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**Phase diagram of turbulent**  
**Taylor-Couette flow**

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# Phase diagram of turbulent Taylor-Couette flow

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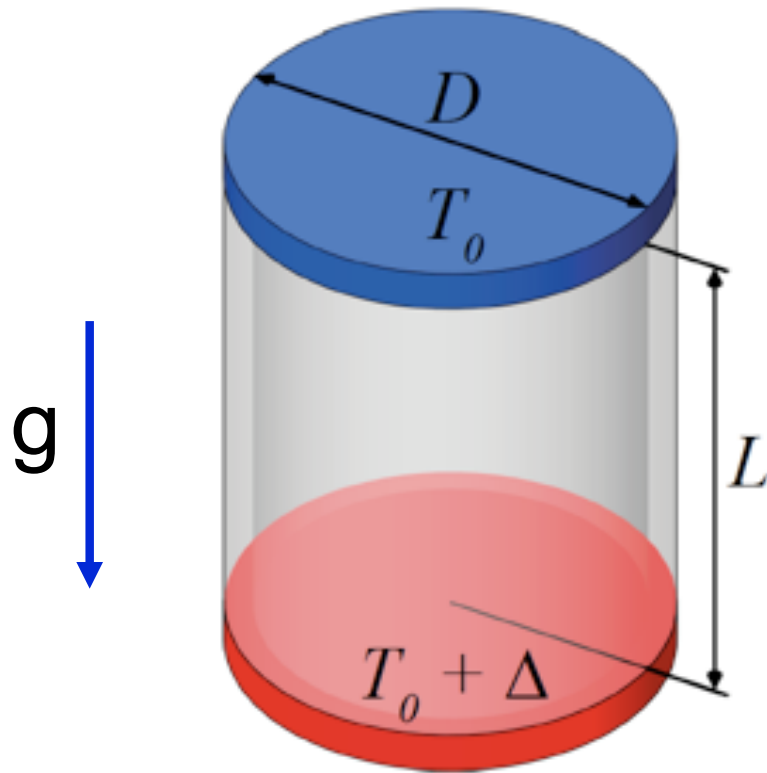
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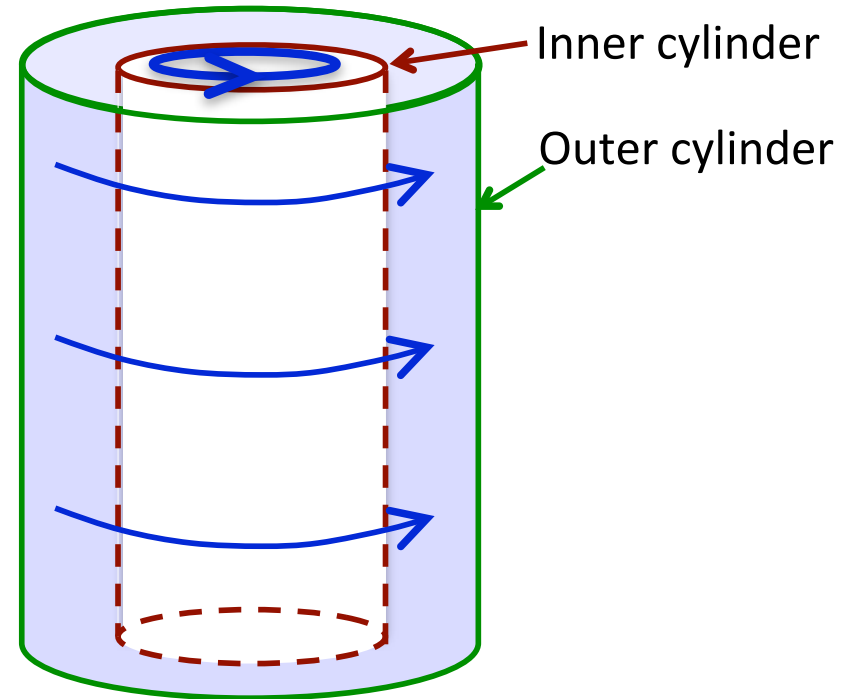
Physics of Fluids  
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# “Drosophila” of Physics of Fluids



## Rayleigh-Bénard:

Heat transfer



## Taylor-Couette:

Angular velocity transfer

-- closed systems -- global balances -- mathematically well defined

# Twente Turbulent Taylor-Couette ( $T^3C$ )



van Gils, Bruggert, Lathrop, Sun & Lohse, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 82, 025105 (2011)

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**Ideal systems to study turbulent  
boundary layer - bulk  
interaction**

## Viewpoint

### The Twins of Turbulence Research

**Friedrich H. Busse**

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Published January 9, 2012

*Two new experiments on fluid turbulence have attained conditions needed to establish asymptotic scalings for turbulent transports of heat and angular momentum.*

Subject Areas: **Fluid Dynamics**

#### **A Viewpoint on:**

##### **Transition to the Ultimate State of Turbulent Rayleigh-Bénard Convection**

Xiaozhou He, Denis Funfschilling, Holger Nobach, Eberhard Bodenschatz, and Guenter Ahlers

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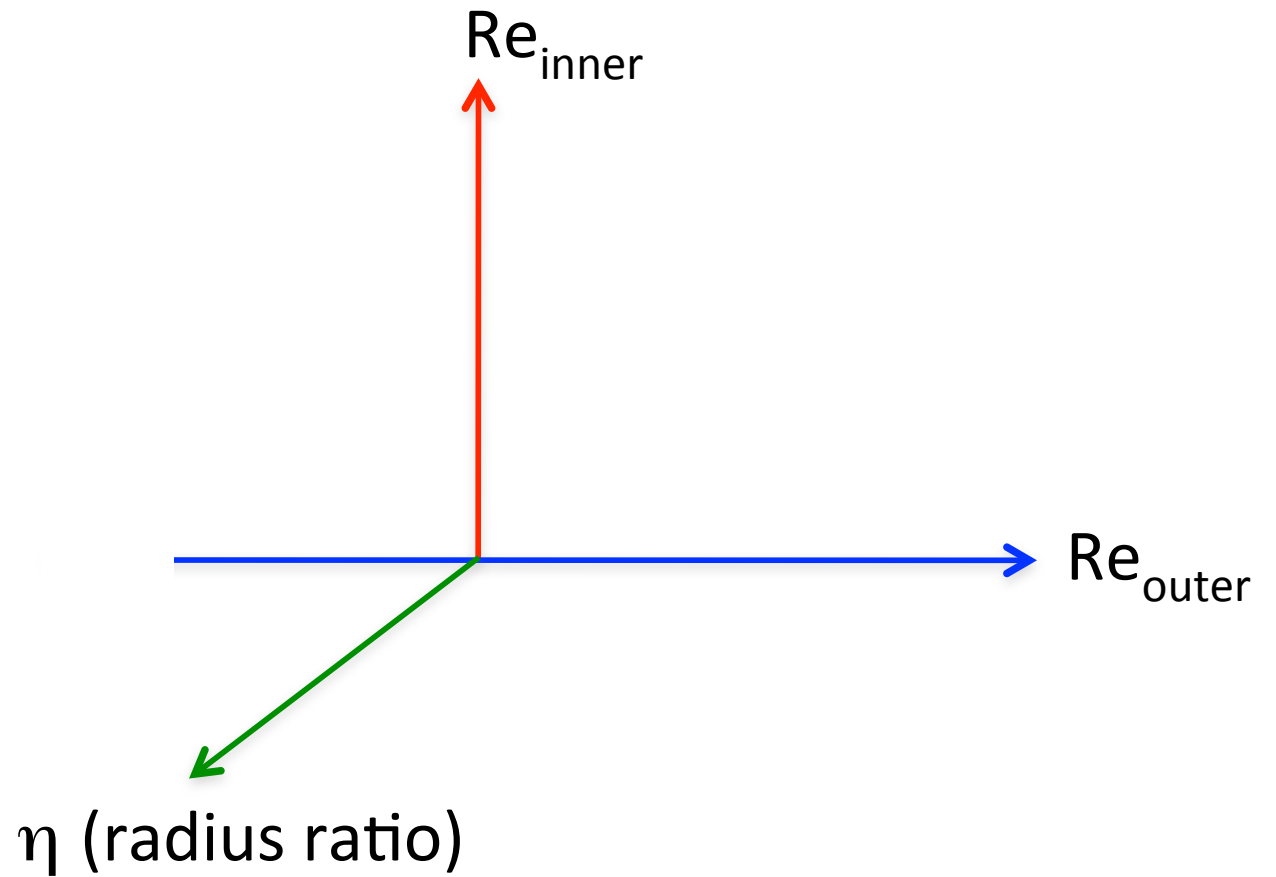
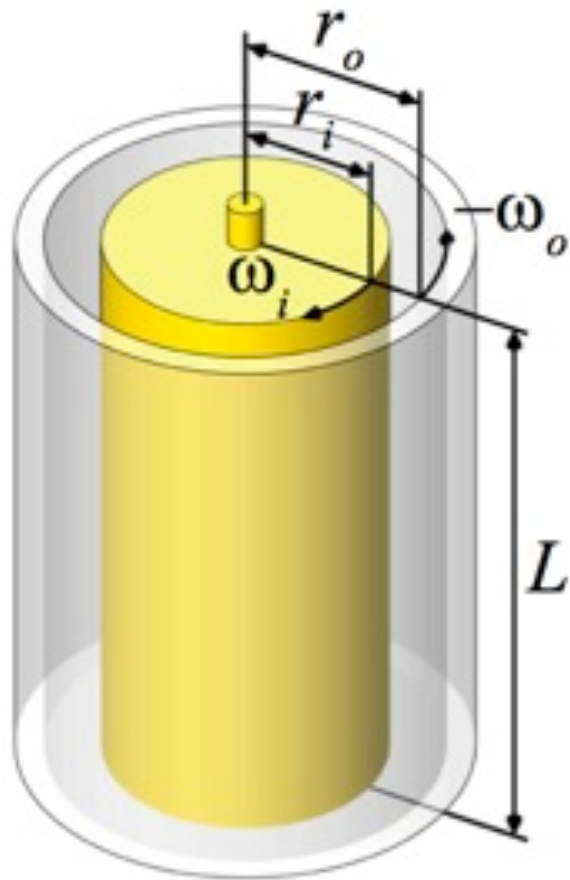
##### **Ultimate Turbulent Taylor-Couette Flow**

Sander G. Huisman, Dennis P. M. van Gils, Siegfried Grossmann, Chao Sun, and Detlef Lohse

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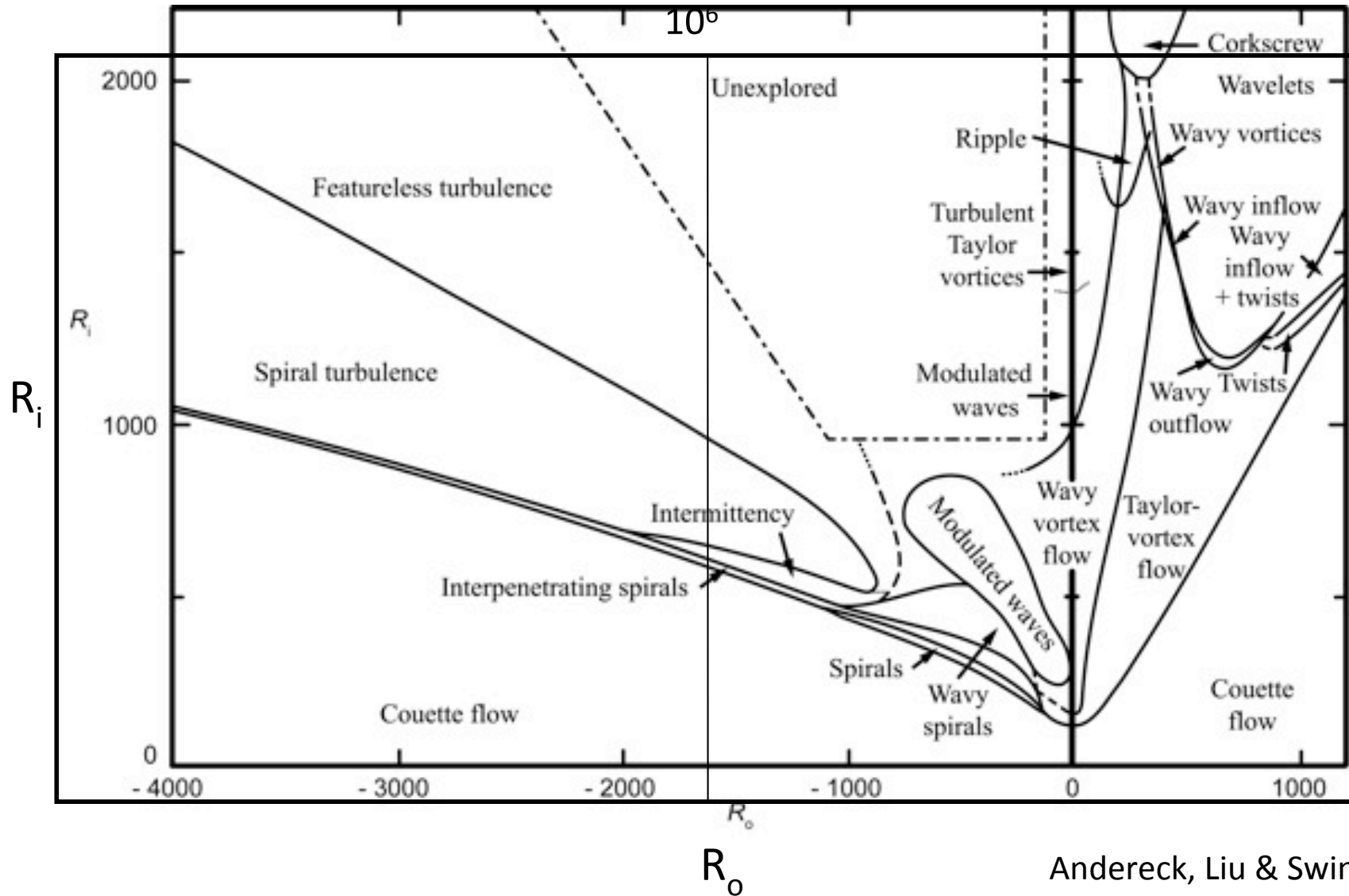


# Taylor-Couette: parameter space



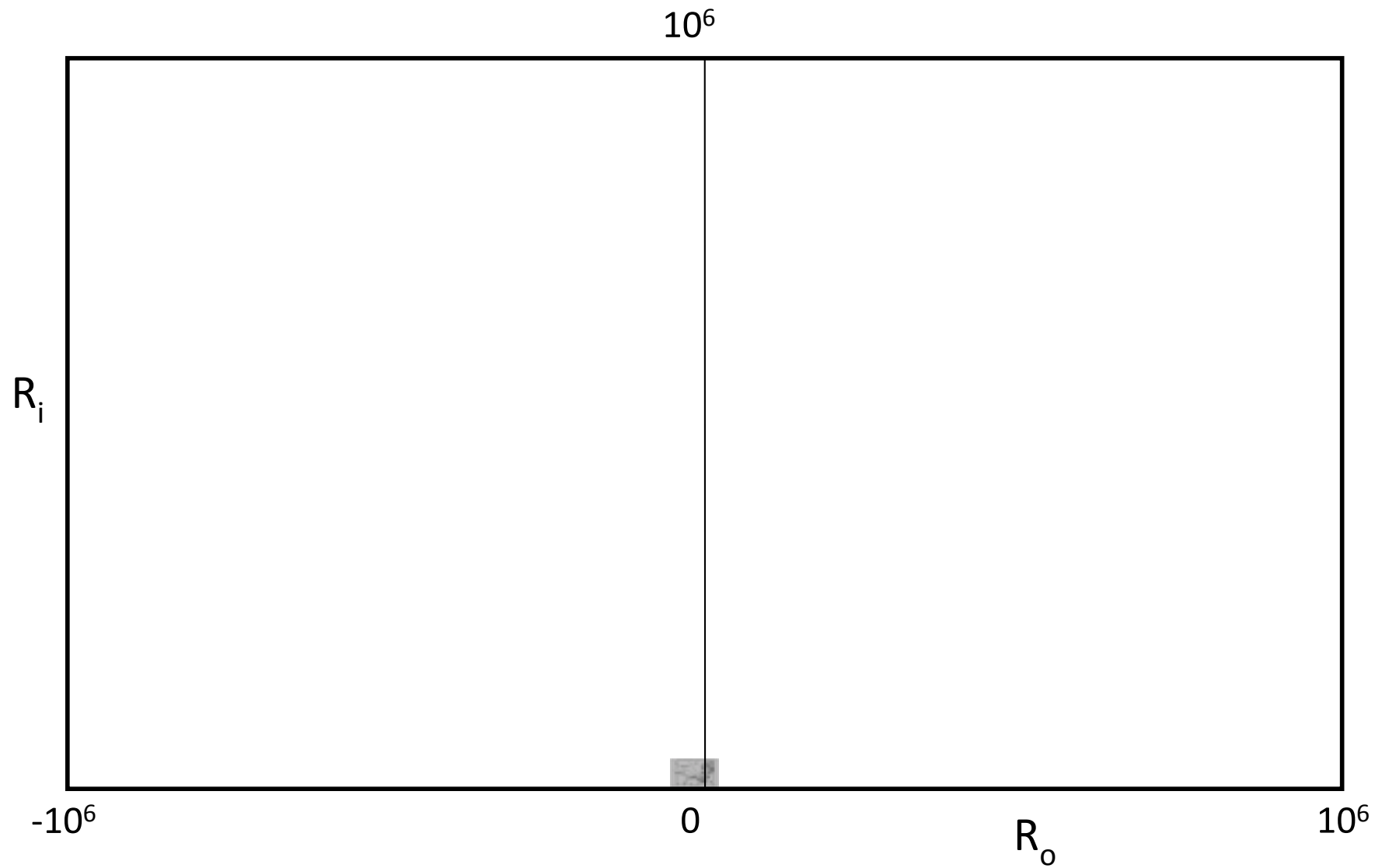
# Parameter space of T<sup>3</sup>C

## Rich flow structures

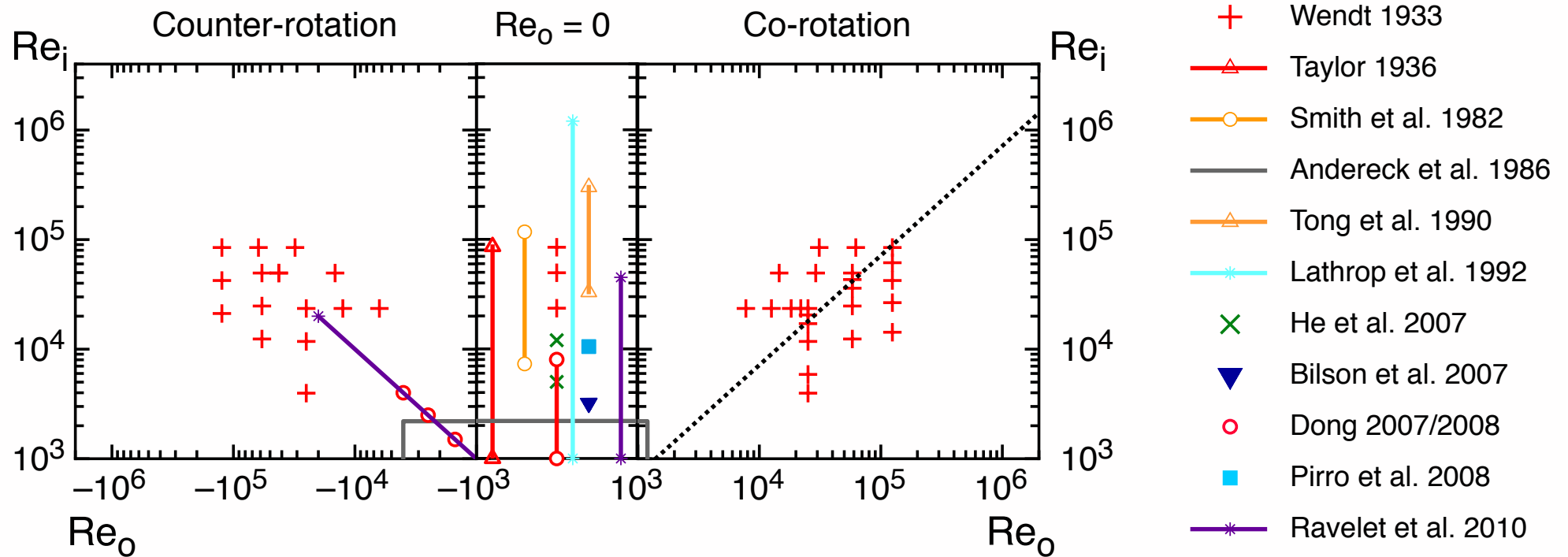


Andereck, Liu & Swinney,  
J. Fluid Mech. 164, 155 (1986)

# Parameter space of T<sup>3</sup>C

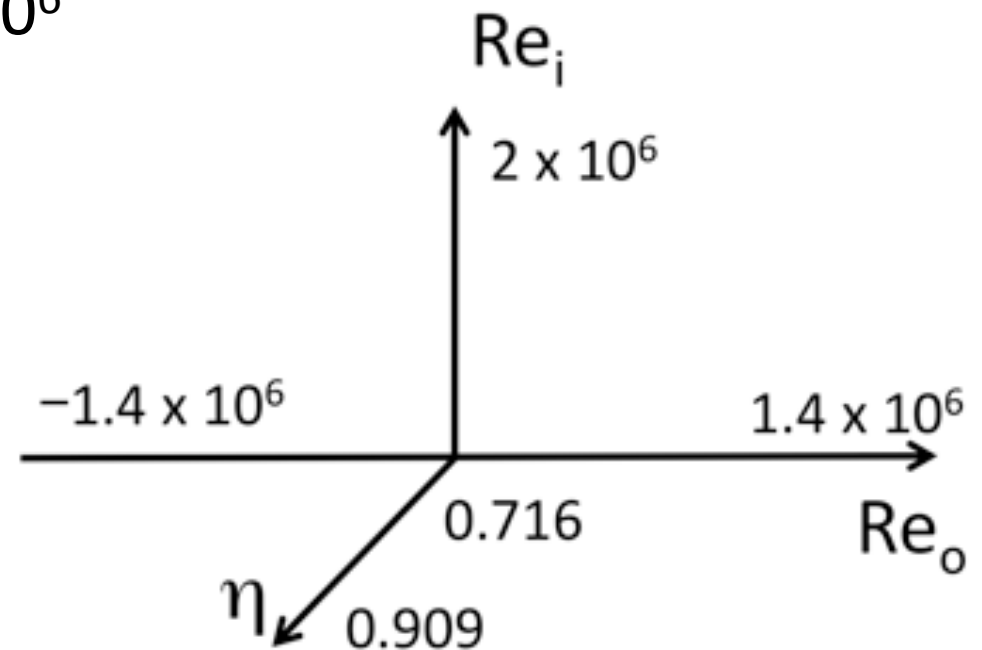


# Experimentally explored parameters ~2010

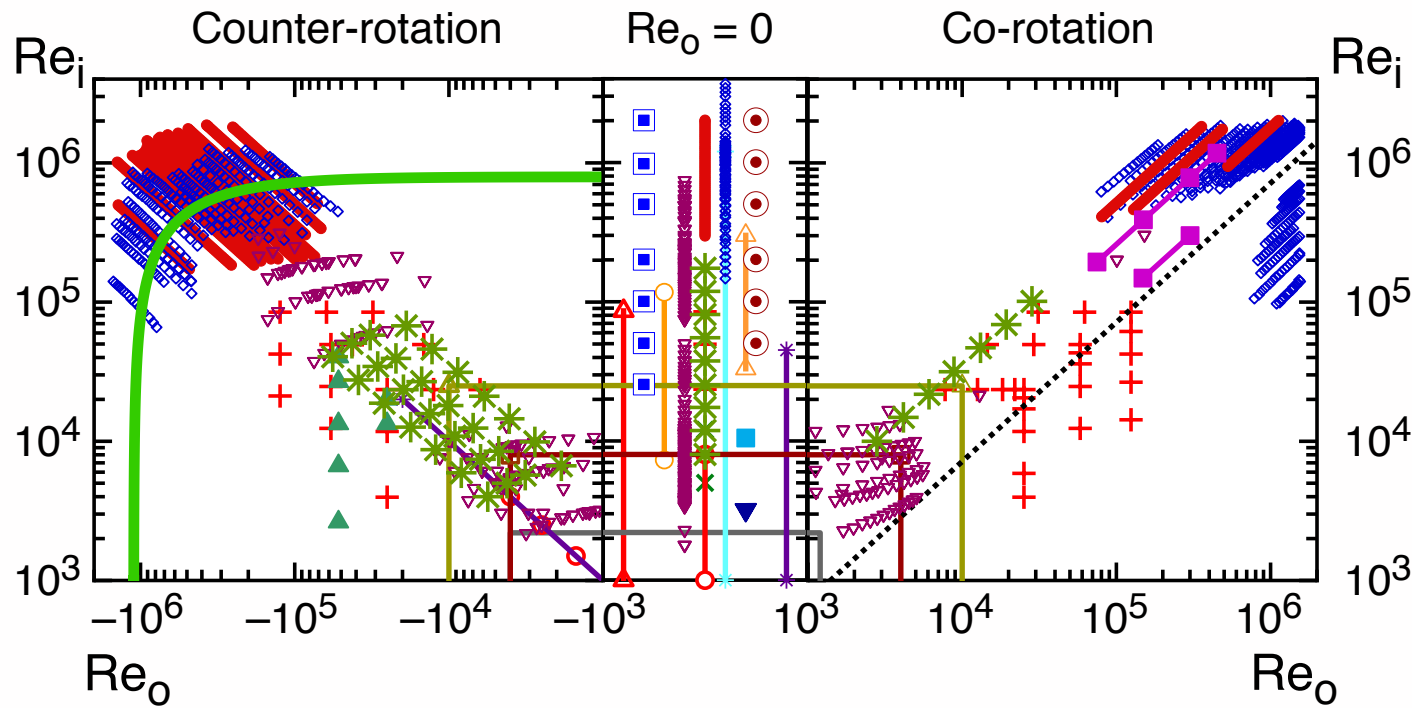


# T<sup>3</sup>C: parameter space

- Independently rotating cylinders  
IC 20 Hz, OC 10 Hz
- Max. Reynolds number  
counter rotation:  $3.4 \times 10^6$   
pure IC rotation:  $2.0 \times 10^6$   
pure OC rotation:  $1.4 \times 10^6$
- Variable radius ratio  $\eta$
- 111 liters of liquid
- 1K/minute heating!!
- 20 kW cooling



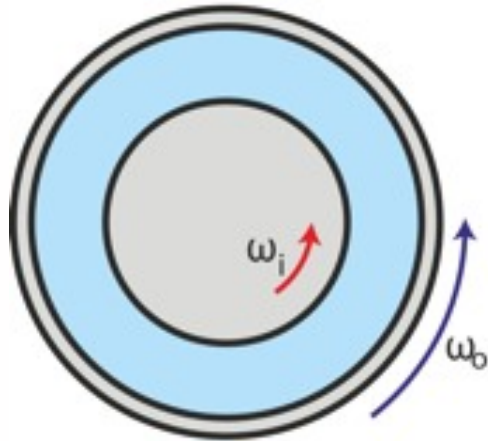
# The status now



- + Wendt 1933
- △ Taylor 1936
- Smith et al. 1982
- Andereck et al. 1986
- △ Tong et al. 1990
- \* Lathrop et al. 1992
- × He et al. 2007
- ▼ Bilson et al. 2007
- Dong 2007/2008
- Pirro et al. 2008
- \* Ravelet et al. 2010
- ◇ Paoletti et al. 2011
- van Gils et al. 2011/2012
- ▲ van Hout et al. 2011
- Schartman et al. 2012
- ⊙ Huisman et al. 2012
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- Ostilla et al. 2013
- △ Brauckmann et al. 2013
- ▽ Merbold et al. 2013
- × Ostilla et al. 2014a
- Huisman et al. 2014
- \*— Ostilla et al. 2014b
- ⋯ Solid-body ( $\eta=0.72$ )

# Navier–Stokes equation & BCs

Lab frame

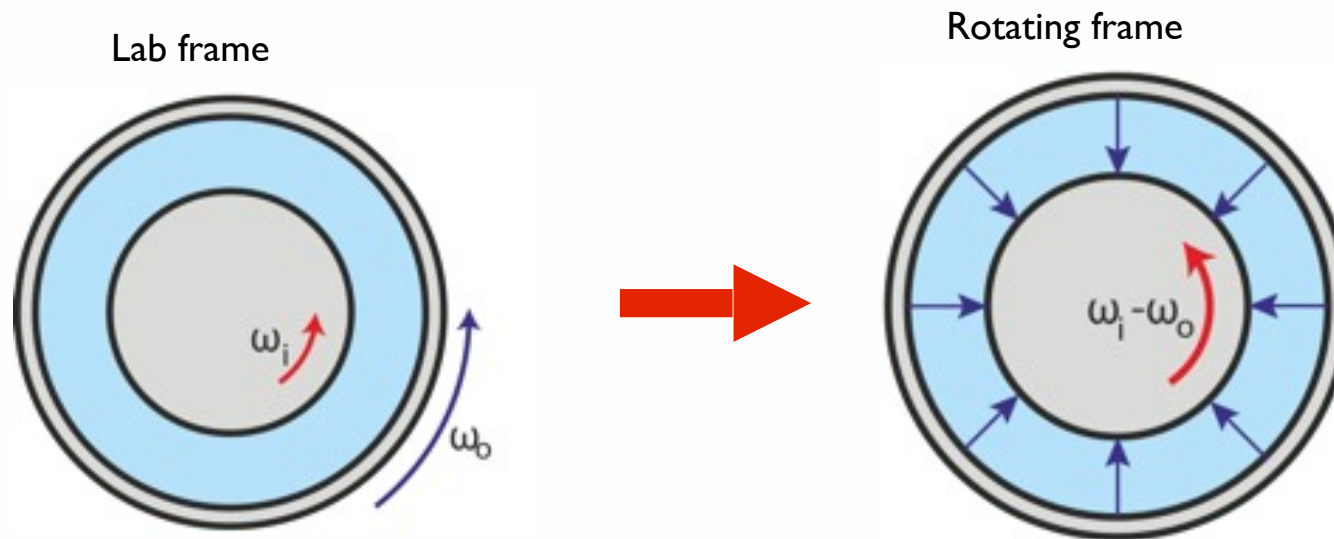


$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$U_\theta(r_i) = r_i \omega_i$$

$$U_\theta(r_o) = r_o \omega_o$$

# Change of frame of reference: Outer cylinder rotation as Coriolis force



$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$U_\theta(r_i) = r_i \omega_i$$

$$U_\theta(r_o) = r_o \omega_o$$

$$d = r_o - r_i$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + 2\omega_o \times \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$U_\theta(r_i) = r_i(\omega_i - \omega_o) \equiv U$$

$$U_\theta(r_o) = 0$$



# Outer cylinder rotation as Coriolis force

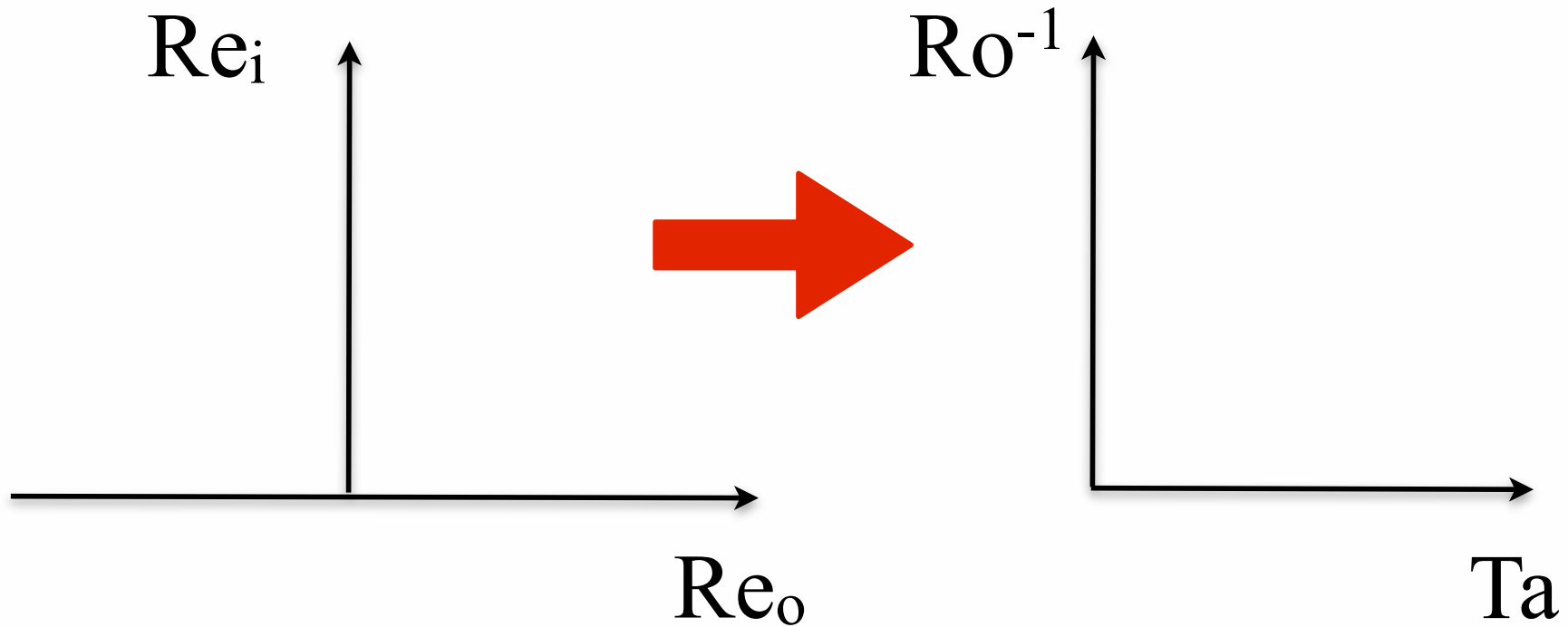
Navier-Stokes equation in dimensionless form:

$$\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}} + Ro^{-1} \mathbf{e}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{u}} = -\hat{\nabla} \hat{p} + Re_s^{-1} \hat{\nabla}^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$Ro^{-1} = \frac{2\omega_o(r_o - r_i)}{r_i(\omega_i - \omega_o)} \quad Re_s = \frac{r_i(\omega_i - \omega_o)(r_o - r_i)}{\nu}$$

