

Modeling Turbulent Pipe Flow

Slides from talk given July 19th, 2011
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Regimes of Transitional Pipe Flow

(From the work of many)

metastable puffs

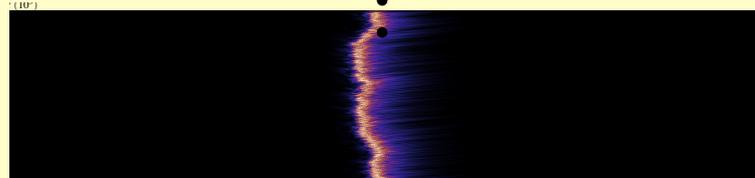
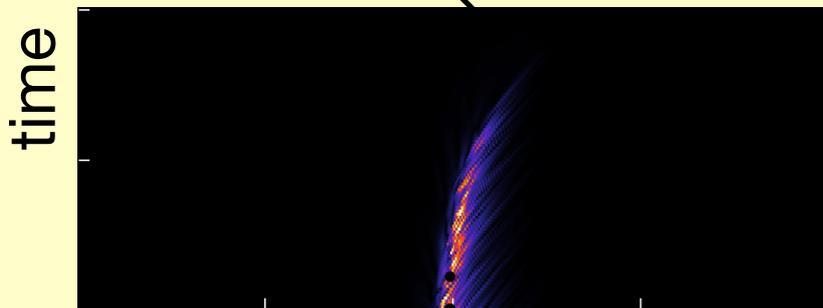
puff splitting

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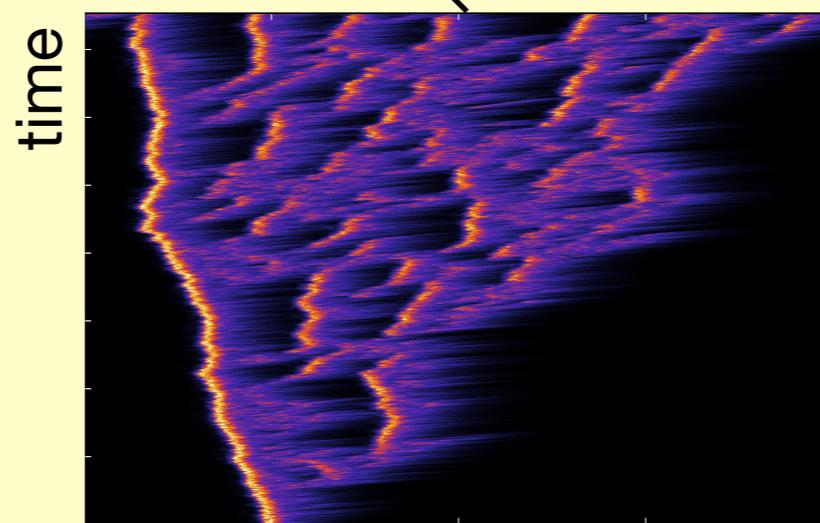
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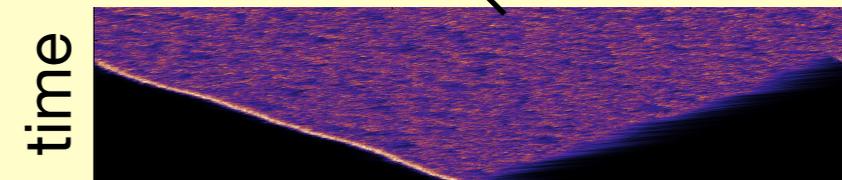
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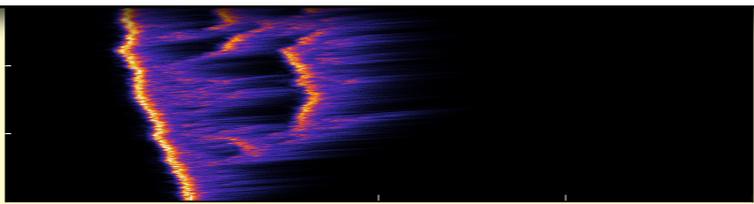
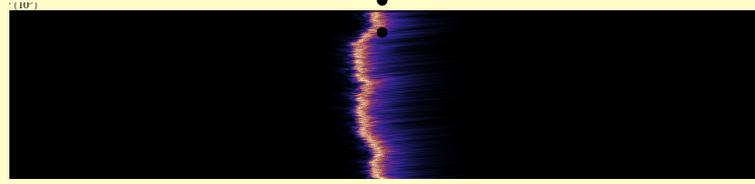
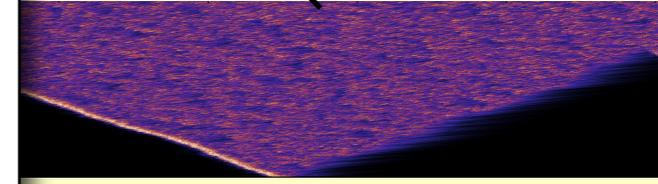
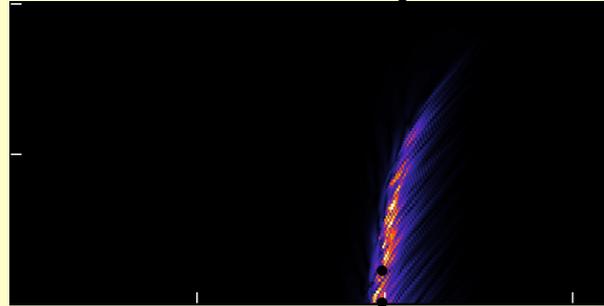
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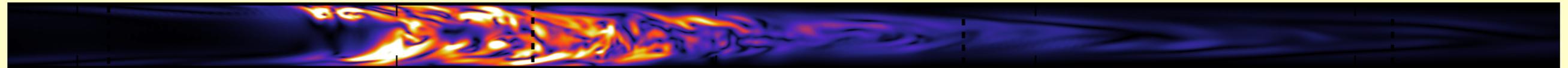
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Two Fields:

Turbulent fluctuations

DNS of puff



Mean Shear



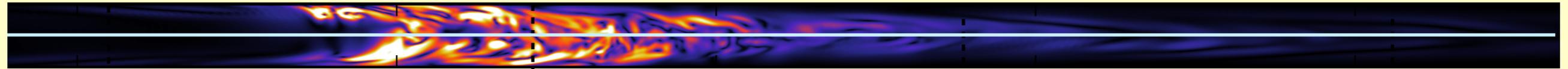
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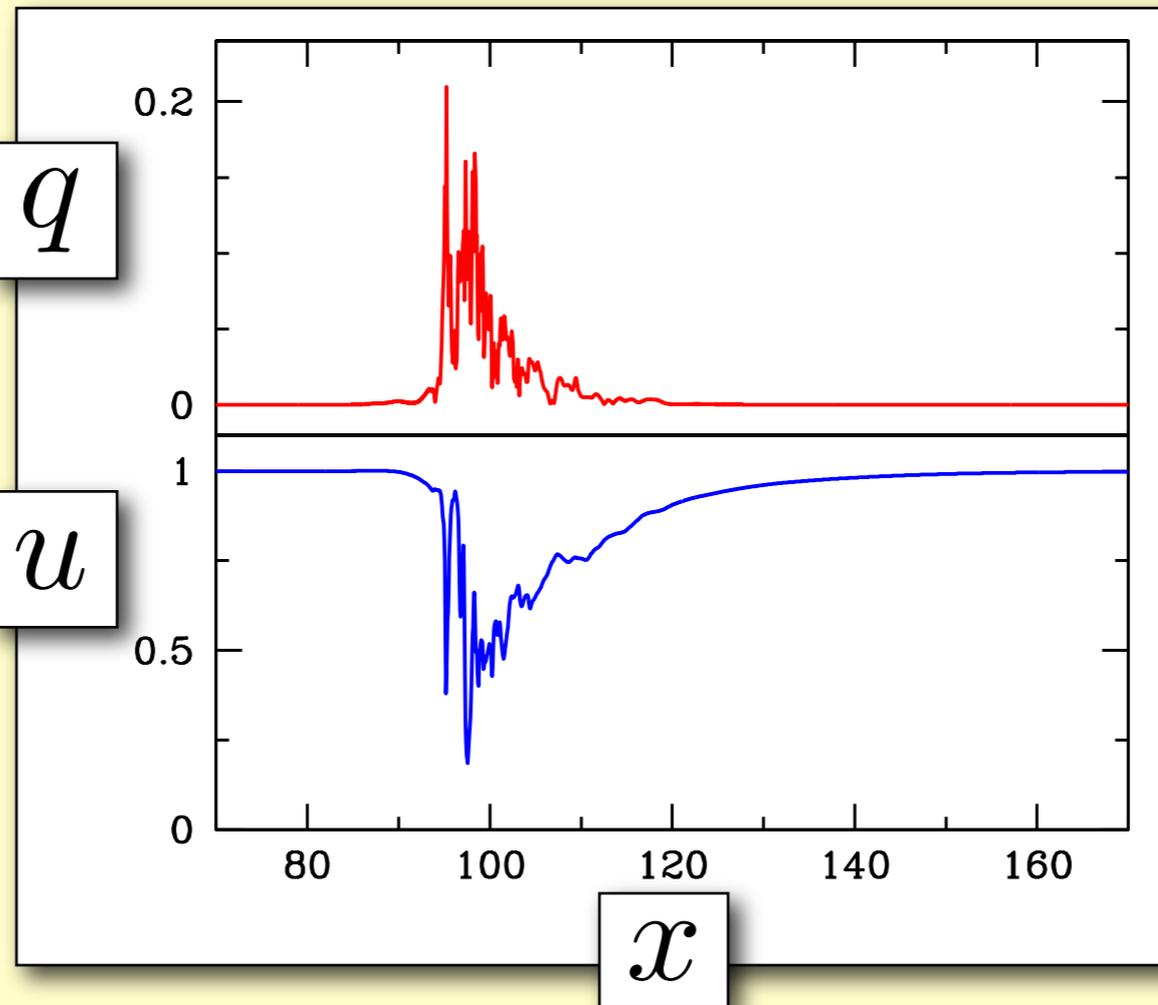
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Turbulence Intensity (centerline)

q

Mean Shear (centerline velocity)

u

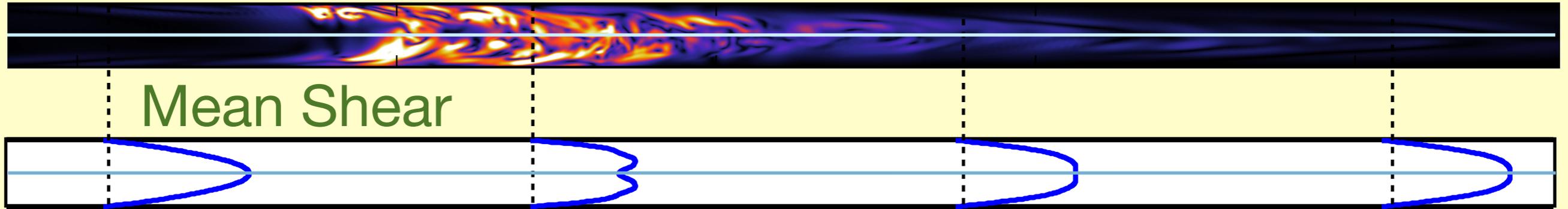


From DNS
Obtained on pipe centerline
See *Phys. Rev. E* **84**, 016309 (2011)
for full definition

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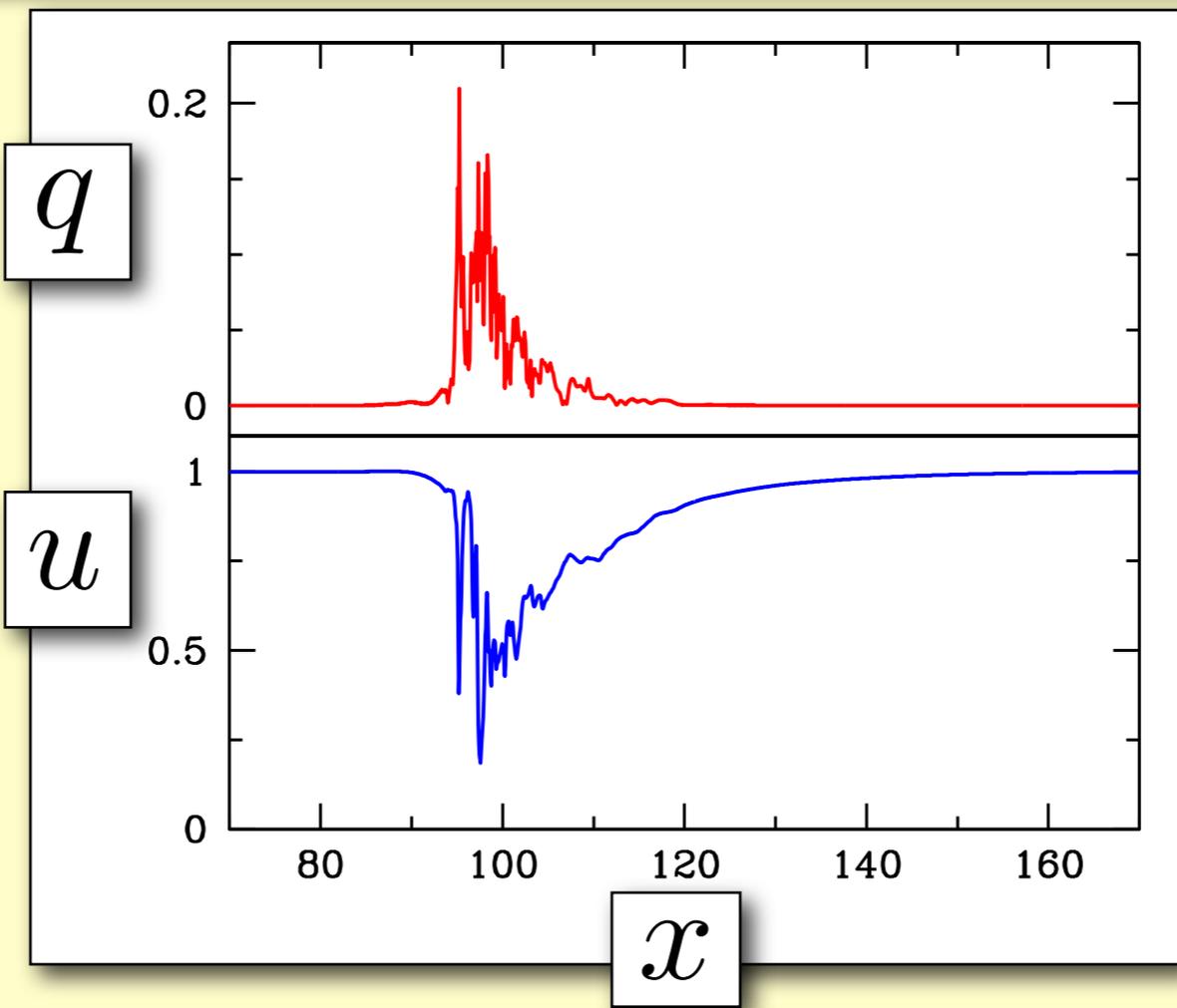
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2 variables: $q(x)$ and $u(x)$

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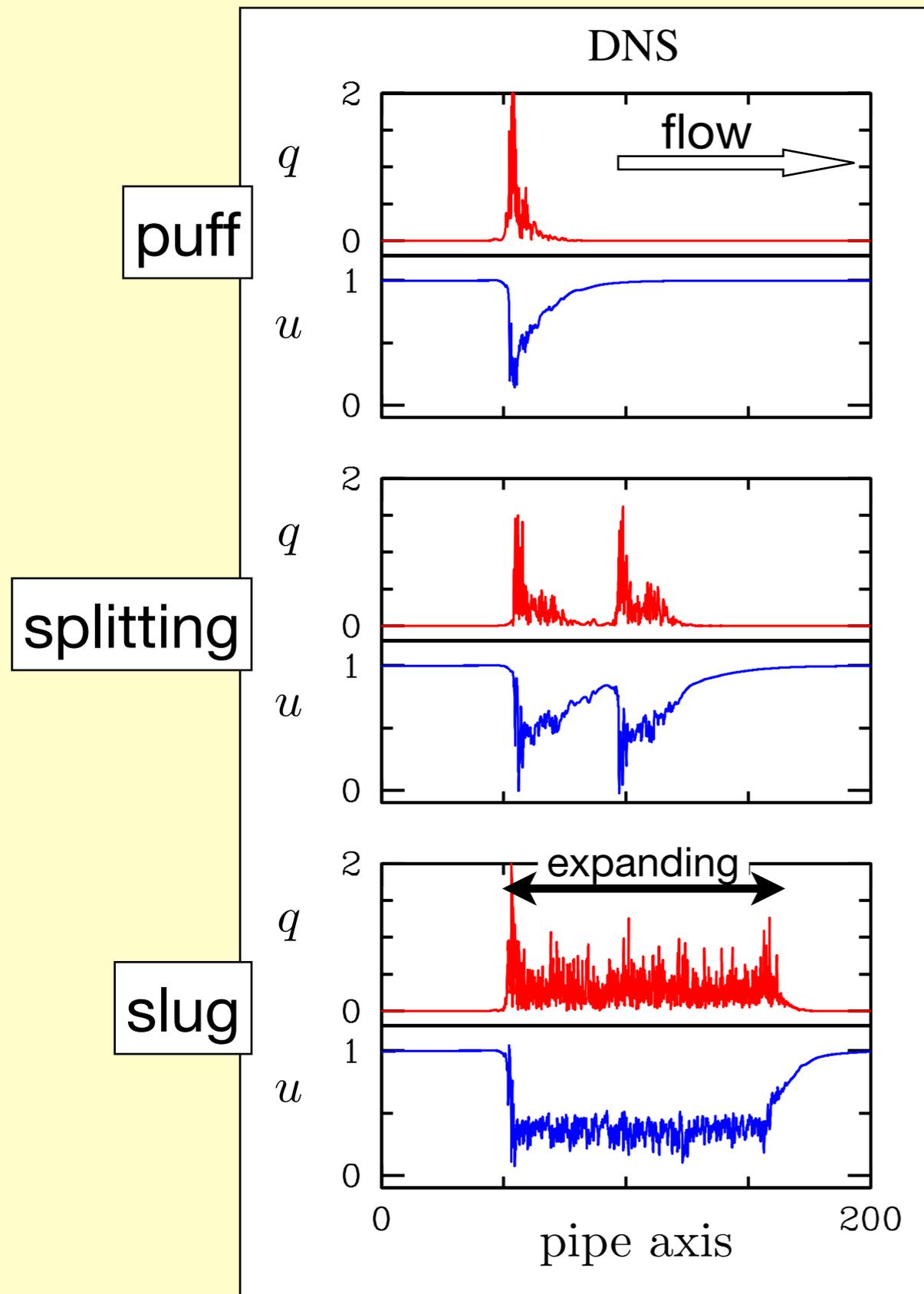
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Physical Ideas

(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)

PDE Model

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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.

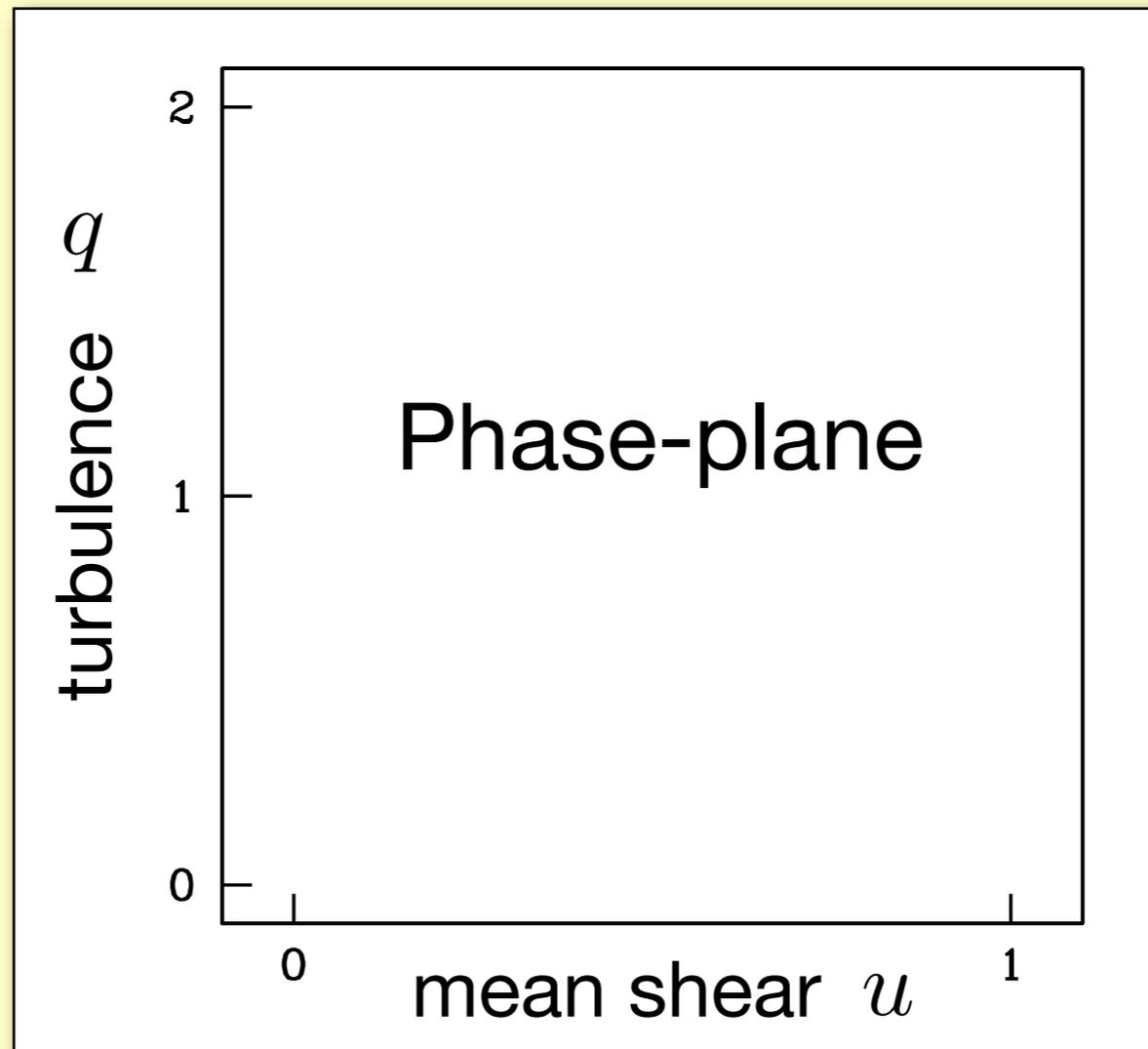


local region

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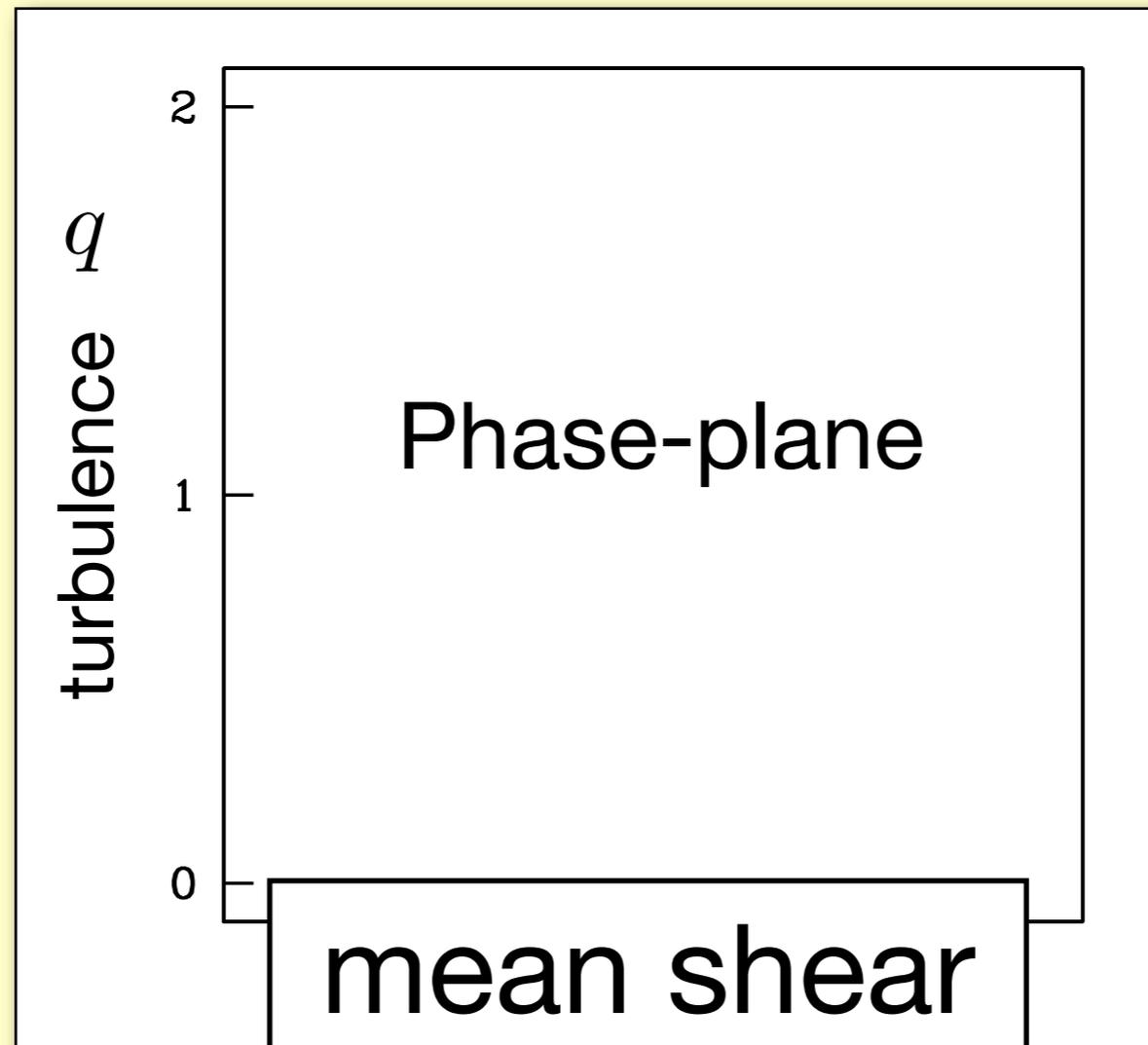
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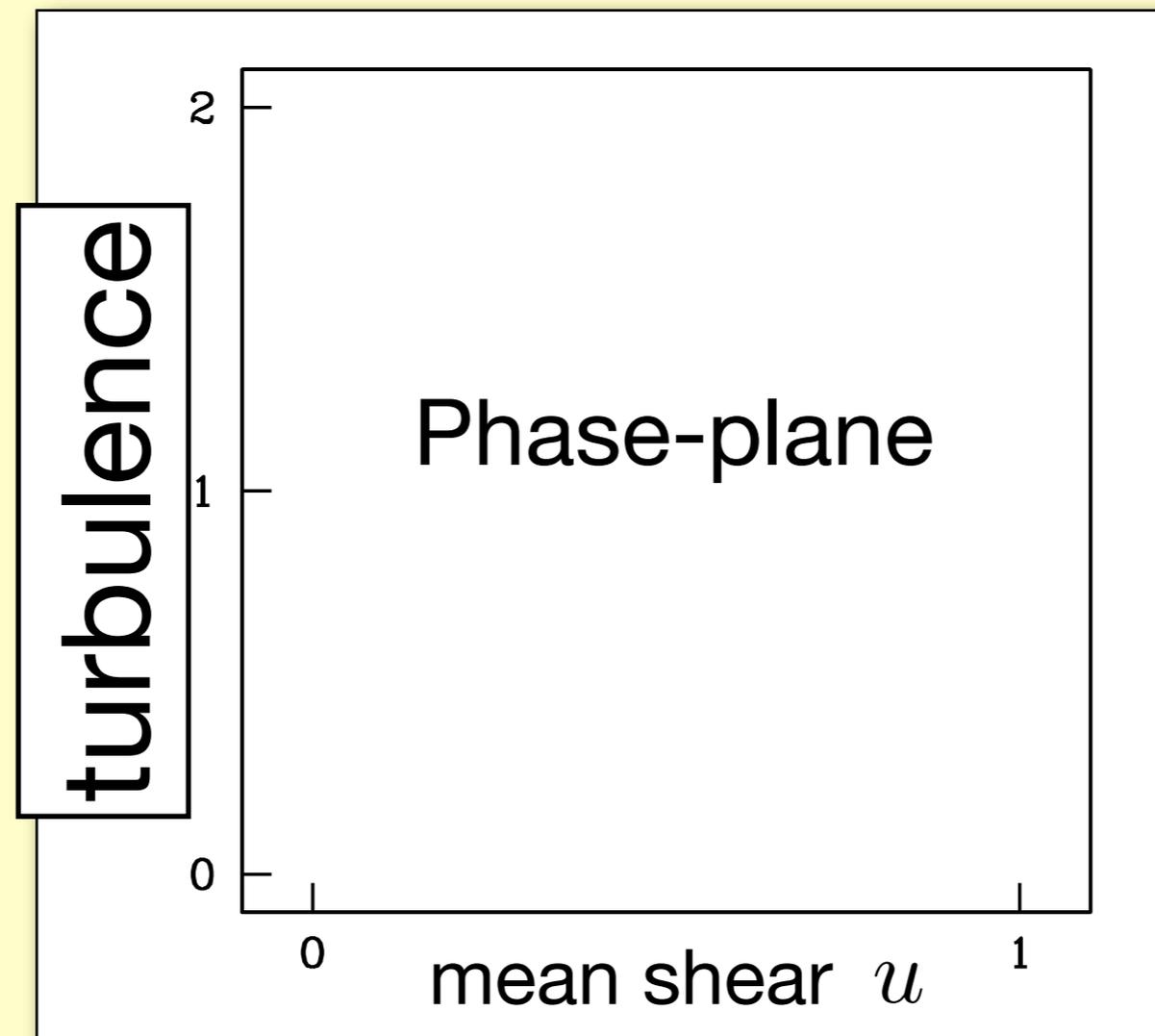
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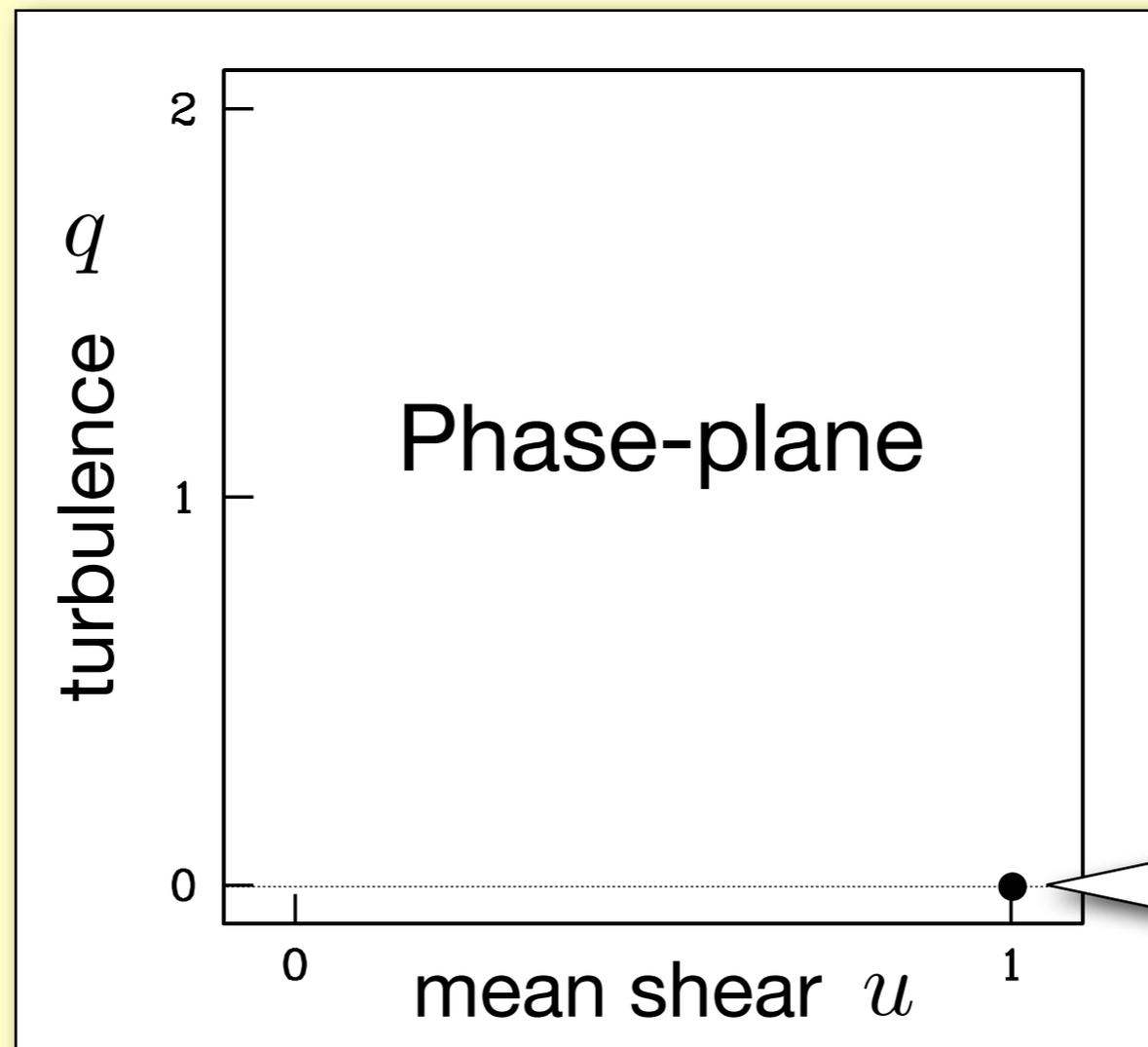
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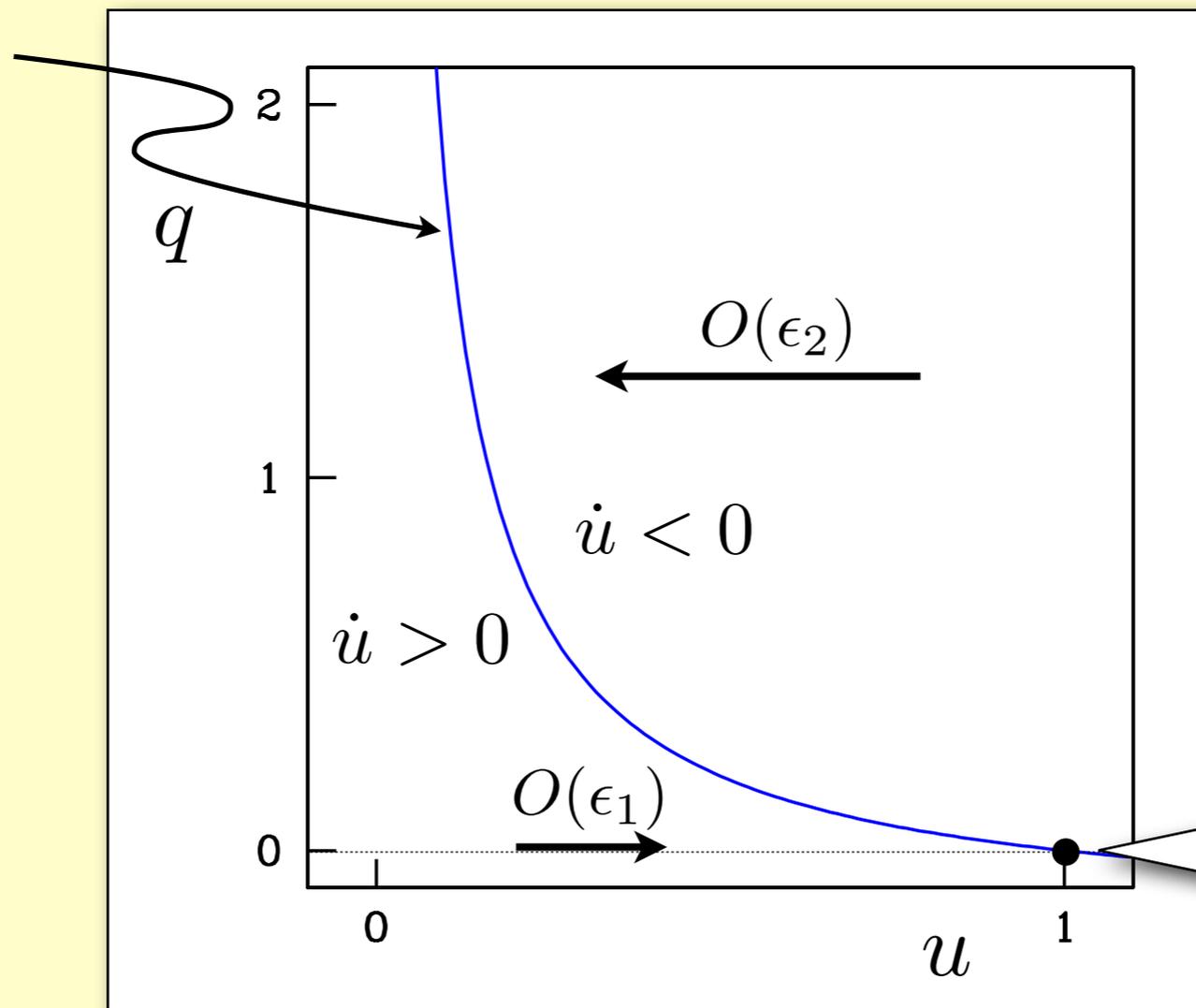
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Consider first the u -dynamics (mean shear)

$$\dot{u} = 0$$



$$\epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1$$

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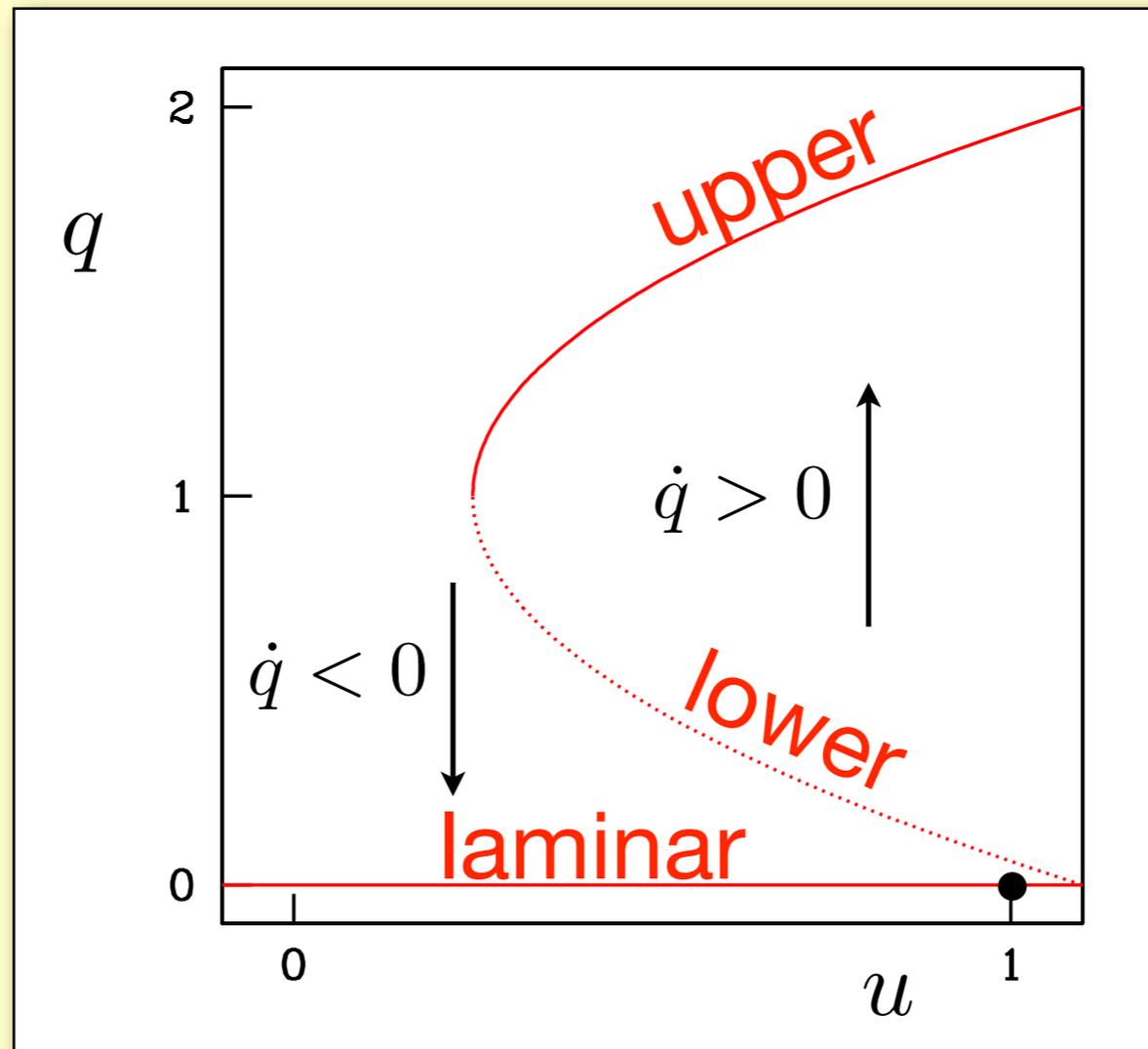
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Then the q -dynamics (turbulence)

