

# Modeling Turbulent Pipe Flow

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at BIFD 2011, Barcelona

# Regimes of Transitional Pipe Flow

(From the work of many)

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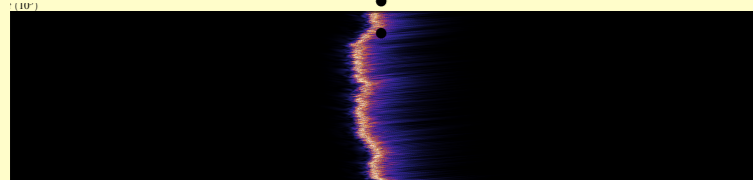
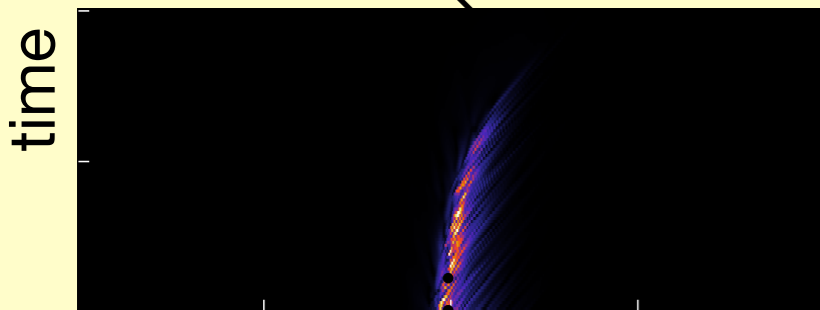
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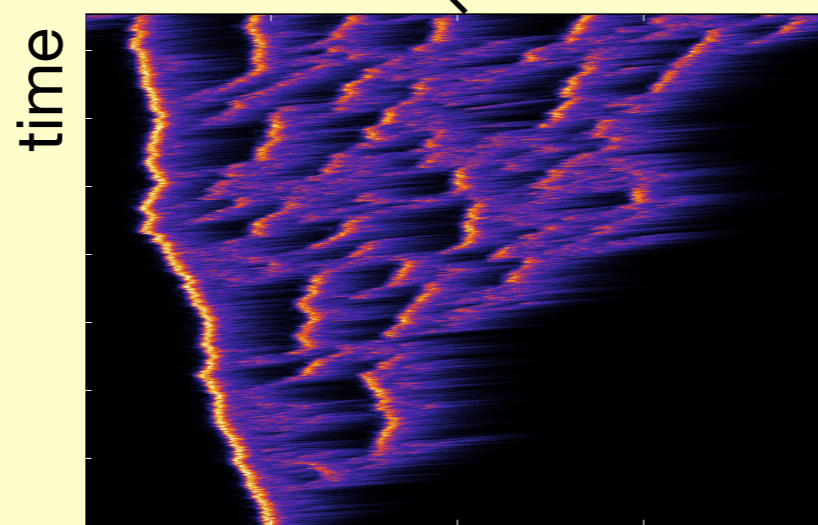
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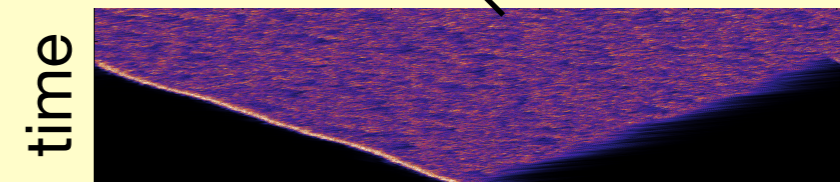
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Critical Re  
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## Models

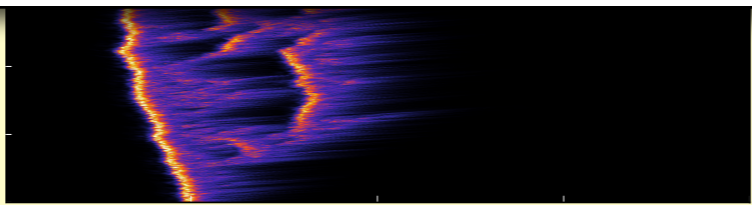
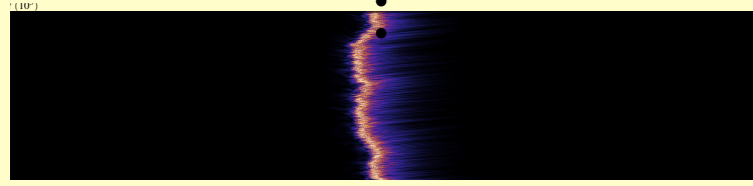
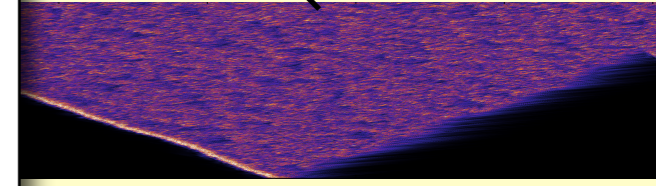
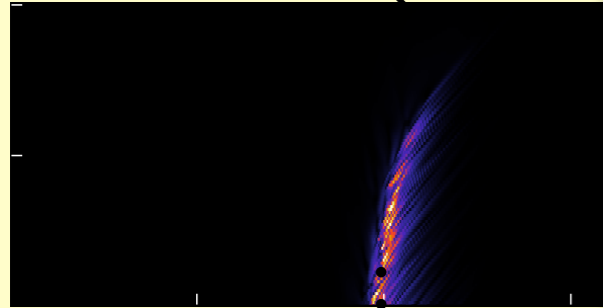
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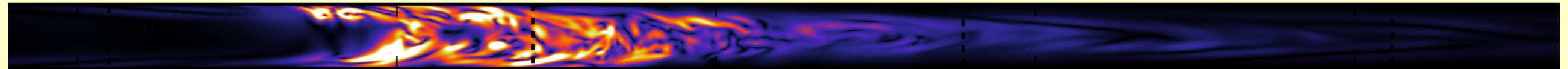
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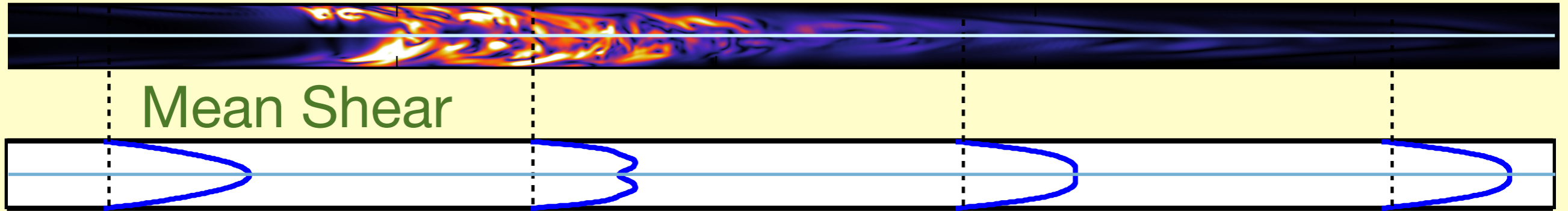
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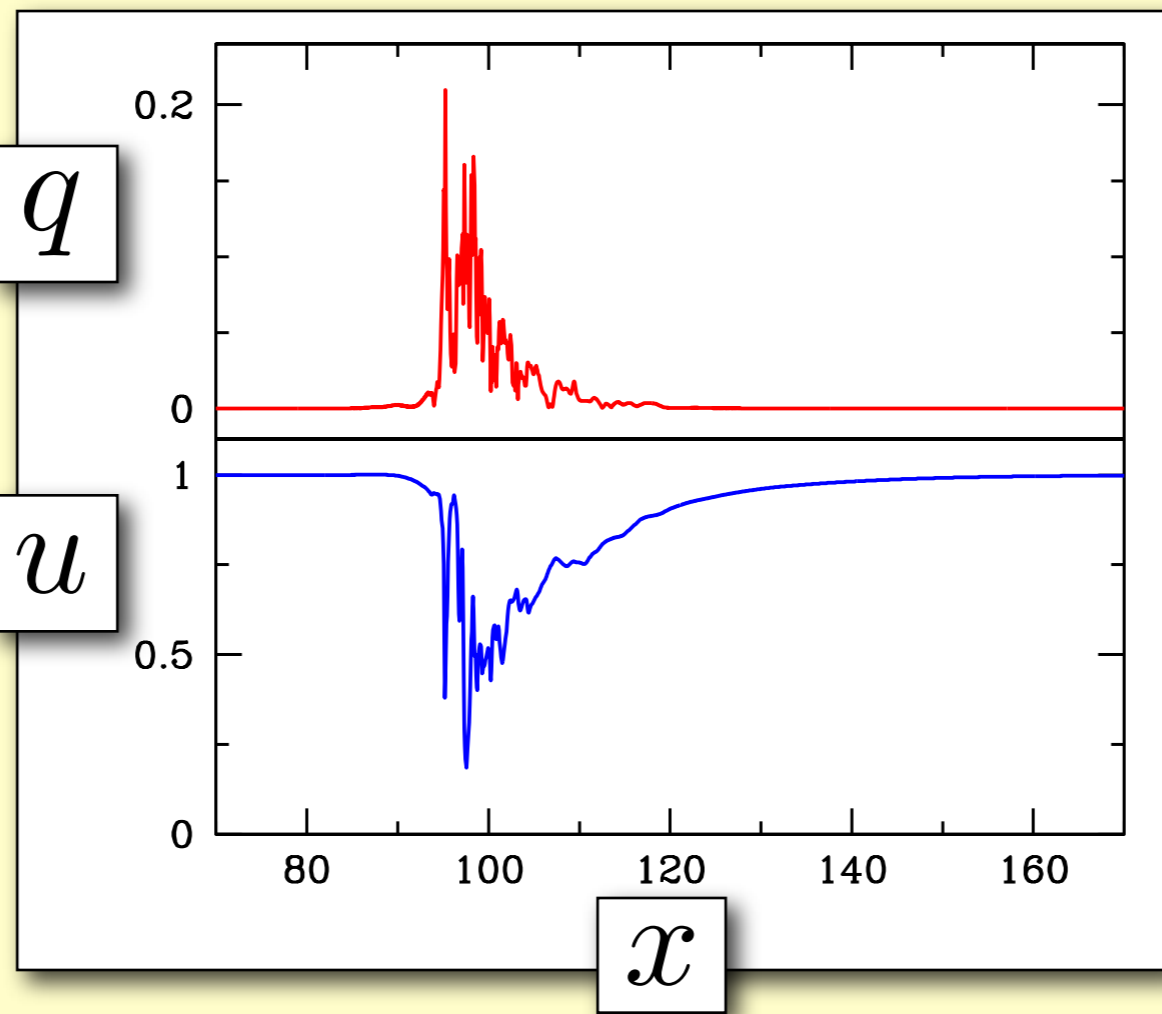
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Mean Shear (centerline velocity)

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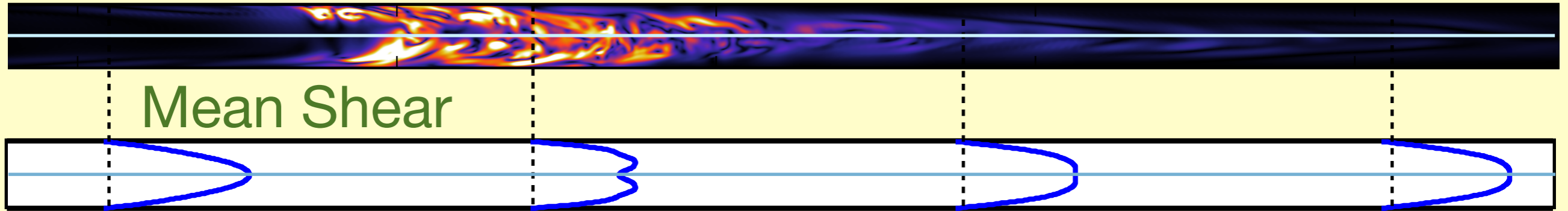


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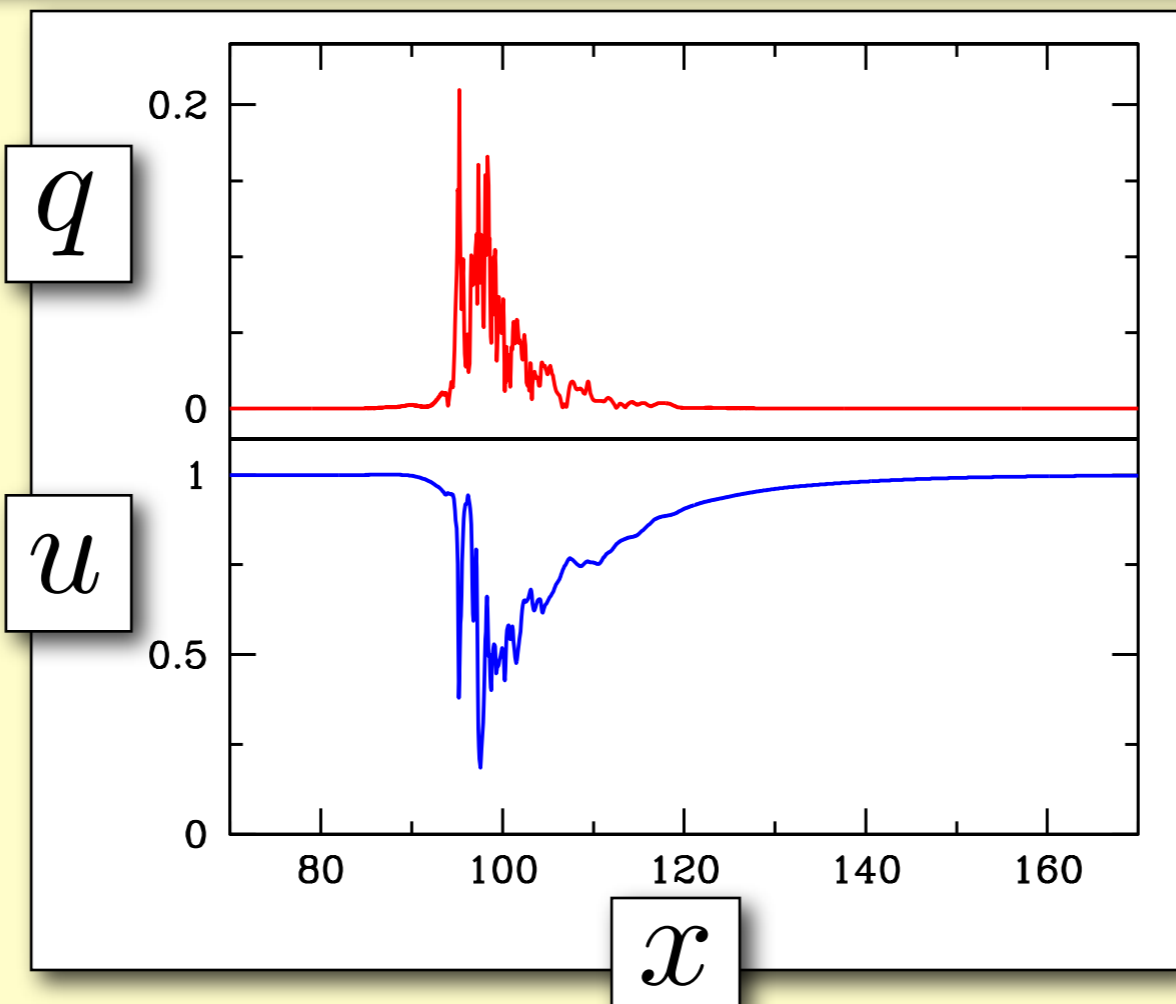
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2 variables:  $q(x)$  and  $u(x)$

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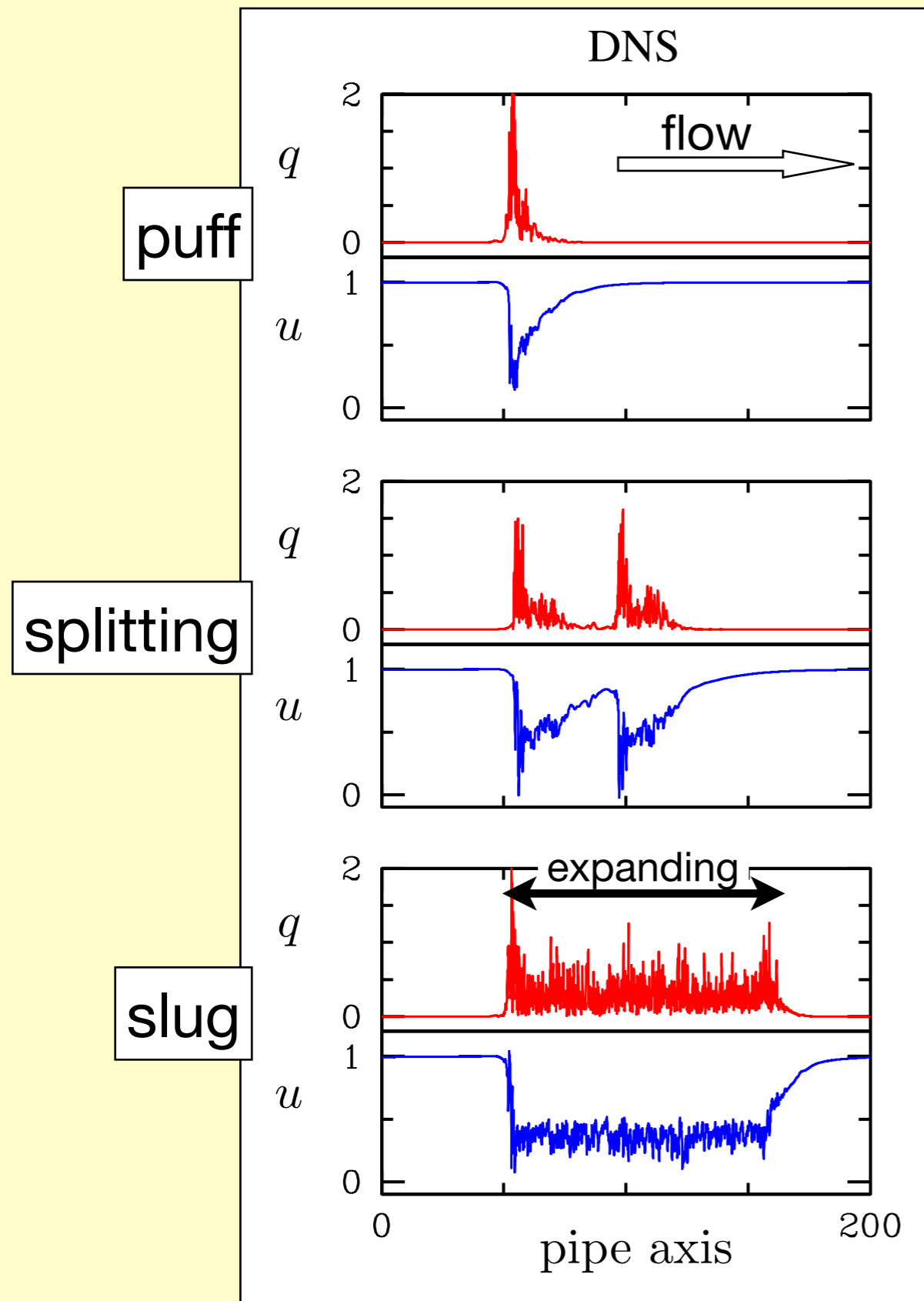
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# Physical Ideas

( Laufer (60's), Wygnanski *et al.* (70's), Sreenivasan *et al.* (70's -80's), Hof *et al.*, Eckhardt *et al.* (00's) )



- Sharp upstream front  
(turbulent energy extracted from laminar shear)
- Reverse transition on downstream side of puff  
(modified shear cannot sustain turbulence)
- No reverse transition on downstream side of slug
- Slow recovery following excitation  
(mean shear recovers slowly)
- State of recovery controls susceptibility to excitation
- Turbulence is locally transient (chaotic saddle)

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Step-by-step Explanation

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First consider model without spatial derivatives.

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This is the core of the model.

It describe how

turbulence and mean shear behave locally in space.

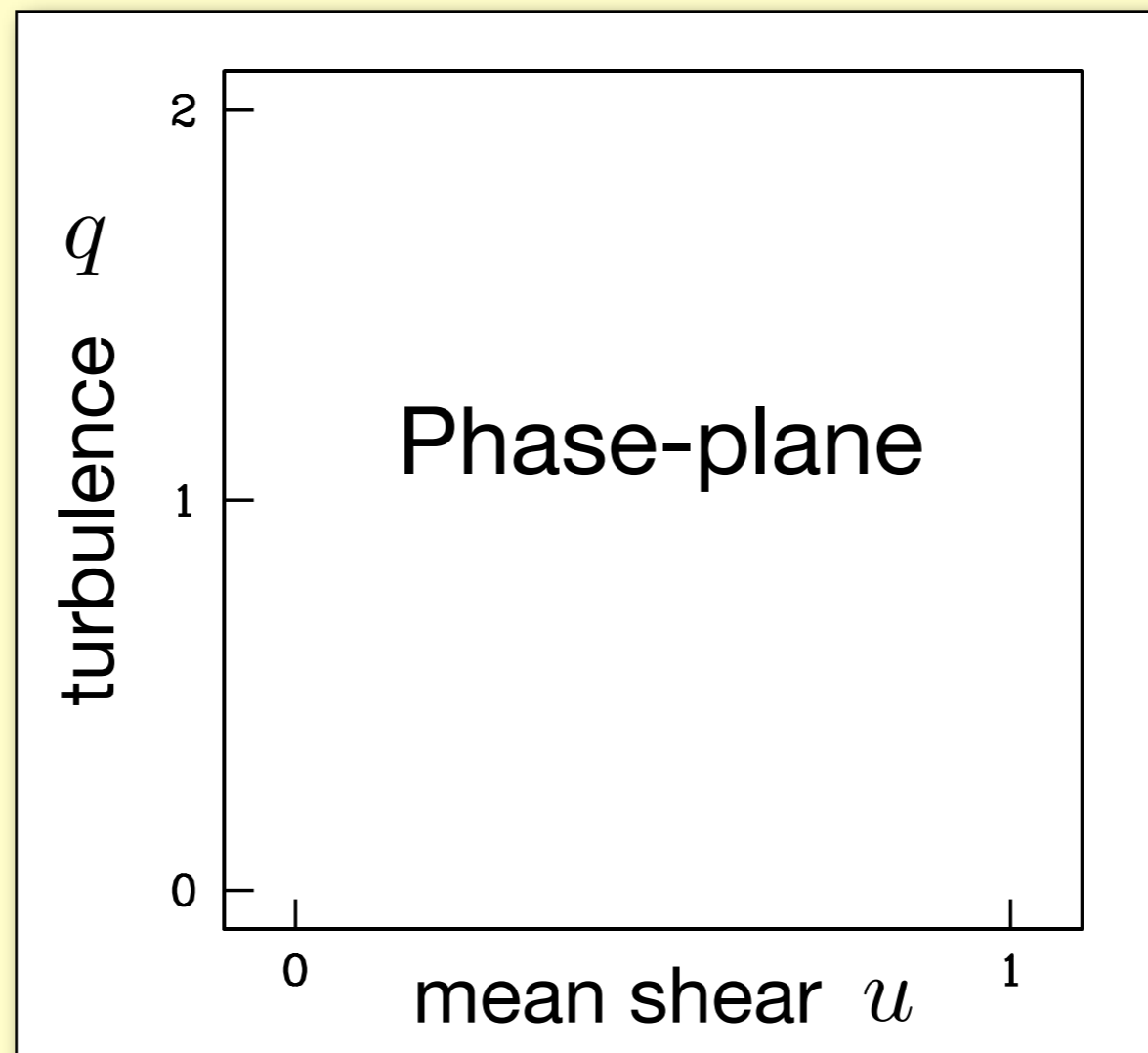


local region

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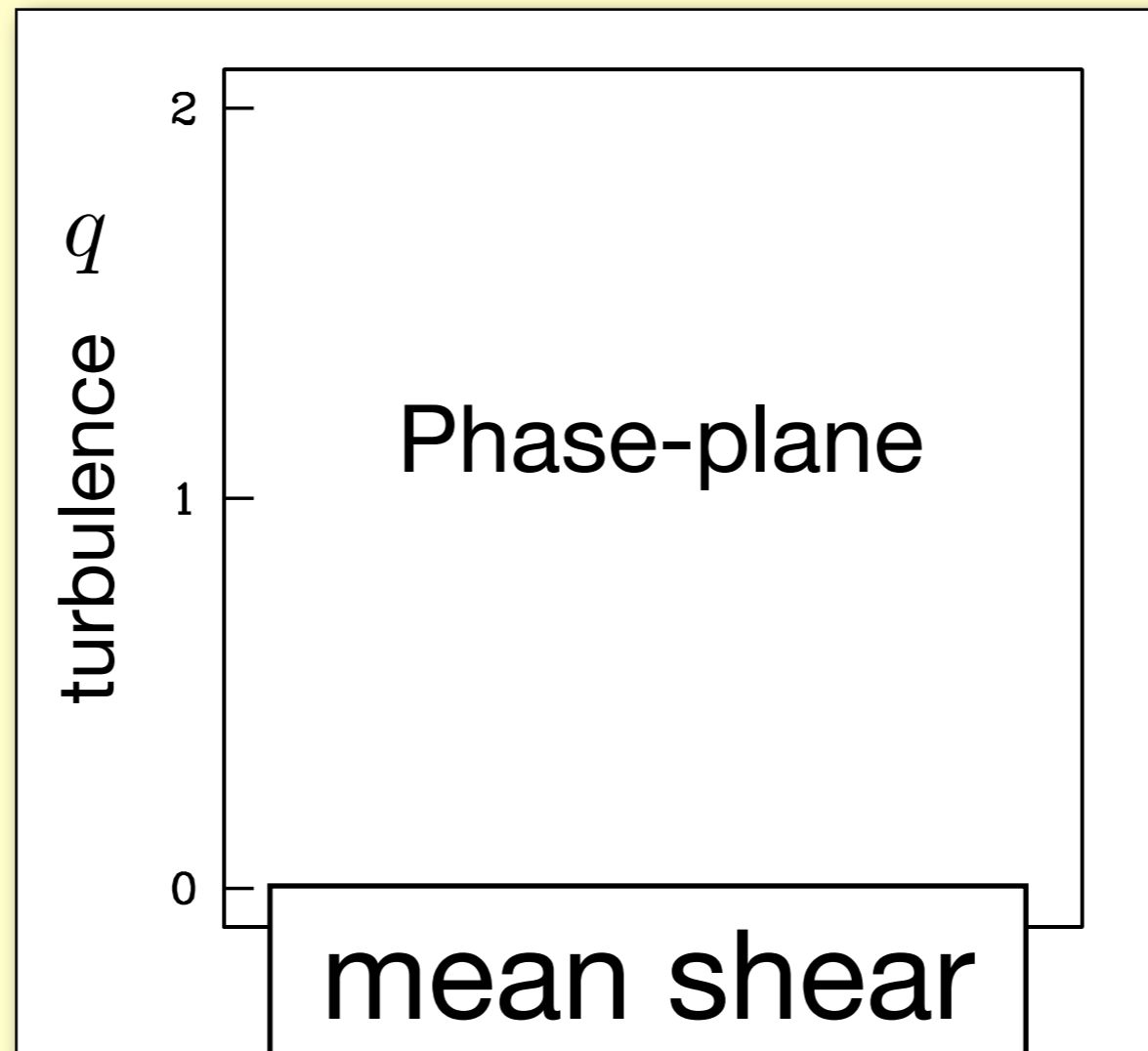
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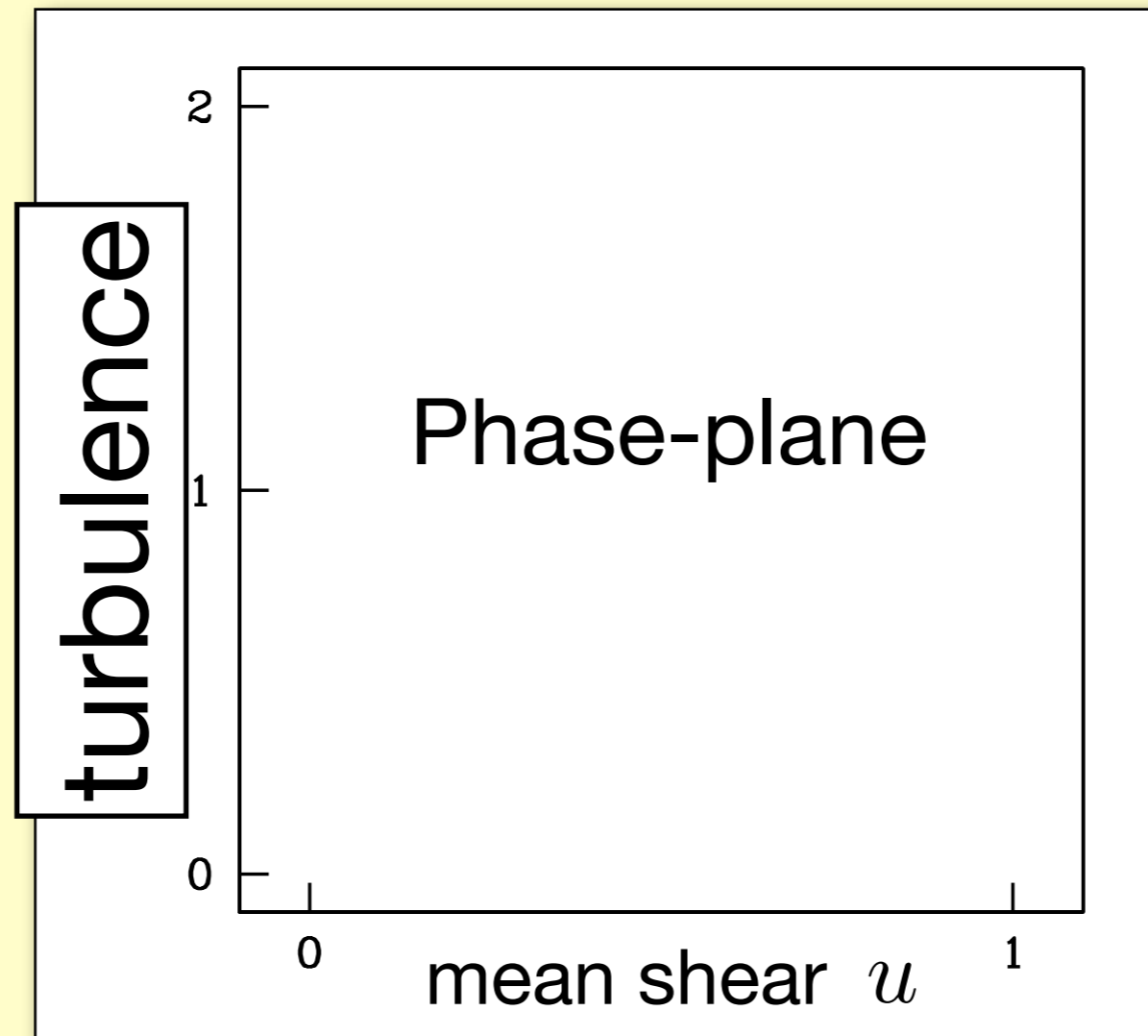
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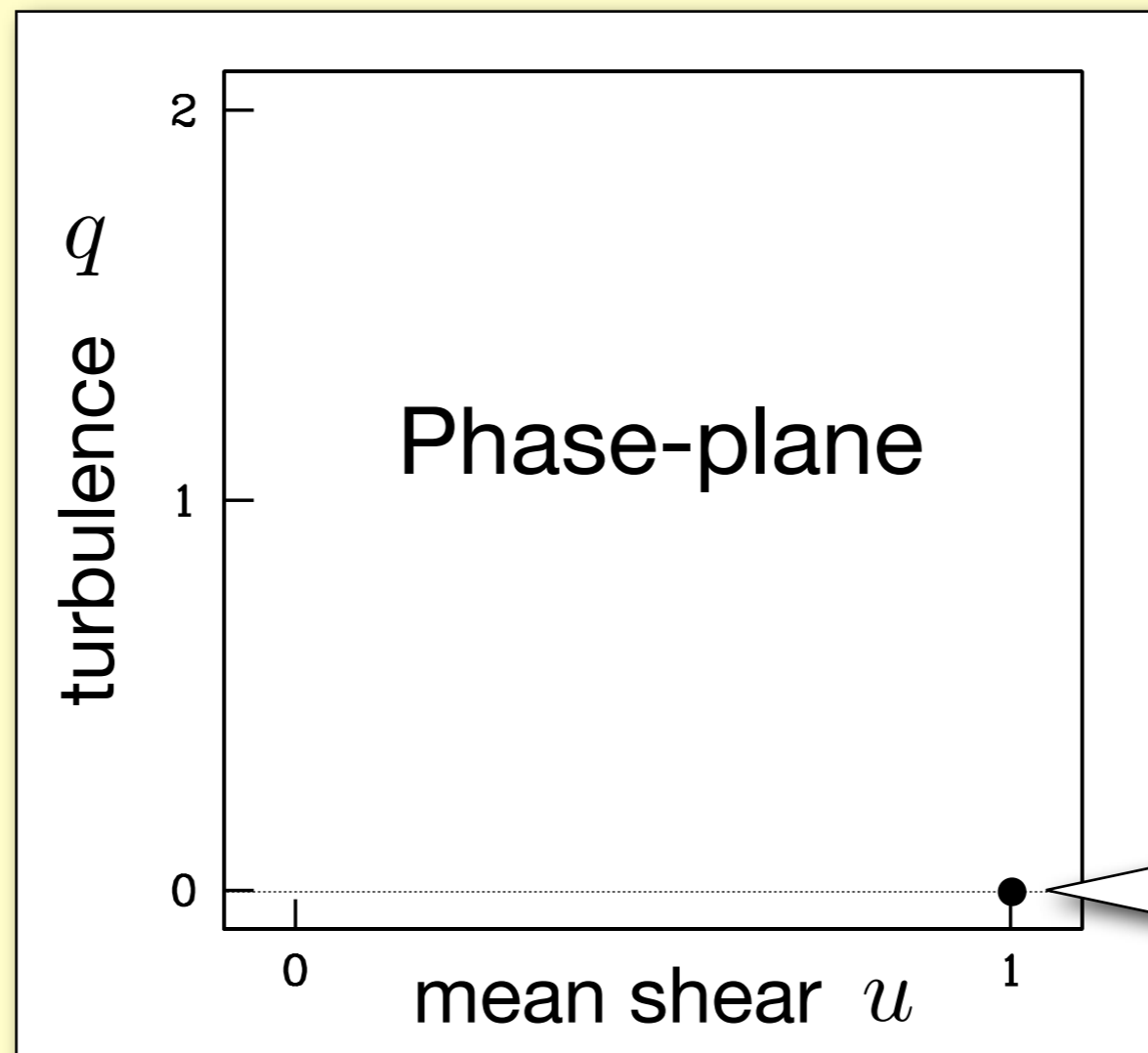
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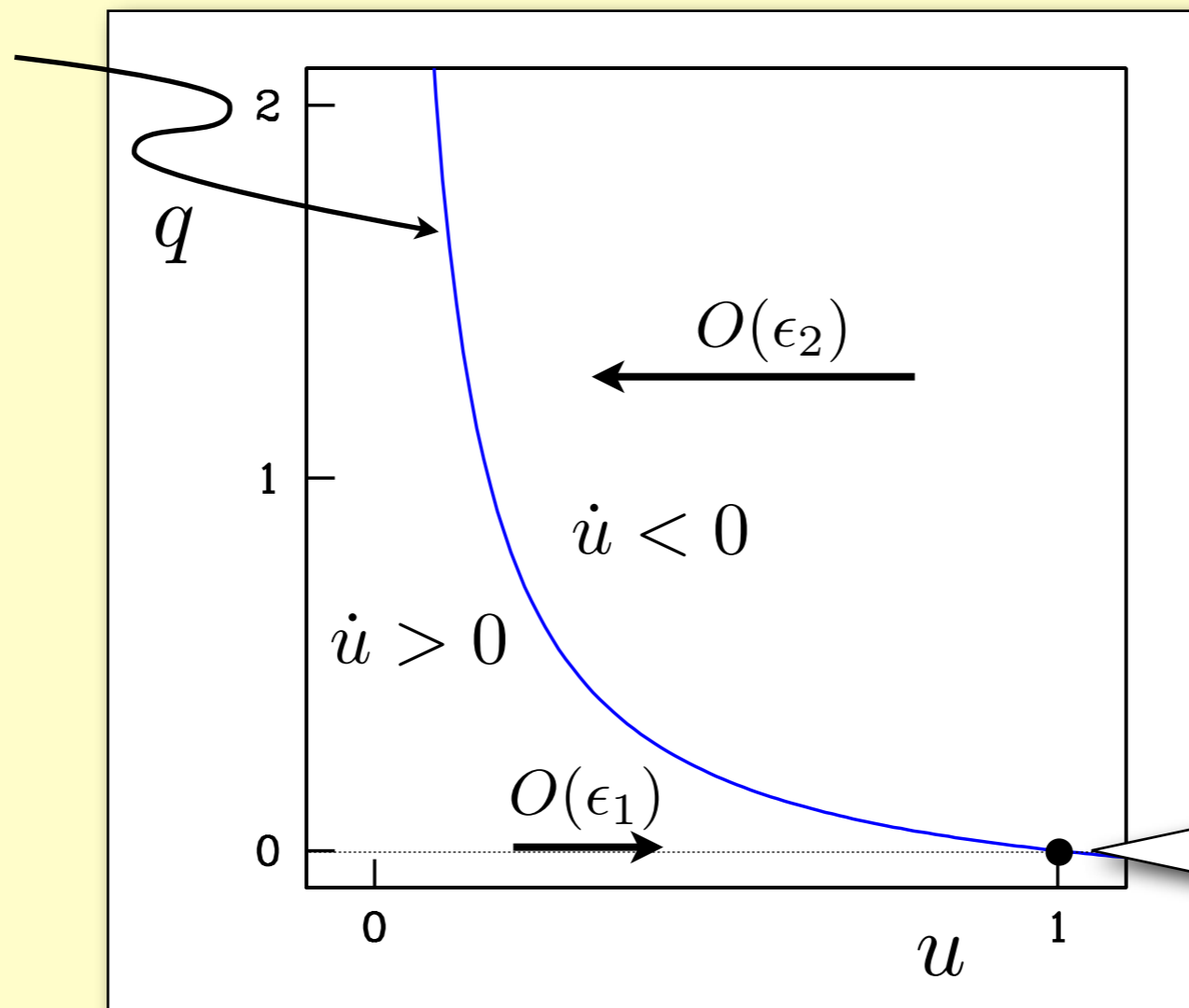
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Consider first the  $u$ -dynamics (mean shear)

$$\dot{u} = 0$$



$$\epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1$$

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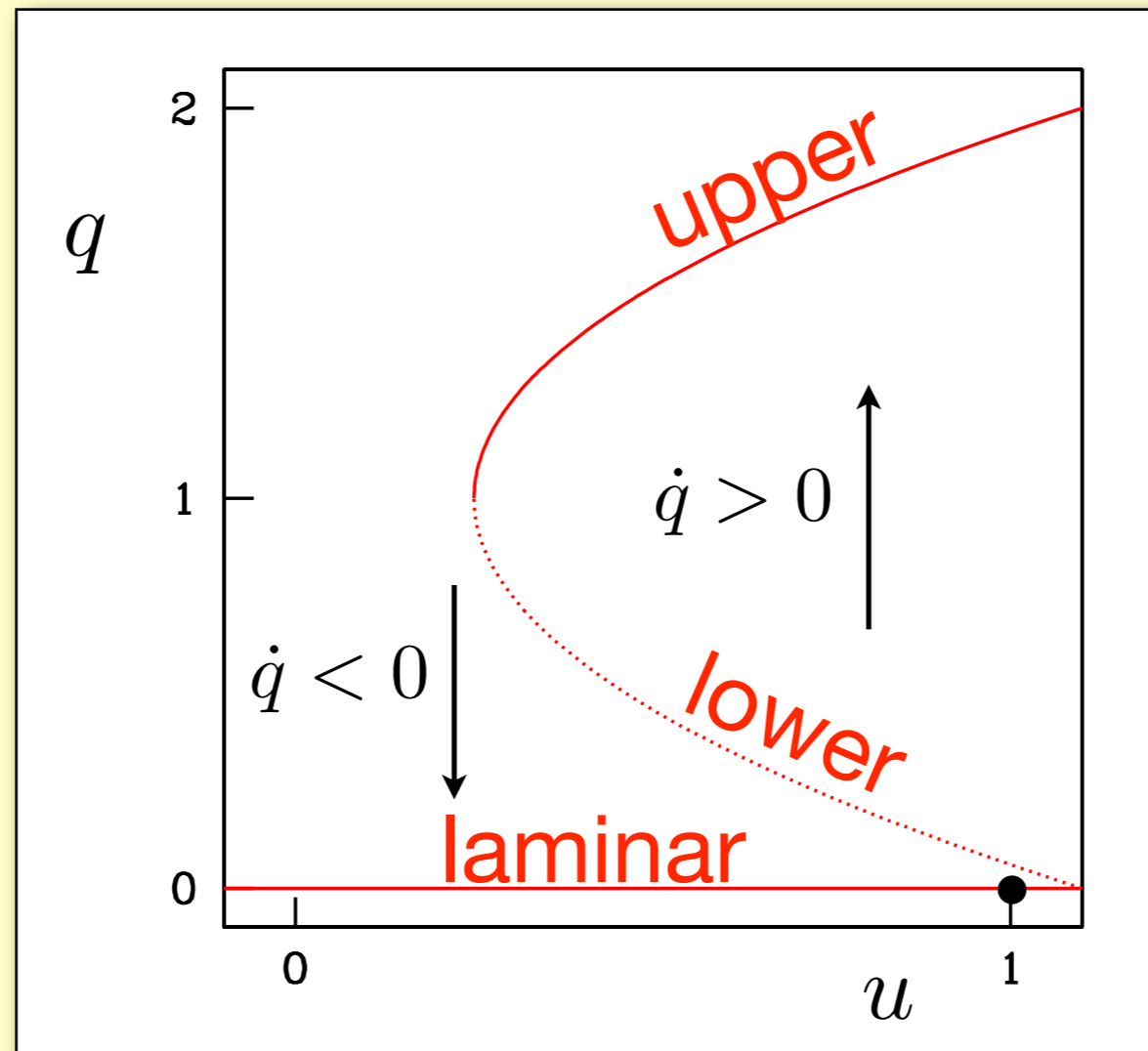
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Then the  $q$ -dynamics (turbulence)

