

# Transition in subcritical shear flows – Invariant solutions and the edge of chaos.

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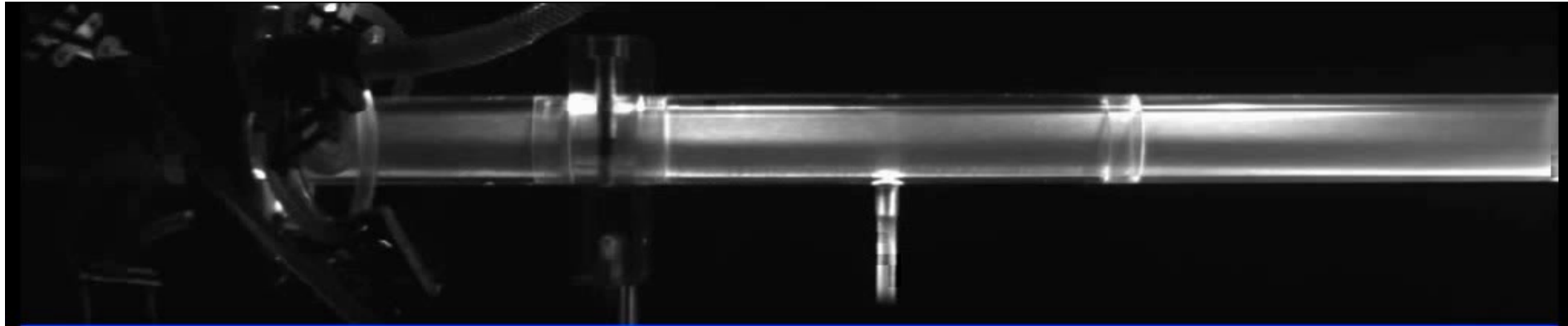
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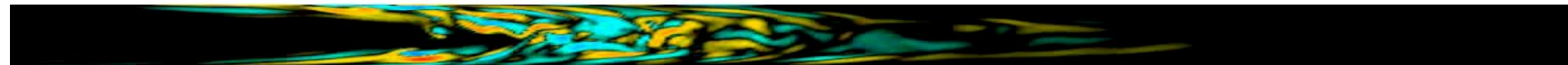
## Localised turbulence in a pipe

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Peixinho & Mullin, PRL

Illuminated flakes



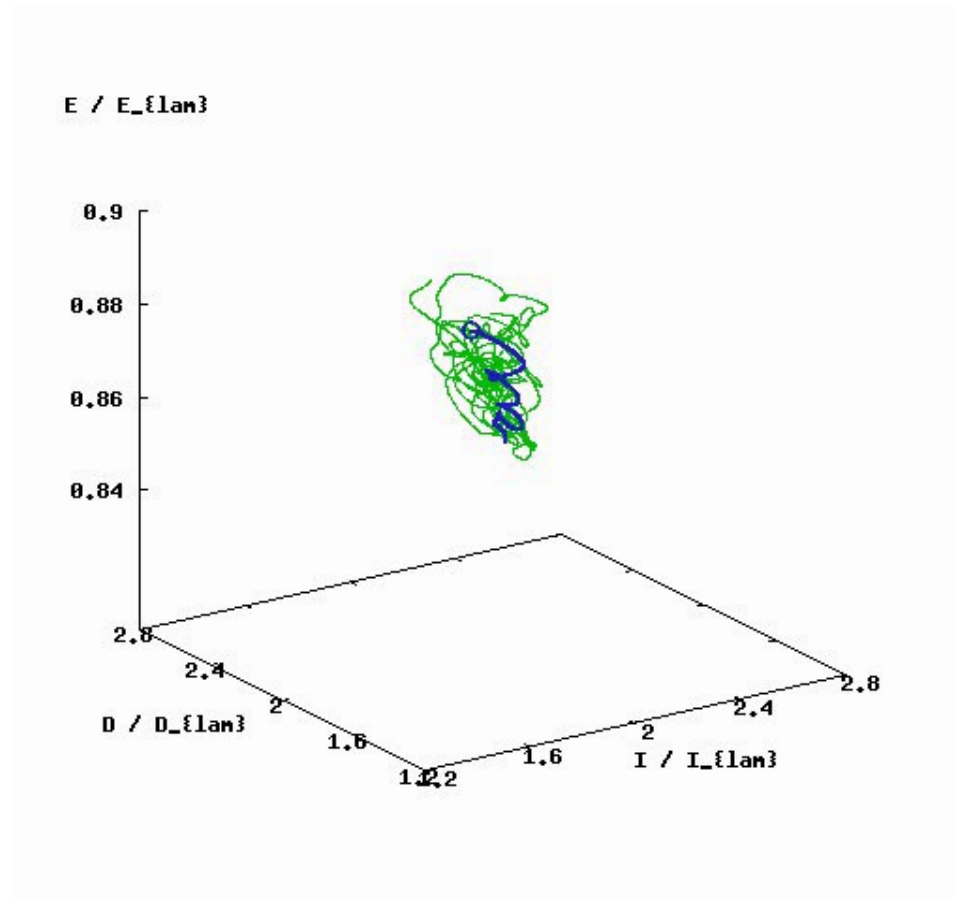
Simulation

Axial vorticity

# APPROACH: TURBULENCE AS A CHAOTIC DYNAMICAL SYSTEM

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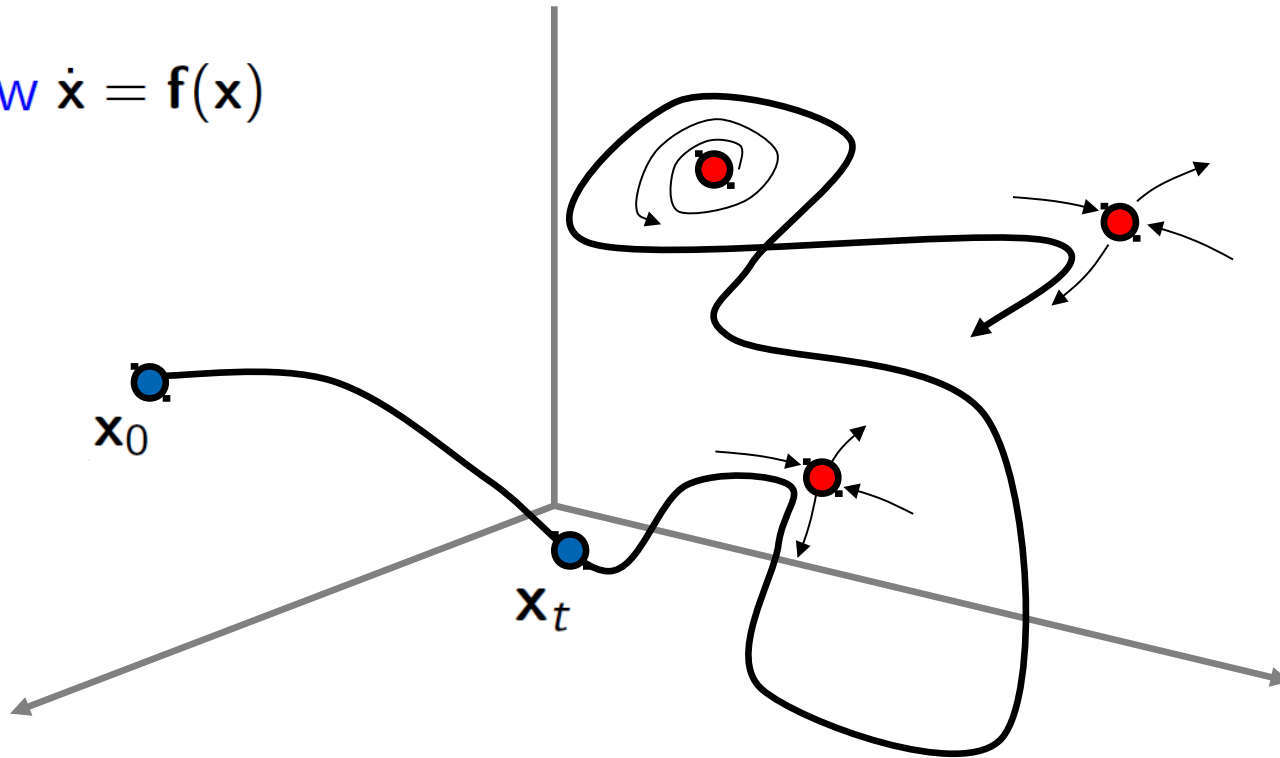
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$



Trajectory in phase space, structured by stable/unstable manifolds of the **equilibrium points**.

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flow  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$



flow-map  $\Phi^t$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \Phi^t(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \Phi^t(\mathbf{x}_0), \quad [\text{equilibrium} = \text{fixed point}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_p = \Phi^T(\mathbf{x}_p), \quad [\text{periodic orbit (PO)}]$$

## Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov

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want roots  $\mathbf{x}_p$  such that

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_p) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}.$$

Newton iteration, given guess  $\mathbf{x}_0$ :

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i + \delta\mathbf{x}_i \quad \text{where} \quad (b) \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_i} \delta\mathbf{x}_i = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i).$$

(b) is in form

$$A \delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}. \quad \rightarrow \text{GMRES}$$

for given  $\delta\mathbf{x}$ ,

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_i} \delta\mathbf{x} \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i + \epsilon \delta\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i)).$$

- Only involves evaluations of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- No preconditioner necessary!

## Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov

- Need to solve

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, T) = \Phi^T(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0},$$

for  $(\mathbf{x}, T)$ .

- Augment whole system: Put

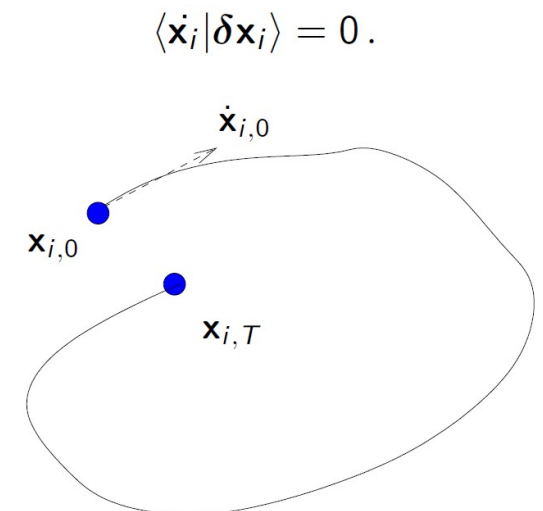
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = (\mathbf{x}_i, T_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{b}} = (-\mathbf{F}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i), 0).$$

- Now want to solve a system of the form

$$A \tilde{\delta \mathbf{x}}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{b}},$$

- Let

$$A \tilde{\delta \mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \Big|_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i} \tilde{\delta \mathbf{x}}, \langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i | \delta \mathbf{x} \rangle \right).$$



# Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov - Hookstep

$$A \delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}.$$

## GMRES:

Look for solution  $\delta \mathbf{x}$  in  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{K}_2, \dots, \mathbf{K}_m\}$ .  
i.e.

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{K}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{K}_2 + \dots + c_m \mathbf{K}_m$$

- Put  $\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{b}/\|\mathbf{b}\|$ .
- Evaluate  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{i+1} = A \mathbf{K}_i$ .
- Orthonormalise  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{i+1}$  against  $\mathbf{K}_j, j < i$  by Gram-Schmidt  
→  $\mathbf{K}_{i+1}$ .
- Minimise

$$\text{err} = \|A \delta \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\| \quad \text{over coefficients } c_j, j \leq i + 1$$

## Hookstep:

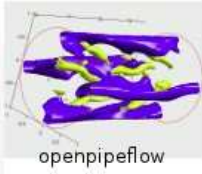
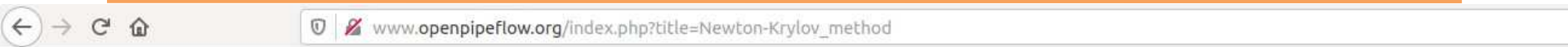
- Minimise

$$\text{err} = \|A \delta \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\| \quad \text{over coefficients } c_j, j \leq i + 1$$

subject to constraint

$$\|\delta \mathbf{x}\| < \delta.$$

- $\delta$  is size of **trust region**.



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## Newton-Krylov method

Free to download:

**CODE (MATLAB / GNU Octave):** Template-Example: [File:Newton Lorenz m.zip](#) / [File:Newton Lorenz m.tgz](#)

**CODE (FORTRAN):** Template-Example: [File:Newton Lorenz.f90](#).

**Info on main subroutine:** [File:NewtonHook.f90](#) (essentially same for FORTRAN/MATLAB versions)

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**(An Extended overview of the Newton-Krylov method is here (pdf,arxiv): [1] See section 4 on using the code.)**

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 The codes above implement the **Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov (JFNK) method** for solving

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  are  $n$ -vectors, **supplemented with a Hookstep--Trust-region approach**.

This is a powerful method that can solve for  $\mathbf{x}$  for a complicated nonlinear  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ . For example, to find an *equilibrium* solution or a *periodic orbit*, let  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  condition  $\mathbf{x}$ .

### Newton-Raphson method [edit]

To find the roots  $x$  of a function  $f(x)$  in one dimension, given an initial guess  $x_0$ , the Newton-Raphson method generates improvements using the iteration  
 The iteration can be re-expressed as

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \delta x_i \quad \text{where} \quad f'(x_i) \delta x_i = -f(x_i).$$

The extension of Newton's method to an  $n$ -dimensional system is then

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i + \delta \mathbf{x}_i \quad \text{where} \quad (b) \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_i} \delta \mathbf{x}_i = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_i).$$



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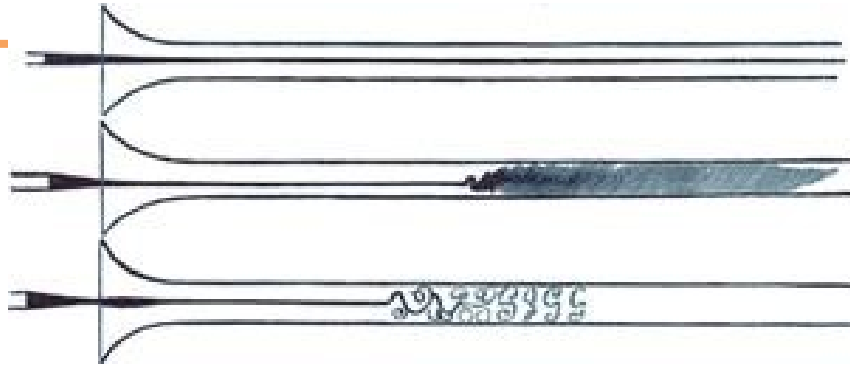
## PROBLEMS

1. Where to get starting guess  $\mathbf{x}_0$  !?

2. Look for recurrences: 'small'  $\|\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-\Delta t}\|$

how small? what norm!?

