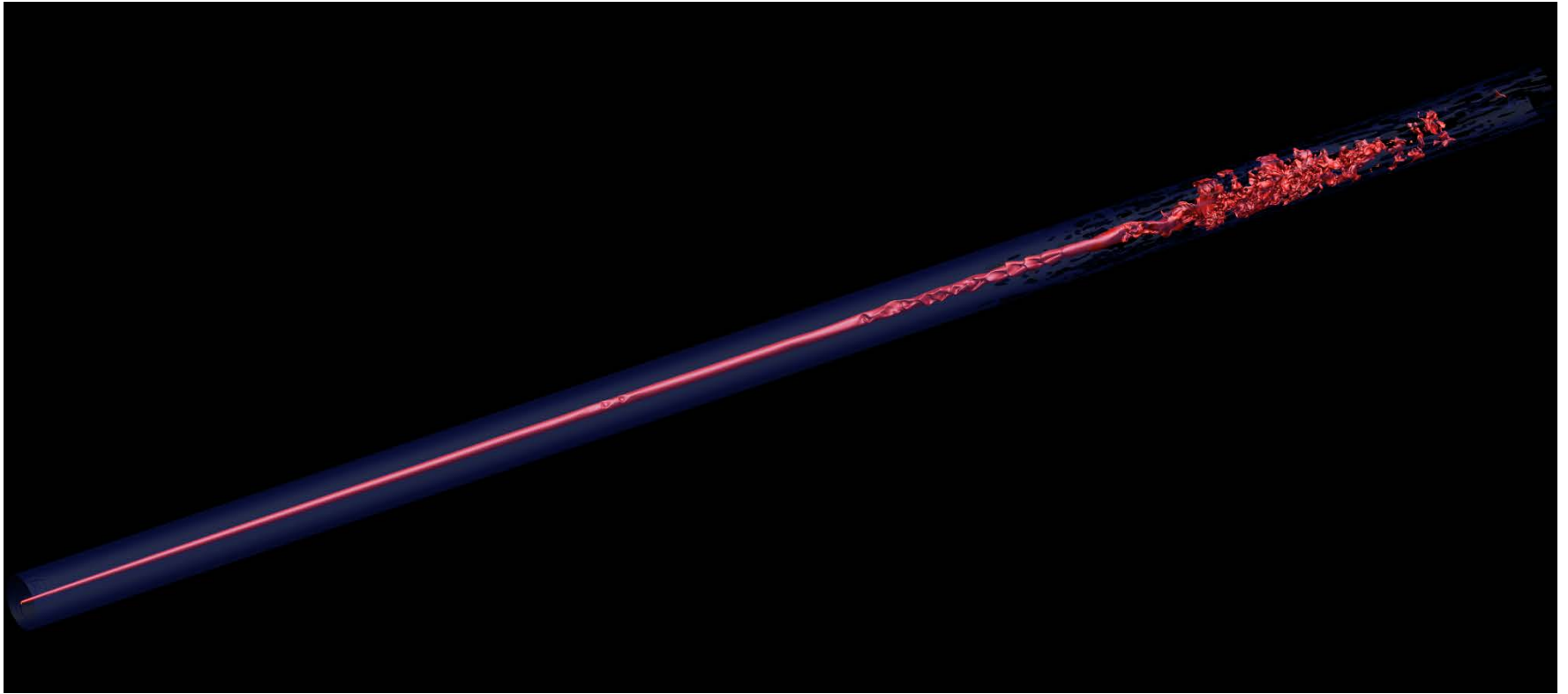


Osborne Reynolds pipe flow

Direct computation and visualization from laminar through transition to fully-developed turbulence



Xiaohua Wu, Parviz Moin and Ronald J. Adrian

Finite lifetime of turbulence in shear flows

Björn Hof^{1,2}, Jerry Westerweel², Tobias M. Schneider³ & Bruno Eckhardt³

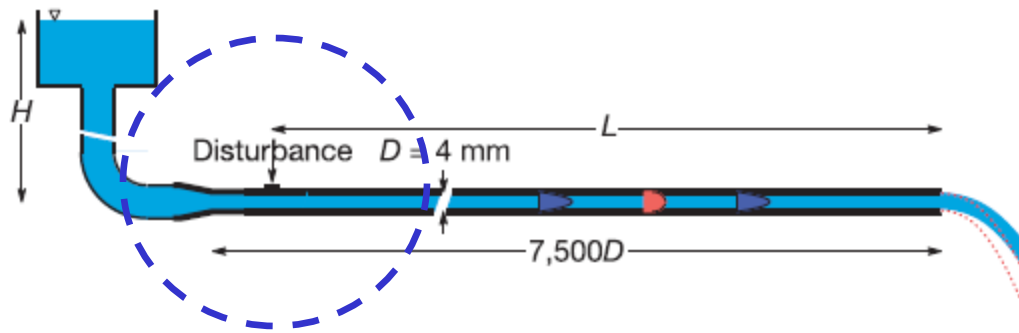


Figure 1 | Sketch of the experimental apparatus. The pipe sections we

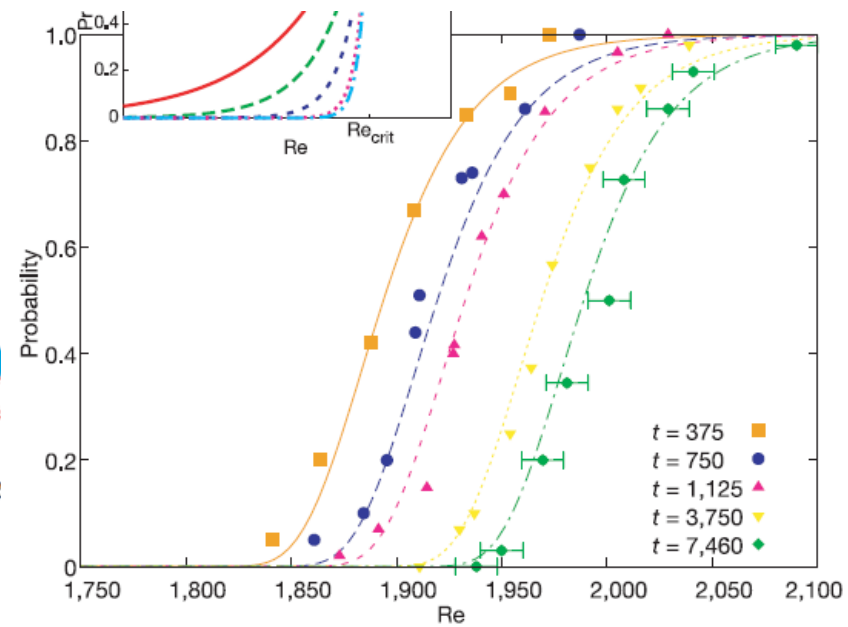


Figure 2 | Lifetime distributions.

$$T_L \propto e^{bRe} \text{ where } b > 0$$

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numbers. For this we use axially periodic pipes of length L and diameter D , where L is both large and is varied as part of the study.

The computational protocol is of the reverse transition type (12, 23–26) where we always first obtain a fully turbulent flow throughout the pipe at $Re \simeq 3,000$ and then decrease Re . Unlike

- > 773, travelling wave appears
- > 1650, new puff appears
- > 1750, existing puff does not decay
- < 2300, puffs are localized
- > 2600, continuous turbulence, no puff/slug

Unresolved issue A

What is the perturbation growth rate in a laminar pipe flow ?

**undergraduate and graduate text books
often silent on pipe transition**

Unresolved issue B

**How does laminar pipe flow breakdown?
Any connection with boundary layer?**

may not have unique answer

Unresolved issue C

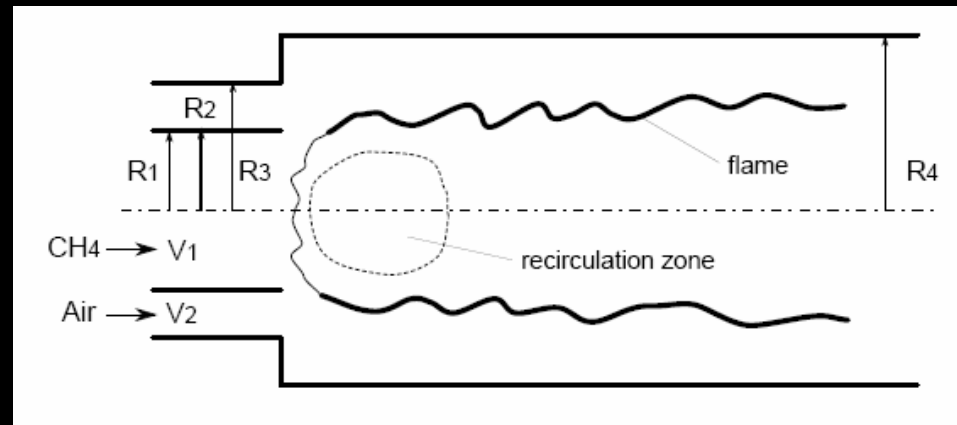
How does skin friction vary with axial distance in pipe transition ?

relevant to oil transport

Progress-variable approach for large-eddy simulation of non-premixed turbulent combustion

By CHARLES D. PIERCE† AND PARVIZ MOIN

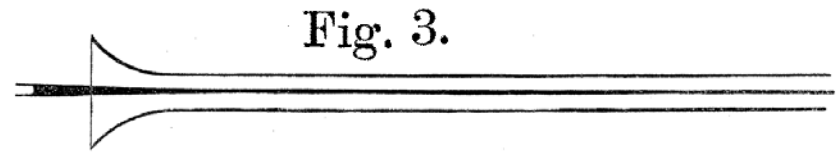
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Chuck's Codes:

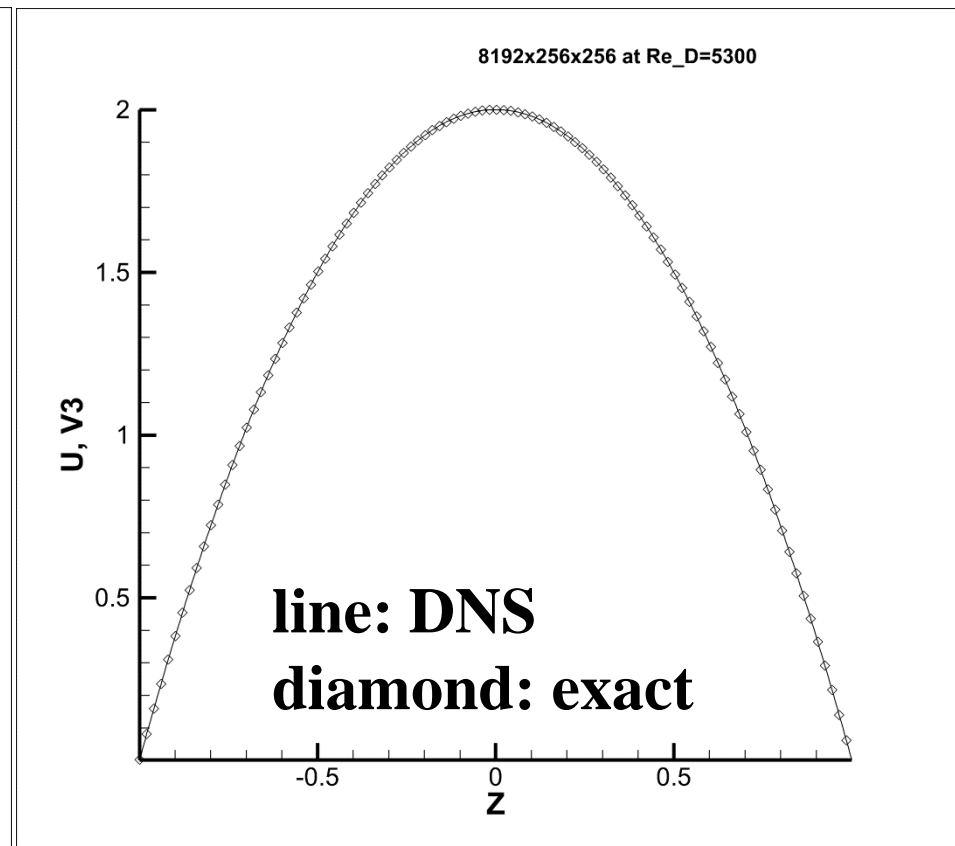
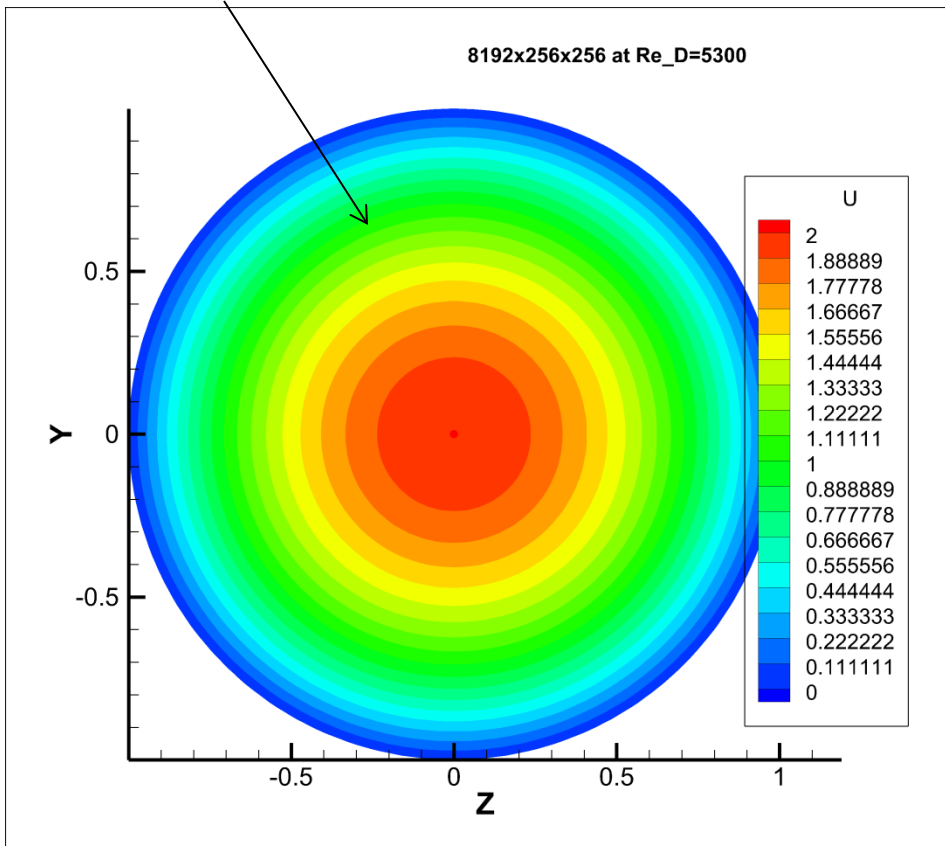
- (1) Periodic pipe code, used in Wu & Moin, JFM (2008)
- (2) Boundary layer code, used in Wu & Moin, JFM (2009), PoF (2010)
- (3) Jet code, used in the present study

