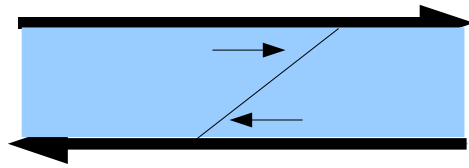


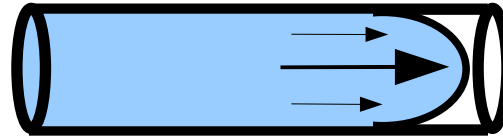
# Patterns of Turbulence

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*Dwight Barkley, University of Warwick*

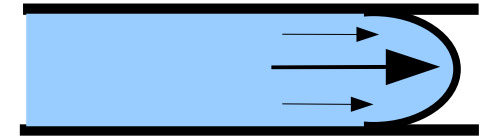
# Parallel Flows



**Couette**



**Pipe**

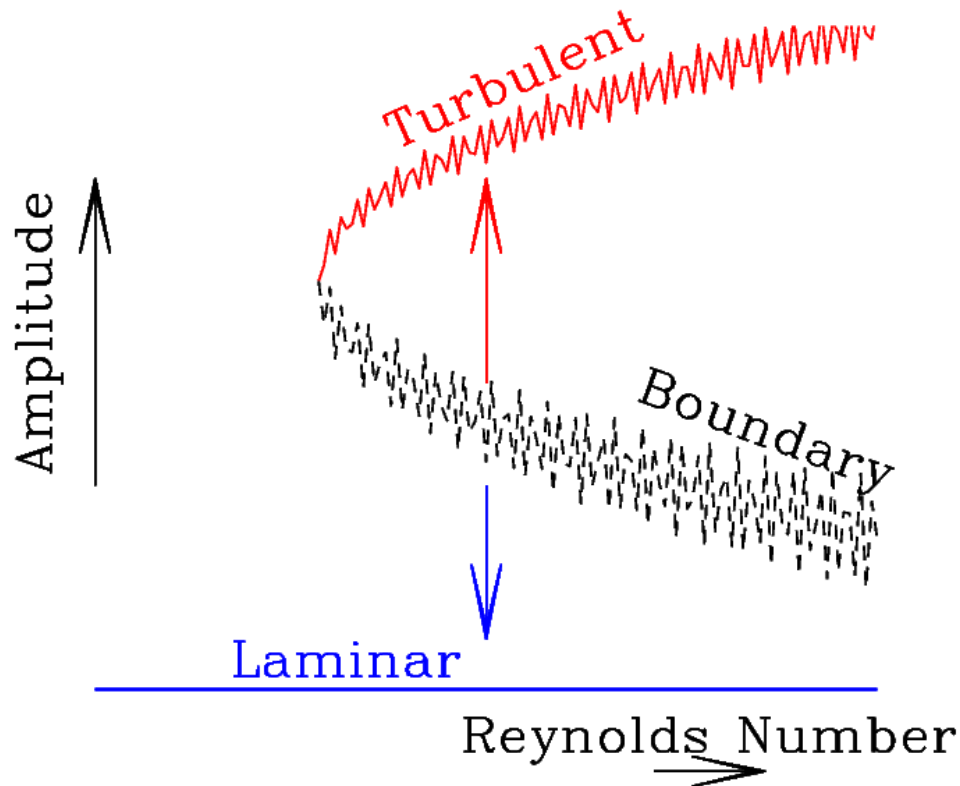


**Poiseuille**

*linear instability:*  $Re = \infty$  (Romanov)  
*transition to turbulence:*  $Re \approx 300$

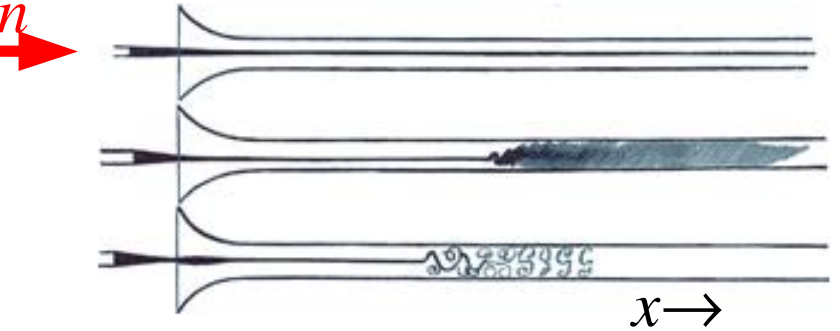
$Re = \infty$   
 $Re \approx 2000$

$Re = 5772$  (Orszag)  
 $Re \approx 1000$



# Transition to turbulence in parallel flows

1880s Reynolds: first systematic investigation



1900s Orr-Sommerfeld equation

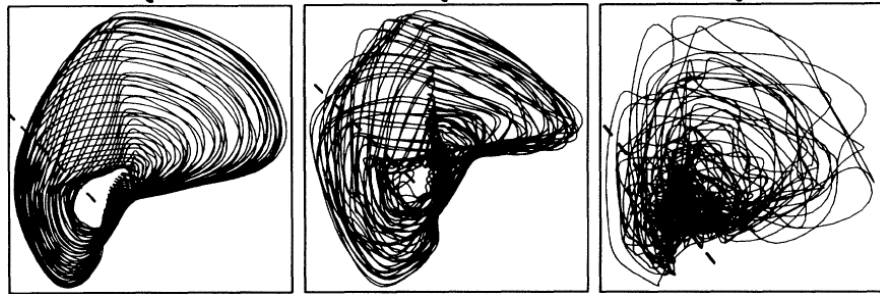
1930s Squire's Theorem:  $Re_{2D} < Re_{3D}$

1980s 3D instability of 2D decaying transients:

Orszag, Patera, Kells, Bayly, Herbert

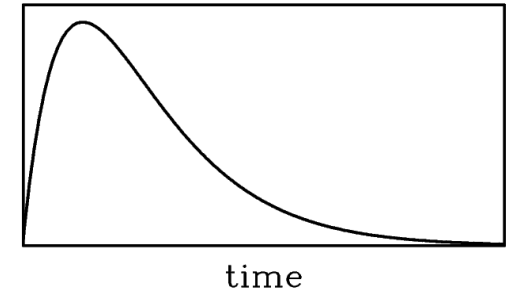
Low-dimensional chaos, strange attractors:

Swinney, Gollub, Brandstater

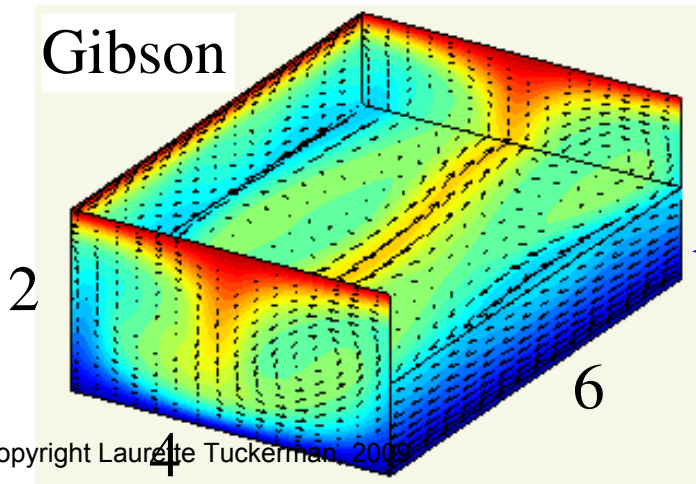


1990s Transient growth:

perturbations can grow over finite time even if all  $\lambda < 0$   
Butler, Farrell, Trefethen, Schmid, Henningson, Reddy

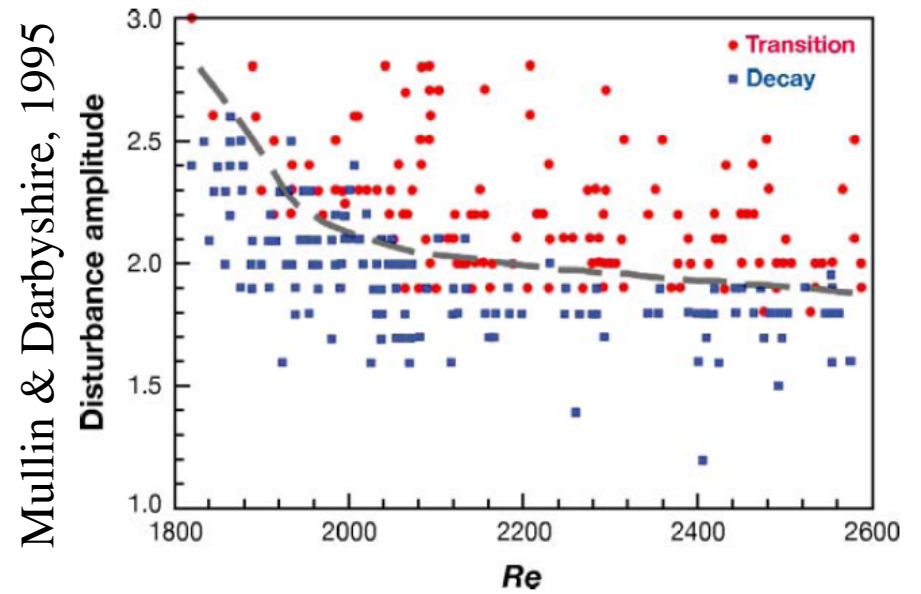
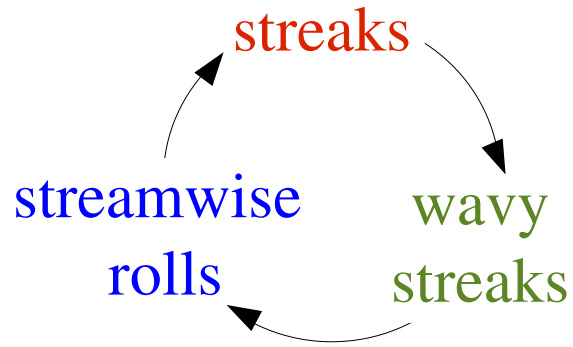