## Osborne Reynolds' Experiments, 1883



Observed importance of combination

$$Re = LU / \nu$$

L, diameter

U, mean axial flow

$\nu$ , kinematic viscosity

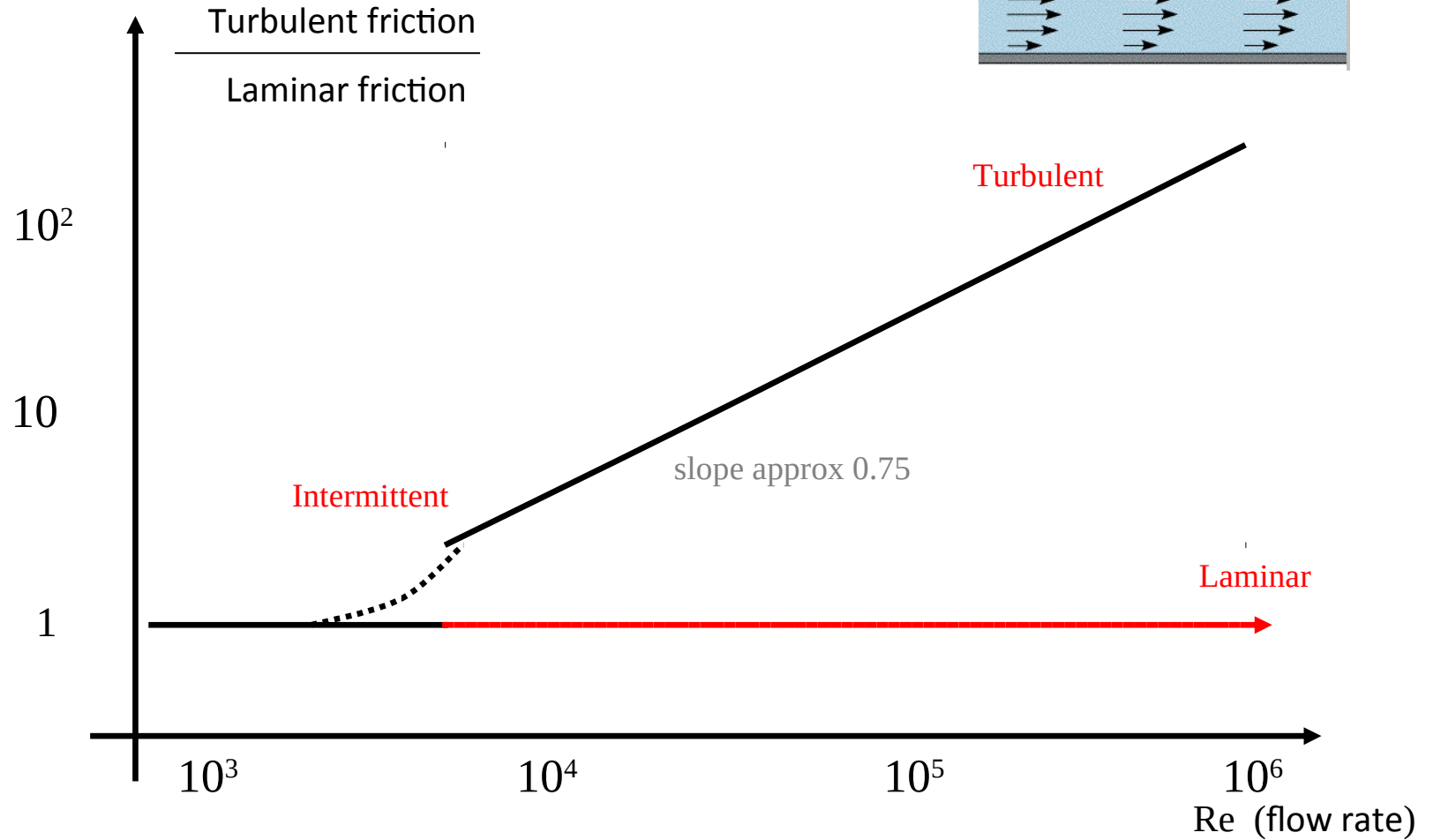
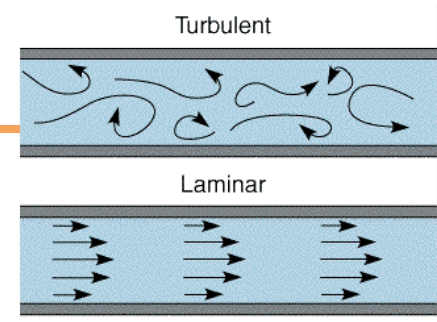
“The only idea I had formed before commencing the experiments, was that at some critical velocity the motion must become unstable, so that any disturbance from perfectly steady motion would result in eddies.”

**i.e. surprised to not find critical flow rate for linear instability**

“...the steady motion breaks down suddenly... for disturbances of the magnitude that cause it to break down... while it is stable for a smaller disturbance...”

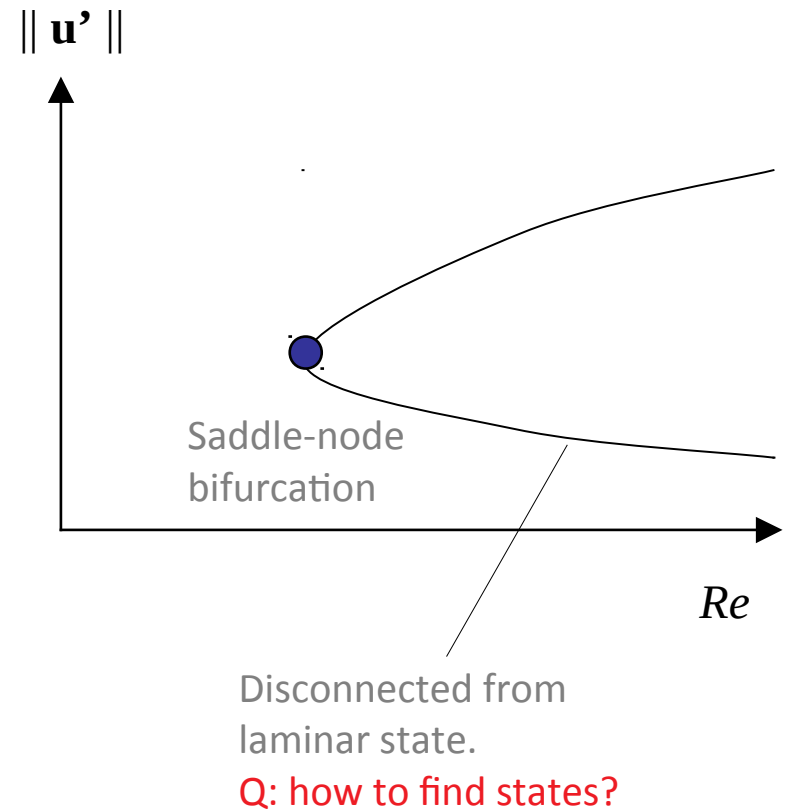
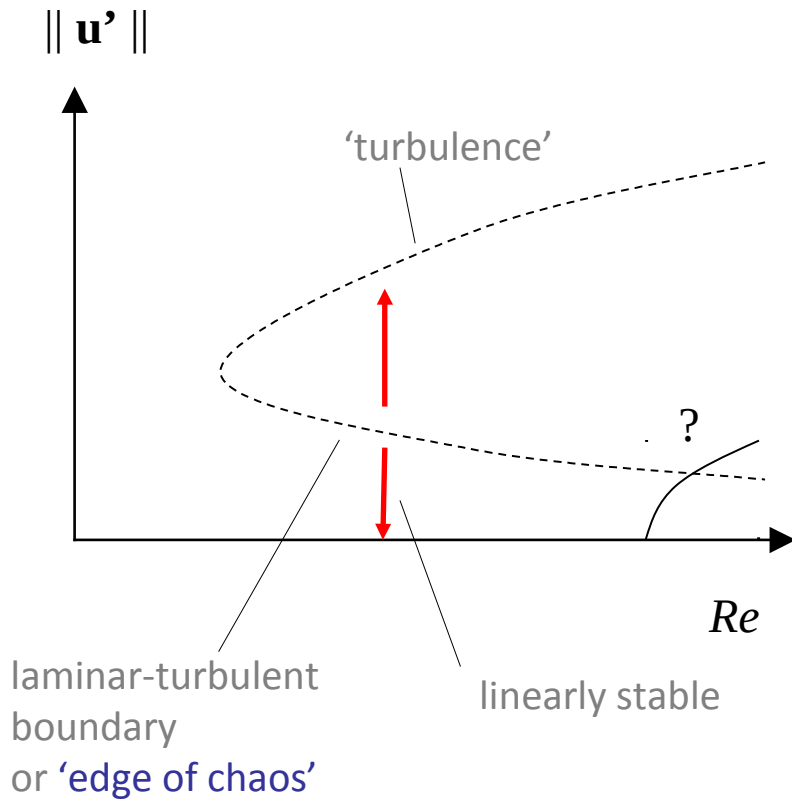
**i.e. finite amplitude disturbance required to trigger turbulence**

# Turbulent friction / Laminar friction (drag).



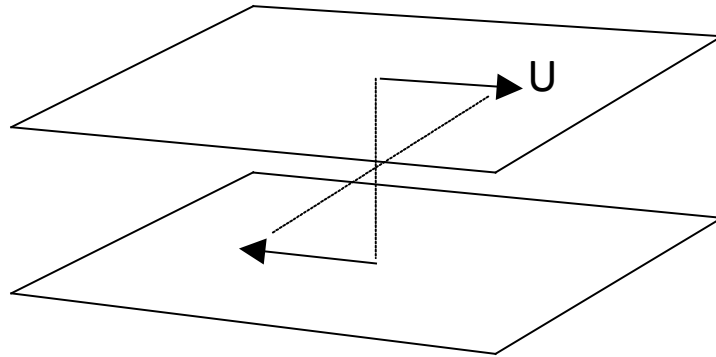
Adapted from Nikuradse (1950) / Blasius (1913)

# Subcritical instability, nonlinearity important

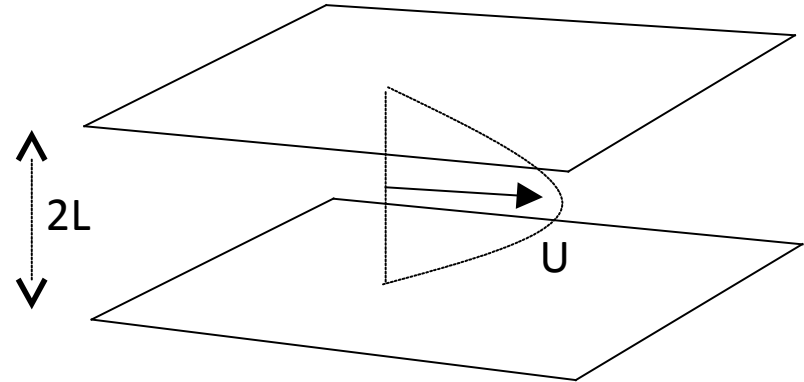


# Shear Flows

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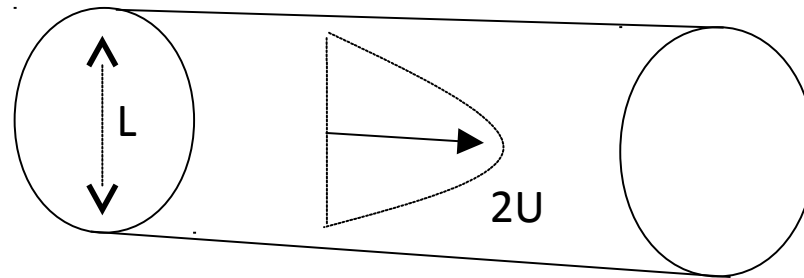


Couette flow



channel flow

Reynolds number  $Re = LU / \nu$   
Kinematic viscosity  $\nu$



pipe flow

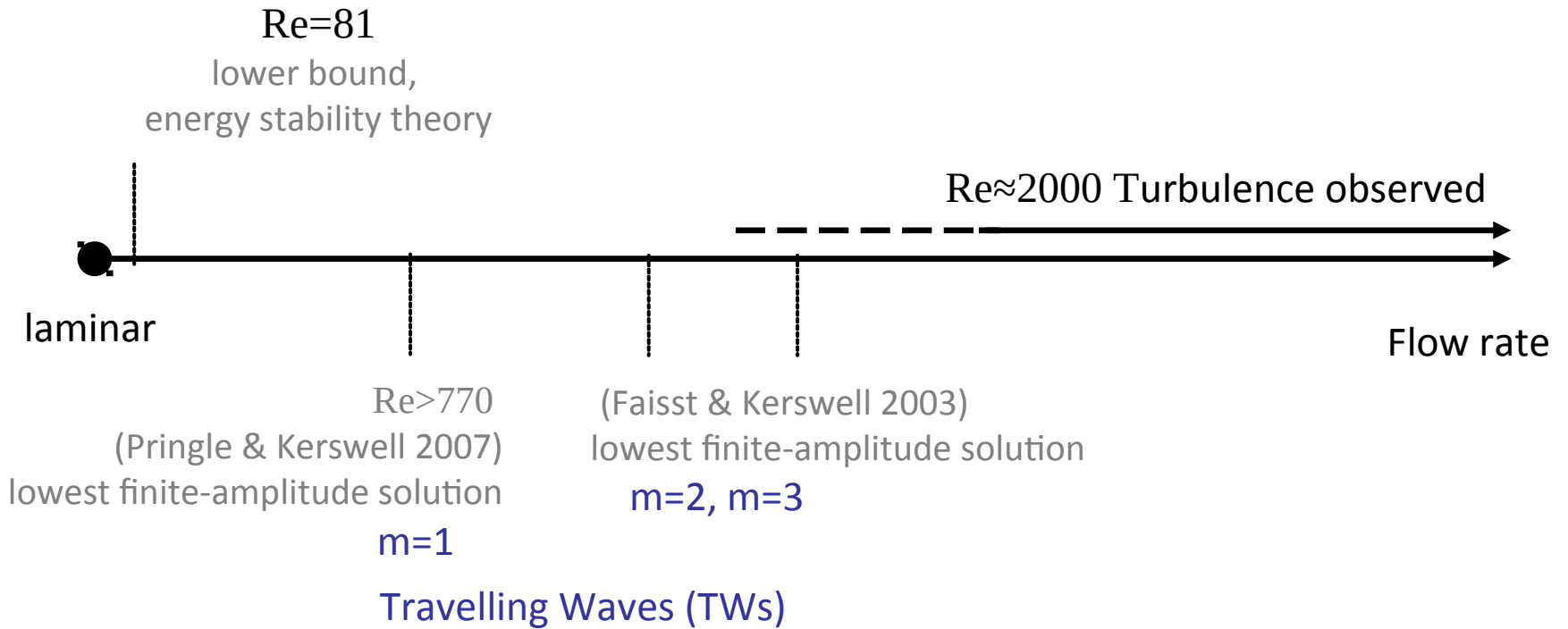
## Stability of shear-flows

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	$Re$	turbulence observed	linear instability
Pipe flow		1720	inf.?
Channel flow		950	5772
ASBL		367	54370
Couette flow		312	inf.