Step 1 towards spatial pipe DNS

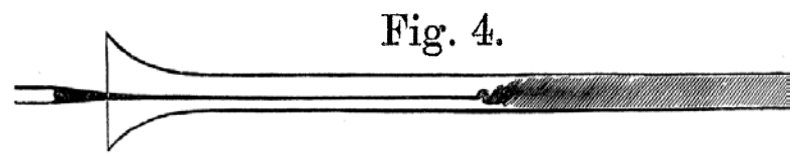


DNS of spatial laminar pipe flow

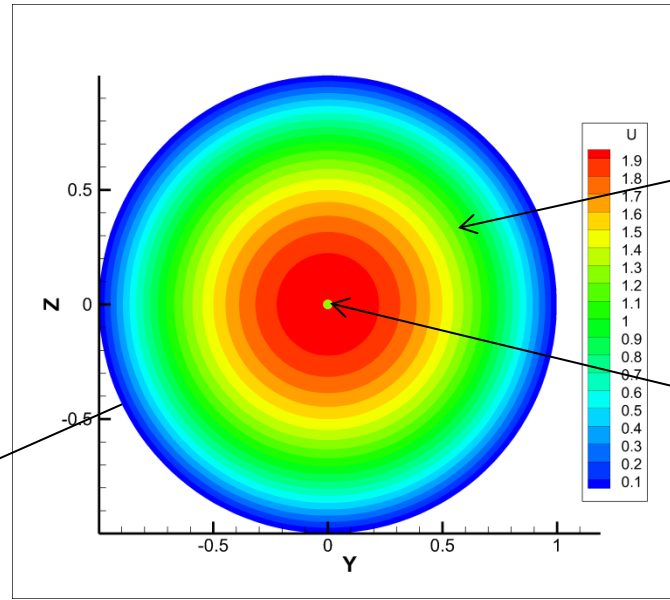
exact parabolic



Step 2 towards spatial pipe DNS



Many failed transition tests at $Re_D = 5300$



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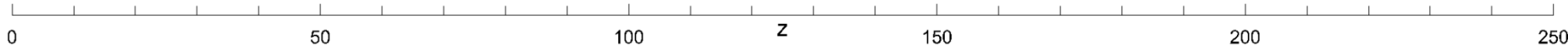
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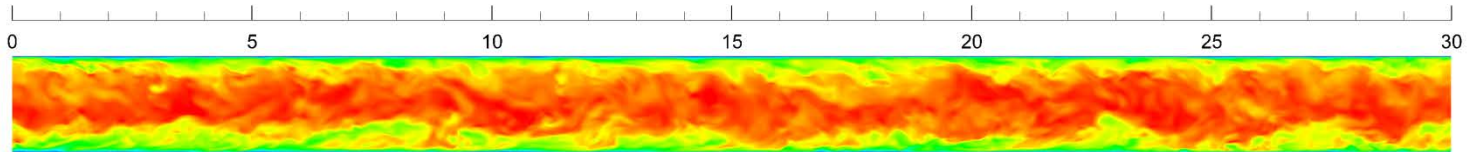
Step 3: DNS results at $Re_D = 8000$

Spatial DNS over 250R domain on 8196 x 200 x 256 mesh

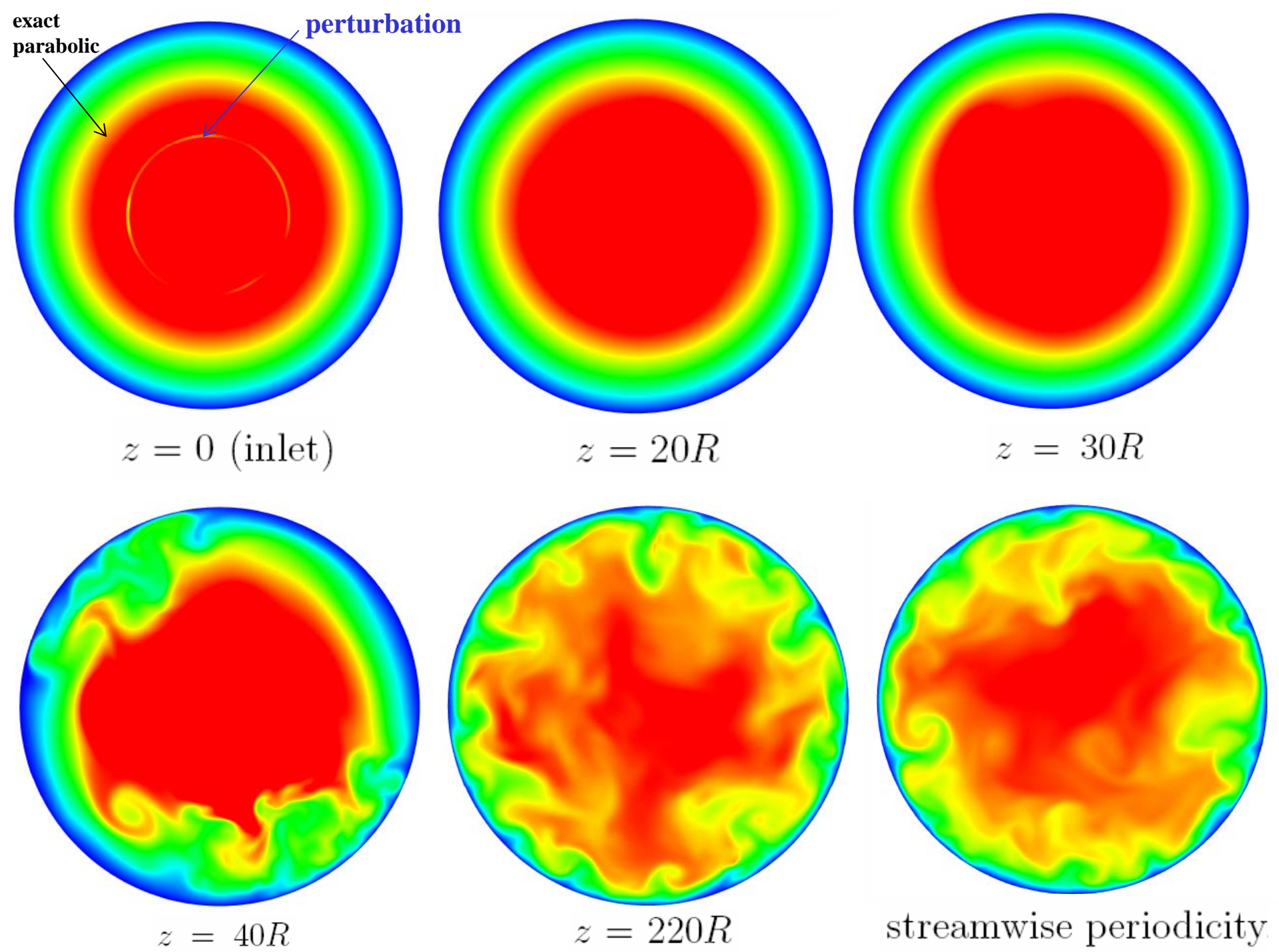


$$R_+ = 258.48, \quad Dz_+ = 7.9 \text{ (after transition)}$$

Periodic DNS over 30R domain on 2048 x 256 x 512 mesh



$$R_+ = 258.48, \quad Dz_+ = 3.8$$




Contours of u at a random instant over the $\theta = 0^\circ$ and 180° planes

$0 \leq z \leq 250R$ (full range)



$0 \leq z \leq 60R$

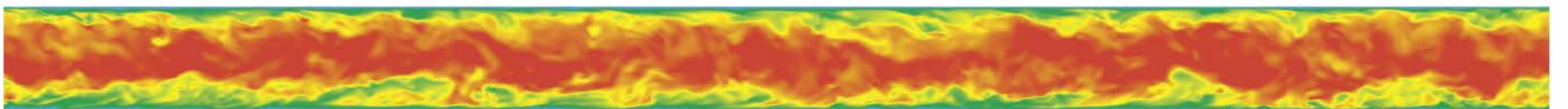


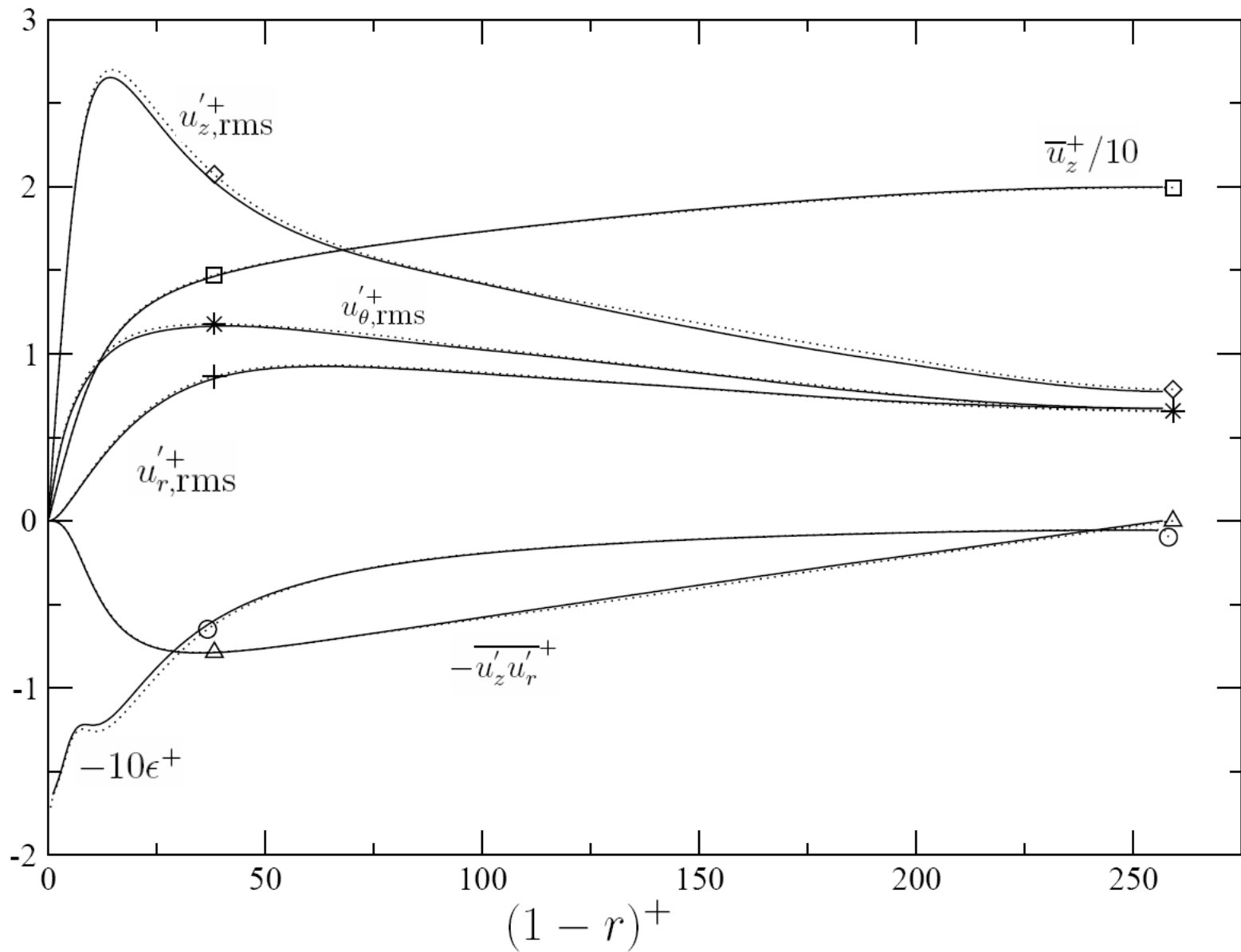
$210R \leq z \leq 240R$



additional pipe flow DNS with streamwise periodicity,

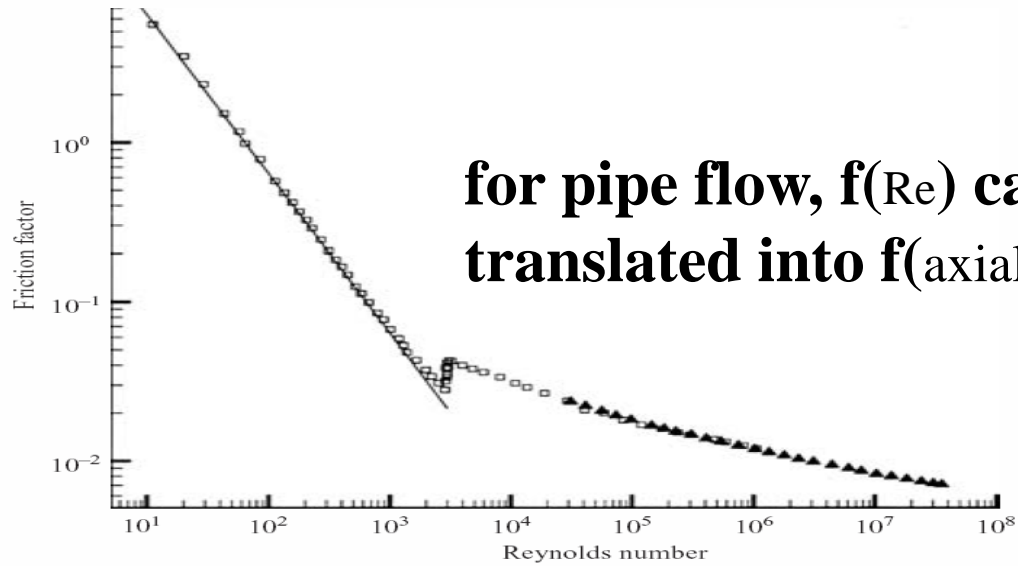
$0 \leq z \leq 30R$





Solid present DNS sampled in time and averaged in the region of $210R < z < 240R$
dotted additional $30R$ -long pipe flow DNS with streamwise periodicity.

