

# 4. Compressible flows

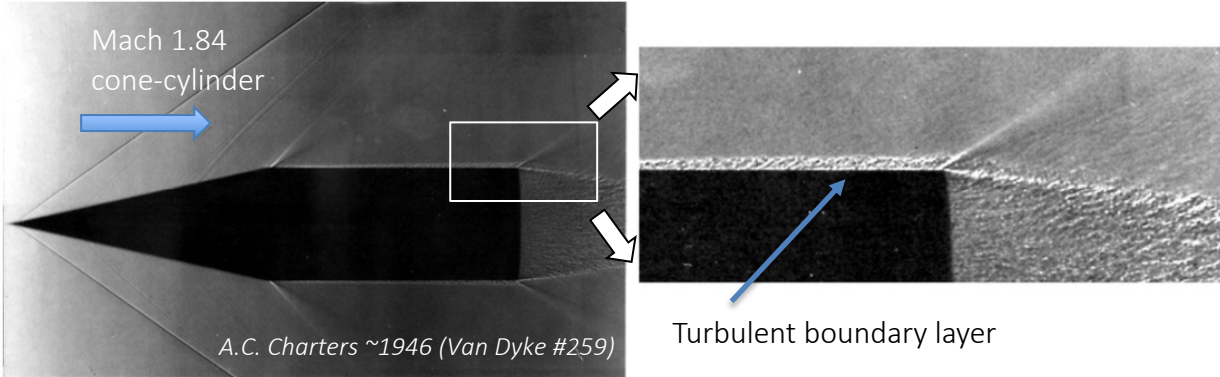
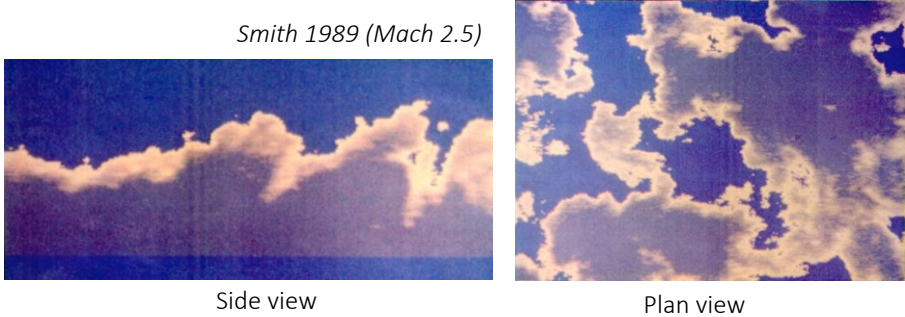
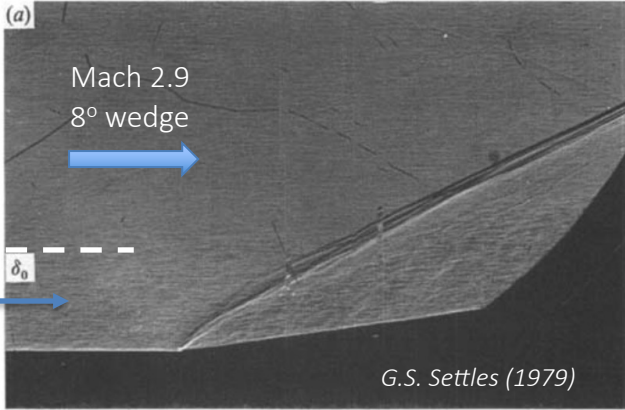
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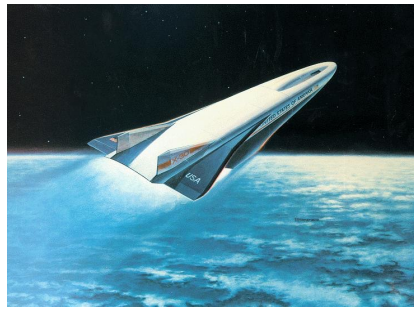


# High speed flows





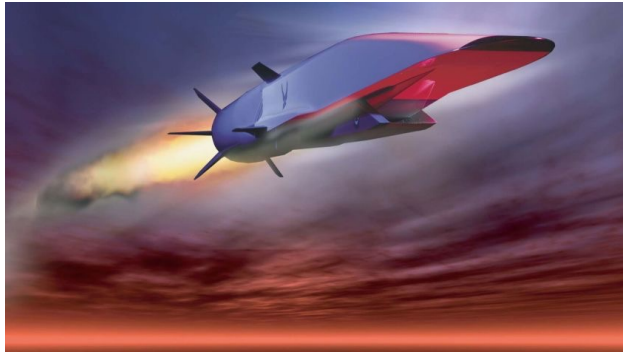
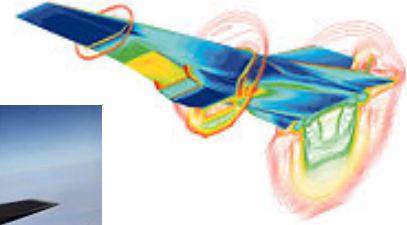
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NASP X-30 (proposed 1986)



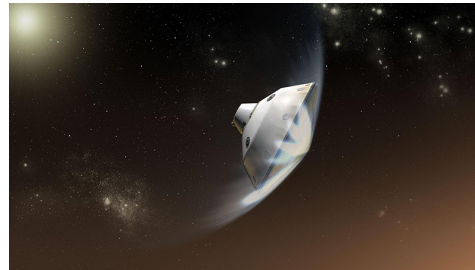
NASA X-43A/Hyper-X (first flight 2004)



Boeing X-51A Waverider (first flight 2010)



AF X-37B (first flight 2010)

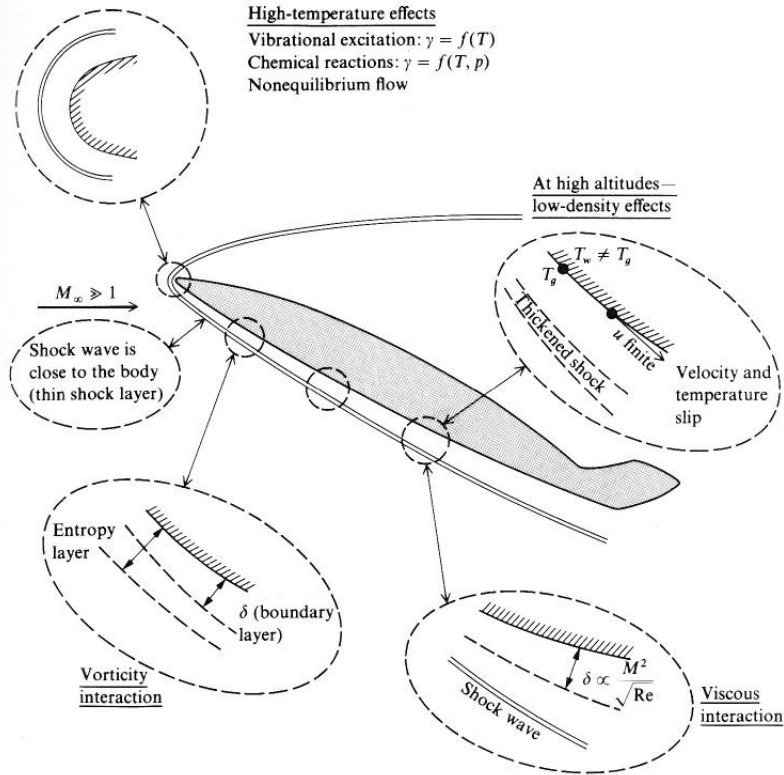


Curiosity Mars probe (2012)

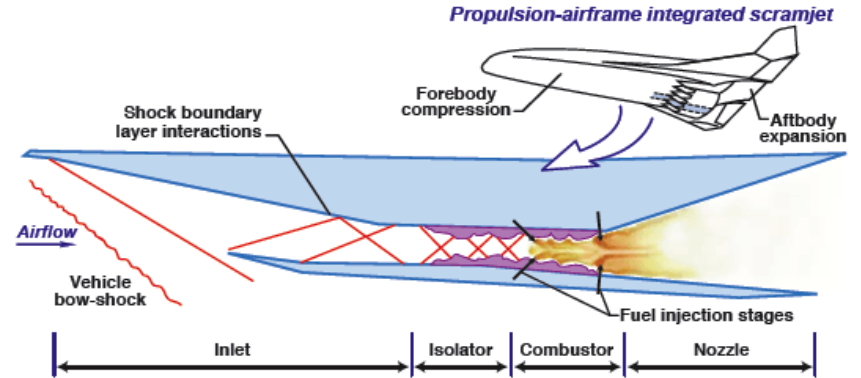


DARPA Glide Breaker

# Hyperersonic vehicle flow fields



(Anderson, 1989)



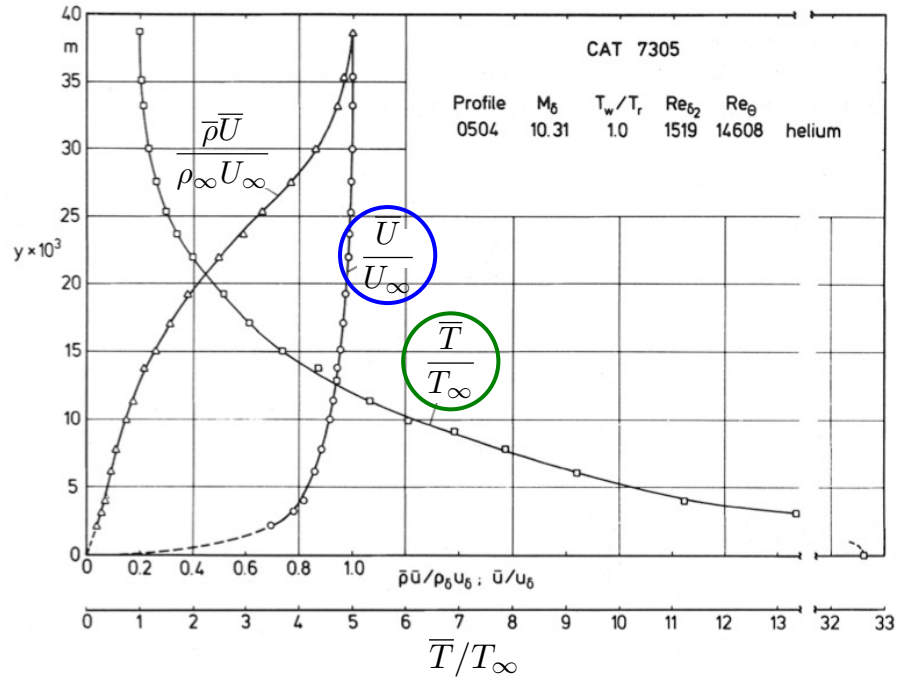
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(Aerojet Rocketdyne)

# Mean flow in high-speed boundary layers

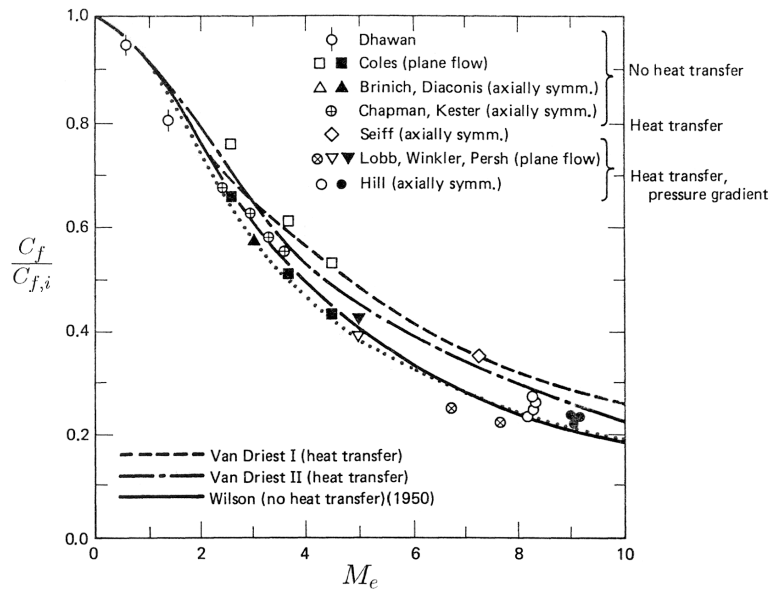
Ma = 10.3 (helium)



