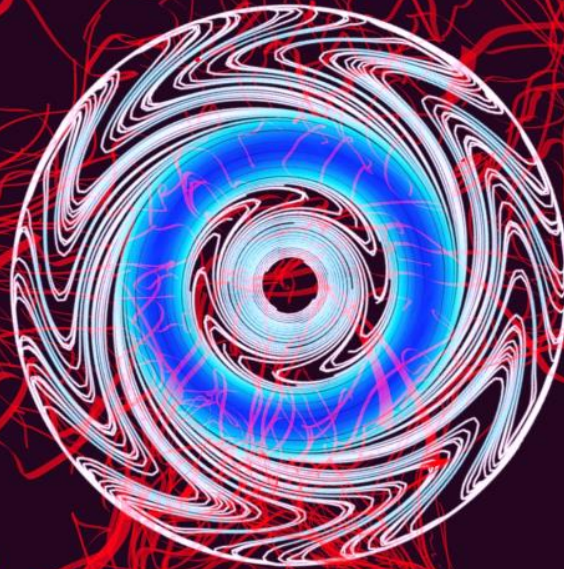


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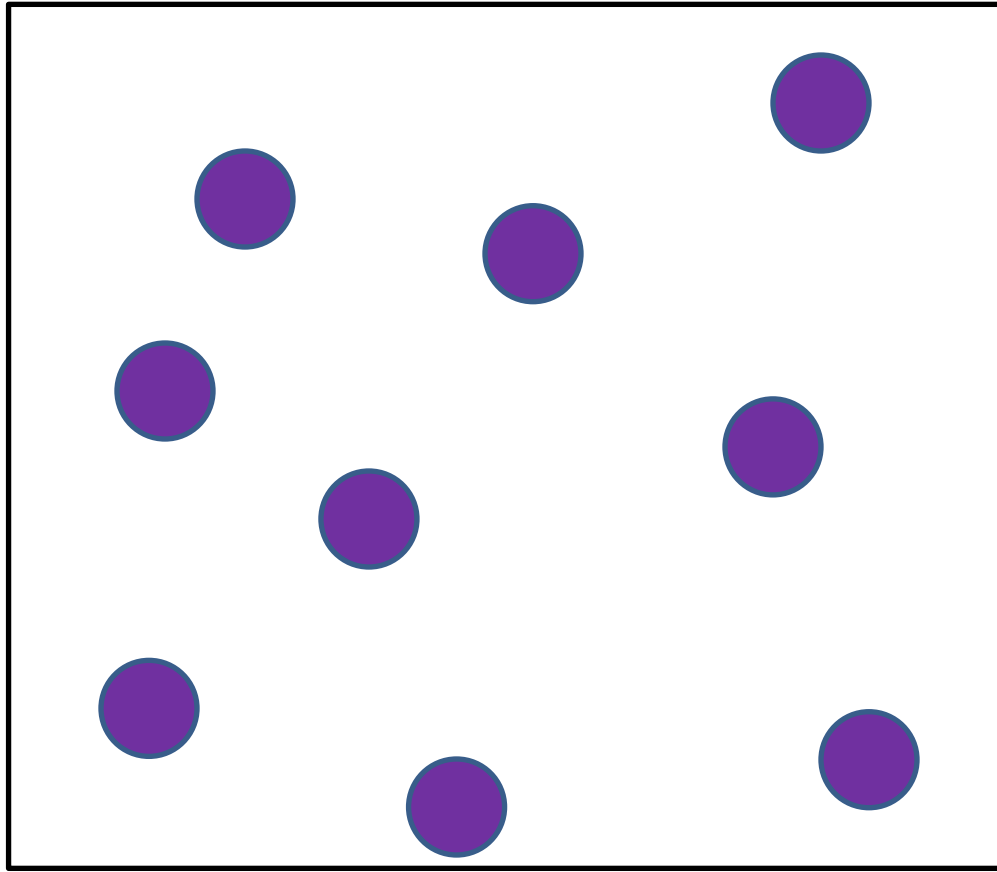
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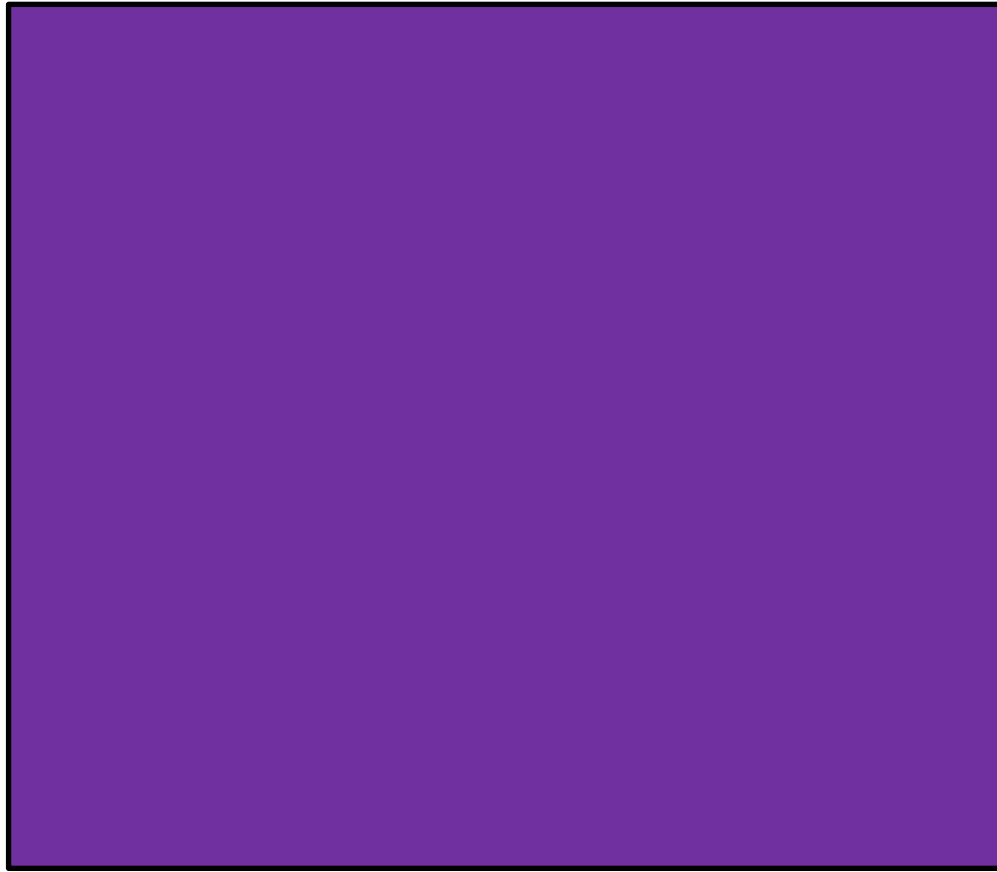
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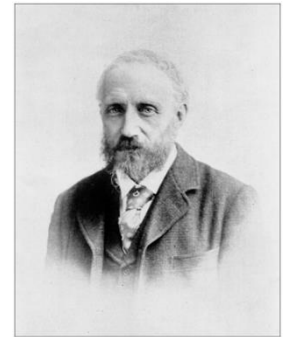
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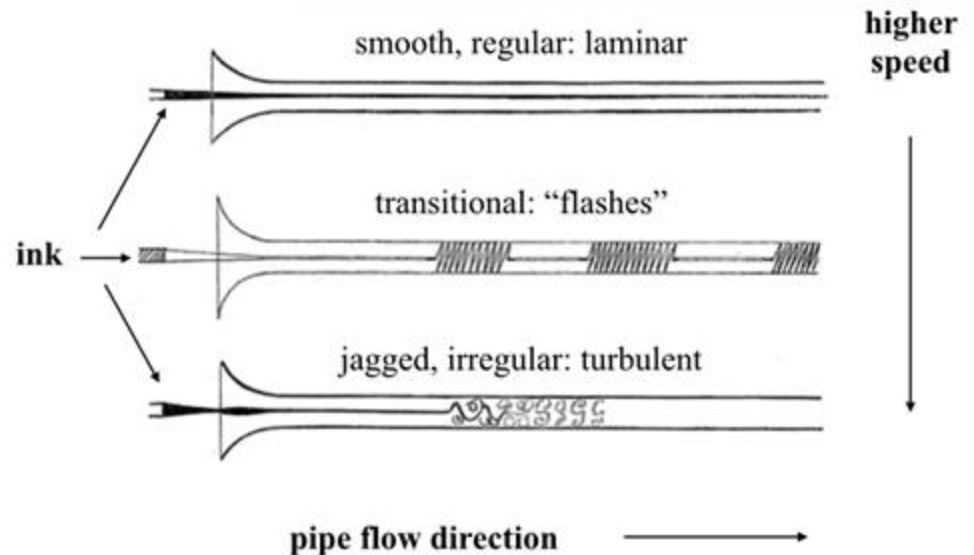
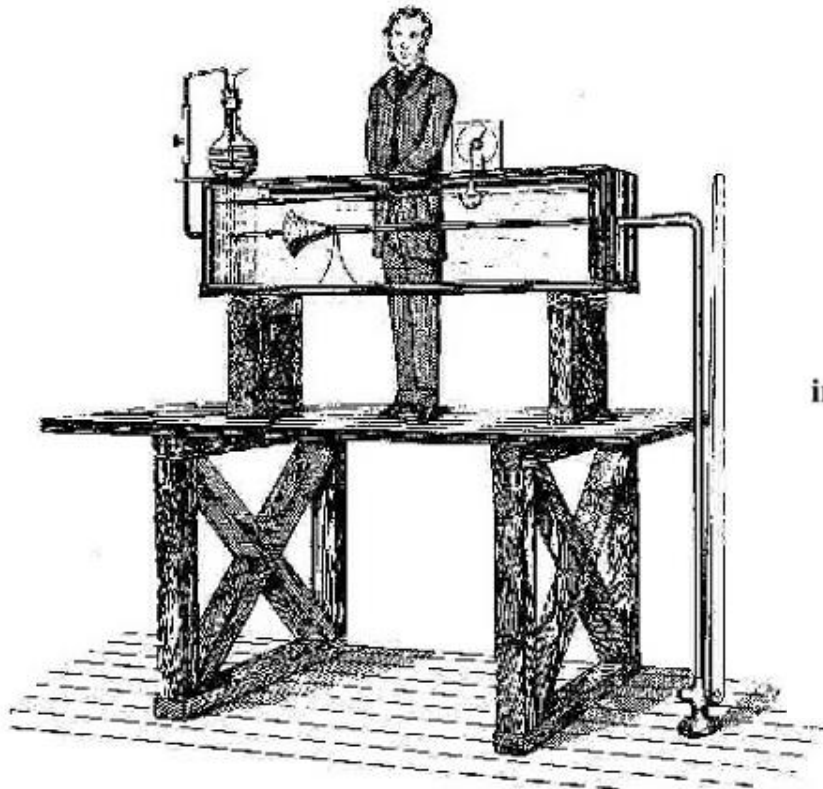
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Transitional turbulence: puffs

- Reynolds' original pipe turbulence (1883) reports on the transition

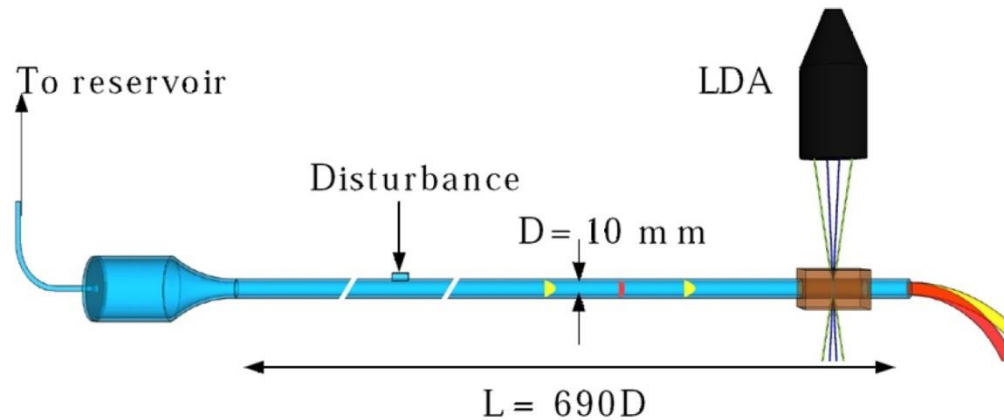


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Precision measurement of turbulent transition

Q: will a puff survive to the end of the pipe?