Cubic  $q$  equation,  
so 3 branches:

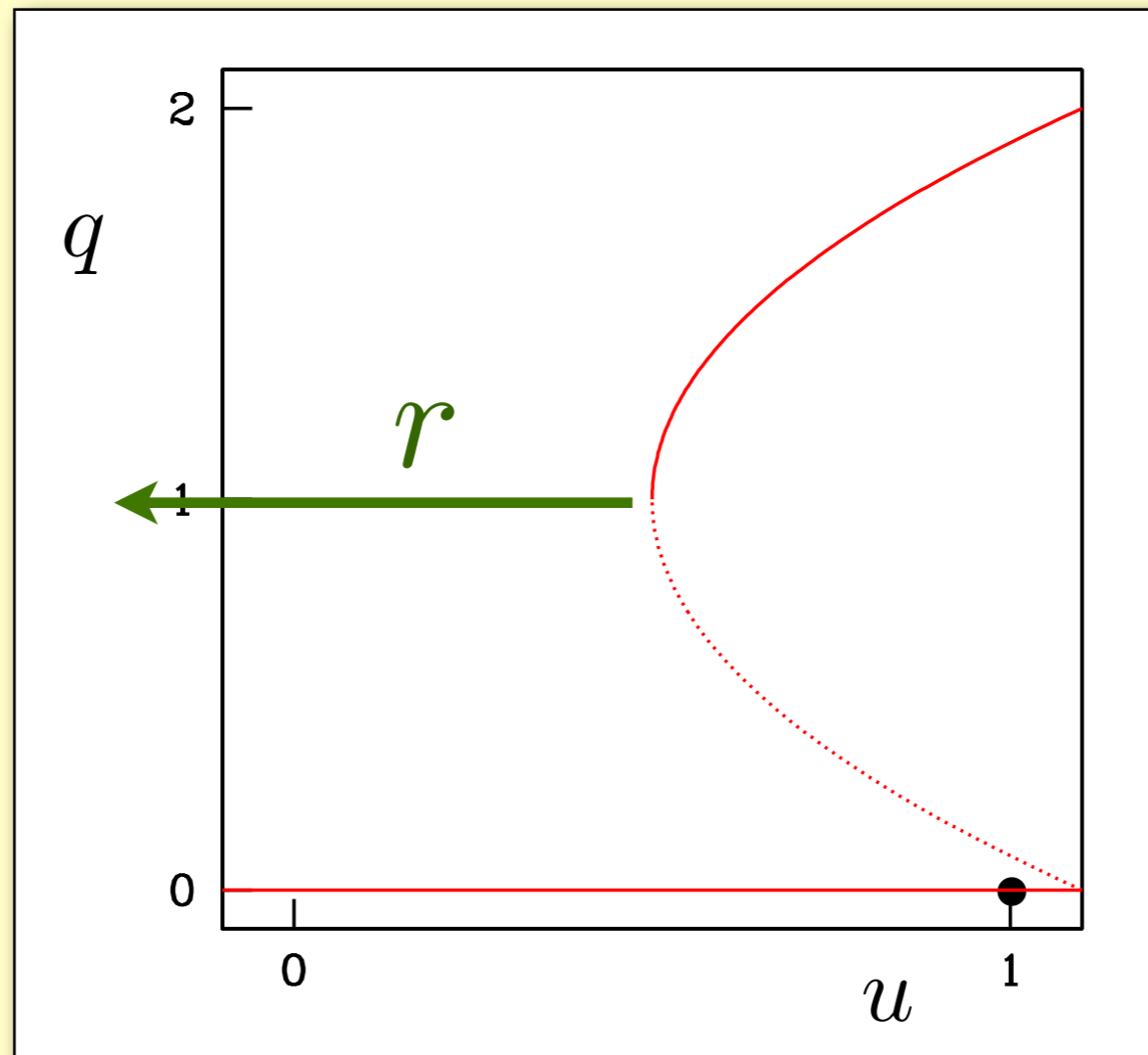
- upper (stable)
- lower (unstable)
- laminar (stable)



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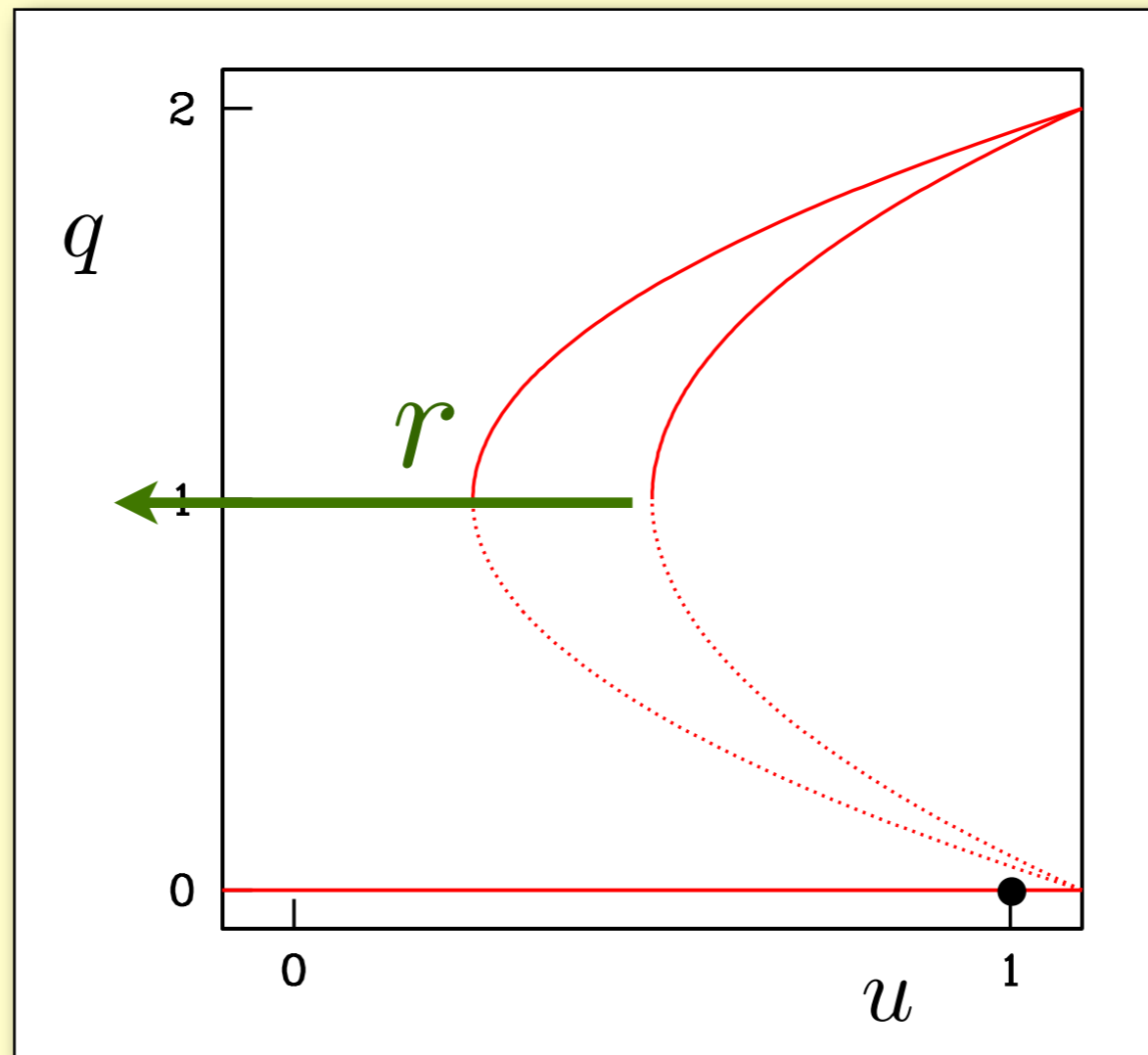
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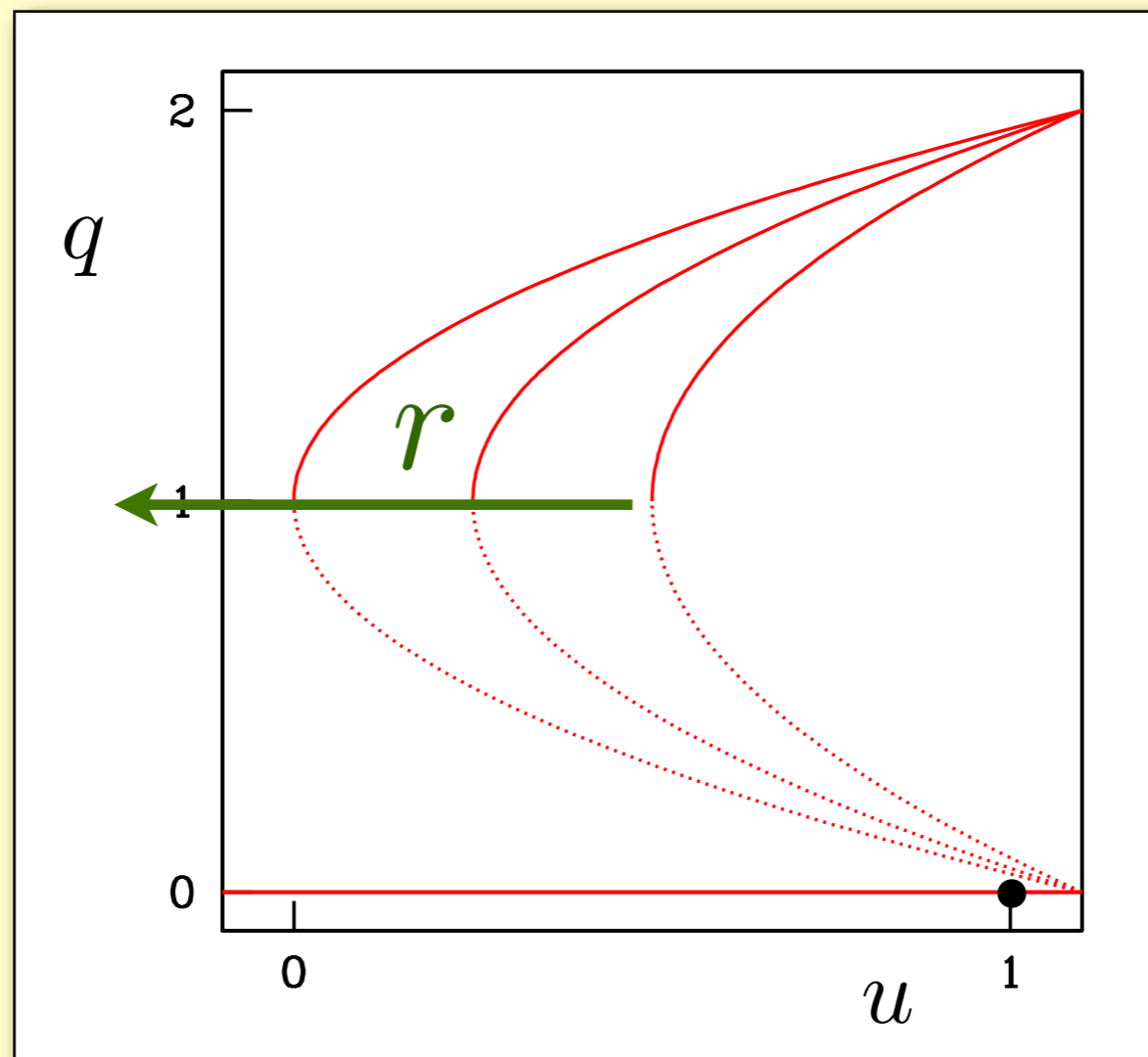


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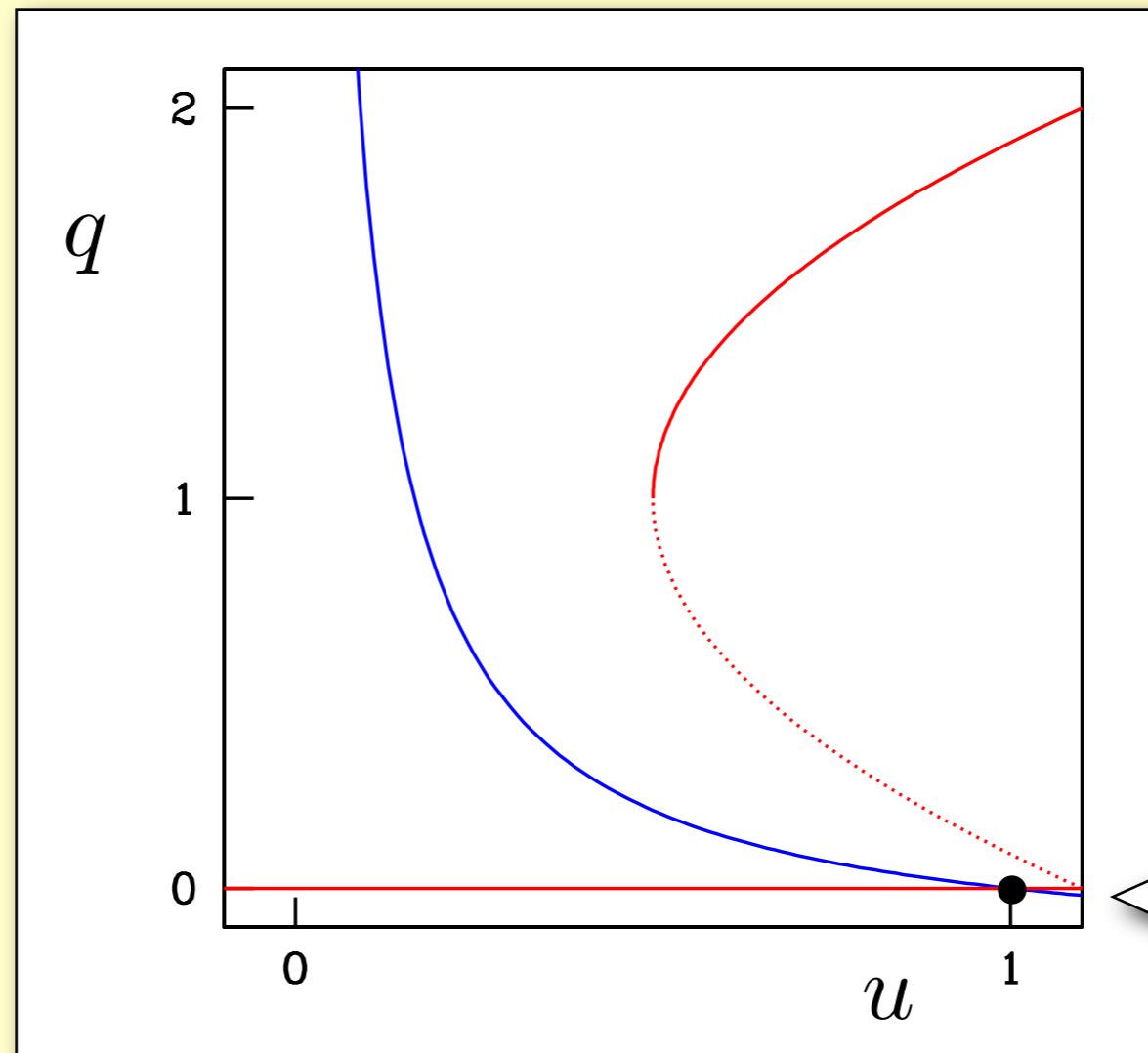


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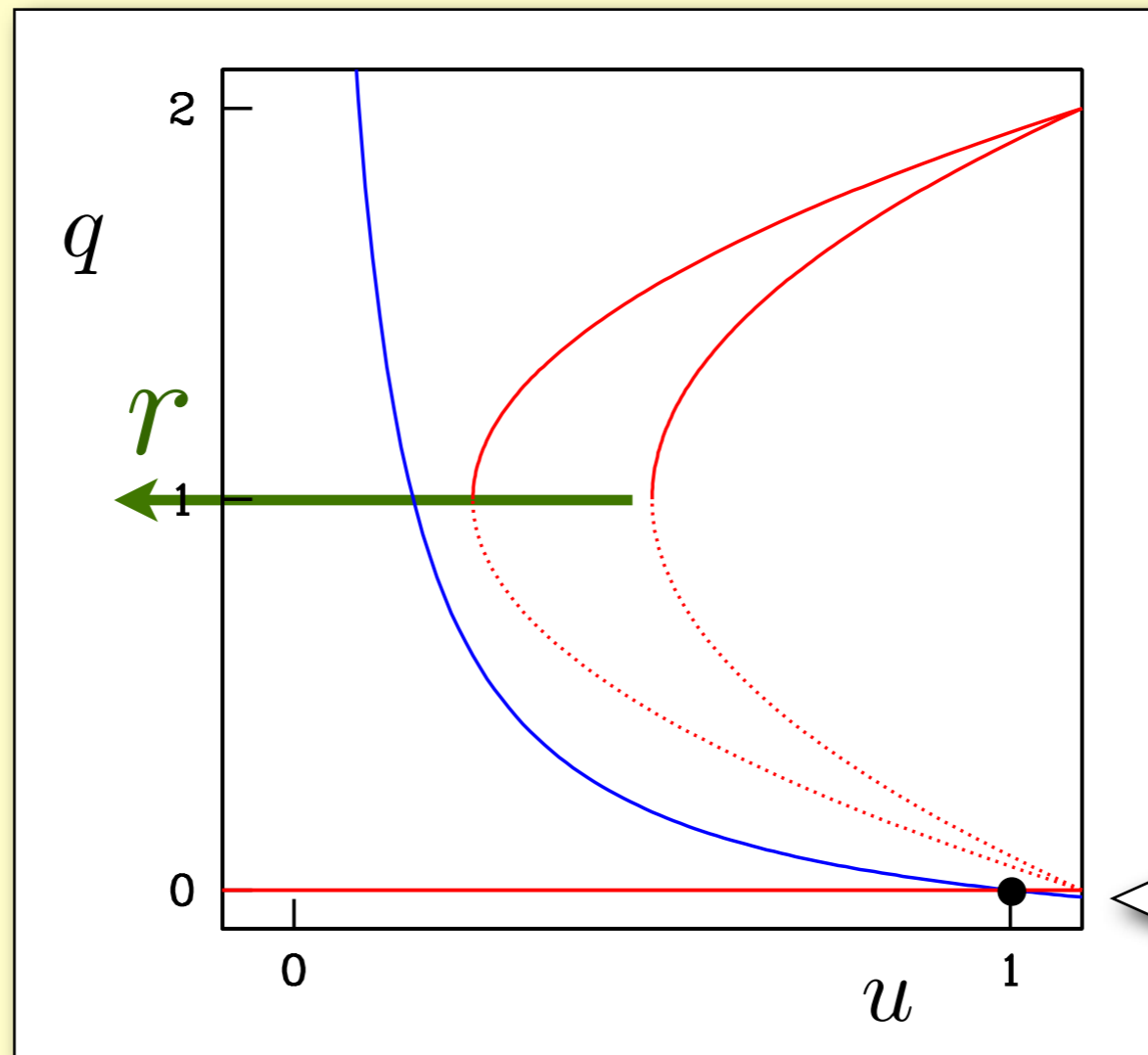
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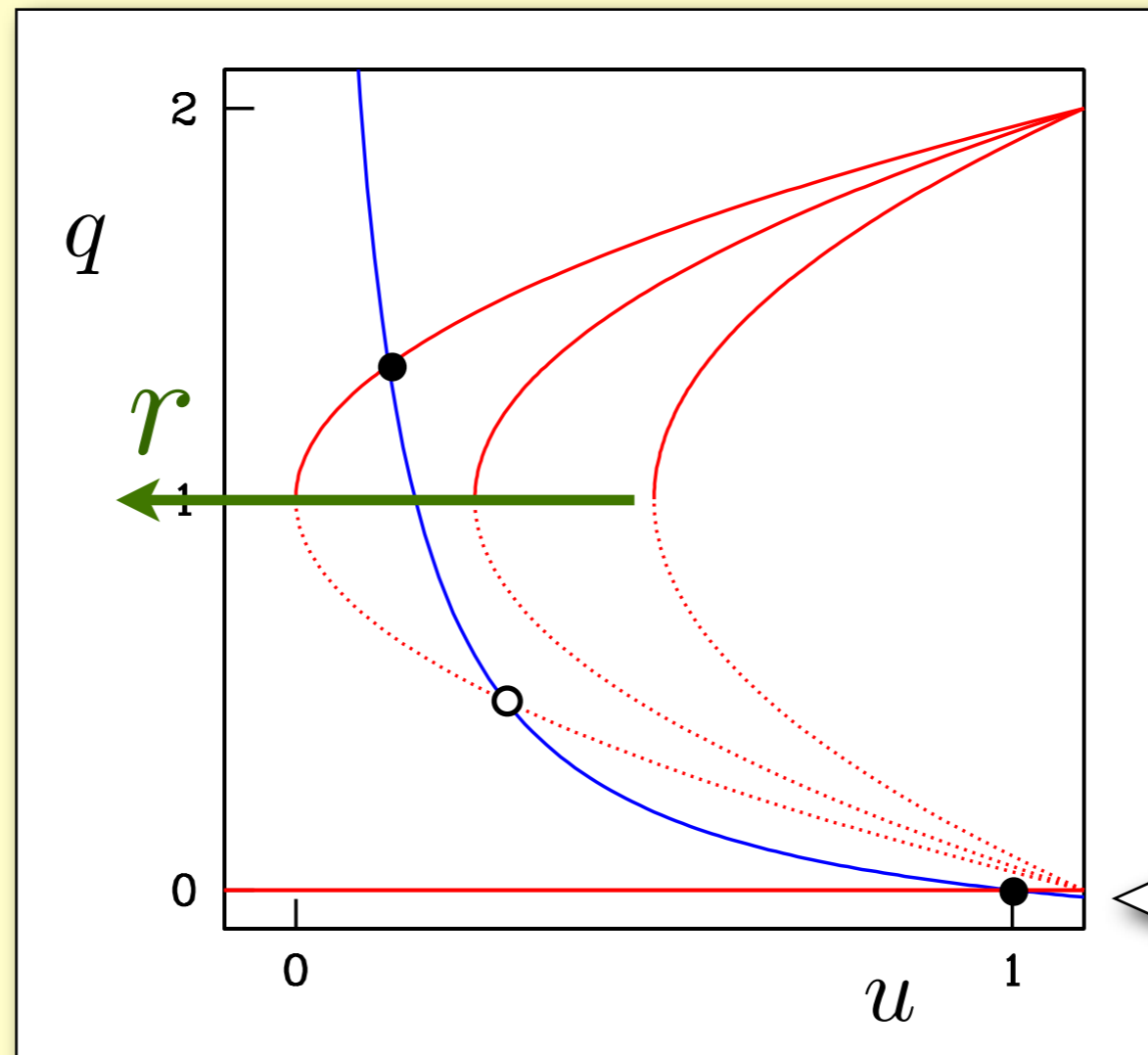
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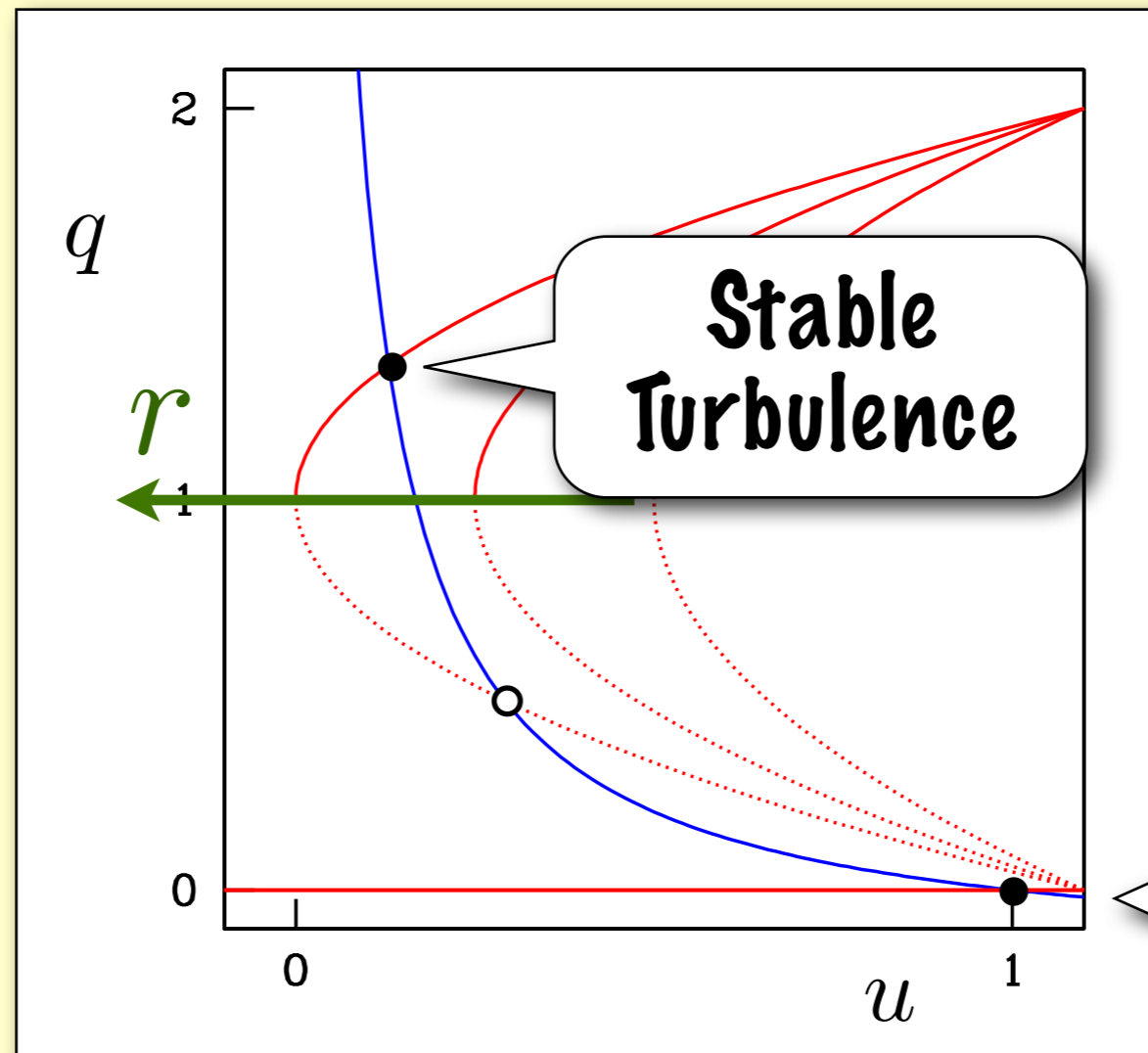
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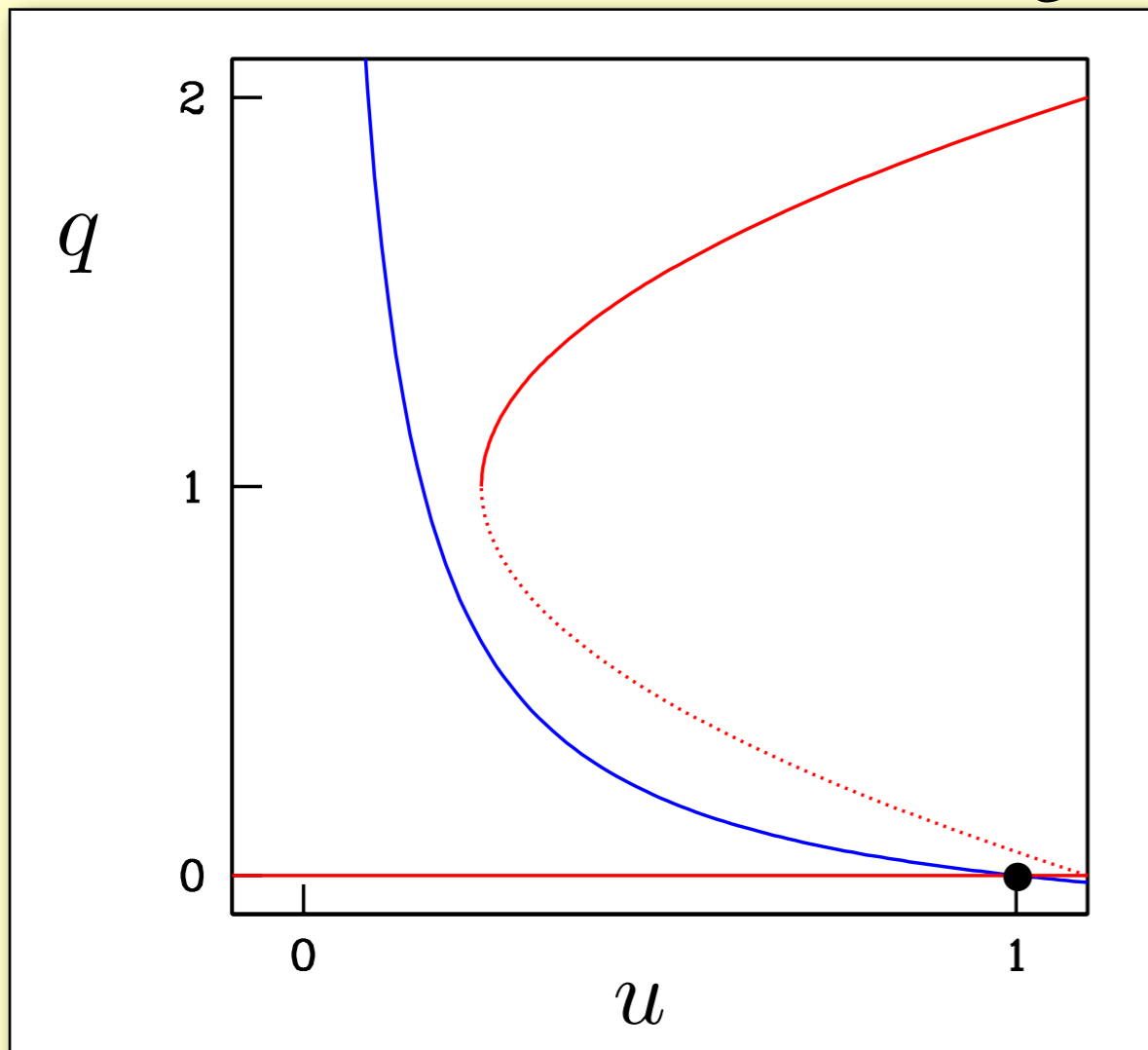
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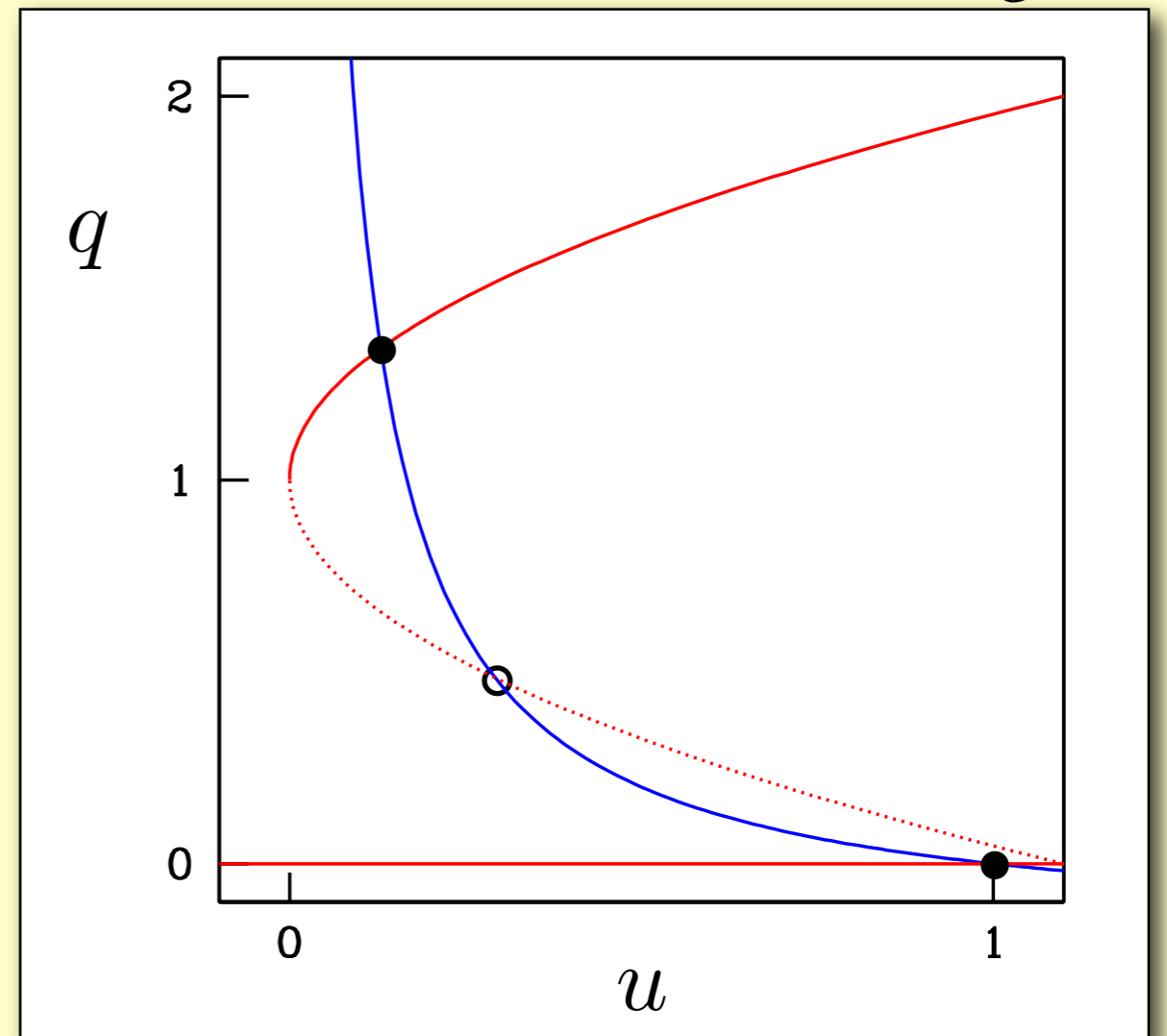
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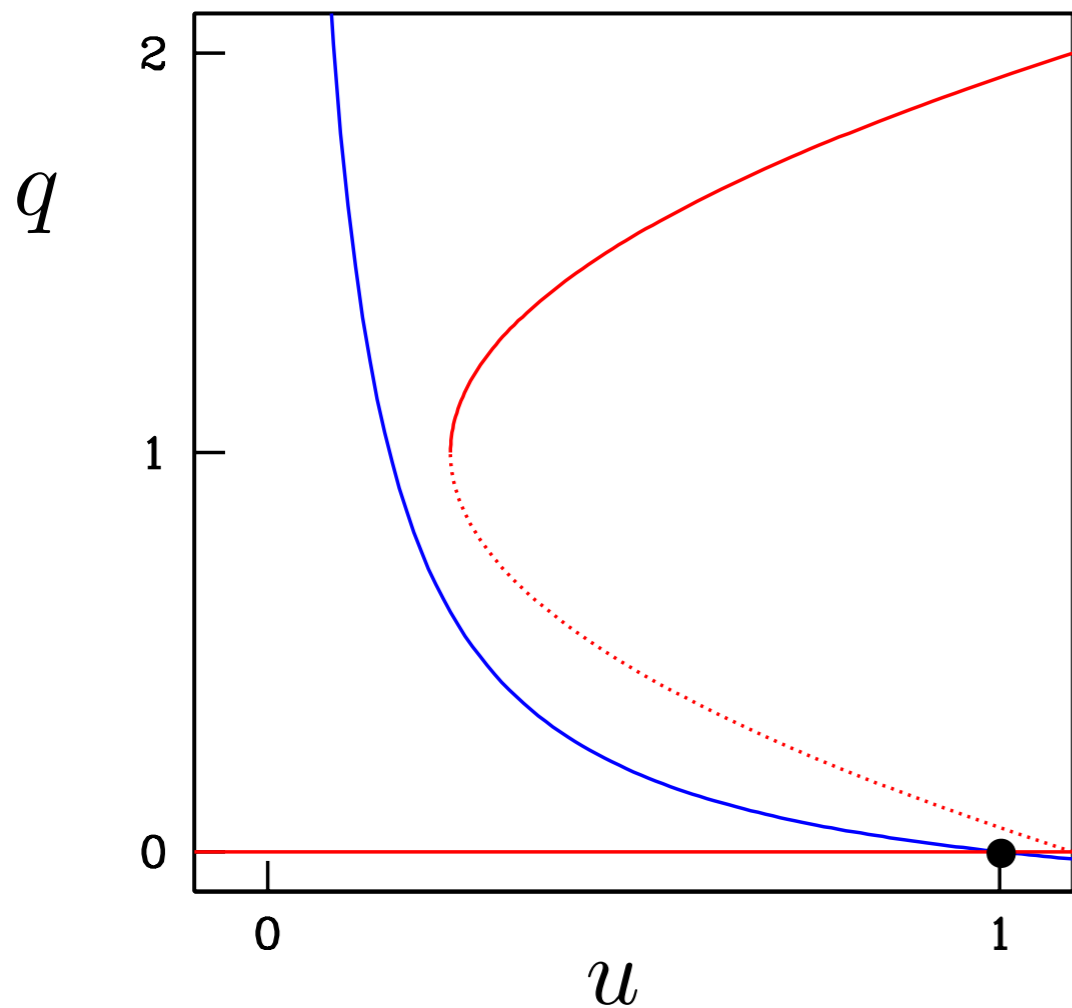


