

# Very large scale streaks: non-normal growth, control & self-sustained processes

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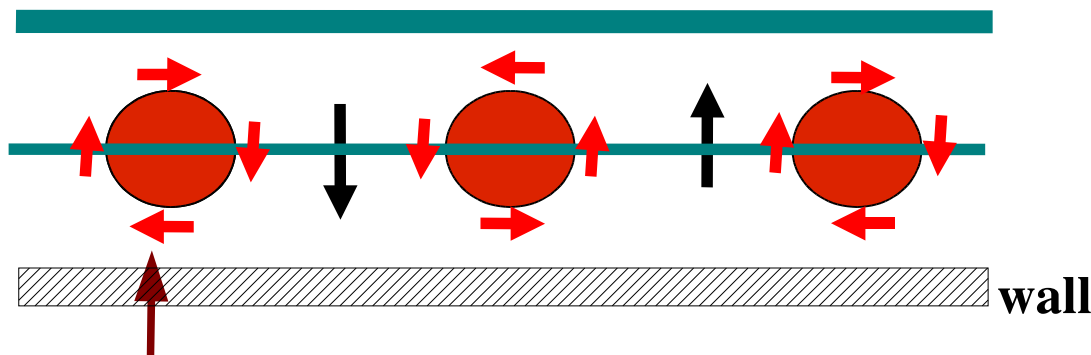
**PROLOGUE:  
LIFT-UP IN  
LAMINAR FLOWS**

# Streaks formation: the lift-up effect

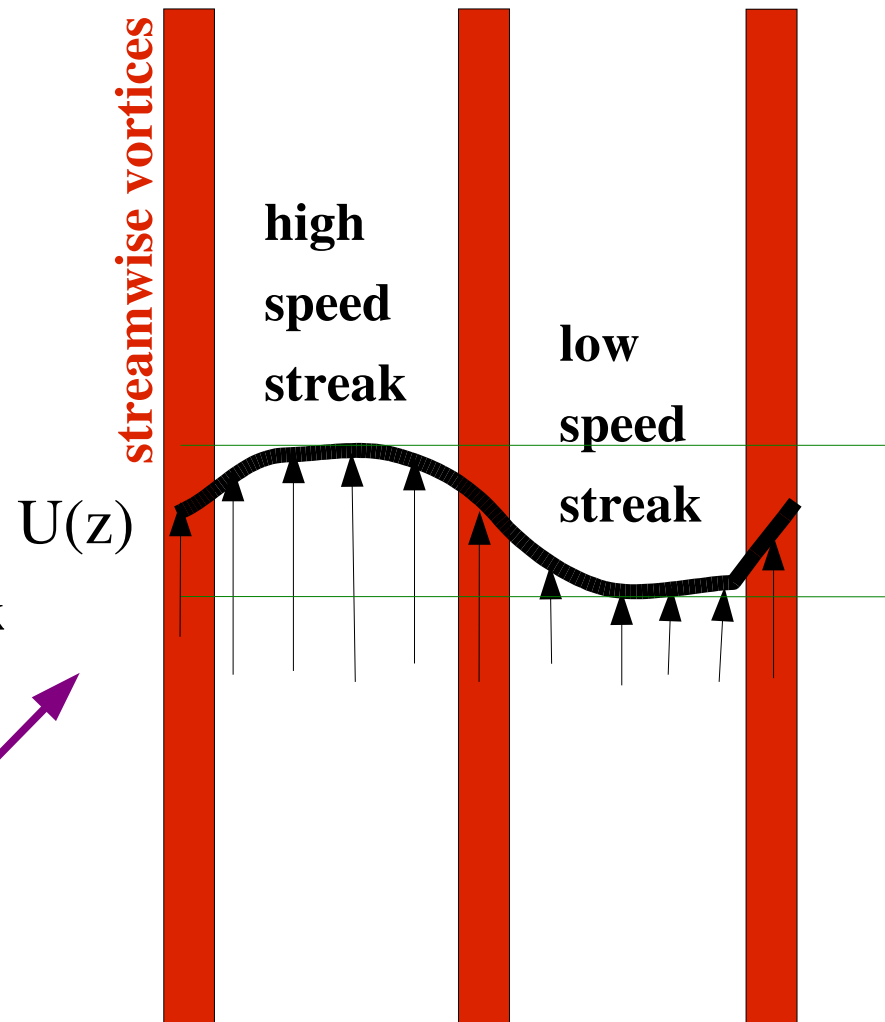
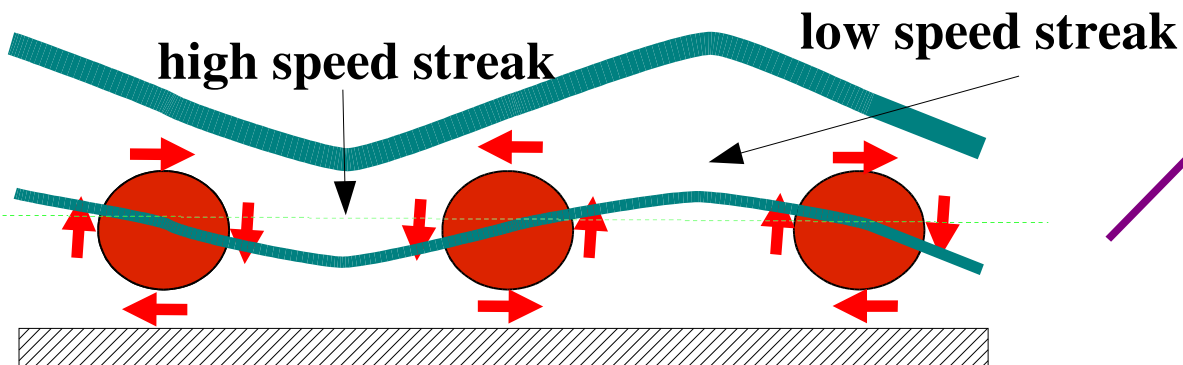
**Streamwise vortices in a shear flow => streamwise streaks**

Taylor 1939, Moffatt 1967,..., Landahl 1980, Ellingsen & Palm 1985...

high streamwise velocity



streamwise vortices



**Strongly related to non normality of the linearised operator**

reviews in Trefethen et al 1993, Schmid & Hennigson 2001

# Linearized system for parallel basic flows

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x} + (v U', 0, 0) = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

**Linearized Navier-Stokes equations**

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\alpha, y, \beta, t) e^{i(\alpha x + \beta z)} \quad \mathbf{x}\text{-}z \text{ Fourier modes}$$

streamwise wavenumber

spanwise wavenumber

Optimal growth

Kinetic energy ratio

$$G(t, \alpha, \beta) = \max_{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_0 \neq 0} \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|}{\|\hat{\mathbf{u}}_0\|}$$

Initial condition

Maximum growth

$$G_{max}(\alpha, \beta) = \max_t G(t)$$

# Dependence of $G_{\max}$ on wavenumbers & Re

$G_{\max}(\alpha, \beta)$  : laminar Poiseuille,  $Re=1500$

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 2/h$$

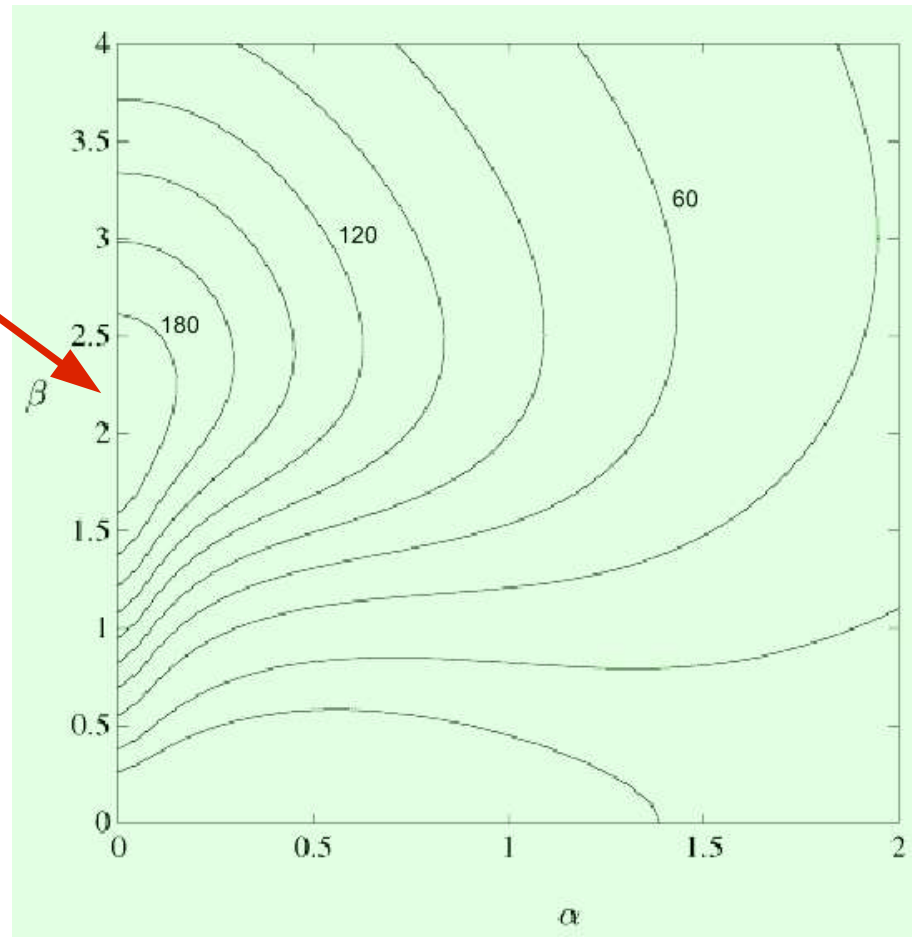
$$\lambda_x = \infty, \lambda_z = 3h$$

**Optimal  $\lambda_z$  in good agreement with scales of 'natural' streaks**

Matsubara & Alfredsson, *JFM*, 2001

$$G_{\max} \sim Re^2$$

Gustavsson 1991,...

