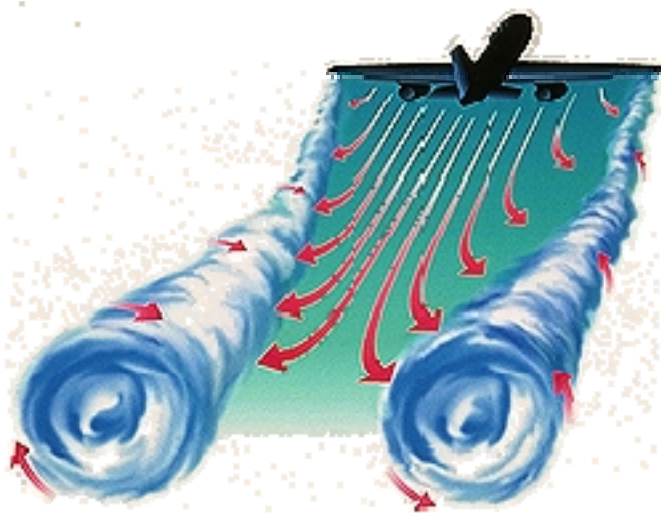


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# The looming crisis in air traffic capacity – what can vortex dynamics do?

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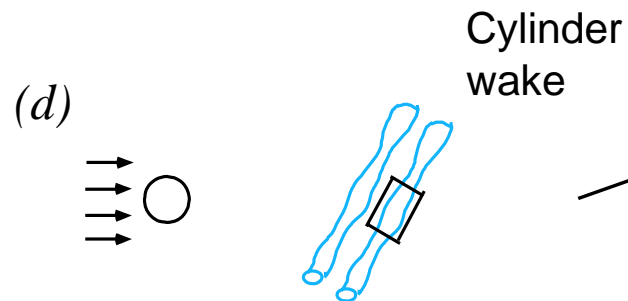
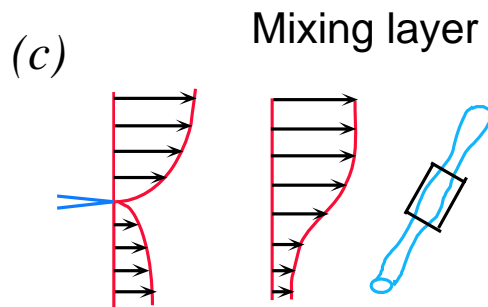
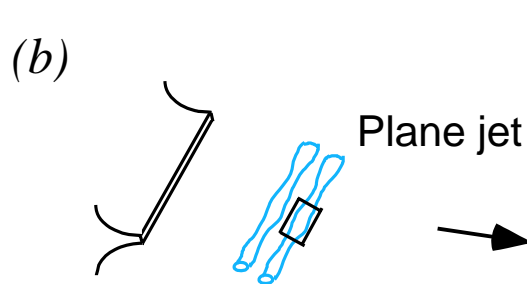
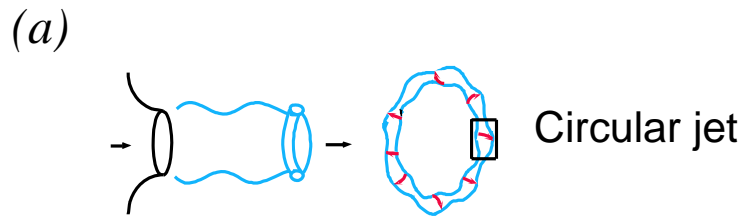
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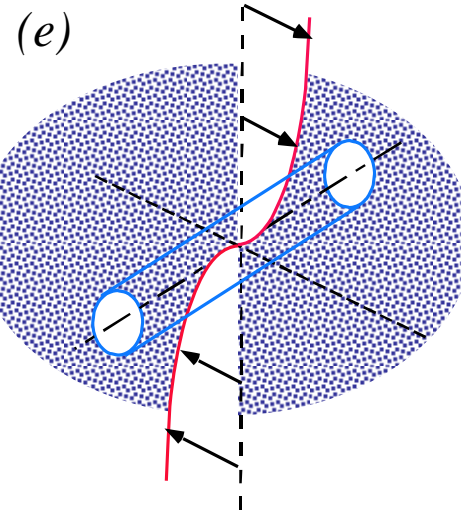




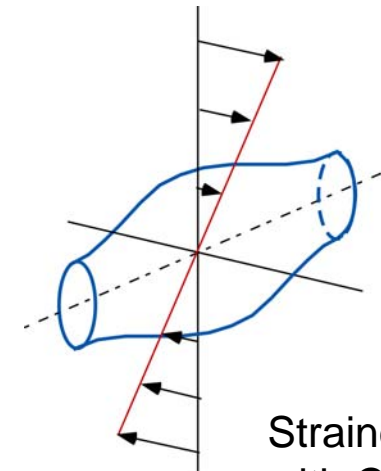
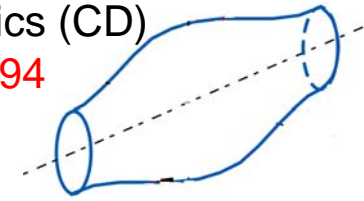
Motivation:



(e) Sheared vortex column

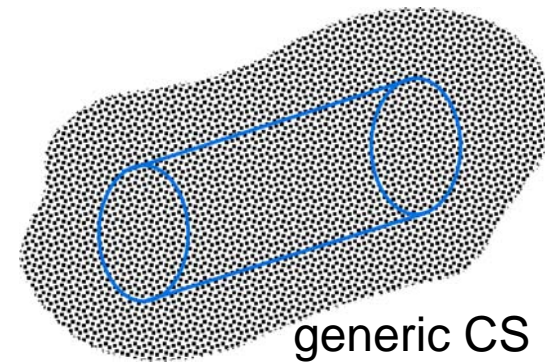


Core Dynamics (CD)  
FI.Dyn.Res. '94



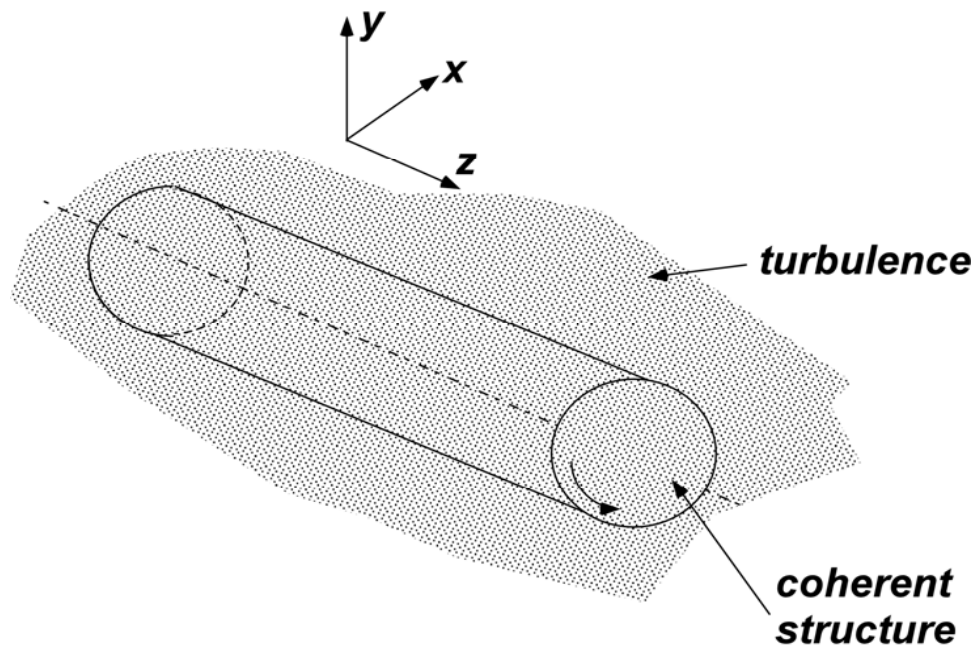
Strained vortex  
with CD  
JFM '01

vortex column in  
turbulence  
PRE '93  
JFM '06



generic CS

## CS-turbulence interaction: Idealized flow



DNS

$Re \equiv \Gamma/\nu$

1k – 20k

Oseen-Lamb  
vortex

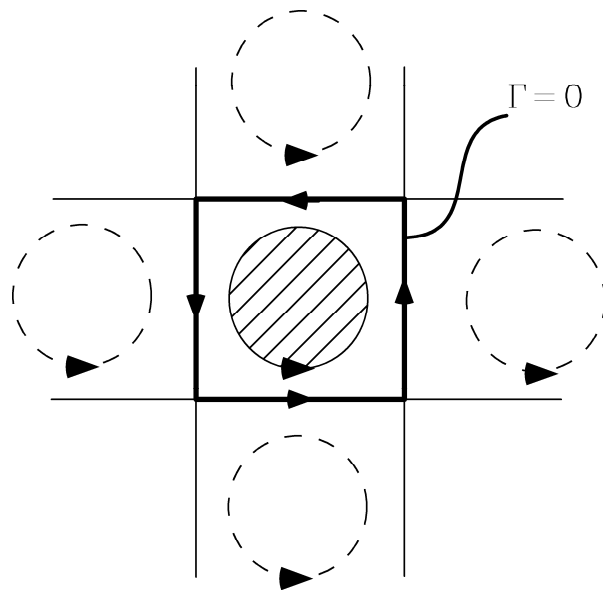
Idealizations:

- No interaction with other CS
- No background shear
- Rectilinear, cylindrical CS
- Random, fine-scale fluctuations

