

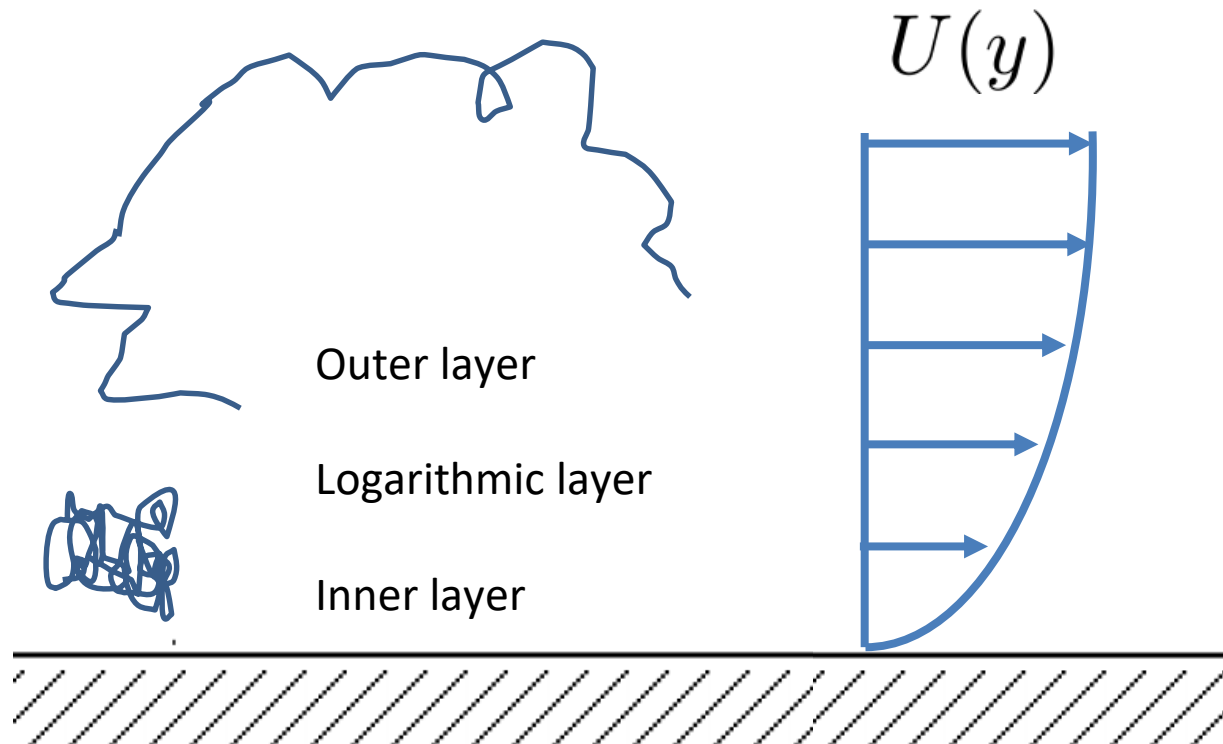


# Extension of QSQH theory to all velocity components

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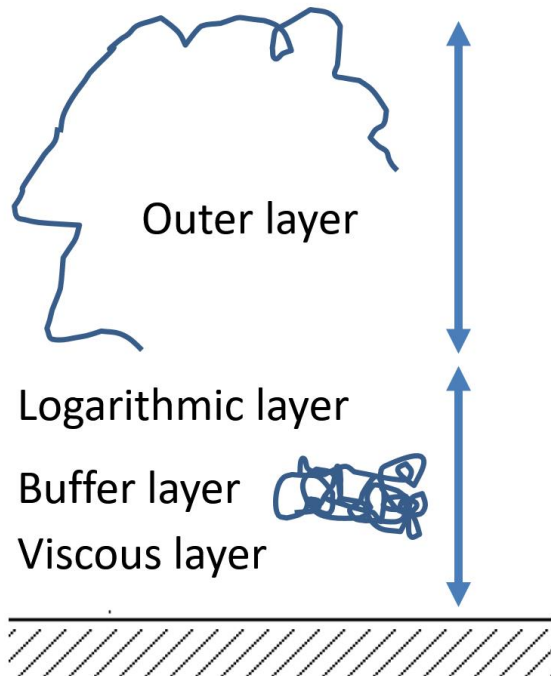
The context: near-wall turbulence, large and small structures, modulation, Re-effects, ...