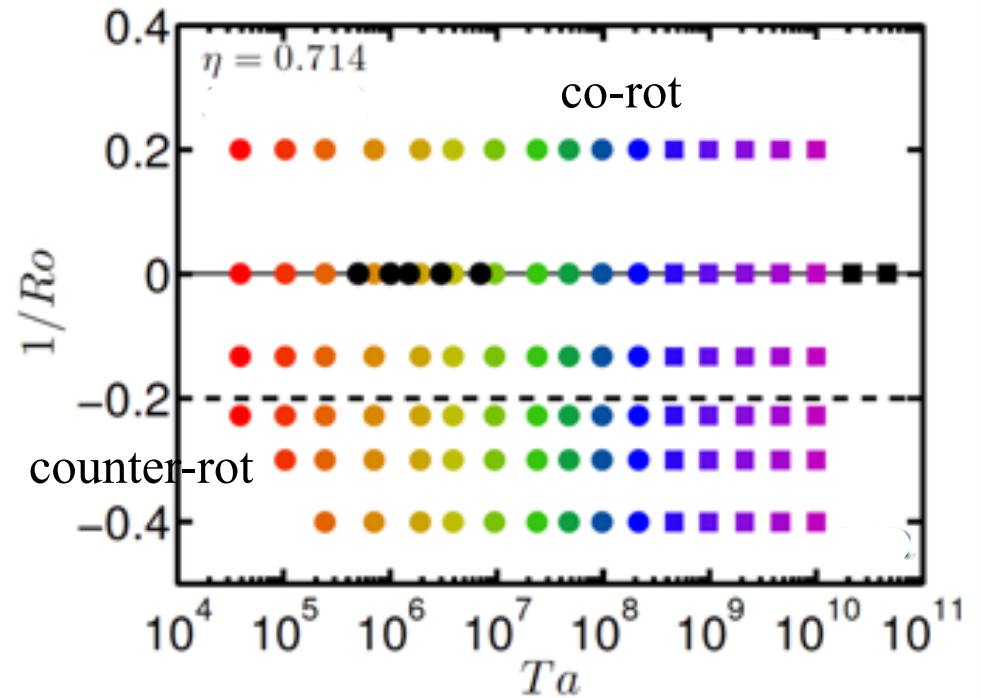
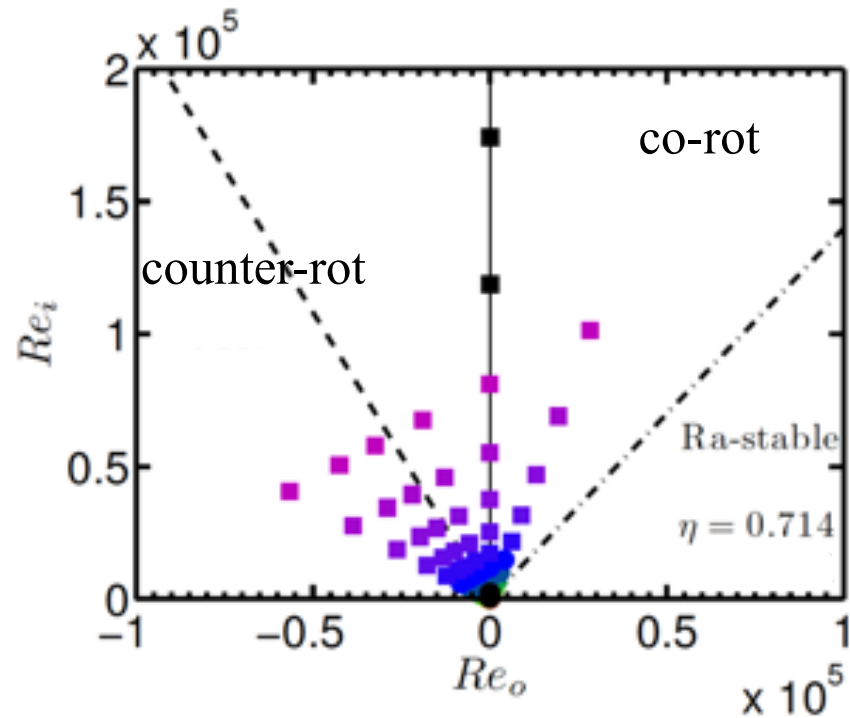
$$Ta = \frac{1}{4} \sigma (r_o - r_i)^2 (r_i + r_o)^2 (\omega_i - \omega_o)^2 \nu^{-2} \propto Re_s^2$$

**This suggests as control parameters:**



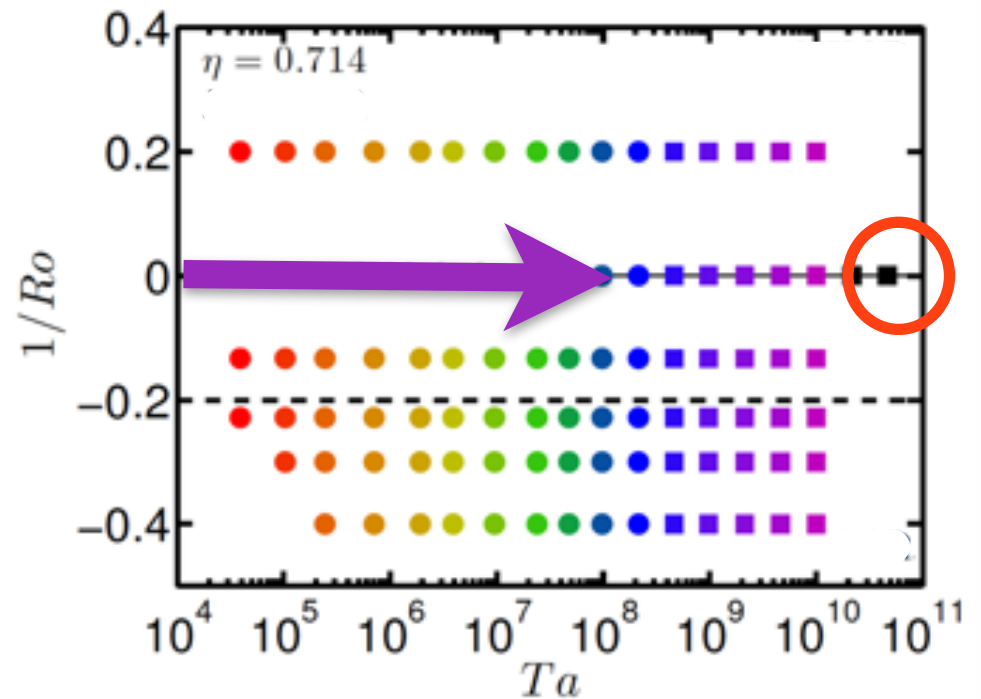
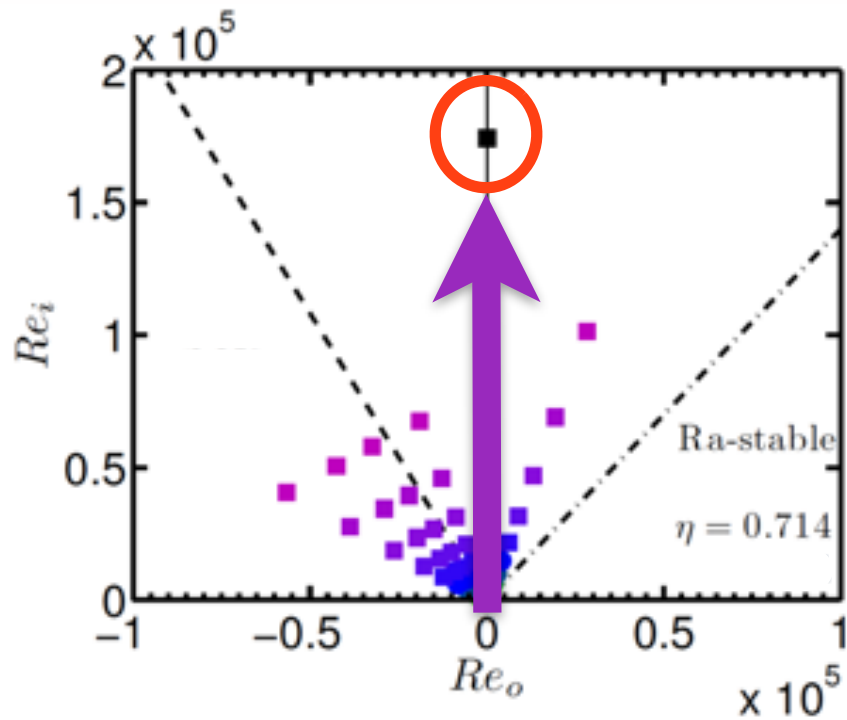
(fixed  $\eta$ )

# Explore control parameters numerically



thanks to Prace project ...

**First: Fixed outer cylinder:  
 $Ro^{-1}=0$  or  $Re_o=0$   
Then increase  $Ta$  or  $Re_i$**



# Global flow properties: Angular velocity transfer $Nu_\omega$

Conserved: angular velocity flux

$$J_\omega = r^3 \left[ \langle u_r \omega \rangle_{A,t} - \nu \partial_r \langle \omega \rangle_{A,t} \right]$$

$$Nu_\omega = J_\omega / J_{\omega, \text{lam}}$$

## RB

Conserved: heat flux

$$J = \langle u_z \theta \rangle_{A,t} - \kappa \partial_z \langle \theta \rangle_{A,t}$$

$$Nu = J / J_{\text{conductive}}$$

Driven by:

$$Ra = \frac{\beta g \Delta L^3}{\kappa \nu}$$

$$\text{Scaling: } Nu \propto Ra^\beta$$

## TC

Conserved: angular velocity flux

$$J_\omega = r^3 \left[ \langle u_r \omega \rangle_{A,t} - \nu \partial_r \langle \omega \rangle_{A,t} \right]$$

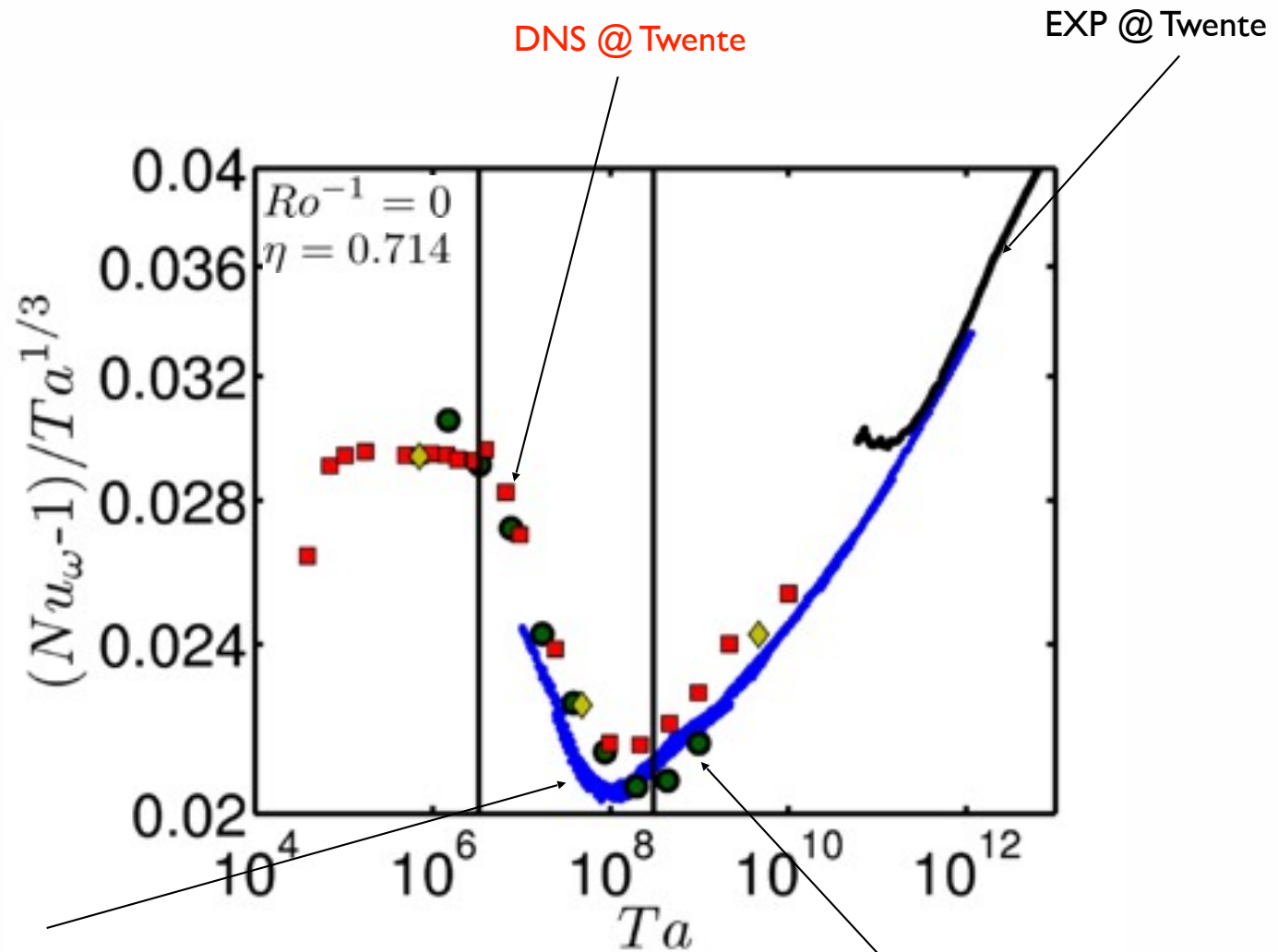
$$Nu_\omega = J_\omega / J_{\omega, \text{lam}}$$

Driven by:

$$Ta = \frac{d^2 r_a^6}{r_g^4} \frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2}{\nu^2}$$

$$\text{Scaling: } Nu_\omega \propto Ta^\beta$$

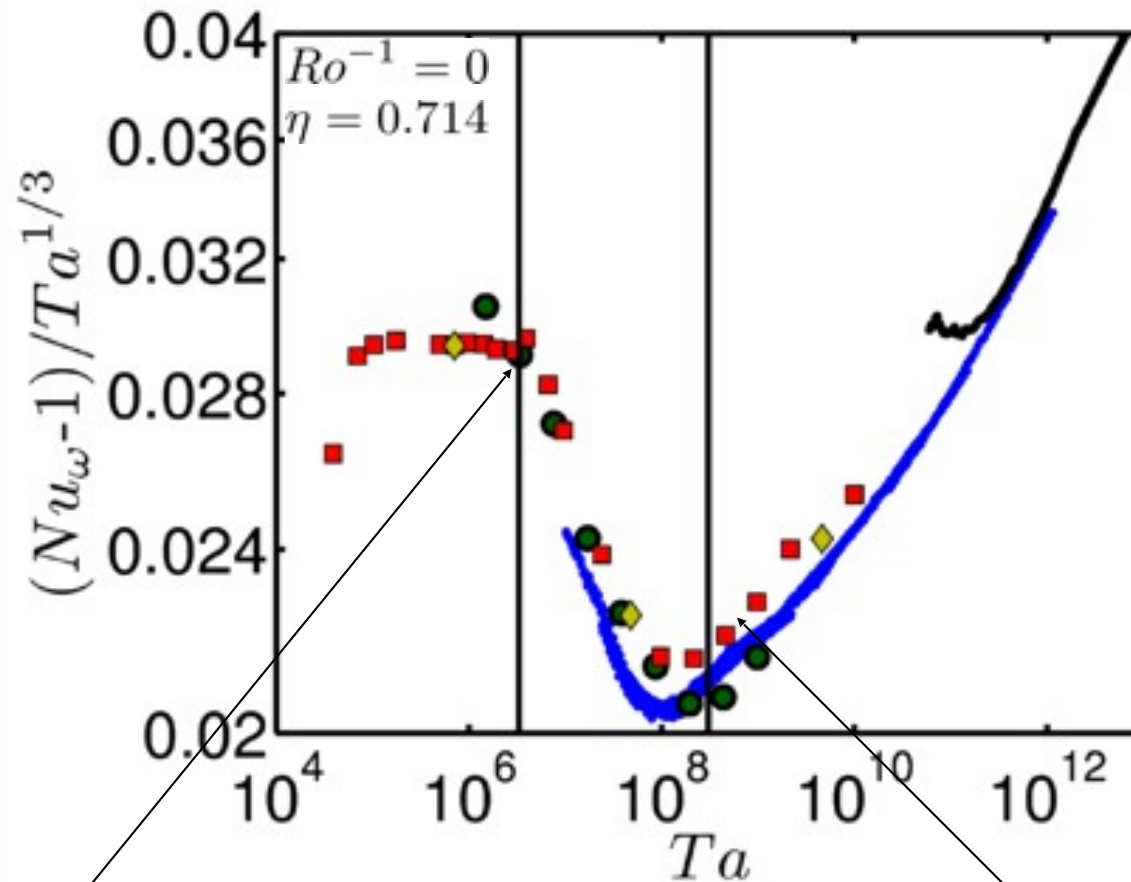
# Several transitions in $Nu_\omega$



Lewis et al., 1999 (EXP)

Brauckmann et al., 2013 (DNS)

# Several transitions in $Nu_\omega$



$Ta \sim 3 \cdot 10^6$ : very sharp transition

$Ta \sim 2 \cdot 10^8$ : transition to **ultimate regime!**



**Transition to ultimate regime =  
Transition of BL from  
(laminar) Prandtl-Blasius type  
to  
(turbulent) Prandtl-von Karman type**



Prandtl



Blasius



$$Ta = 5 \times 10^8$$



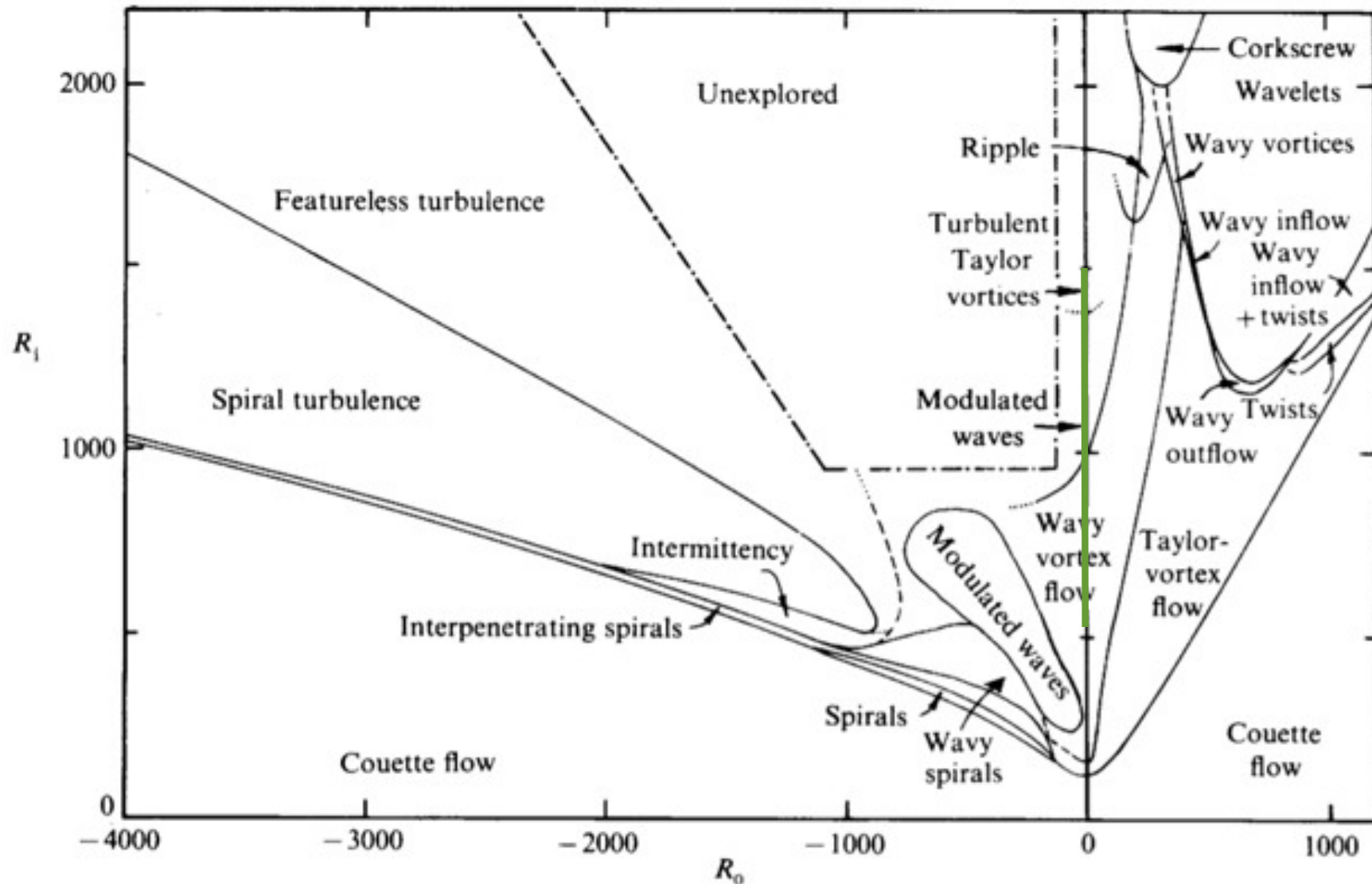
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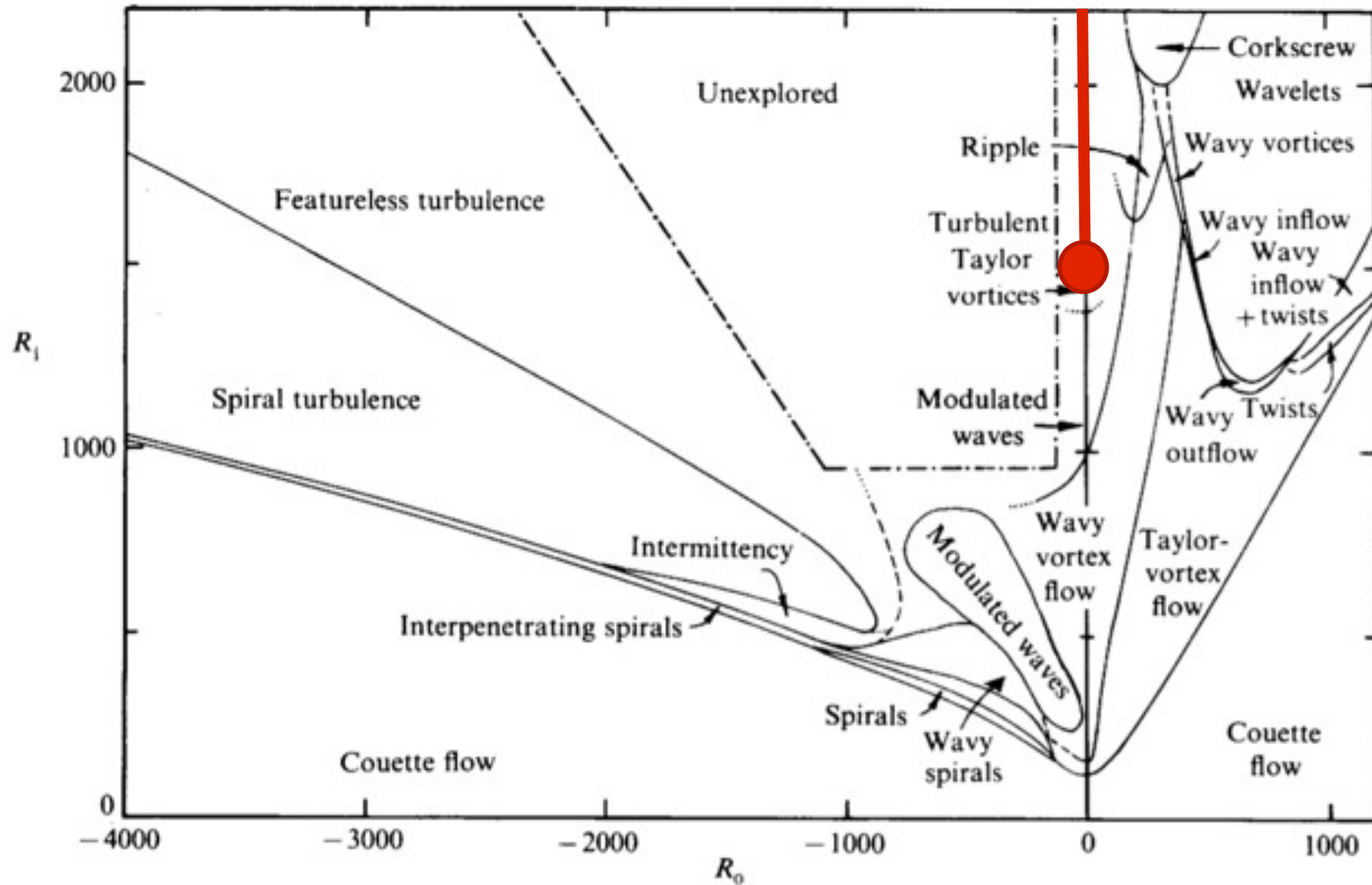
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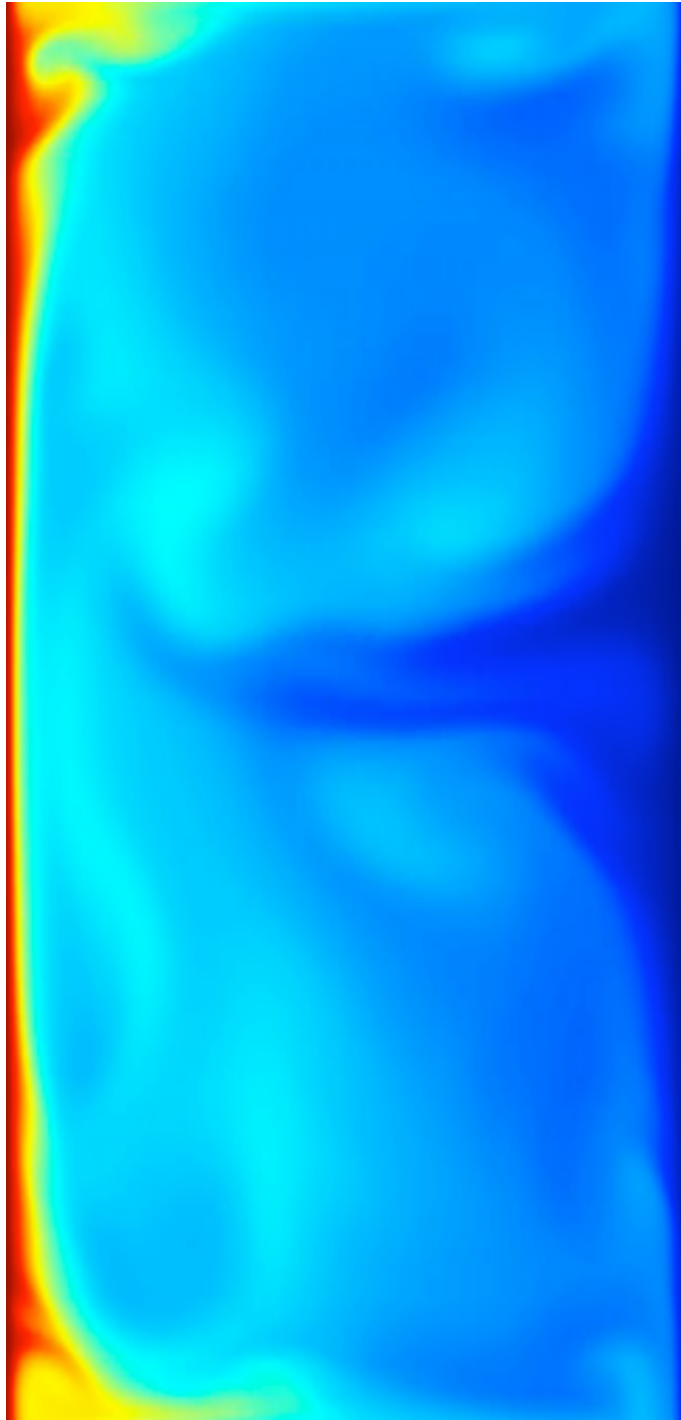
**How do the  
corresponding flow  
patterns look like?**