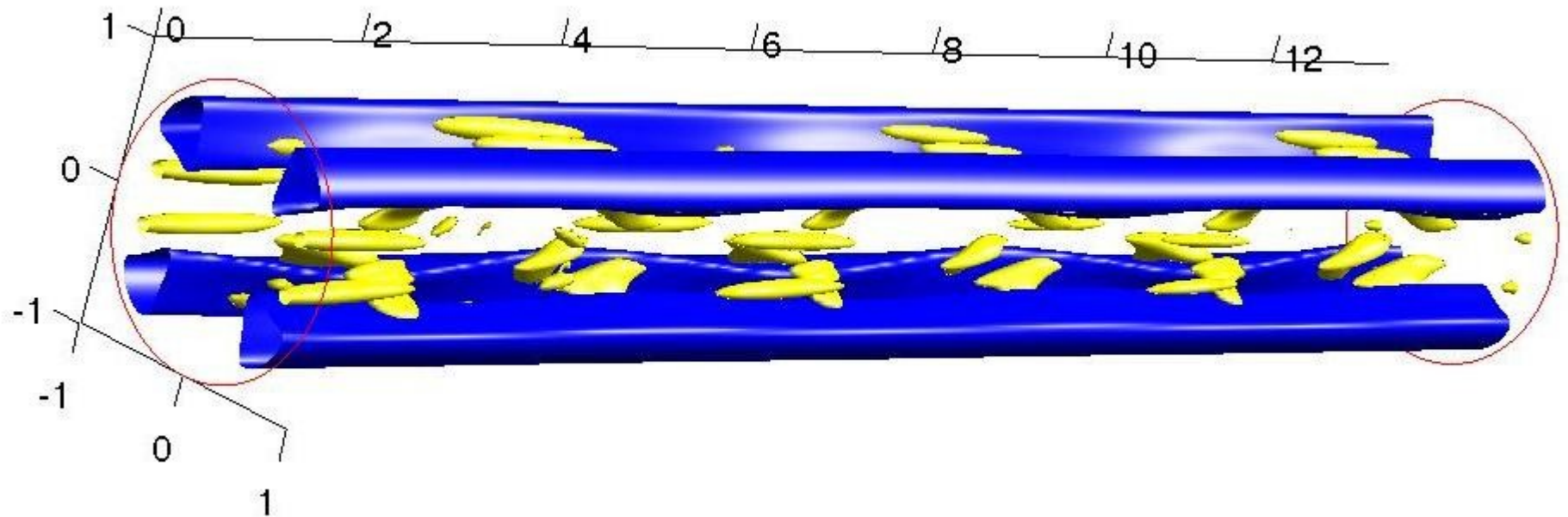
# Pipe flow

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# Travelling Waves (TWs) / Vortex-Wave Interaction (VWI) state / 'Exact' Coherent Structures (ECS) / Invariant Solutions

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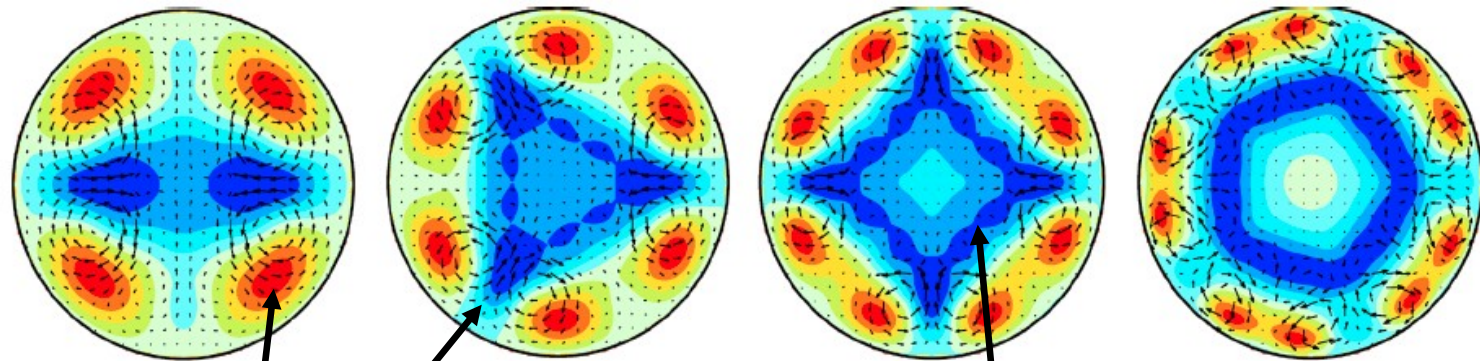


[Boundary-layer:] Hall & Smith (1991), via asymptotic theory.

[Plane-couette:] Waleffe (1998), via continuation from Taylor-Couette



# Travelling Wave solutions (TWs)



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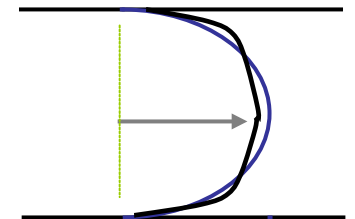
S3

S4

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Streaks near walls

Slower core

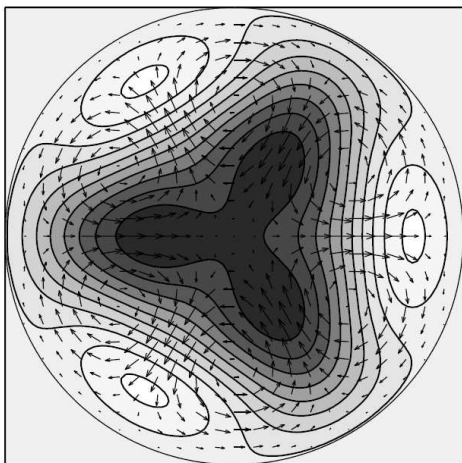
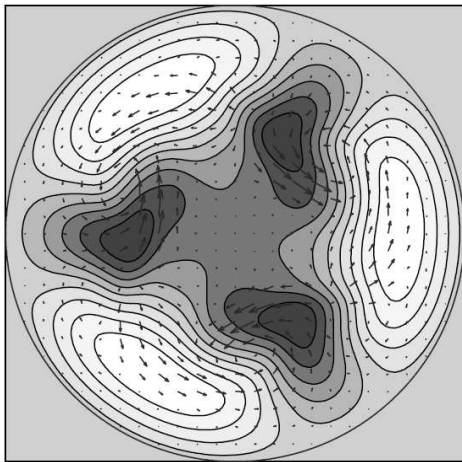


Faisst & Eckhardt (2003)  
Wedin & Kerswell (2004)

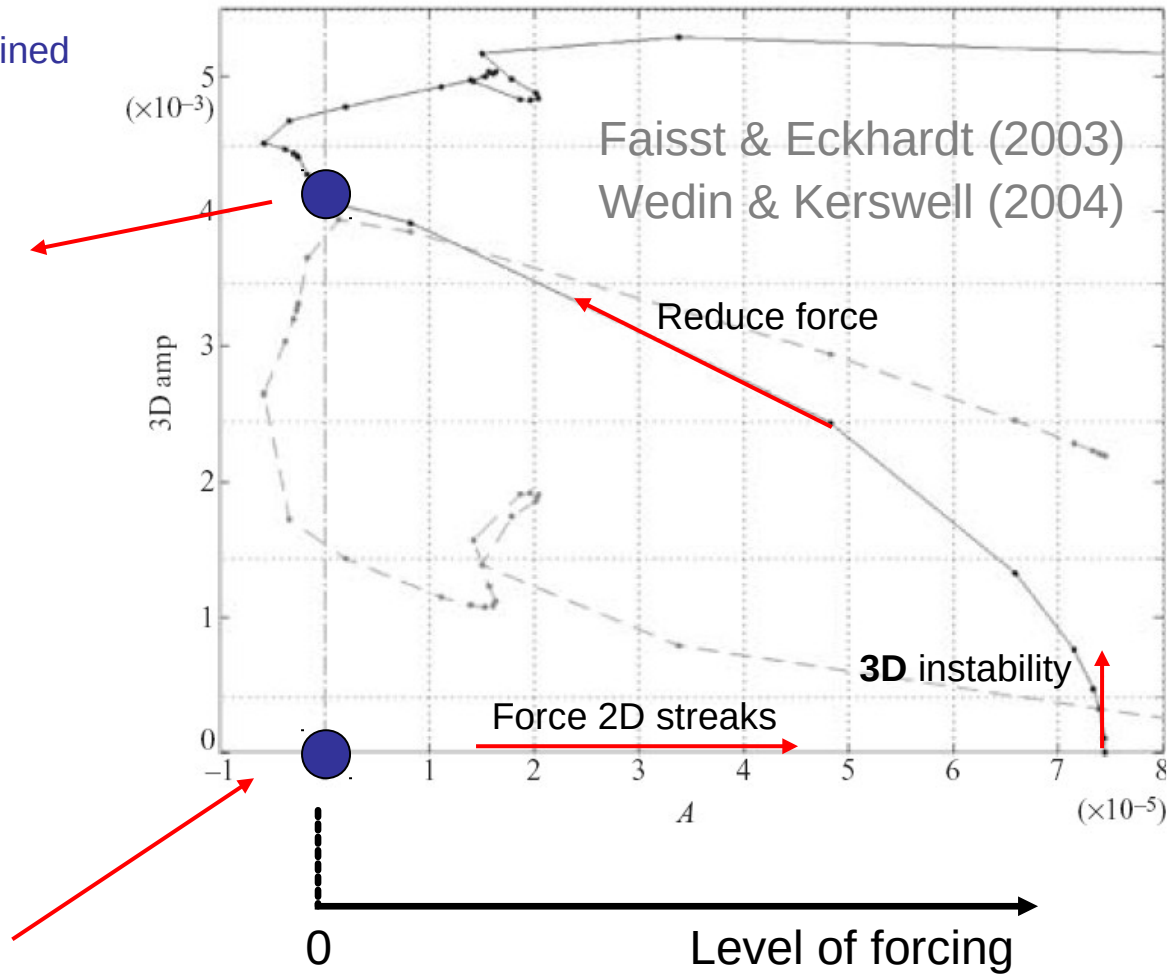
[Pipe:] via (painful) continuation from system with body force

# Discovery of TWs. (Self sustaining cycle completed 'by hand'!)

END:  
unforced 3D state, self-sustained



START:  
least-stable 2D eigen mode → Force

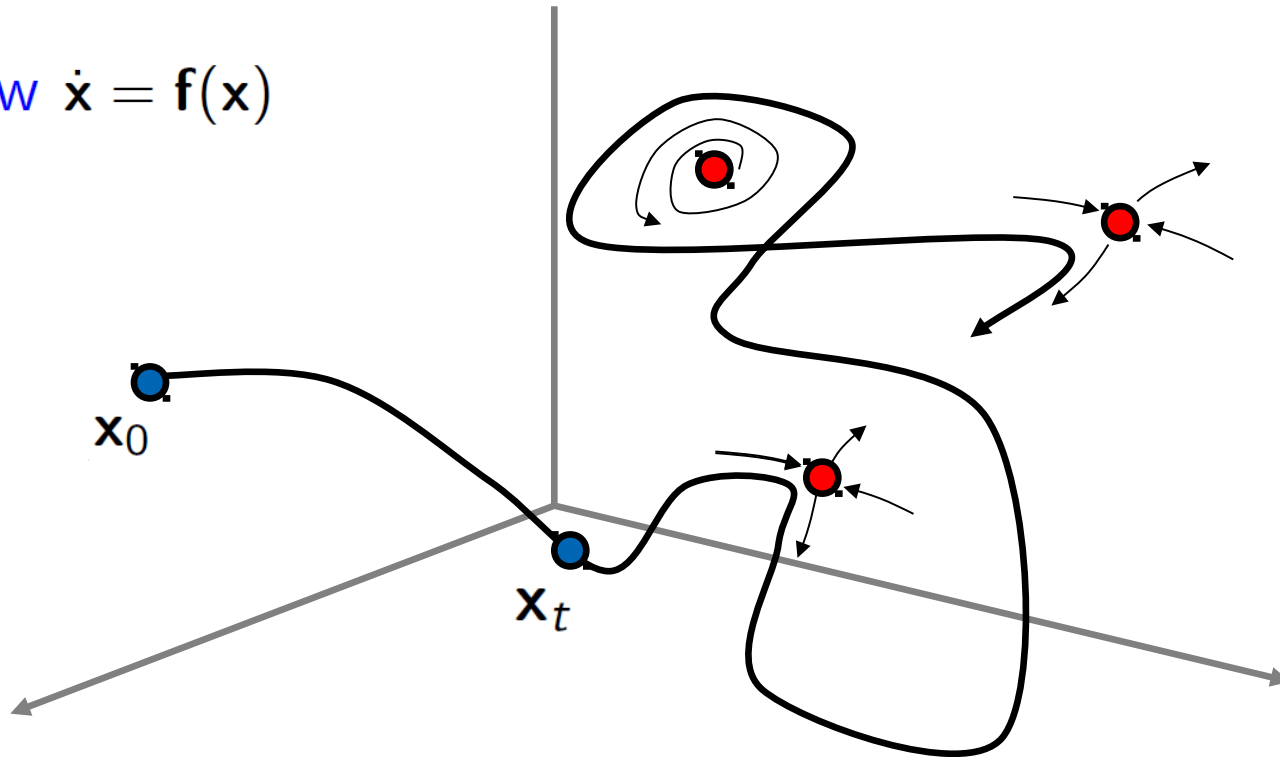


- A lot can go wrong!
- State really linked to dynamics?

Trajectory in phase space, structured by stable/unstable manifolds of the **equilibrium points**.