pipe



boundary layer

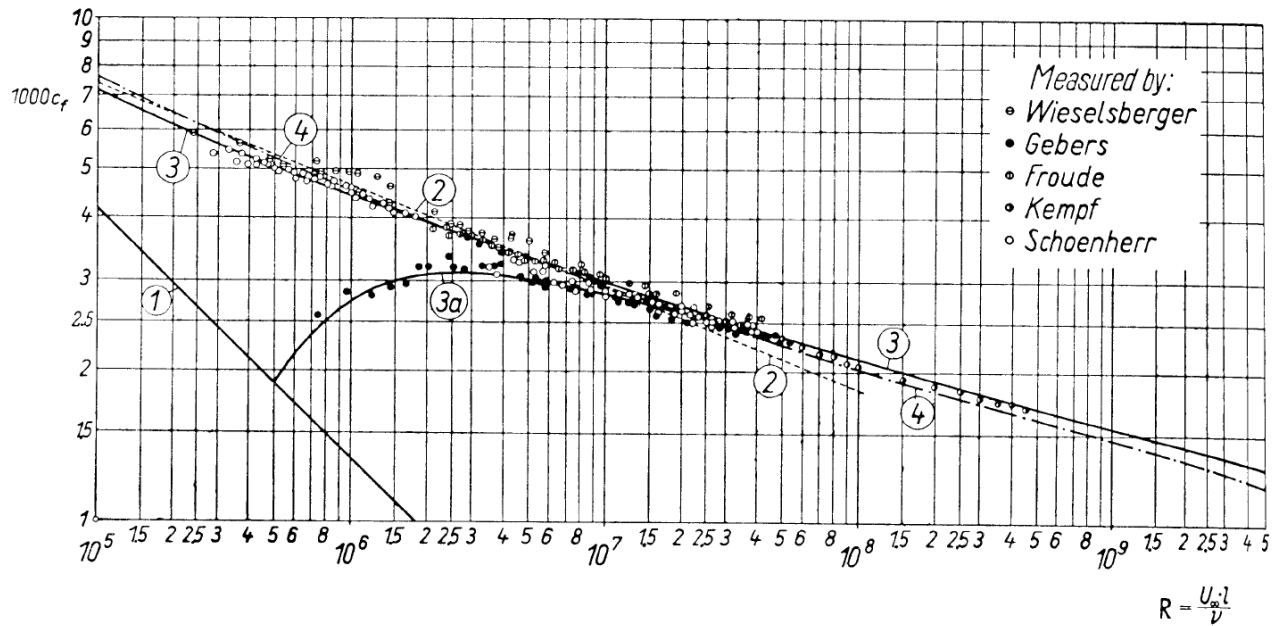
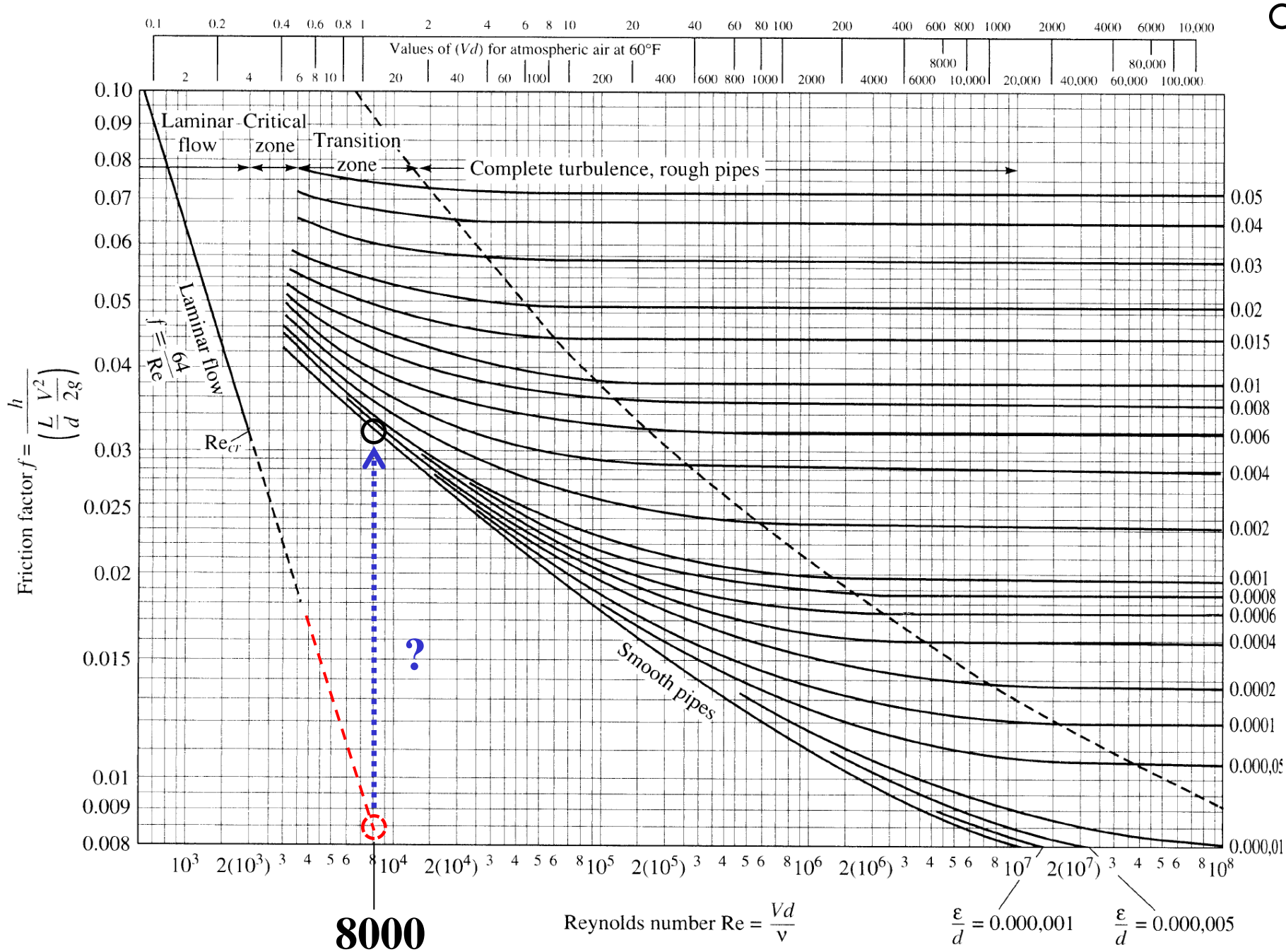
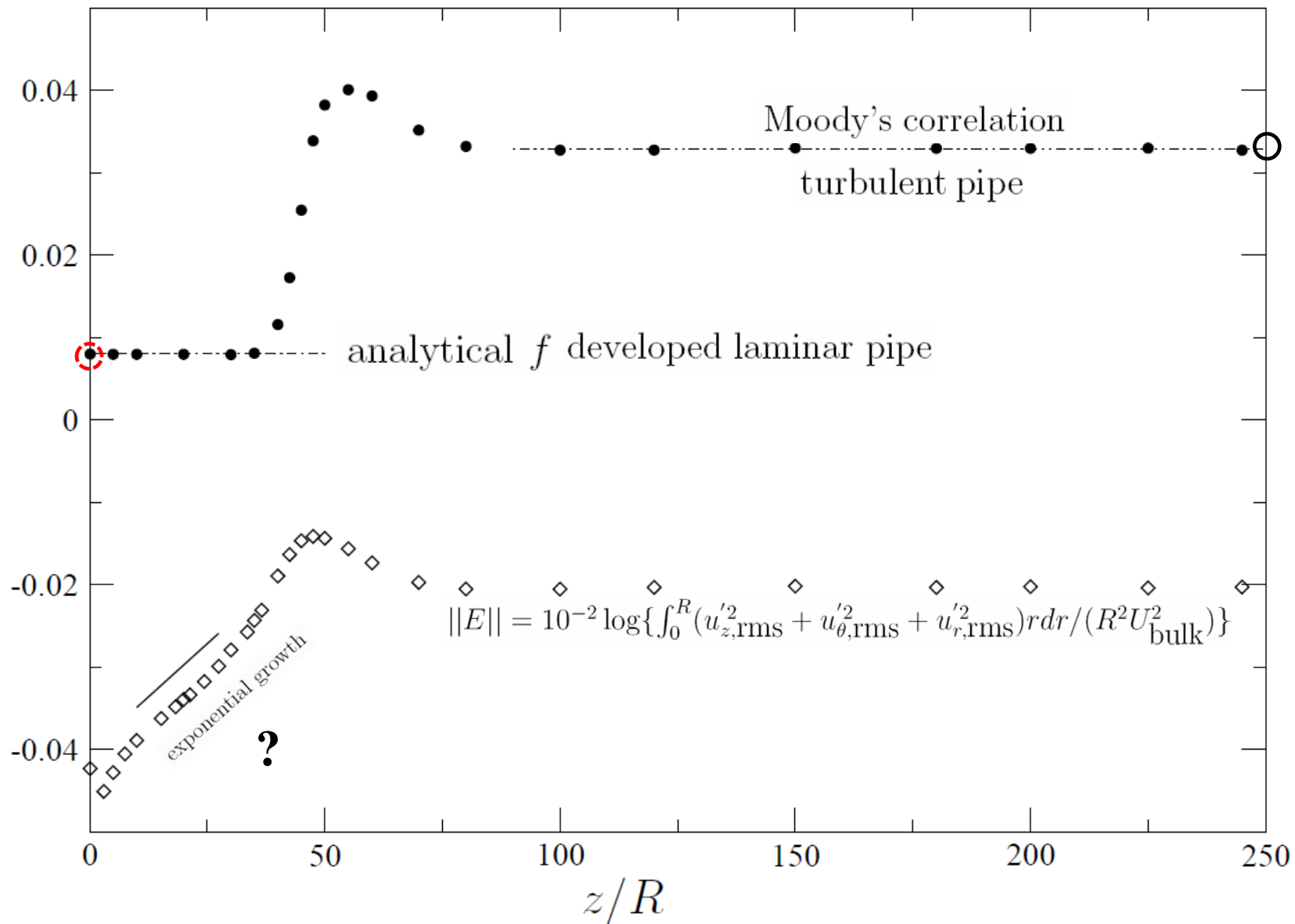


Fig. 21.2. Resistance formula for smooth flat plate at zero incidence; comparison between theory and measurement