# Small Ta: laminar Taylor rolls (time dependent)



# Transition to turbulent Taylor vortices at $Ta \sim 3 \cdot 10^6$



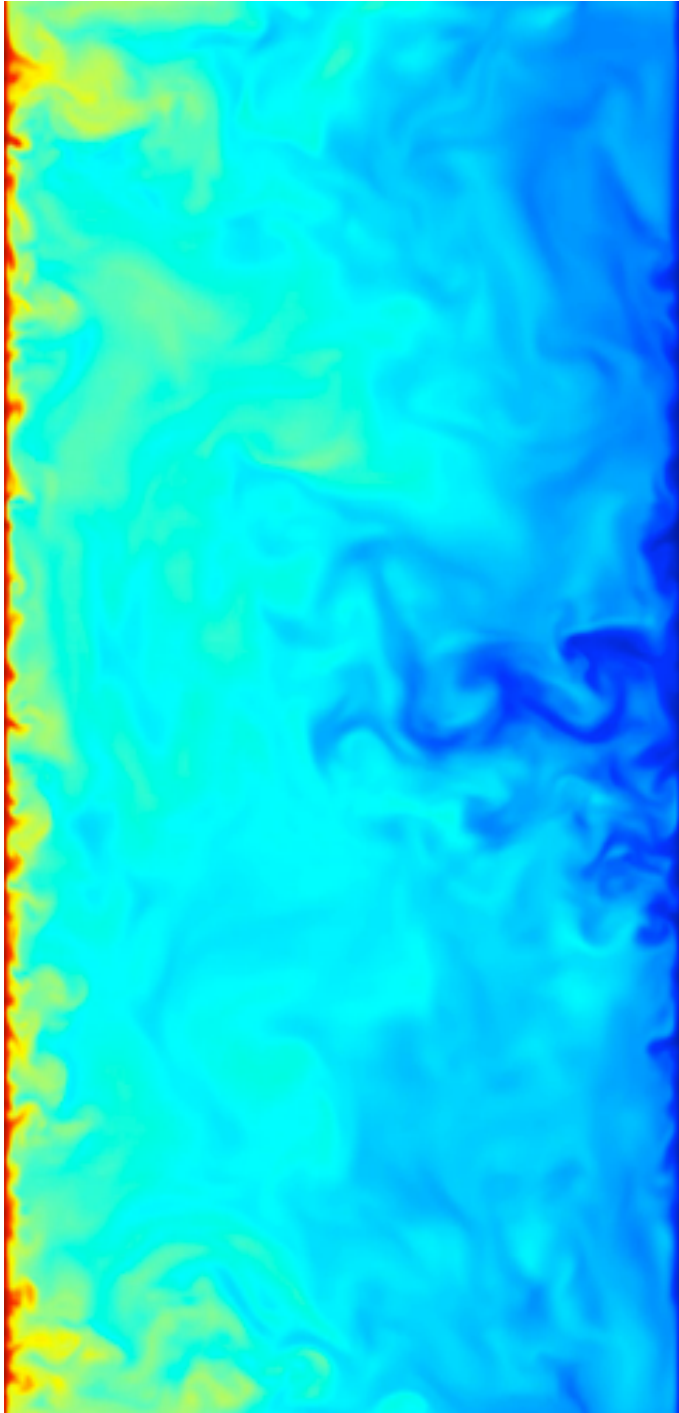


# **Turbulent Taylor vortices, but laminar-type BL**

$$Ta = 5 \times 10^7$$

$$Ro^{-1} = 0$$

$$\eta = 0.714$$



**Transition to  
turbulent BL at  
 $Ta = 2 \times 10^8$ :  
“ultimate  
turbulence”**

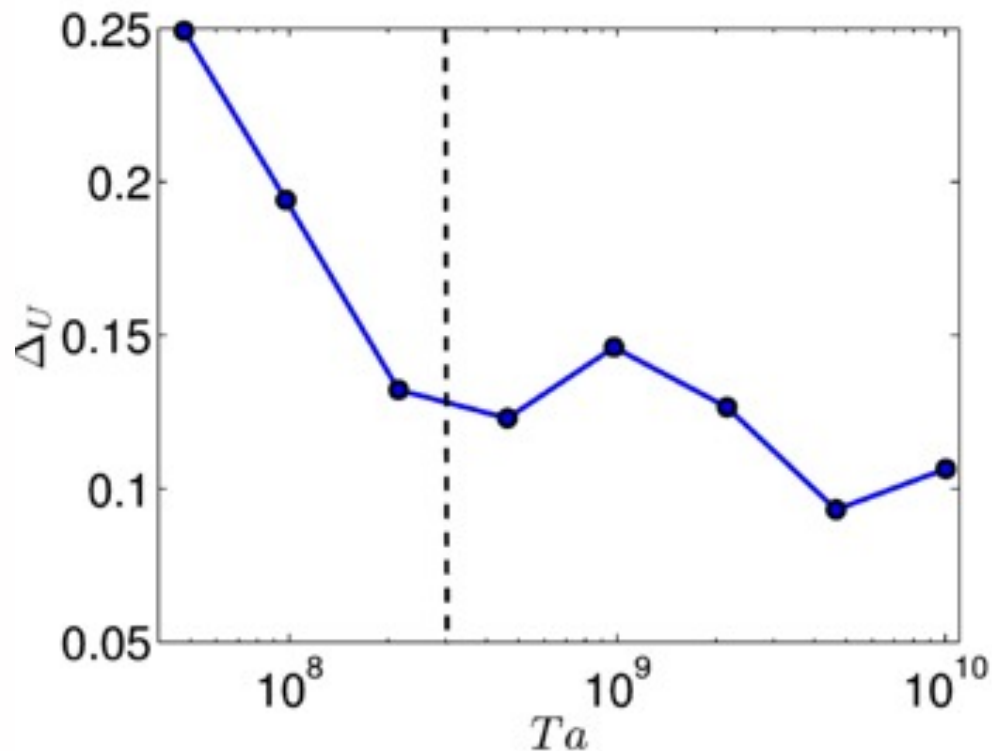
$$Ta = 4 \times 10^9$$

$$Ro^{-1} = 0$$

$$\eta = 0.714$$

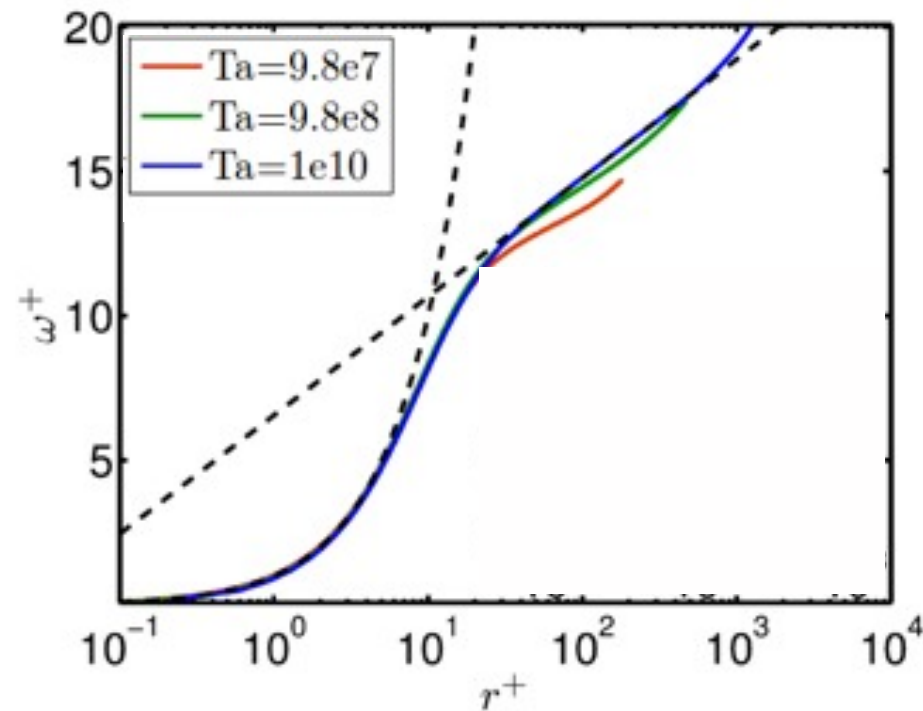
# Attempt of quantification: axial velocity spread $\Delta_U$

$$\Delta_U = \frac{\max_z \hat{u}_\theta(r_{1/2}, z) - \min_z \hat{u}_\theta(r_{1/2}, z)}{\langle \hat{u}_\theta(r_{1/2}, z) \rangle_z}$$



Large scale structures  
become less beyond  
transition

# BL beyond transition to turbulence: Logarithmic profile develops

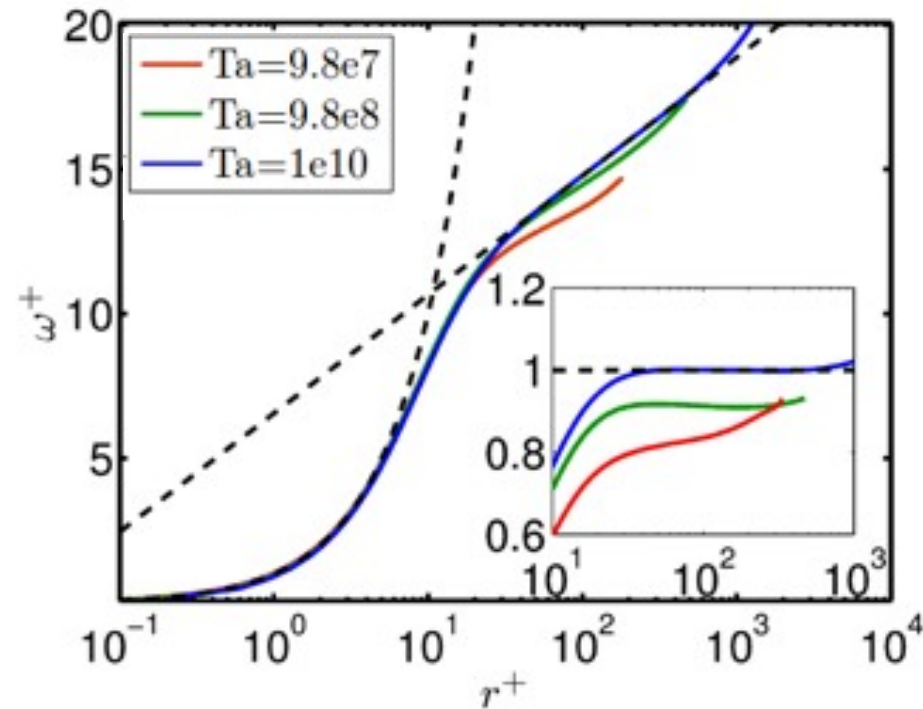


$$\omega^+ = \frac{\omega}{\omega_\tau}$$
$$r^+ = \frac{r - r_i}{\delta_\nu}$$

NOT the azimuthal velocity  $u_\theta$ , but the angular velocity  $\omega$  due to the cylindrical shape



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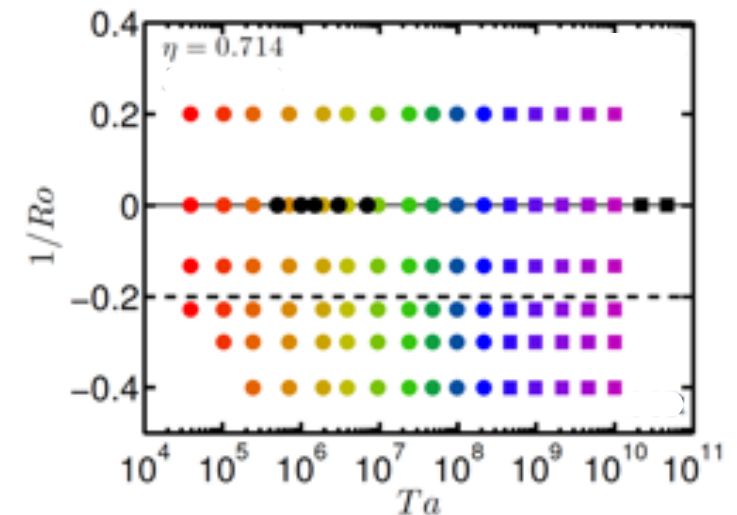
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# How do transitions change with outer cylinder rotation $Ro^{-1} \neq 0$ ?

## Expectation:

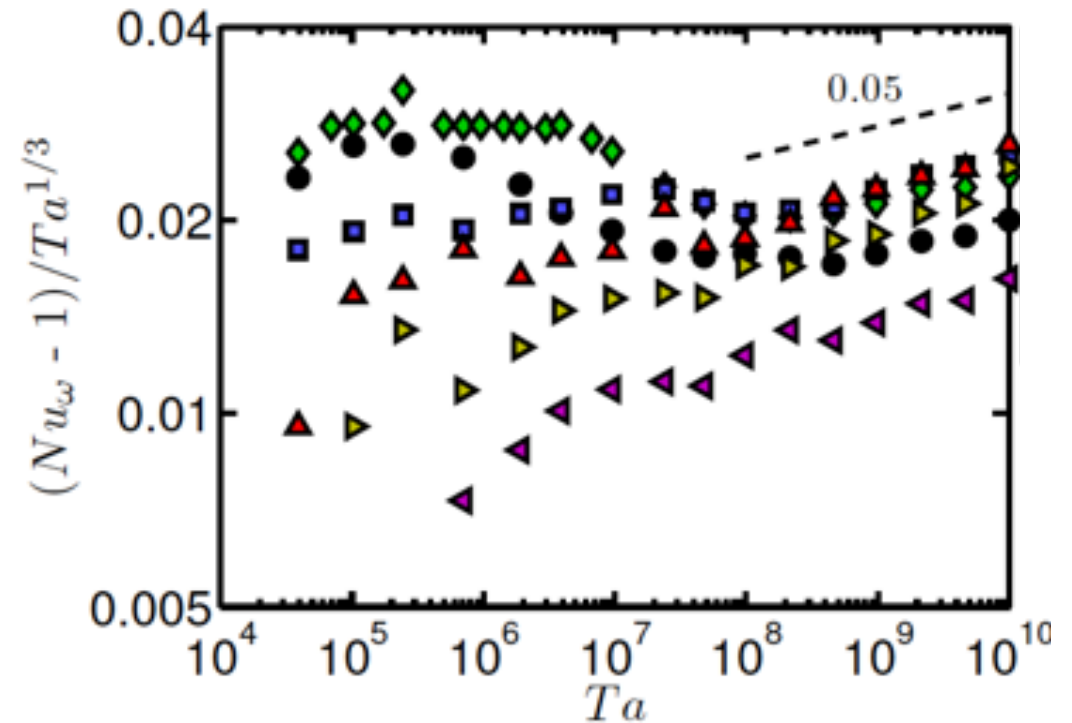
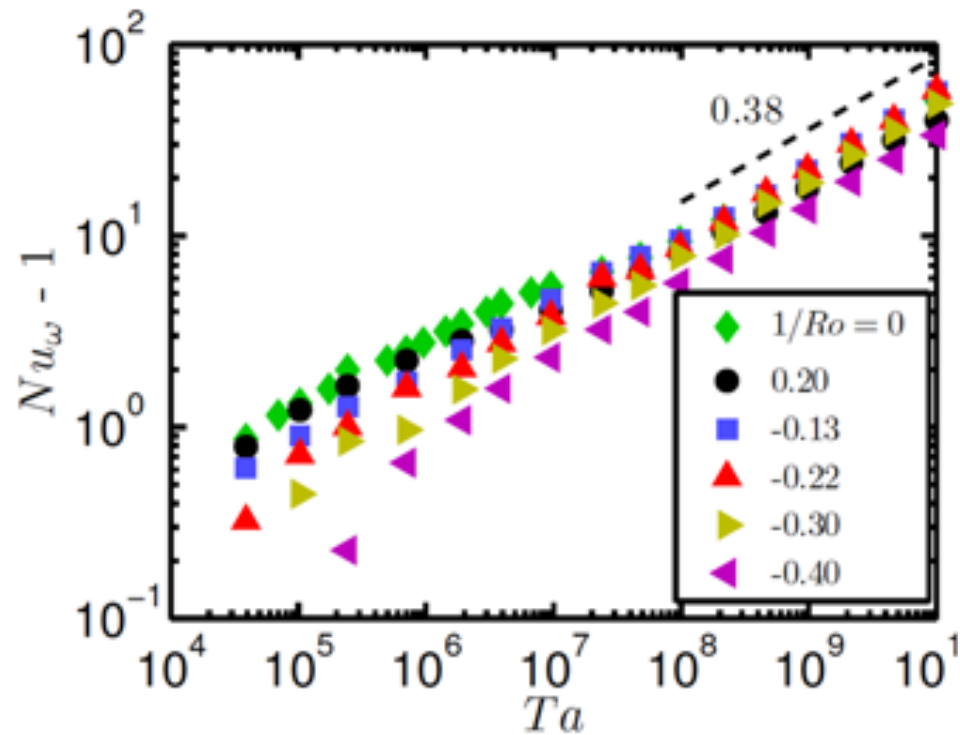
Co-rotation  $Re_o > 0$  or  $Ro^{-1} > 0$  :  
flow stabilization



Weak counter-rotation  $Re_o < 0$  or  $Ro^{-1} < 0$  :  
flow destabilization!

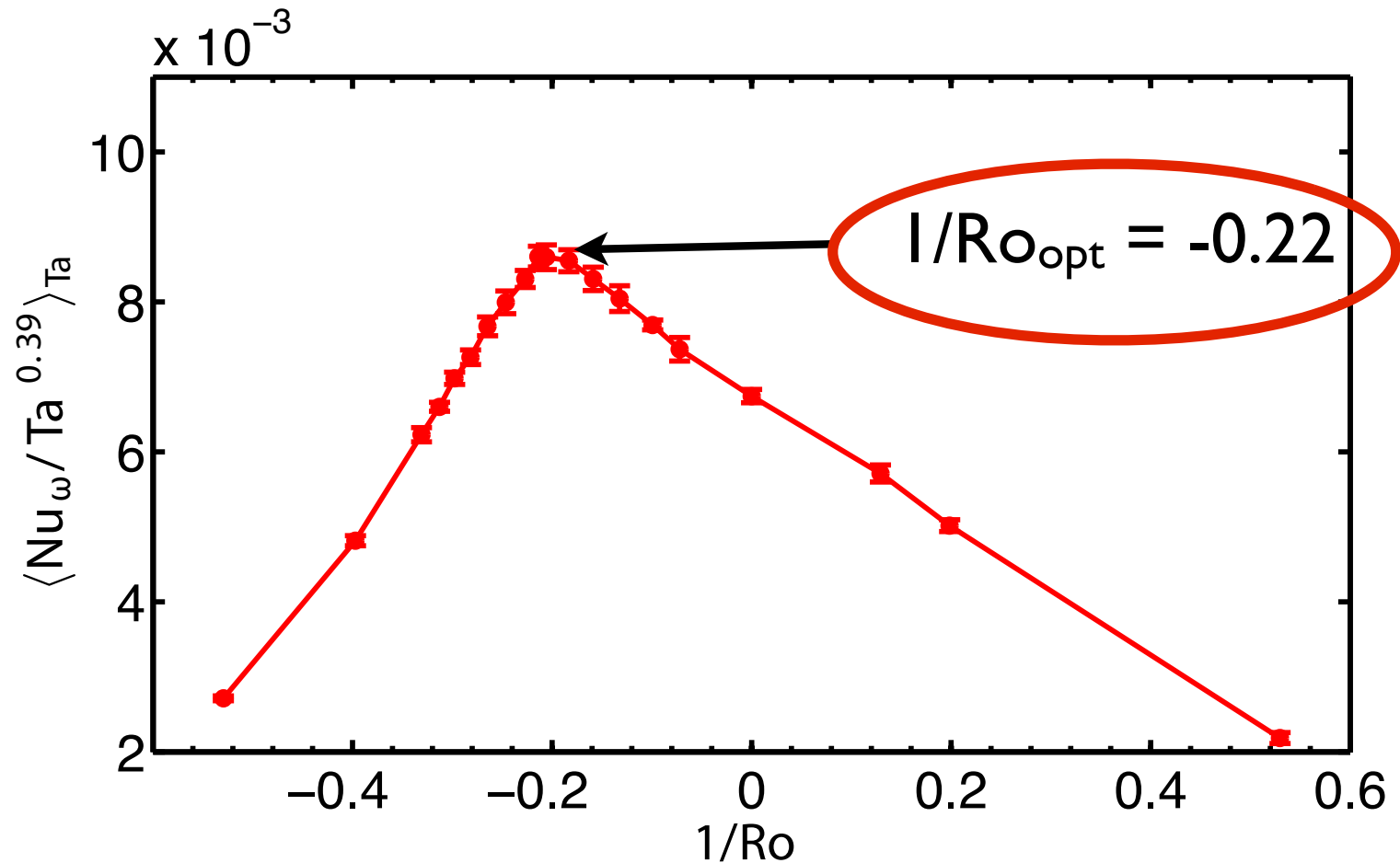
Strong counter-rotation  $Re_o \ll -|Re_o| < 0$  or  $Ro^{-1} \ll 0$  :  
flow stabilization again

# Global flow properties: $Nu_\omega$



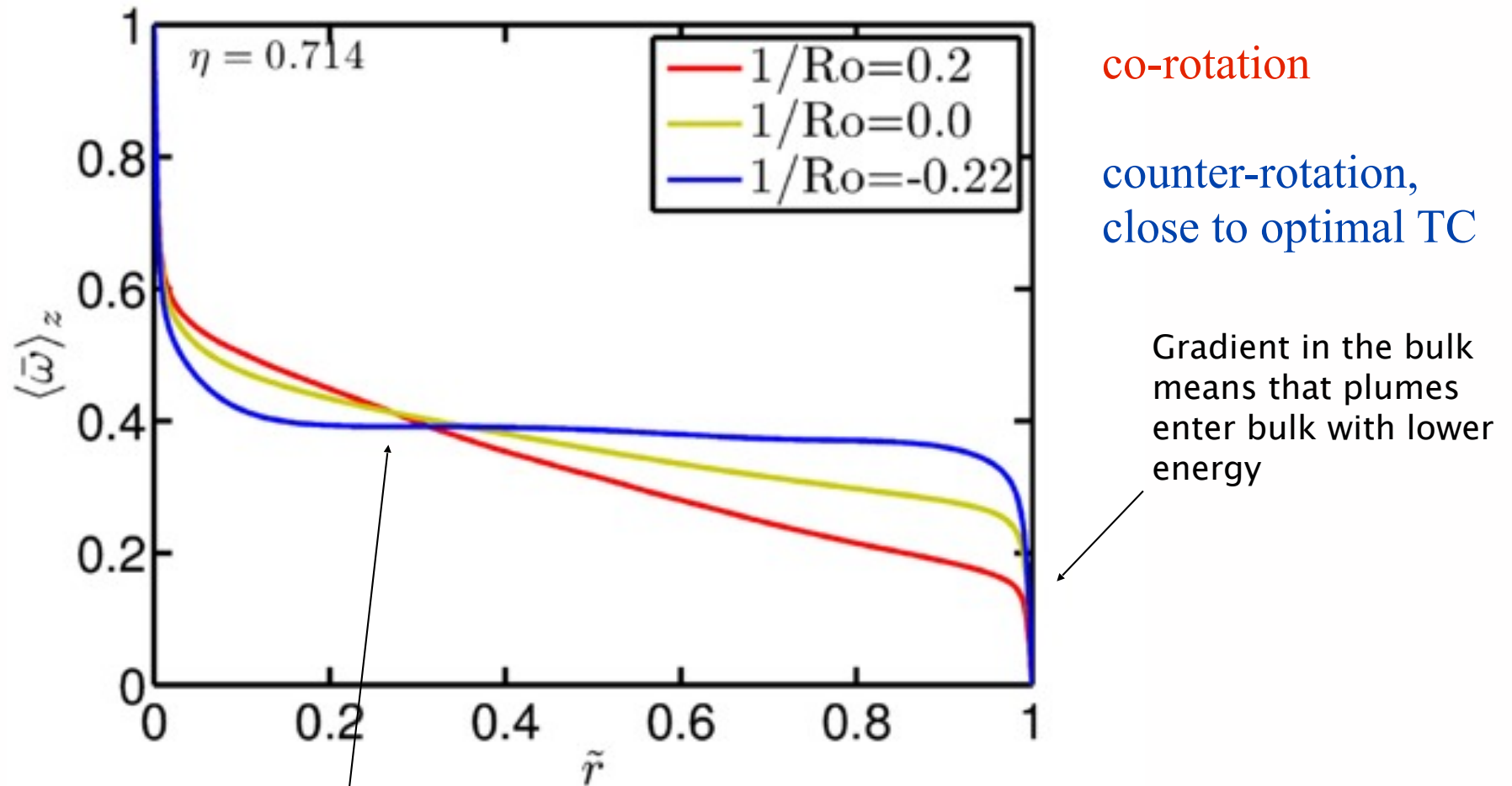
Transition to ultimate regime looks universal

# Global flow properties: $\text{Nu}_\omega$ ( $\text{Ro}^{-1}$ ) and “optimal” TC turbulence



R. Ostilla-Monica et al., JFM 747, 1-29 (2014)

# Local flow organization: $\omega$ -profiles



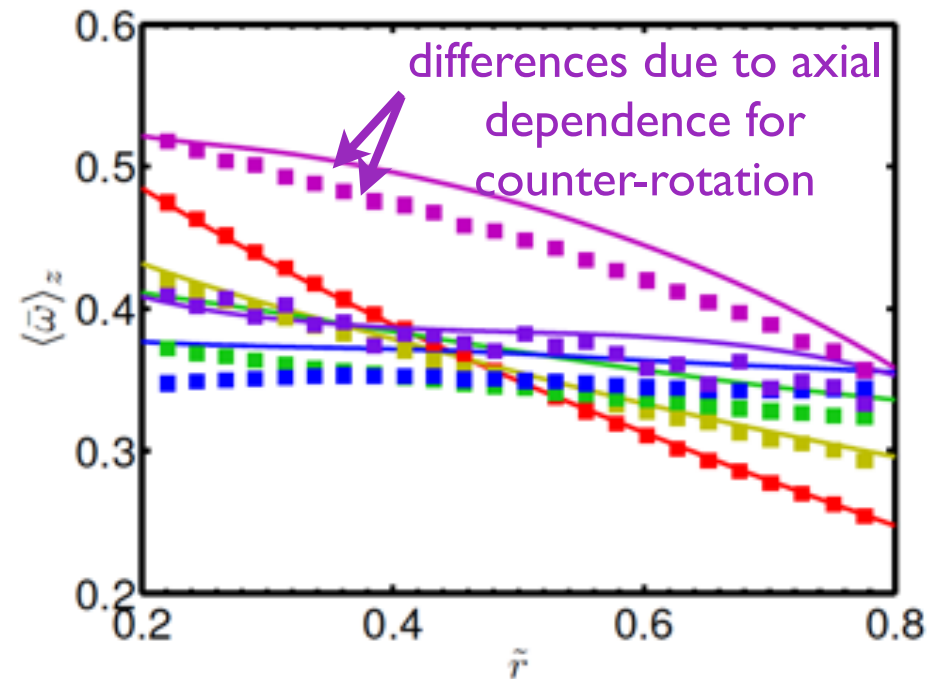
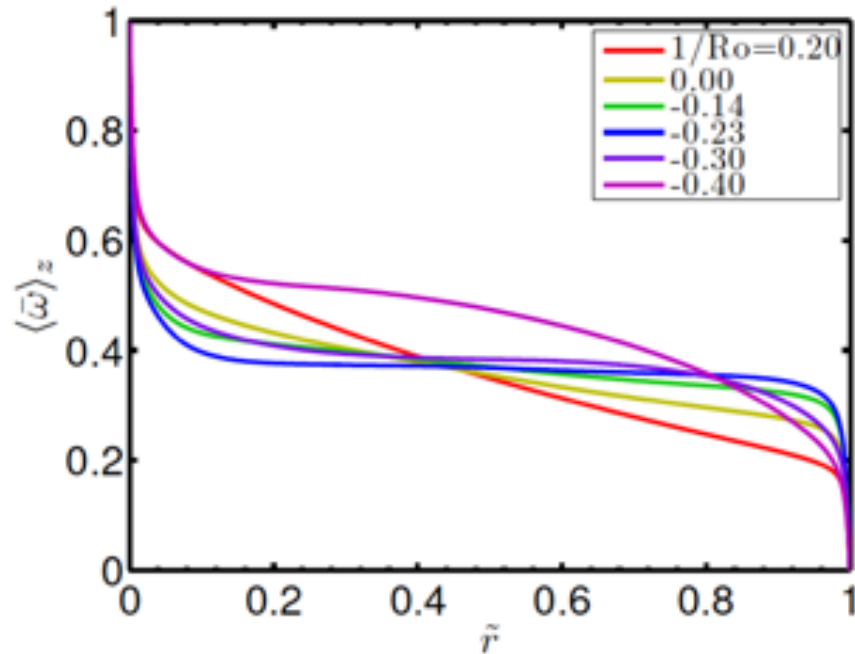
Flat bulk means plumes enter bulk with high energy

$\eta = 0.714,$       $Ta = 10^{10}$

# Local flow organization: $\omega$ -profiles

$$\eta = 0.714, \quad Ta = 10^{10}$$

Comparison with experiment:



$$Ro^{-1} = 0.2$$

co-rotation: gradient  
in center due to good  
plume mixing

$$Ro^{-1} = -0.23$$

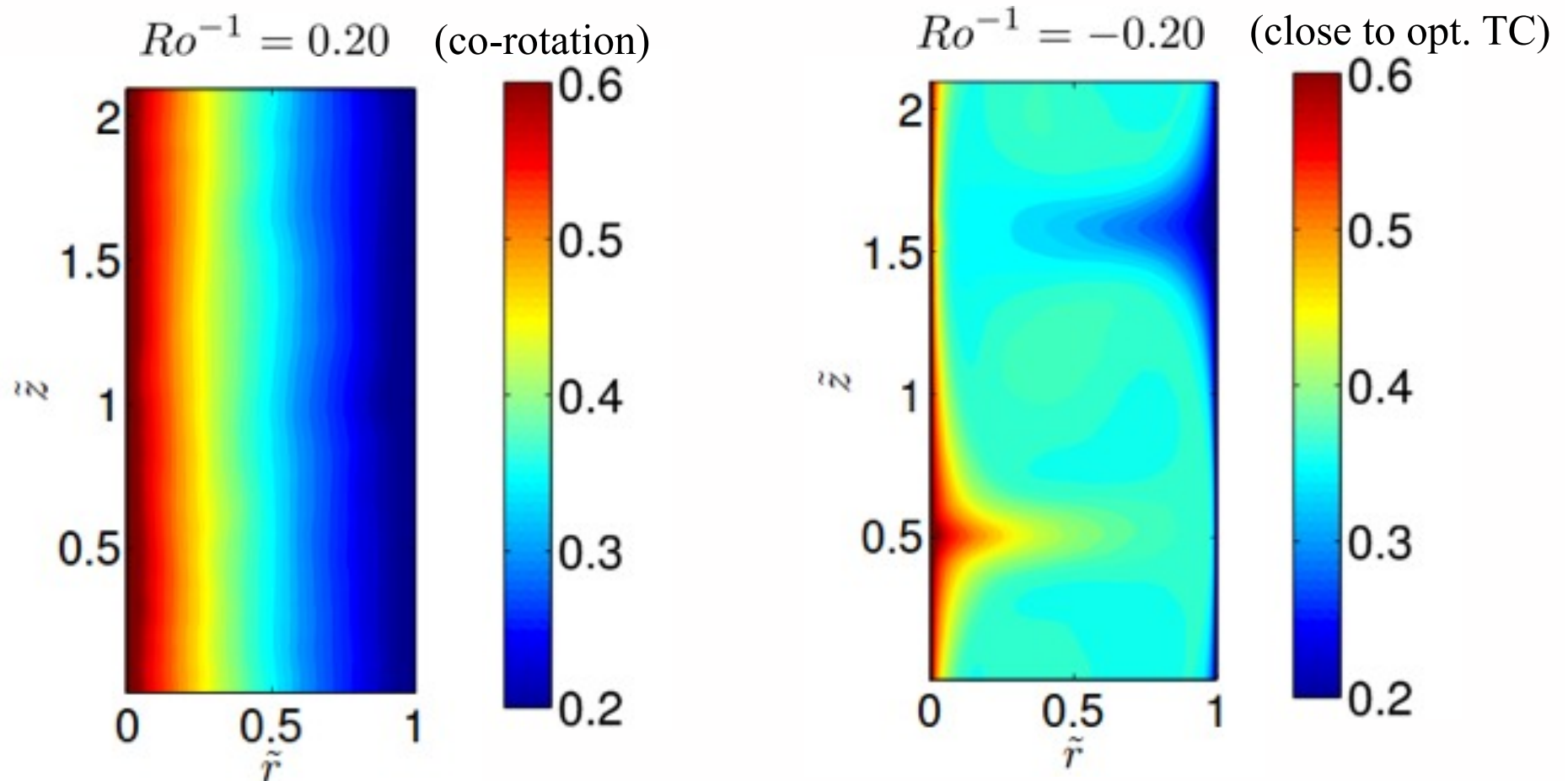
“Optimal TC”:  
flat profile; less plume  
mixing

$$Ro^{-1} = -0.40$$

Ra-stable zone at  
outer cylinder

# Local flow organization: $\langle \omega \rangle_{t,\theta}$

Stronger plumes imply: rolls survive at higher Ta

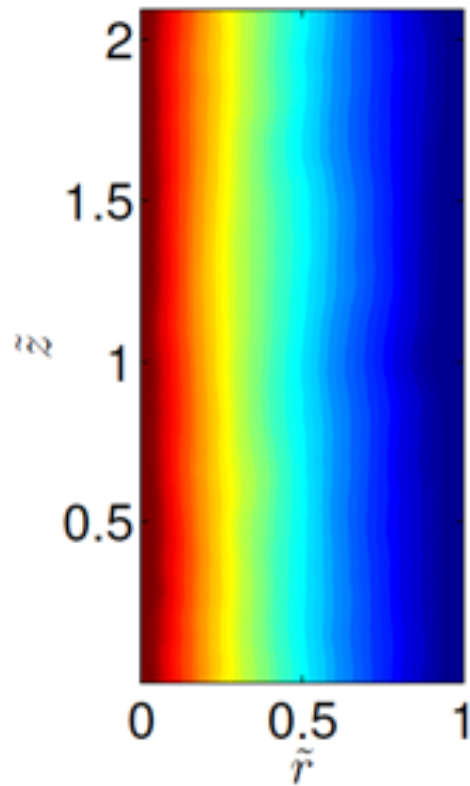


Rolls = more convective transport = transport optimum!

