

# Lie-group derivation of a bulk flow scaling for wall bounded turbulence

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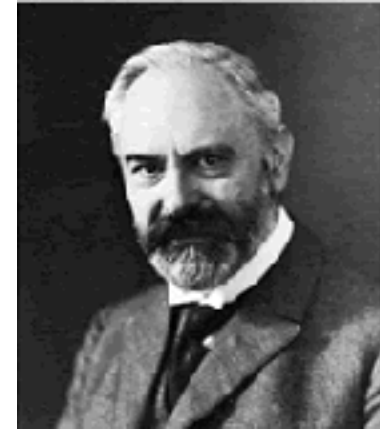
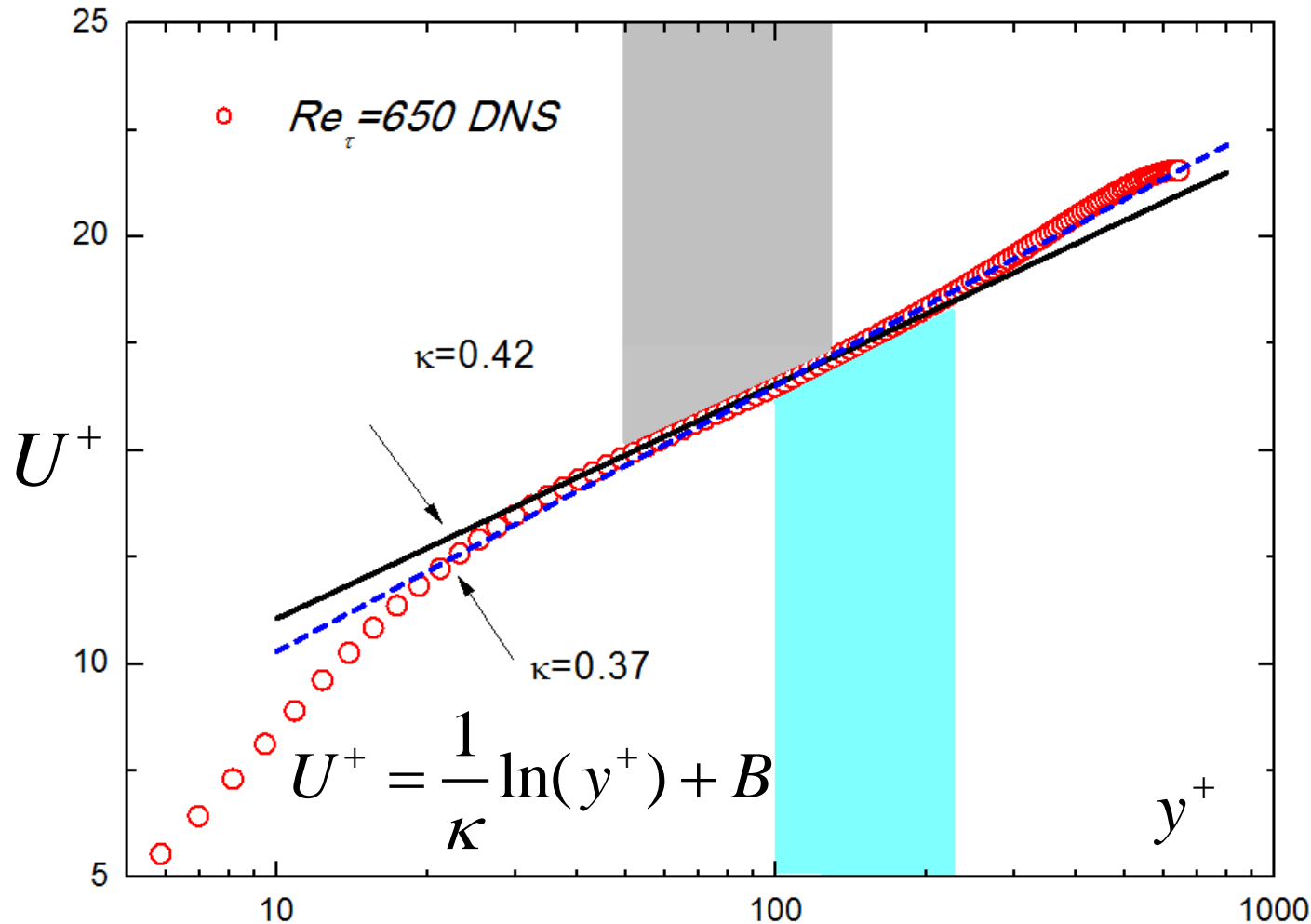
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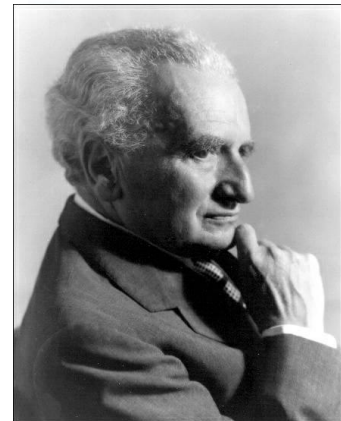
*+also, Texas Tech University*

- **Direct numerical simulation (DNS) data**
  - Channel (CH) – Jimenez etc.;
  - Iwamoto etc.;
  - Pipe - Wu & Moin;
  - Turbulent boundary layer (TBL) - KTH
- **Experimental (EXP) data**
  - Princeton smooth and rough Pipe
  - Melbourne Channel & TBL
  - Lille TBL (Stanislas etc.);
  - Stanford TBL (Degraff & Eaton)

# Log-law for the mean velocity profile (MVP)



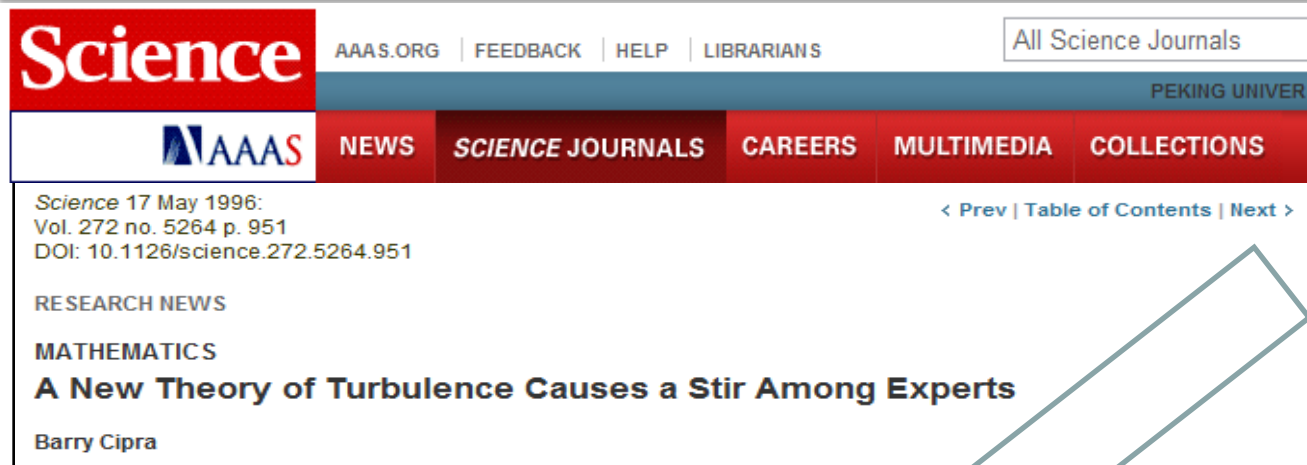
**Ludwig Prandtl**  
1875 – 1953



**Theodore  
von Kármán**  
1881-1963

Different fitting domain leads to different  $\kappa$

# Challenge on log-law and Karman constant



Science 17 May 1996:  
Vol. 272 no. 5264 p. 951  
DOI: 10.1126/science.272.5264.951

