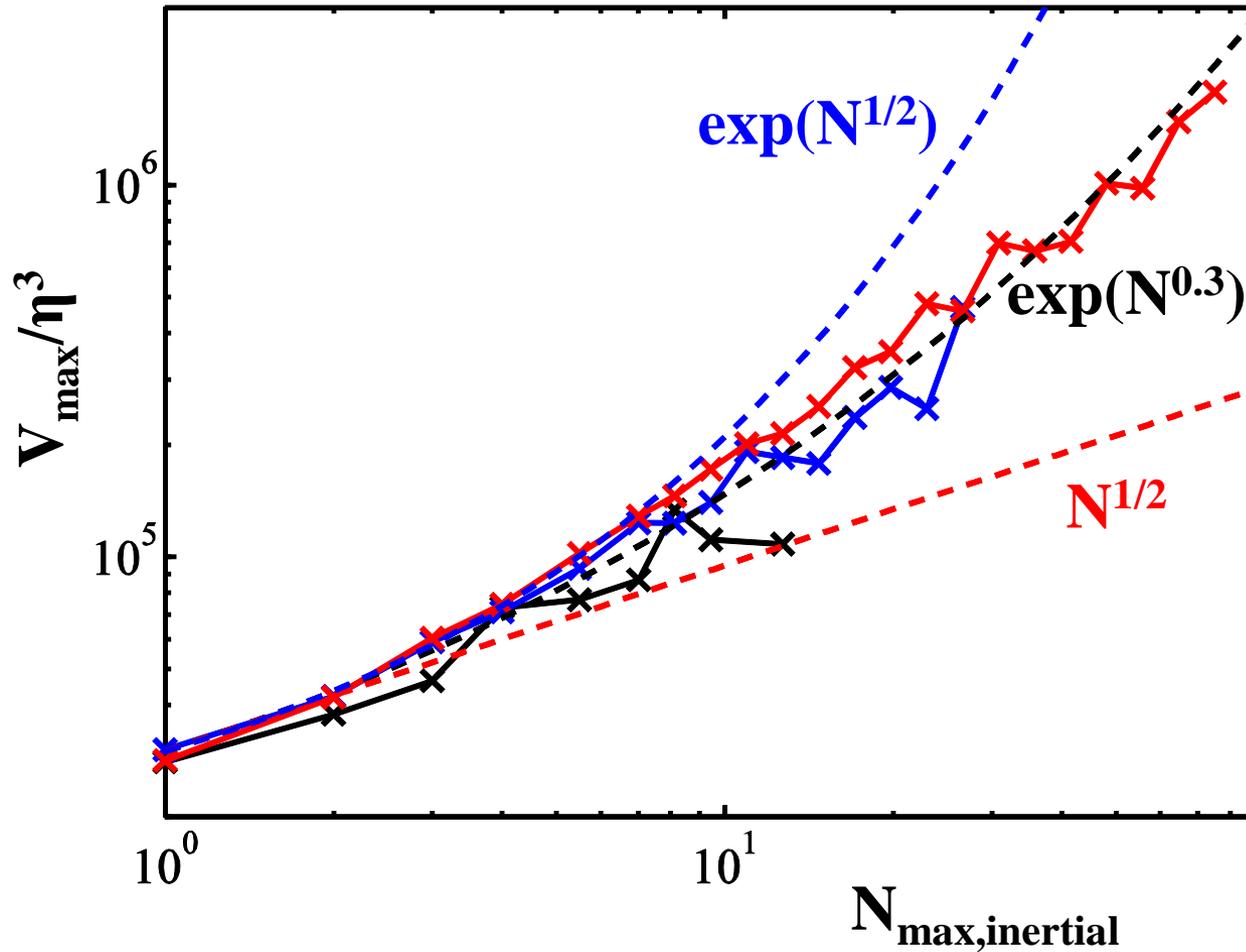
$$S_{\max} \sim N_{\max}^{1/2}$$

**Multiplicative:**  $S_{n+1} = S_n * r_n$

$$\log(S_{n+1}) = \log(S_n) + \log(r_n)$$

$$S_{\max} \sim \exp(N_{\max}^{1/2})$$

# Volume versus Life



$Re_\tau = 950-4200$ ; “inertial”

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# Summary

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- There is a **forward energy** cascade that **takes time**
- It **crosses** the inertial range **incrementally**
- Its velocity is given by the **local eddy turnover**
- It is **intermittent** (or  $u_{\max} \approx u'$ )
- The **momentum flux** in channels also **cascades**
- It is **not intermittent**
- It can be followed in **individual eddies**
- It “**resembles**” a **martingale with ruin**

**Thank you**

# The Viscous Layer is **Small**

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Channel (U):  $Re_\tau = 2000$ ,  $y^+ = 15$