$$Ta = 10^{10}$$

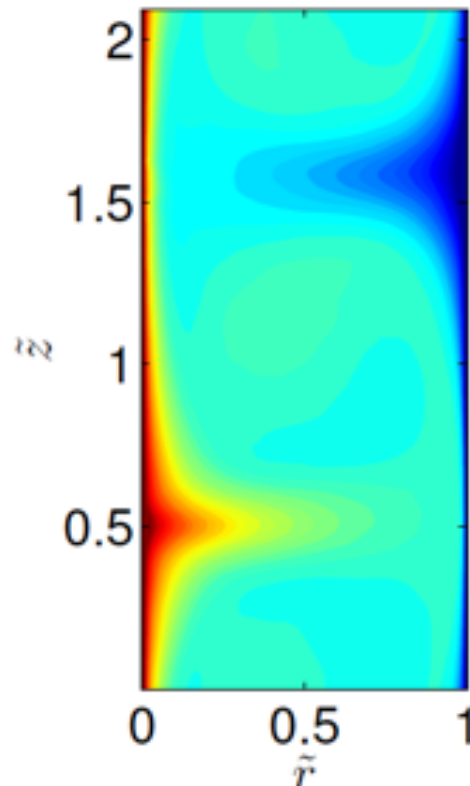
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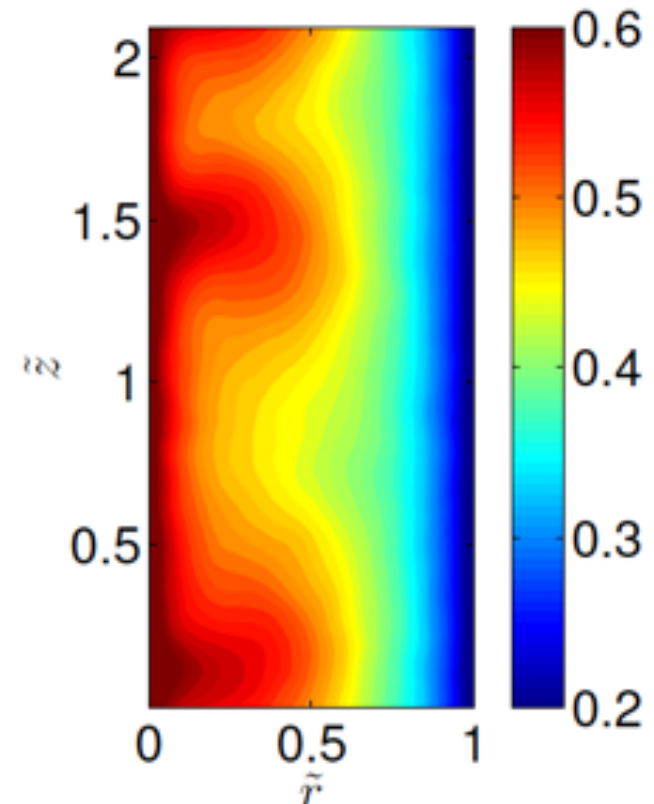
$$\text{Ro}^{-1} = 0.2$$

co-rotation: no axial  
dependence: weak  
plumes, good mixing



$$\text{Ro}^{-1} = -0.22$$

“Optimal TC”:  
axial dependence, rolls;  
strong plumes

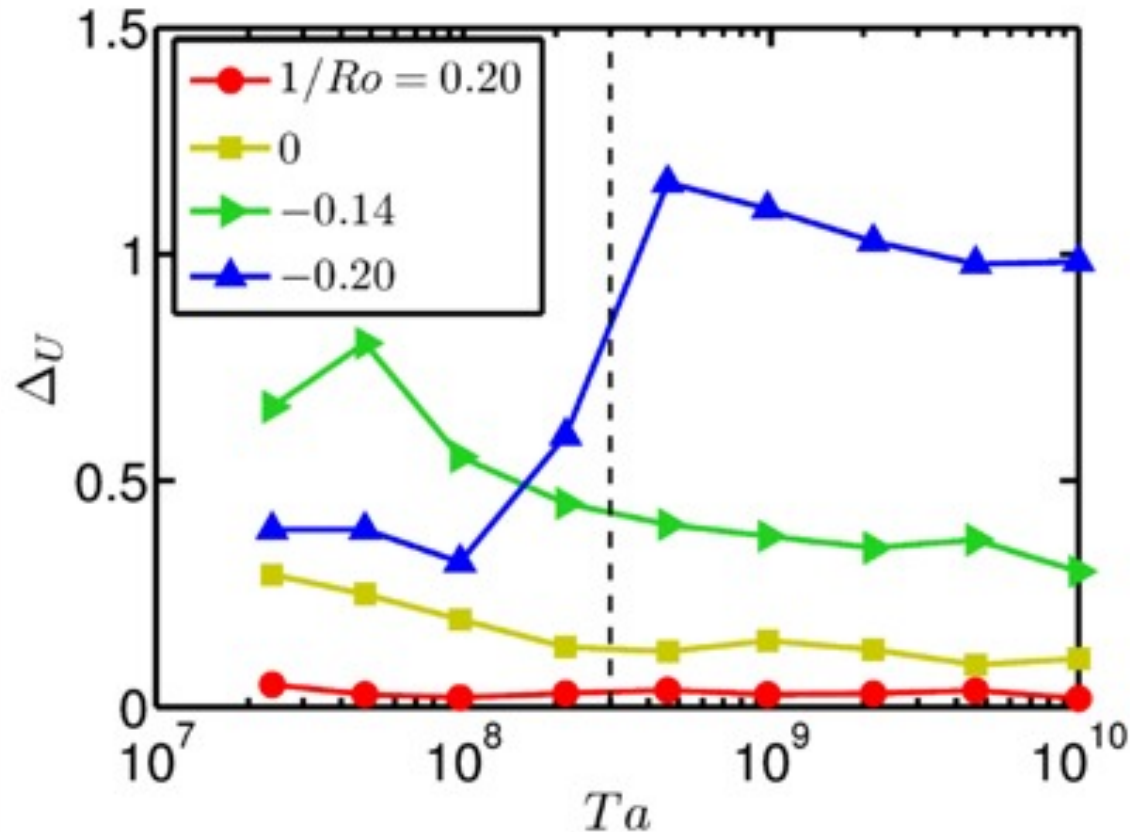


$$\text{Ro}^{-1} = -0.40$$

Rolls at inner cylinder,  
but Ra-stable zone at  
outer cylinder

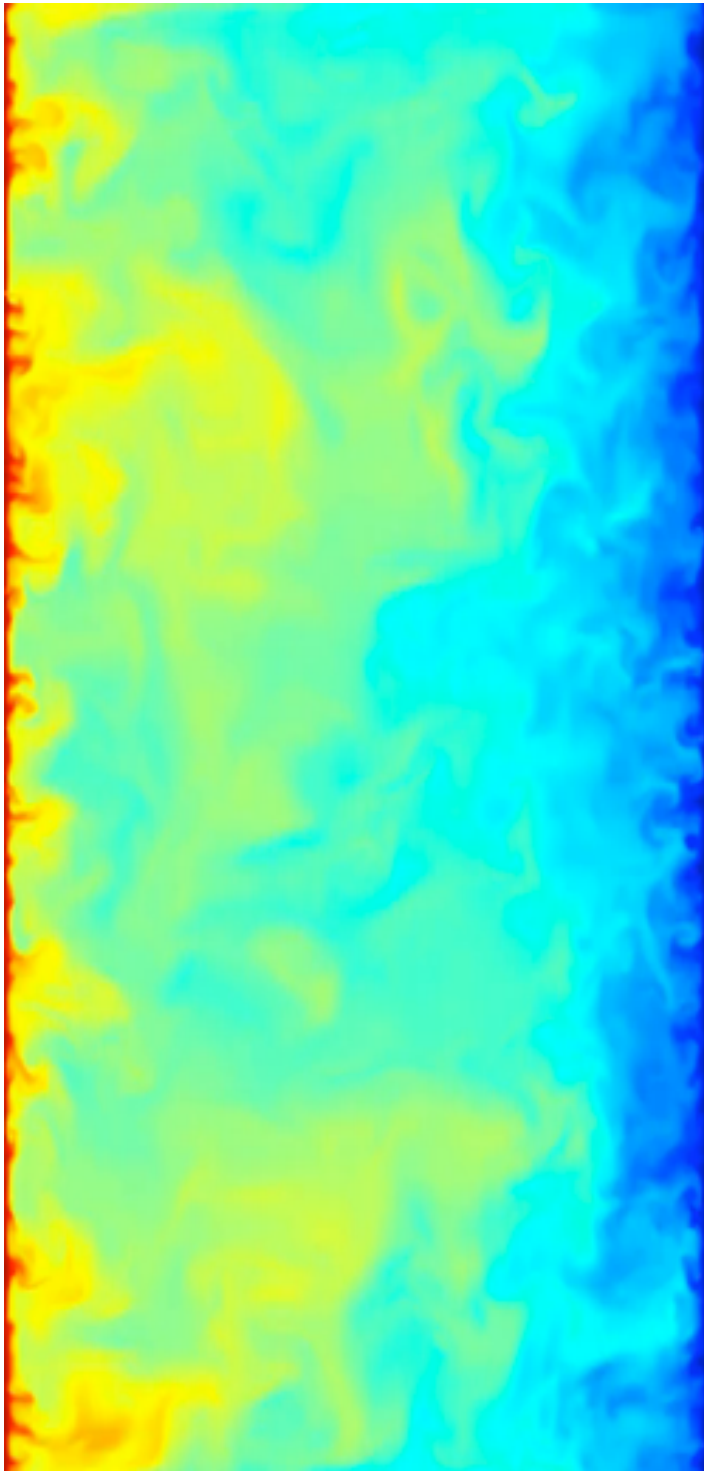


# Quantification of roll structure by axial velocity spread $\Delta_U$



Good transport  
at optimal TC due  
to the surviving  
roll structure

Largest  $\Delta_U$  in ultimate regime at optimum  $Ro^{-1}$ !



## Flow features in strongly counter- rotating regime

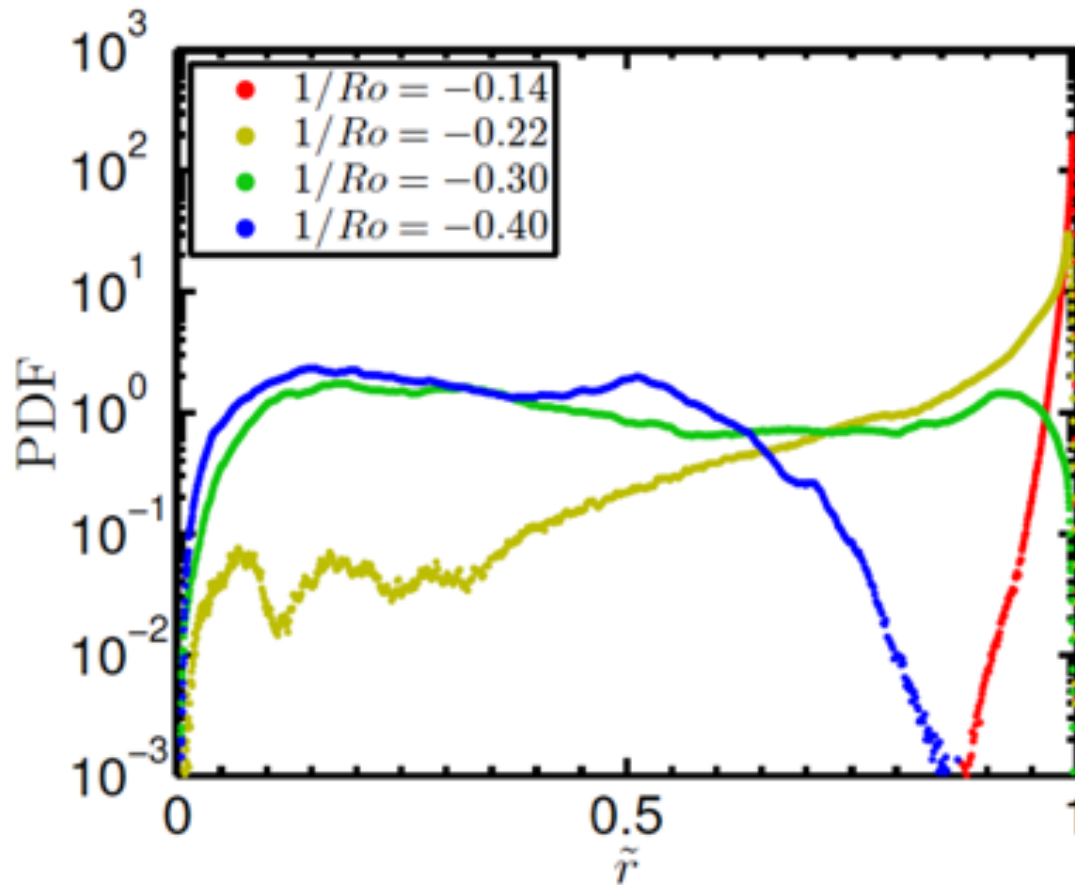
$$Ta = 4 \times 10^9$$

$$Ro^{-1} = -0.4$$

$$\eta = 0.714$$

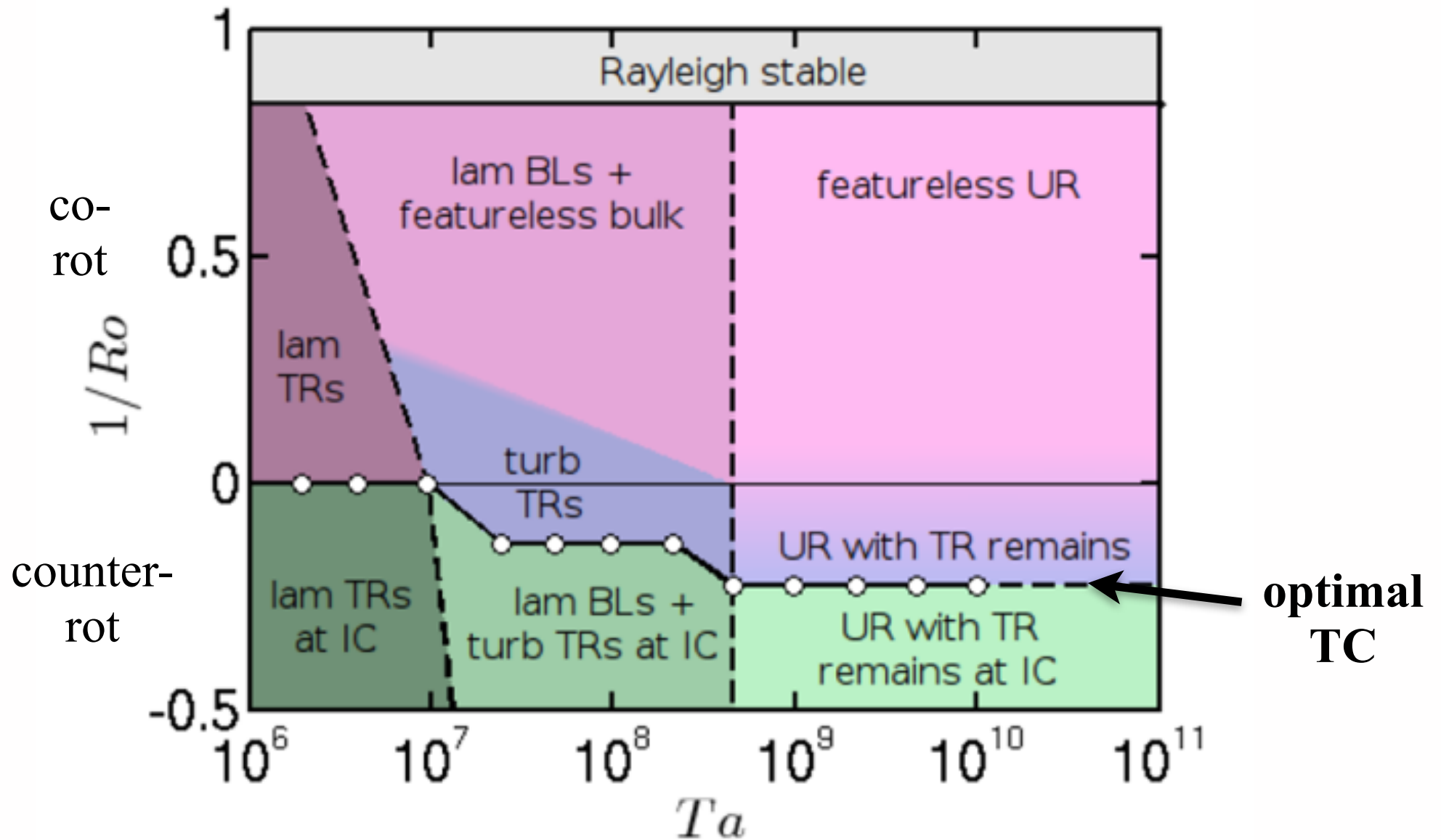
# Position of neutral surface $\langle \omega(r) \rangle_{t,\theta,z} = 0$

$$\eta = 0.714, \quad Ta = 10^{10}$$

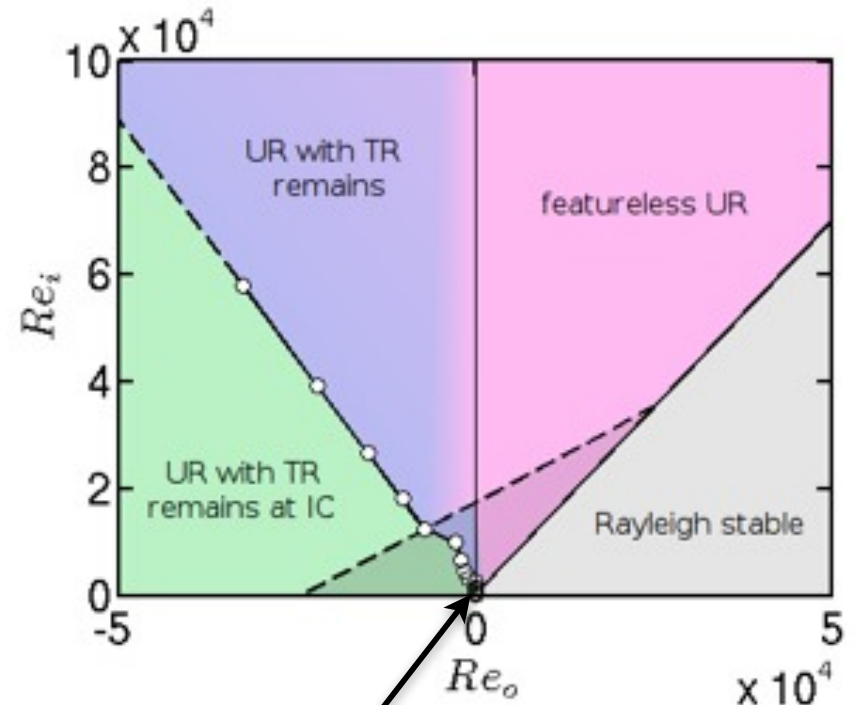
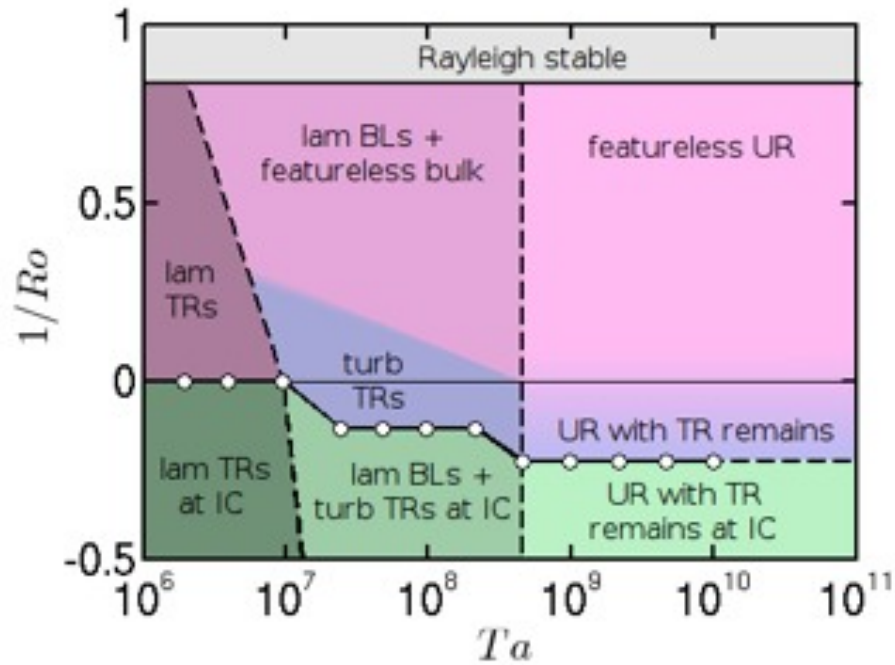


Neutral line  
migrates inwards  
with increasing  
counter-rotation

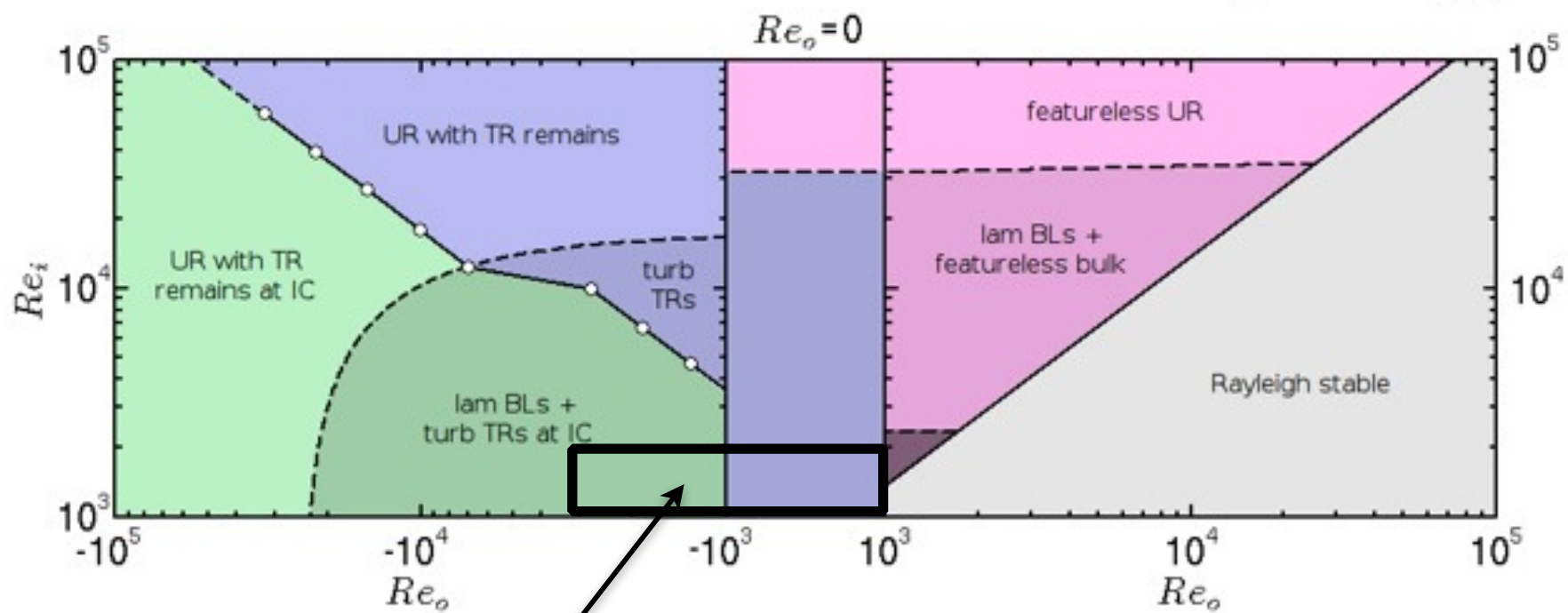
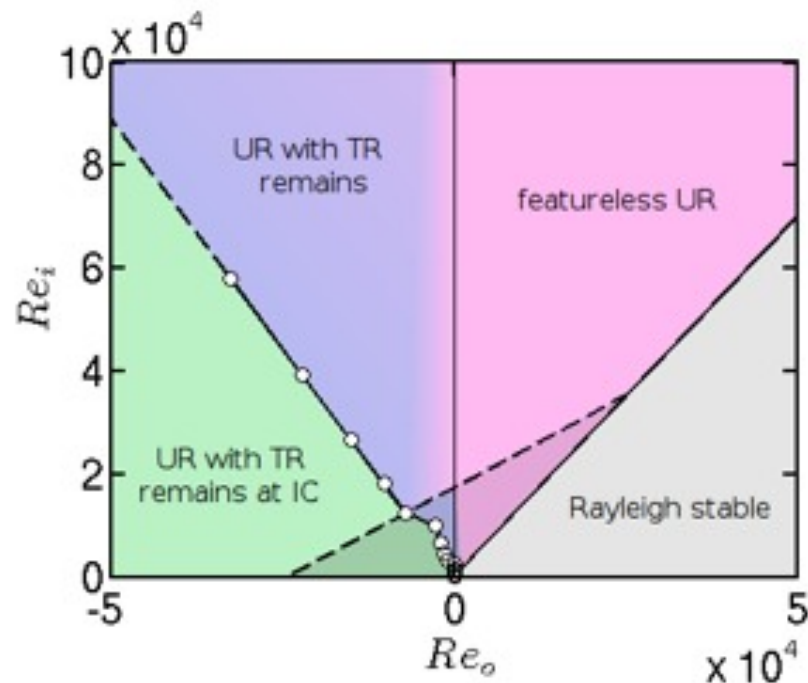
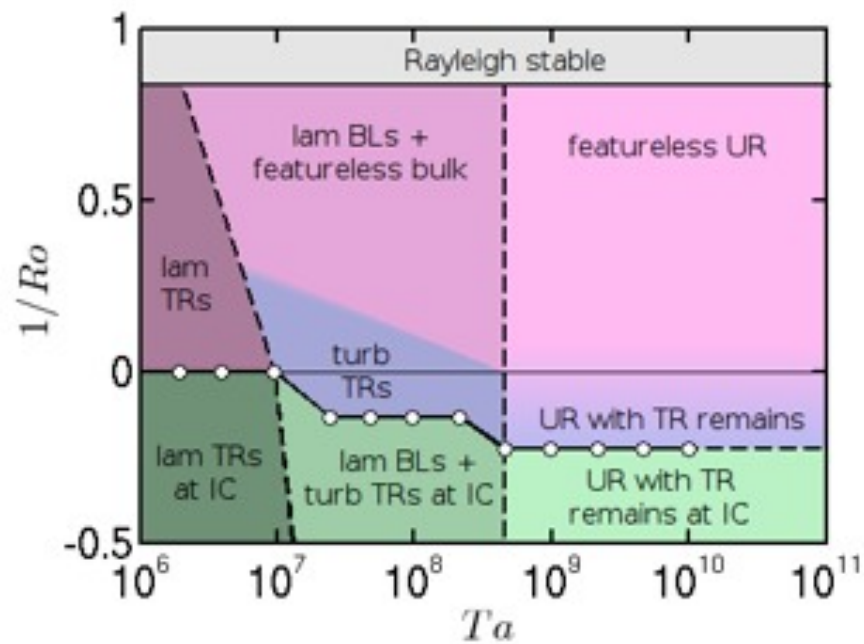
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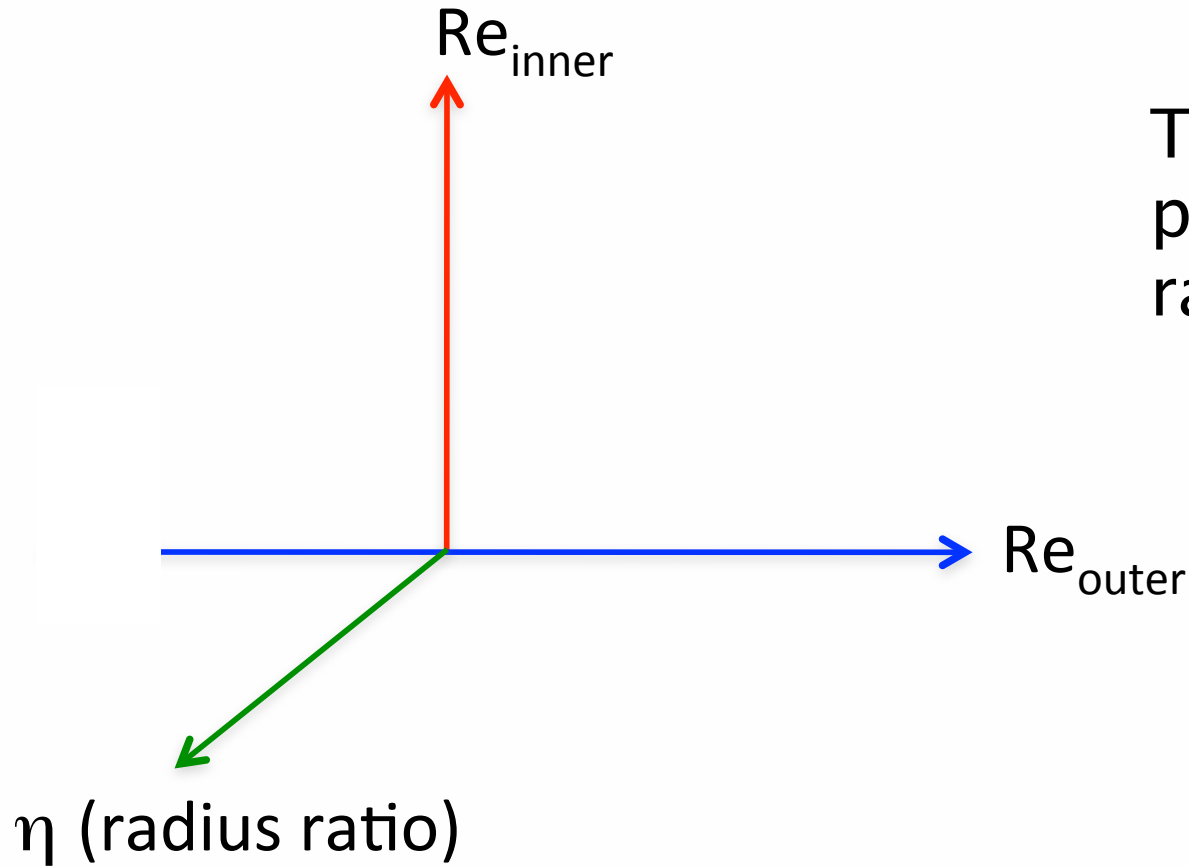


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# How does the phase space depend on the radius ratio?