Gibson



1990s Minimal flow unit: smallest periodic boxes sustaining turbulence in simulations  
Hamilton, Kim, Waleffe, Jiménez

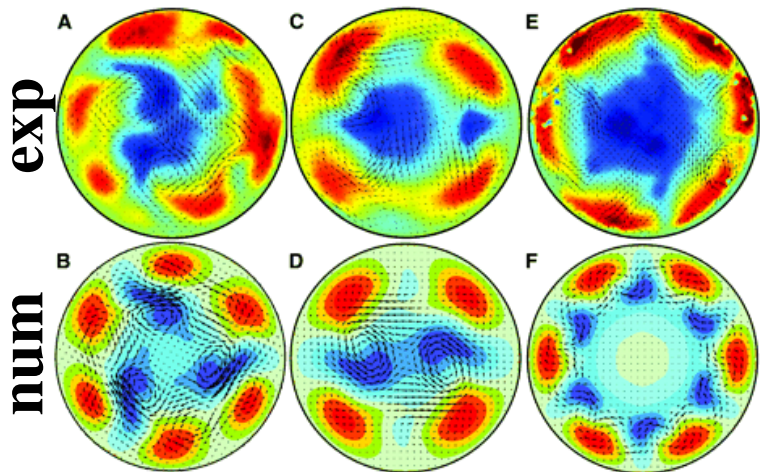
**Self-sustaining process:** *Waleffe*



**Re dependence of minimum triggering perturbations and turbulent lifetimes:**

*Mullin, Darbyshire, Peixinho, Hof, Daviaud, Dauchot, Manneville, Eckhardt, Faisst*

**Basin boundary is fractal/edge states:** *Eckhardt, Schmiegel, Schneider, Yorke, Skufca*



**New unstable solutions form skeleton of chaotic attractor = turbulence**

*Nagata, Busse, Ehrenstein, Kawahara, Kida, Waleffe, Cvitanovic, Gibson, Halcrow, Viswanath, Kerswell, Wedin, Pringle, Duguet, Willis, Eckhardt, Faisst*

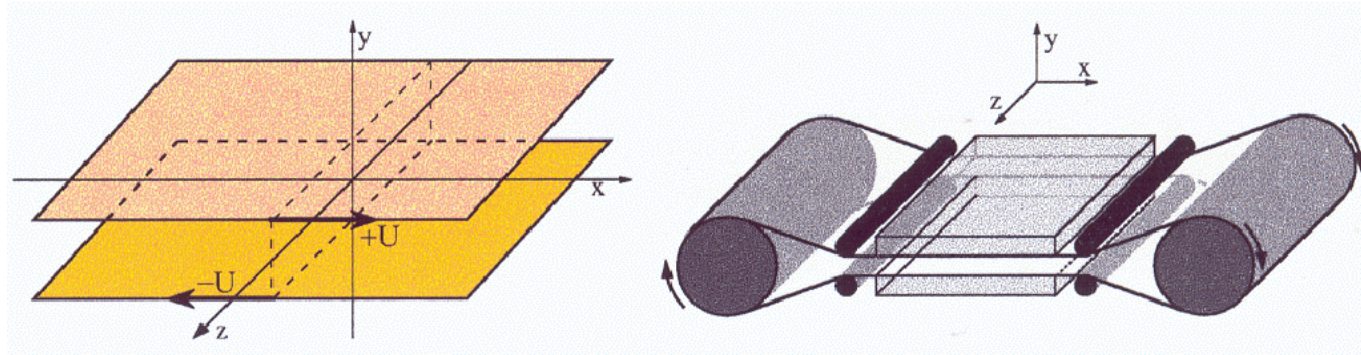
Hof et al., 2004



# Experiments at CEA/Saclay by Prigent, Dauchot (2000-3)

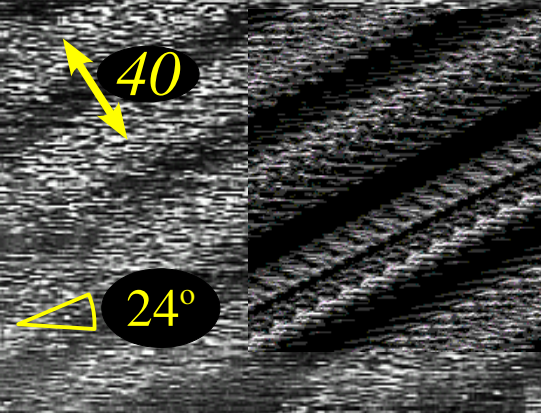
Plane Couette Flow

$$Re = \frac{U_{gap/2}}{\nu}$$



$Re \approx 400$

Spanwise

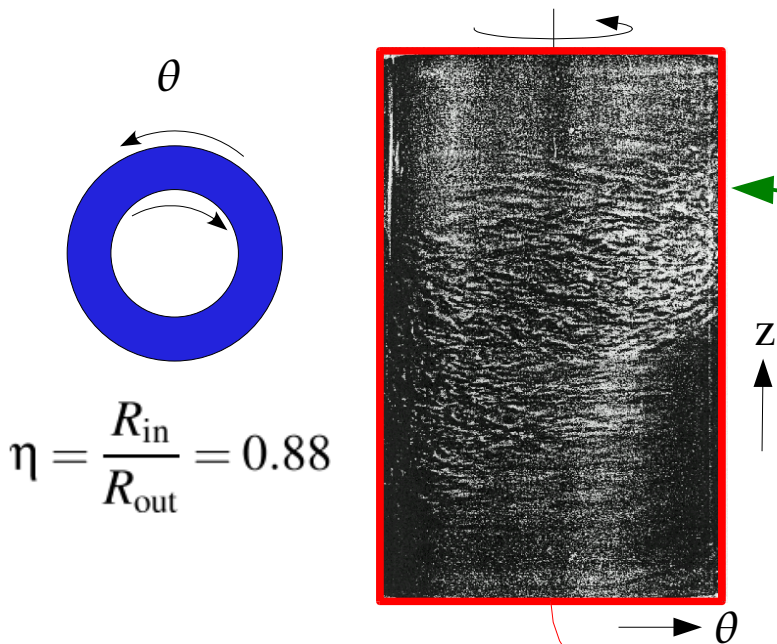


Gap 2

Length 770

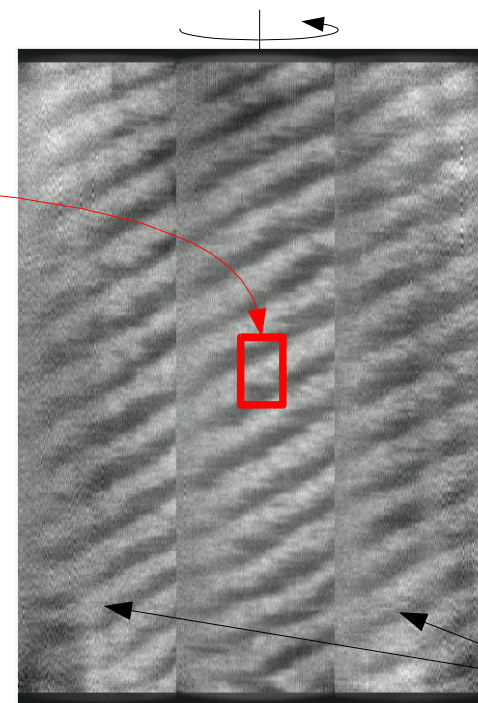
Streamwise

# Spiral Turbulence in counter-rotating Taylor-Couette Flow

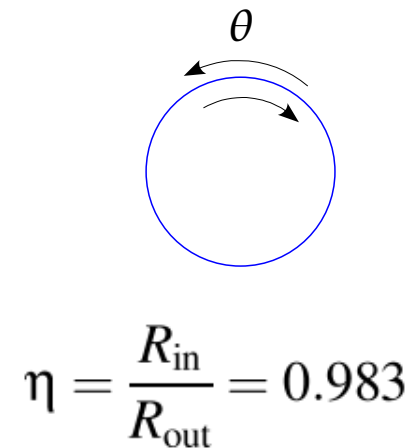


- Coles JFM (1965)
- van Atta JFM (1966)
- Andereck et al. JFM (1986)