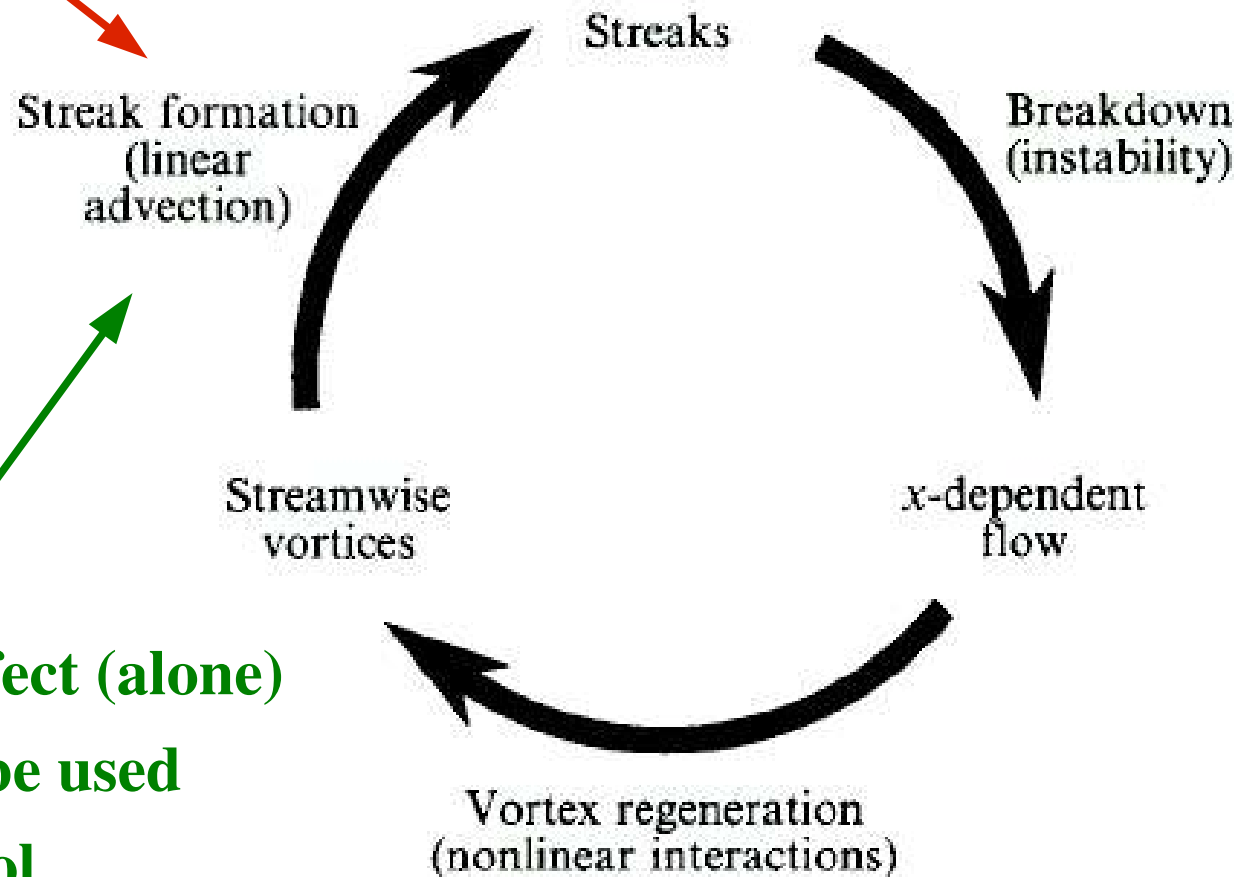


from Schmid & Henningson 2001

# Transition: self-sustained process

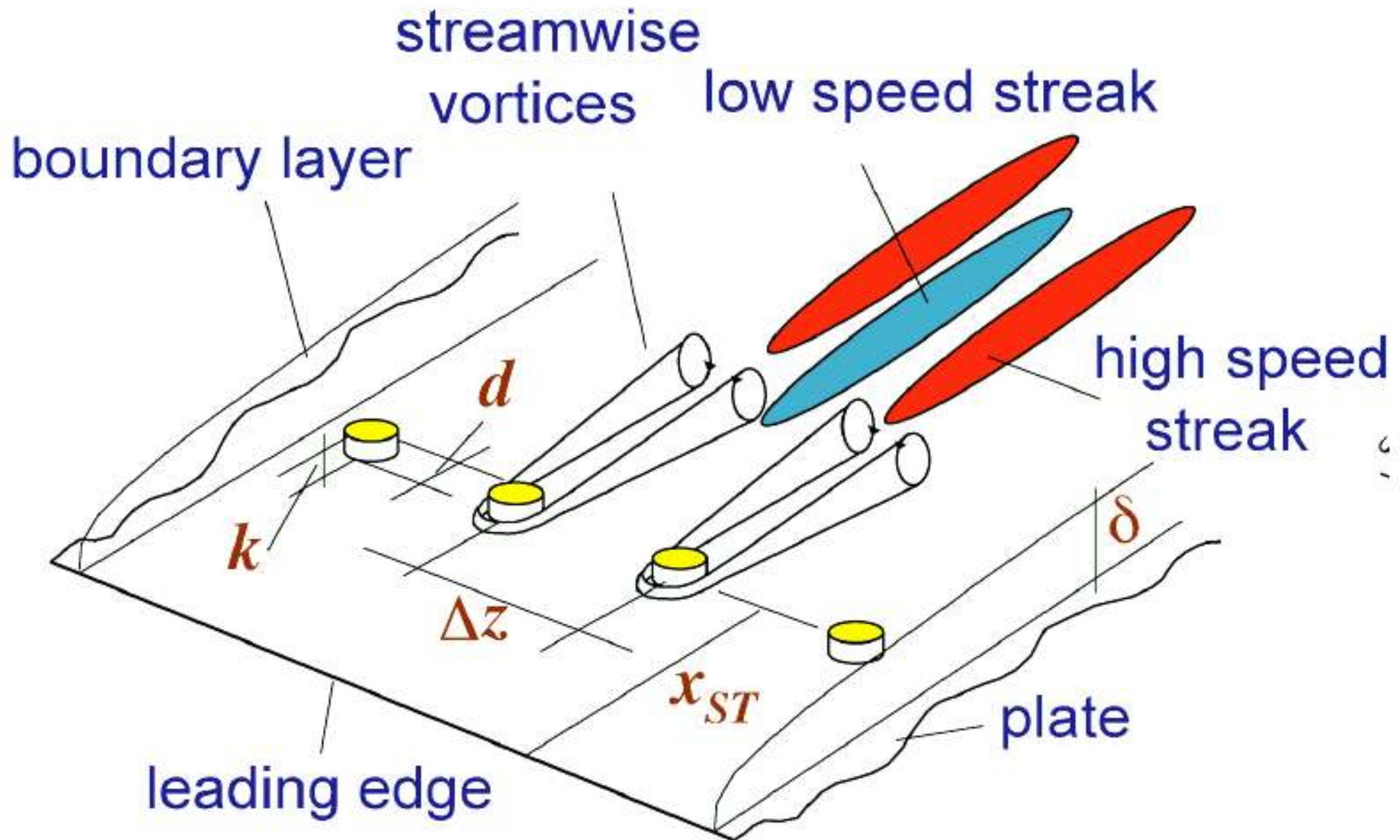
**lift-up effect: selection  
of amplified spanwise  
scales  $\lambda_z$  (waveband  $\beta$ )**