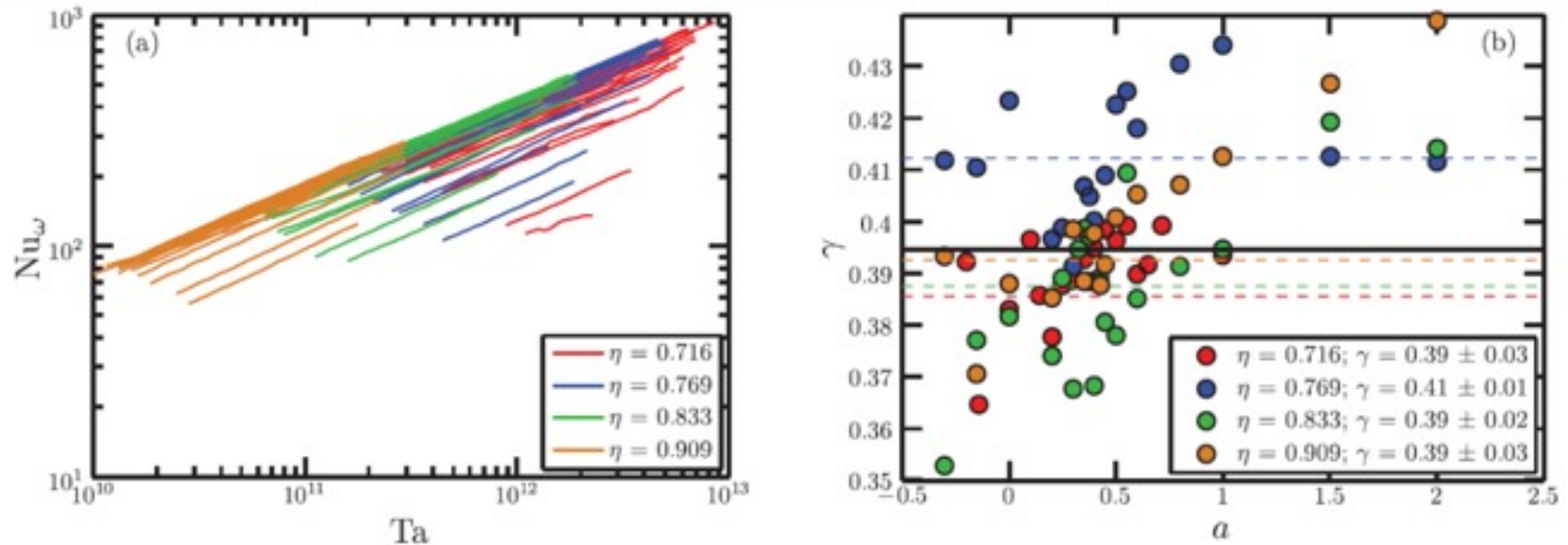


Third axis in parameter space: radius ratio  $\eta$

$\eta \rightarrow 0$  Vanishing inner cylinder  
 $\eta \rightarrow 1$  Two plates (plane Couette)

$$Nu_{\omega}(\eta, Ro^{-1}, Ta)$$

# Can one see universal scaling for other values of $\eta$ ?



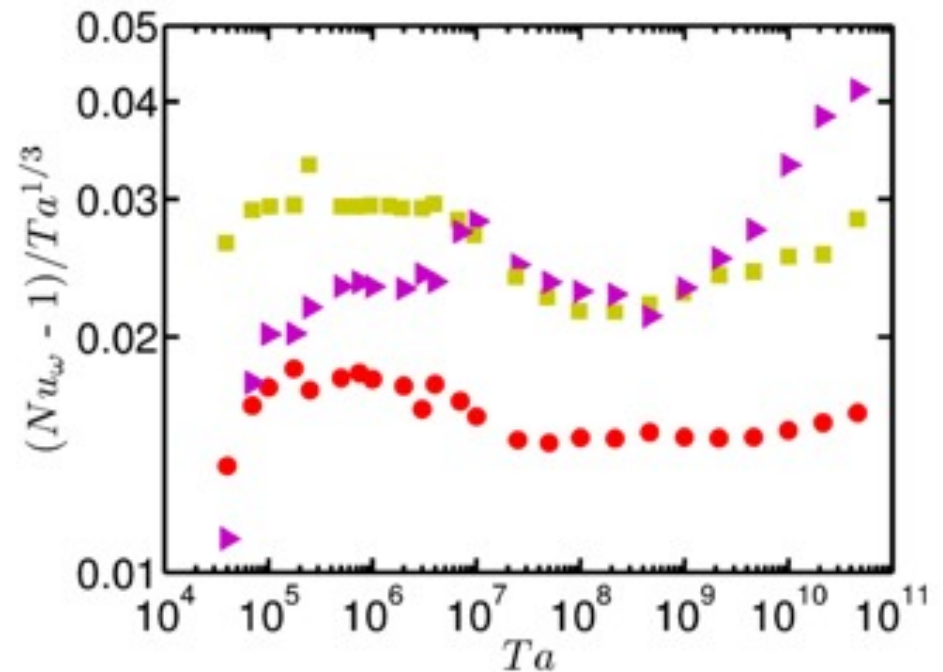
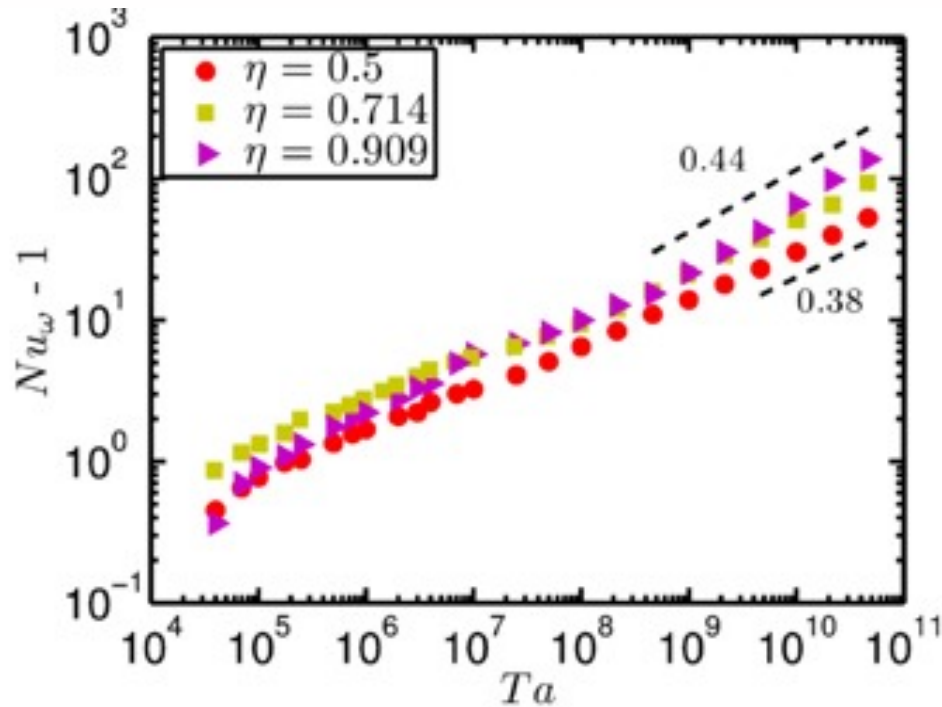
$$\gamma = 0.395 \pm 0.03$$

Ultimate regime scaling is found for all  $\eta$ !

$\gamma = 0.38$  also found at  $\eta=0.5$  by Merbold et. al, PRE (2013)



# When does the transition happen ?



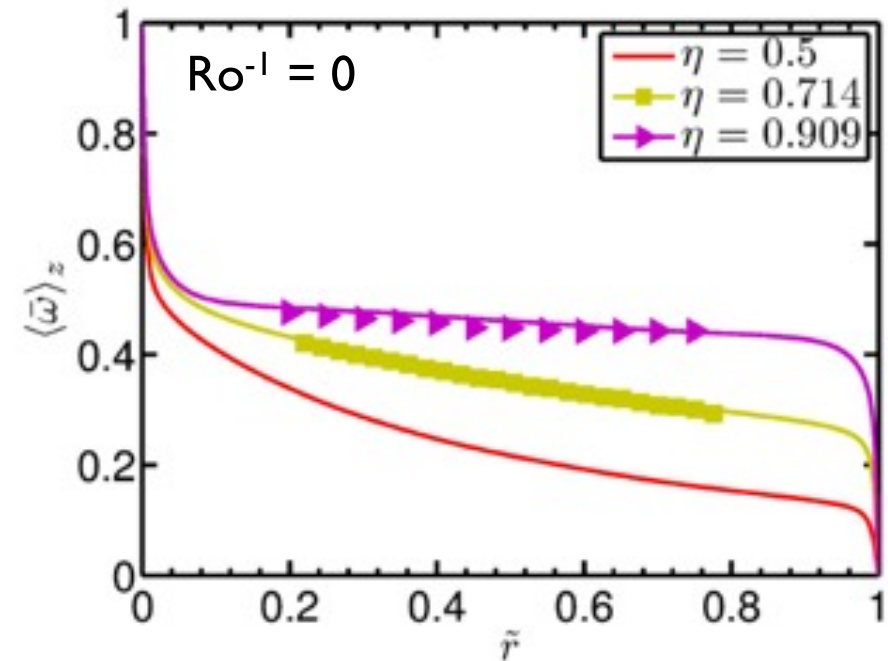
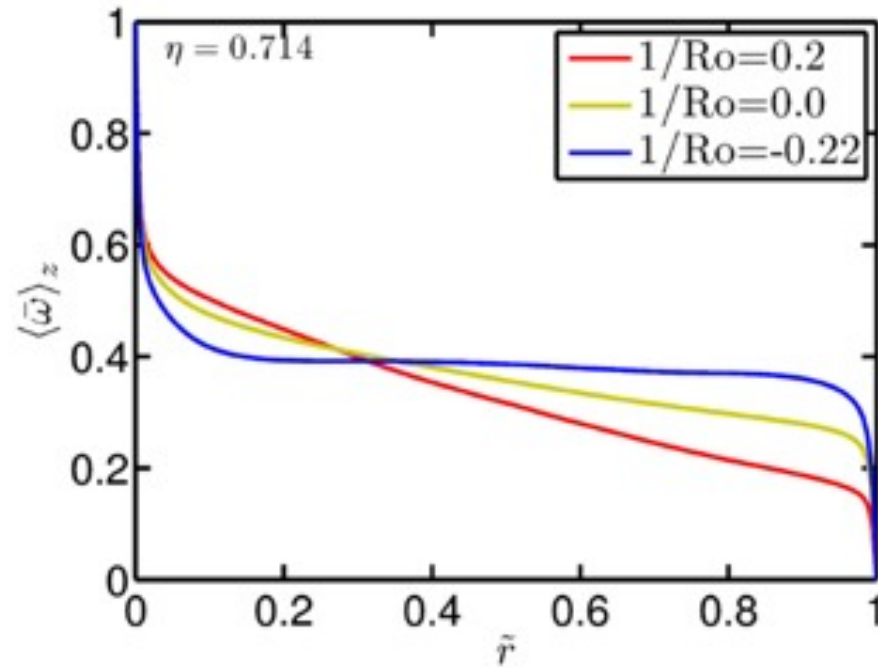
$Ro^{-1} = 0$

$\eta=0.909$ ,  $Ta \sim 3 \cdot 10^8$  – also seen in Ravelet et. al (2011)

$\eta=0.5$ ,  $Ta \sim 10^{10}$  – also seen in Merbold et. al (2013)

similar for larger  $\eta$  -- later for smaller  $\eta$

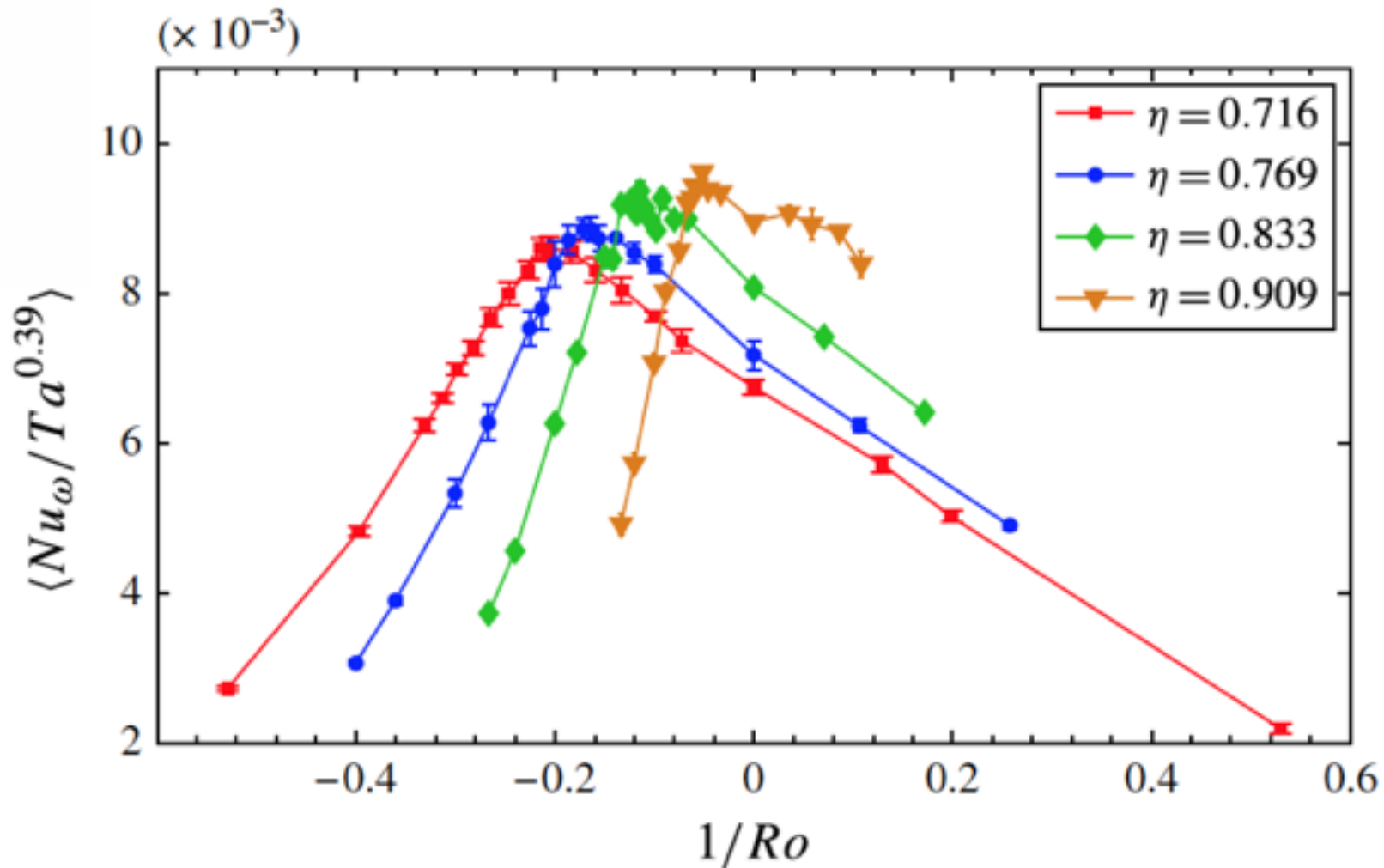
# Analogy between $Ro^{-1}$ and $\eta$ : effect on profile



Bulk gradient can be controlled also through  $\eta$ !

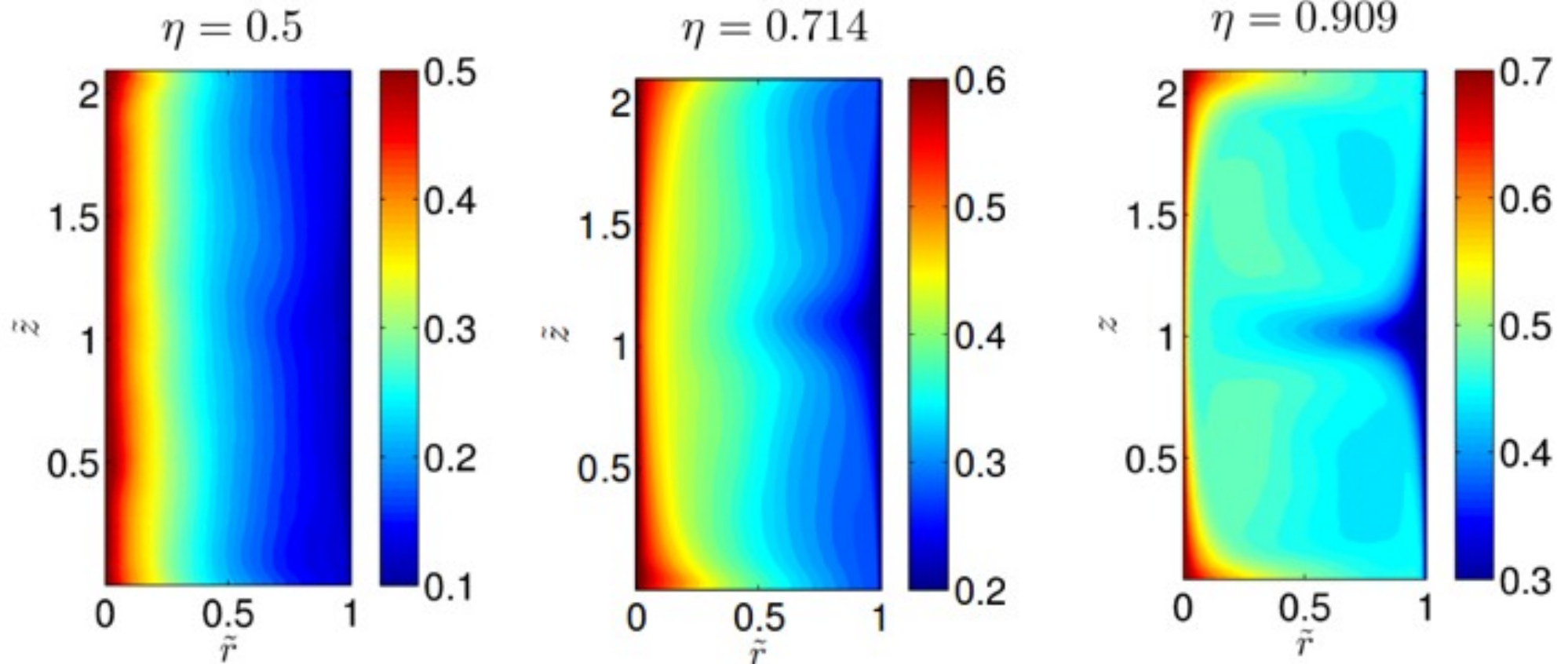
Large  $\eta$  has the best transport properties in ultimate regime

# Transport from large Ta experiments at different $\eta$



Large  $\eta$  has the best transport properties in ultimate regime

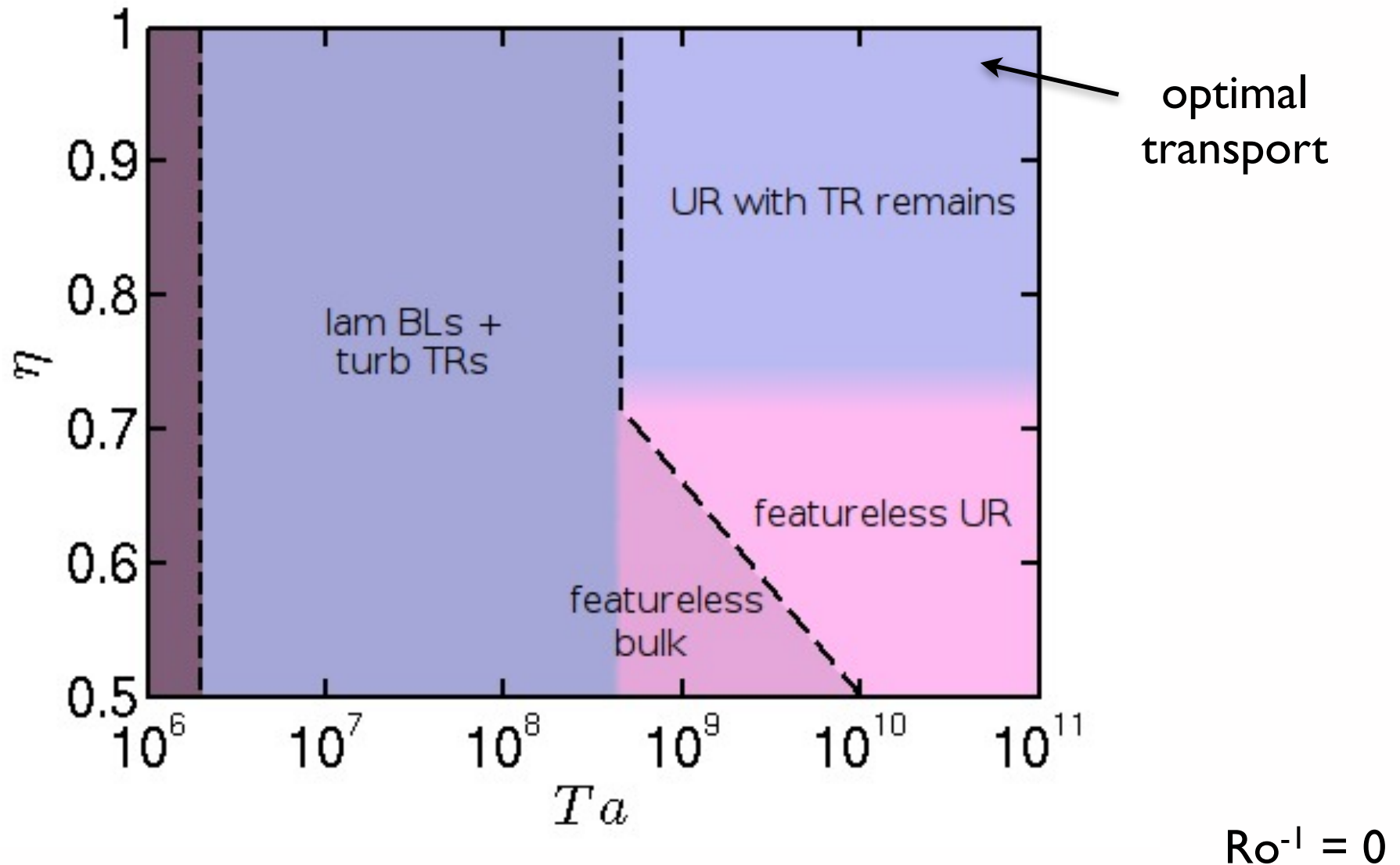
Increasing  $\eta$   $\rightarrow$  more pronounced roll structure  $\rightarrow$  better transport



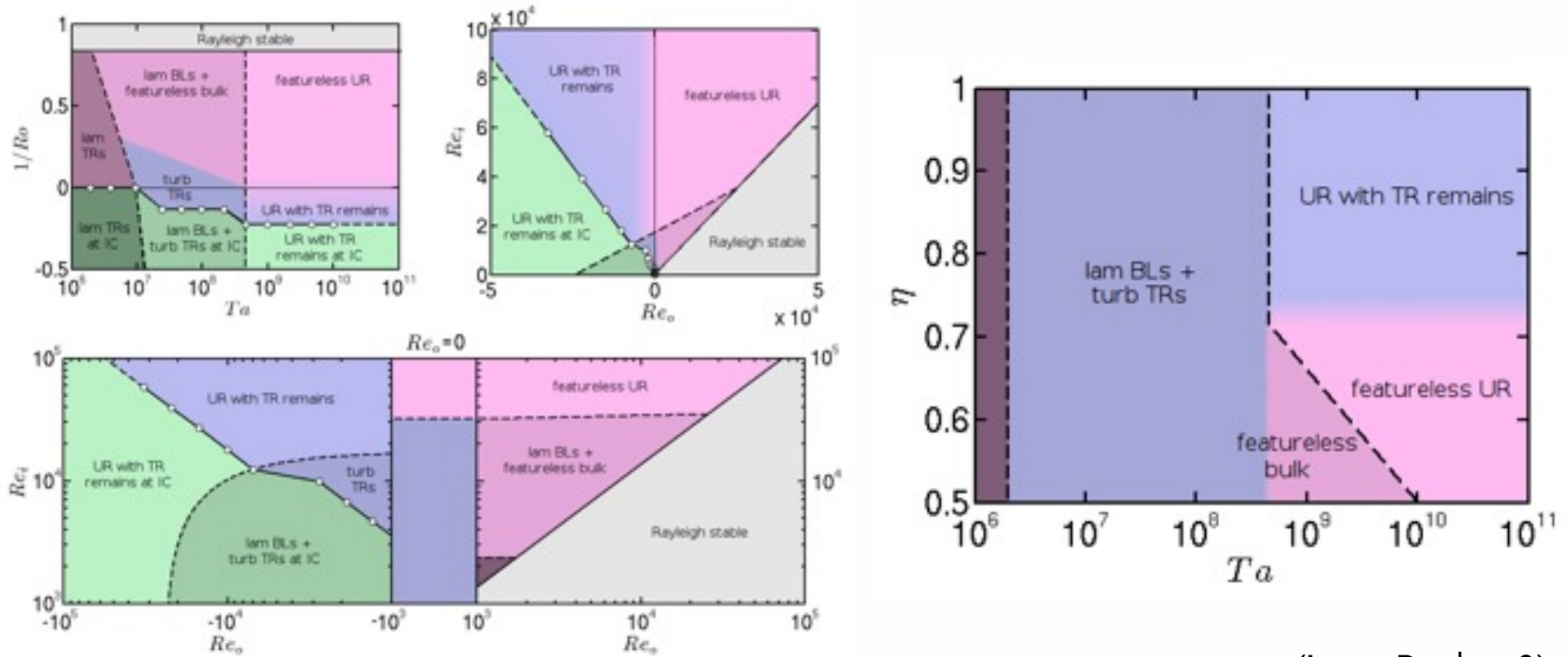
Just as decreasing  $1/\text{Ro}$  in the weakly counter-rotating regime

$$\text{Ta} = 10^{10} \quad \text{Ro}^{-1} = 0$$

# Phase diagram of $\eta$ -dependence



# Preliminary conclusions



(here  $Ro^{-1} = 0$ )

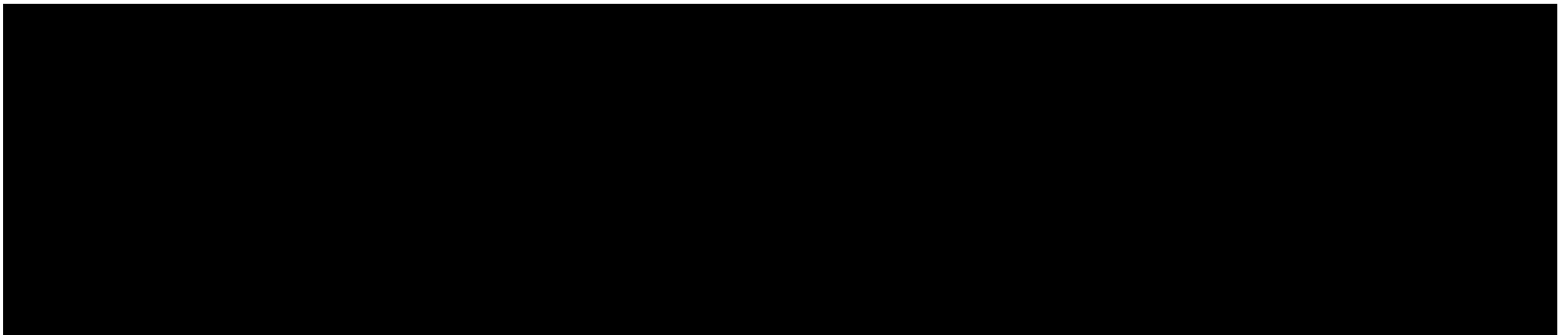
(here  $\eta = 0.714$ )

# **Startup behavior (inner cylinder) in numerics and experiments**

(outer cylinder at rest)

$$\eta = 0.714 \quad \text{Ro}^{-1} = 0$$

$$\text{Ta} = 10^8$$

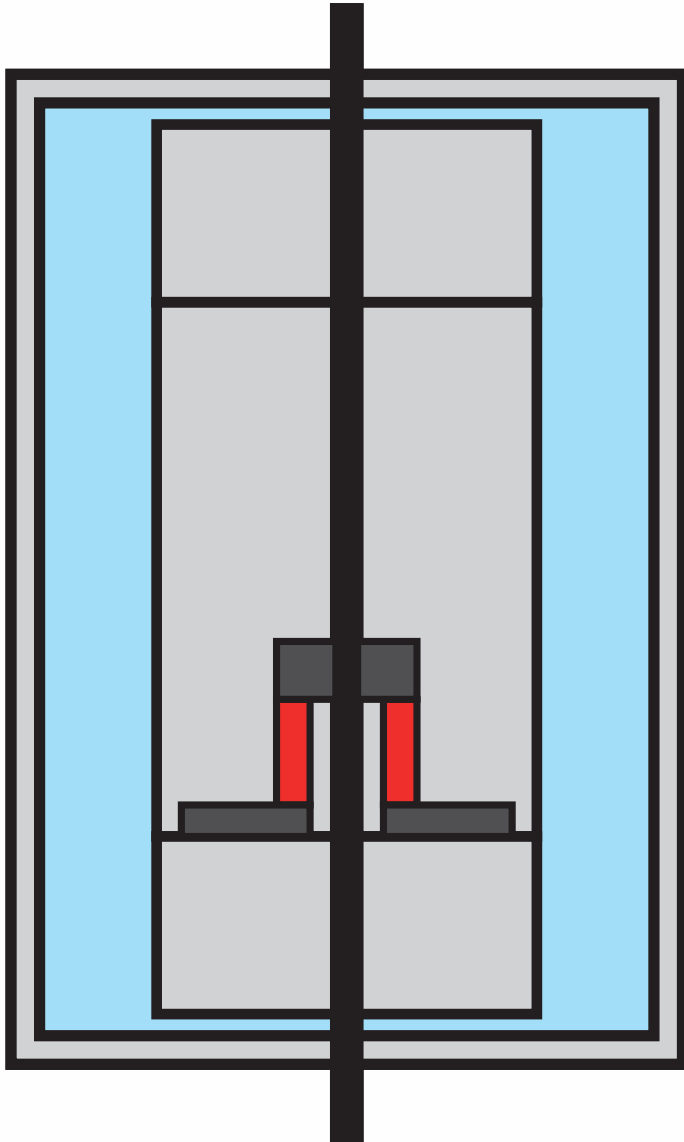




**But this is not the full story yet...**

# **Optimal transport and turbulent structures**

# Torque sensor

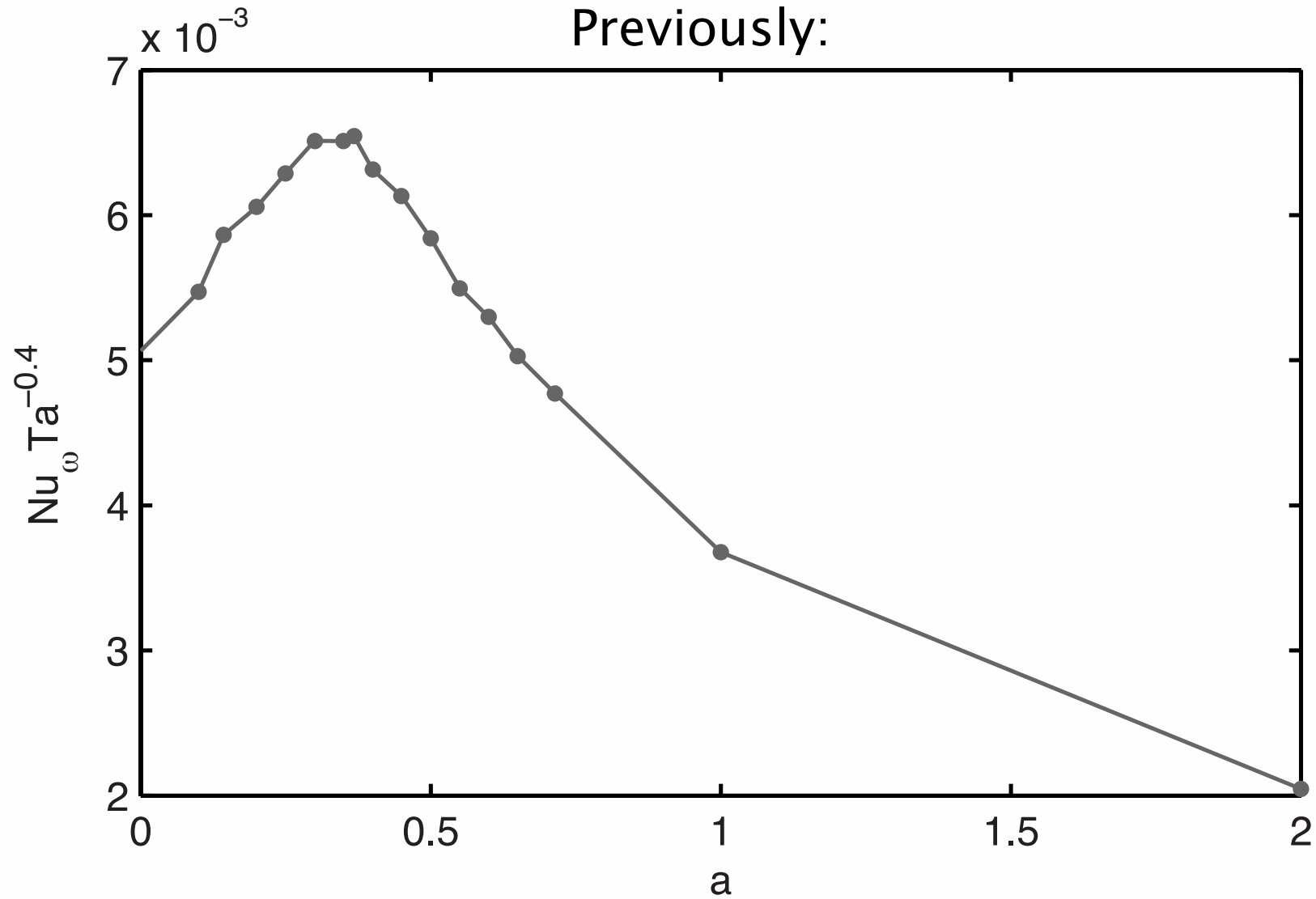


Previously:



A co-axial torque transducer  
Designed to measure torque

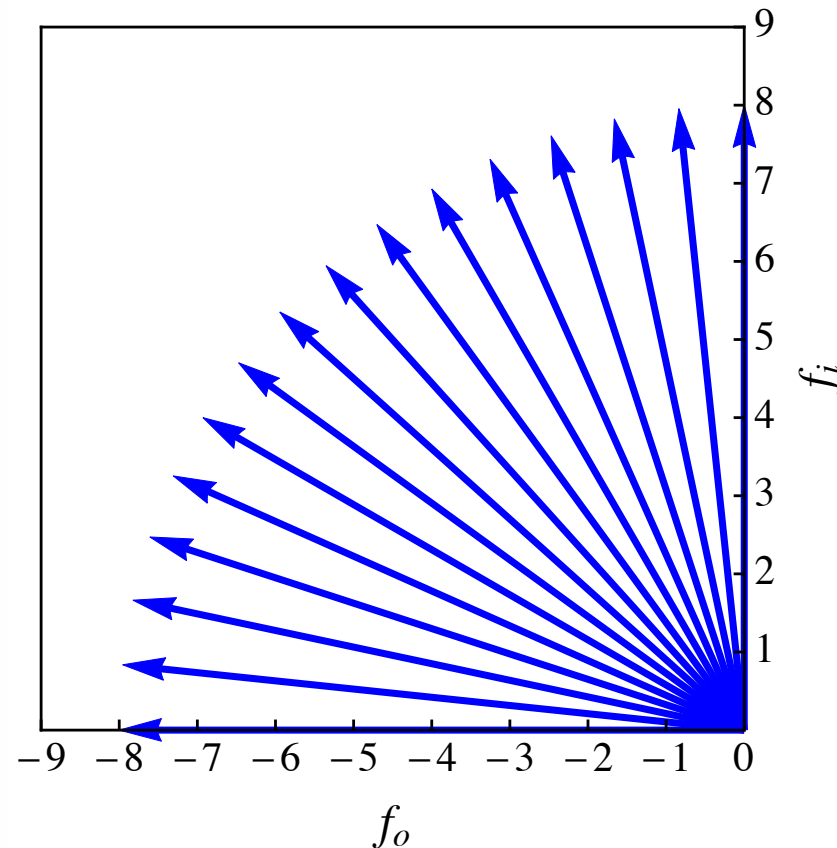
# Optimal transport



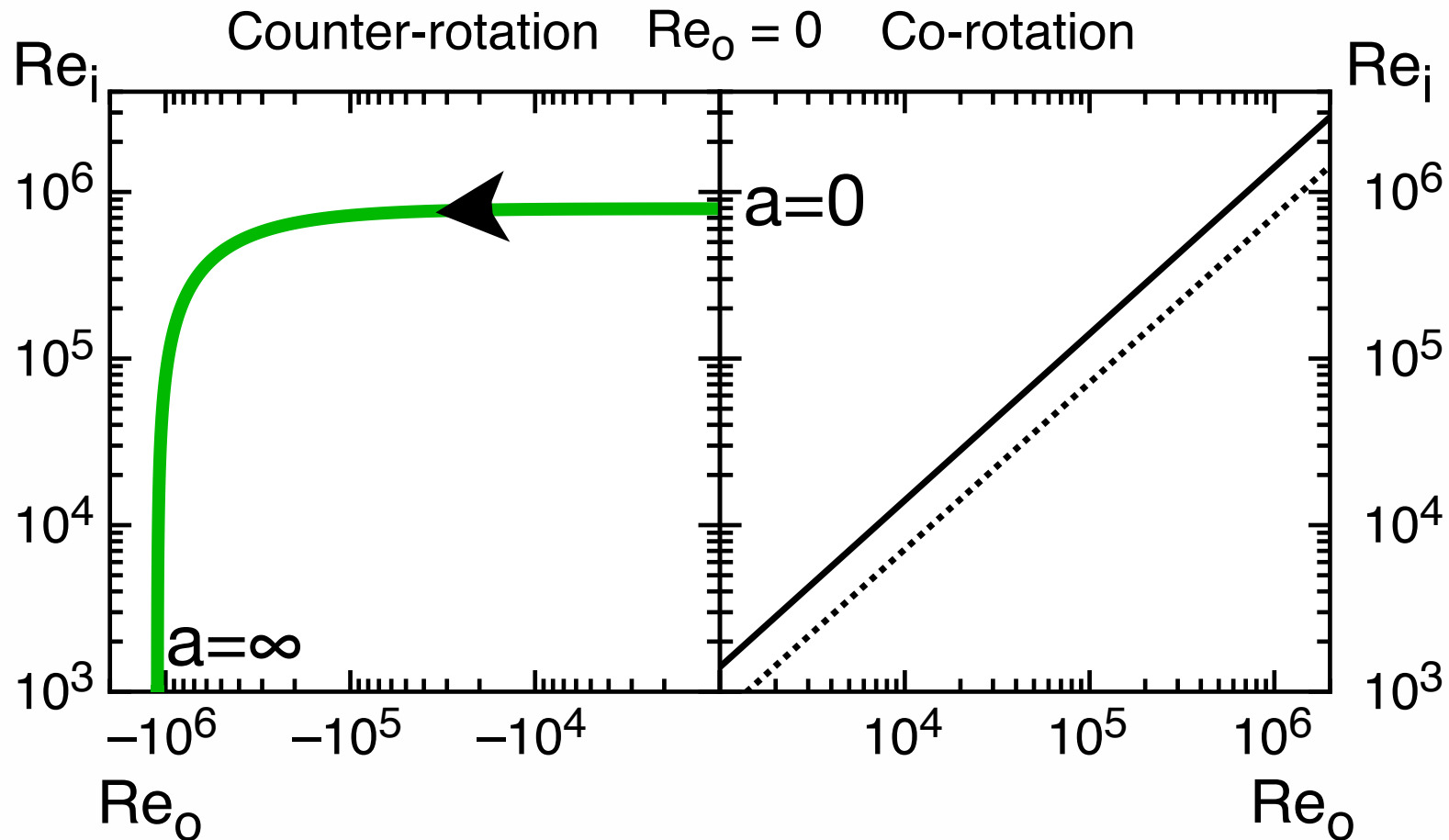
# Measurement procedure

Previously:

for every  $a$  we vary  $Ta$  and measure  $Nu_\omega$   
measure 3 hour per ' $a$ '



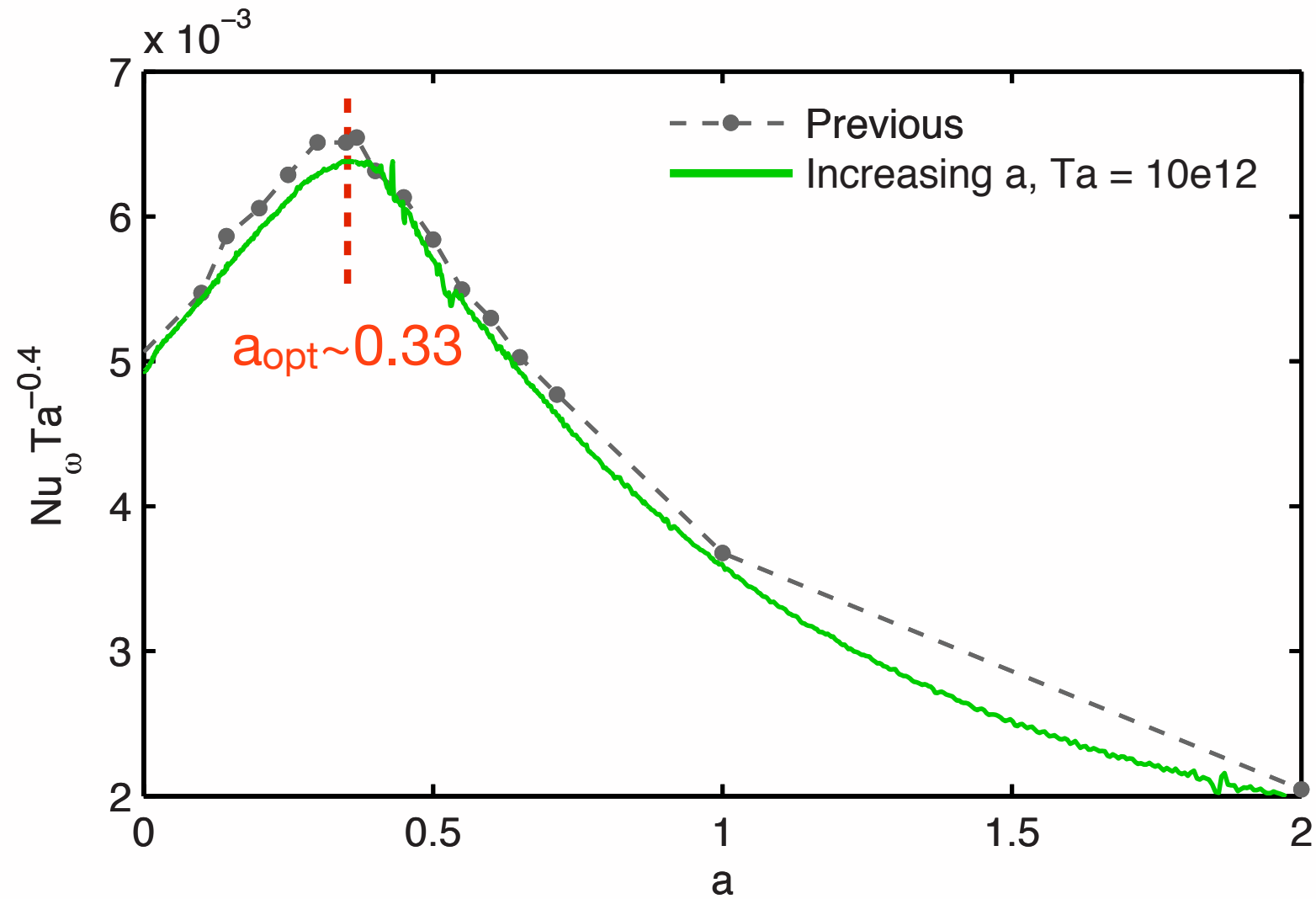
# Measuring Nu with increasing a



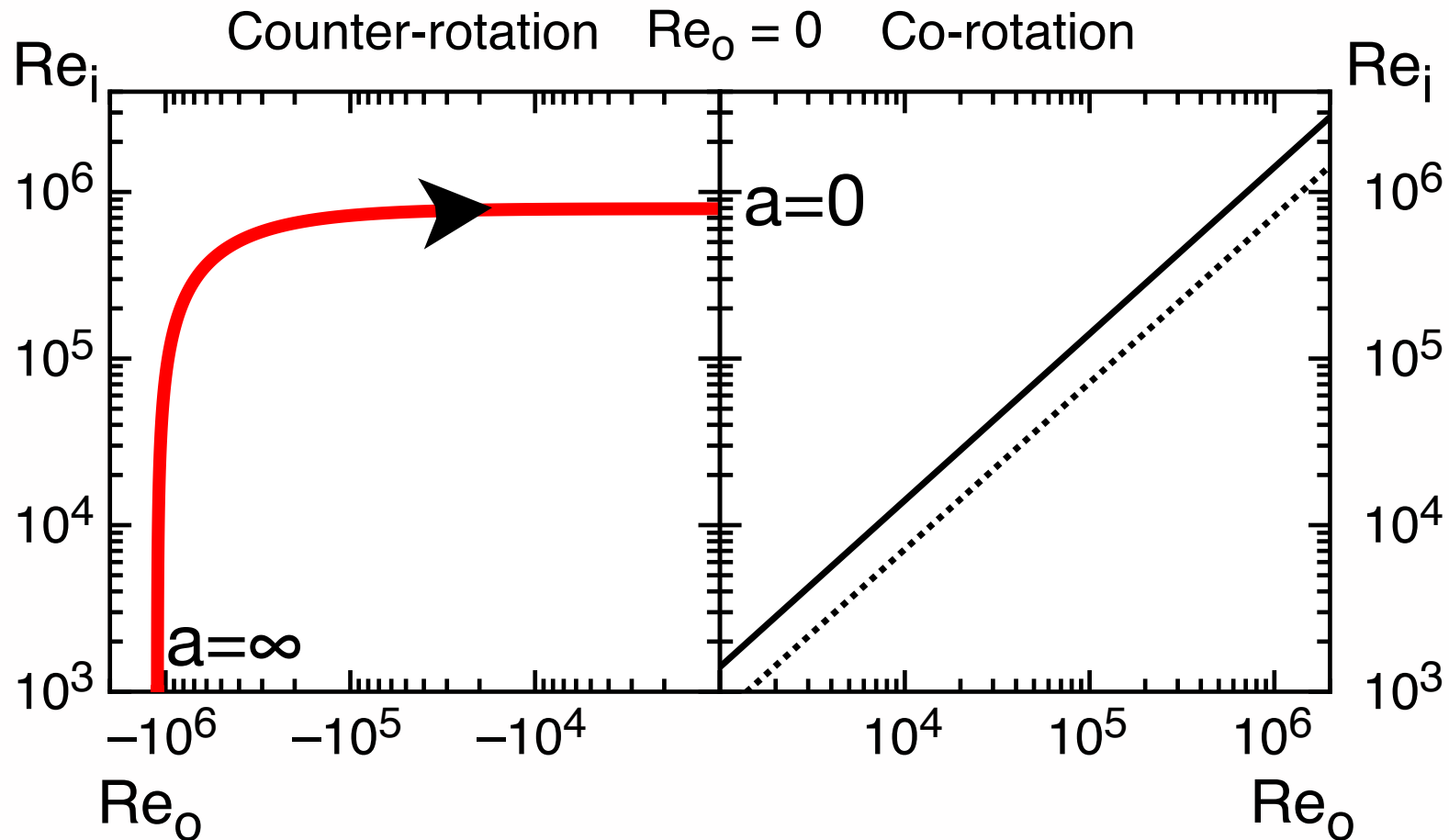
Fixed Ta number !

$$Ta = \frac{1}{4} \sigma (r_o - r_i)^2 (r_i + r_o)^2 (\omega_i - \omega_o)^2 \nu^{-2}$$

# Measuring Nu with increasing a



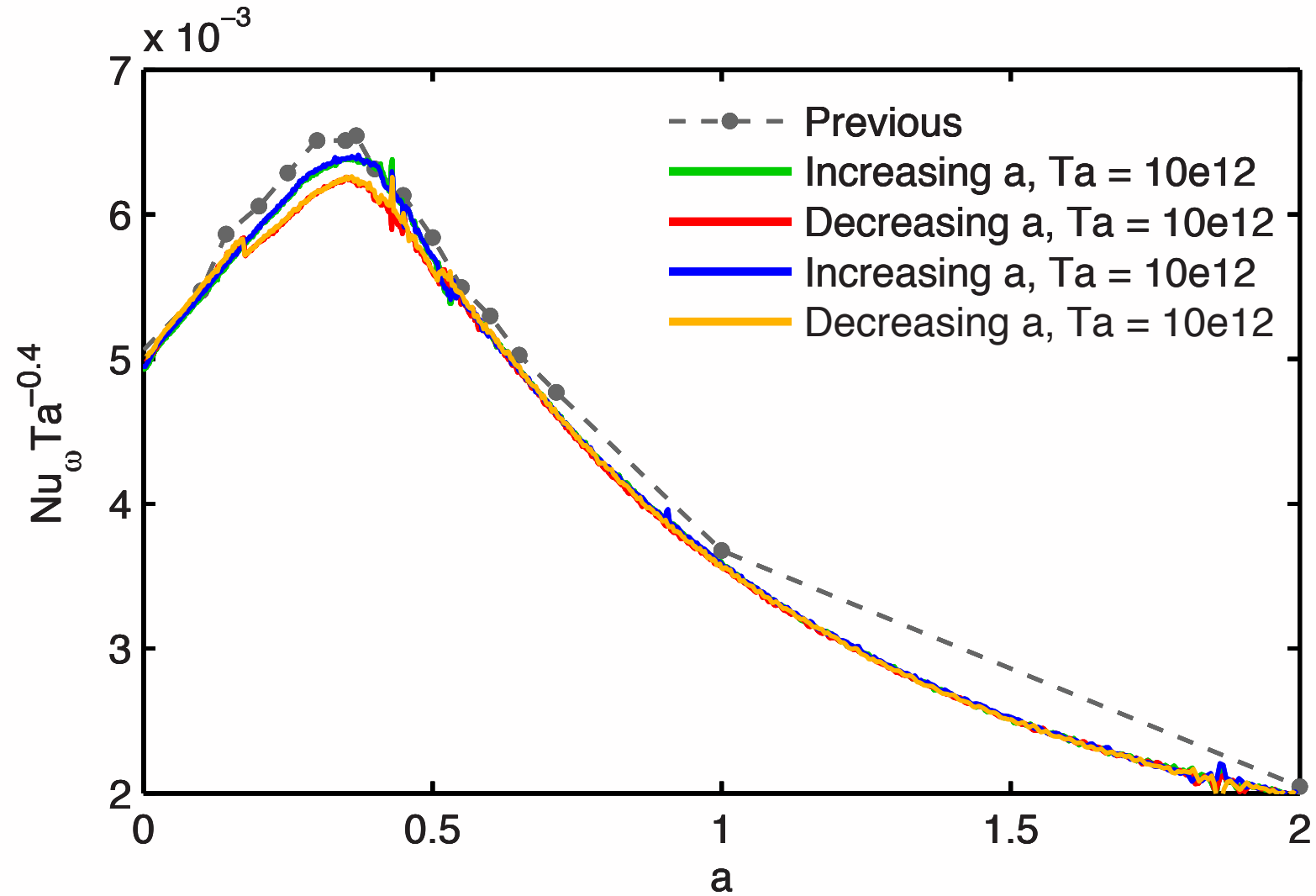
# Measuring Nu with decreasing $a$



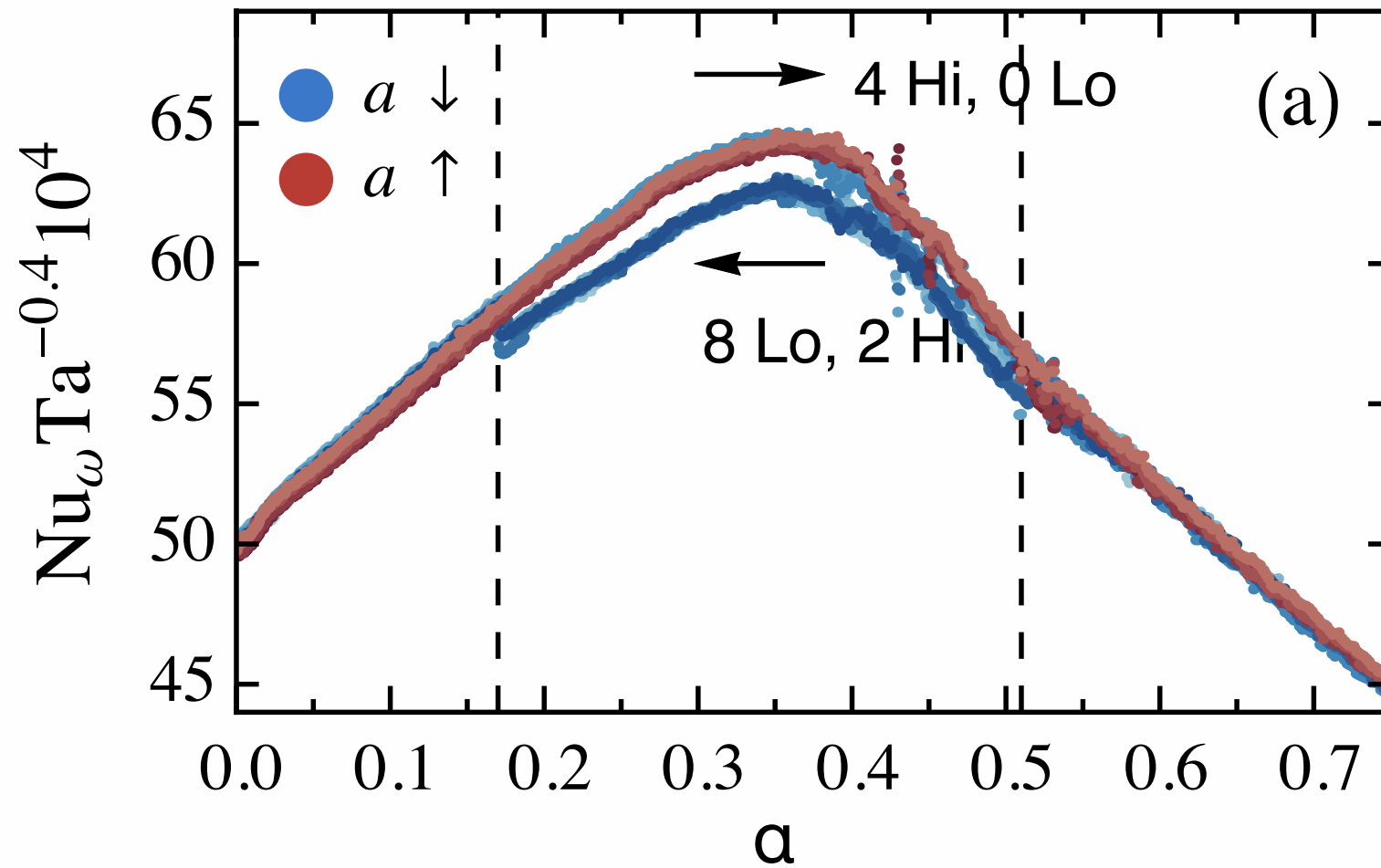
Fixed Ta number !



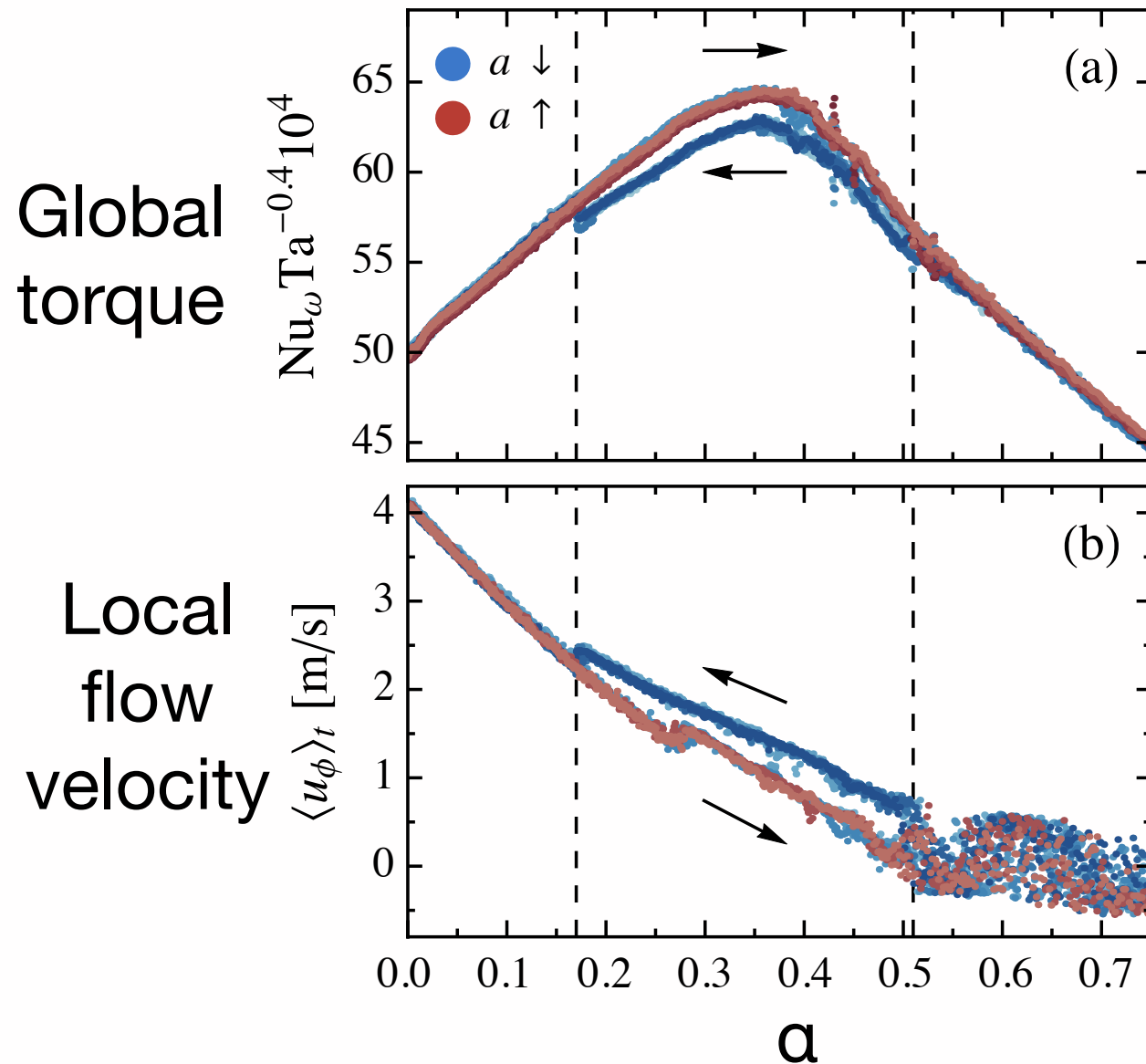
# Measuring Nu with increasing/decreasing a



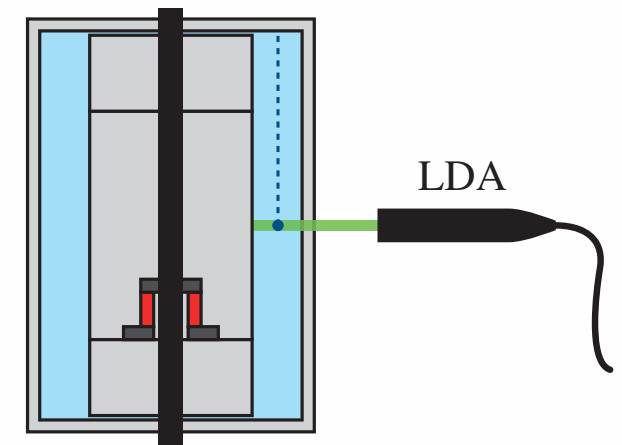
**Multiple turbulent states** appear around the optimal  $a$



# Global transport and internal flow



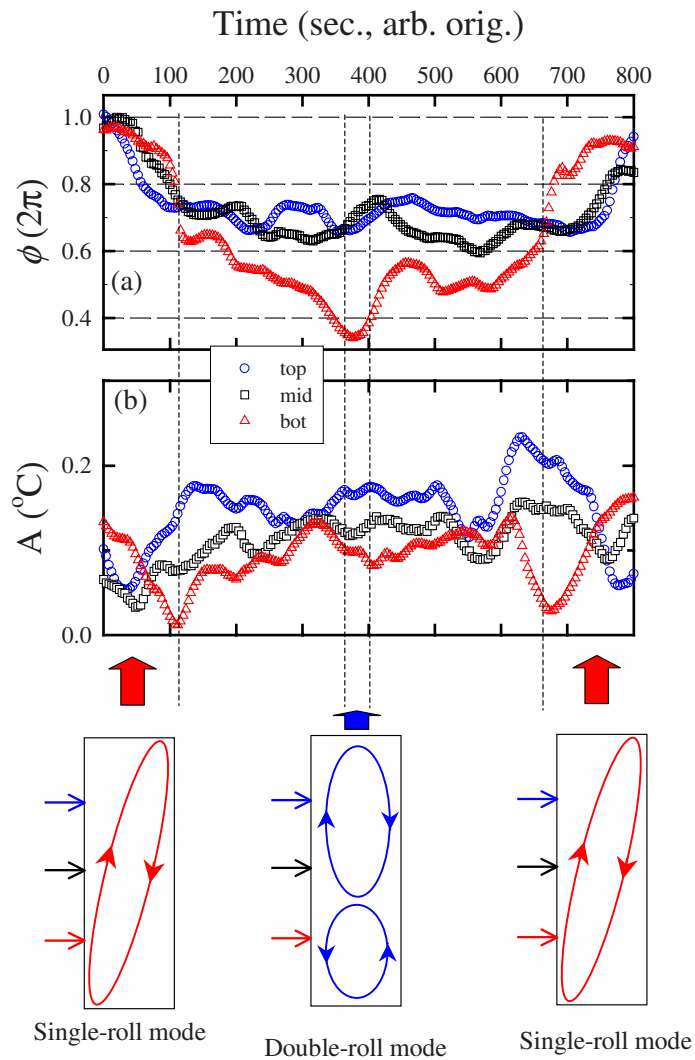
Local flow velocity  
also shows two  
states !



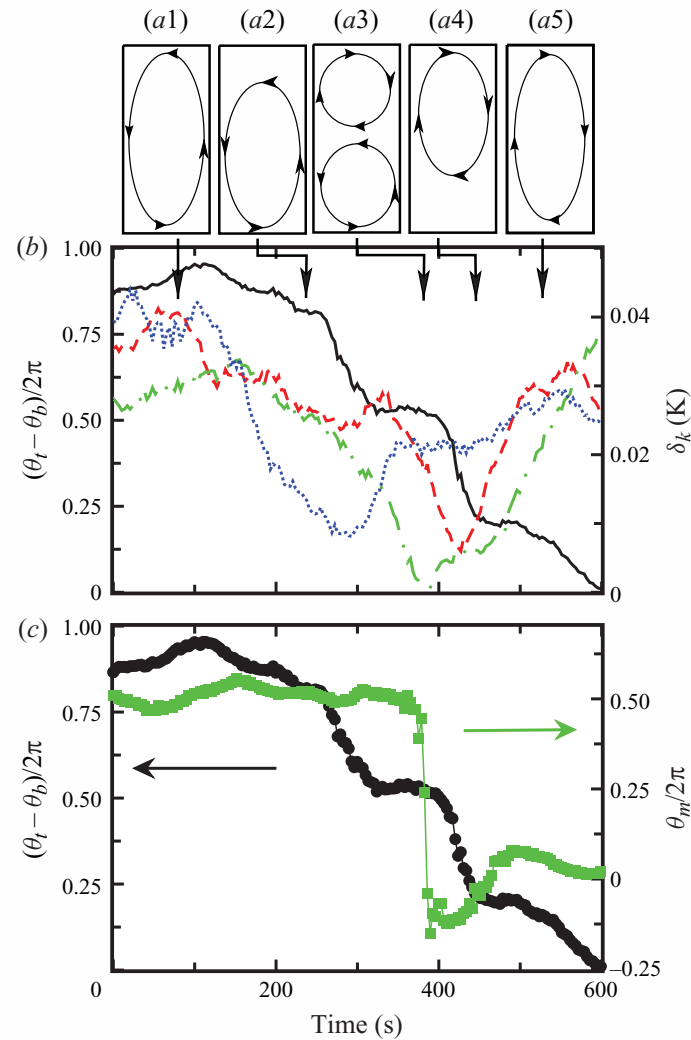
Flow structures?