Old recipe that survived a century: near the wall in wall units flow statistics are independent of  $Re$ ,  $dp/dx$ , ...

$$u_\tau = \sqrt{\bar{\tau}/\rho},$$

$$u^+ = u/u_\tau, \quad t^+ = \frac{tu_\tau^2}{\nu}, \quad x^+ = \frac{xu_\tau}{\nu}, \quad y^+ = \dots, \quad z^+ = \dots$$

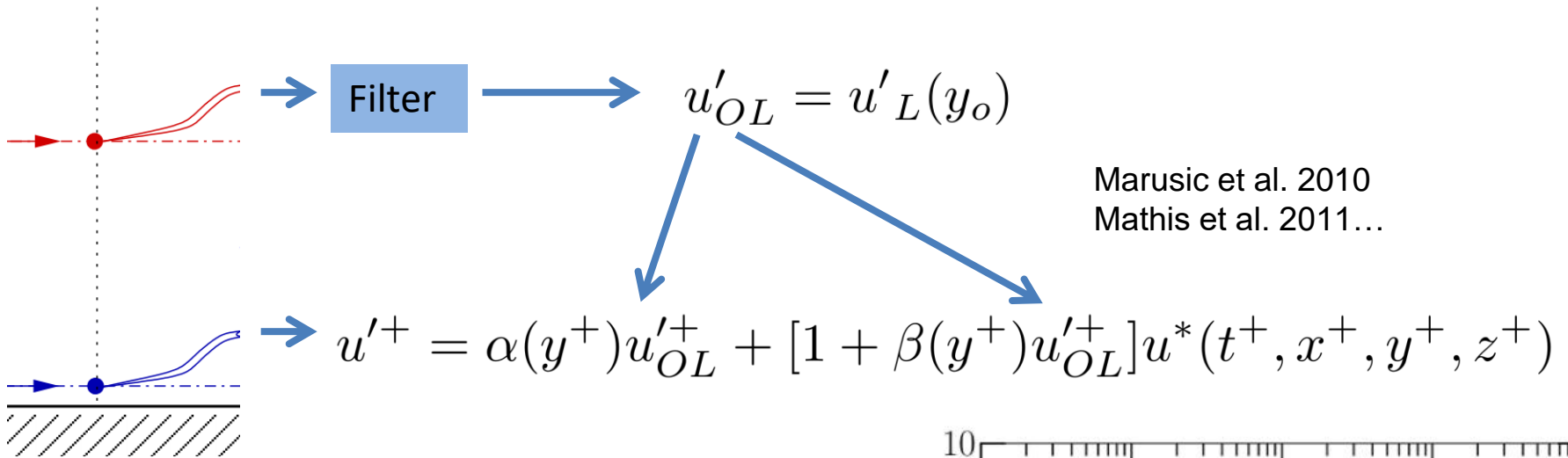


$$u^+ = u^+(t^+, x^+, y^+, z^+, Re)$$

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“Classic universality”