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Power law

1993, Barenblatt

1996, Science News



In 2006, 36<sup>th</sup> AIAA meeting, P. Spalart:  
• We lost the Karman constant!  
• If Karman constant is different in TBL and Pipe, *I will quit!*

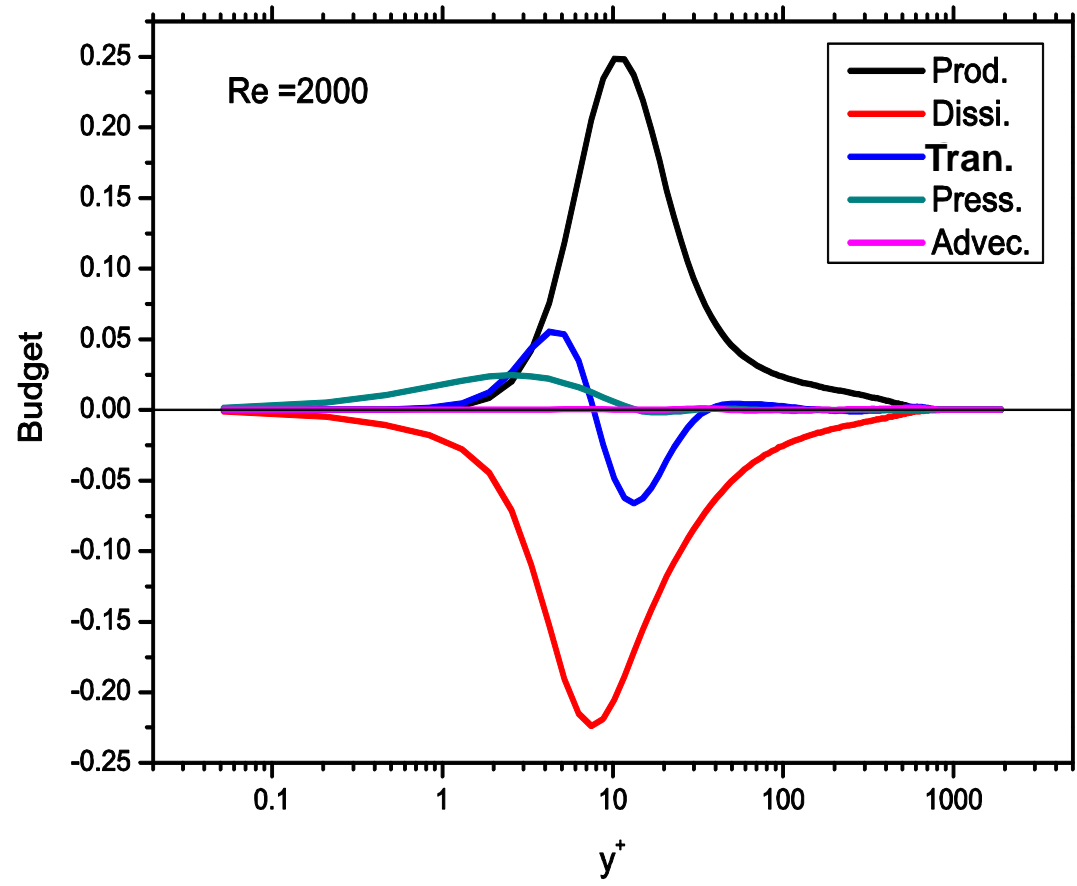
How to resolve the debates? Two perspective:

- A complete description of MVP (MCN, 2007-2008, PoF)
- Beyond the mean momentum level (Marusic etc., 2012, JFM)

Smits, Mckeen & Marusic, *Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech.* (2011)