**selection of unstable  
streamwise scales  $\lambda_x$   
(waveband  $\alpha$ )**



**lift-up effect (alone)  
can also be used  
for control**

# Forcing streaks with roughness elements

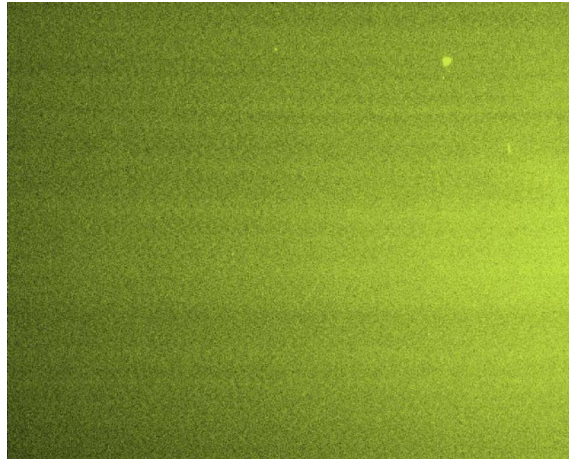


# Transition delay by forced streaks

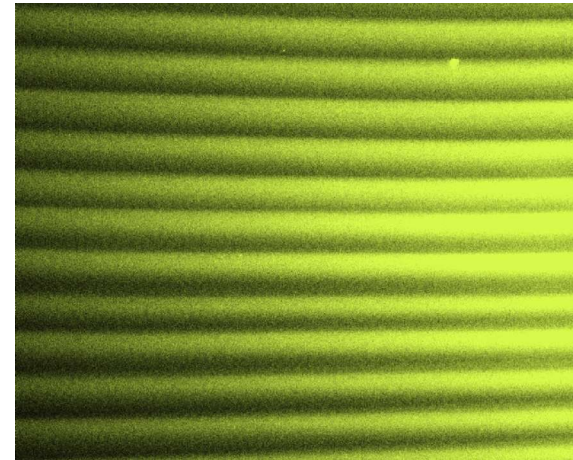
**No streaks forced**

**Streaks forced**

**Base flow**

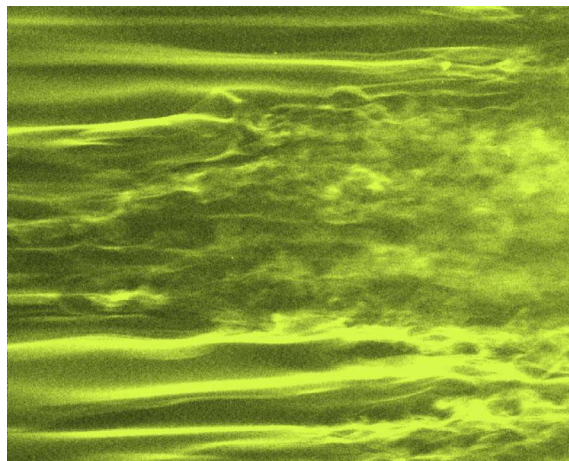


0 mV

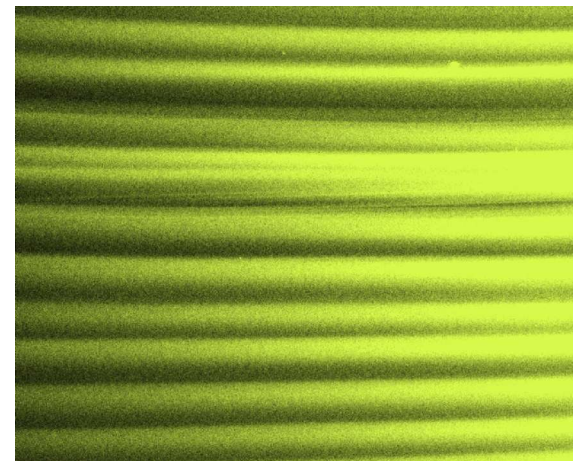


0 mV

**Base flow +  
tripping  
(unsteady)  
forcing**



205 mV



450 mV

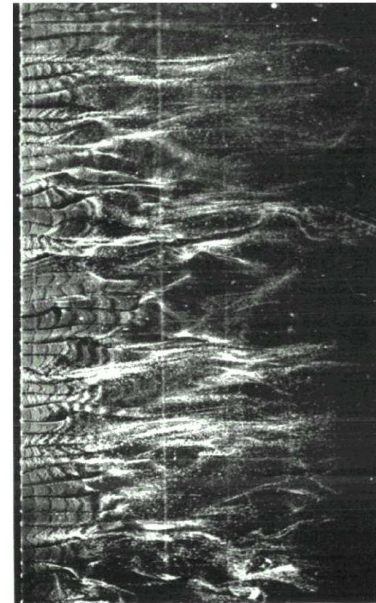
# **STREAKS IN FULLY TURBULENT FLOWS**

# Streaky structures in turbulent flows

## Near wall streaks in a turbulent boundary layer

mean spanwise spacing  $\lambda^+ \approx 100$

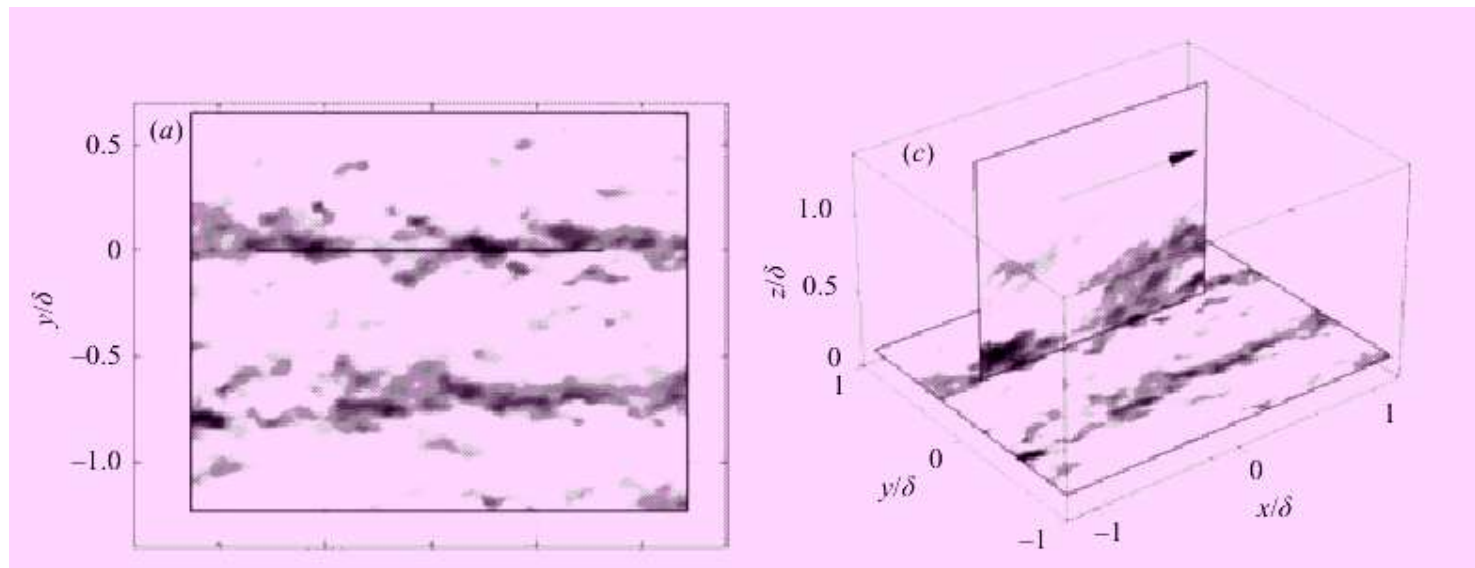
most probable spacing  $\lambda^+ \approx 80$



Kline et al. JFM 1967

## Large scale streaks in a turbulent boundary layer

Streaks spacing  
 $\lambda \approx \delta$



Hutchins & Marusic JFM 2007

## Some questions

**Is a 'coherent' lift-up effect at work in fully developed turbulent flows?**

**Does it select the spanwise scales of the 'natural' streaks?**

**Are the optimal amplifications large?**

**Can we force those streaks for control purposes?**

**Does a self-sustained process exist at large scale?**

# Linearization near the mean flow

$$\mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{u}' ; \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \langle \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

ensemble average

coherent field

decorrelated fluctuations

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z, t) = \mathbf{U}(y) + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z, t)$$

base mean flow

(no coherent perturbations)

(small) coherent perturbations to  
U (with coherent forcing or IC)

## Linearized RANS equations:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} + \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{U} + \nabla \mathbf{U} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \left[ \nu_T(y) (\nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^T) \right] + \mathbf{f}$$

Reynolds stresses due to  $\mathbf{u}'$

eddy viscosity in  
equilibrium with U

Reynolds & Hussain *JFM* 1972

del Alamo & Jiménez *JFM* 2006

Pujals, Garcia-Villalba, Depardon & Cossu, *Phys. Fluids* 2009

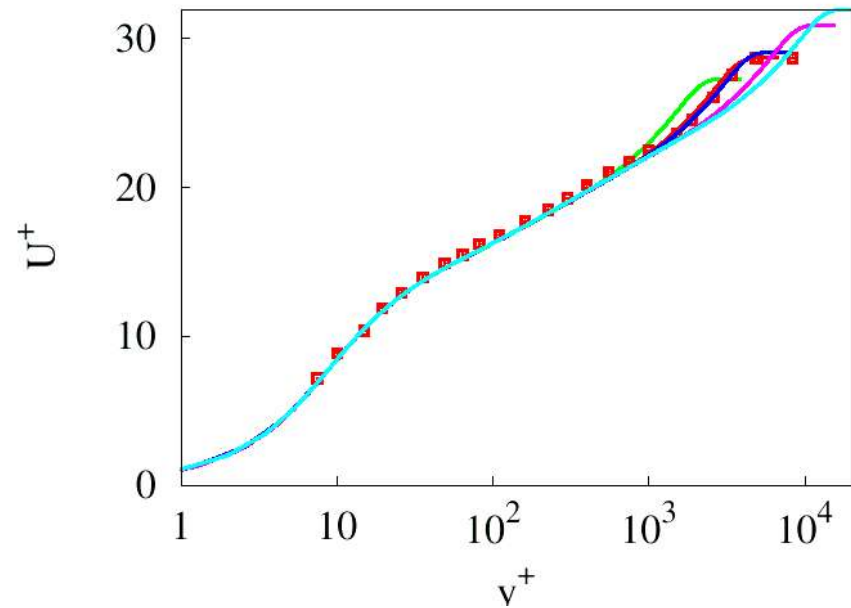
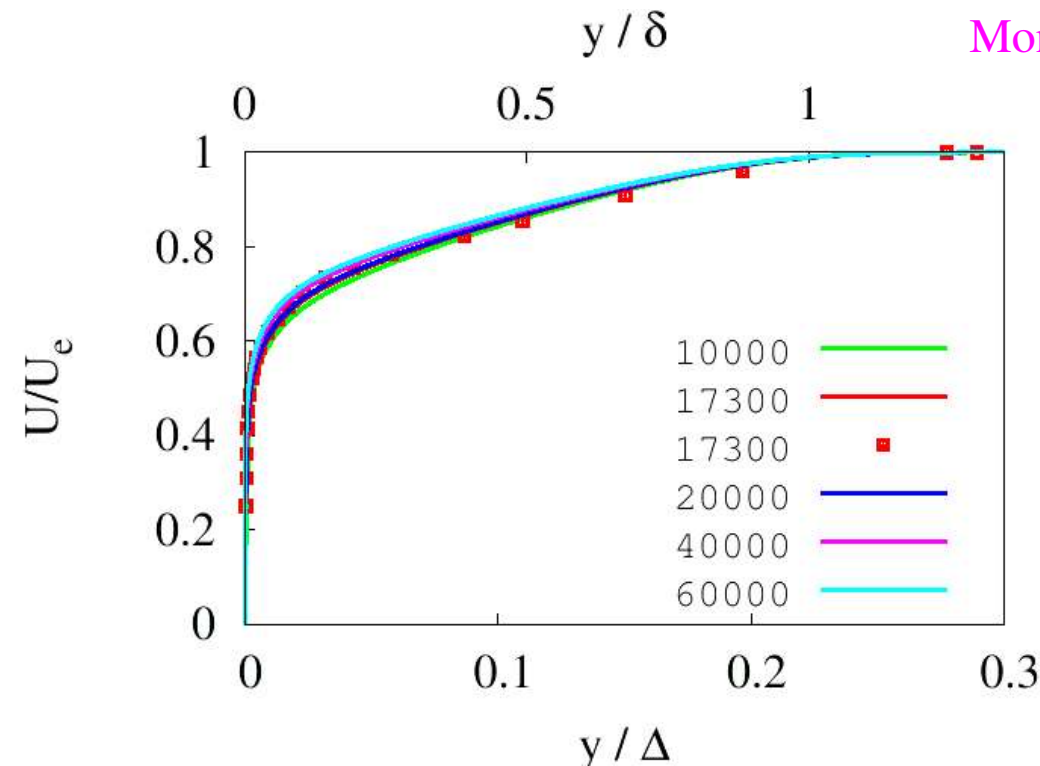
Cossu, Pujals & Depardon, *JFM* 2009