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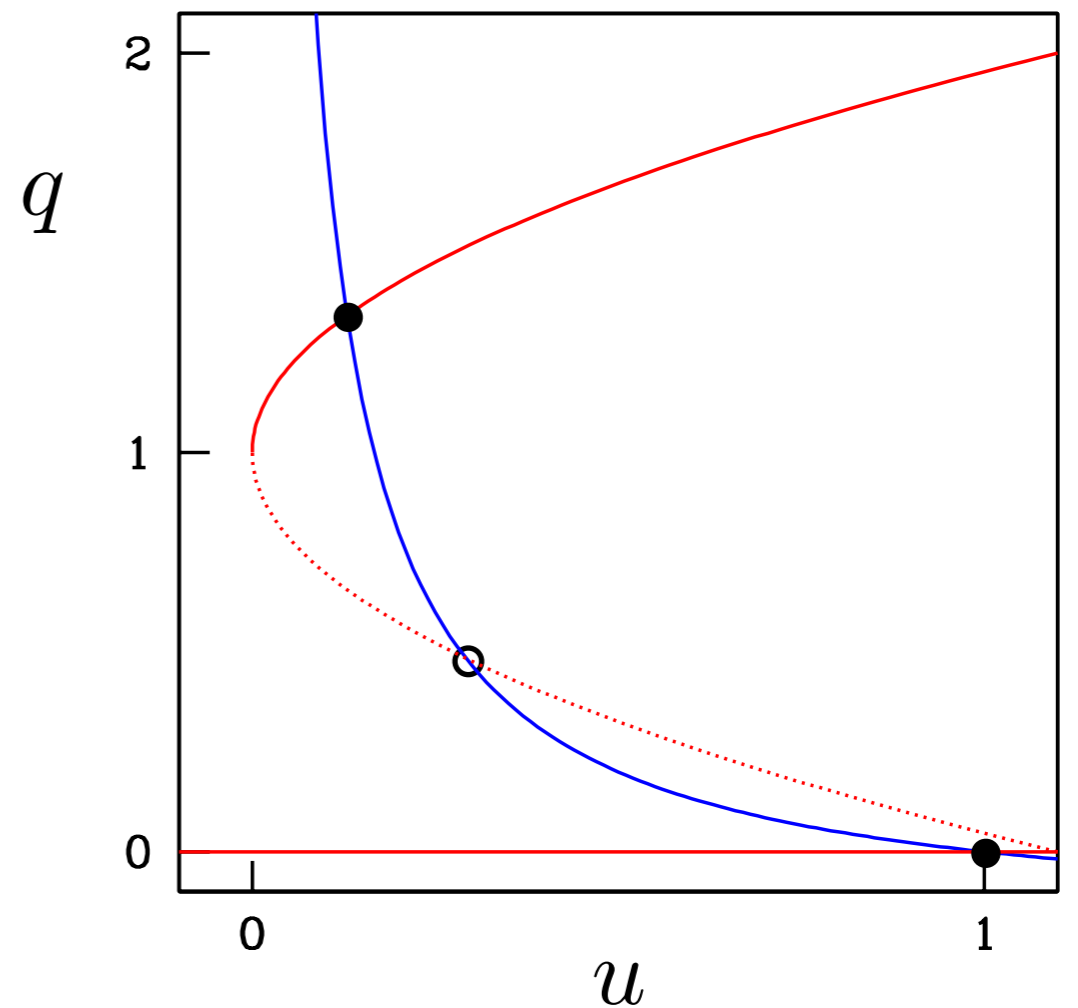
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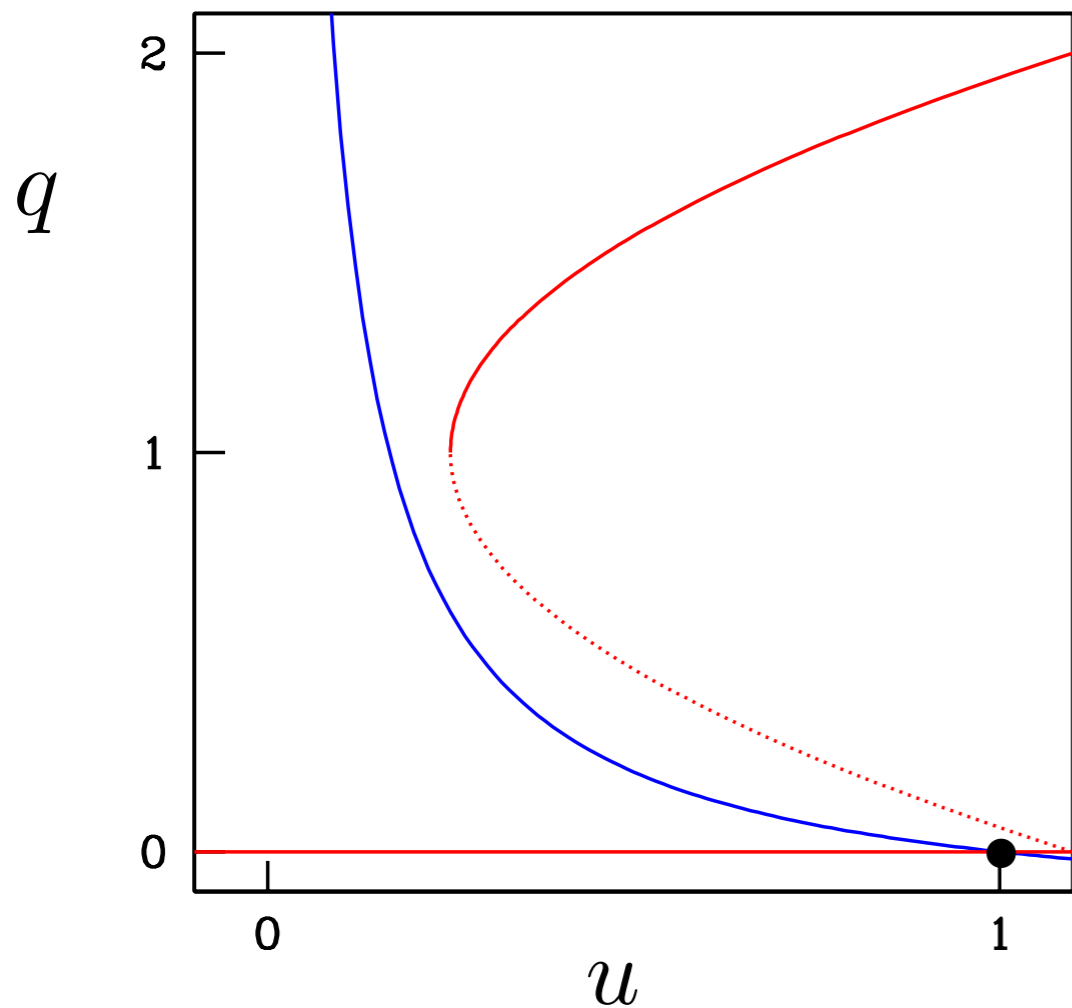


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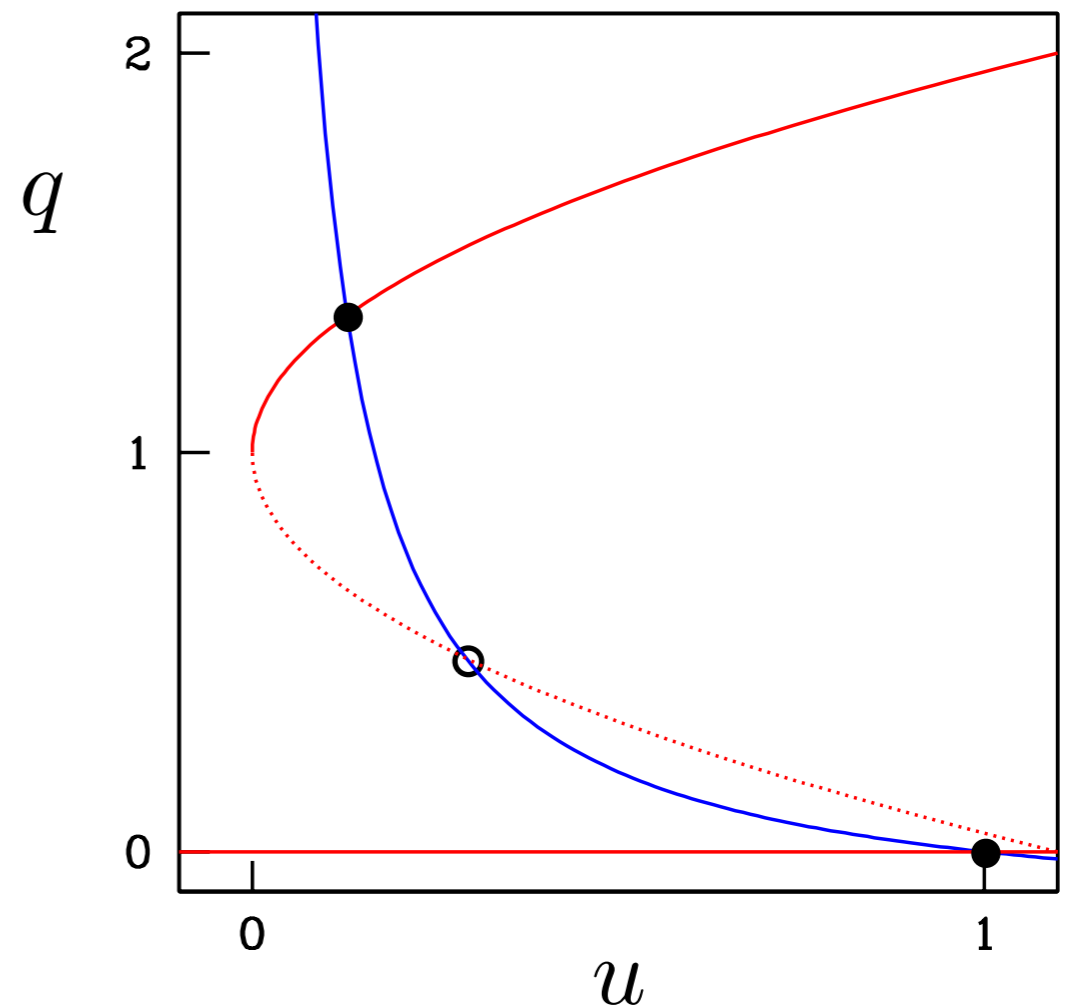
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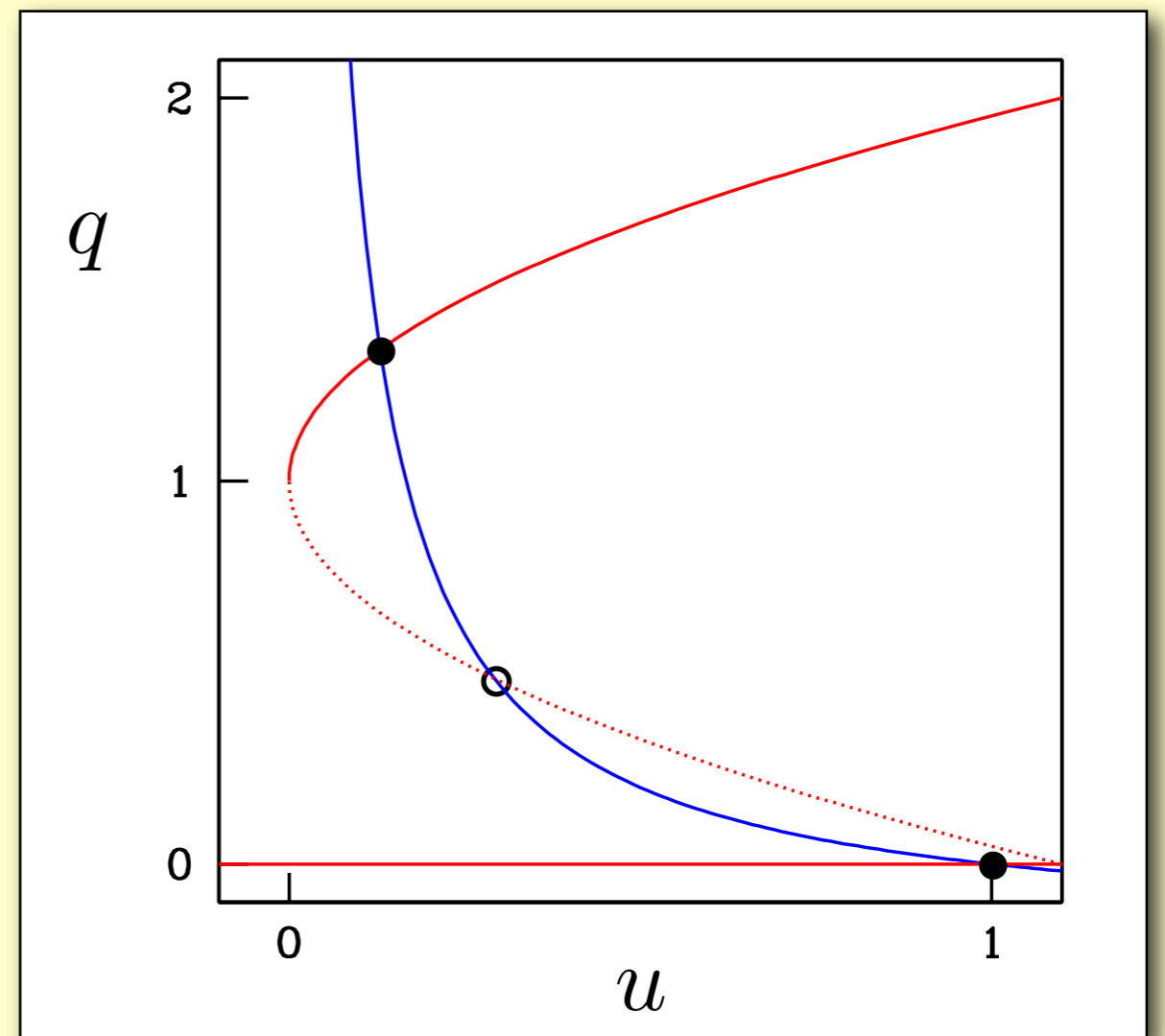
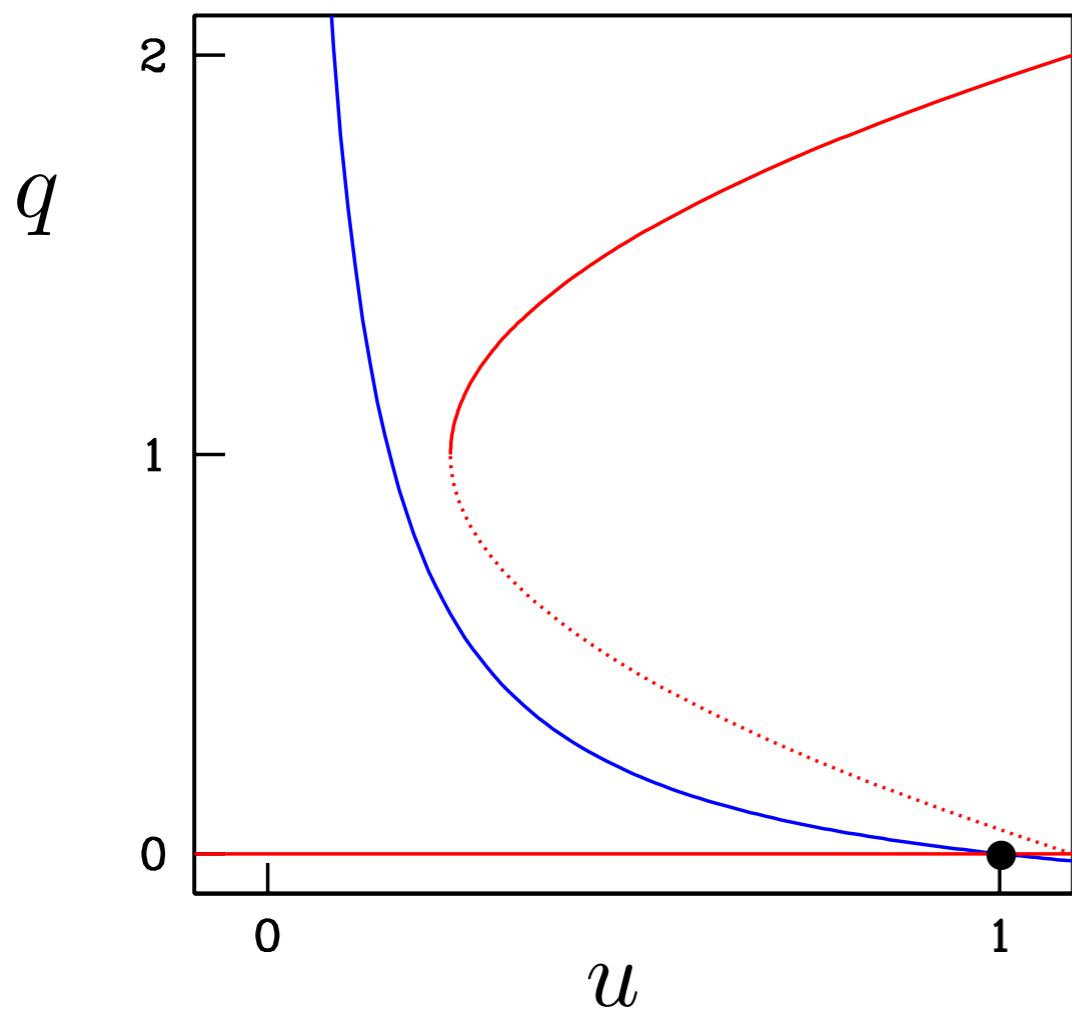
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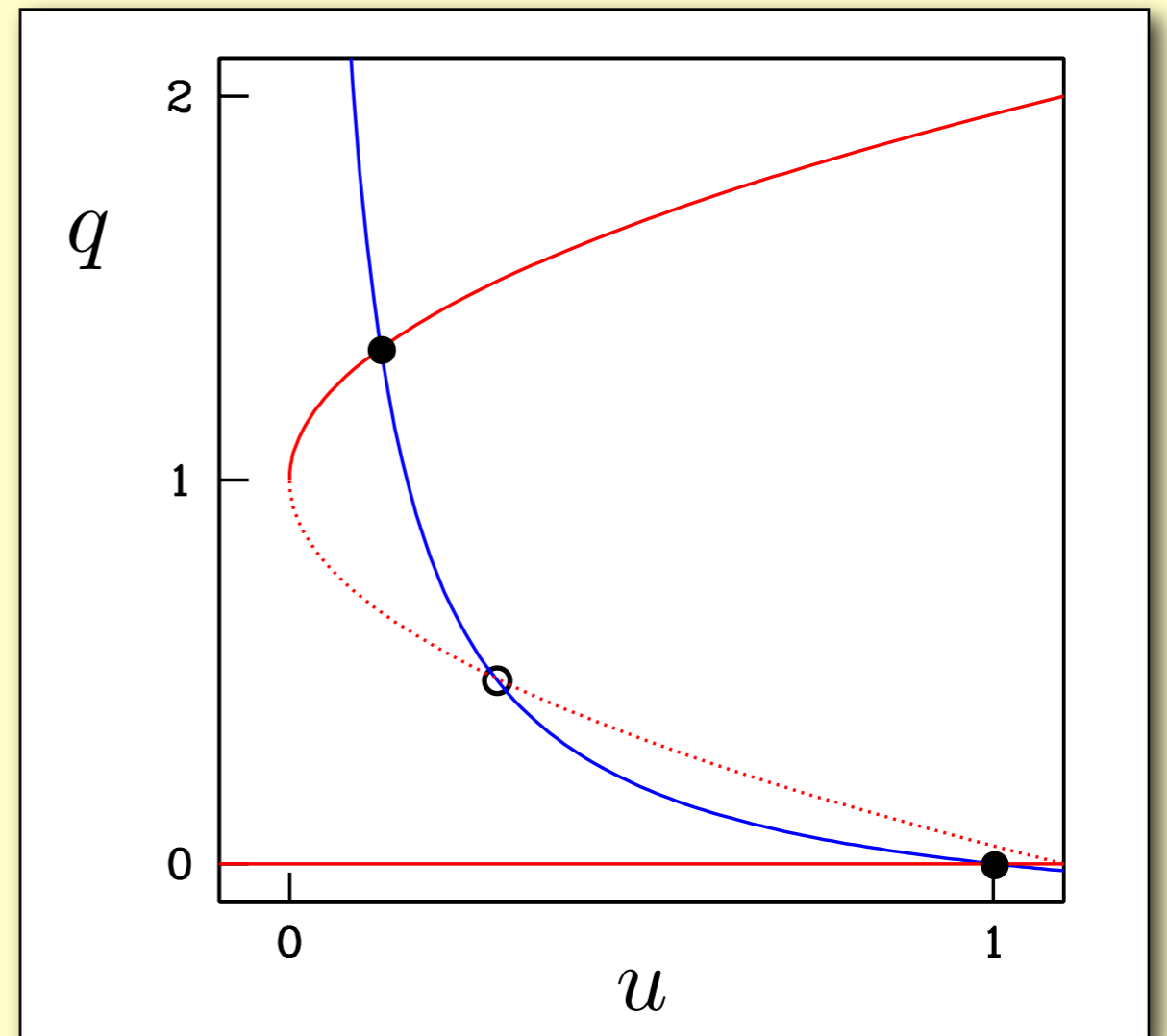
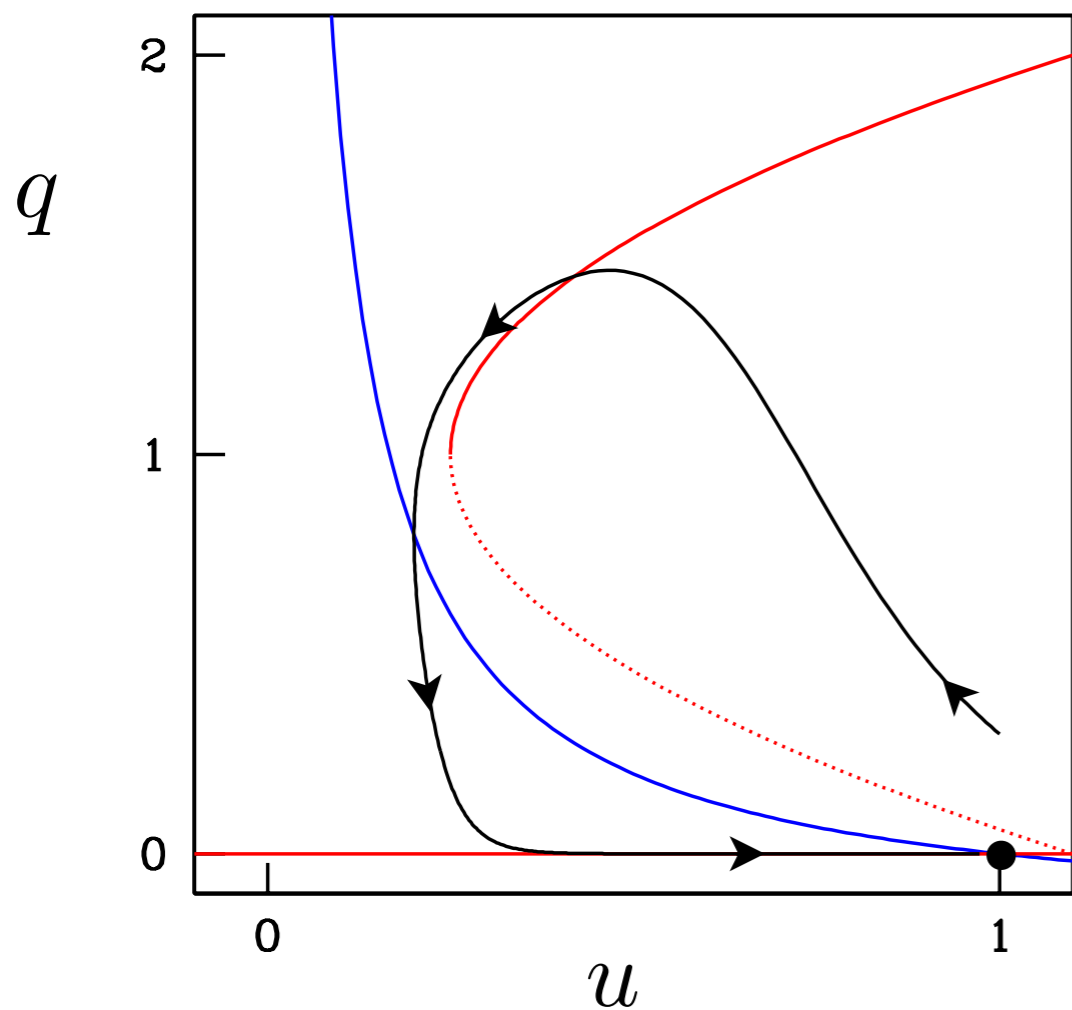
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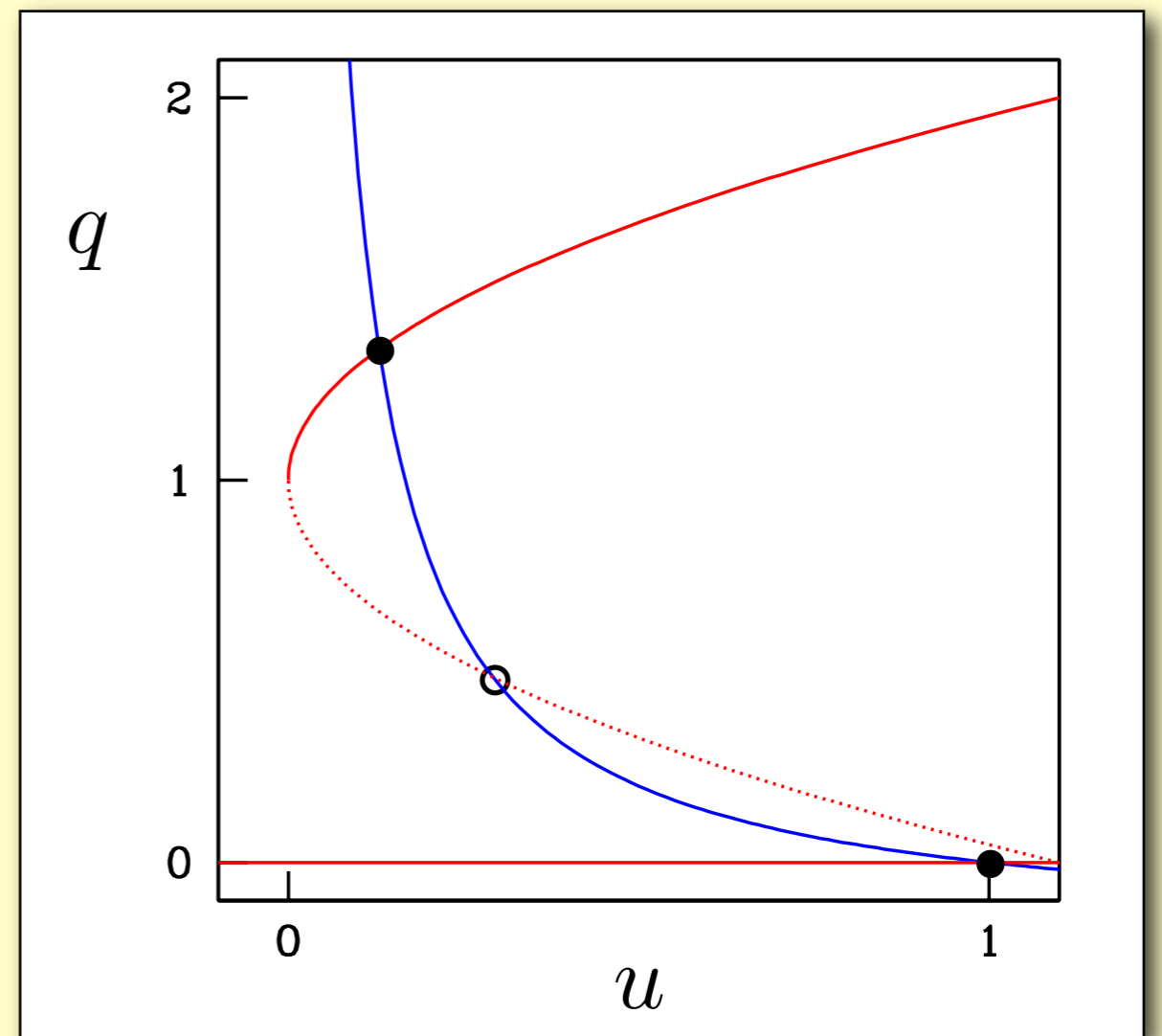
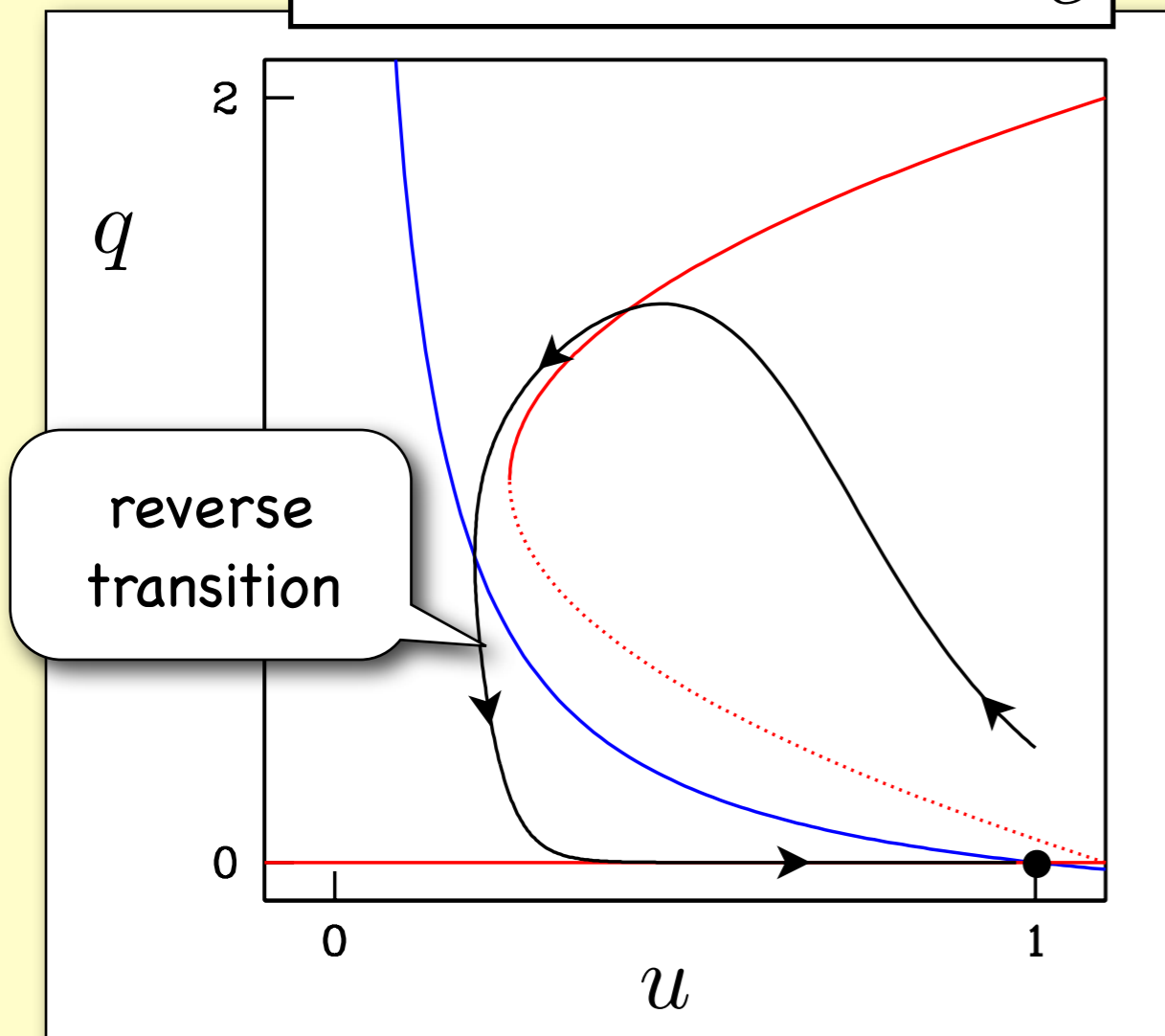
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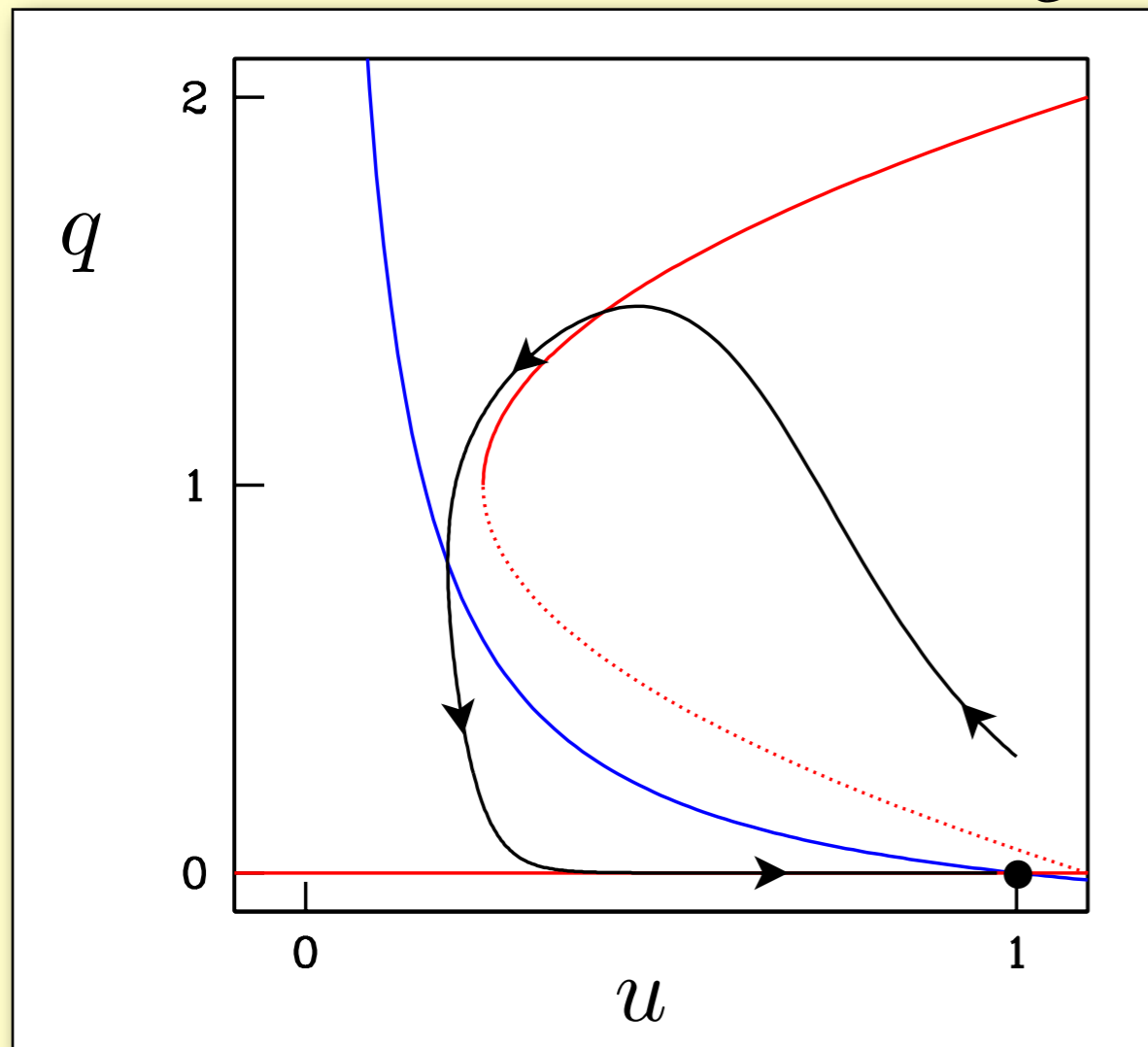
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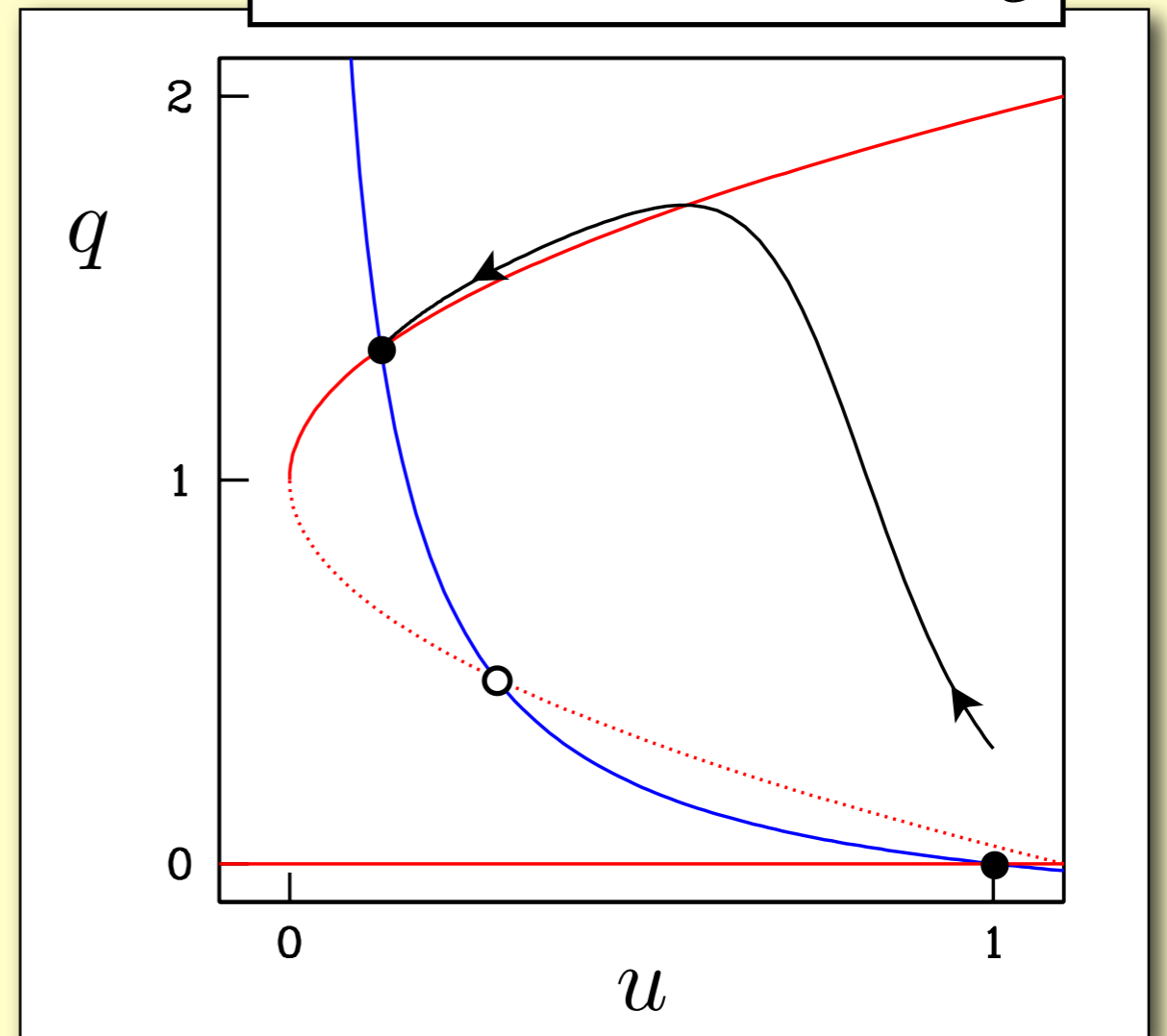
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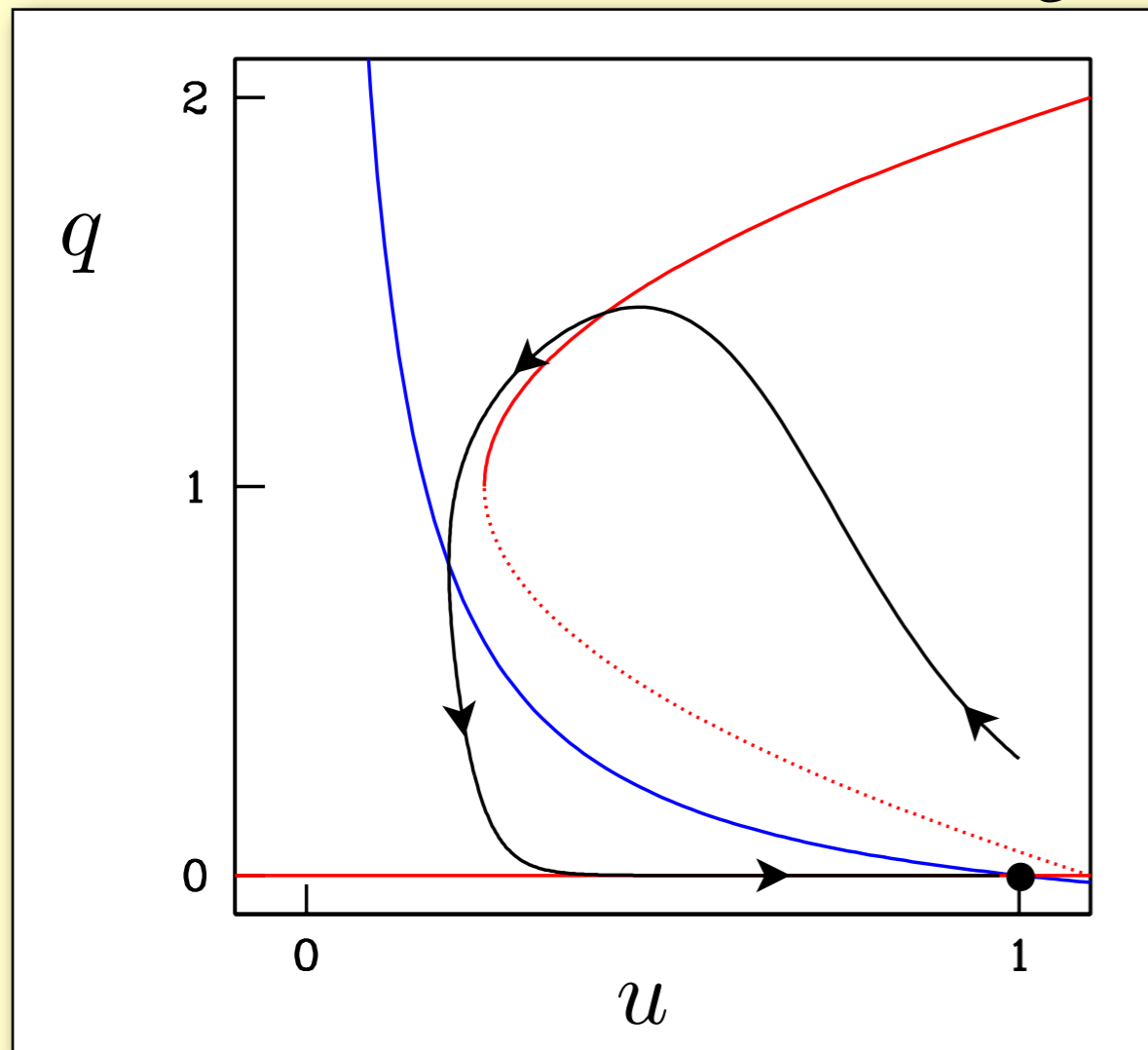