**Prigent & Dauchot PRL (2002)**



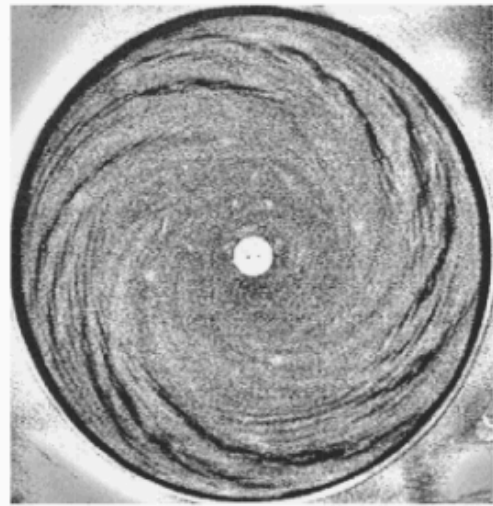
LARGE aspect ratio



Mirrors



## *Rotor-Stator*



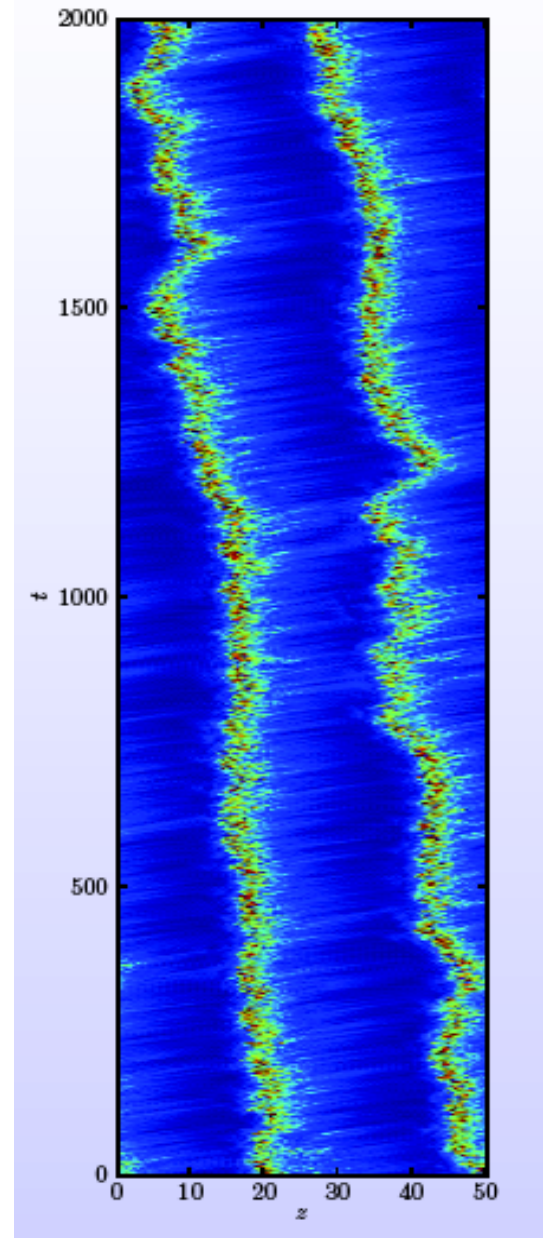
*Cros & Le Gal (2002)*

## *Plane Poiseuille*



*Tsukahara et al (2005)*

## *Pipe Flow*

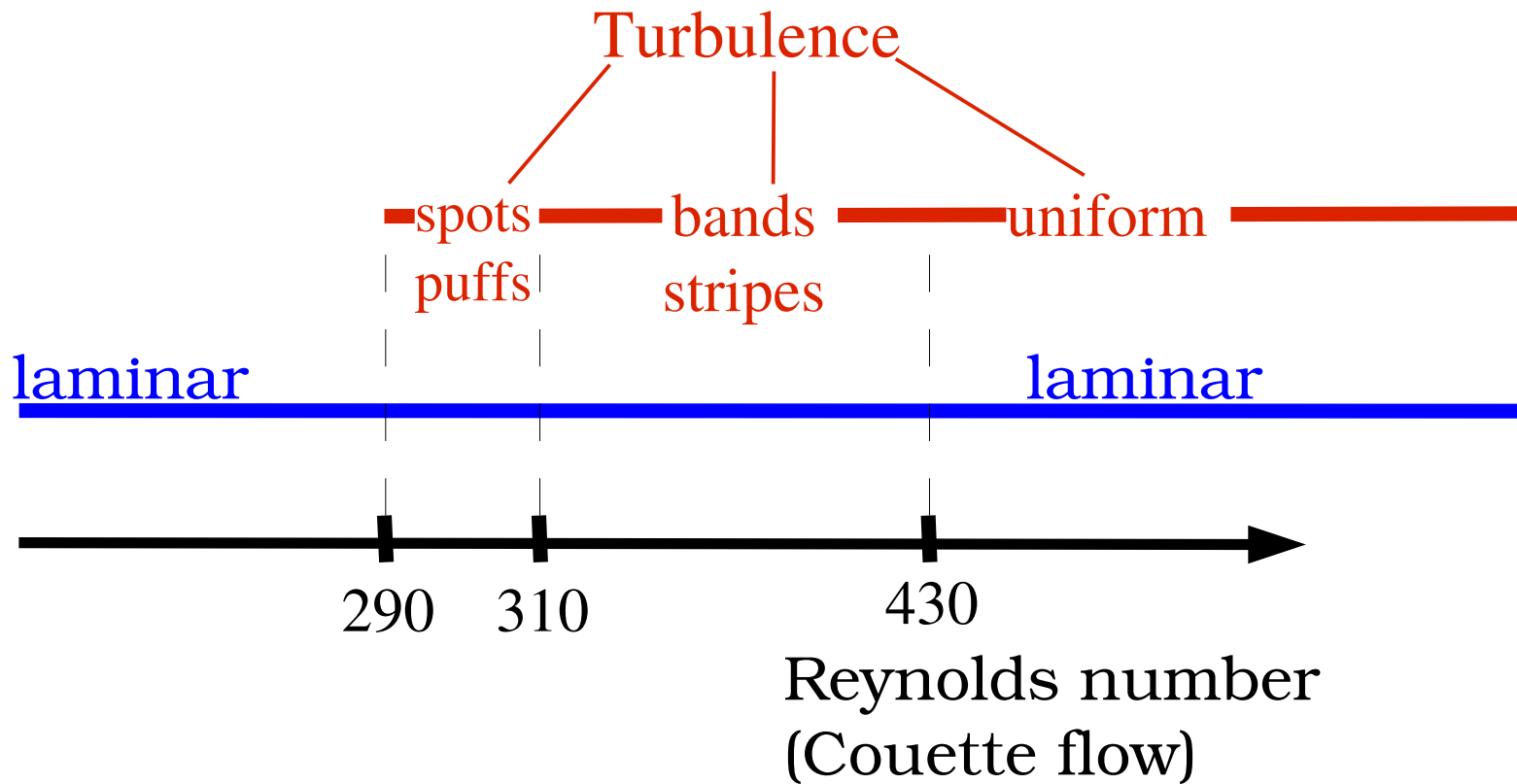


*Moxey & Barkley (2009)*

## *Plane Couette & Taylor-Couette:*

- *Manneville, Lagha, Rolland*
- *Duguet, Schlatter, Henningson*
- *Garcia-Villalba et al.*
- *Marques, Mesequer, Avila*
- *Dong*

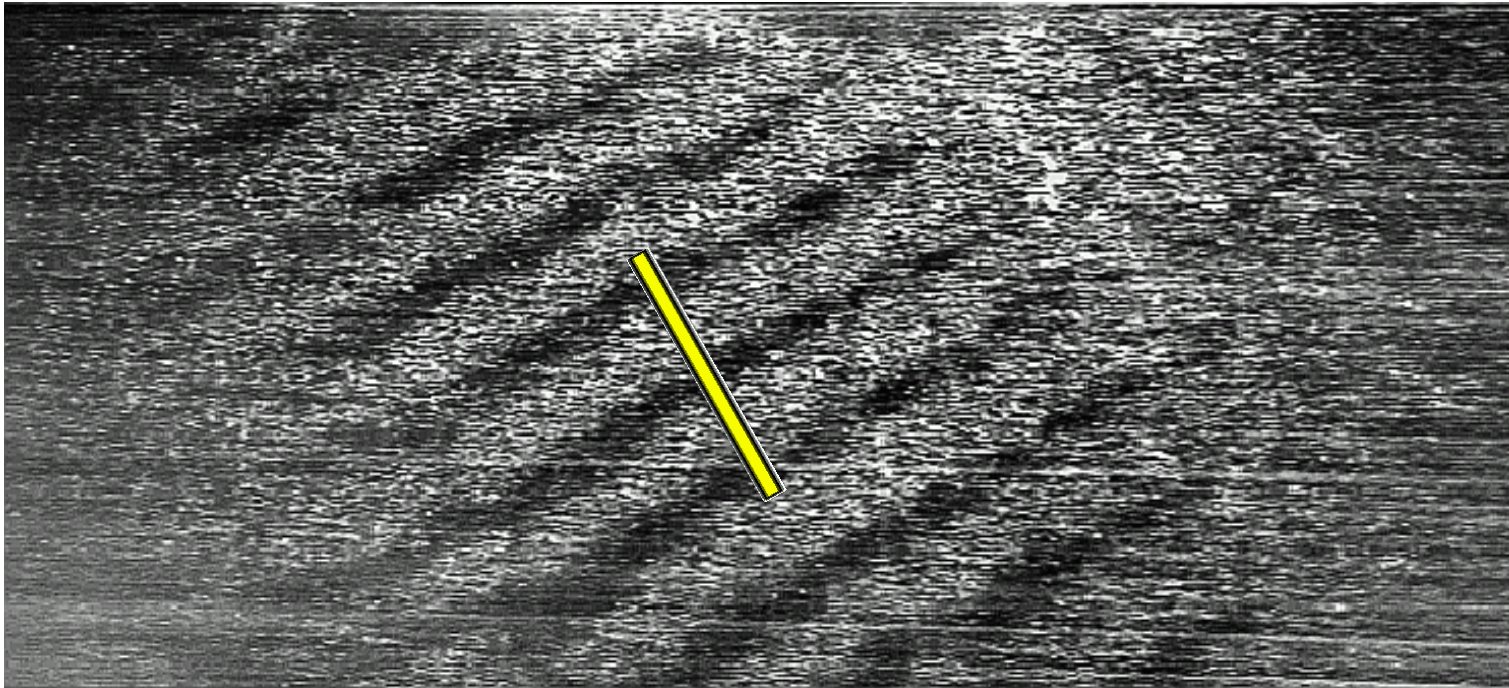
*In a **LARGE** box, turbulence takes varied forms near transition  
bistable with laminar flow*





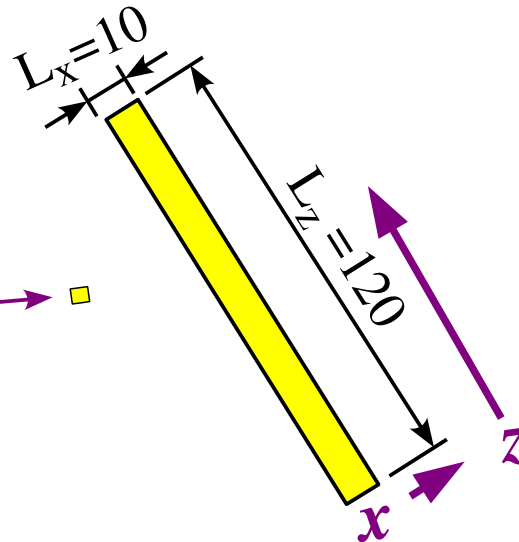
# Computational Domains: Angles and Size