# Budget of mean kinetic energy equation (MKE)

**MKE:**  $S W + \Pi_{press.} + T_{trans.} + A_{advec.} = \varepsilon$



$$S = \nu dU / dy$$

**Mean shear stress**

$$W = -\langle uv \rangle$$

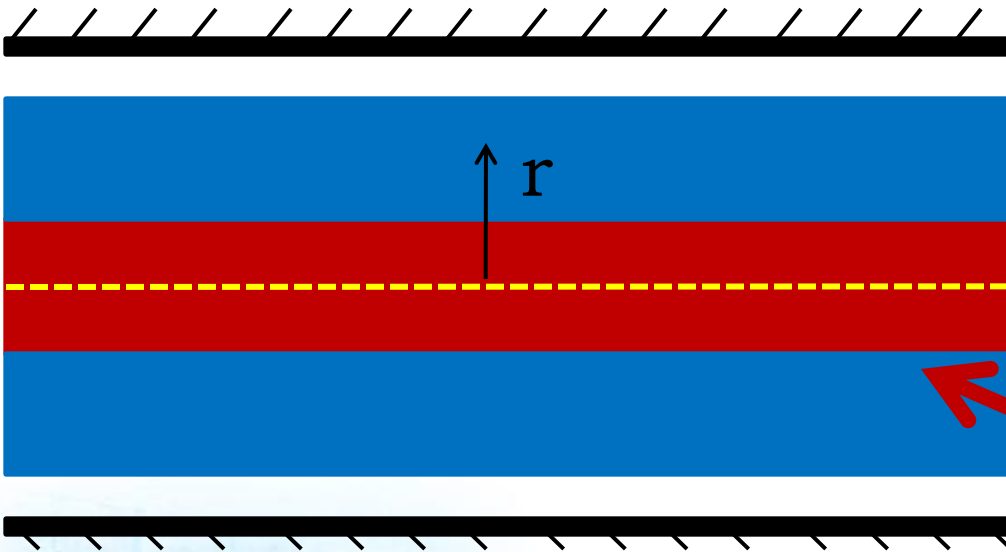
**Reynolds stress**

$$\varepsilon = \nu |\nabla u|^2 + \nu d^2 k / dy^2$$

**Turbulent dissipation**

$$S W + \Pi_{press.} + T_{trans.} + A_{advec.} = \varepsilon$$

Wall



Quasi Balance between production and dissipation

$$SW \approx \varepsilon$$

Bulk flow

Core layer

$$T_{trans.} \approx \varepsilon$$

Wall

half height  $\delta$   
 wall distance  $y = (1 - r)\delta$



# Pipe: Bulk & Core layer

Wall

$$S W + \Pi_{press.} + T_{trans.} + A_{advec.} = \varepsilon$$

Quasi Balance between  
production and dissipation

$$S W \approx \varepsilon$$

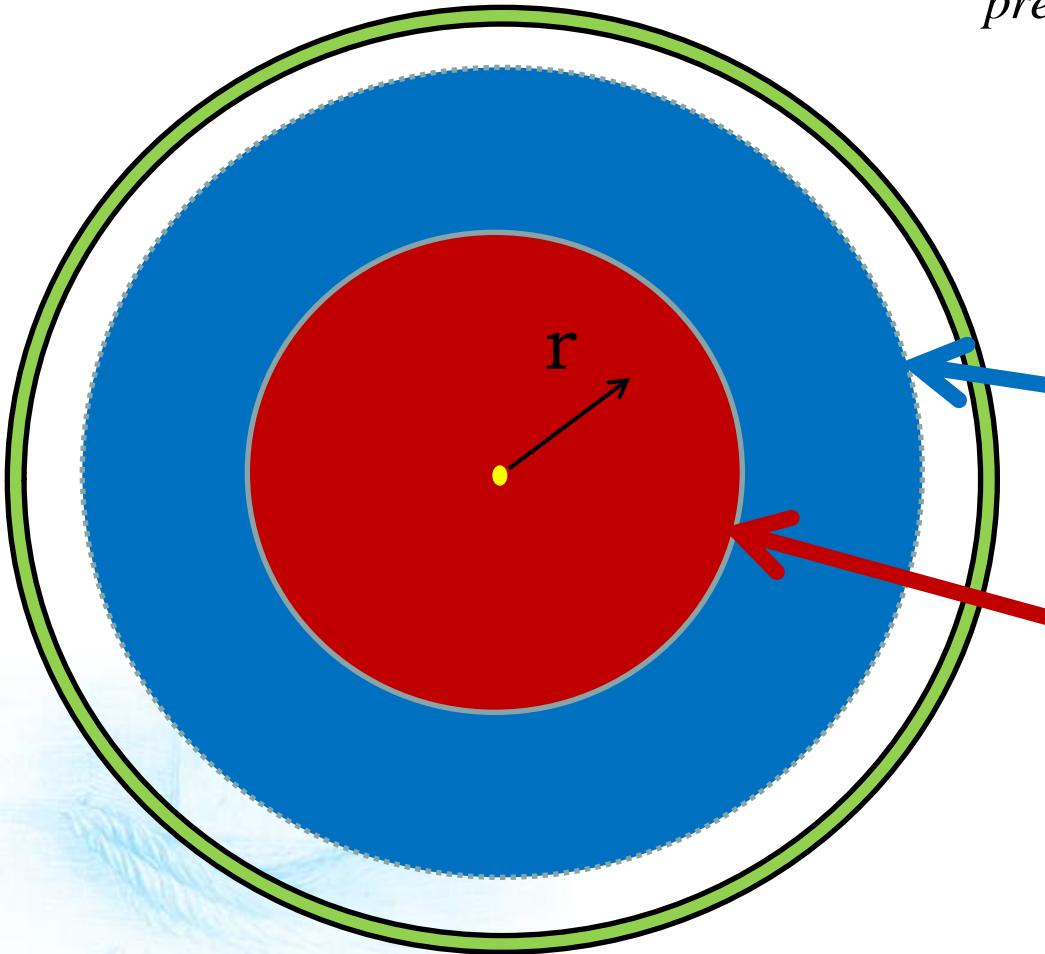
Bulk flow

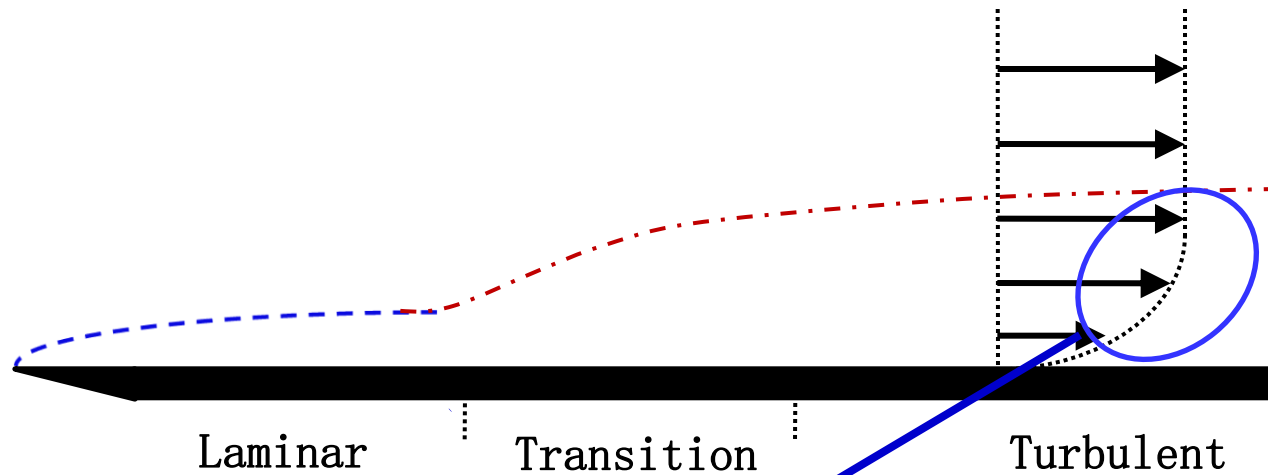
Core layer

$$T_{trans.} \approx \varepsilon$$

Wall

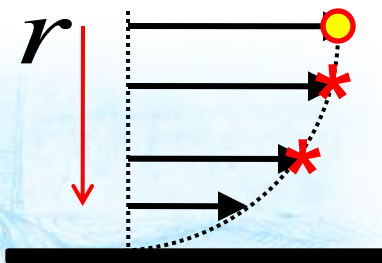
wall distance  $y = (1 - r)\delta$   
Pipe radius  $\delta$





**Bulk of TBL**

$$SW \approx \varepsilon$$



$$\delta = \alpha \delta_{99} \quad (\alpha \rightarrow 1)$$

A location similar to  
centreline of a channel  
or pipe.

The quasi-balance  
region extends (almost)  
to boundary layer edge  
( $\delta_{99}$ ), and no centre core.

wall distance  $y = (1 - r)\delta$



- **Mixing length function:**

$$\ell_M = \frac{\sqrt{-\langle uv \rangle}}{dU / dy}$$

$$\ell_M^{Pipe} / \delta = \frac{\kappa}{5} (1 - r^5) \Theta^{1/4}(r)$$

$$\ell_M^{CH} / \delta = \frac{\kappa}{4} (1 - r^4) \Theta^{1/4}(r)$$

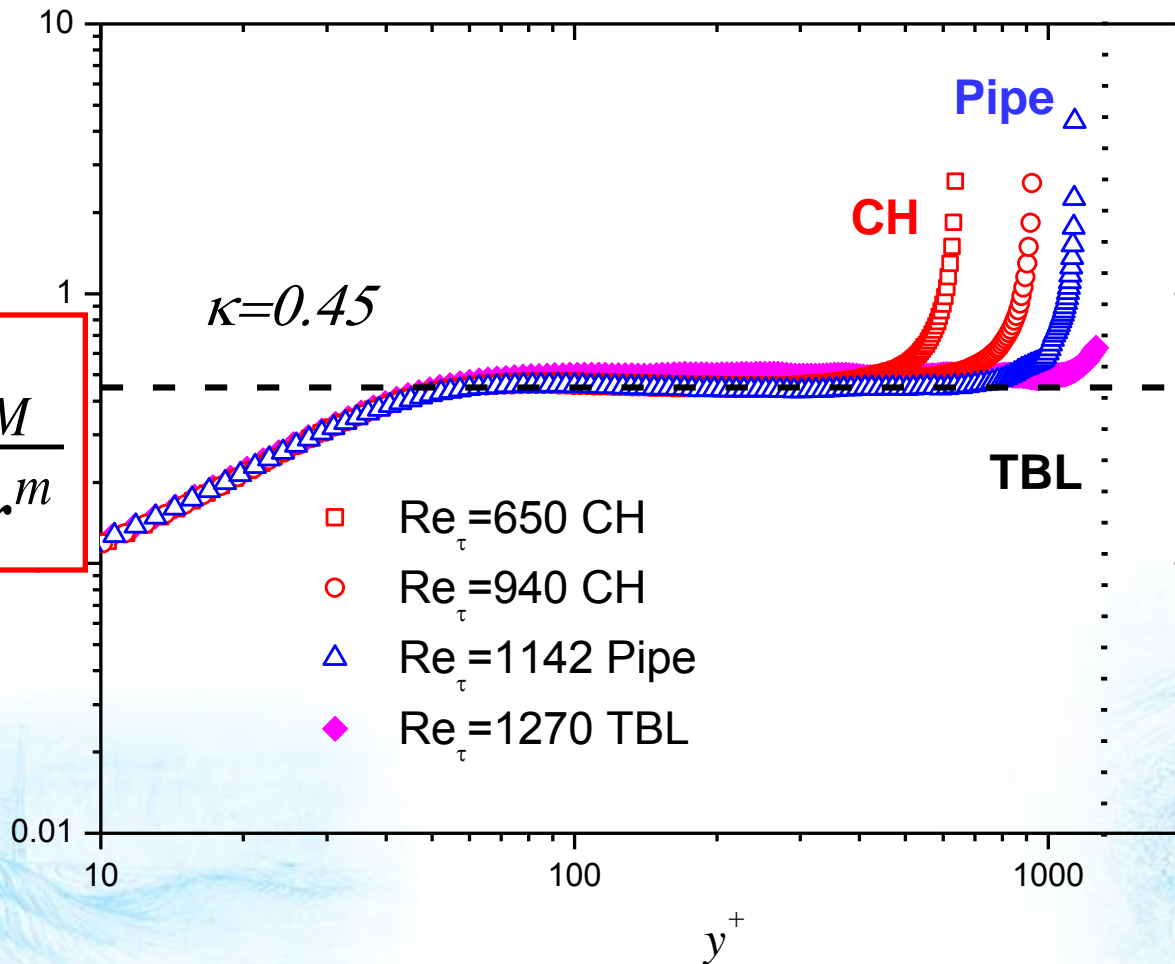
$$\ell_M^{TBL} / \delta = \frac{\kappa}{4} (1 - r^4)$$