Many repetitions \rightarrow survival probability = $P(\text{Re}, t)$

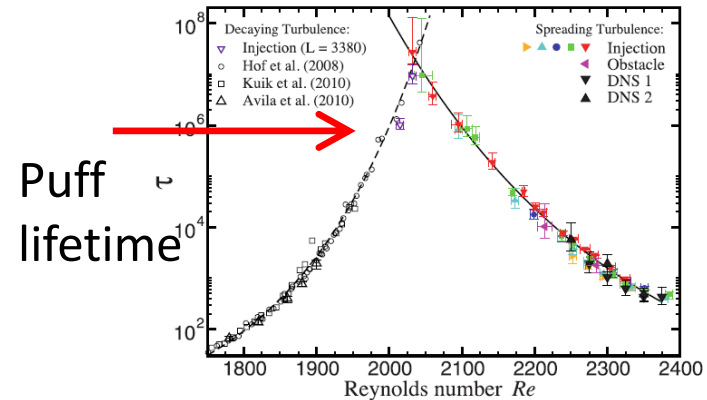
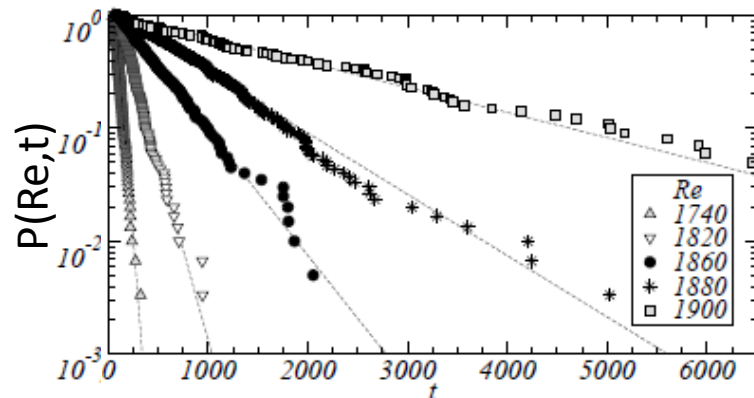
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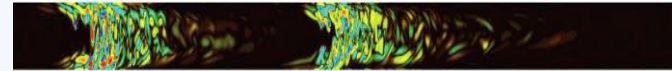
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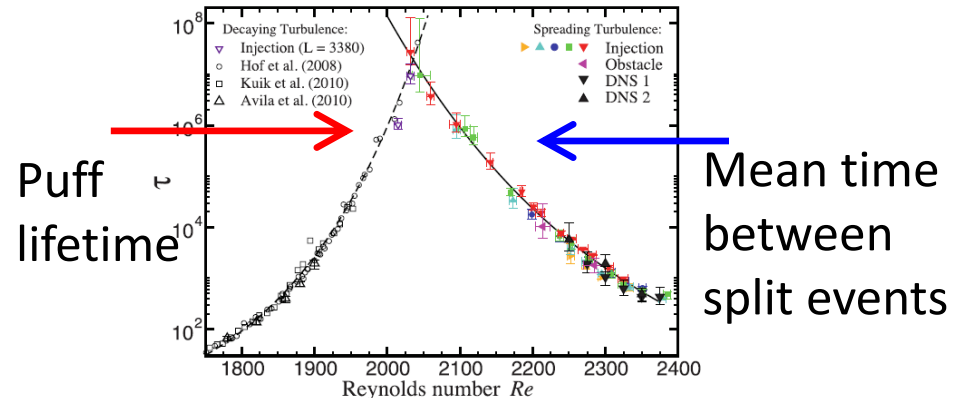
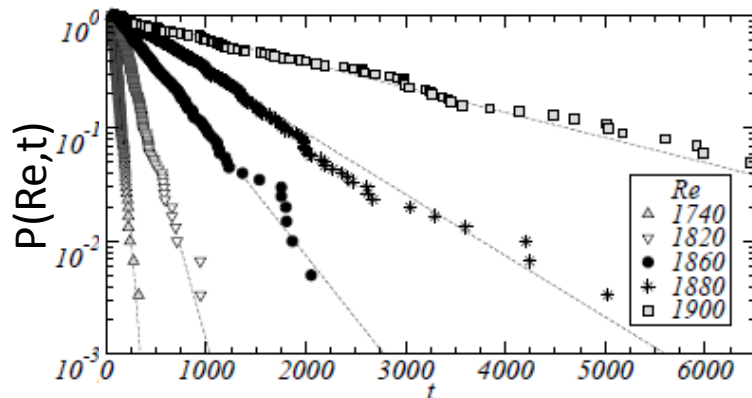
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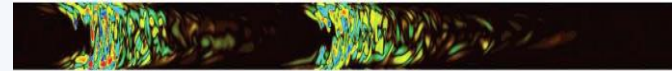
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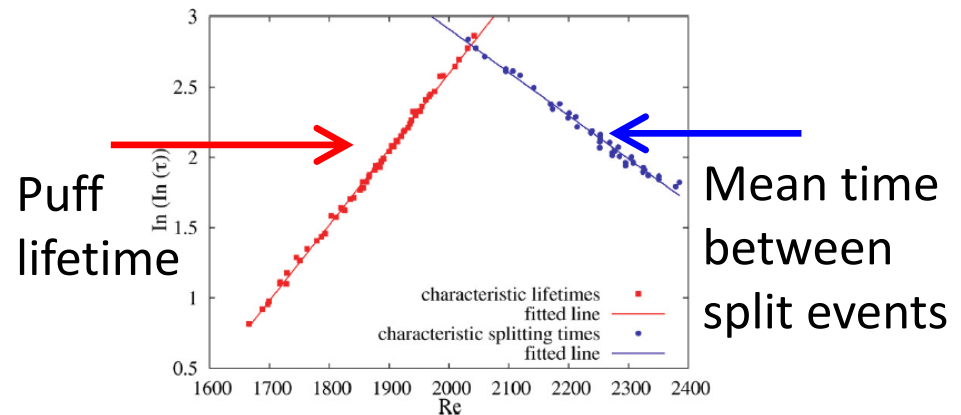
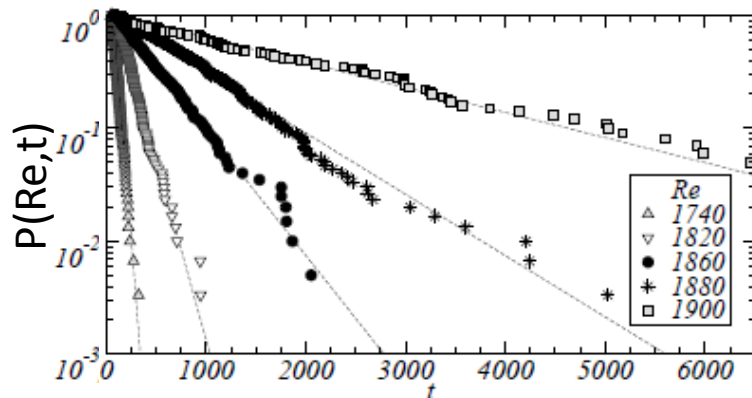
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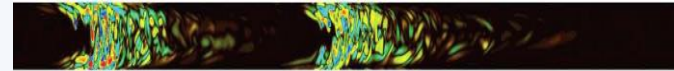
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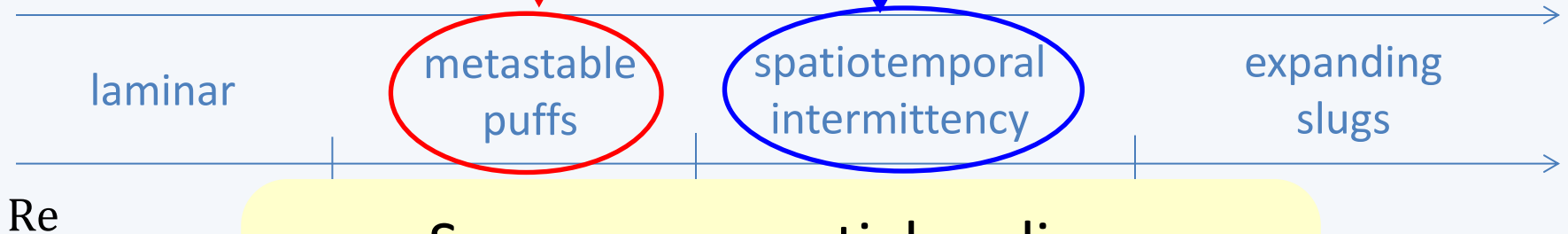
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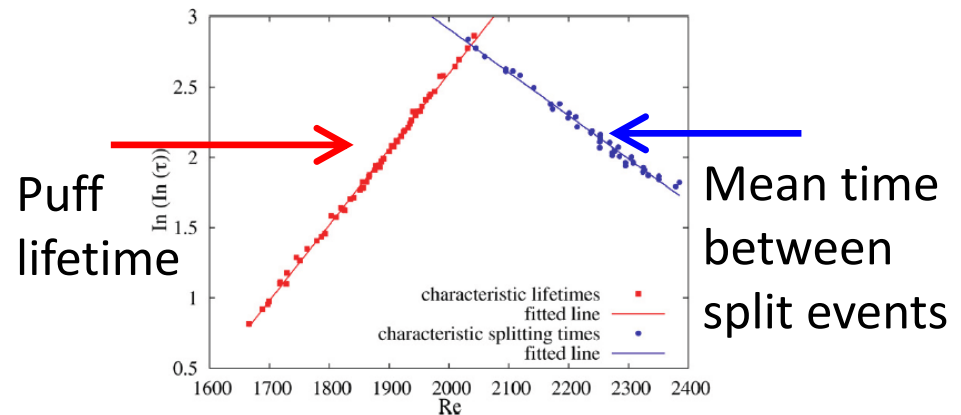
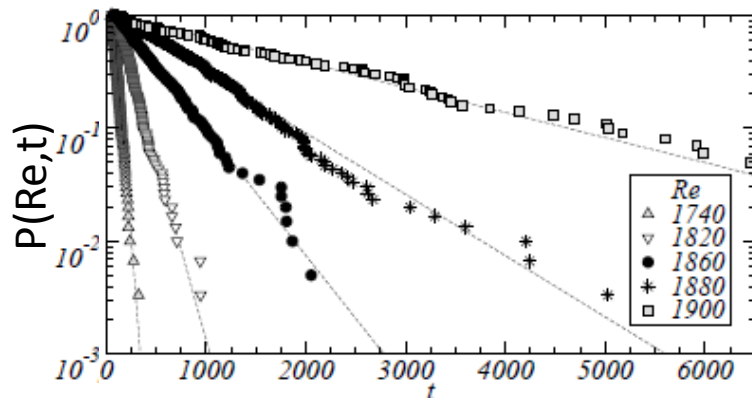
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Super-exponential scaling:

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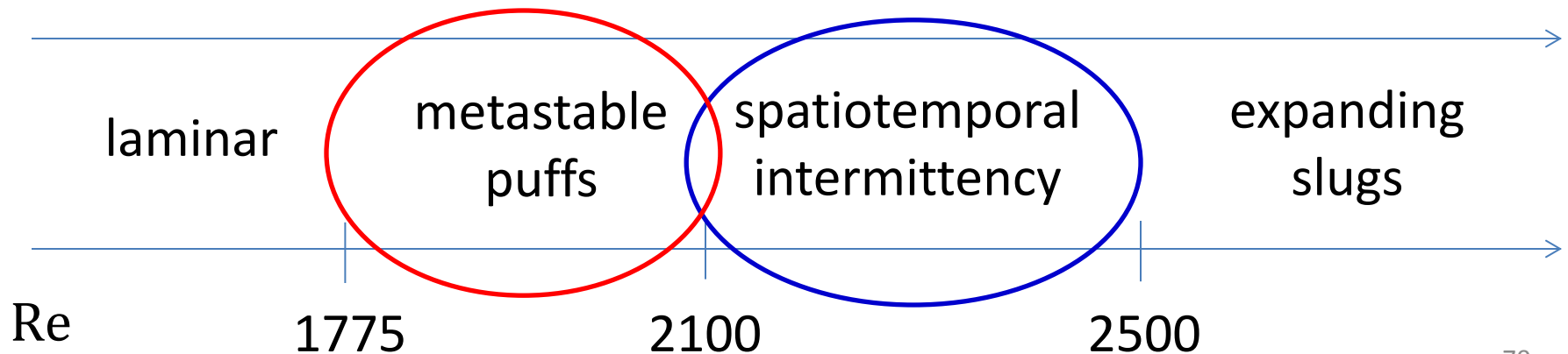
Survival p



MODEL FOR METASTABLE TURBULENT PUFFS & SPATIOTEMPORAL INTERMITTENCY

Shih, Hsieh and Goldenfeld, Nature Physics (2016)

Very complex behavior and we need to understand precisely what happens at the transition, and where the DP universality class comes from.



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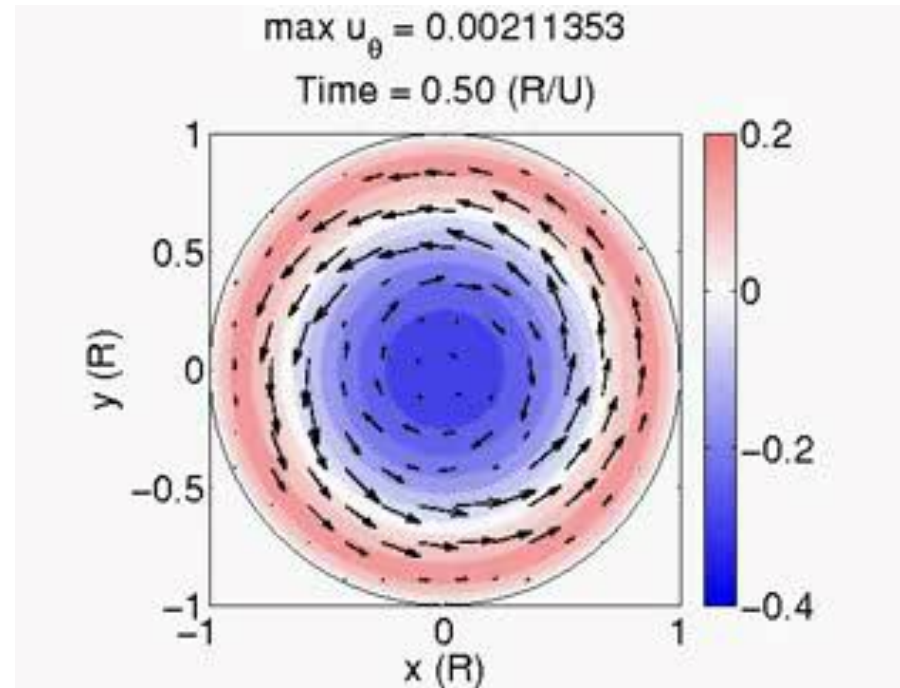
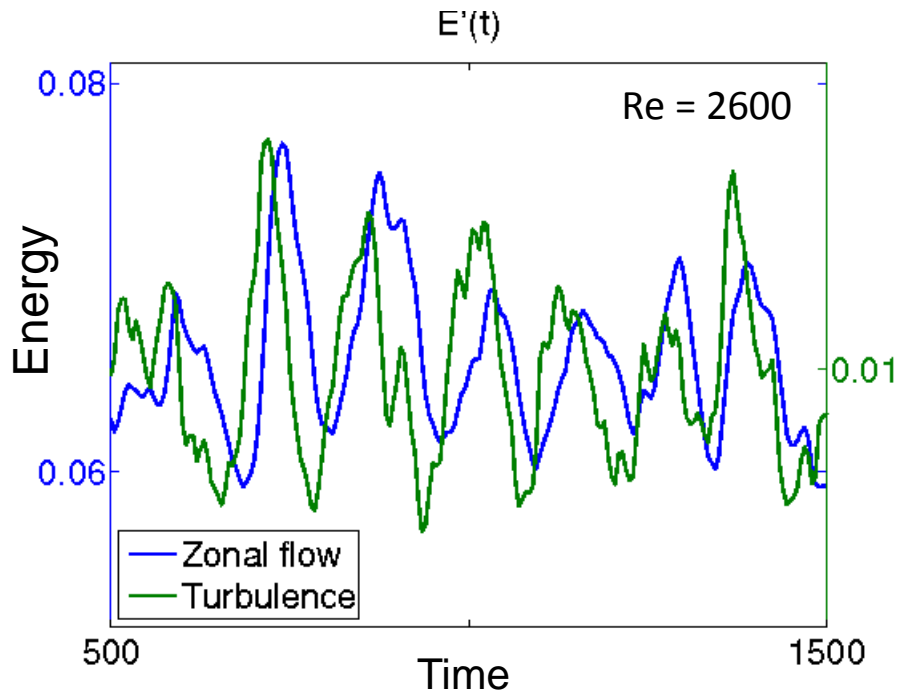
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Identification of collective modes at the laminar-turbulent transition

To avoid technical approximations,
we use DNS of Navier-Stokes

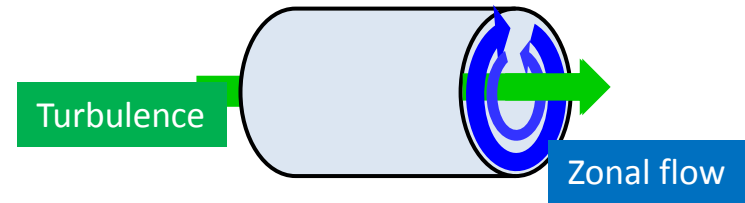
Predator-prey oscillations in pipe flow



What drives the zonal flow?