- Mean velocity profile looks similar to that in incompressible flow but scales differently
- Temperature increases near the wall
- Density decreases near the wall
- Need to account for density changes

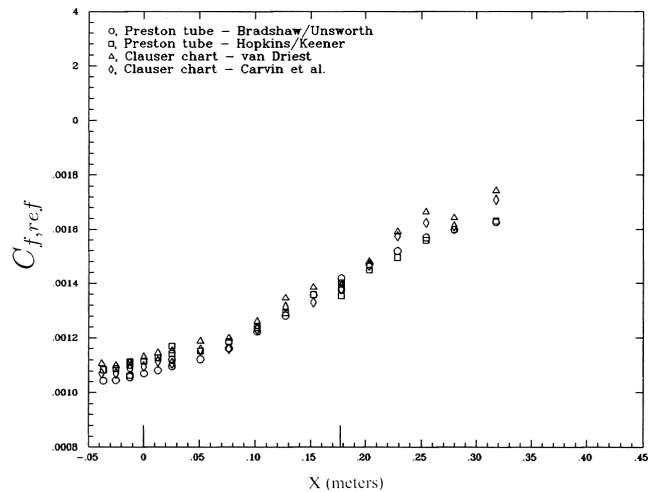
# Skin friction

Zero pressure gradient



$\rho_w$  decreases with Mach number

Adverse pressure gradient



$\rho_w$  increases with compression

# Compressible turbulent flows and Reynolds number

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- In a compressible flow, we have a choice of Reynolds numbers
- Friction Reynolds number

$$Re_\tau = \frac{\delta}{\nu_w/u_\tau} = \frac{\delta u_\tau}{\nu_w}$$

- Momentum thickness Reynolds number (freestream viscosity or wall viscosity)

$$Re_\theta = \frac{U_e \theta}{\nu_e} \quad Re_{\theta_w} = \frac{U_e \theta}{\nu_w} \quad (Re_\theta > 200 Re_{\theta_w} \text{ for Mach 10 helium flow})$$

$$Re_{\delta_2} = \frac{\text{highest momentum flux}}{\text{highest shear stress}} = \frac{\rho_e U_e \theta}{\mu_w}$$

$$(Re_\theta > 10 Re_{\delta_2} \text{ for Mach 10 helium flow})$$

- The inner layer thickness relative to the boundary layer thickness increases with Ma

## Compressible turbulent flows and time scales

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- The friction Reynolds number is often interpreted as a ratio of length scales
- What about time scales?

- Outer time scale:  $\frac{\delta}{U_\infty}$                       Inner time scale:  $\frac{\nu_w}{u_\tau^2}$

- Ratio outer to inner:  $R_\tau = \frac{u_\tau}{U_\infty} \left( \frac{\delta u_\tau}{\nu_w} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{C_f}{2}} Re_\tau$

- Time scale ratio decreases with Mach number



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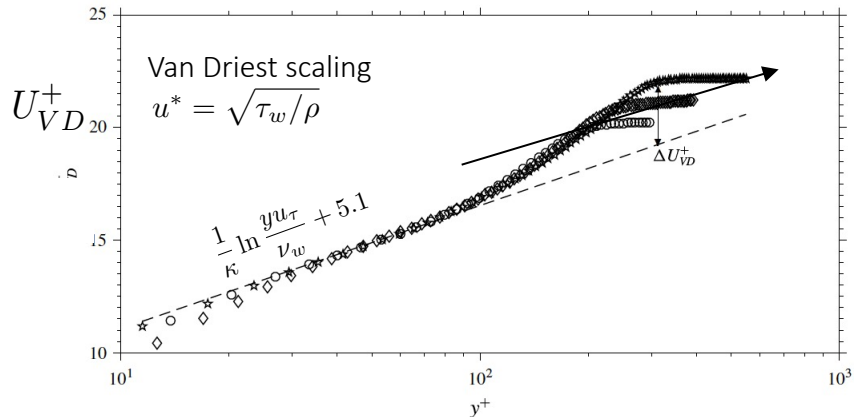
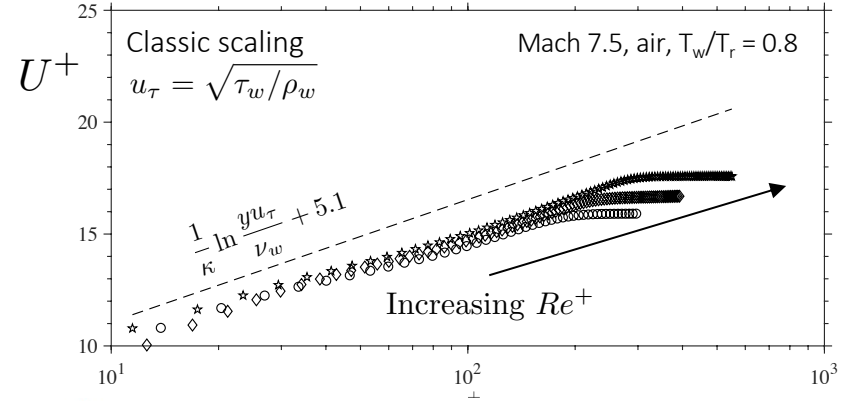
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(See also Lee, Helm, Martin, Williams 2023)

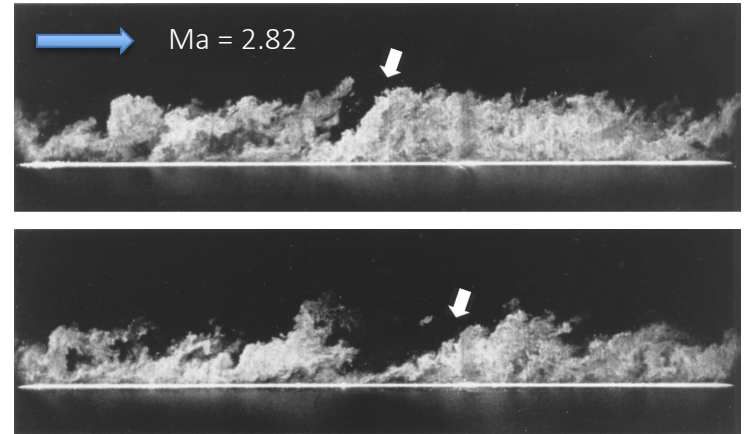


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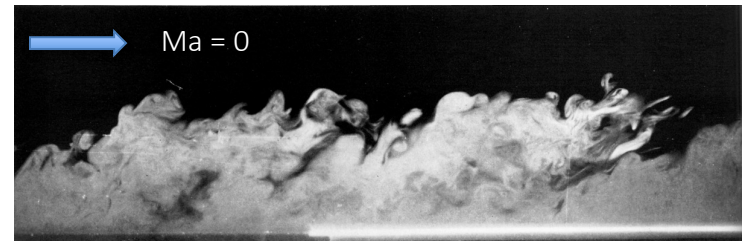
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Mie scattering from acetone droplets



*Smith (1989); Smith & Smits (1995)*

Smoke flow visualization



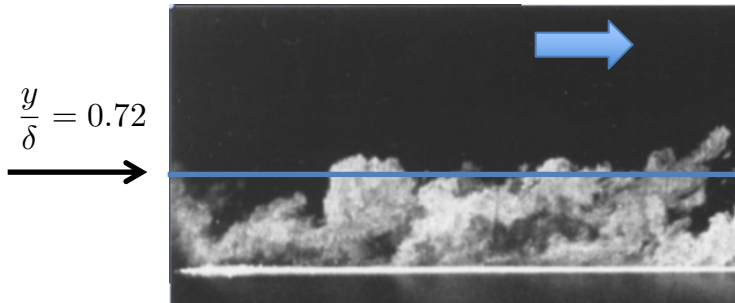
*Falco (1977)*

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Rayleigh scattering (FRS):

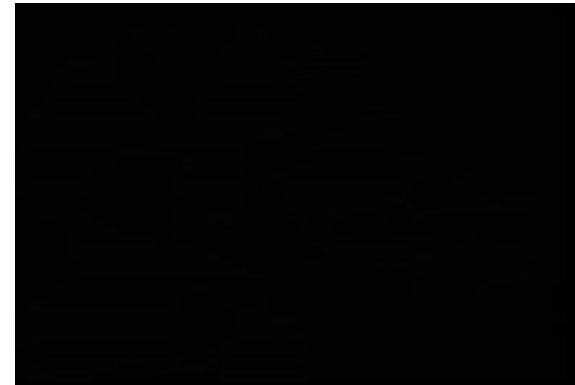
- Scattering from particles with  $d < \lambda$
- ~10 nm clusters of  $H_2O$ , condensed in nozzle from naturally occurring water in air supply, or
- ~10 nm clusters of  $CO_2$ , condensed in nozzle from  $CO_2$  gas injected upstream (Miles & Forkey 1991)



Mach 2.9,  $Re_\theta = 78,000$



Side  
view

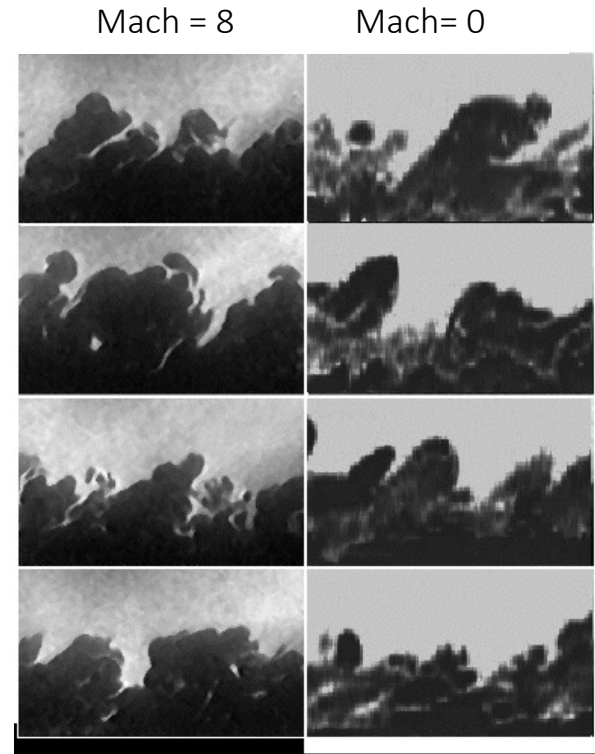


Plan  
view

# Scaling the turbulence

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*FRS – Baumgartner et al. (1997) ; PLIF - Delo & Smits 1997)*

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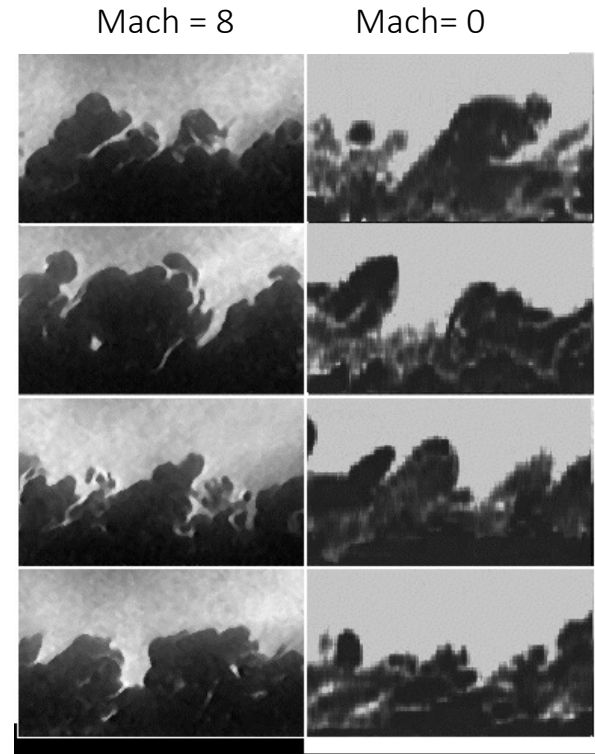
Morkovin's hypothesis (1961):

