



Dynamical systems analysis of transition in boundary layer flows

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Edge states as mediators of bypass transition in boundary-layer flows

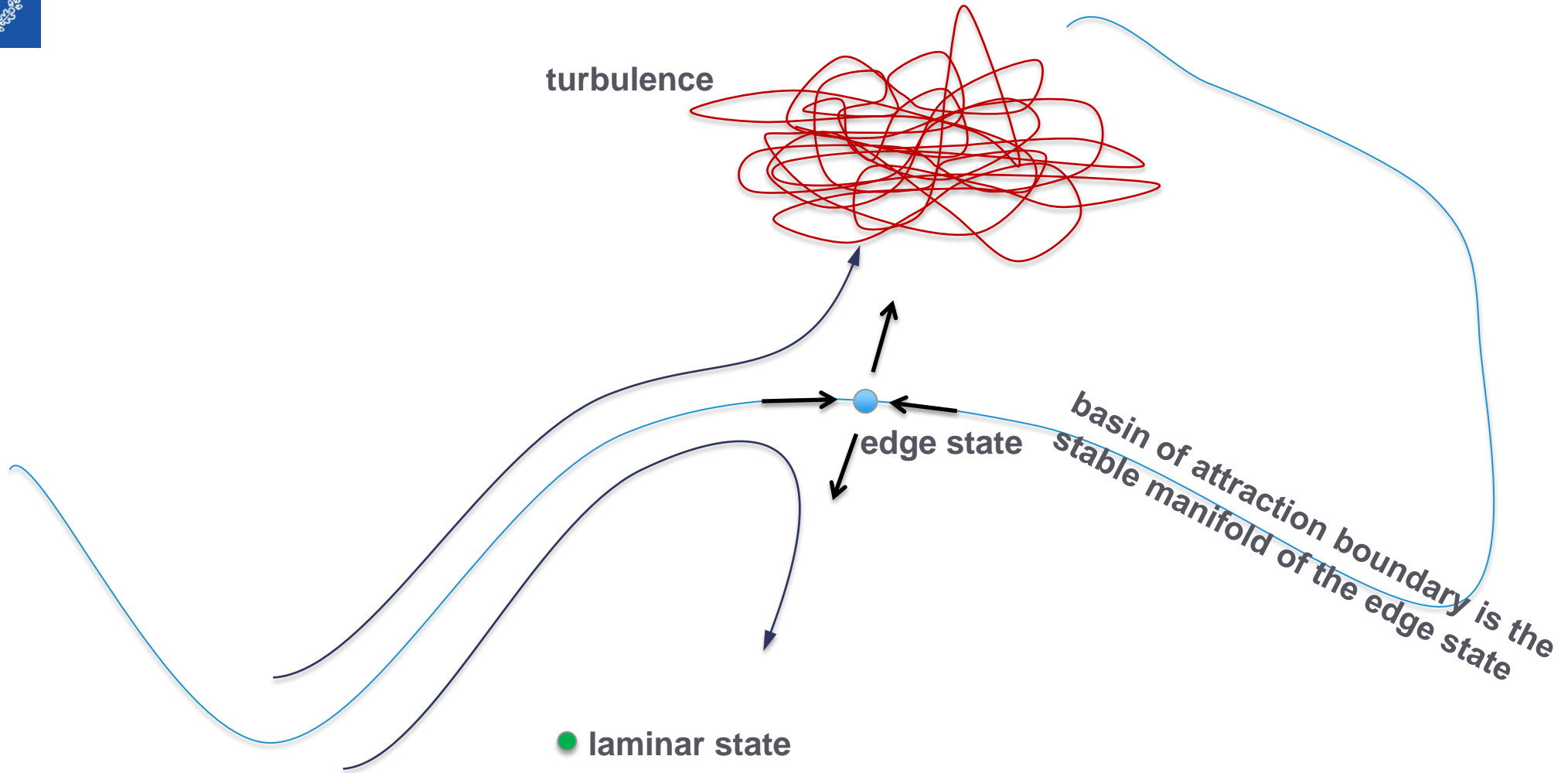
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Bypass transition and spot nucleation in boundary layers

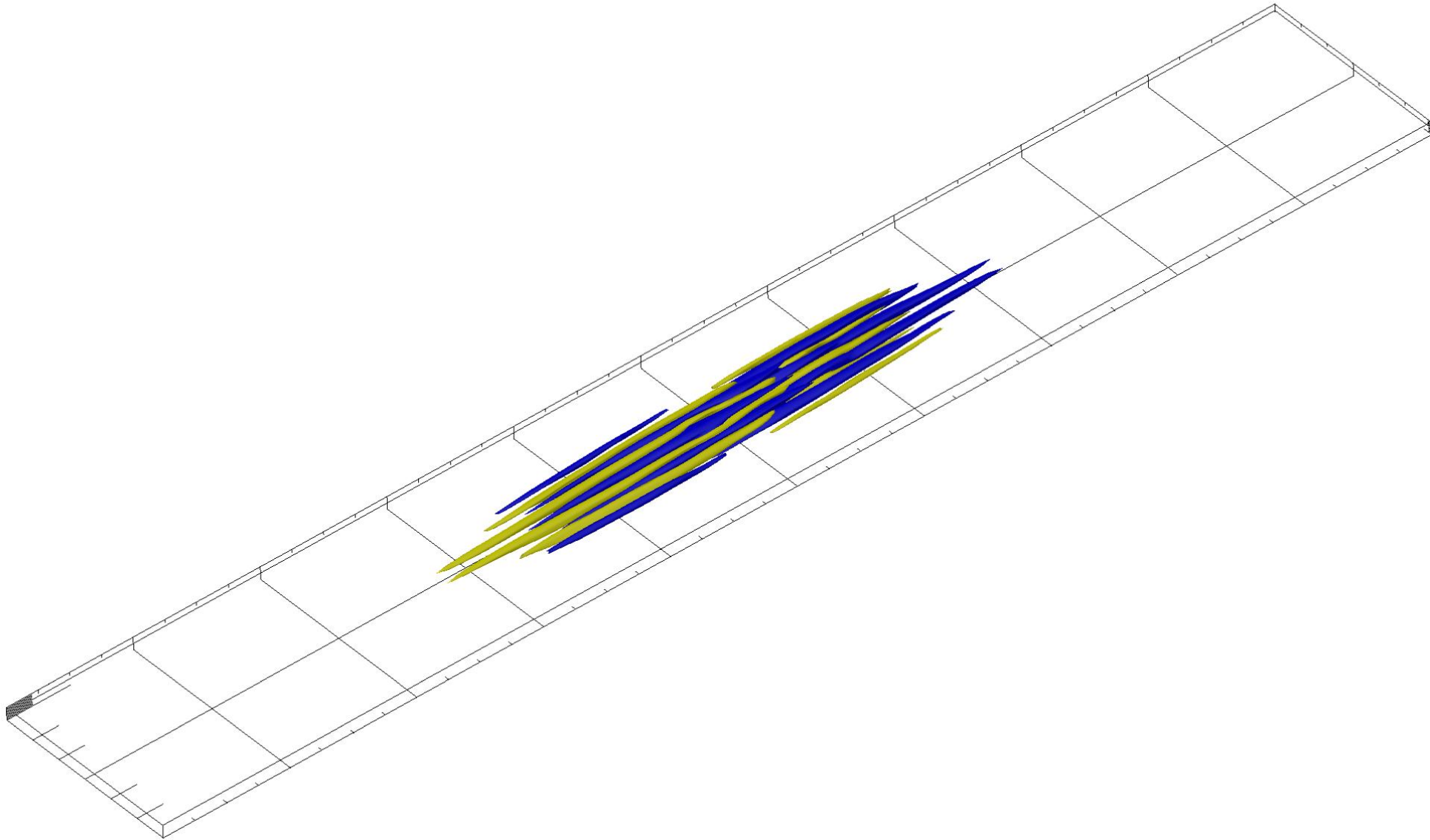
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Dynamical systems picture in state space

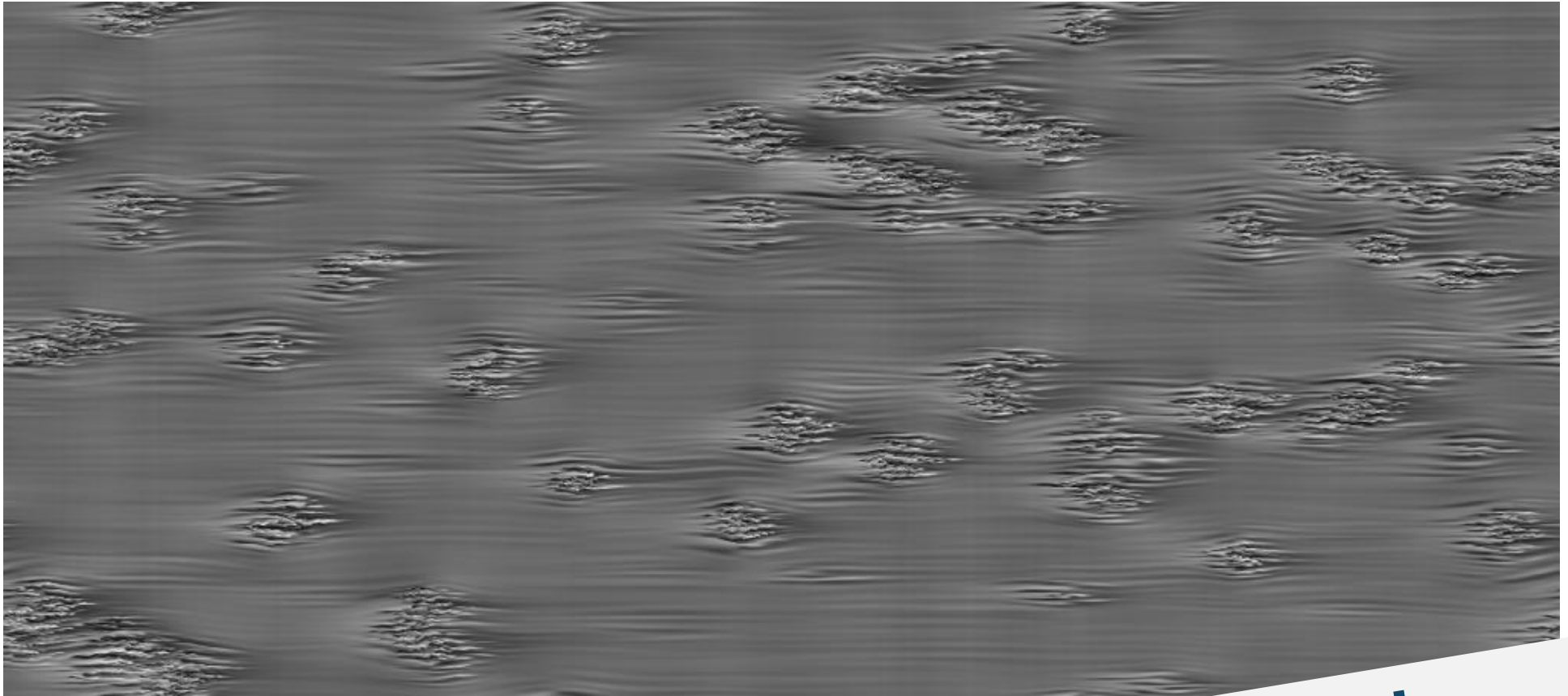


- edge instability governs transition in the vicinity of the basin of attraction boundary

Plane Couette flow – localised edge state

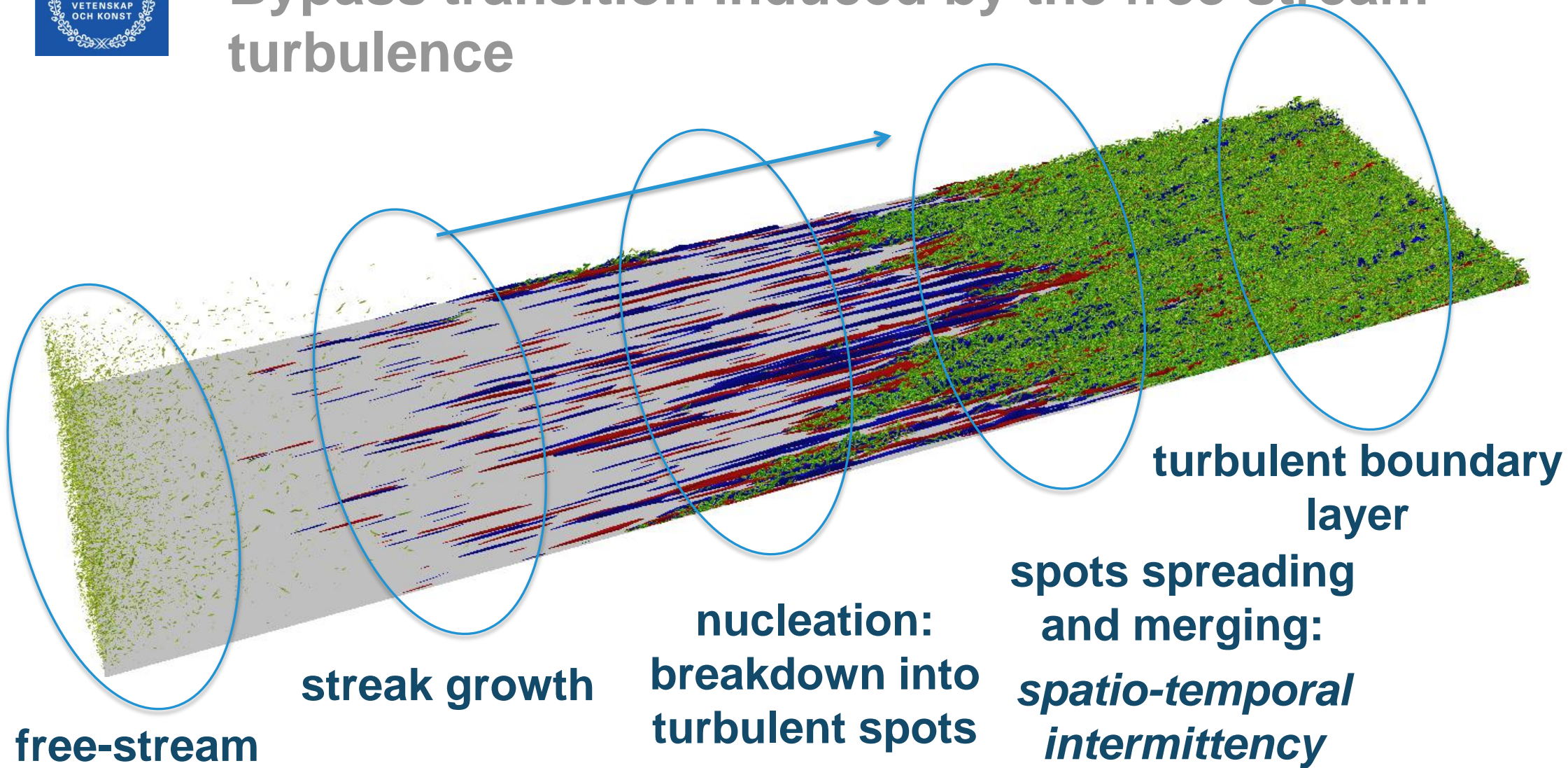


Plane Couette flow – nucleation of spots associated with edge states in noise transition