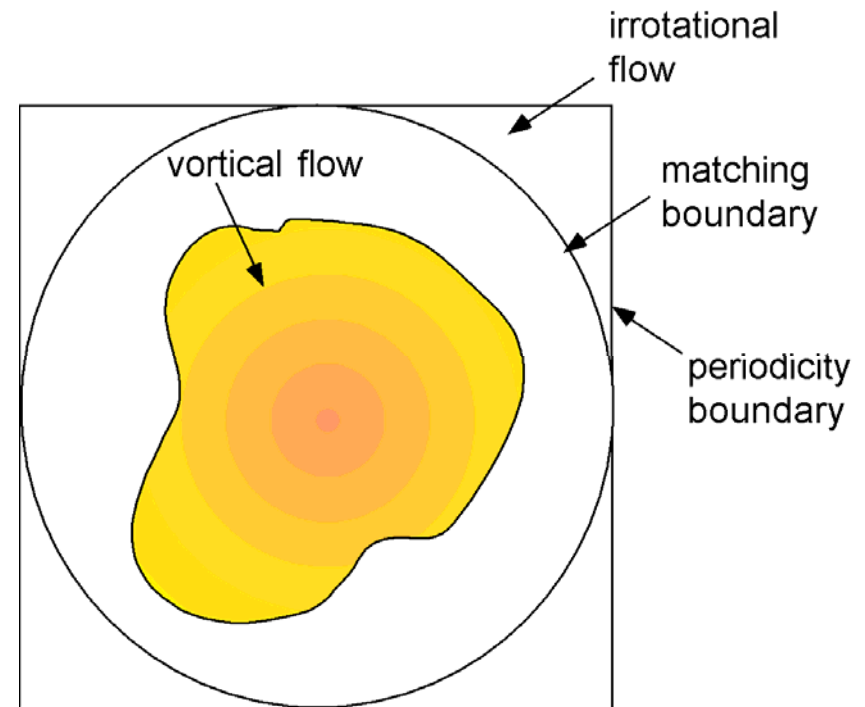
no pairing or reconnection  
no elliptic instability  
no self-induced motion  
homog., isotrop.  $k - \text{sep.}$

Flow evolution using DNS initialized with 3-D vort. from lin. analysis  
Pseudo-spectral method (Rennich & Lele '97; Pradeep & Hussain '04)  
periodic in  $z$ , pot. flow @  $r \rightarrow \infty$

Numerical simulation method:

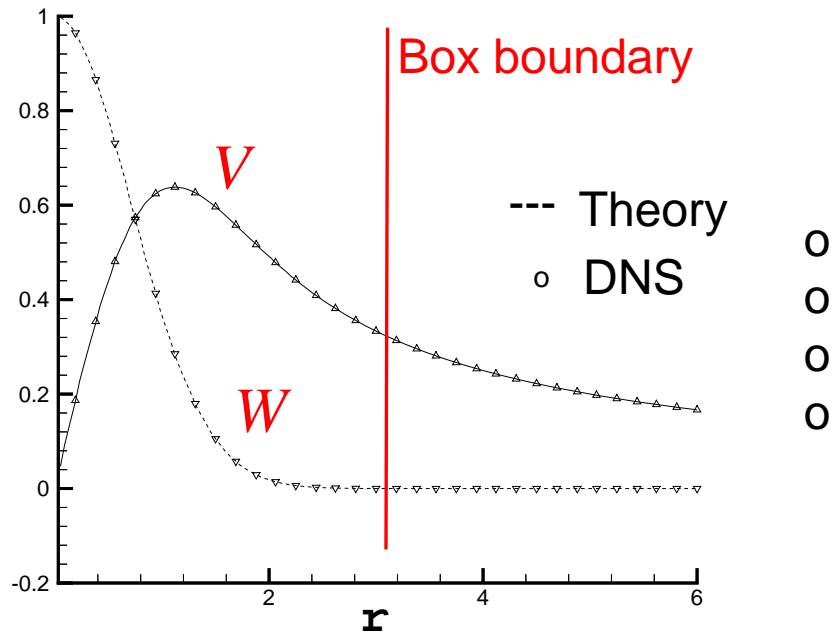
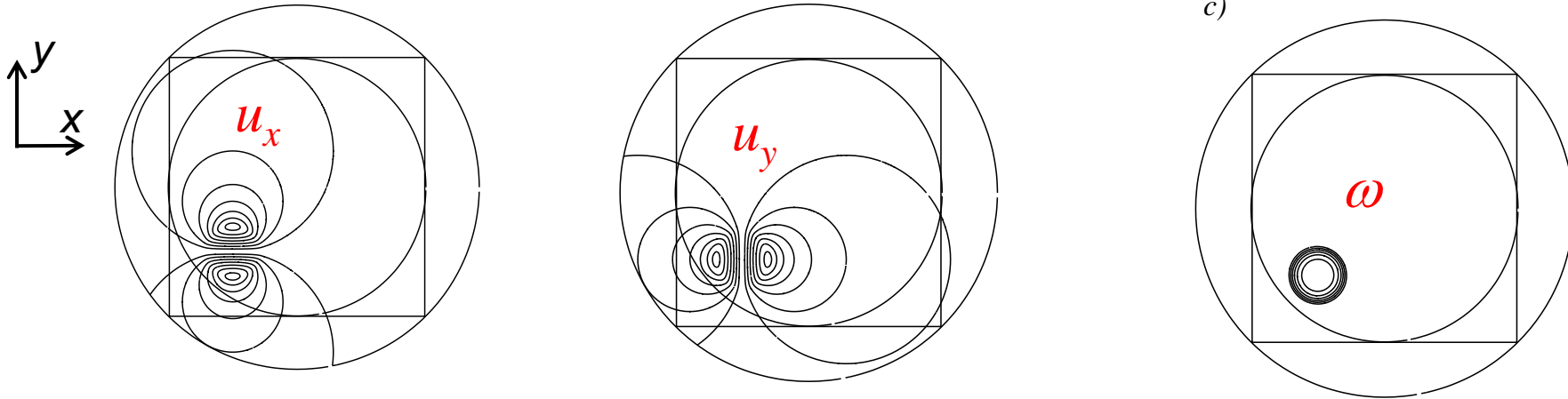


Triply-periodic



“unbounded” flow  
(Rennich-Lele '97)  
Pradeep & H. '04

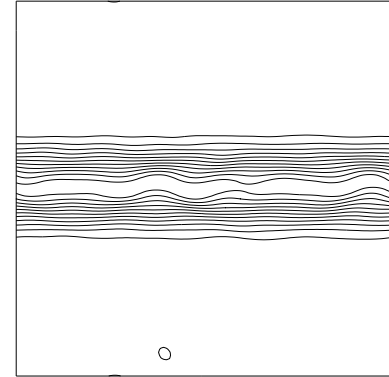
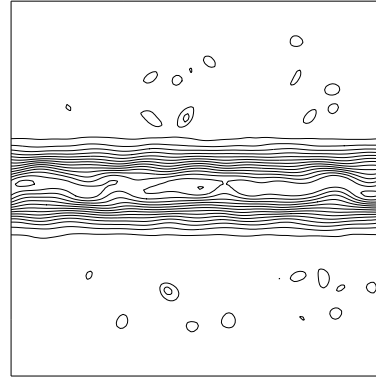
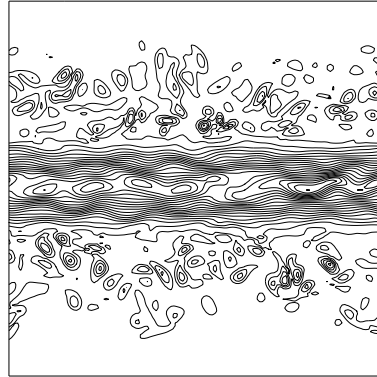
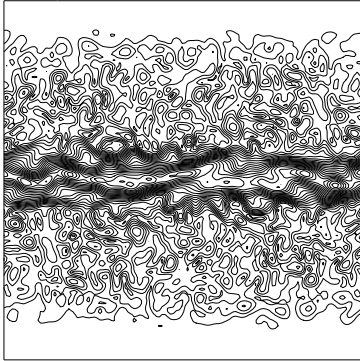
# q-vortex





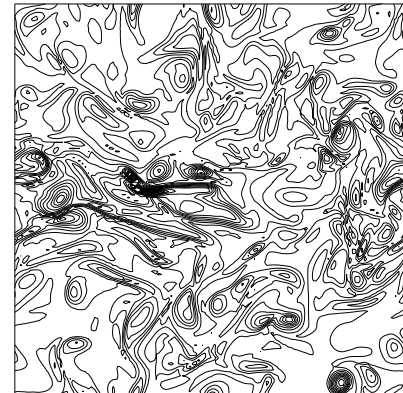
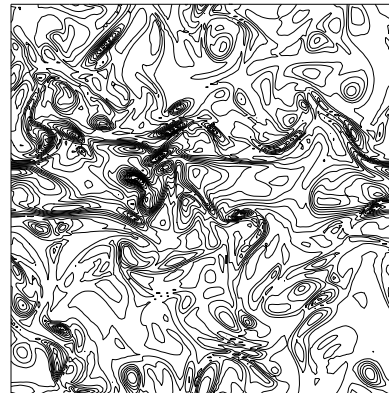
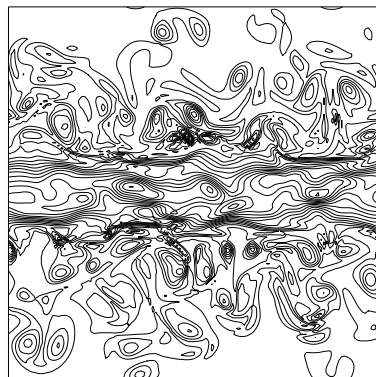
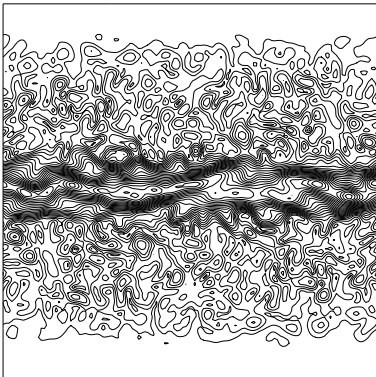
Comparison:

*Unbounded BC*



→ time

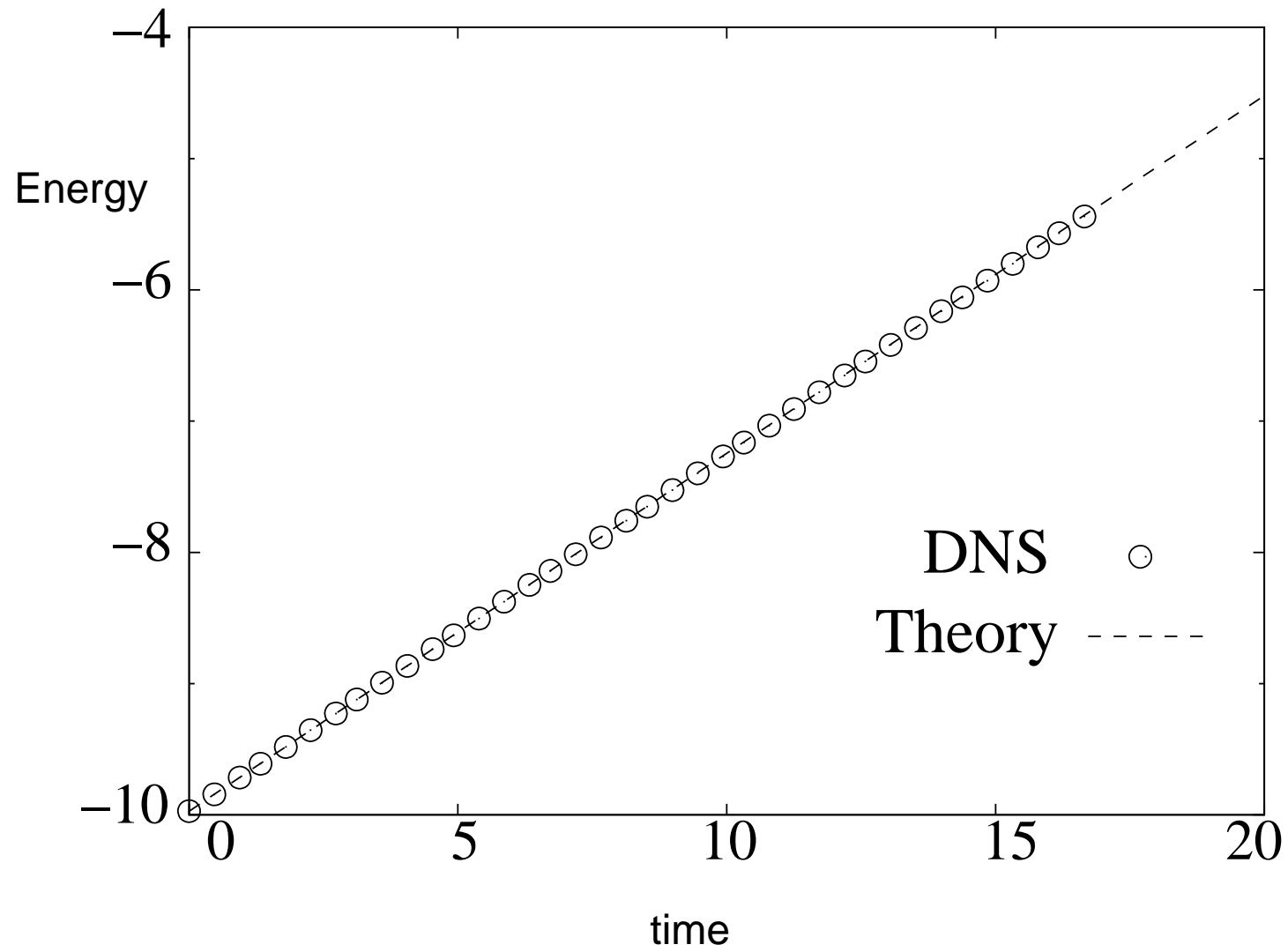
*Periodic BC*



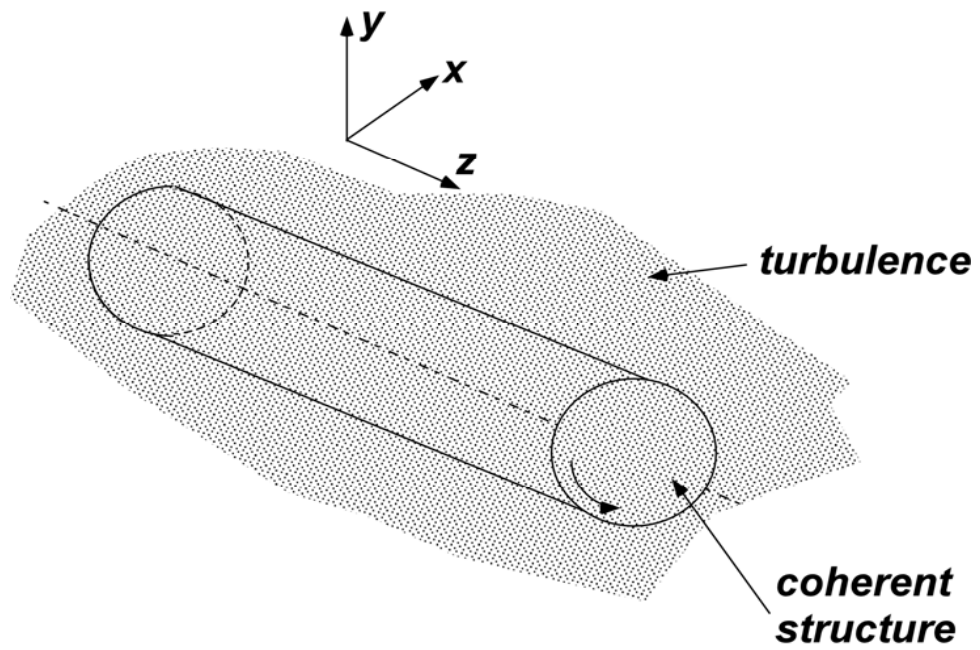
Growth of q-vortex instability mode:

Bending wave

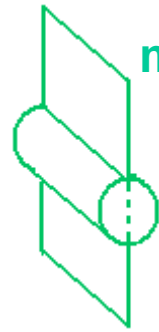
Re =  $10^5$  (DNS)



## Vortex-Turbulence Interaction



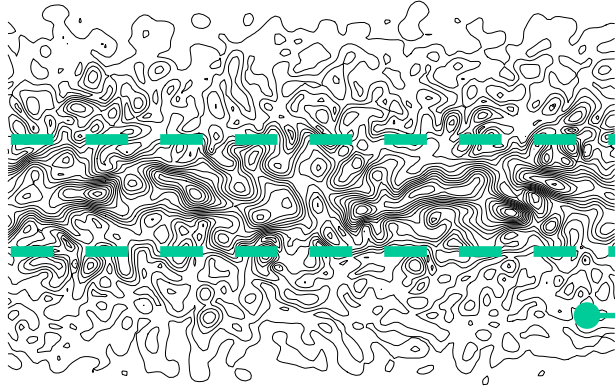
Organization of turbulence:



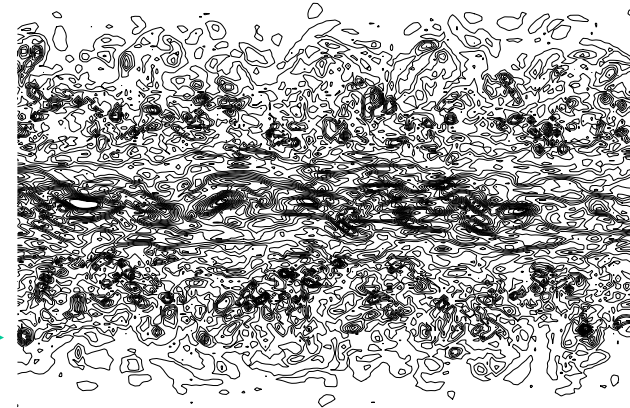
meridional plane  $|\omega|$  contours

$\Gamma/\nu = 12.5k$

T = 0



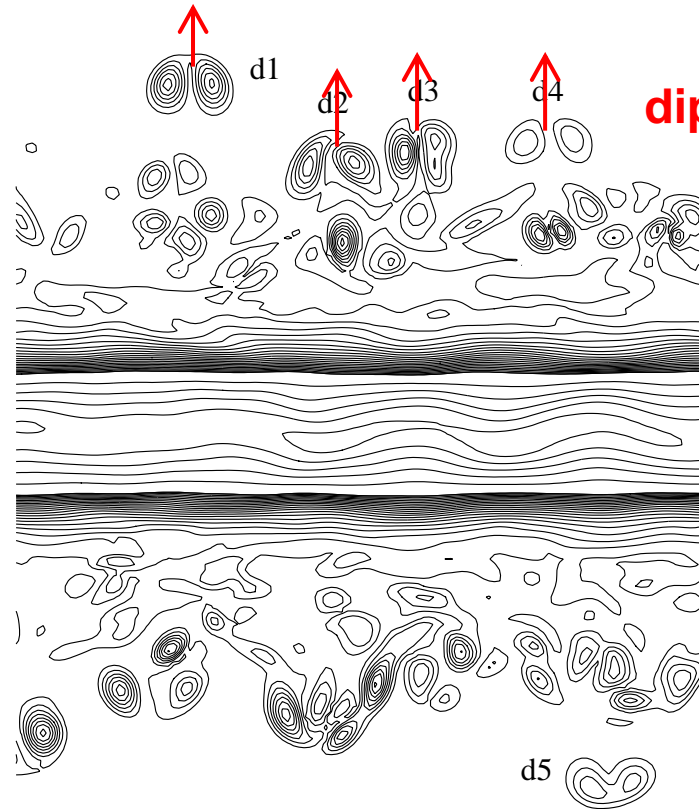
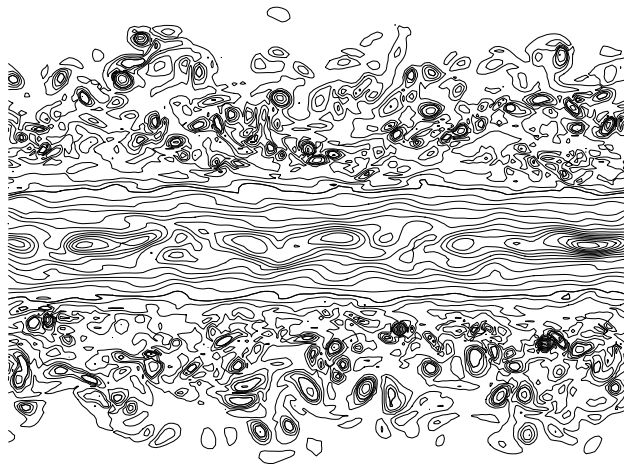
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T = 10