↑ spanwise



→ streamwise

*classic Minimum Flow Unit  
for sustaining turbulence* → □



*analog of Minimum Flow Unit  
for turbulent-laminar pattern*

# Numerical Methods

## Direct Numerical Simulations of Navier-Stokes Equations

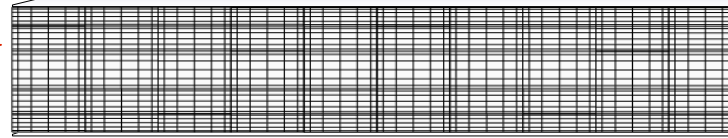
$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \mathbf{u} &= -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \mathbf{u} - \nabla p \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Prism (Henderson & Karniadakis)**

**2 to 20 million gridpoints**

$$\begin{aligned}L_y &= 2 \\ N_y &= 31 \text{ or } 41\end{aligned}$$

**y**



$$\begin{aligned}L_x &= 10, N_x = 61 \text{ or } 81 \\ \text{Spectral-element mesh}\end{aligned}$$

**x**

**z**

$$\begin{aligned}L_z &= 40 \text{ or } 120 \\ N_z &= 512 \text{ or } 1024 \\ \text{Fourier, parallel}\end{aligned}$$



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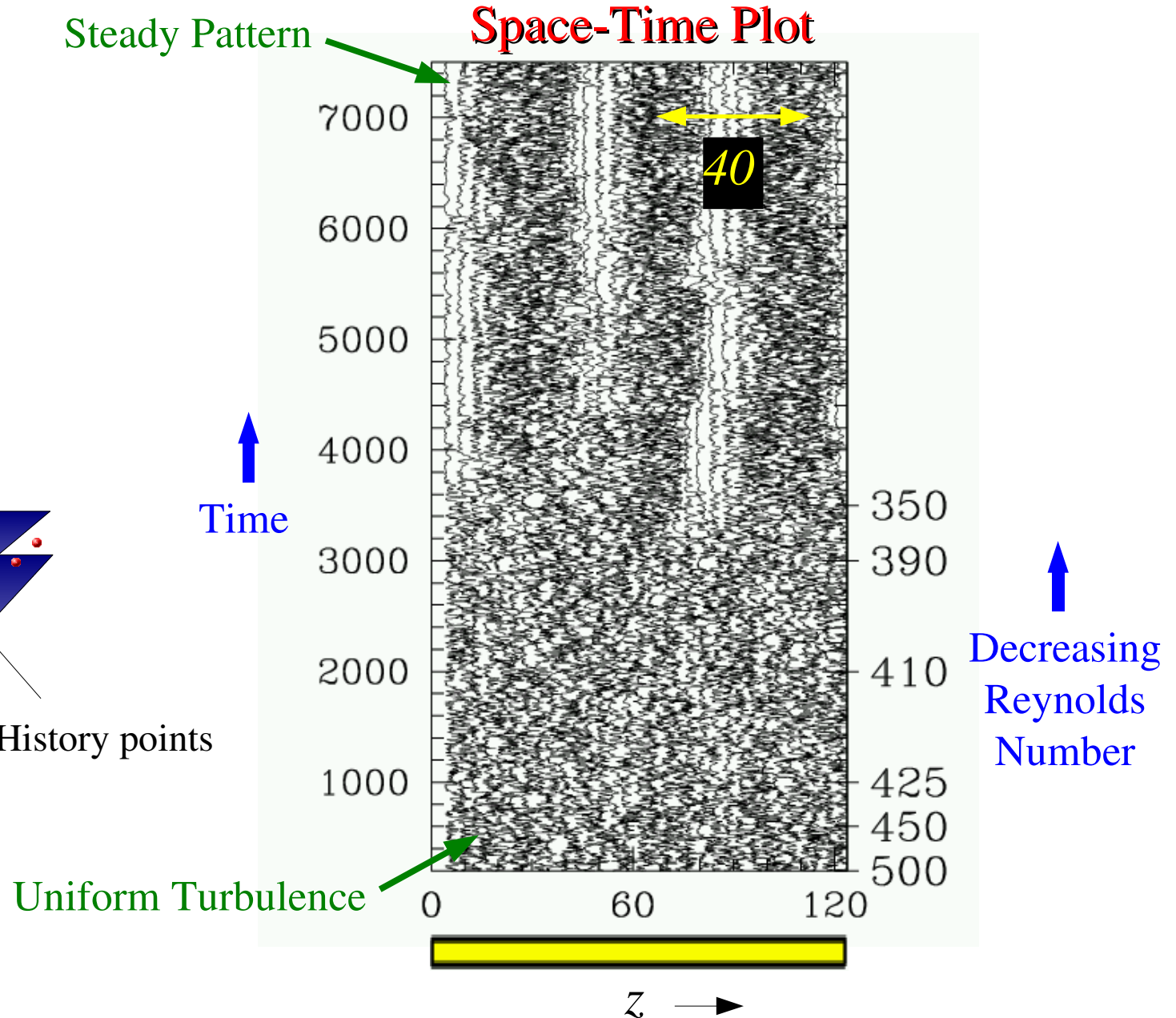
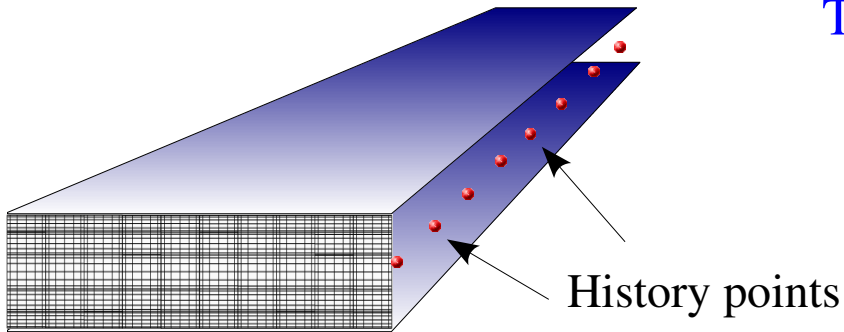


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# Results

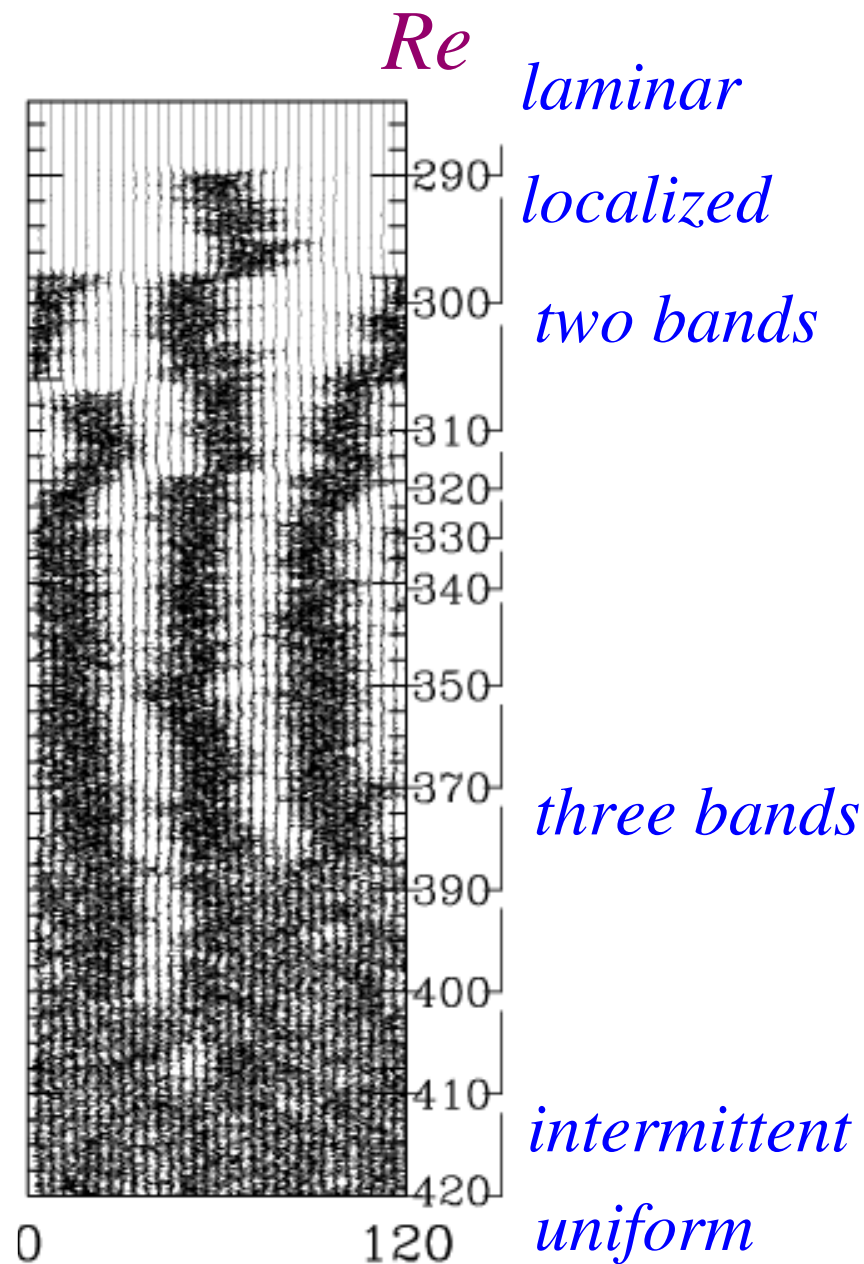
For each domain:

- Start at  $Re = 500$
- Obtain turbulent flow
- Decrease  $Re$
- Monitor turbulence