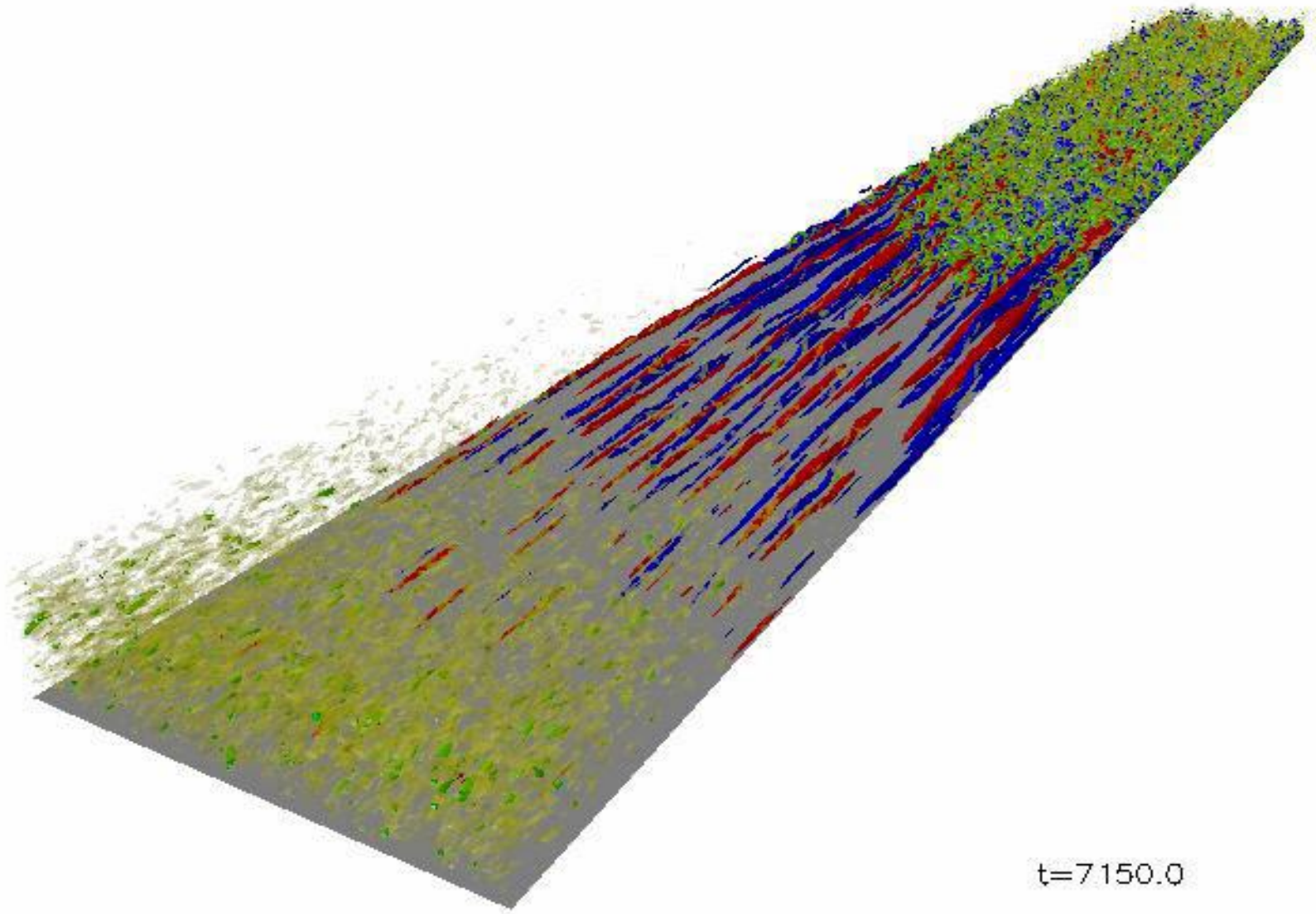


**What about
boundary layers?**

Bypass transition induced by the free-stream turbulence

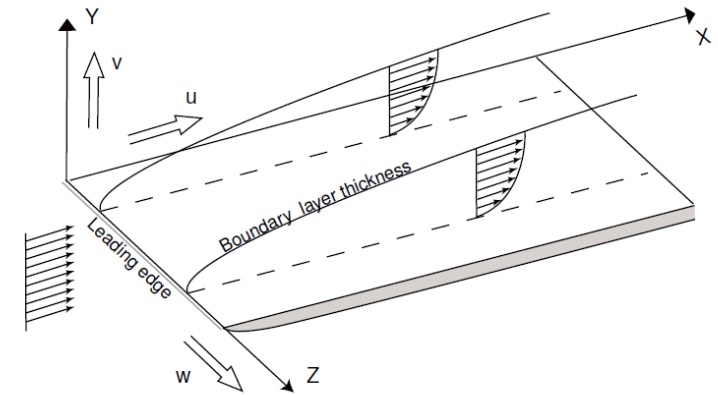
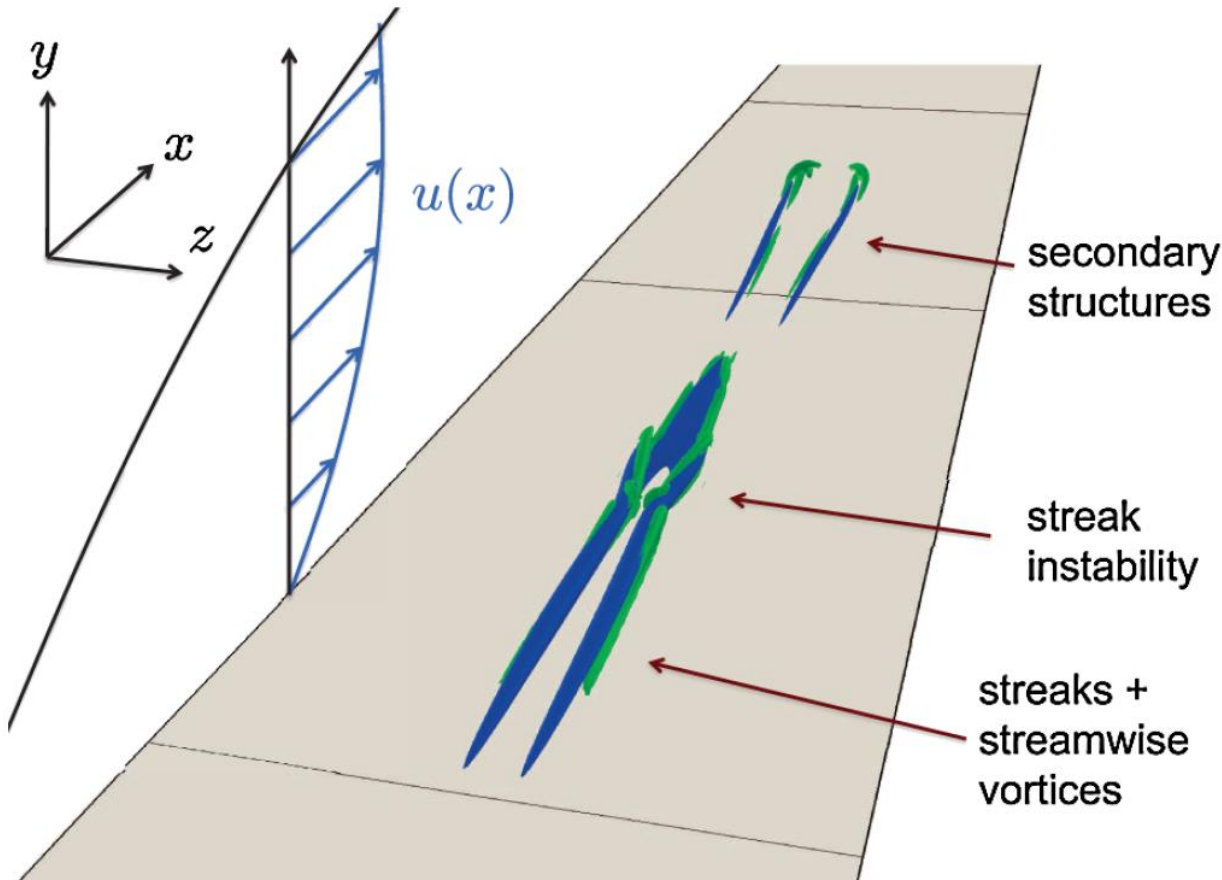


Boundary layers



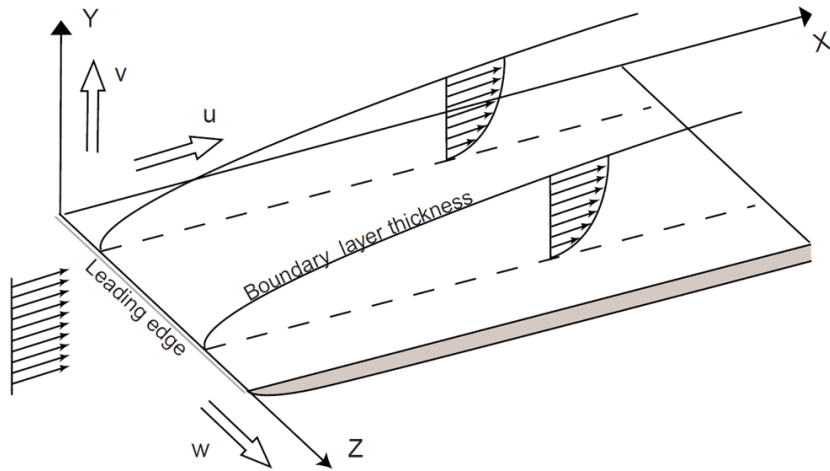
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Edge tracking in the Blasius boundary-layer flow



$$[L_x, L_y, L_z] = [3000\delta_0^*, 60\delta_0^*, 100\delta_0^*]$$

- costly due to spatial growth
- difficulty accessing asymptotic dynamics

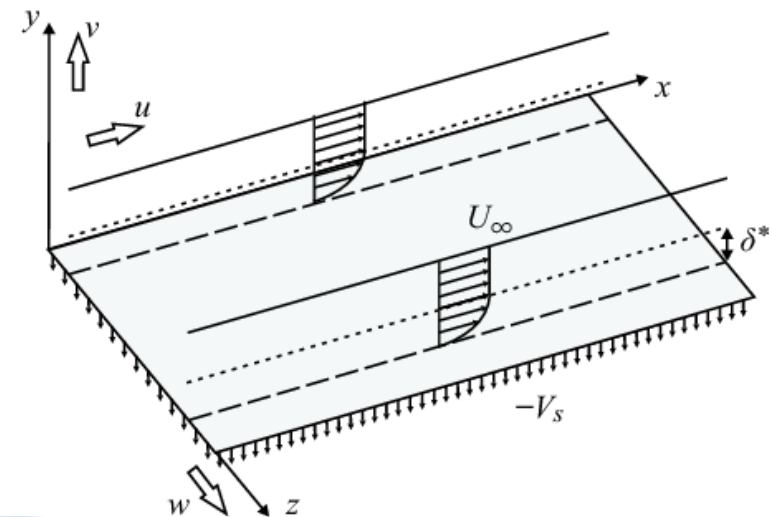
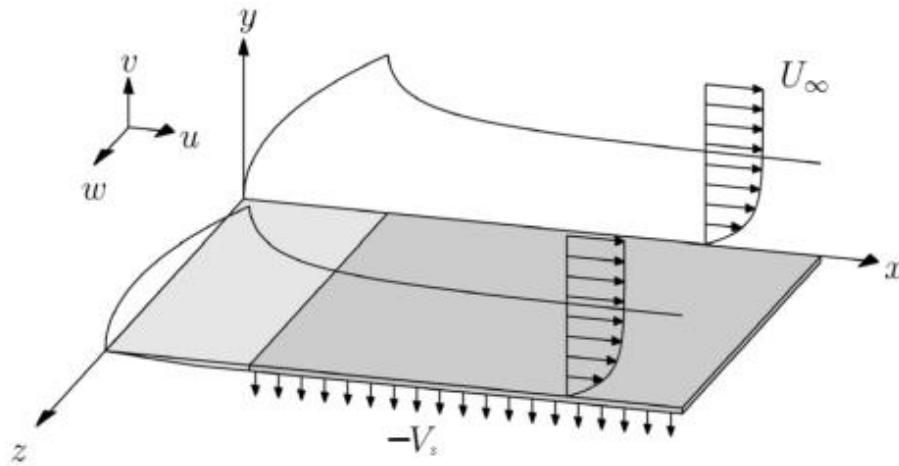