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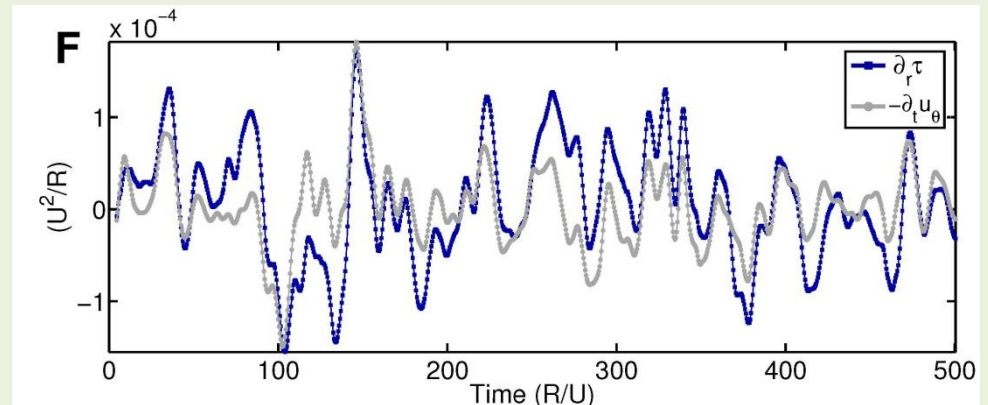
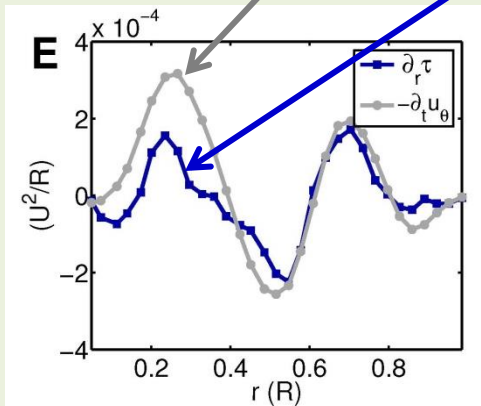
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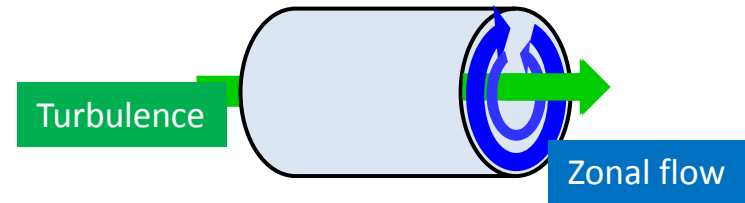
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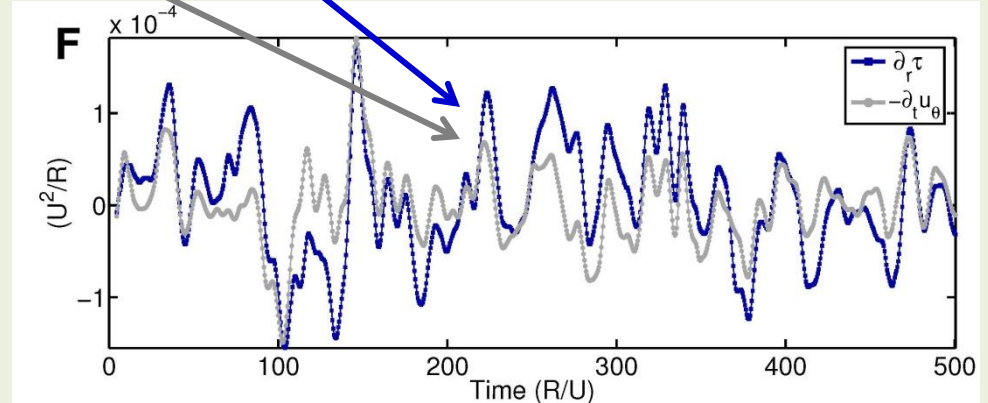
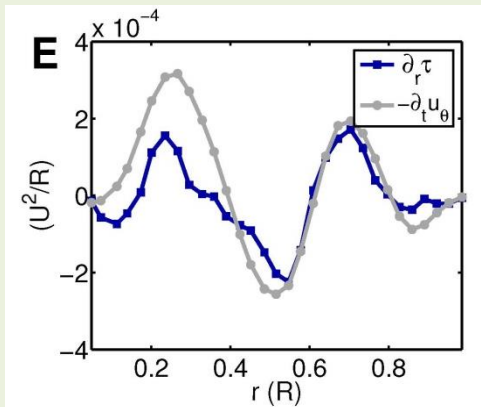
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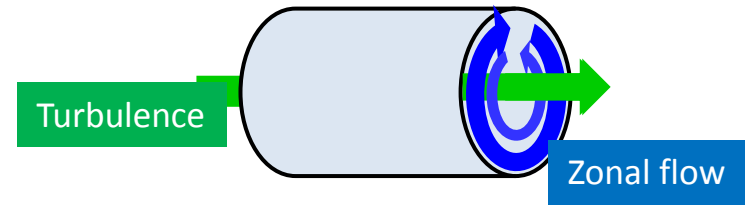
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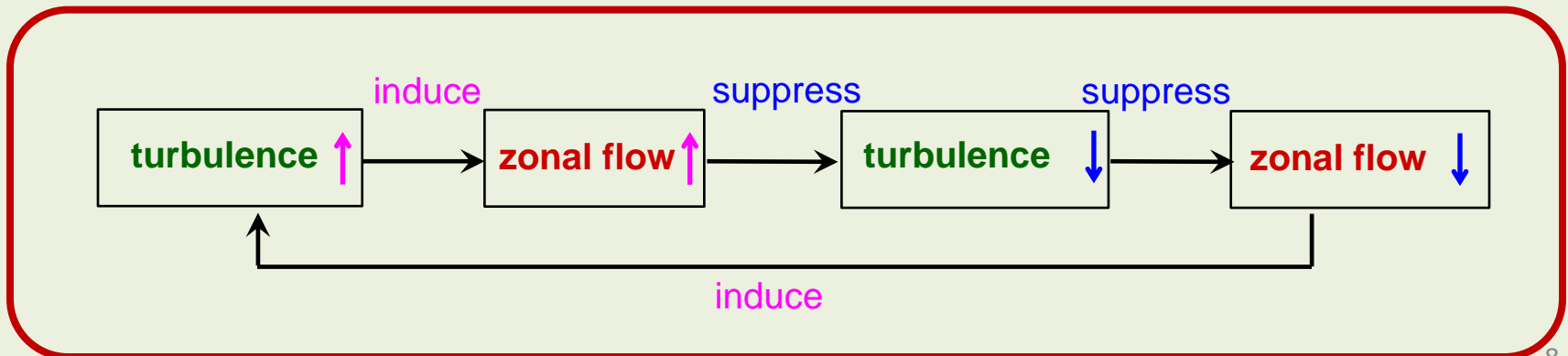
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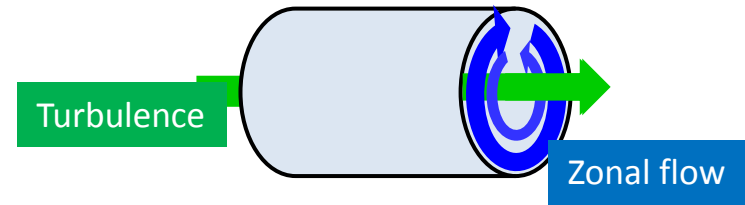
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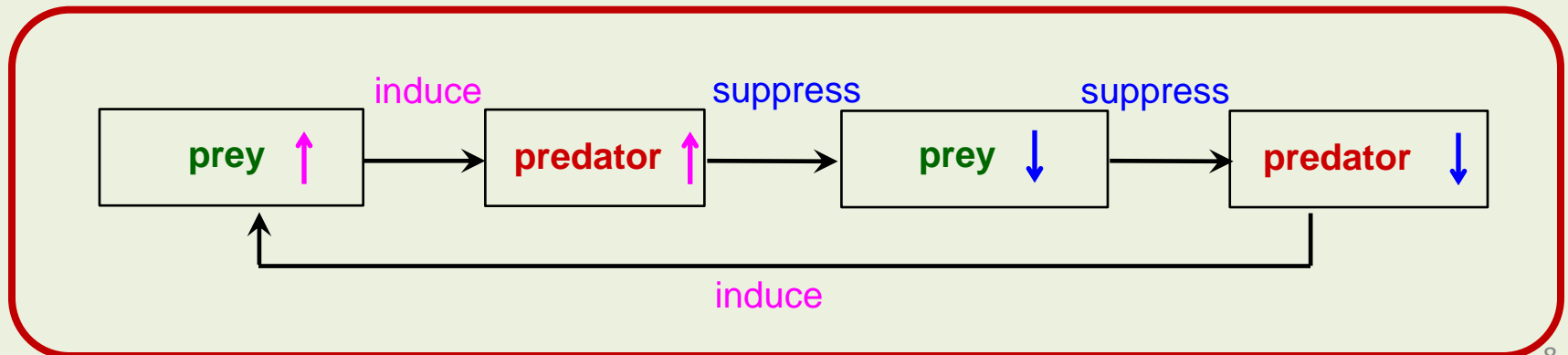
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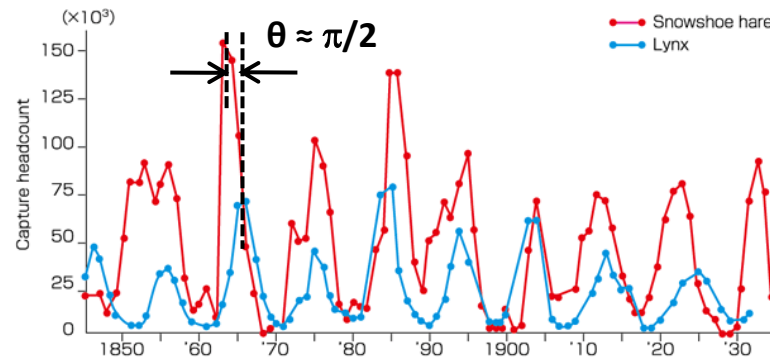
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Population cycles in a predator-prey system



$\pi/2$ phase shift between prey and predator population



**Persistent oscillations
+
Fluctuations**

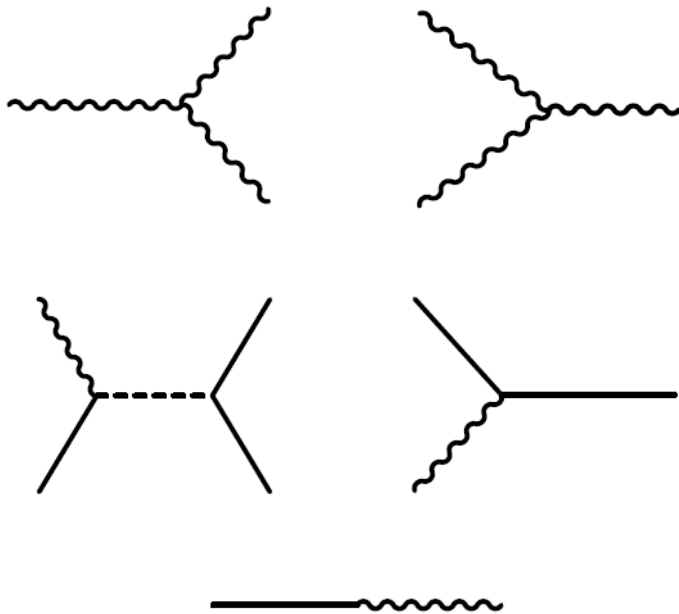
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Derivation of predator-prey equations