**Extending the linear scaling (Prandtl, 1925) into entire outer flow:**

$$\ell_M \rightarrow \kappa(1 - r)\delta = \kappa y \quad \text{as} \quad r \rightarrow 1$$

**Ratio of turbulent dissipation and production**

$$\Theta(r) \equiv (\varepsilon / SW) = [1 + (r_c / r)^2] / (1 + r_c^2)$$



**In bulk flow**

$$\ell_M \approx \kappa(1-r^4)/4$$

$$\ell_M \approx \kappa(1-r^5)/5$$

**In core layer**

$$\ell_M \propto r^{-1/2}$$

**Question: can we obtain these scaling laws from NS (RANS) equations?**

## • Symmetry transformation for NS equations

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial u_i^*}{\partial x_i^*} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_k^2} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial u_i^*}{\partial t^*} + u_k^* \frac{\partial u_i^*}{\partial x_k^*} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_i^*}{\partial x_k^{*2}} - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x_i^*}$$

In the text books of Frisch (1995), Pope (2000) and Cantwell (2002)

$$t, \vec{r}, \vec{u} \rightarrow t, \vec{r} + \vec{\rho}, \vec{u}, \quad \vec{\rho} \in R^3 \quad t, \vec{r}, \vec{u} \rightarrow t, -\vec{r}, -\vec{u}.$$

$$t, \vec{r}, \vec{u} \rightarrow t + \tau, \vec{r}, \vec{u}, \quad \tau \in R \quad t, \vec{r}, \vec{u} \rightarrow t, A\vec{r}, A\vec{u}, \quad A \in SO(R^3)$$

$$t, \vec{r}, \vec{u} \rightarrow t, \vec{r} + \vec{V}t, \vec{u} + \vec{V}, \quad \vec{V} \in R^3 \quad t, \vec{r}, \vec{u}, \nu \rightarrow e^s t, e^{\lambda s} \vec{r}, e^{(\lambda-1)s} \vec{u}, e^{(2\lambda-1)s} \nu \quad s \in R, \lambda \in R.$$

Translations, Reflections, Galilean transformation, Rotations, Dilations,

# Symmetry analysis with length function (parallel flow)

Continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_k}{\partial x_k} = 0$$

Mean momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} + \cancel{u_k \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_k}} + \frac{\partial W_{ik}}{\partial x_k} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_k} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i}$$

Reynolds stress

$$W_{ik} = \overline{u_i' u_k'}$$

Introducing length functions

$$l_{ik} = \frac{|\overline{u_i' u_k'}|^{1/2}}{\partial_y \bar{u}} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \text{sign}[l_{ik}^2 (\partial_y \bar{u})^2] \right) = \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_k} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i}$$

Different dilations on coordinate  $x_i$  and on length function:

$$t, x_i, \bar{u}_i, l_{ik}, \nu \rightarrow e^{(3-\beta-2\alpha)\epsilon} t, e^\epsilon x_i, e^{\beta\epsilon} \bar{u}_i, e^{\alpha\epsilon} l_{ik}, e^{(2\alpha+\beta-1)\epsilon} \nu$$

# Symmetry analysis with length function (TBL)

Continuity  
equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_k}{\partial x_k} = 0$$

Reynolds  
stress

$$W = -\overline{u'v'}$$

Streamwise mean  
momentum  
equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x}$$



Introducing length functions

$$\ell_M = \frac{|\overline{u'v'}|^{1/2}}{\partial_y \bar{u}} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \ell_M \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x}$$

Different dilations on coordinate  $x_i$  and on length function:

$$t^* = e^{(3-\beta-2\alpha)\epsilon} t, \quad x = e^{(3-2\alpha)\epsilon} x, \quad y = e^\epsilon y, \quad \bar{u}^* = e^{\beta\epsilon} \bar{u},$$

$$\bar{v}^* = e^{(\beta+2\alpha-2)\epsilon} \bar{v}, \quad \nu^* = e^{(\beta+2\alpha-1)\epsilon} \nu, \quad \ell_M^* = e^{\alpha\epsilon} \ell_M, \quad \bar{p}^* = e^{2\beta\epsilon} \bar{p}$$

Dilation invariant

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = l^* / y^{*\alpha} = l / y^\alpha$$

Dilation invariant for derivative

$$\mathbf{I}_2 = \left( \frac{dl^*}{dy^*} \right) / y^{*(\alpha-1)} = \left( \frac{dl}{dy} \right) / y^{(\alpha-1)}$$

Invariant solution

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{I}_1, \mathbf{I}_2, \dots) = 0$$

Case 1

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = \text{const.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad l = \mathbf{I}_1 y^\alpha \quad \mathbf{I}_2 = \alpha \mathbf{I}_1 = \text{const.}$$

Case 2

$$\mathbf{I}_2 = \text{const.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dl}{dy} = \mathbf{I}_2 y^{(\alpha-1)} \quad l = (\mathbf{I}_2 / \alpha) y^\alpha + c$$

Case 3

$$\mathbf{I}_2 = \alpha \mathbf{I}_1 + c (\mathbf{I}_1)^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad l = \alpha y^\alpha \left( 1 + (y / y_c)^p \right)^{\gamma/p}$$

$\alpha$  to be determined by physical consideration.