$$u = U_{\infty} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{yV_s}{\nu}}\right)$$

$$v = -V_s$$

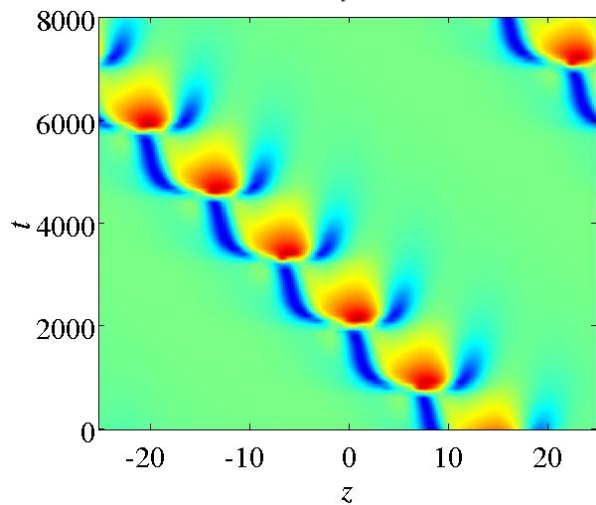
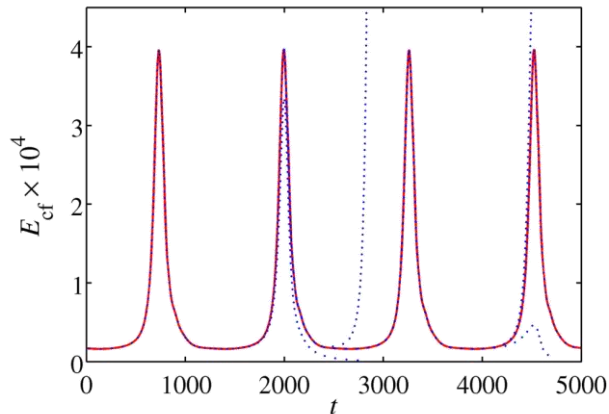
$$Re = \frac{U_{\infty} \delta^*}{\nu} = \frac{U_{\infty}}{V_s}$$

- Experimentally realizable (Antonia *et al.* 1983, Fransson & Alfredsson 2003)
- Linearly stable up to $Re_c=54370$ (Hocking 1975)
- Turbulence observed at $Re=270$ (Khapko *et al.* 2016)

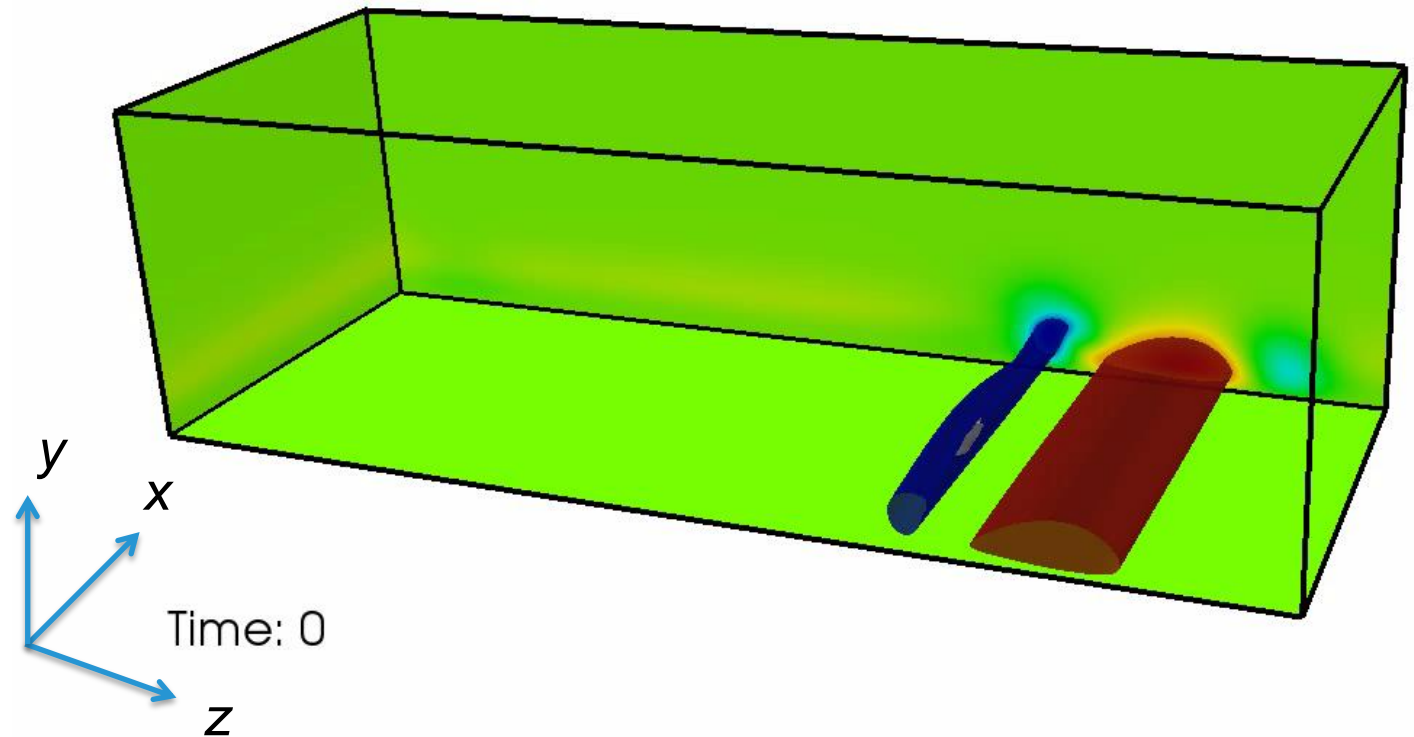


Edge states in short-wide domains in ASBL

$$E_{cf} = \frac{1}{L_x L_z} \int_{\Omega} (v'^2 + w'^2) dx dy dz$$



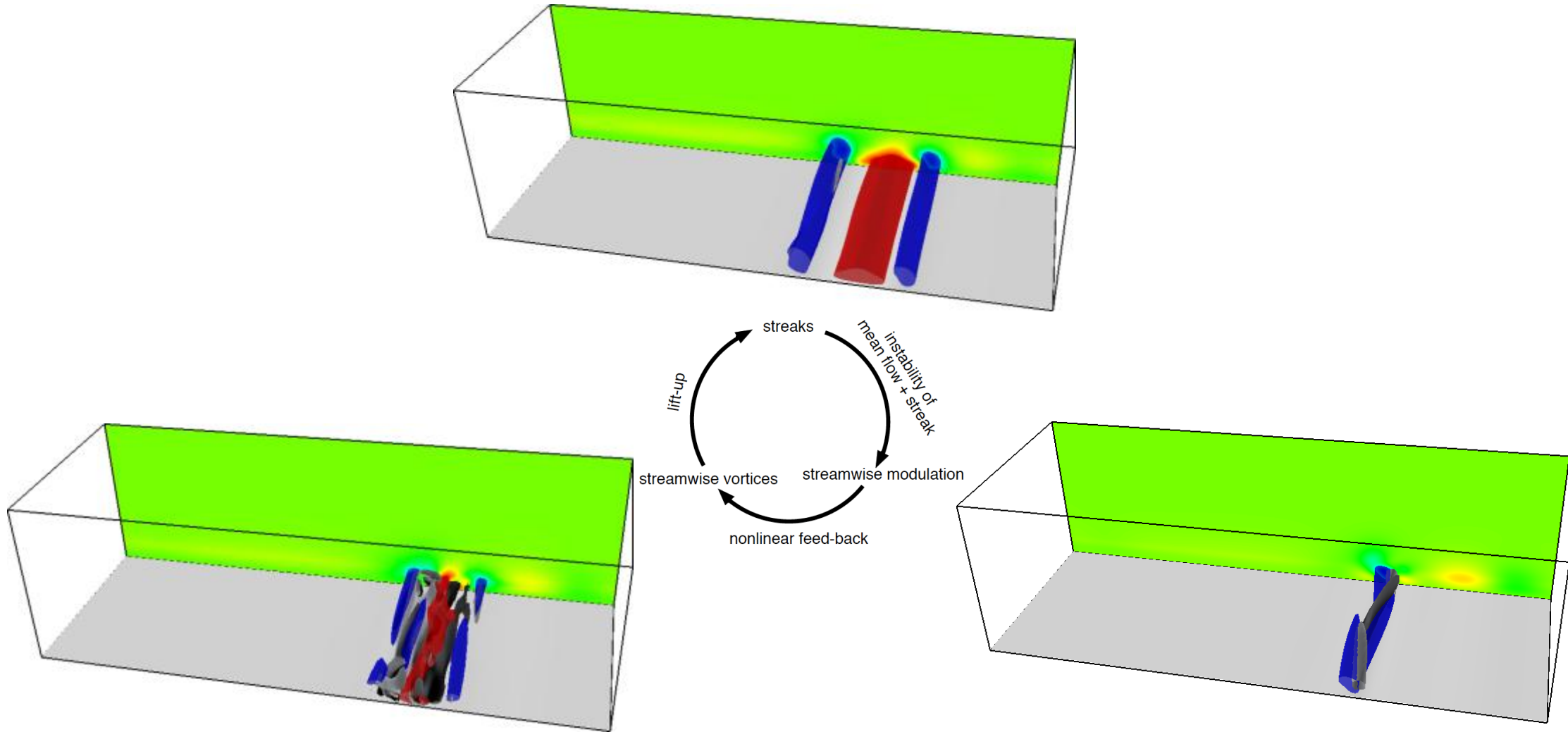
$$[L_x, L_y, L_z] = [6\pi\delta^*, 15\delta^*, 50\delta^*] \quad Re=500$$



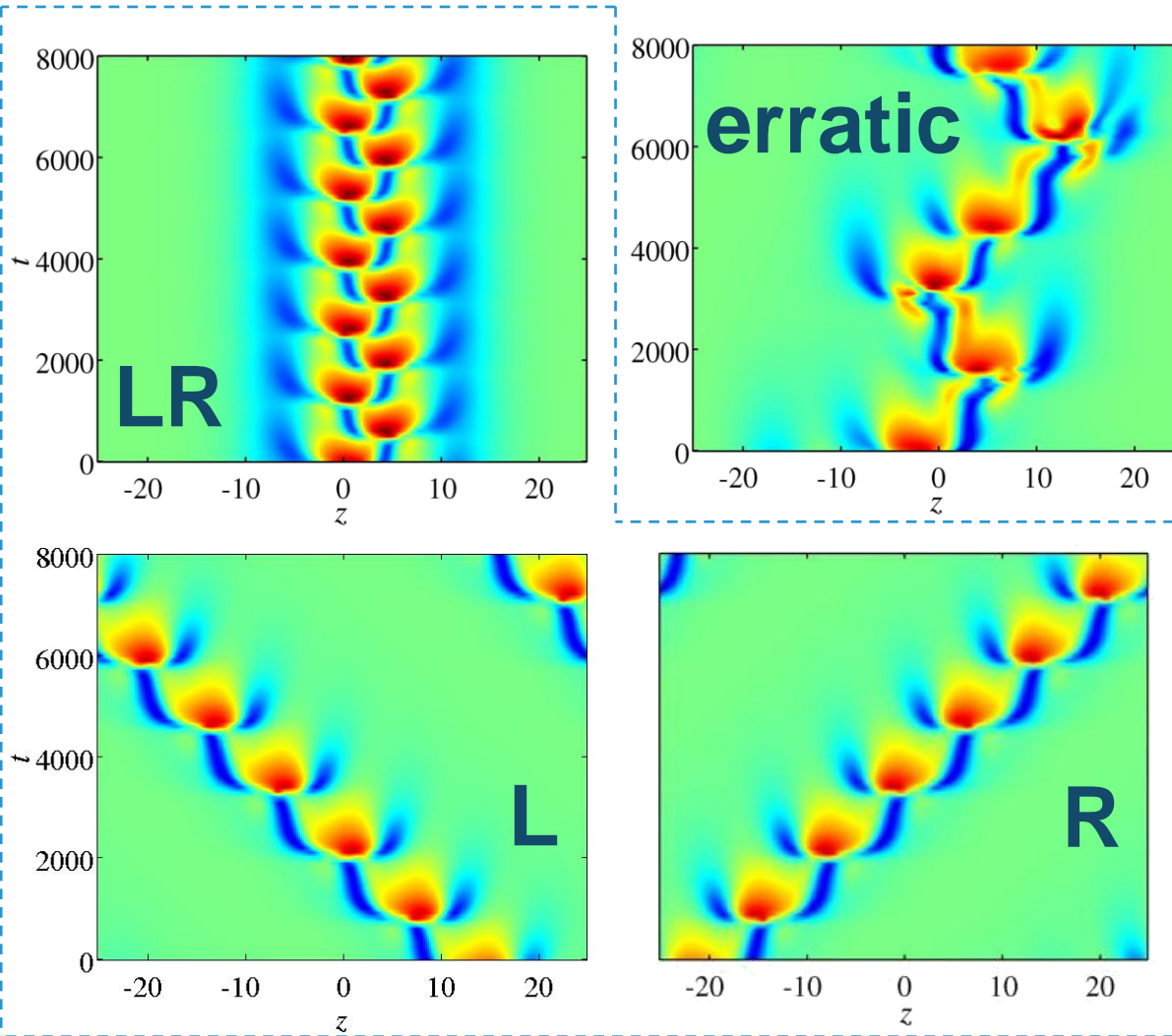
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Self-sustaining mechanism



Edge states in short-wide domains in ASBL



- multitude of periodic and erratic edge states sharing the same dynamics
- periodic edge states help identify phases in self-sustaining mechanism of near-wall turbulence
- **the dynamics in streamwise direction is constrained**
- **next step – large domains with fully localized states**