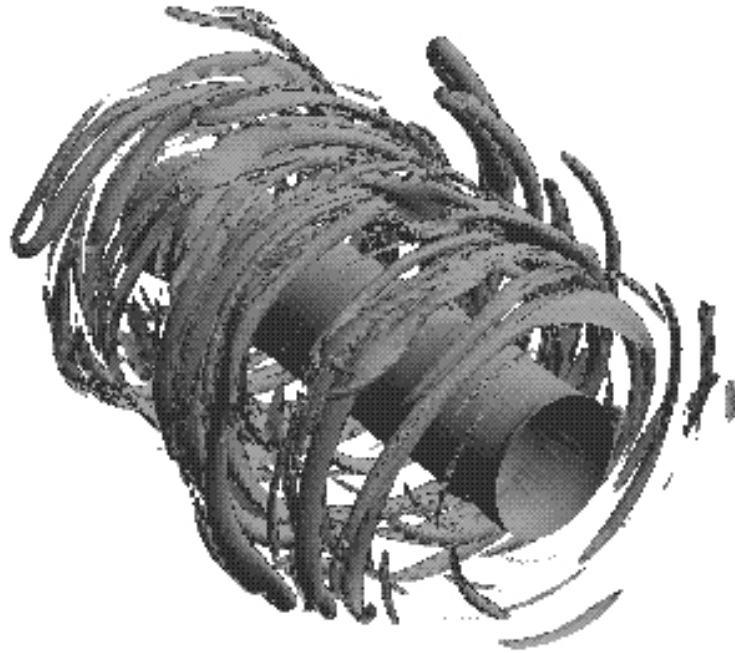
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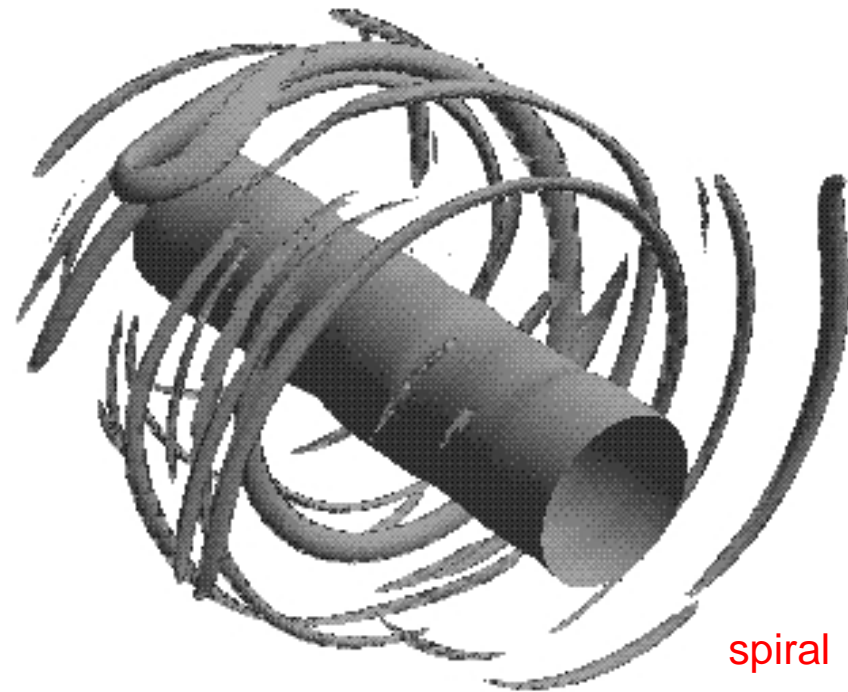


dipoles

T = 120

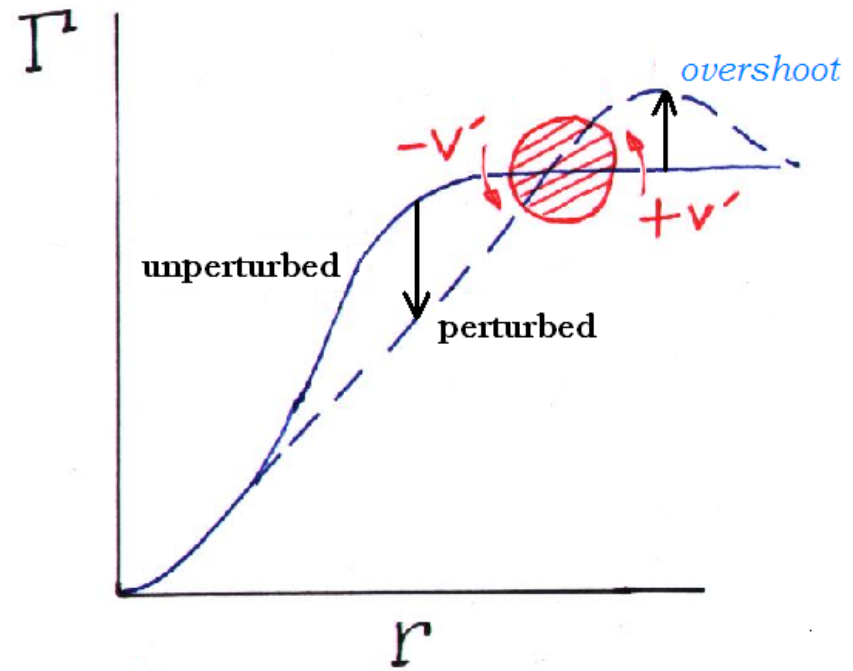
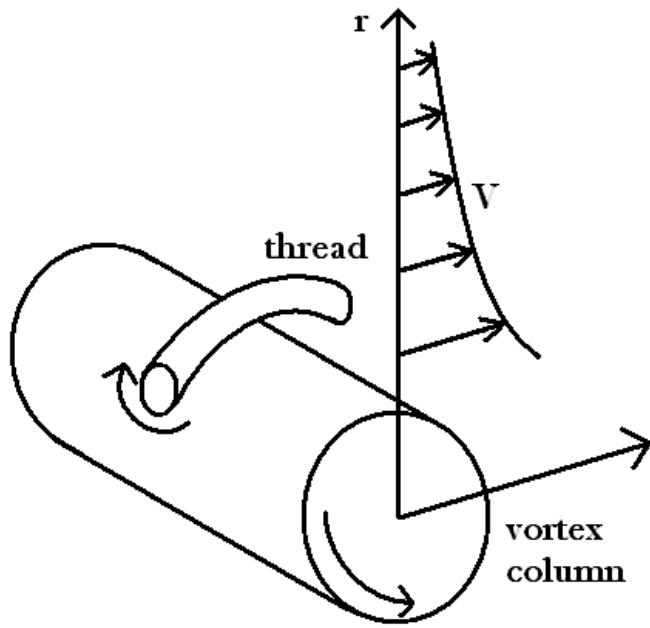


dipoles



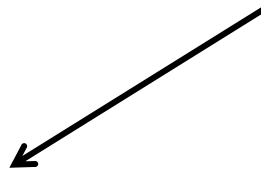
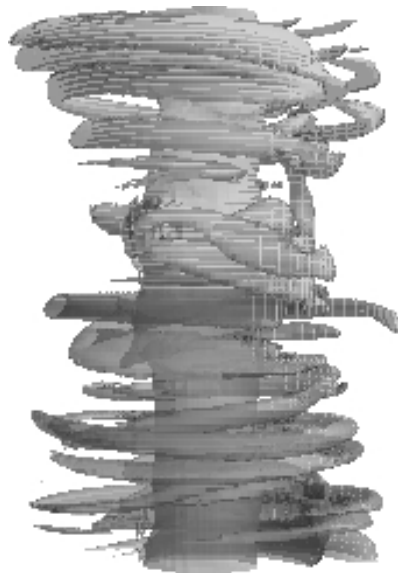
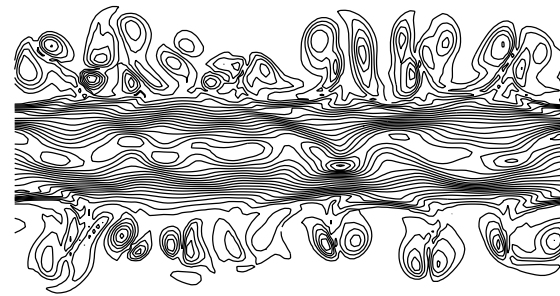
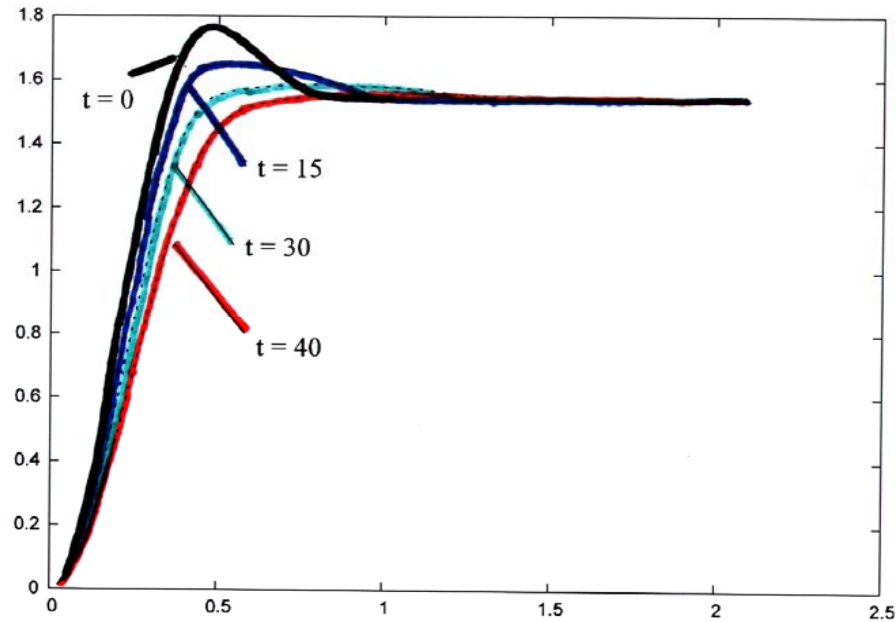
spiral  
threads