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flow  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$

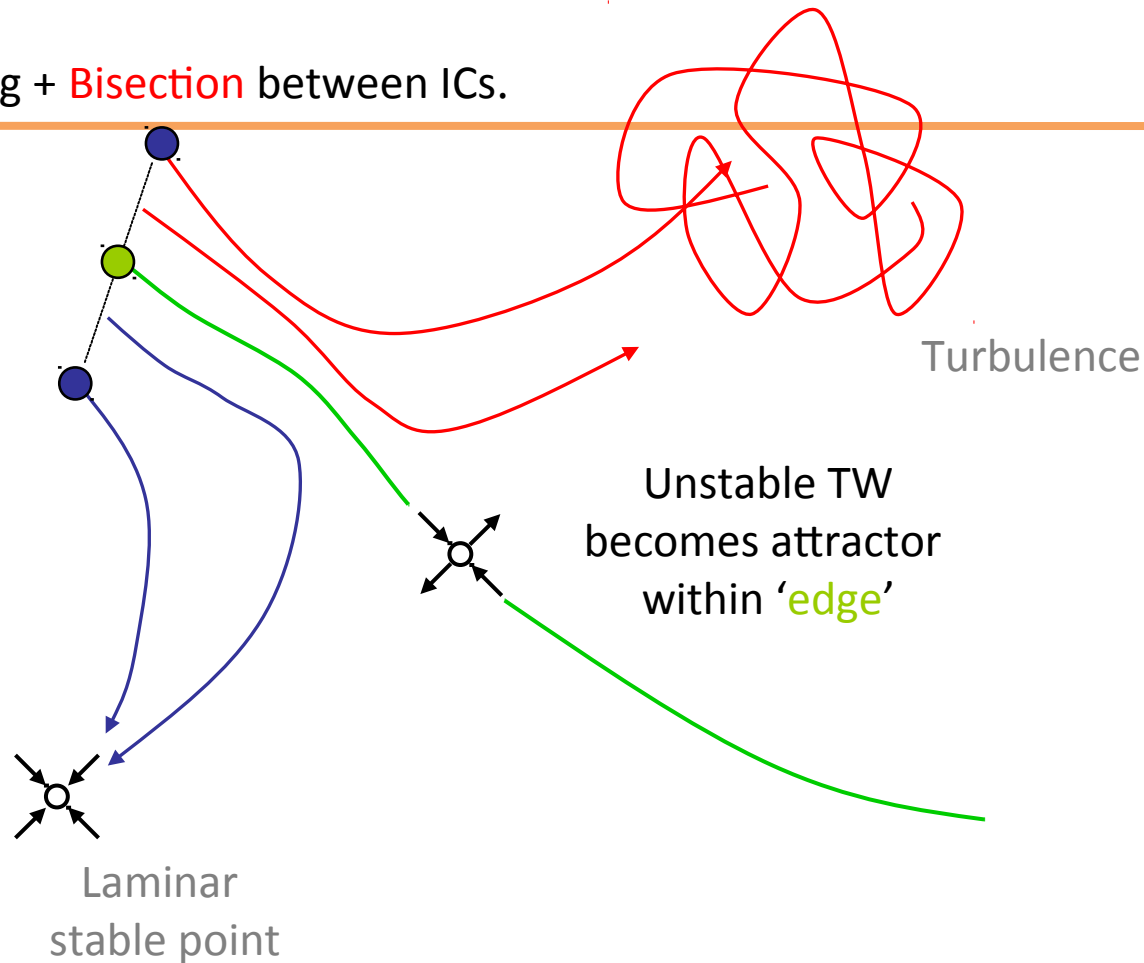


Dimension of the space  $N \rightarrow \text{inf.}$ ,

In simulations,  $N = O(10^5-10^6)$ , dimension of unstable manifolds  $n = O(10)$

IF  $n=1$  :

Timestepping + **Bisection** between ICs.



**Laminar turbulent boundary calculated by bisection:**

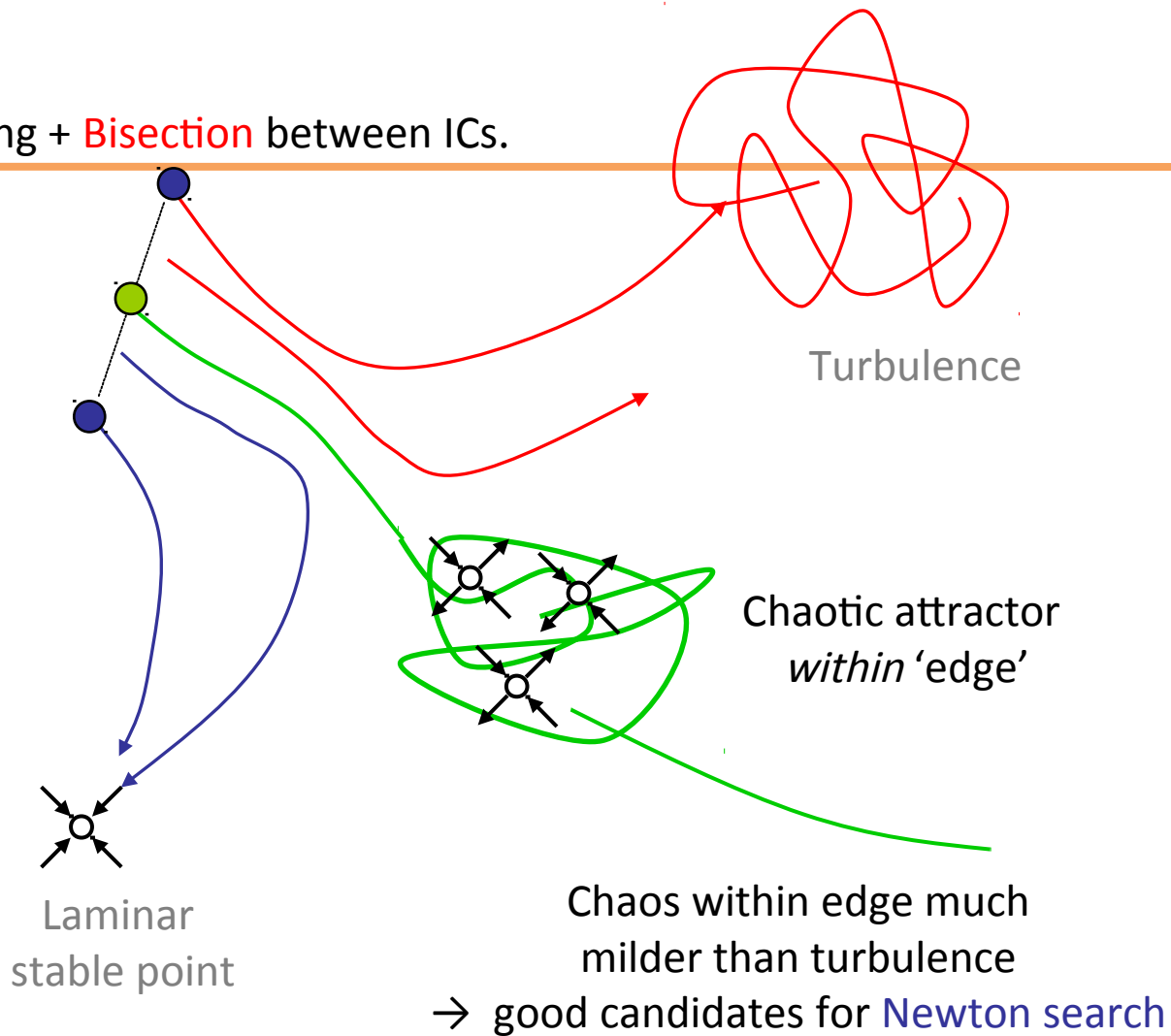
Skufca, Yorke & Eckardt (2006) *for a reduced model of shear flow*

Schneider, Eckhardt & Yorke (2007) *for a short periodic pipe*

Itano & Toh (2000) *for channel flow.*

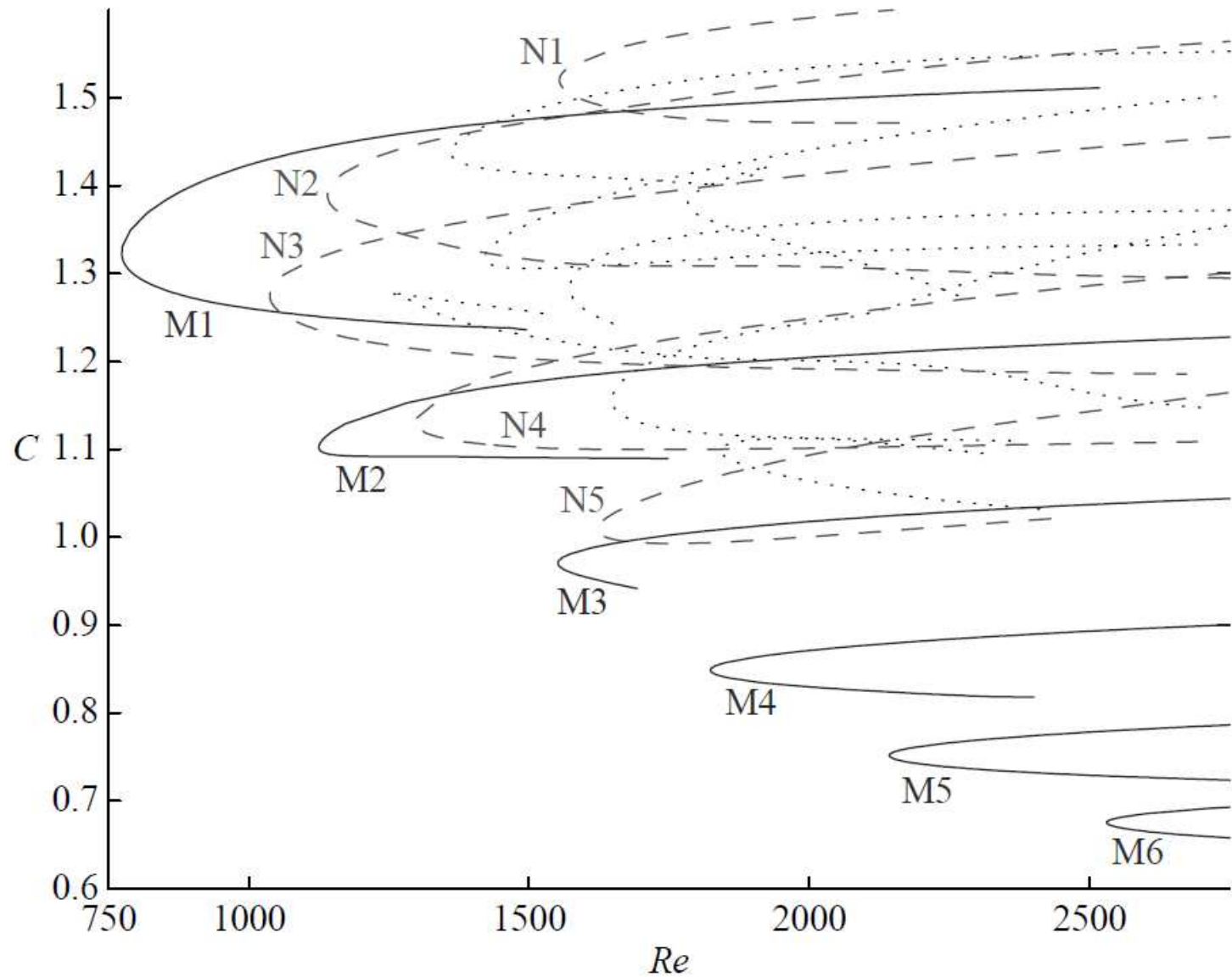
IF  $n > 1$  :

Timestepping + **Bisection** between ICs.



Duguet, W. & Kerswell 2008,10 JFM  
*long pipe, localised coherent structures  
within laminar-turbulent boundary*

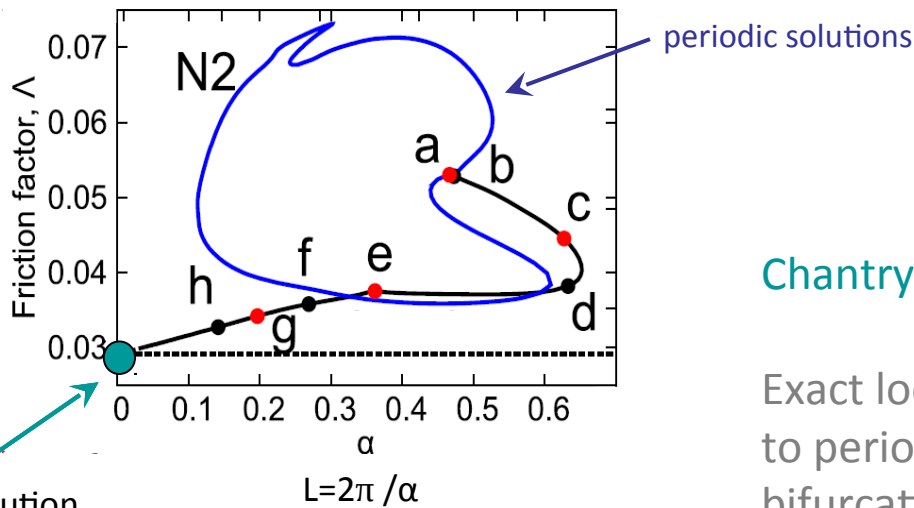
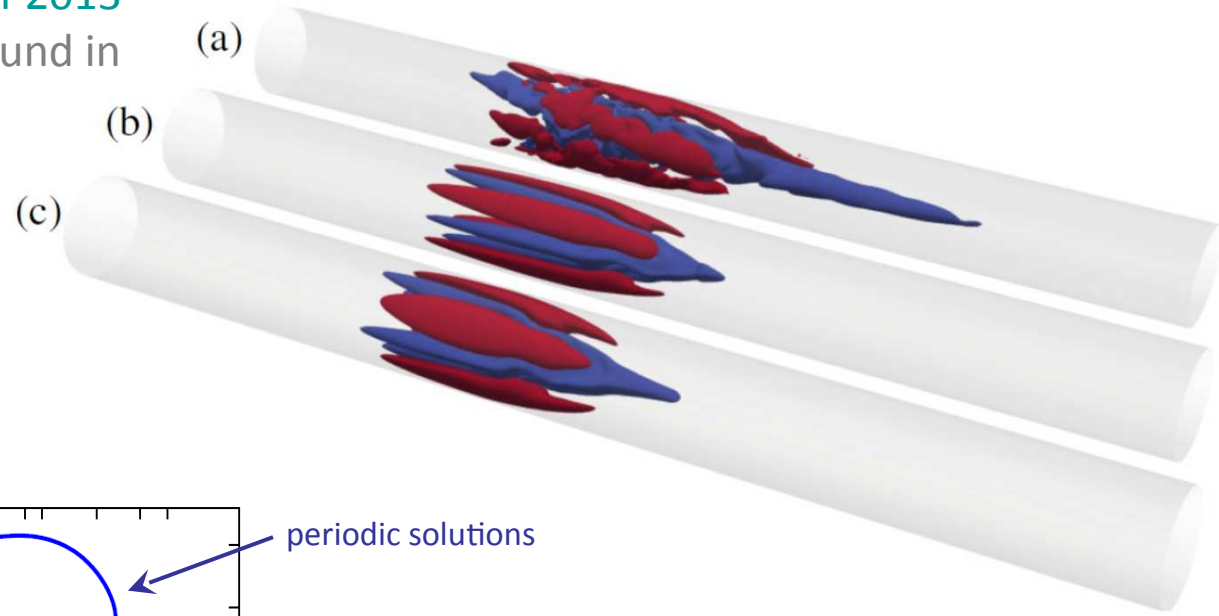
## Discovery of many (spatially periodic) TWs solutions for pipe flow