Two dilation invariant for mixing length function:

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = \ell_M / r^\alpha \qquad \mathbf{I}_2 = \dot{\ell}_M / r^{\alpha-1}$$

Constant-dilation-invariant assumption:

**Power-law:**  $\mathbf{I}_1 = \text{const.}$   
 $\mathbf{I}_2 = \text{const.}$   $\Rightarrow \ell_M = \mathbf{I}_1 r^\alpha$  **Core layer**

**Defect power-law:**  $\mathbf{I}_1 \neq \text{const.}$   
 $\mathbf{I}_2 = \text{const.}$   $\Rightarrow \ell_M = \ell_0 + (\mathbf{I}_2 / \alpha) r^\alpha = \ell_0 (1 - r^\alpha)$  **Bulk flow**

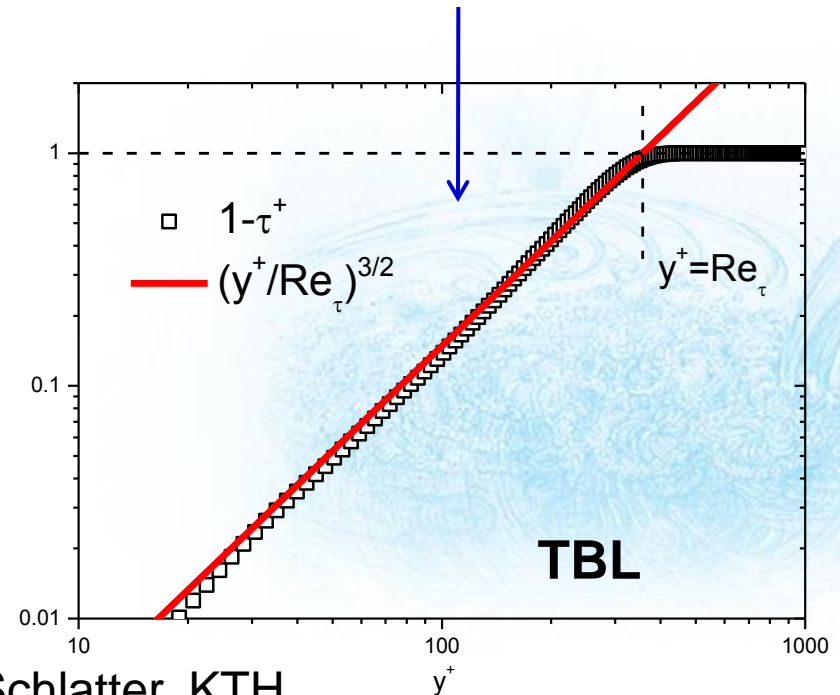
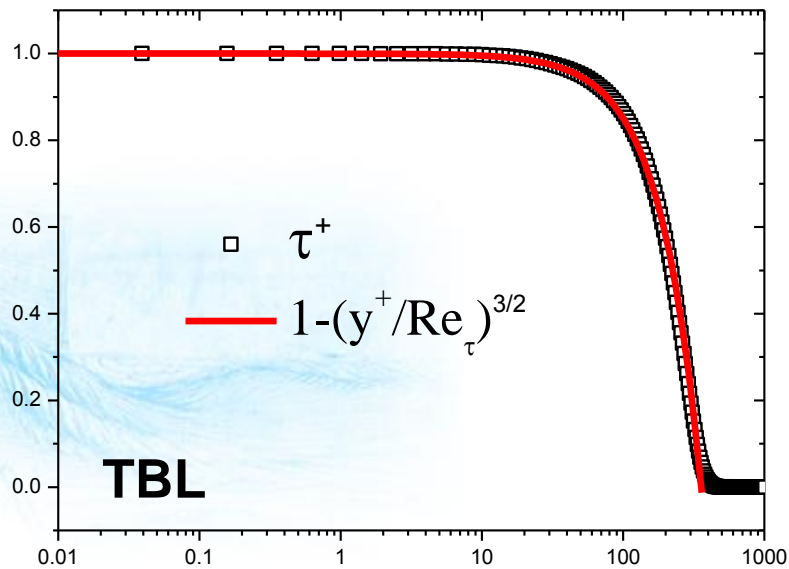
$$S^+ = \frac{dU^+}{dy^+} = \sqrt{W^+} / \ell_M^+ \approx \sqrt{\tau^+} / \ell_M^+$$

A general formula for total stress:

$$\tau^+ = 1 - (y^+ / \text{Re}_\tau)^\gamma$$

CH & Pipe:  $\gamma = 1$

TBL:  $\gamma \approx 3/2$



DNS data from P. Schlatter, KTH

Outer flow approximation:

$$S^+ = \frac{dU^+}{dy^+} = \sqrt{W^+} / \ell_M^+ \approx \sqrt{\tau^+} / \ell_M^+ \quad \text{integration}$$

Mean velocity defect:  $U_d^+ = U_c^+ - U^+(r) \approx \frac{1}{K} \int_0^r \frac{\sqrt{\tau^+}}{\ell_M^+} dr$

A unified velocity-defect law :

$$U^+(r) = U_c^+ - \frac{1}{K} f(r)$$

$$f^{Pipe}(r; r_c) = 5 / (1 + r_c^2)^{1/4} \int_0^r r' / [(1 - r'^5)(r'^2 + r_c^2)^{1/4}] dr'$$

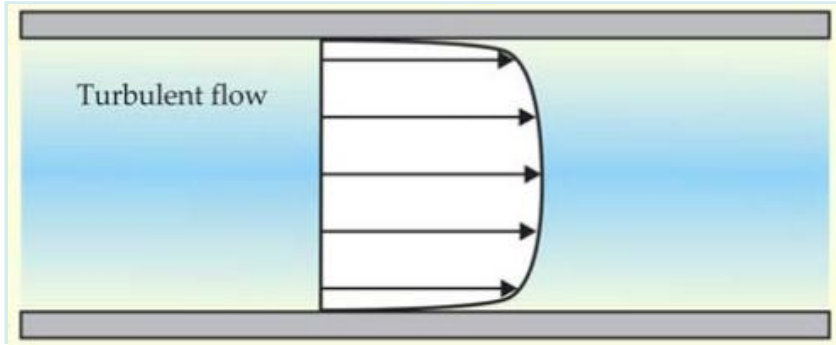
$$f^{CH}(r; r_c) = 4 / (1 + r_c^2)^{1/4} \int_0^r r' / [(1 - r'^4)(r'^2 + r_c^2)^{1/4}] dr'$$

$$f^{TBL}(r; \alpha) = 4 \int_{1-1/\alpha}^r \sqrt{1 - [\alpha(1 - r')]^{3/2}} / (1 - r'^4) dr'$$

TBL

$$U_c^+ = U_{99}^+$$

# Result 1: Mean velocity profile (MVP) - Pipe



Princeton pipe data (2004)