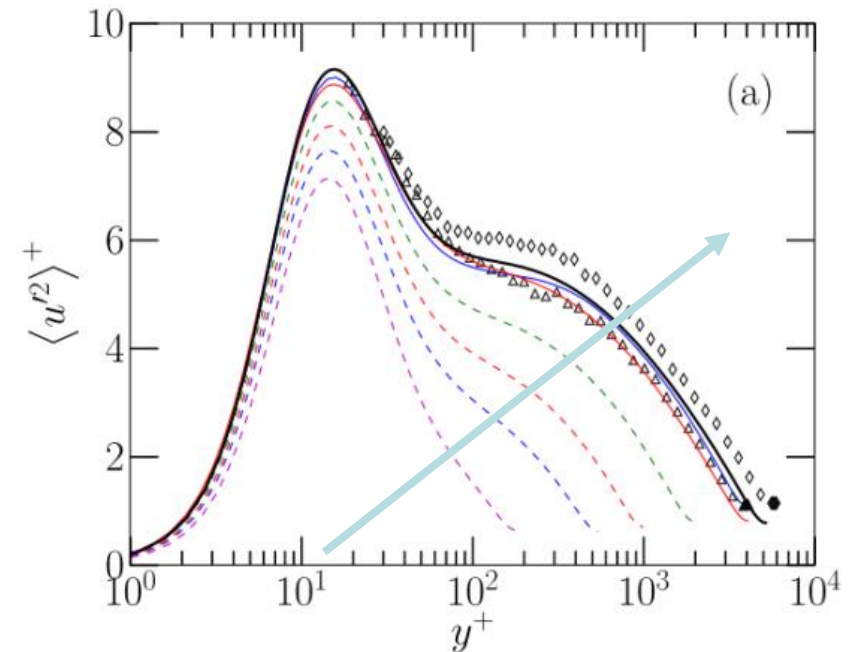
# Large-scale influence violates classic universality



Marusic et al. 2010  
Mathis et al. 2011...

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Lee & Moser, arXiv:1410.7809, 2014

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Chernyshenko, Marusic, Mathis 2012 [arXiv:1203.3714](https://arxiv.org/abs/1203.3714)

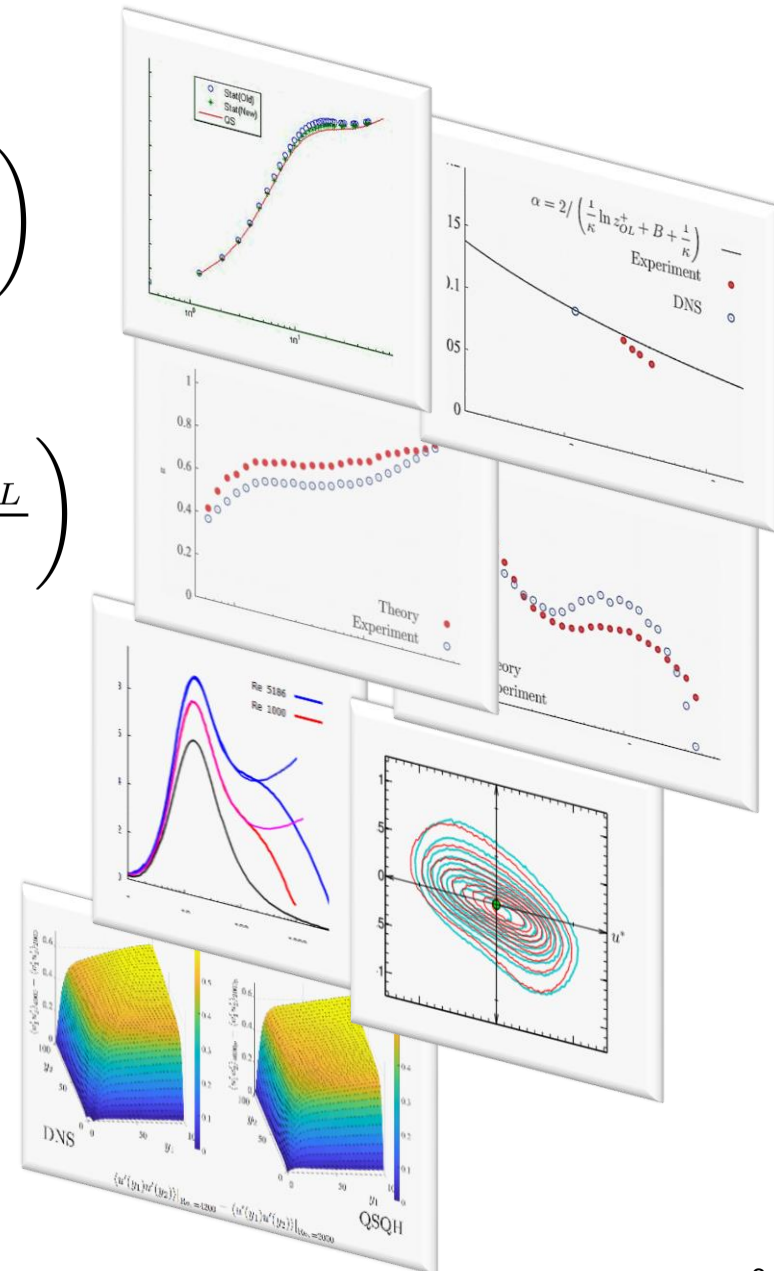
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## ***Relationship between large-scale structures and near-wall turbulence: theory and implications***