Cubic q equation,
so 3 branches:

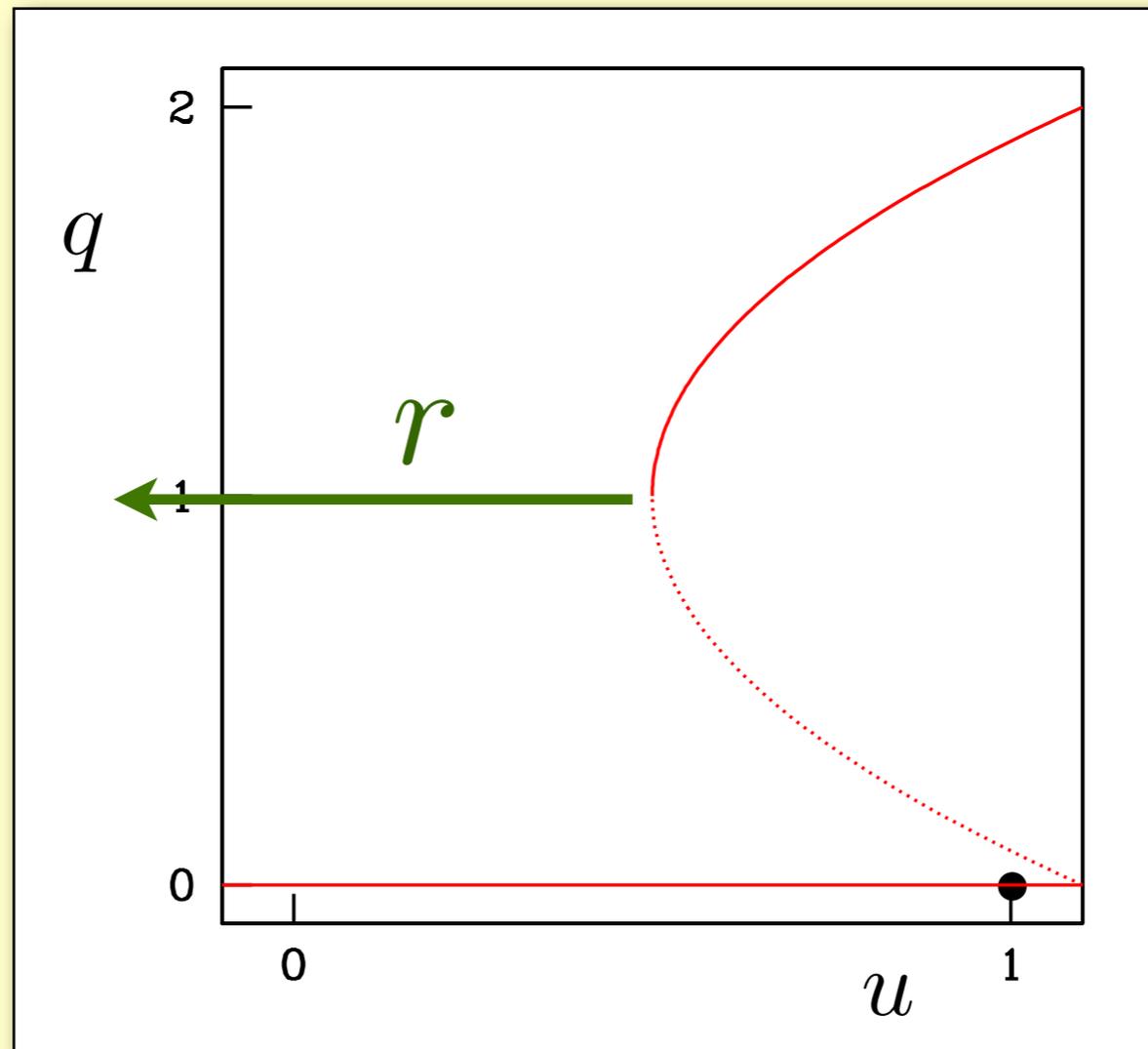
- upper (stable)
- lower (unstable)
- laminar (stable)



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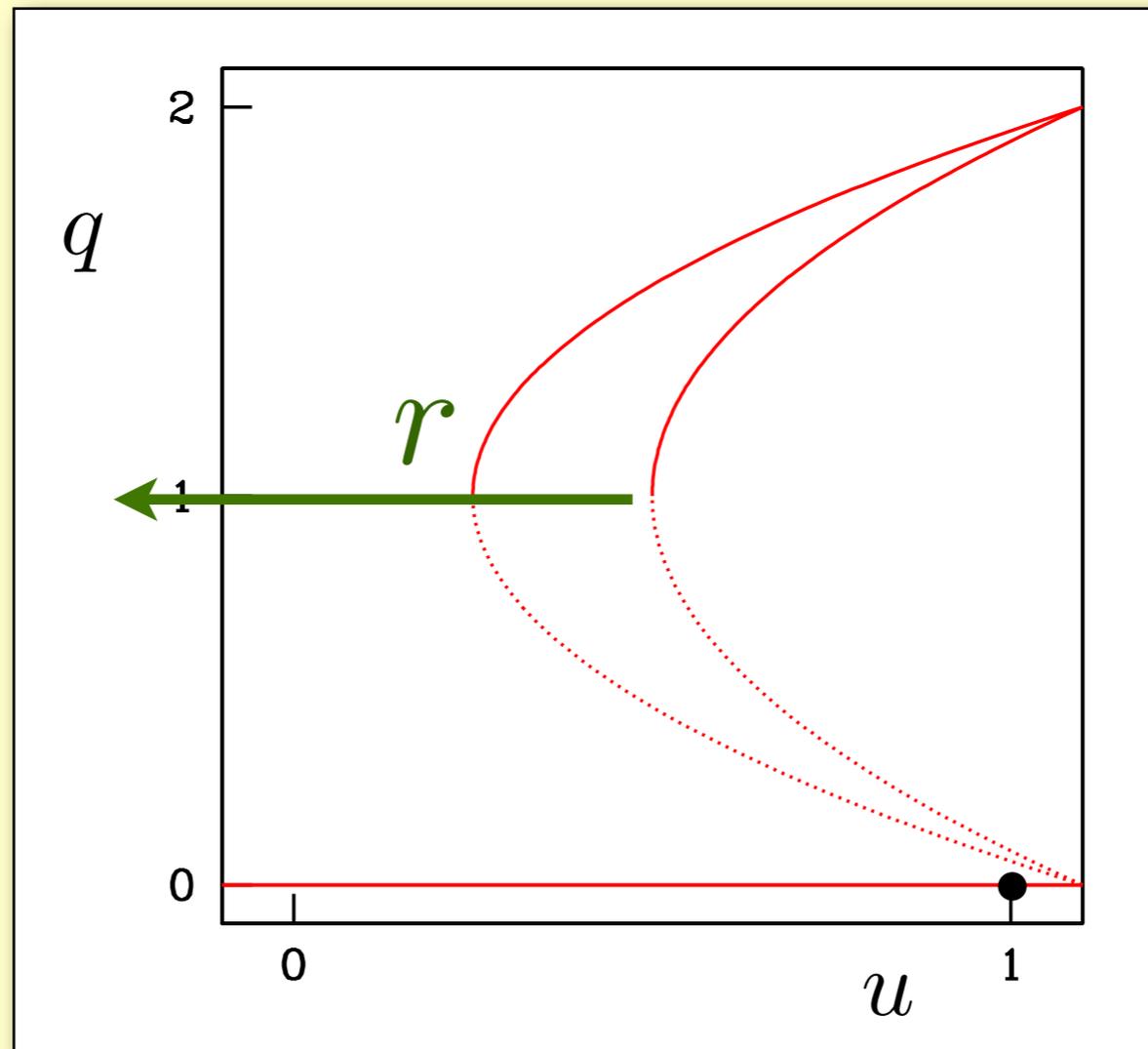
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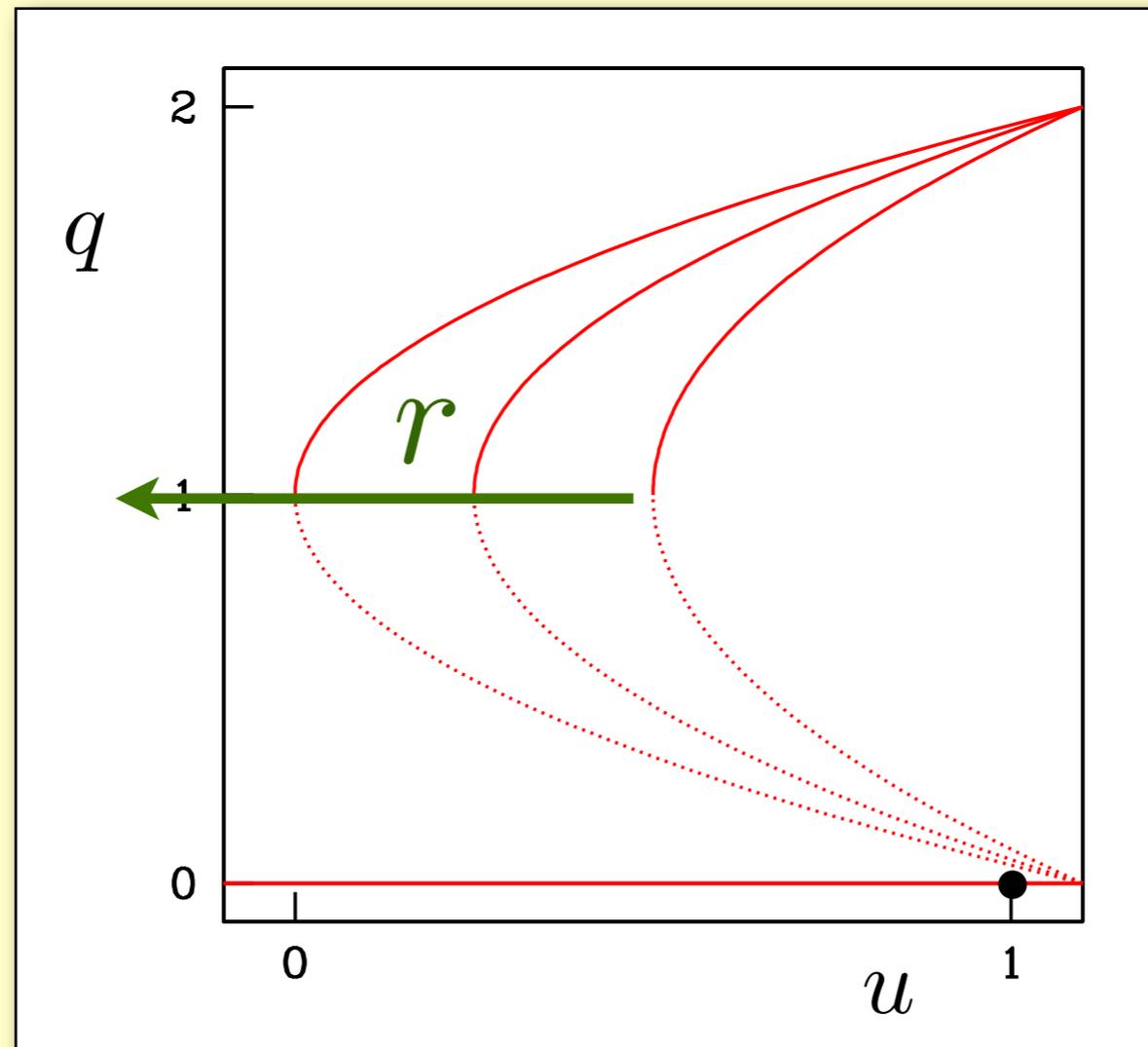
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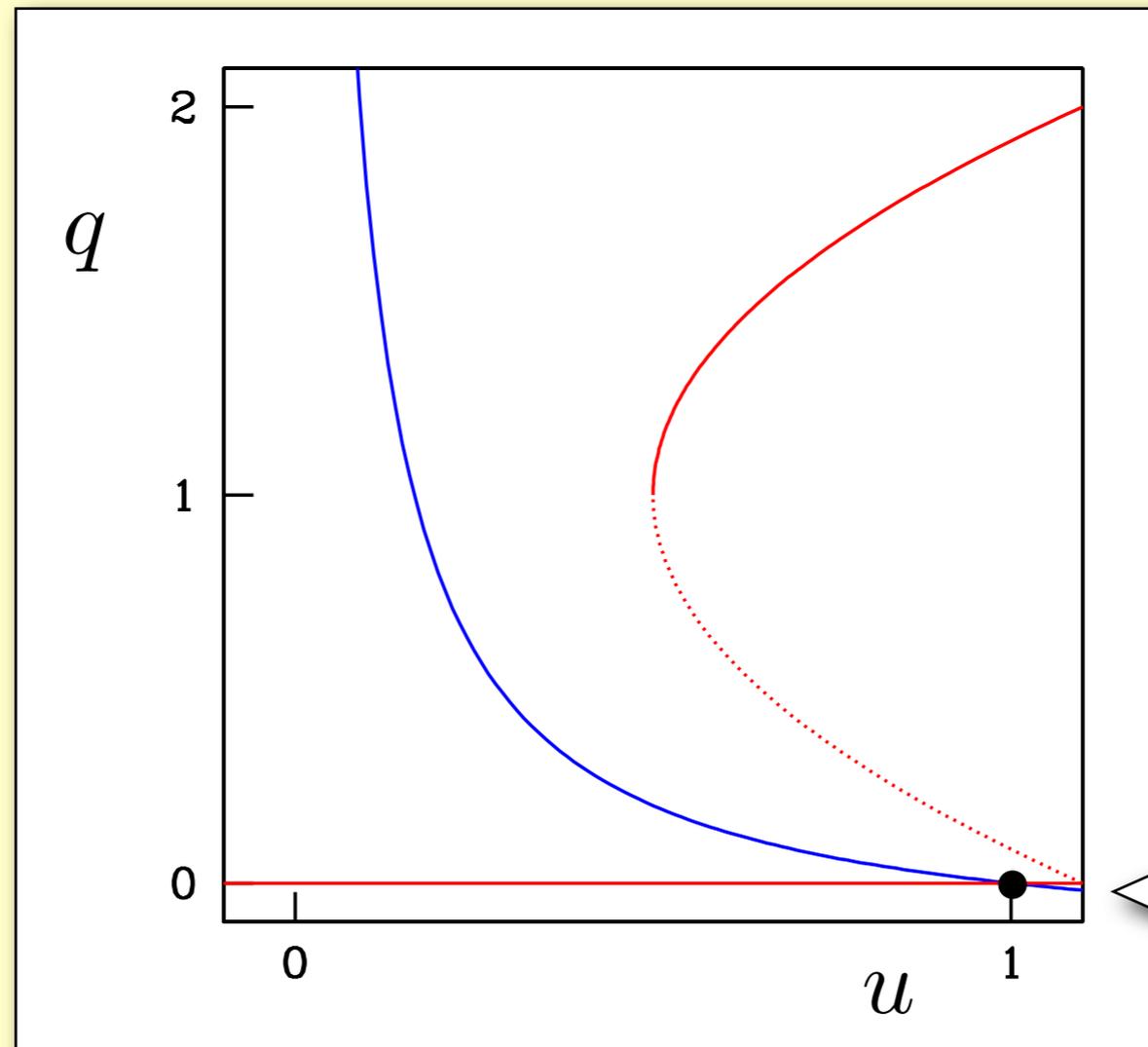


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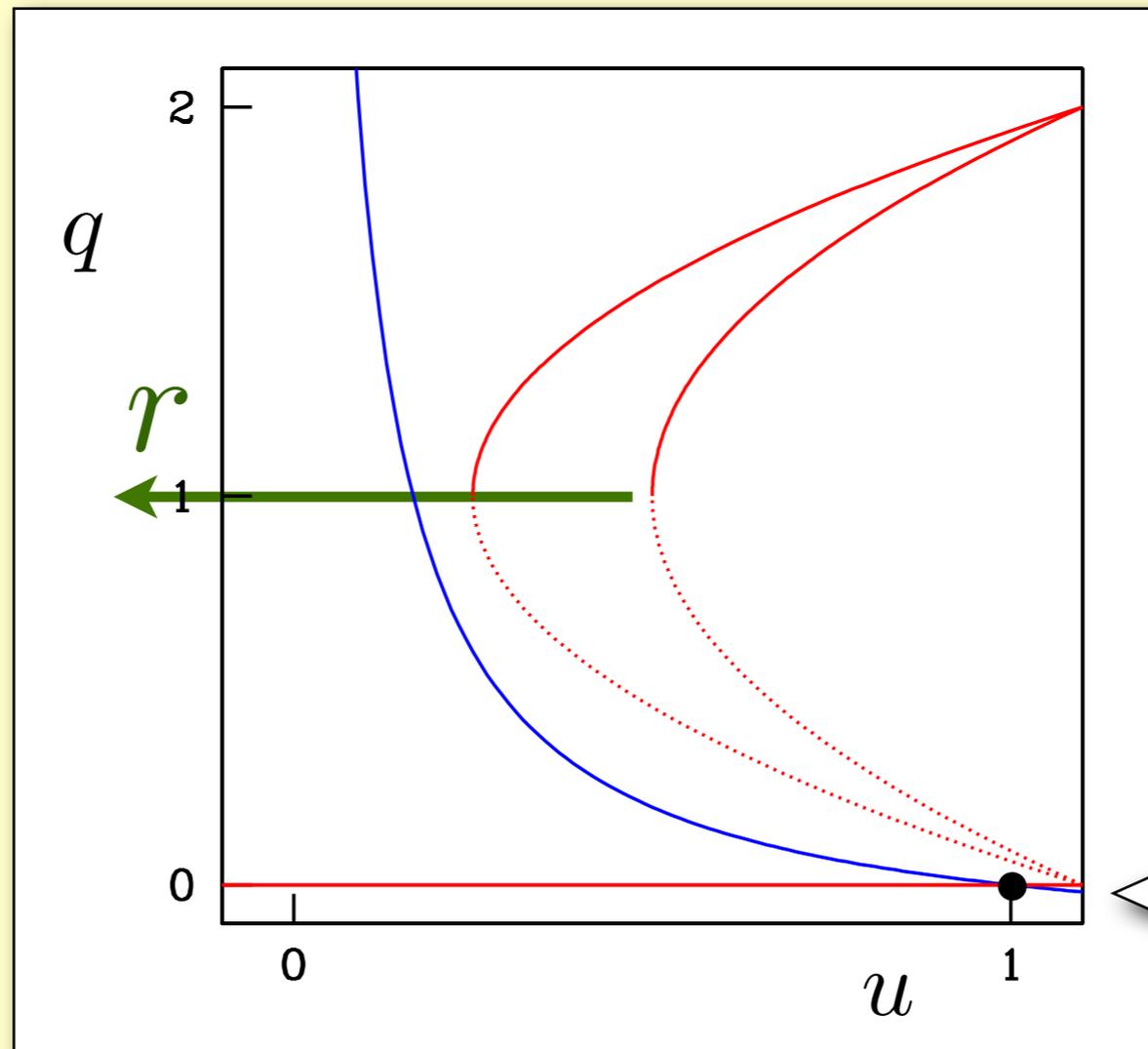
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Increasing r



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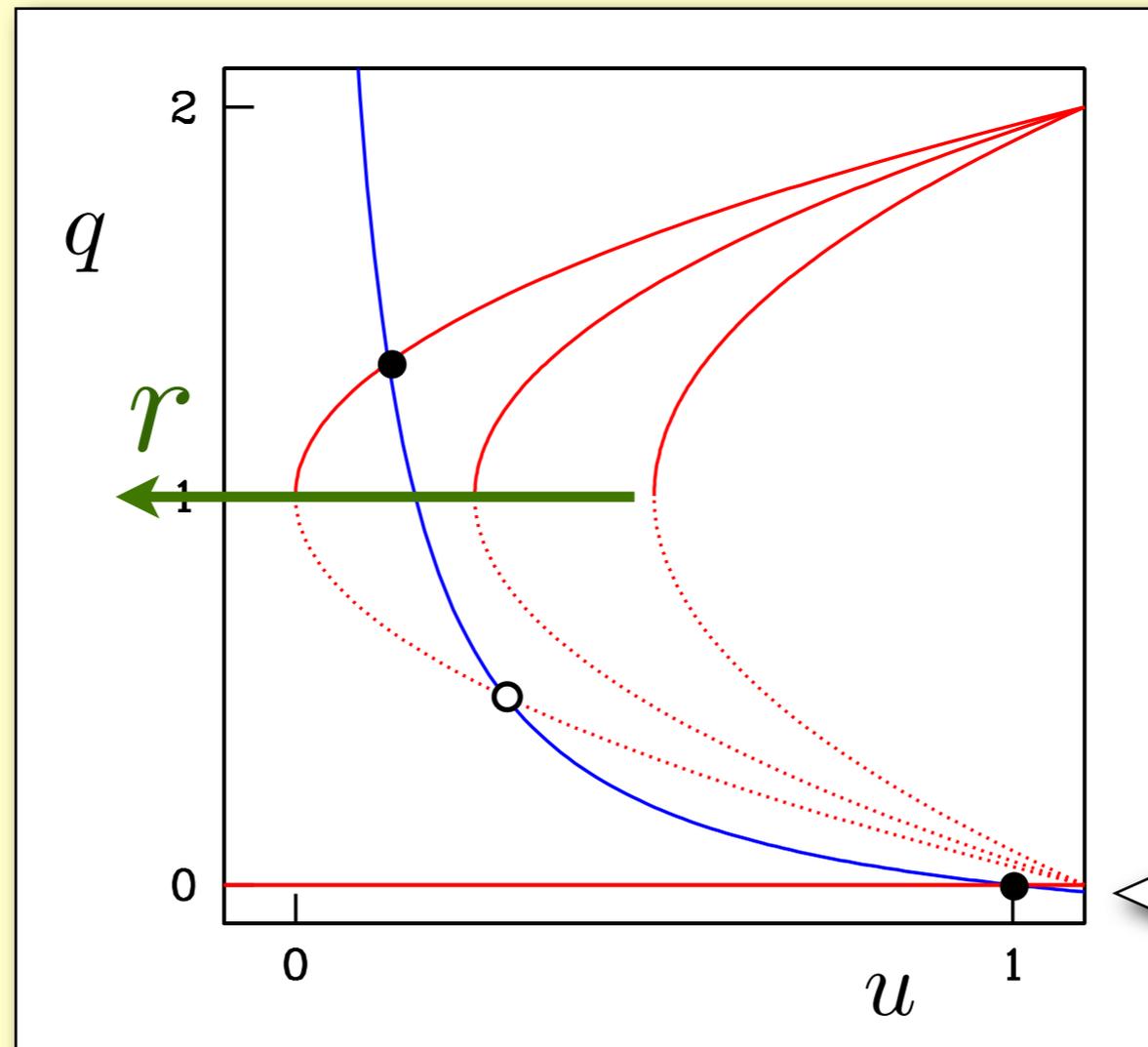
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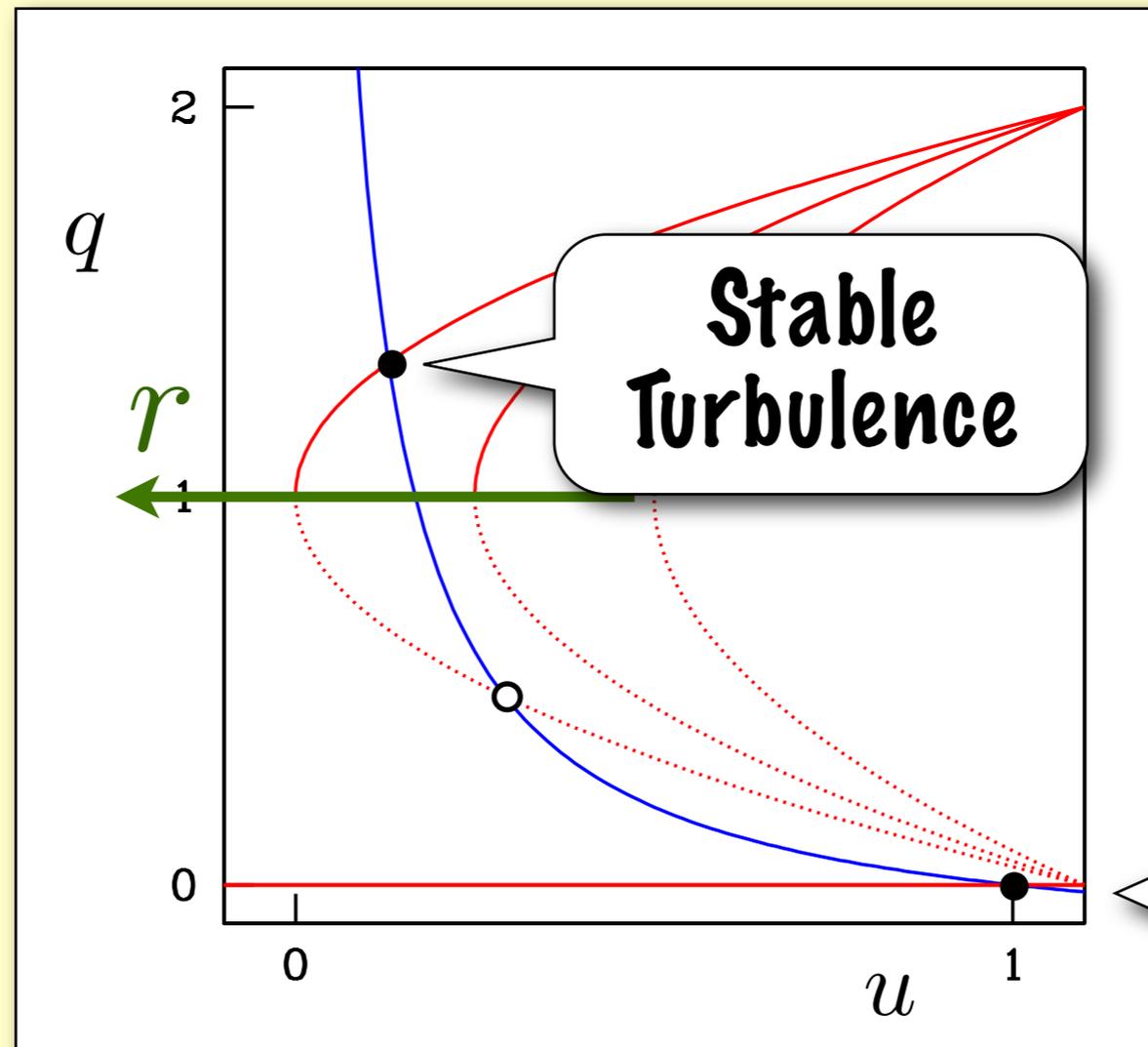
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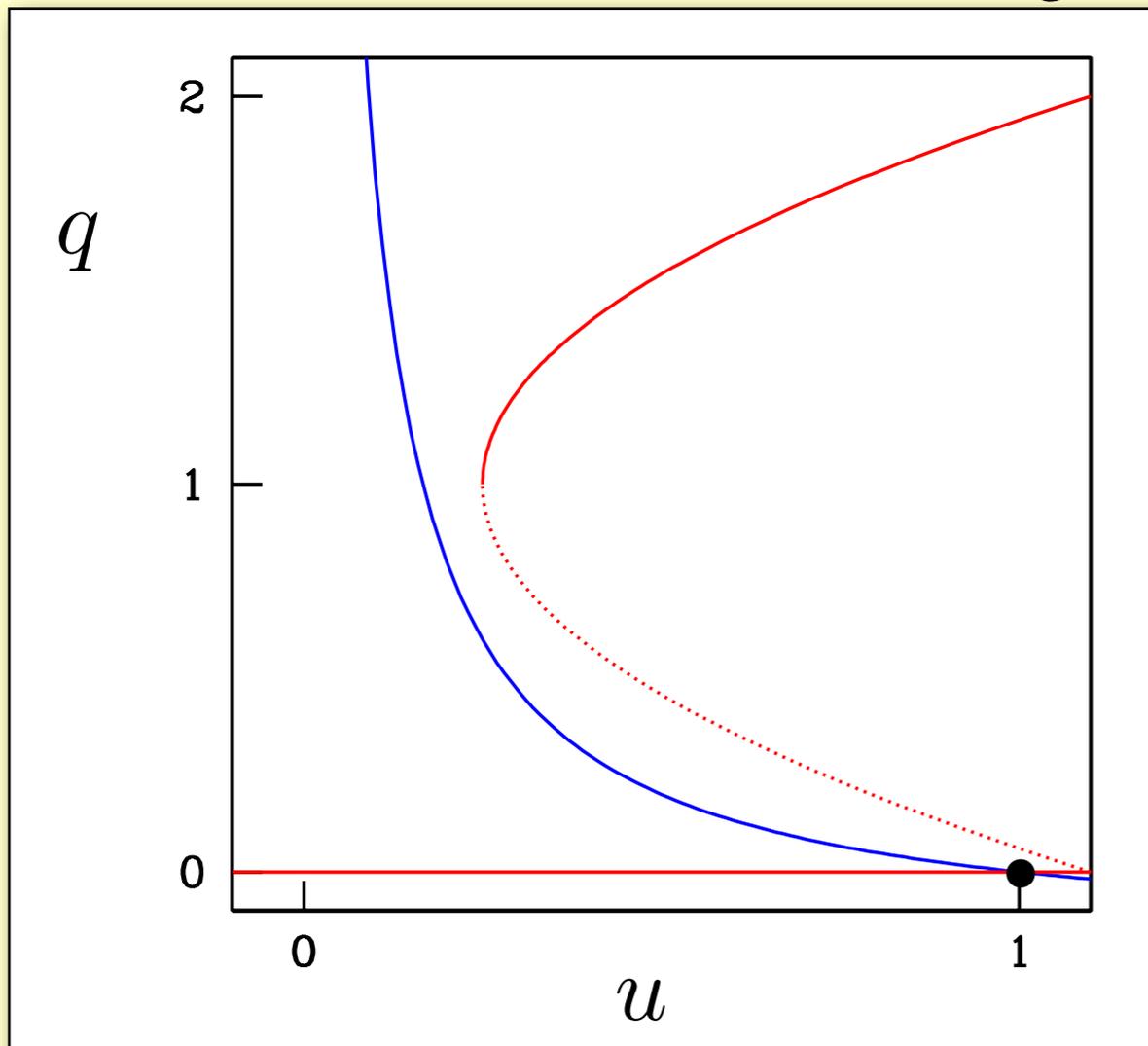
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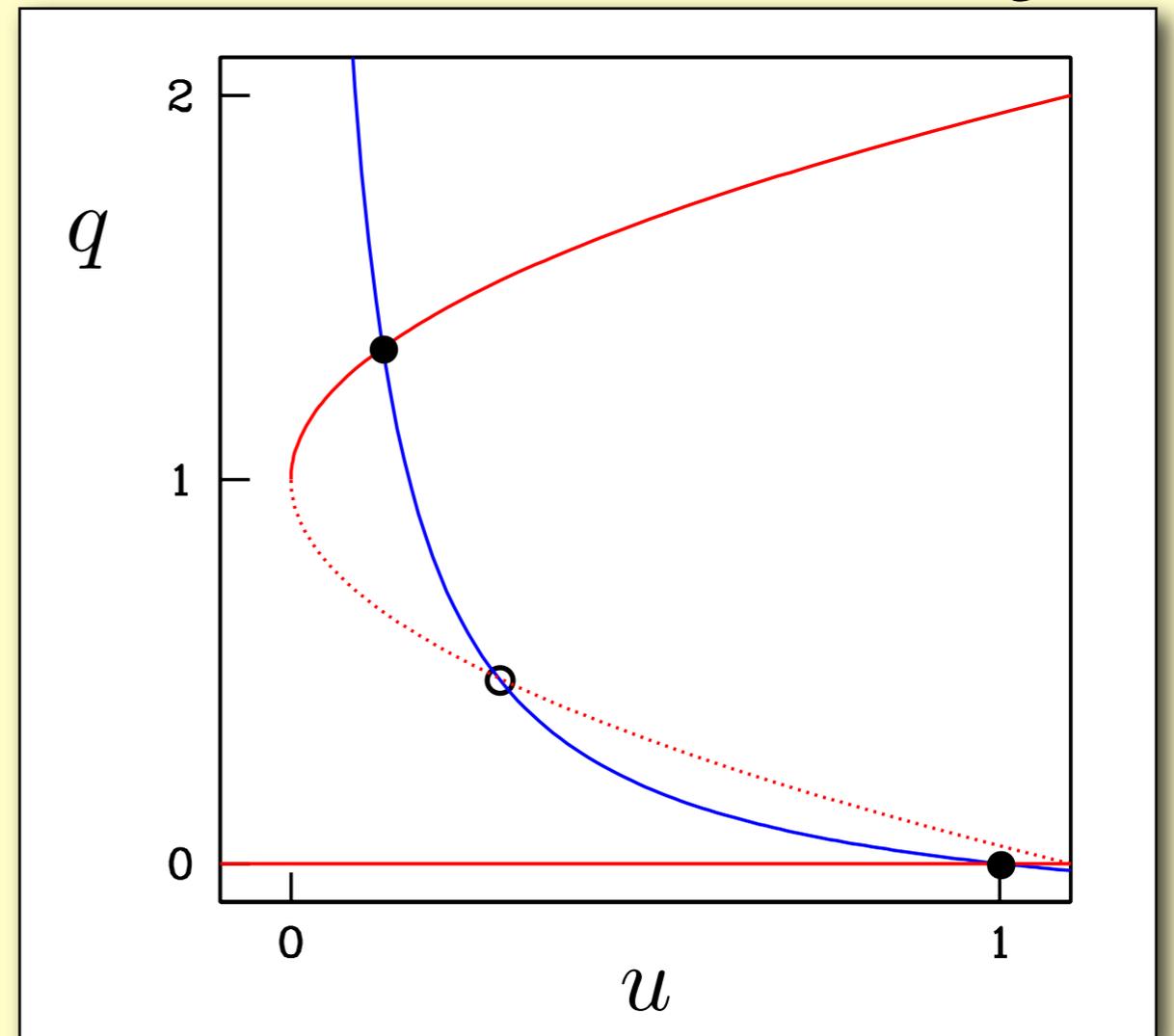
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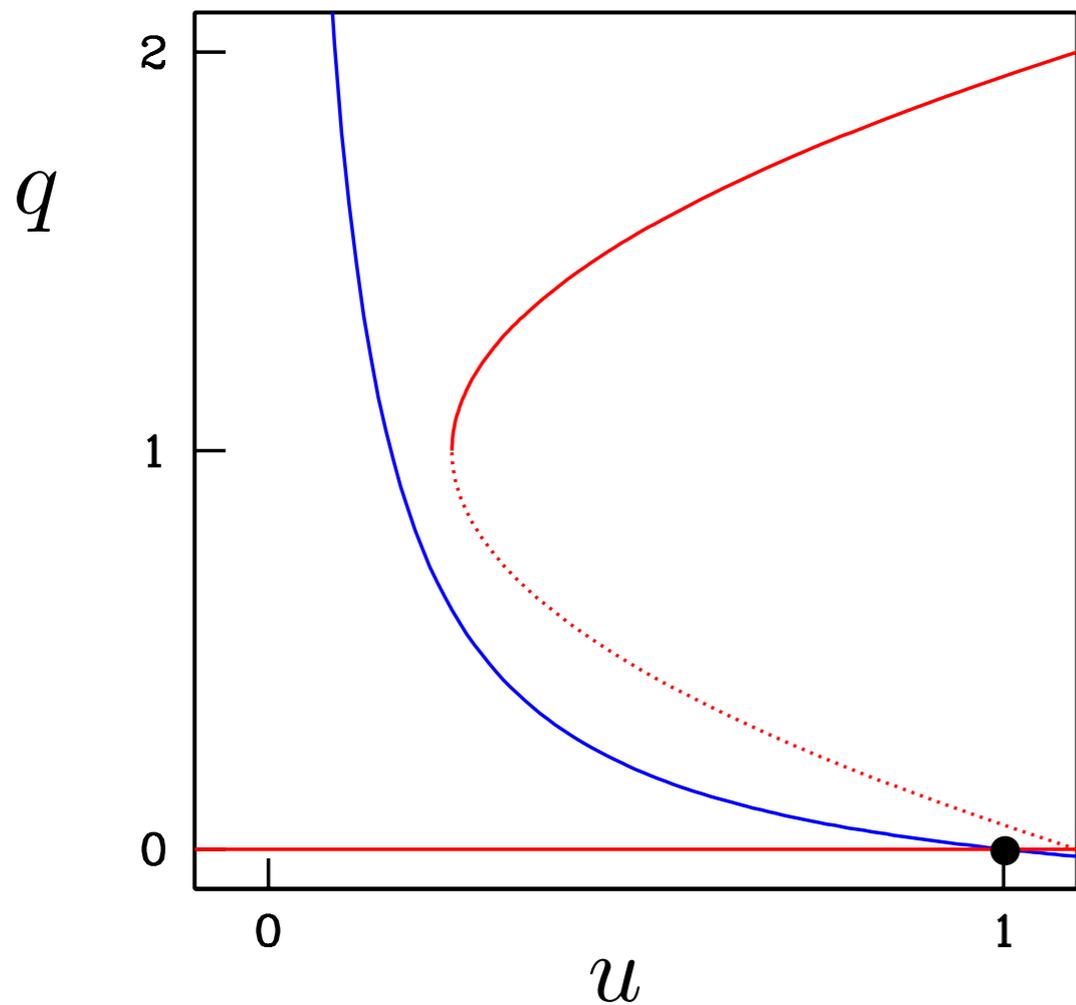