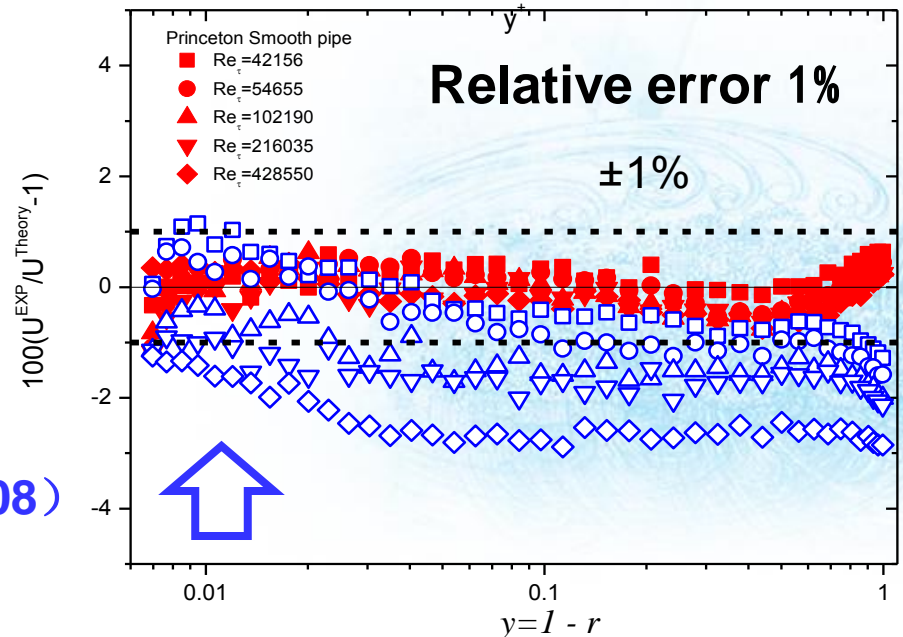
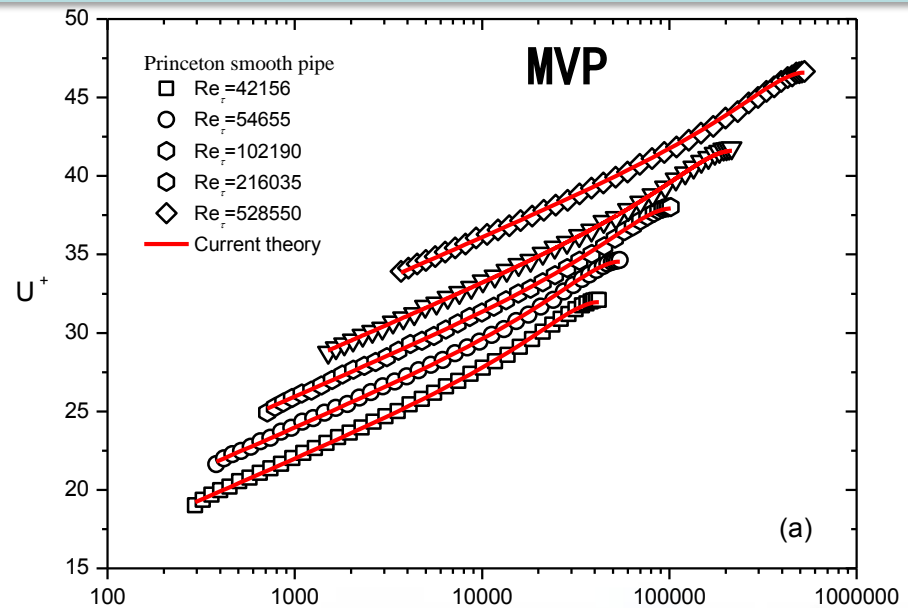
$$U^+(r) = U_c^+ - \frac{1}{K} f(r, r_c)$$

$$K = 0.45$$

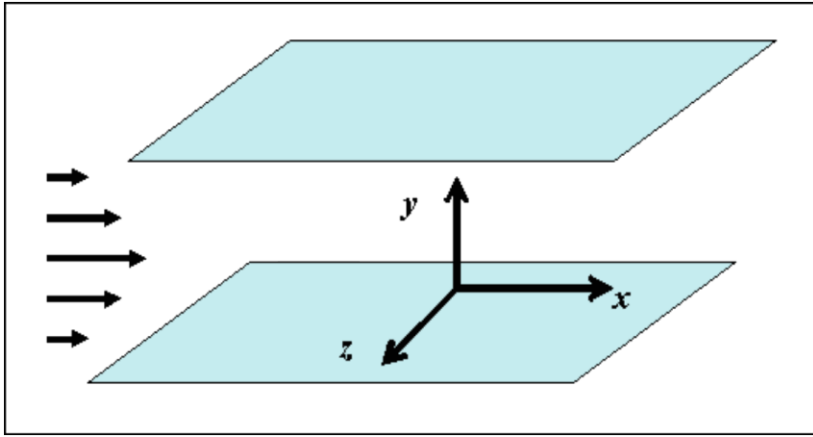
$$r_c = 0.50$$

$r_c$  is insensitive to MVP

L'vov et al (PRL,2008)



# Result 2: Mean velocity profile (MVP) - Channel



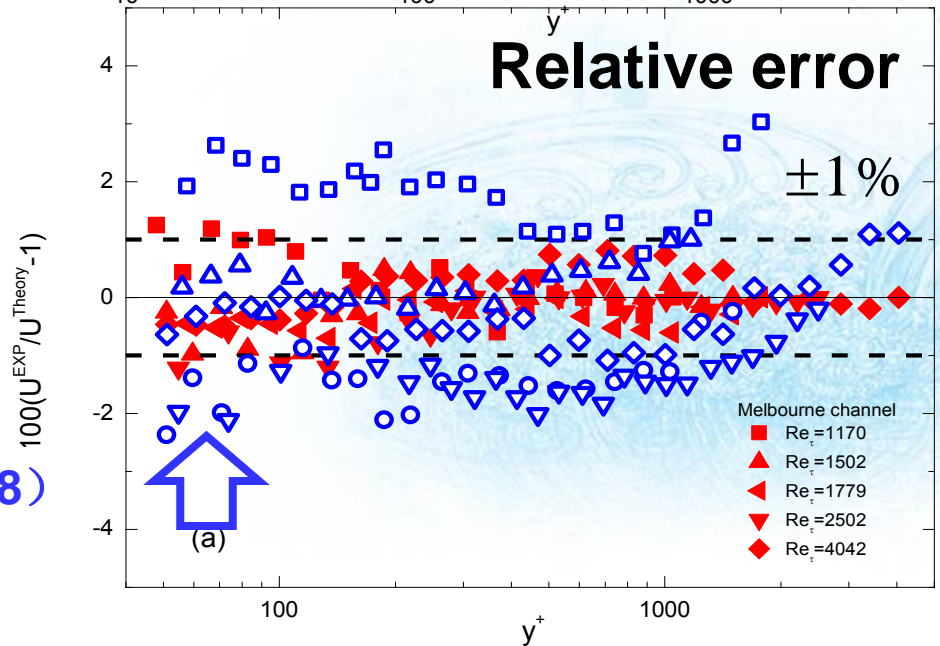
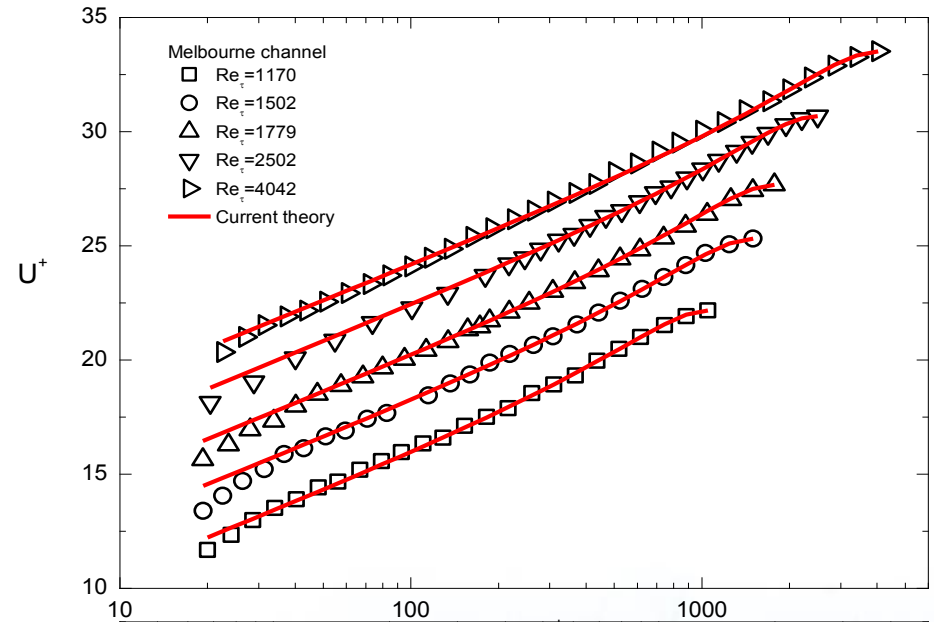
**Melbourne Channel data**  
(Monty, 2005)