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# Rigour is achieved by specifying filter properties instead of specifying the filter

QSQH theory describes a statistical ensemble

$$u = u_{\tau_L}(t, x, z) \tilde{u} \left( \frac{tu_{\tau_L}^2}{\nu}, \frac{xu_{\tau_L}}{\nu}, \frac{yu_{\tau_L}}{\nu}, \frac{zu_{\tau_L}}{\nu} \right)$$

with  $u_{\tau_L}(t, x, z)$  and  $\tilde{u}(\theta, \xi, \eta, \zeta)$  statistically independent,

averaging  $\langle f \rangle$  and large-scale filtering  $Lf$  defined for any  $f(t, x, y, z)$ ,

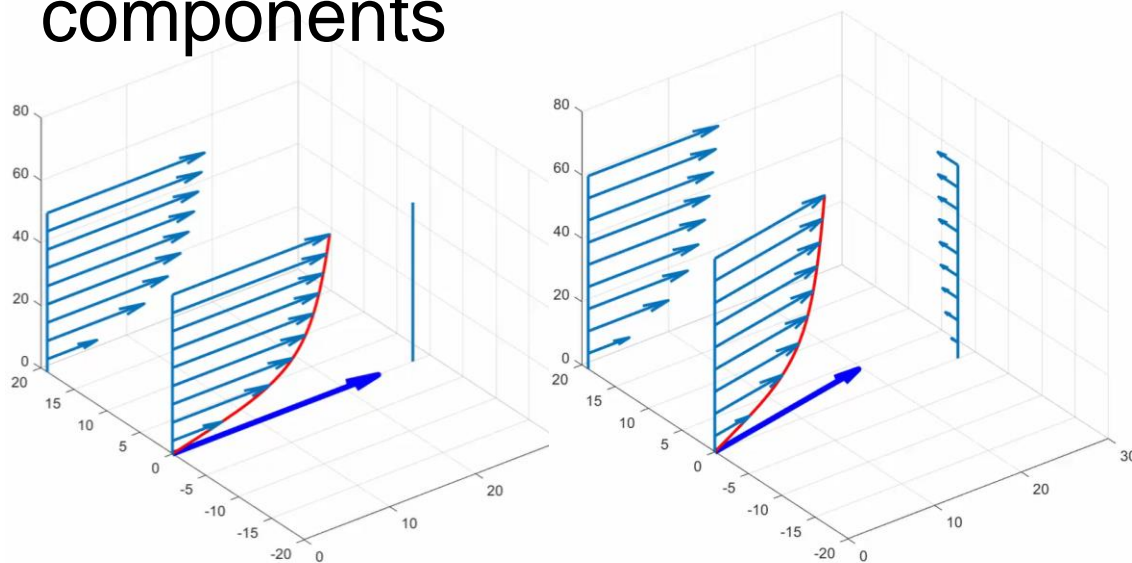
$u_{\tau_L}$  being large scale:  $u_{\tau_L} = Lg$  for some  $g$ ,

and  $L$  having the properties:

1. Linearity:  $L(af + bg) = aLf + bLg$
2. Invariance of averages:  $L\langle f \rangle = \langle f \rangle$
3. Projection property:  $LLf = Lf$
4. Commuting with averaging:  $\langle Lf \rangle = L\langle f \rangle$
5. Scale-separation property:  
$$Lf(t, x, y, z, Lg_1, \dots, Lg_n) = \langle f(t, x, y, z, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \rangle_{\xi_1=Lg_1, \dots, \xi_n=Lg_n}$$

Plus 2 physical assumptions: A) there is such  $L$  that real flows satisfy the above at least approximately, and B): statistics of  $\tilde{u}(\theta, \xi, \eta, \zeta)$  are independent of outer parameters.