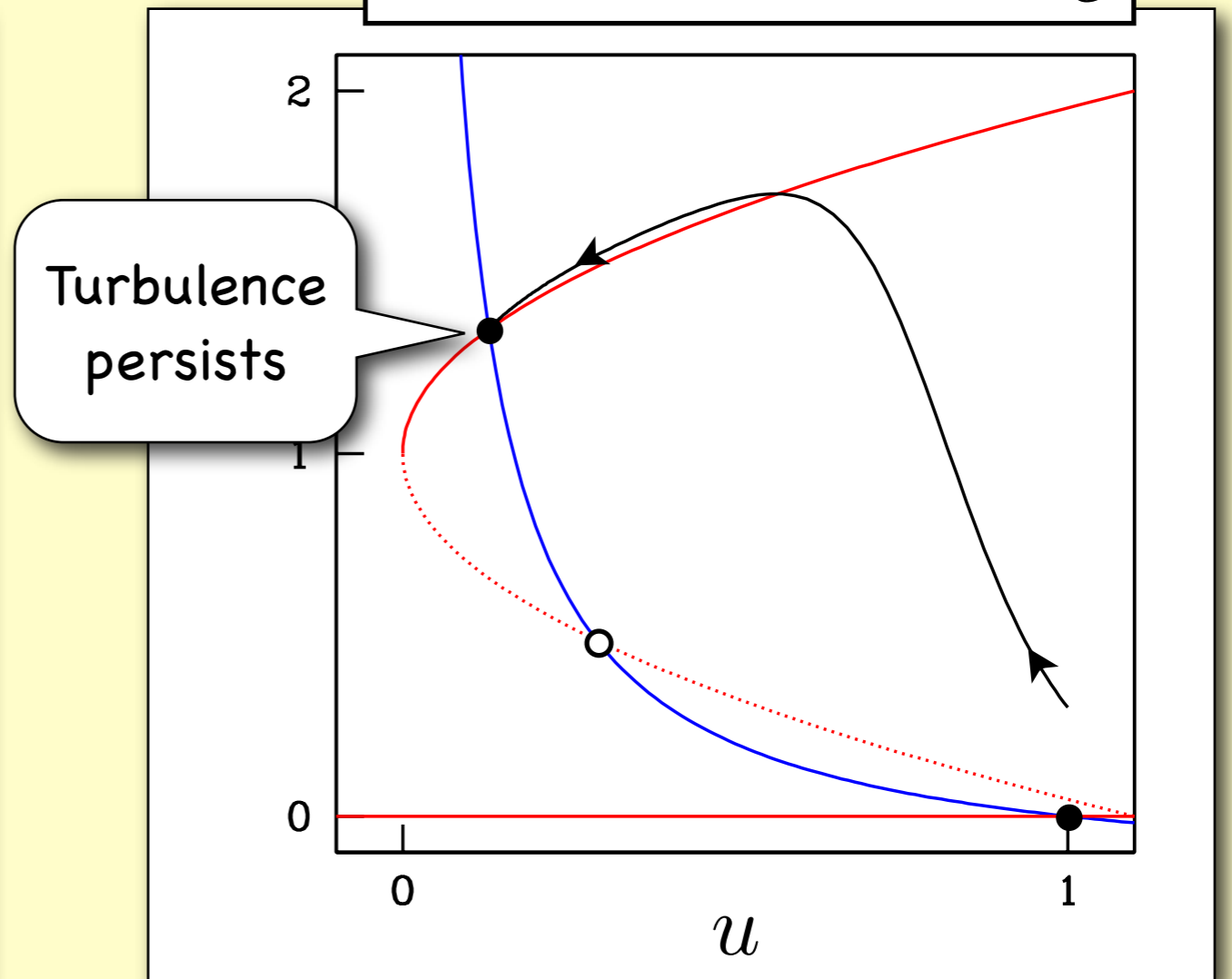
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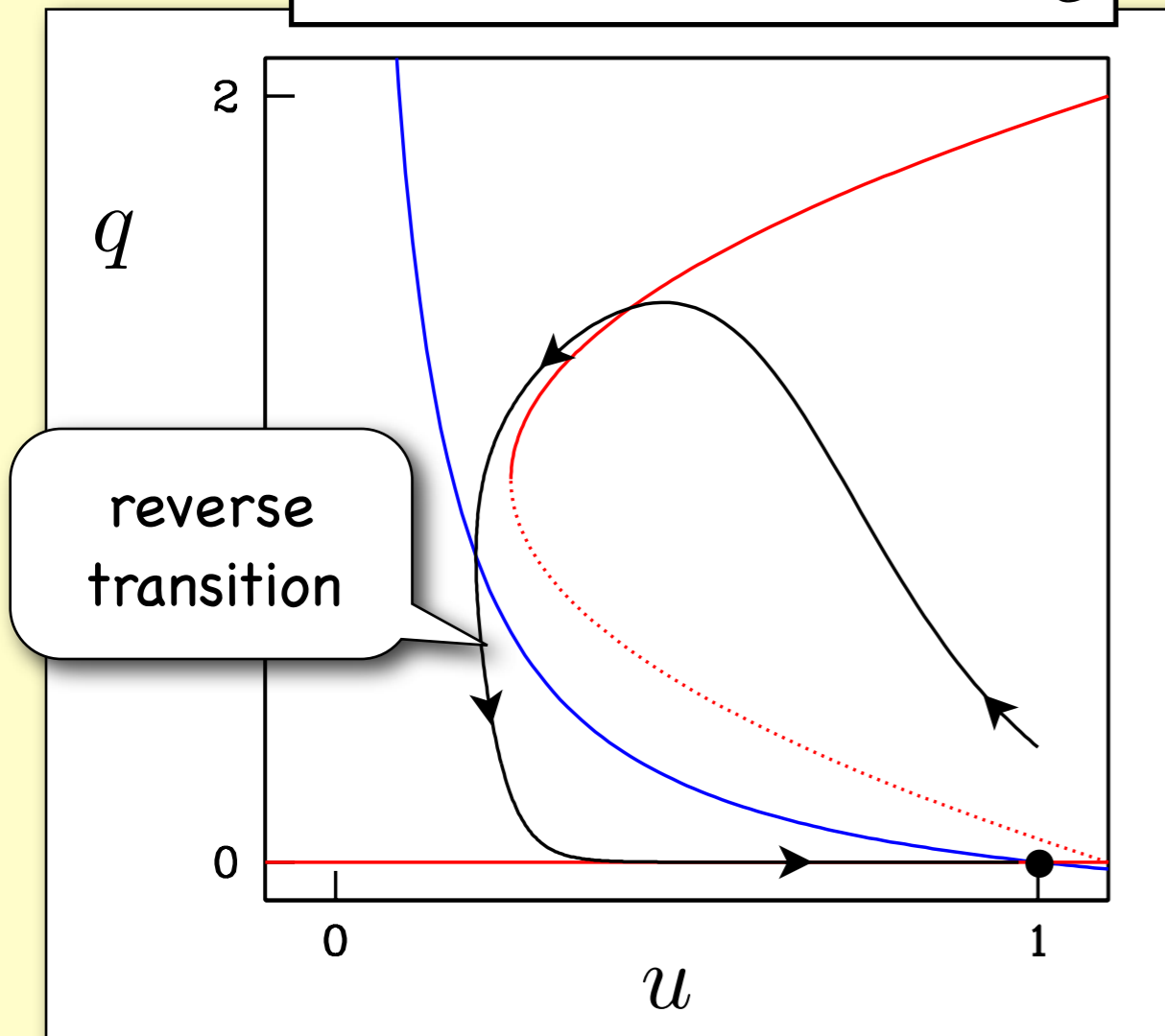


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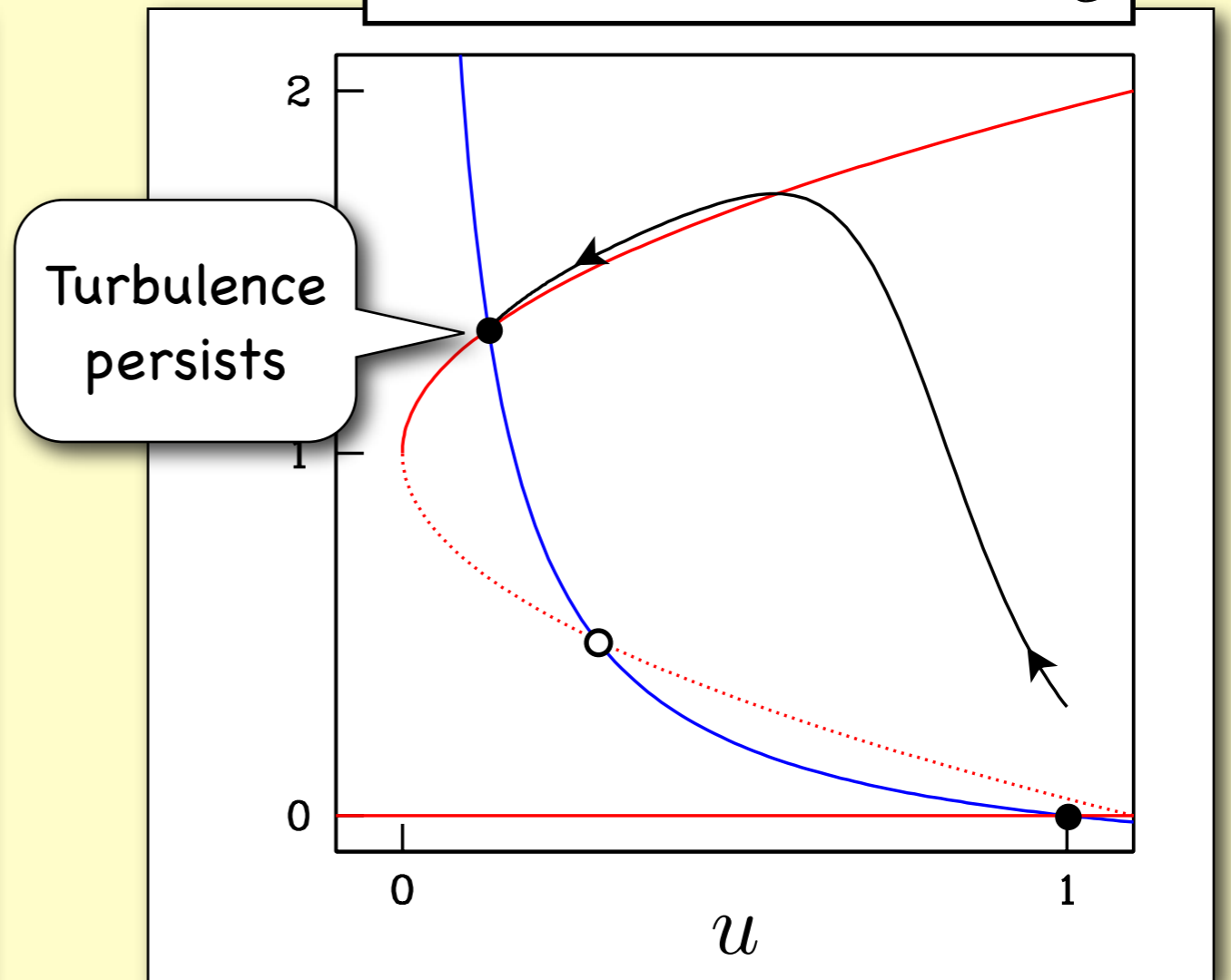
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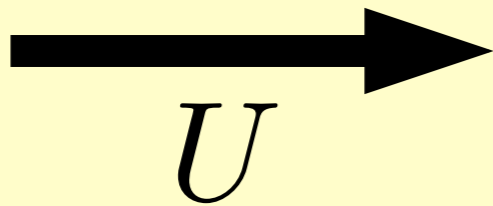
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Returning to the full model,  
consider the role of the spatial derivatives

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Downstream advection  
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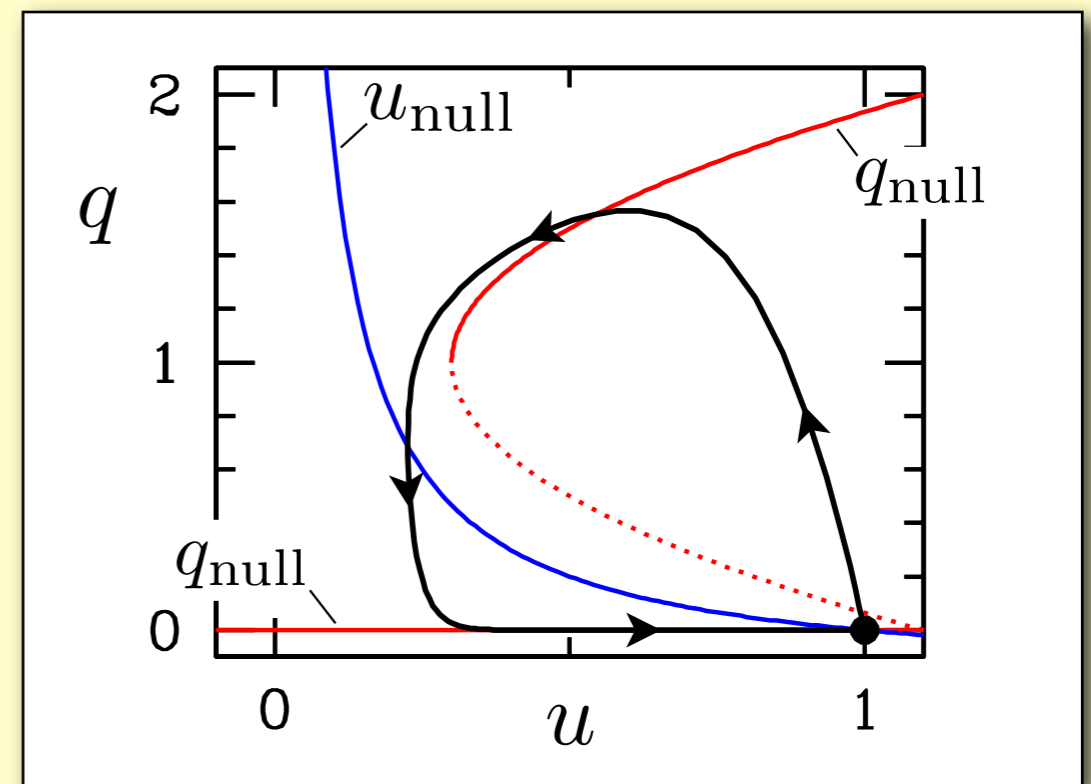
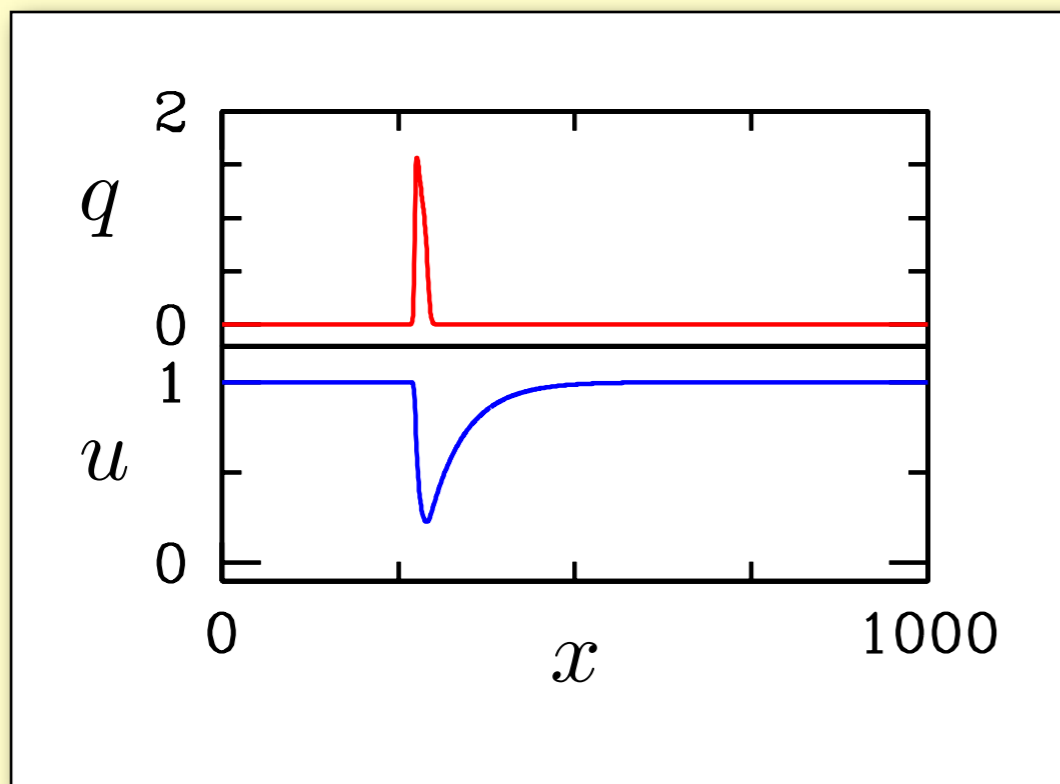
Left-Right symmetry breaking  
(other forms possible, but this  
is simplest)

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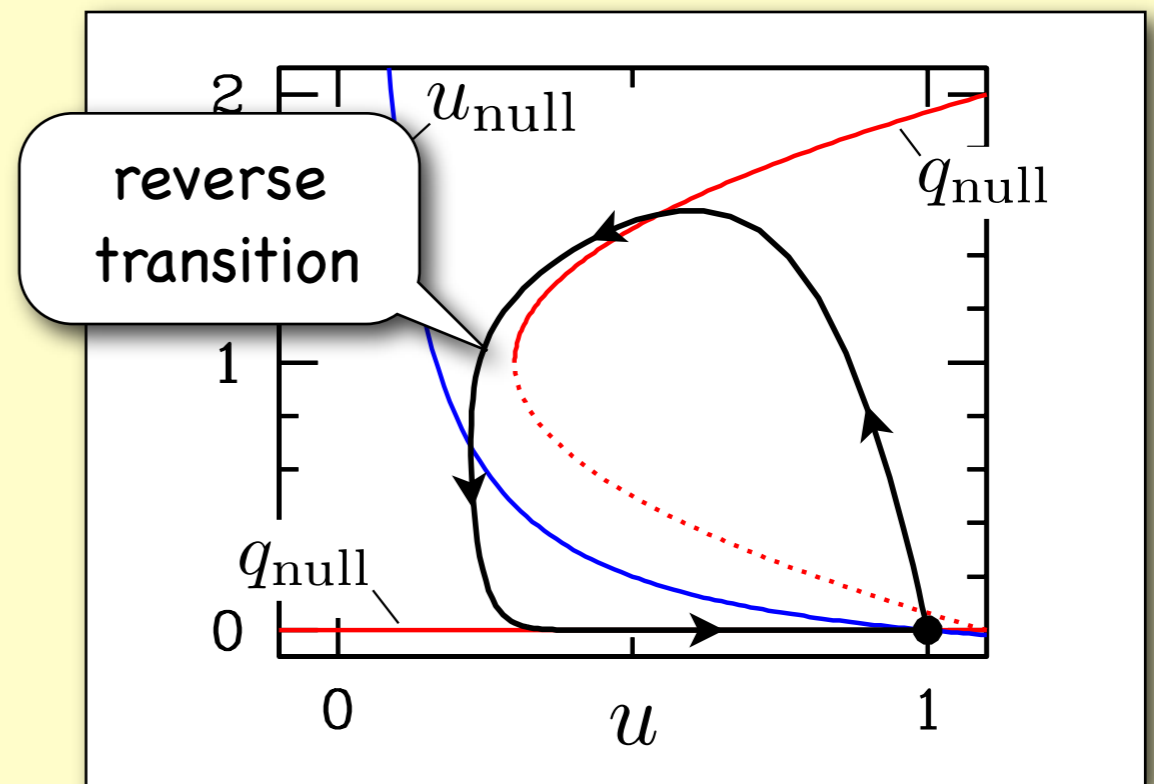
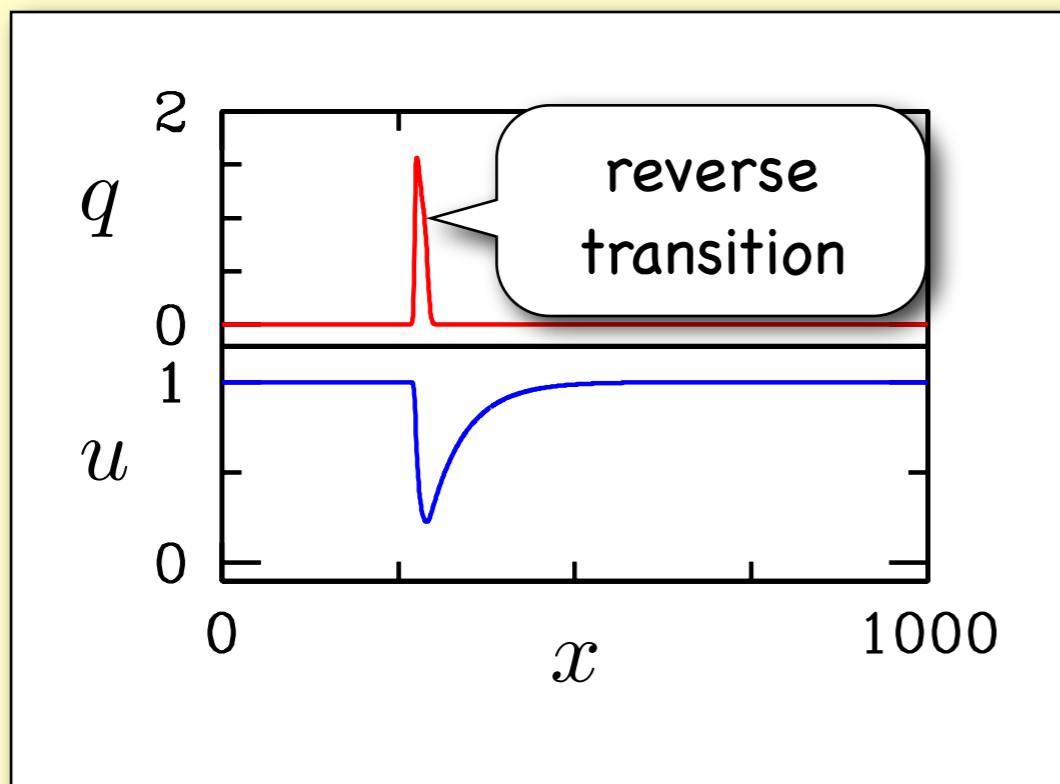


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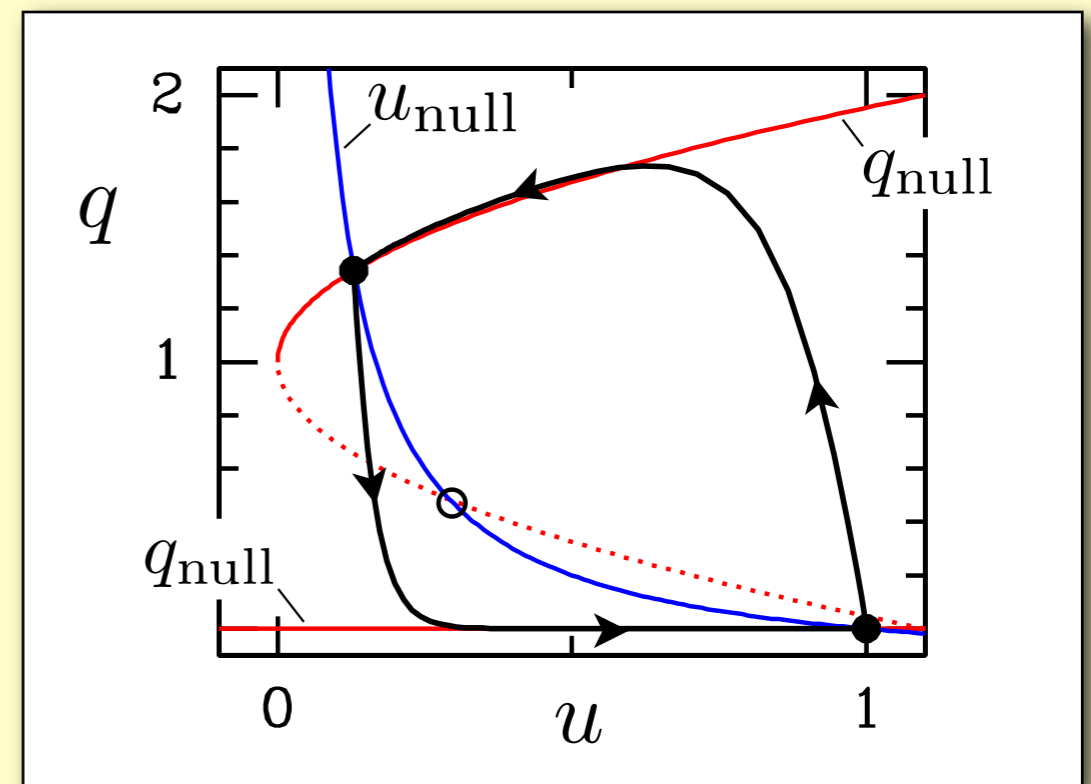
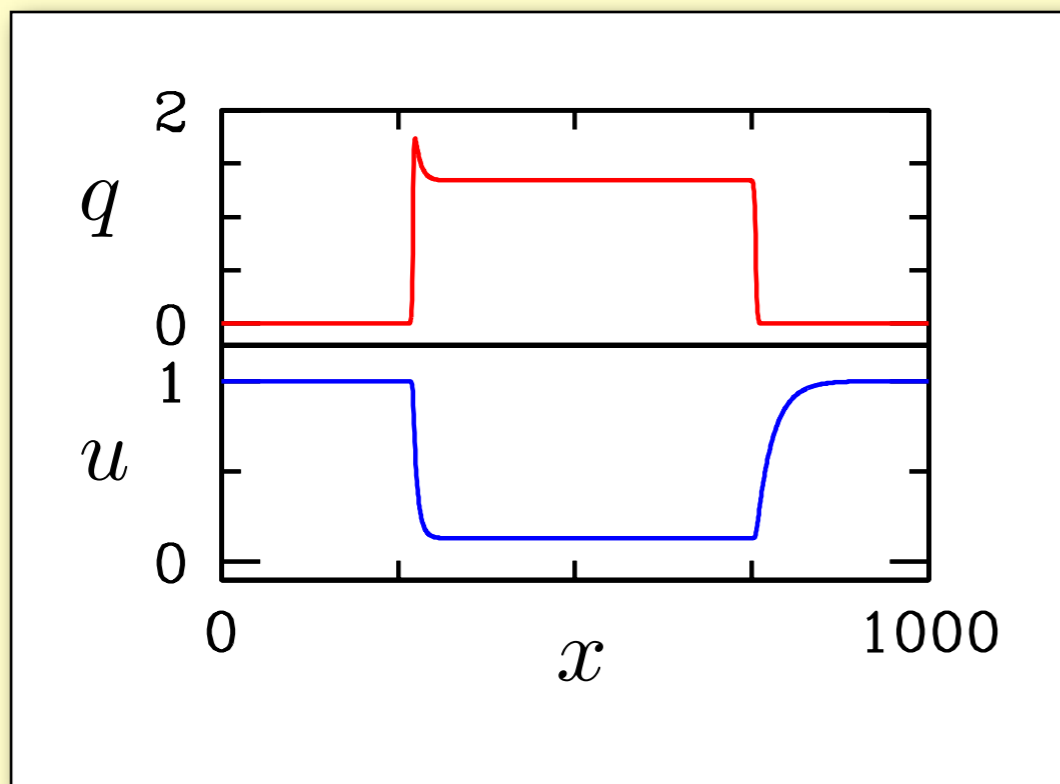


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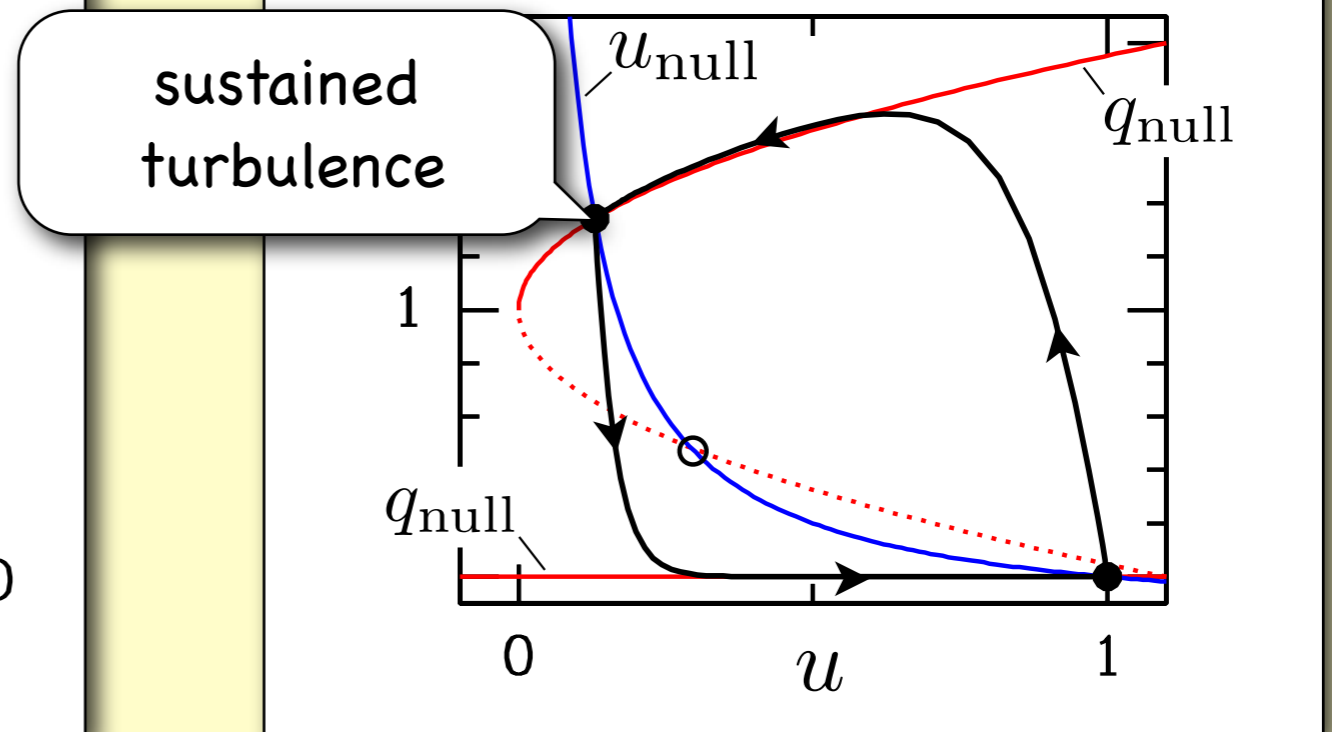
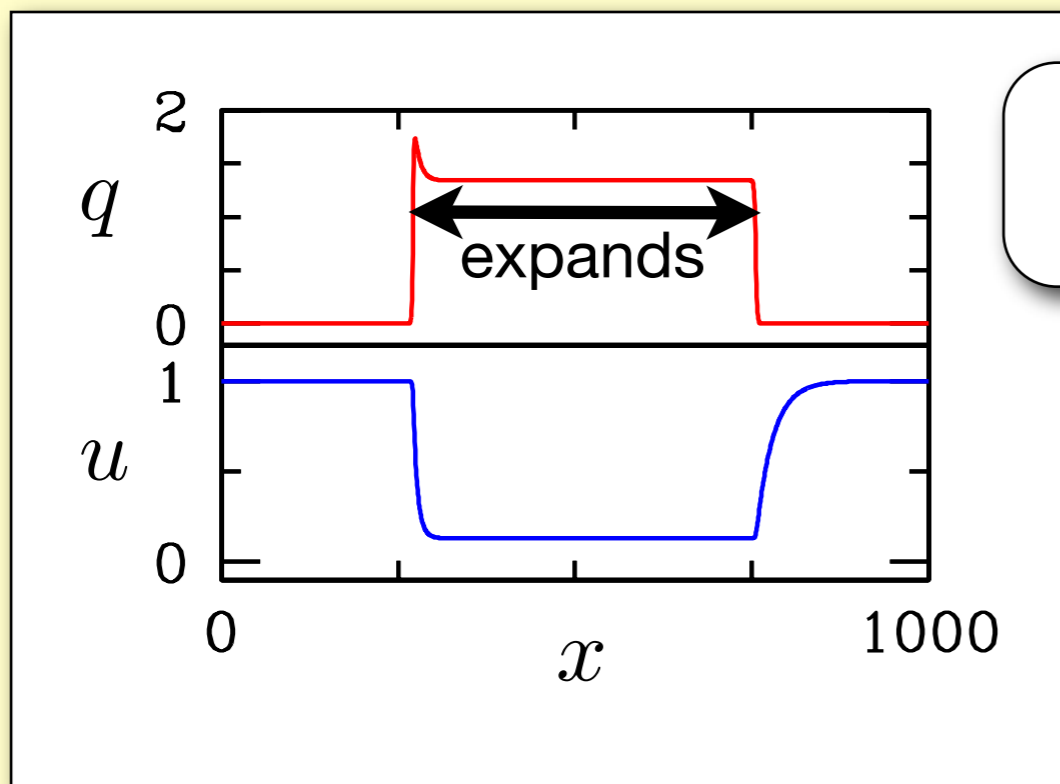


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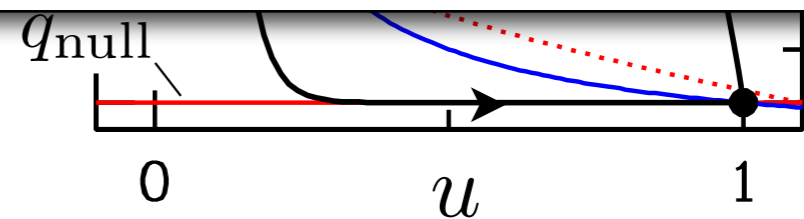
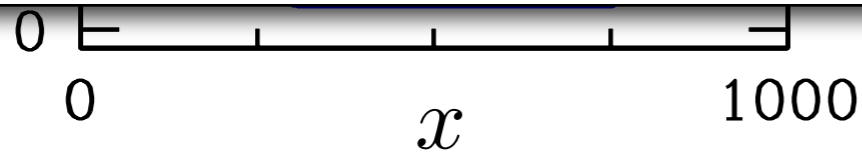
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# PDE Model

## Homework

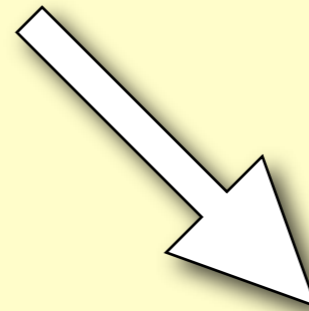
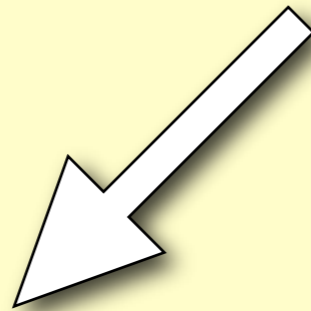
- 1) verify that the PDE model has all physical properties, except last.
- 2) show puffs correspond to excitability and slugs to bistability.