Hwang & Cossu *JFM* 2010

# Base mean flow for the ZPGTBL

$$U = u_\tau \left[ U_i^+(y^+) - U_{log}^+(y^+) + U_e^+(Re_{\delta_*}) - U_w^+(\eta) \right]$$

Monkewitz, Chauhan & Nagib *Phys. Fluids* 2007



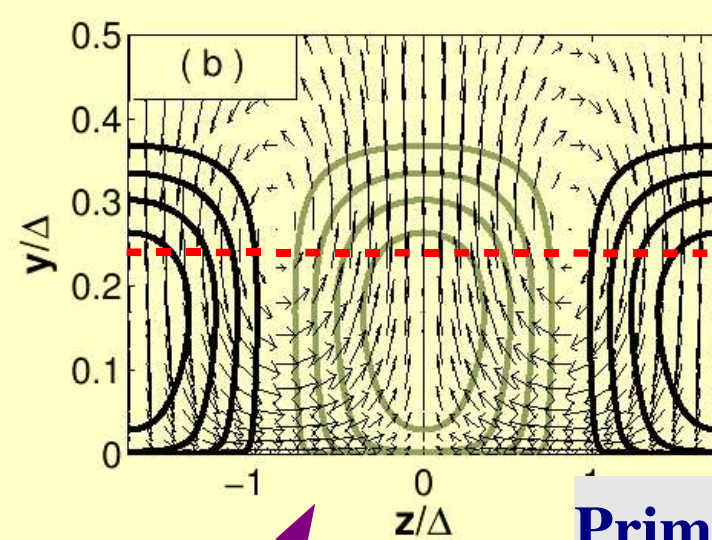
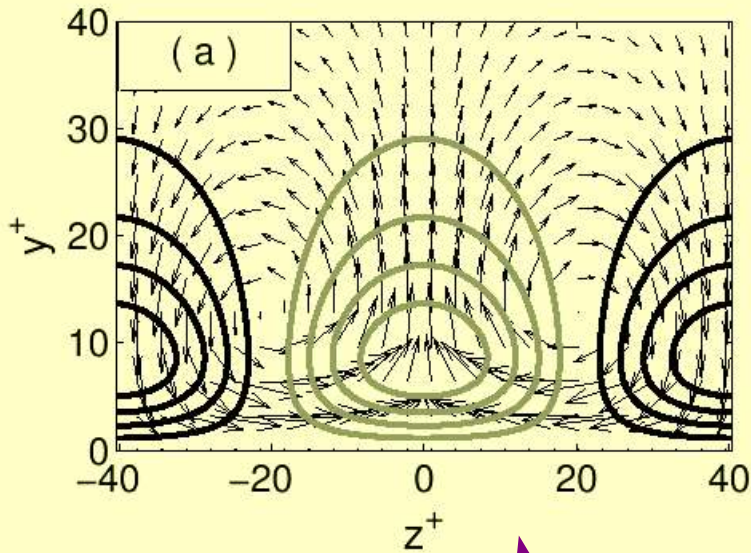
Velocity profiles at different  $Re\delta^*$  in outer & inner units.  
Comparison with data of de Graaf & Eaton (JFM 2000)  $\blacksquare$

$$U_{log}^+(y^+) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + B$$

$$U_e^+(Re_{\delta_*}) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(Re_{\delta_*}) + C$$

$$\kappa = 0.384, B = 4.17, C = 3.30$$

# Optimal $\alpha=0$ growth & perturbations at $\text{Re}\delta^*=17300$

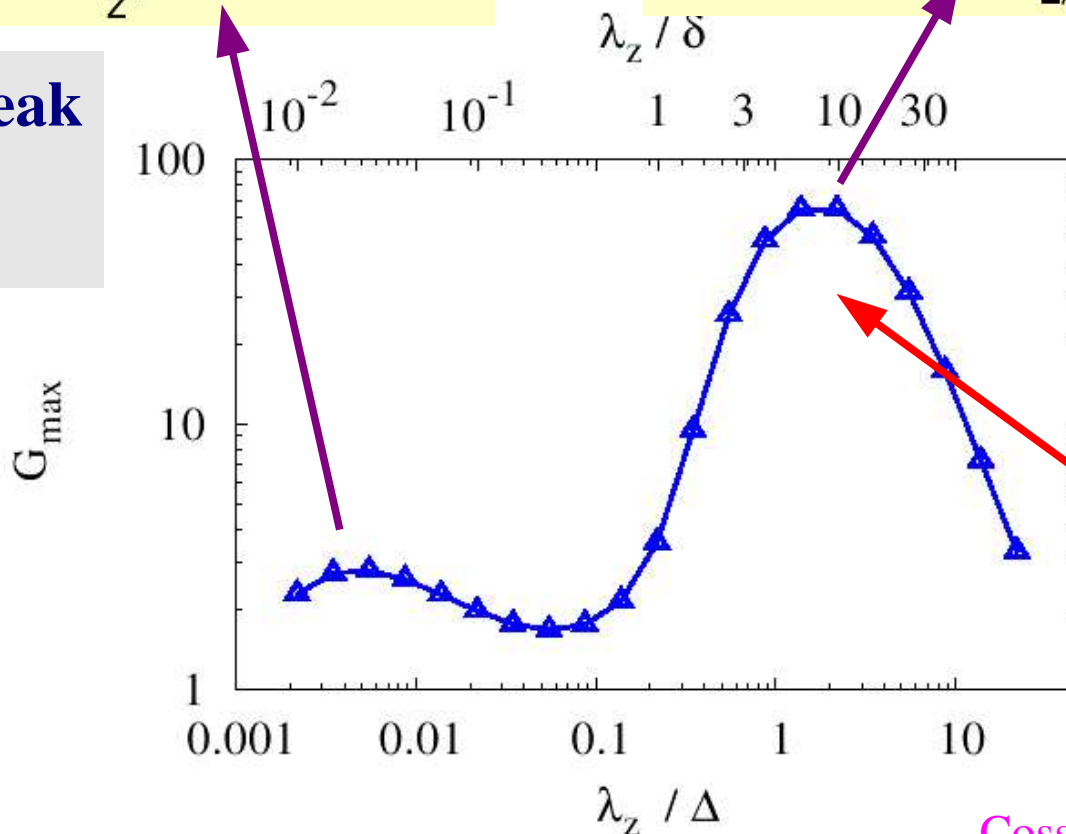


$\delta_{99} \sim 0.223\Delta$

Secondary peak  
at  $\lambda_+ = 81.5$

Primary peak at

$$\lambda_z = 7.6 \delta_{99}$$



Structures with  
 $\delta_{99} < \lambda_z < 30 \delta_{99}$   
strongly amplified  
Amplifications  
increase with  $\text{Re}$