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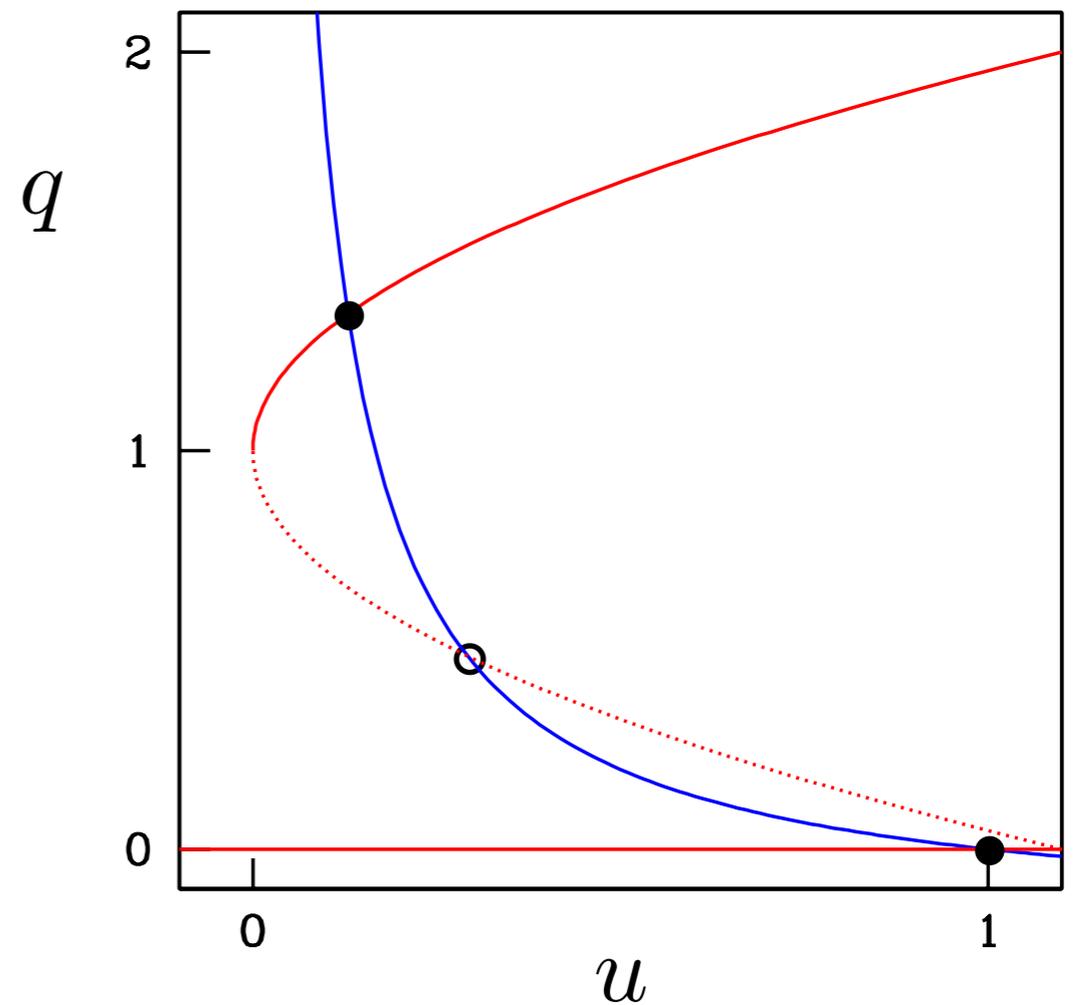
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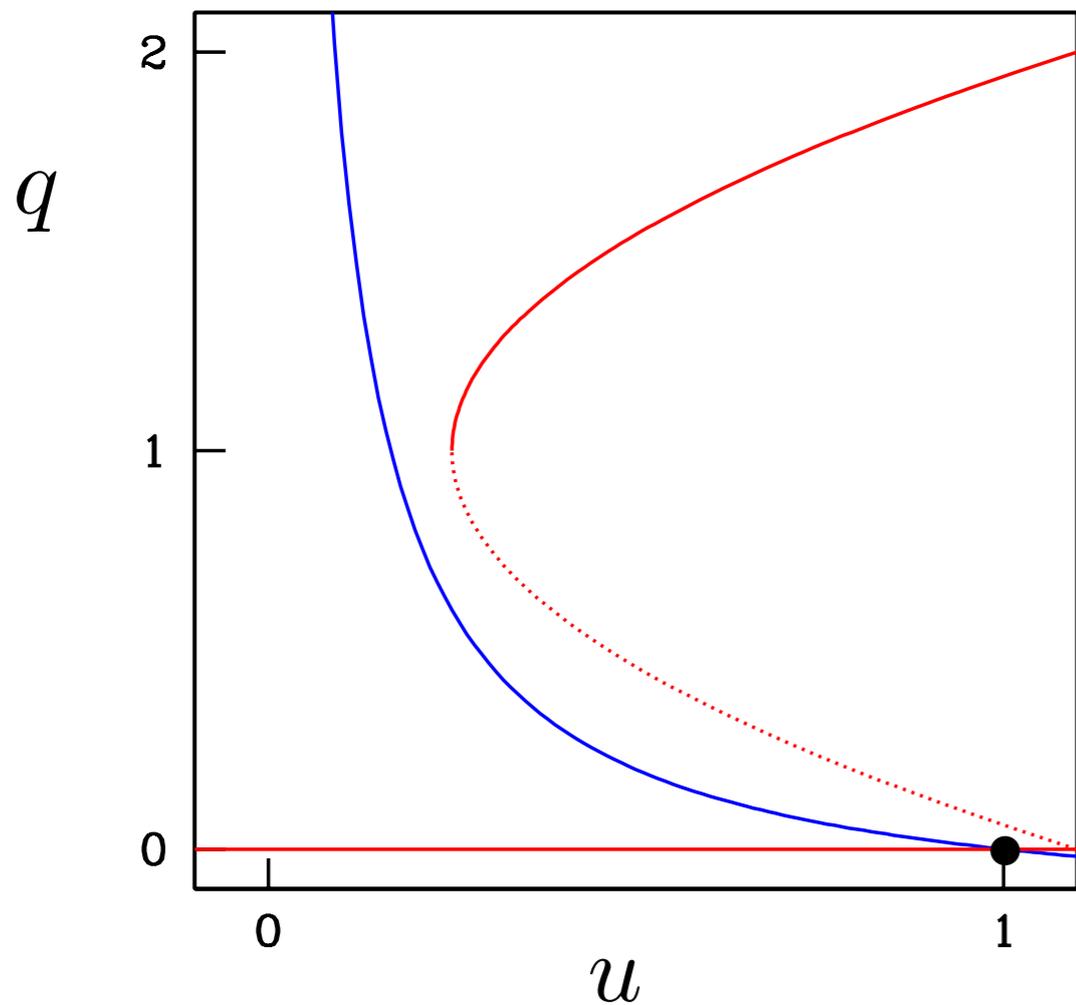


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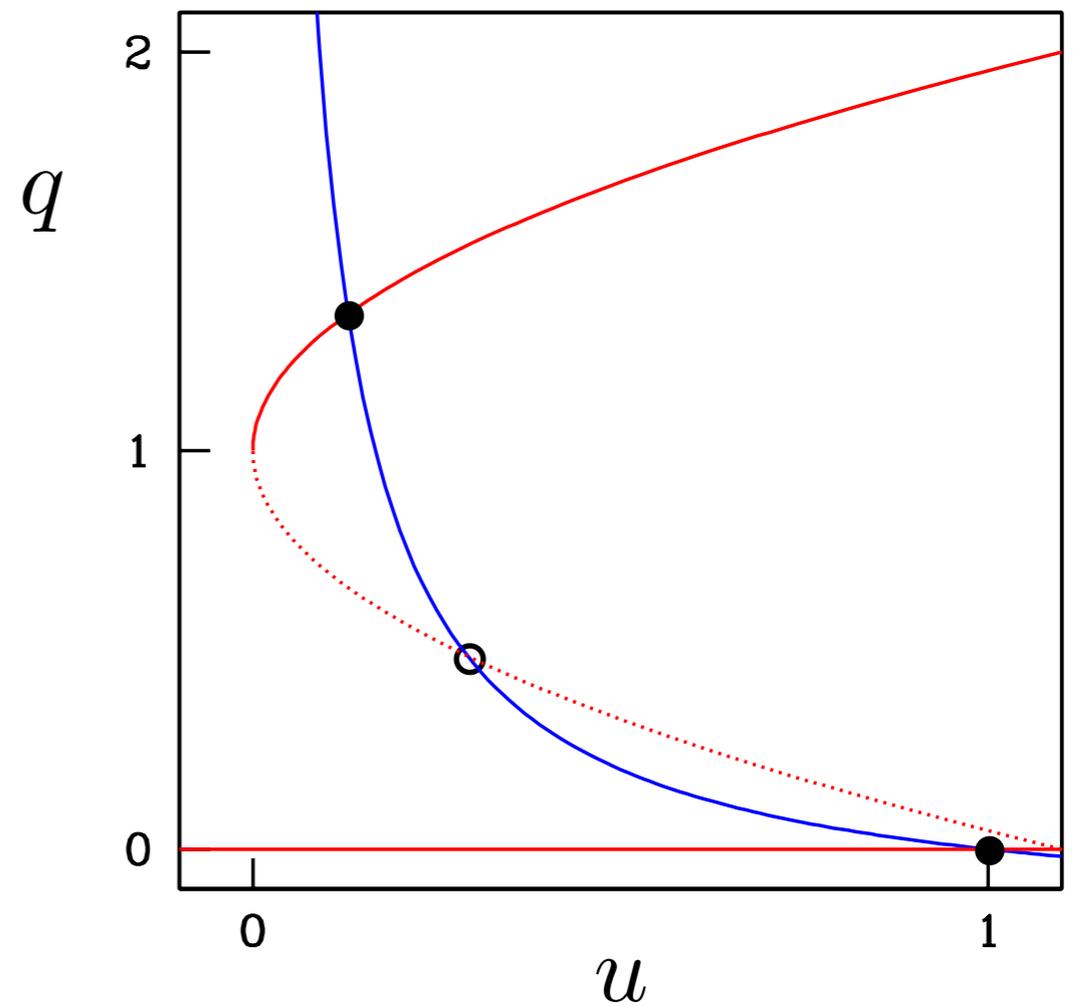
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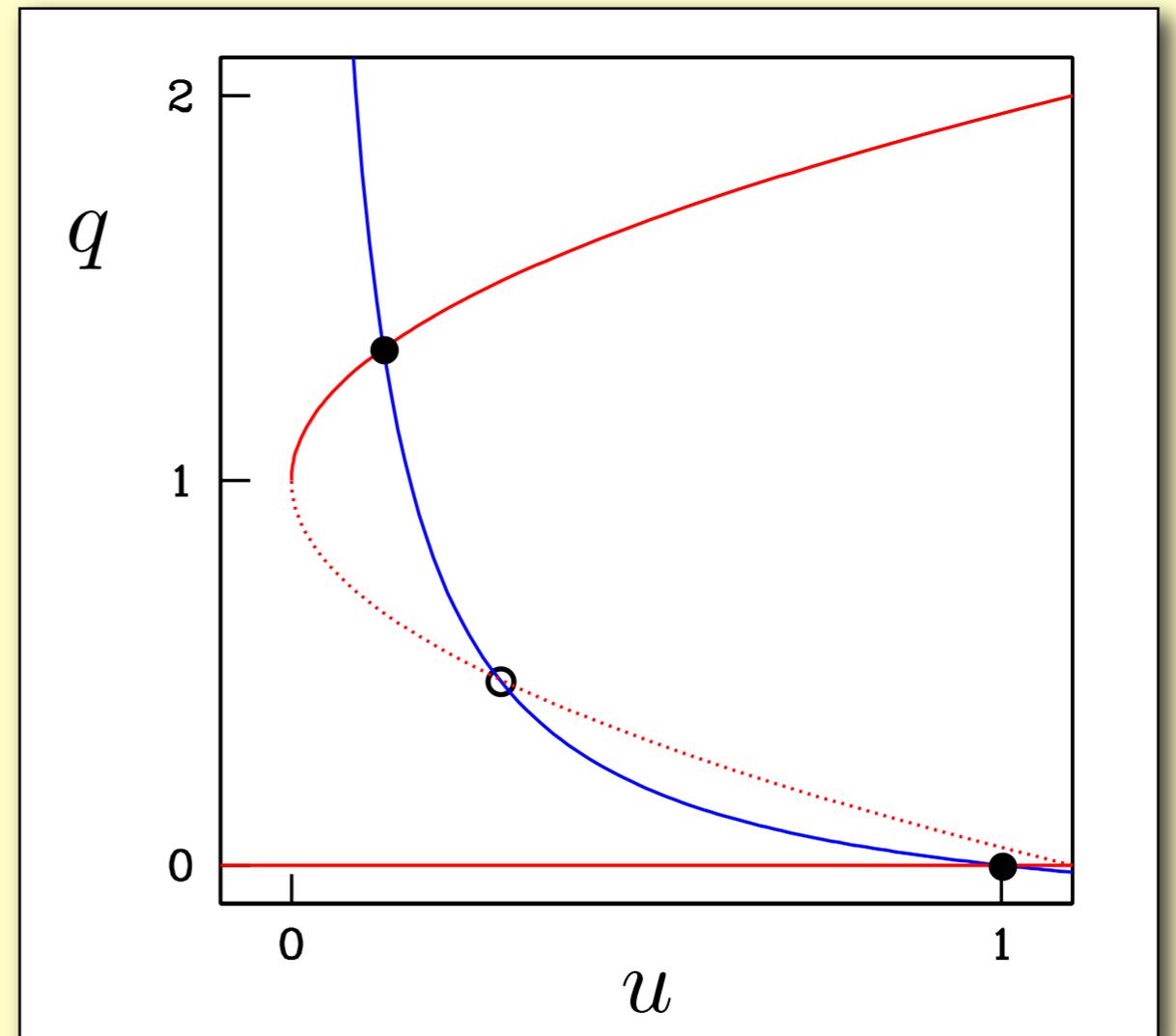
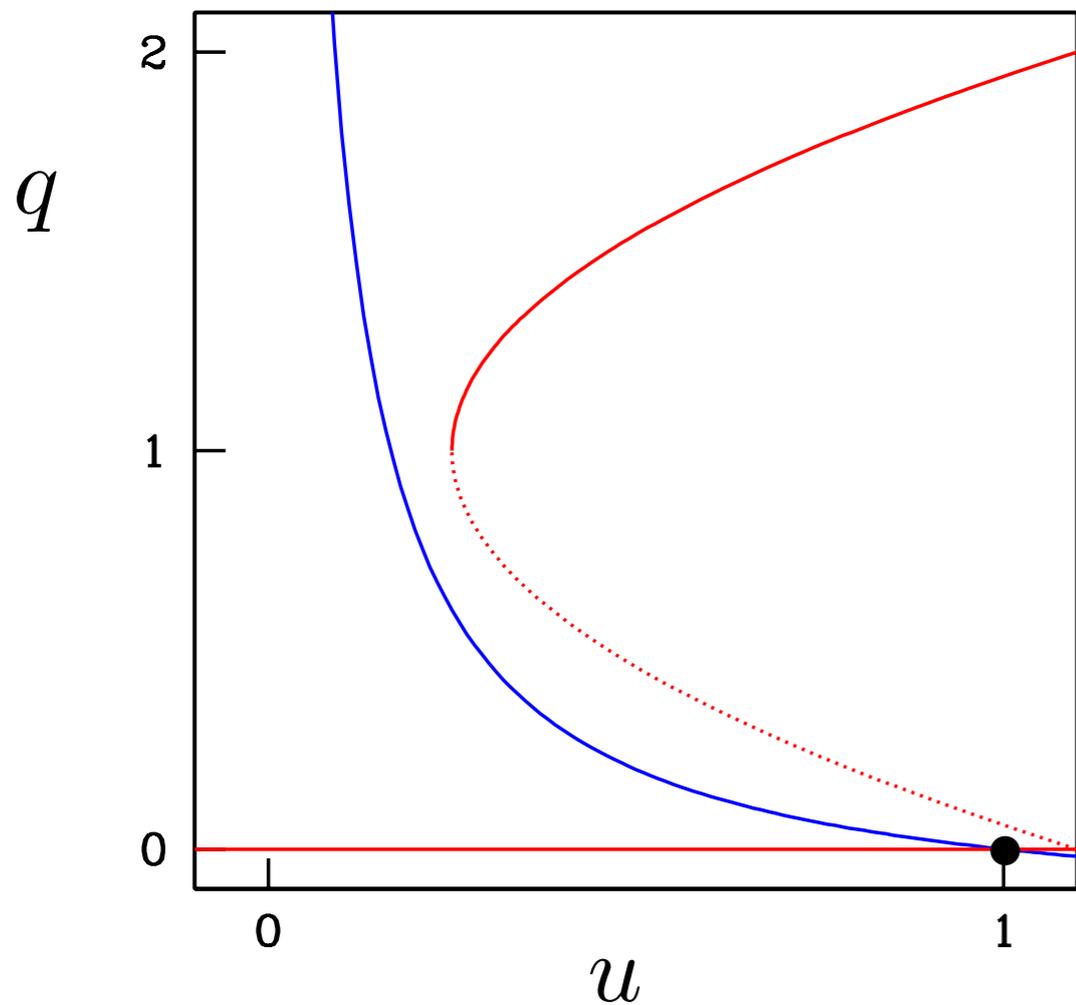
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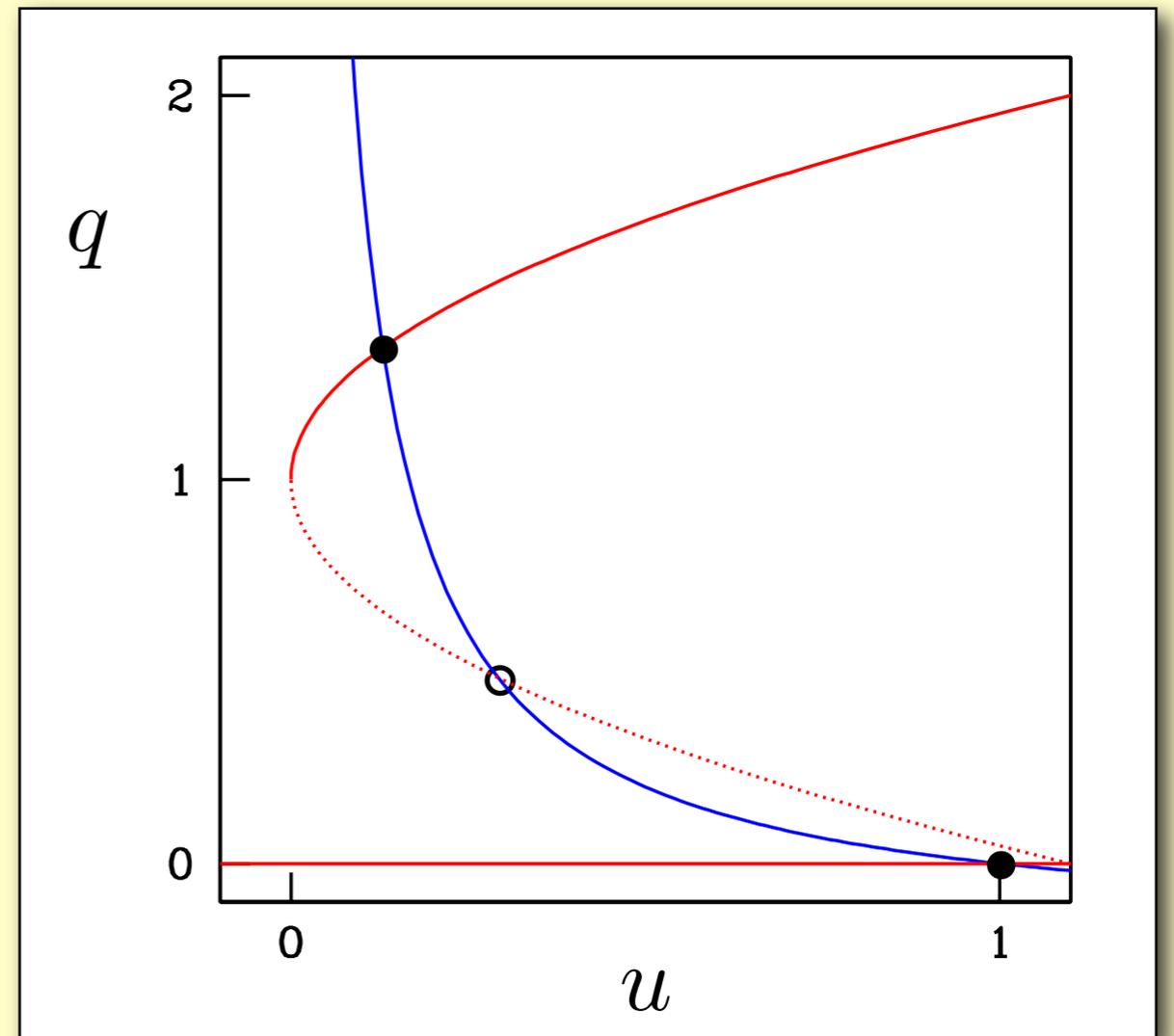
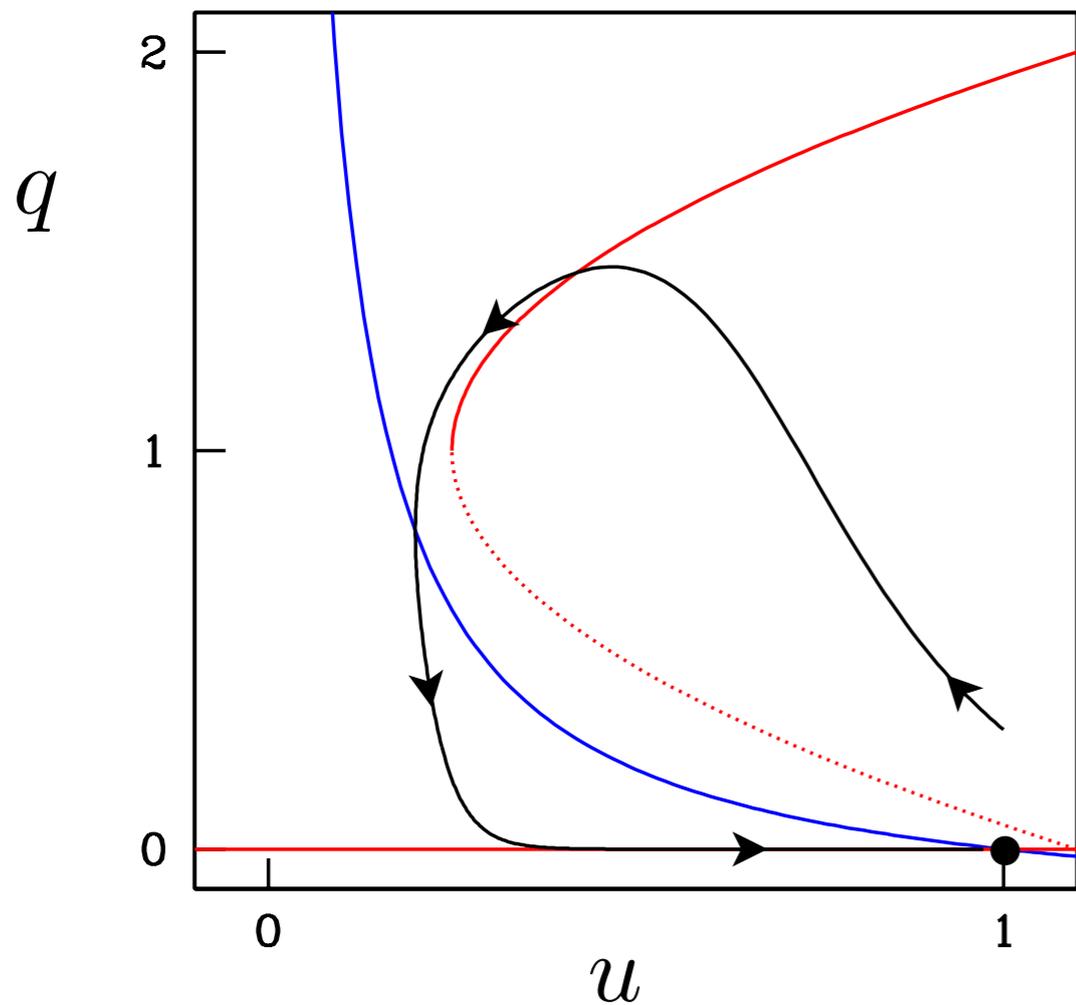
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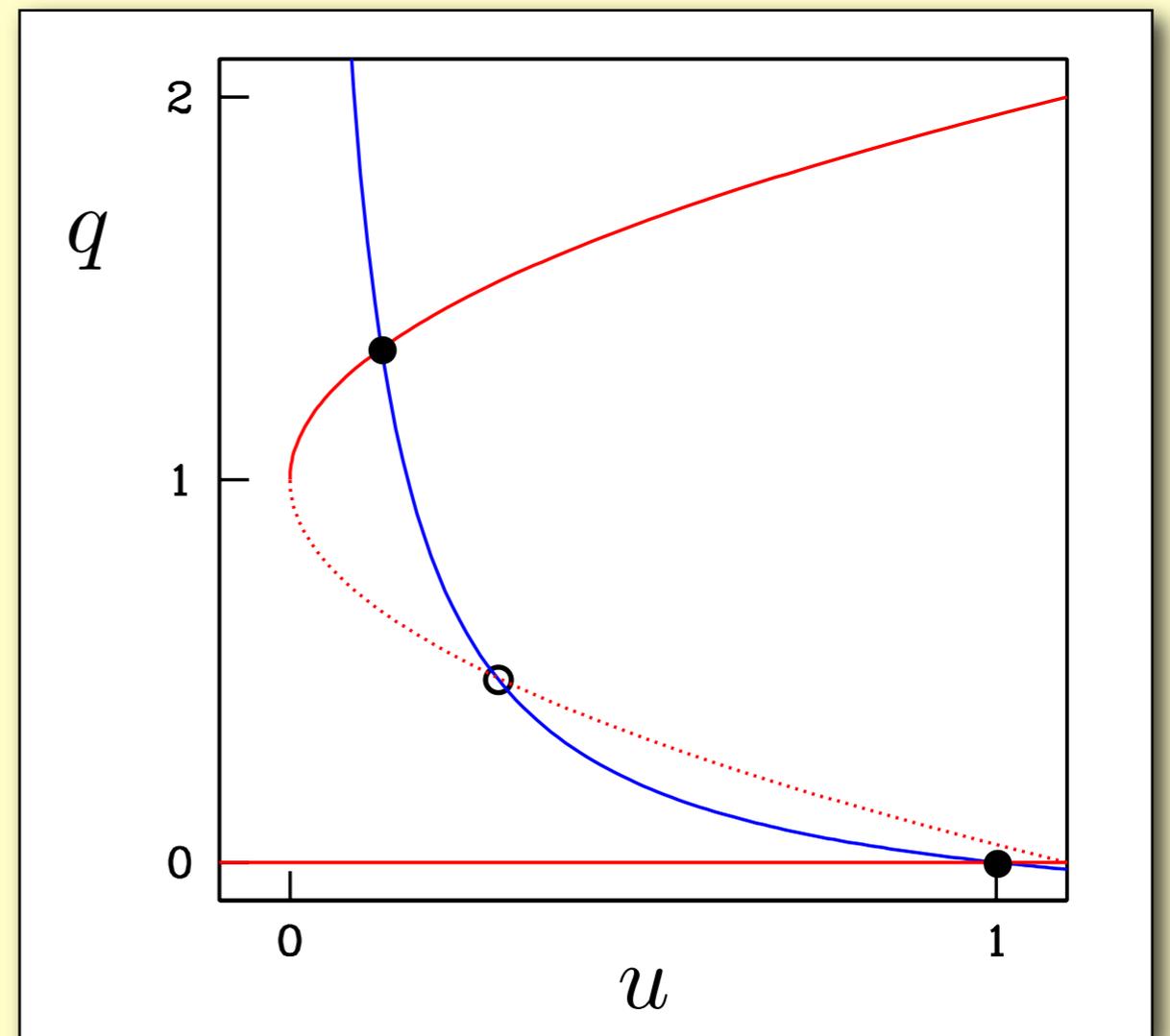
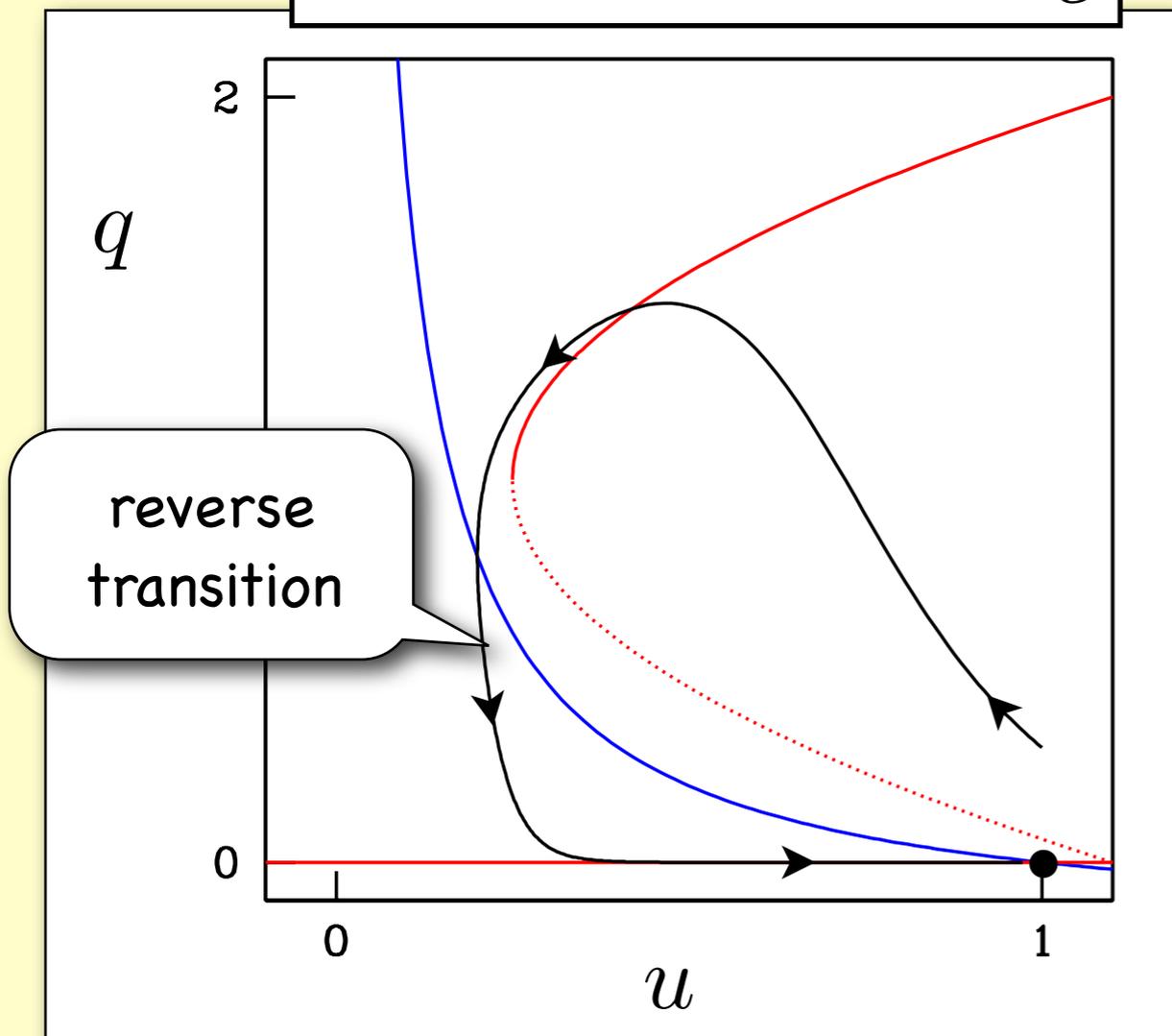
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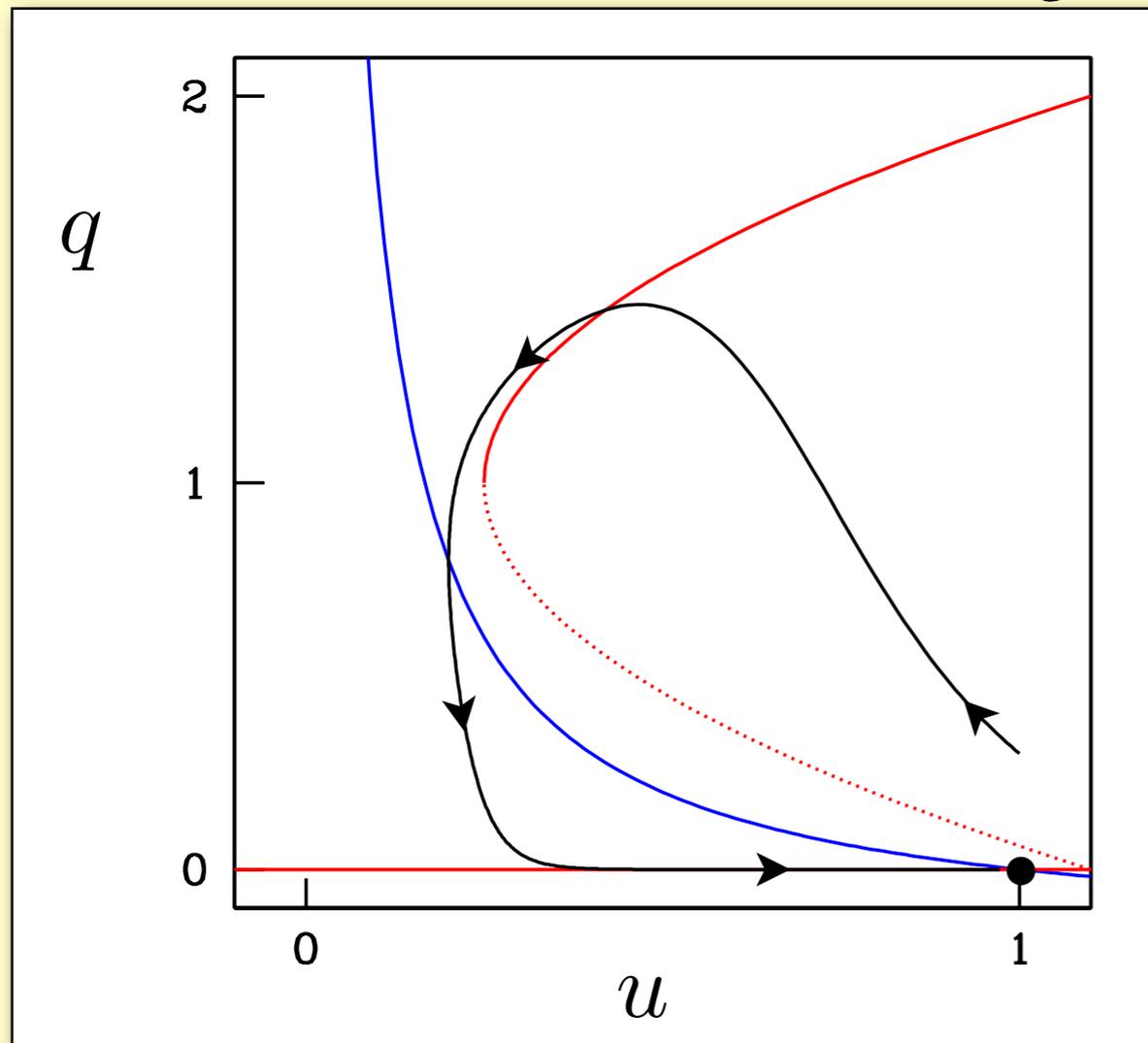
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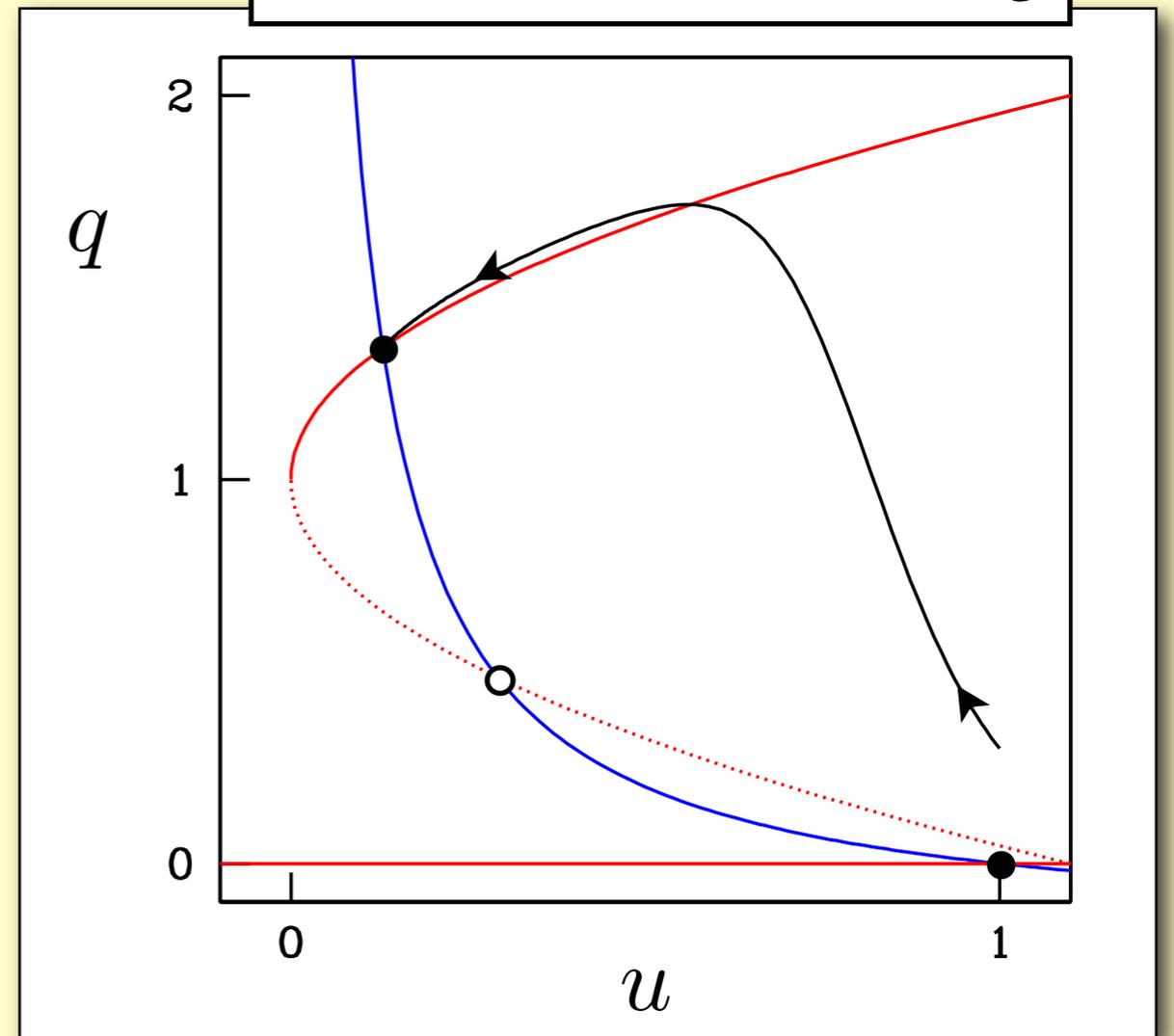
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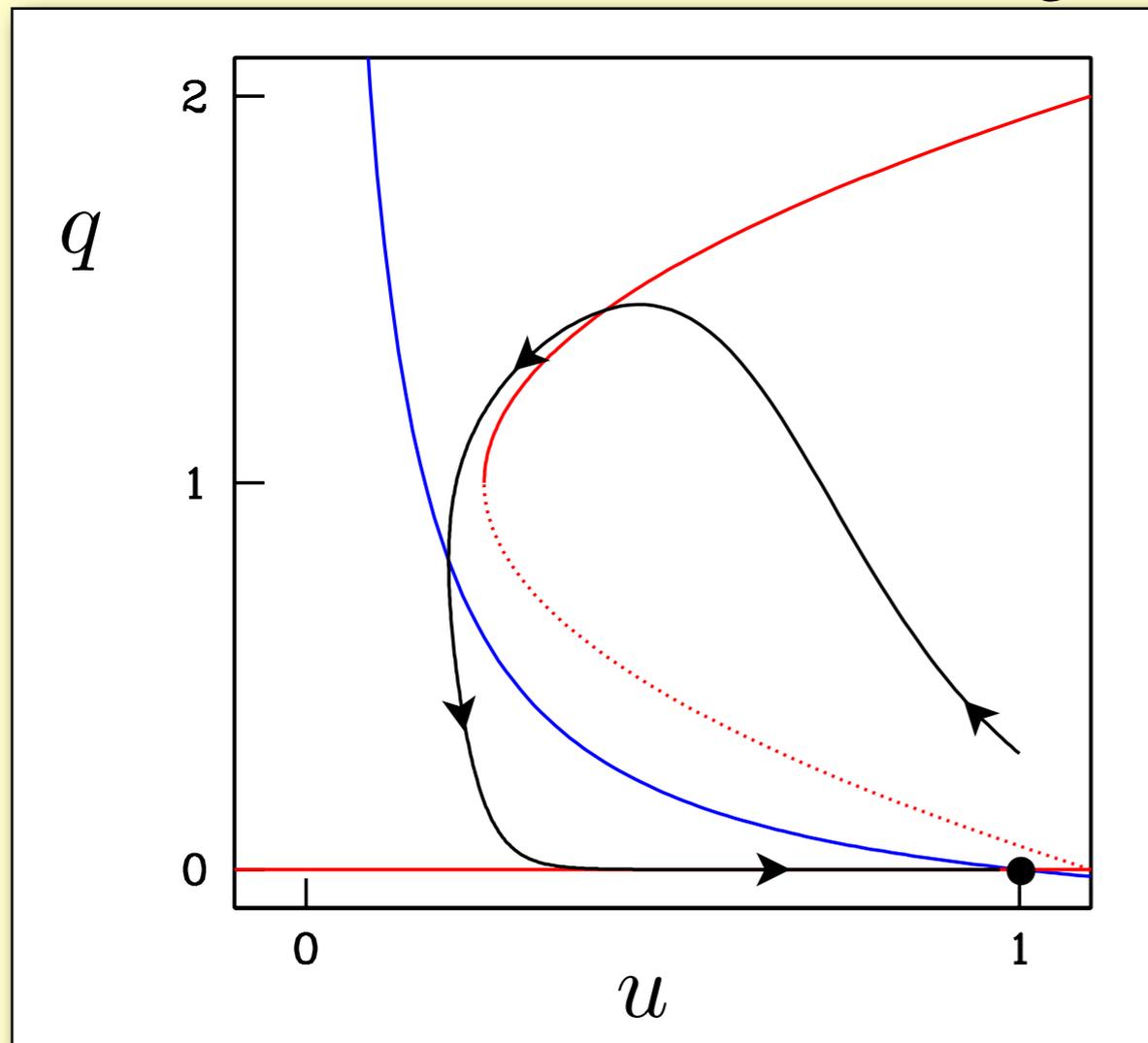
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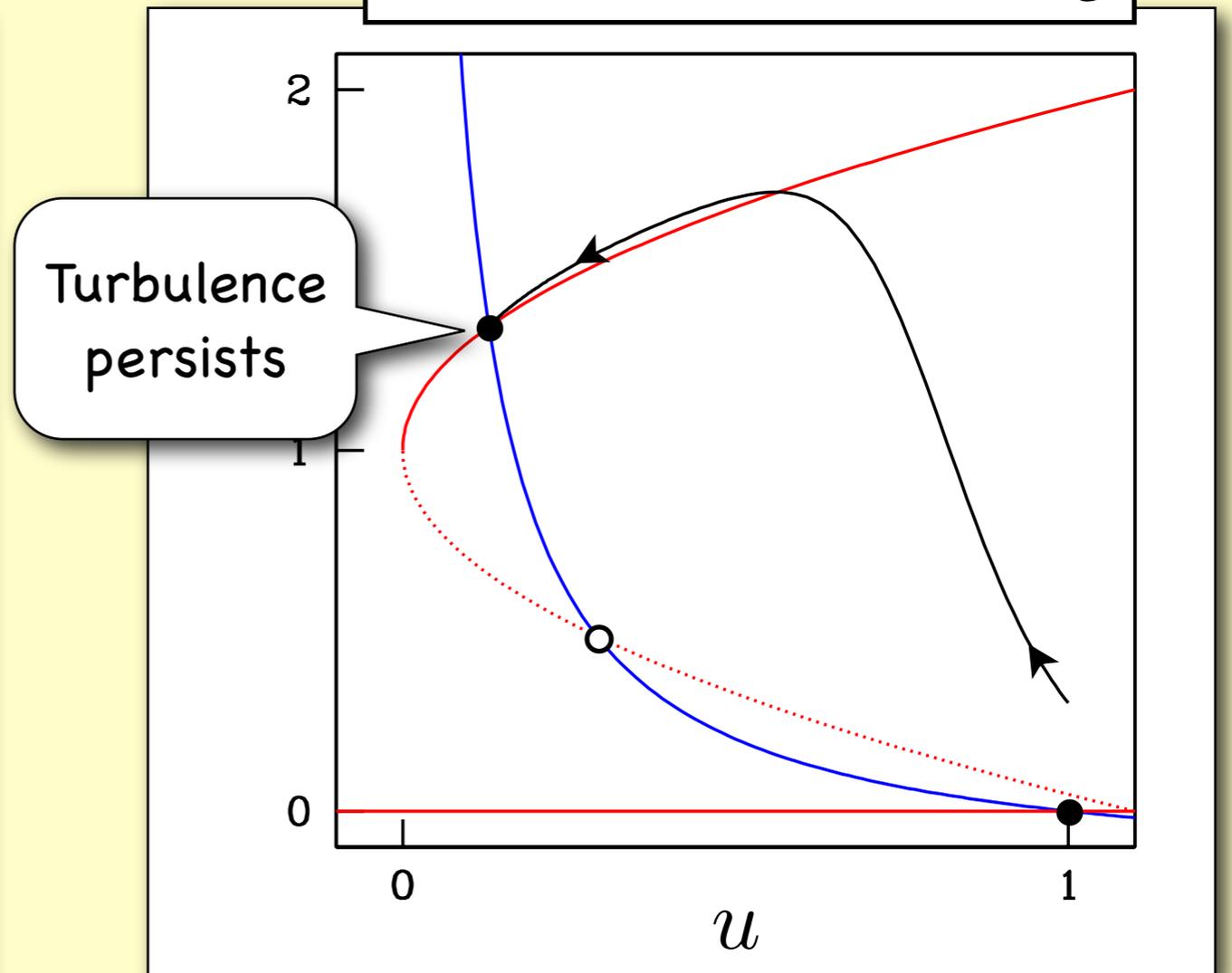
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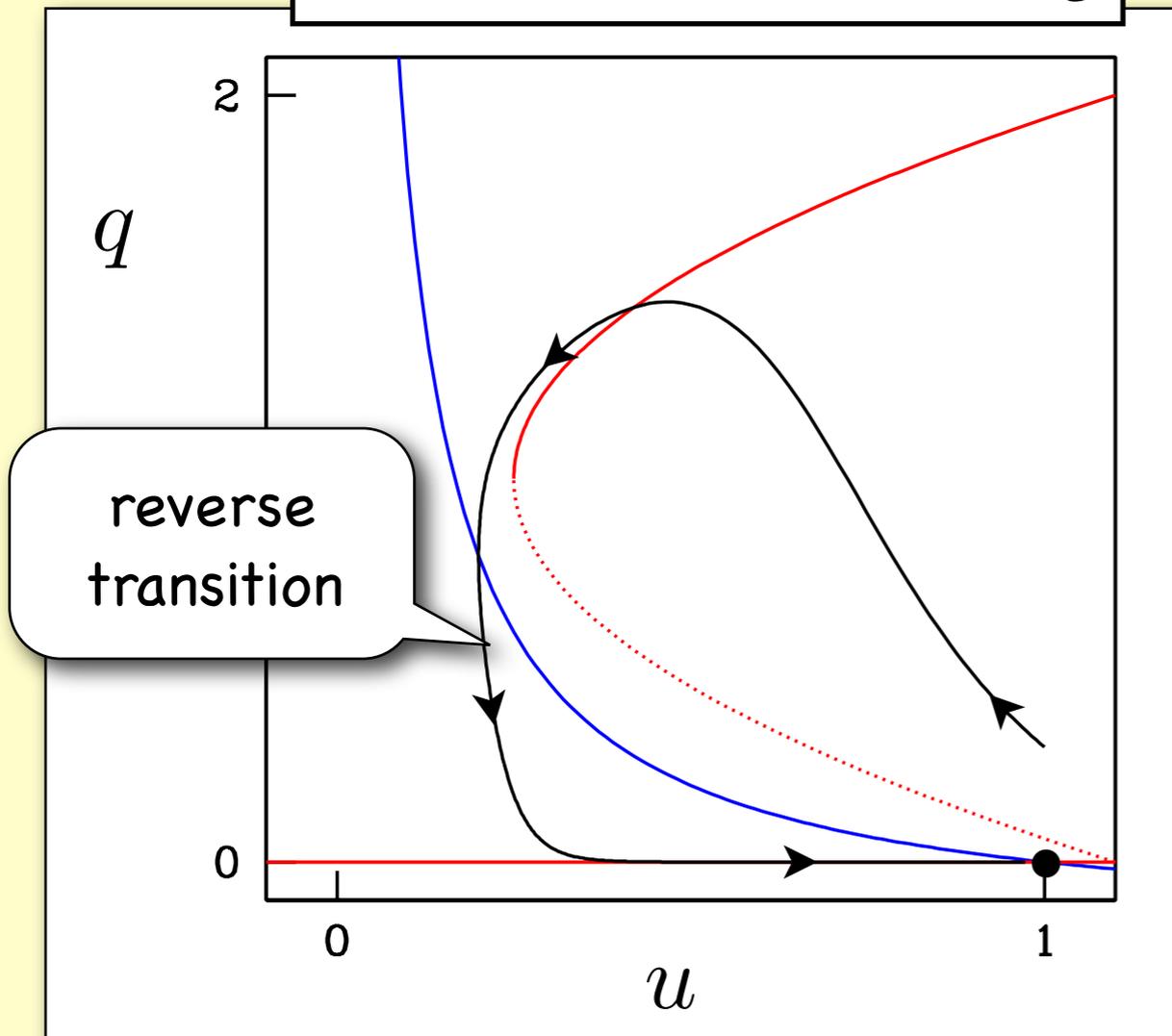