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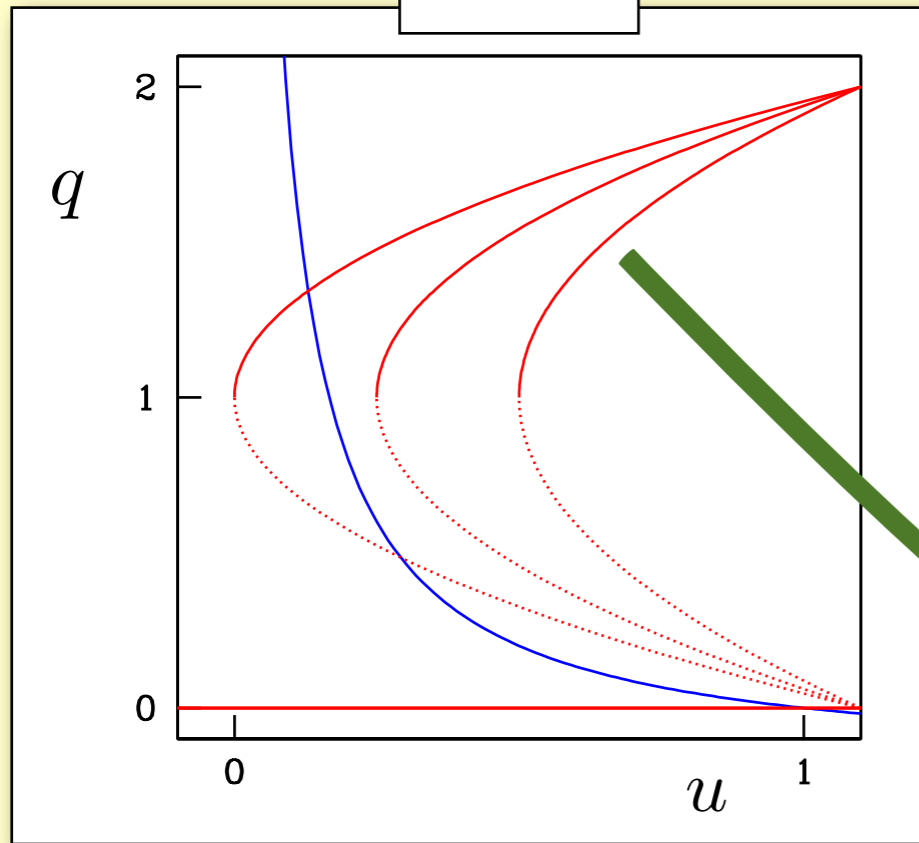


**Model Turbulence  
with Chaotic Map**

**Model Turbulence  
with Noise**

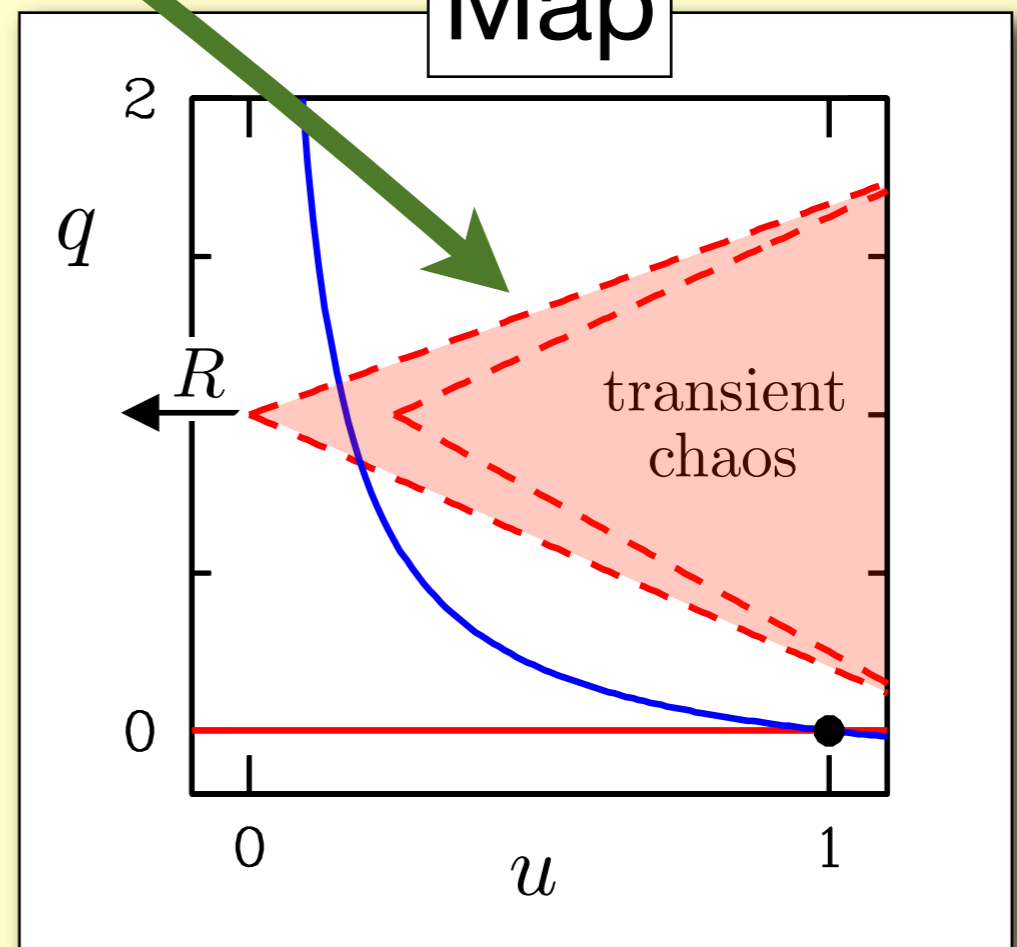
# Map Model

PDE

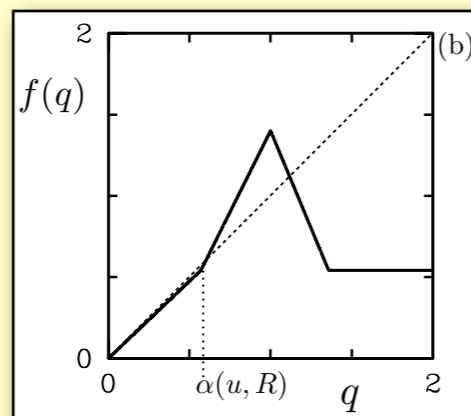


Replace upper turbulent branch in PDE with region of transient chaos

Map



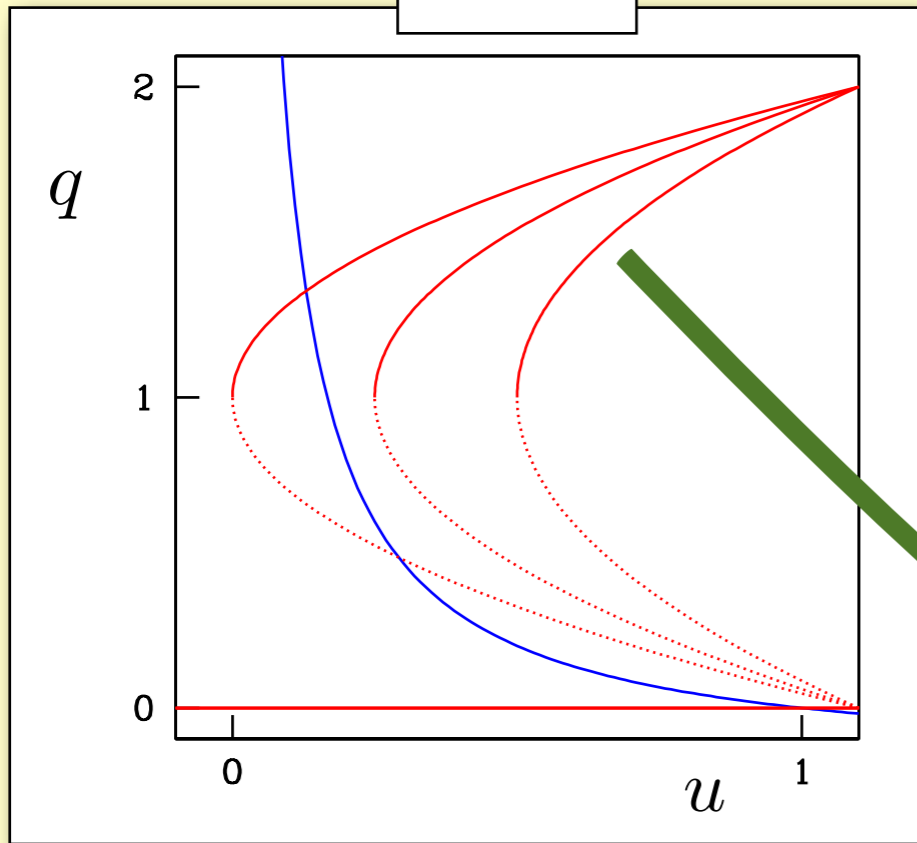
Transient chaos generated with tent map



( c.f. Chate, Manneville *et al.*, Vollmer *et al.* )

# Noise (SPDE) Model

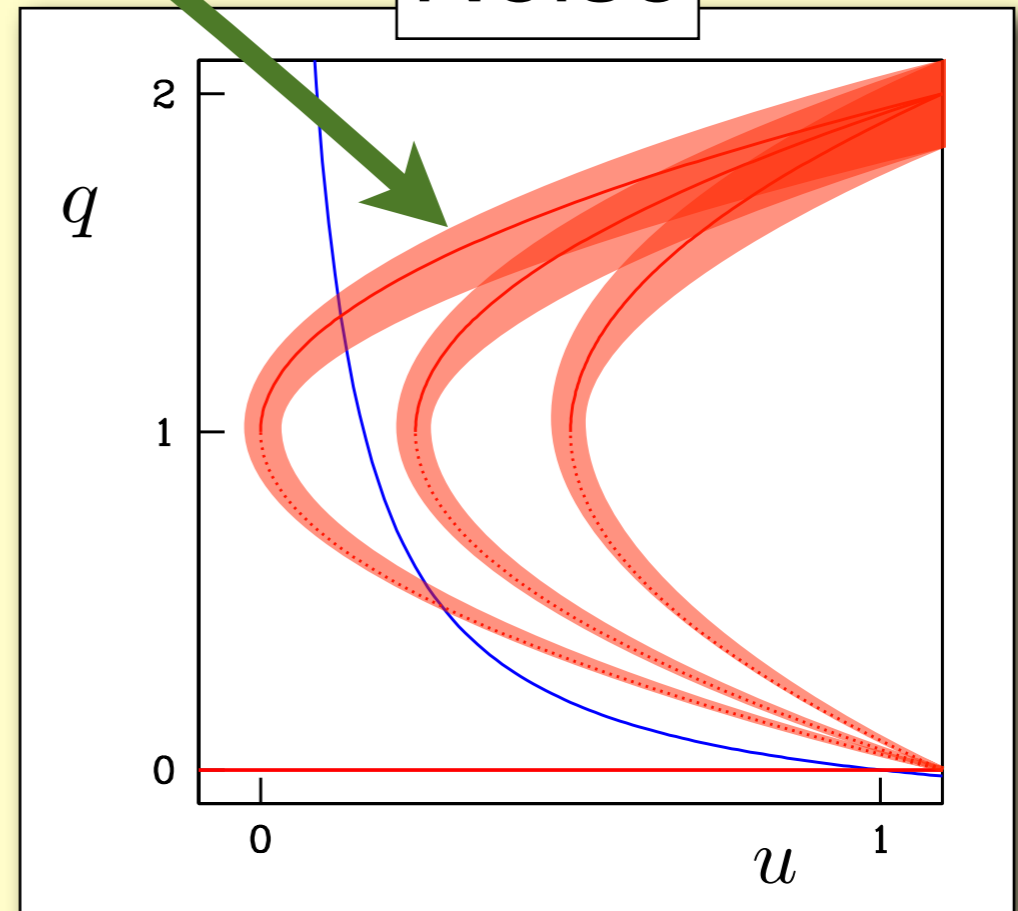
PDE



Add multiplicative noise

$$+ \sigma q \eta$$

Noise



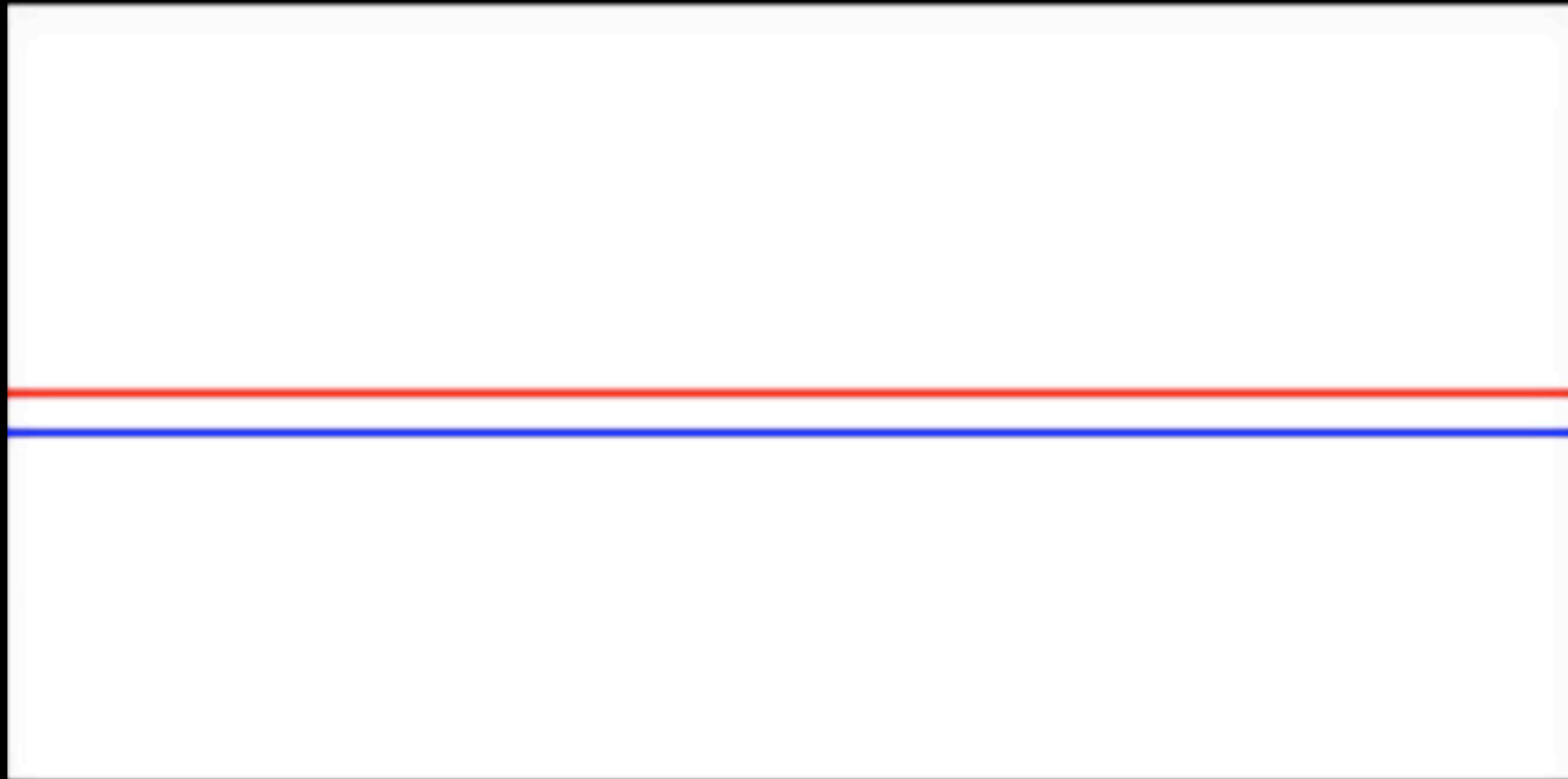
Stochastic PDE (SPDE)

Barkley, ETC13 (to appear)

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t q + U \partial_x q &= q(u + r - 1 - (r + \delta)(q - 1)^2) + \partial_{xx} q + \sigma q \eta, \\ \partial_t u + U \partial_x u &= \epsilon_1(1 - u) - \epsilon_2 u q - \partial_x u. \end{aligned}$$

$\eta$  is space-time white Gaussian noise

# Simulations of Map Model





# Summary of Models

- \* **PDE:** Simple, yet contains most physical features. Captures essence of puff-slug transition.
- \* **Map:** Deterministic, low-dimensional dynamics. Local turbulence explicitly chaotic saddle. Discrete space and time.
- \* **SPDE (Noise):** Infinite-dimensional, but random dynamics. Connected to PDE.

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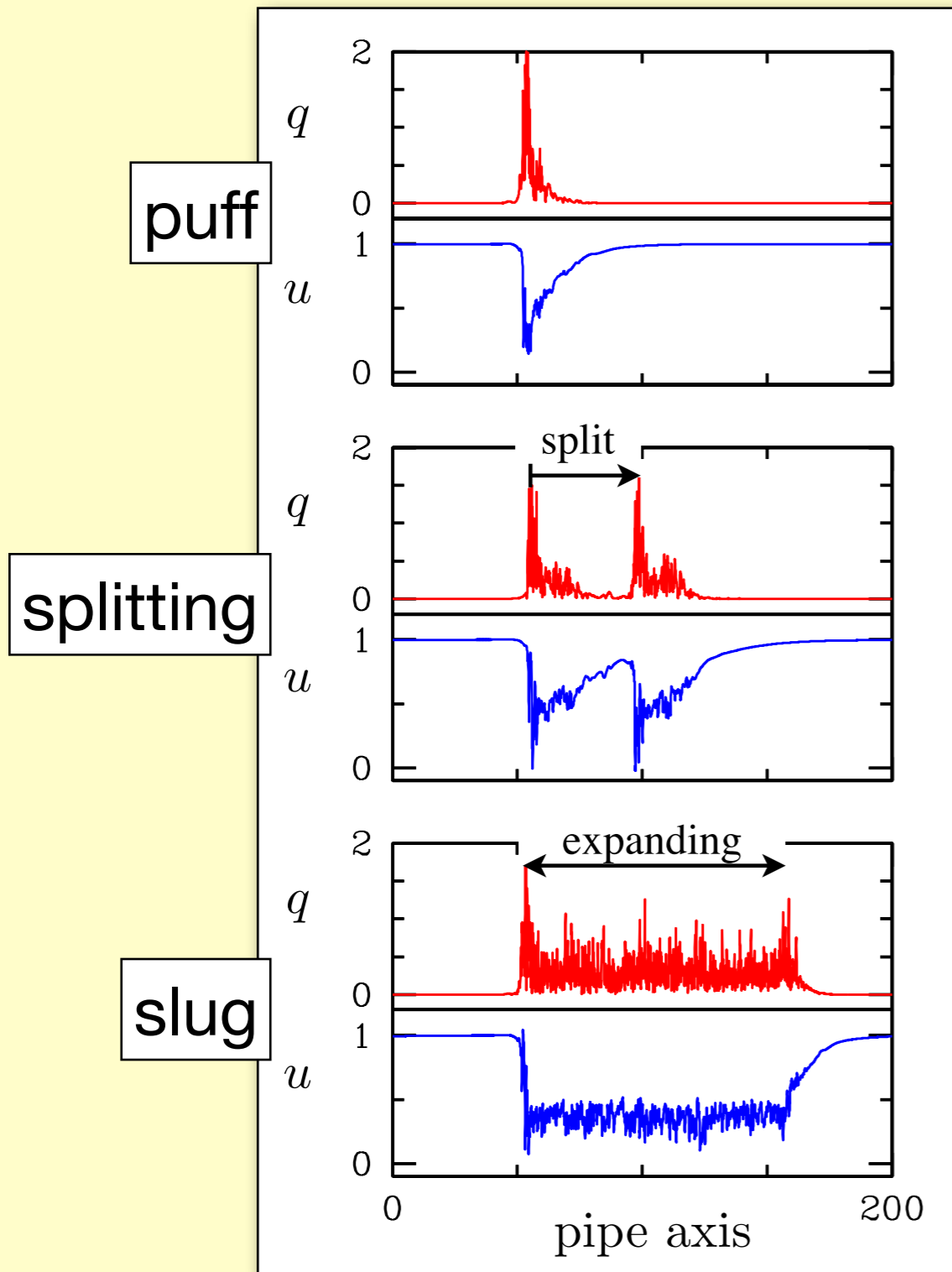
experiment or  
direct numerical simulation  
(various sources)

## Model

PDE, MAP, or SPDE  
(replotted from  
published and to-be-  
published sources)

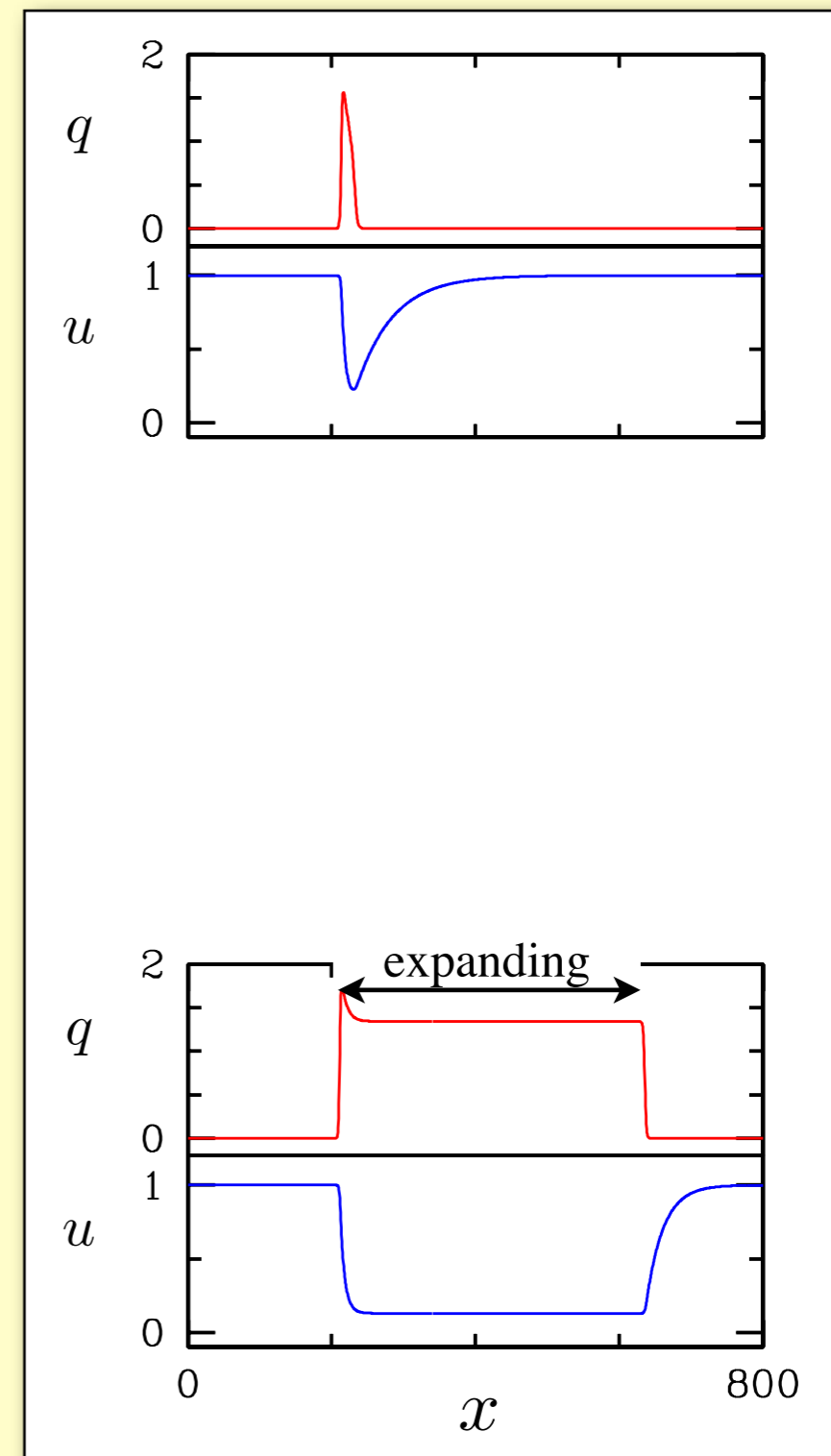
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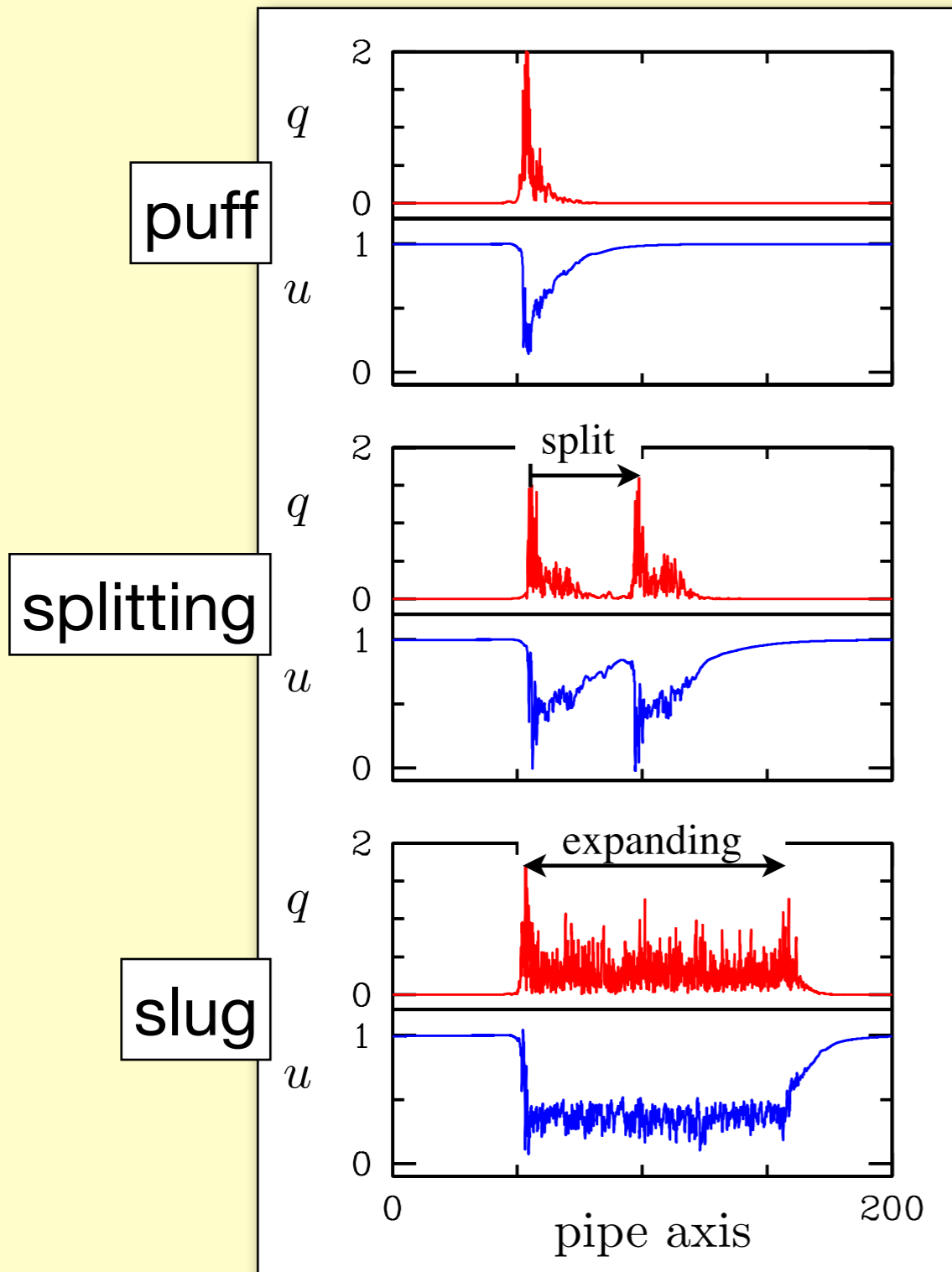
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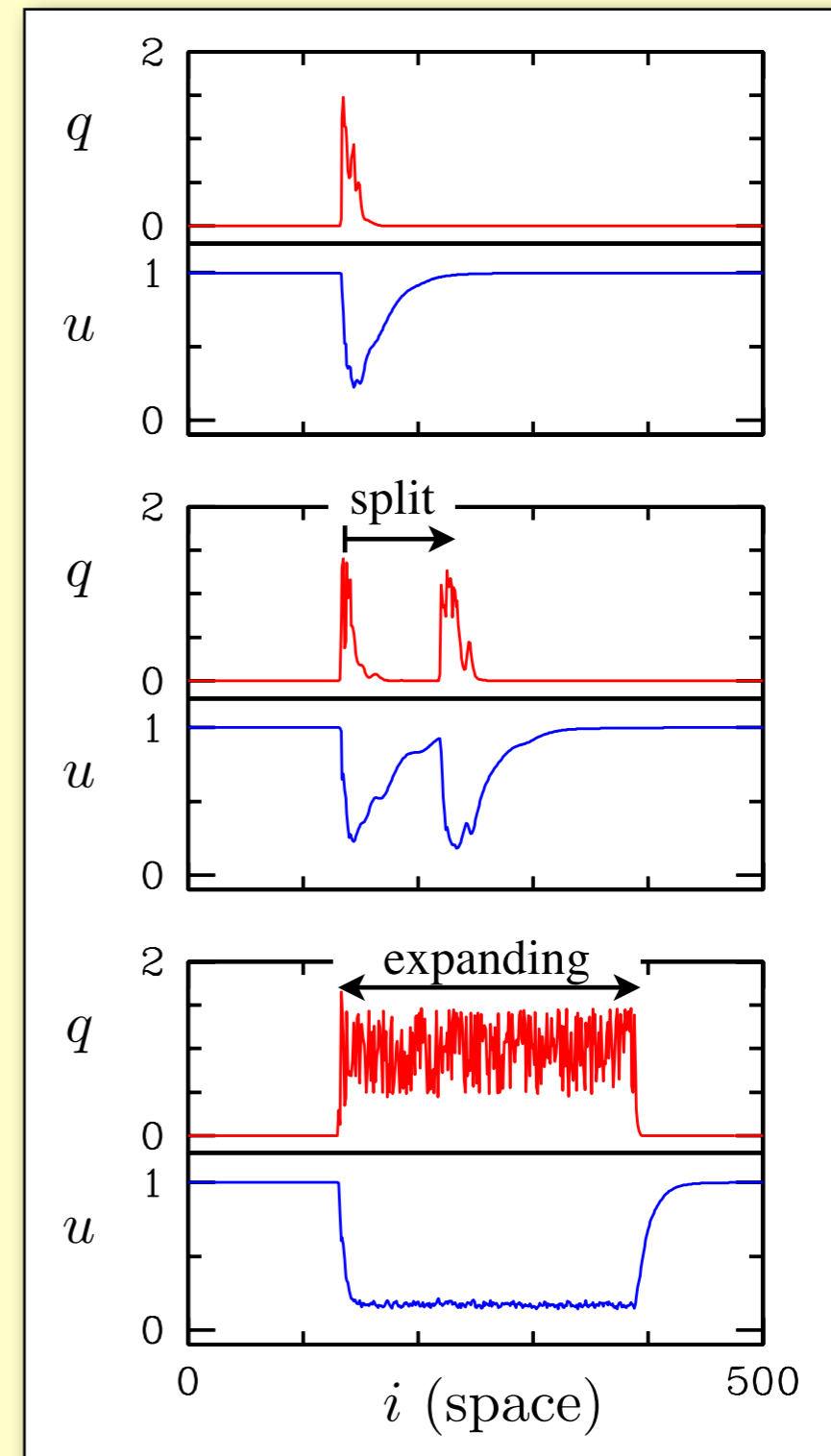
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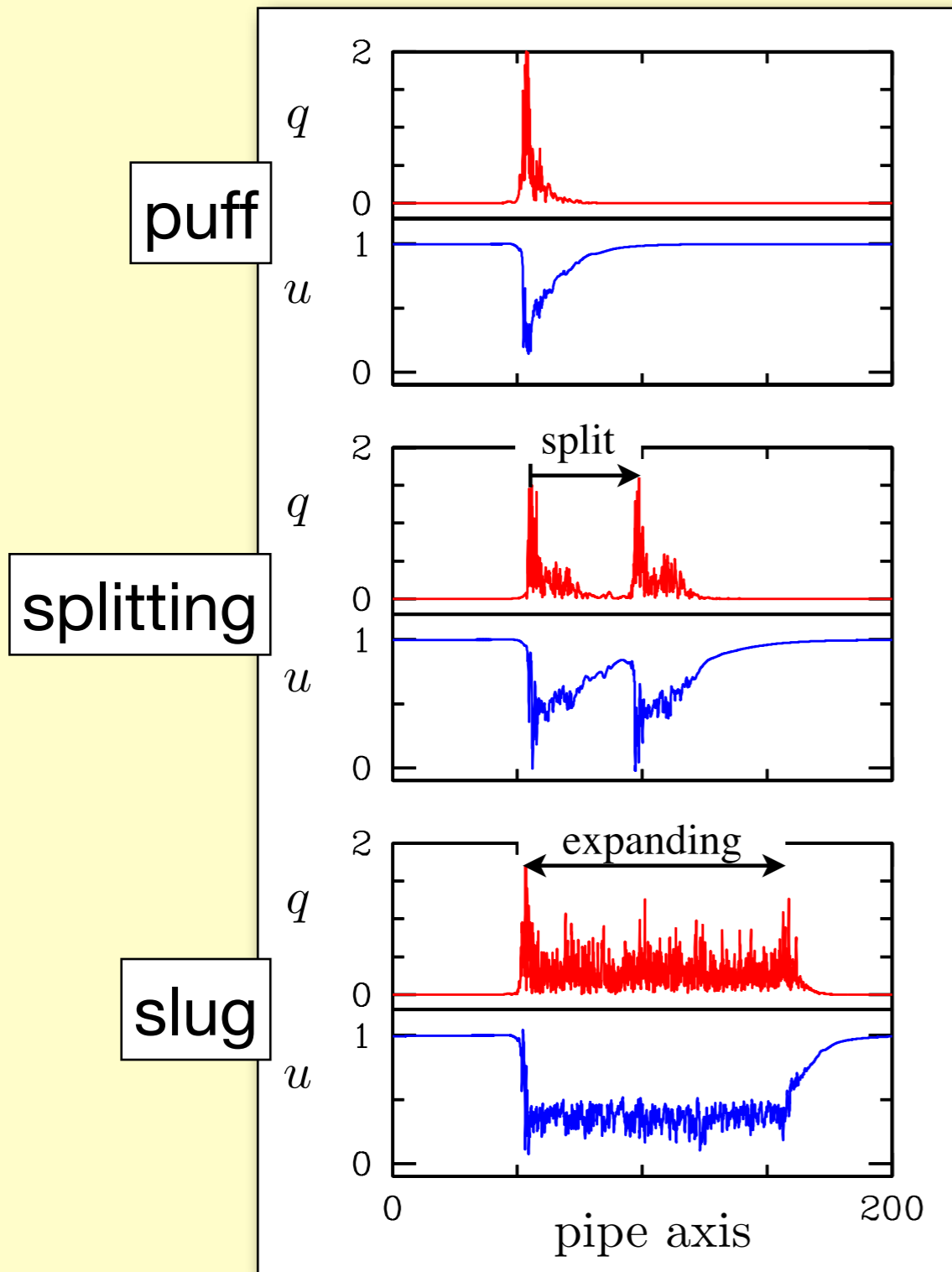
# MAP Model (chaos)

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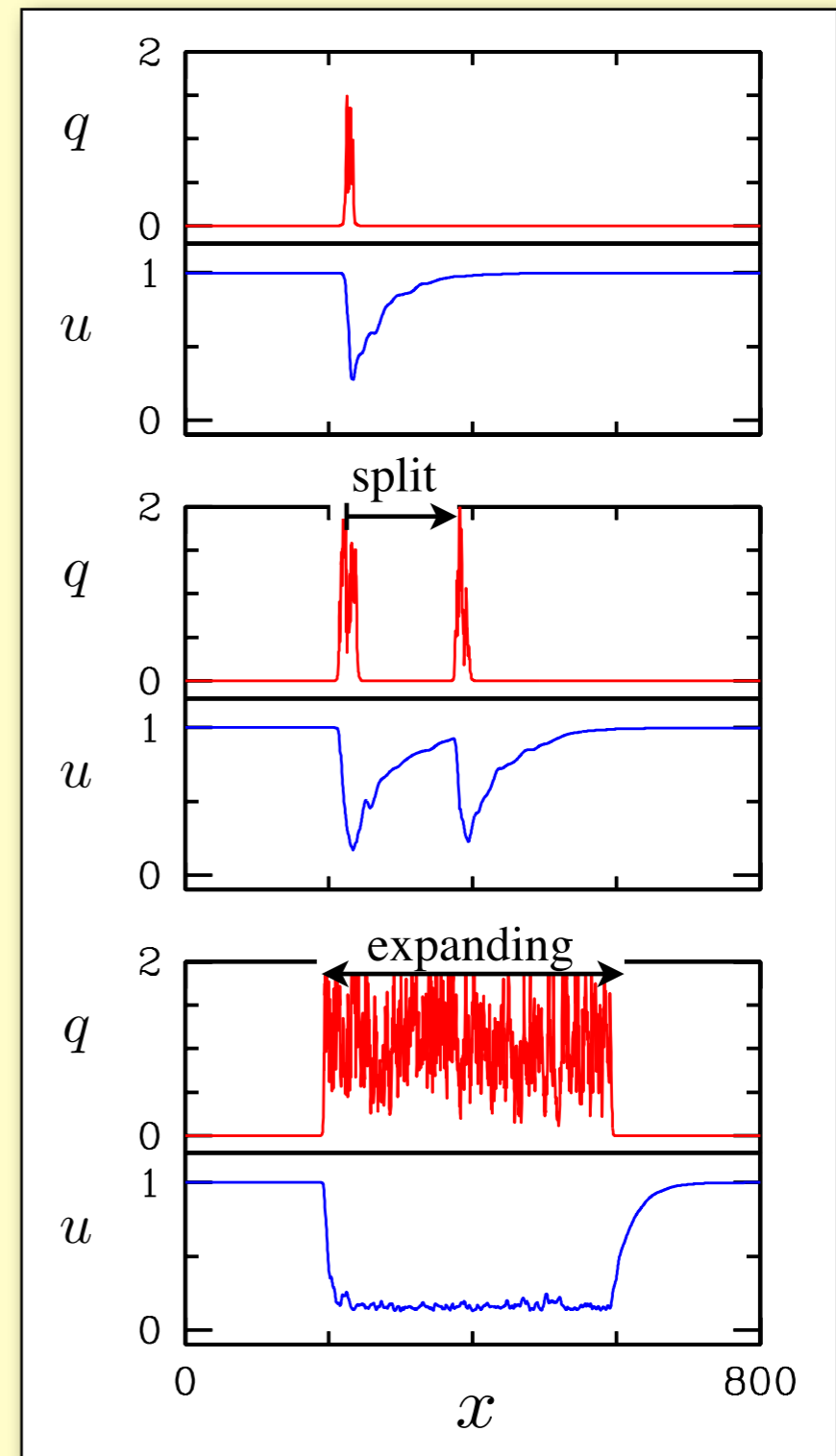
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# SPDE Model (noise)

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# Unpredictable Decay of Turbulence

At low Re turbulence is transient.

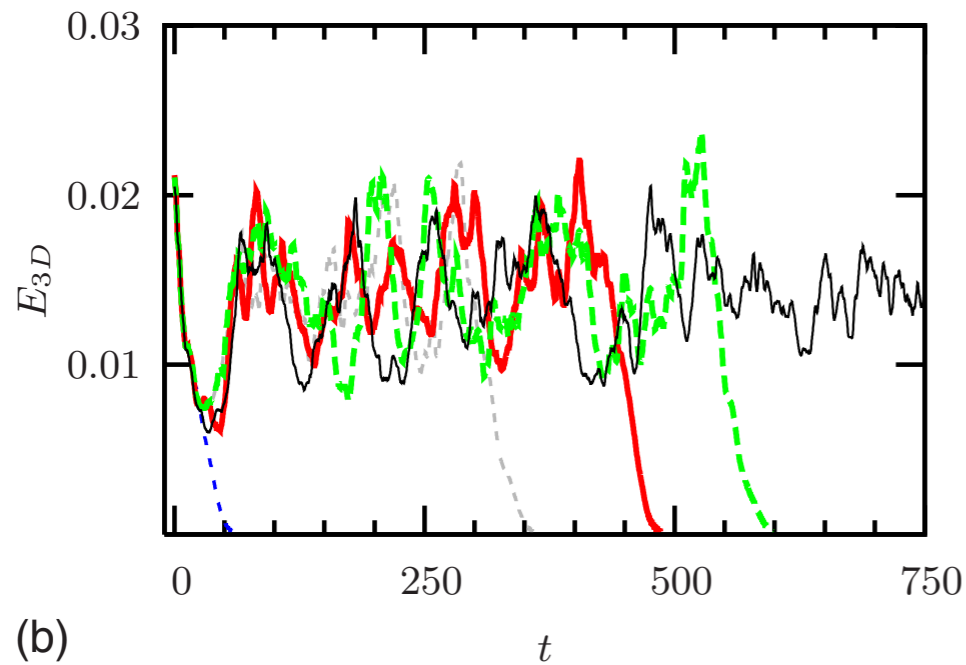
Minute changes in initial conditions results in wildly different decay times.