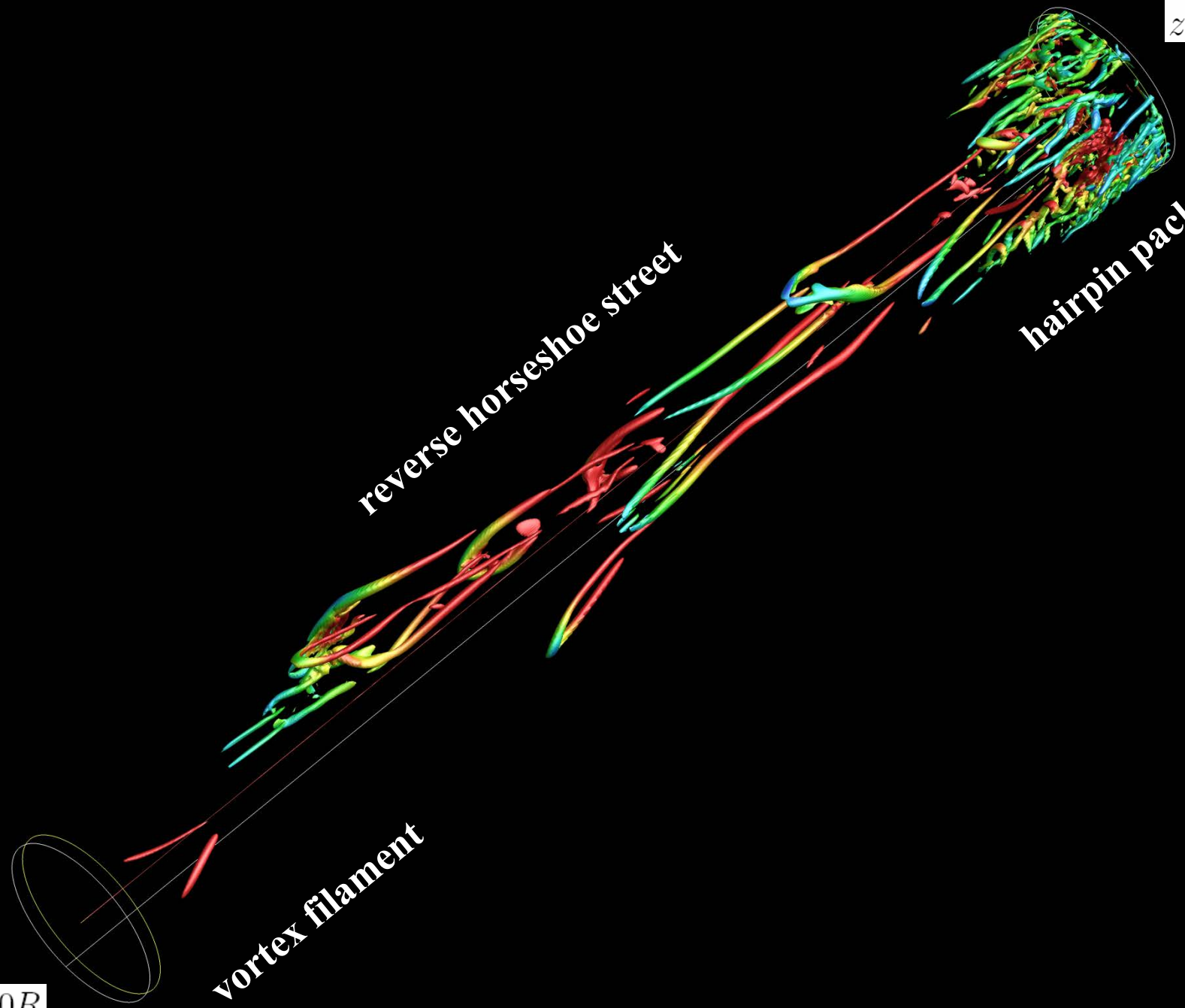
$z = 45R$

hairpin packet

reverse horseshoe street

vortex filament

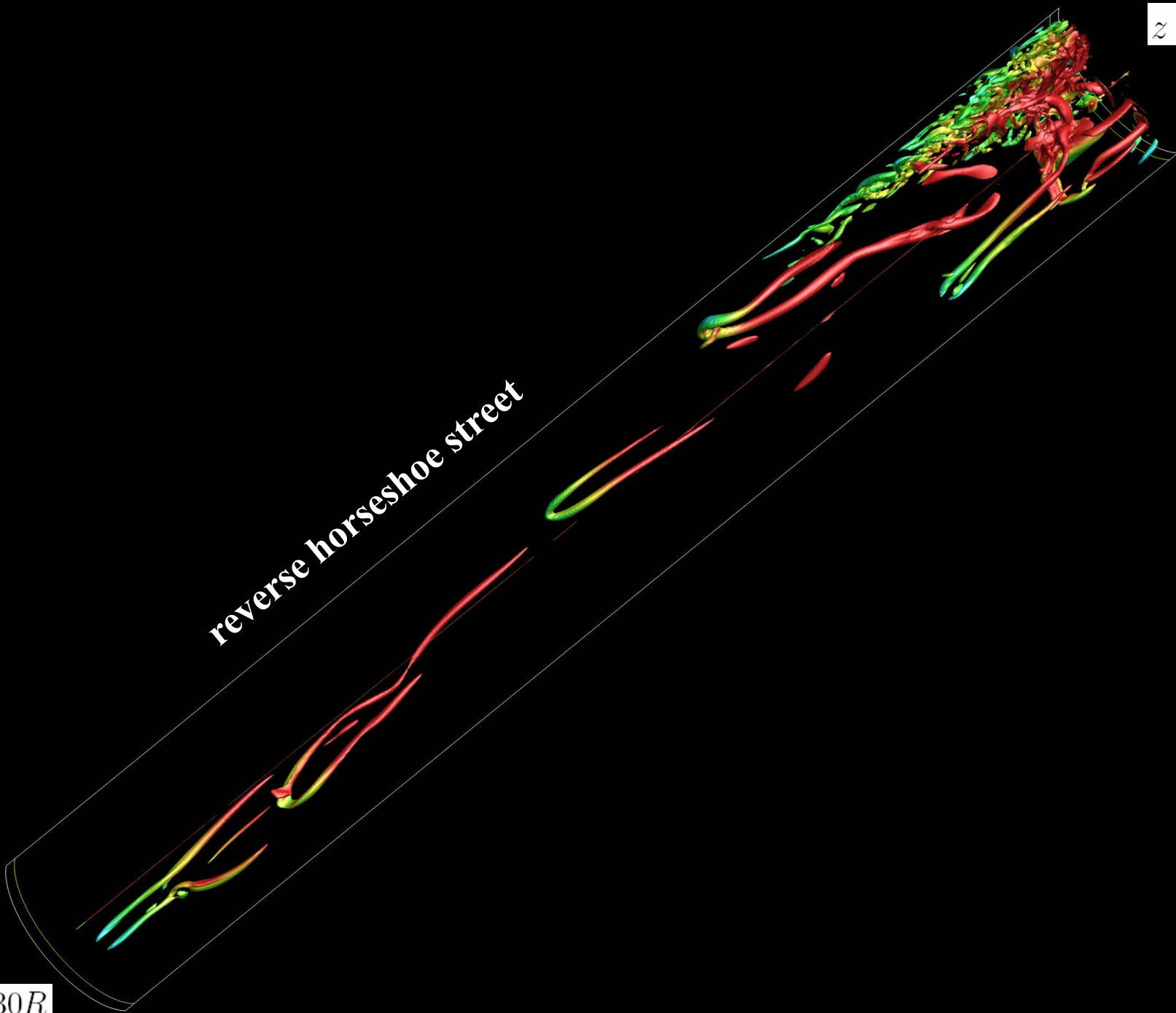
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Iso-surfaces of swirling strength λ_{ci} coloured by local values of u_z

continuous transition without spots between $30R < z < 45R$

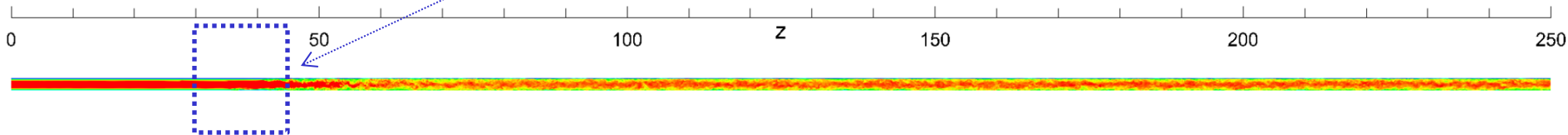
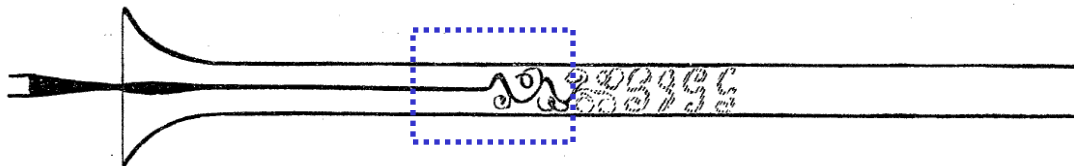
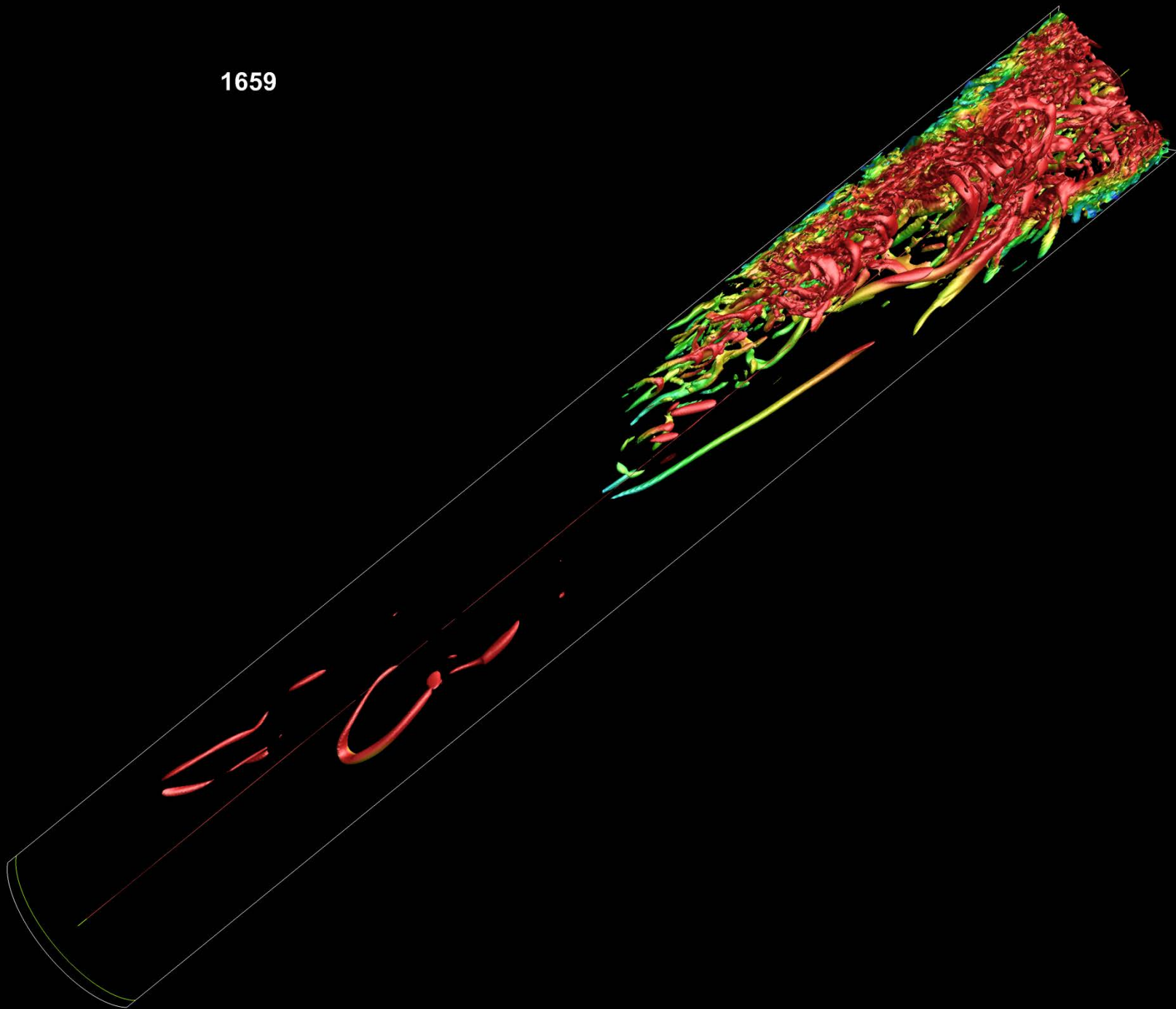


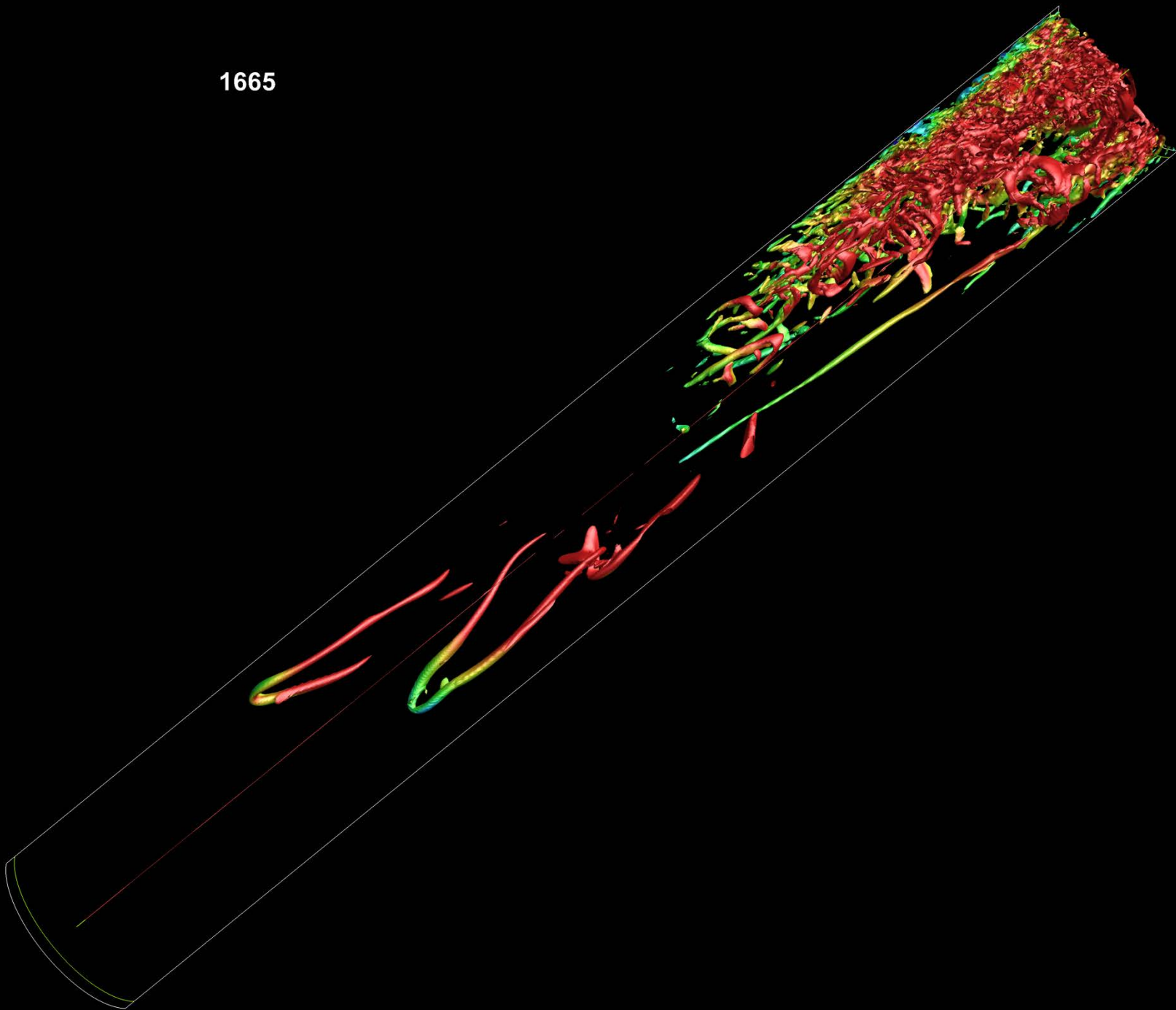
Fig. 5.



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Partial answer to issue A (growth rate)

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For the particular type of disturbance

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skin friction overshoots Moody's
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New questions

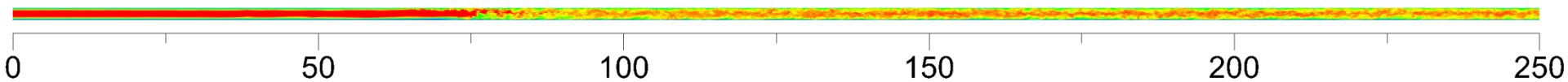
Repeatability, only one case

Effect of Re on the observations

Any travelling wave

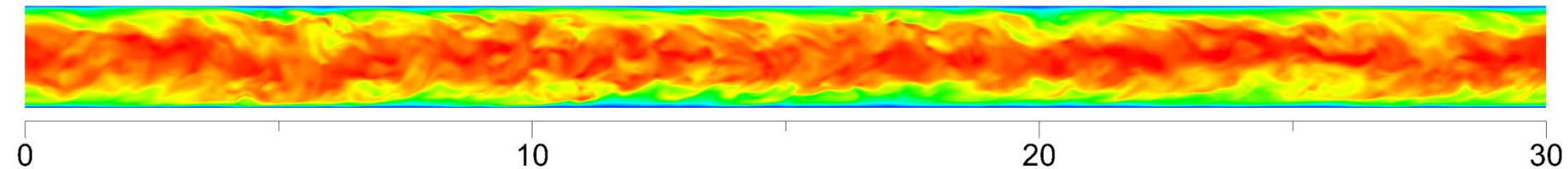
Step 4: Reducing Re_D to 6000 (does not transition at 5700)