- “The essential dynamics of these shear flows will follow the incompressible pattern”

$$u_\tau = \sqrt{\tau_w / \rho_w}$$

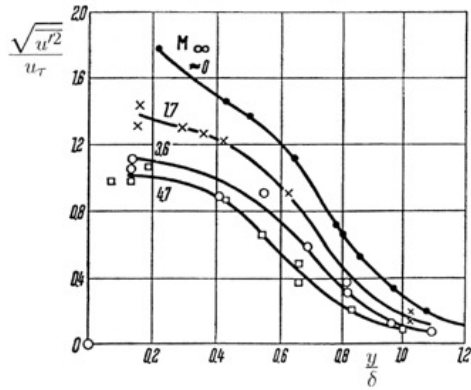


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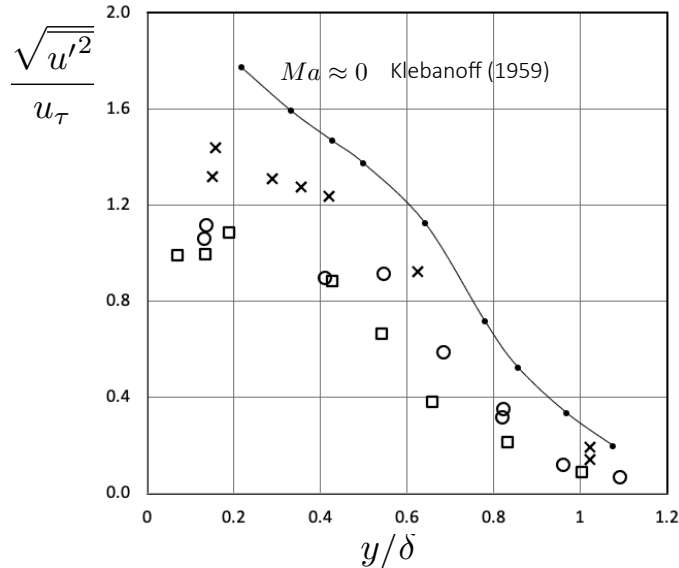


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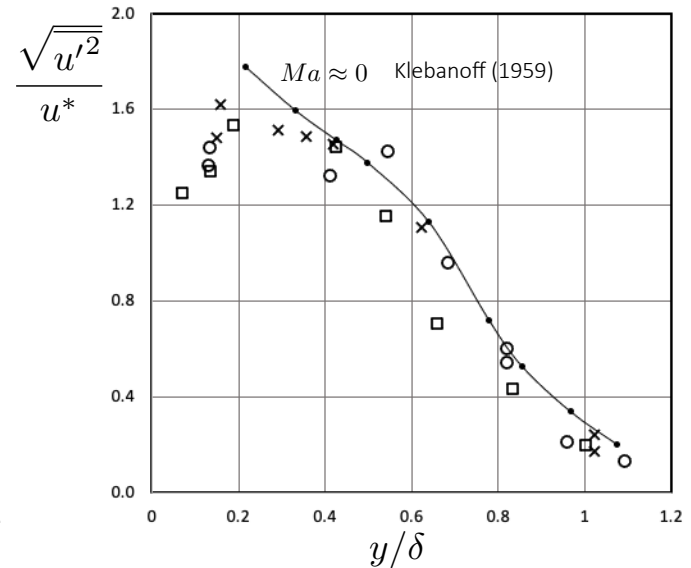
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Classic scaling



Morkovin scaling



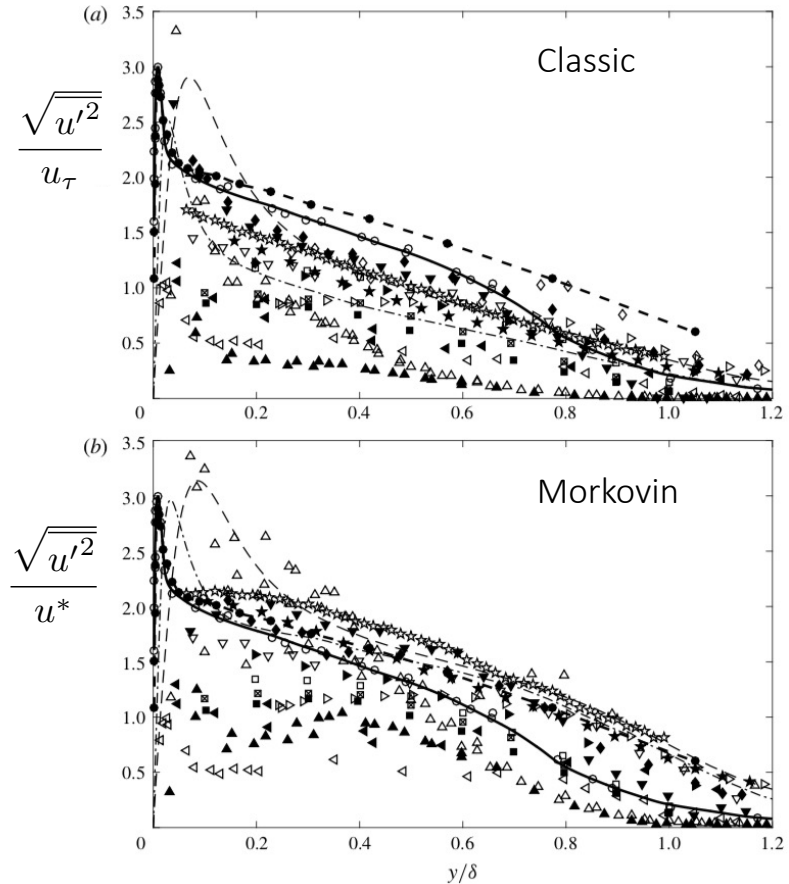


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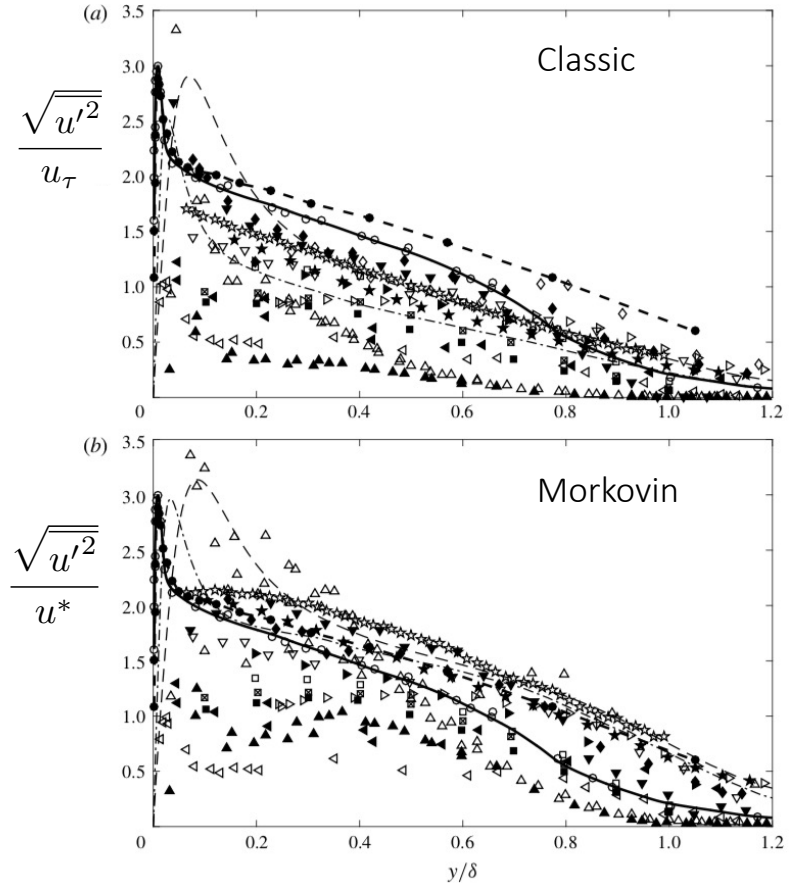
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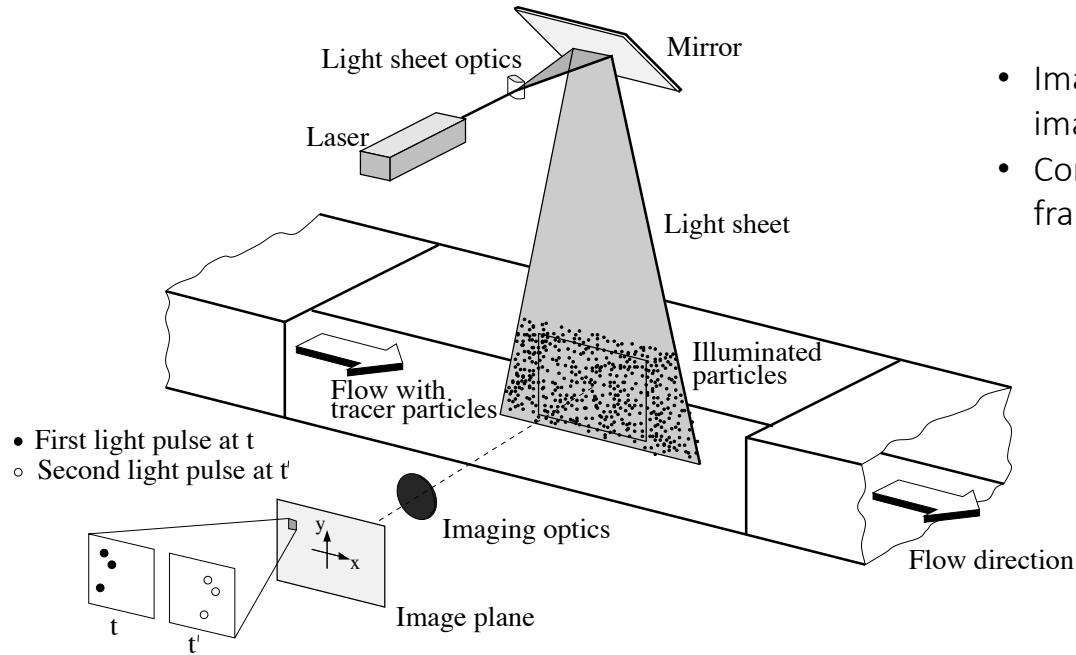
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What about PIV at high Mach number?



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# Particle image velocimetry

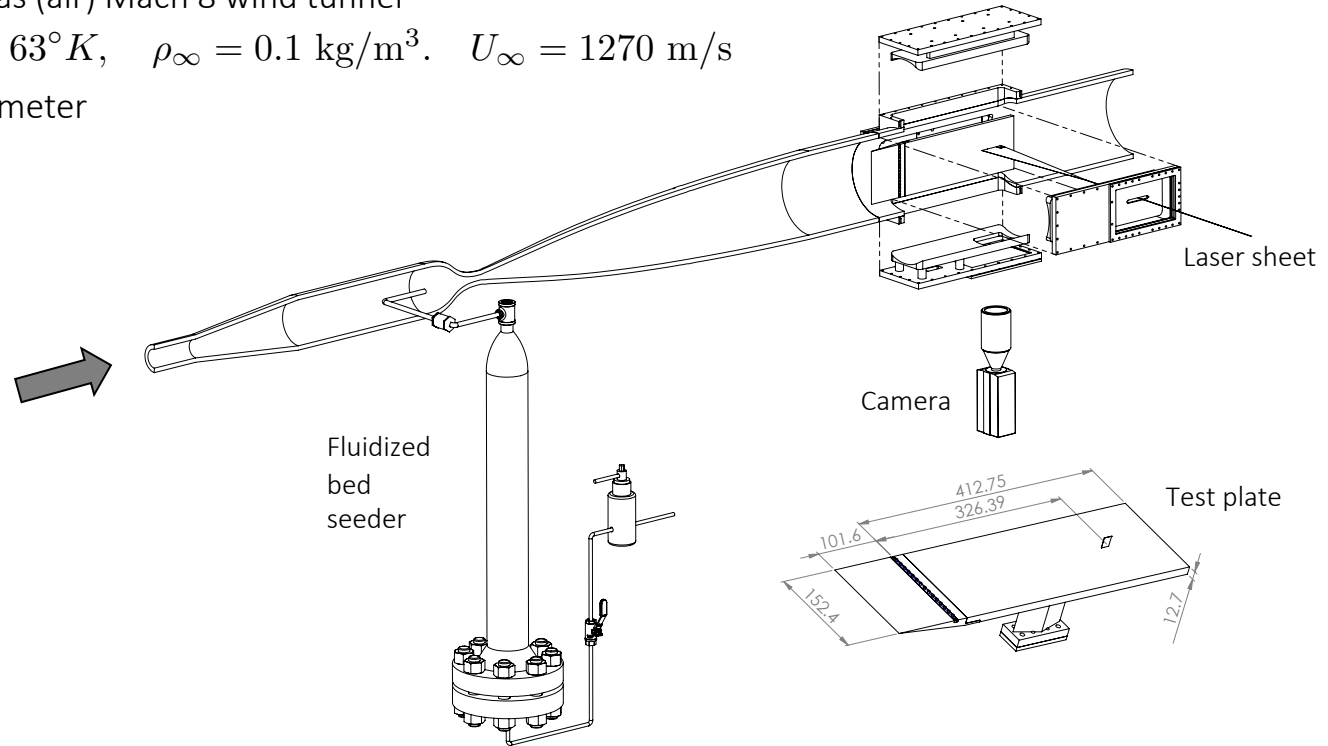


- Image particles using a laser and a fast, two-image camera
- Correlate motion of particles in successive frames