# Most amplified large scales for Gmax

**Plane channel ( $\text{Re}_\tau > \approx 500$ ):**

$$\lambda_z \approx 4h$$

del Alamo & Jiménez *JFM* 2006, Pujals et al. *Phys. Fluids* 2009

**Pipe flow ( $\text{Re}_\tau > \approx 500$ ):**

$$m=1 \quad (\lambda_z = 2\pi R/m \approx 6R)$$

Willis et al. Subm. *PRE* 2010

**Couette flow ( $\text{Re}_\tau \approx 50$ ):**

$$\lambda_z = 4.5h$$

Hwang & Cossu *JFM* 2010

**Boundary layer (ZPG) ( $\text{Re}_{\delta^*} > \approx 5000$ ):**

$$\lambda_z \approx 6-8\delta$$

Cossu et al. *JFM* 2009

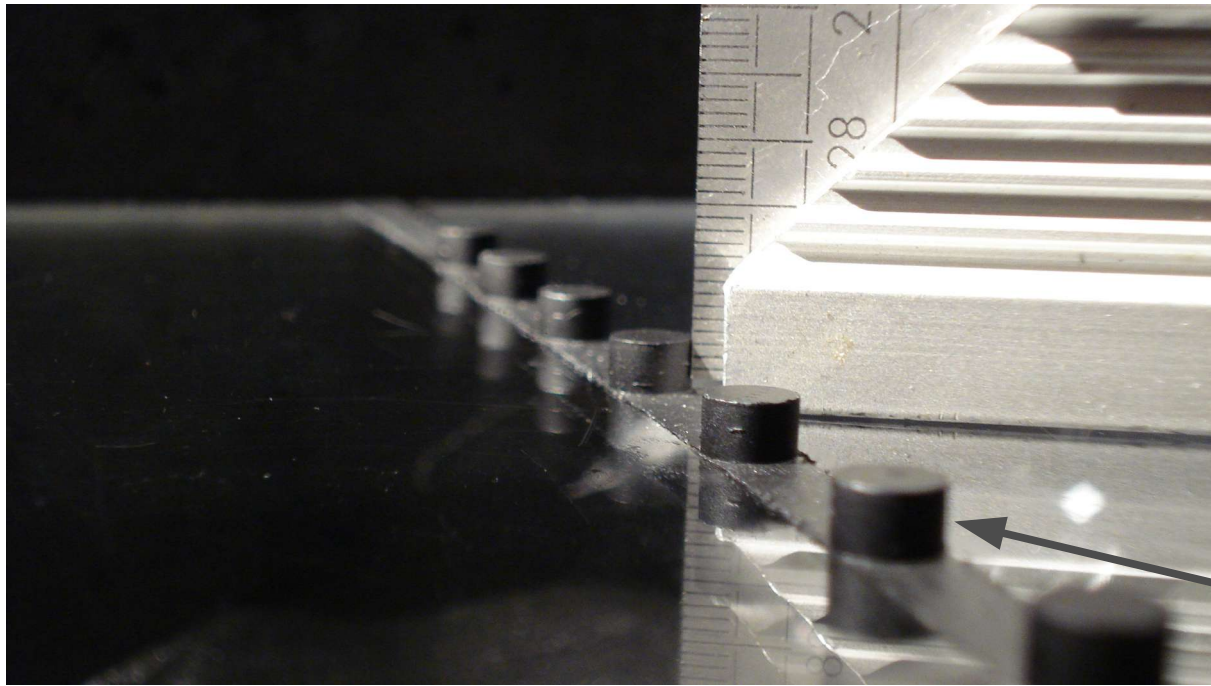
**Results of optimal temporal growth (Gmax) analysis.**

Similar scales obtained for stochastic forcing

Larger scales obtained for optimal harmonic forcing

# REALITY CHECK IN THE TBL

# Experimental results



**Turbulent boundary layer**

$U_e=20\text{m/s}$ ,  $\delta \sim 4\text{mm}$ ,

$Re\delta^* \sim 1000$  at  $x=0$

**Spanwise array of  
*streaks generators***

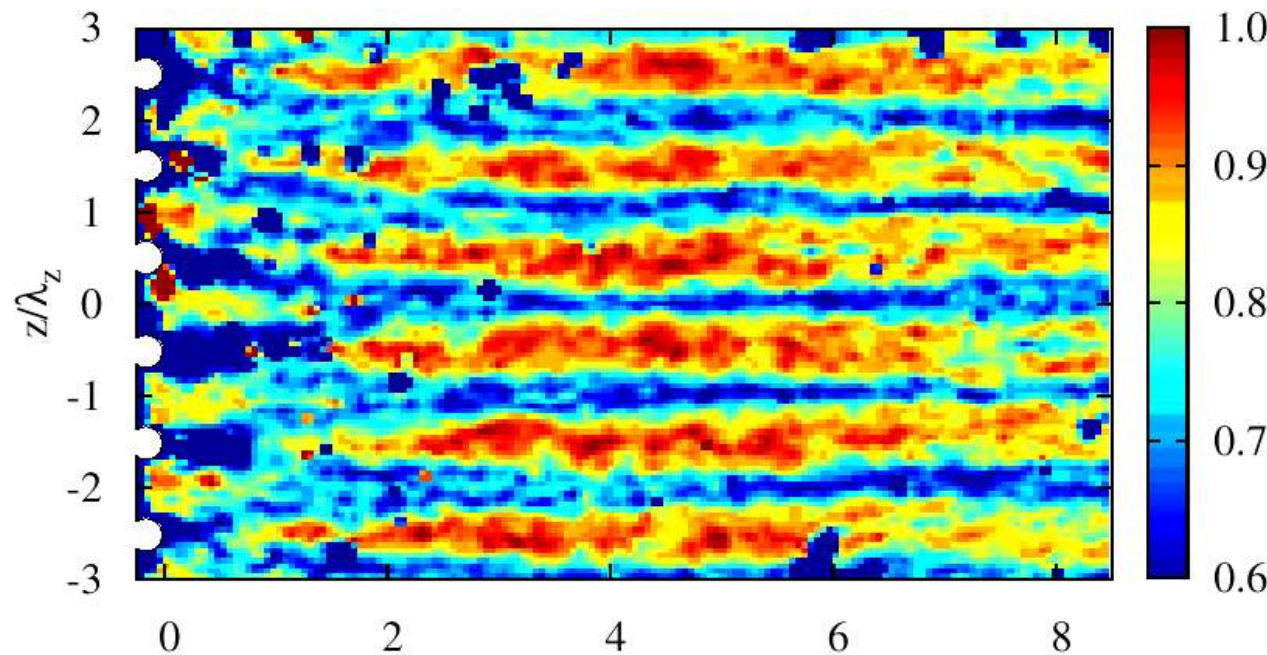
Config.	$\lambda_z$ (mm)	$d$ (mm)	$\lambda_z/d$	$\lambda_z/\delta_0$	$k/\delta_0$
A	15.8	3.94	4	3	0.8
B	26.8	6.7	4	5	0.8
C	33	8.25	4	6	0.8
D	40.	10.	4	7.5	0.8
E	50.8	12.7	4	10	0.8
F	65.6	16.4	4	12	0.8