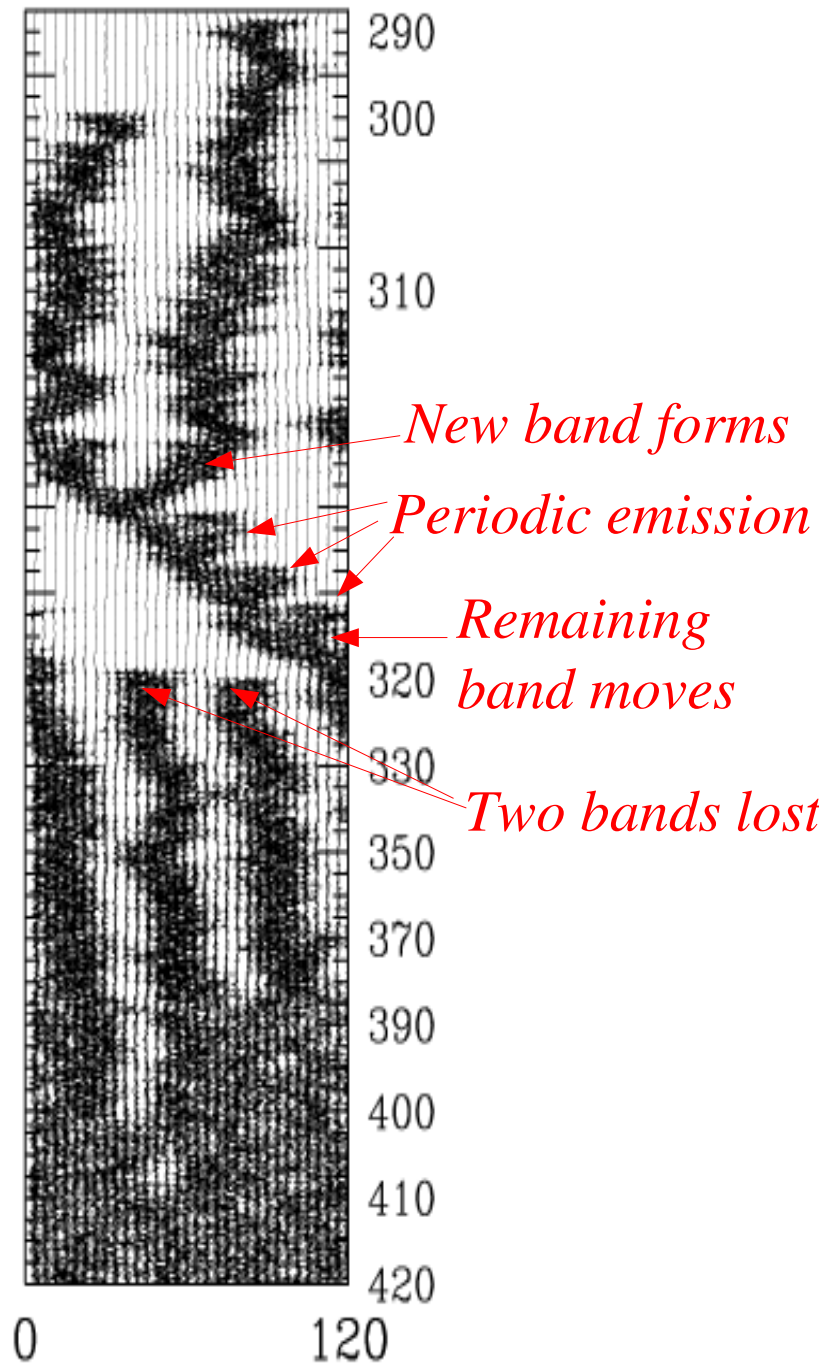




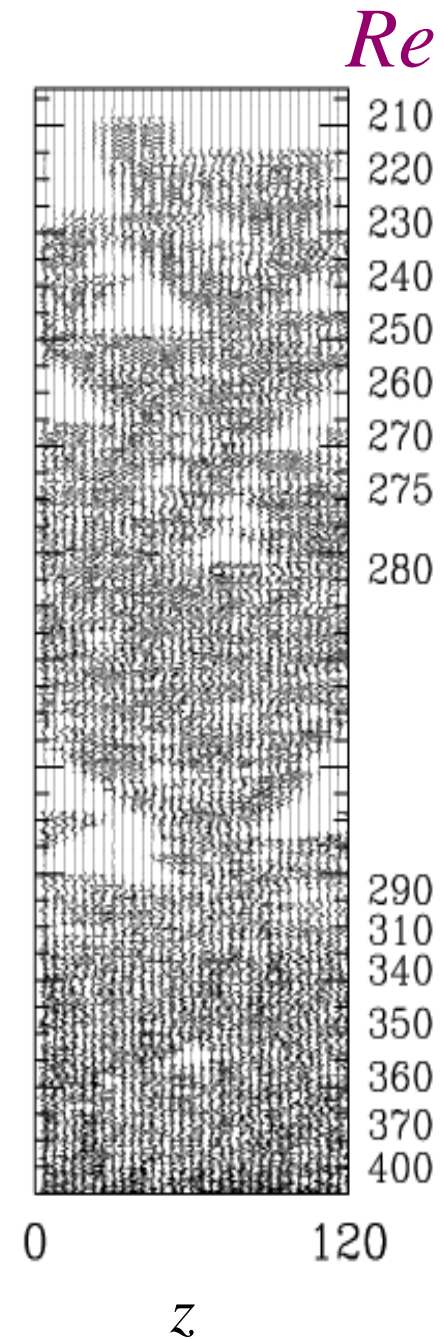
# *Six regimes*

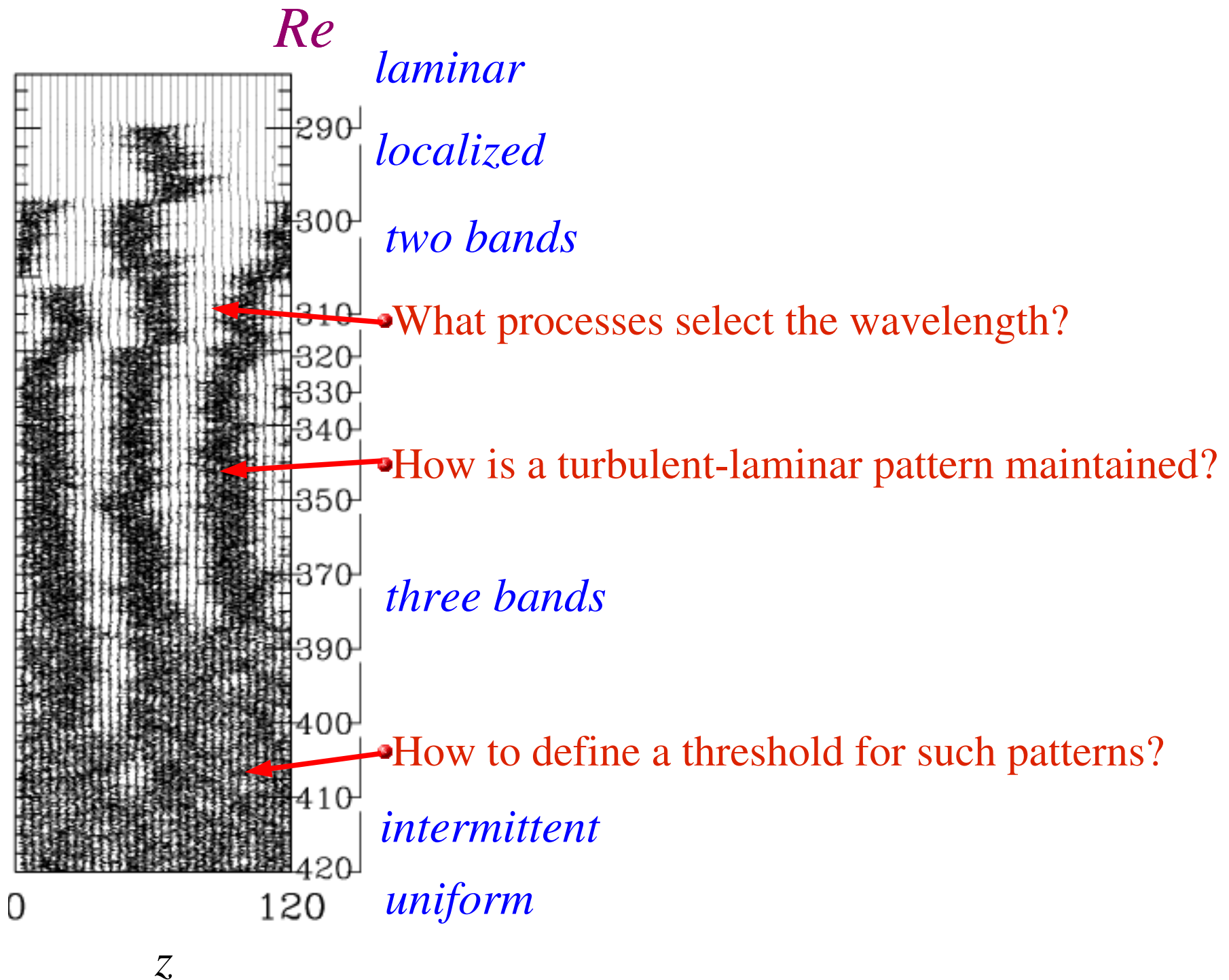


# Branching ( $\theta=24^\circ$ )



# STI ( $\theta=0^\circ$ ) long spanwise box



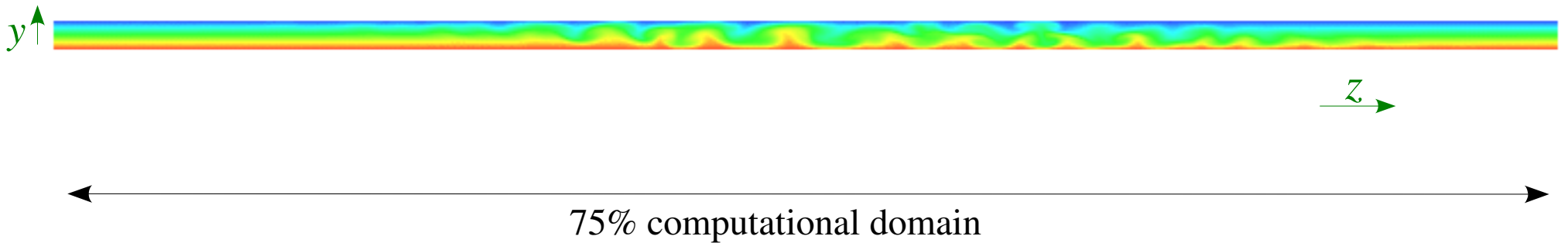




# *Movie of Localized State*

**Streamwise velocity  
in  $y$ - $z$  plane**

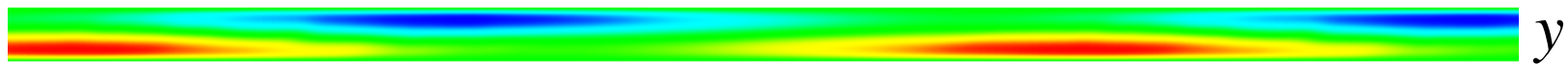
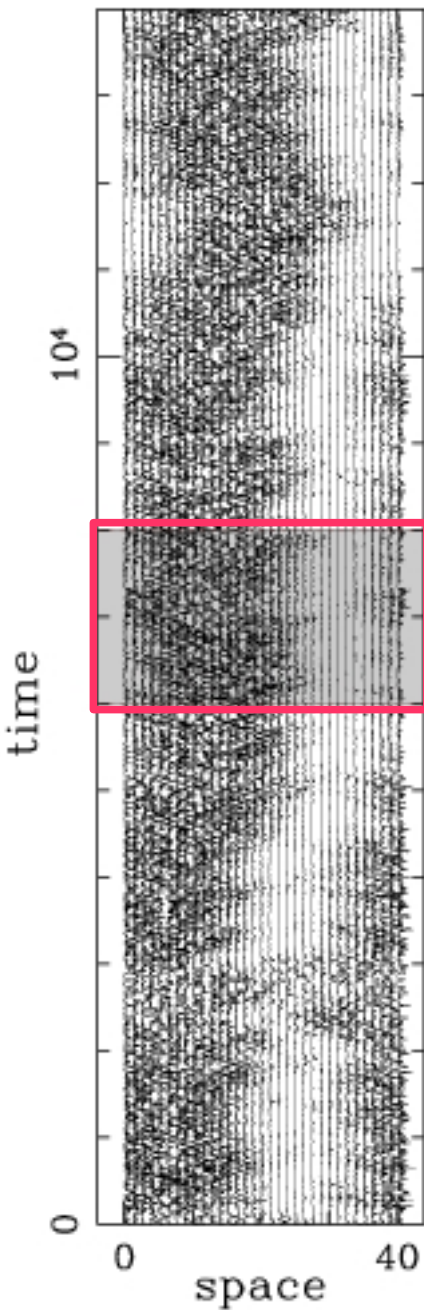
**$Re=300$**



*Average: in time and in x (short direction)*

$$\mathbf{U}(y, z) \equiv \langle \mathbf{u} \rangle \equiv \int dx \int dt \mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \equiv \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{U}$$



$U(y, z) - U_{\text{Couette}}$

$z \longrightarrow$



$\Psi(y, z) - \Psi_{\text{Couette}}$  (y-z streamfunction)



$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \rangle / 2$  turbulent kinetic energy