- Direct measure of velocity
- Provides spatial information
- Particles need to follow the flow

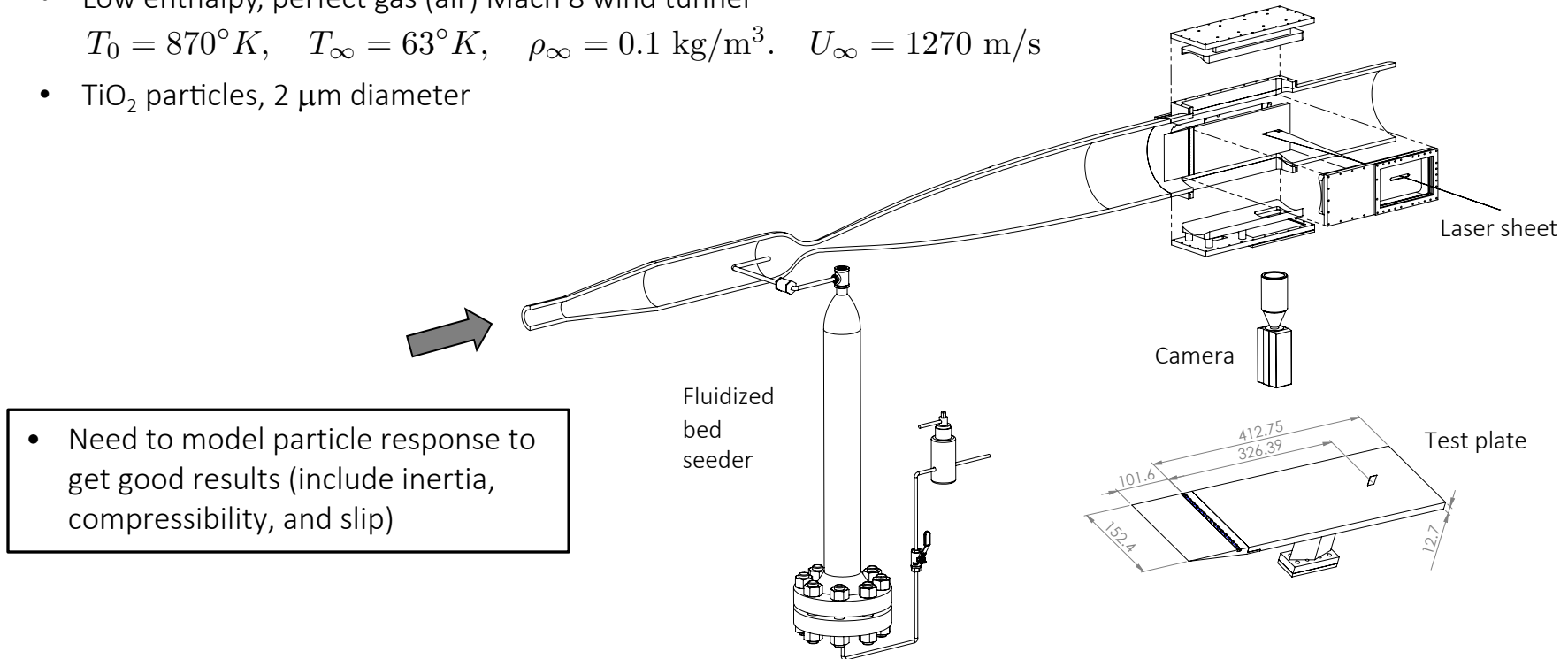
# Mach 8 wind tunnel

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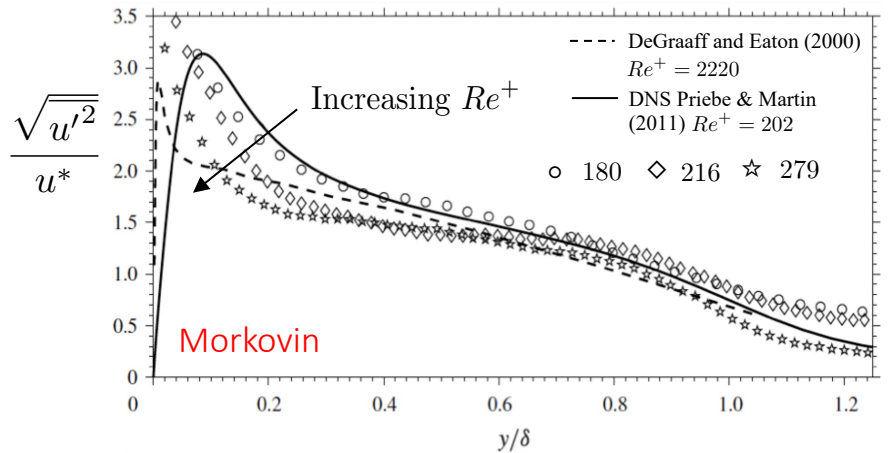
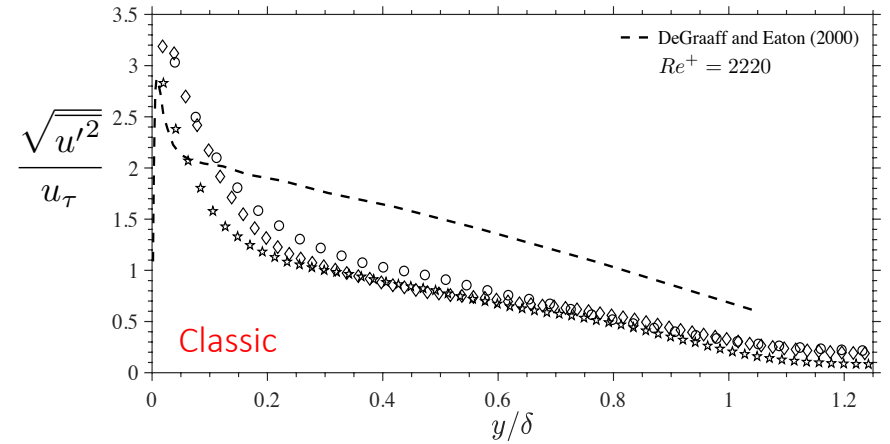
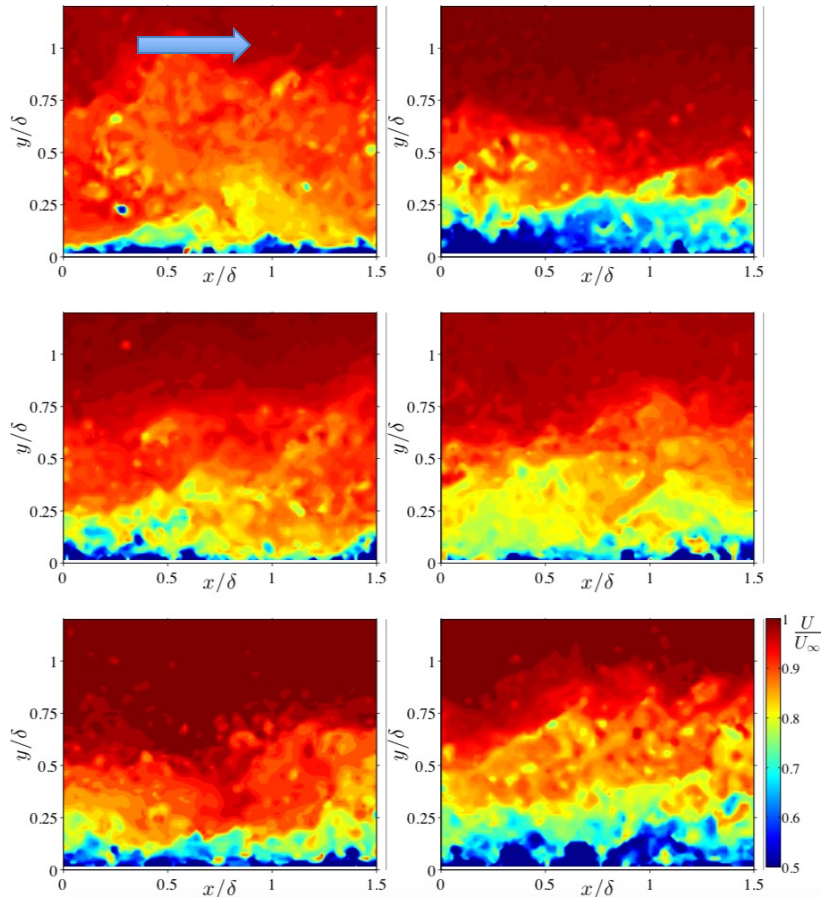
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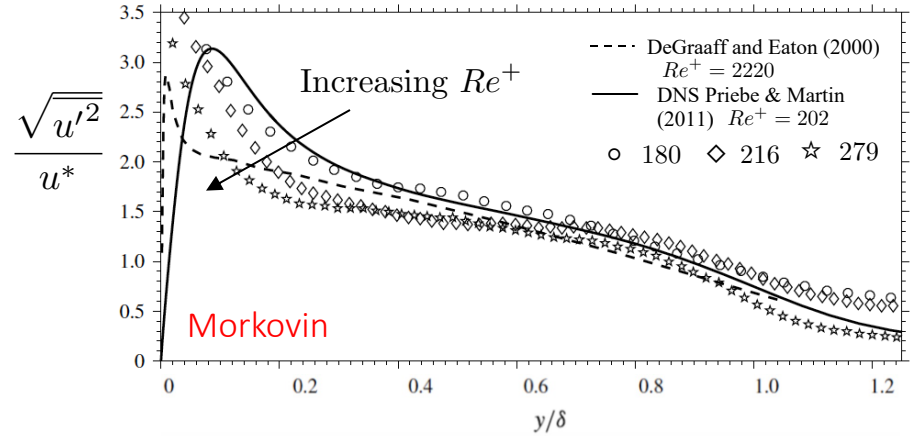
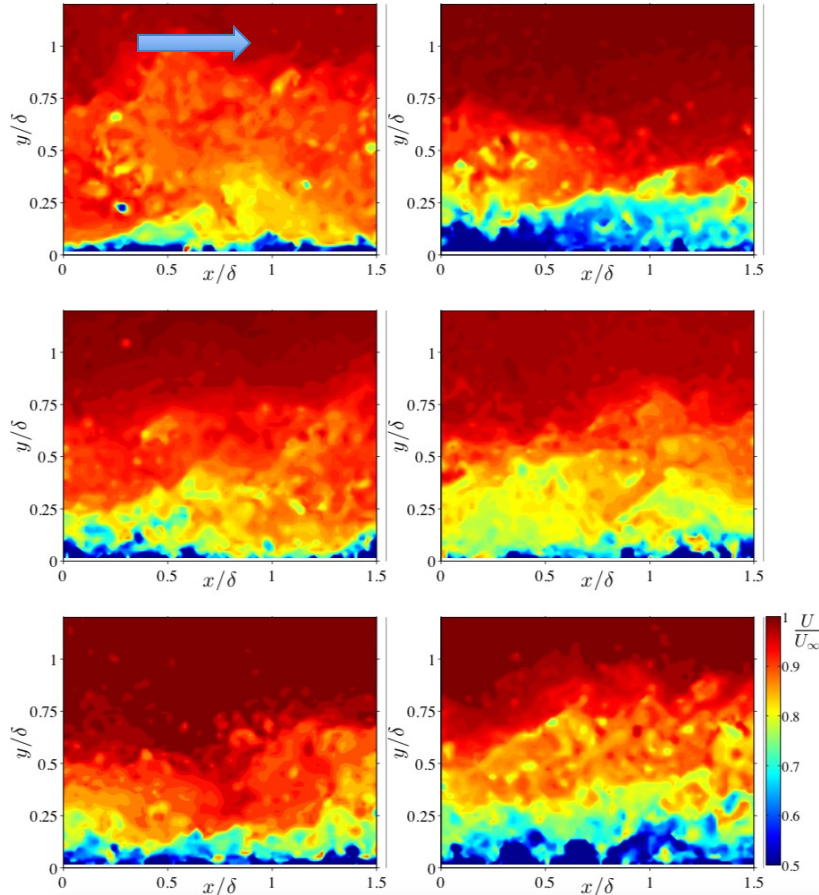