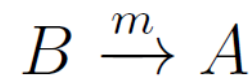
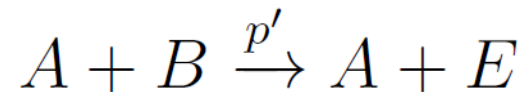
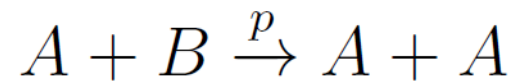
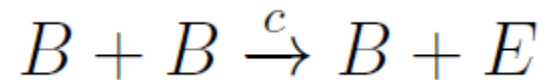
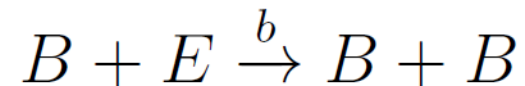
 Zonal flow  Turbulence
 Vacuum = Laminar flow

A = predator B = prey
 E = food/empty state

Zonal flow-turbulence

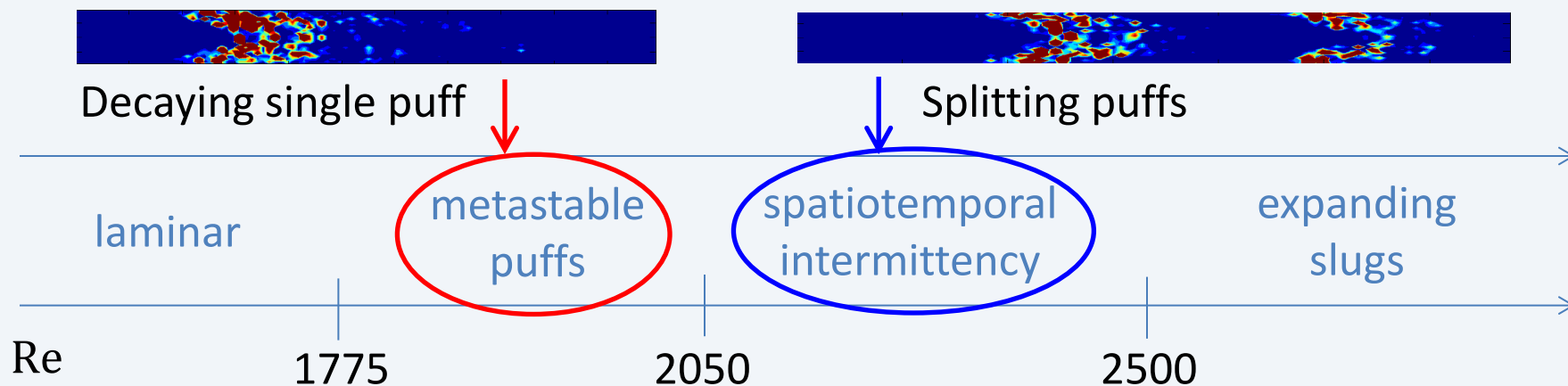


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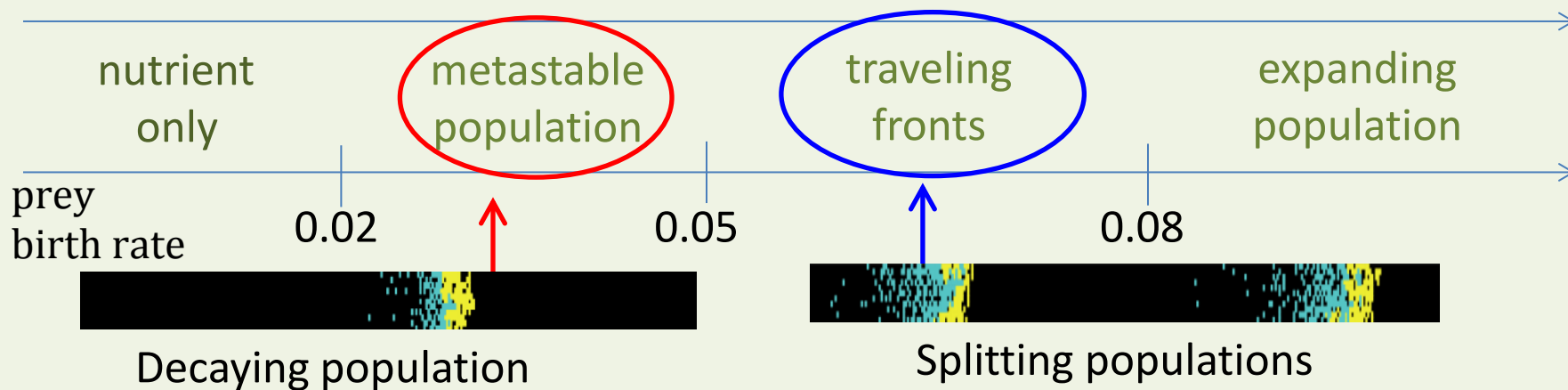


Extinction/decay statistics for stochastic predator-prey systems

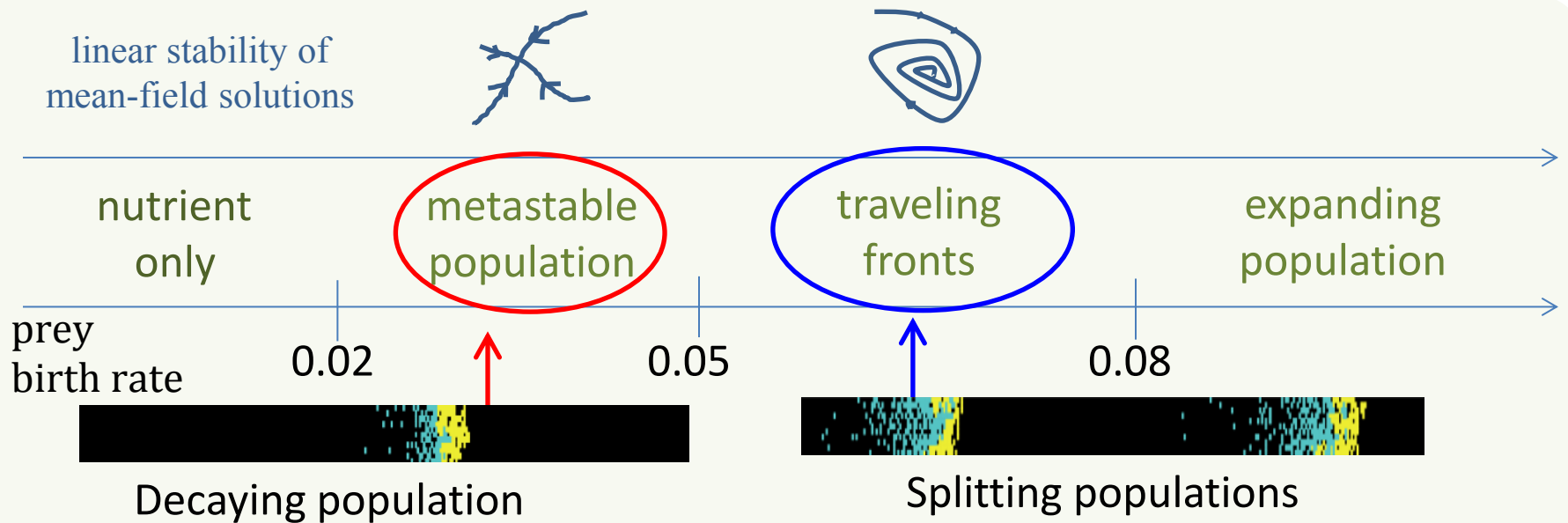
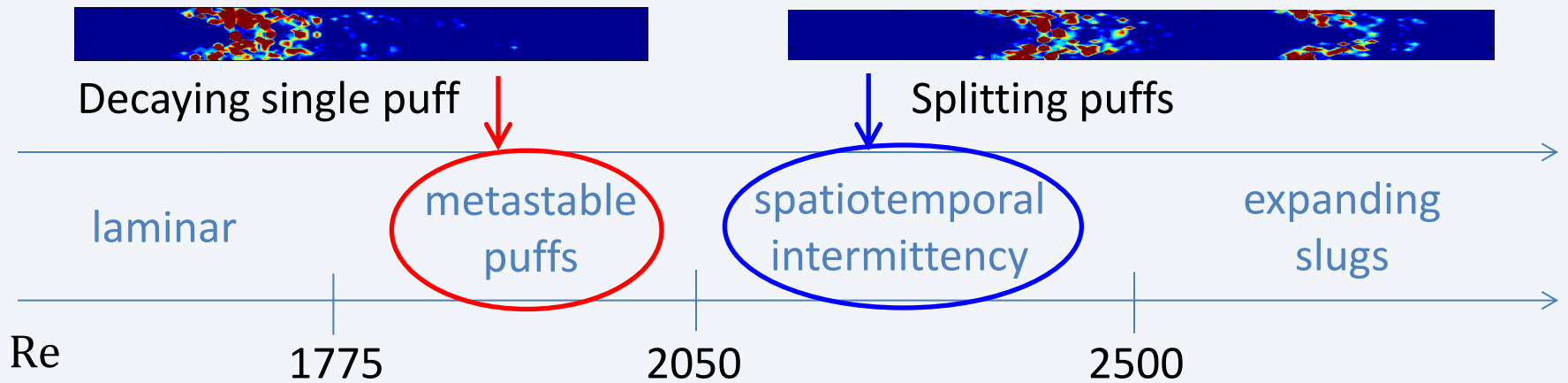
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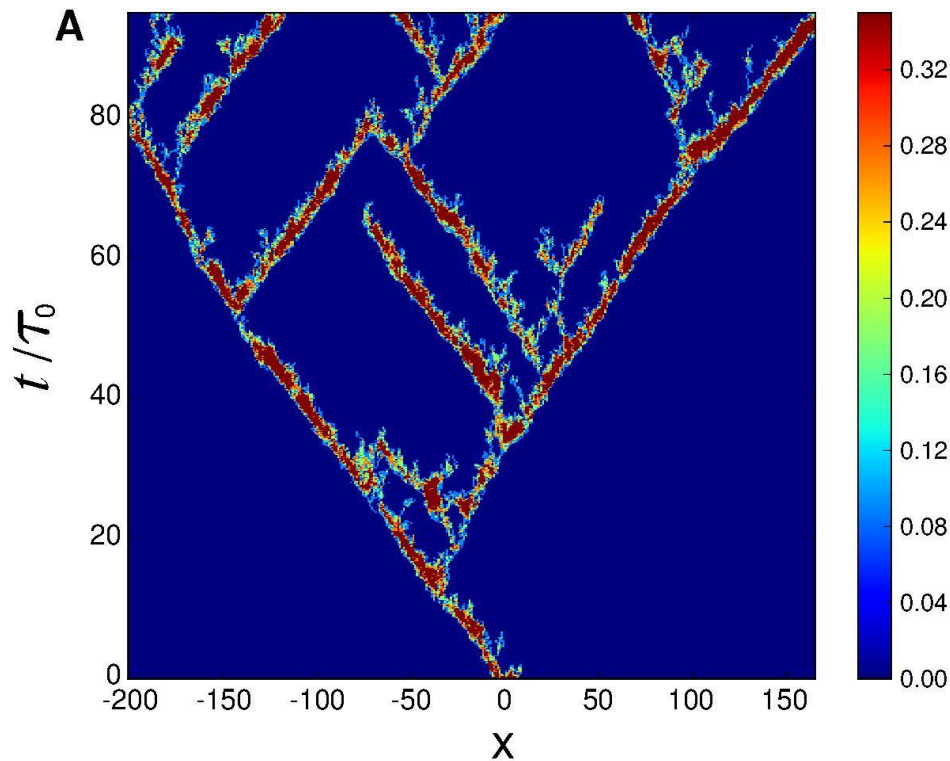
Predator-prey model



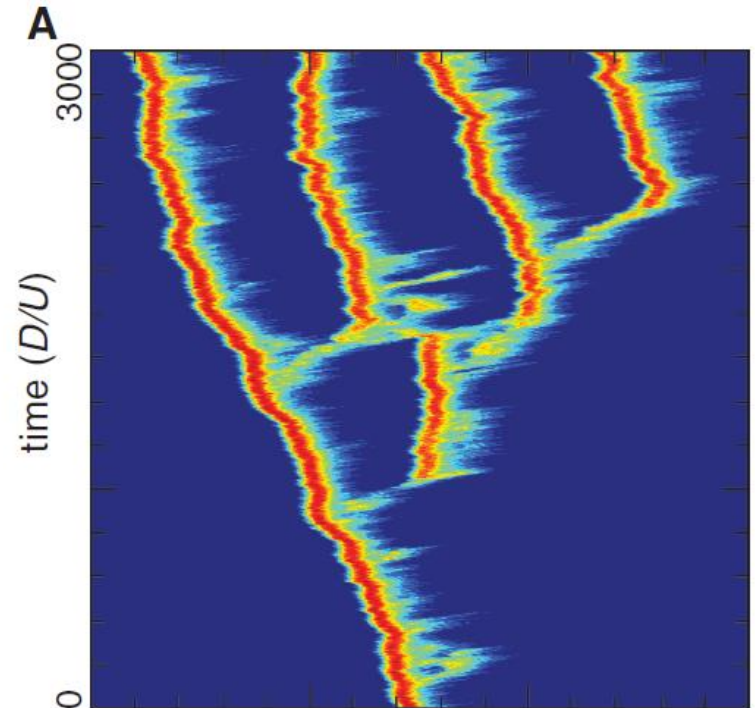
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Puff splitting in predator-prey systems