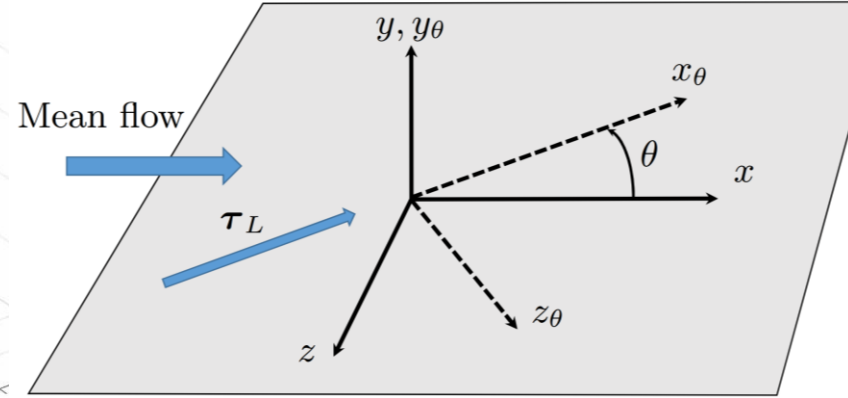
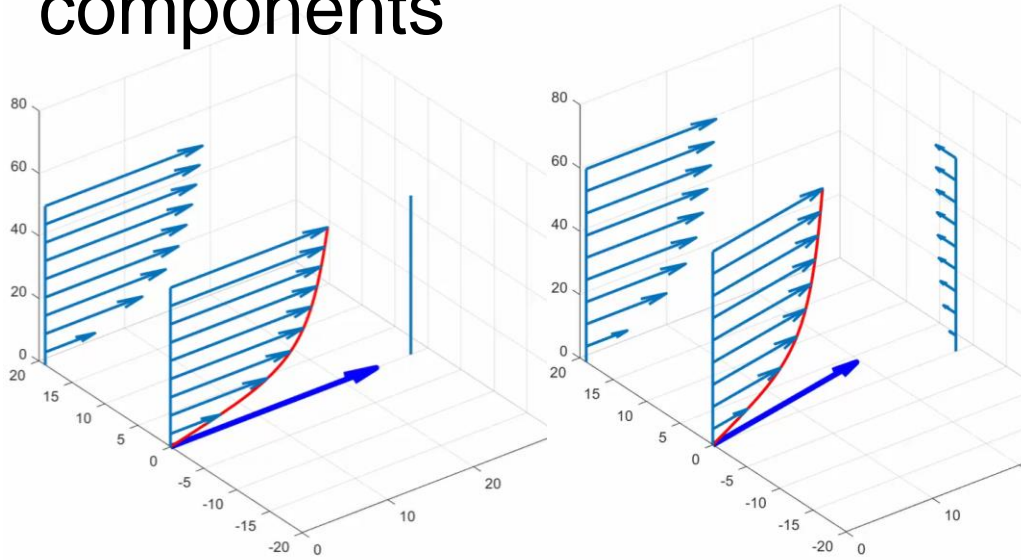
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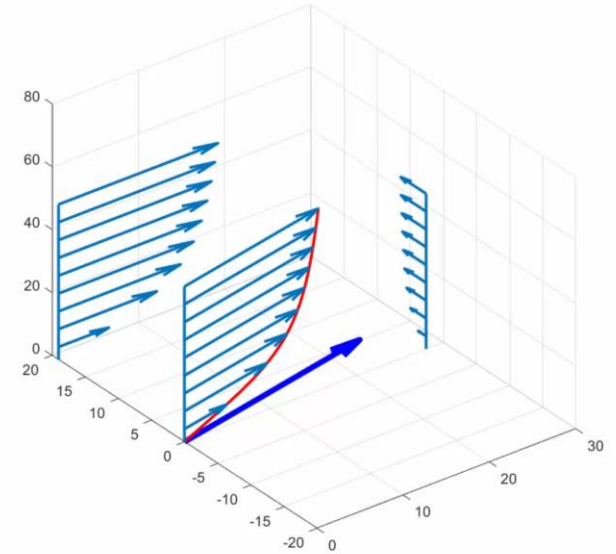
$$u_{\theta}(t, x_{\theta}, y_{\theta}, z_{\theta}) = u_{\tau_L} \tilde{u}(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$$