Transport effect of *threads*:

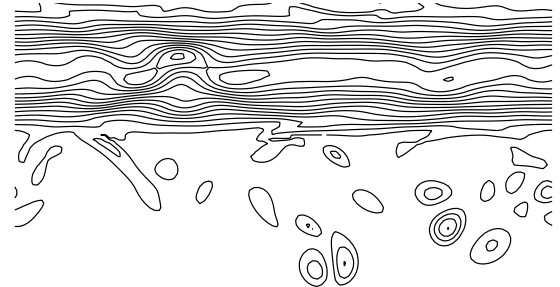


centrifugal instability

$Re = 5000$



**Self-limiting**



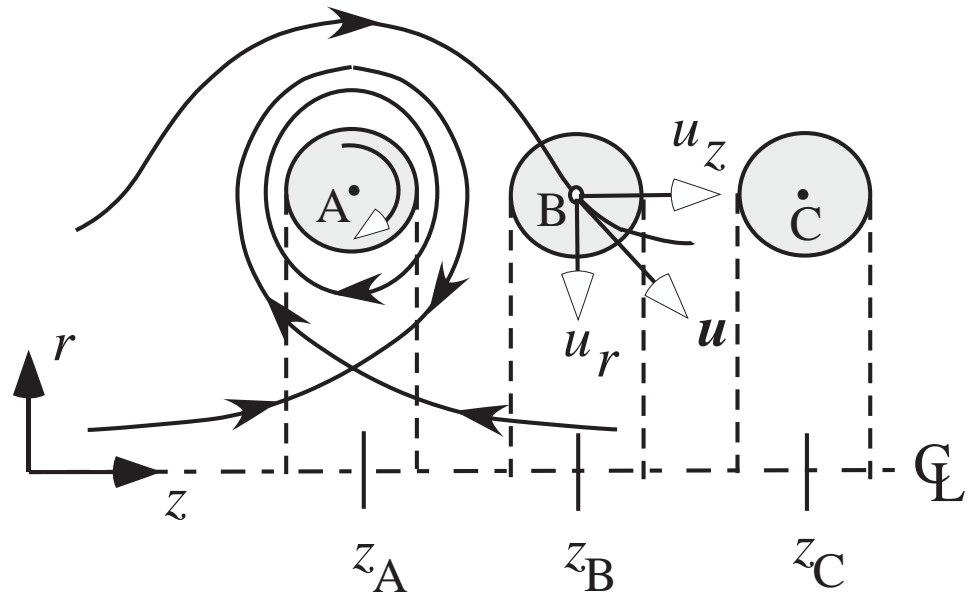
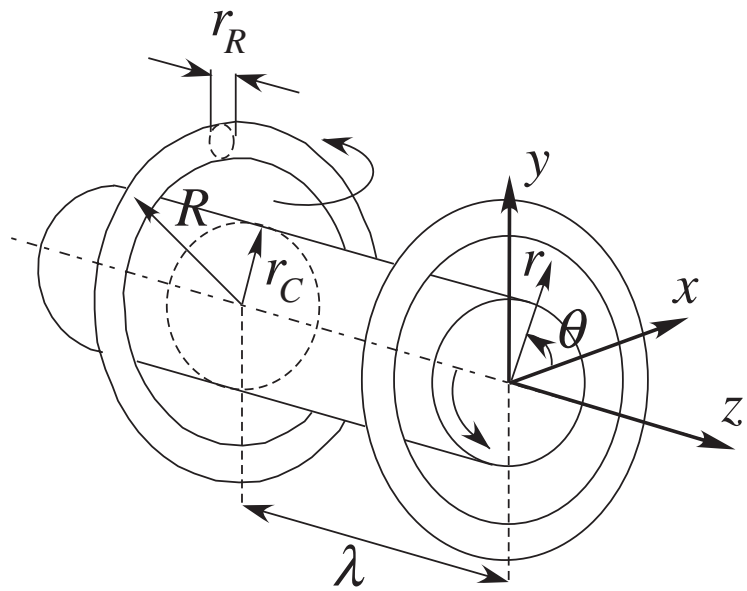
## Mechanisms of core perturbation growth:

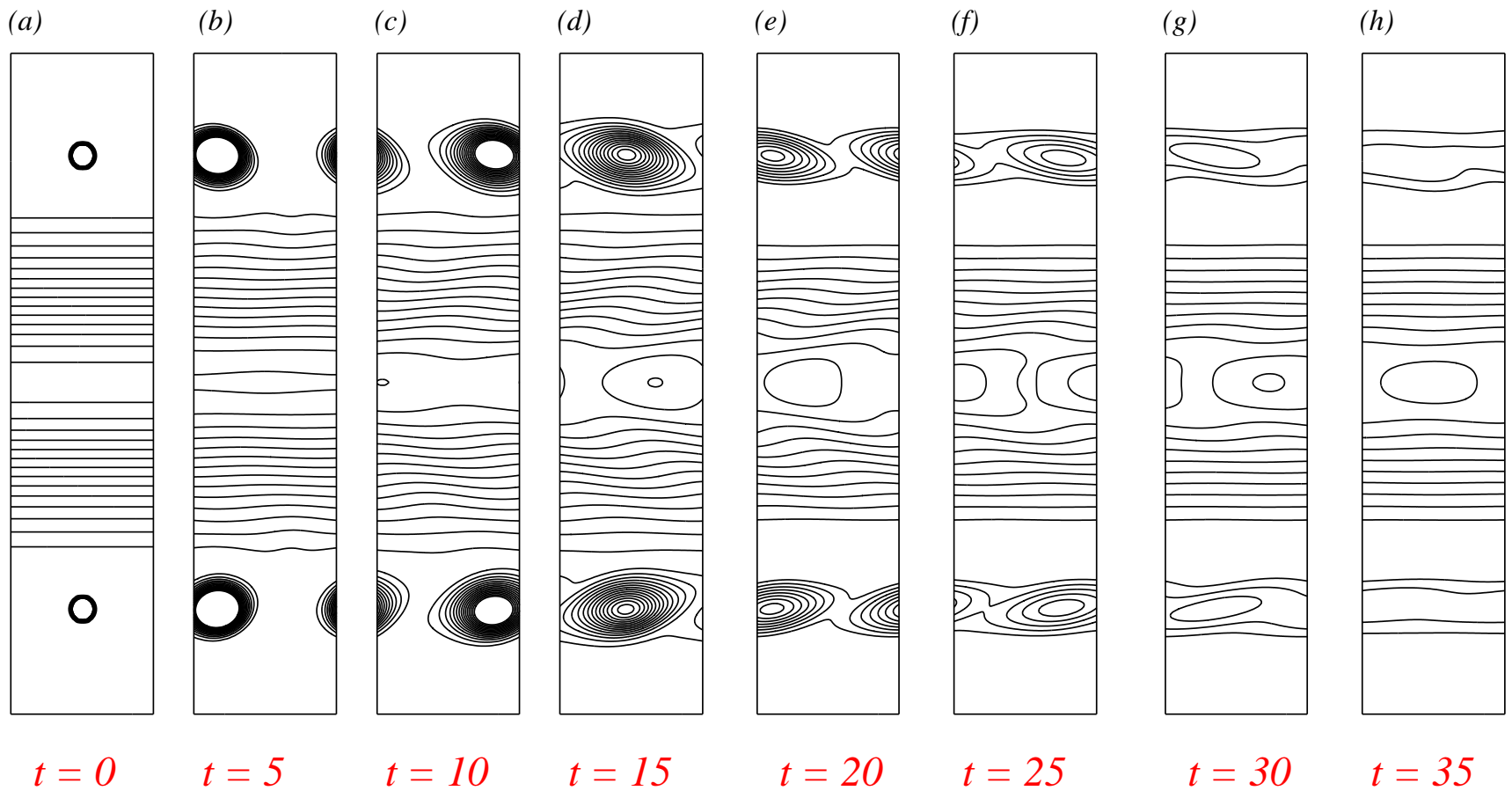
Centrifugal instability is self-limiting