$$U^+(r) = U_c^+ - \frac{1}{\kappa} f(r, r_c)$$

$$\kappa = 0.45$$

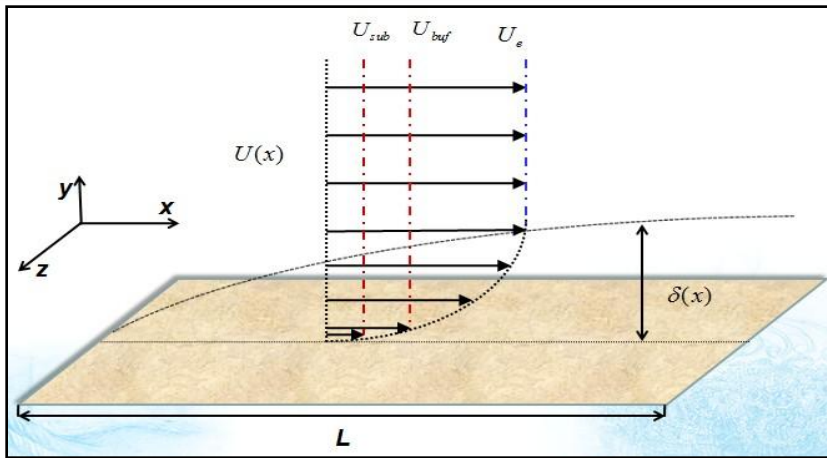
$$r_c = 0.37$$

L'vov et al (PRL, 2008)





# Result 3: Mean velocity profile (MVP) - TBL



**TBL data (2000-2009)**

**EXP data:**

**Re<sub>τ</sub>=4000 (Carlier etc.)**

**Re<sub>τ</sub>=5100 (Carlier etc.)**

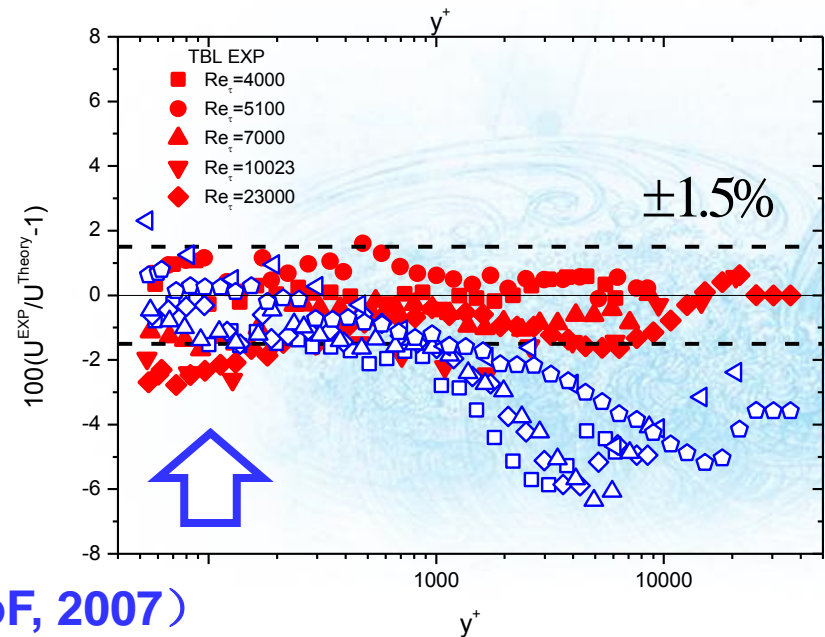
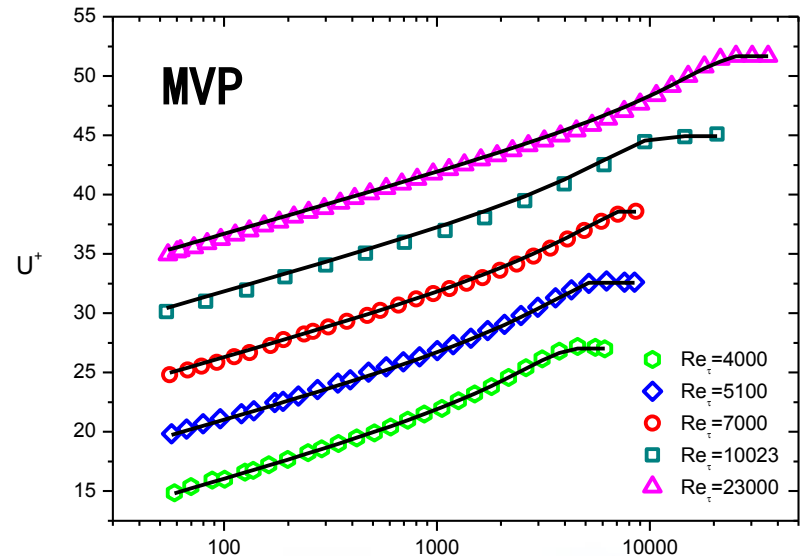
**Re<sub>τ</sub>=7000 (Carlier etc.)**

**Re<sub>τ</sub>=10023 (Degraff etc.)**

**Re<sub>τ</sub>=23000 (Nickels etc.)**

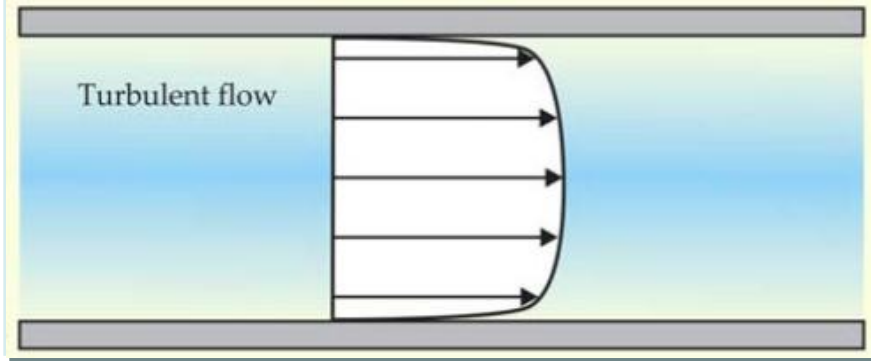
$$U^+(r) = U_c^+ - \frac{1}{\kappa} f(r, \alpha)$$