## Lifetime statistics in transitional pipe flow

Tobias M. Schneider<sup>1,\*</sup> and Bruno Eckhardt<sup>1,†</sup>

DNS

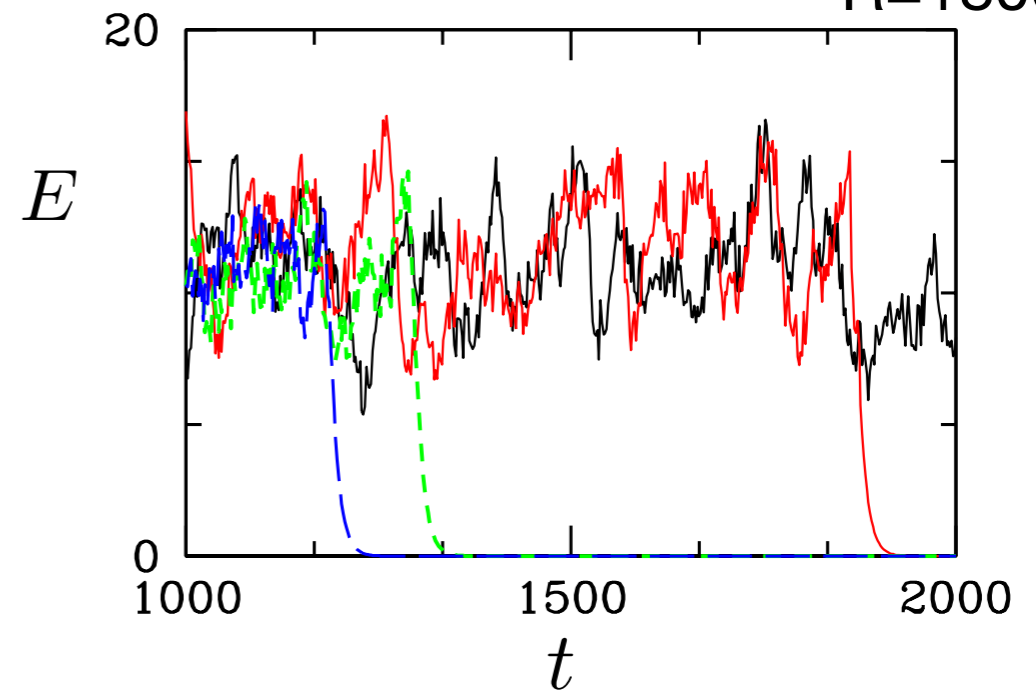
Re=1900



## Map model

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R=1800



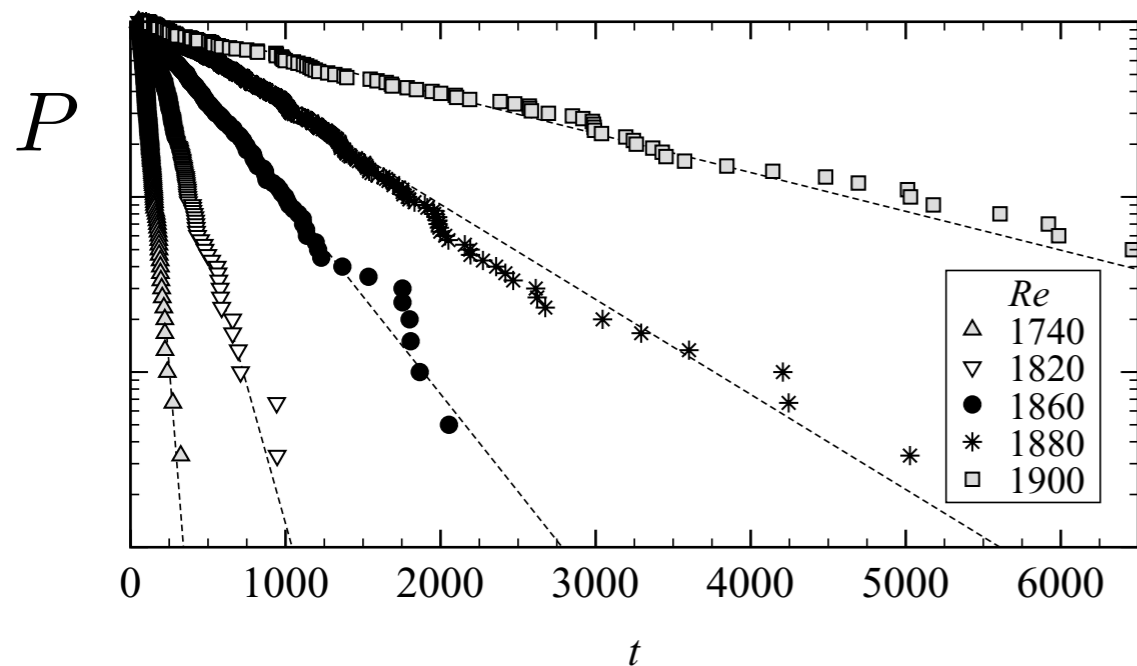
# Decay is Memoryless

Giving rise to exponential lifetime distributions

On the transient nature of localized pipe flow turbulence

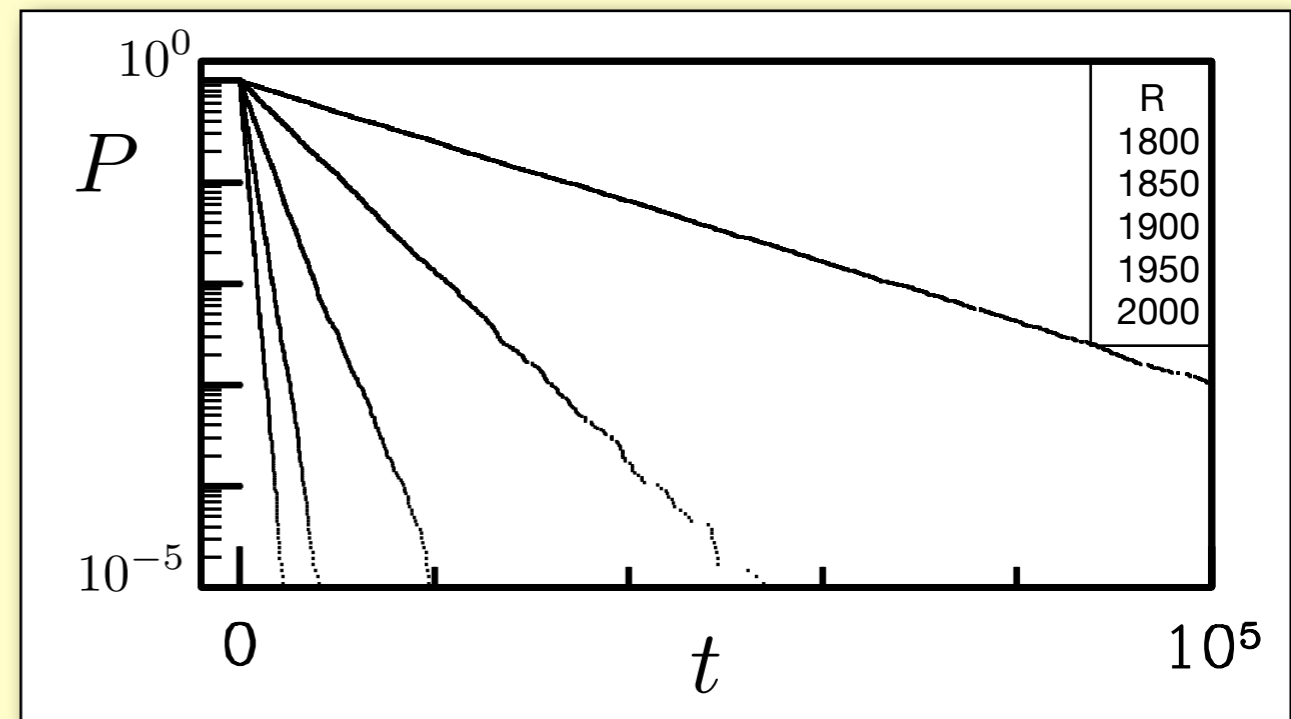
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# Puff Splitting

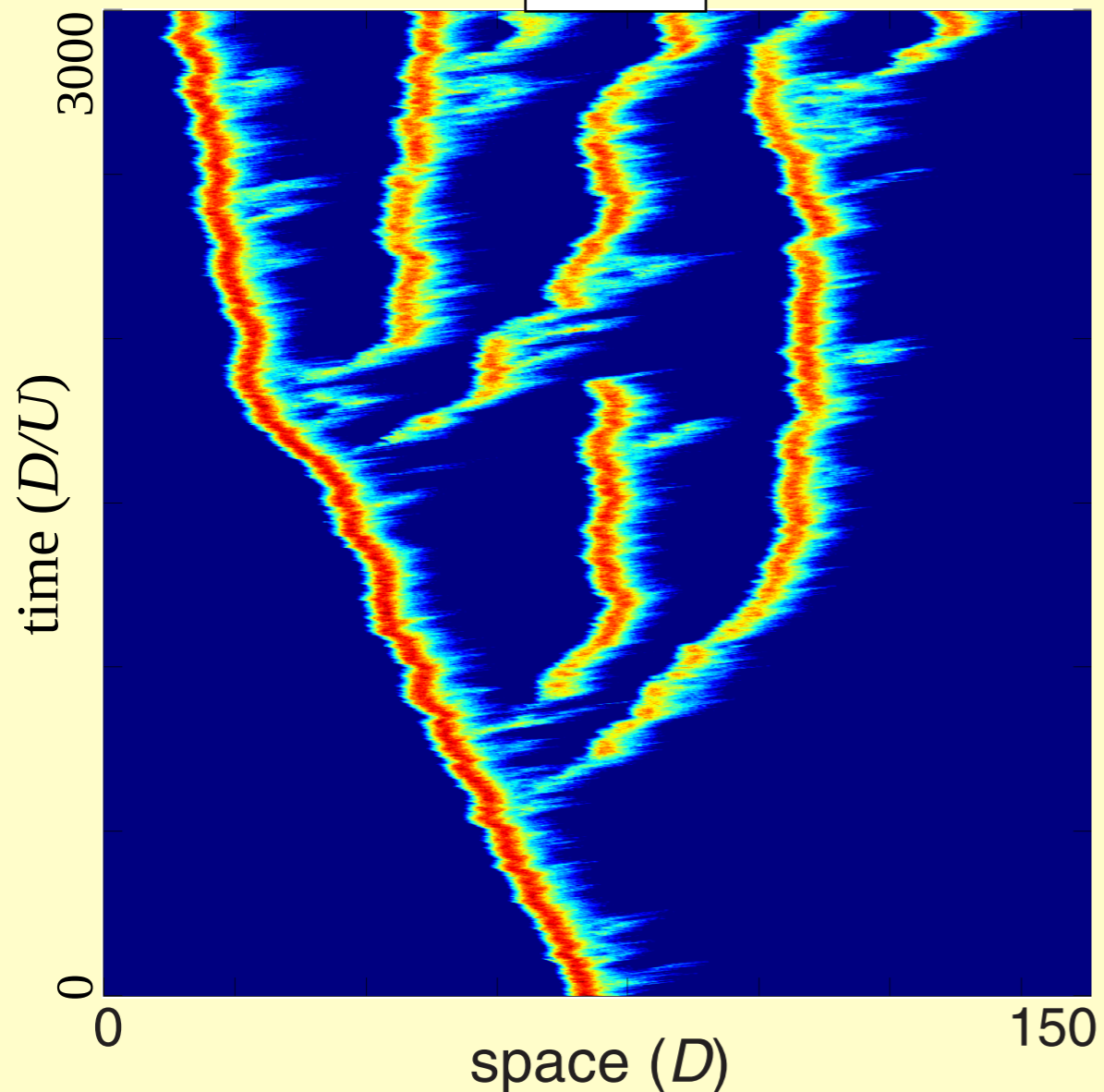
New puffs randomly split from downstream side

## The Onset of Turbulence in Pipe Flow

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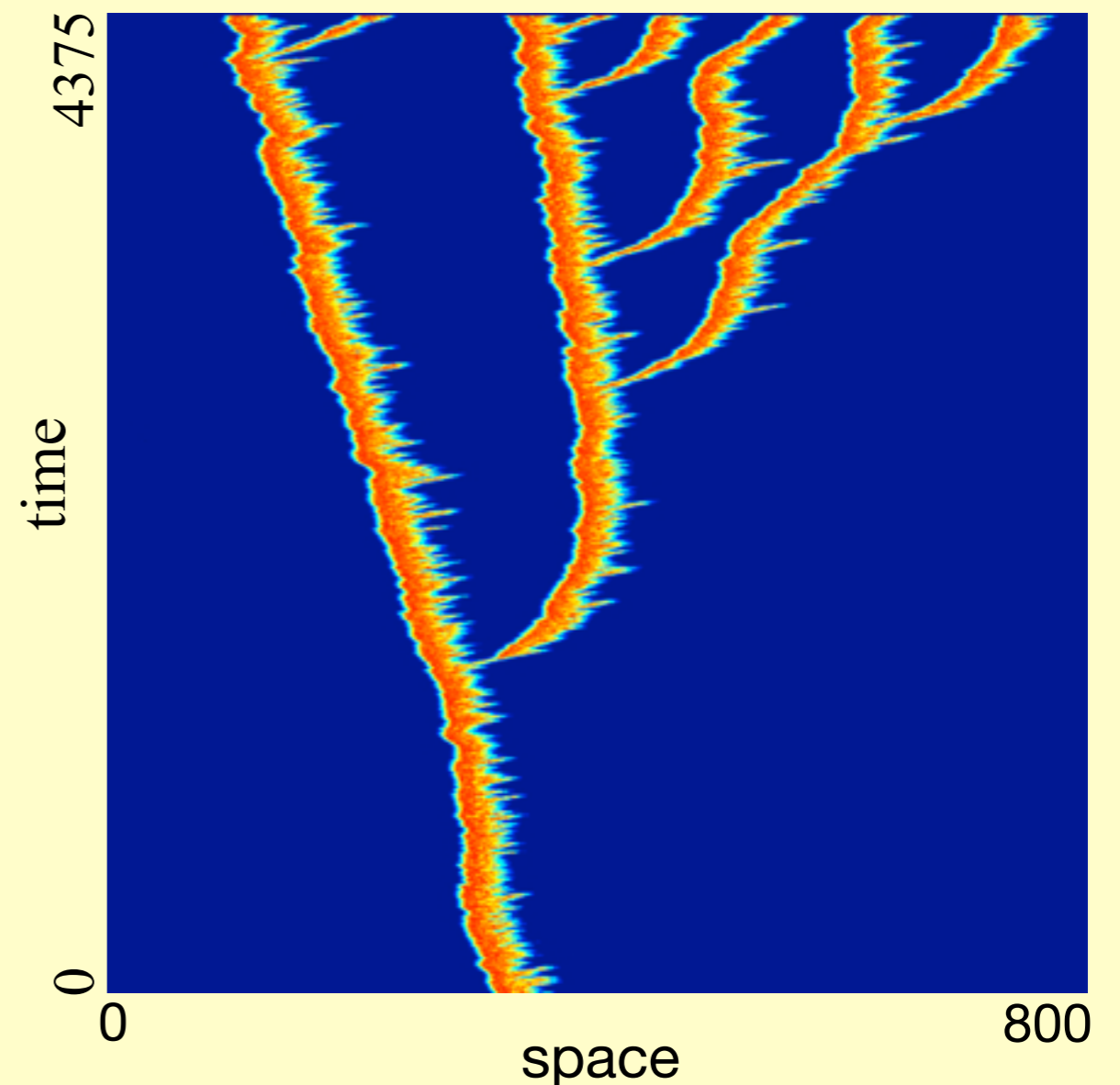
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## SPDE model

(Barkley, ETC 13)



(co-moving frame, log scale)

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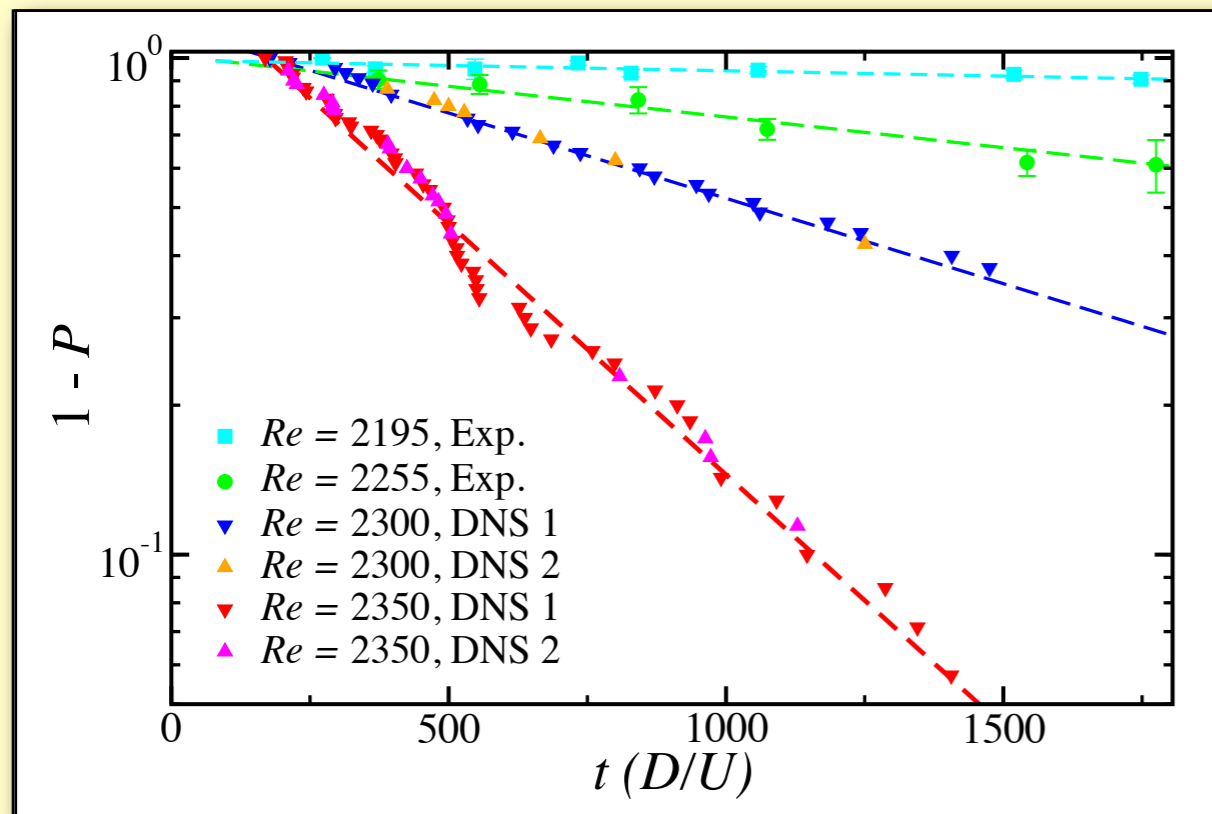
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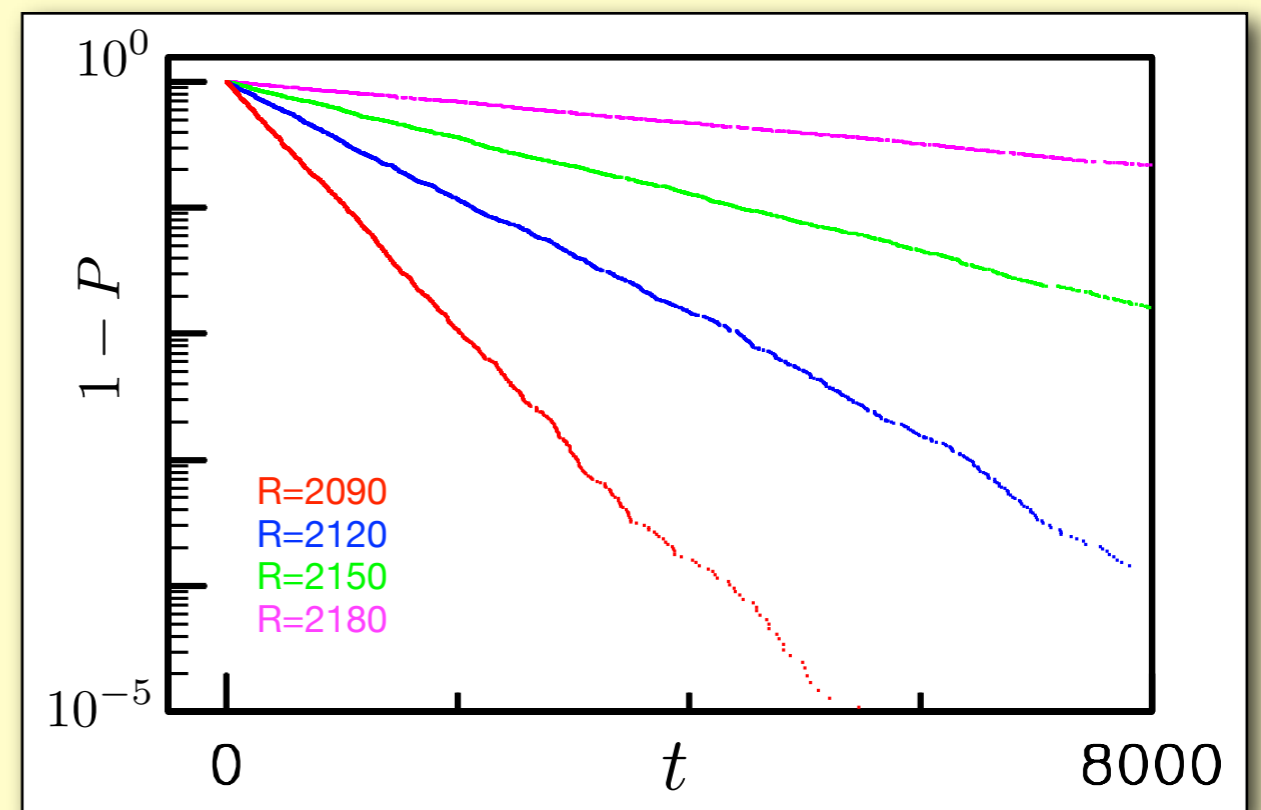
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## Experiment and DNS



## Map model

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# Critical Point

Decay and spreading lifetimes cross  
giving rise to a critical point

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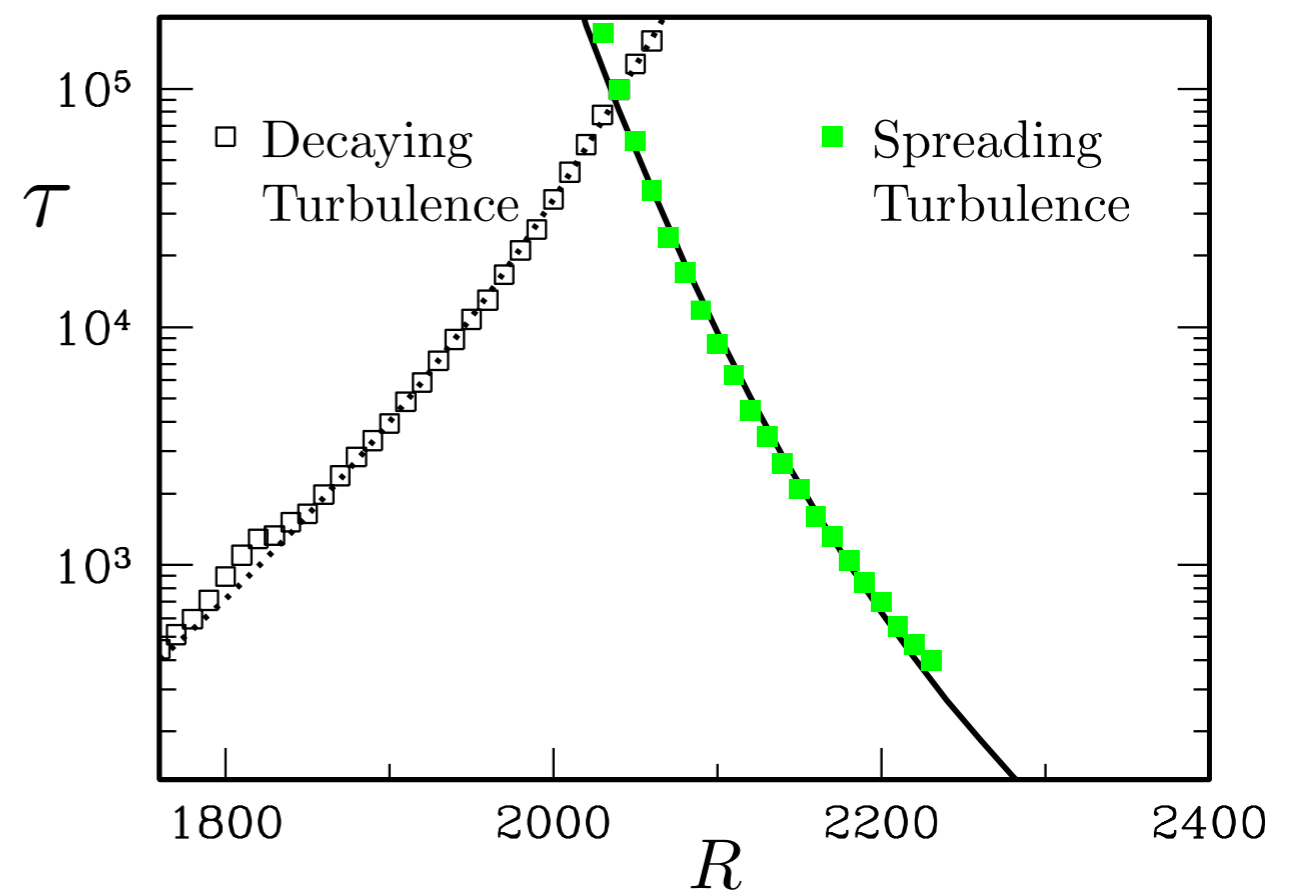
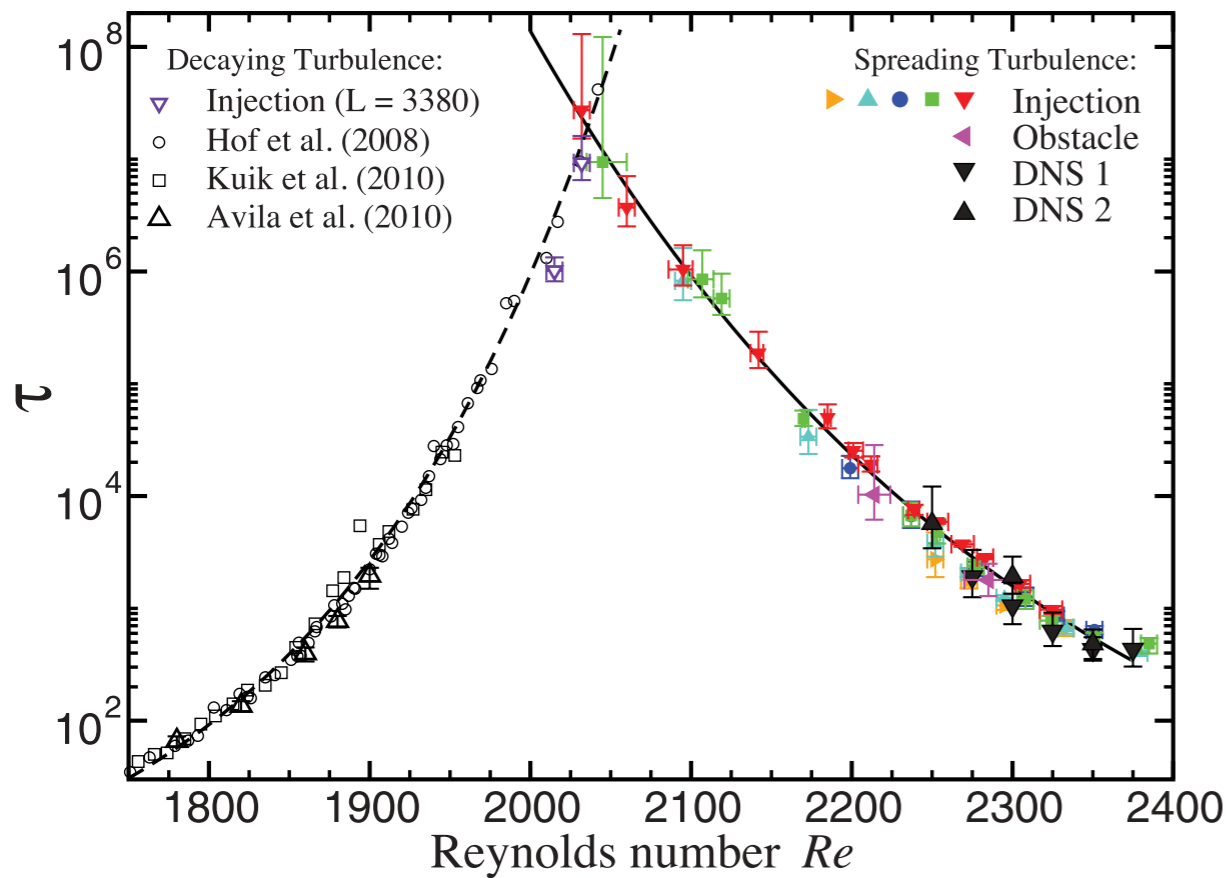
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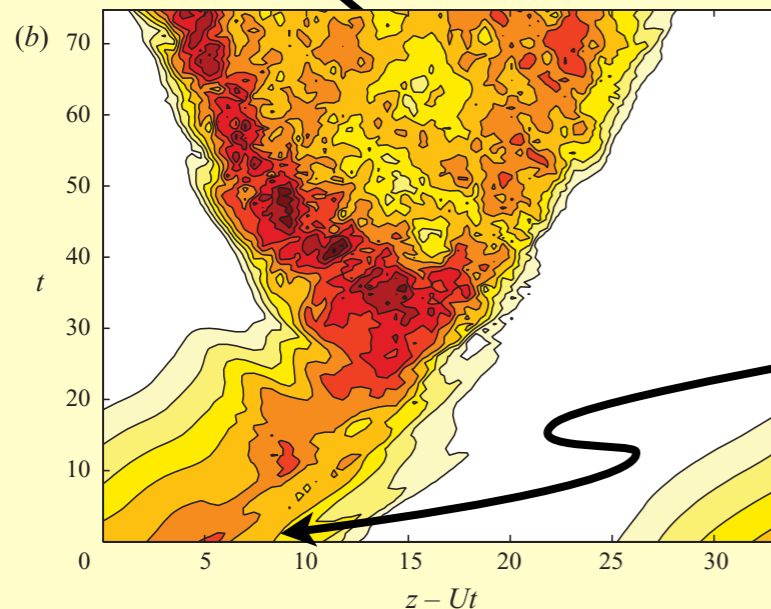
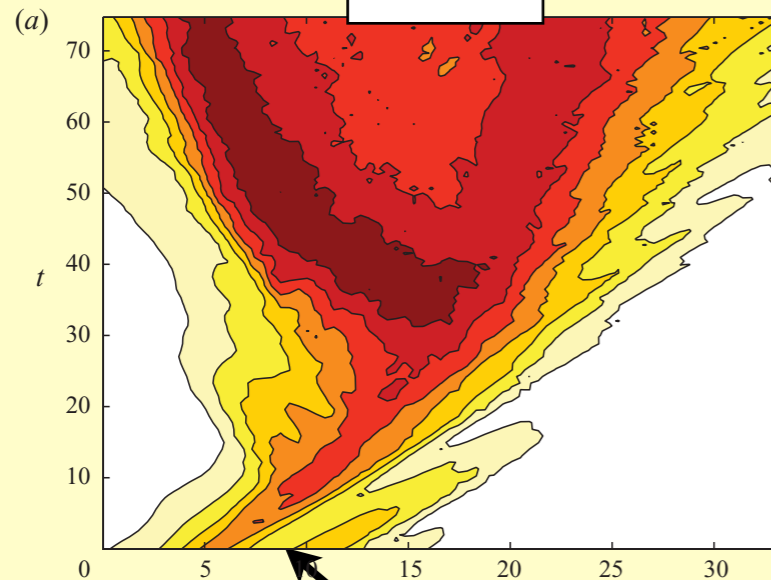
# Slug Formation from Edge State

Space-time plots of Energy  
(co-moving frame, log scale)

Slug genesis in cylindrical pipe flow

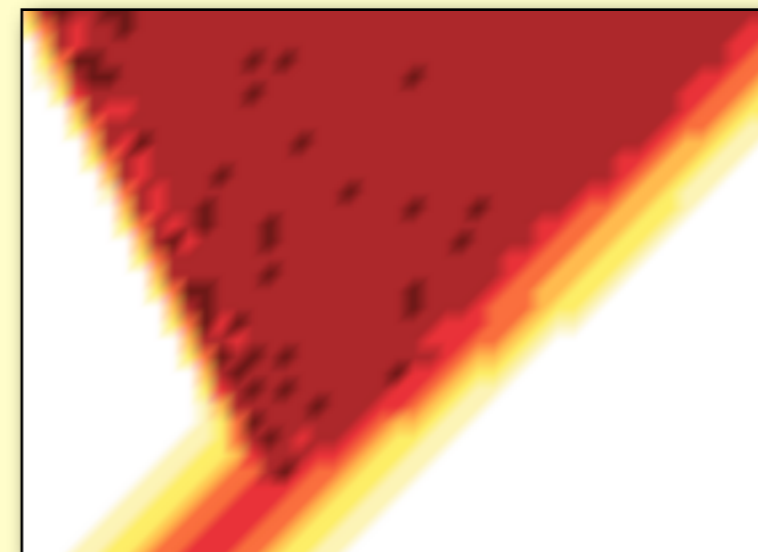
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$R=3000$

Edge state  
(low amplitude, localized)

(Colour online) Genesis of a slug from the edge state at  $Re = 3000$ . (a)  $E_{roll}$   
(b)  $E_{streak}$  (scales as in figure 12).

**You get the point  
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These models do not capture:

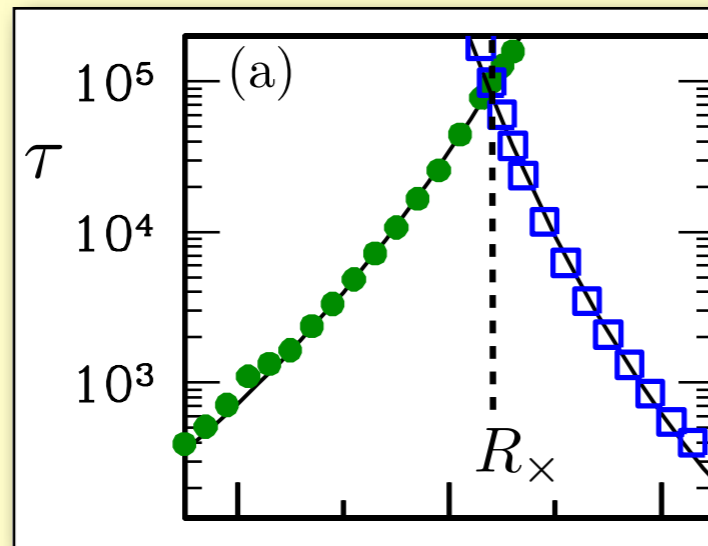
Fractal Basin Boundaries

**3 Things We Can  
Learn from Models  
not easily accessible to  
Experiment or DNS**

# 1) Sustained Turbulence



# Sustained Model Turbulence

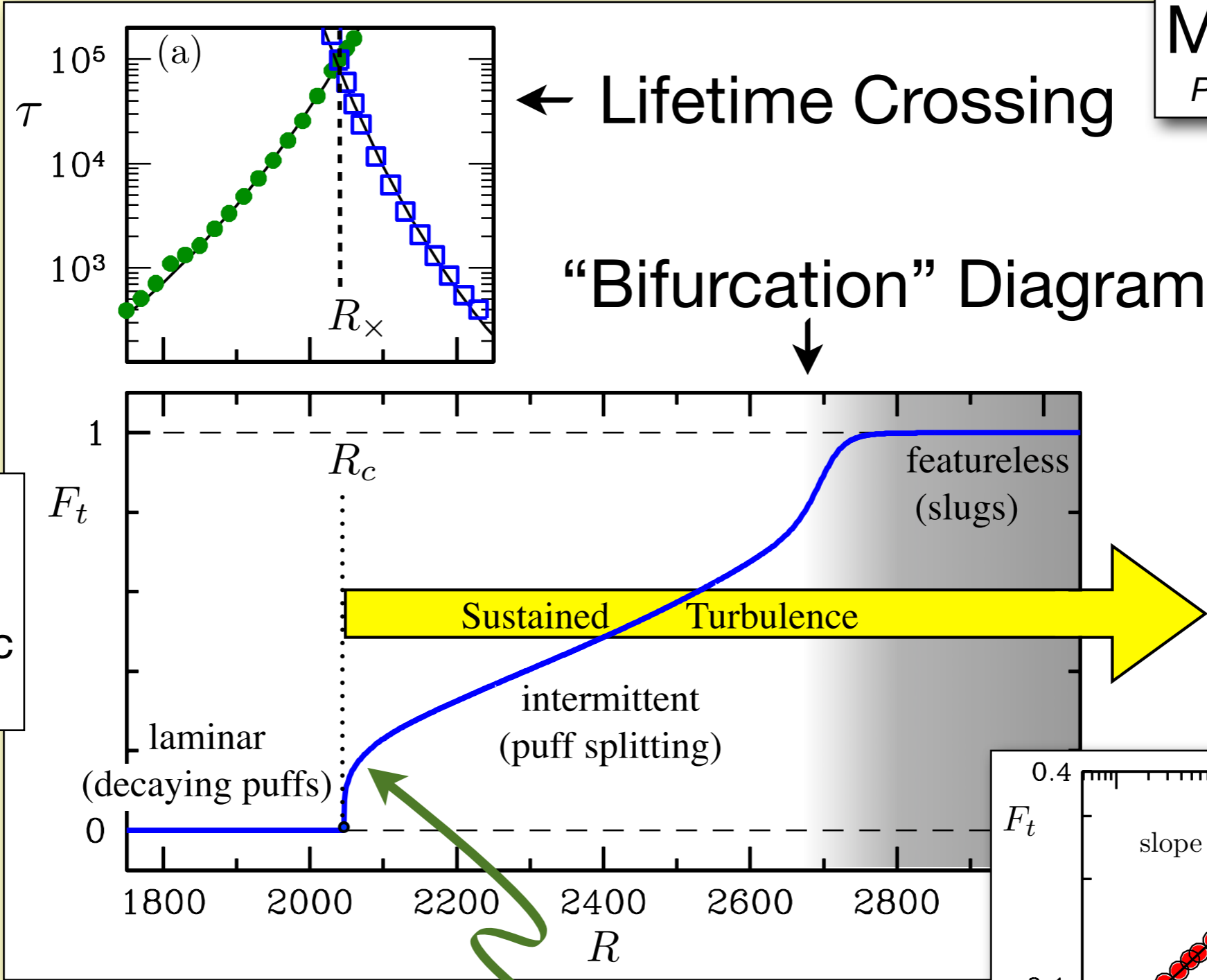


← Lifetime Crossing

Map model  
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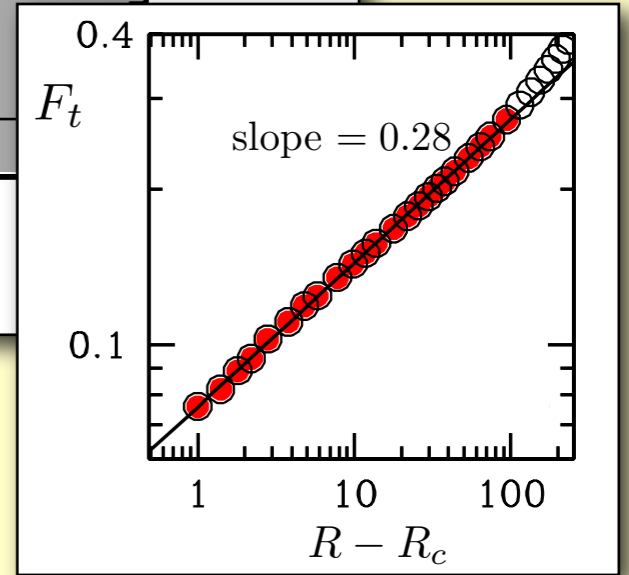
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Turbulence Fraction  
(thermodynamic limit)