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Spanwise-localized edge state

Domain size:

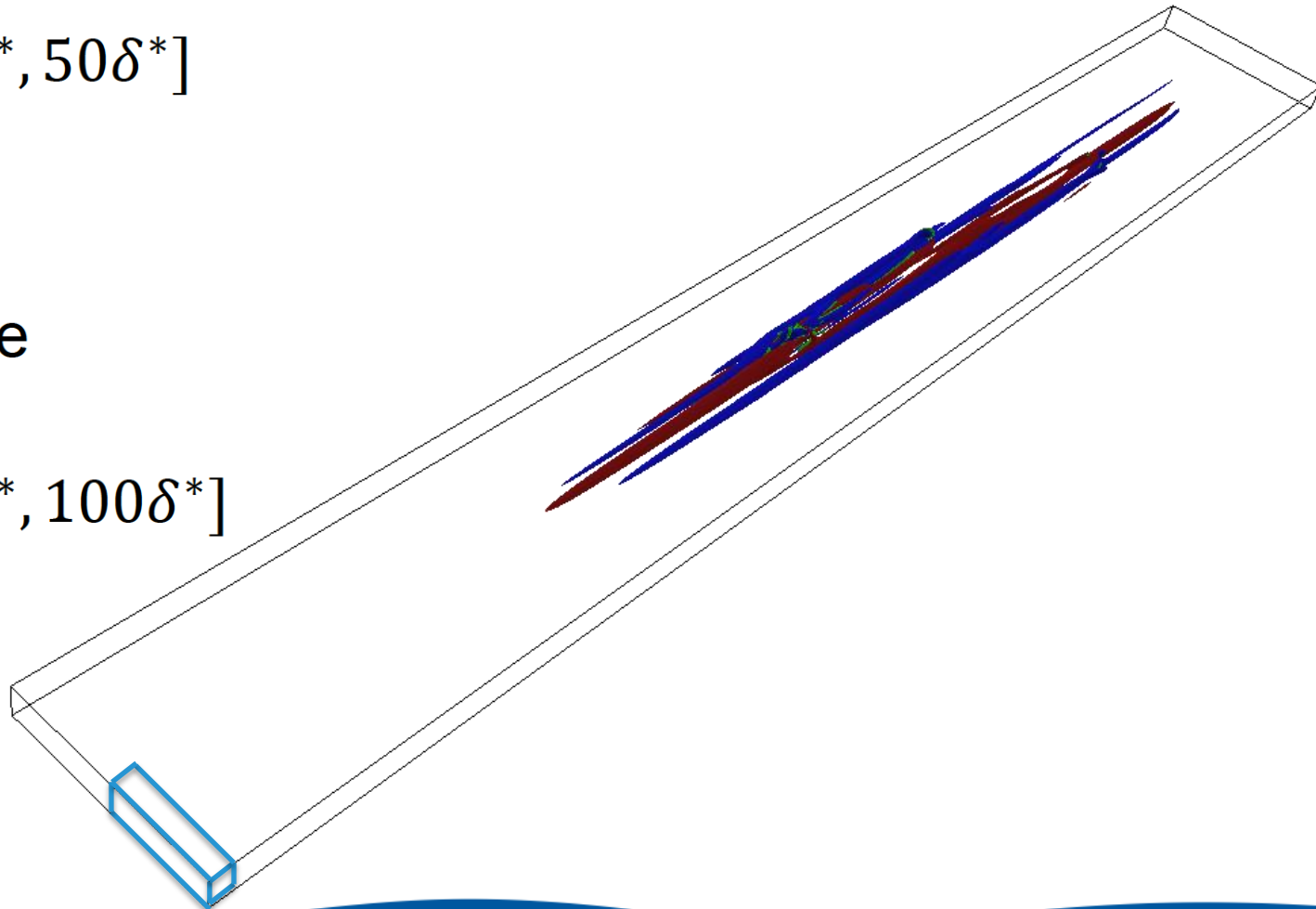
$$[L_x, L_y, L_z] = [6\pi\delta^*, 15\delta^*, 50\delta^*]$$



Fully-localized edge state

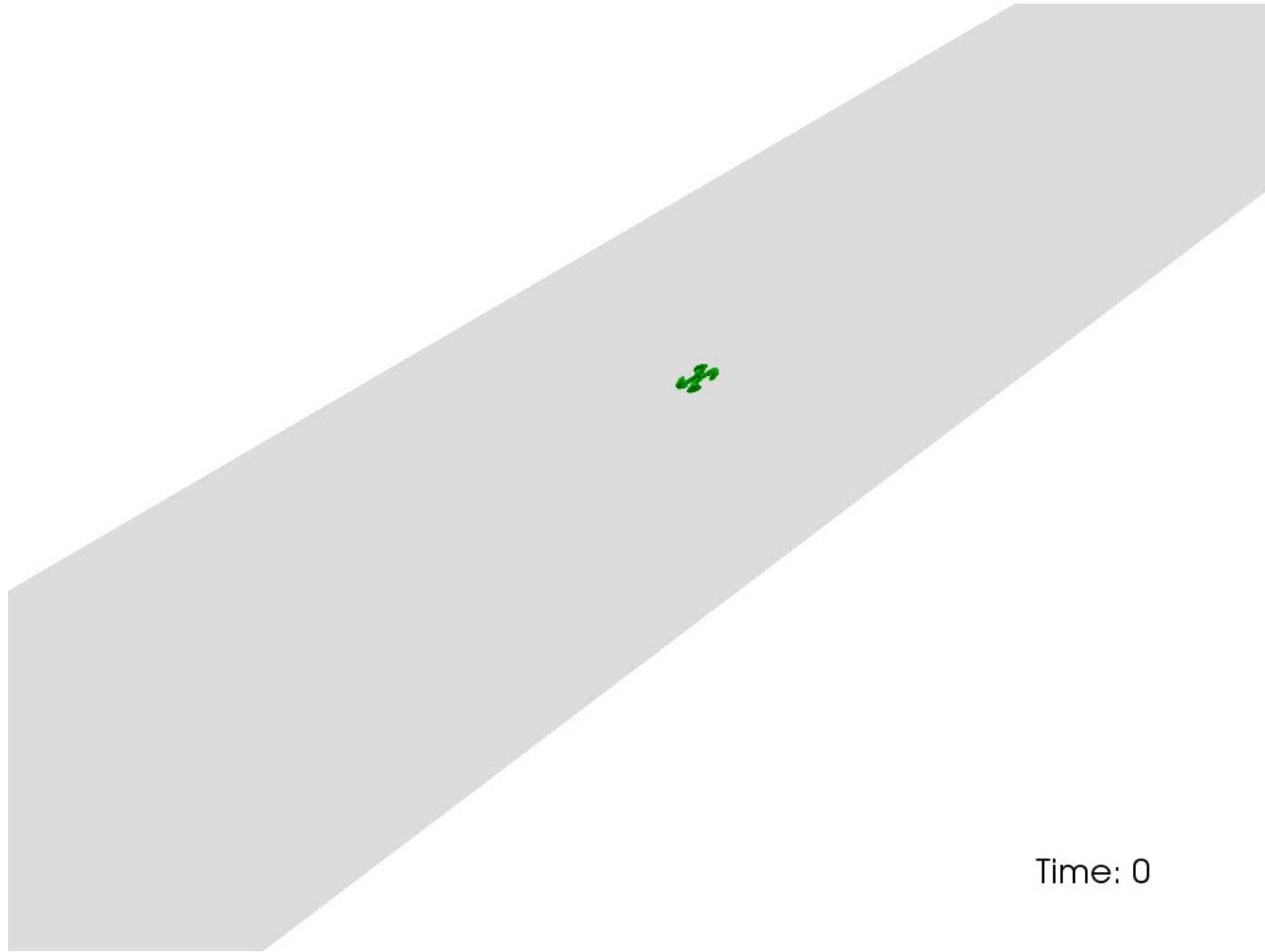
Domain size:

$$[L_x, L_y, L_z] = [800\delta^*, 15\delta^*, 100\delta^*]$$





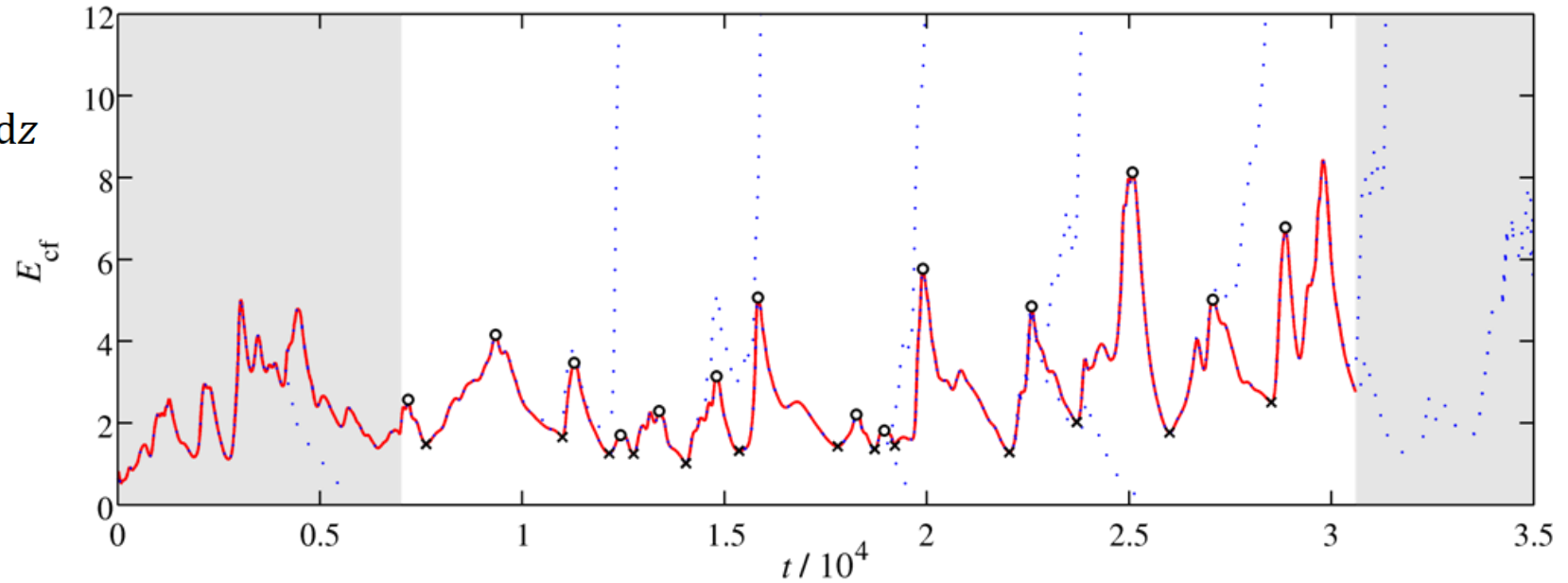
Edge state in large domains in ASBL



Time: 0

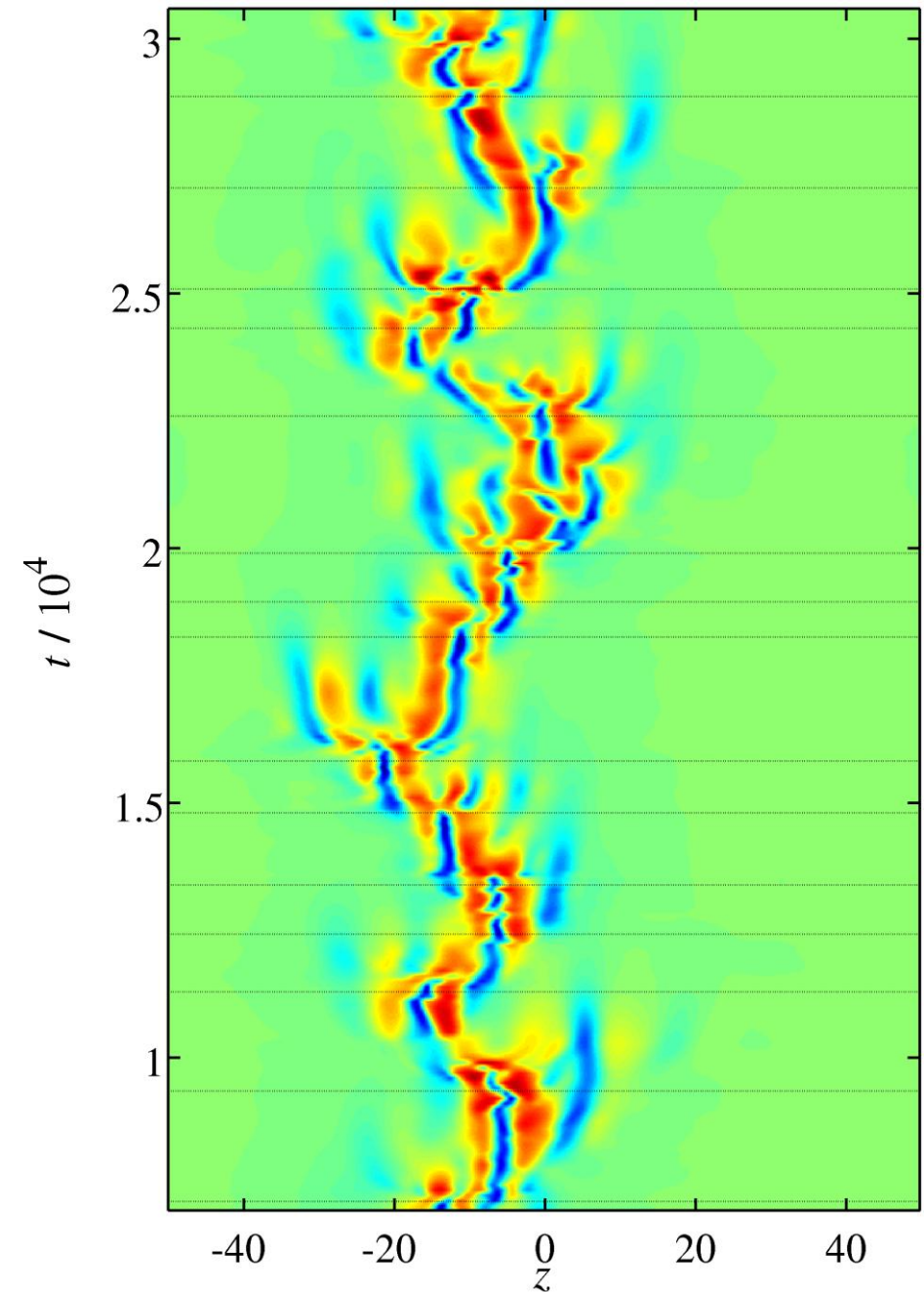
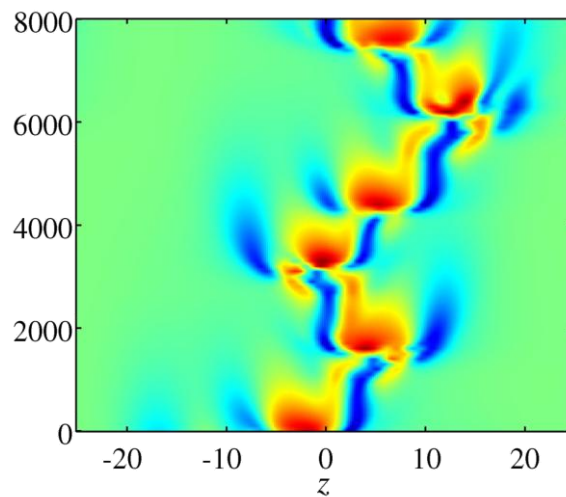
Time evolution of the localized edge state