**Multiple turbulent states !!!!**

# RB flow in classical turbulent state



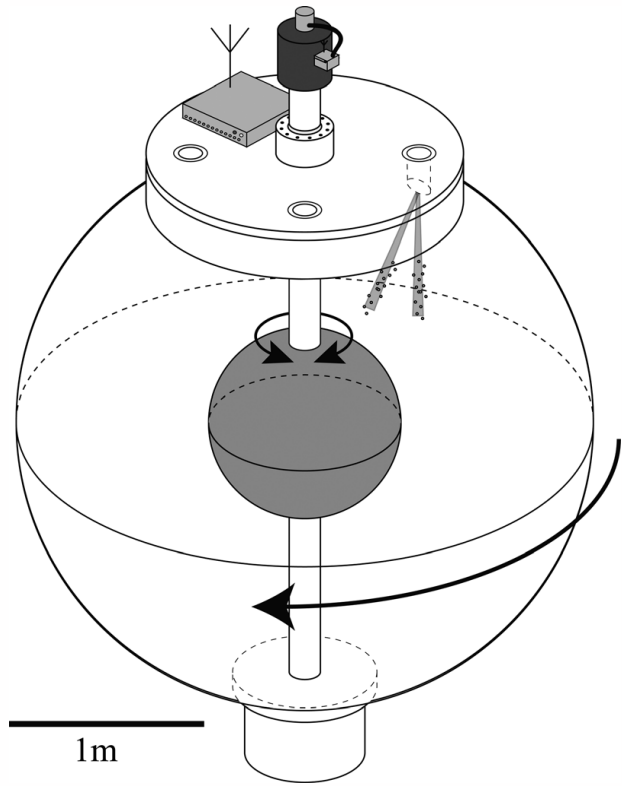
Xi & Xia, Phys. Fluids, 20,  
055104 (2008)



Multiple states:  
continuous  
switching between  
two different roll  
states with different  
heat transfer  
properties

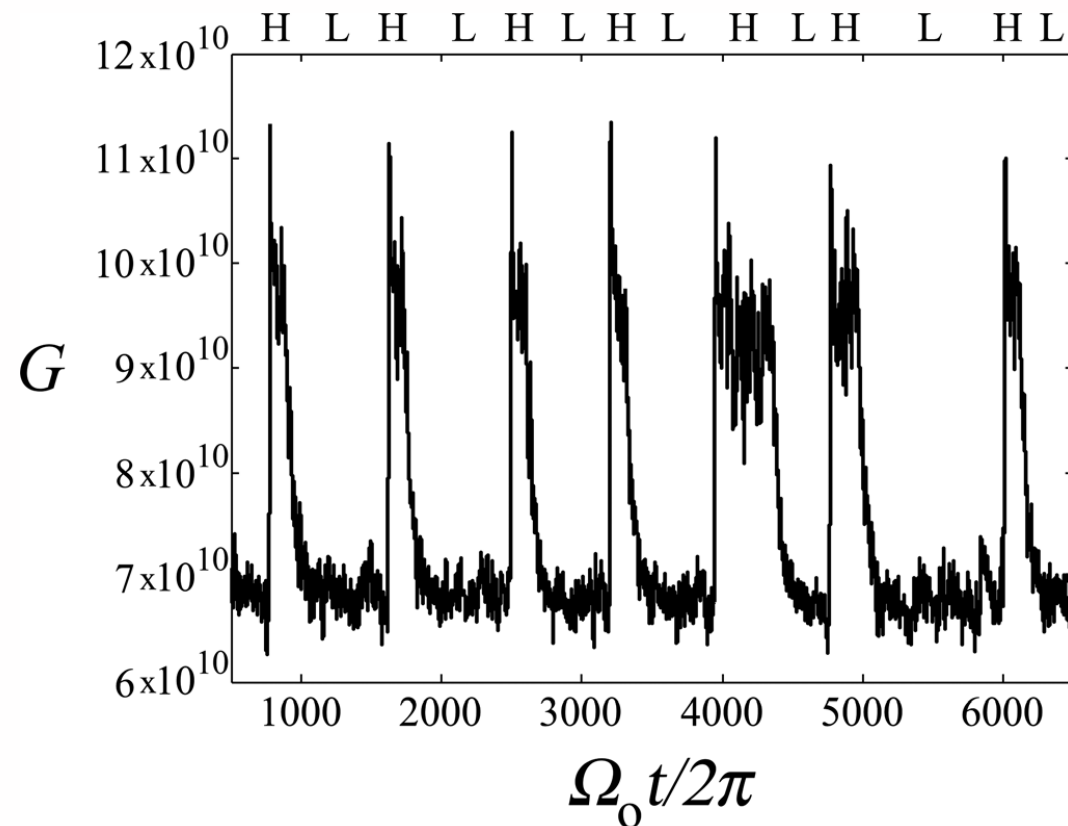
Weiss & Ahlers, J. Fluid Mech.  
676, 5 (2011)

# Rotating spherical Couette flow

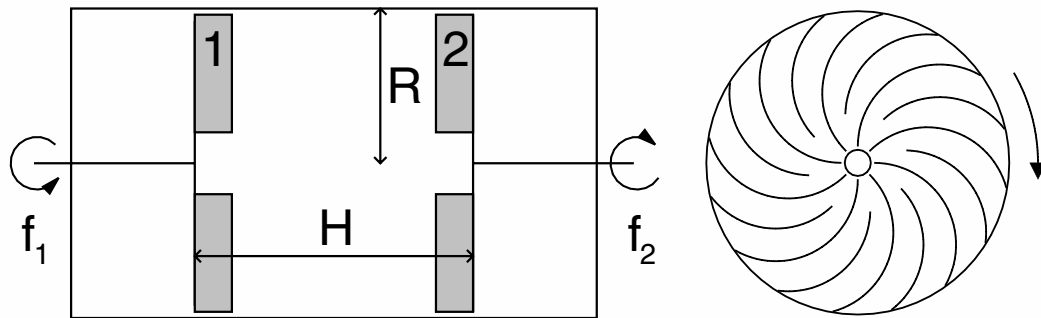


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Phys. Fluids, 23, 065104 (2011)

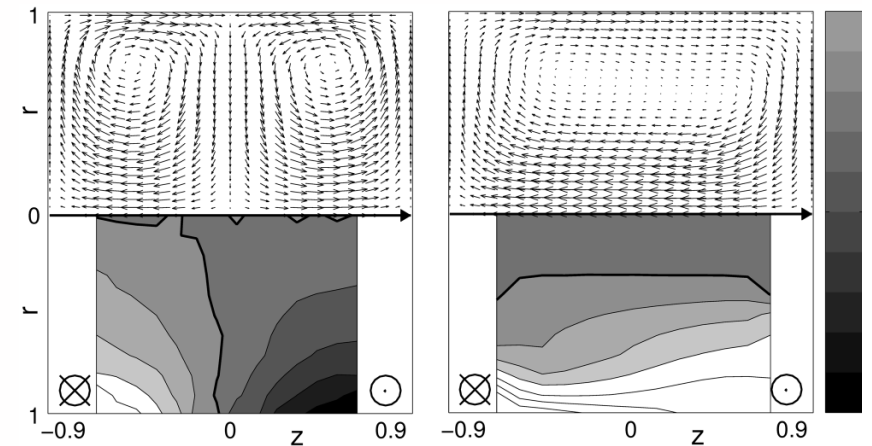
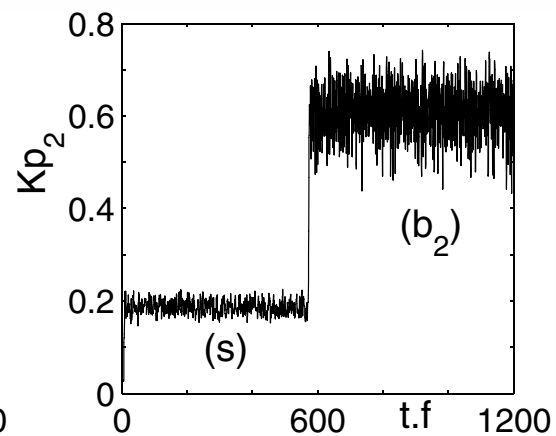
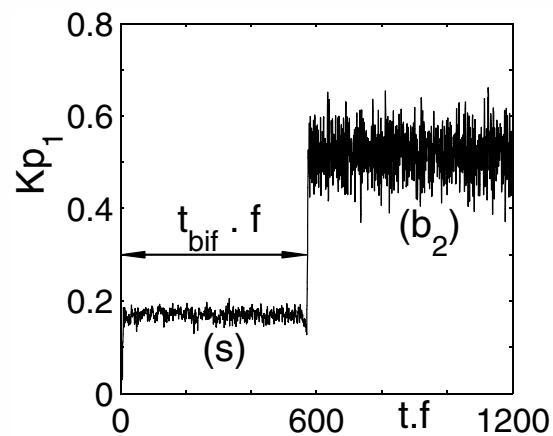
Spontaneous switching between  
two turbulent states



# von Kármán flow with curved blades



Global Bifurcation in a highly turbulent von Kármán flow

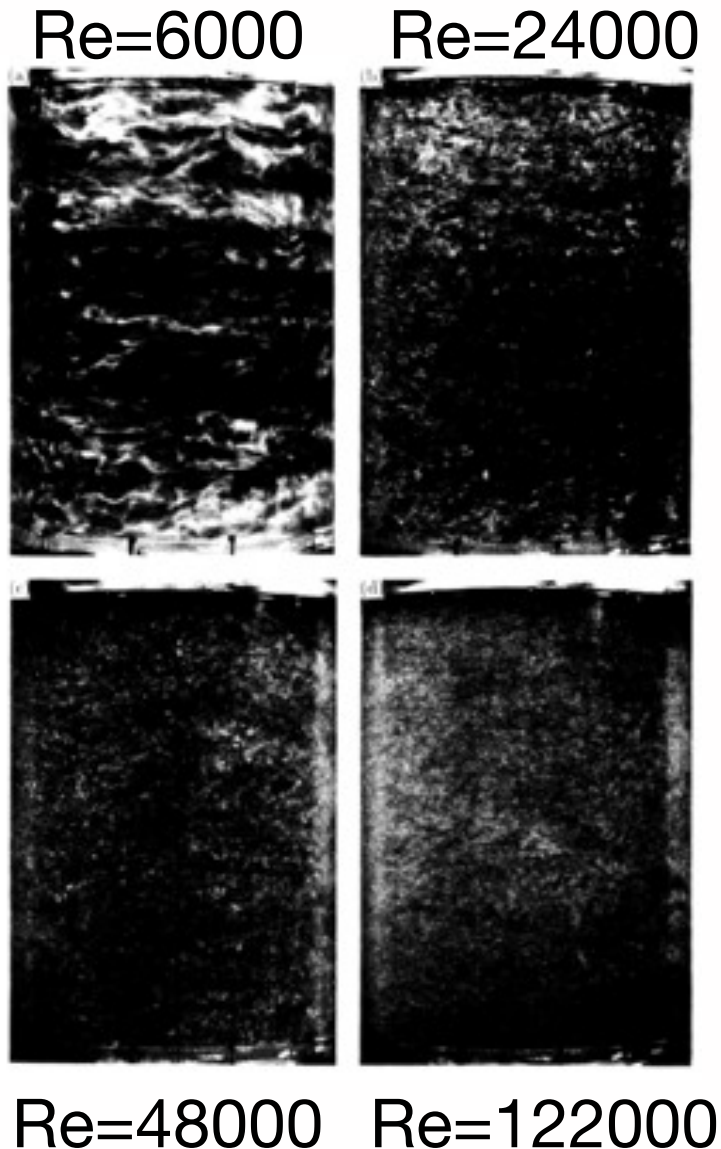


Ravelet, Marié, Chiffaudel, Daviaud, Phys. Rev. Lett., 93, 164501 (2004)

**Do stable turbulent structures exist in  
ultimate TC flow?**



# Structures in high-Reynolds-number TC flow

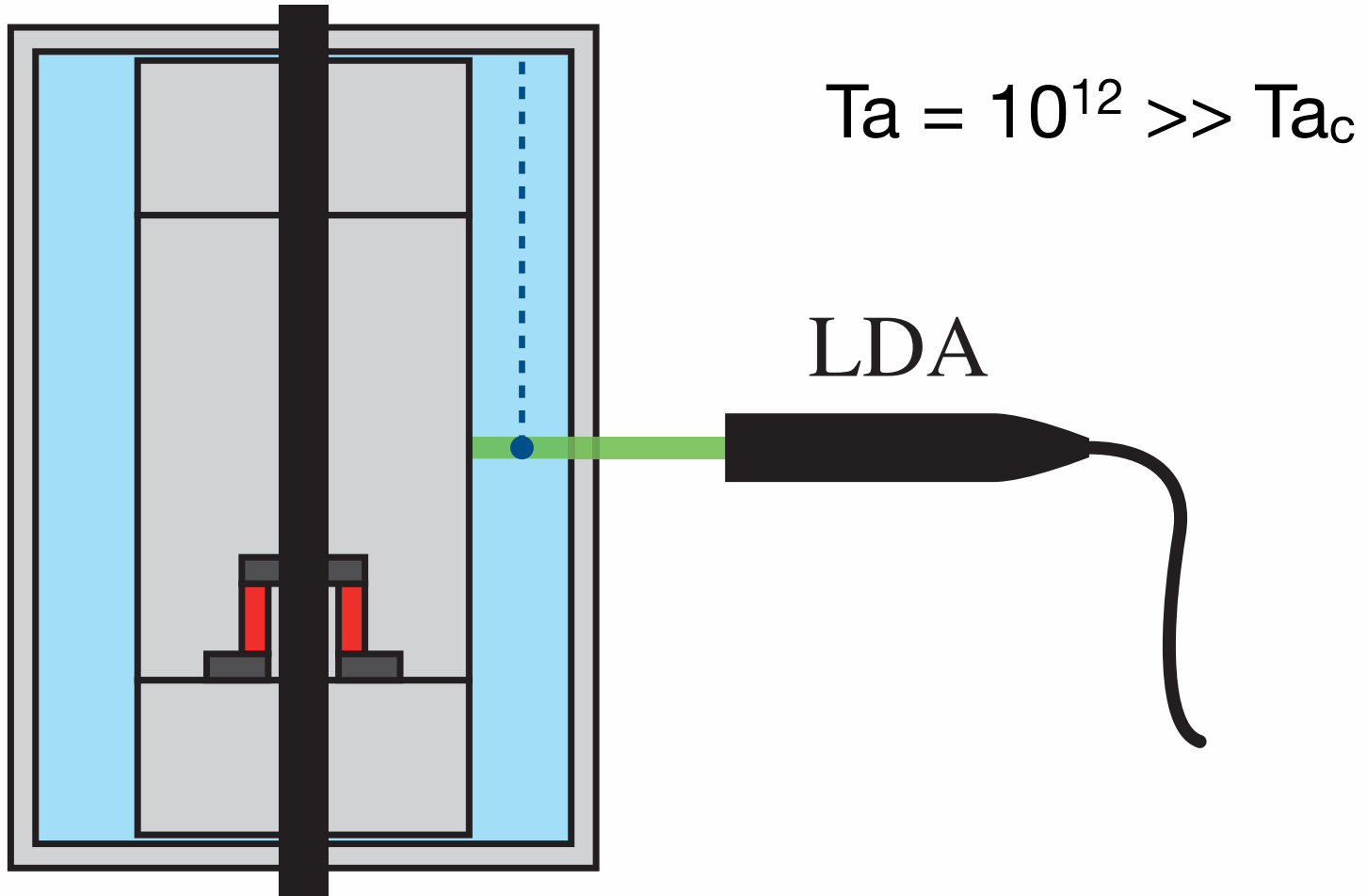


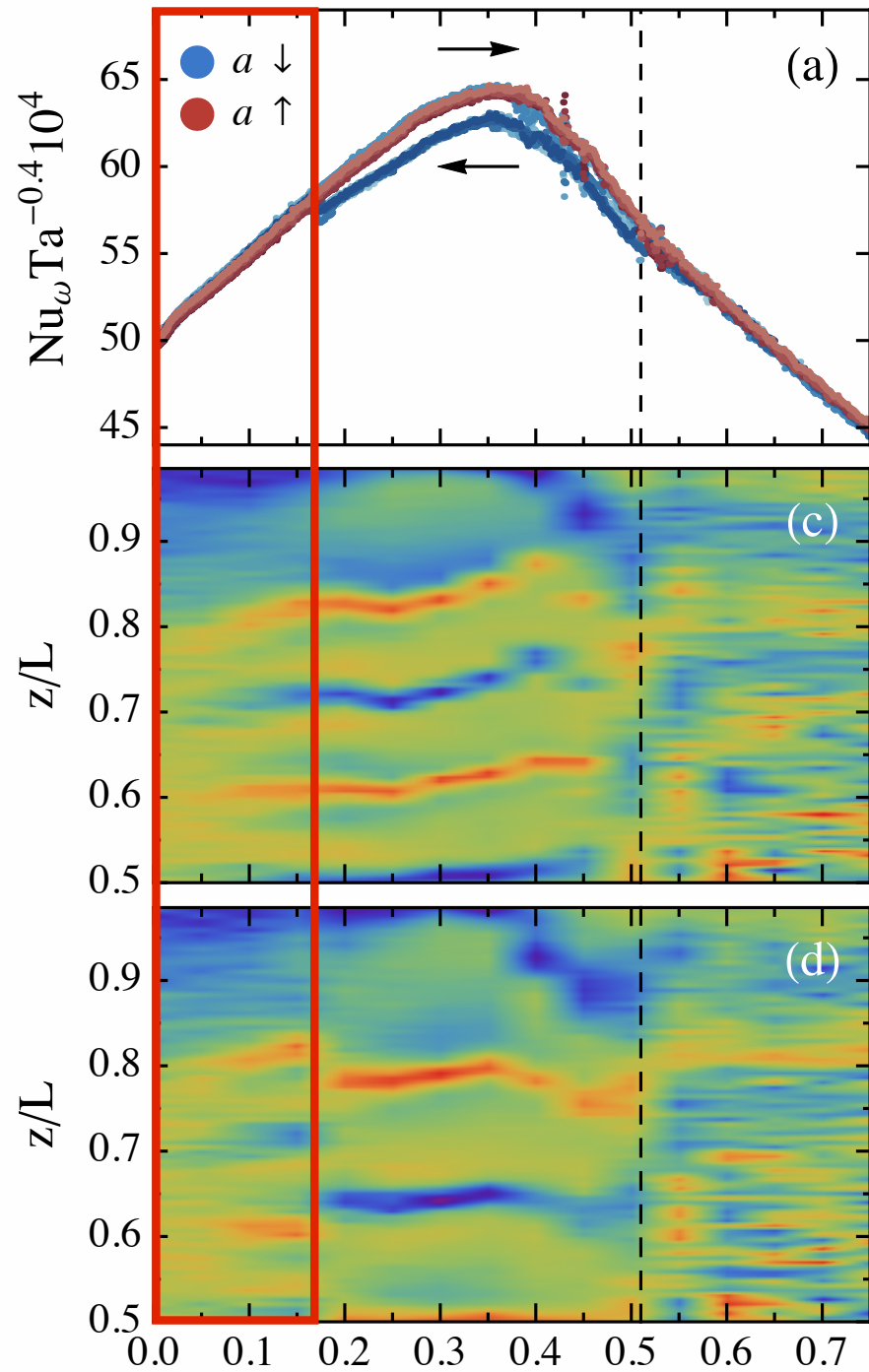
Only inner cylinder  
rotation:  $a=0$

Stable turbulent vortices  
vanish at  $Re > 10^5$

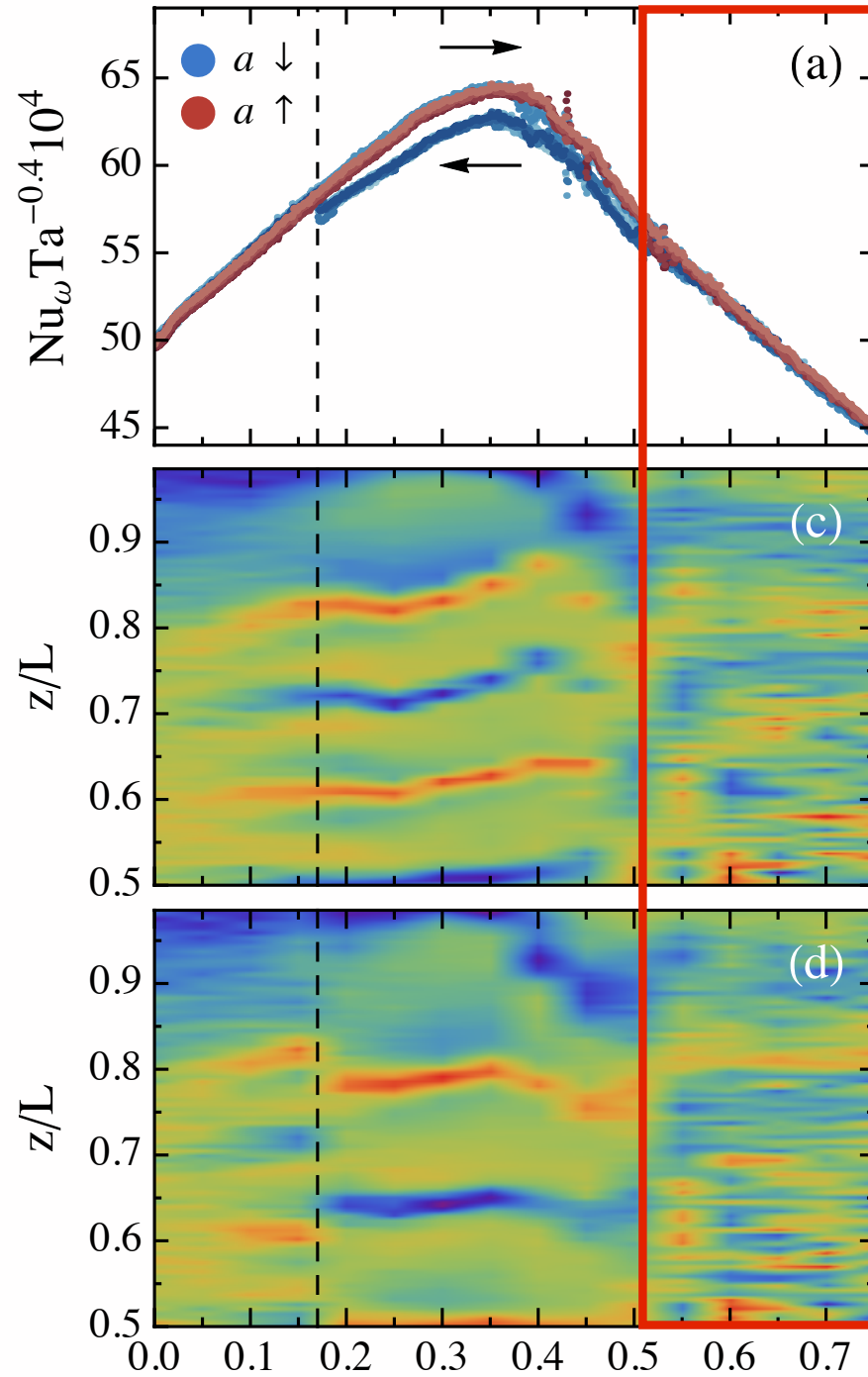
Lathrop, Fineberg & Swinney,  
Phys. Rev. A 46, 6390 (1992)

# Measure axial dependence

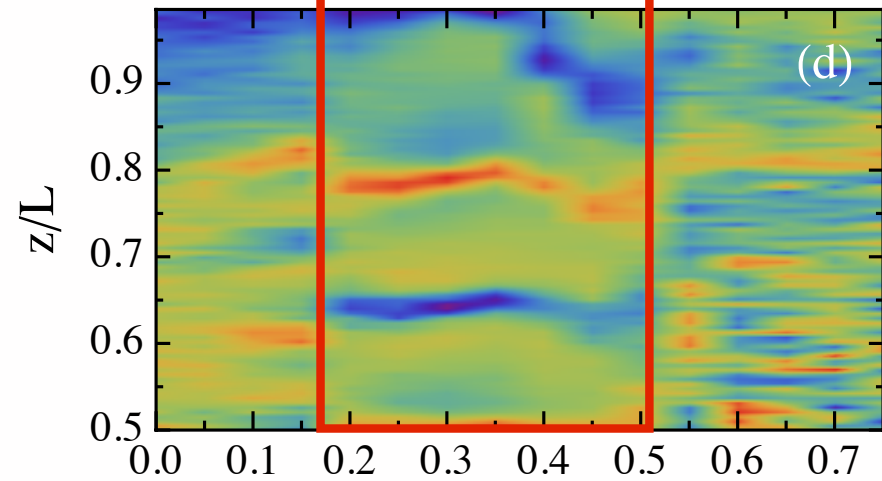
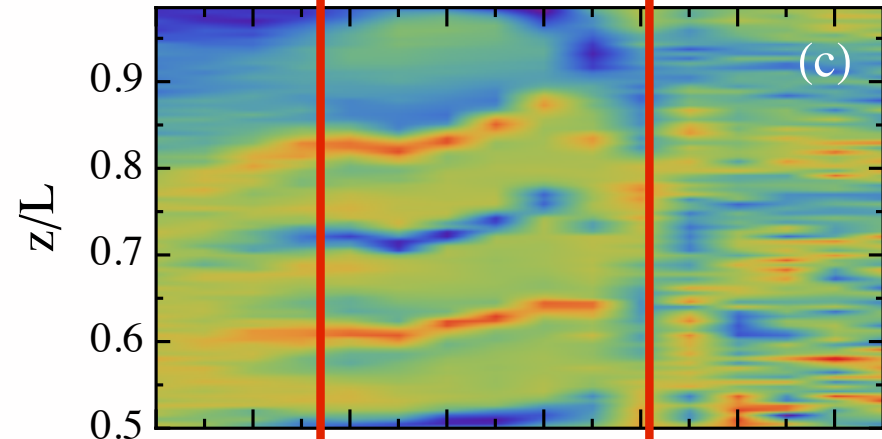
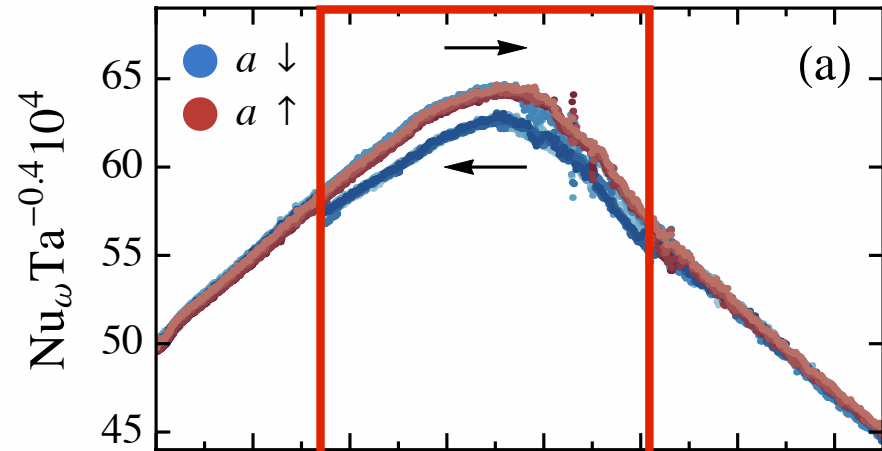




No strong  
turbulent  
structures for  
 $0 < a < 0.17$

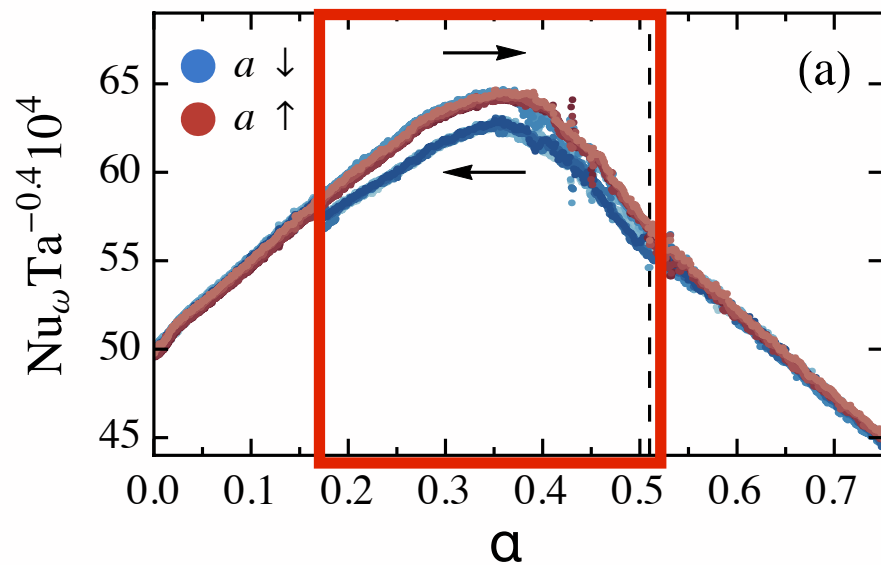


No stable  
turbulent  
structures:  
 $a > 0.51$



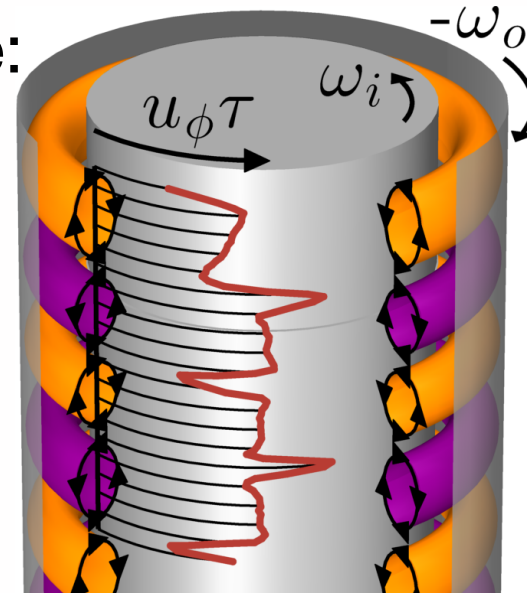
Multiple state  
regime:  
 $0.17 < a < 0.51$

Stable  
turbulent  
structures are  
observed!