• Need to model particle response to get good results (include inertia, compressibility, and slip)

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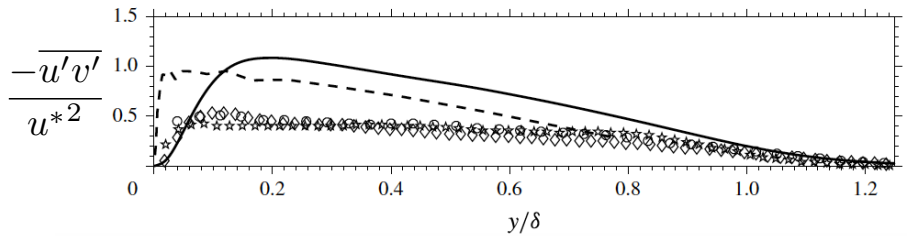
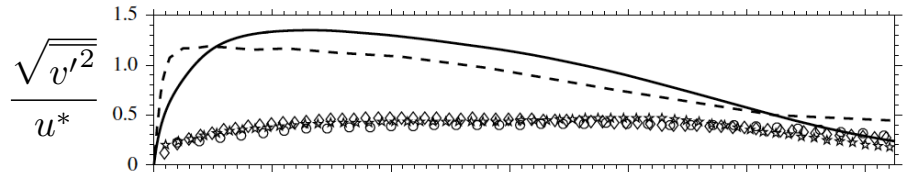
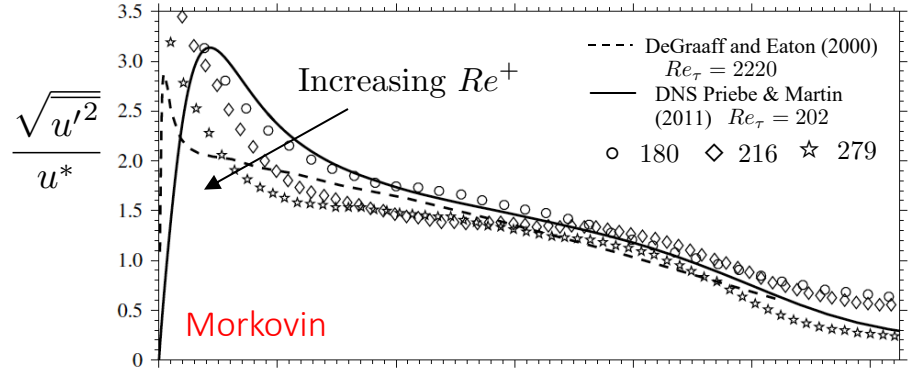
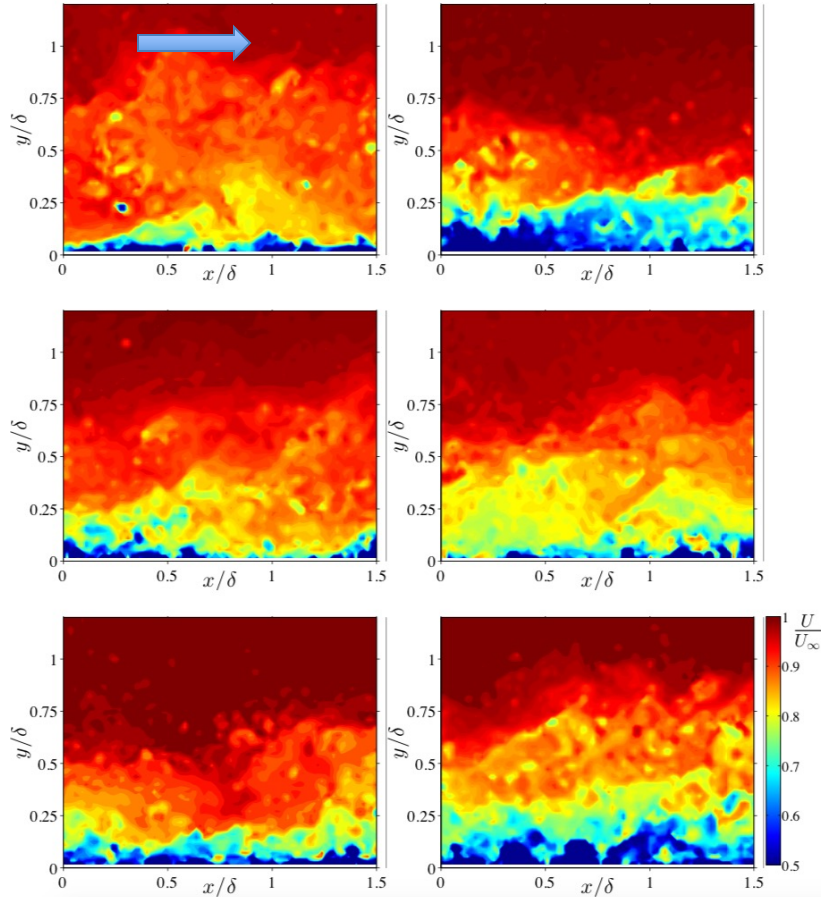


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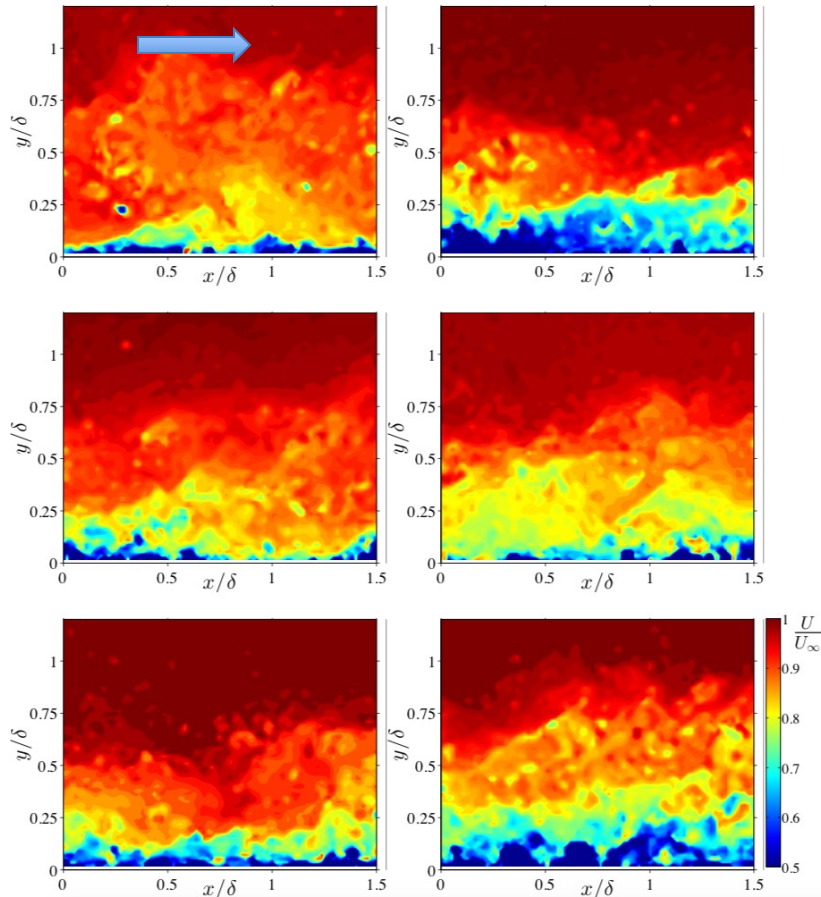
- Results agree well with DNS at the same Reynolds number
- Show the expected behavior with increasing Reynolds number
- Support Morkovin scaling
- But...

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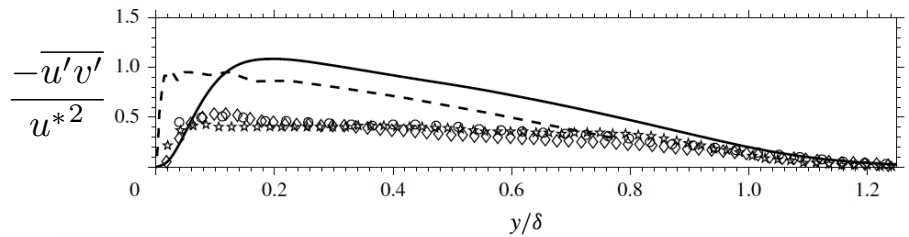
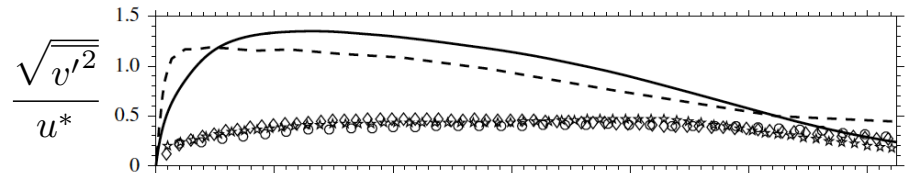




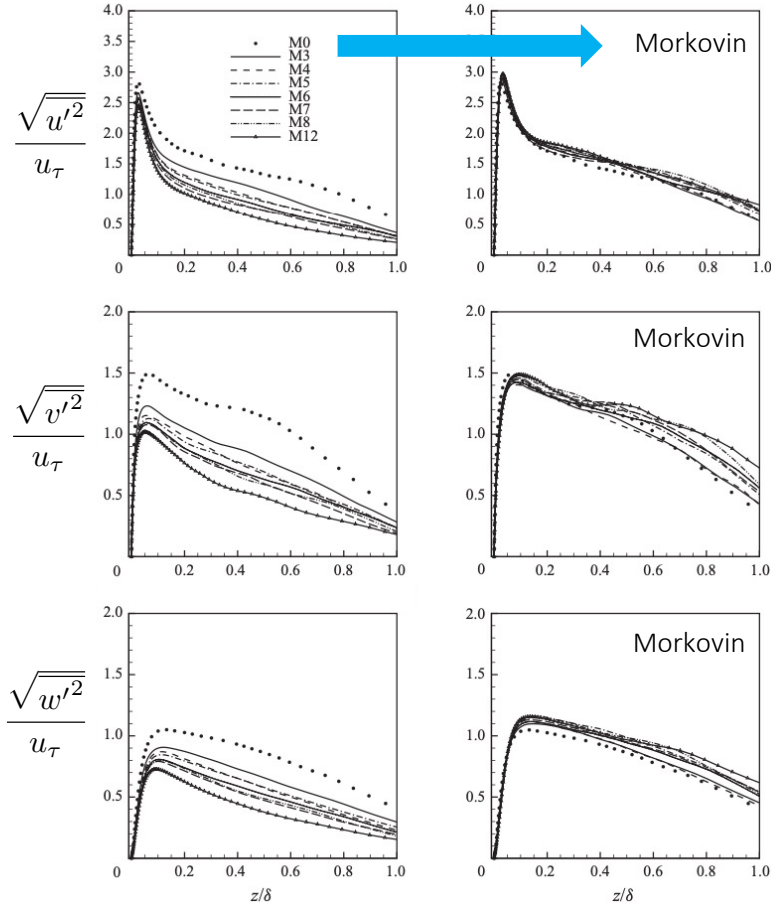
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- It is very difficult to measure the wall-normal component  $v'$
- This is a general result for all experimental methods and almost all experiments



# What about DNS?



- DNS of turbulent boundary layers
- (small box DNS,  $\sim 10\delta$ , bigger box results soon)
- Matched Reynolds numbers ( $570 < Re^+ < 377$ )
- $0.3 < Ma < 11.9$
- $1 < T_w/T_\infty < 28$