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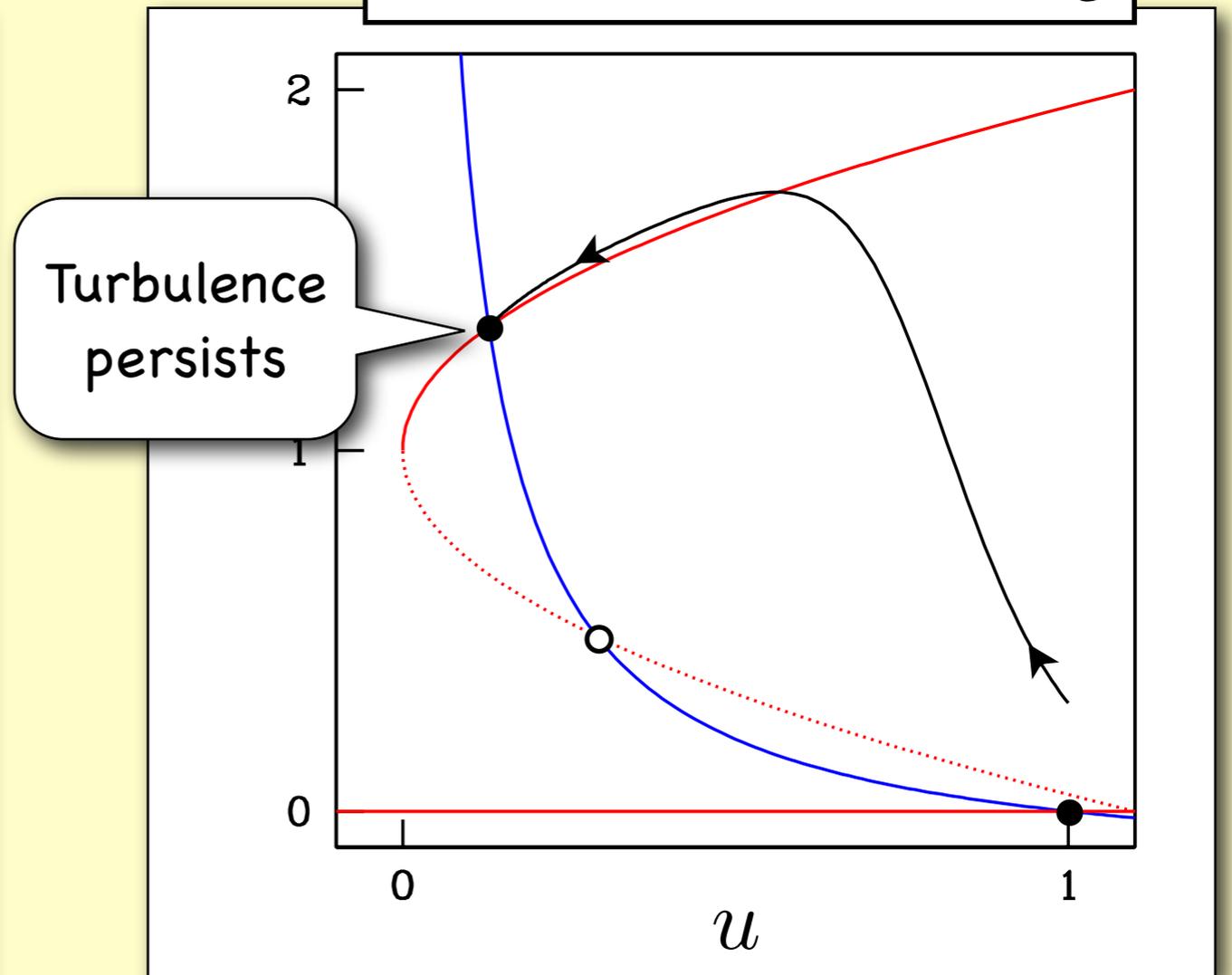
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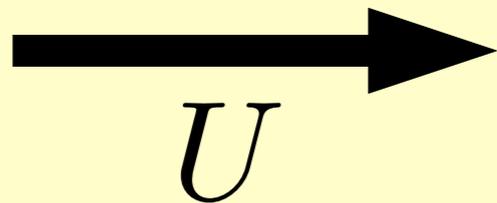
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Returning to the full model,
consider the role of the spatial derivatives

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Downstream advection
by mean flow
(parameter U)



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Diffusive coupling of
the turbulent field
(turbulence excites
adjacent laminar flow)

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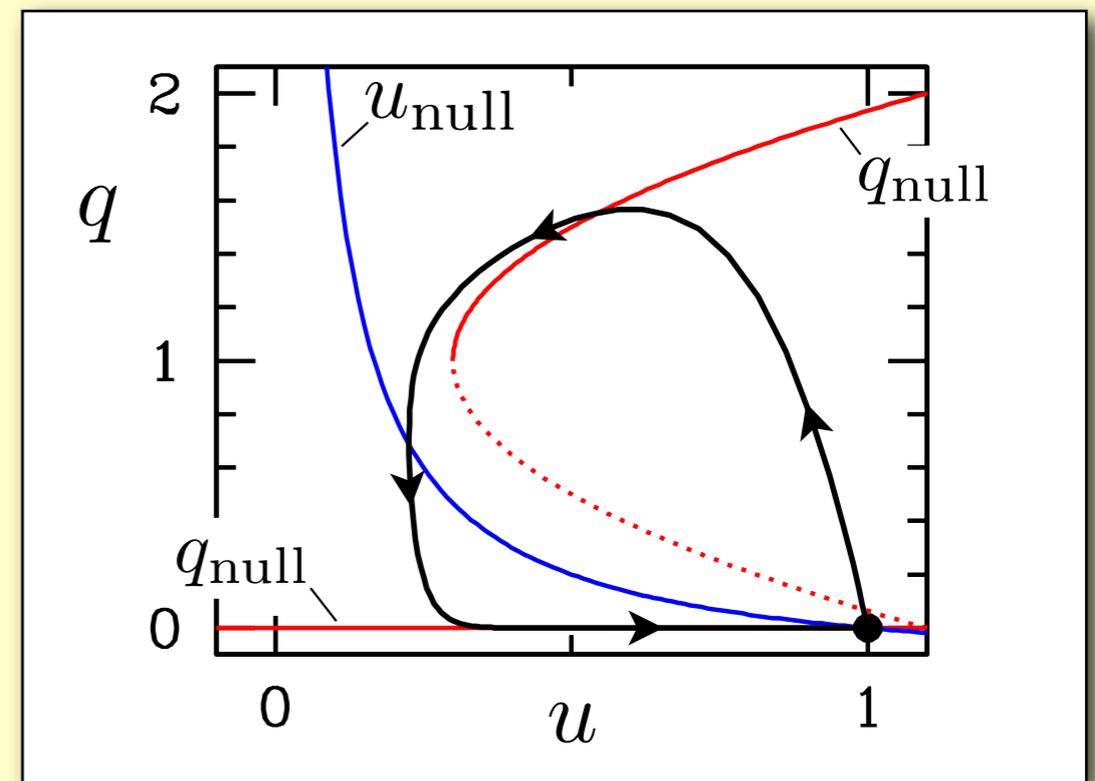
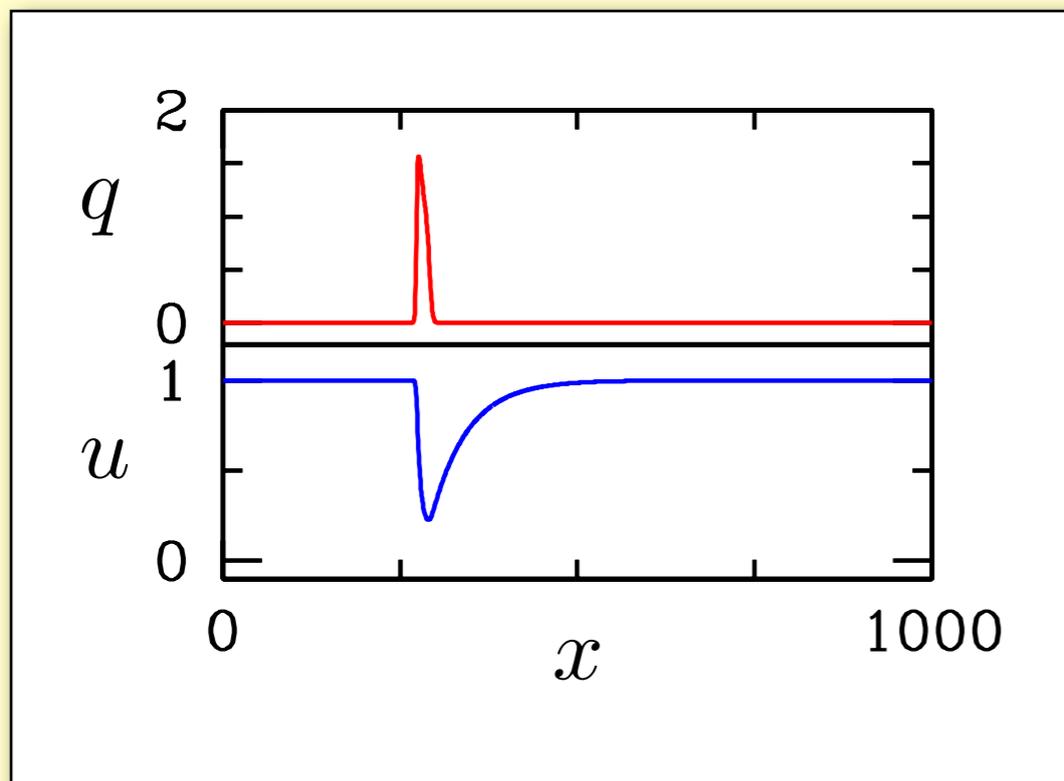
Left-Right symmetry breaking
(other forms possible, but this
is simplest)

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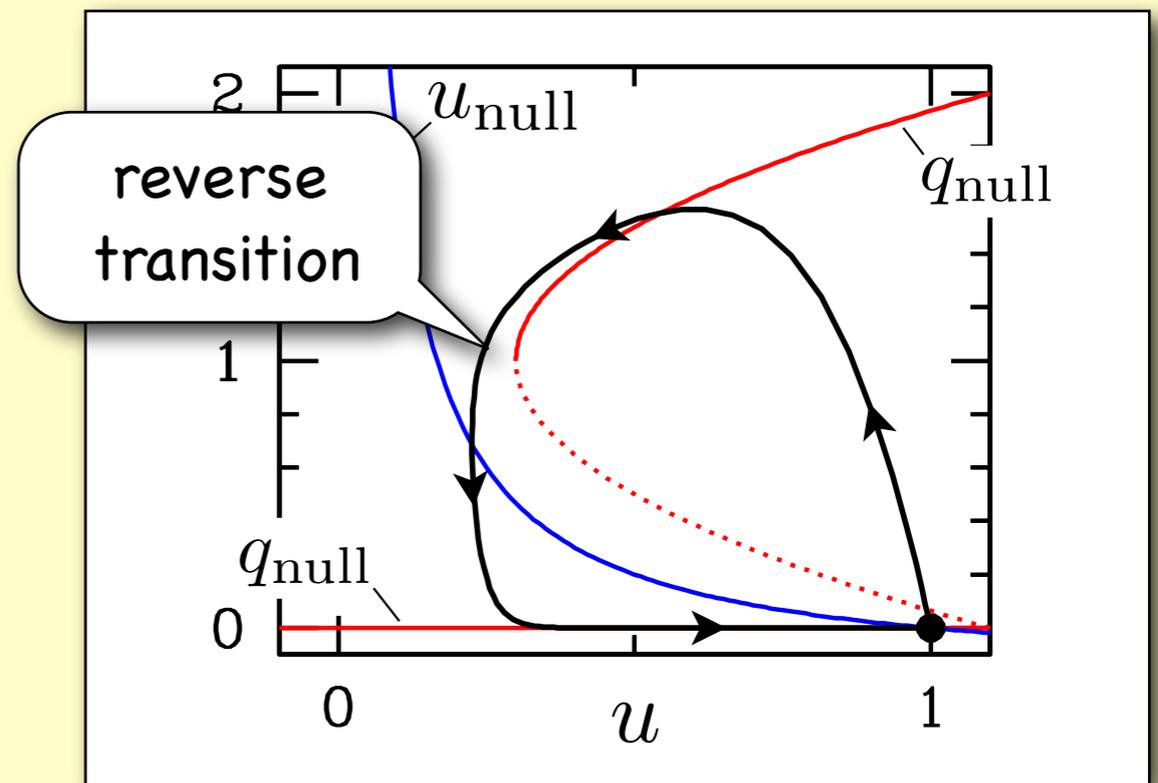
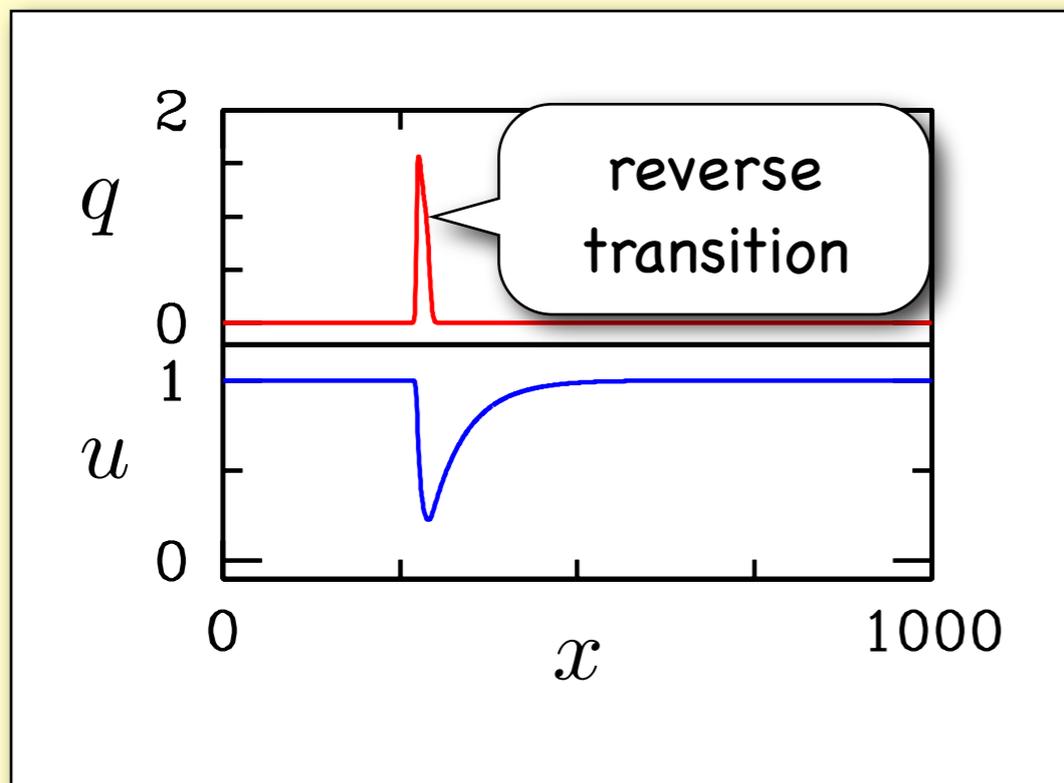


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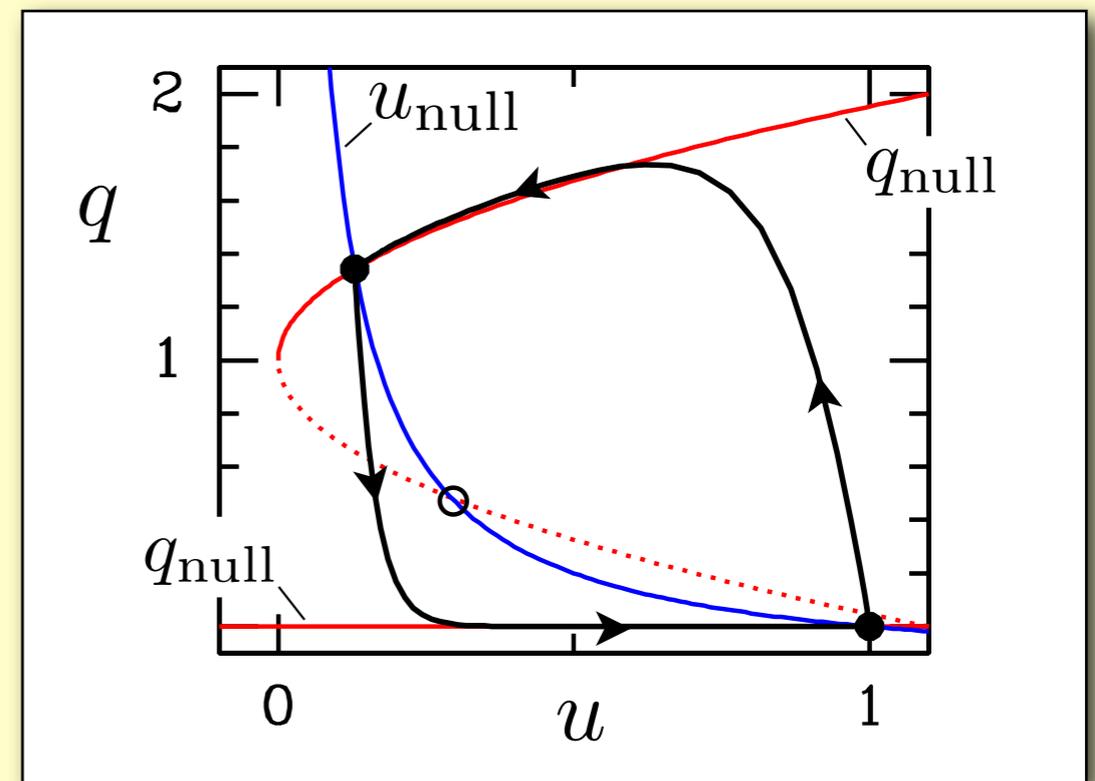
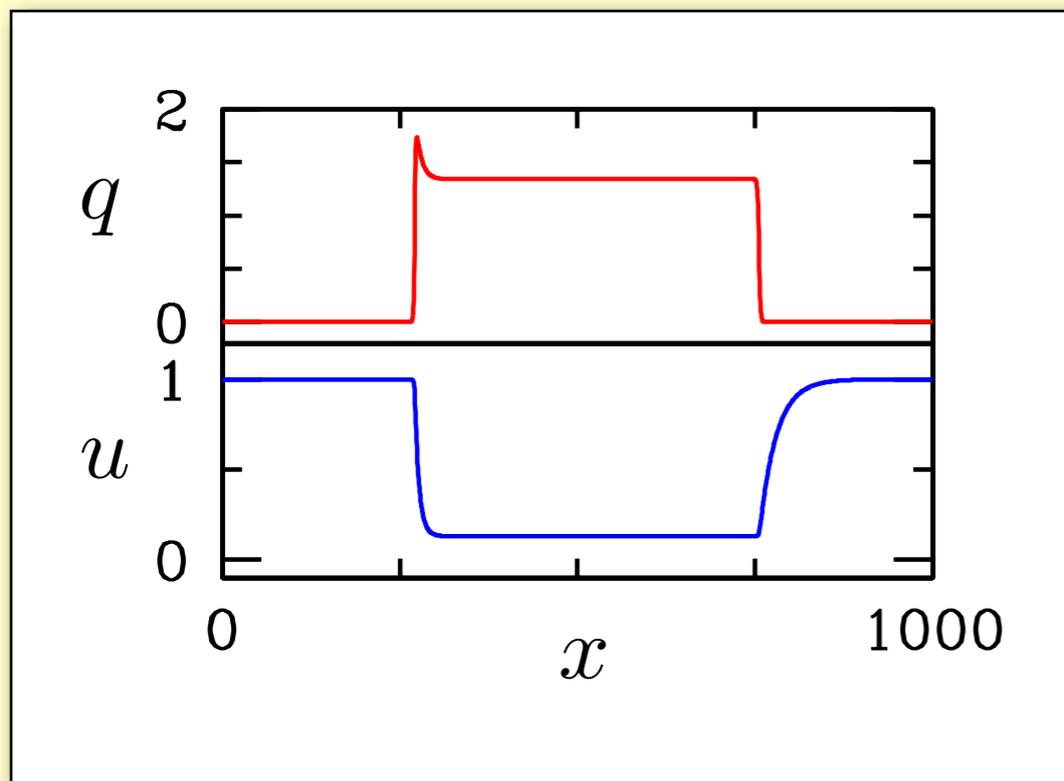


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Slugs corresponds to bistability

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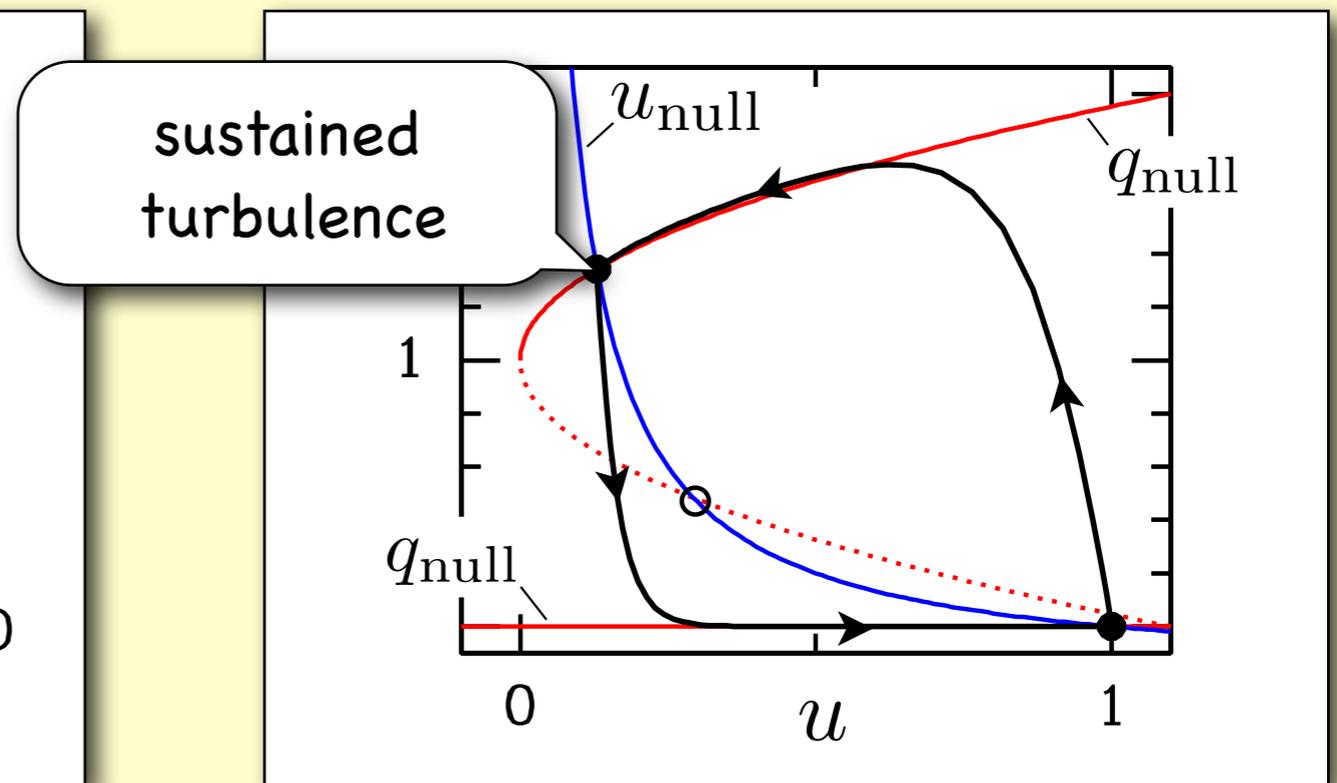
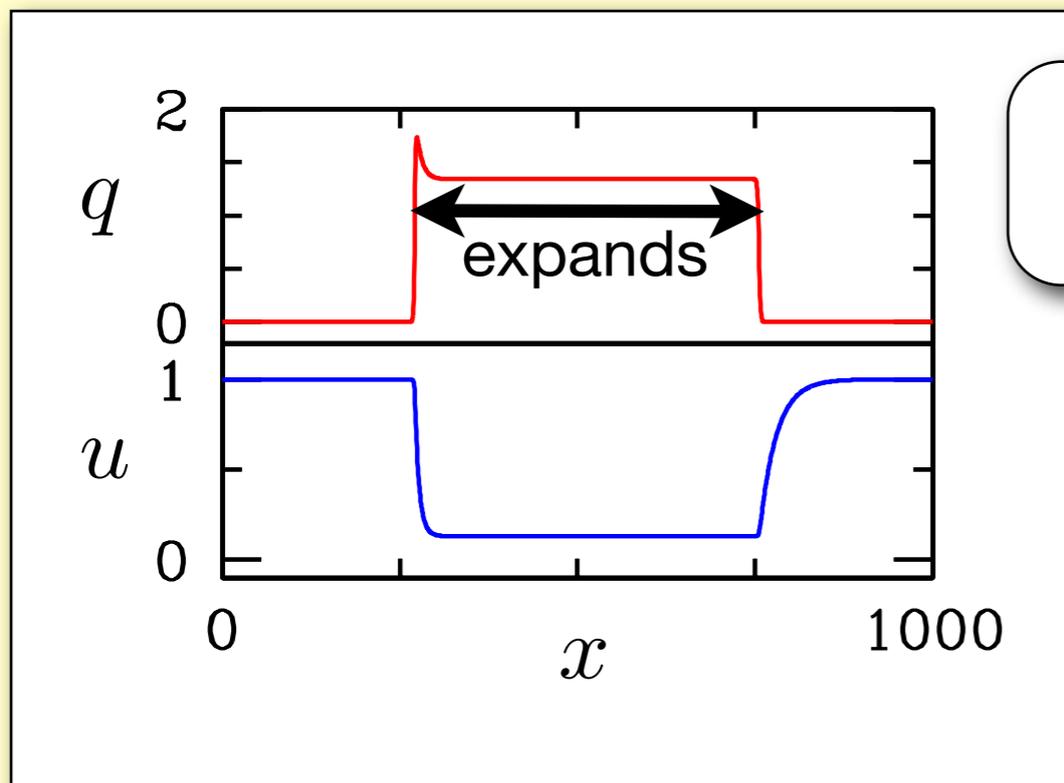


PDE Model

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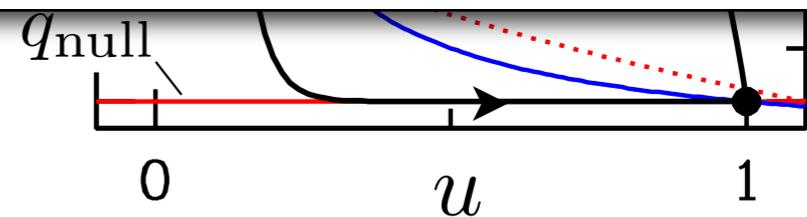
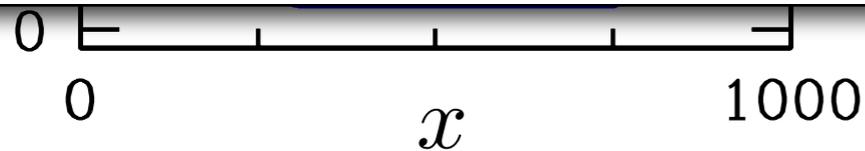
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PDE Model

Homework

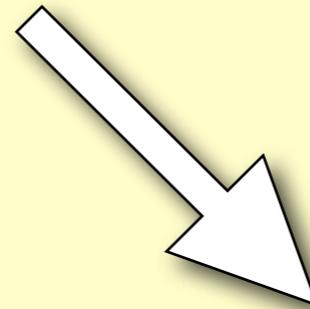
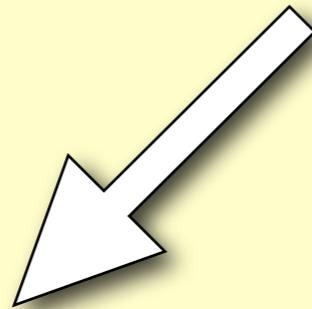
- 1) verify that the PDE model has all physical properties, except last.
- 2) show puffs correspond to excitability and slugs to bistability.