$Re_c = Re_x$   
to within 0.3%

Continuous transition  
to sustained turbulence

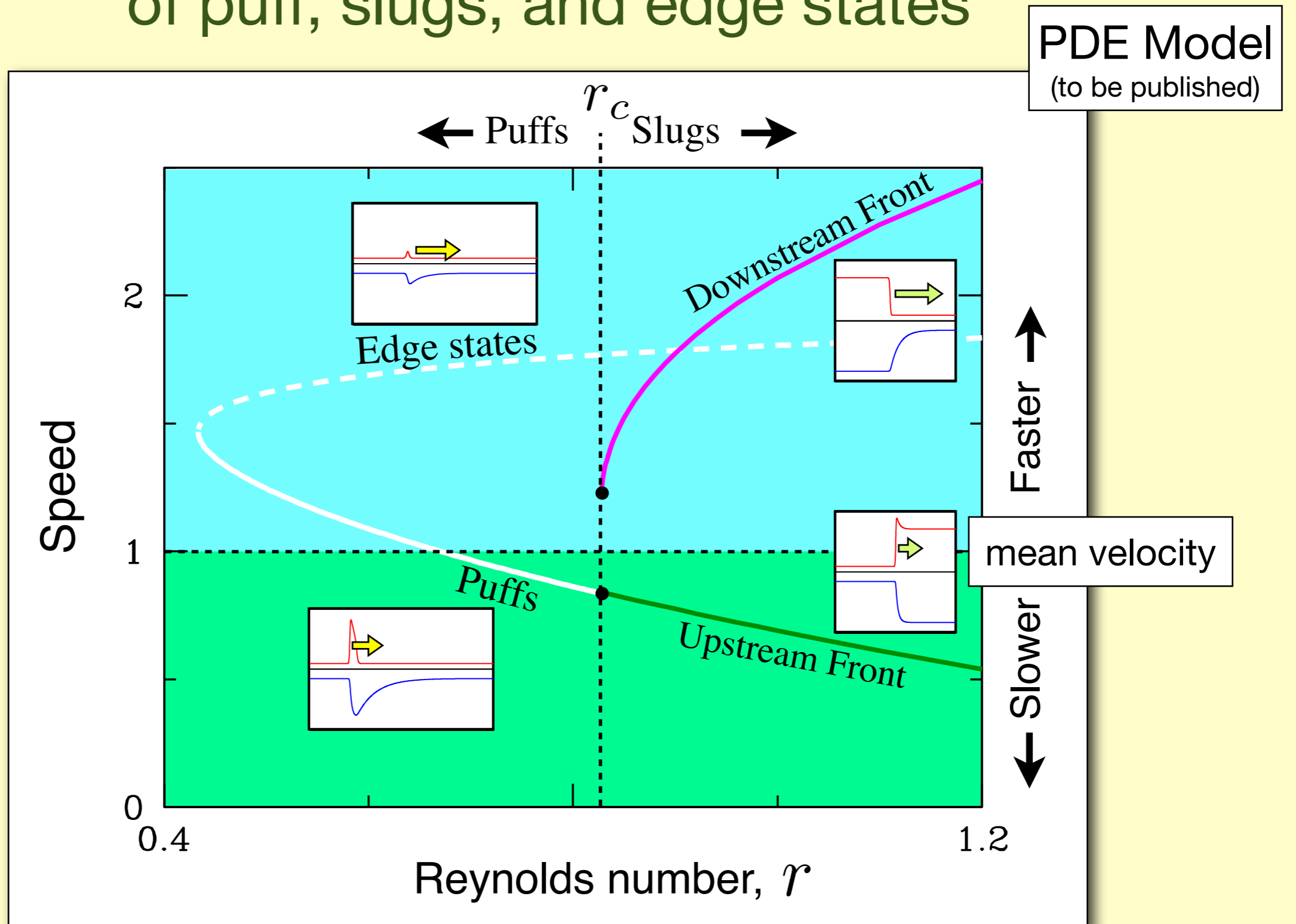


Directed Percolation in (1+1)D

## 2) Speed of pulses and fronts

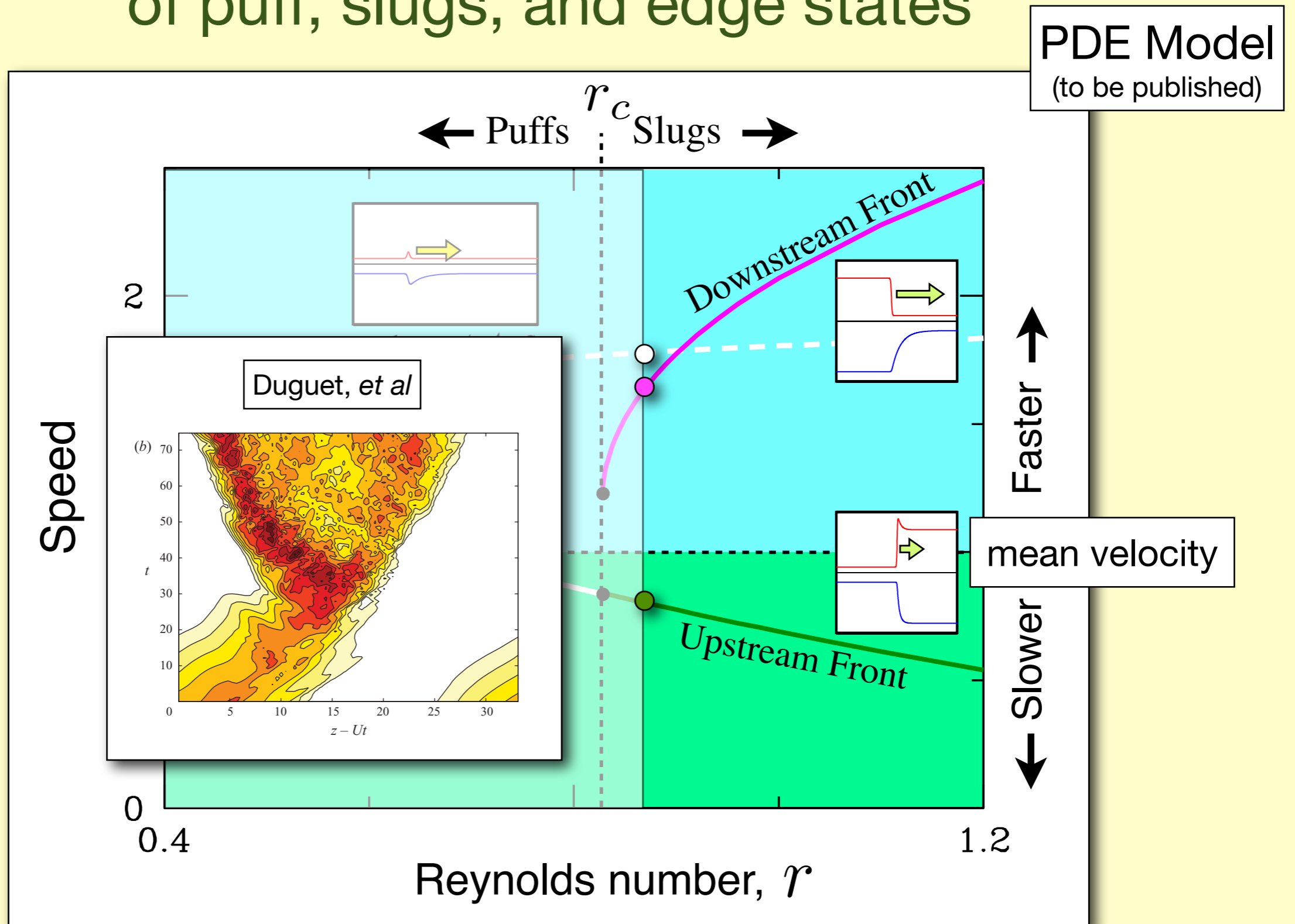
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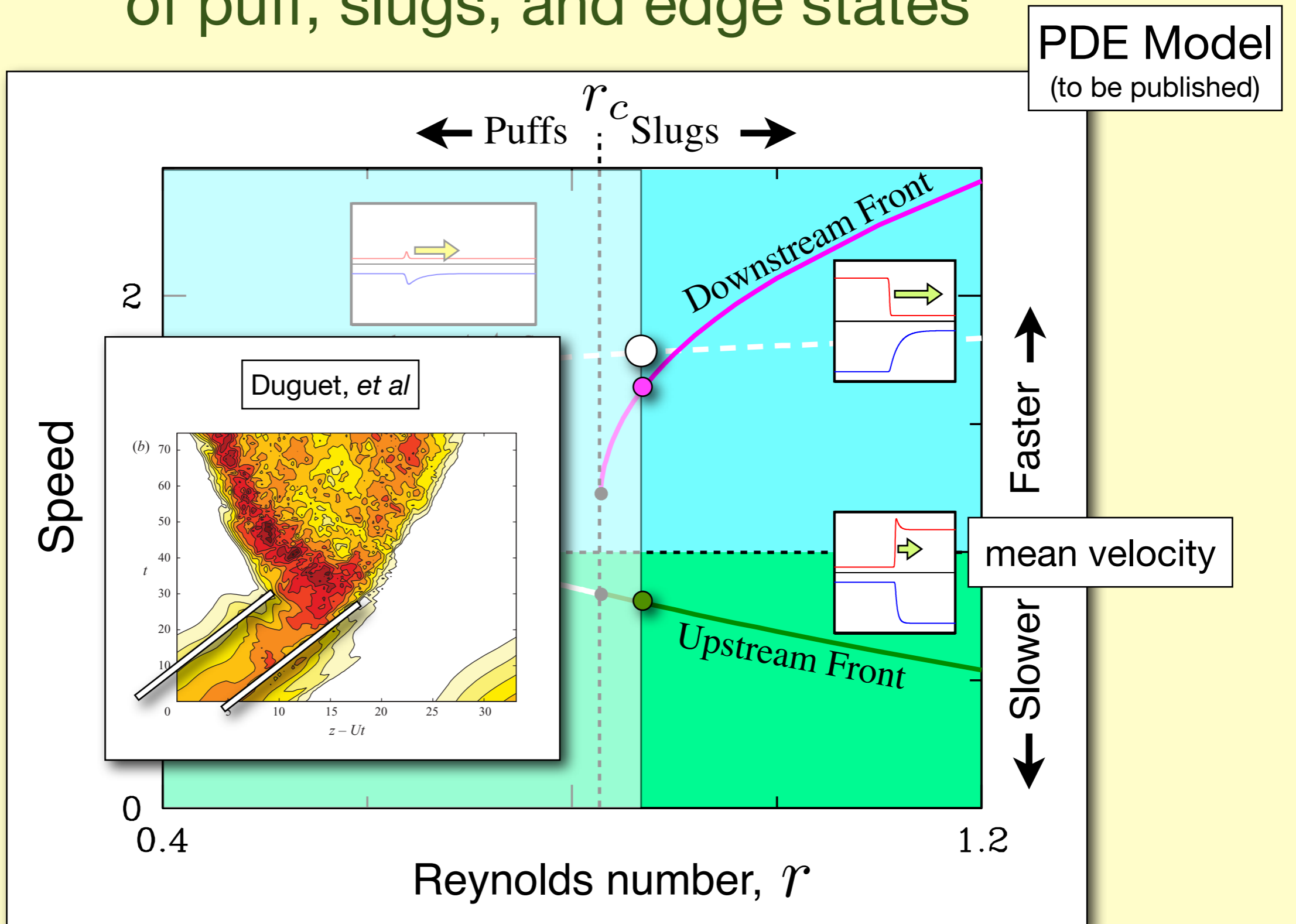
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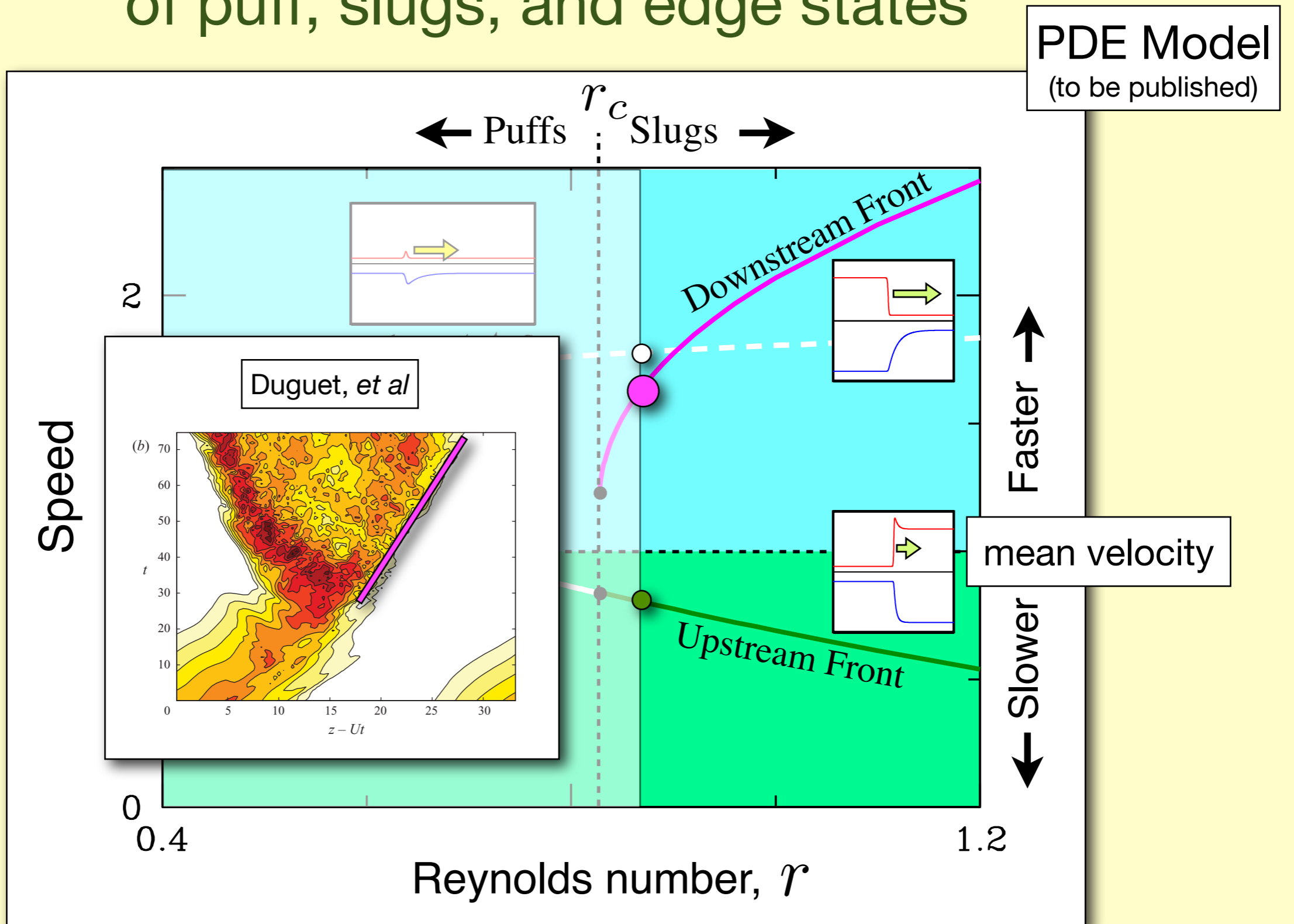
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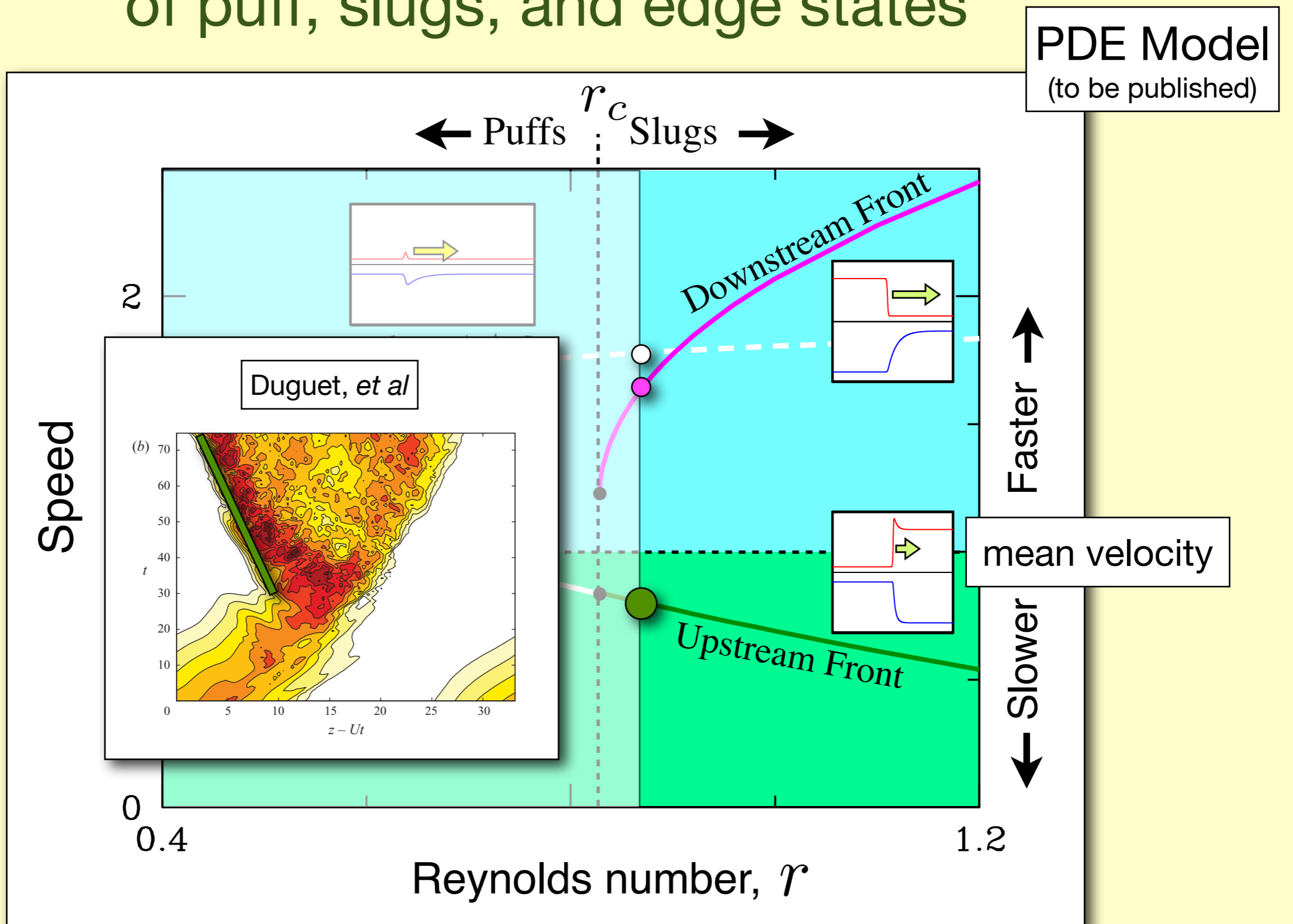
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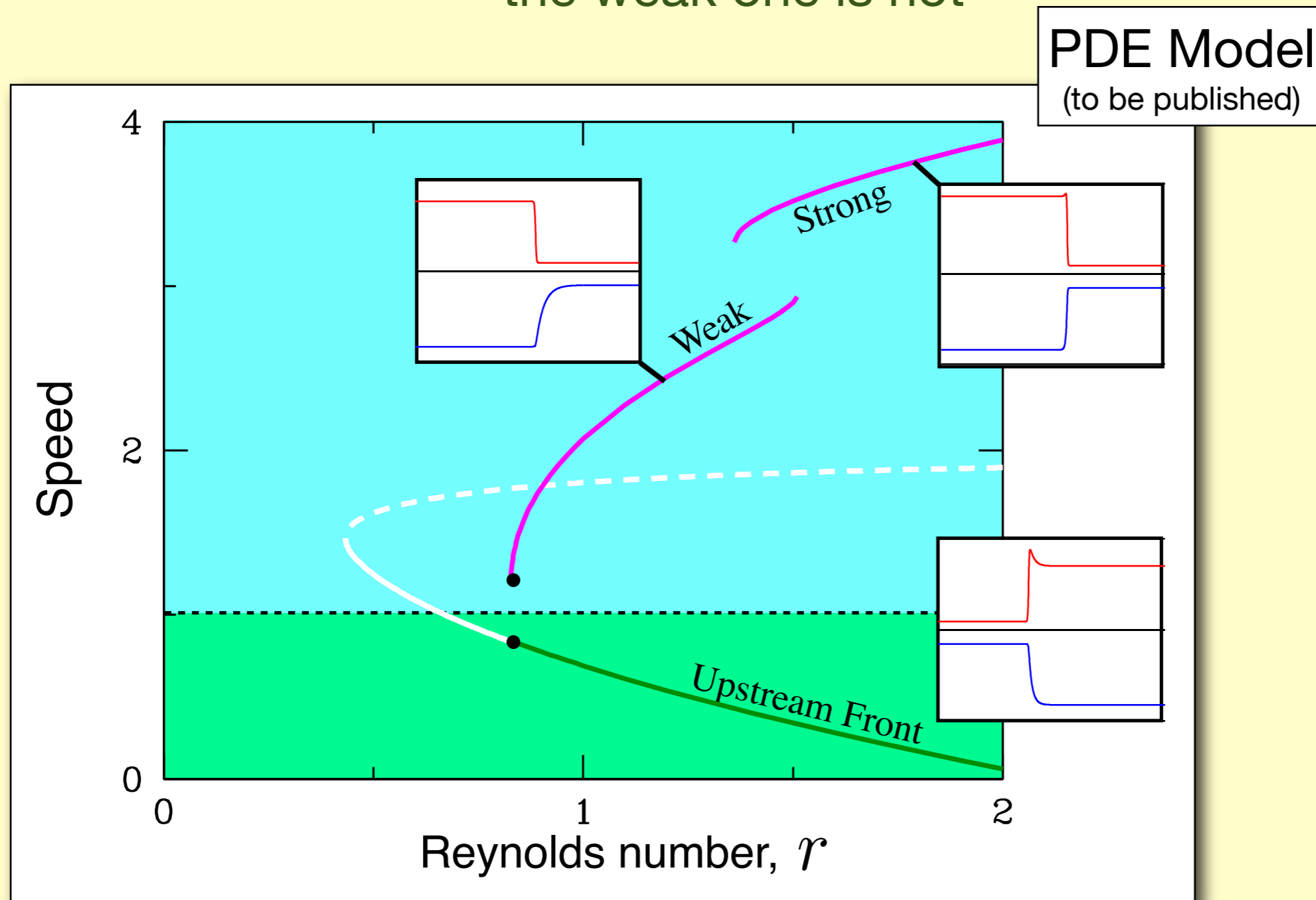
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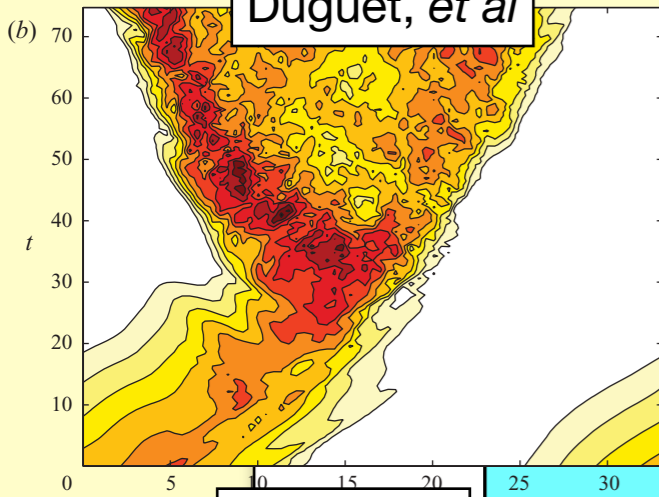


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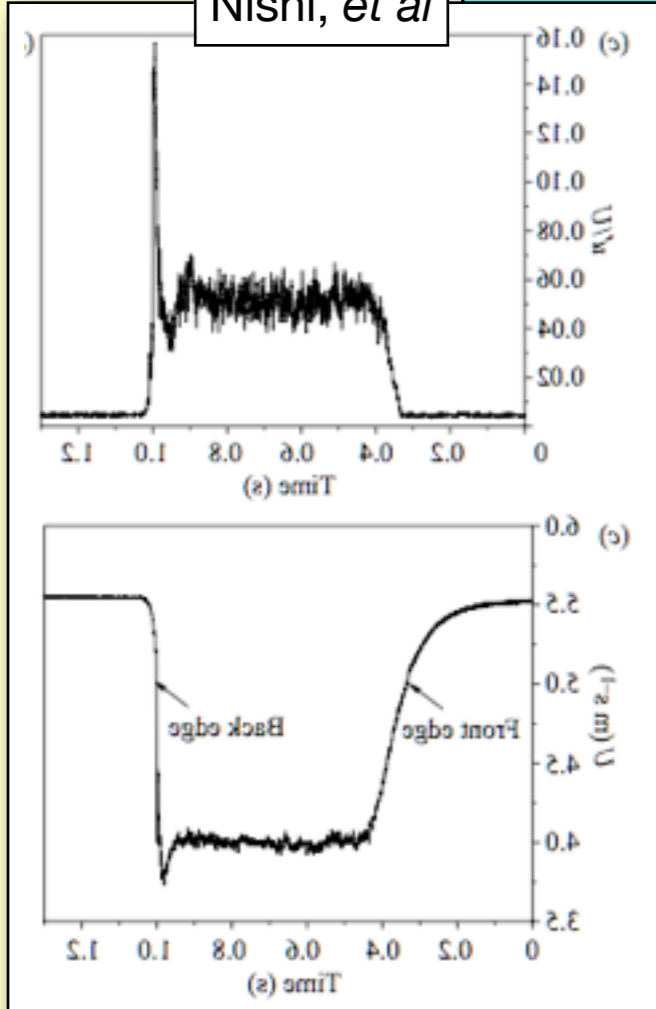
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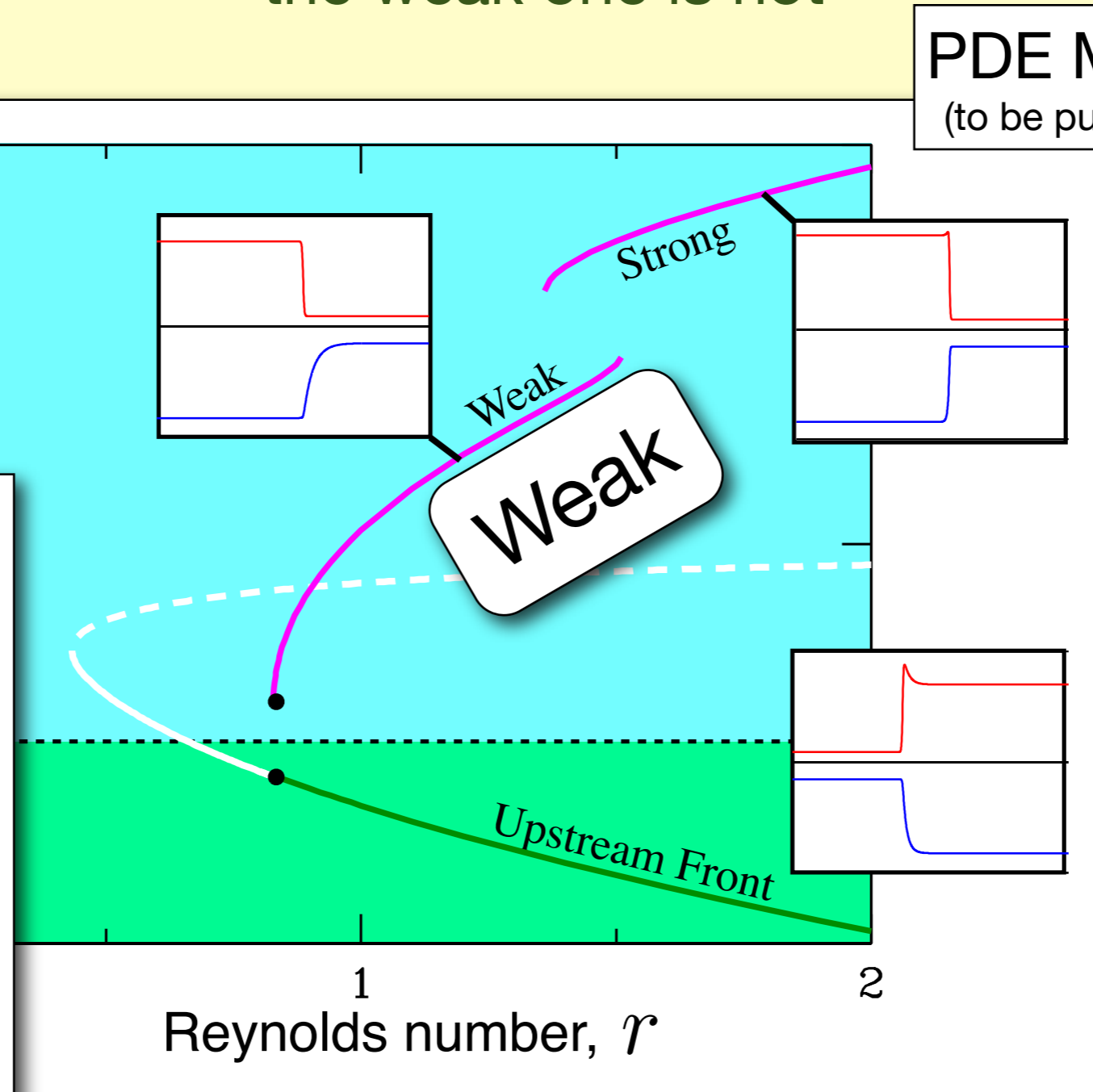


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**PDE Model**

(to be published)

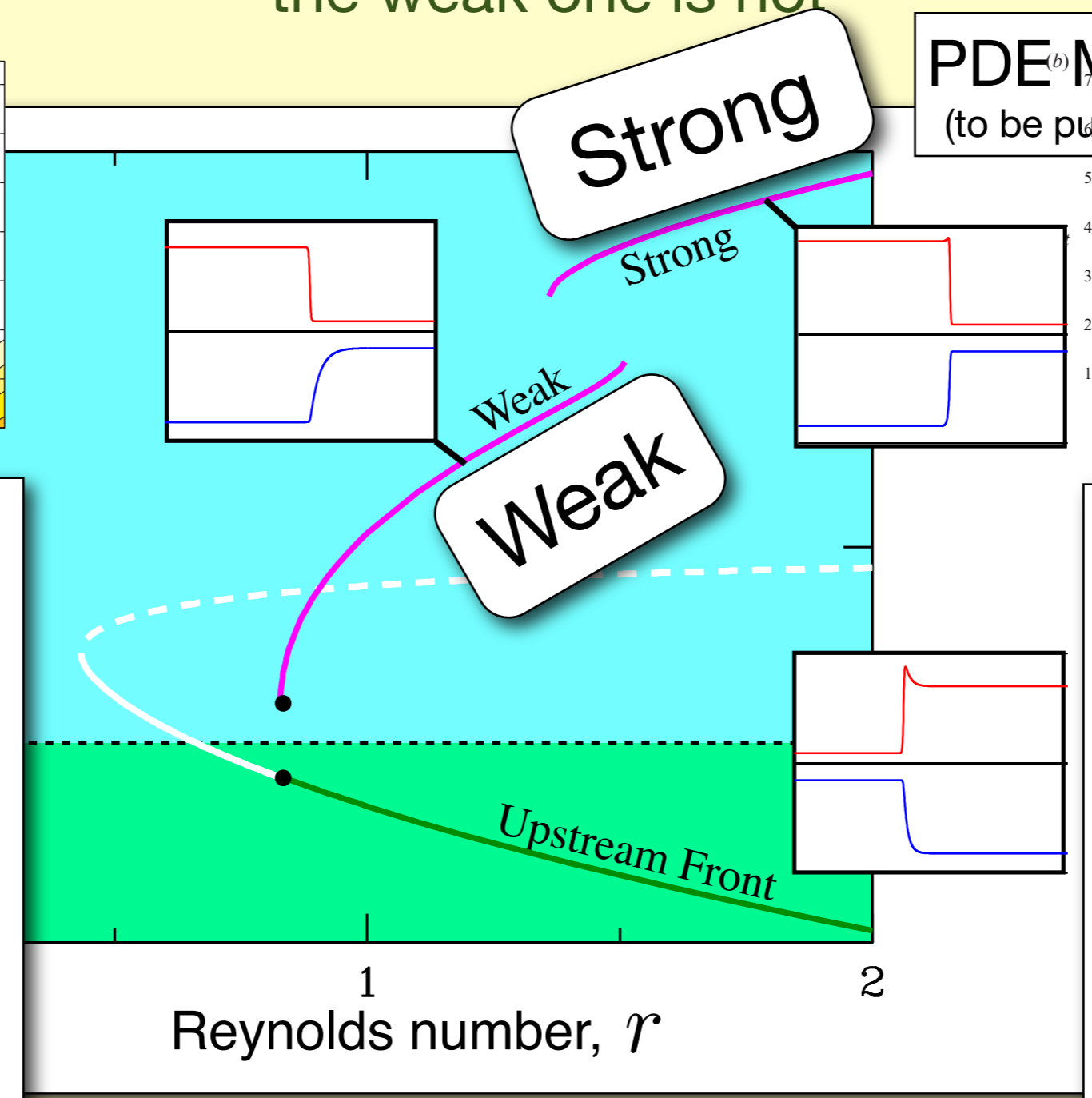
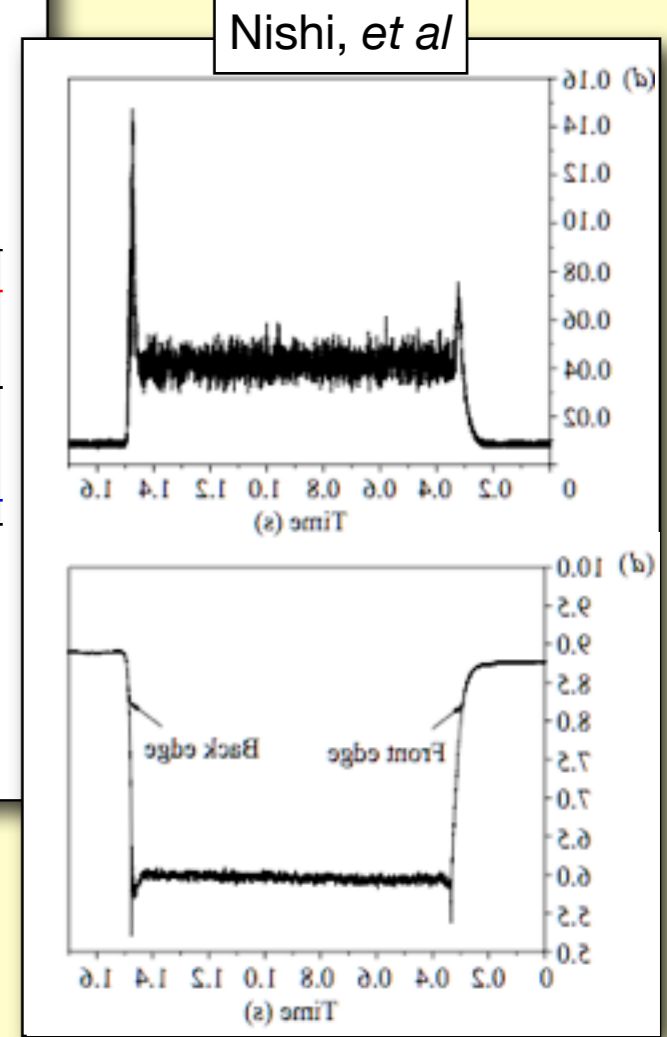
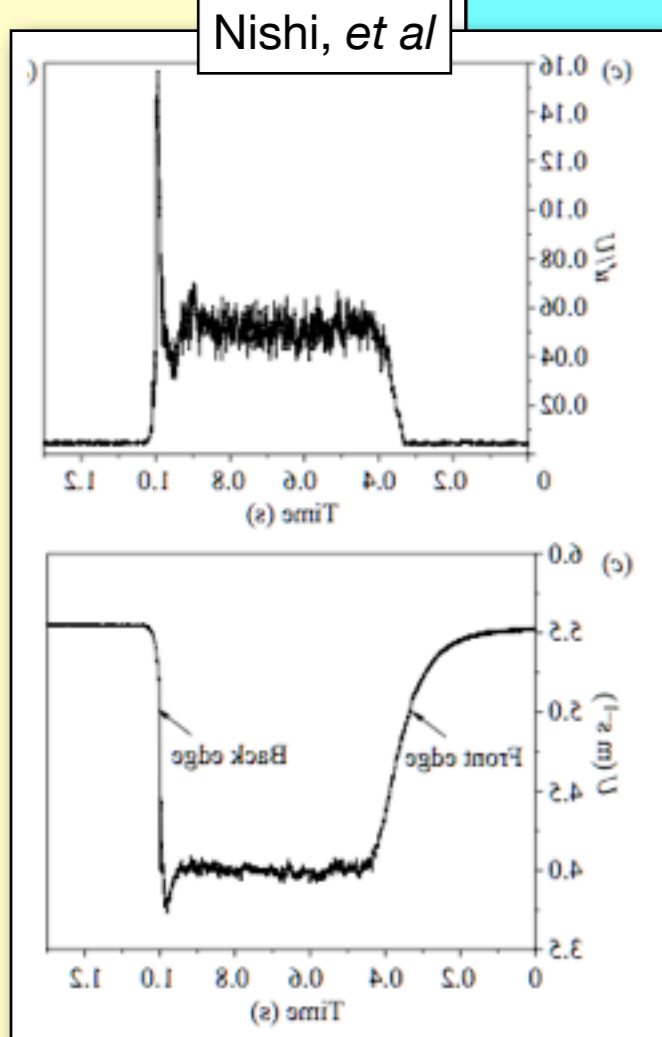
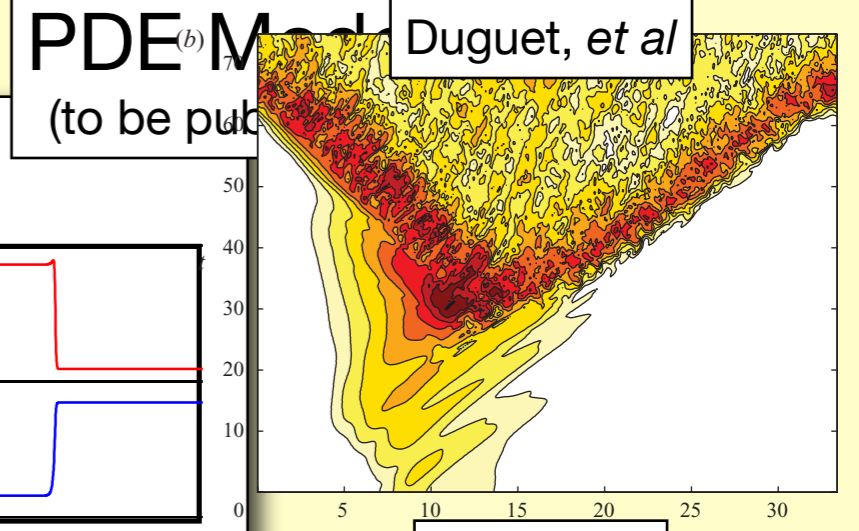
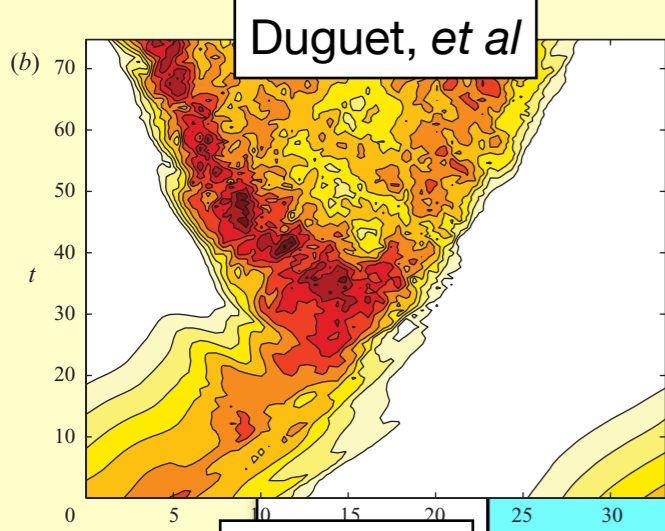