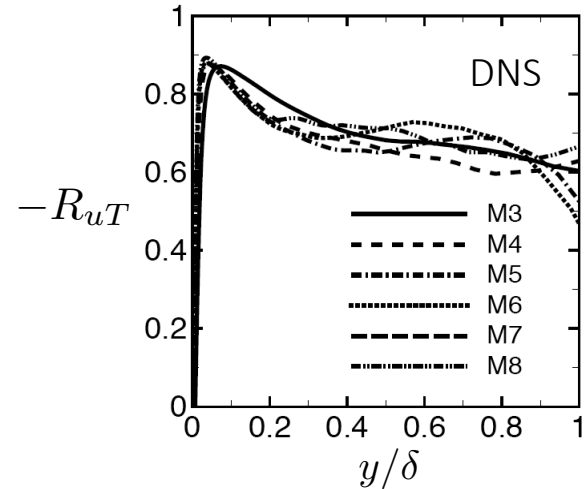
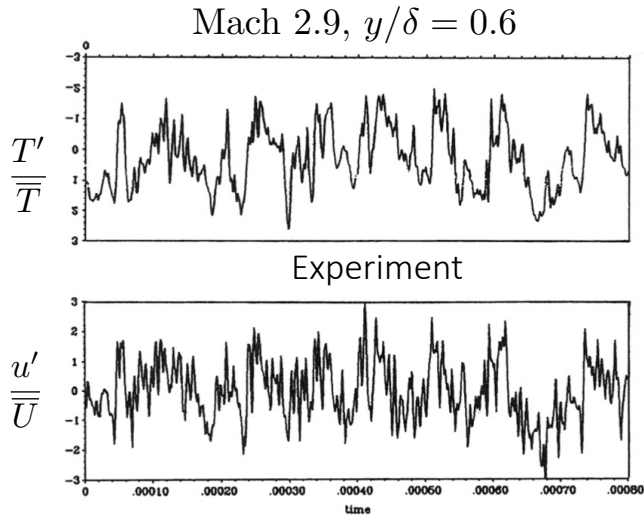
Profiles collapse in Morkovin scaling, for all three components, even at  $Ma = 12$

# Strong Reynolds Analogy between temperature and velocity

One-dimensional energy equation:  $h_0 = h + \frac{1}{2}U^2$

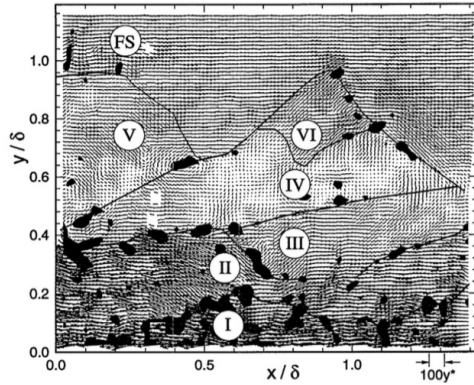
Perfect gas with  $T'_0 = 0 \rightarrow$

$$\frac{T_{rms}}{\bar{T}} = (\gamma - 1)M^2 \frac{u_{rms}}{\bar{U}},$$
$$R_{uT} = \frac{\overline{u'T'}}{u_{rms}T_{rms}} = -1$$



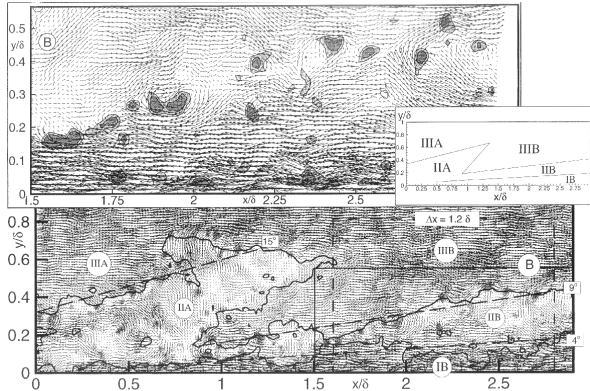
# Uniform momentum zones (UMZ)

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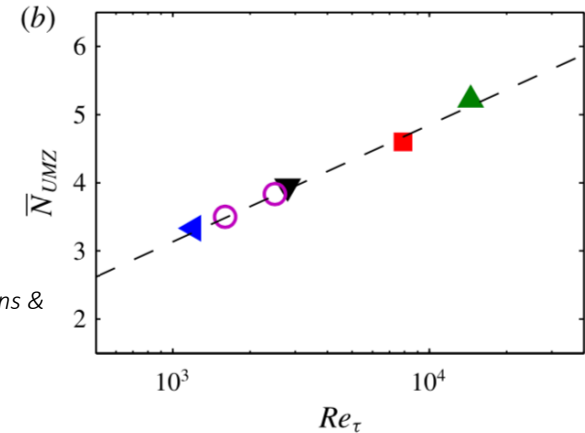
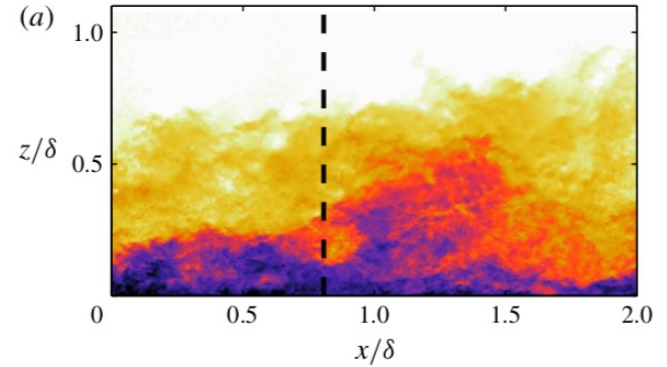
Meinhart & Adrian (1995)

- Number of UMZ's scales logarithmically with  $Re^+$
- But not as fast as the number of hierarchies



Adrian, Meinhart & Tomkins (1999)

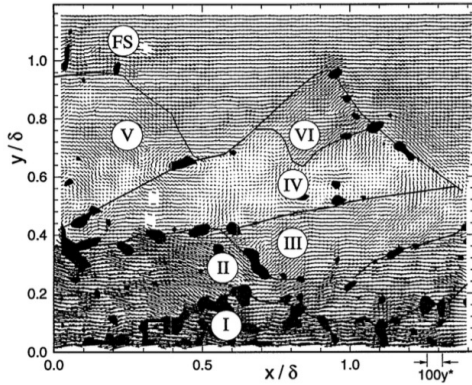
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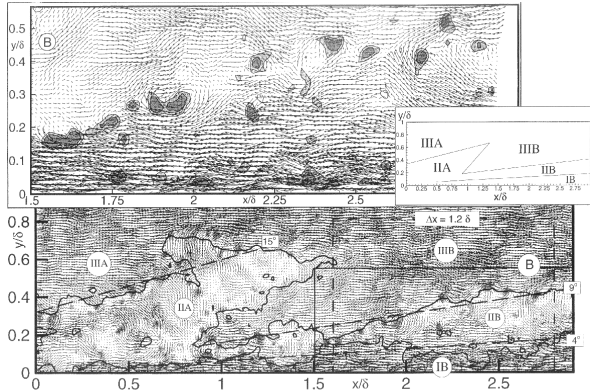
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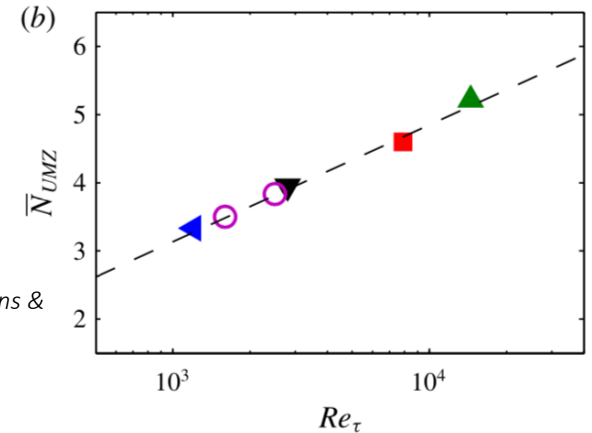
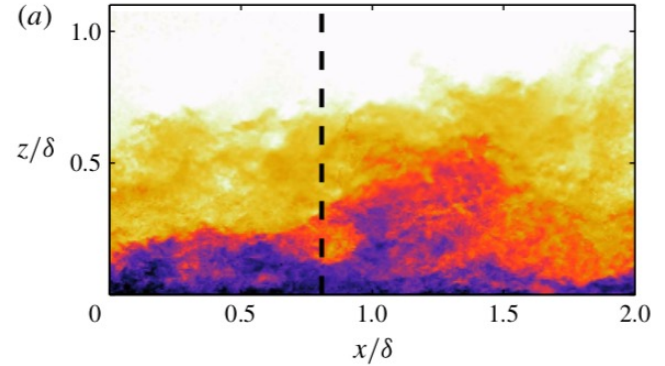
Meinhart &  
Adrian (1995)

Incompressible flow  
Mach = 0



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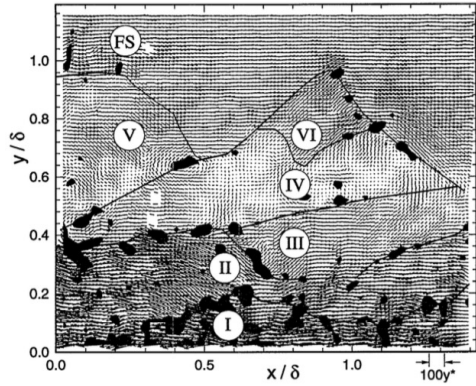
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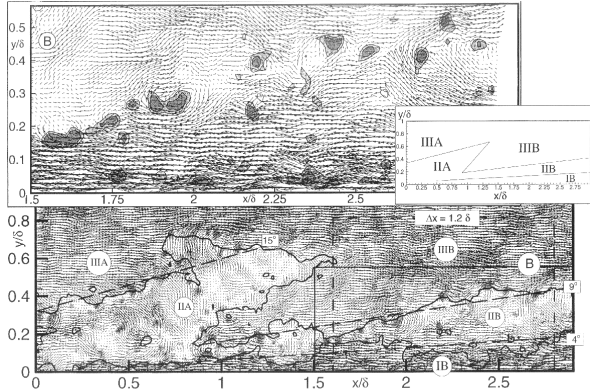
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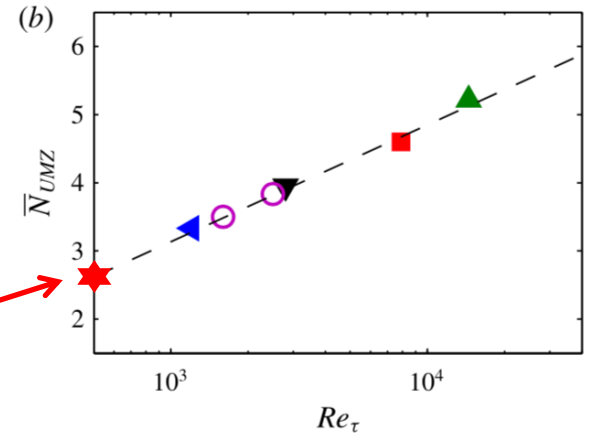
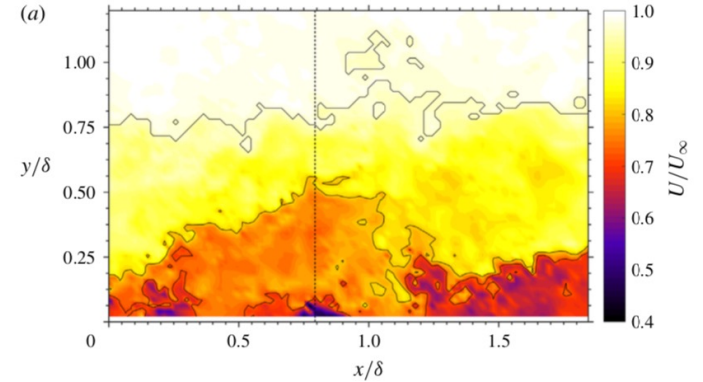
Meinhart & Adrian (1995)

Hypersonic flow  
Mach 7.5



Adrian, Meinhart & Tomkins (1999)