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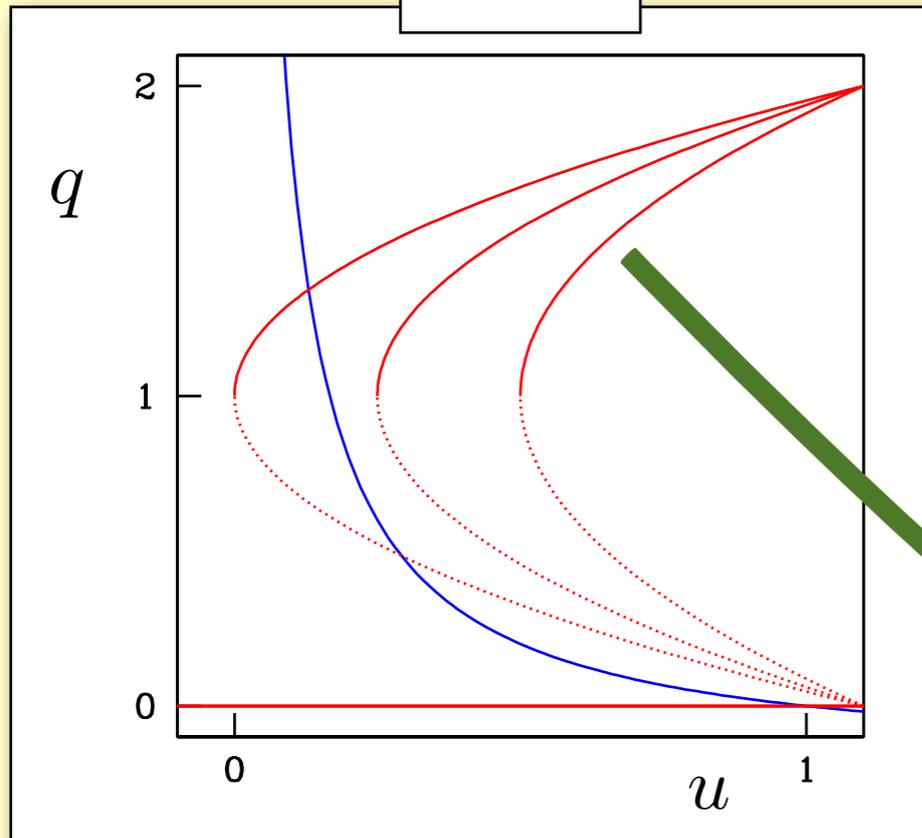


**Model Turbulence
with Chaotic Map**

**Model Turbulence
with Noise**

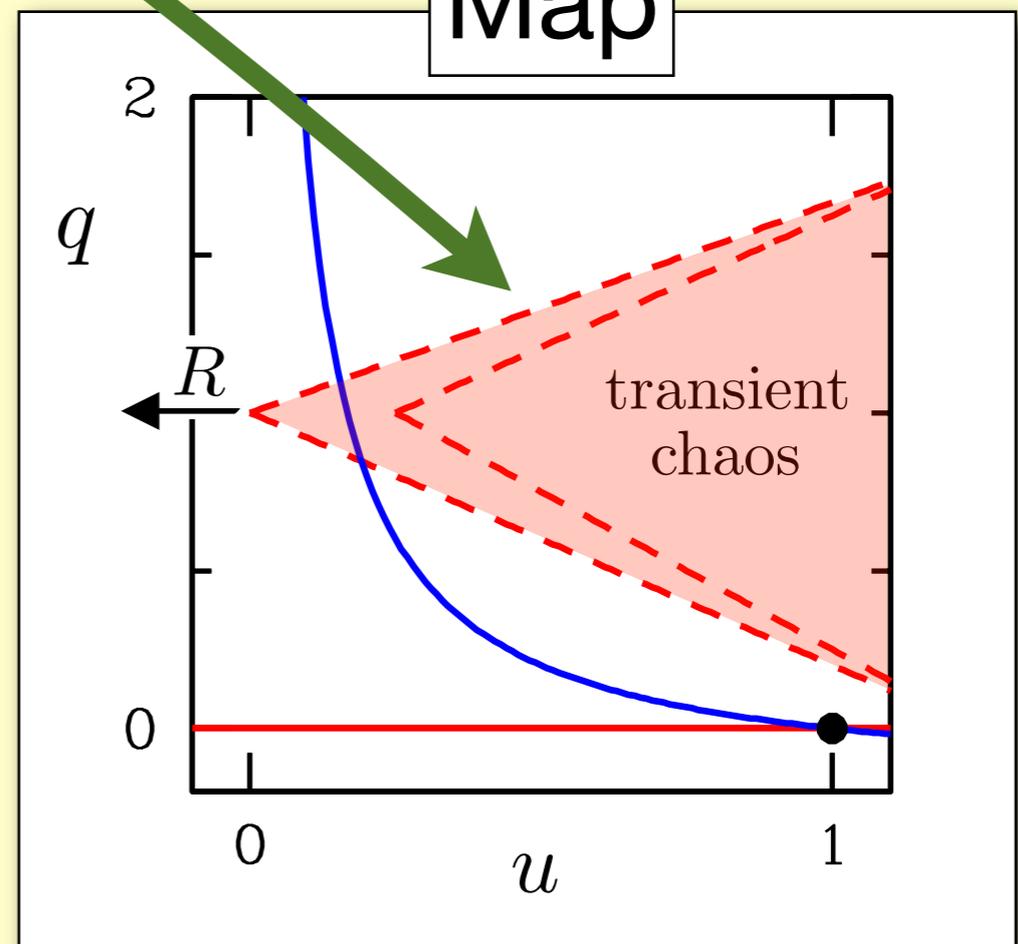
Map Model

PDE

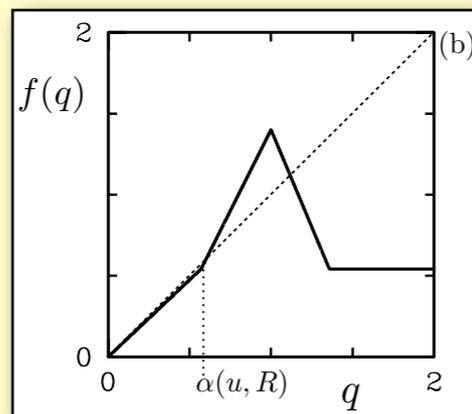


Replace upper turbulent branch in PDE with region of transient chaos

Map



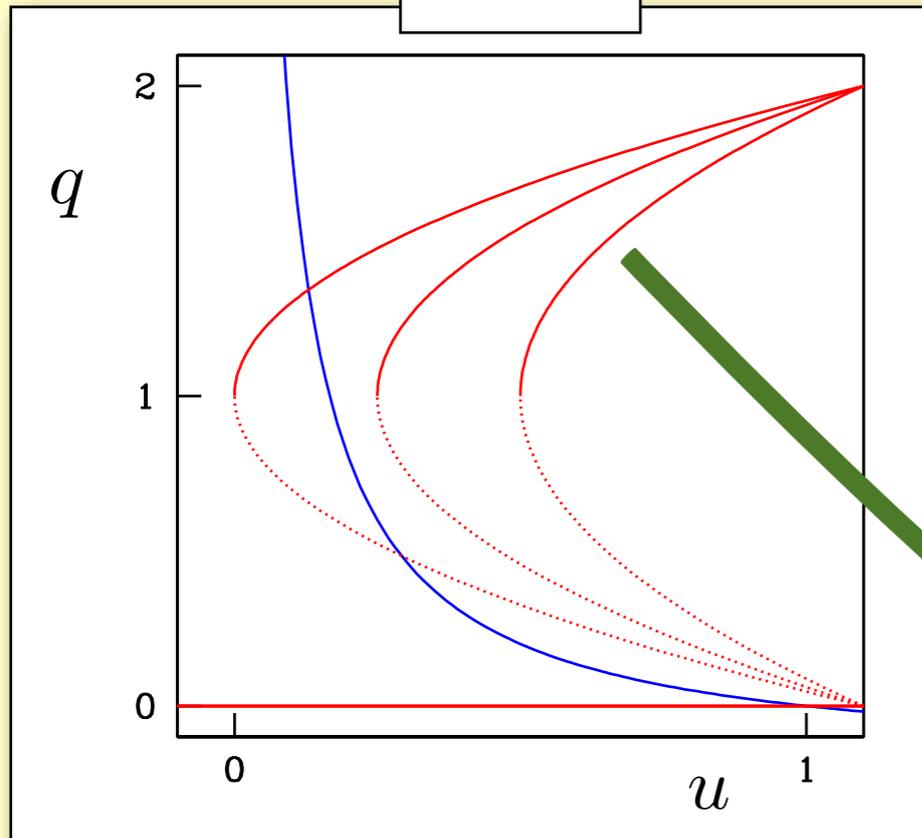
Transient chaos generated with tent map



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

Noise (SPDE) Model

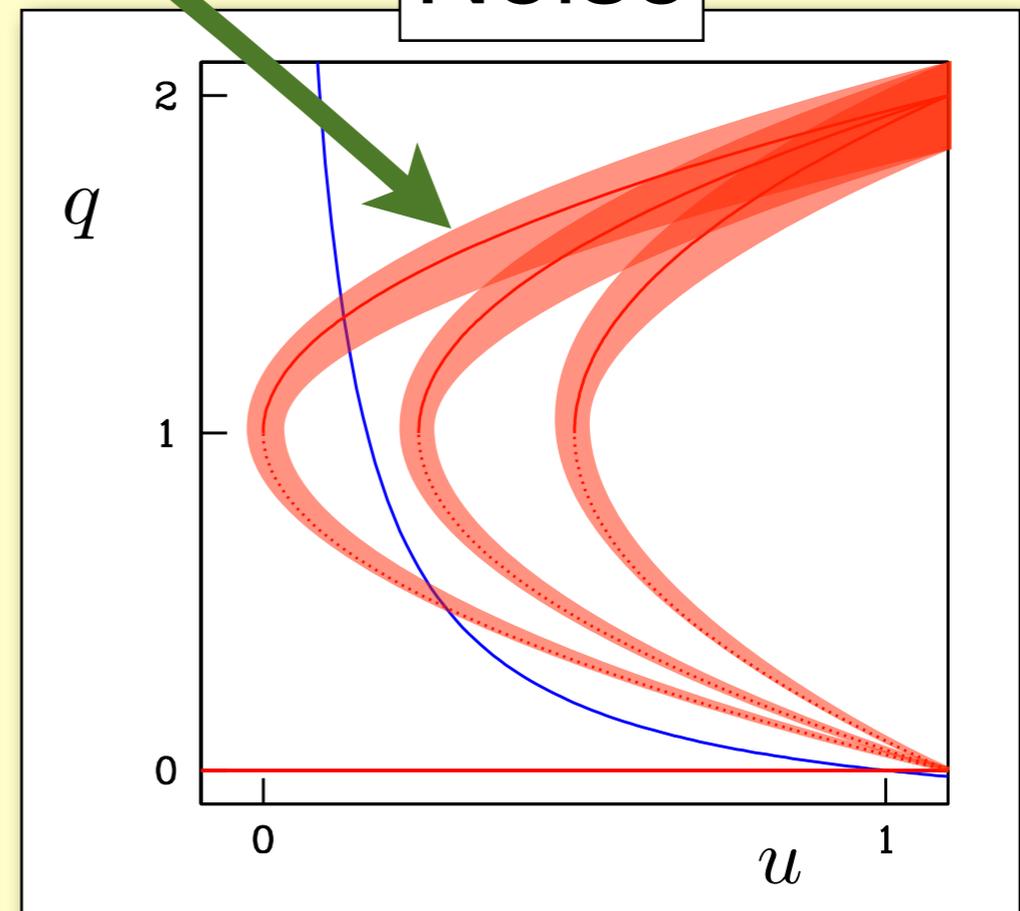
PDE



Add multiplicative noise

$$+ \sigma q \eta$$

Noise



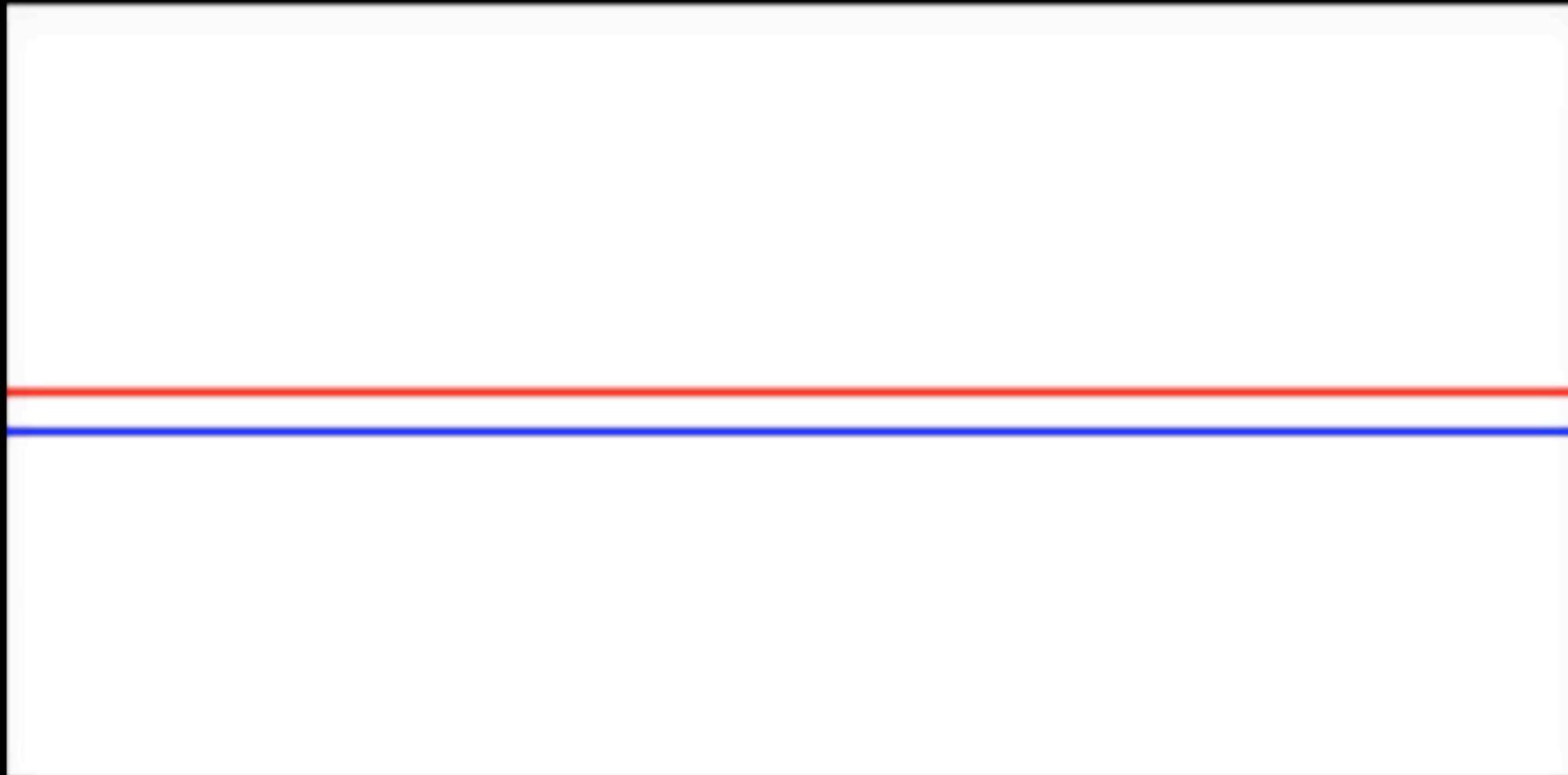
Stochastic PDE (SPDE)

Barkley, ETC13 (to appear)

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η 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.

Comparison with Reality

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Reality

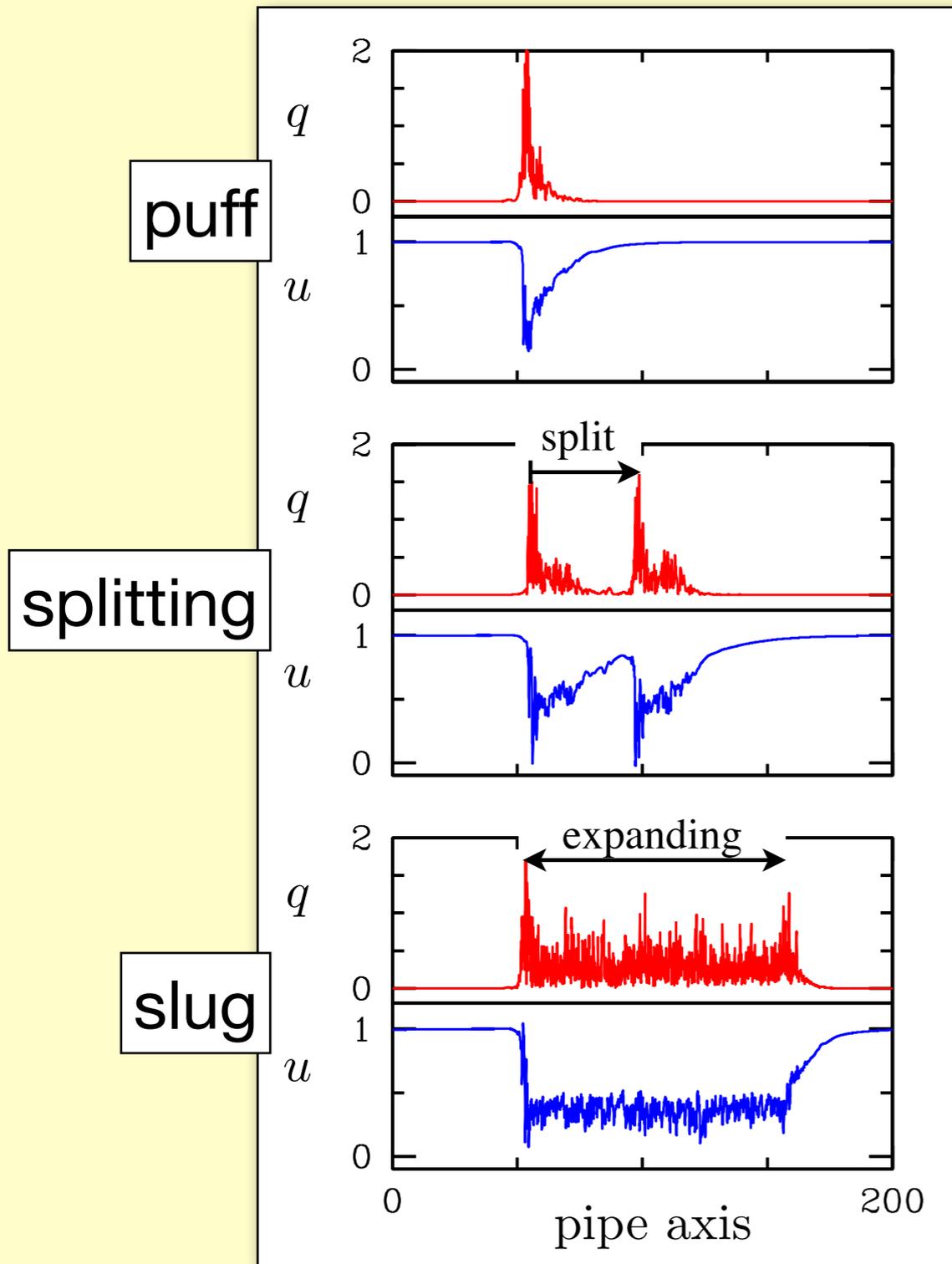
experiment or
direct numerical simulation
(various sources)

Model

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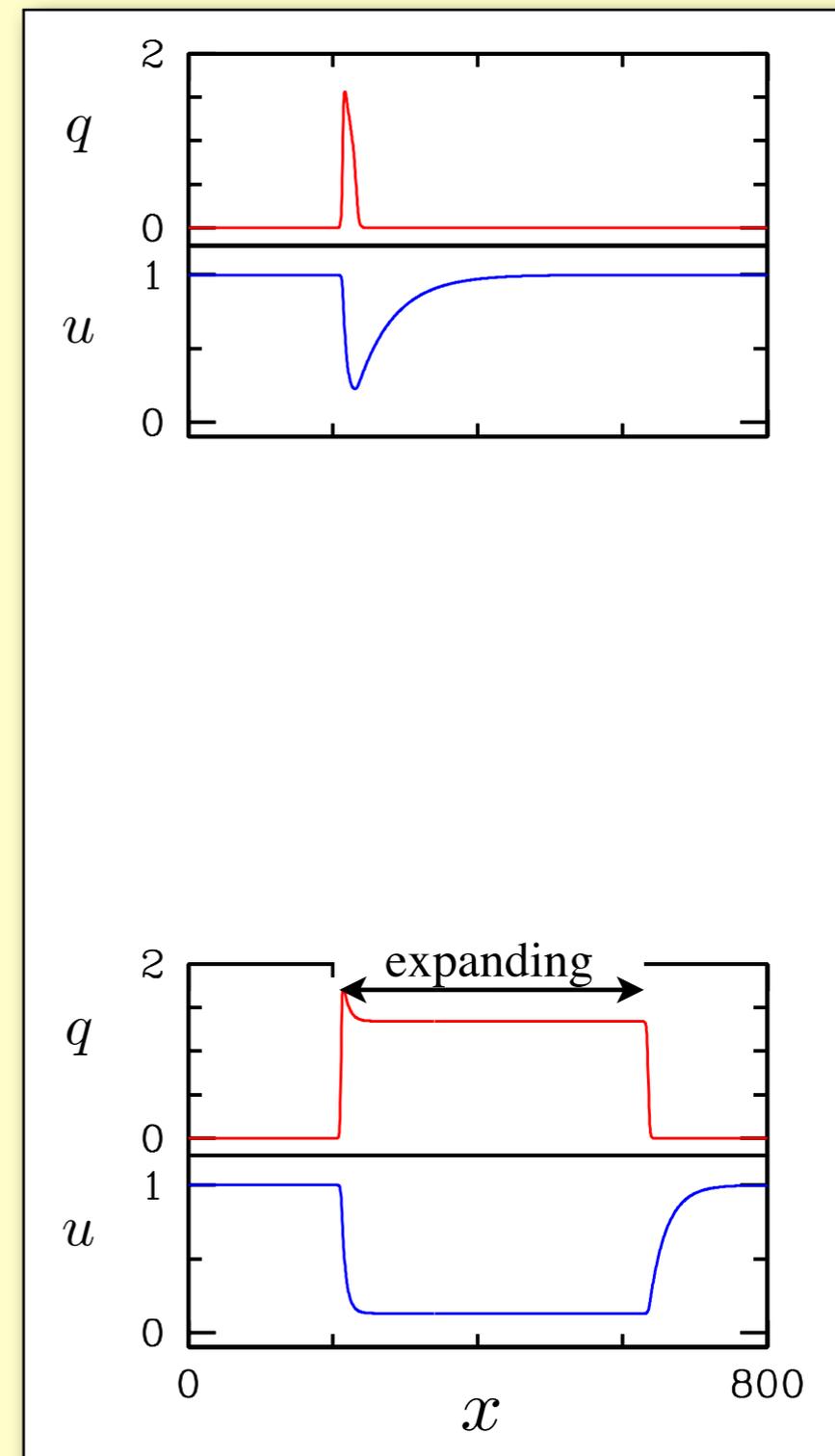
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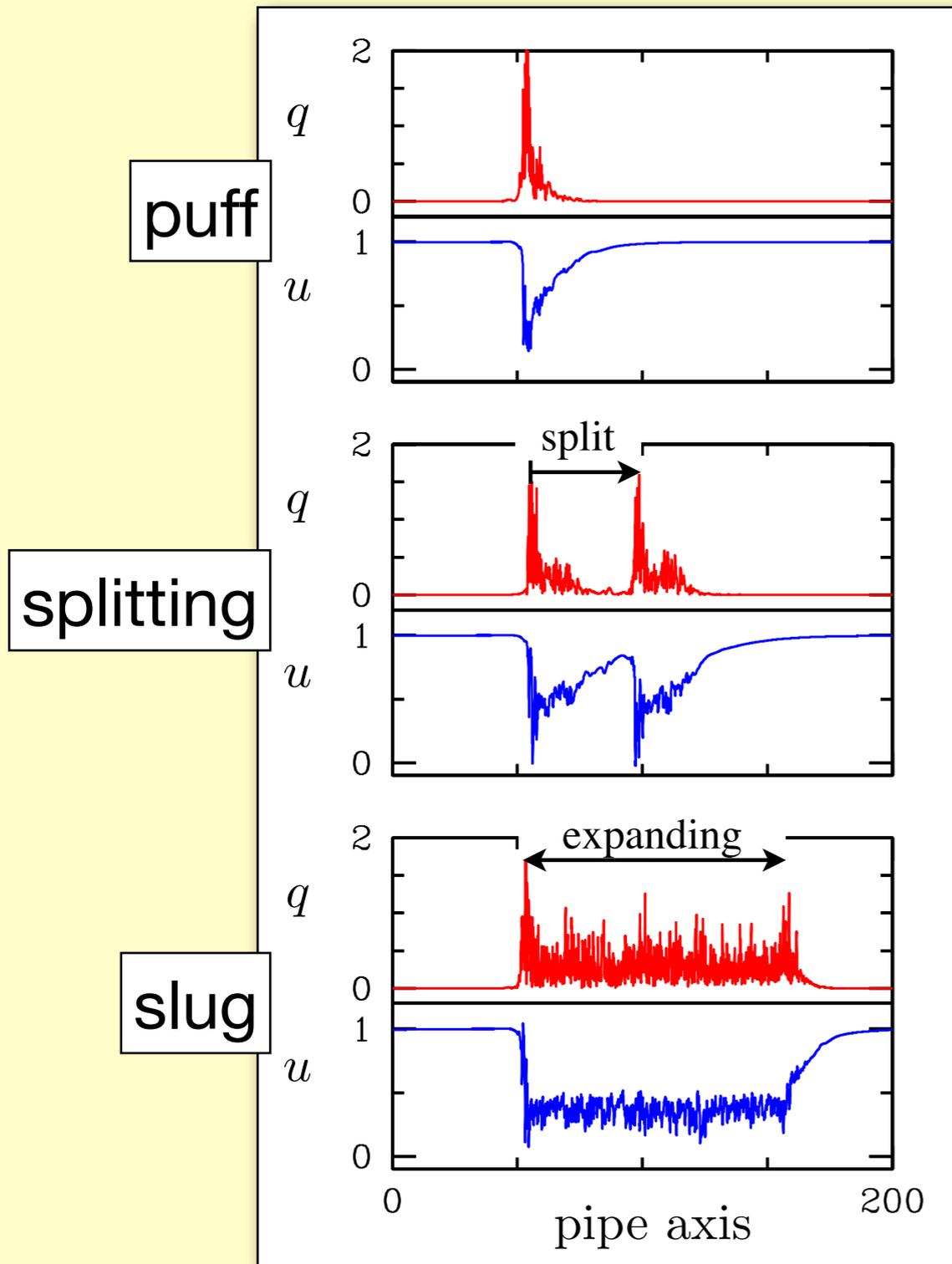
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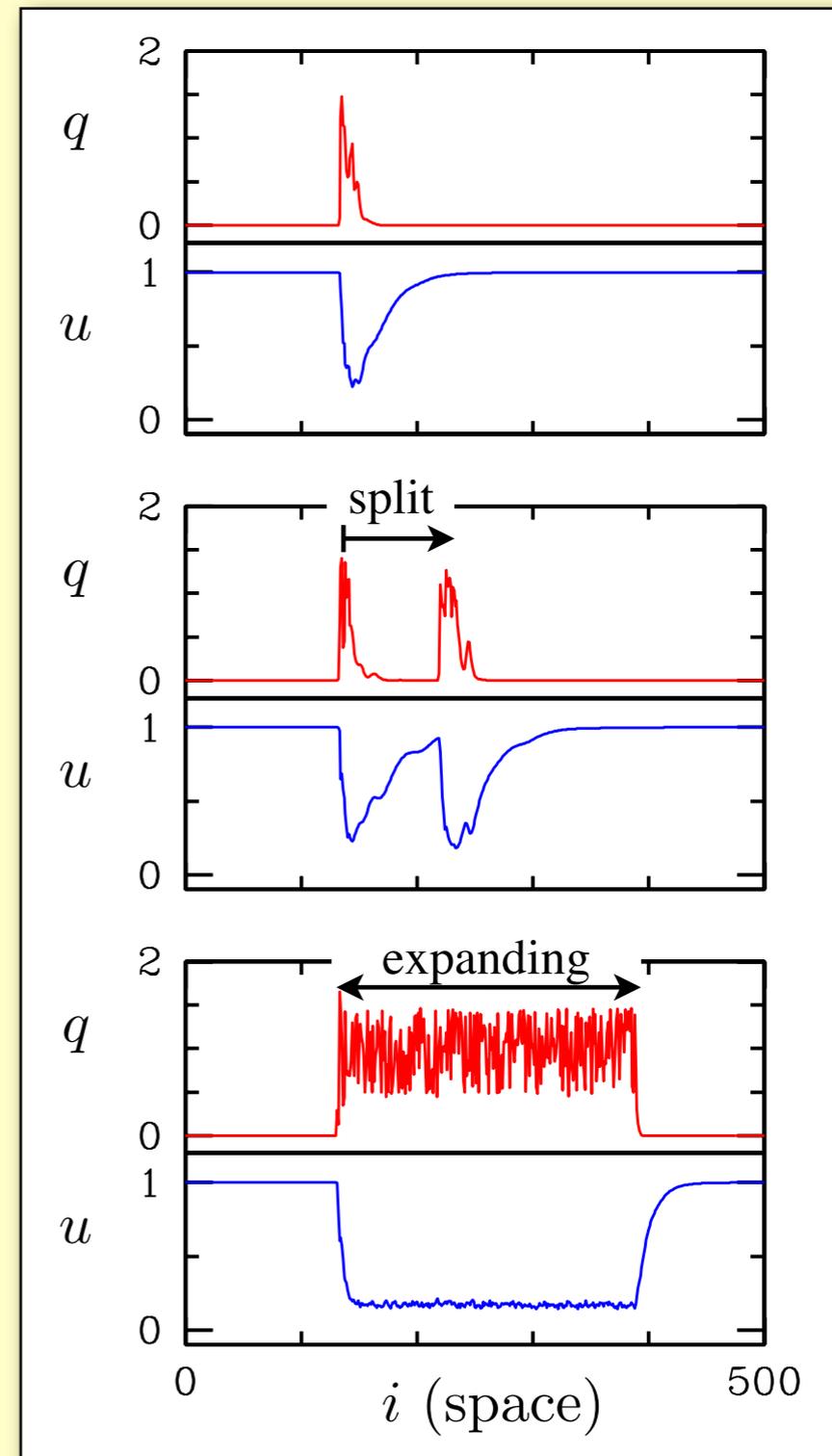
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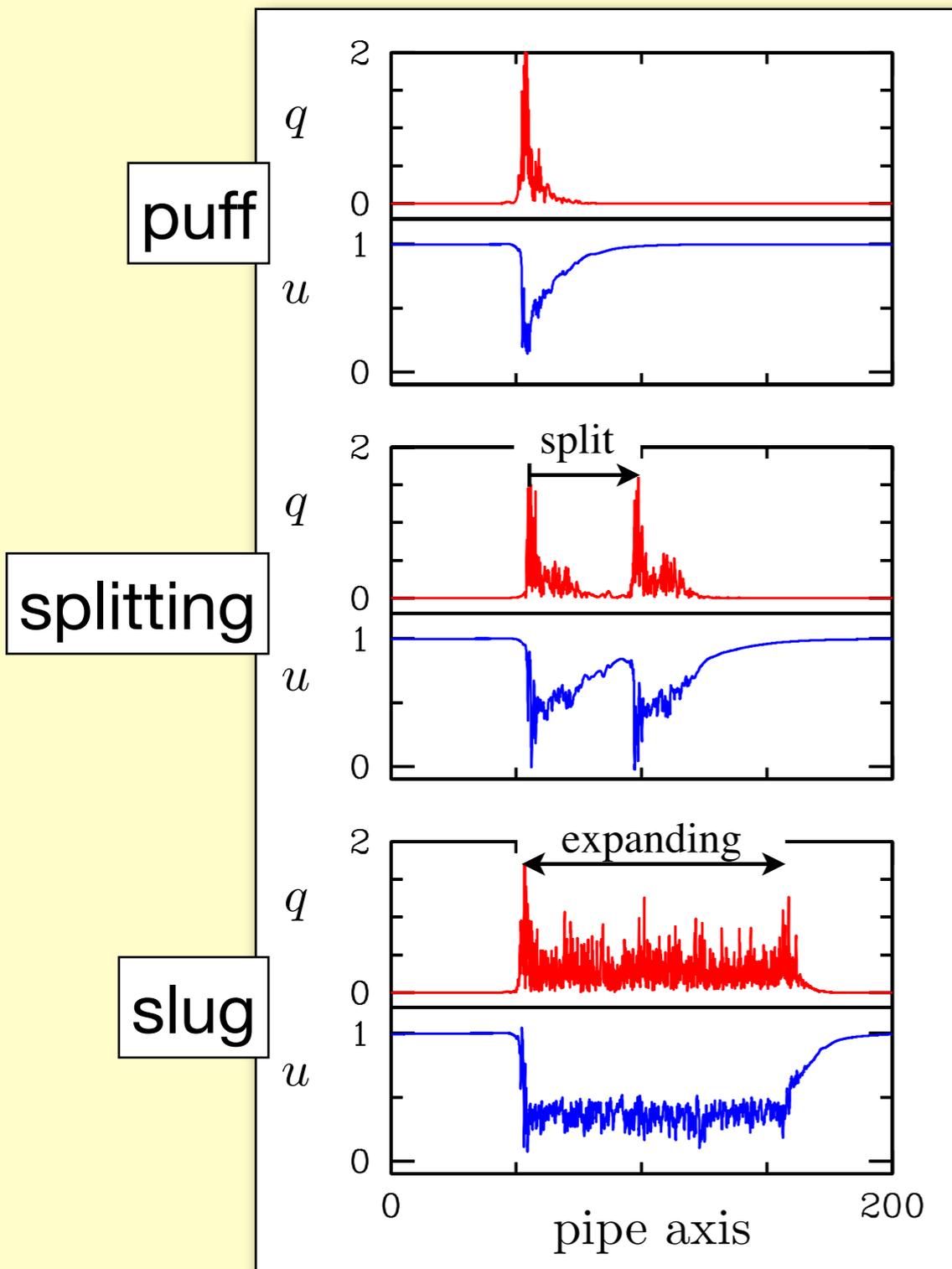
MAP Model (chaos)

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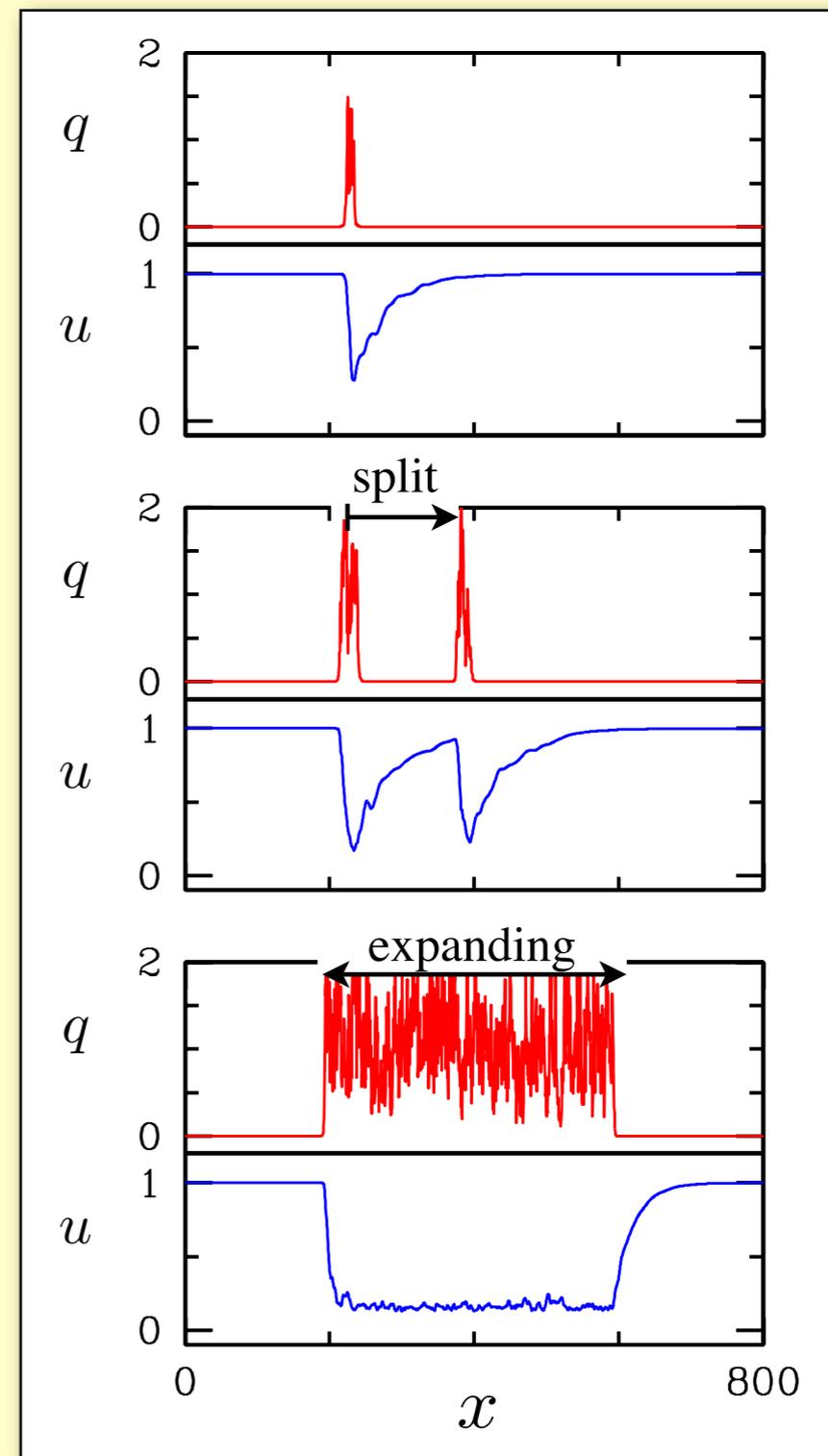
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SPDE Model (noise)

Barkley, ETC13 (to appear)



Unpredictable Decay of Turbulence

At low Re turbulence is transient.

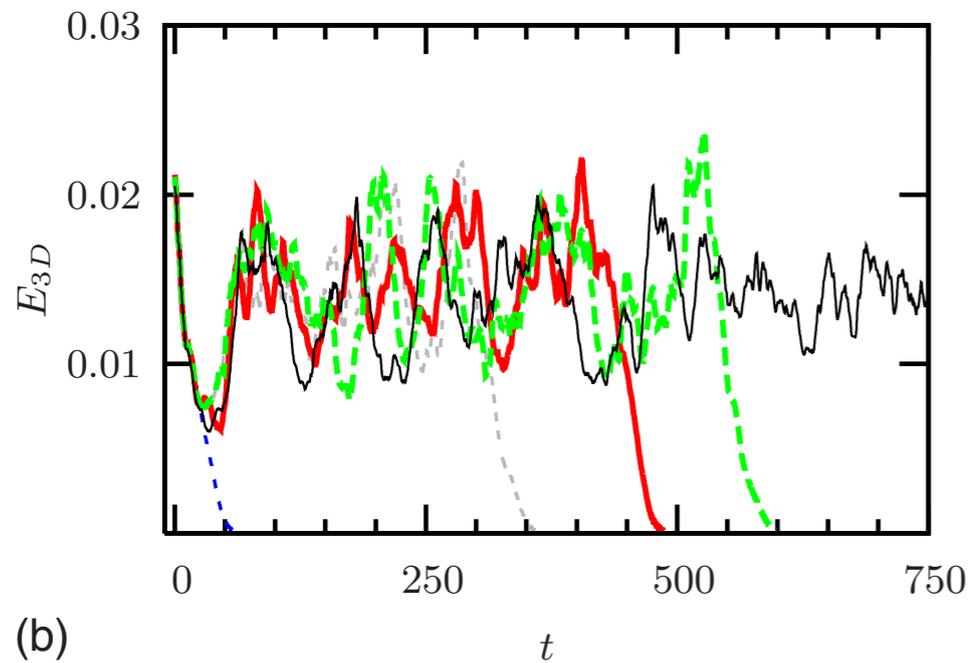
Minute changes in initial conditions results in wildly different decay times.