Puff-splitting in predator-prey ecosystem
in a pipe geometry

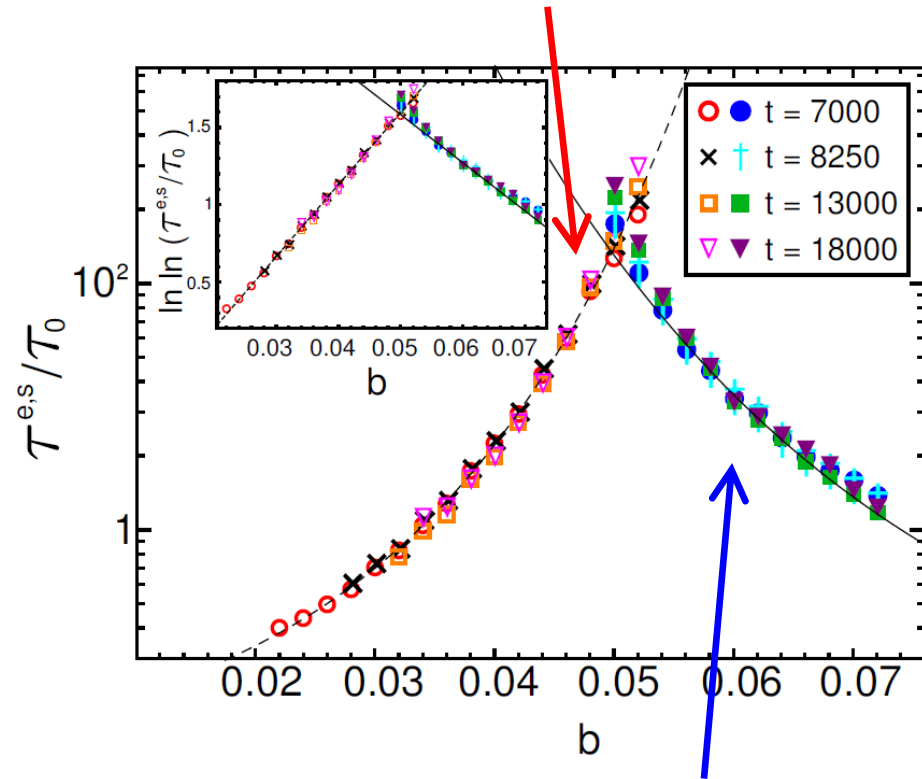


Puff-splitting in pipe turbulence
Avila et al., Science (2011)

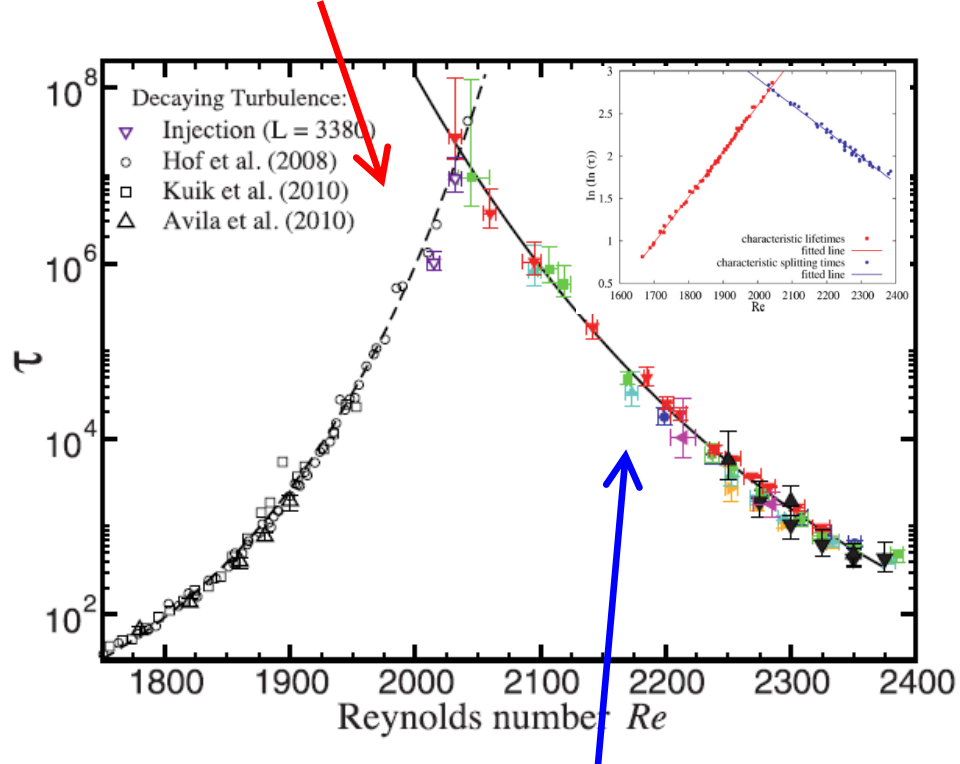
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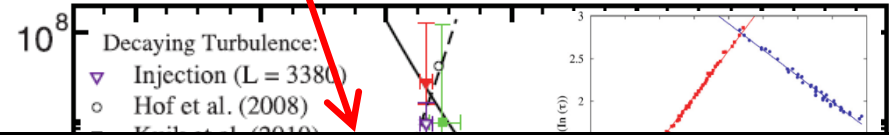
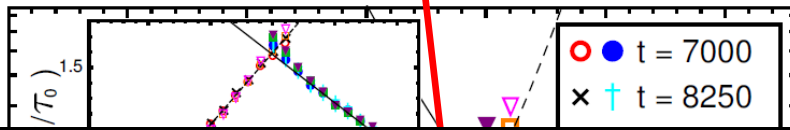


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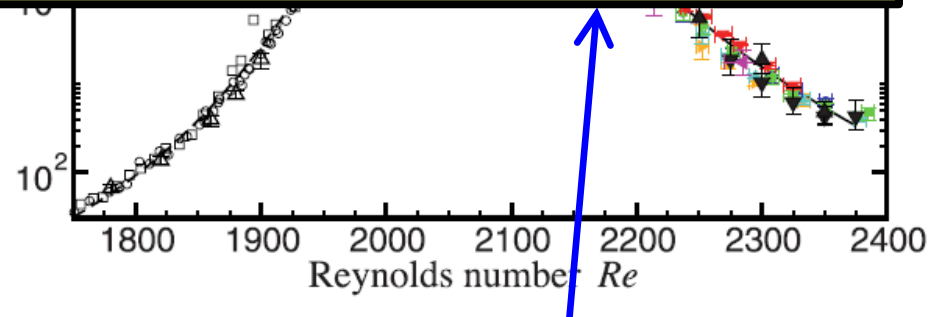
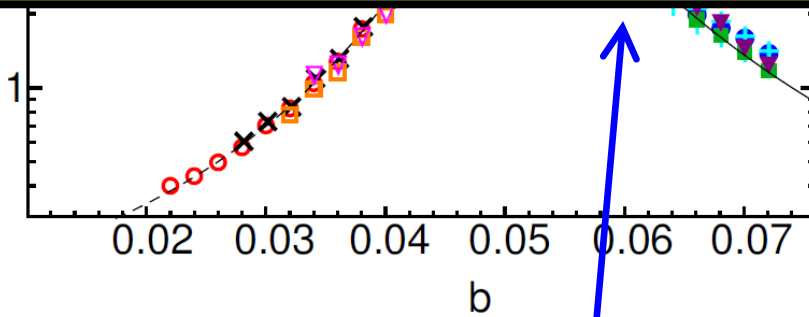
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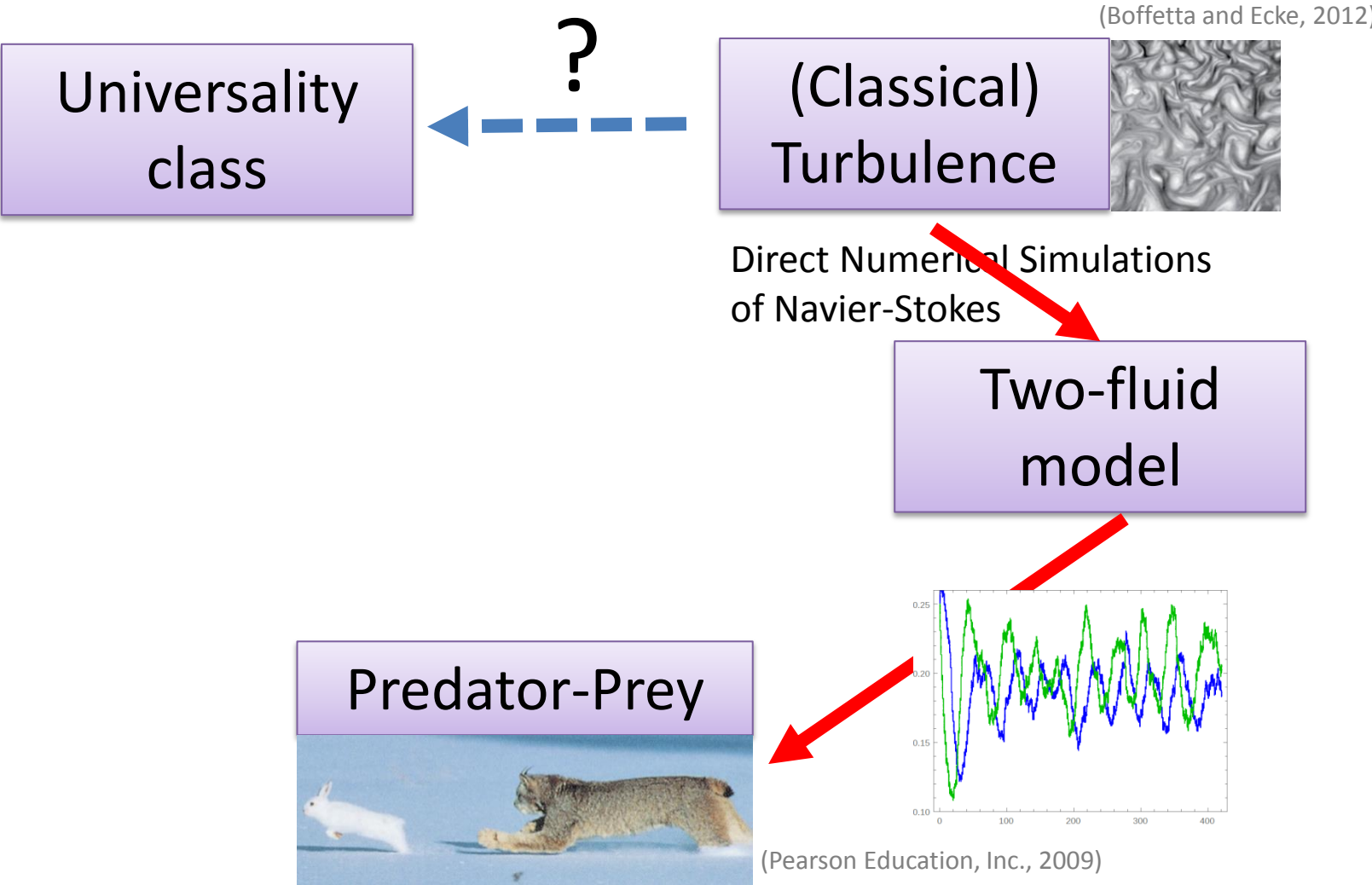
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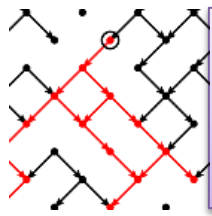
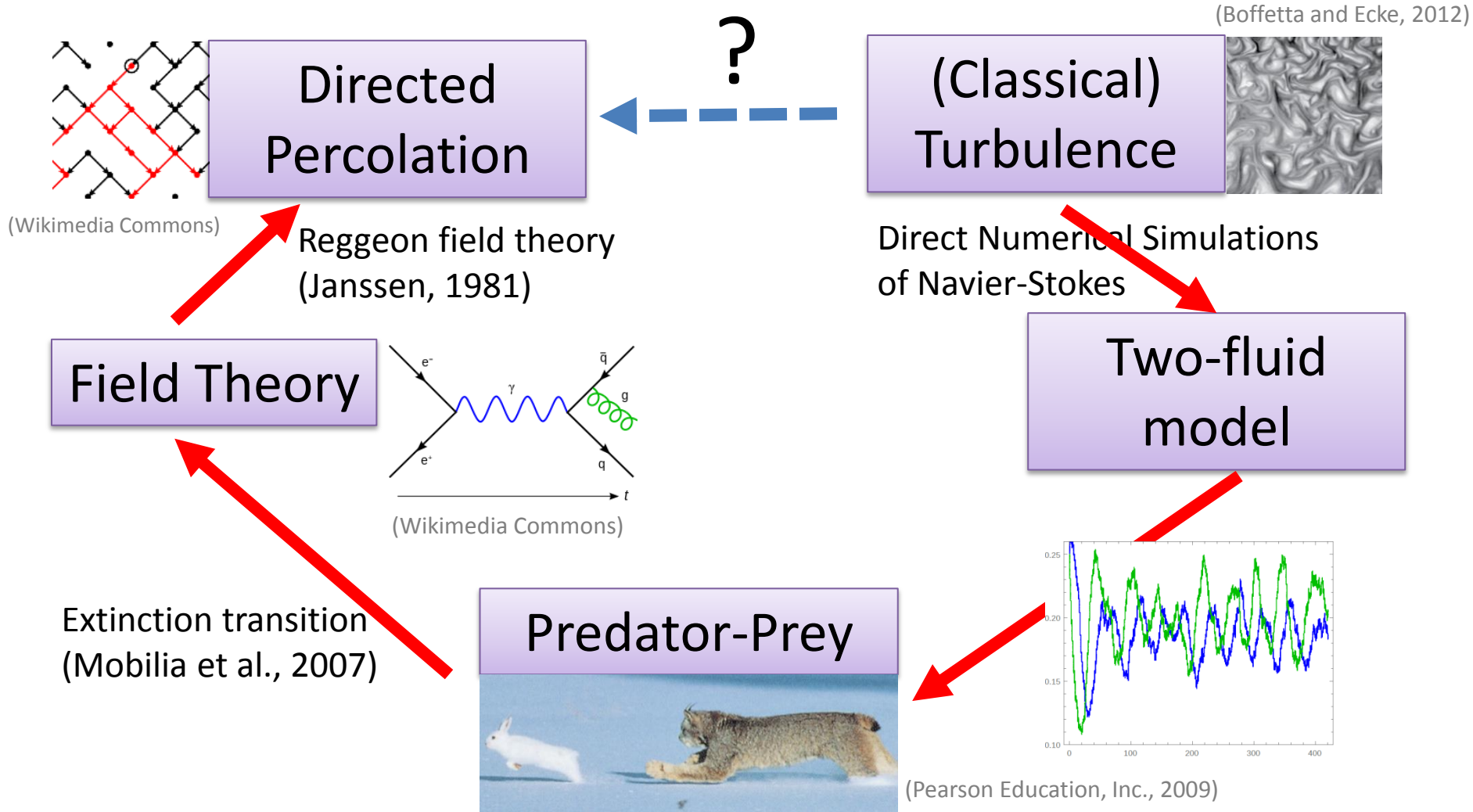
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Roadmap: Universality class of laminar-turbulent transition