$$E_{cf} = \int_{\Omega} (v'^2 + w'^2) dx dy dz$$



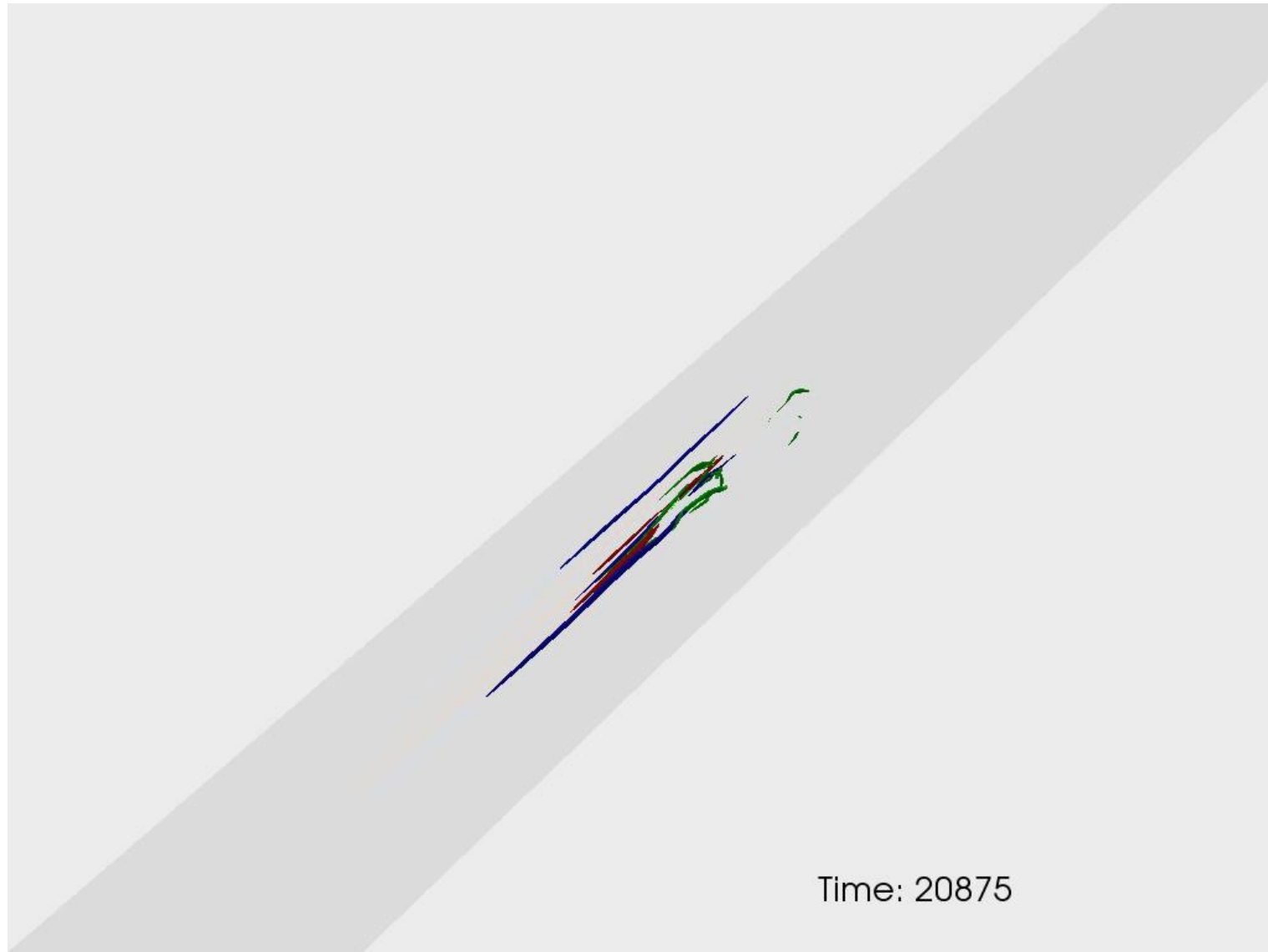
Space-time diagrams

- bursts leading to spanwise shifts in all set-ups: general feature of ASBL



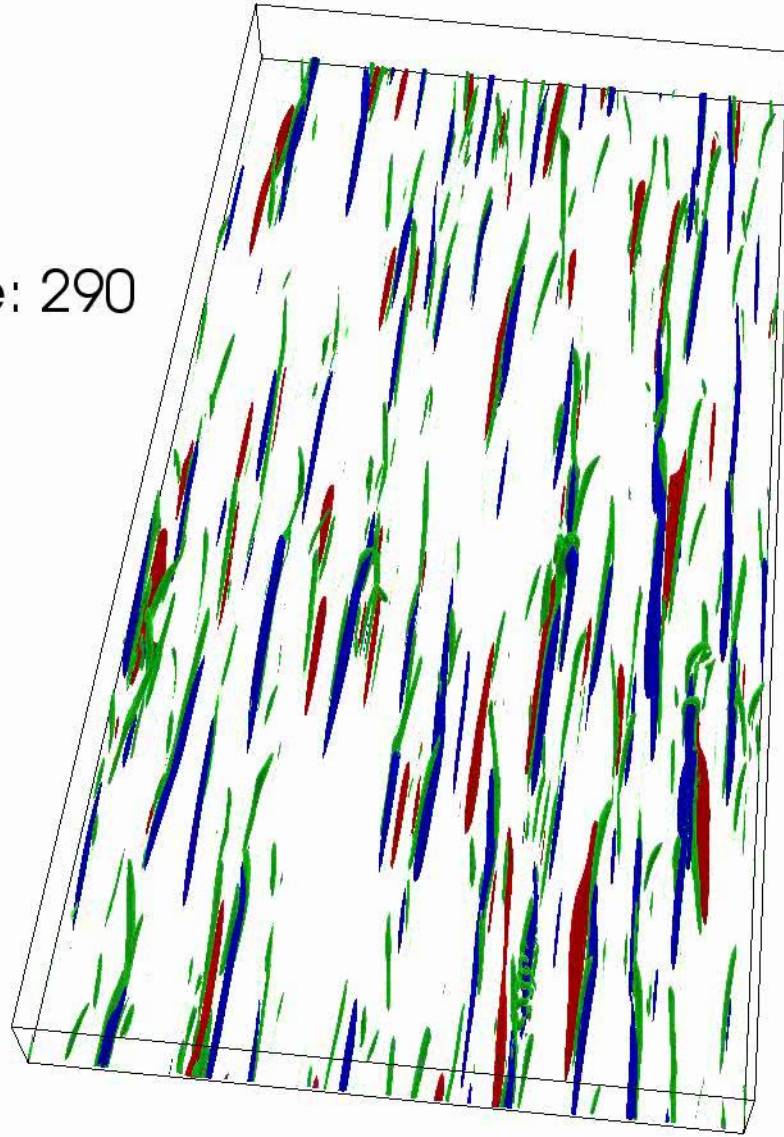
u' averaged in x at $y = 1$ plane

Departure to turbulence



Identifying edge states in transition from noise?

Time: 290



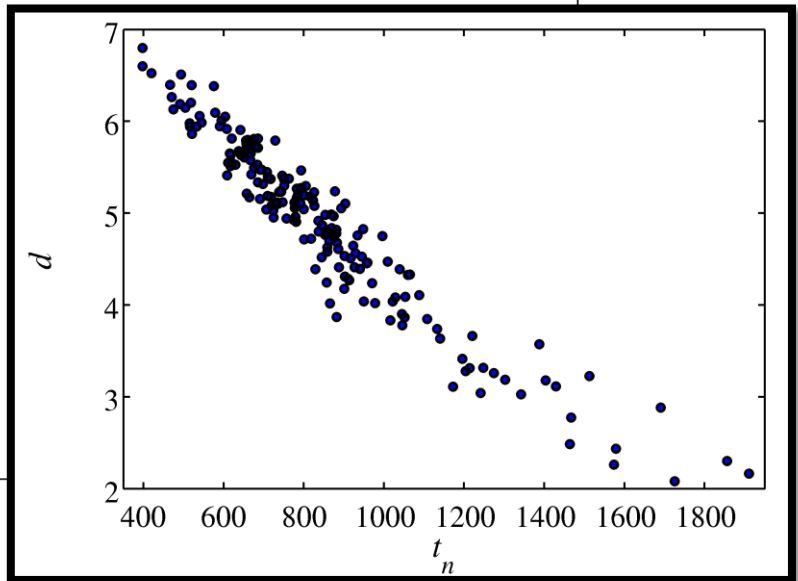
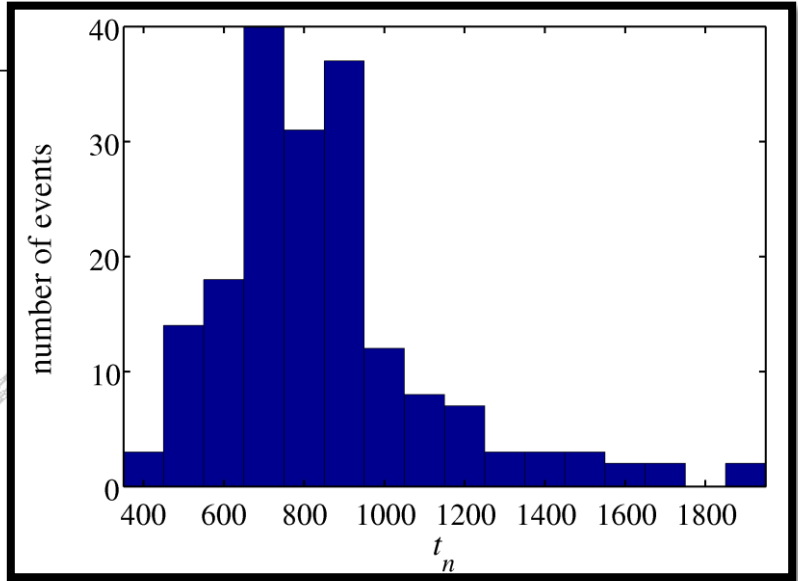
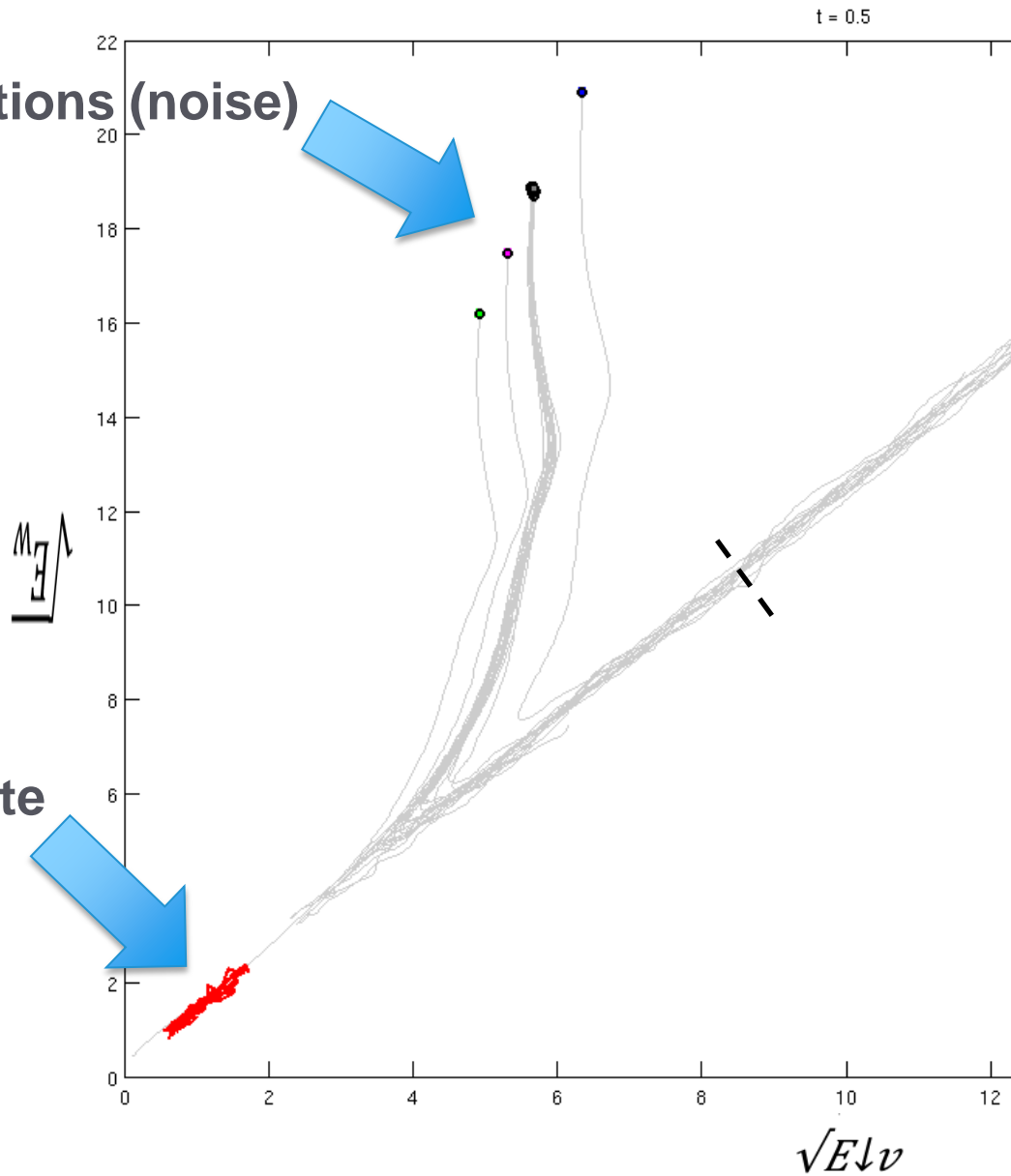