← Several spanwise  
wavelengths tested

Peugeot-Citroën Aerodynamics  
Dept. Windtunnel in Velizy

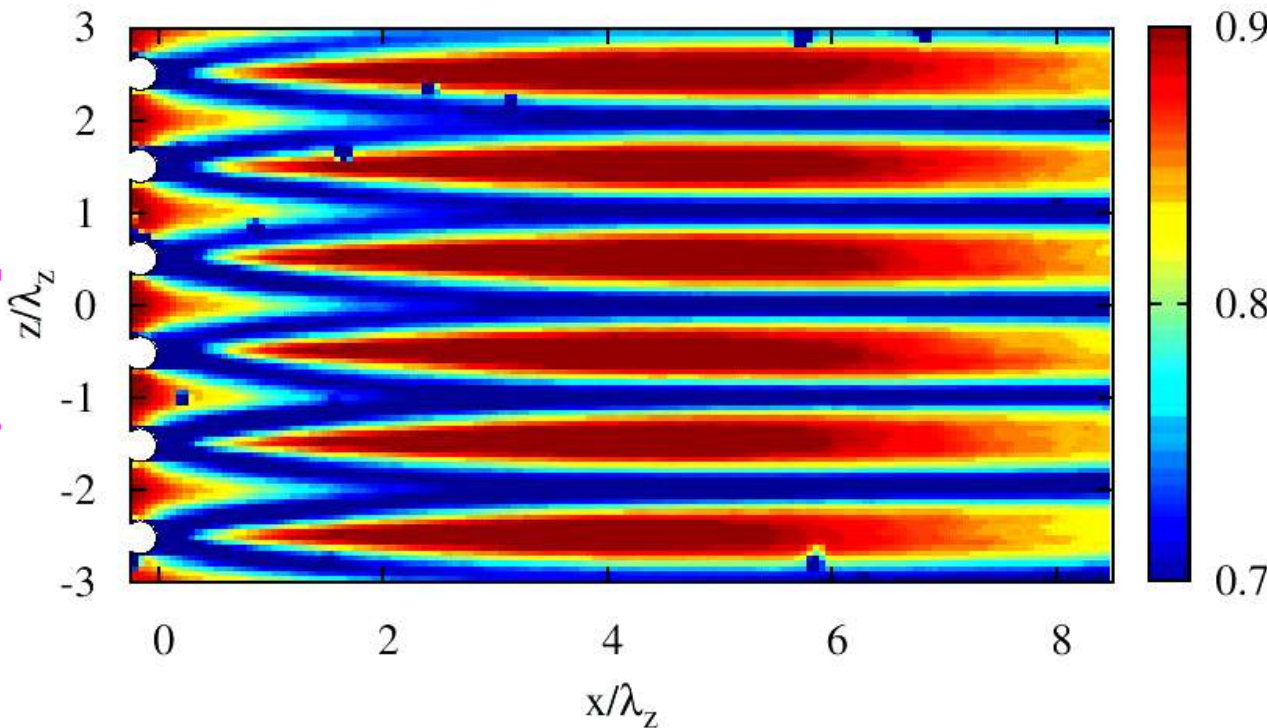
# Turbulent streaks large scale streaks

Pujals, Depardon & Cosu, submitted to *J. Turb.*



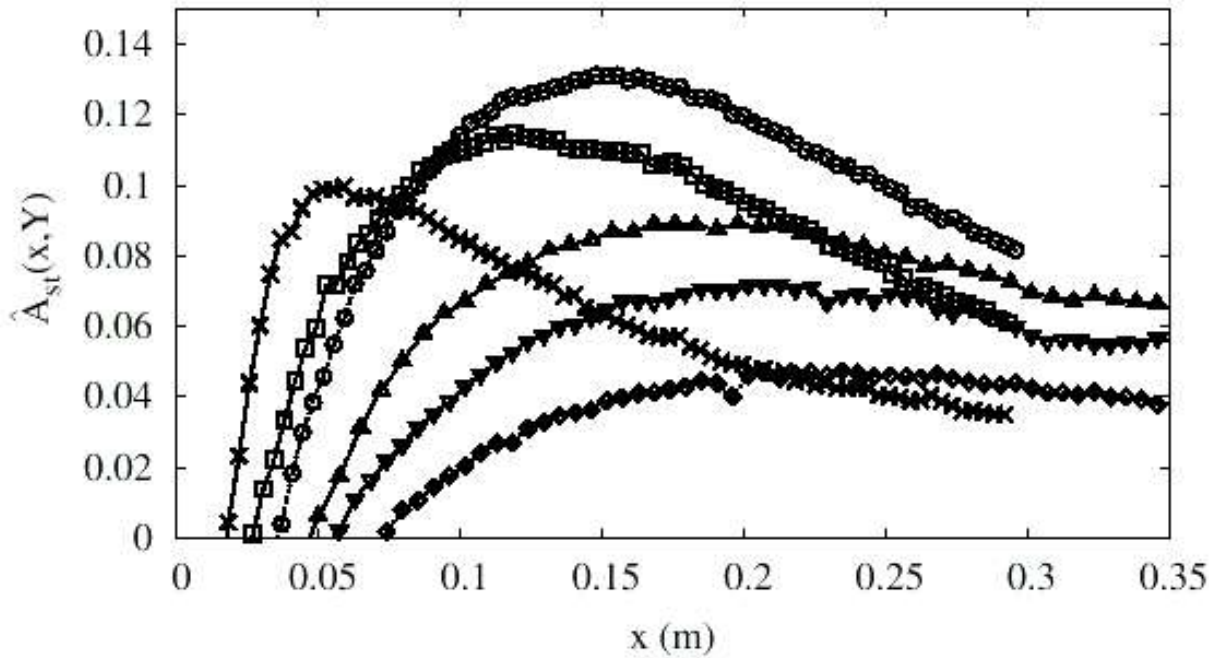
**PIV data: horizontal plane  $Y=k$  (roughness height)**

**Snapshot streamwise velocity field**

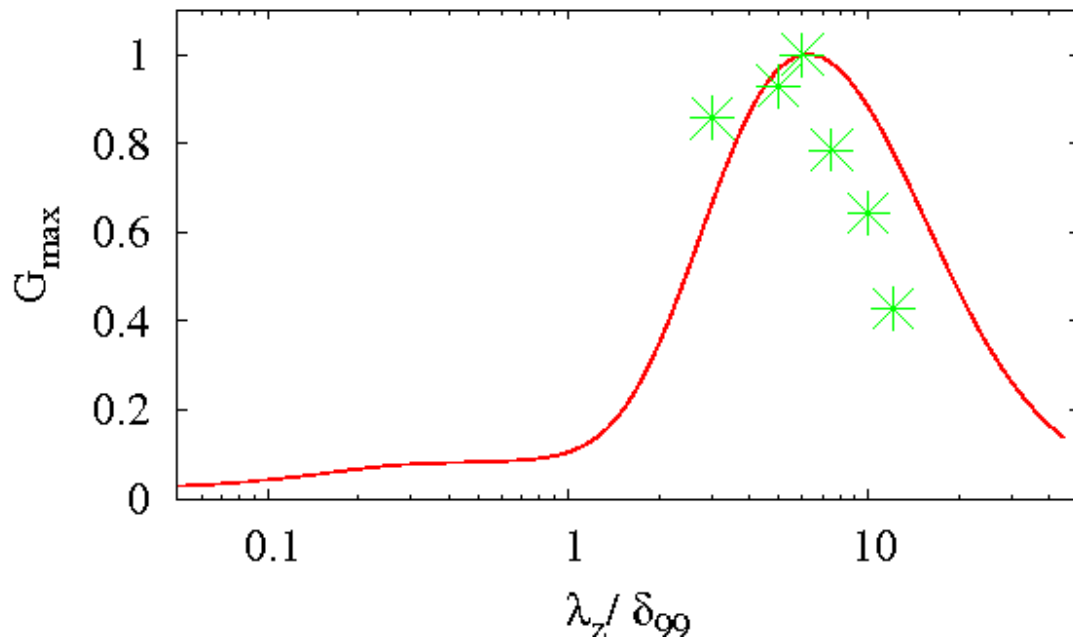


**Averaged streamwise velocity field**

# TBL: Streaks amplitude and $G_{\max}$ for different $\lambda_z$



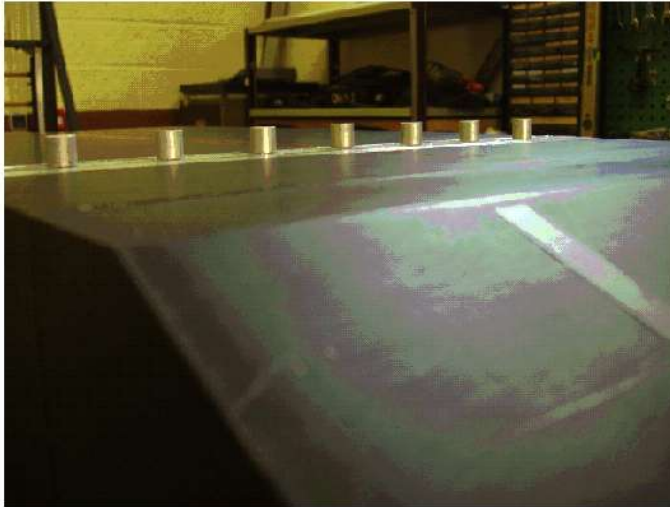
$\hat{A}_{st}(x)$  for selected  $\lambda_z$



Experimental  $A_{\max}(\lambda_z)$   
vs. theoretical  $G_{\max}(\lambda_z)$   
at same Re

**PASSIVE CONTROL  
WITH LARGE SCALE  
STREAKS**

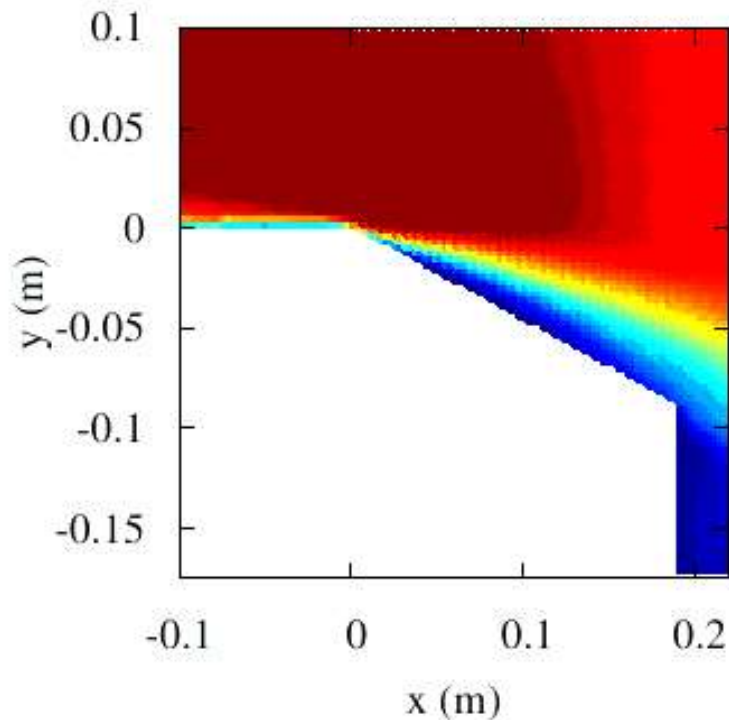
# Separation control on the Ahmed body



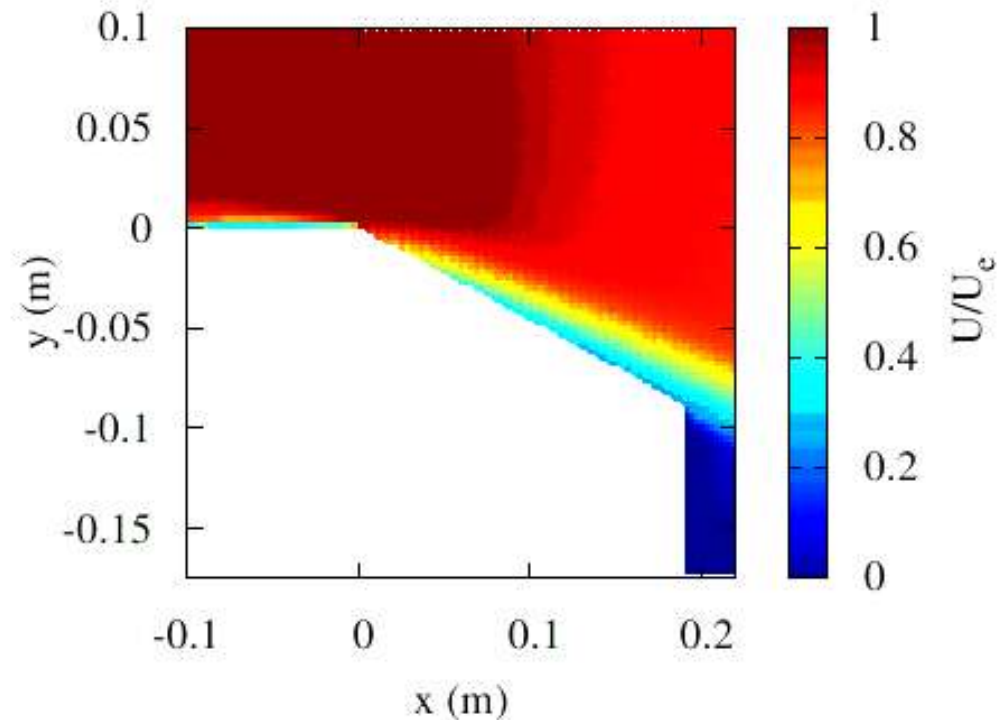
Large scale streaks forced on the roof of the Ahmed body.