Spatial DNS over 250R domain on 8196 x 200 x 256 mesh

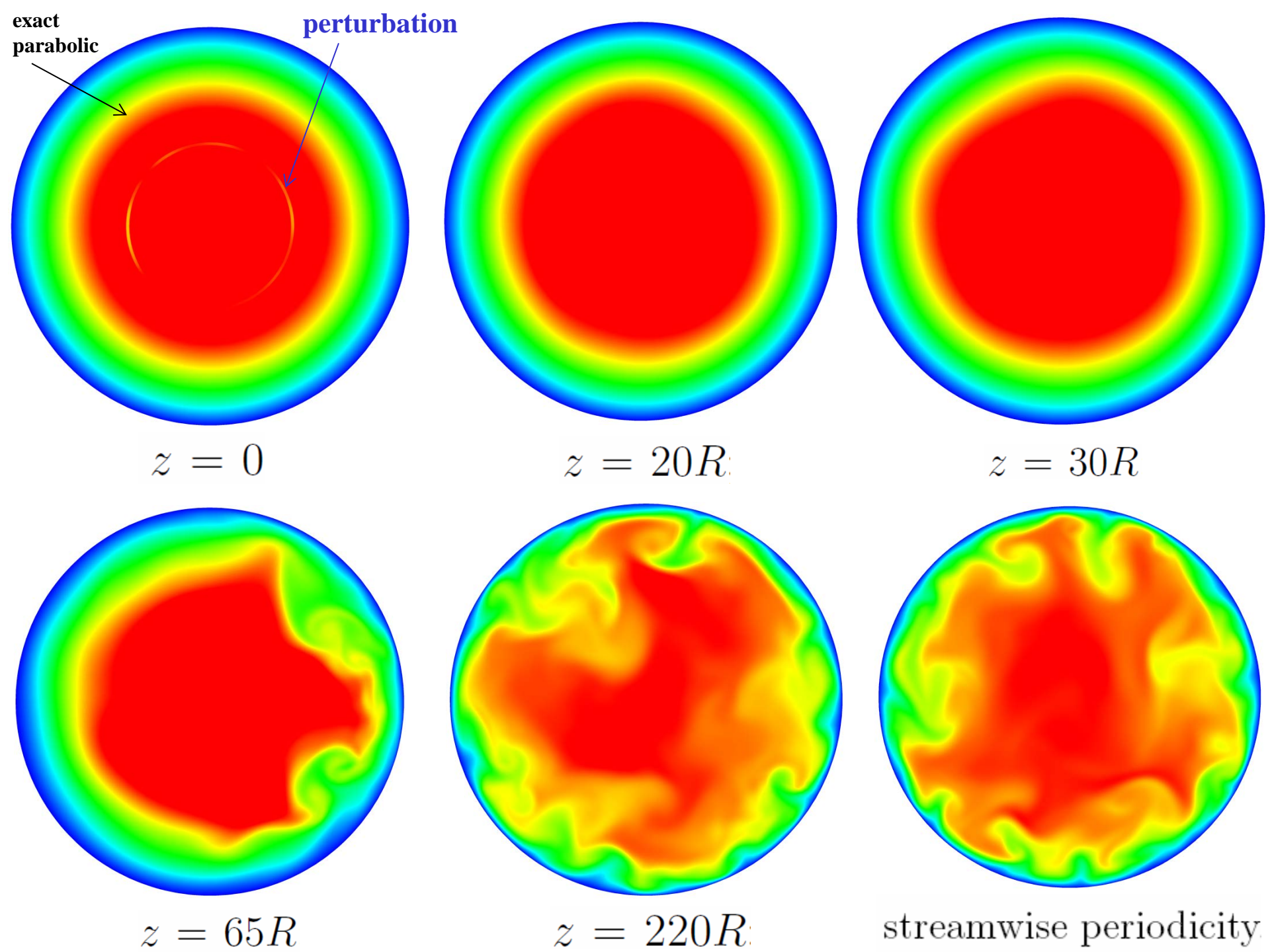


$R_+ = 201.6$, $Dz_+ = 6.1$ (after transition)

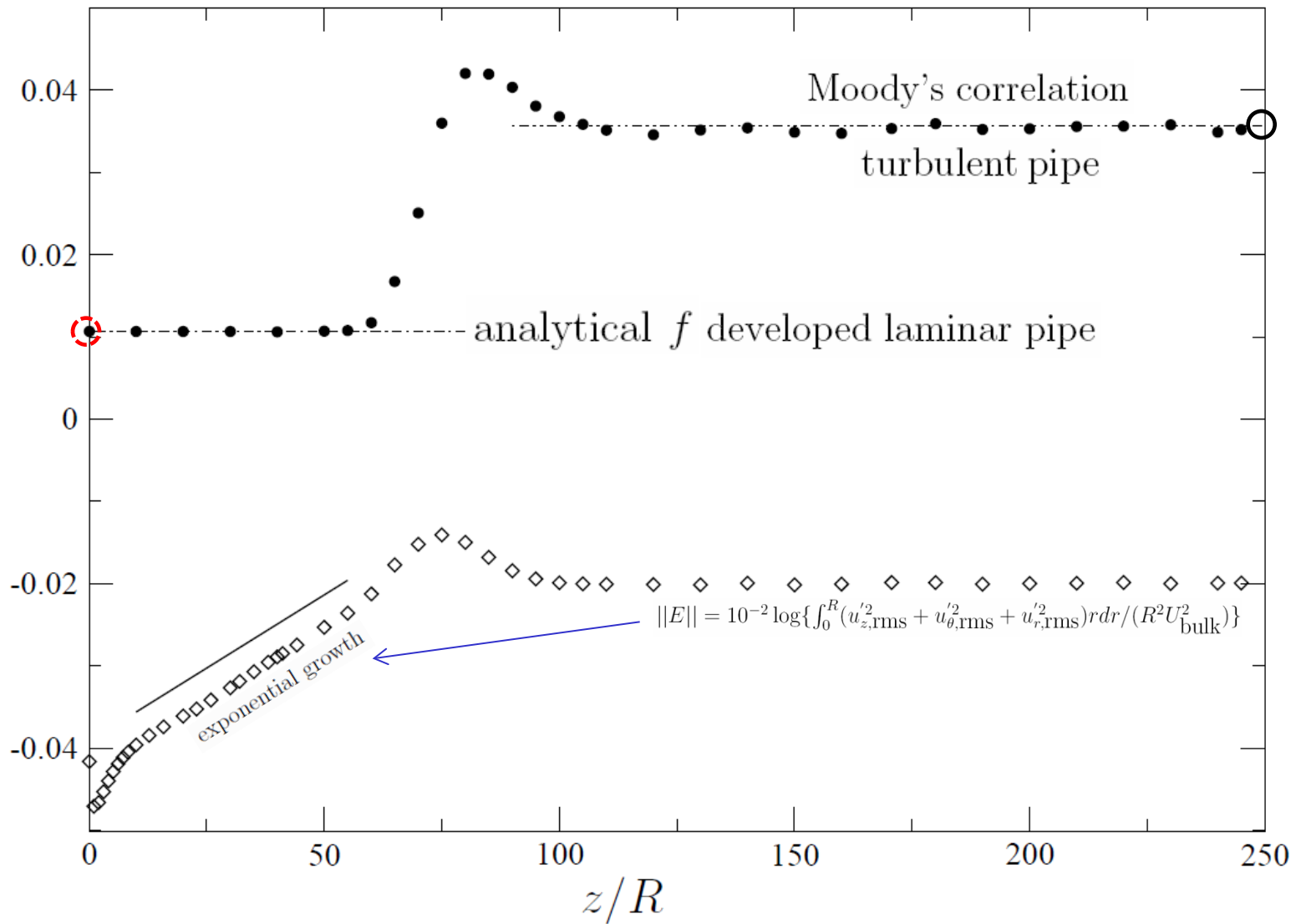
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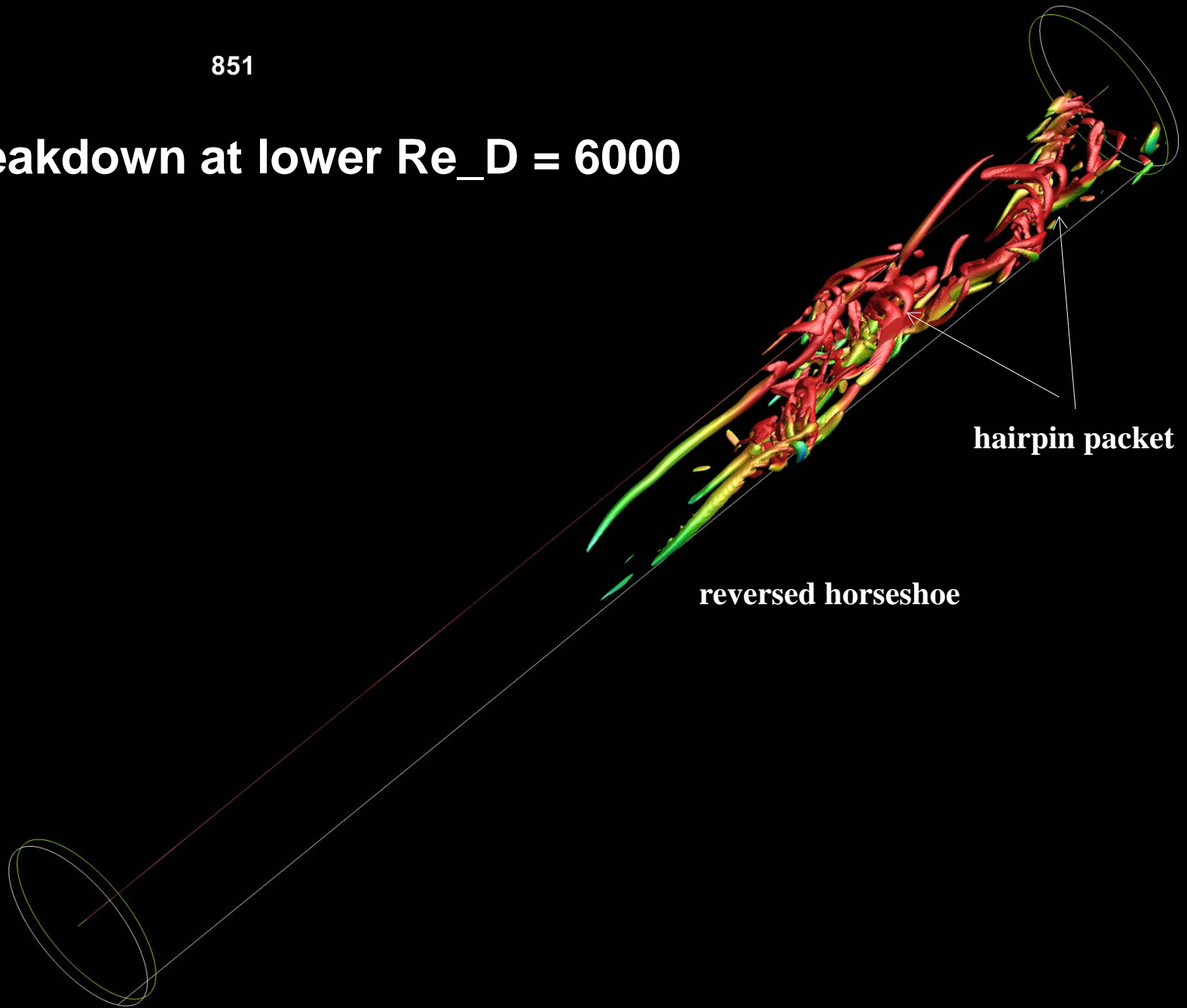


Reynolds number reduced to 6,000



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breakdown at lower $Re_D = 6000$