Comparison between edge state and nucleation events

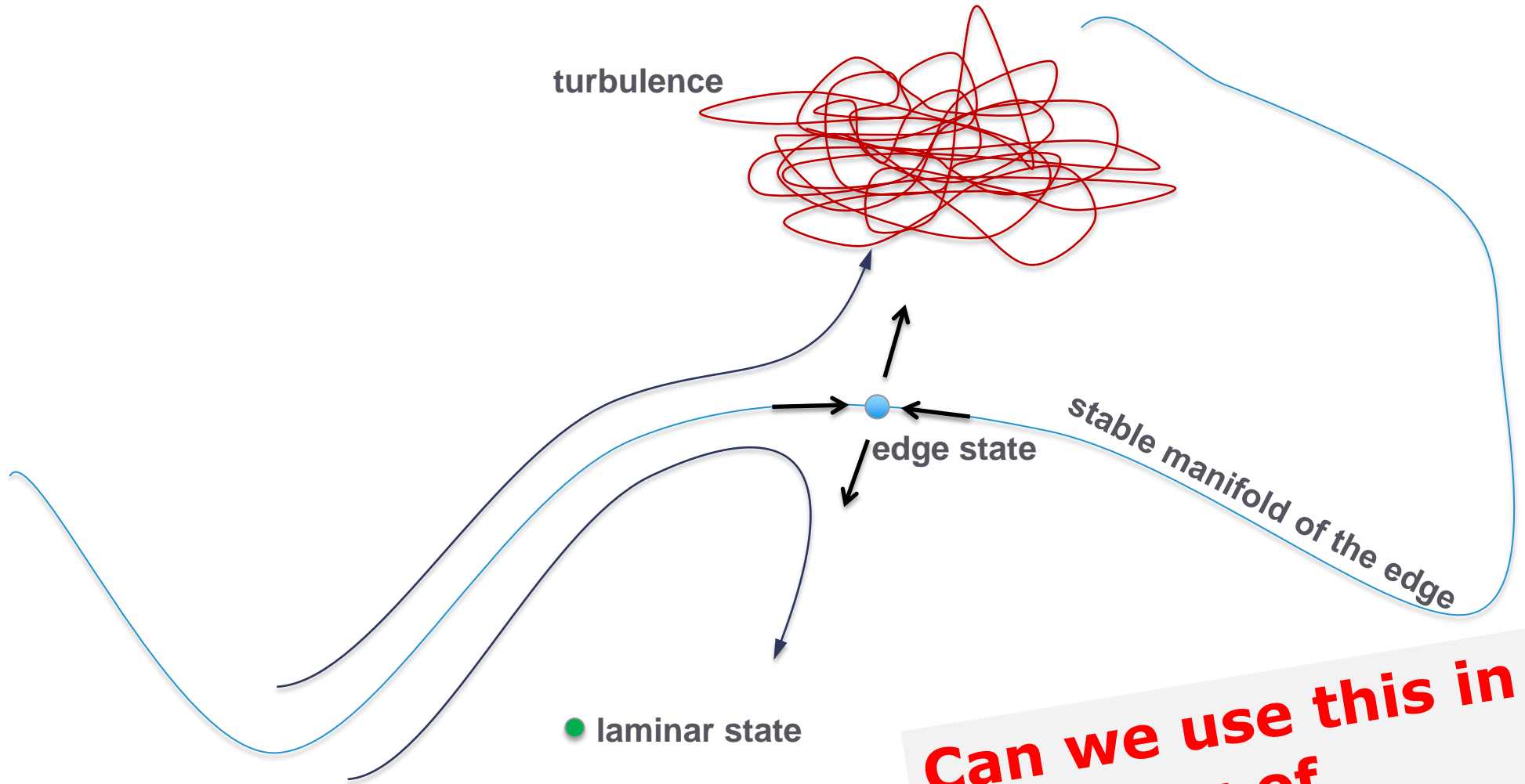
	edge state in calm phase	noise nucleation events
streak width	3.46 ± 0.52	3.75 ± 0.63
strength of the streak	-0.25 ± 0.03	-0.25 ± 0.04
sinuous instability wavelength	33 ± 10	27.5 ± 6

State-space view

initial conditions (noise)

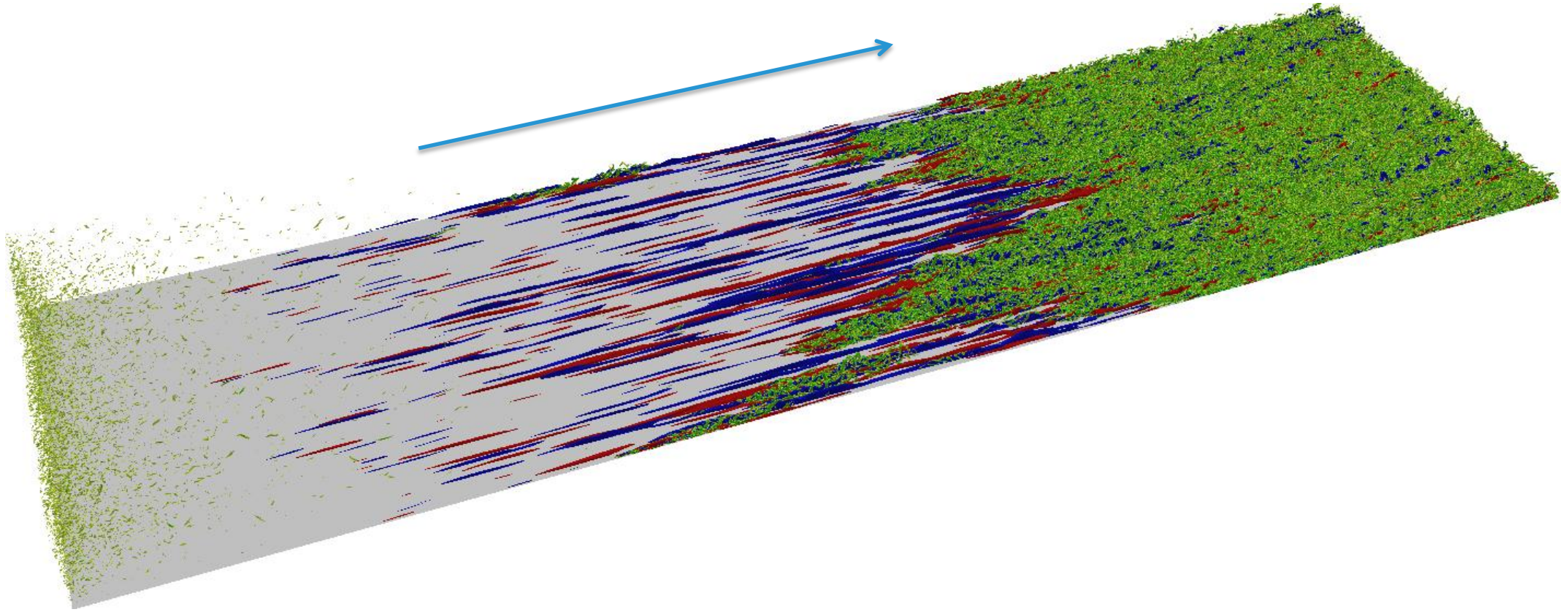


Edge instability leading to turbulence – valid scenario when starting in a vicinity of the edge



Can we use this in modeling of bypass transition?

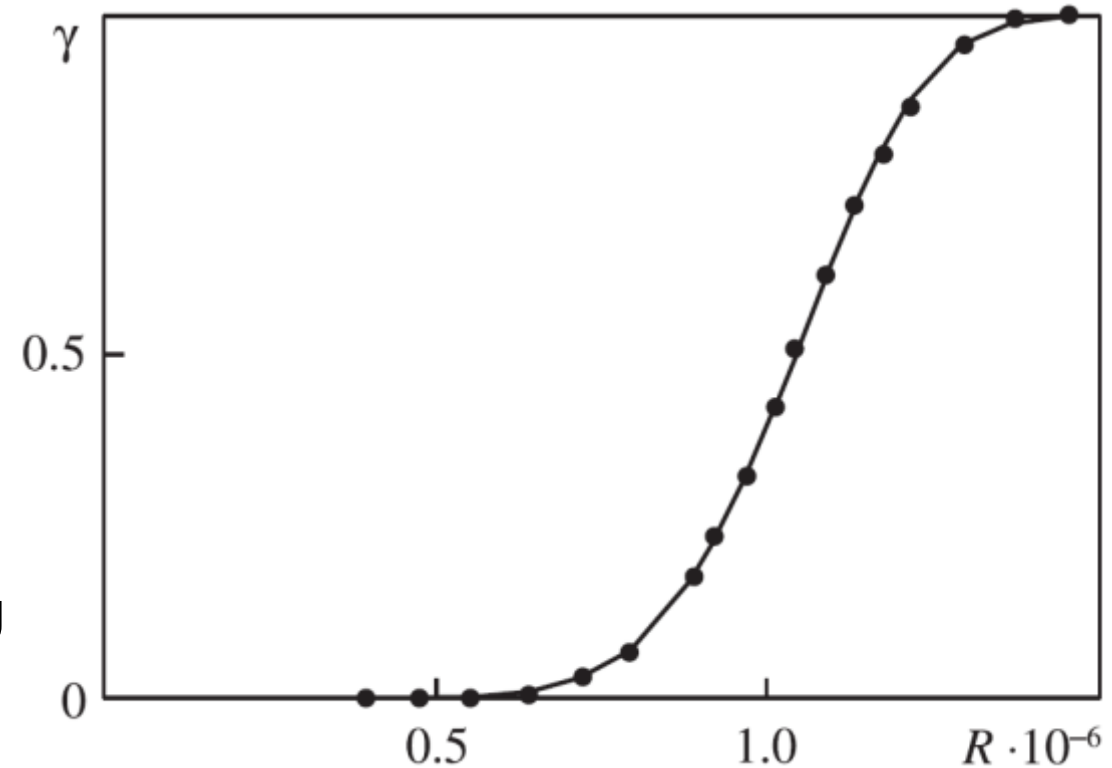
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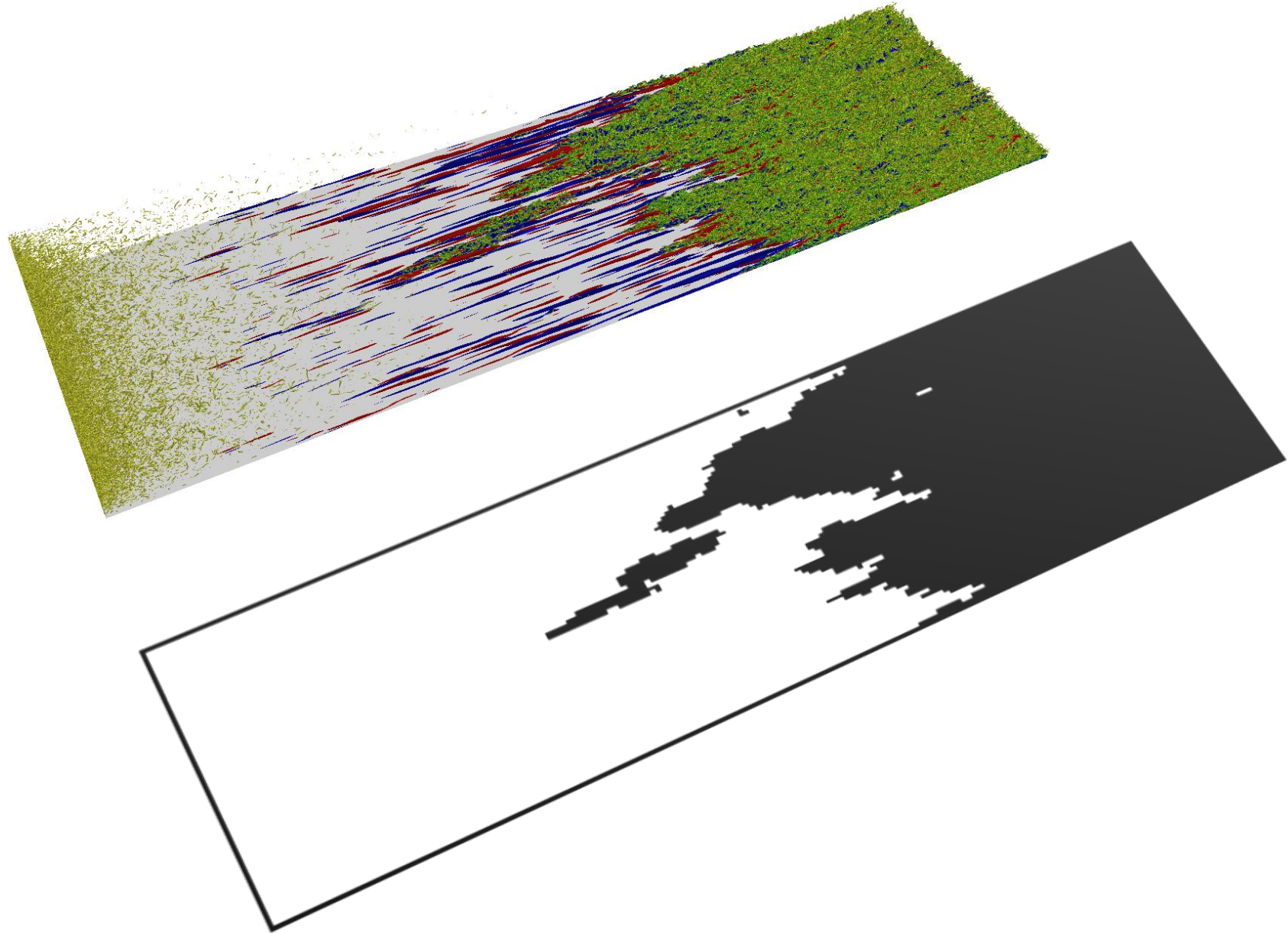
Modelling bypass transition