**Total drag reduced by 10%**

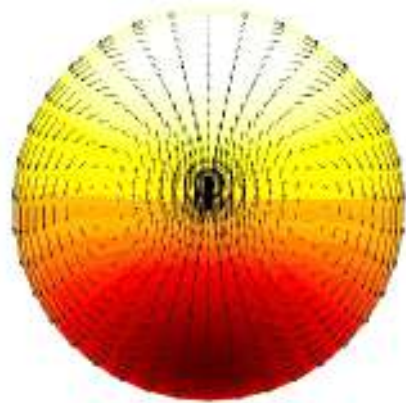
without streaks



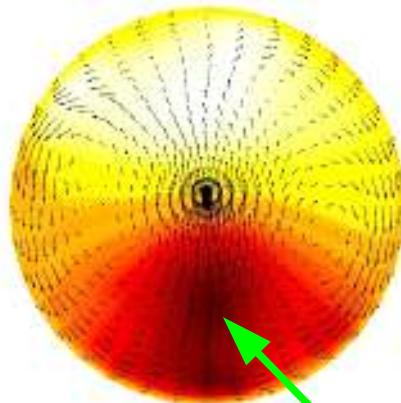
with streaks



# Artificially forced $m=1$ streaks in the turbulent pipe

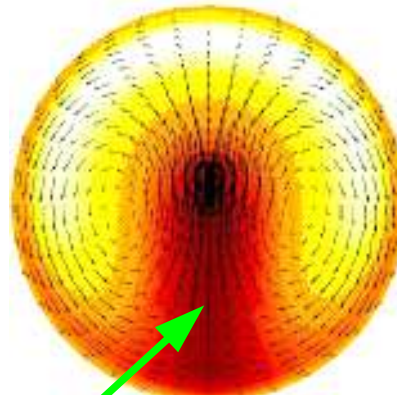


linear optimal



DNS

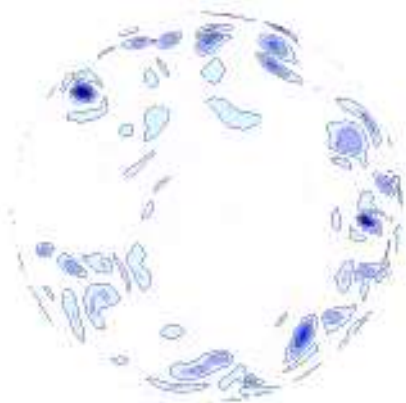
low speed  
streak



DNS

streamwise velocity  
mean  $u_z(r, \theta)$

**Fully resolved DNS**  
**Re=5300 (Re $\tau$ =180)**



no control



$m=1$  control

axial vorticity

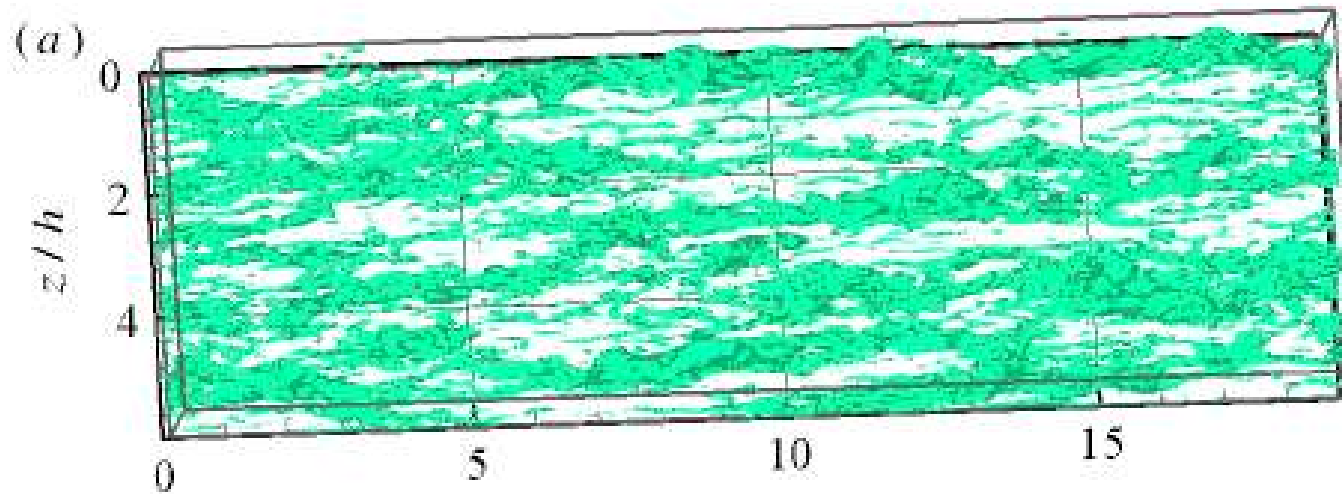
instantaneous  $\omega_z(r, \theta)$

small scale streamwise vortices  
pushed in the low speed streak

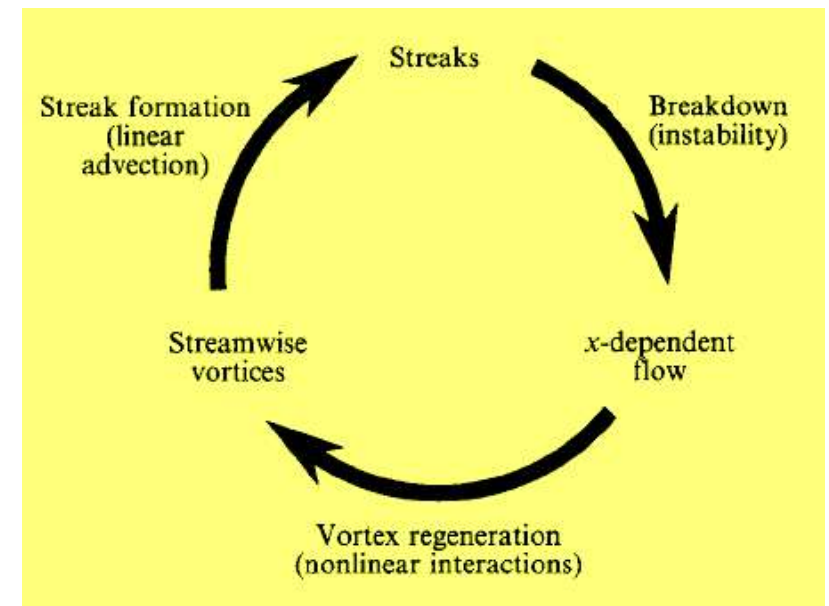
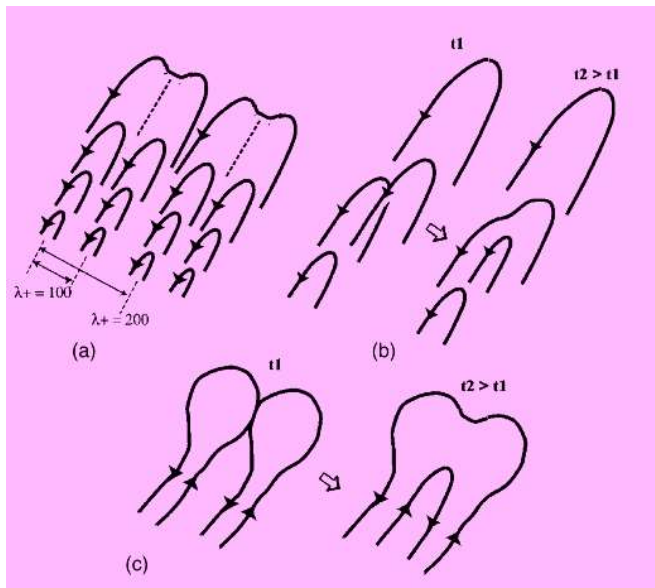
**Net power consumption**  
**reduced by 10% forcing the**  
 **$m=1$  or  $m=2$  modes**

**A SELF-SUSTAINED  
PROCESS AT LARGE  
& VERY LARGE SCALE**

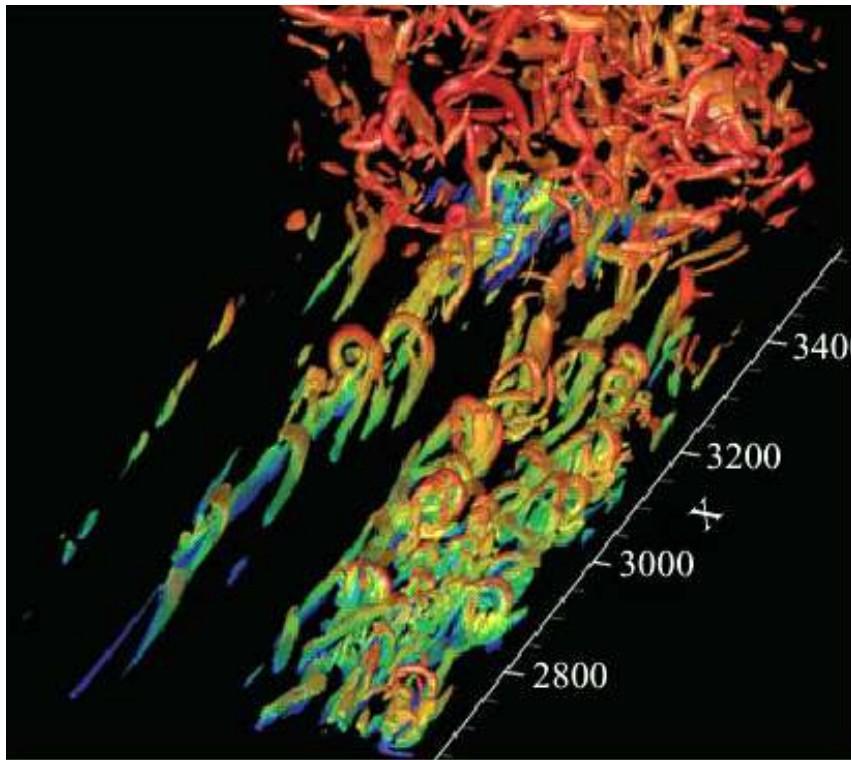
# LES of a turbulent plane channel $Re_\tau=550$



large and very large scale structures are due to:  
**vortex aggregation... or ...SSP**