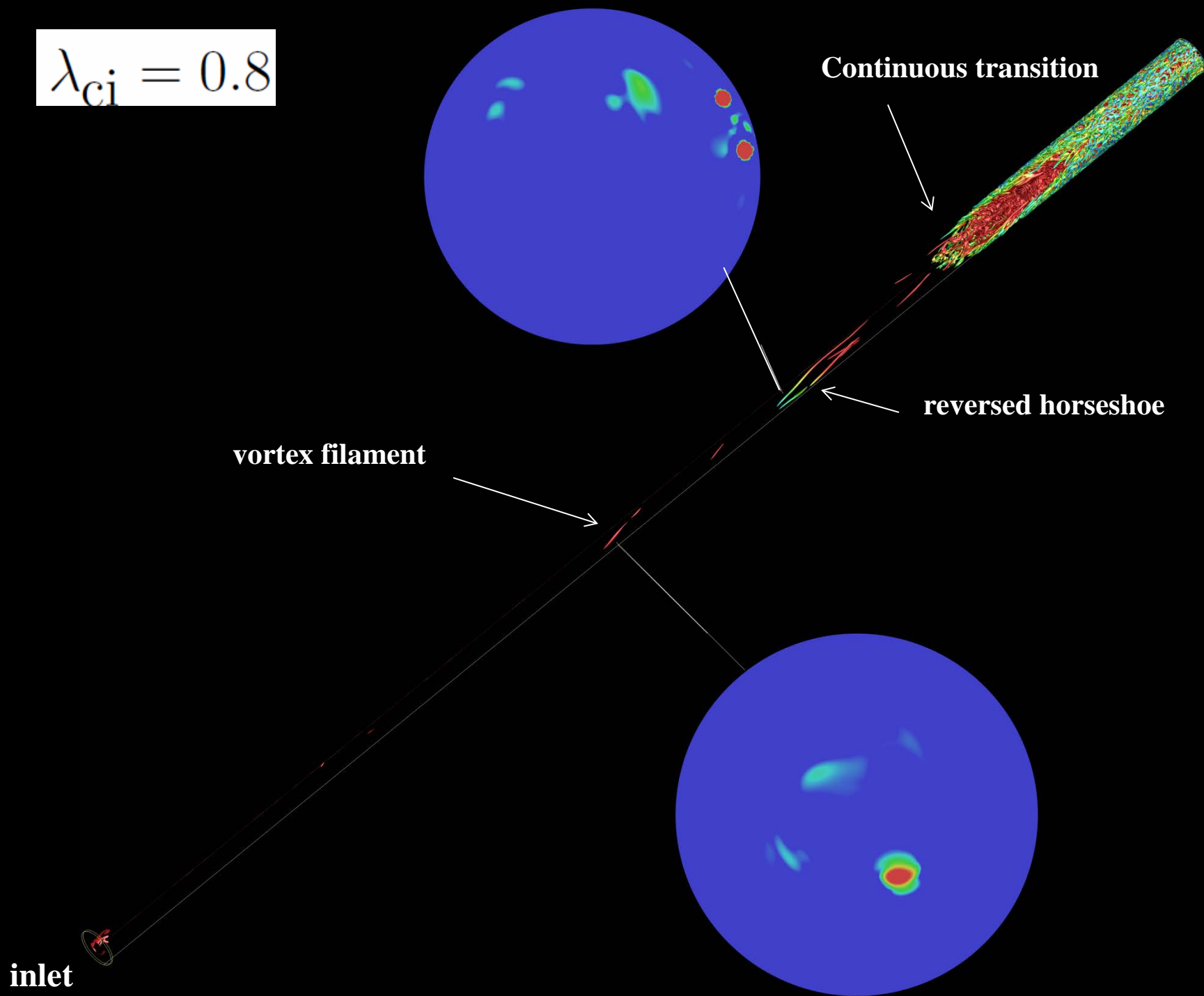


hairpin packet

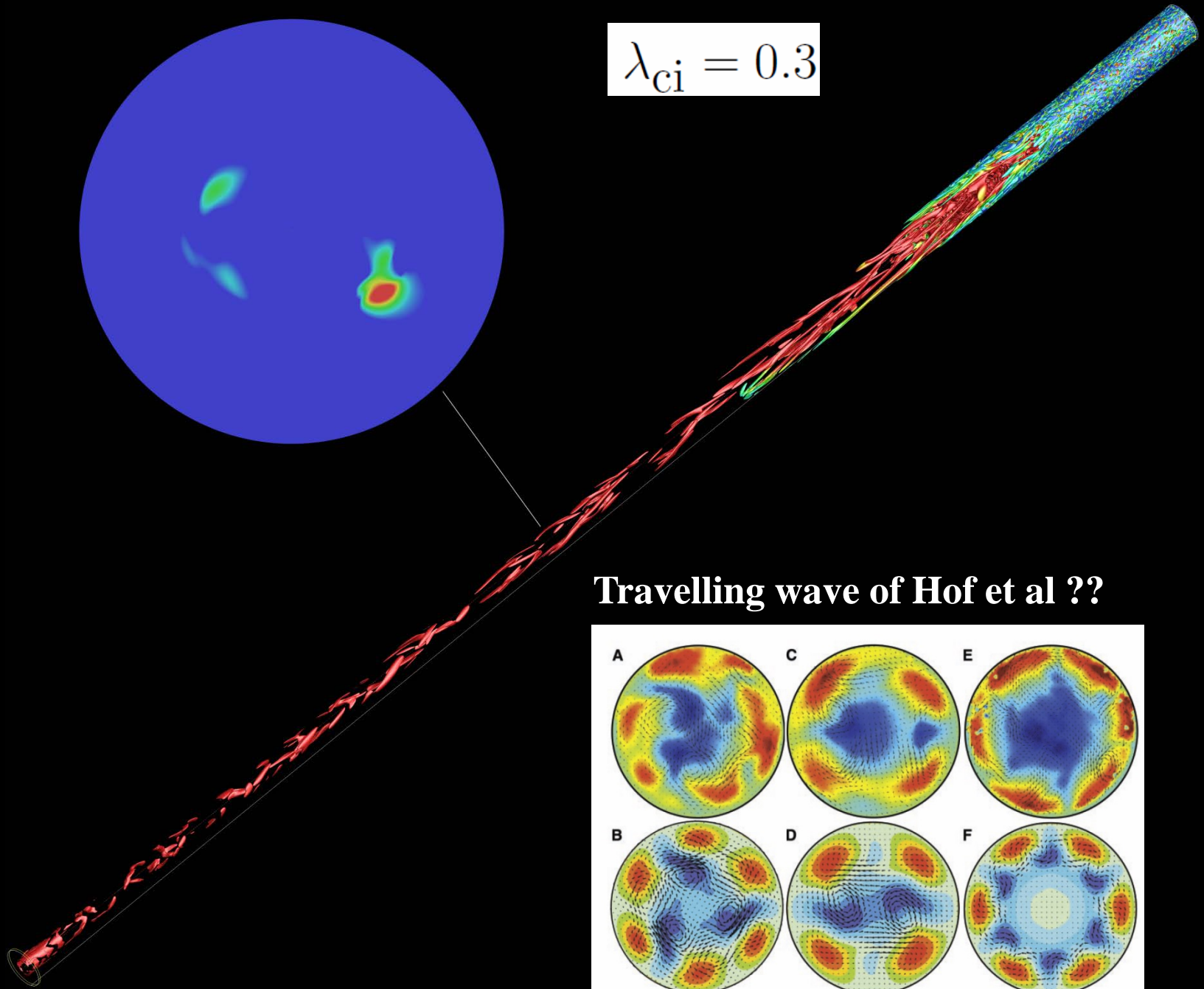
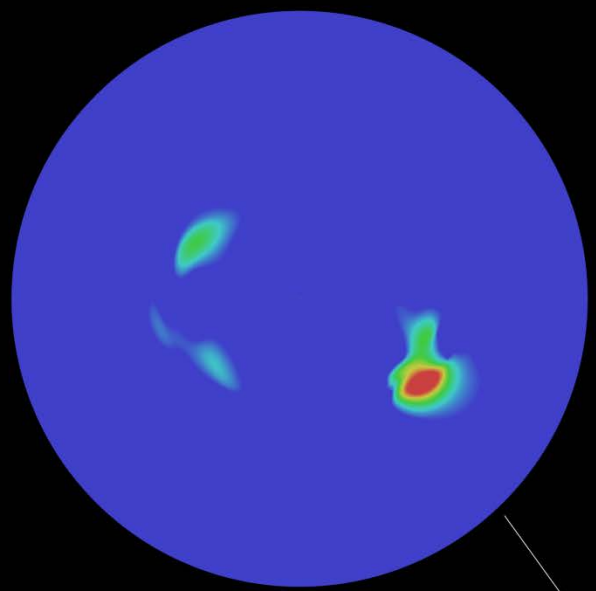
reversed horseshoe

$$\lambda_{ci} = 0.8$$

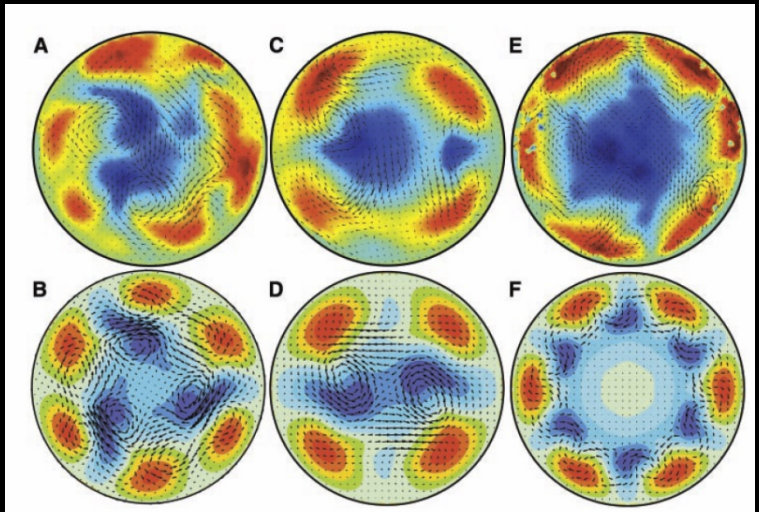
75R



$$\lambda_{ci} = 0.3$$



Travelling wave of Hof et al ??



inlet

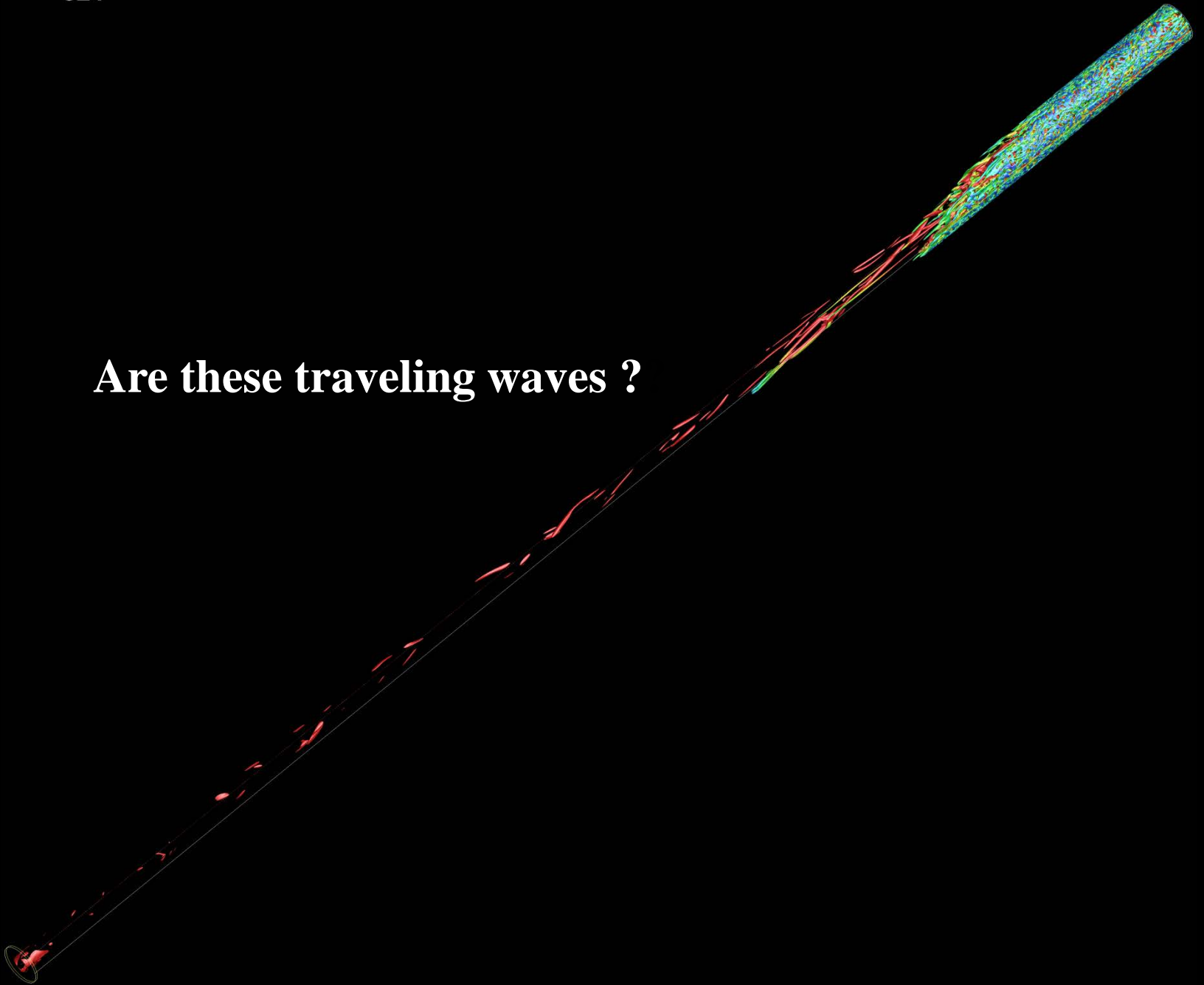
Fig. 2. Comparison of experimentally (top) and numerically (bottom) observed streak patterns.

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Are these traveling waves ?

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More new questions

Effect of inlet disturbance on results

Why no spots as in boundary layer

Why reversed horseshoe vortex

Add “numerical” dye as in Reynolds

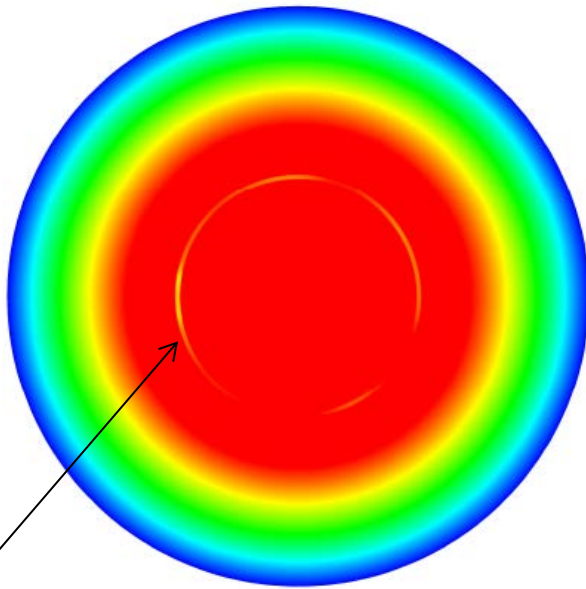
Step 5: Modify inlet disturbance at $Re_D = 8000$

8196 x 200 x 256 mesh,

16384 x 200 x 512 mesh

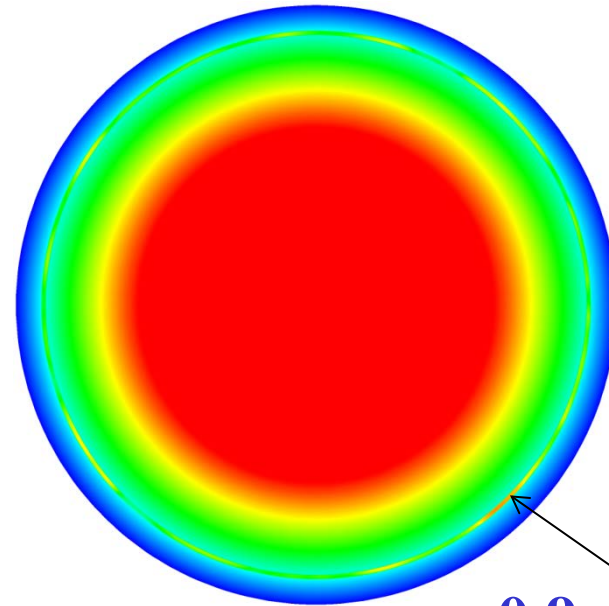
$z = 0$

old



$0.4 < r < 0.42$

new



$0.9 < r < 0.915$

if inlet disturbance $0.9 < r < 0.92$, transitions right away
if inlet disturbance $0.9 < r < 0.91$, no transition

Step 5: Modify inlet disturbance at $Re_D = 8000$

Also, added passive scalar as dye in the Reynolds' experiment

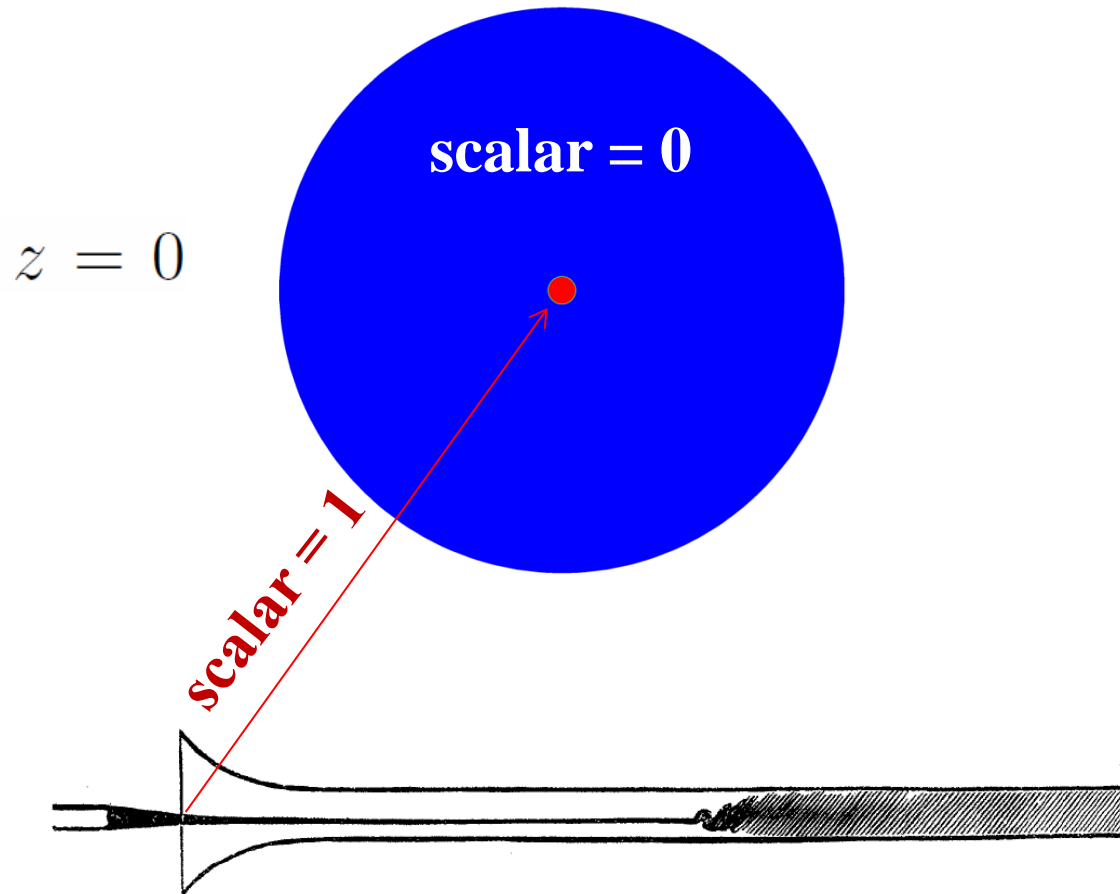
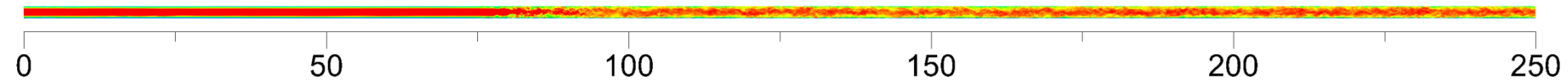
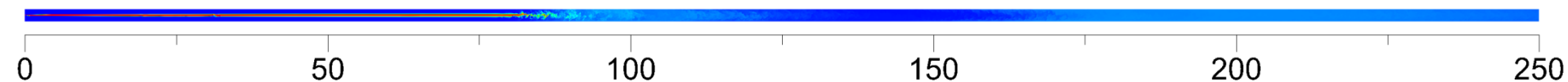