- Emmons, 1951
- Narasimha, 1985
- Johnson and Fashifar, 1994
- Vinod and Govindarajan, 2004
- Ustinov, 2013

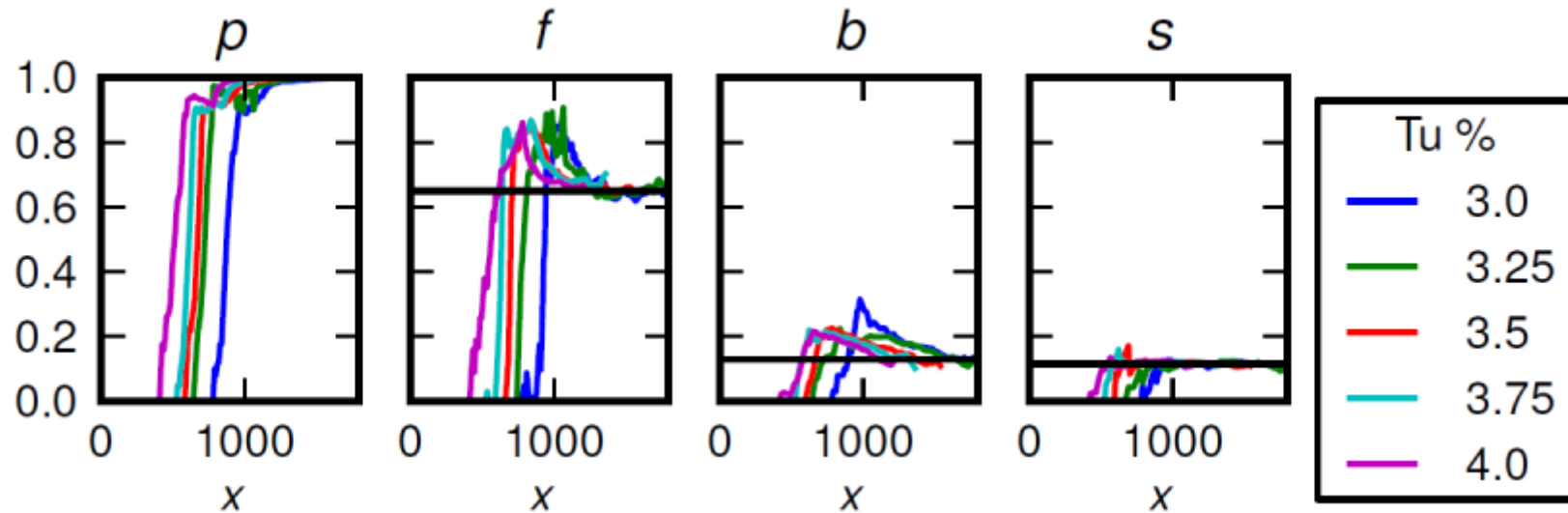
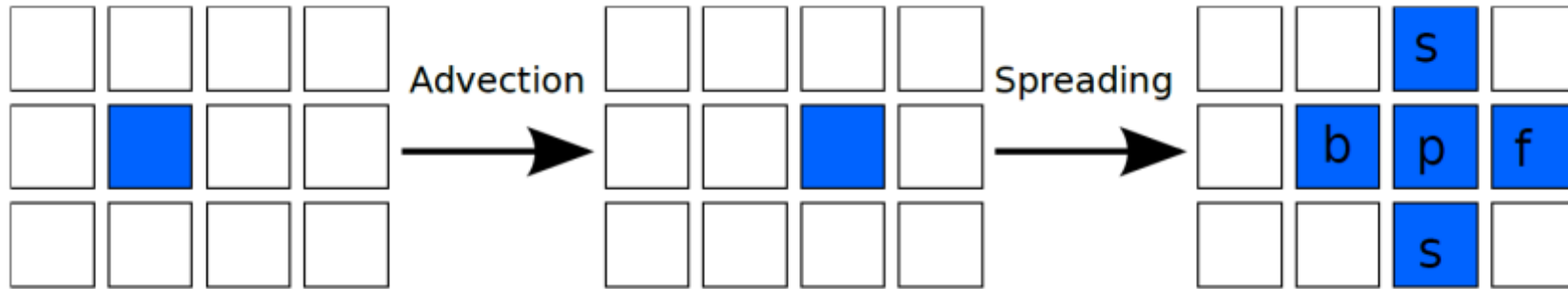
✓ estimating intermittency by modelling all aspects of transition: nucleation, spreading and merging of turbulent spots



Binary representation of bypass transition



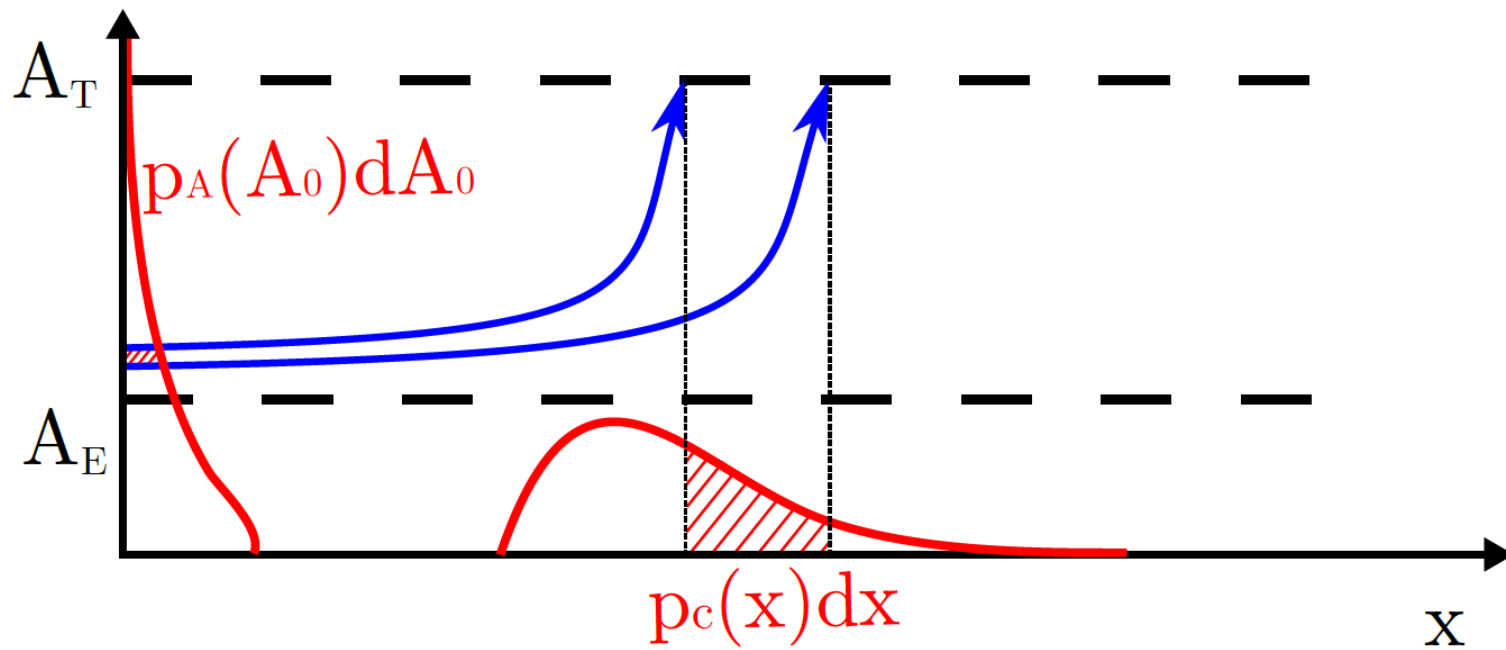
Probabilistic cellular automaton model



- the only difference between different Tu 's is the nucleation probability

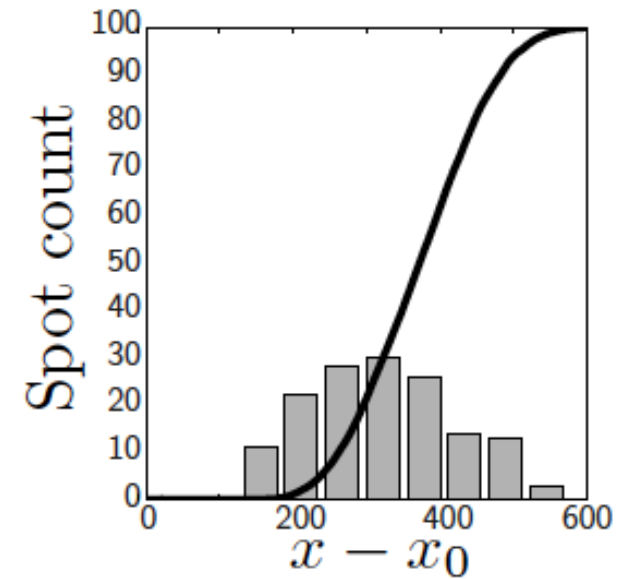
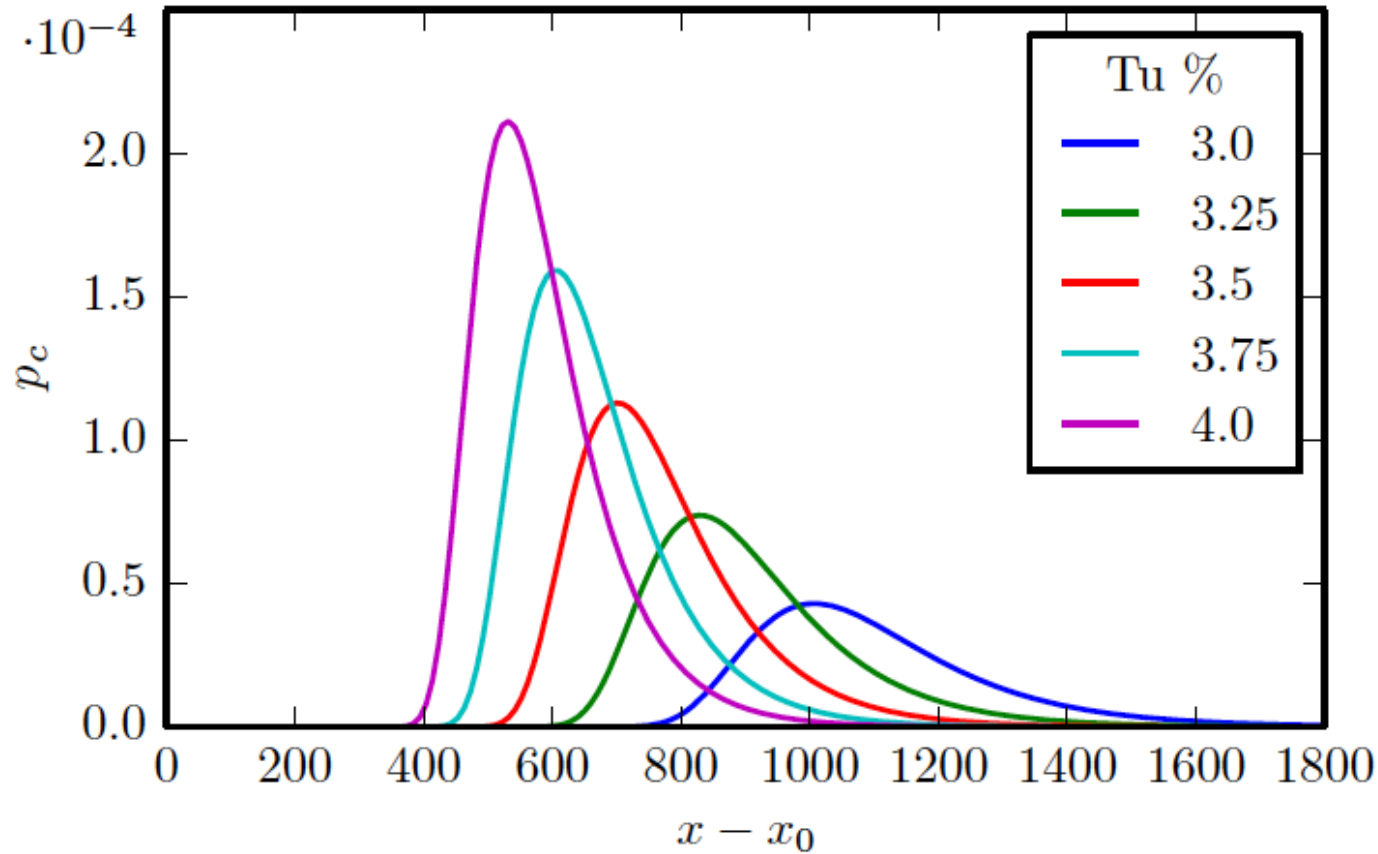
Modelling the nucleation rate: exponential departure from the edge