# Puff-like invariant solutions

Avila, Mellibovsky, Rolland & Hof 2013

Exact localised periodic orbits found in  $m=2$  + mirror space

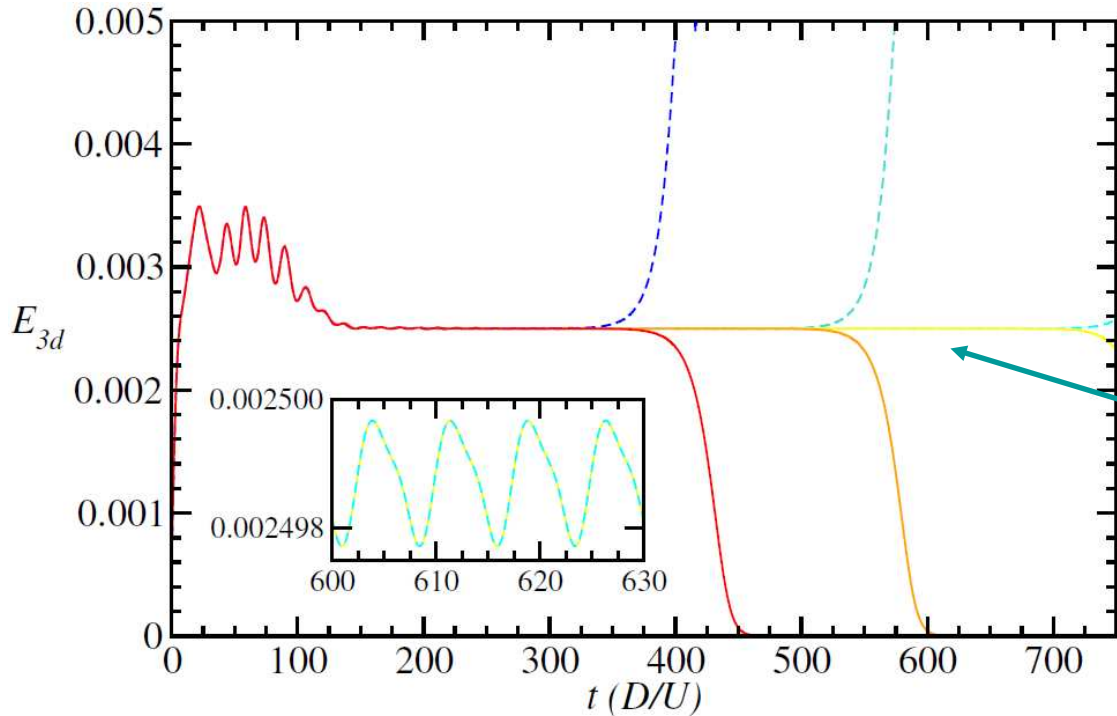
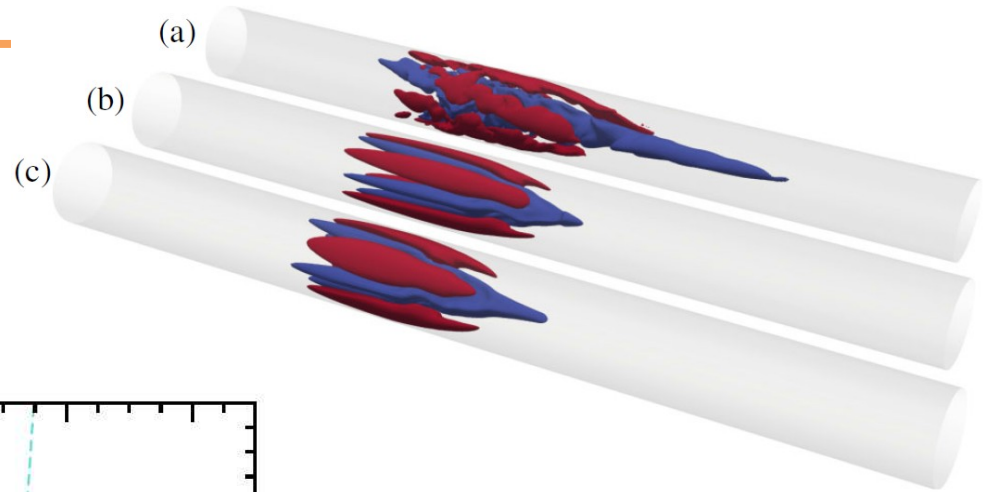


Chantry, Willis & Kerswell 2014

Exact localised periodic orbits connected to periodic TWs via spatial subharmonic bifurcation.

## 'Edge tracking':

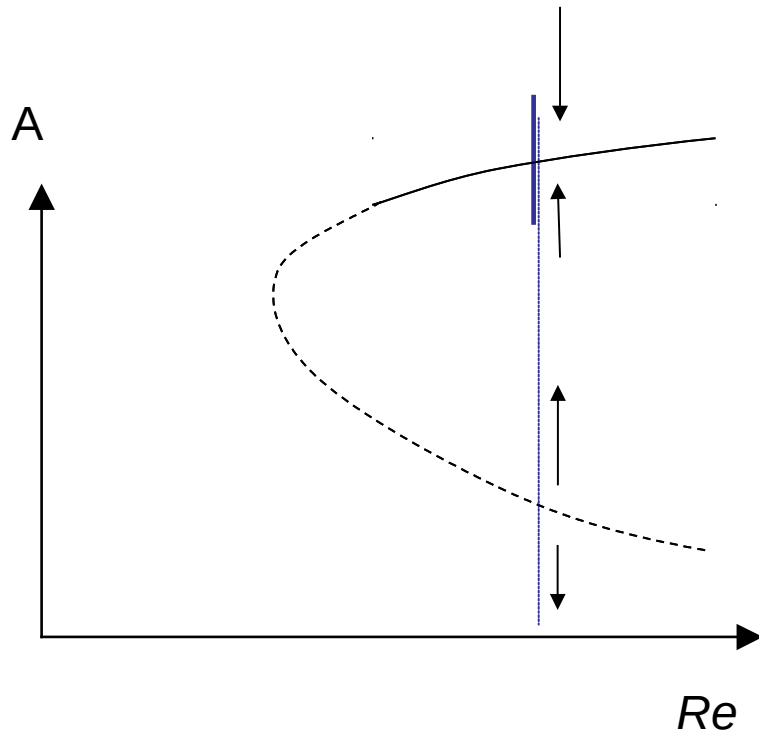
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Exact localised solution found in  
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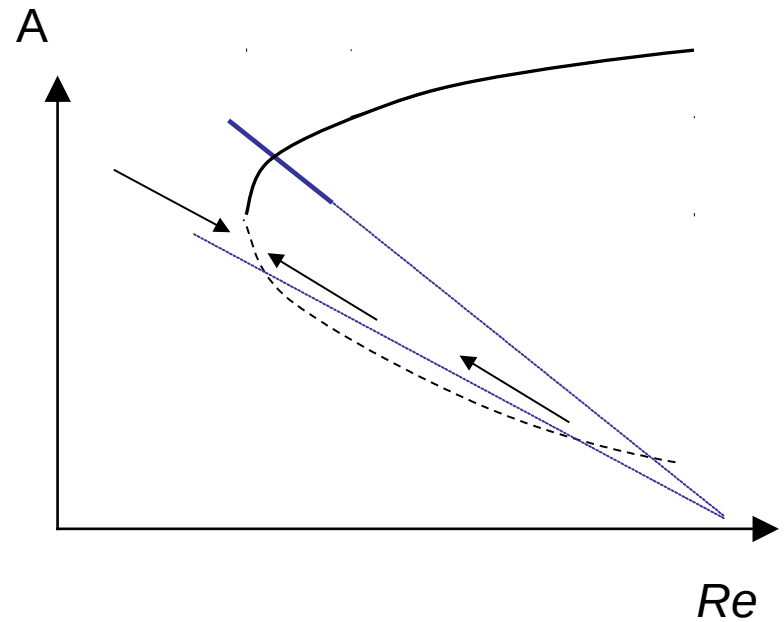
100s of simulations!