$u(x=0, y=0, z, t)$



$P(y, z)$  pressure

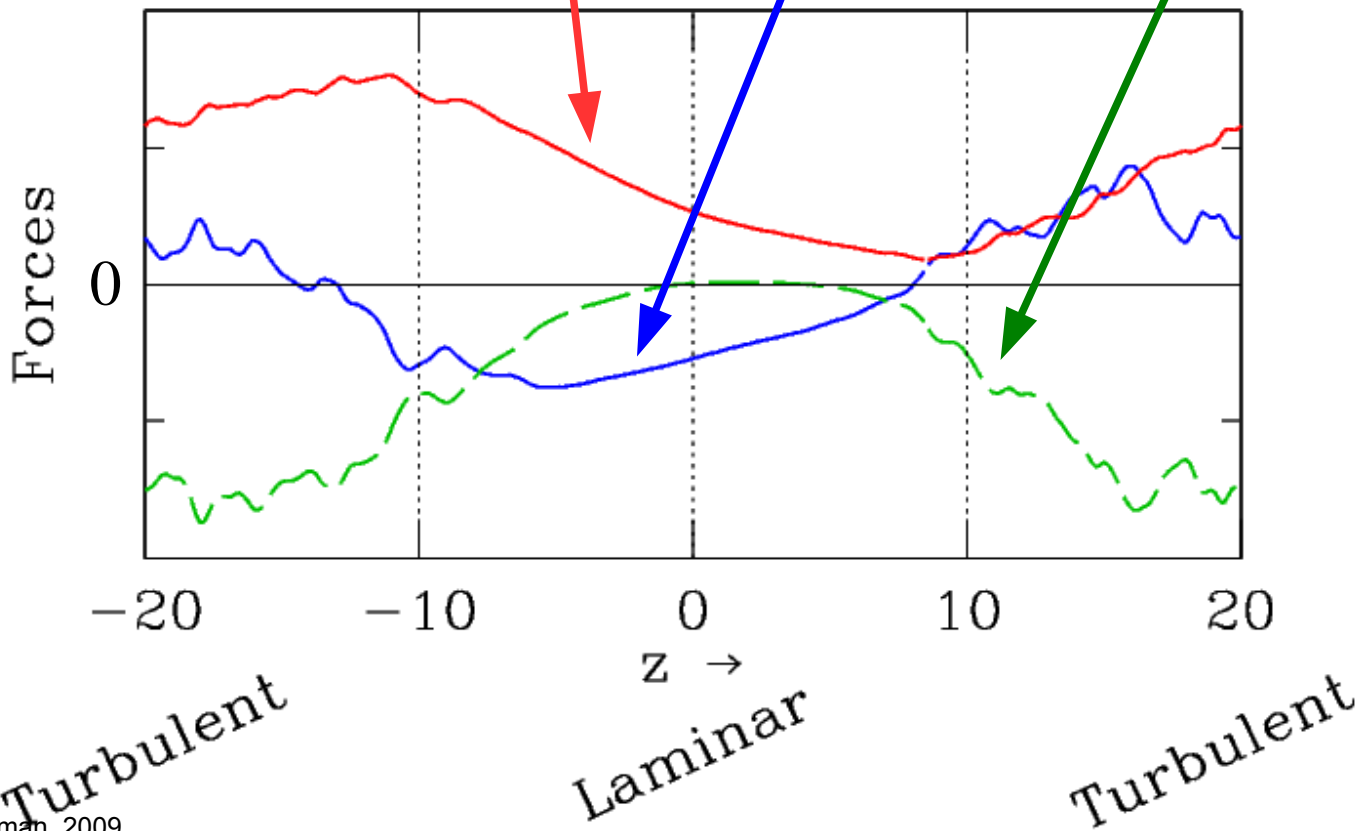
# Balance of forces in U direction

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$

$$0 = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \mathbf{U} - (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} - \langle (\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \rangle$$

*Viscous*
*Nonlinear*
*Reynolds stress*

average





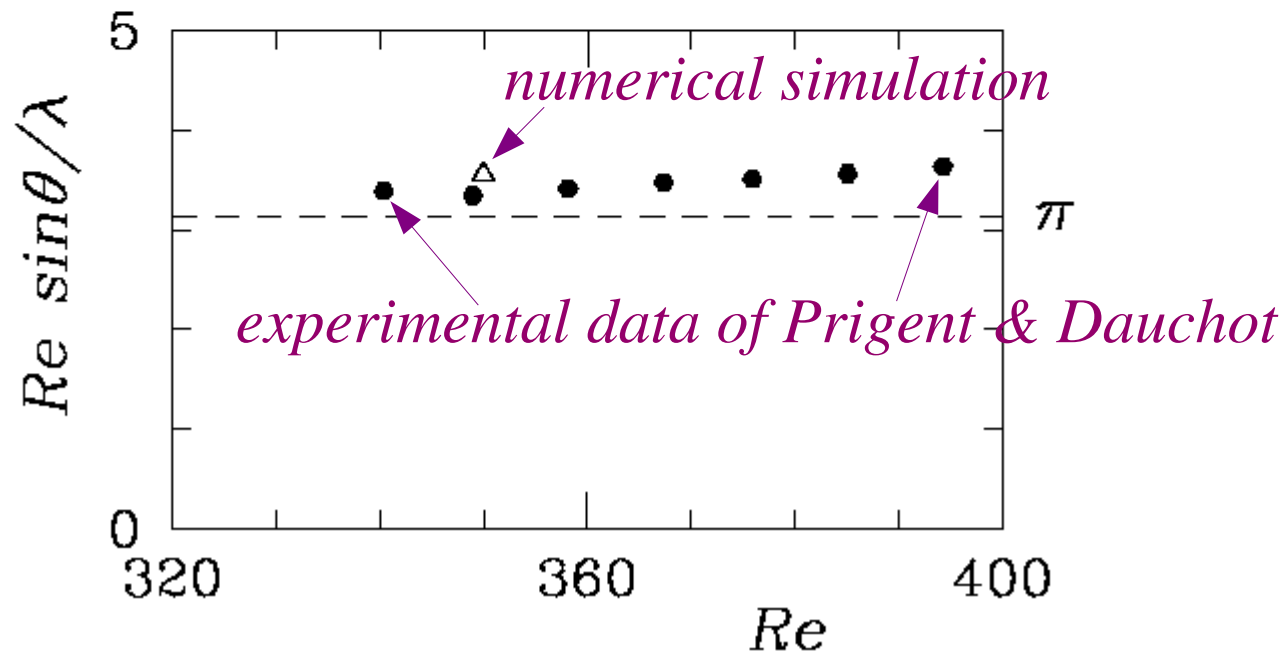
# Wavelength Selection

$$\mathbf{U}_{\text{Couette}} = (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \cos \theta + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \sin \theta)y \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{\sin \theta \, y \, \partial_z U} = \boxed{\frac{1}{Re} \partial_y^2 U} \quad \leftarrow \quad \partial_y^2 \gg \partial_z^2$$