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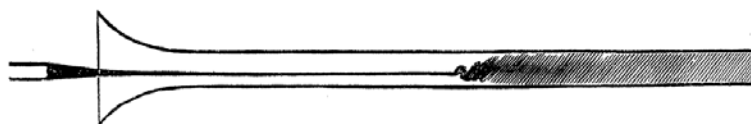
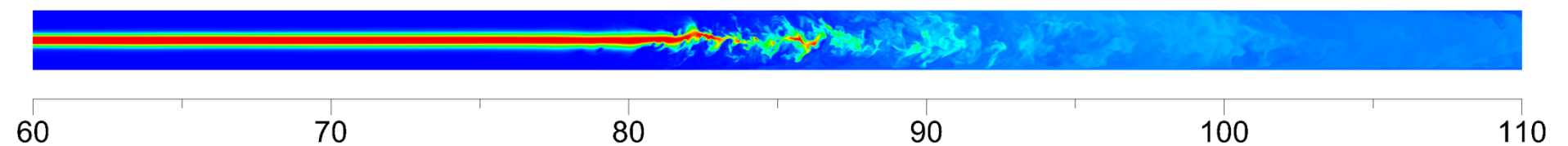
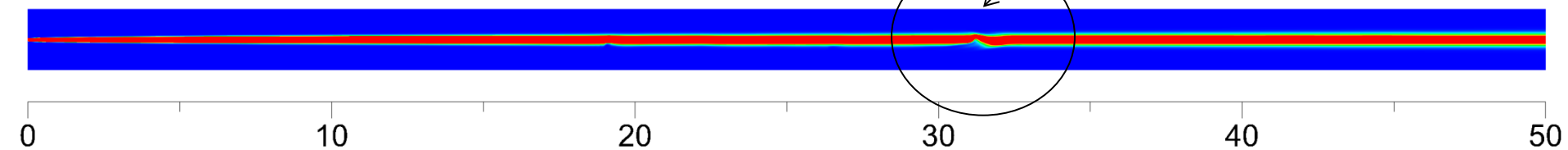
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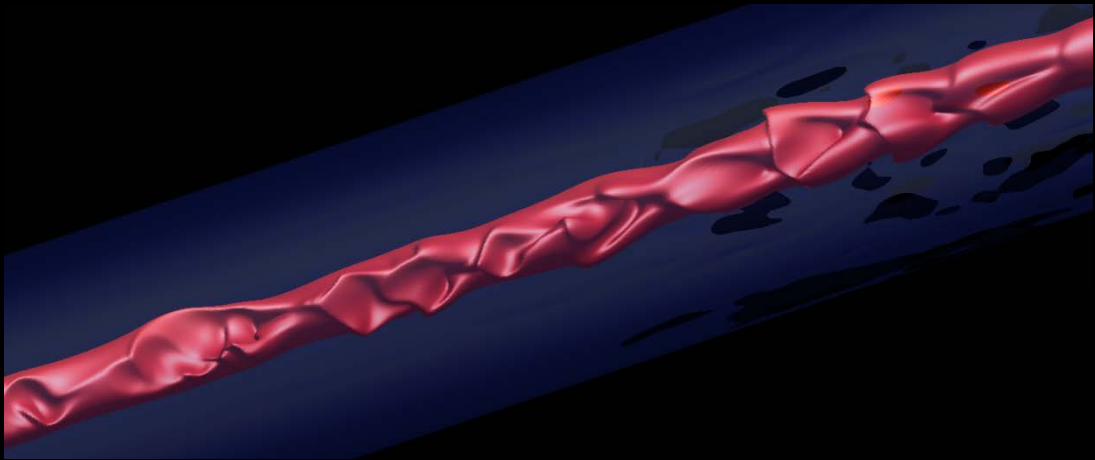
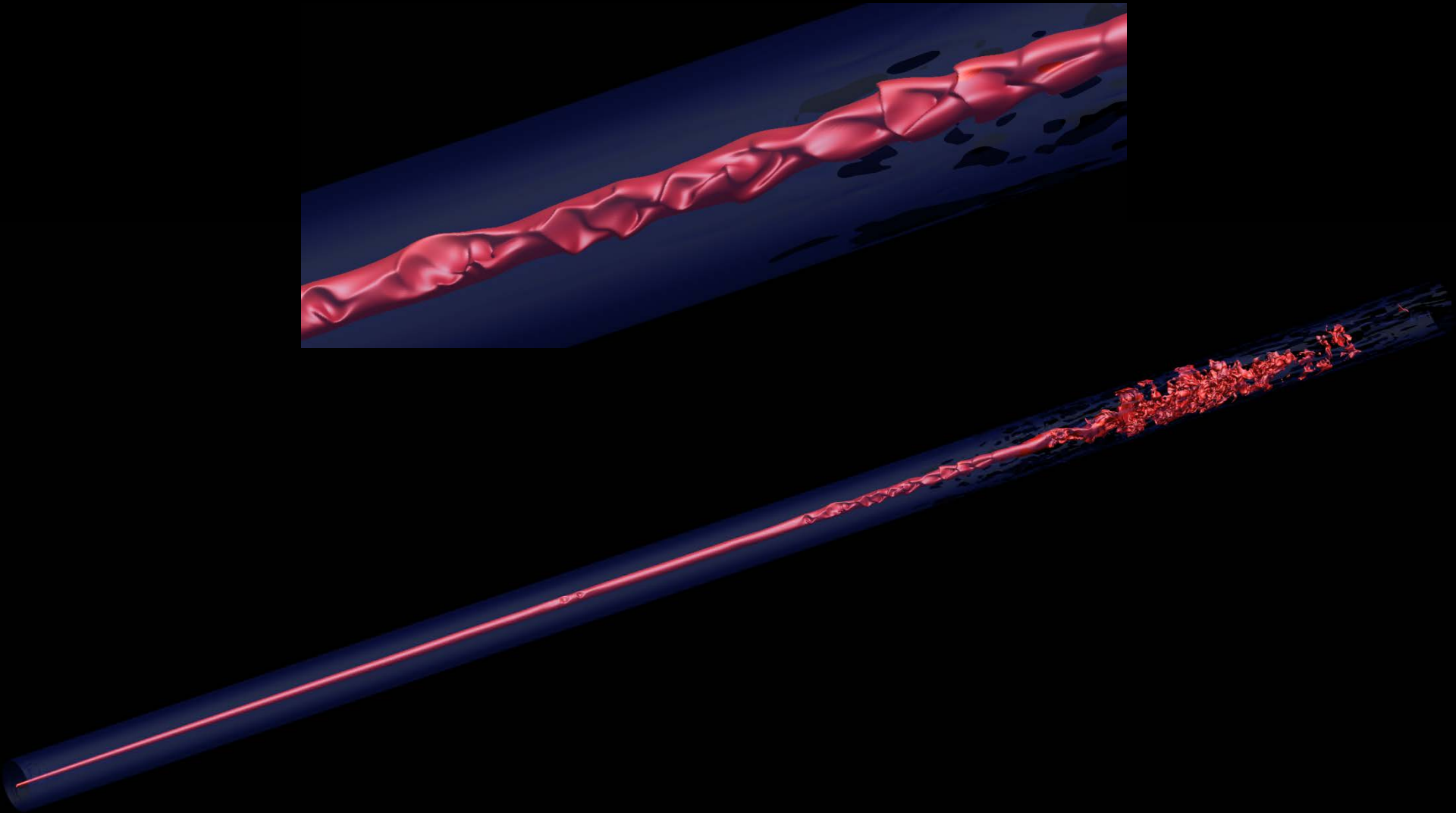


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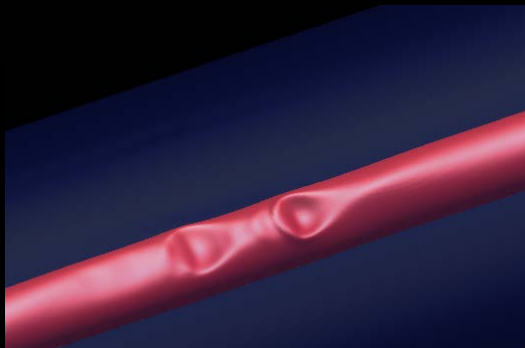


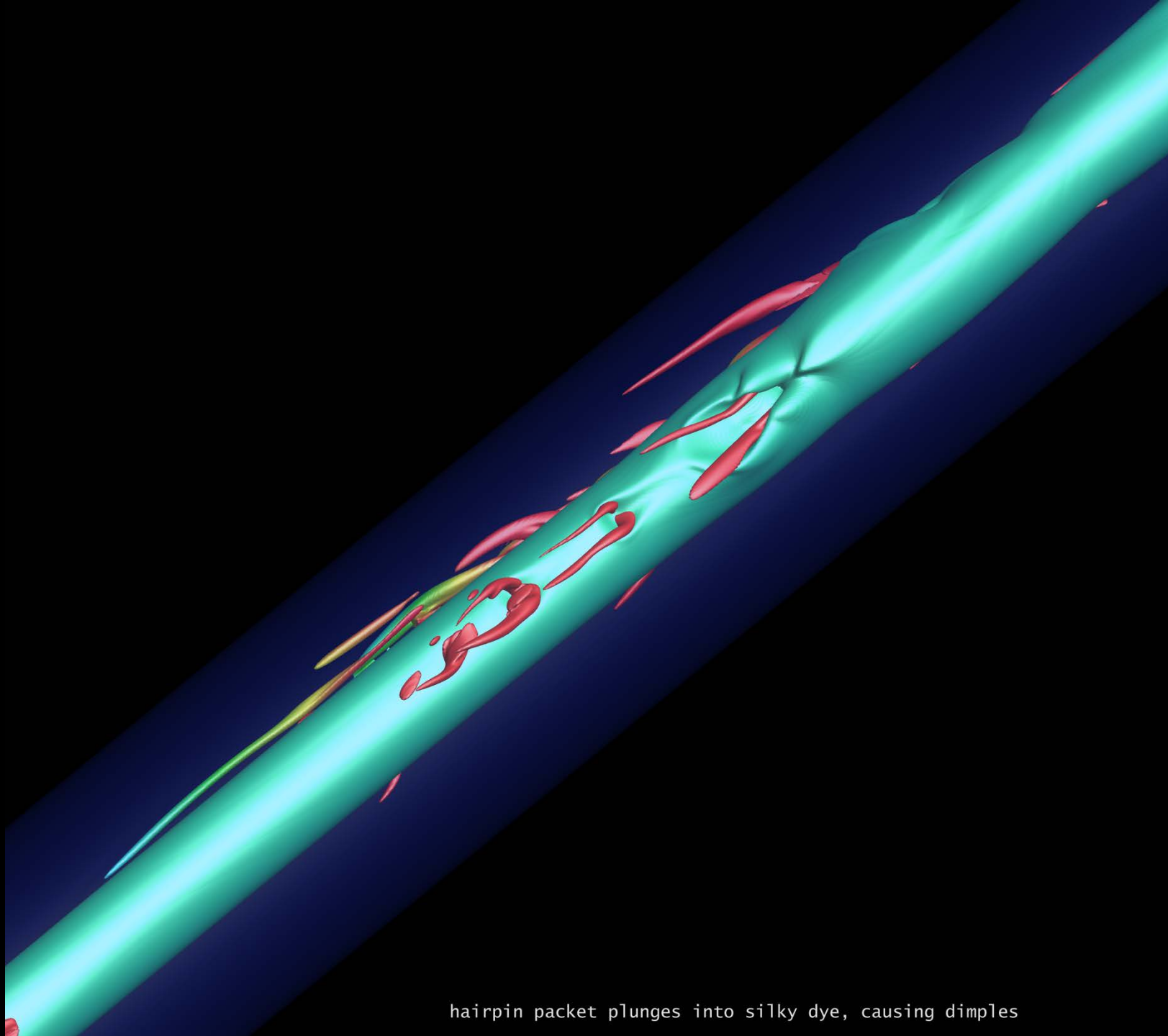
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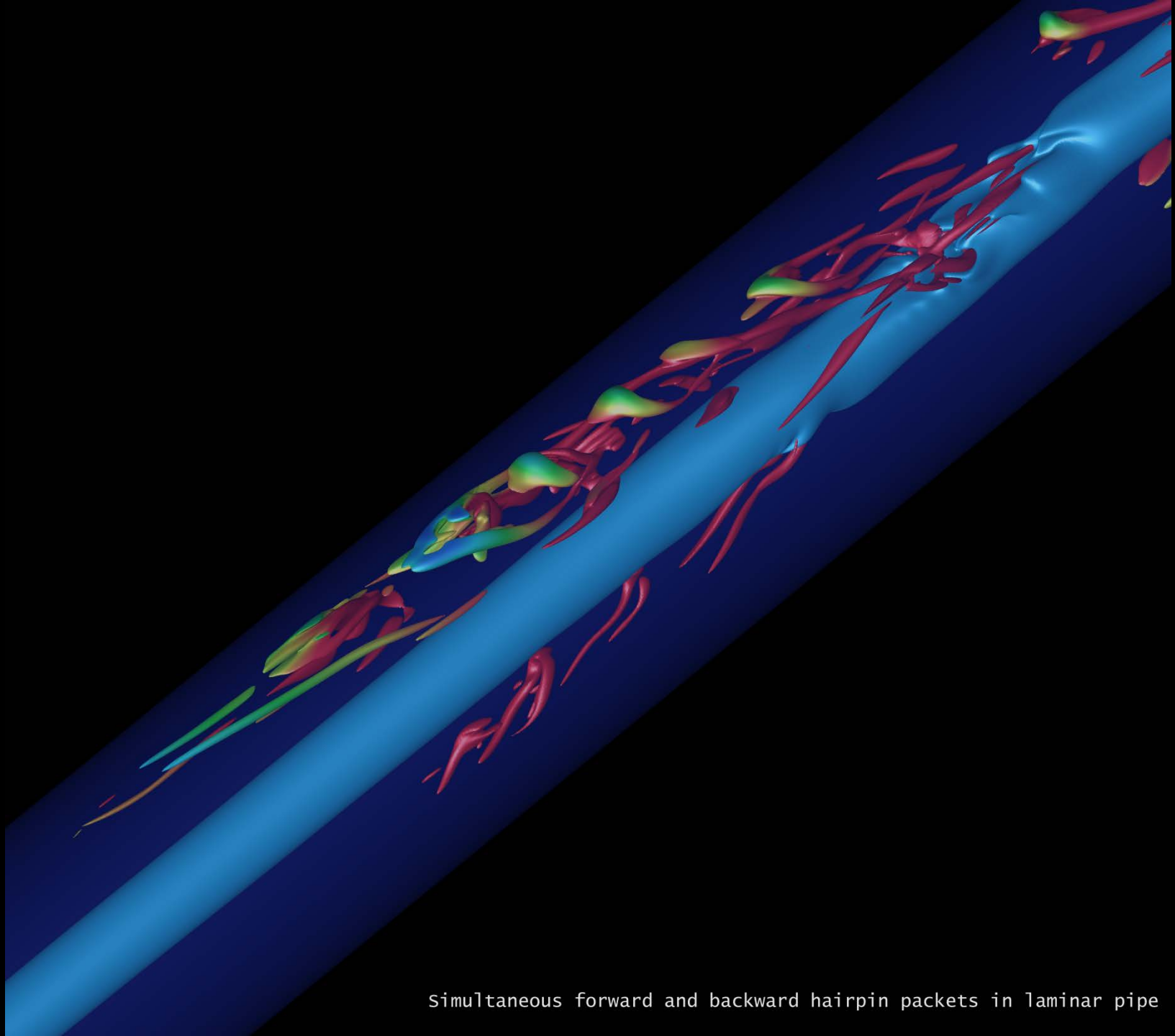