$$A_0(x) = A_E + (A_T - A_E) \exp(-\lambda x)$$

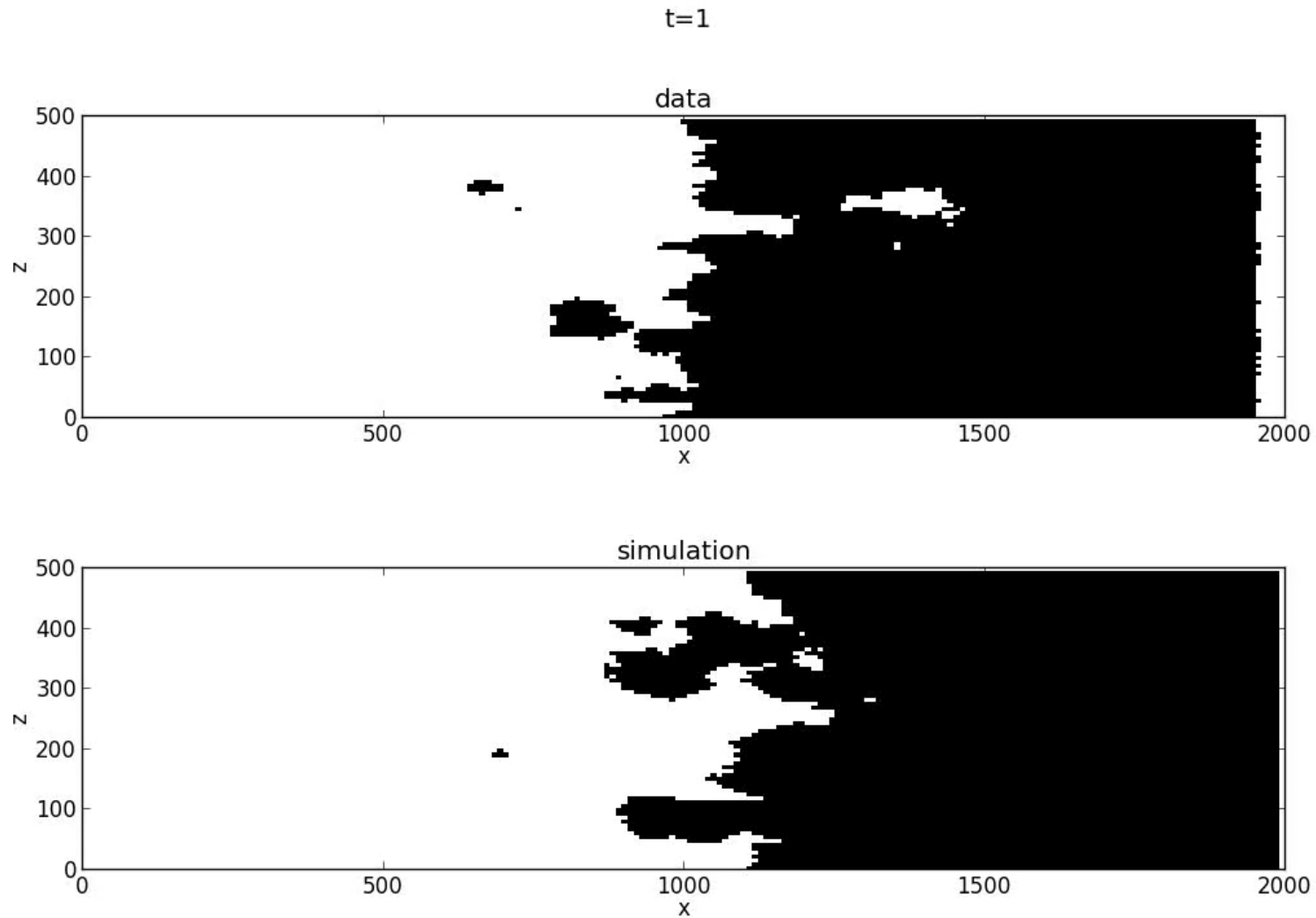


$$p_c(x) dx = p_A(A_0(x)) \left| \frac{dA_0}{dx} \right| dx$$

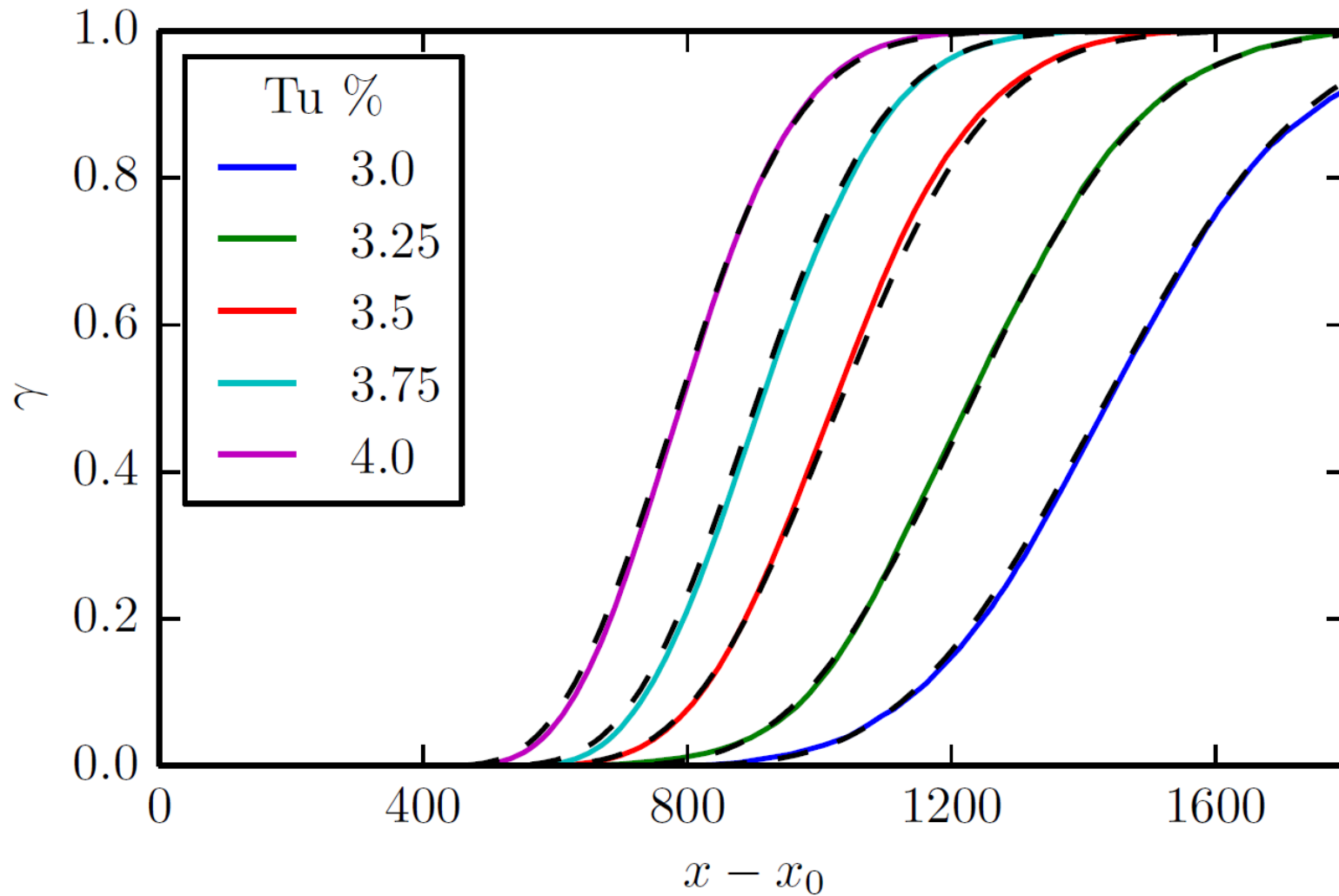
Modelling the nucleation rate – curve fitted to numerical experiments



Comparing the model and the simulations

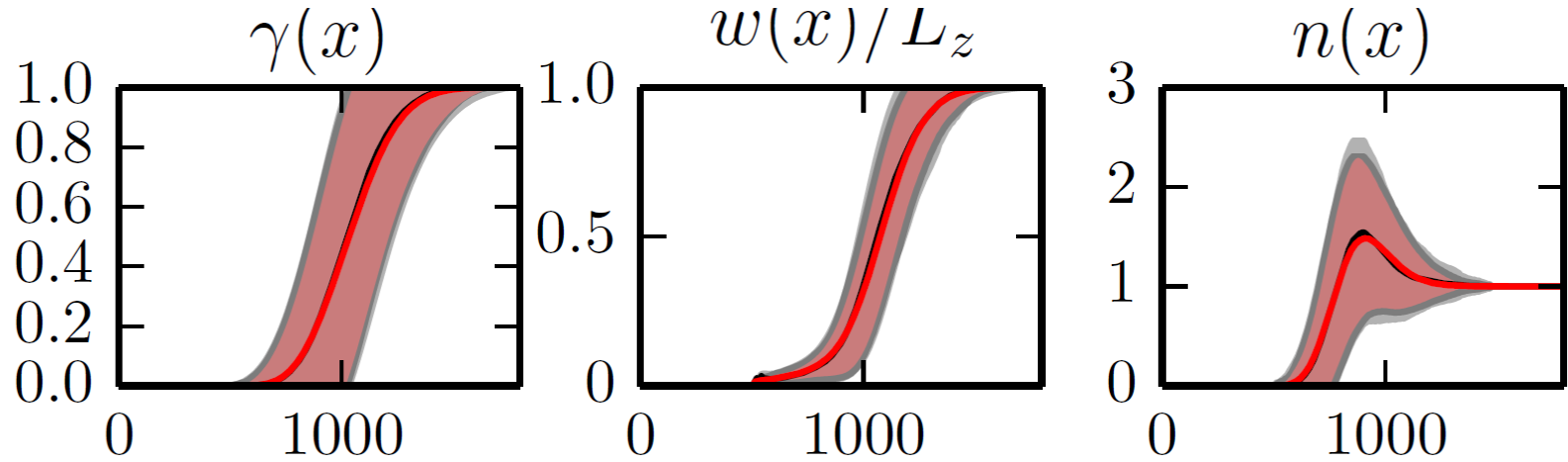


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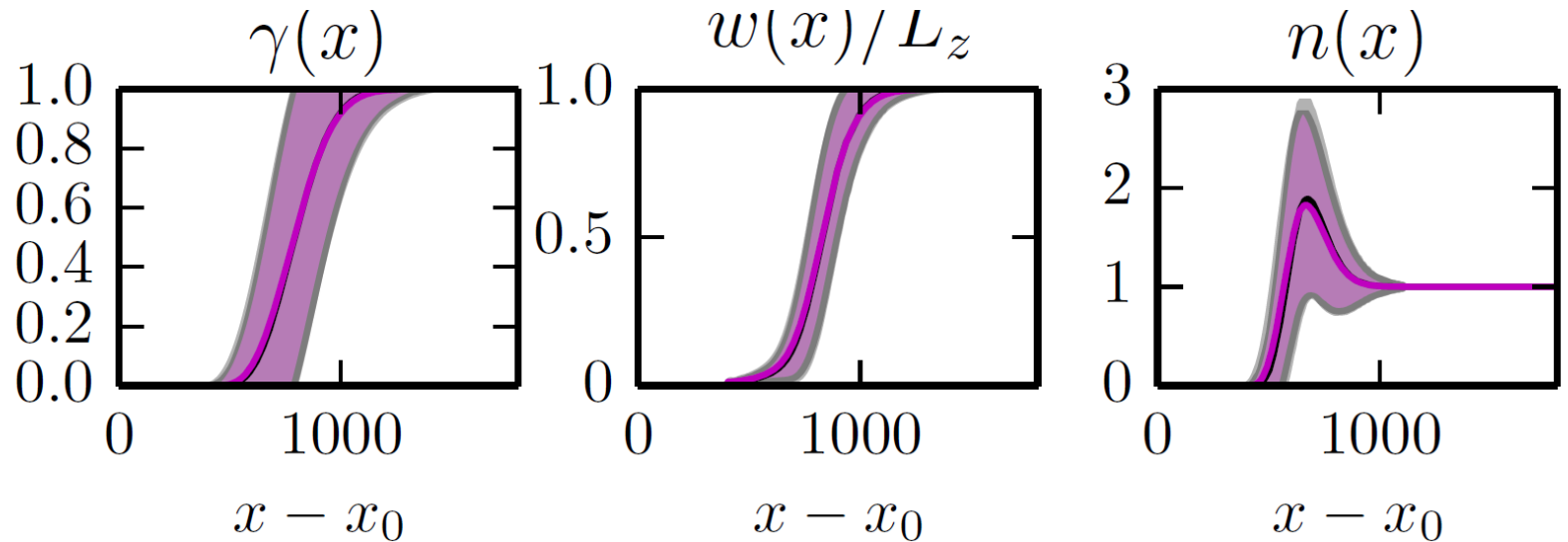


Comparing the model and the simulations

$Tu = 3.5\%$



$Tu = 4.0\%$



Conclusions

- In boundary layers the edge states are characterized by recurrent bursts leading to spanwise shifts
- The self-sustaining mechanism of the edge state bears many similarities to the regeneration cycle of the near-wall turbulence
- During transition the flow approaches the edge for finite time
- Nucleation model constructed based on this transition process
- Nucleation model + Probabilistic cellular automaton = very good description of bypass transition



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