## TWs disconnected from laminar state. How to find them?



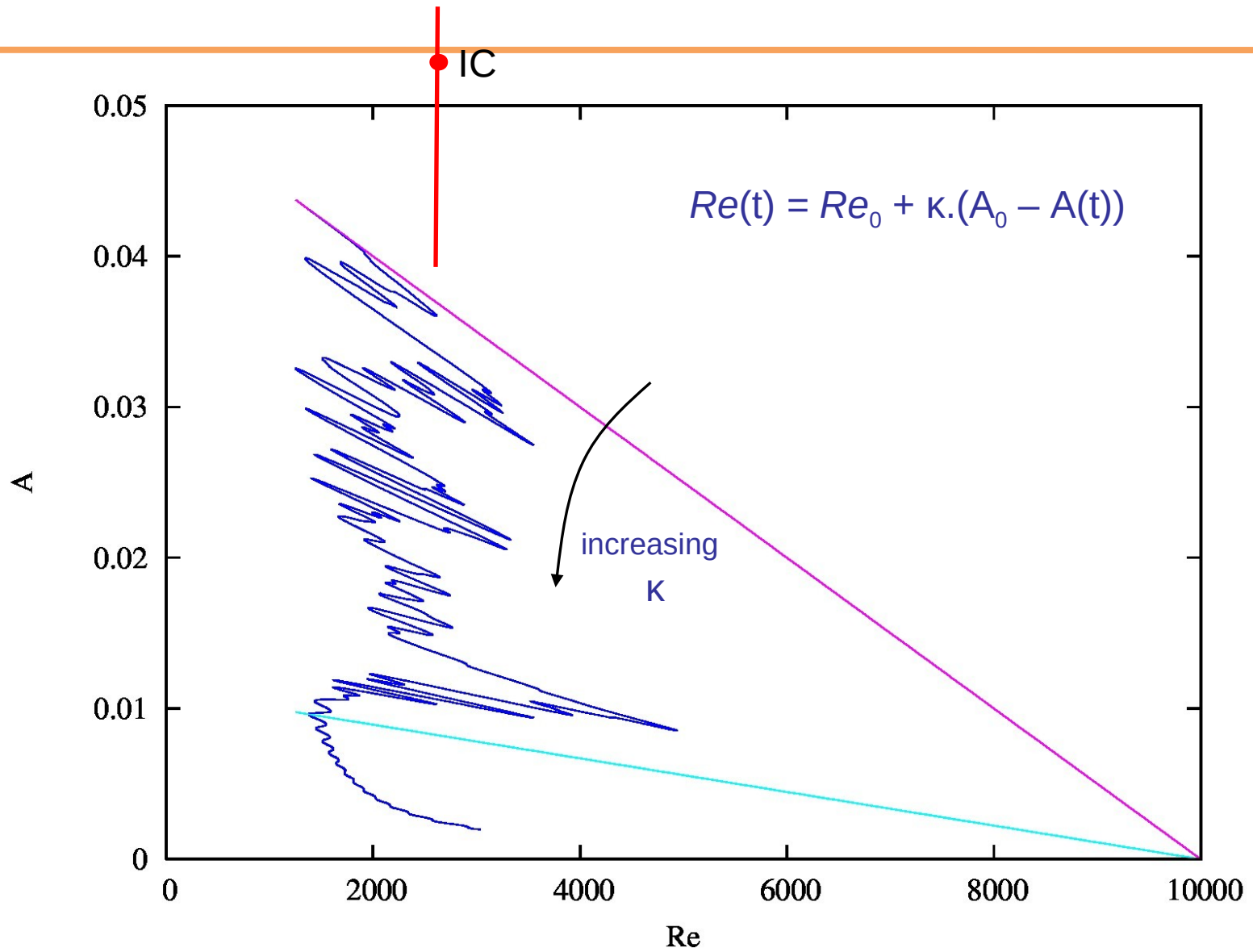
$$Re = const.$$

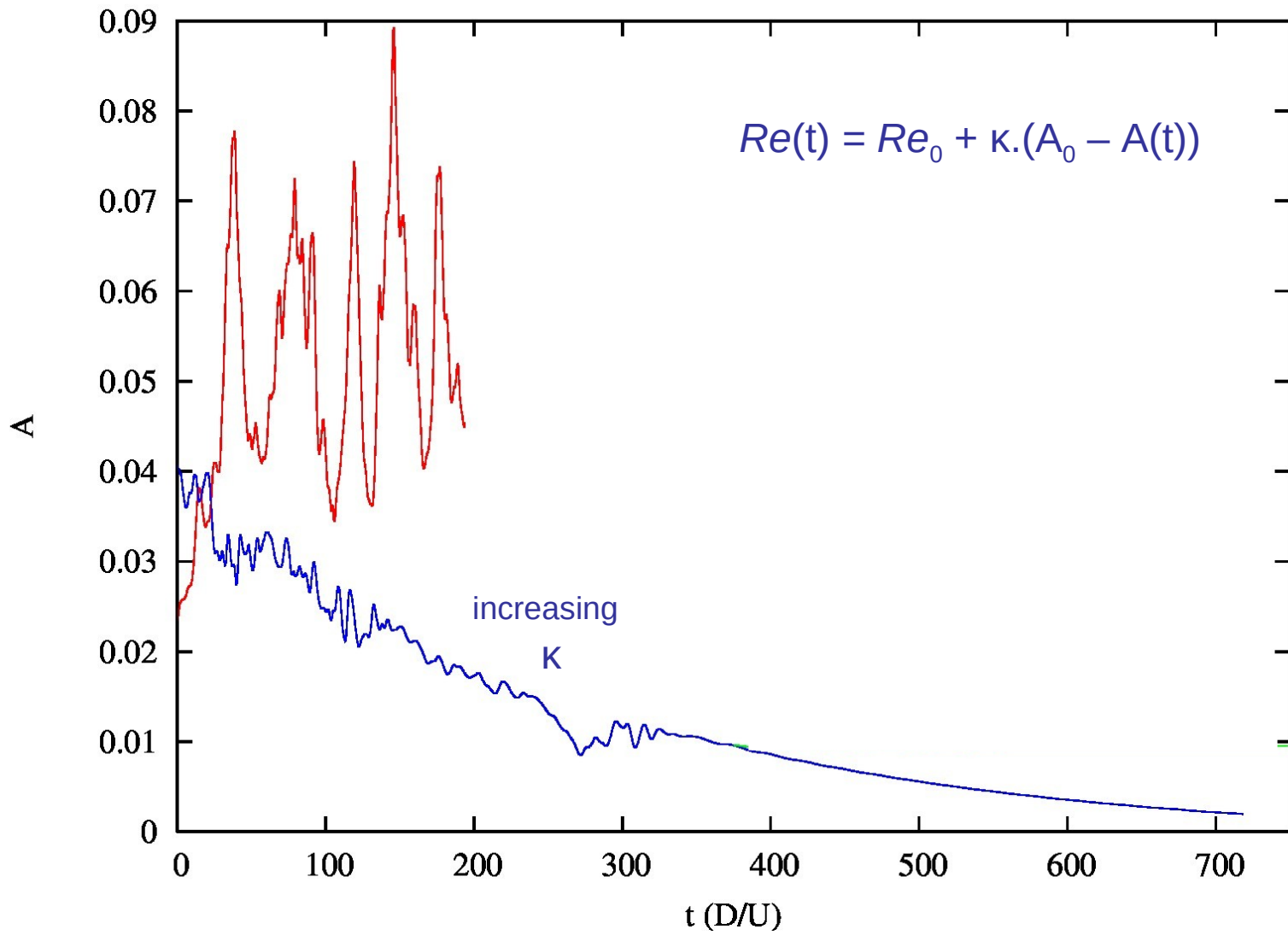


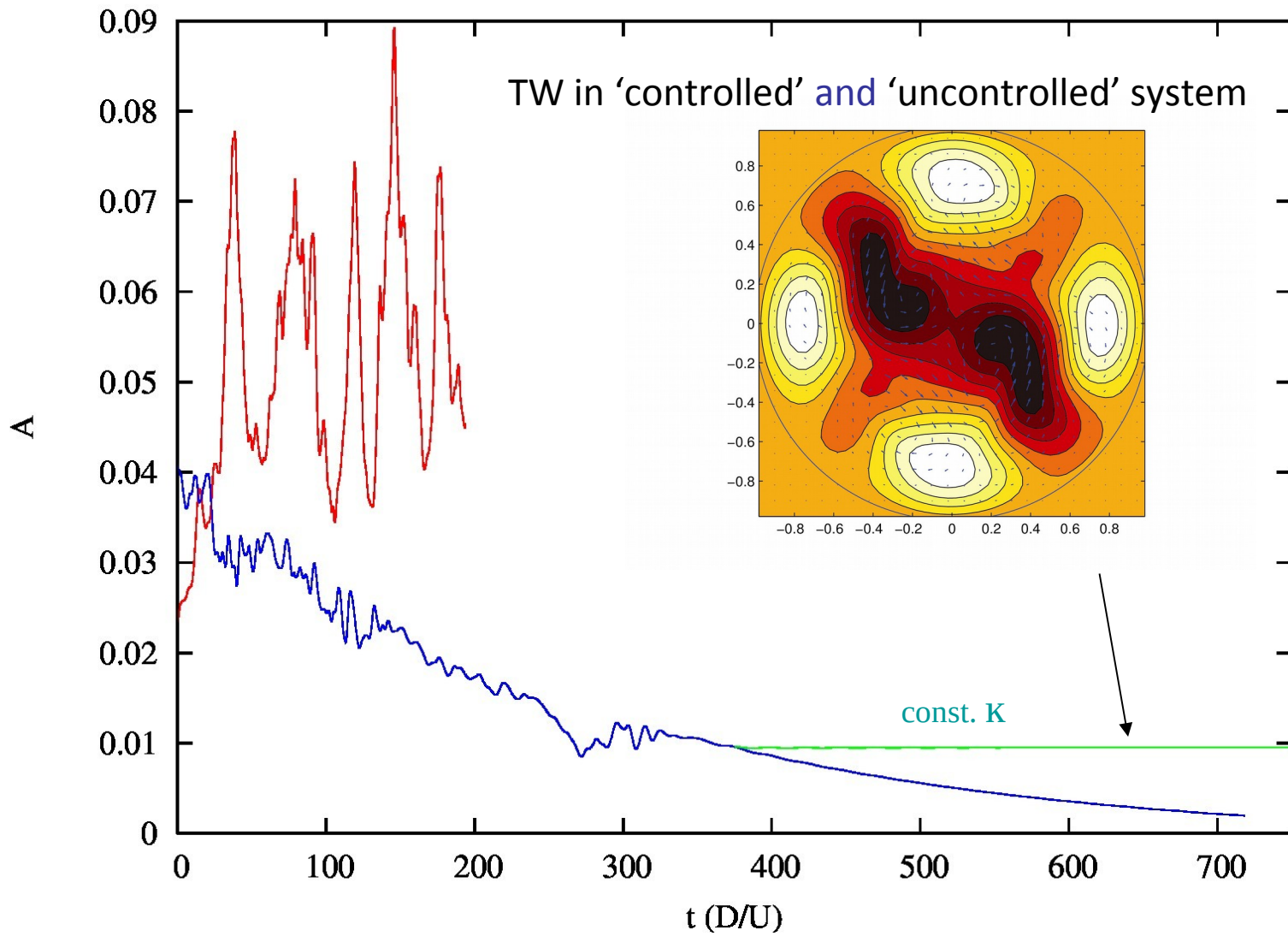
$$Re(t) = Re_0 + \kappa.(A_0 - A(t))$$

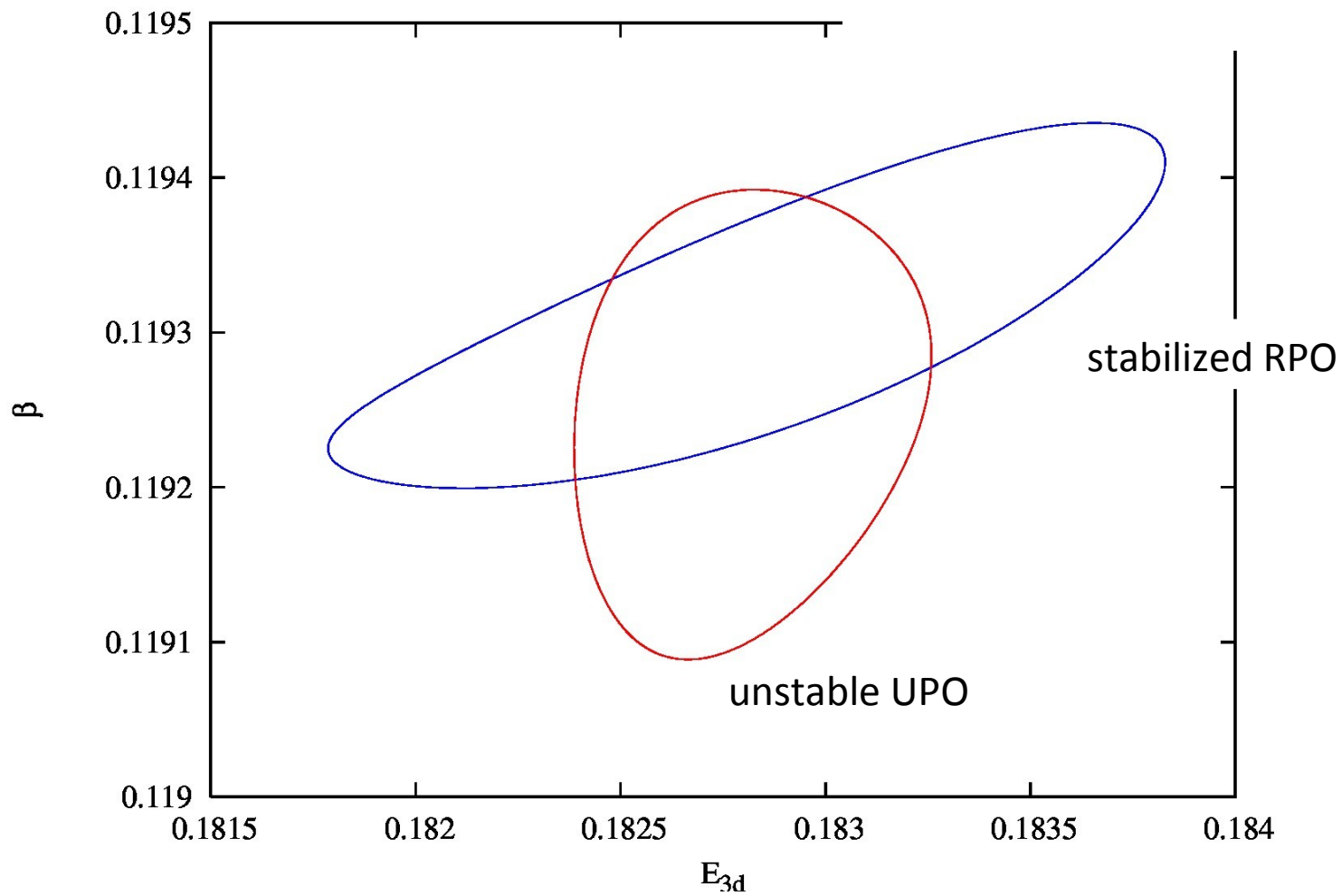
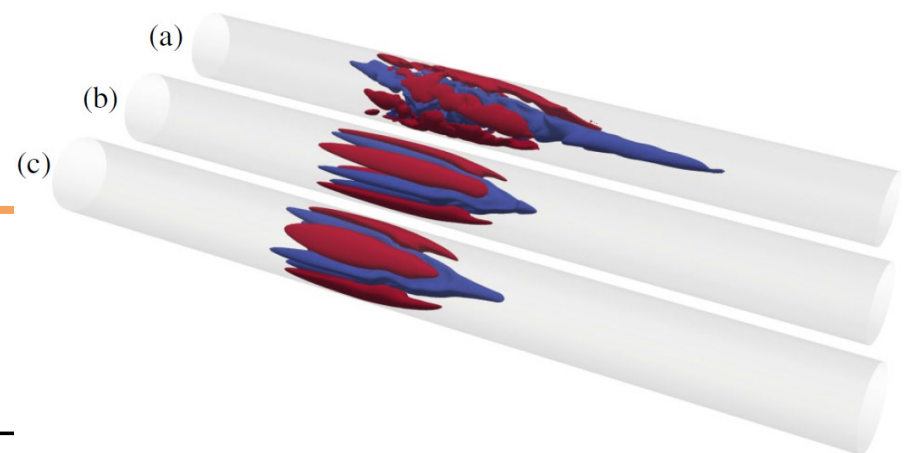
(Willis, Duguet, Omel'Chenko & Wolfrum, 2017, JFM)

Pipe simulation:  $L = 2\pi / 1.25 R$ ,  $m = 2$ , no S&R etc.









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‘Method’:

1. Find a ‘suitable’ amplitude measure  $A$
2. Link control parameter to  $A(t)$ , e.g.  $Re(t) = Re_0 + \kappa (A_0 - A(t))$
3. Increase slowly  $\kappa = \kappa(t) \rightarrow$  reduction in  $A(t)$
4. Fix  $\kappa$  if hit a stable point / orbit!

(Willis, Duguet, Omel’Chenko & Wolfrum, 2017, JFM)

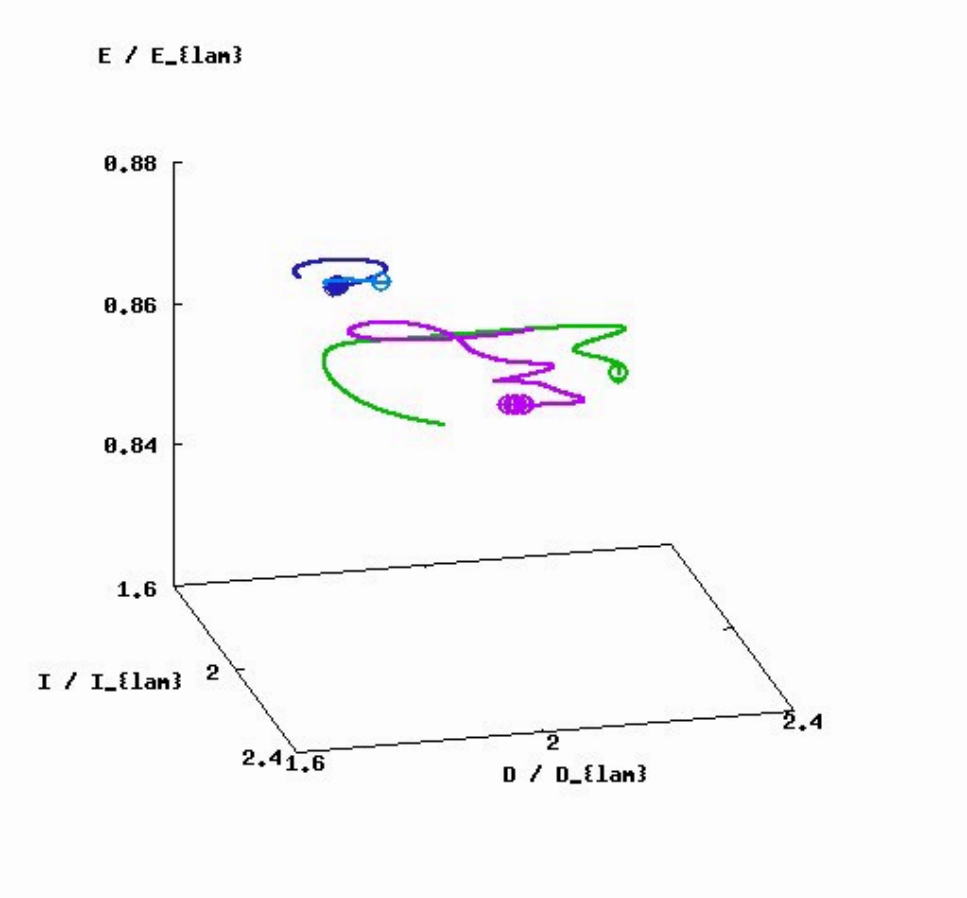
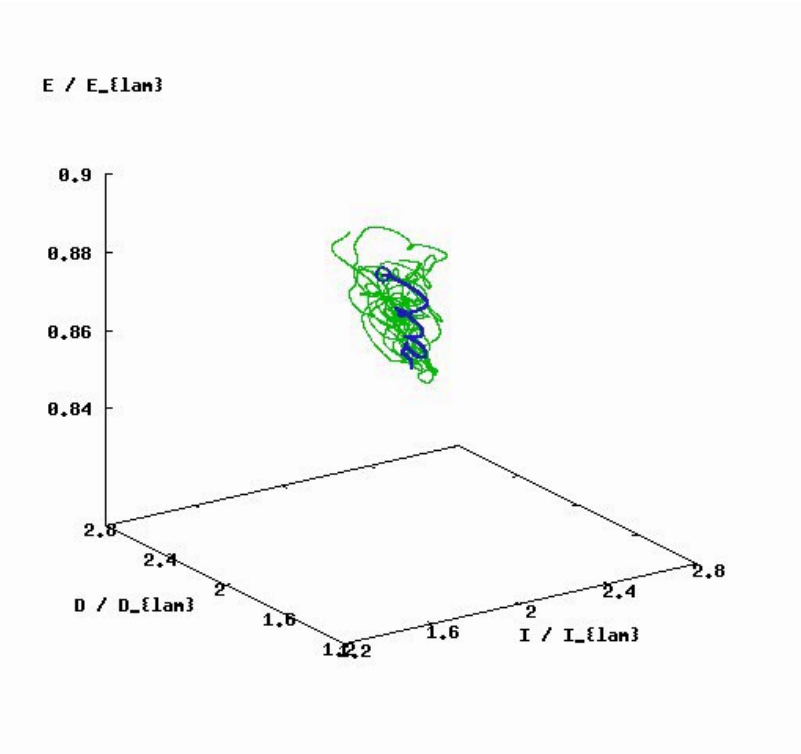
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## Key points:

- TWs (and POs) are weakly unstable solutions of the N-S equations
- Some are found in the laminar-turbulent boundary → transition
- With hindsight, we could have found them yonks ago!