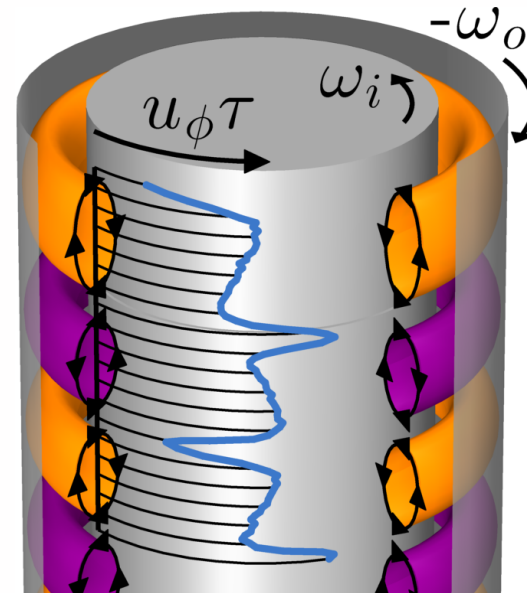


Global and local measurements: multiple turbulent states exist even at  $Re=10^6$  ( $Ta = 10^{12}$ )

High state:  
8 rolls



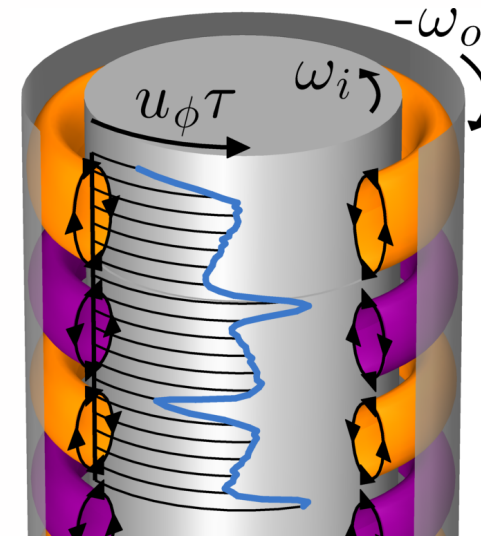
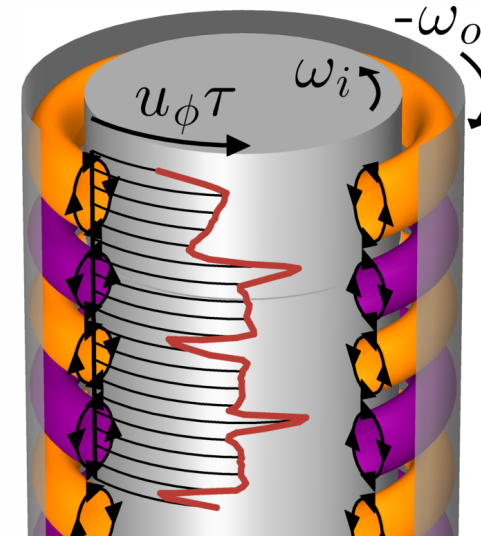
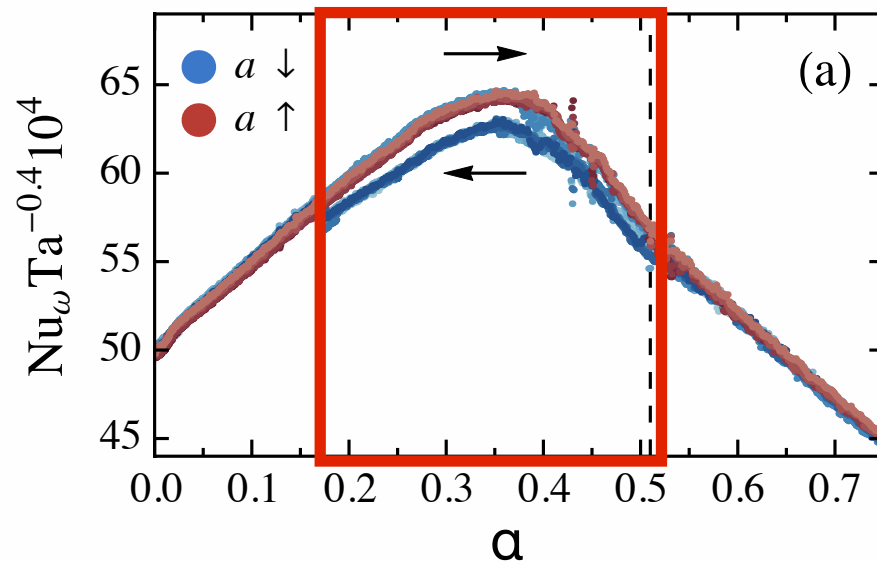
Low state:  
6 rolls



# Summary of 2nd part

Multiple turbulent states exist even at  $Re=10^6$  ( $Ta=10^{12}$ )

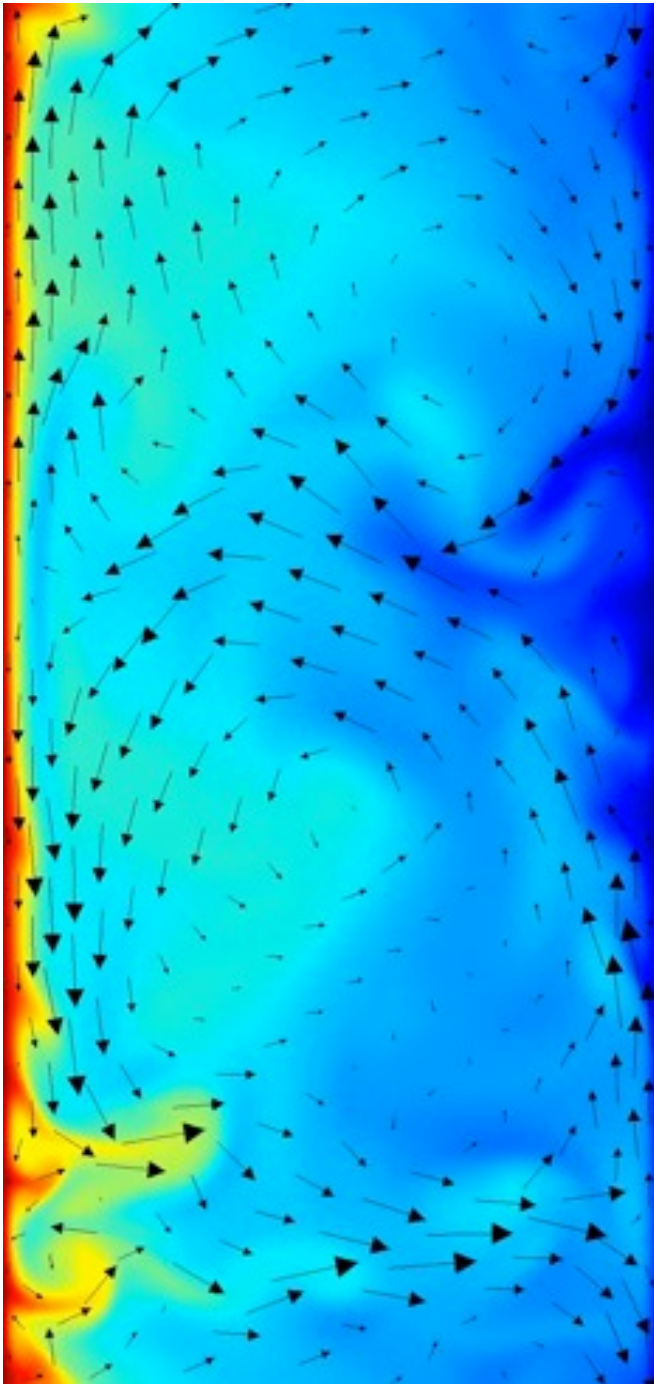
Optimal transport is connected to the existence of the large-scale coherent structures



Huisman, van der Veen, Sun & Lohse, Nat. Commu. 5, 3820 (2014)







Start with a turbulent  
flow and add Coriolis  
force

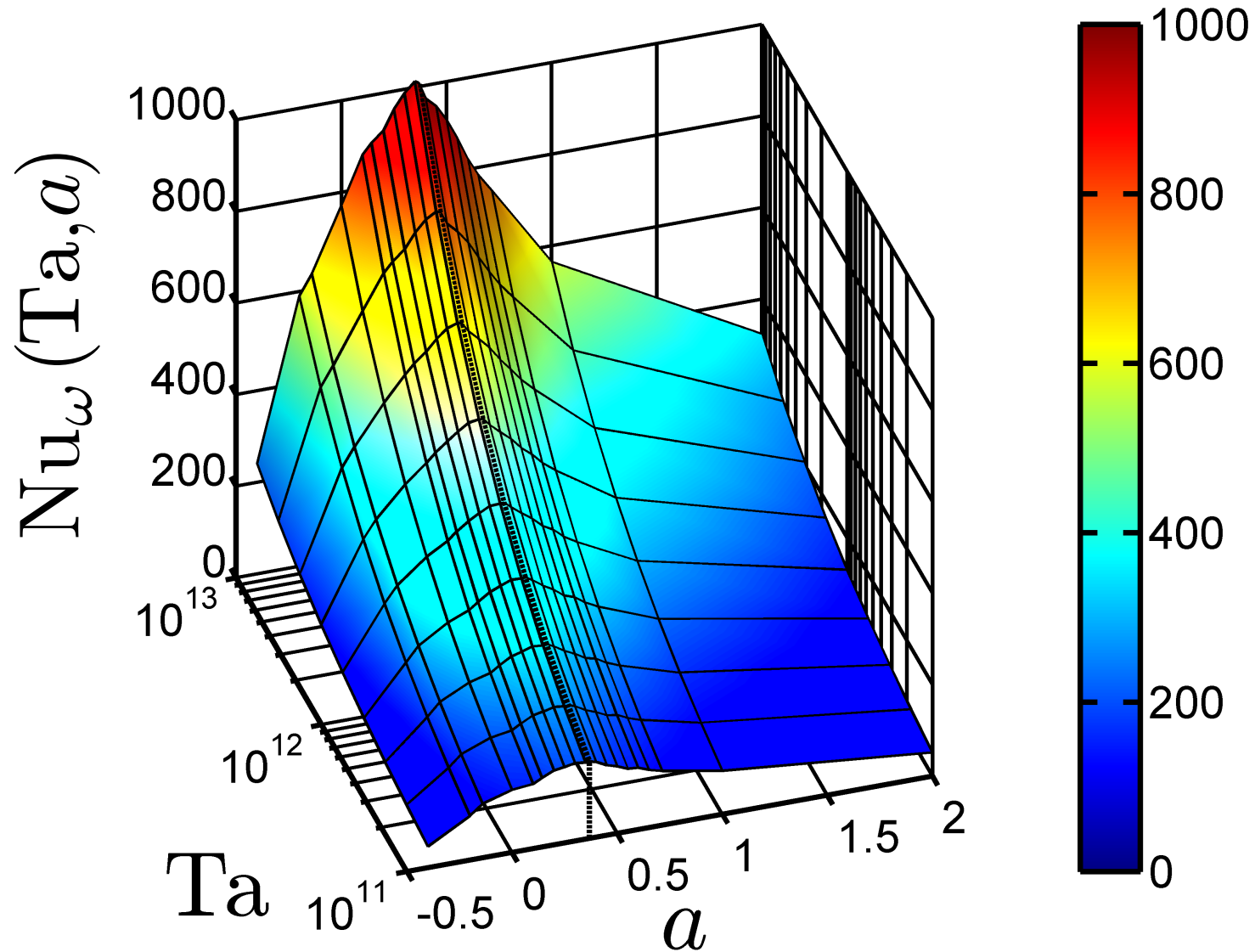
$$\eta = \frac{r_i}{r_o} = 0.714$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{L}{r_o - r_i} = 2.03$$

$$Re_s = \frac{r_i(\omega_i - \omega_o)d}{\nu} = 8020$$

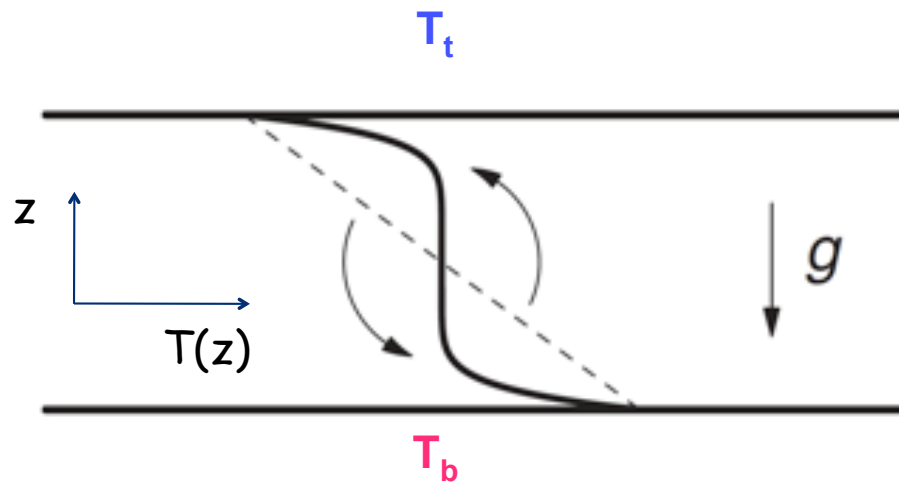
$$Ro^{-1} = 1.22 \quad (\text{quasi-Keplerian})$$

# Global measurements: $Nu(Ta, a)$



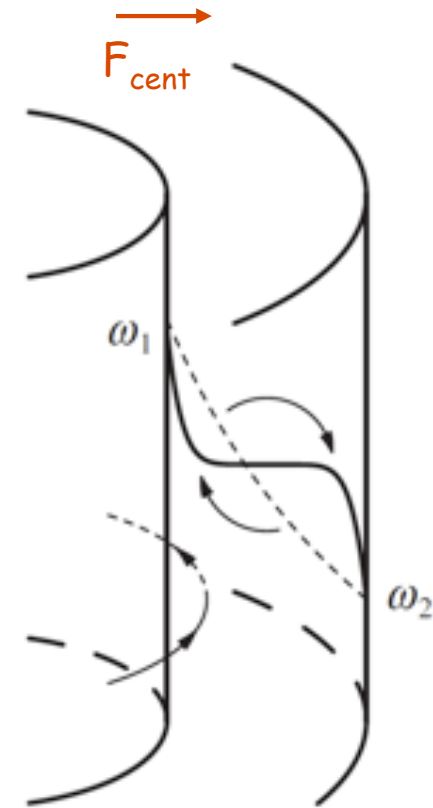
# **Compare RB & TC flow**

# Analogy RB and TC



Wind determines  $T(z)$  profile:

- Thermal BL width  $\lambda$
- Kinetic BL width  $\delta$



Wind determines  $\omega(r)$  profile:

- Vorticity BL width  $\lambda$
- Kinetic BL width  $\delta$

## RB

Conserved: heat flux

$$J = \langle u_z \theta \rangle_{A,t} - \kappa \partial_z \langle \theta \rangle_{A,t}$$

$$Nu = J / J_{\text{conductive}}$$

Driven by:

$$Ra = \frac{\beta g \Delta L^3}{\kappa \nu}$$

Exact relation:

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_u = (Nu - 1) Ra Pr^{-2}$$

$$Pr = \nu / \kappa$$

$$\text{Scaling: } Nu \propto Ra^\beta$$

## TC

Conserved: angular velocity flux

$$J_\omega = r^3 \left[ \langle u_r \omega \rangle_{A,t} - \nu \partial_r \langle \omega \rangle_{A,t} \right]$$

$$Nu_\omega = J_\omega / J_{\omega, \text{lam}}$$

Driven by:

$$Ta = \frac{d^2 r_a^6}{r_g^4} \frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2}{\nu^2}$$

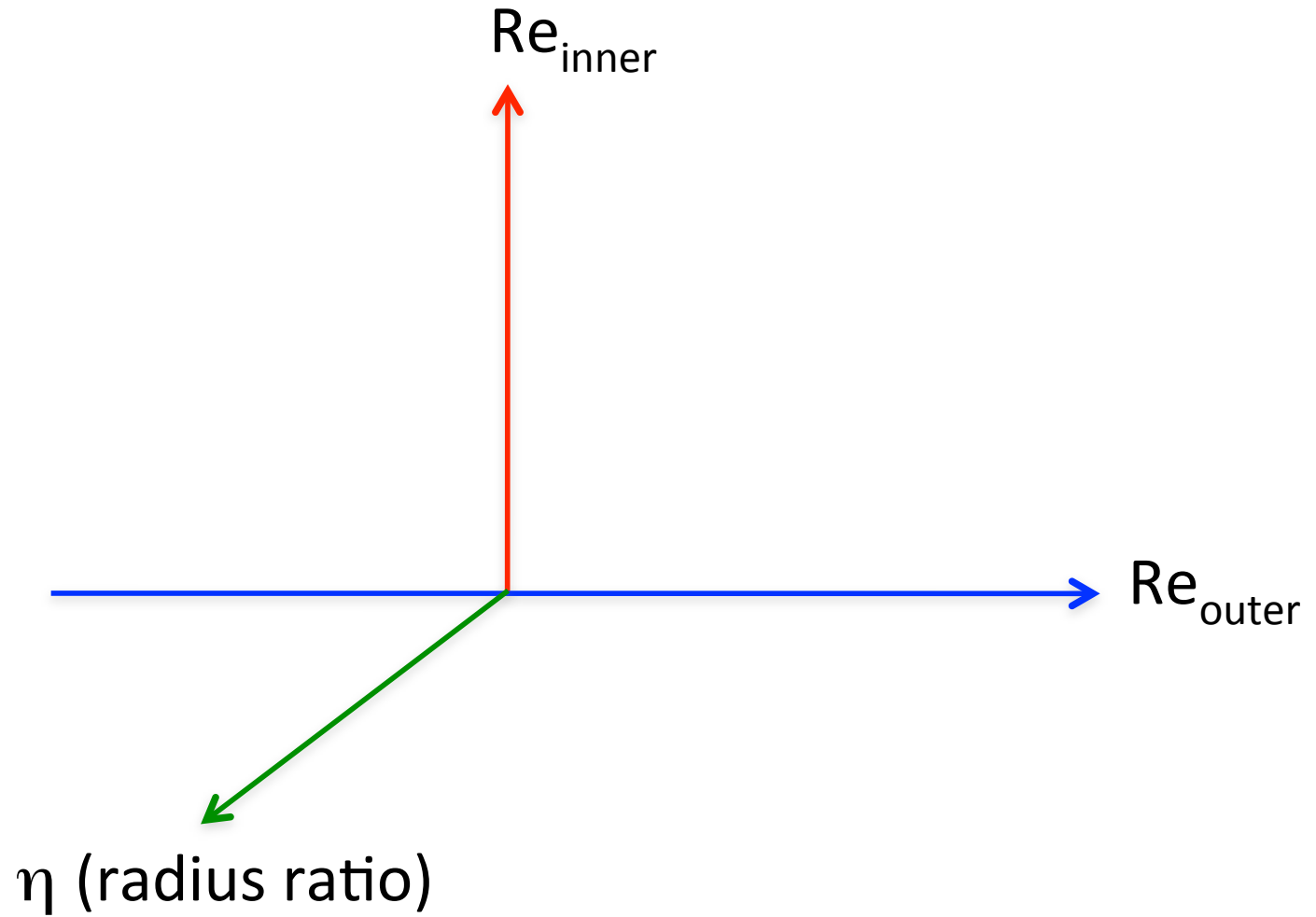
Exact relation:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\epsilon}'_u &= \tilde{\epsilon}_u - \tilde{\epsilon}_{u, \text{lam}} \\ &= (Nu_\omega - 1) Ta \sigma^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = (1 + \eta)^4 / (2\eta)^2$$

$$\text{Scaling: } Nu_\omega \propto Ta^\beta$$

# Parameter space



# Shear Reynolds number $Re_s$

$$Re_s = U_s \delta / \nu \qquad Re_s = a_{bp} \sqrt{Re_i - Re_w}$$

$$\delta = \frac{a_{pb}}{\sqrt{Re_i - Re_w}} d$$

$$U_s = U_i - U_w$$

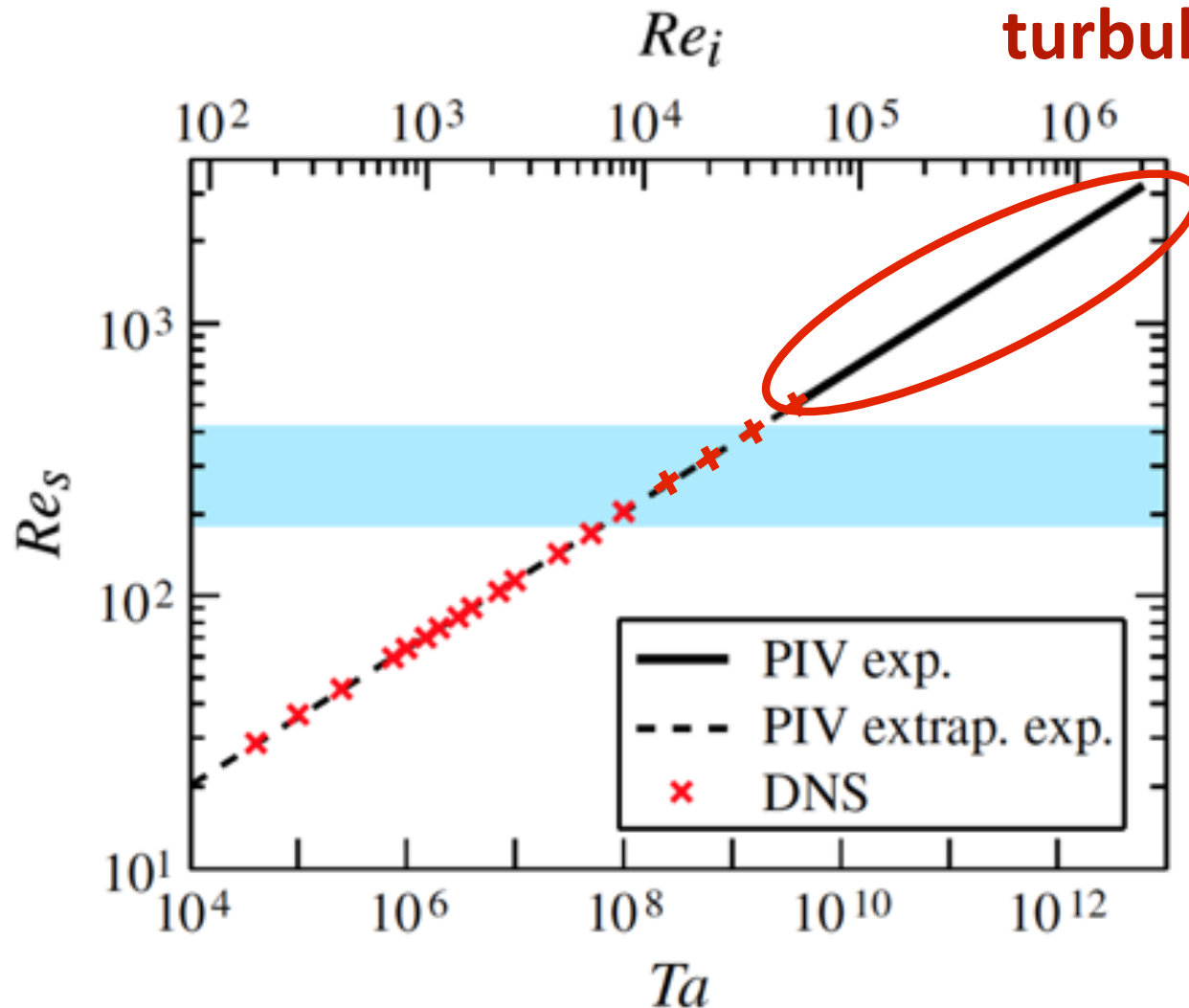
$$\frac{U_w}{U_i} \approx 0.05$$

Wind only small correction!

# Shear Reynolds number $Re_s$

$$Re_s = U_s \delta / \nu$$

Flow in T<sup>3</sup>C is in ultimate turbulent TC state!!!

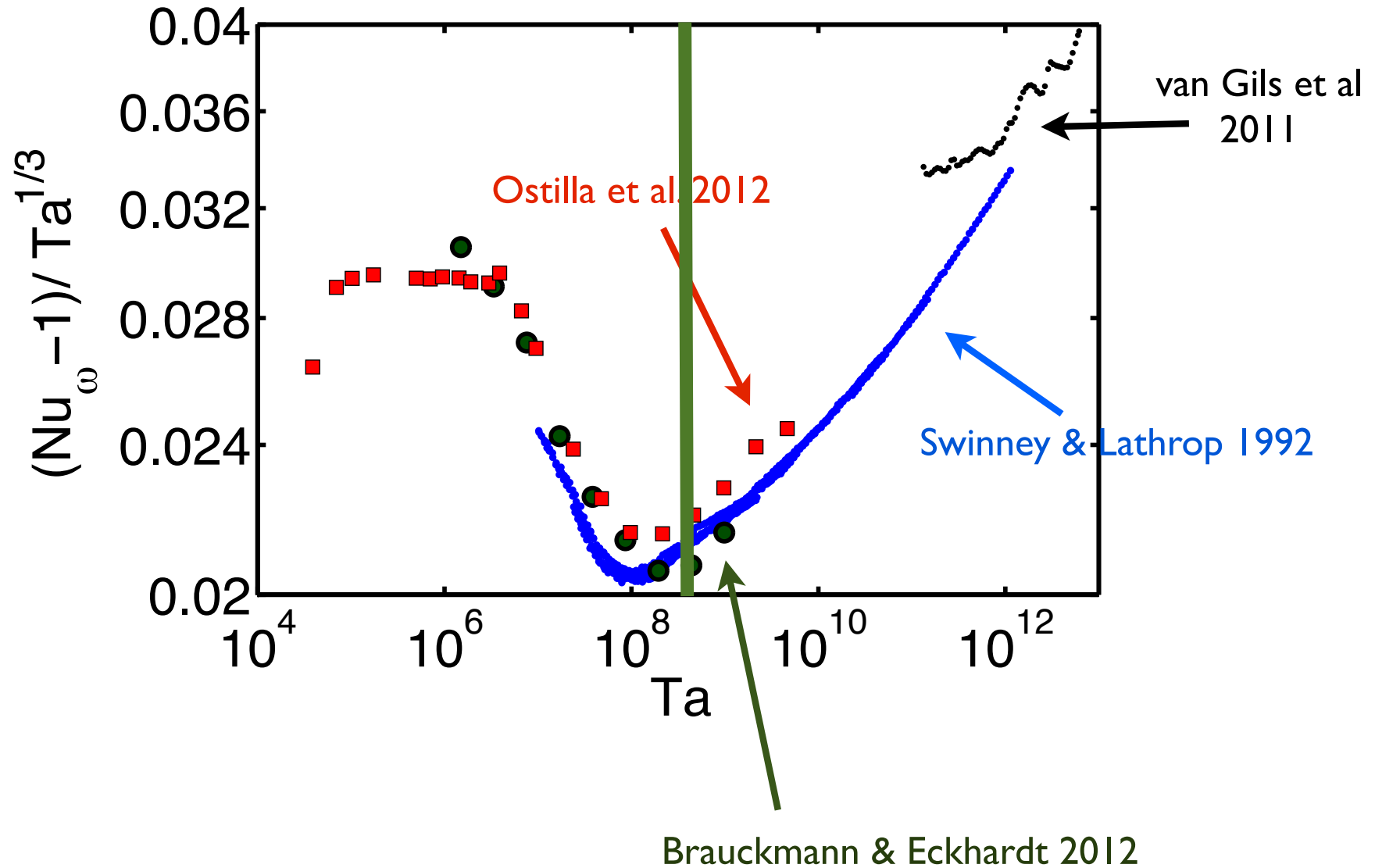


$$Ta_{crit} = 5 \cdot 10^8$$

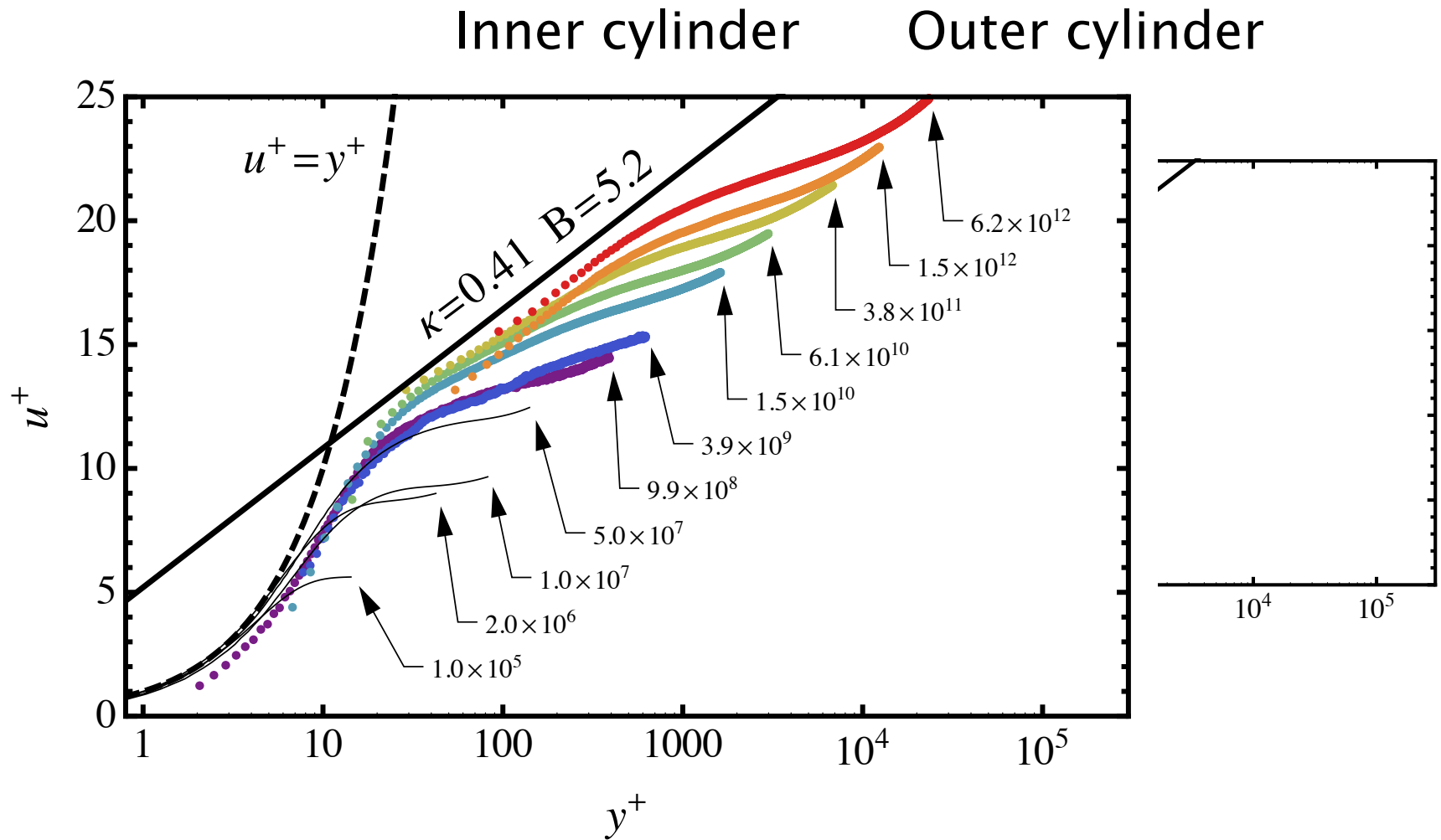


# Transition to ultimate regime

$5 \times 10^8$



# Boundary layer profiles in TC (by PIV)



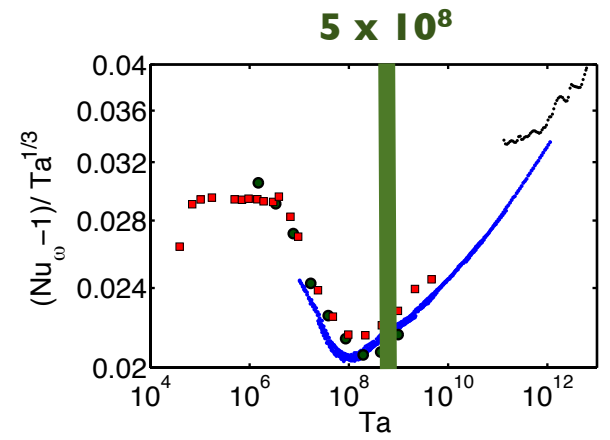
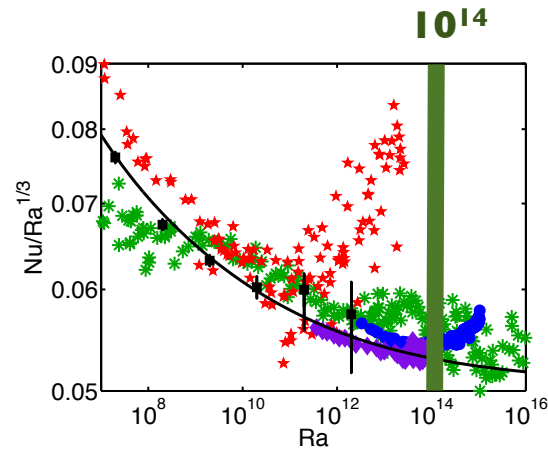
**Perfect analogy RB vs TC  
even in ultimate regime,**

**but mechanical driving in TC much  
more efficient than thermal  
driving in RB**

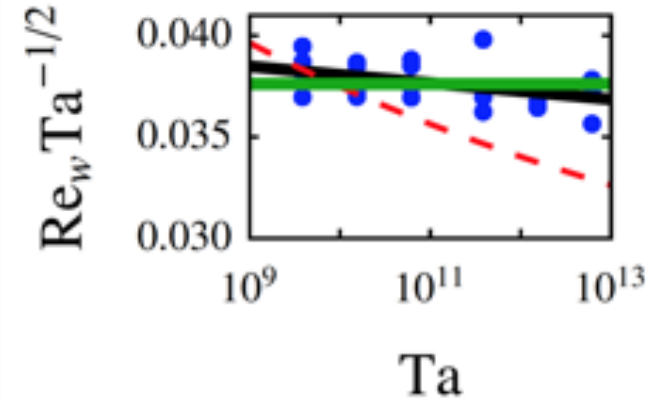
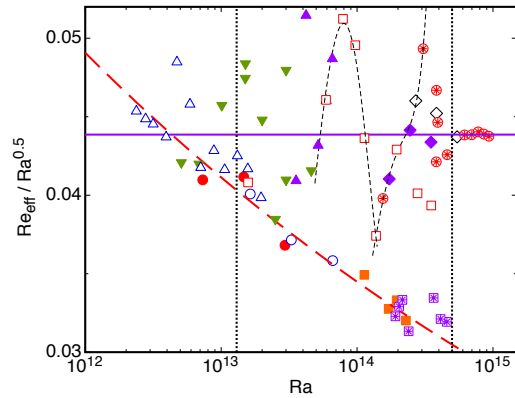
# RB

# TC

Nu



Re



profile in ultimate regime