Lifetime statistics in transitional pipe flow

Tobias M. Schneider^{1,*} and Bruno Eckhardt^{1,†}

DNS

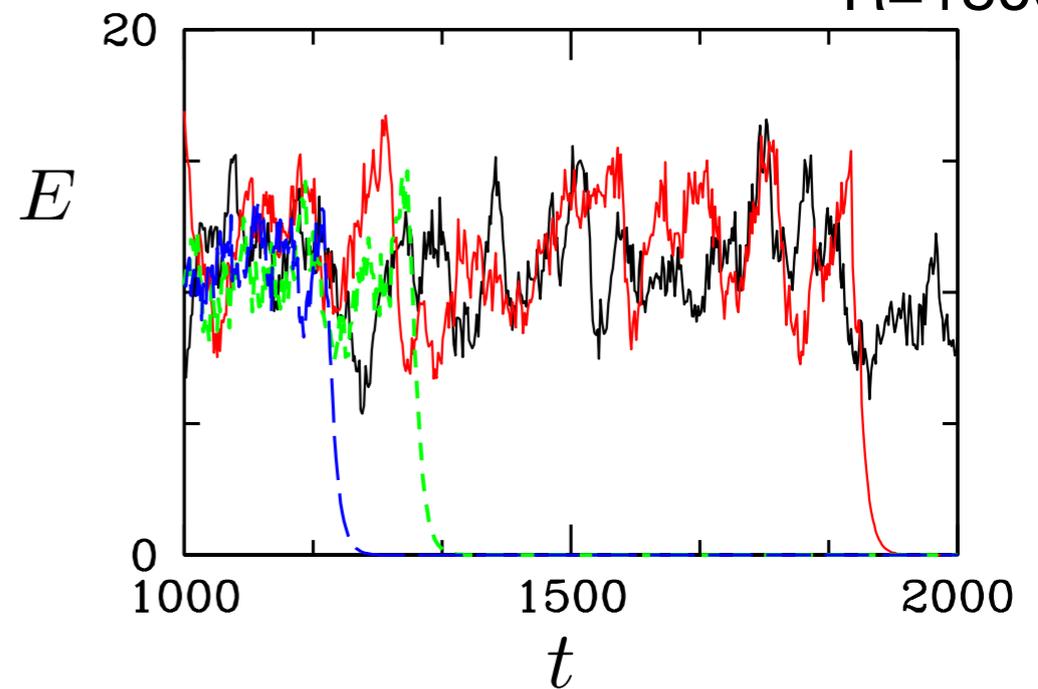
Re=1900



Map model

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R=1800



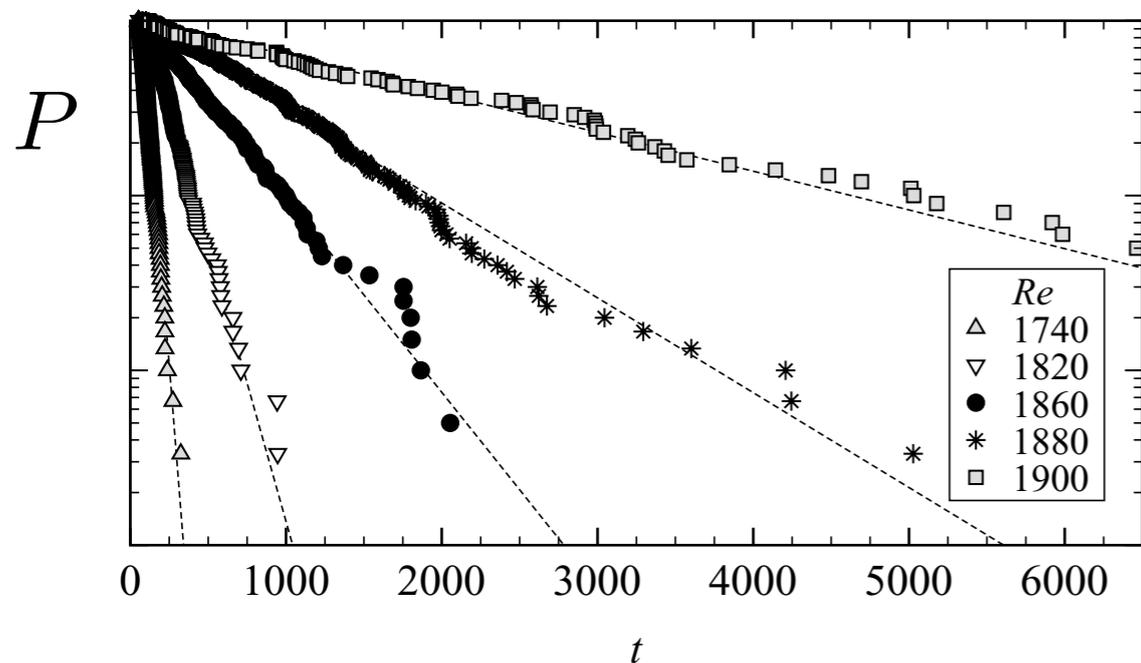
Decay is Memoryless

Giving rise to exponential lifetime distributions

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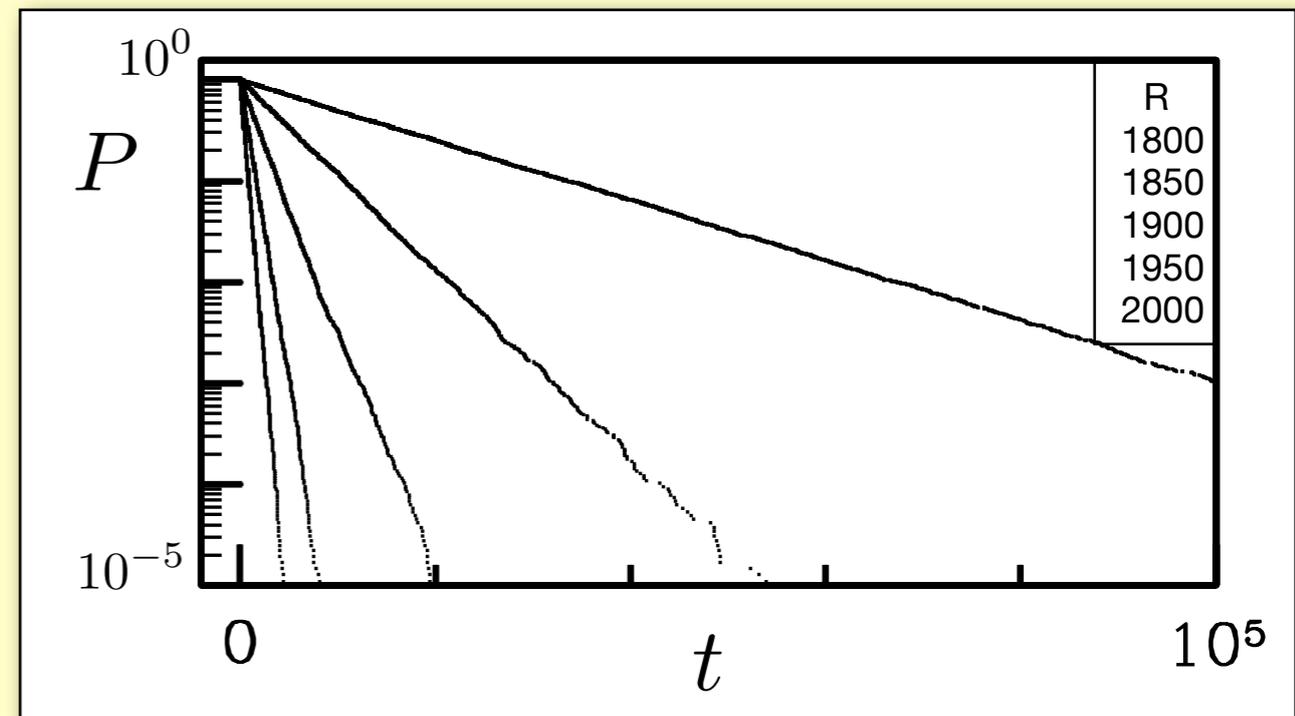
MARC AVILA¹†, ASHLEY P. WILLIS² AND BJÖRN HOF¹

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Puff Splitting

New puffs randomly split from downstream side

The Onset of Turbulence in Pipe Flow

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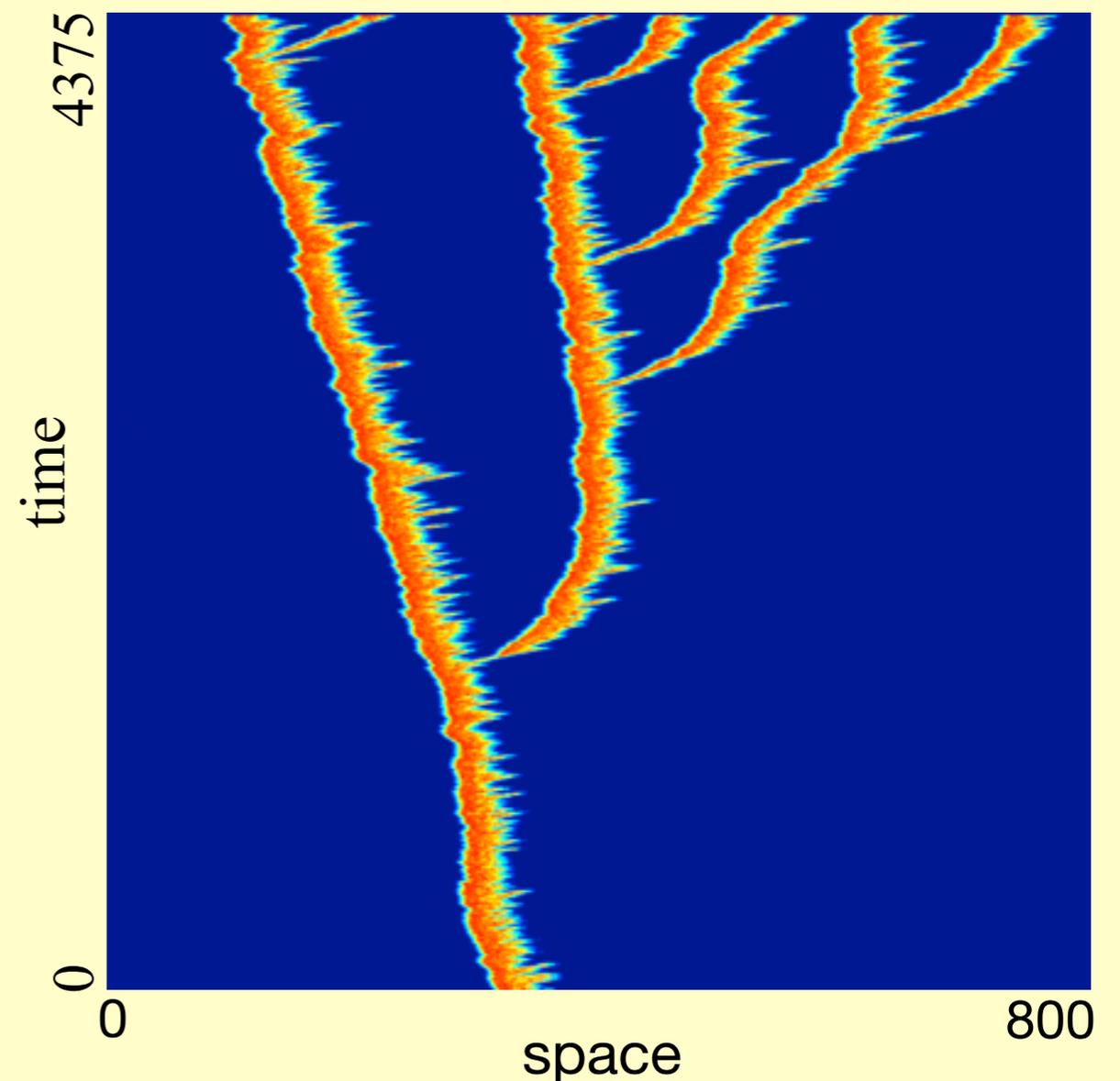
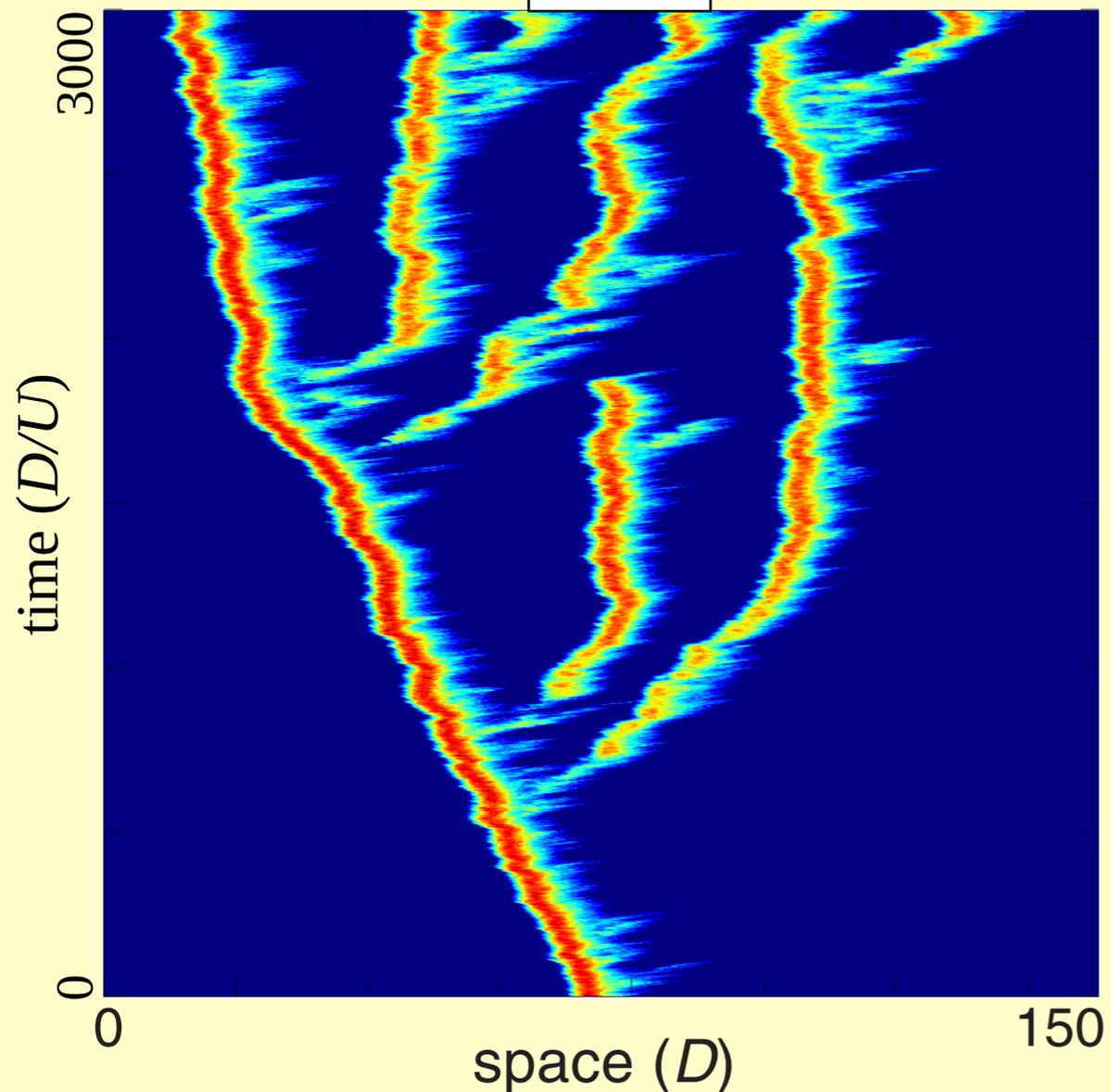
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SPDE model

(Barkley, ETC 13)



(co-moving frame, log scale)

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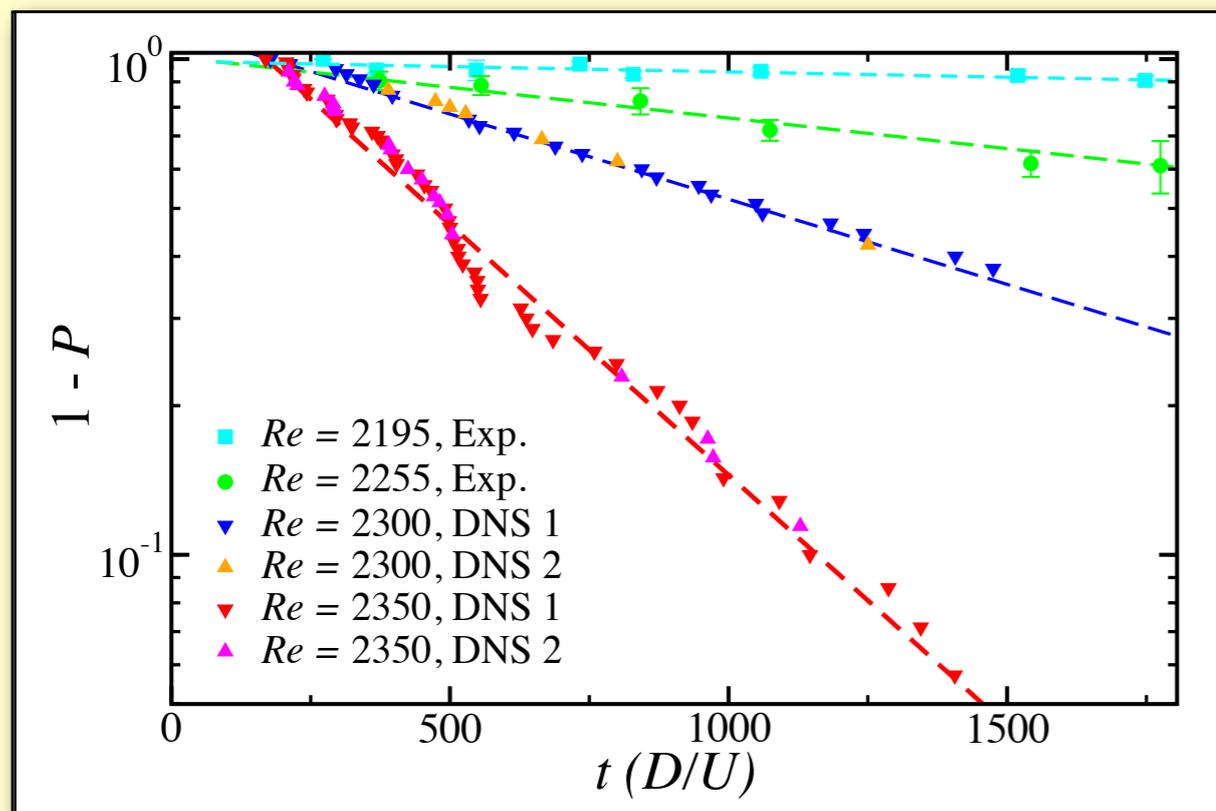
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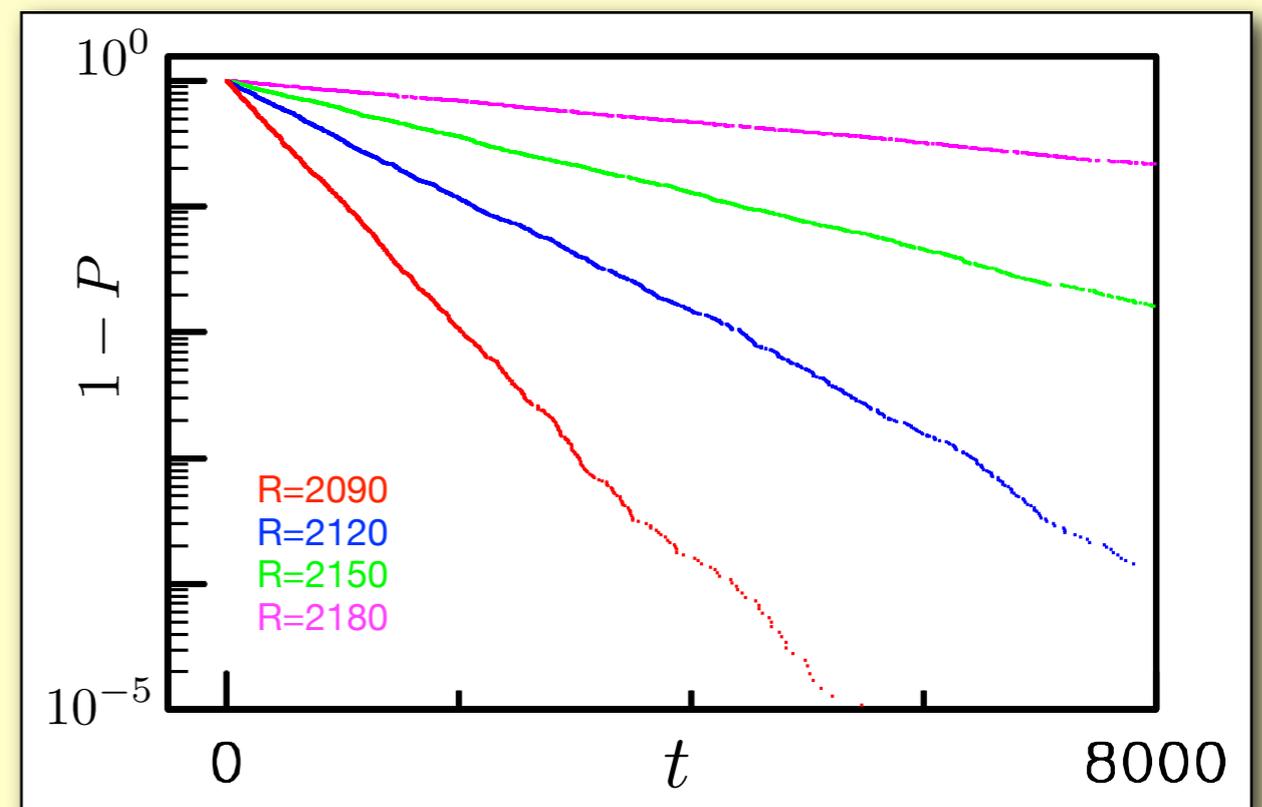
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Experiment and DNS



Map model

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Critical Point

Decay and spreading lifetimes cross
giving rise to a critical point

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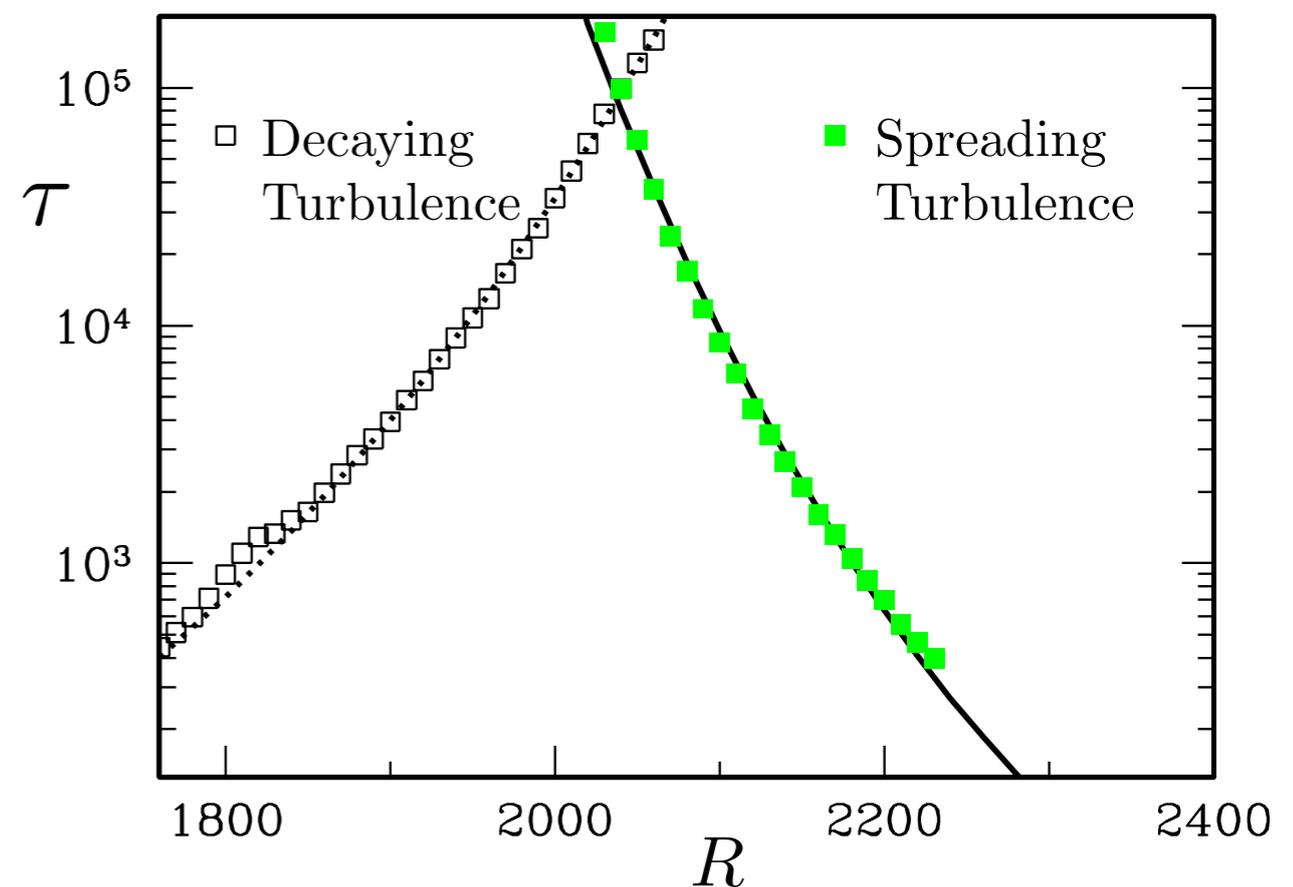
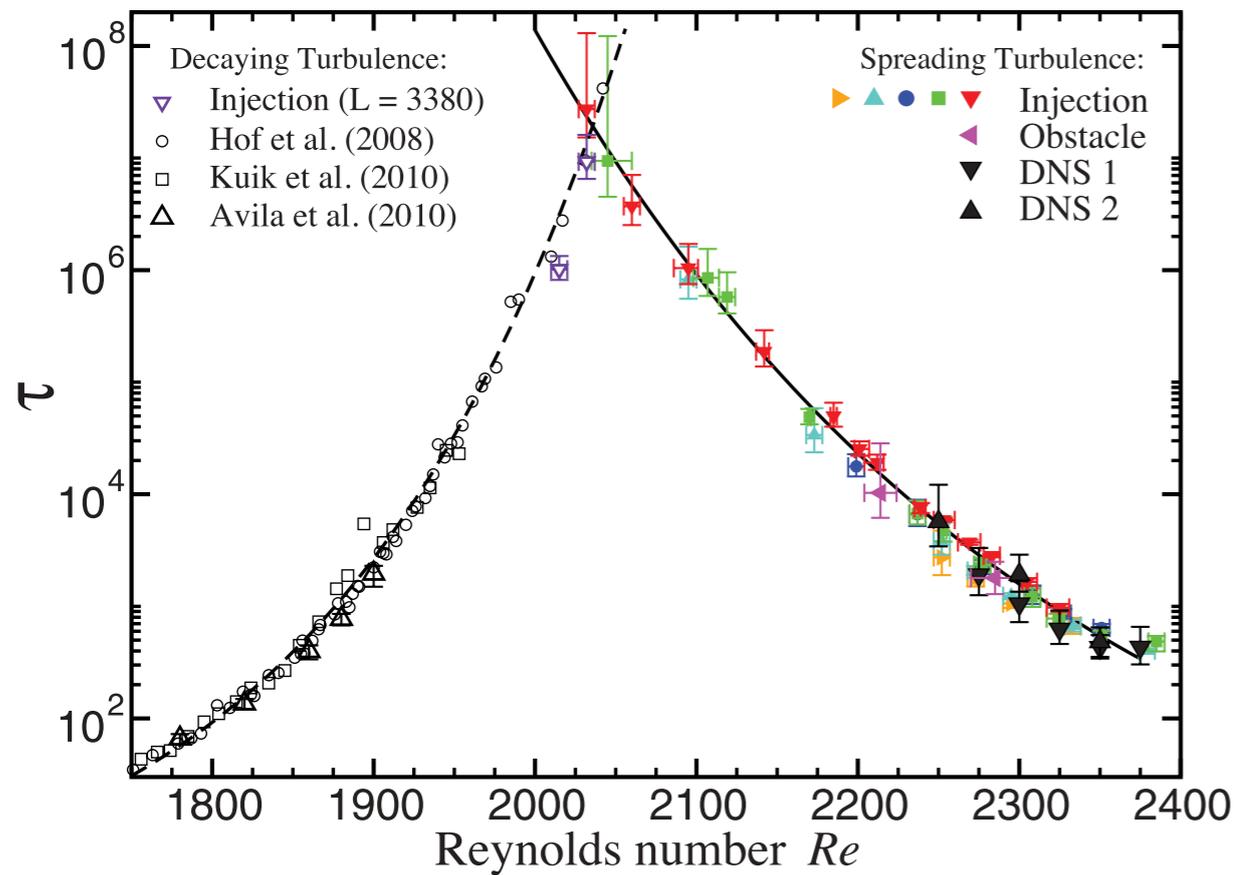
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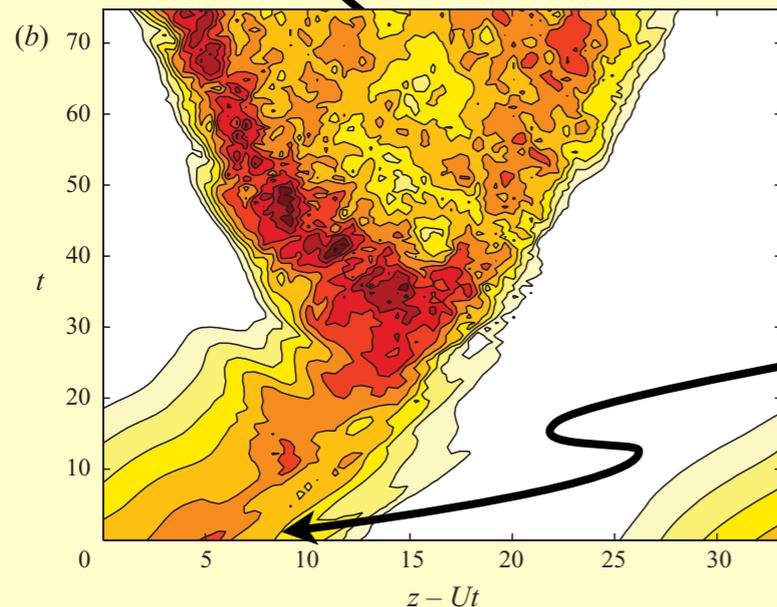
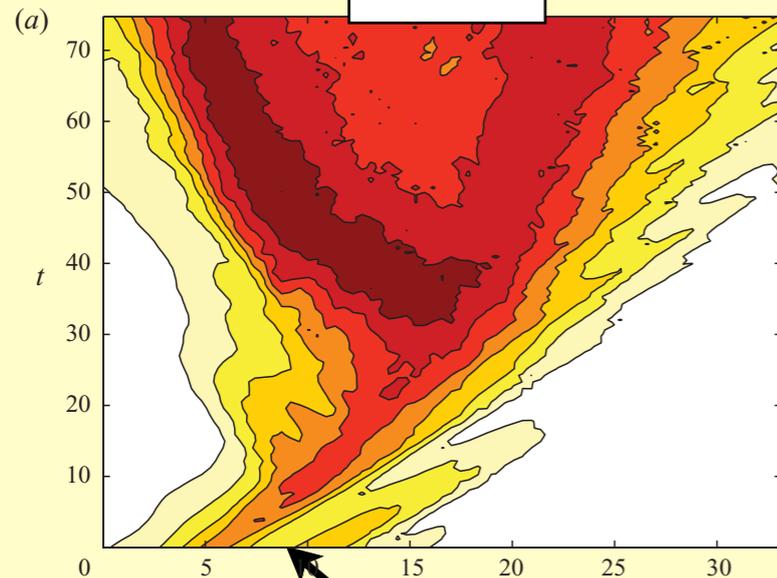
Slug Formation from Edge State

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

Slug genesis in cylindrical pipe flow

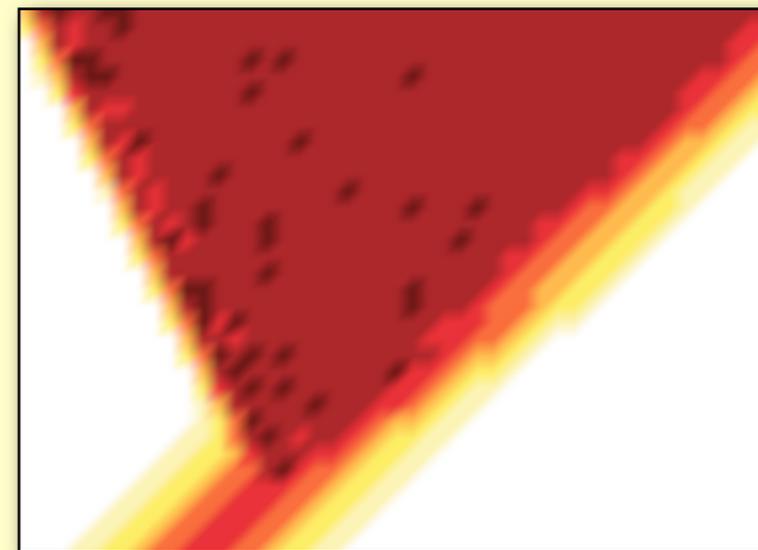
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$R=3000$

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).

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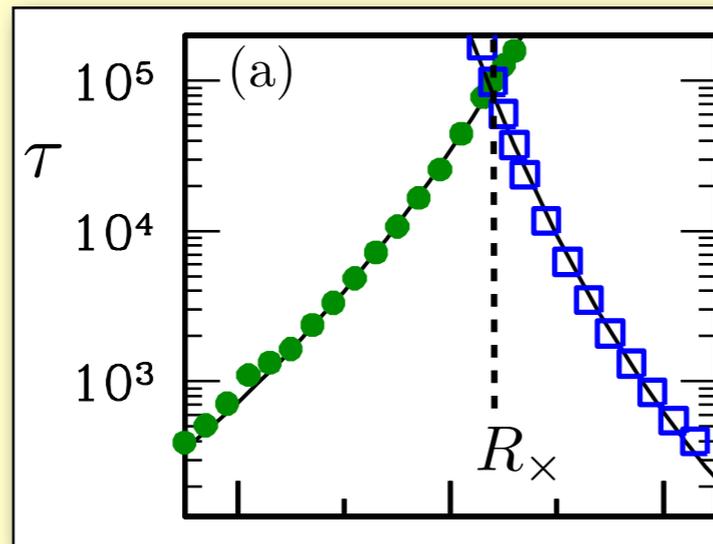
These models do not capture:

Fractal Basin Boundaries

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

1) Sustained Turbulence

Sustained Model Turbulence

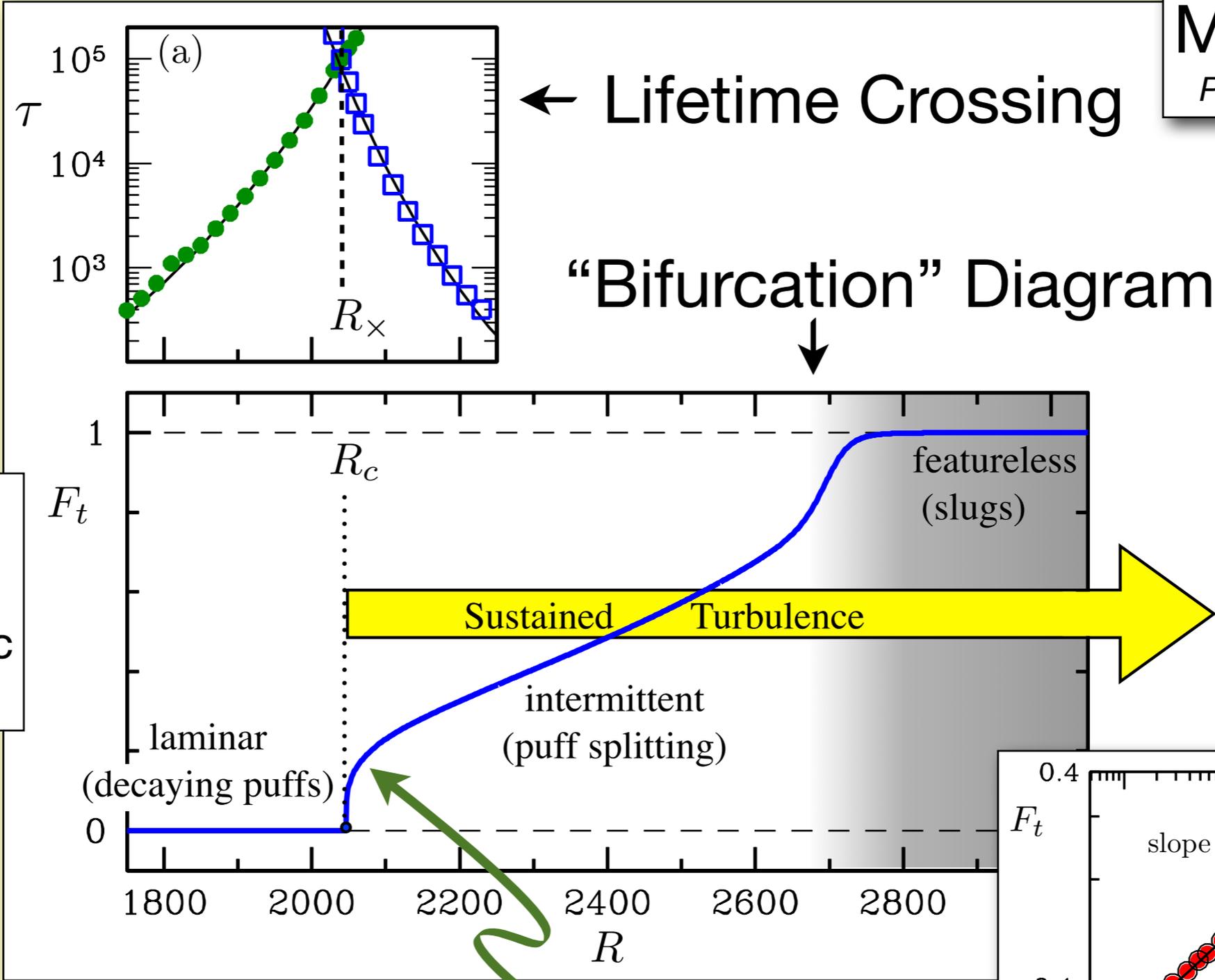


← Lifetime Crossing

Map model
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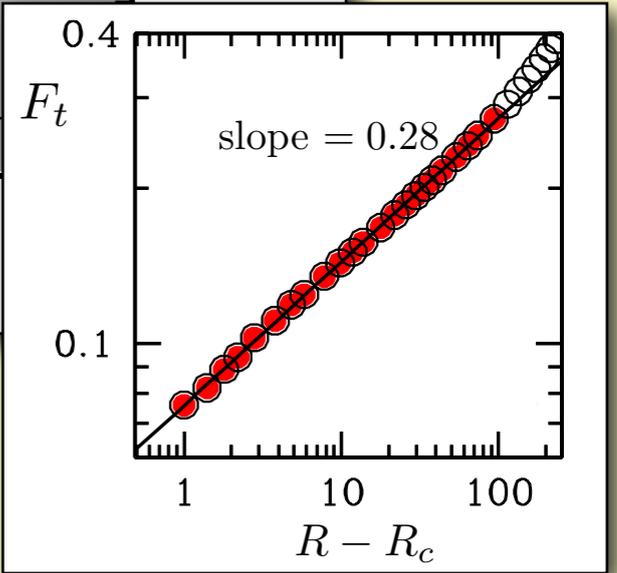
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Turbulence Fraction
(thermodynamic limit)