(boundary layer theory)

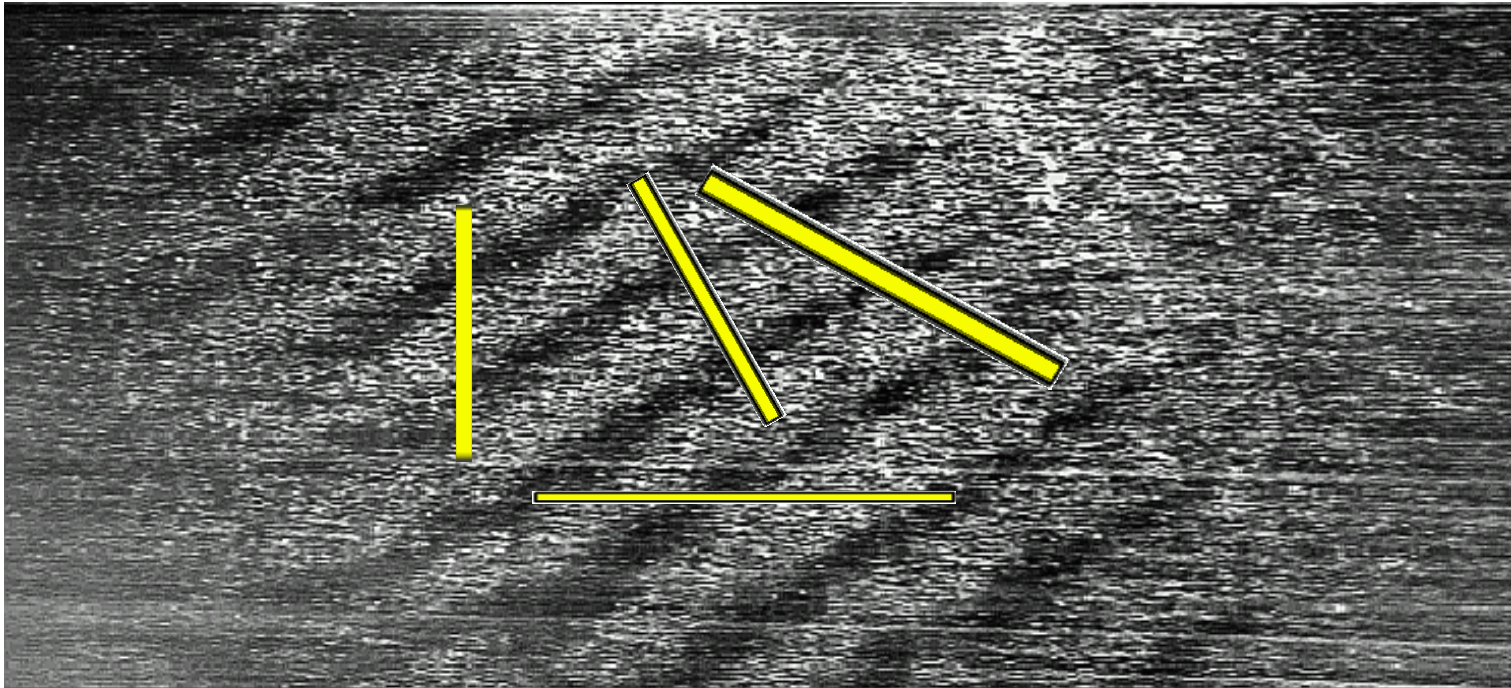
$$\sin \theta \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \approx \frac{1}{Re} \pi^2$$

$$\frac{Re \sin \theta}{\lambda} \approx \pi$$



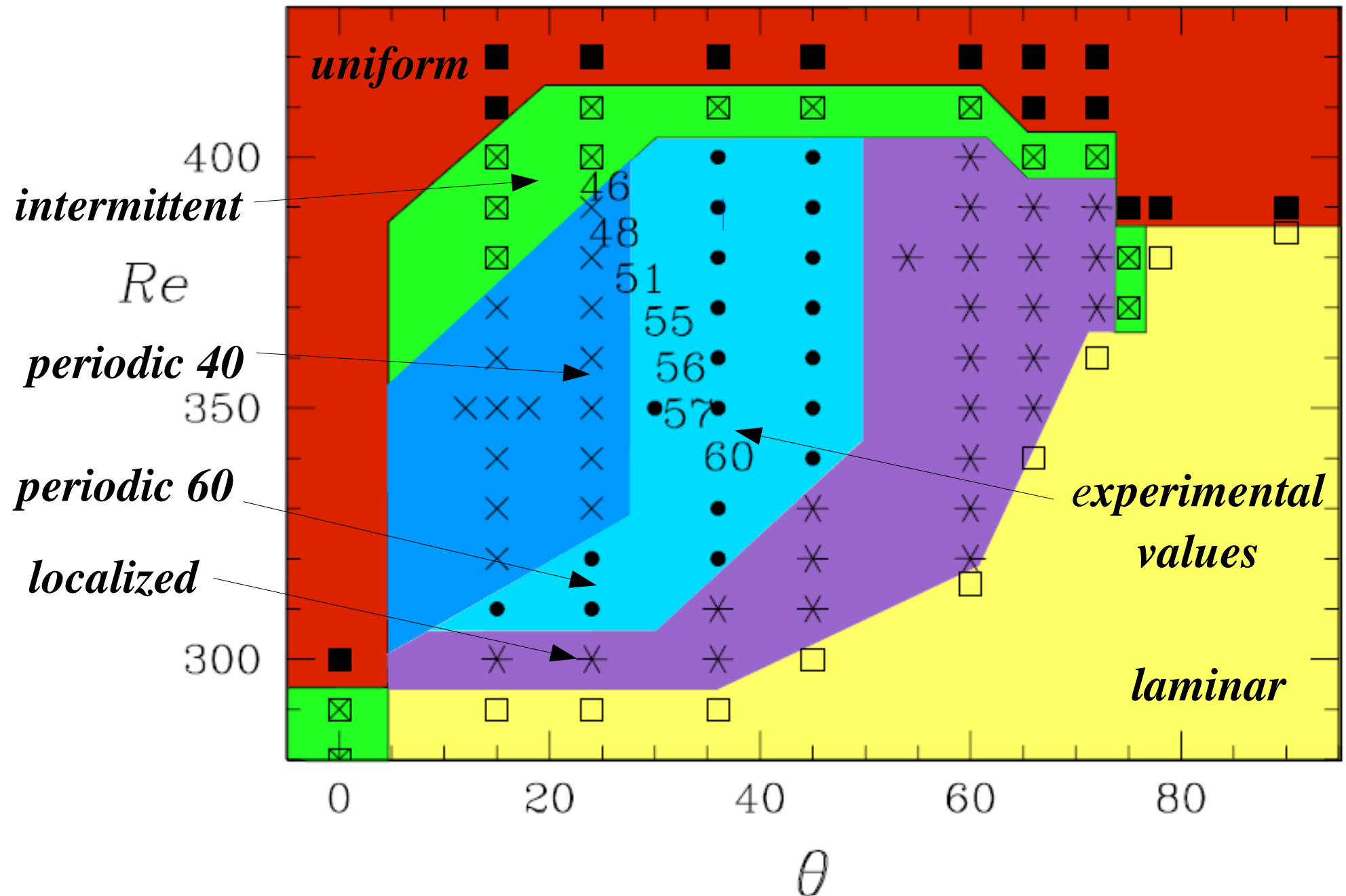
# *Computational Domains: Angles and Size*