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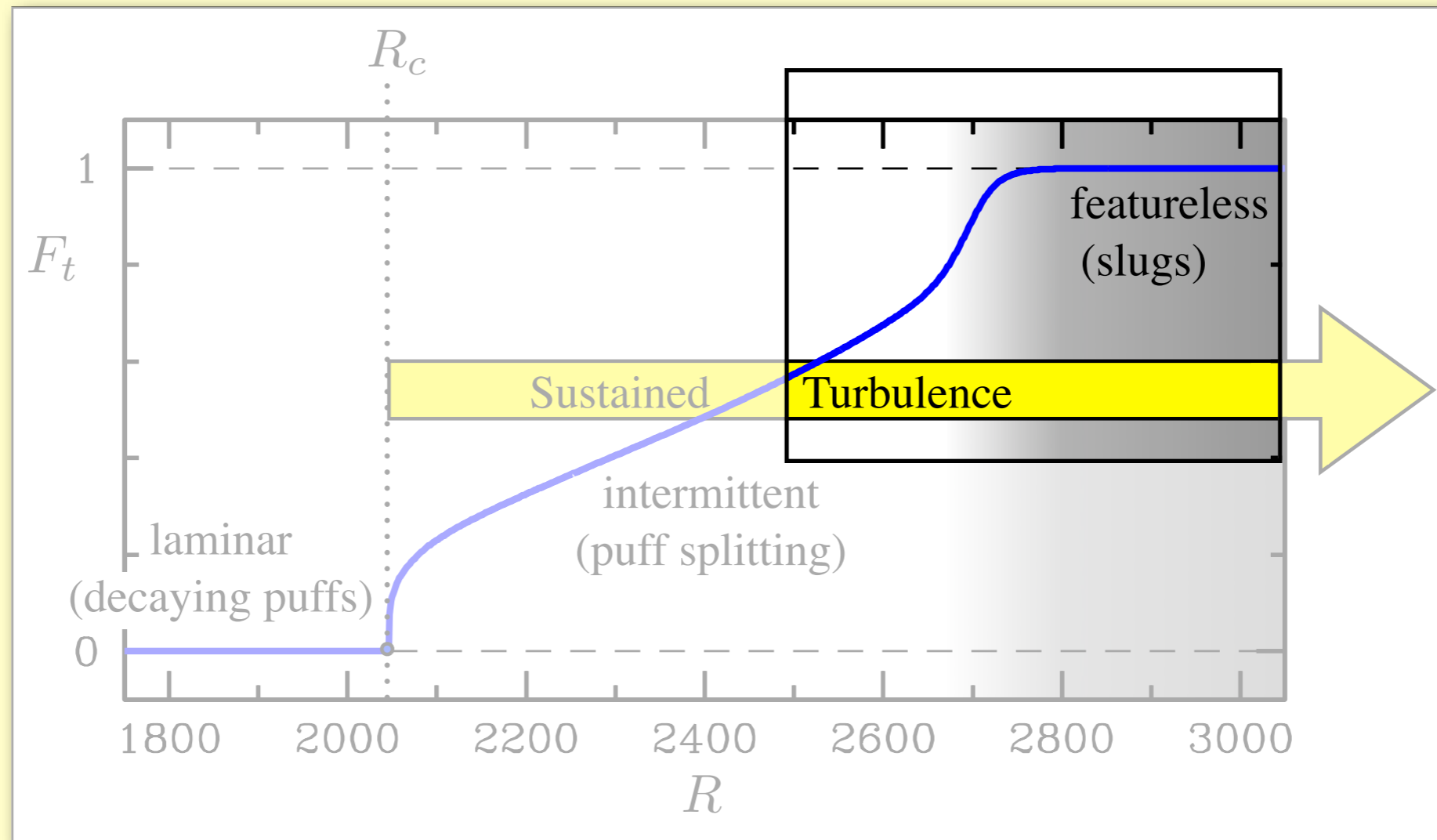
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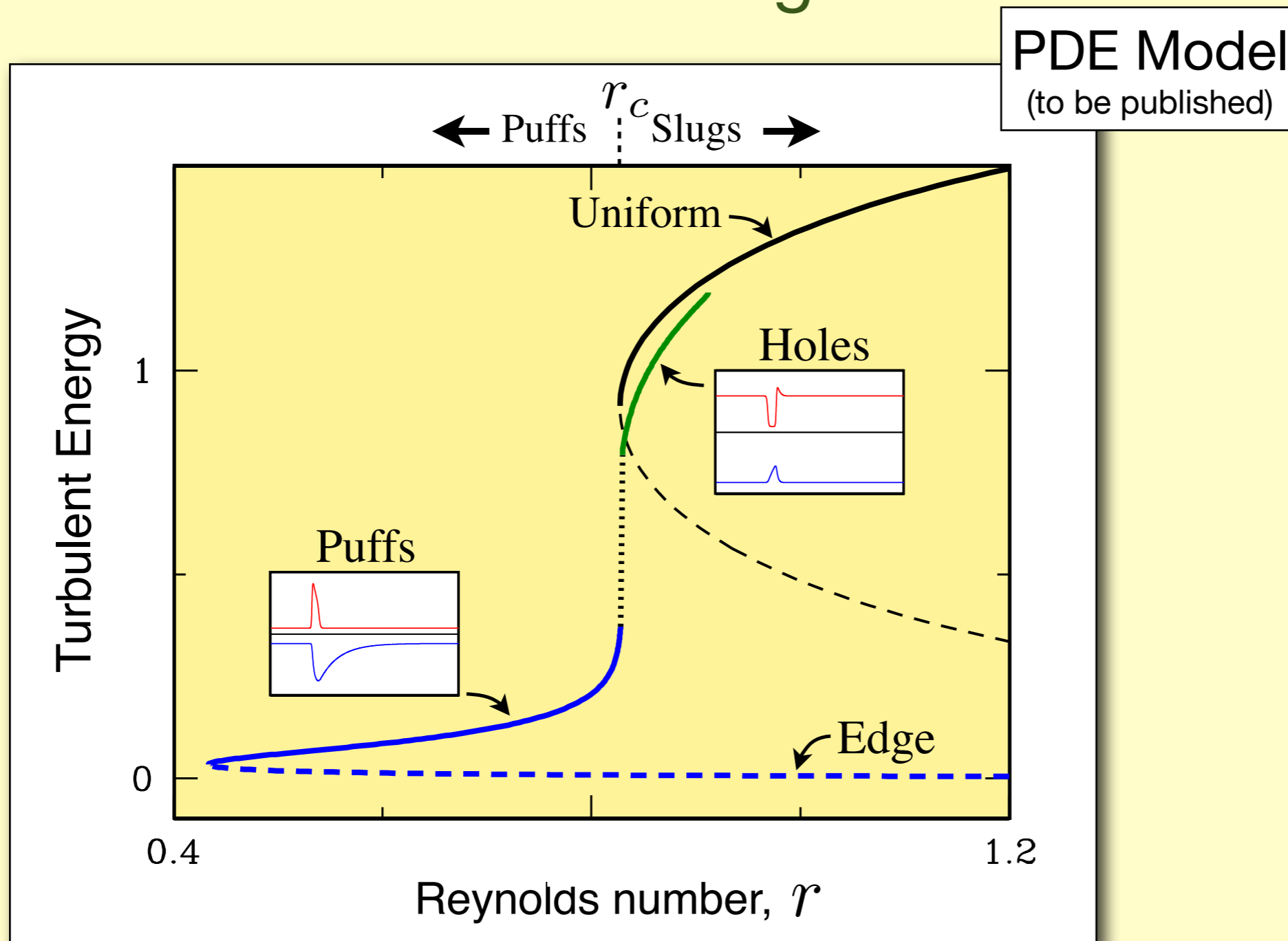
### **3) Transition to Uniform, Featureless Turbulence**

# Transition to Uniform Turbulence



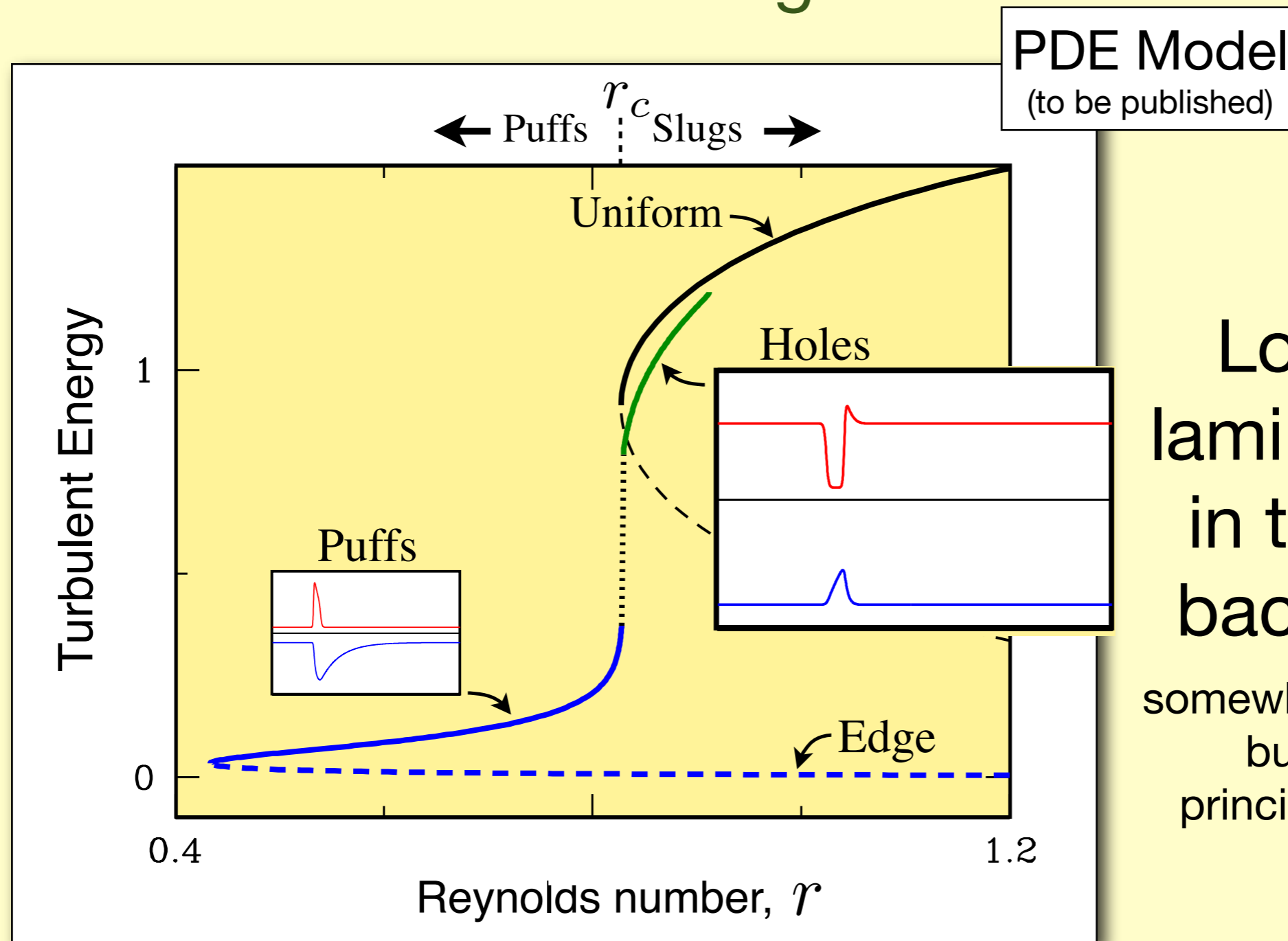
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## Bifurcation Diagram



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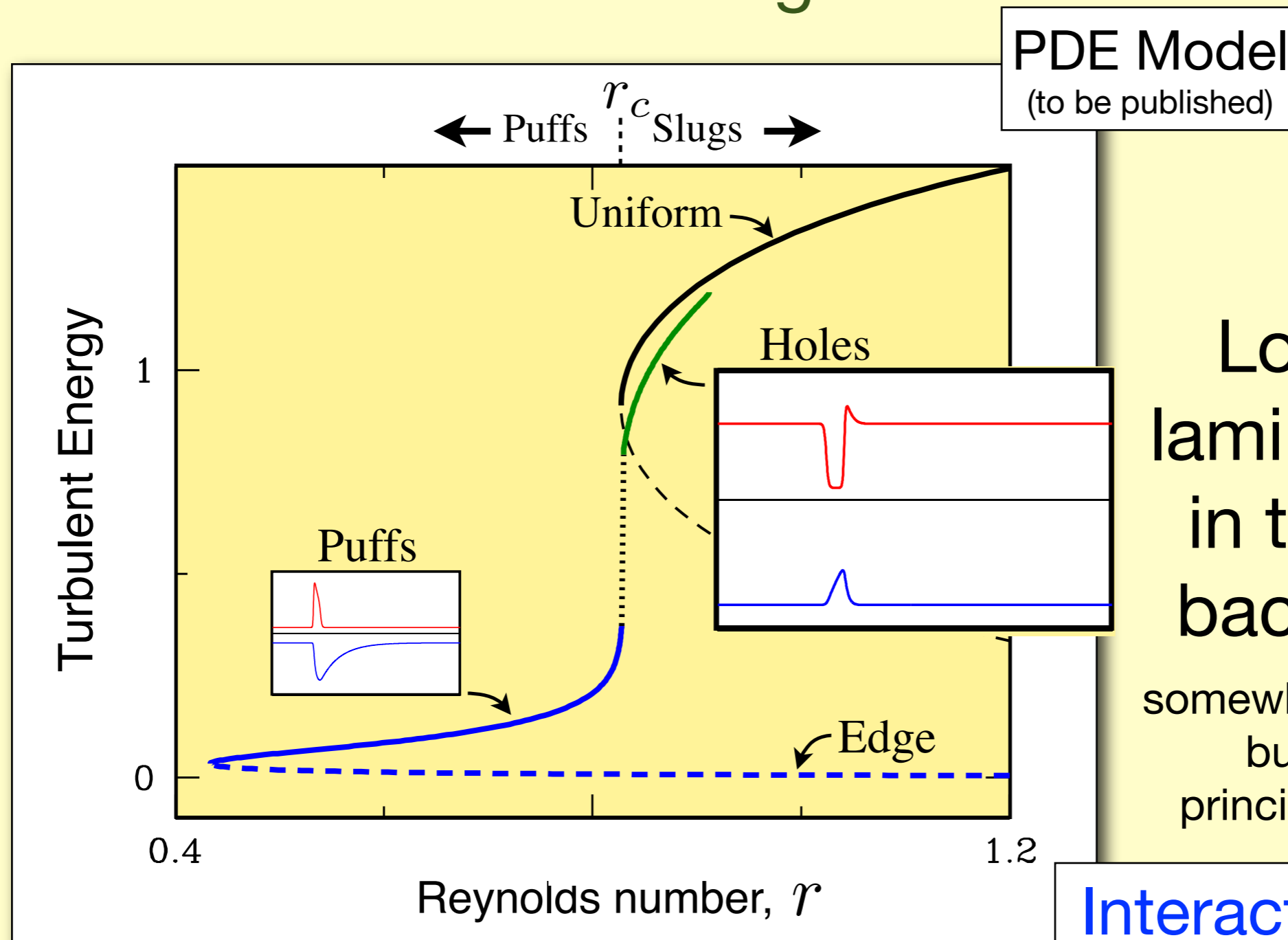


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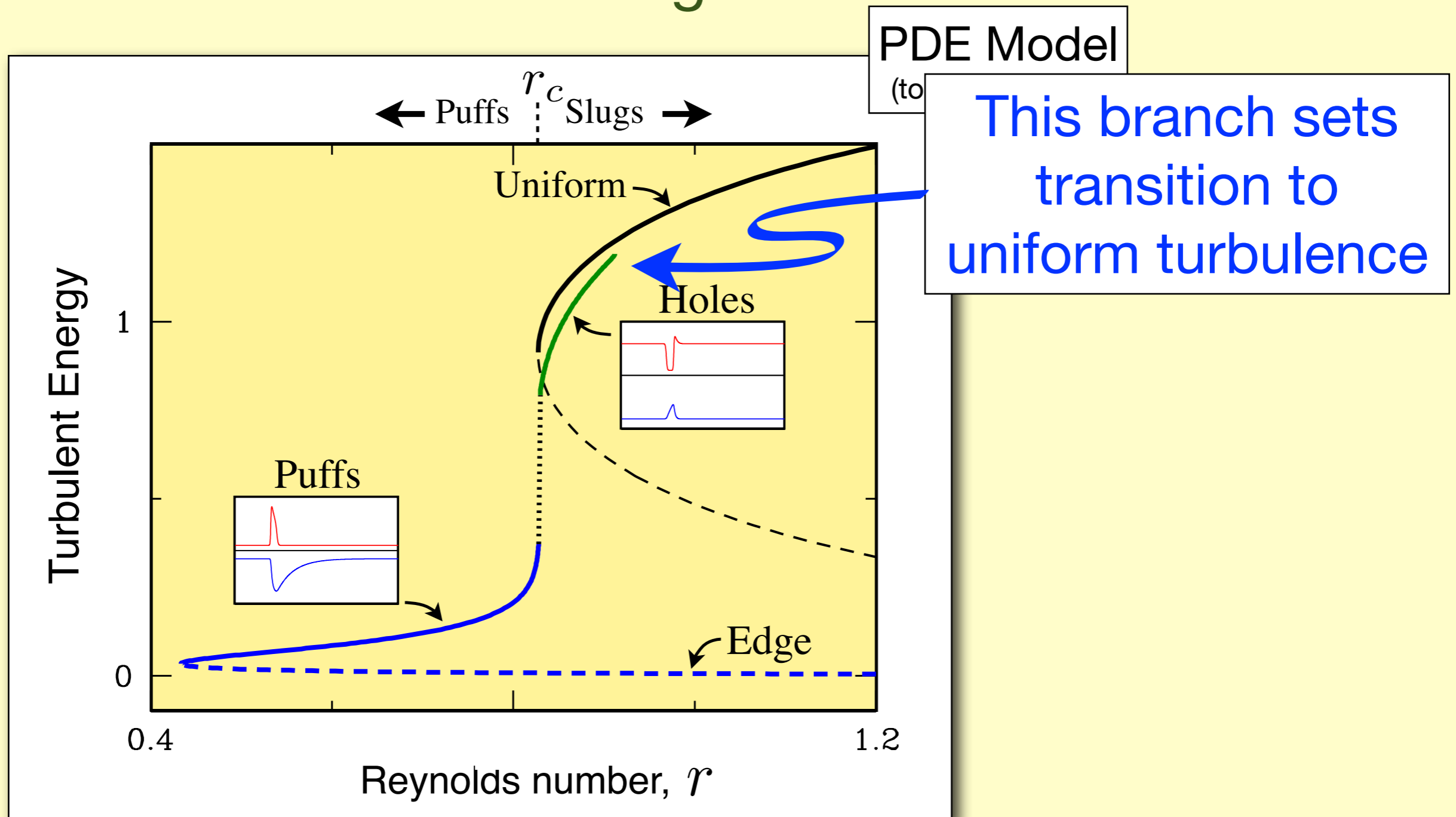
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Interaction distance  
of Hof, *et al*



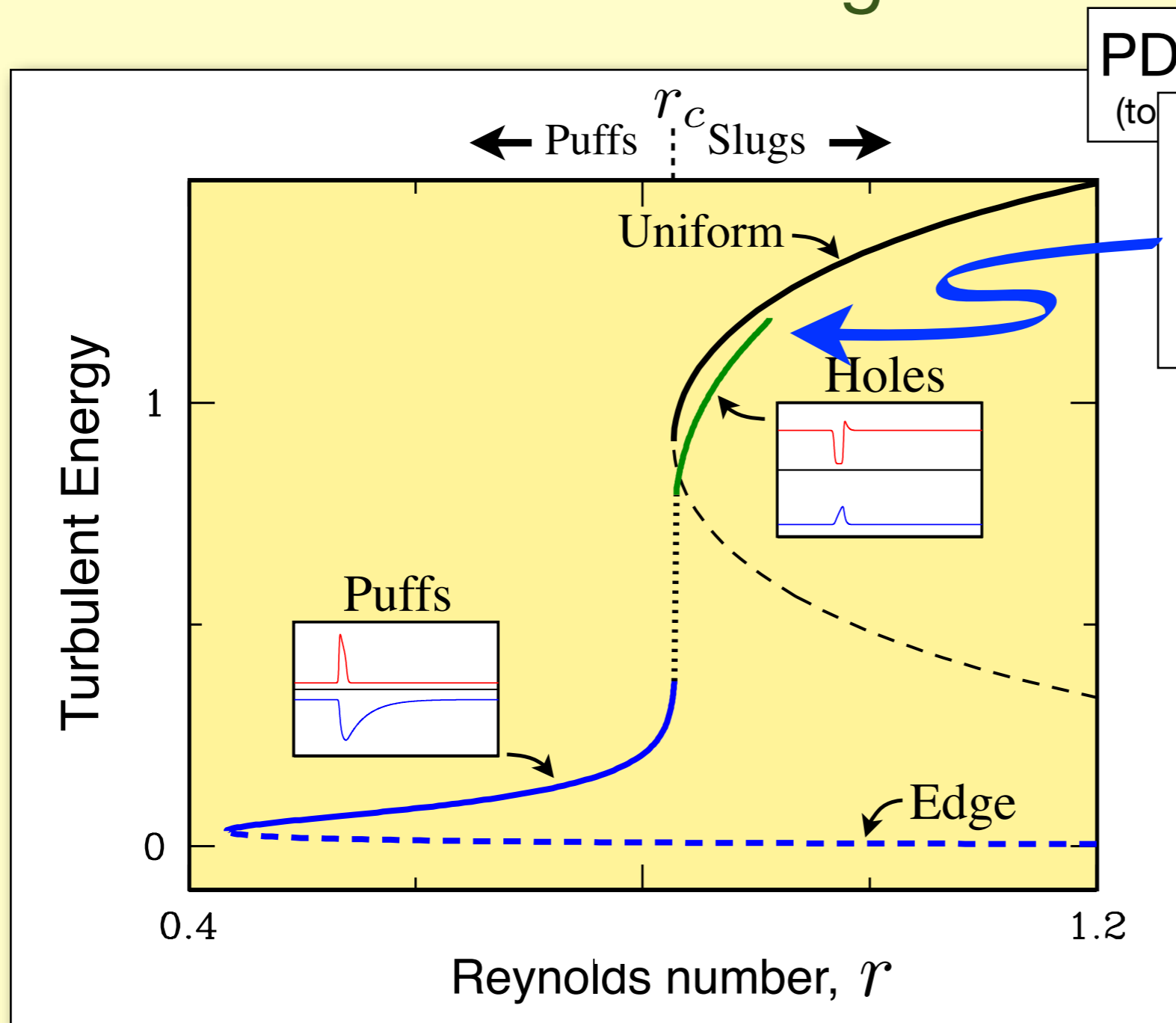
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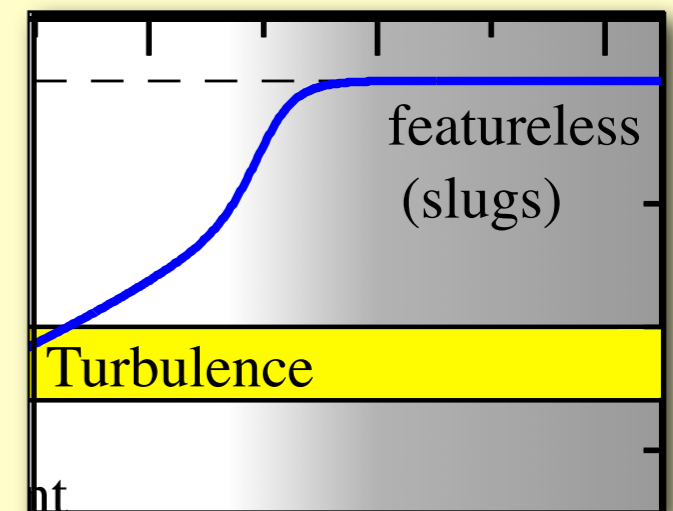


PDE Model

(to

This branch sets transition to uniform turbulence

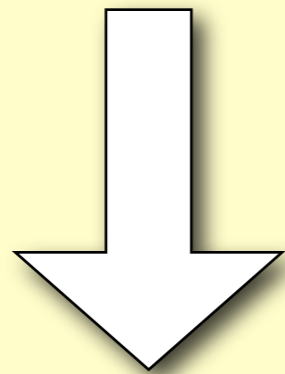
For complex turbulence bistability goes away and becomes continuous transition to uniform turbulence



**Concluding Remarks**

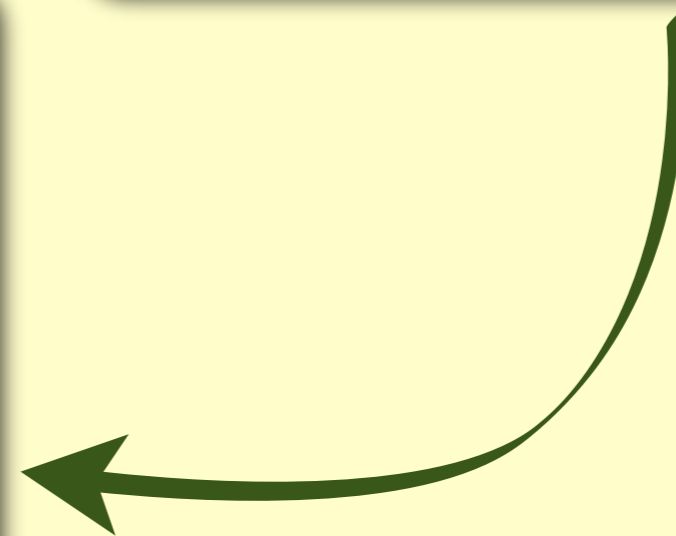
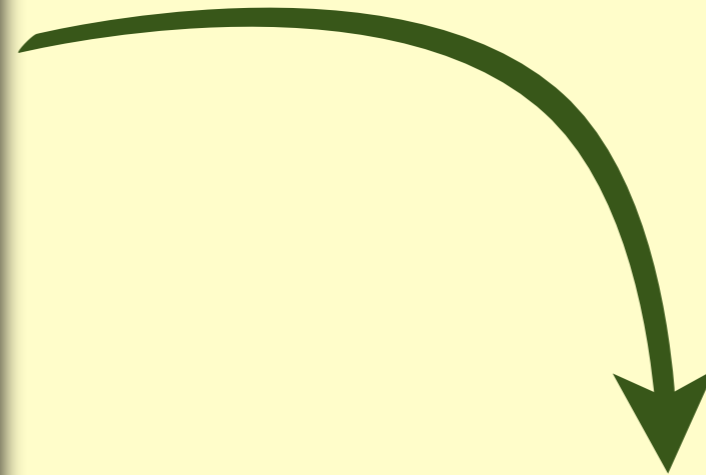
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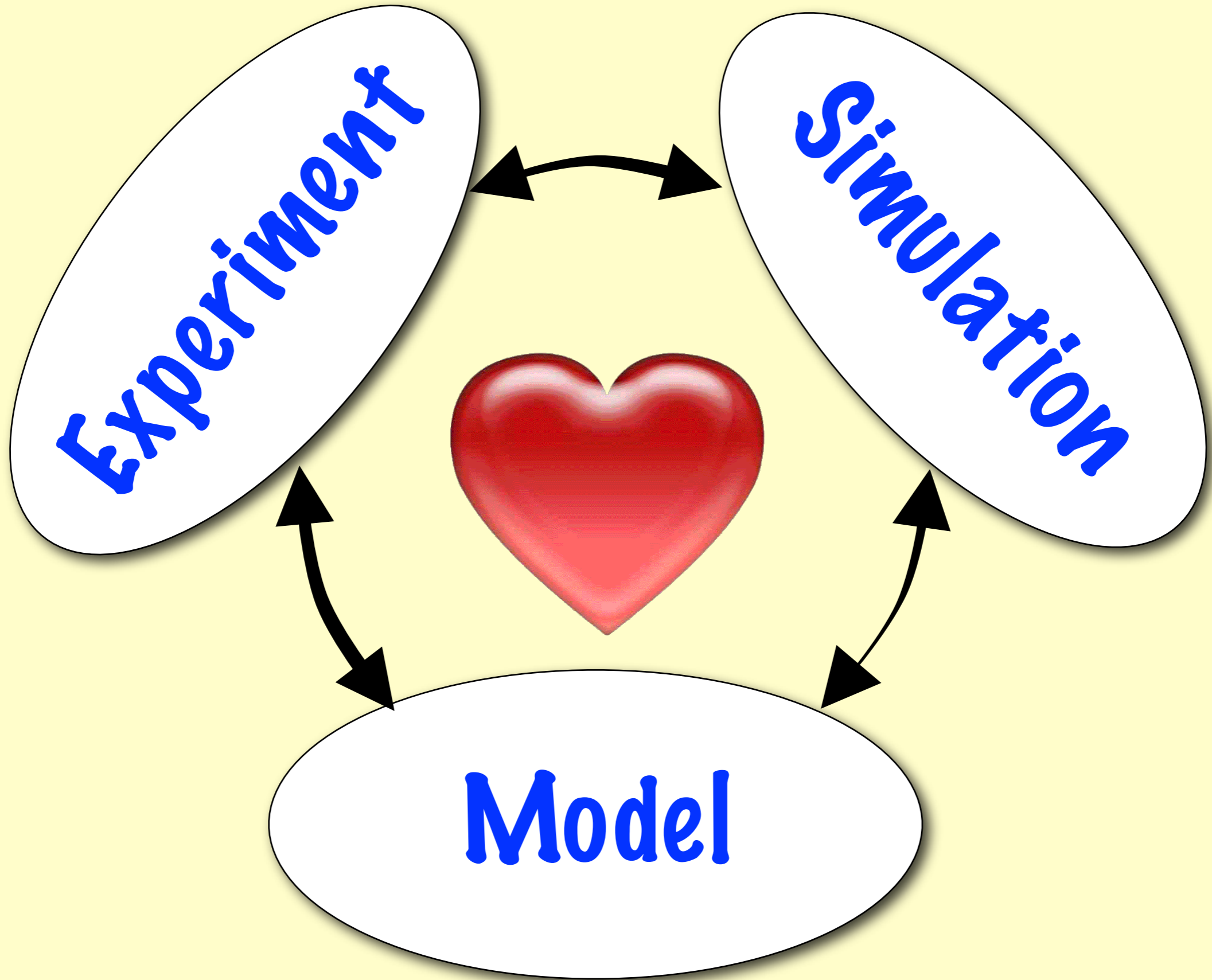
1. Sharp upstream front ...
2. Reverse transition on downstream ...
3. ....



Almost All Observed  
Large-scale behavior  
of transitional  
pipe flow

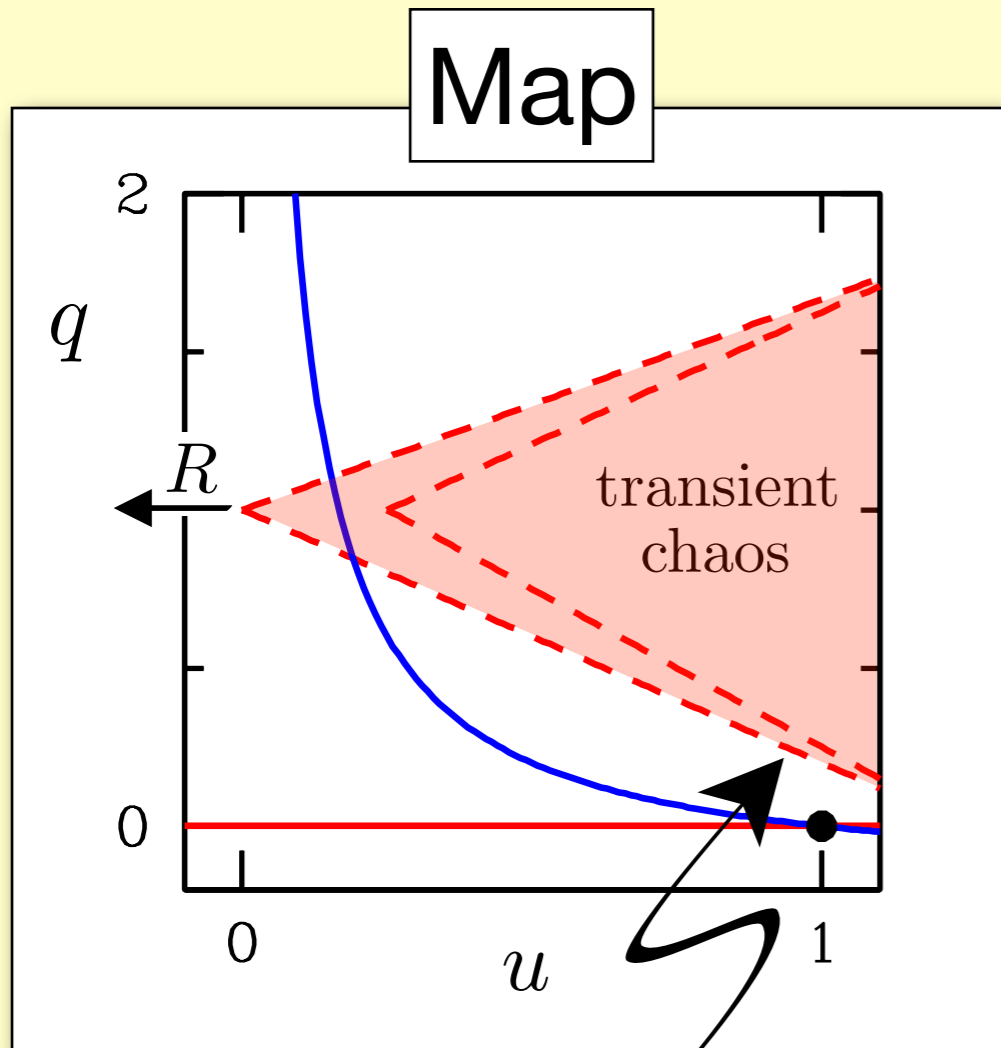
Model Equations  
PDE, Map, SPDE





# Fractal Basin Boundary

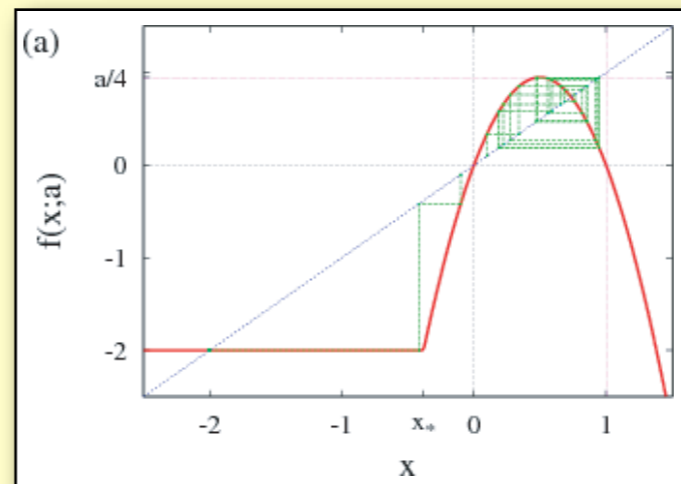
Not enough variables in current model to (naturally) get a fractal basin boundary



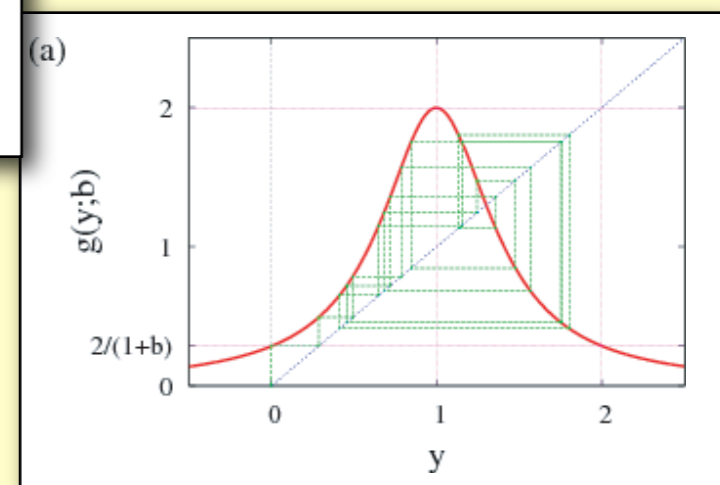
Resolve this by adding second turbulent variable, as in Vollmer *et al.*

Basin boundary, edge of chaos and edge state in a two-dimensional model

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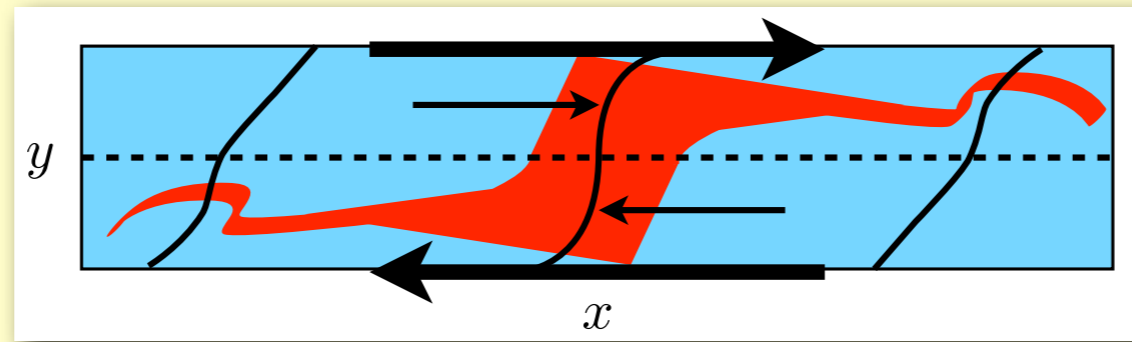
2 variables for turbulence



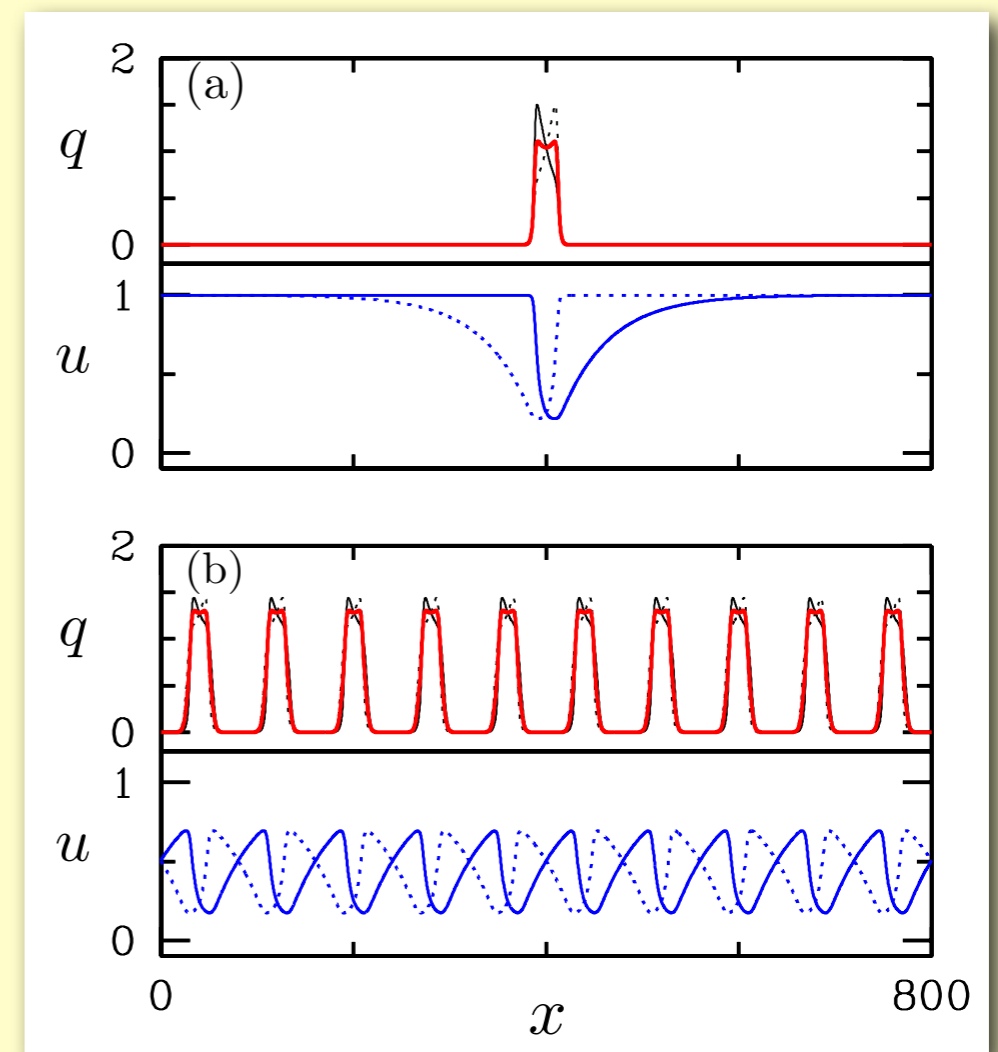
Smooth, not fractal

# Extension to Other Shear Flows

Limited model of plane Couette flow



Localize and Spatially Periodic  
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