$Re_c = Re_x$
to within 0.3%

Continuous transition
to sustained turbulence

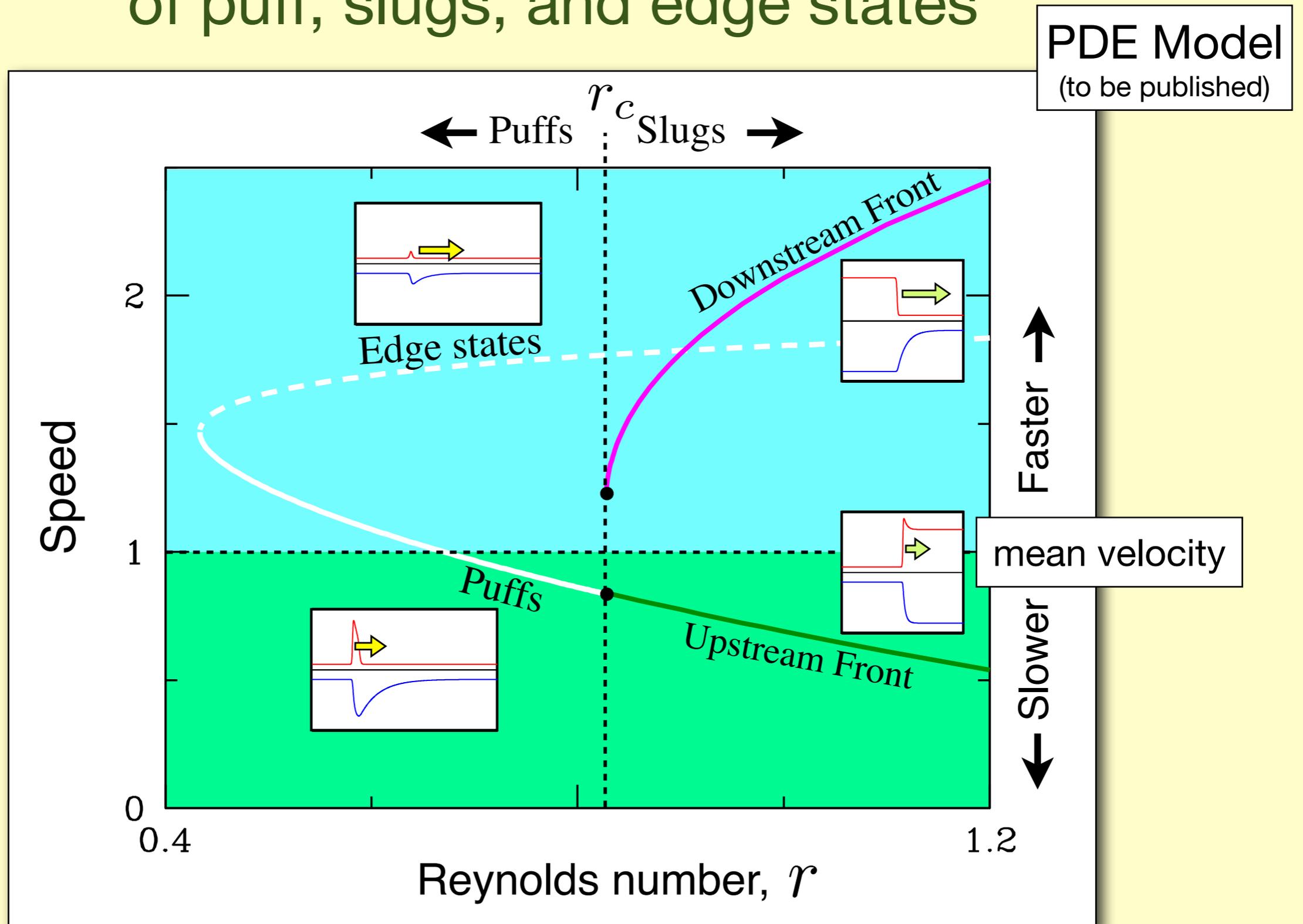


Directed Percolation in (1+1)D

2) Speed of pulses and fronts

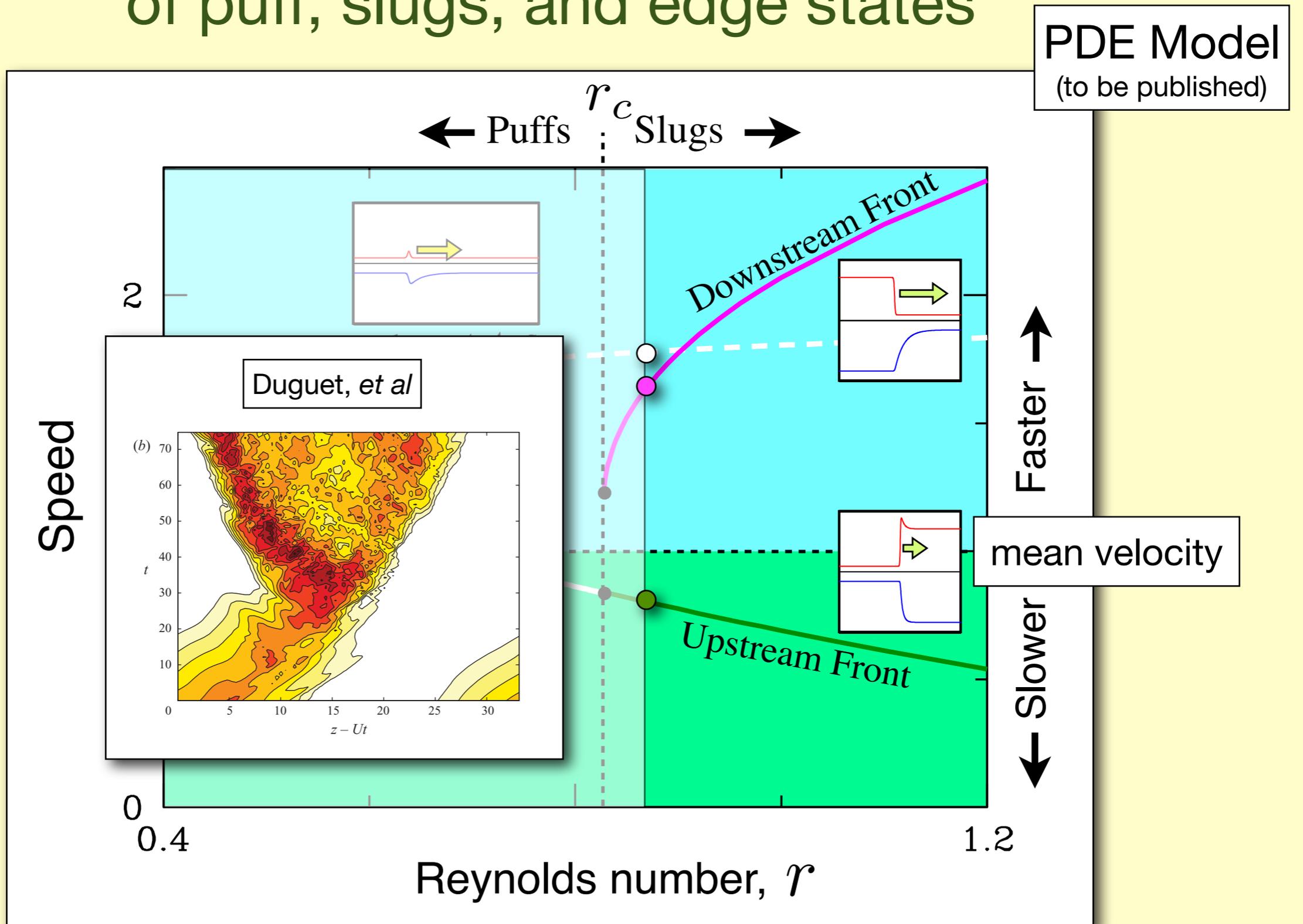
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This analysis provides understanding of many features of puff, slugs, and edge states



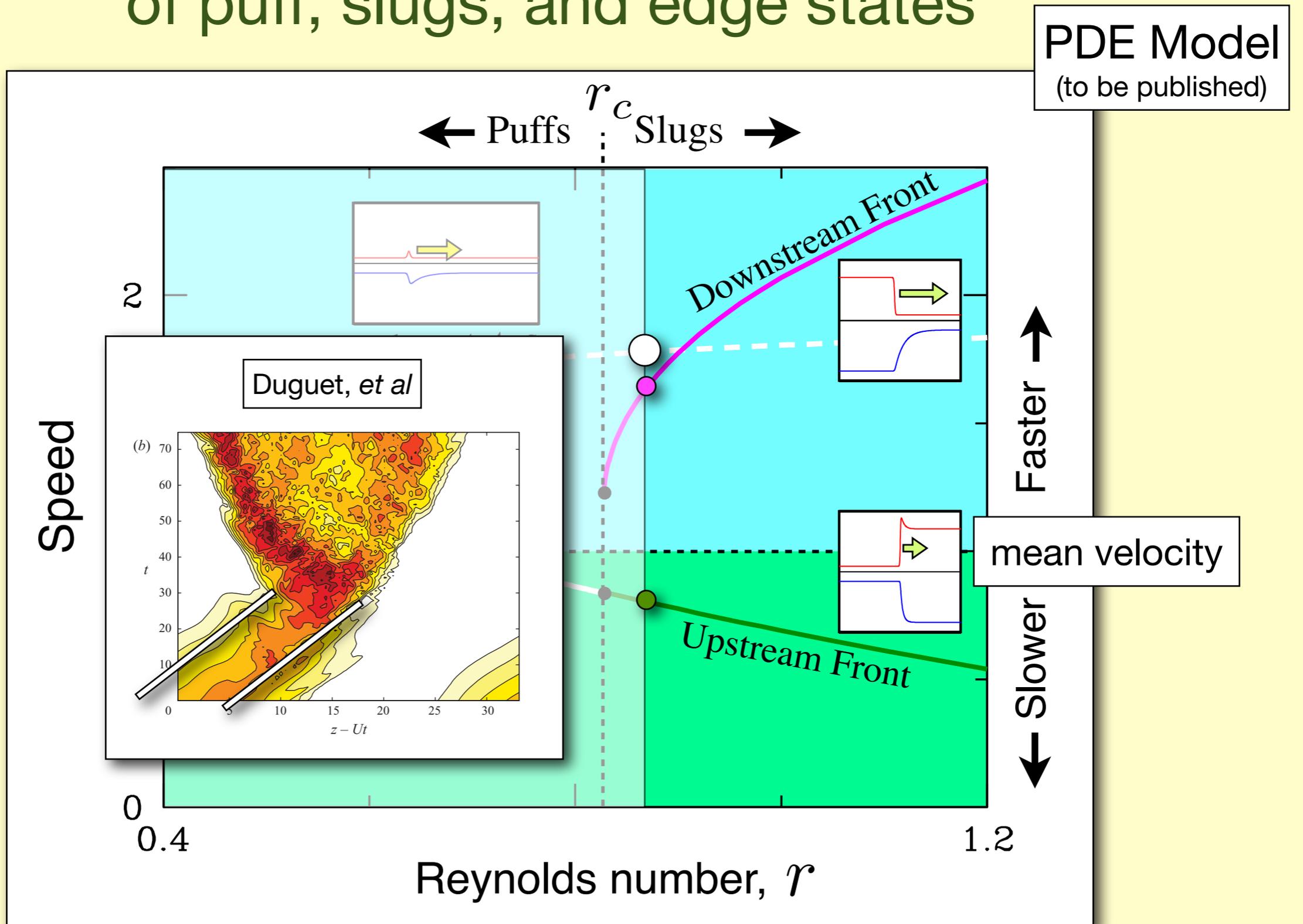
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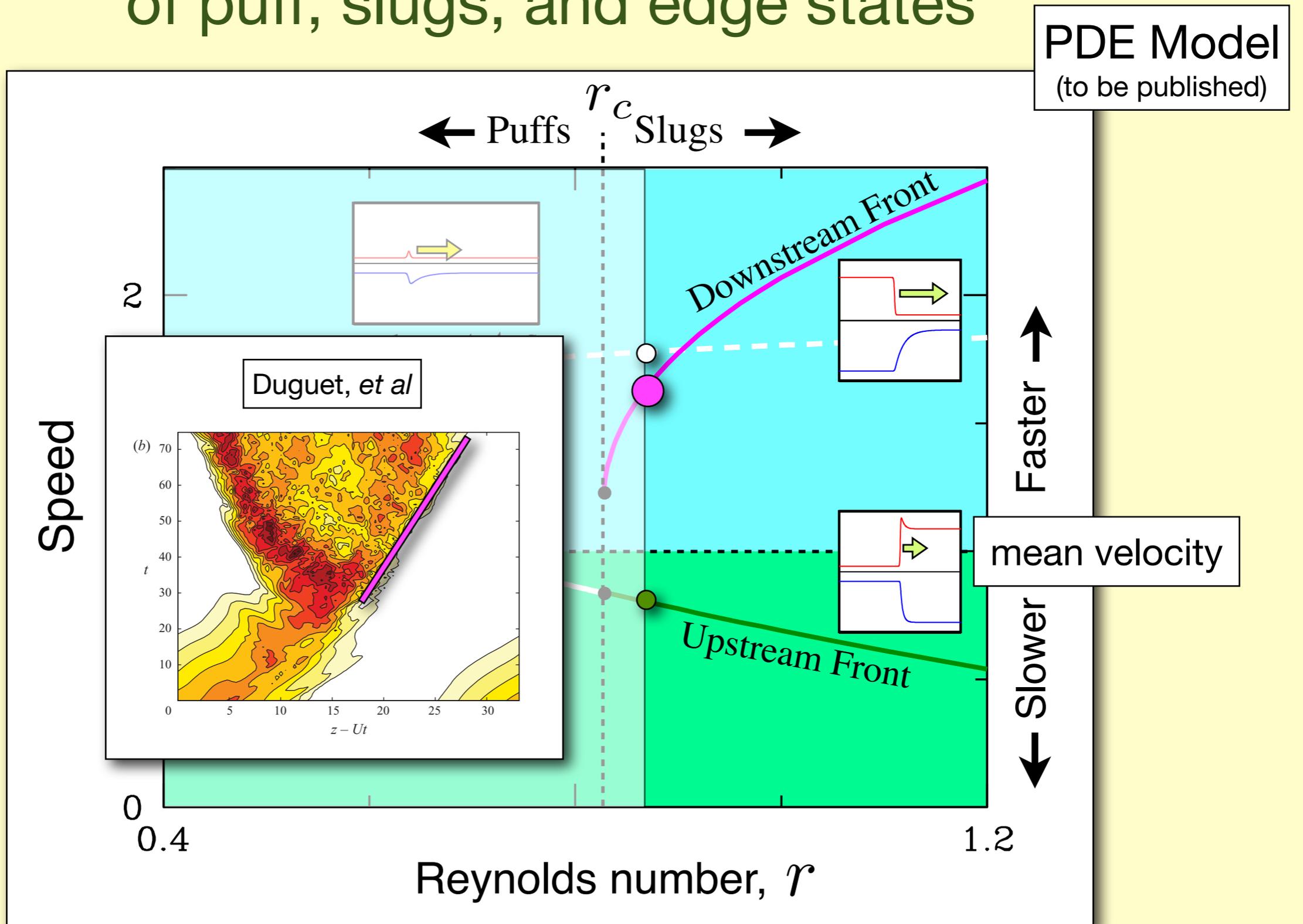
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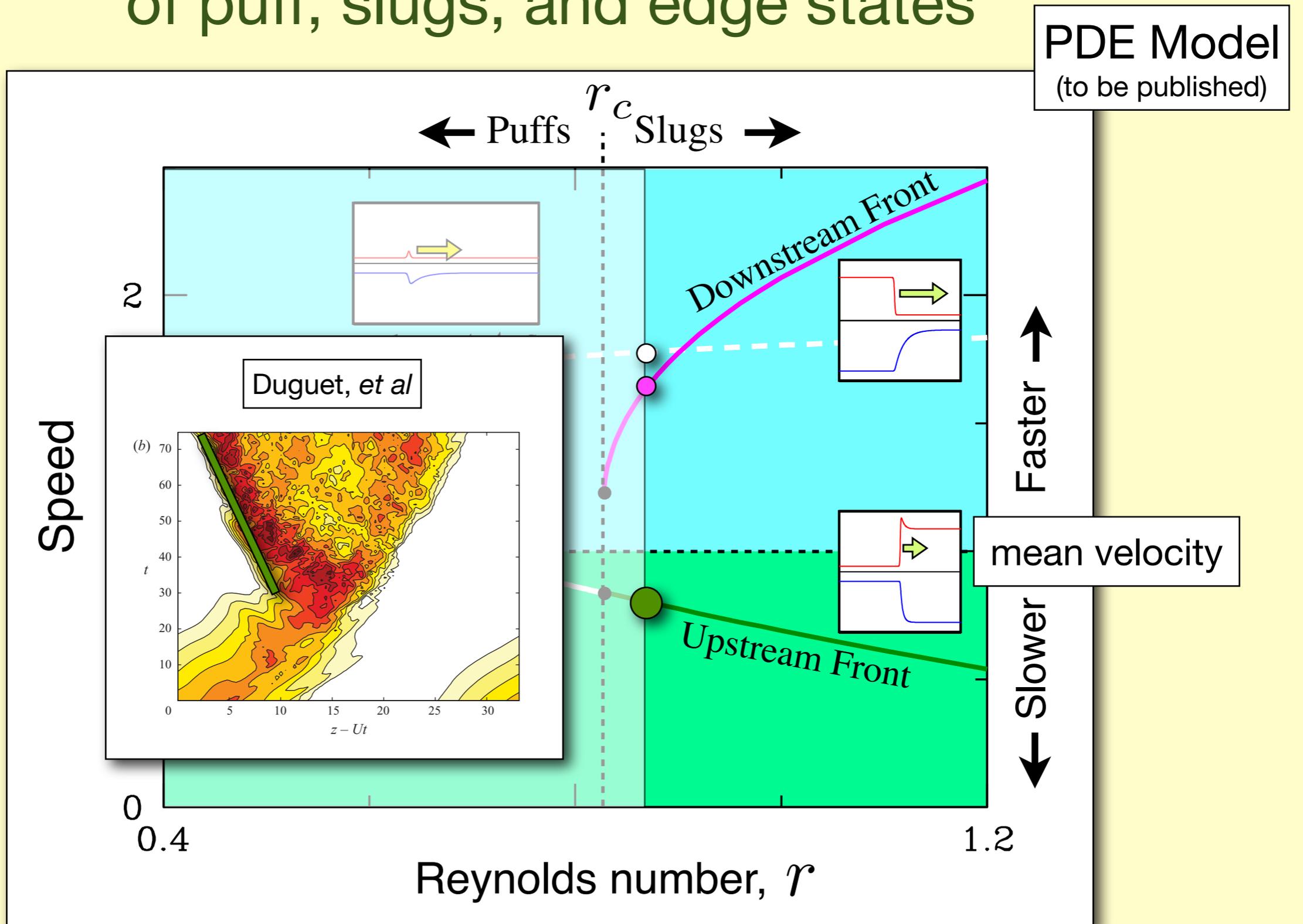
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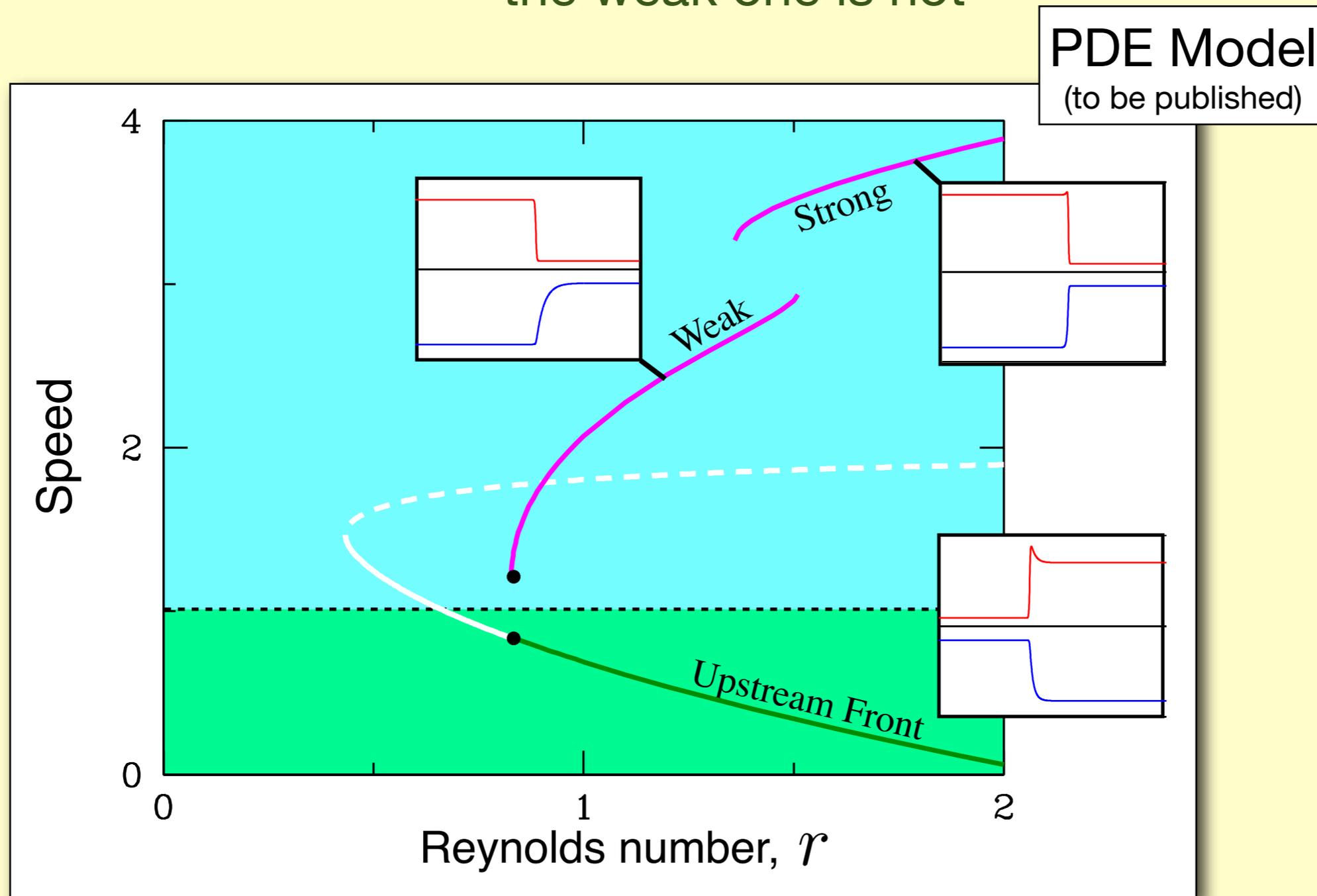
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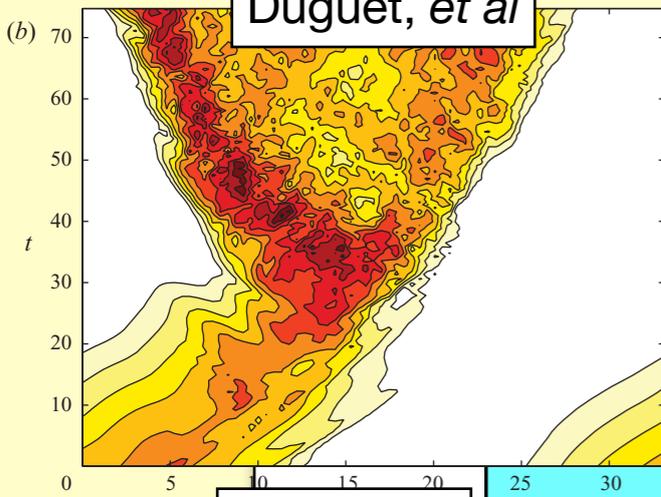


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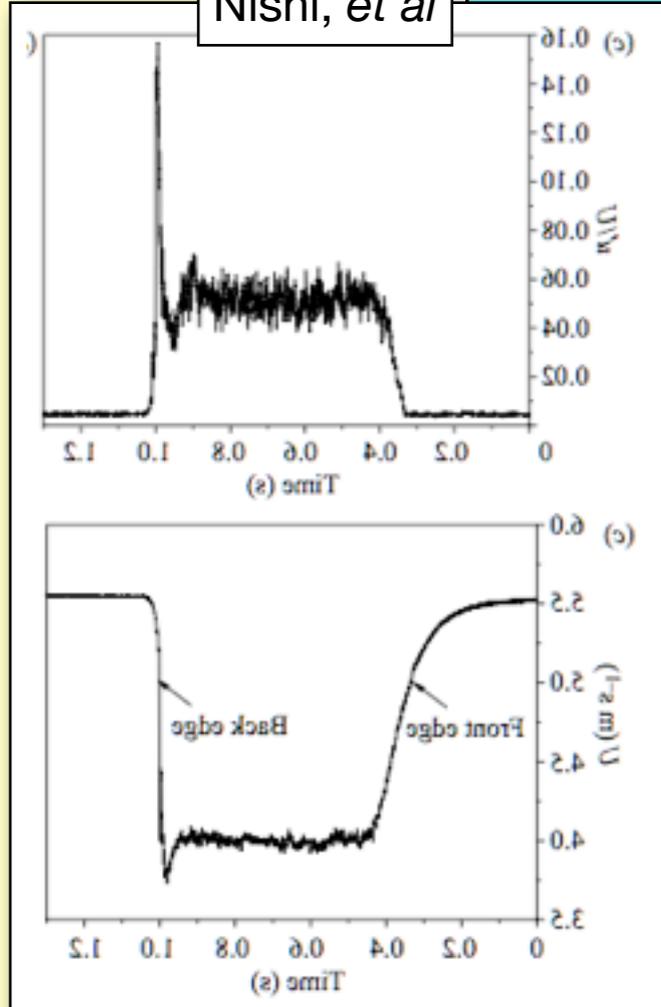
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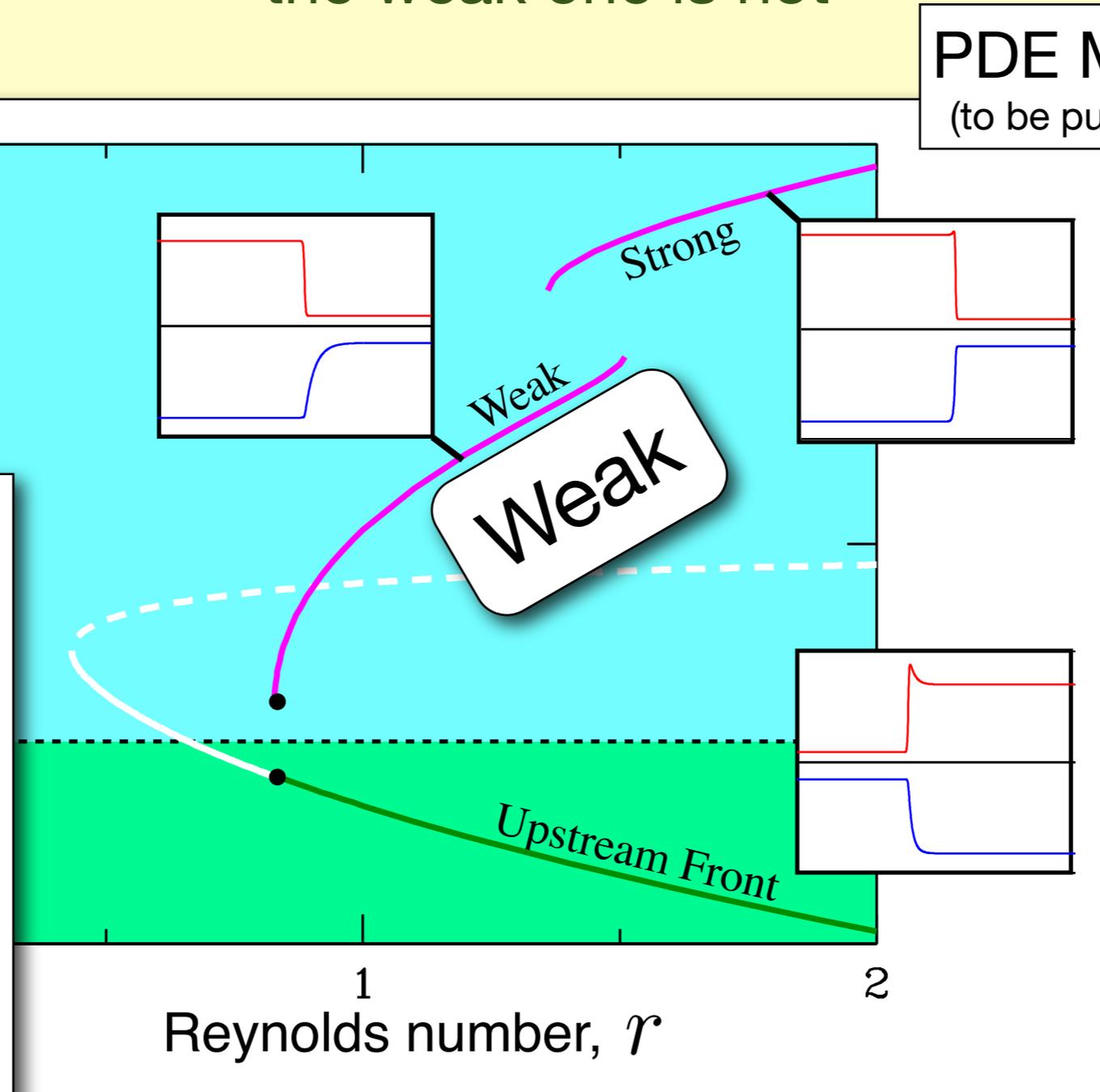
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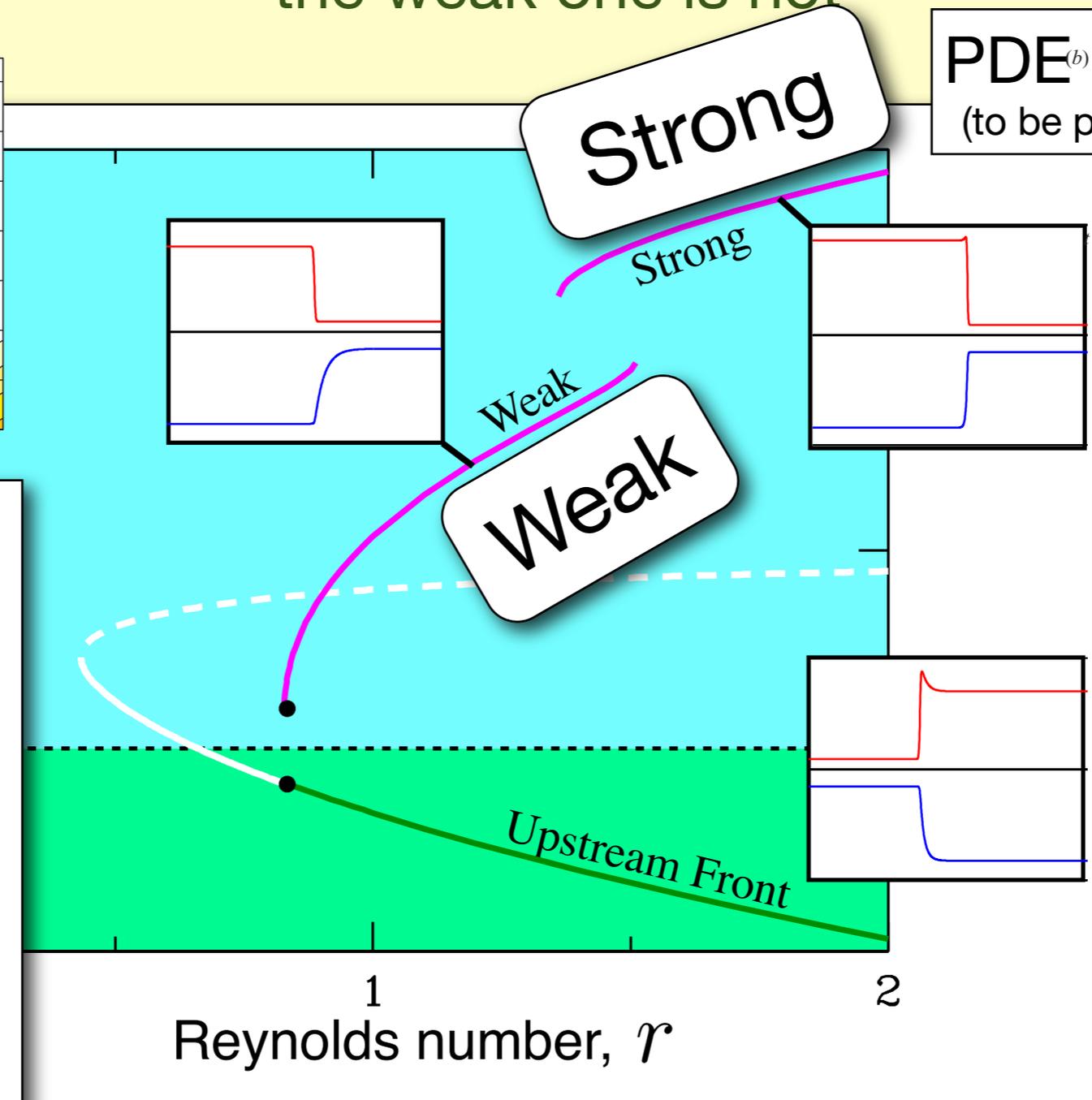
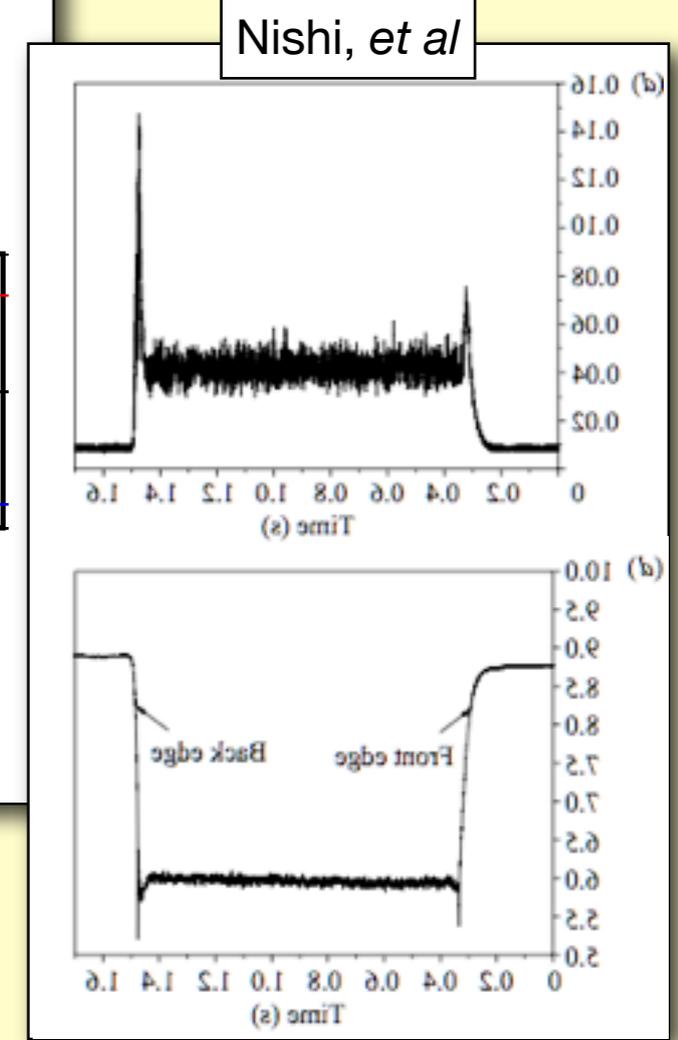
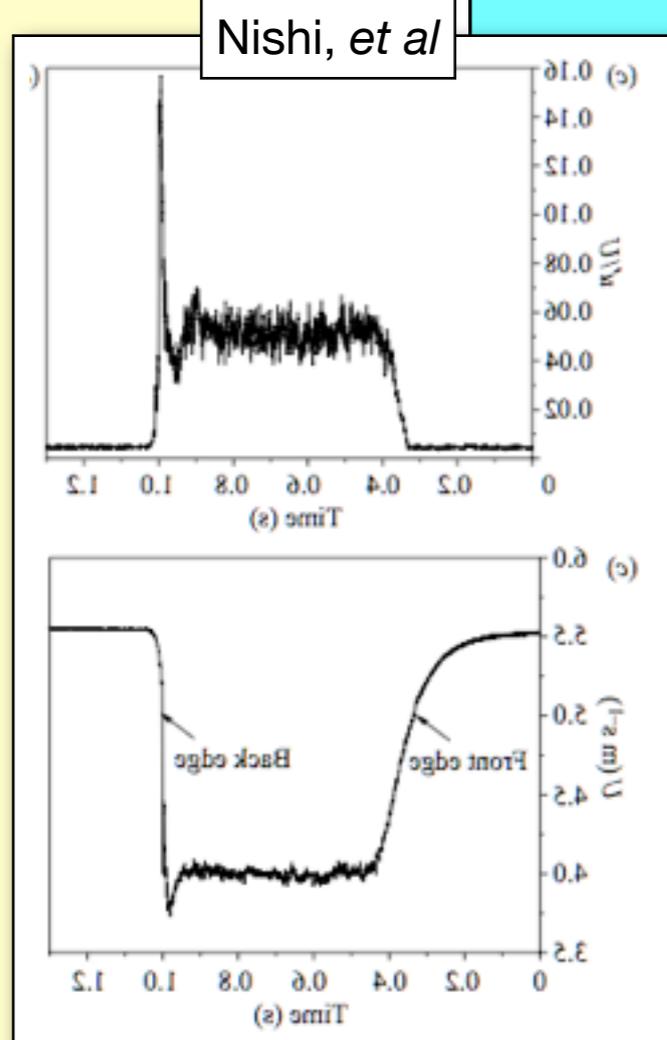
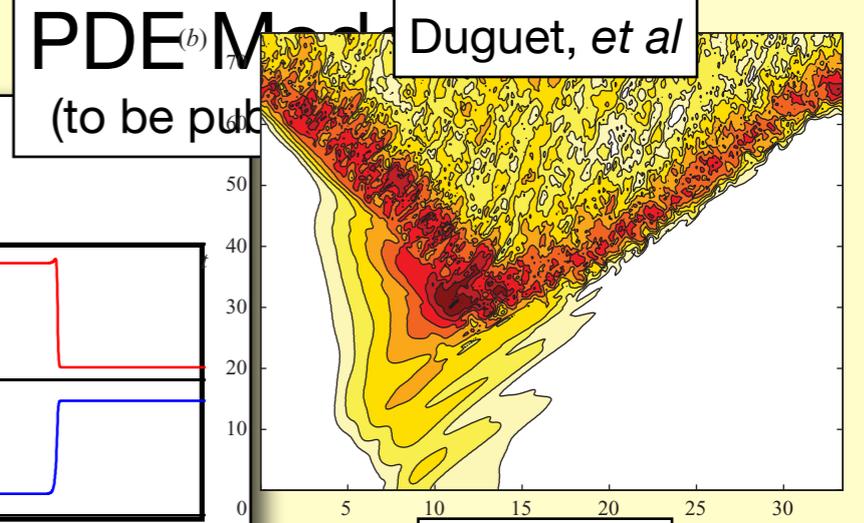
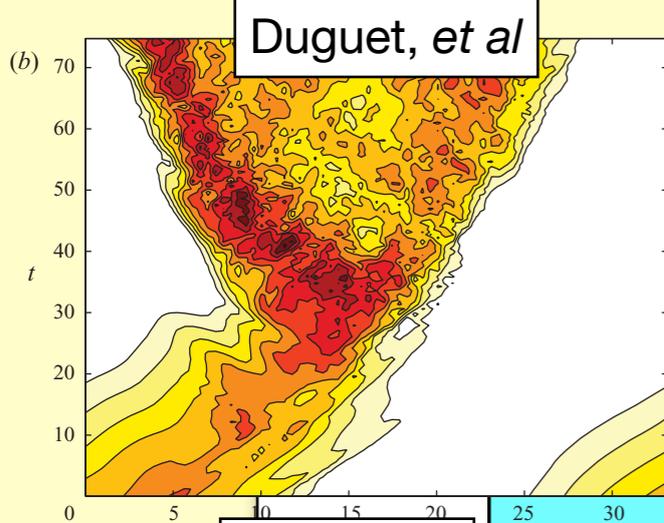