dye brought into laminar pipe, as in Osborne Reynolds (1883), exhibiting dimples





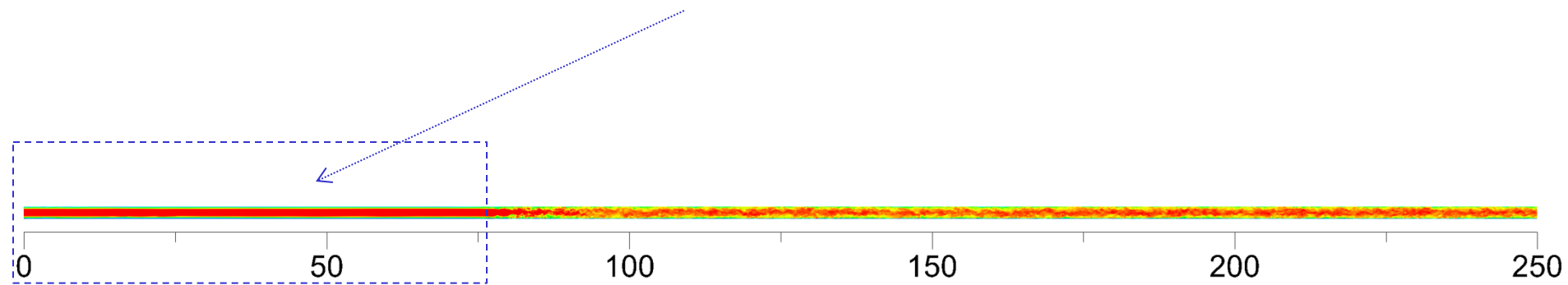
hairpin packet plunges into silky dye, causing dimples



Simultaneous forward and backward hairpin packets in laminar pipe

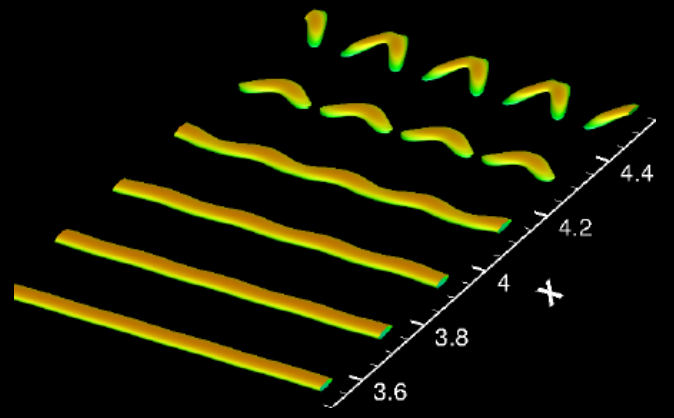
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discrete pipe transition with spots between $0 < z < 75R$

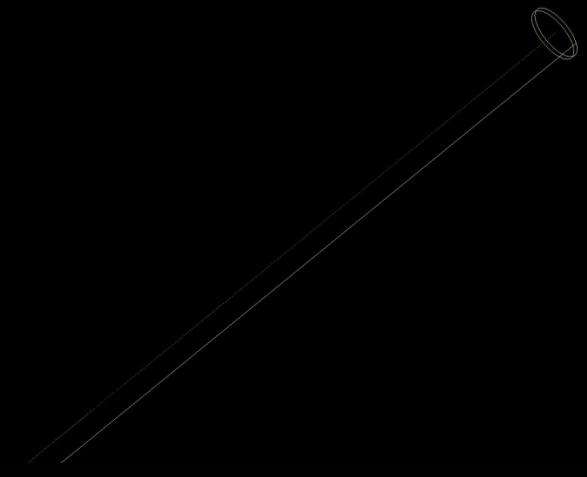


natural transition

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bypass transition

$80 < Re_0 < 570$

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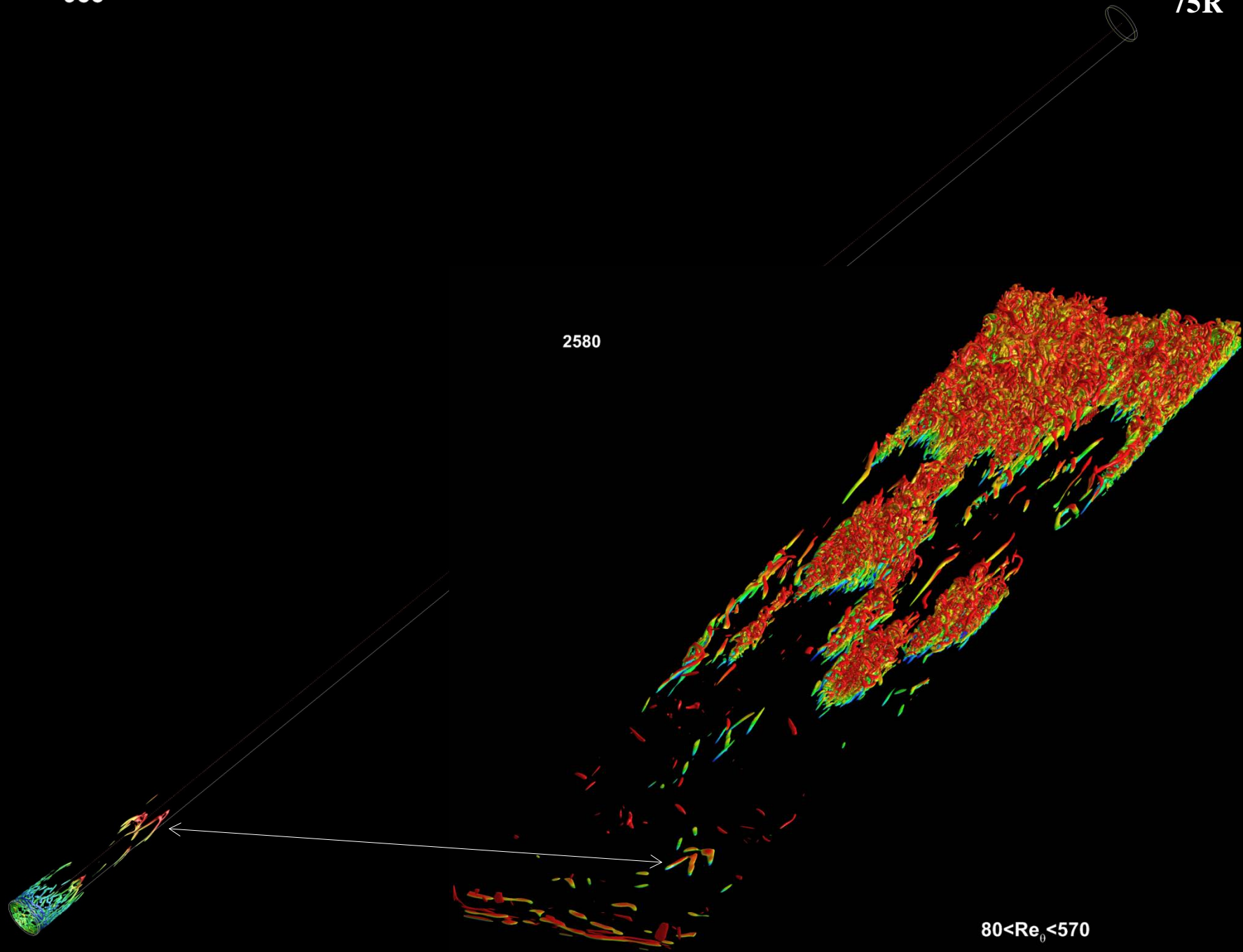
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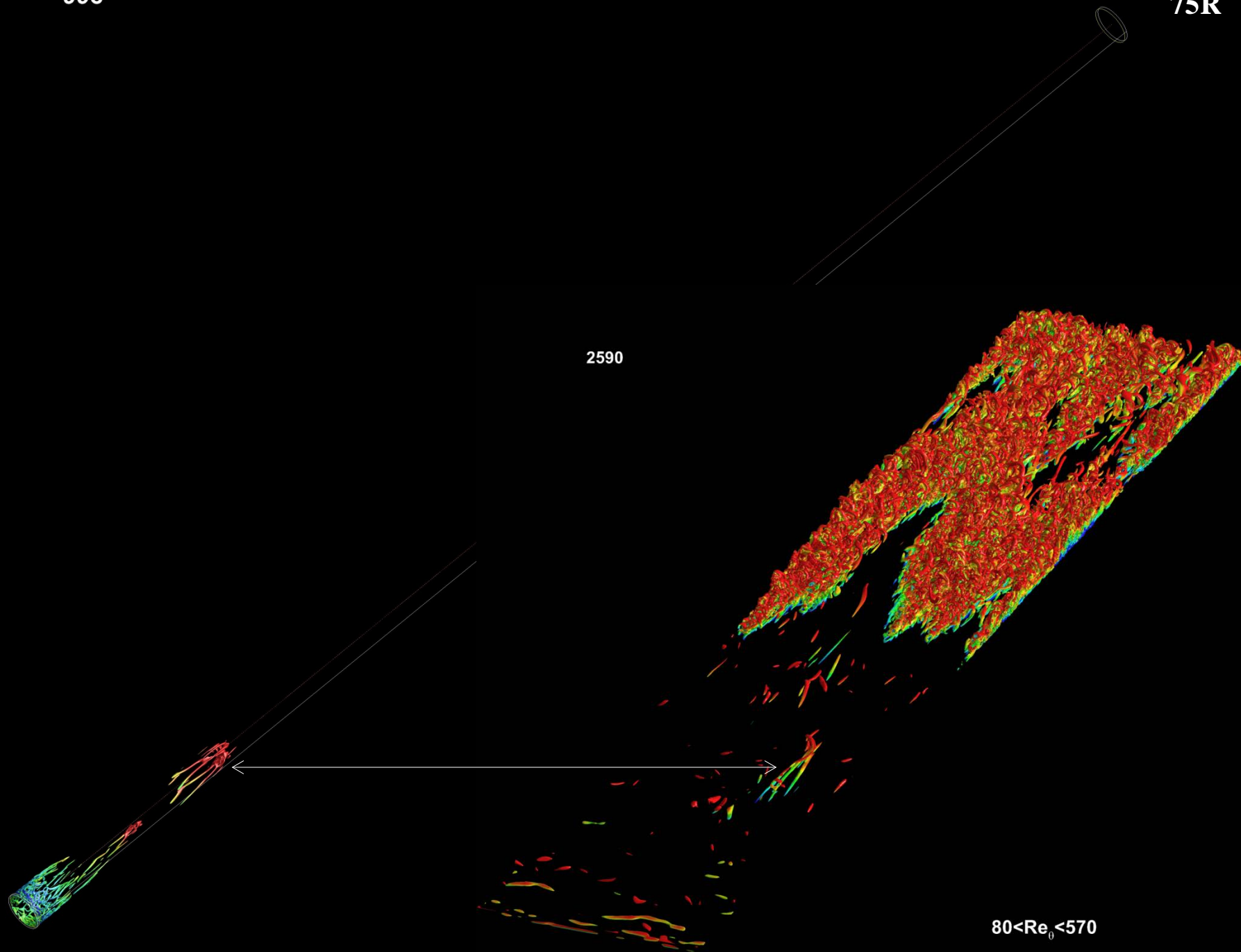
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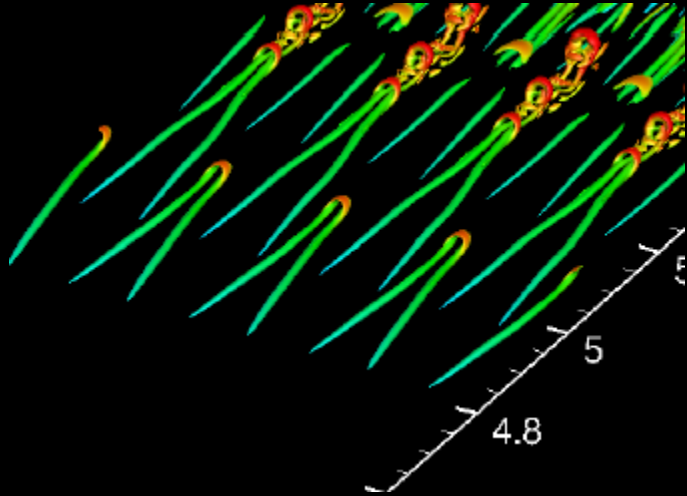


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