(Willis, Duguet, Omel'Chenko & Wolfrum, 2017, JFM)

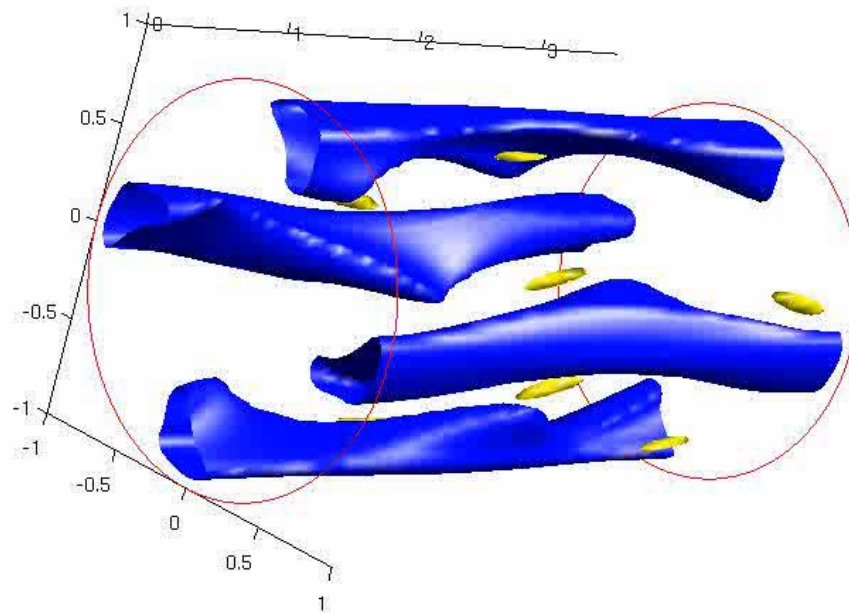
# Recurrent cycles (periodic orbits, POs) in turbulence





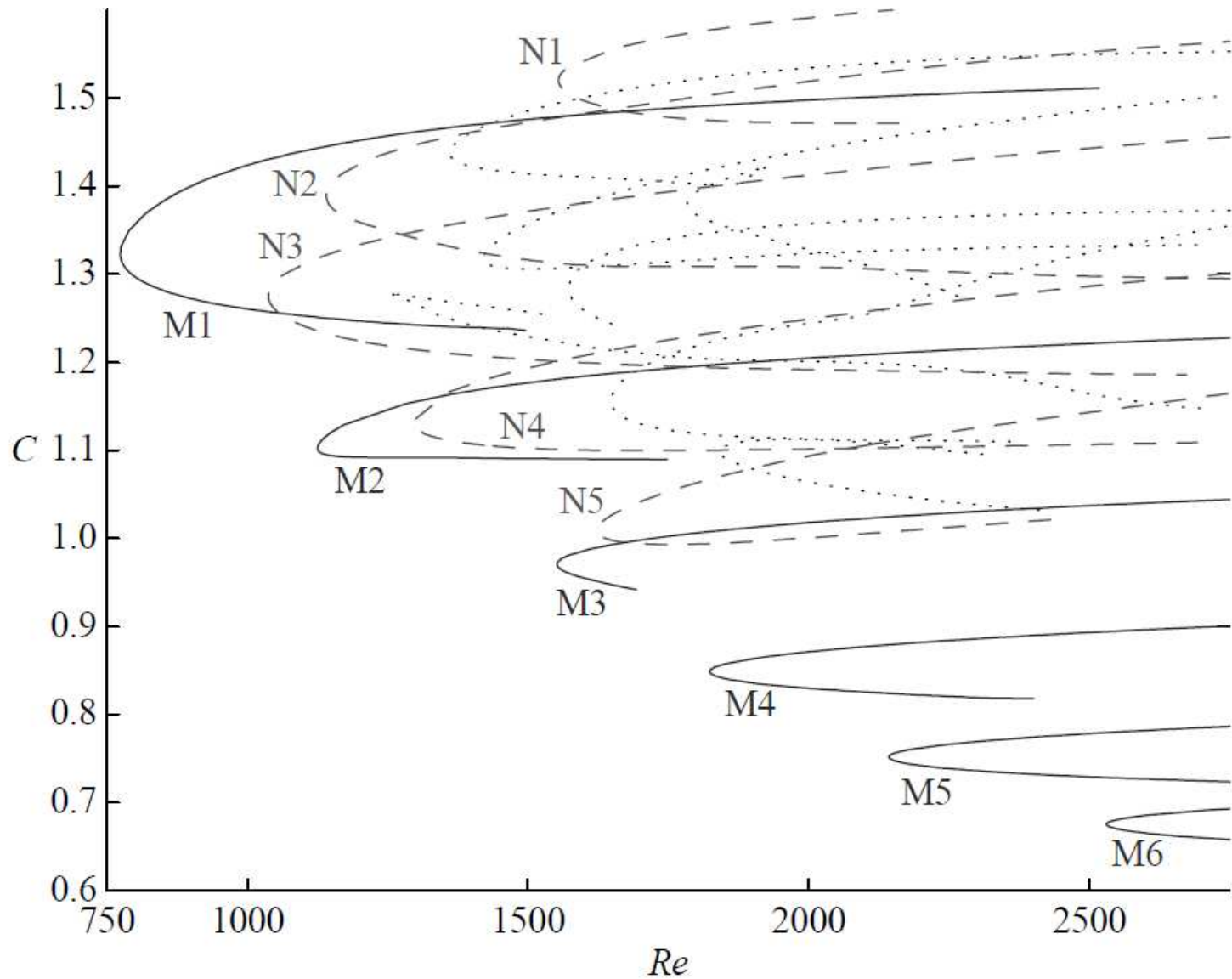
Need to go into moving frame...

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yellow,  $\lambda_2 = -0.3$     blue,  $u_z = -0.1$

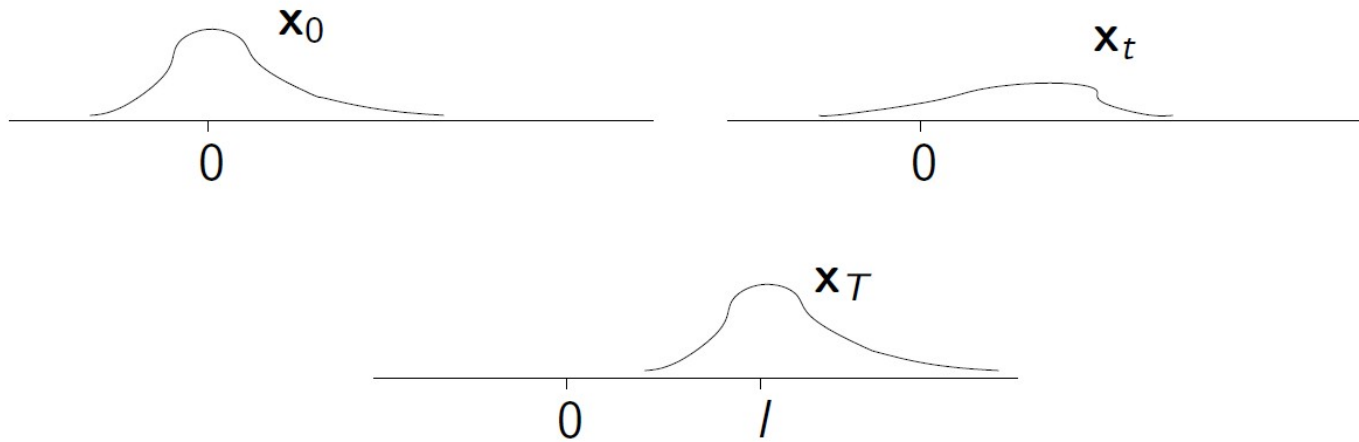
# Which phase speed !?



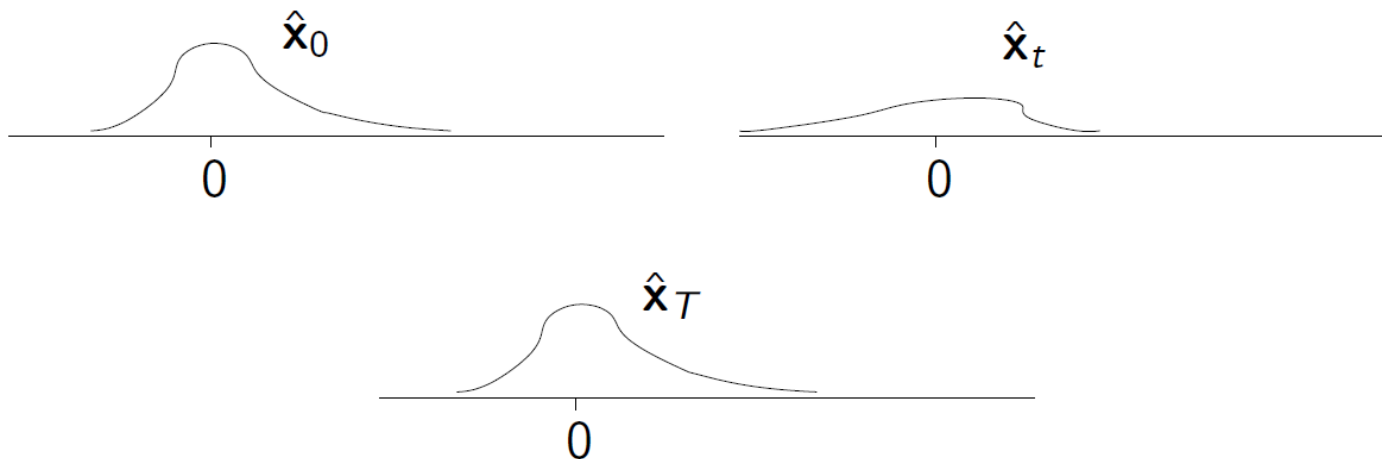
## 'Slicing'

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Original dynamics of RPO:



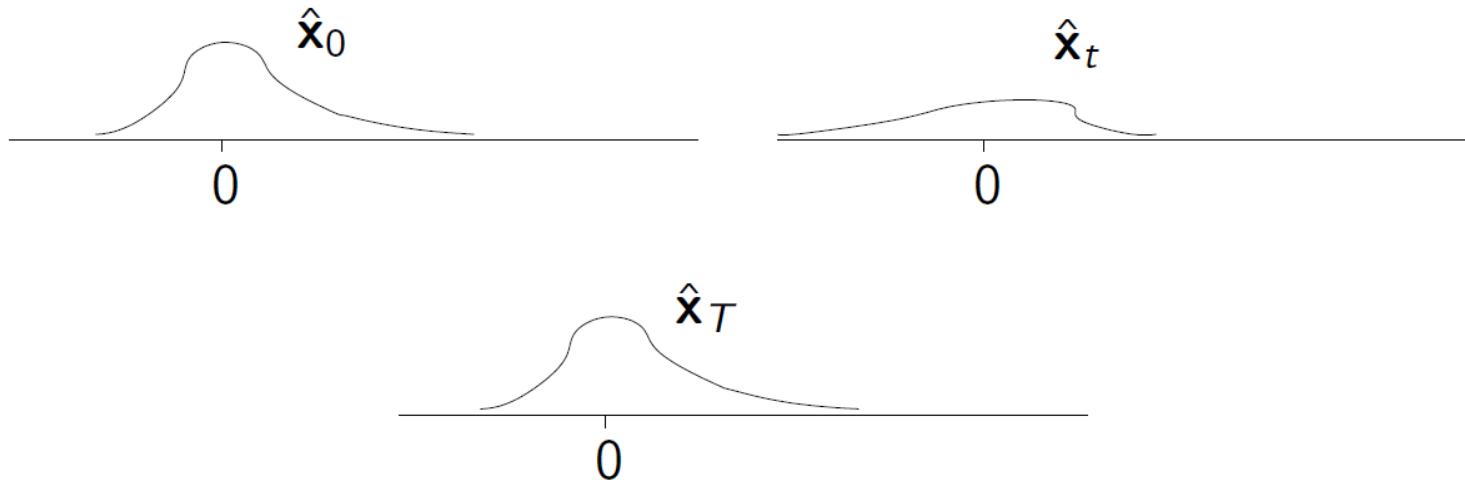
time-dependent shift  $l_t$  :  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = g(-l_t) \mathbf{x}_t$



## 'Slicing'

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time-dependent shift  $l_t$  :  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = g(-l_t) \mathbf{x}_t$



$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_T$$

relative periodic orbit (RPO)  $\rightarrow$  periodic orbit (PO)

relative equilibrium (=TW)  $\rightarrow$  equilibrium (=fixed pt.)