$$v_{\theta}(t, x_{\theta}, y_{\theta}, z_{\theta}) = u_{\tau_L} \tilde{v}(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$$

$$w_{\theta}(t, x_{\theta}, y_{\theta}, z_{\theta}) = u_{\tau_L} \tilde{w}(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$$

$$\tilde{t} = tu_{\tau_L}^2, \quad \tilde{x} = x_{\theta}u_{\tau_L}, \quad \tilde{y} = y_{\theta}u_{\tau_L}, \quad \tilde{z} = z_{\theta}u_{\tau_L}$$

$$P[u_{\tau_L}, \theta, \tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}, Re] = P_o[u_{\tau_L}, \theta, Re]P_u[\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}]$$

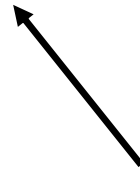


# A wish list, and the benefits of workshops

VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION FOR IPAM'S WORKSHOP, TRANSPORT AND MIXING IN COMPLEX AND TURBULENT FLOWS

**“Far-field boundary conditions for simulating a ‘patch’ of wall-bounded turbulent flow.”**

presented by Sean P. Carney (University of California, Los Angeles)



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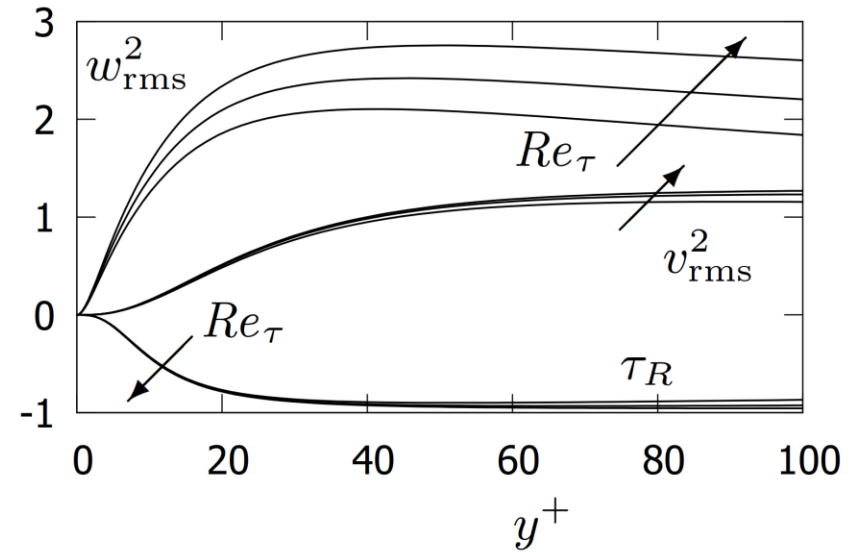
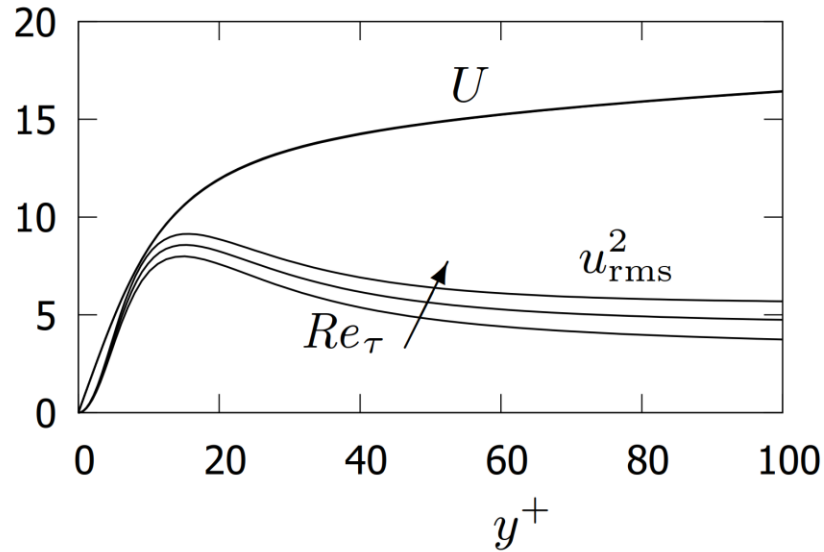
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# Why only streamwise and spanwise rms?