# A question



Current belief is that smaller scale  $\Lambda$  vortices are necessary to create larger scales streaks

Wu & Moin *JFM*. 2009

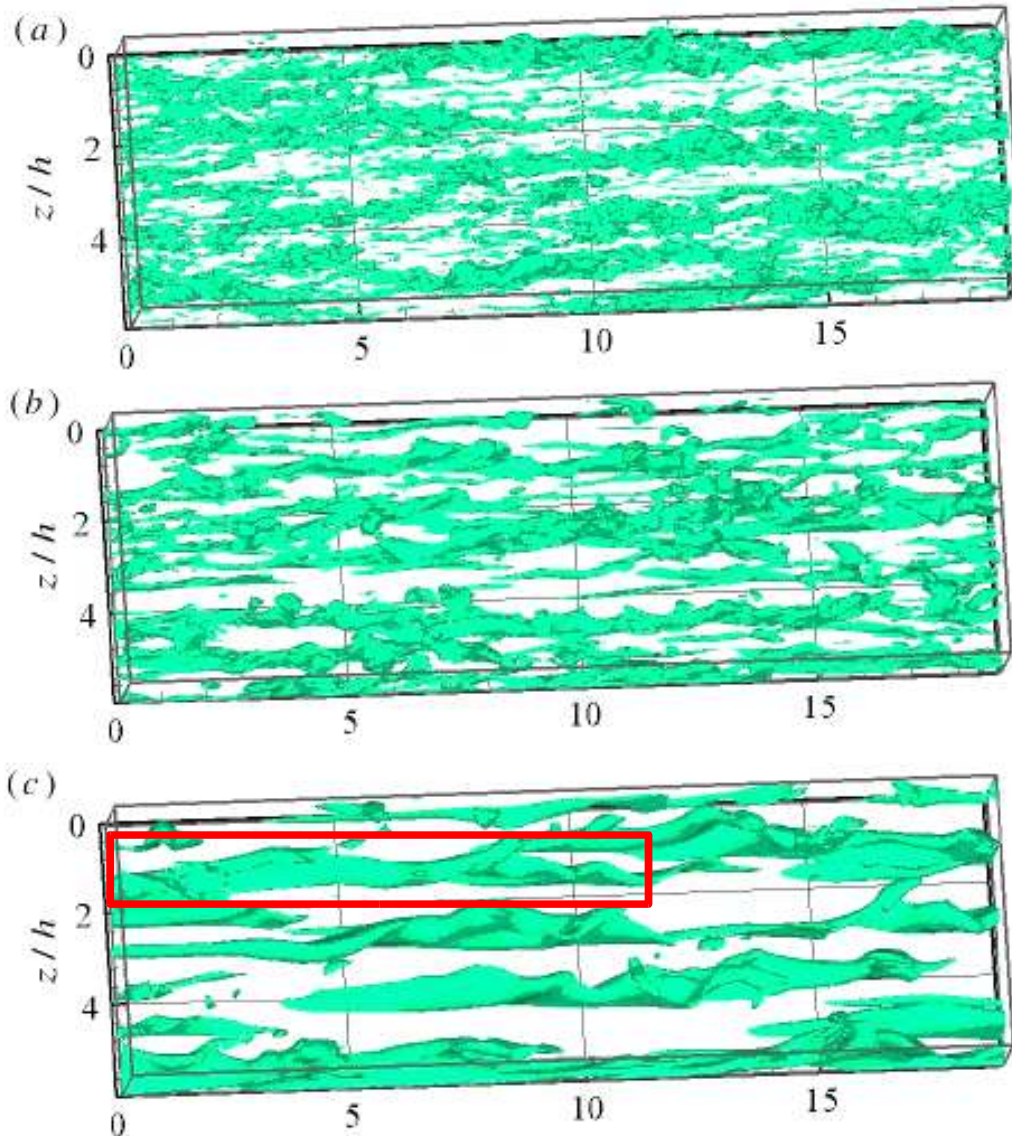
Marusic *JFM - Focus on Fluids* 2009

**QUESTION: Can the large scale structures survive in the absence of small scales?**

...actually, how can the small scales be quenched while still preserving their turbulent dissipation?

# LES plane channel at $Re_\tau=550$ & large box $L_x=55h$ , $L_z=6h$

streamwise velocity levels at  $u_\tau^+ = -2$



**Reference case = good dissipation**  
(same  $U$ ,  $u_{rms}$ ,  $v_{rms}$ ,  $w_{rms}$ ,  
premultiplied spectra as DNS)

**Increasing artificial dissipation  
on the small scales at  $Re=cst.$**

**Small & intermediate scales  
are increasingly quenched**

(confirmed by premultiplied spectra).

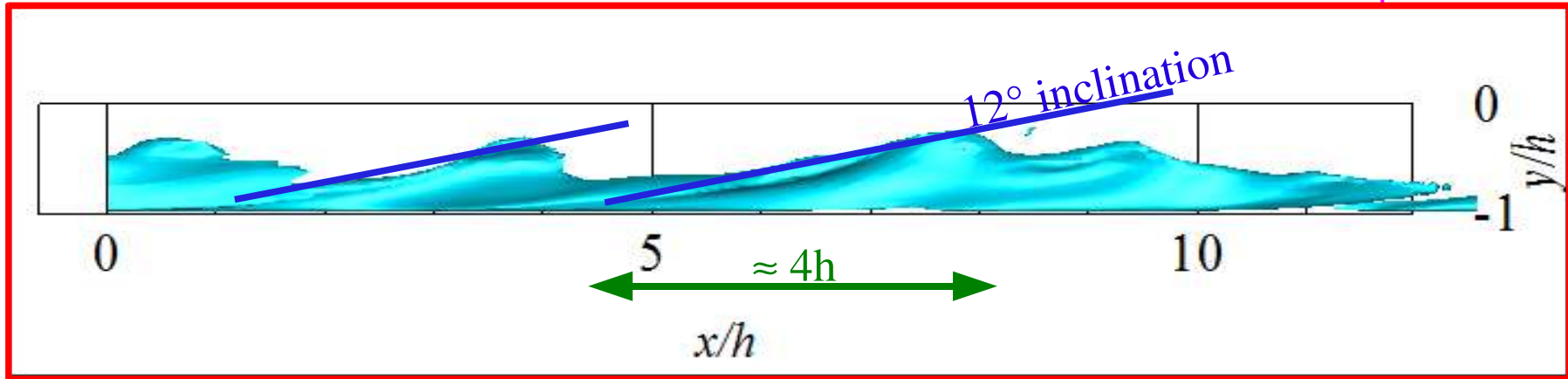
**Surviving structures:**

$\lambda_z \approx 1.5h$ ,  $\lambda_x \approx 3-4h$  (peaks)

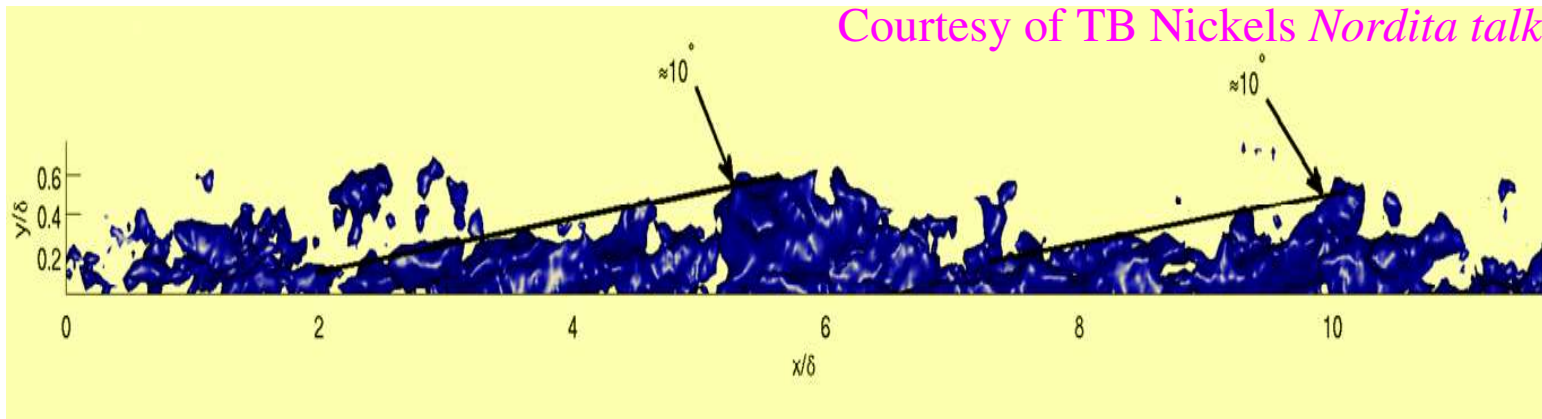
+ longer x-length near the wall

# The elementary mechanism

Zoomed side-view from extra dissipative LES



Courtesy of TB Nickels *Nordita talk*



**Structures very similar to large scale experimental ones!**

**MINIMAL BOX:** The SSP at large scale with quenched small scales does not survive if  $L_x < 3h$  or/and  $L_z < 1.5h$

**QUESTION: Can the large scale structures survive in the absence of small scales?**

**ANSWER: Yes they can!**

Interested? see the talk by Yongyun Hwang on APR 29-30

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