## Other mechanisms?

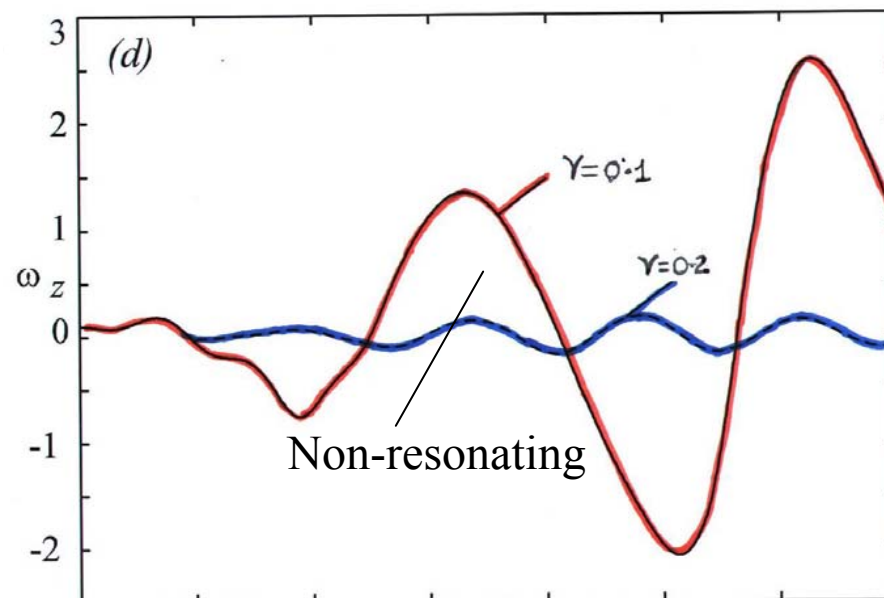
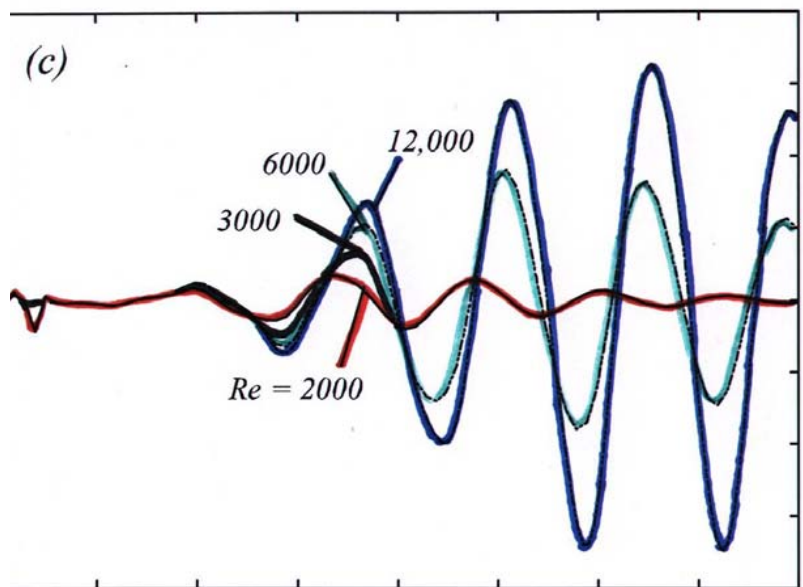
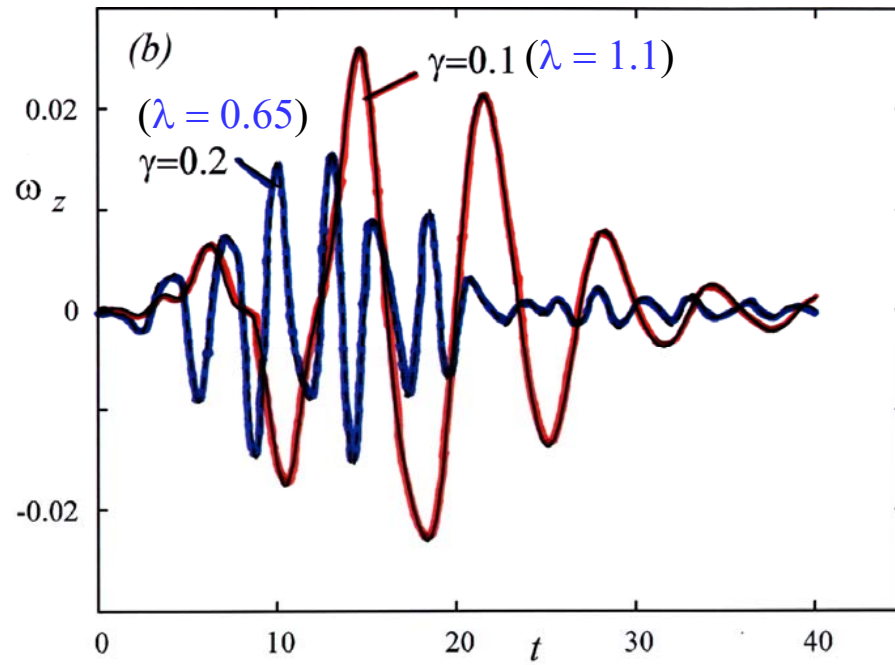
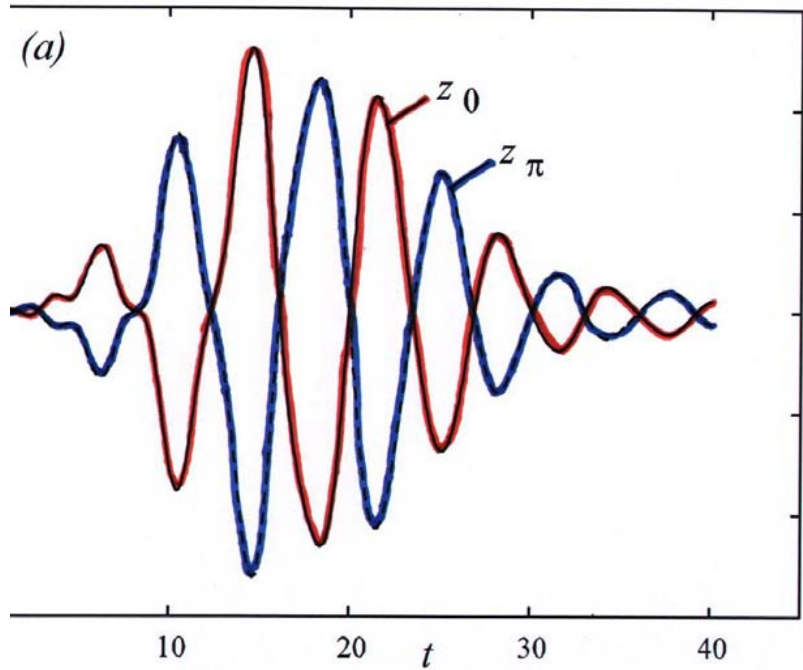
- Thread/Vortex wave resonance
- Transient growth





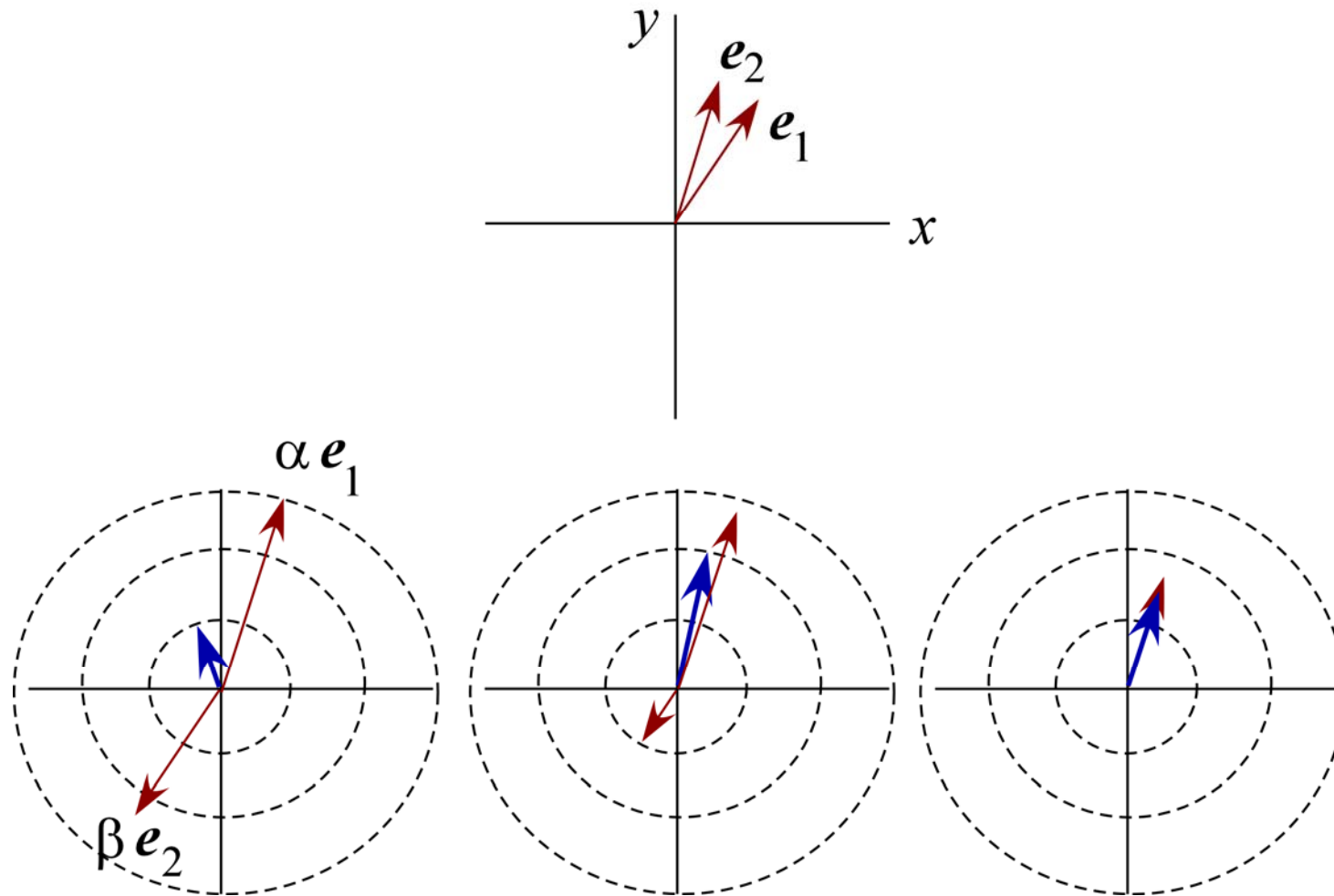


$\gamma = 0.1$   
 $Re = 2000$



## TRANSIENT GROWTH

A rudimentary example:

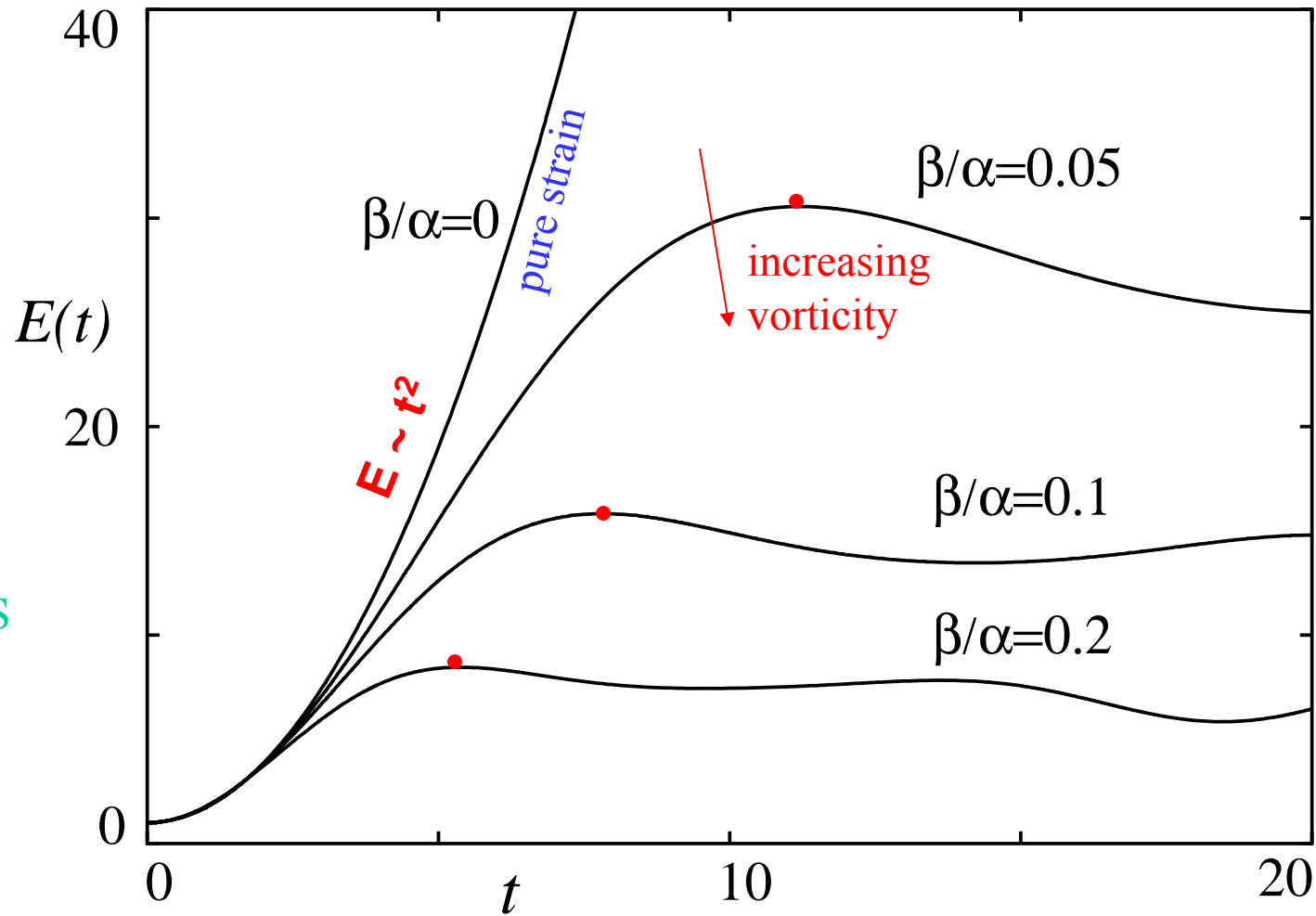


TG: Temporary growth followed by decay

$$V = \frac{\alpha}{r} + \frac{\beta r}{2}$$

model flow

$\beta/\alpha = \text{rotation/strain}$



$$\frac{\partial \omega_\theta}{\partial t} = \omega_r S$$

Higher strain  $S$   
 i.e.  $\alpha \uparrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \omega_\theta$  gen.  
 $\Rightarrow uv \uparrow$   
 $\Rightarrow E \uparrow$   
 inc. vort( $\beta$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  arrest  $E \uparrow$   
 sooner

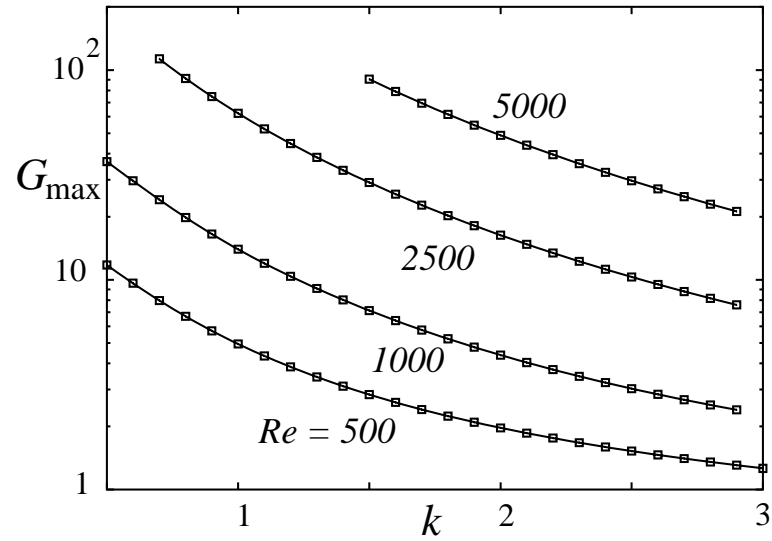
## LIN. INVISCID TG

**Strain:** unbounded growth (lin. sense)  
eventually saturate at NL level

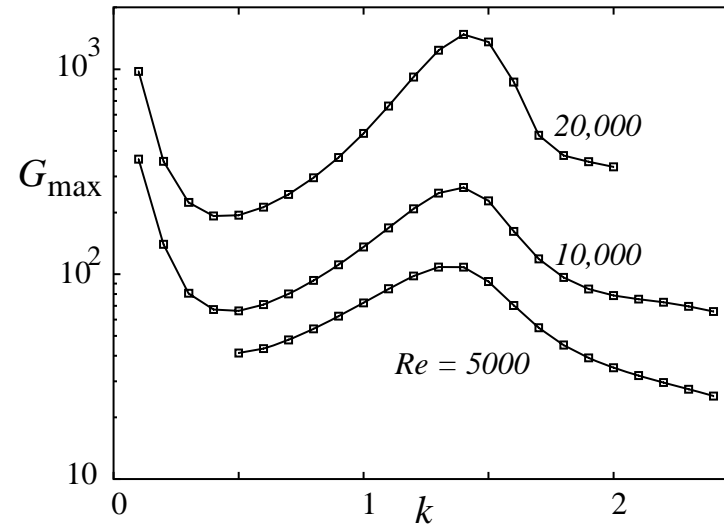
**core vorticity:** arrest growth & period of growth  
→ core oscillation

**VISCOSITY** damps both

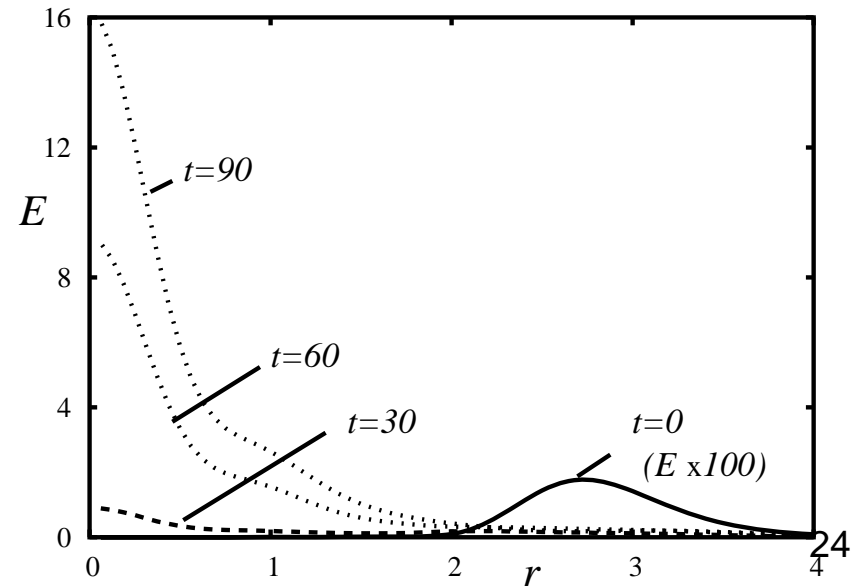
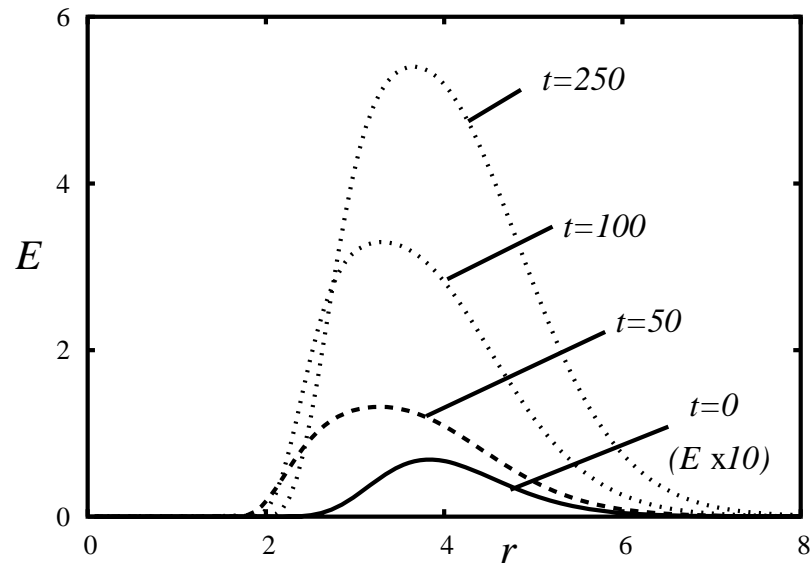
Optimal gains: *axi-sym*  $m = 0$



*Bending*  $m = 1$

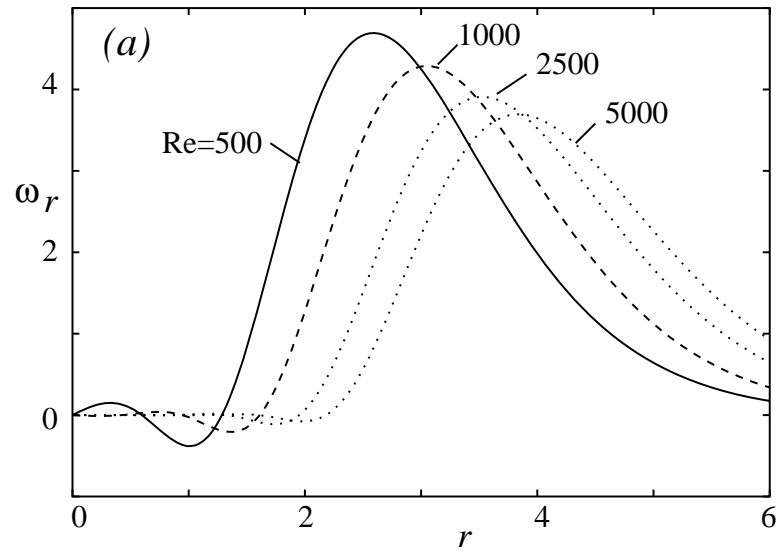


Energy evolution:

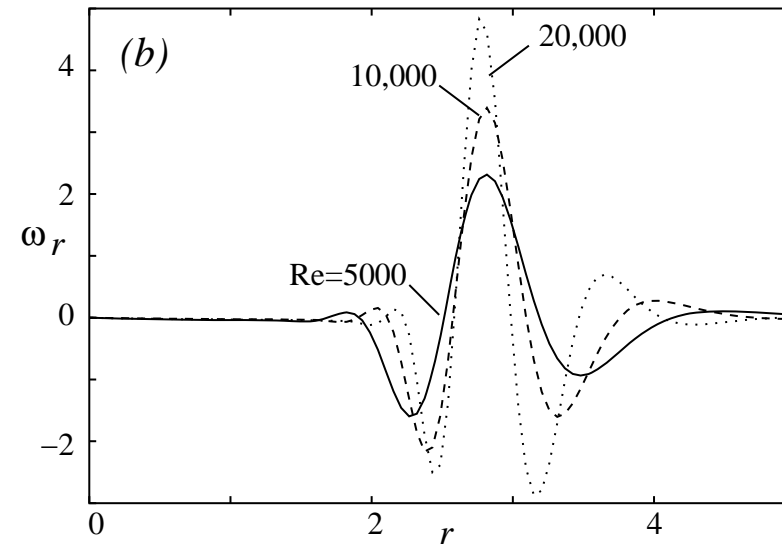




## Re effect on tilting/stretching



$m = 0$

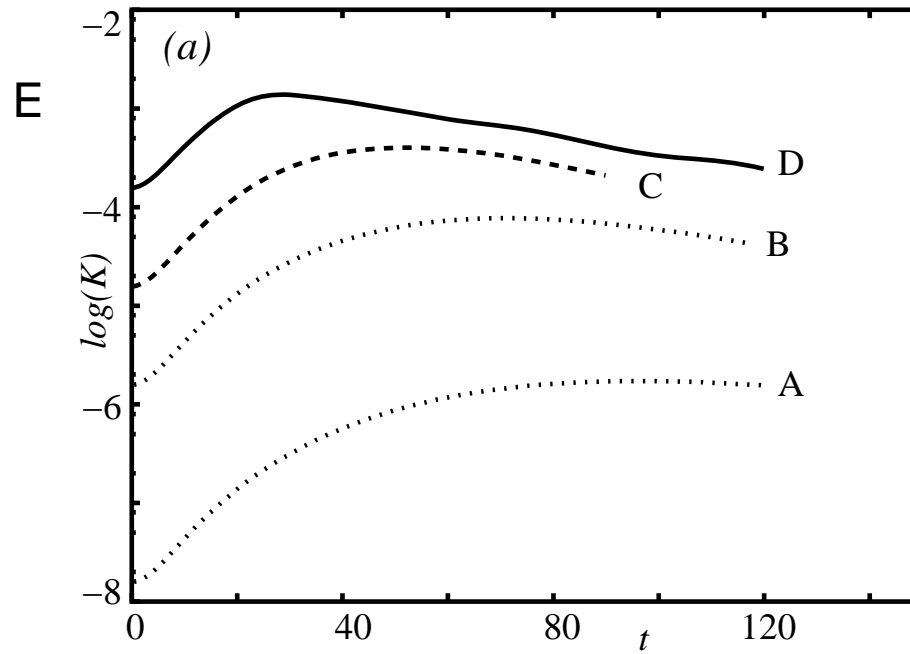


$m = 1$

## TRANSIENT GROWTH

Nonlinear evolution of optimal modes

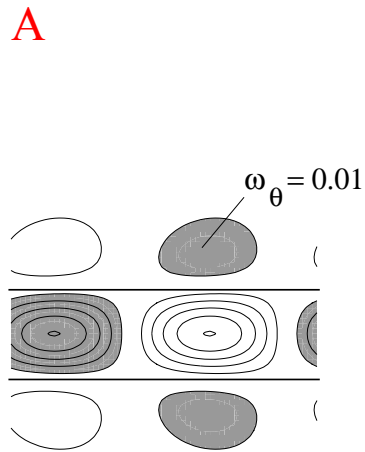
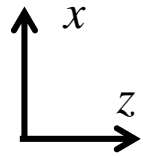
initial perturbation amplitude:



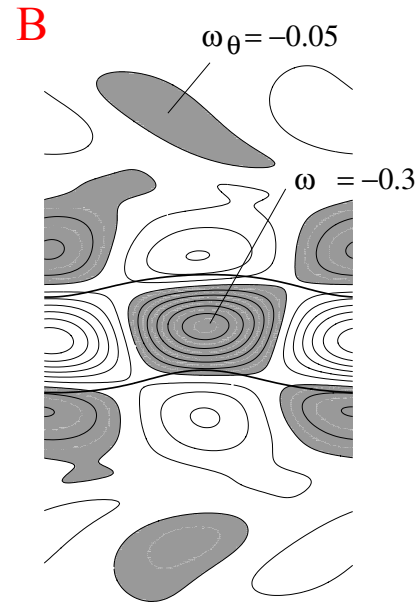
Case A	Linear
B	0.6%
C	2%
D	6%

Structure at time of max. energy:  $m = 1$

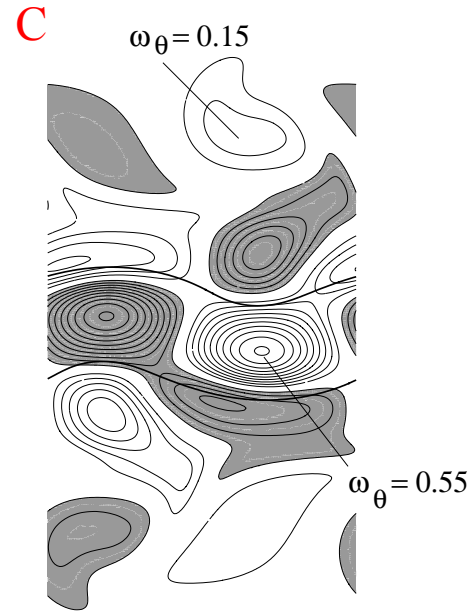
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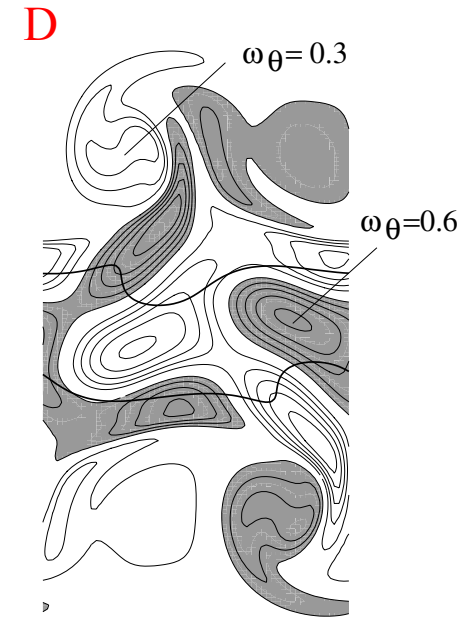
$t = 90$



$t = 50$

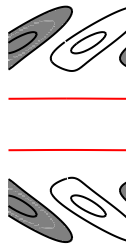


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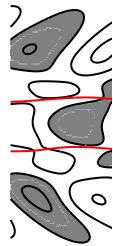


$t = 30$

t=0



t=10



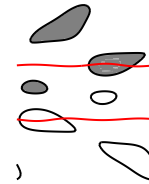
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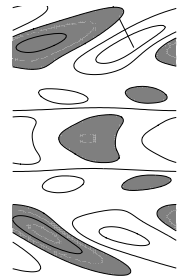
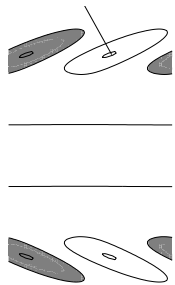
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t=100

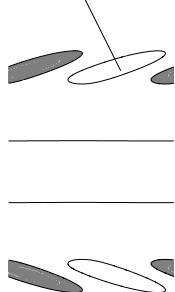


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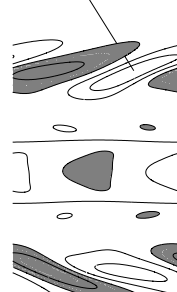


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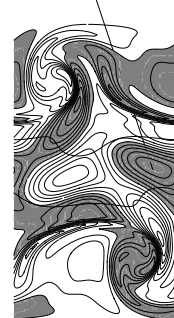
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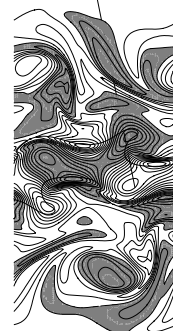
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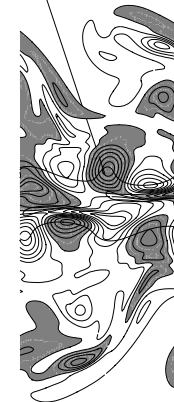
w = 0.65



w = 0.95



w = 0.65



Re = 10,000

## Some conclusions

- Turbulence induces and amplifies core fluctuations – amplitudes exceeding those of external perturbations.
- Several potential mechanisms of core transition / accelerated vortex decay studied.
- Circulation overshoot => **centrifugal instability**: amplifies perturbations, but inherently self-limiting.
- Weak “threads” can **resonate** with vortex core dynamics waves, but not strong perturbations.
- **Transient growth**: orders-of-magnitude amplification
- Strongest transient growth for bending waves.

### Further study

*Nonlinear transient growth, regenerative transient growth, vortex breakup and turbulence self-sustenance*