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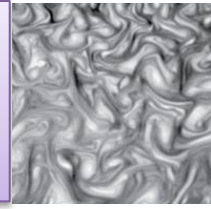
Directed Percolation

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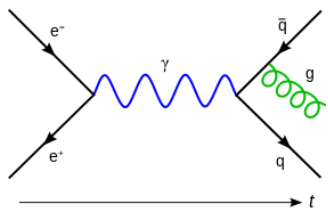
(Classical) Turbulence

(Boffetta and Ecke, 2012)

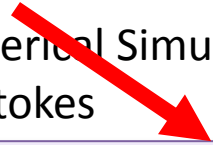


Reggeon field theory (Janssen, 1981)

Field Theory

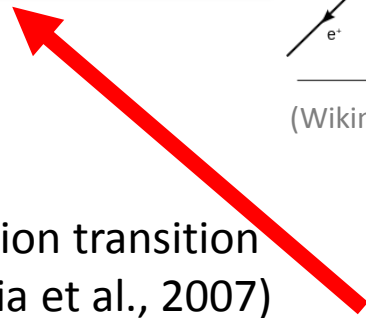


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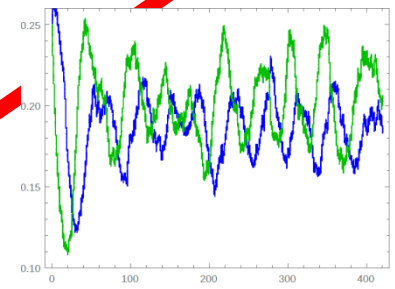
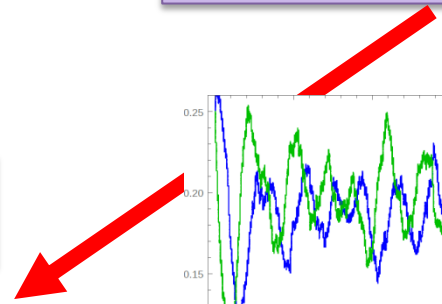
Direct Numerical Simulations of Navier-Stokes

Two-fluid model



Extinction transition (Mobilia et al., 2007)

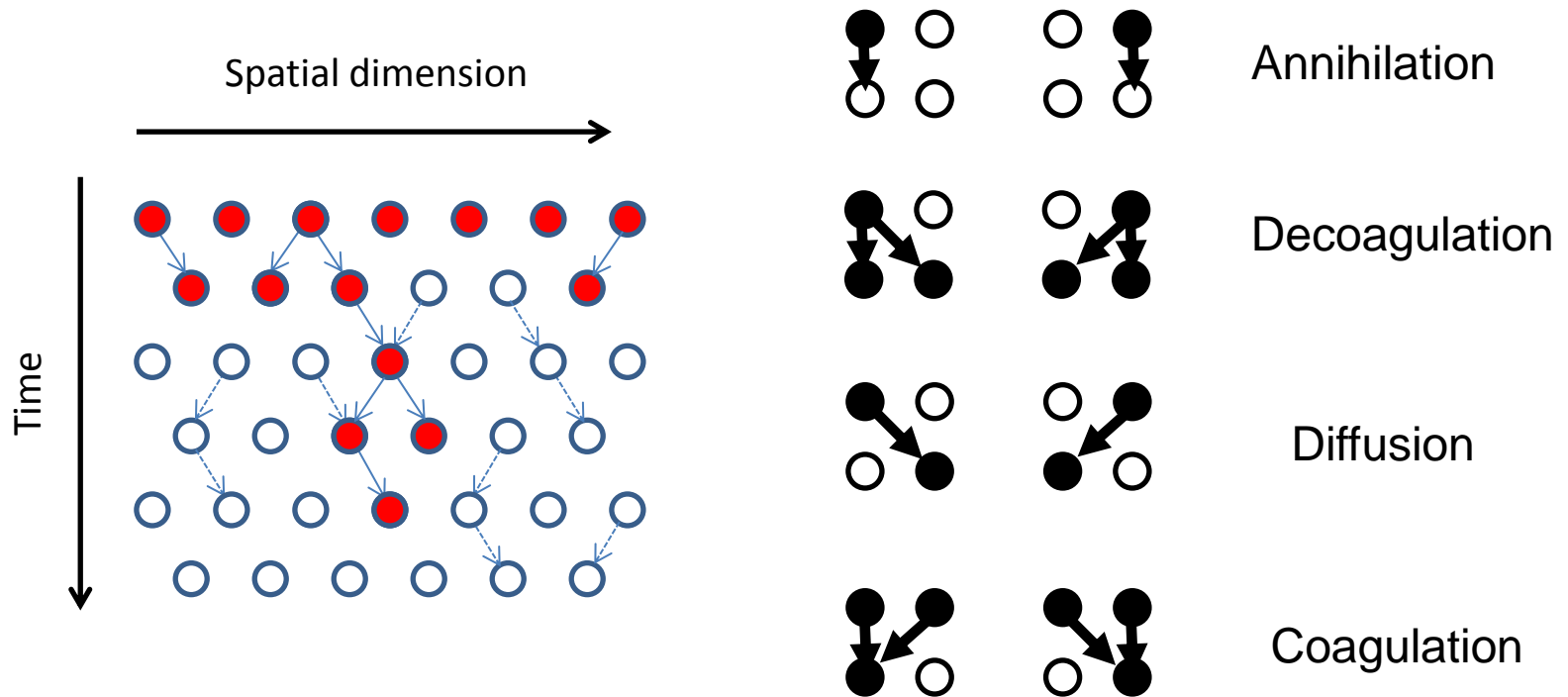
Predator-Prey



(Pearson Education, Inc., 2009)

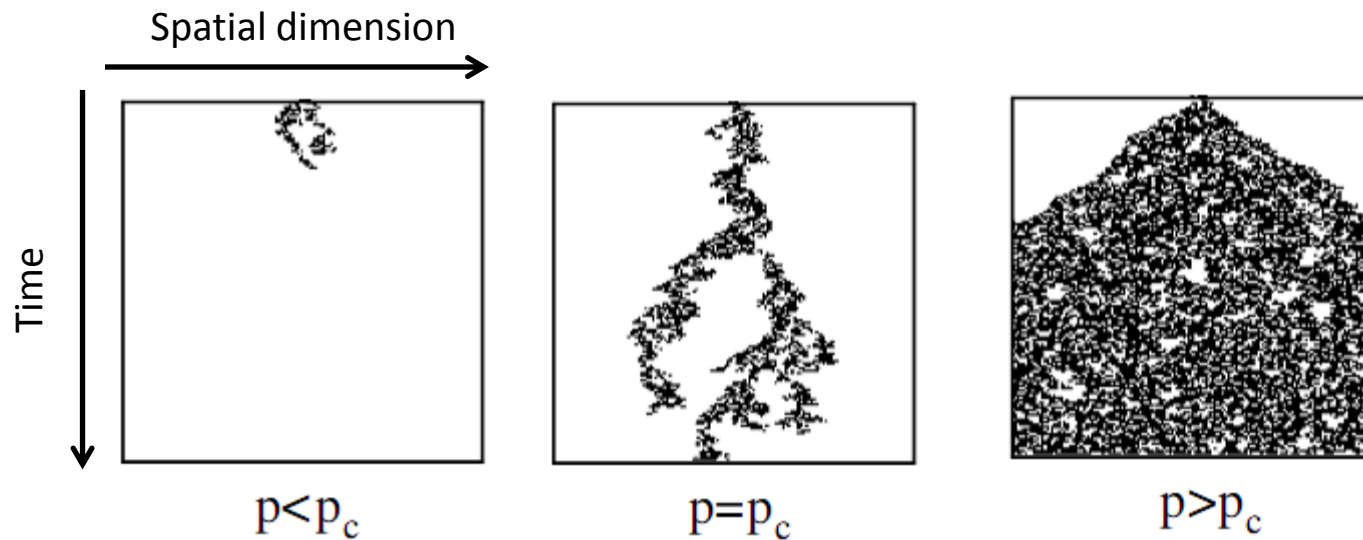
Directed percolation & the laminar-turbulent transition

- Turbulent regions can spontaneously relaminarize (go into an absorbing state).
- They can also contaminate their neighbourhood with turbulence. (Pomeau 1986)



Directed percolation transition

- A continuous phase transition occurs at p_c .



Hinrichsen (Adv. in Physics 2000)

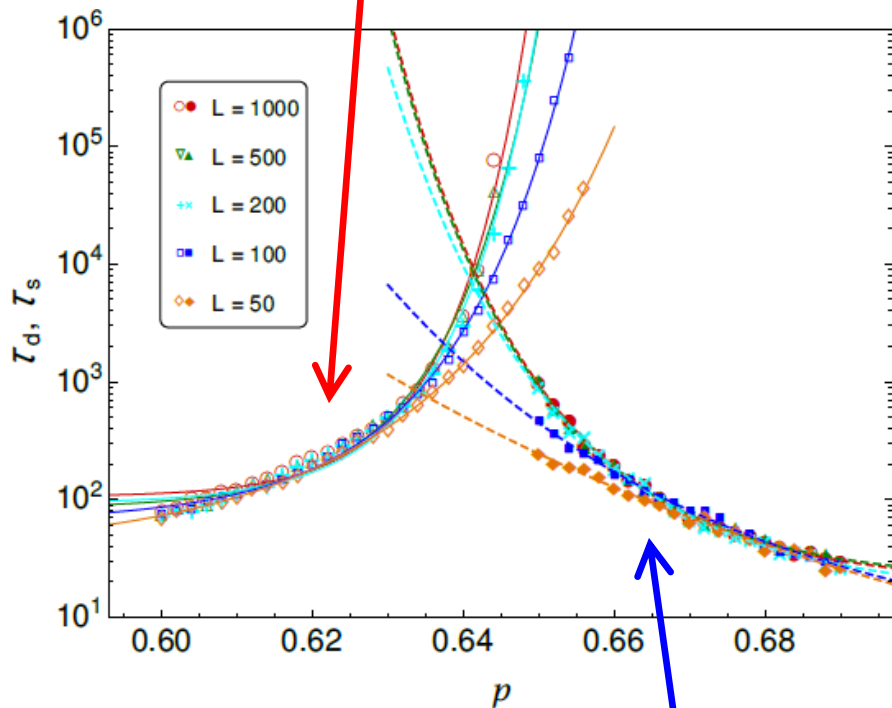
- Phase transition characterized by universal exponents:

$$\rho \sim (p - p_c)^\beta \quad \xi_\perp \sim (p - p_c)^{-\nu_\perp} \quad \xi_\parallel \sim (p - p_c)^{-\nu_\parallel}$$

Directed percolation vs. transitional turbulence

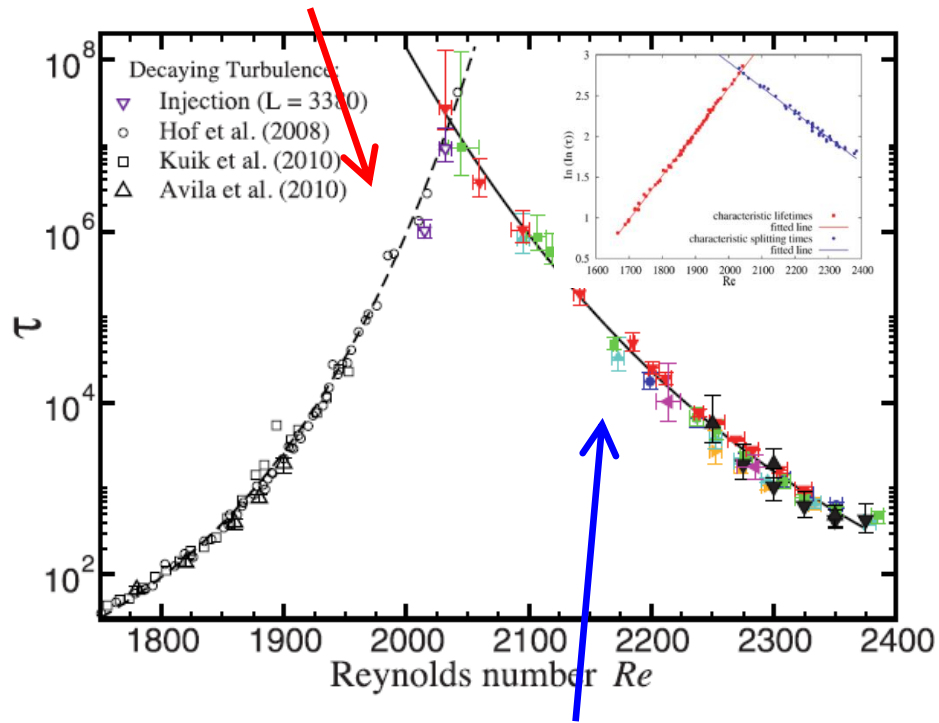
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Longest percolation path



Longest length of empty site

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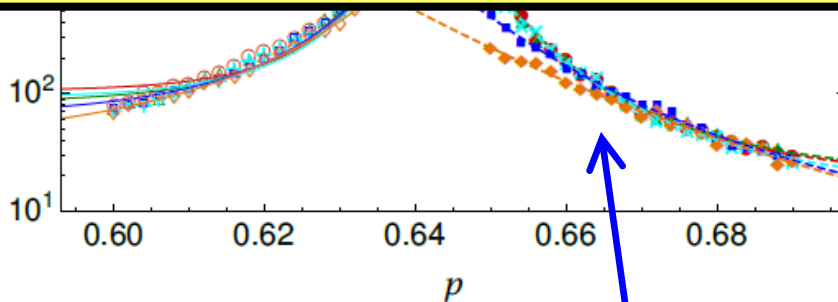
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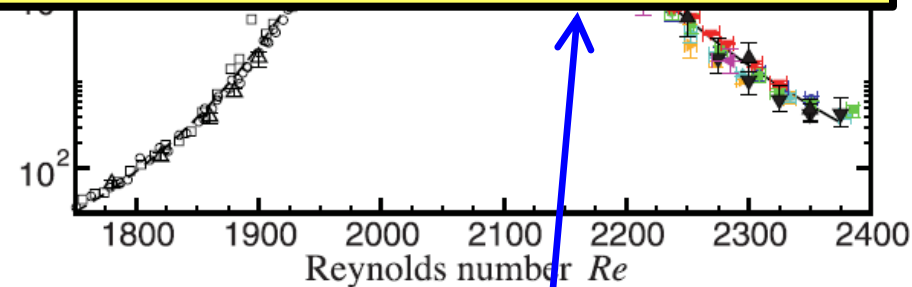
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Directed percolation also has super-exponential lifetime!