$$\kappa = 0.45 \quad \alpha = 1$$





# Result 4: Mean velocity profile – Rough Pipe



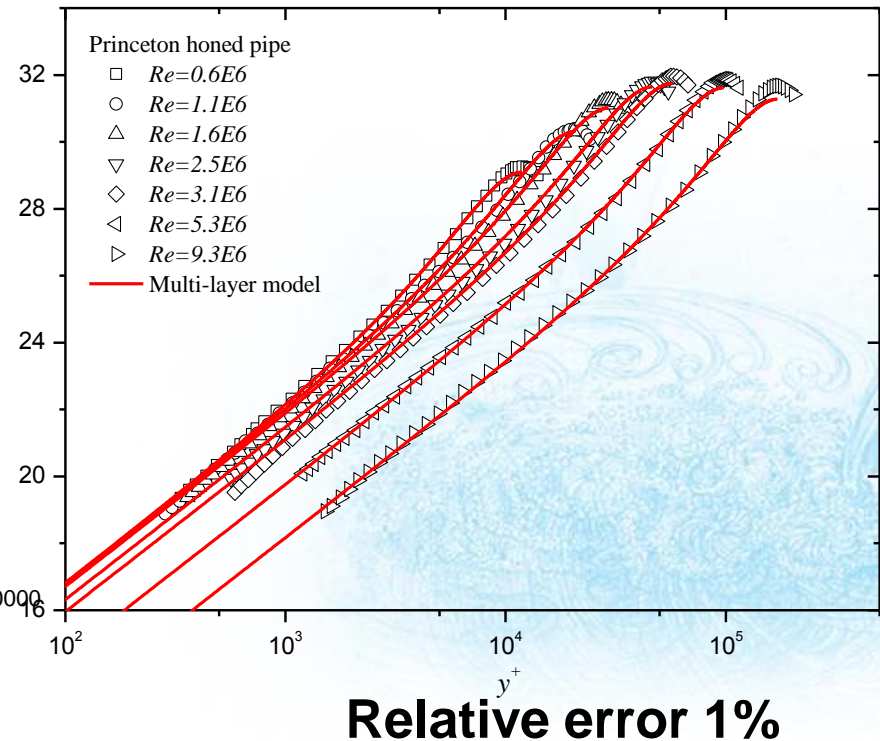
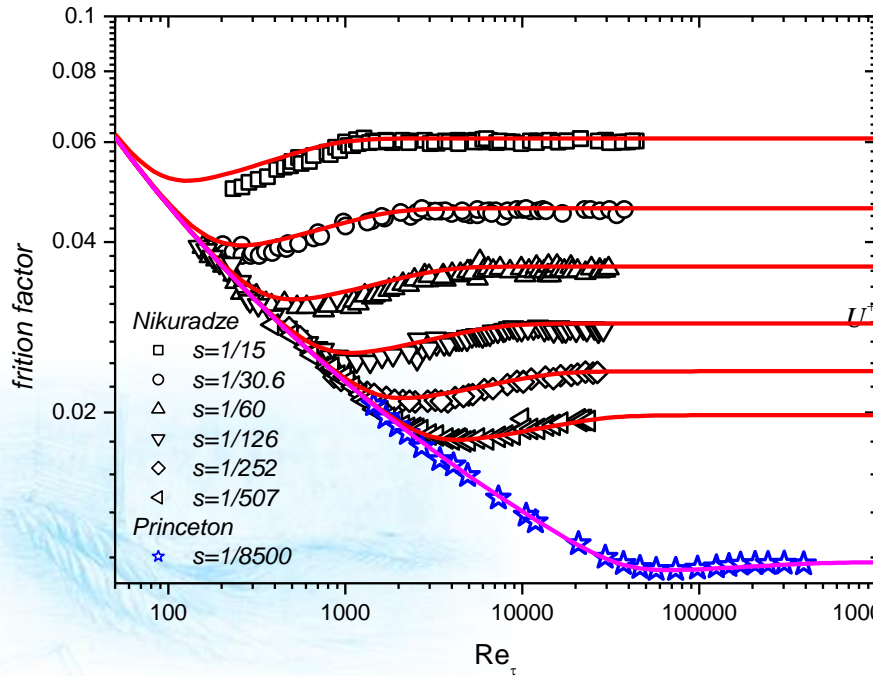
$$U^+(r) = U_c^+ - \frac{1}{\kappa} f(r, r_c)$$

$$\kappa = 0.45$$

$$r_c = 0.50$$

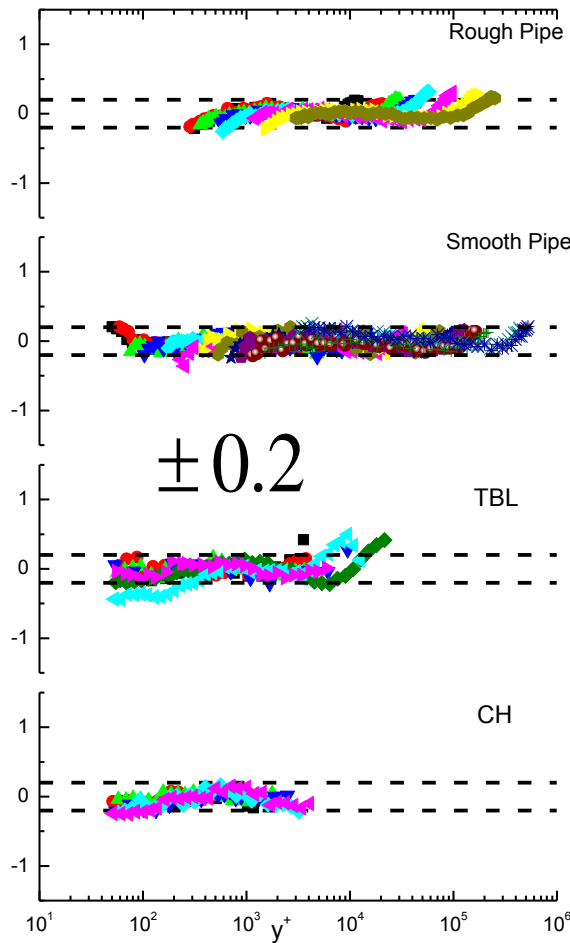
$r_c$  is insensitive to MVP

Experiments (1933-2004)

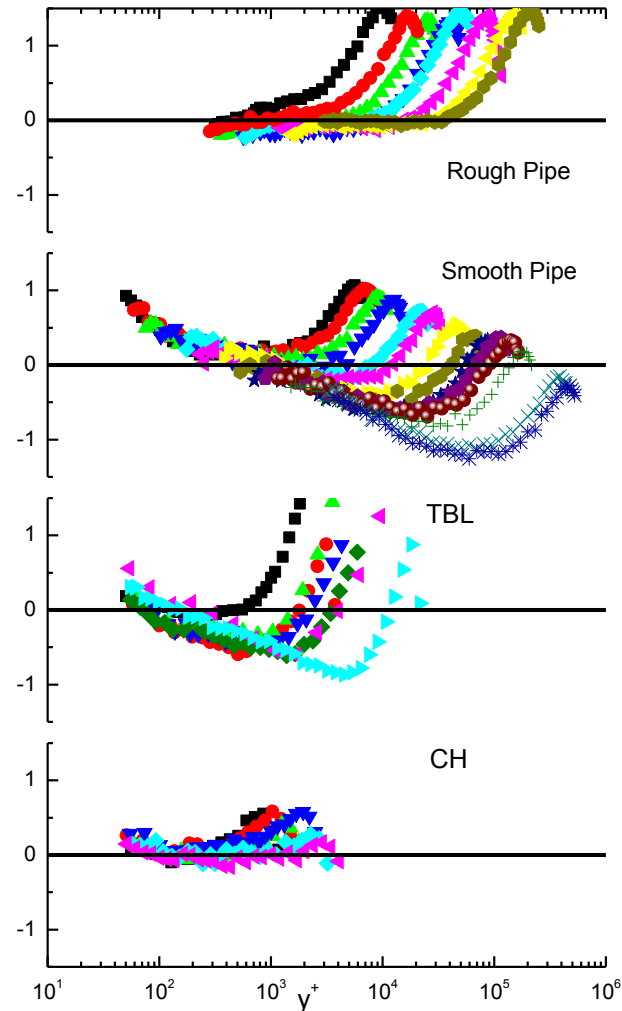


# Conclusion: a unified bulk solution

$$U^+ - (f / \kappa + U_c^+) \quad \kappa = 0.45$$



$$U^+ - (\ln y^+ / \kappa + B)$$



$$\kappa = 0.436$$

Zagarola et al, 1997

$$\kappa = 0.391$$

Marusic et al, 2012

$$\kappa = 0.38$$

Alfredson et al, 2012

$$\kappa = 0.387$$

Marusic et al, 2012



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