$Re_\tau \approx 280$

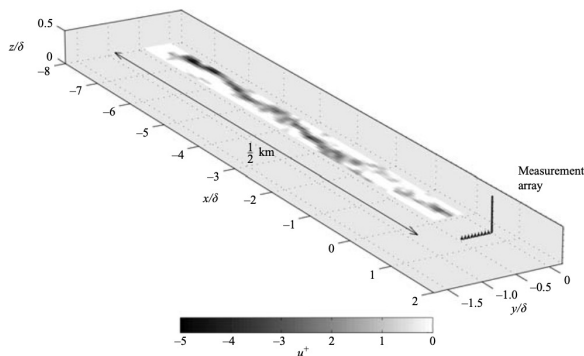


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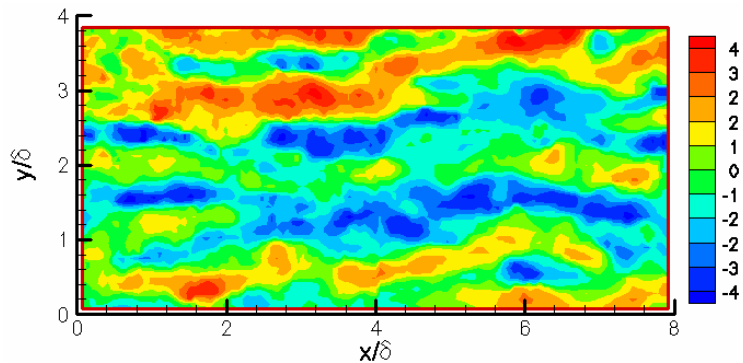
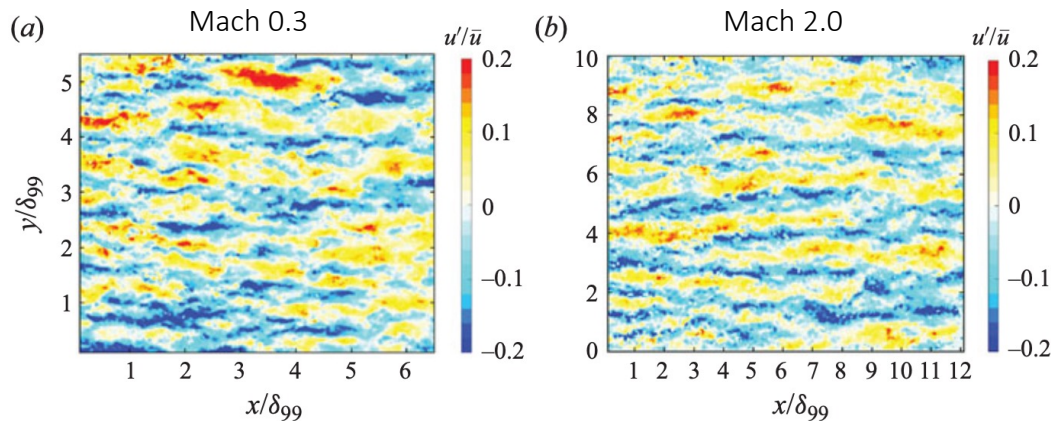
Williams, Sahoo, Baumgartner & Smits (2018)

# Superstructures (VLSMs)

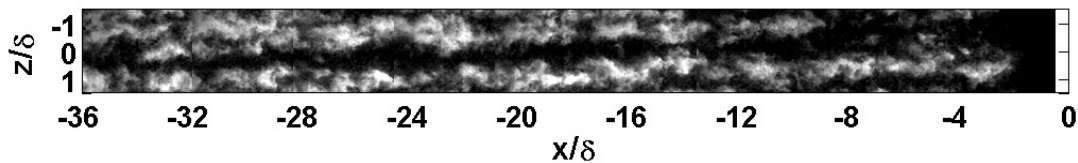
Atmospheric boundary layer  
*Hutchins & Marusic (2007)*



Spanwise spacing  $\approx \delta$  (may increase with Mach number (*Bross et al. 2021*))



Mach 2  
*Ganapathisubramani et al. (2006)*



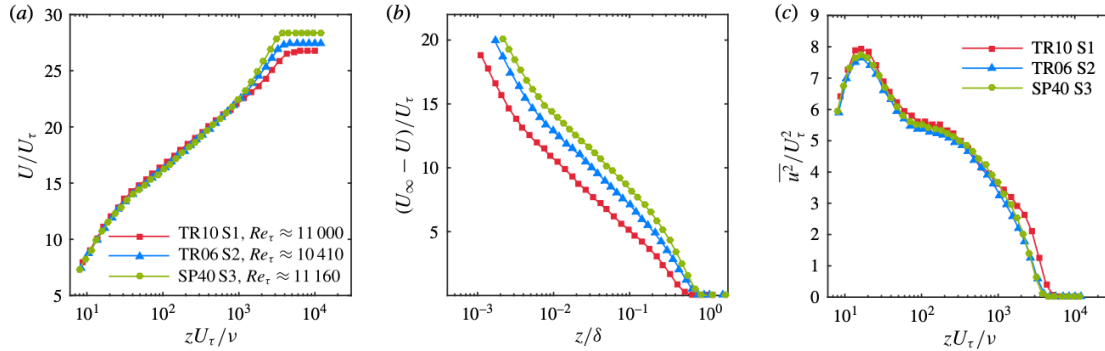
# Beyond flat plate boundary layers

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- Van Driest and Morkovin work well for flat plate boundary layers
- What about “real” world effects?
  - Tripping effects
  - Transitional effects
  - Surface curvature
  - Görtler vortices
- What about complex flows?
  - Shock wave boundary layer interactions
  - Superstructures
  - Görtler vortices



# Tripping effects

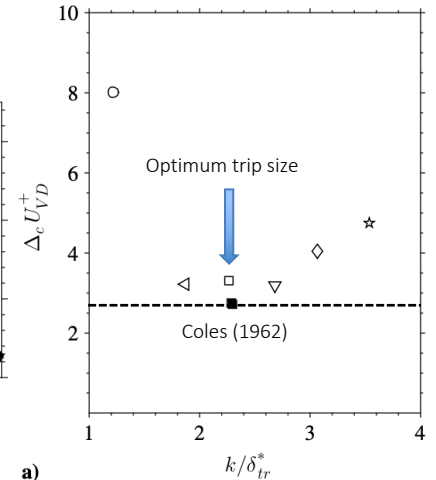
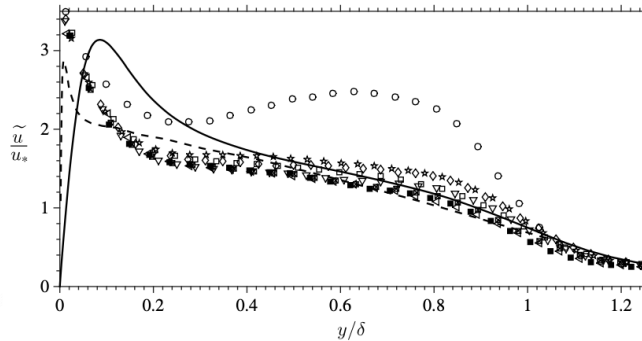
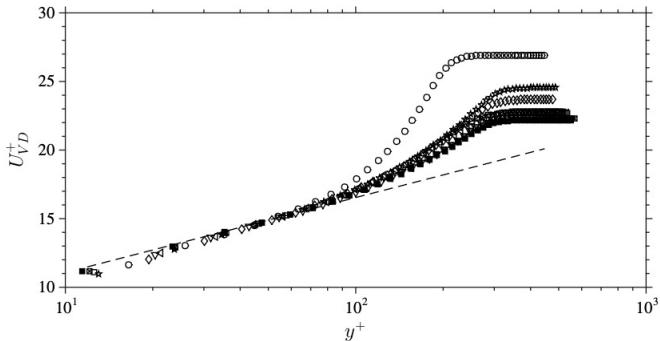


Subsonic flow  
*Marusic et al. (2015)*

P40 grit sandpaper, 6mm  
 and 10 mm threaded rod,  
 matched  $Re_\tau \approx 11000$

Mach 7.6

*Williams & Smits (2017)* Pin type stimulator trip

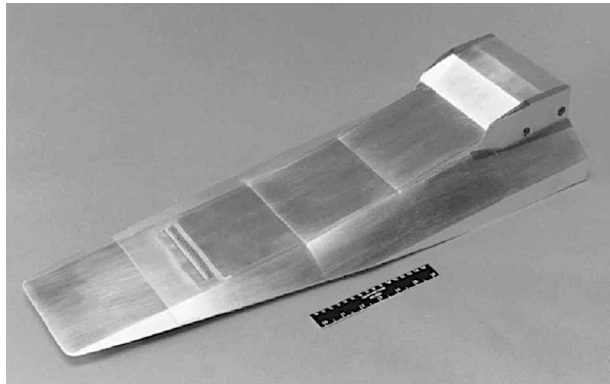


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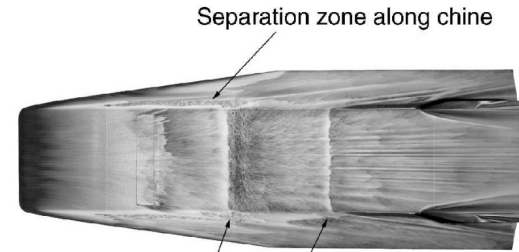
# Tripping effects



- Hyper-X tripping at Mach 6,  $\alpha = 2^\circ$

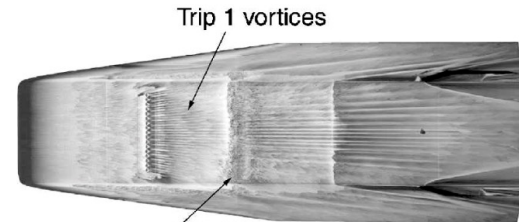


Berry et al. (2001)



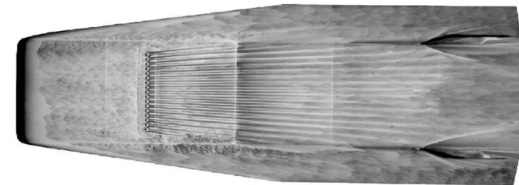
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Separations at 1st and 2nd corner



Critical roughness

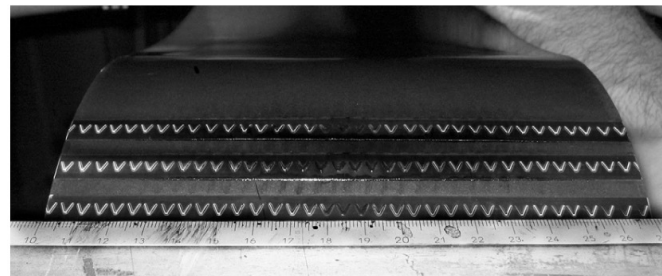
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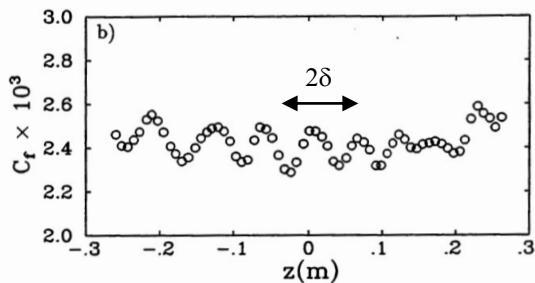
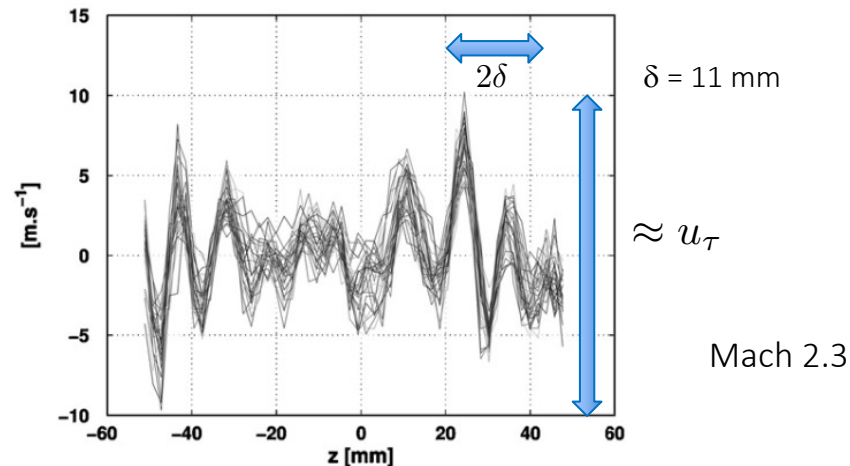
Effective roughness

# Upstream history effects

- Periodic roughness upstream of the throat at Mach 2.3
- Vortex generation in subsonic flow
  - Subsonic experiment, following development of streamwise vortices on a wind tunnel wall
  - TG vortices form in the contraction, with  $\lambda \approx 2\delta$ , persisting into the working section through transition
  - As the boundary layer grows, the vortices appear to pair so as to maintain  $\lambda \approx 2\delta$ , so their number decreases with downstream distance