↑  
spanwise



→  
streamwise

# Varying angle: Regimes as a function of $\theta$ , $Re$



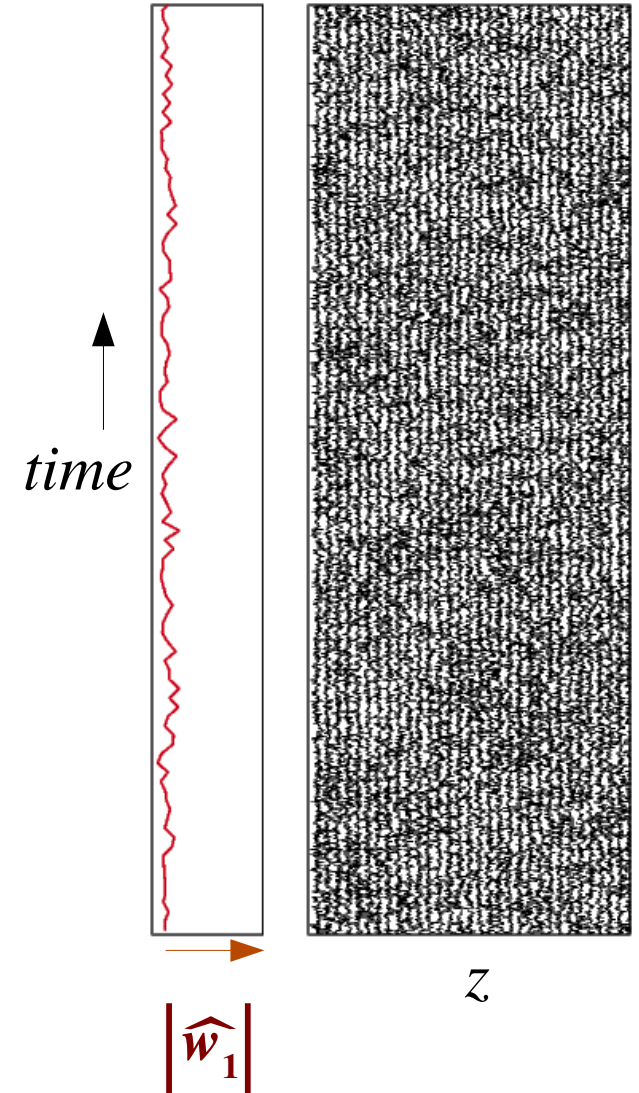
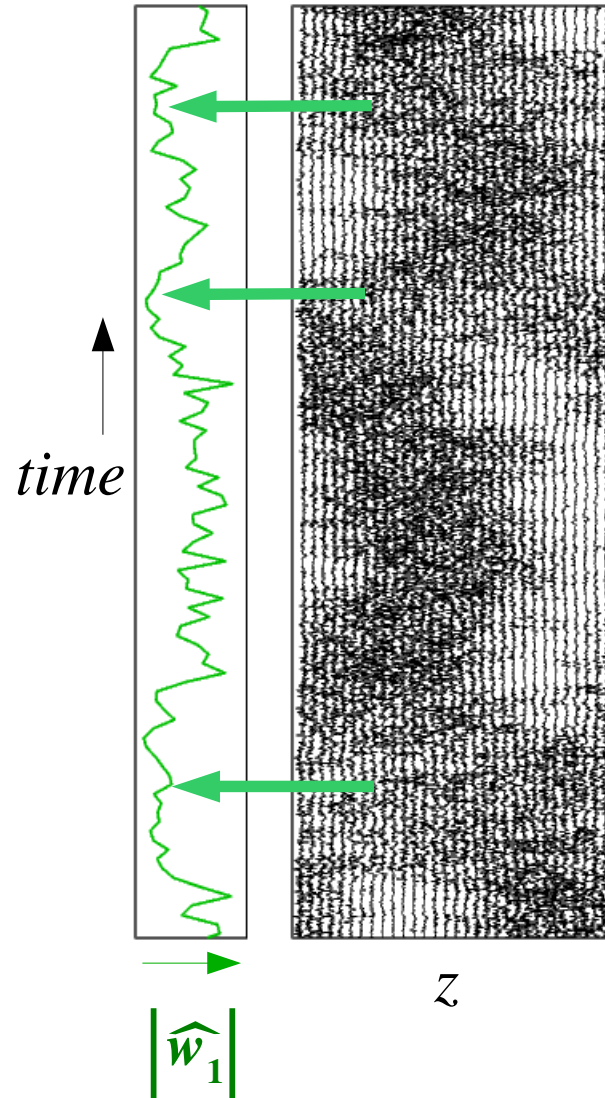
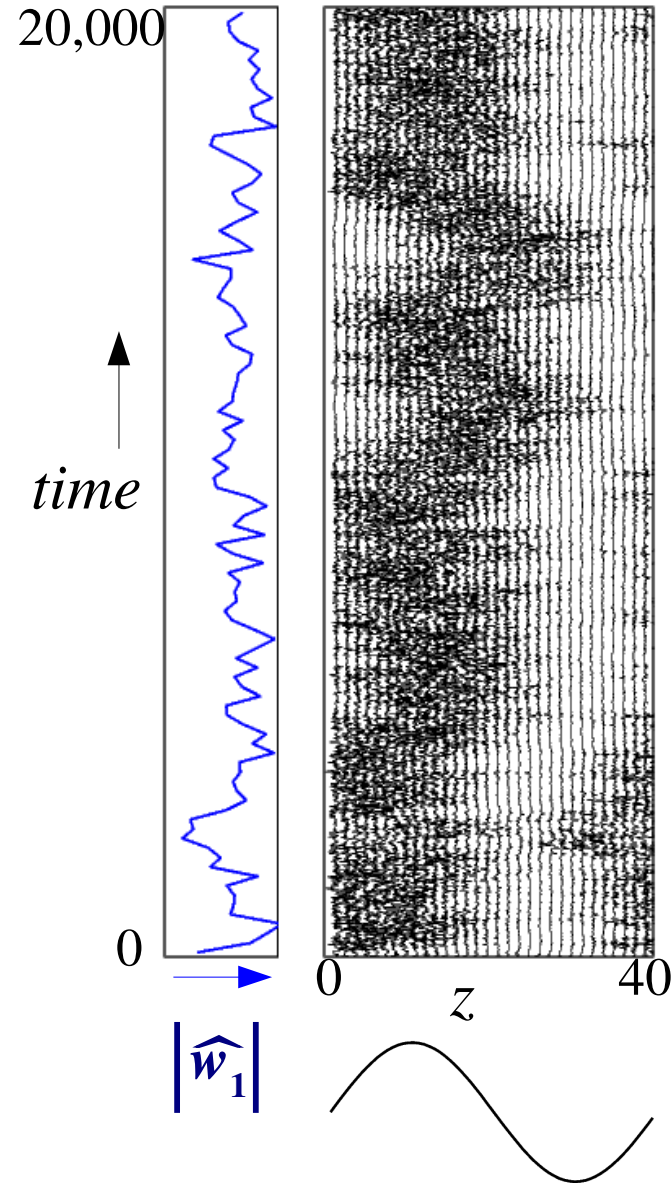


# Turbulent Timeseries

*Banded*  
Re=350

*Intermittent*  
Re=410

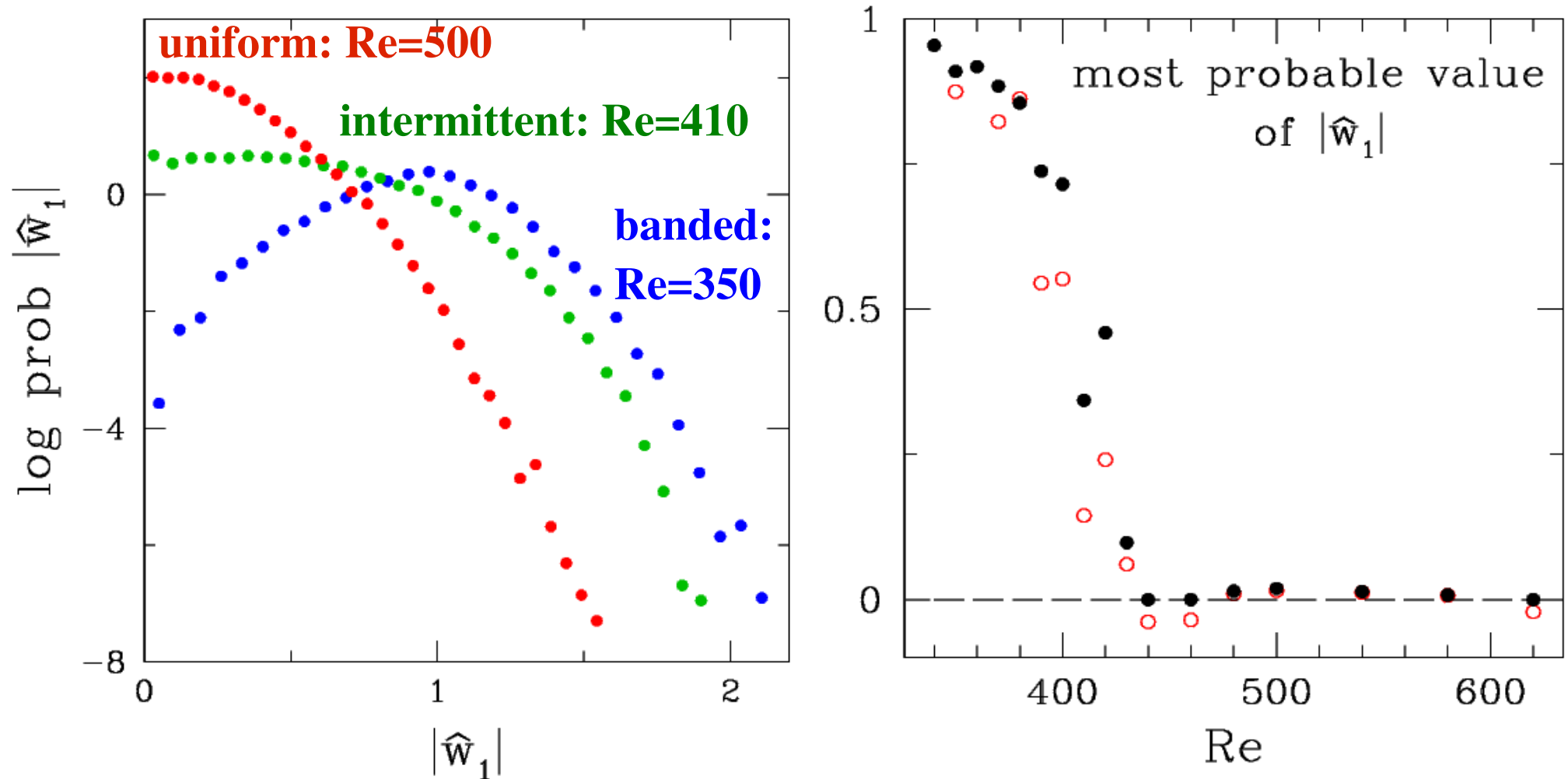
*Uniform*  
Re=500



$$w(x=0, y=0, z, t) \xrightarrow{z \text{ Fourier transform}} \hat{w}_1 \longrightarrow |\hat{w}_1|$$



*Probability Distribution Function of  $|\widehat{w}_1|$*   
*(modulus of  $m=1$ ,  $\lambda=40$  component of spanwise velocity)*



# *Conclusions*

❖ Can reproduce experimental turbulent-laminar pattern in a tilted minimal domain

❖ Average over  $x$  and  $t$  yields mean flow  $U(y,z)$  which satisfies non-trivial balance between viscous and nonlinear terms in quasi-laminar region (not linear in  $y$ )

Leads to relation between  $Re$ , tilt angle  $\theta$  and wavelength  $\lambda$

❖ Most probable value of spatial Fourier coefficient is a good order parameter for the transition to turbulent-laminar patterns.