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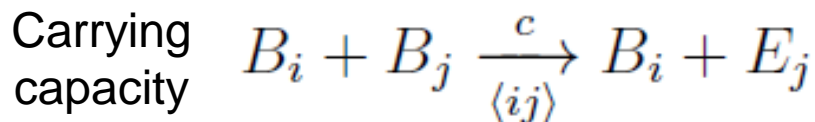
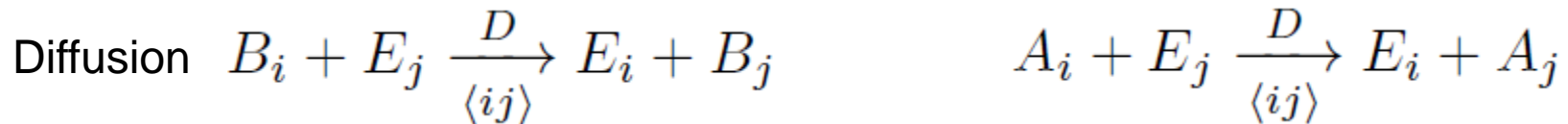
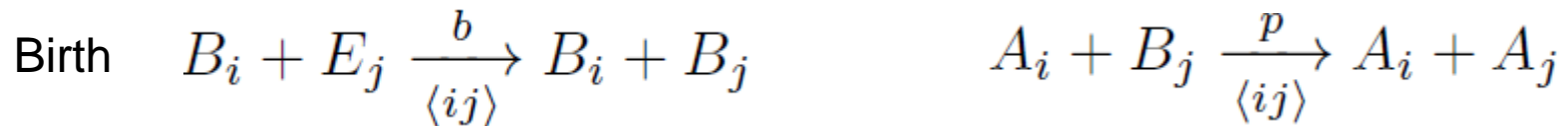
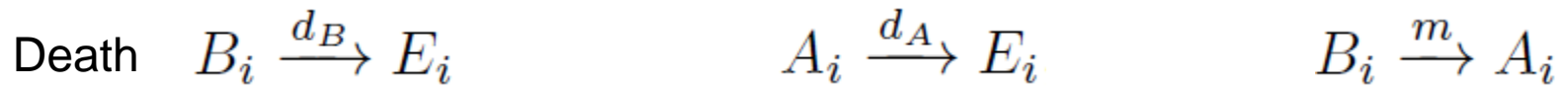
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Predator-prey & DP: connection?

- Near the laminar-turbulent transition, two important modes behave like predator-prey
- Near the laminar-turbulent transition, lifetime statistics grow super-exponentially with Re , behaving like directed percolation
- **How can both descriptions be valid?**

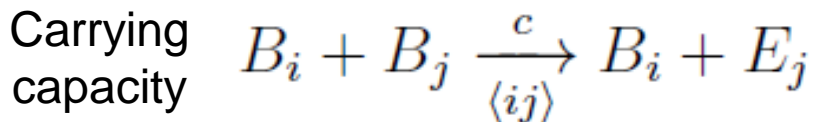
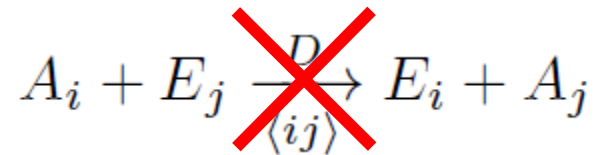
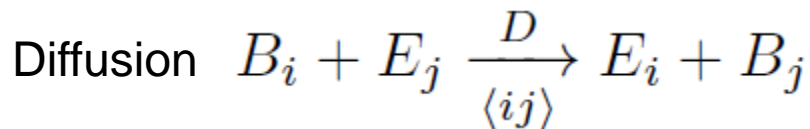
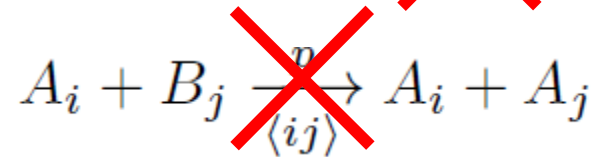
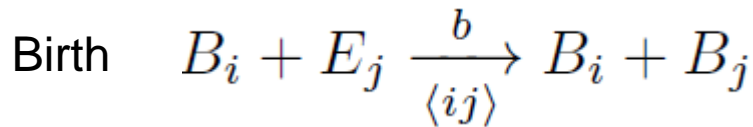
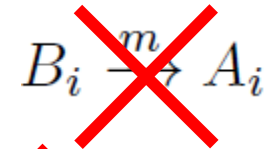
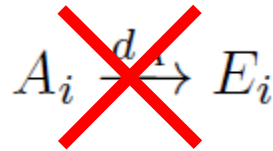
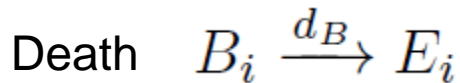
Universality class of predator-prey system near extinction

Basic individual processes in predator (A) and prey (B) system:



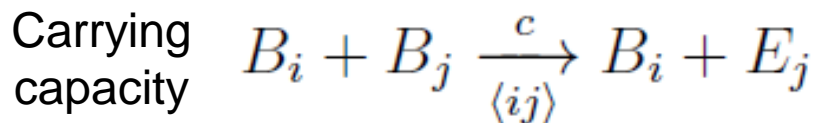
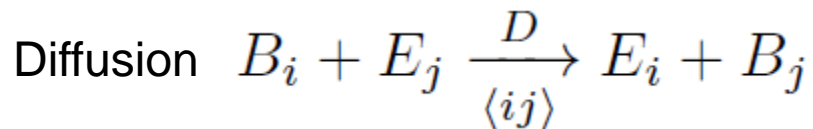
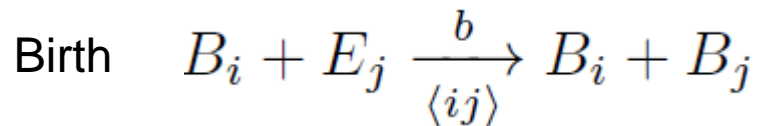
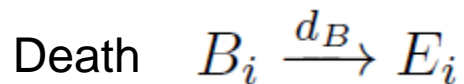
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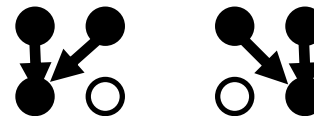
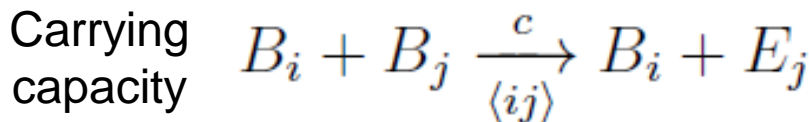
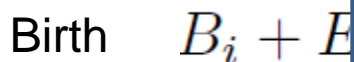
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Carrying capacity	$B_i + B_j \xrightarrow[\langle ij \rangle]{c} B_i + E_j$	$\begin{array}{cc} t & \bullet \quad \bullet \\ t+1 & \bullet \quad \circ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cc} t & \bullet \quad \bullet \\ t+1 & \circ \quad \bullet \end{array}$	Coagulation

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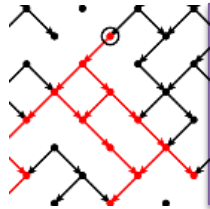
Near the extinction transition, stochastic predator-prey dynamics reduces to directed percolation



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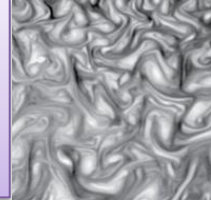
Summary: universality class of transitional turbulence

(Boffetta and Ecke, 2012)



Directed Percolation

(Classical) Turbulence

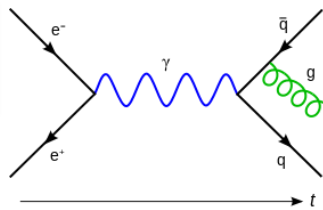


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Reggeon field theory
(Janssen, 1981)

Direct Numerical Simulations
of Navier-Stokes

Field Theory

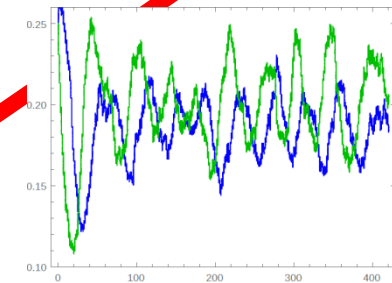


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Two-fluid model

Extinction transition
(Mobilia et al., 2007)

Predator-Prey



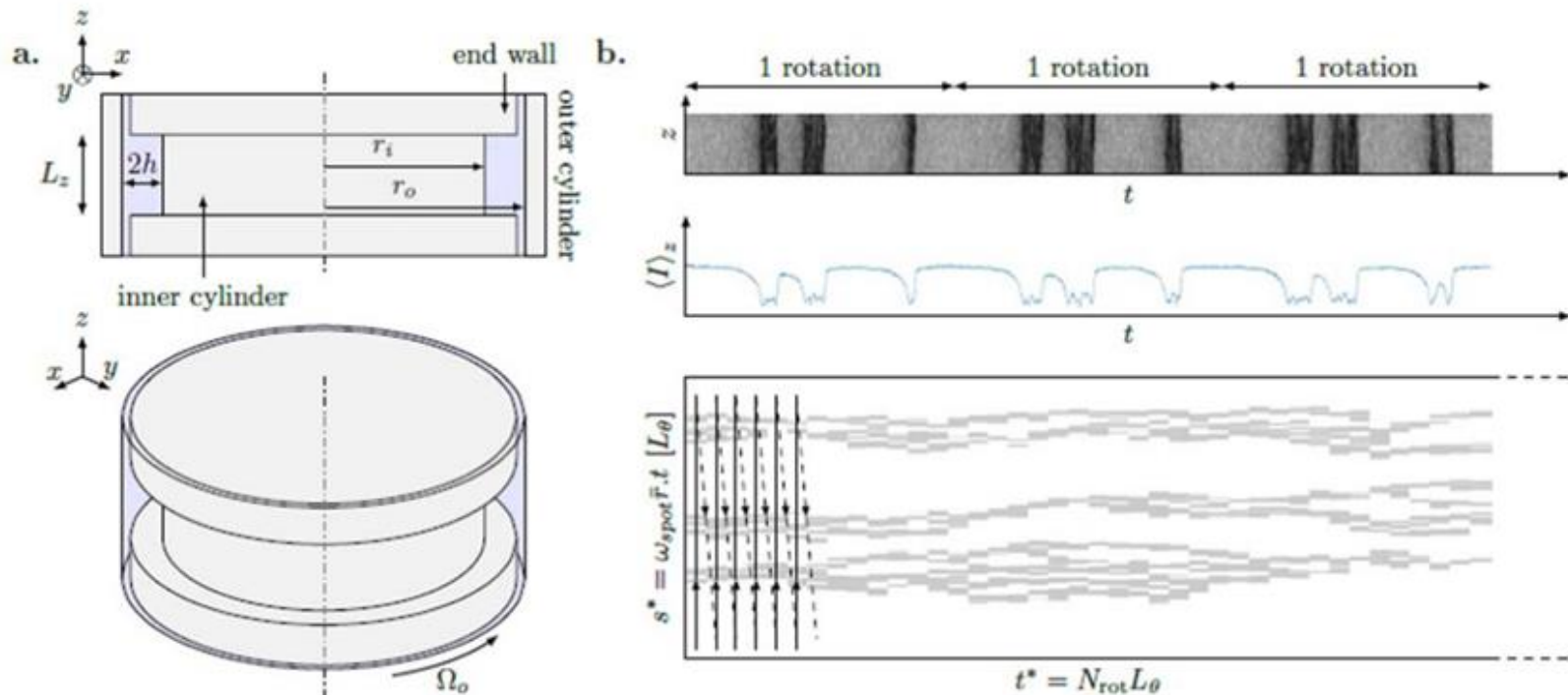
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**Experimental evidence for
directed percolation
in transitional turbulence
in different flow geometries**