DNS data for  $Re_\tau = 950, 2000$  and  $5200$  showing that  $u_{\text{rms}}^2$  and  $w_{\text{rms}}^2$  vary with  $Re_\tau$  significantly more than  $U$ ,  $v_{\text{rms}}^2$  and  $\tau_R = \langle u'v' \rangle$ .

At Re attainable the amplitude of the fluctuations of large-scale motions is very small

(Zhang & Chernyshenko 2016),  $\langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle = 0.004364$  for  $Re_\tau = 1000$

$$U(y) = \tilde{U}(y) + \frac{1}{2} \langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle \frac{d}{dy} y^2 \frac{d\tilde{U}}{dy} - \frac{1}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle \tilde{U}(y) + \dots$$

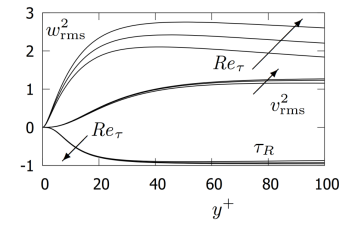
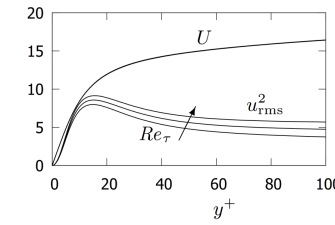
$$u_{\text{rms}}^2(y) = \langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle \left( \frac{dy\tilde{U}}{dy} \right)^2 + \tilde{u}_{\text{rms}}^2(y) + \frac{\langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle}{2} \frac{d^2 y^2 \tilde{u}_{\text{rms}}^2}{dy^2} + \langle \theta^2 \rangle (\tilde{w}_{\text{rms}}^2 - \tilde{u}_{\text{rms}}^2) + \dots$$

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$$\langle u'v' \rangle(y) = \tilde{\tau}_R(y) + \frac{1}{2} \langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle \frac{d^2 y^2 \tilde{\tau}_R}{dy^2} - \frac{1}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle \tilde{\tau}_R + \dots$$

# A few terms are large



$$\Delta U(y) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle \frac{d}{dy} y^2 \frac{d\tilde{U}}{dy} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \langle \theta^2 \rangle \tilde{U}(y) + \dots,$$