# Fourier 'Slicing'

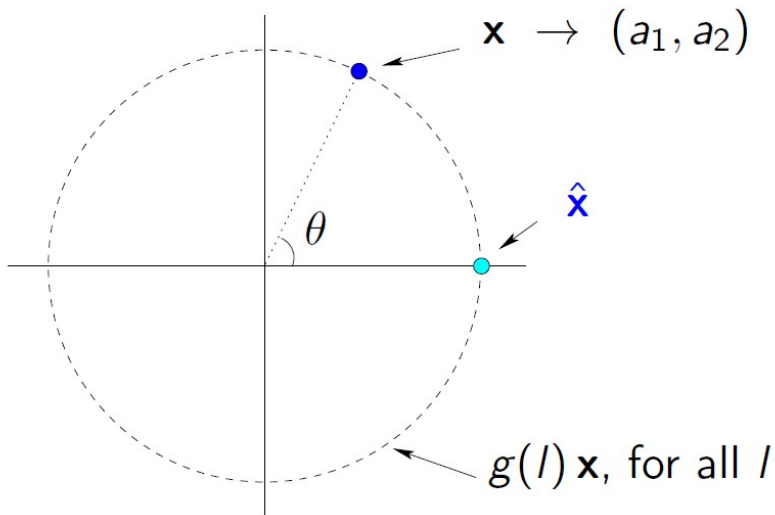
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Construct

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}_c \cos \alpha x + \mathbf{x}_s \sin \alpha x, \quad \text{any non-zero } \mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{x}_s. \quad L = 2\pi/\alpha.$$

Calculate

$$a_1 = \langle \mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}' \rangle, \quad a_2 = \langle \mathbf{x} | g(L/4) \mathbf{x}' \rangle$$



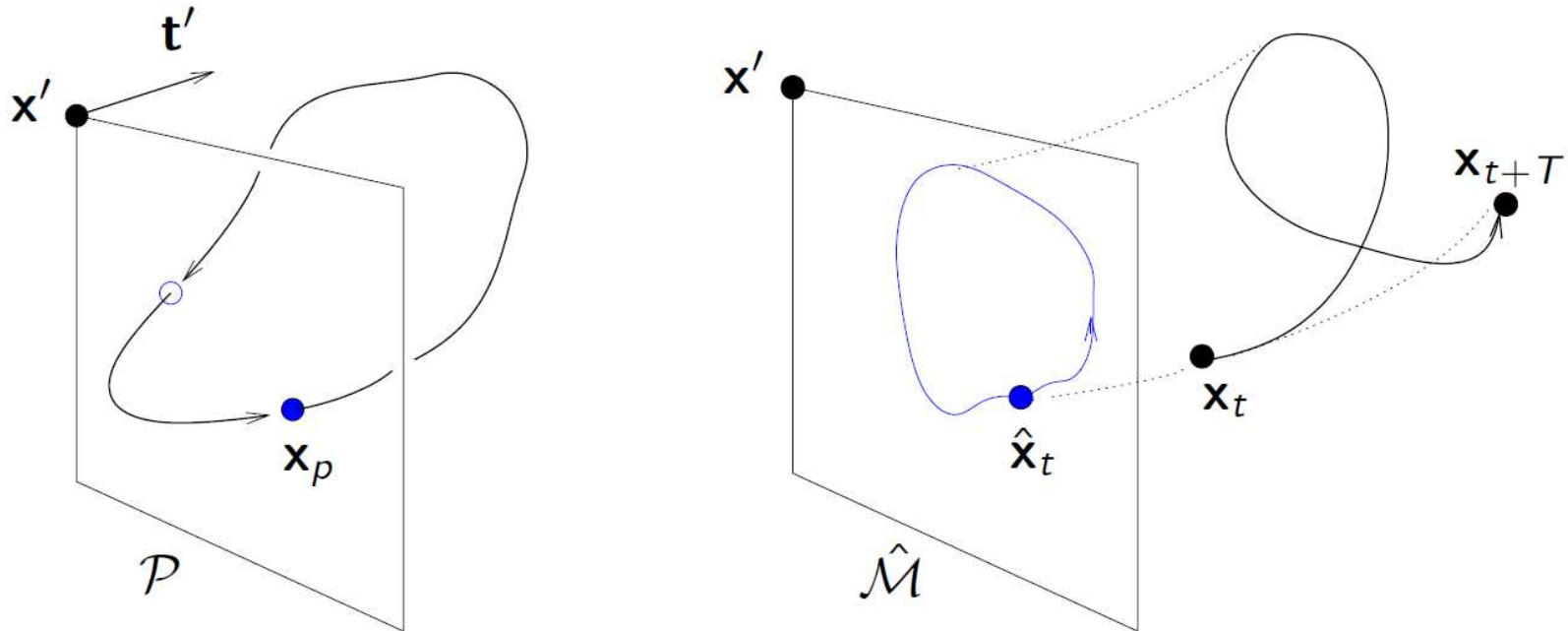
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = g(-(L/2\pi) \theta) \mathbf{x}$$

(Dynamics of TW  
just goes around circle)

$$\mathbf{x}_t \rightarrow (a_1, a_2)_t \rightarrow \theta_t \rightarrow l_t = (L/2\pi) \theta_t \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}} = g(-l_t) \mathbf{x}$$

## Slice vs Poincaré section

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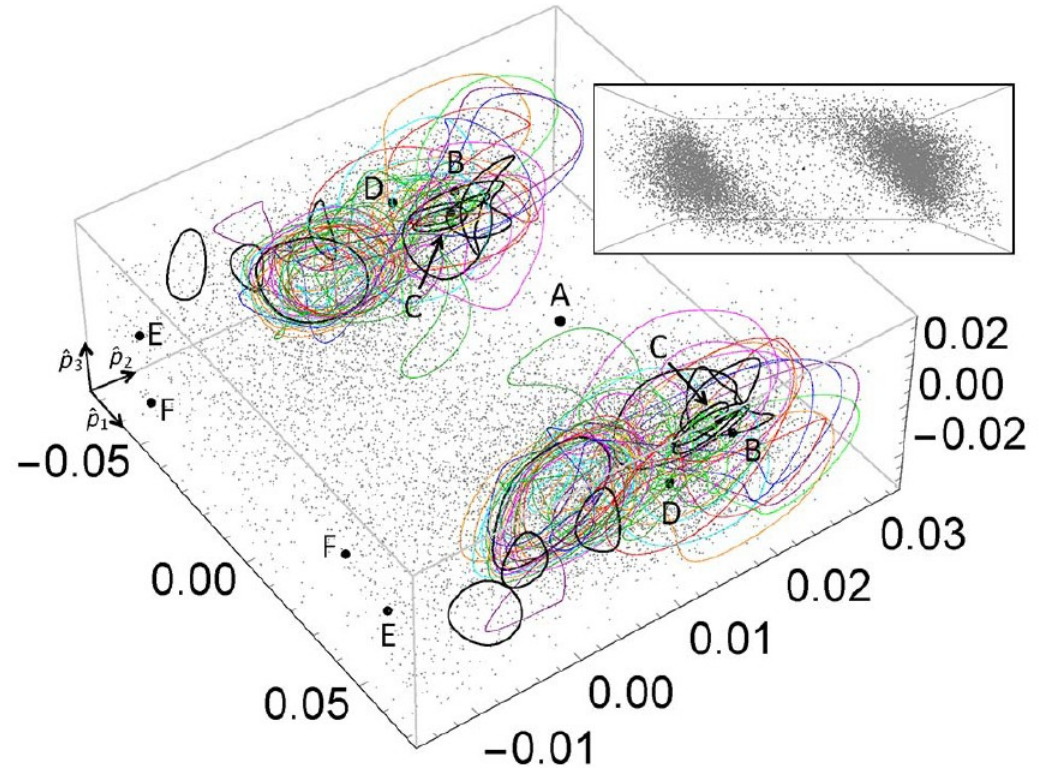
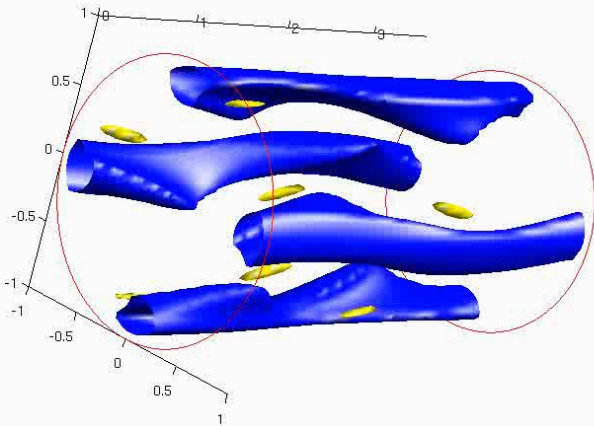


- Poincaré section  $\mathcal{P}$  pierced by trajectories.
- Sliced trajectory lies within  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$ .



## Sliced pipe

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Model of pipe flow  $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 154755$ .

Sliced dynamics – eliminate axial shifts.

(Willis, Short and Cvitanović 2016)

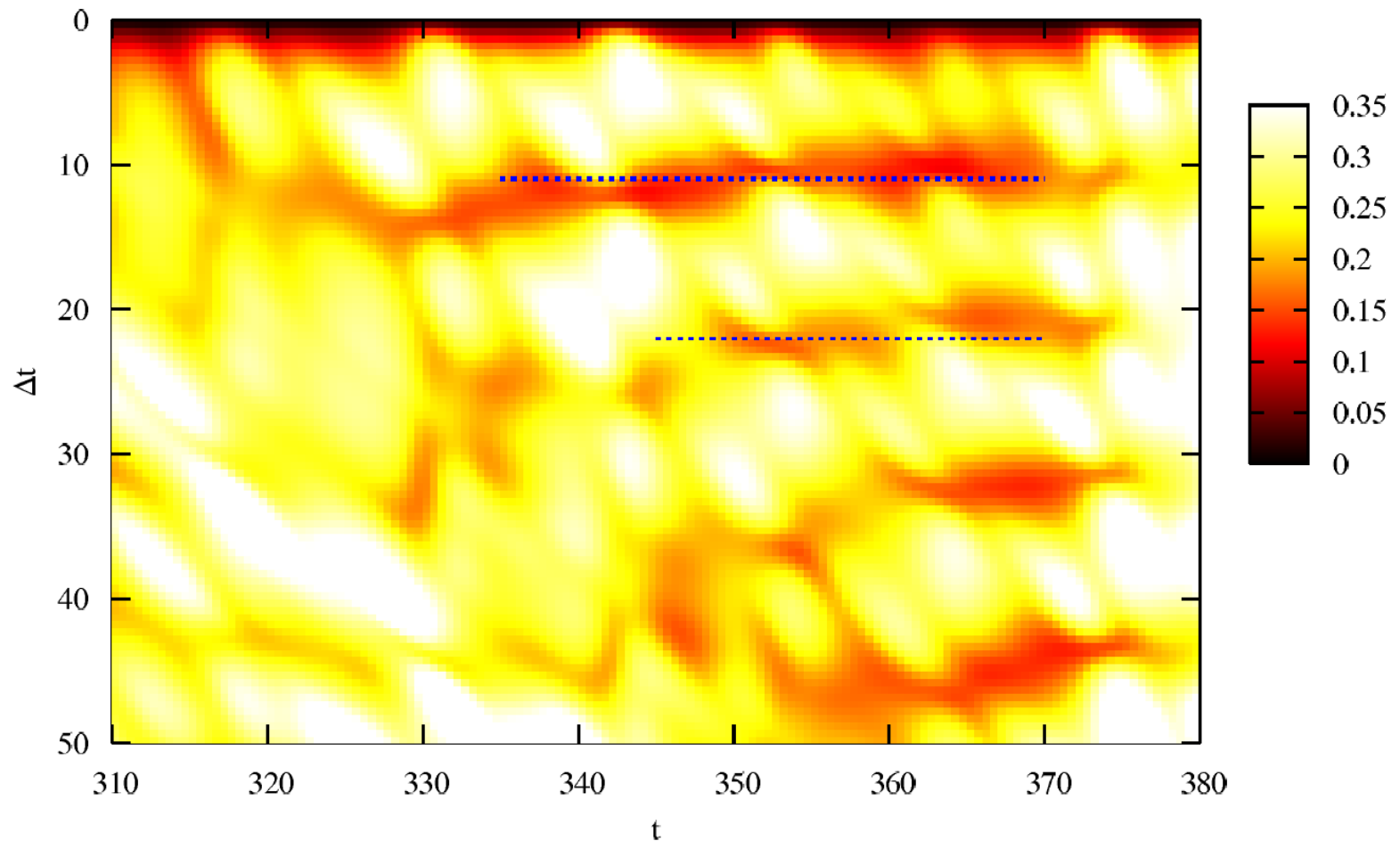


# Recurrence plot

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-\Delta t}\|_c}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-\Delta t}\|_c}$$

'Compensatory' norm.

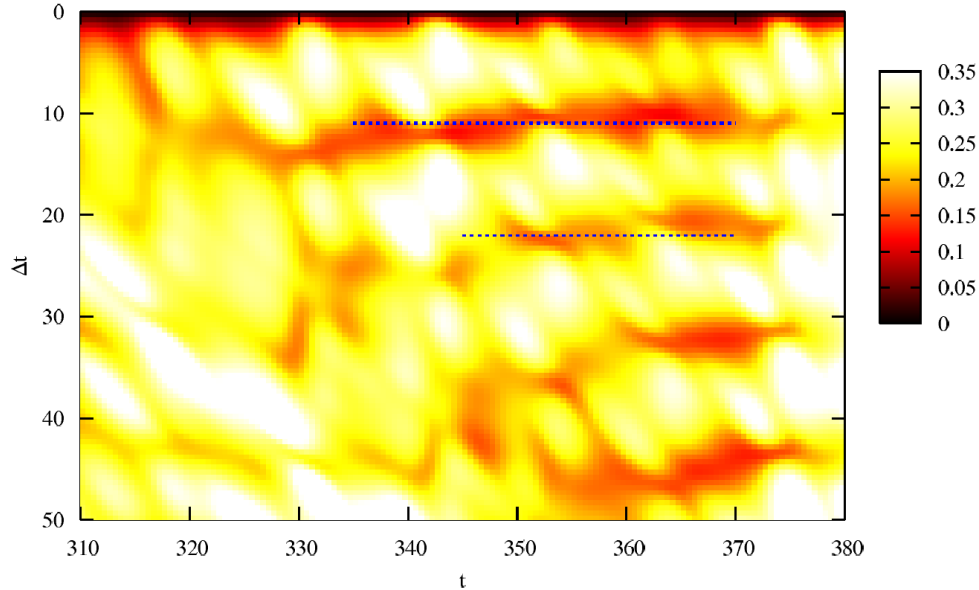
'Crap' norm ?



# Recurrence plot

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$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-\Delta t}\|_c}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t-\Delta t}\|_c}$$



DMD/Koopman analysis ? Page & Kerswell (arXiv:1906.01310)

Machine learning ? Page & Kerswell

CSC methods ? Marensi & Willis

## Summary

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- Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov (- Hookstep): workhorse for dynamical systems approach. [arxiv:1908.06730](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.06730)
- Relative equilibria (TWs) and relative periodic orbits (RPOs) embedded in laminar-turbulent boundary.
- Getting initial guesses for JFNK main issue.
- Bisection / 'Surfing' edge.
- 'Slicing' (symmetry reduction)
- RPOs embedded in turbulence → proxy for turbulence
- Norm problem.