Turbulence and directed percolation

Fluid between concentric cylinders, outer one rotating

Turbulent patches



Position of turbulent patches changes in time

Turbulence and directed percolation

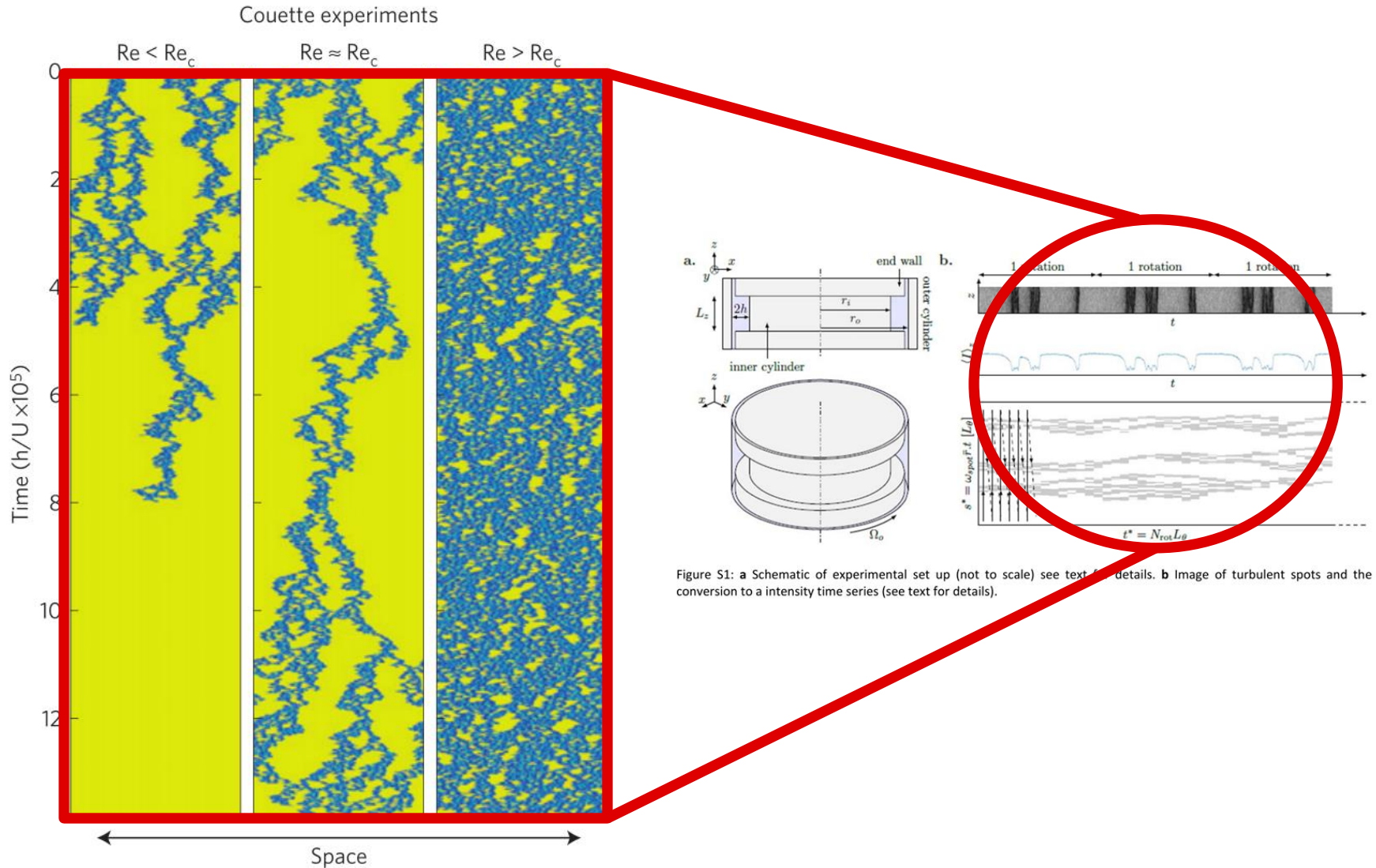
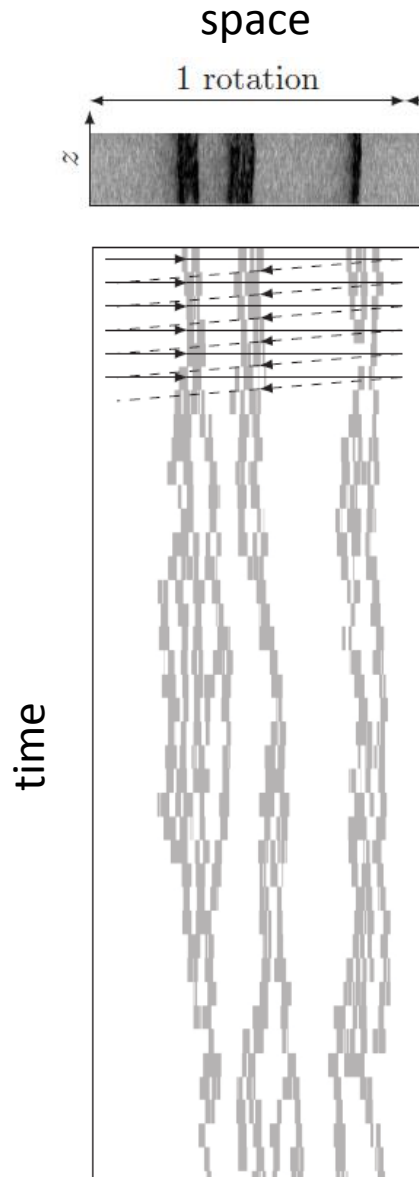
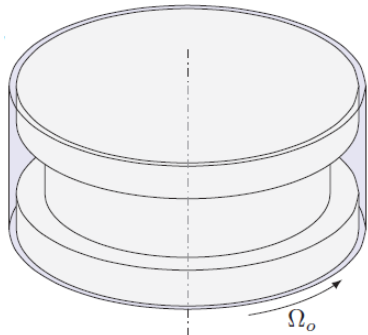


Figure S1: **a** Schematic of experimental set up (not to scale) see text for details. **b** Image of turbulent spots and the conversion to an intensity time series (see text for details).

Directed percolation in turbulence and ecology

Couette



space



Ecology



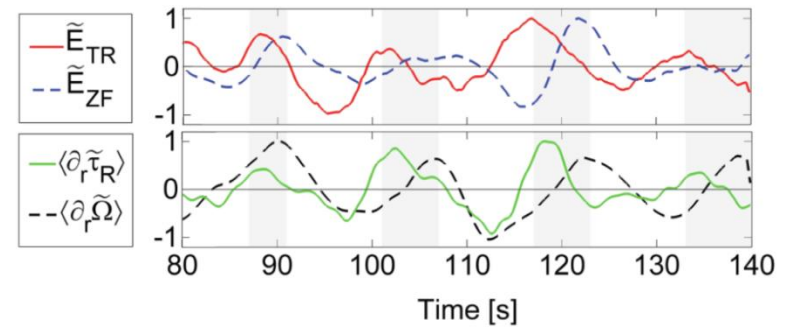
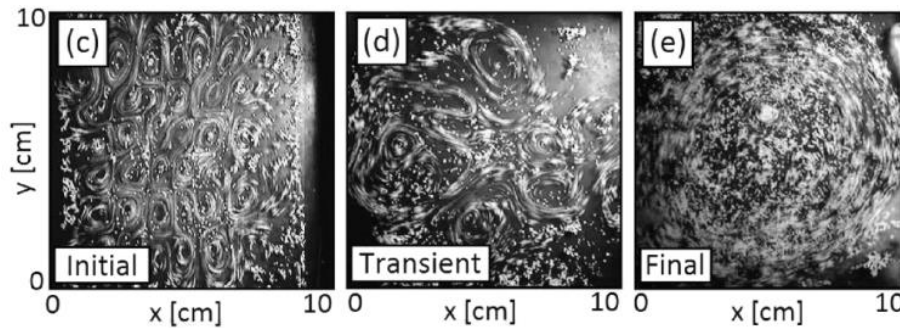
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**Experimental evidence for
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Universal predator-prey behavior in transitional turbulence experiments

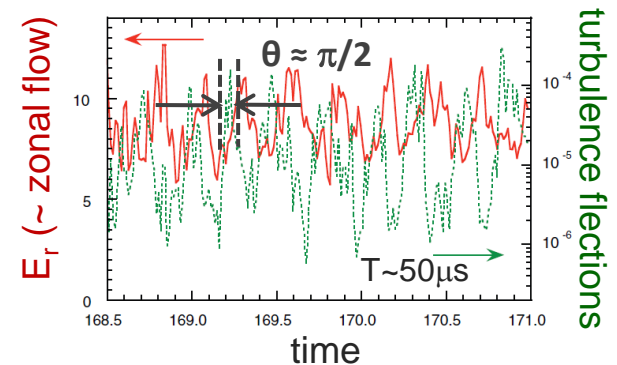
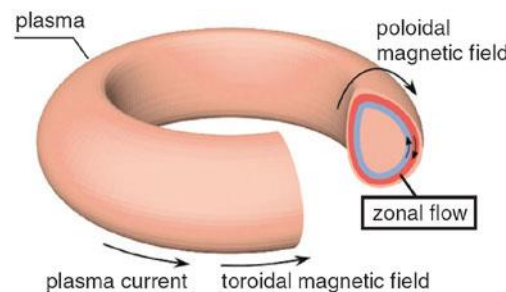
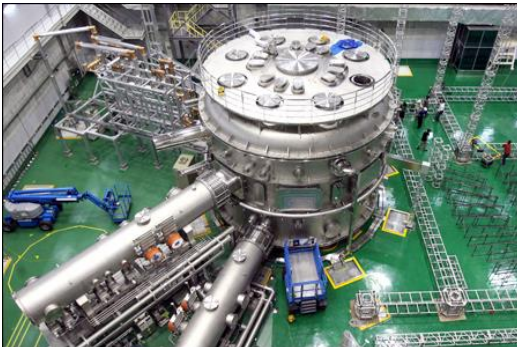
- 2D magnetized electroconvection

Bardoczi et al. *Phys. Rev E* (2012)



- L-H mode transition in fusion plasmas in tokamak

Estrada et al. *EPL* (2012)



Conclusion

- Transition to pipe turbulence is in the universality class of directed percolation, evidenced by:
 - Direct measurement of critical exponents and data collapse universal scaling functions in 1D Couette flow
 - DNS of stress-free Waleffe flow in 2D measures critical exponents and scaling functions
- How to derive universality class from hydrodynamics
 - Small-scale turbulence activates large-scale zonal flow which suppresses small-scale turbulence
 - Effective theory (“Landau theory”) is stochastic predator-prey ecosystem
 - Exact mapping: fluctuating predator-prey = Reggeon field theory = DP near extinction
- Super-exponential behavior of lifetime
 - Turbulence/DP/Predator-prey near extinction shows superexponential lifetime scaling for decay and splitting of puffs

Take-home message

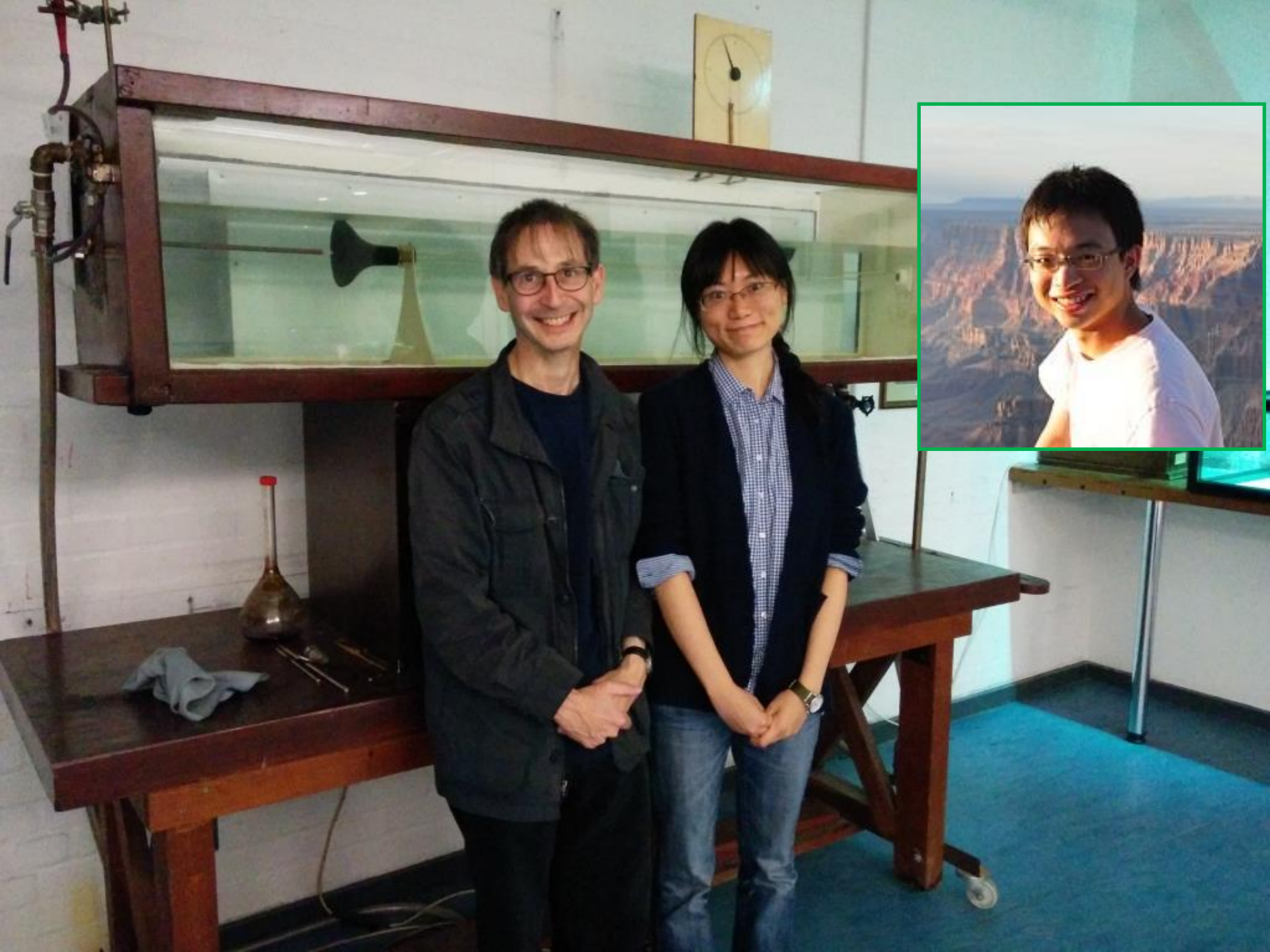
- The Navier-Stokes equations quantitatively obey non-equilibrium statistical mechanics at the onset of turbulence

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**Turbulence is a life force. It is opportunity.
Let's love turbulence and use it for change.**

Lucky Numbers 34, 15, 28, 4, 19, 20

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