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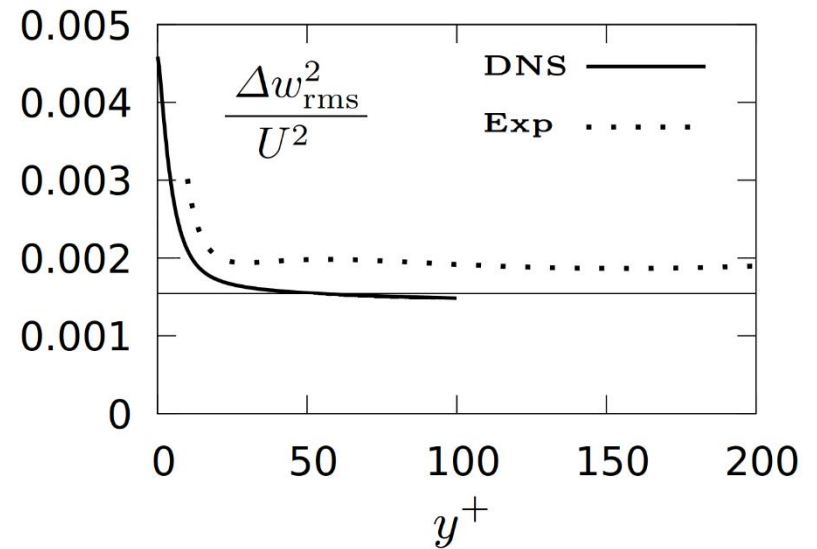
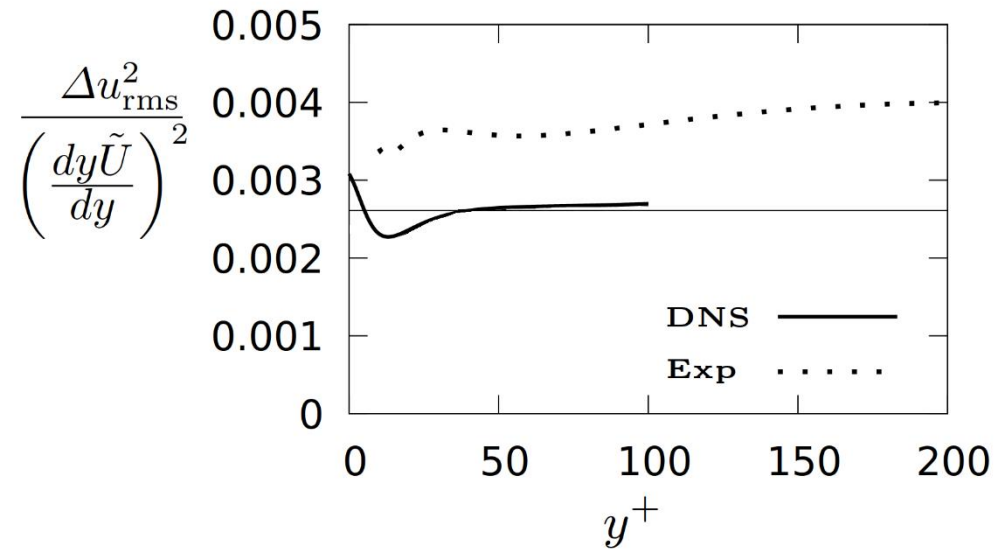
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$$y^+ = 40, (dy\tilde{U}/dy)^2 \approx 285, u_{\text{rms}}^2 \approx 6, \tilde{U}^2 \approx 203, w_{\text{rms}}^2 \approx 2.4$$

$$\Delta u_{\text{rms}}^2 \approx \Delta \langle u_{\tau_L}'^2 \rangle \left( \frac{dy \tilde{U}}{dy} \right)^2, \Delta w_{\text{rms}}^2 \approx \Delta \langle \theta^2 \rangle \tilde{U}^2, \Delta v_{\text{rms}}^2 \approx \Delta \langle u'v' \rangle \approx 0.$$

# Comparisons are satisfactory



The DNS data are for a plane channel with  $Re_\tau = 2000$  and  $5200$  (Lee & Moser (2015))

The experimental data are for a zero pressure gradient boundary layer with  $Re_\tau = 3000$  and  $10500$  (Baidya *et al.* 2012)

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# Summary

- QSQH theory:
  - Postulates that near-wall turbulence adjusts to the large-scale component of wall friction
  - Achieves rigour by postulating the required properties of large-scale filter instead of specifying the filter
  - Generates nontrivial results
  - Compares satisfactory in the viscous and buffer layer
- QSQH theory is extended to all velocity components
- Taking into account the fluctuations of the direction of large-scale motion makes a difference, in particular for spanwise velocity
- QSQH theory implies the dependence of the log-law constants on the large-scale motions while retaining the log law.
- For more see Sergei Chernyshenko, “Extension of QSQH theory of scale interaction in near-wall turbulence to all velocity components”, [arXiv:2002.05585](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.05585) **[physics.flu-dyn]**