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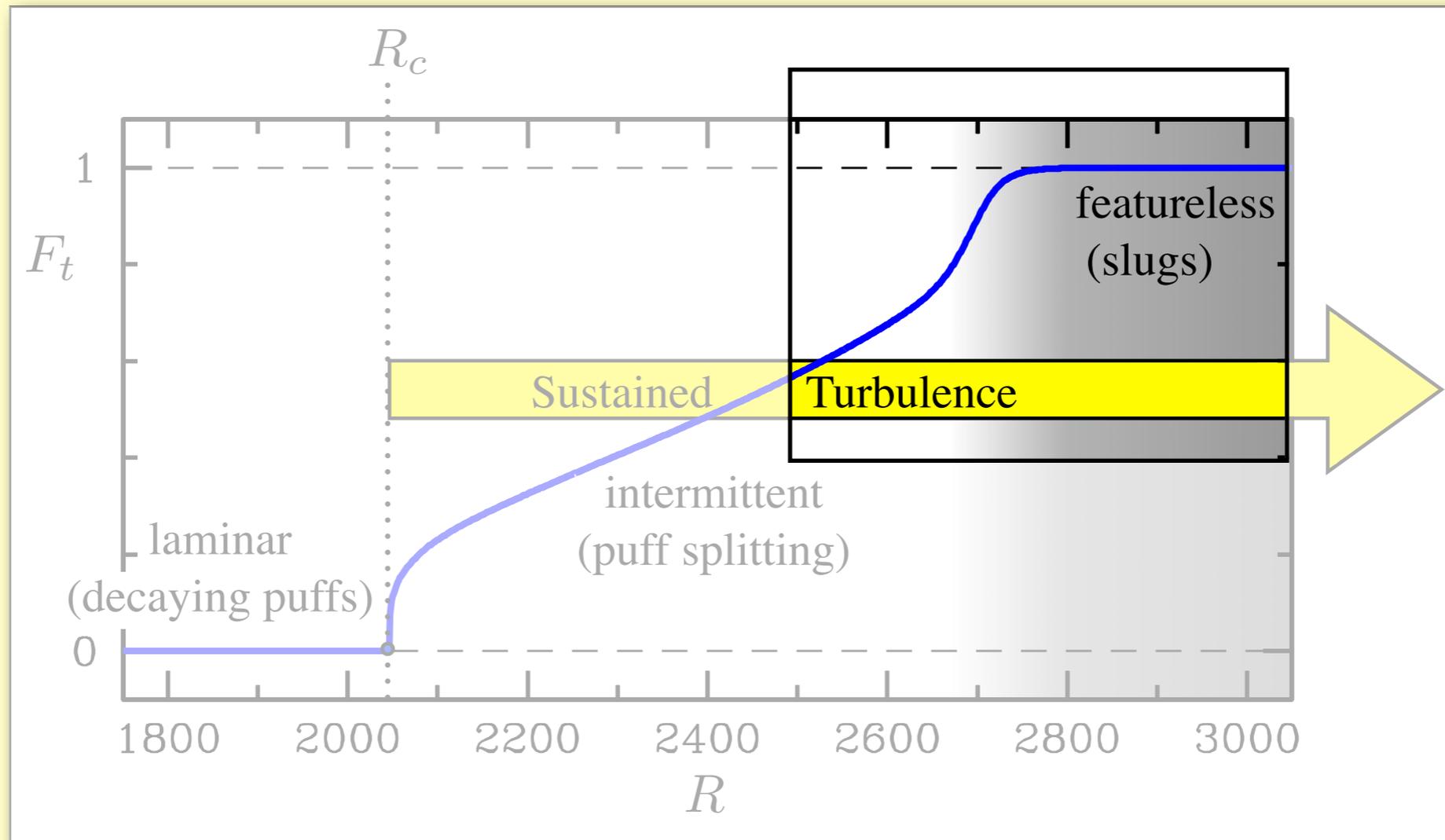
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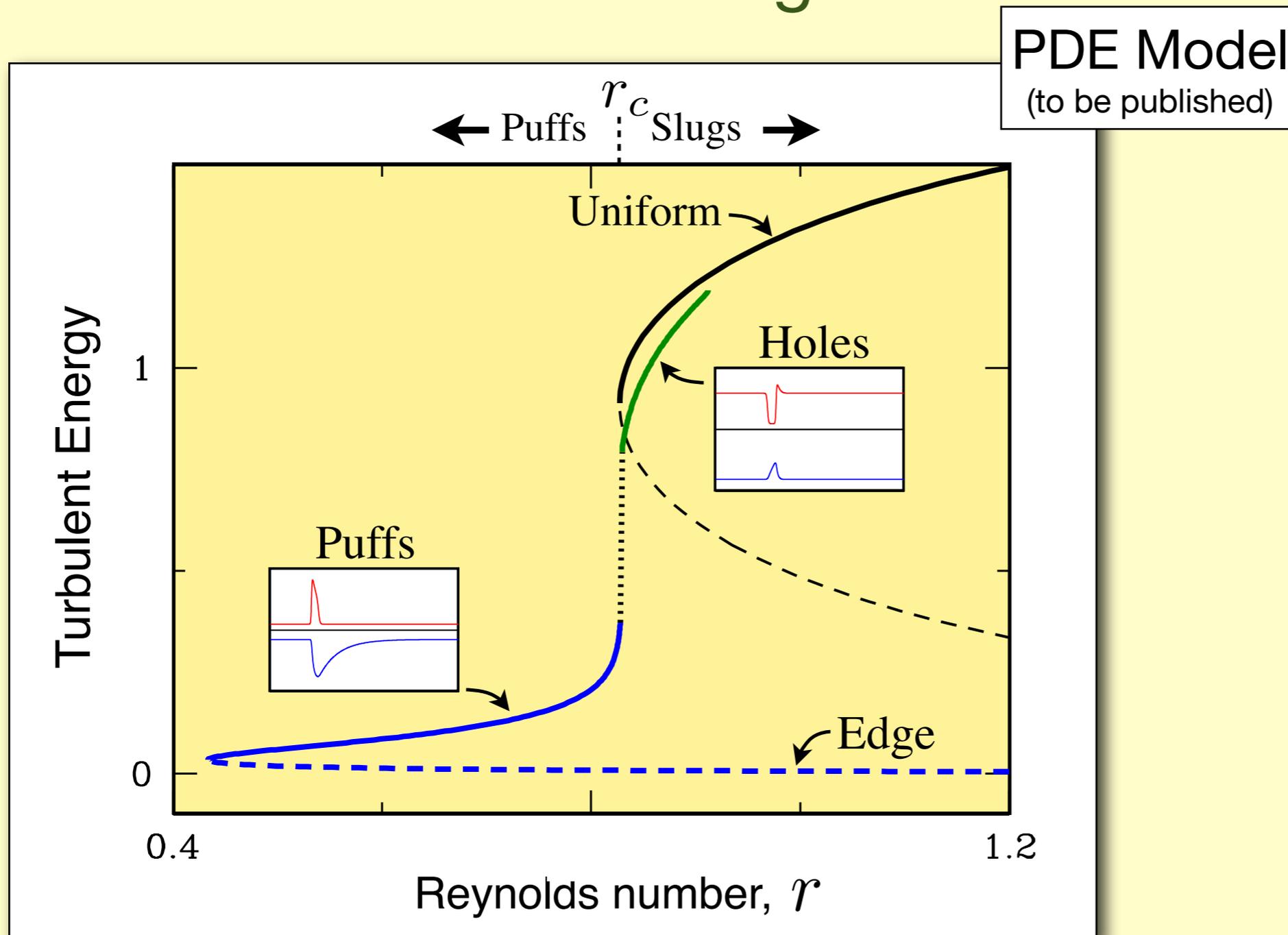
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Transition to Uniform Turbulence



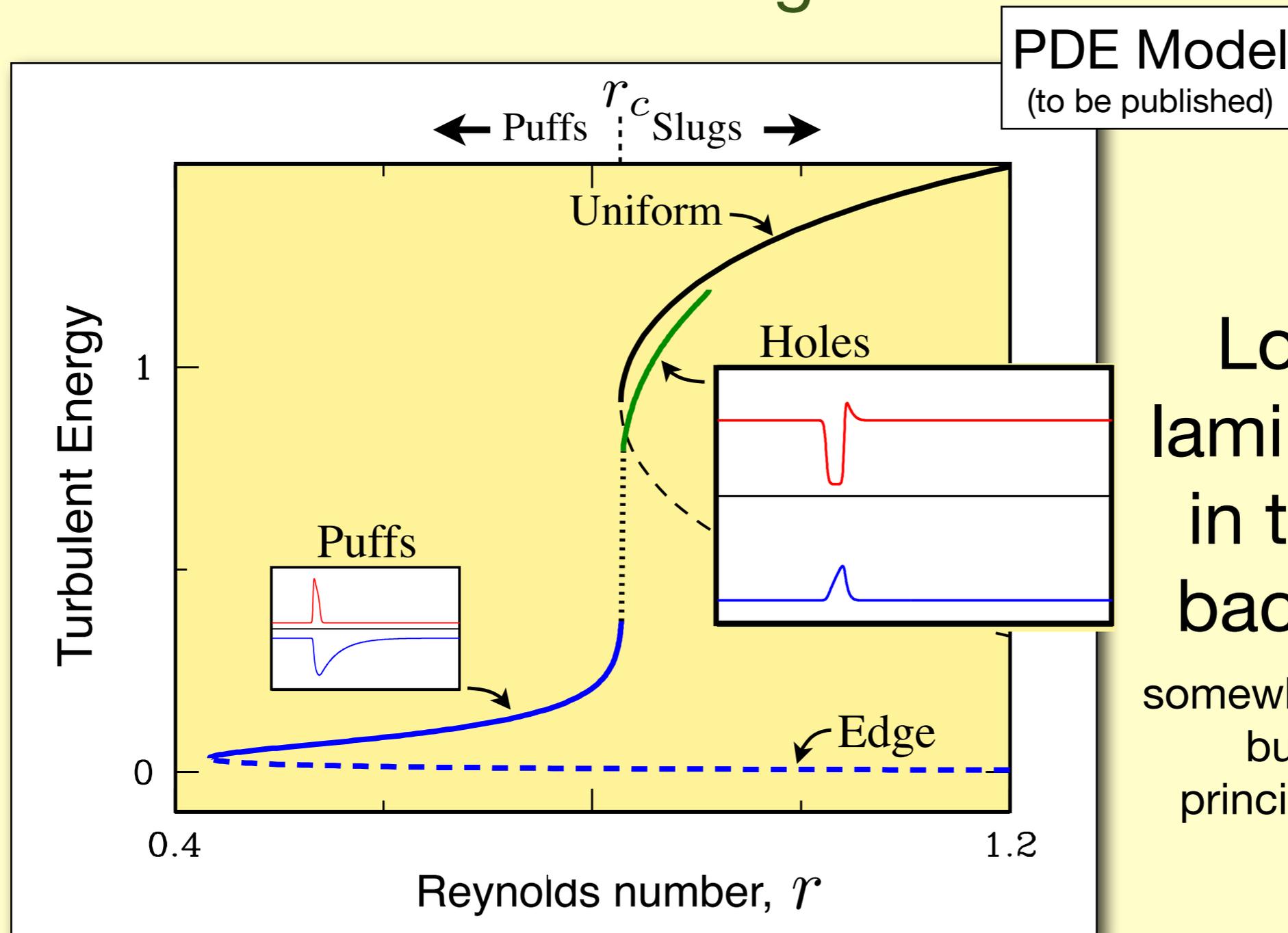
Transition to Uniform Turbulence

Bifurcation Diagram



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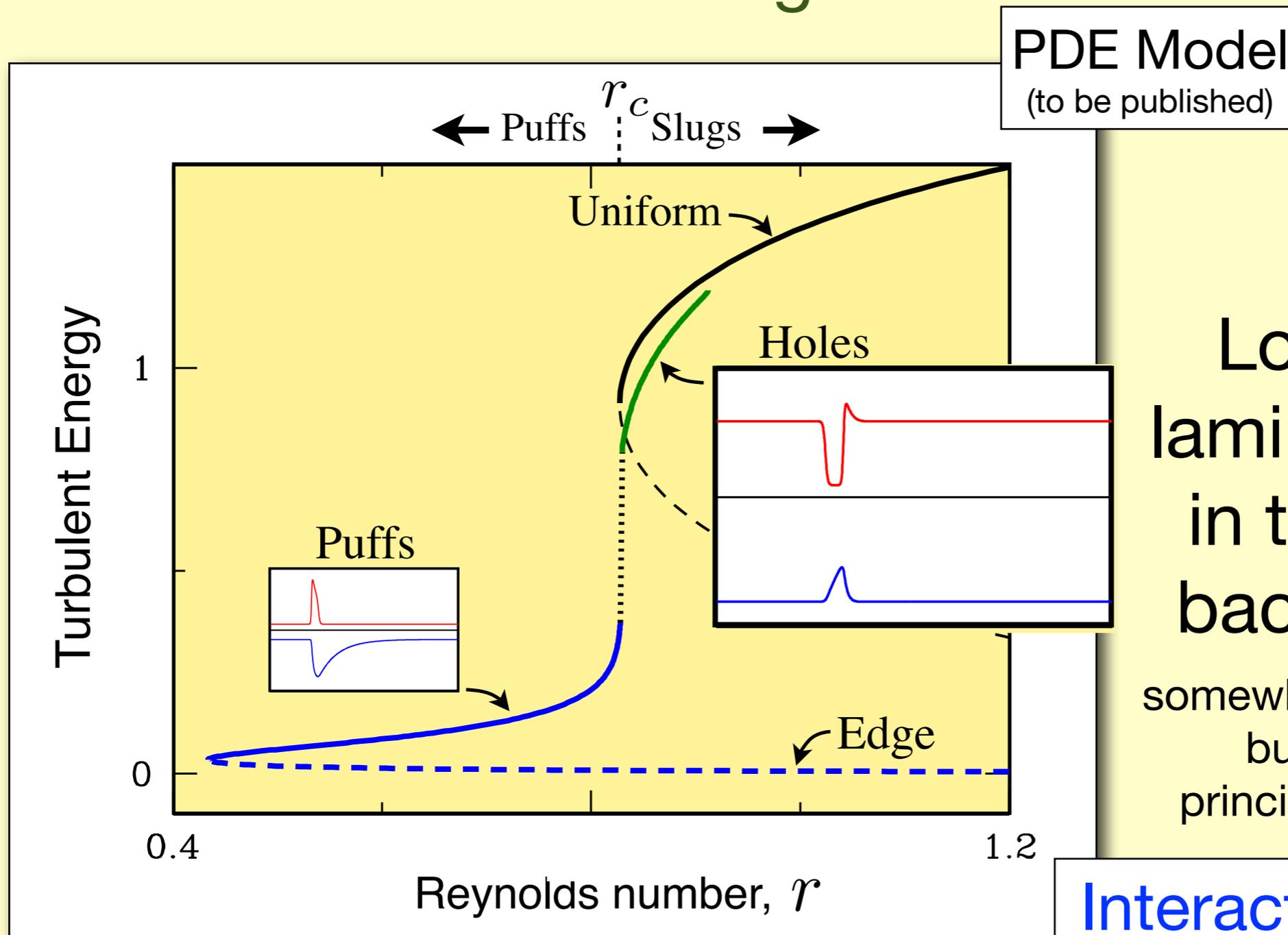


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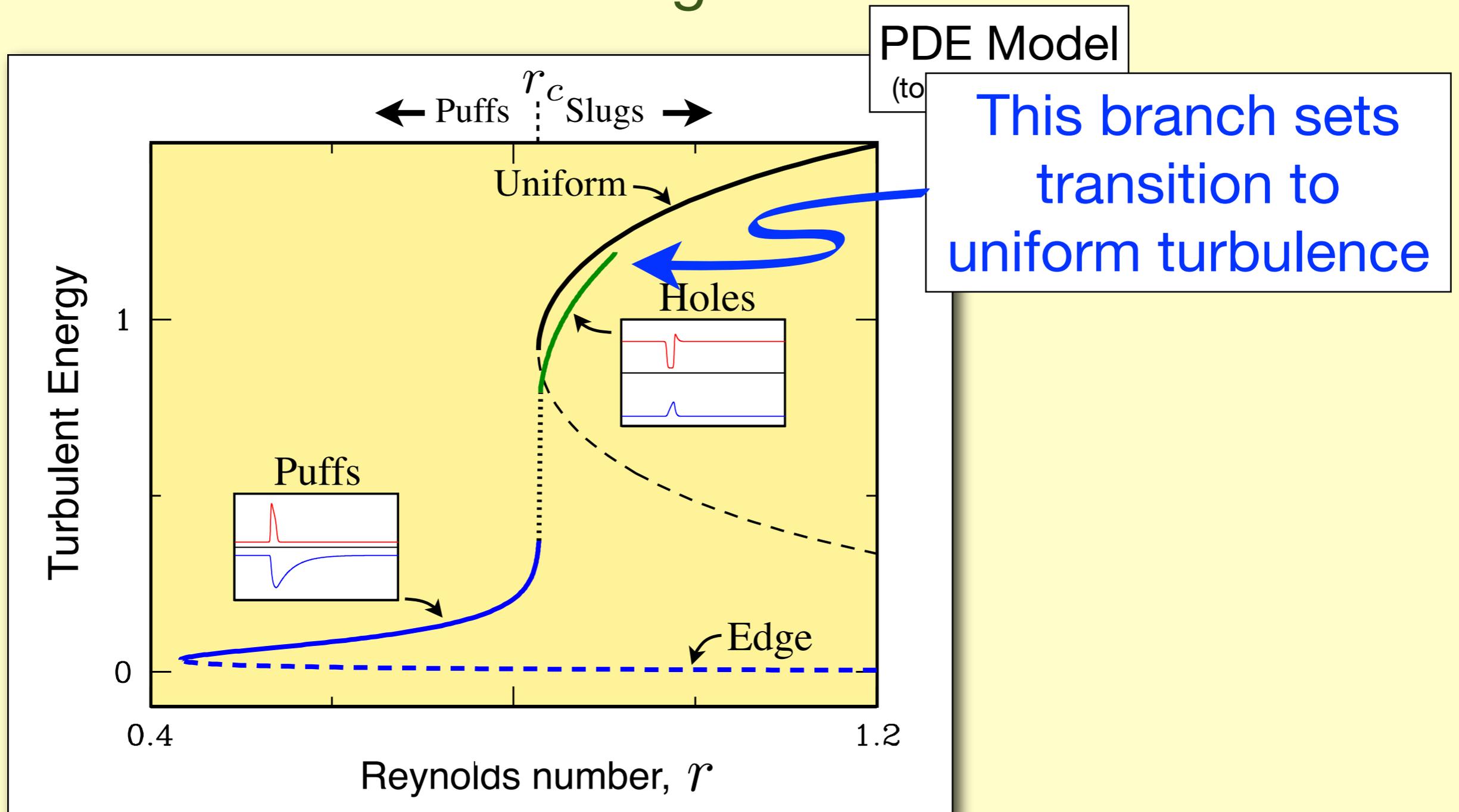
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Interaction distance
of Hof, *et al*

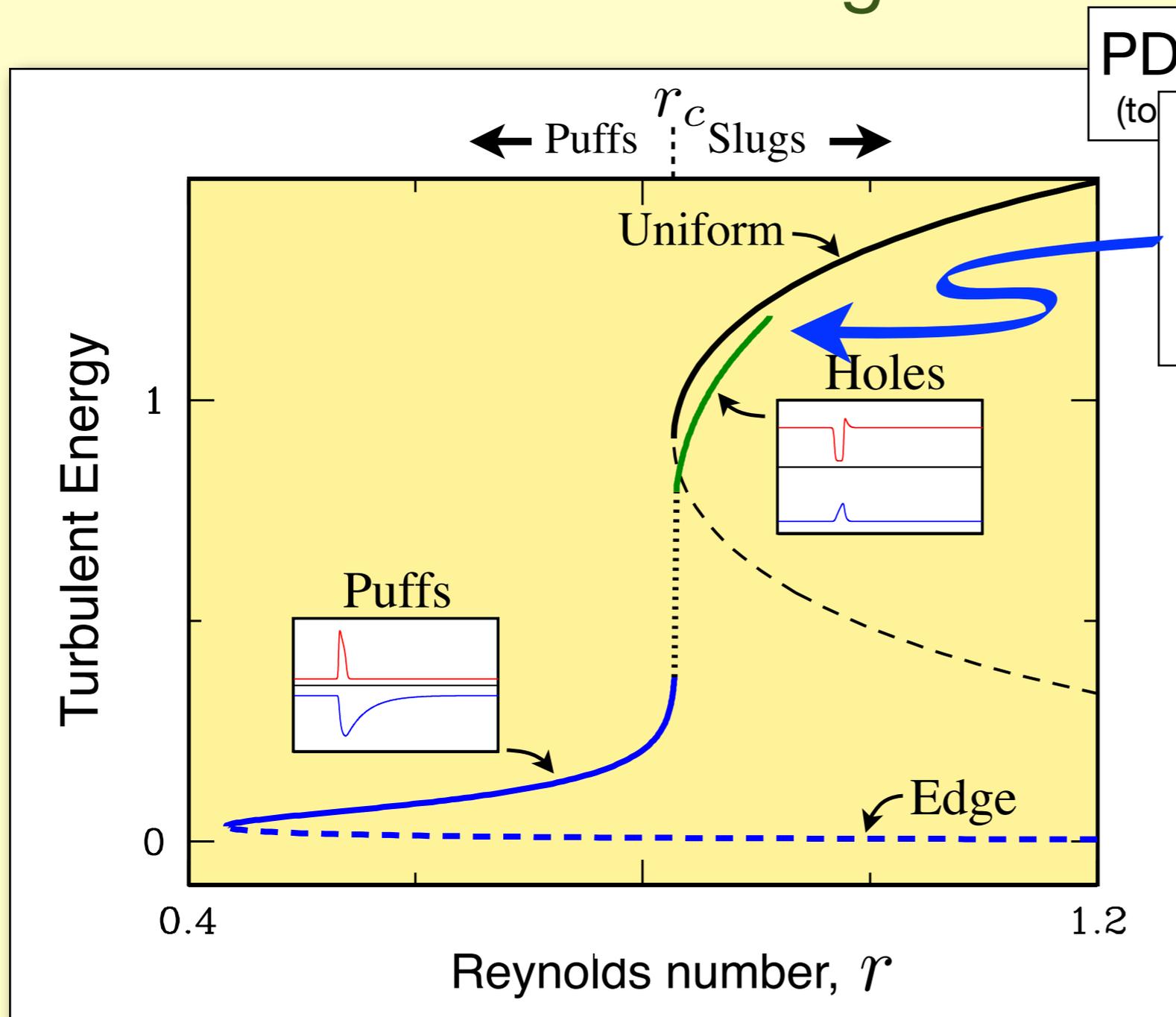
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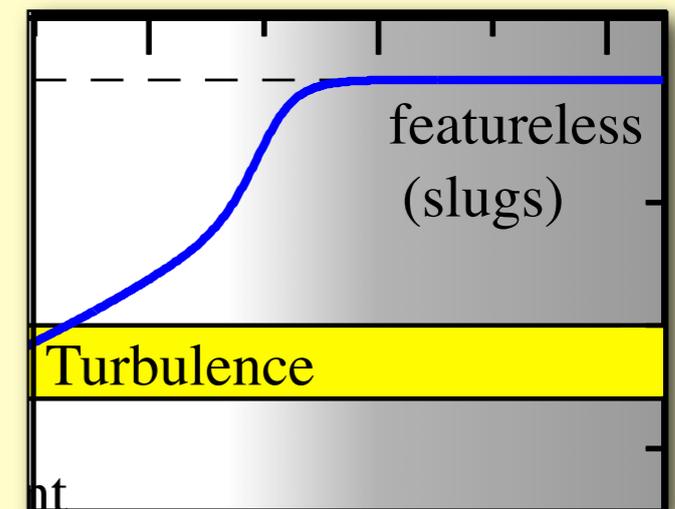


PDE Model

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This branch sets transition to uniform turbulence

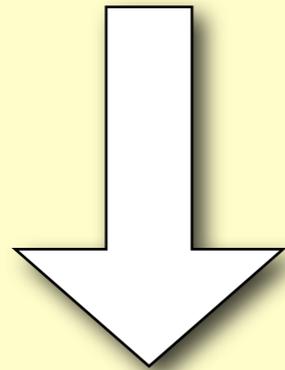
For complex turbulence bistability goes away and becomes continuous transition to uniform turbulence



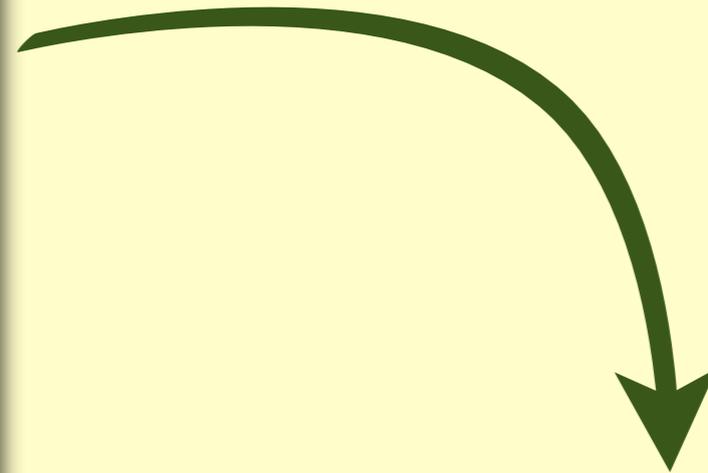
Concluding Remarks

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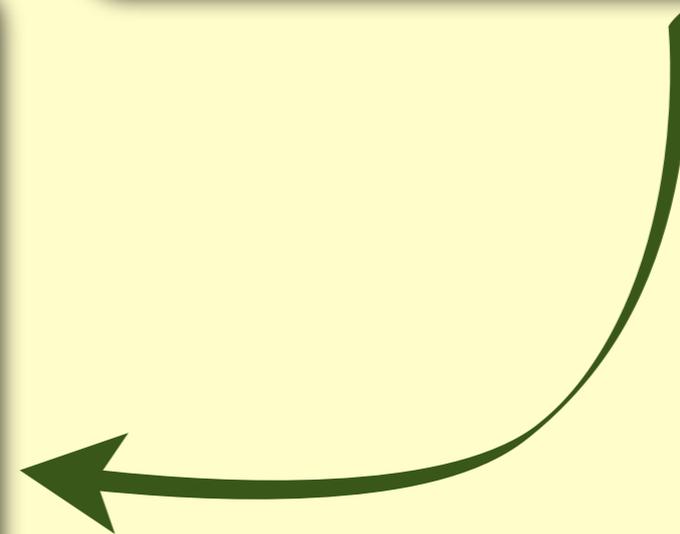
1. Sharp upstream front ...
2. Reverse transition on downstream ...
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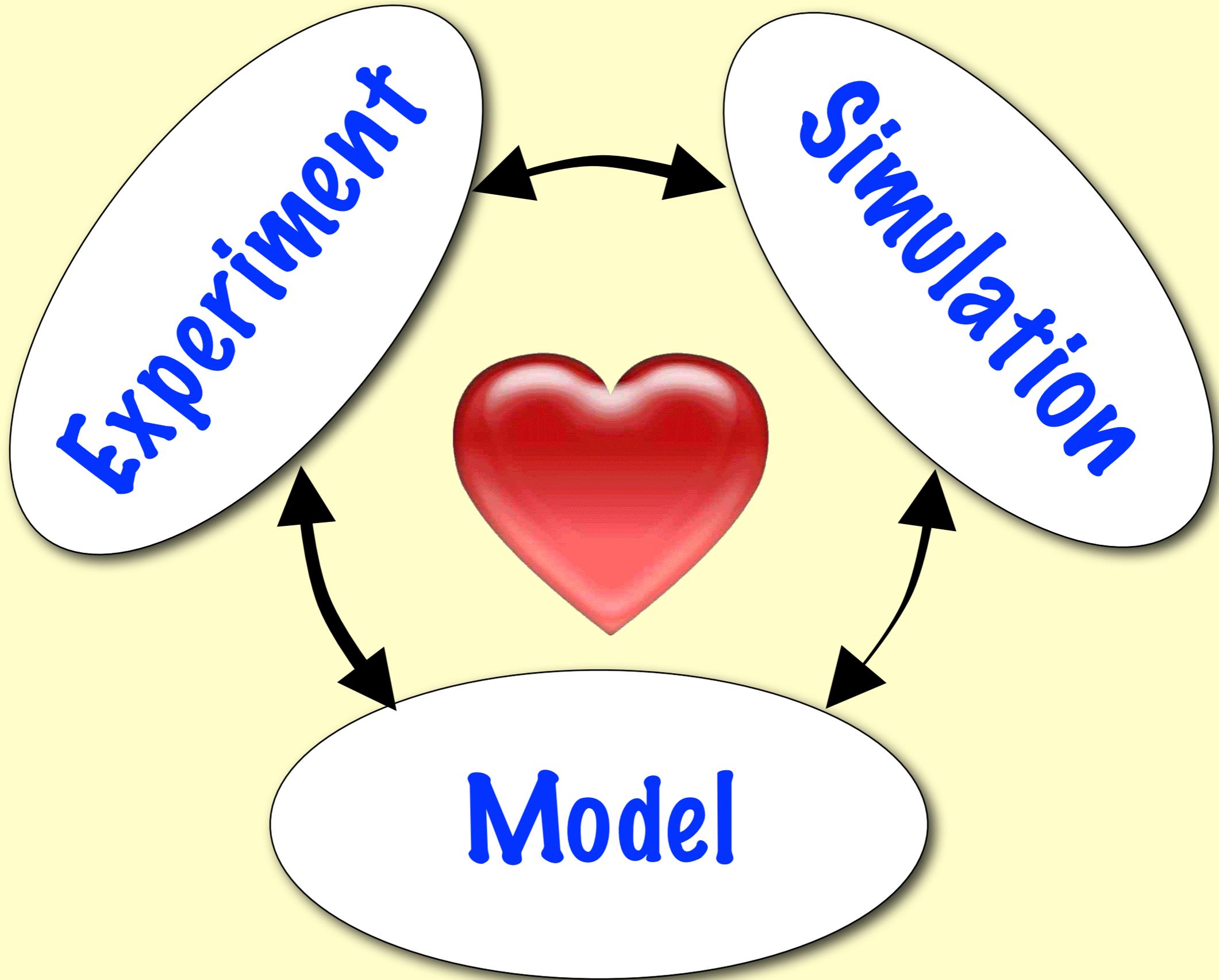


Almost All Observed
Large-scale behavior
of transitional
pipe flow



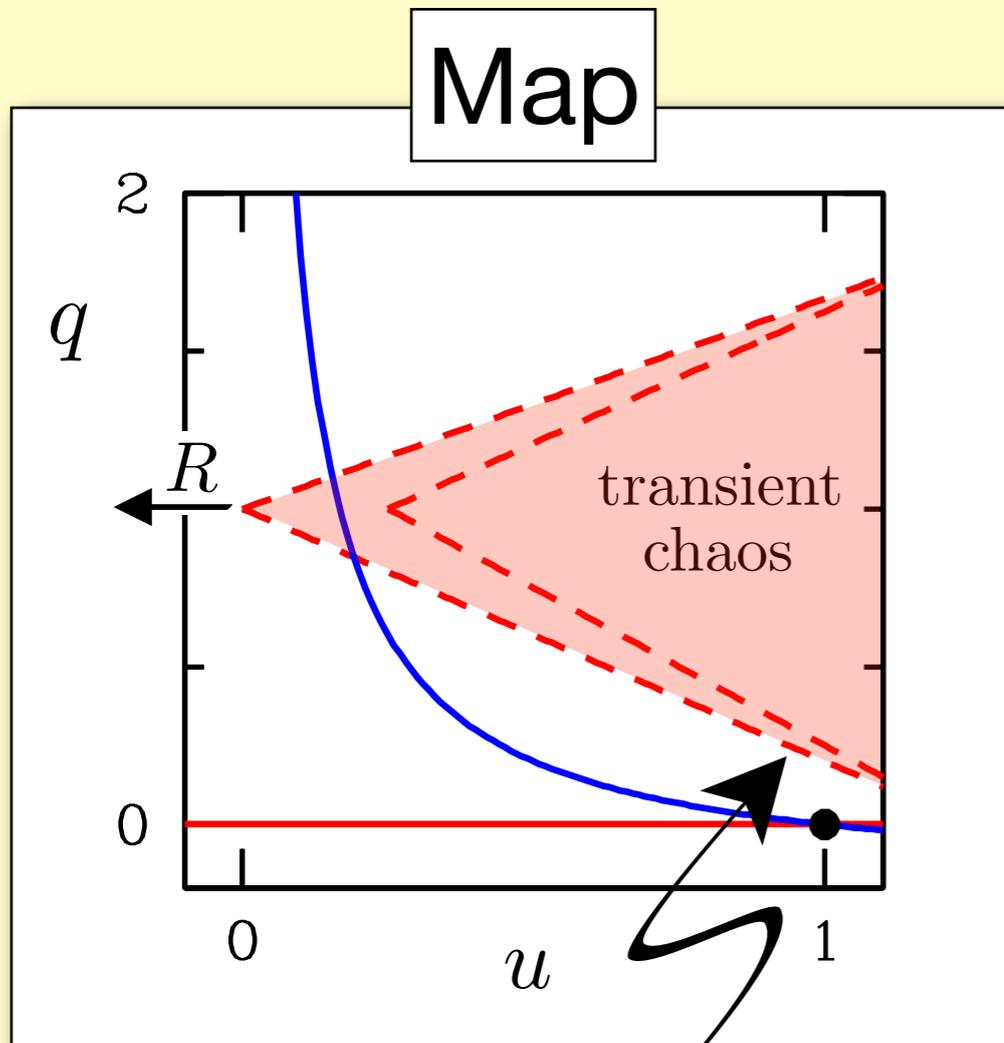
Model Equations
PDE, Map, SPDE





Fractal Basin Boundary

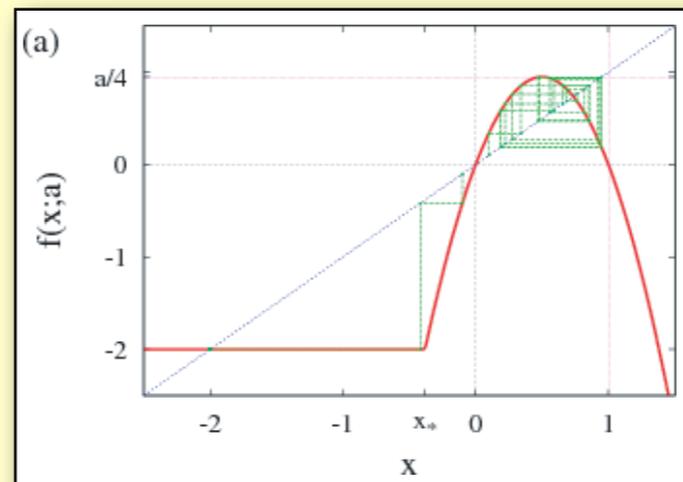
Not enough variables in current model to (naturally) get a fractal basin boundary



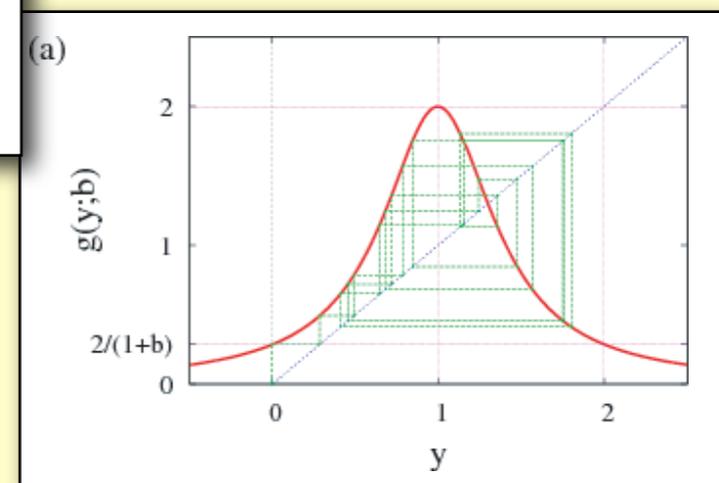
Resolve this by adding second turbulent variable, as in Vollmer *et al.*

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

Jürgen Vollmer^{1,2,3}, Tobias M Schneider² and Bruno Eckhardt²



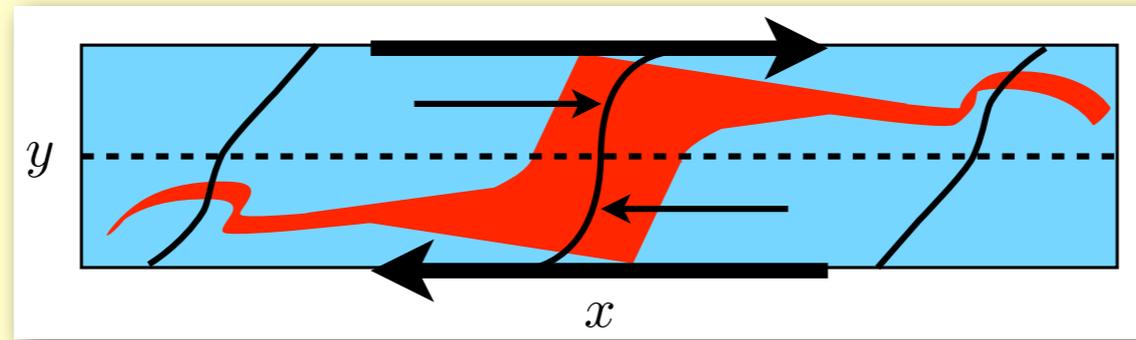
2 variables for turbulence



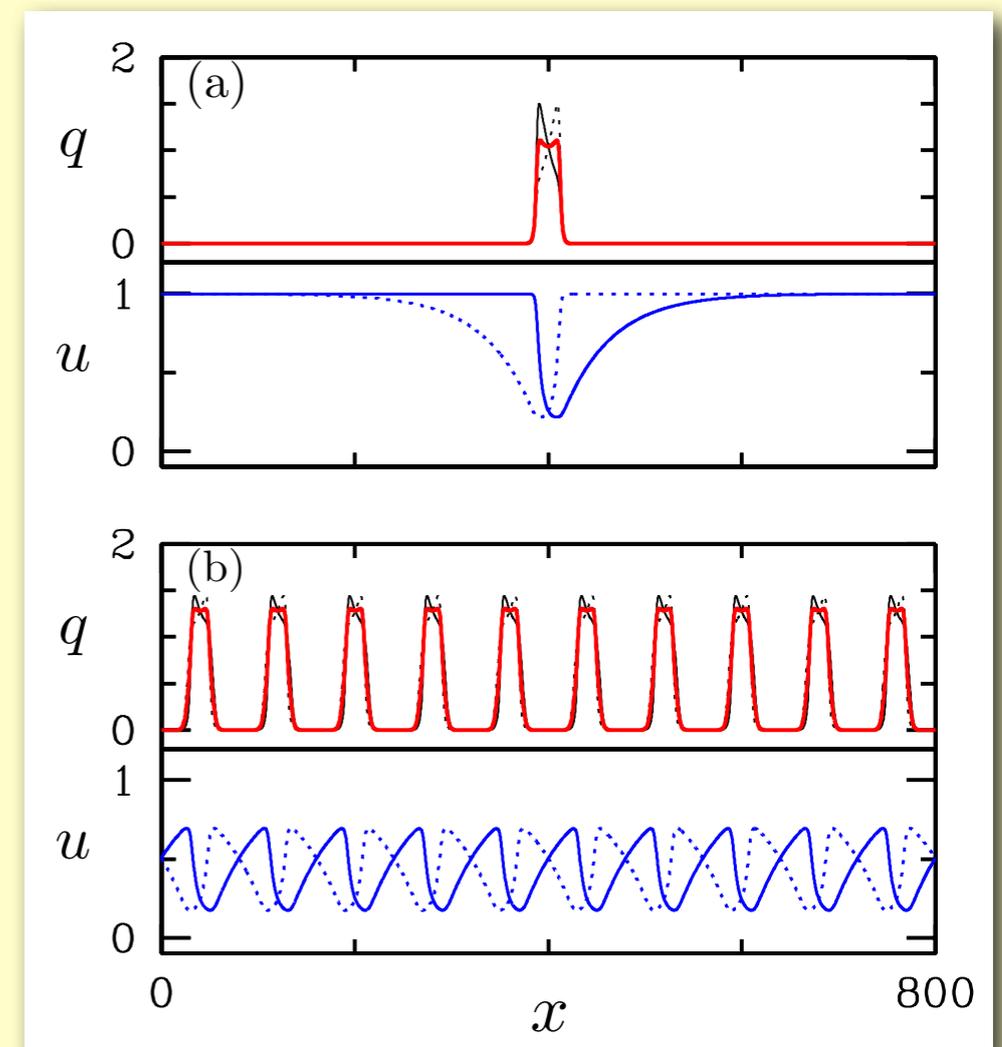
Smooth, not fractal

Extension to Other Shear Flows

Limited model of plane Couette flow



Localize and Spatially Periodic
Turbulent-Laminar Patterns
(See ETC13 Proceedings)



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- EZ-Pipe v0.3
- This talk 