$d = 5 \text{ mm}$

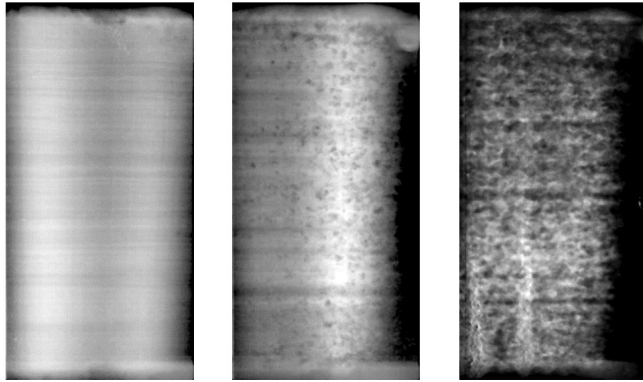


Smith (1993)  
 $Re_\tau = 4100$

# Transitional structures in boundary layers

No tripping

➔  $M = 5$ , upstream boundary layer



Laminar

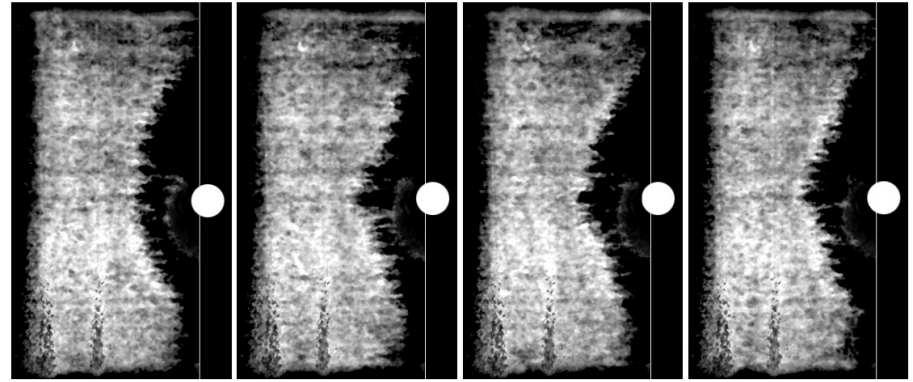
Transitional

Turbulent

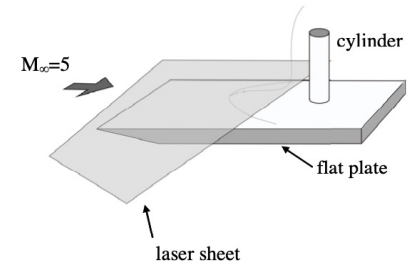
- Organized, longitudinal structures in turbulent boundary layer appear to originate at specific spanwise locations
- Long-lasting

No tripping

➔  $M = 5$ , upstream of SWBLI

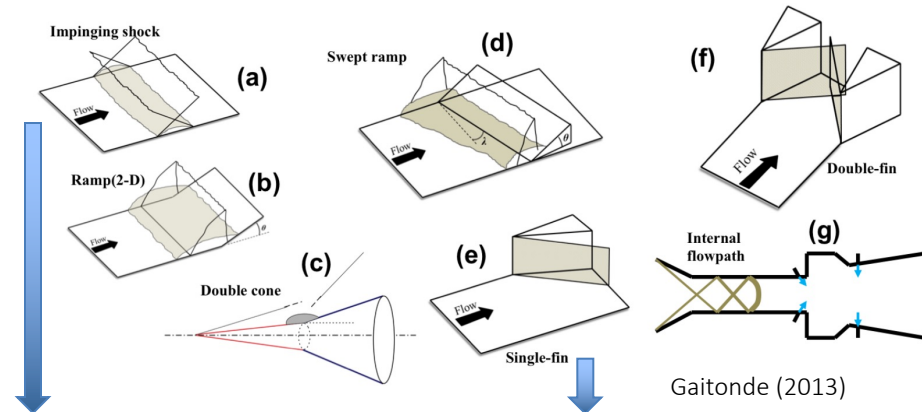


- Organized, longitudinal structures ripple the separation line ahead of cylinder interaction

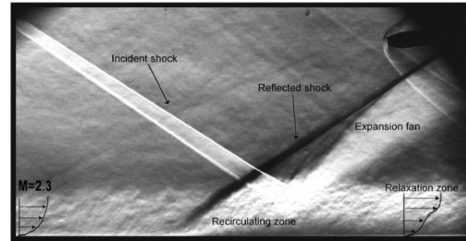


# Shock-wave boundary layer interactions (SWBLI)

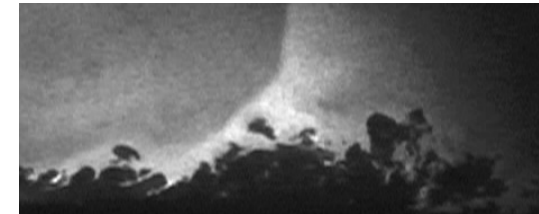
- Pressure gradient
- Shock-induced separation
- Streamline curvature effects
- Transverse curvature effects
- Upstream history effects, initial conditions
- Reynolds number effects
- Unsteadiness
- Three-dimensionality
- Asymmetry



Gaitonde (2013)



Dupont et al. (2005) 9.5° reflected shock at Mach 2.3

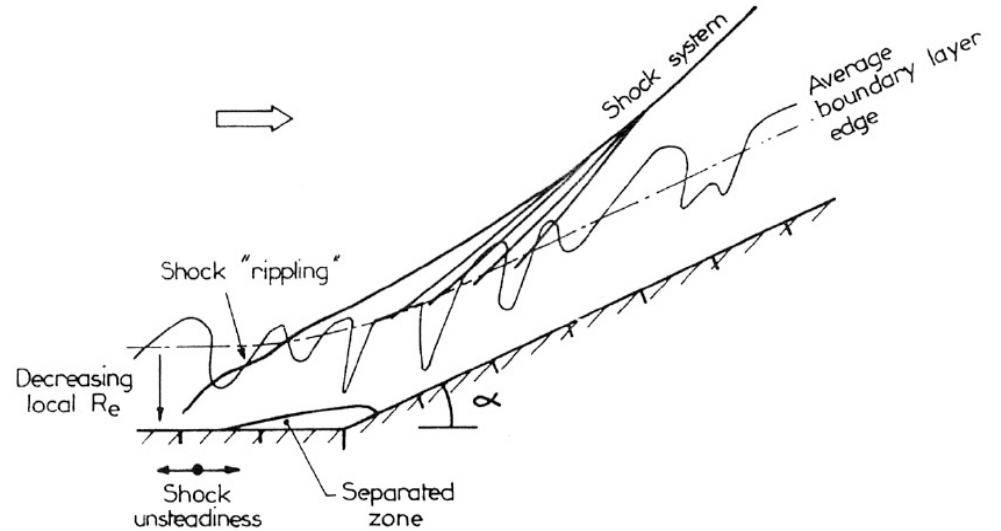


Bookey et al. (2001) 10° sharp fin at Mach 8

Dolling 2001; Délerly & Dussauge 2009; Babinsky & Harvey 2011; Gaitonde 2015

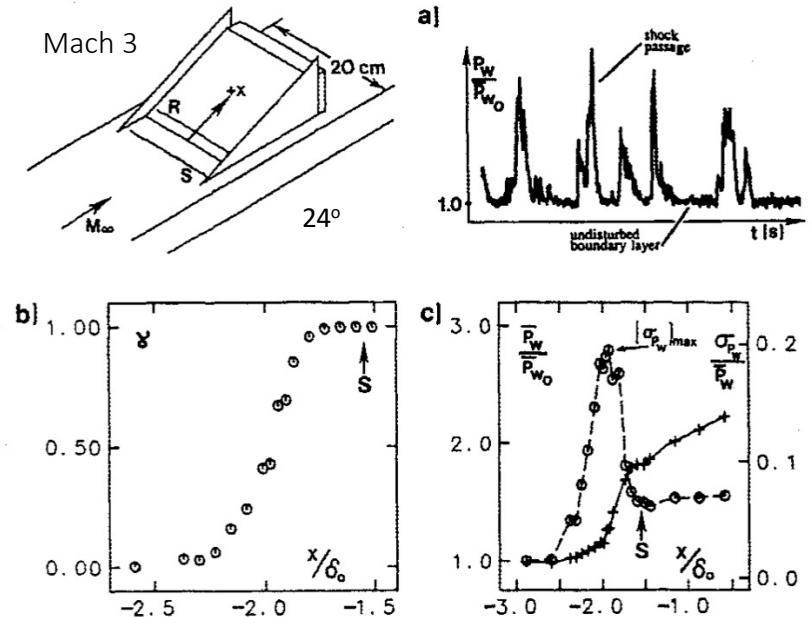
# Shock-wave boundary layer interactions (SWBLI)

- Intense shock unsteadiness
- Shock splits and ripples
- Strong shocks lead to separation
- Shock interacts with boundary layer to amplify turbulence
- Peaks occur in friction and heat transfer



# Unsteadiness of SWBLI and superstructures

- Shock motion in SWBLI increases with shock strength
- Can lead to severe unsteady pressure and heat loading
- In unseparated flows, VLSM + TG vortices
- In separated flows, VLSM + shear layer instability + TG vortices



**Fig. 1** Typical separated compression ramp flowfield surface properties: a) pressure signal near separation; b) intermittency; and c) mean wall pressure and standard deviation distributions.<sup>3</sup>

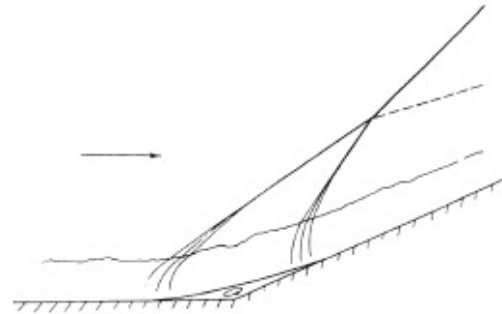
## SWBLI at Mach 2.5

500 KHz sequential images of using  
FRS (Miles et al.)

MHz rate pulse-burst laser,  
coupled with MHz rate  
CCD framing camera (PSI)

side view

plan view

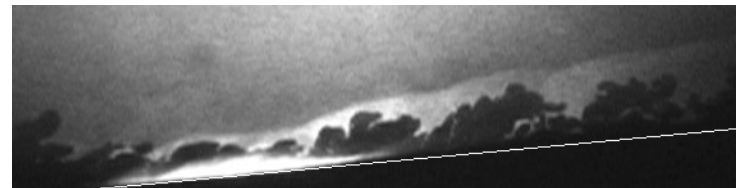
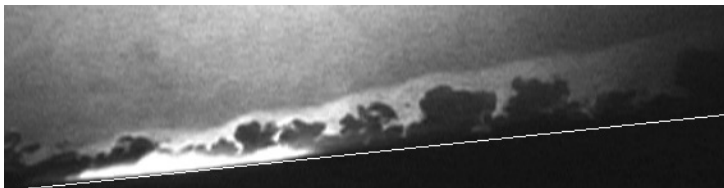
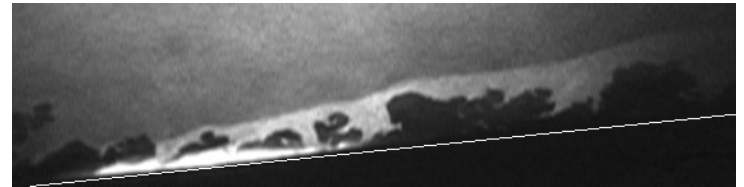
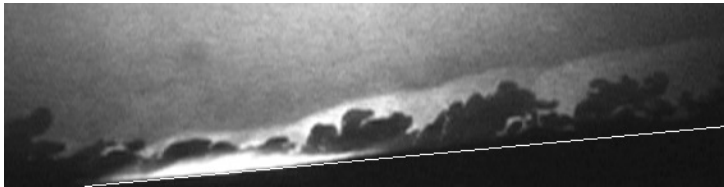
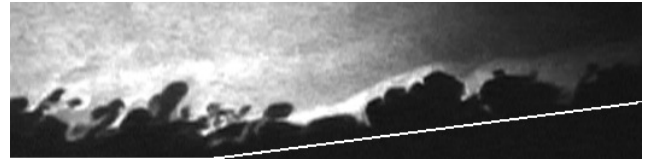
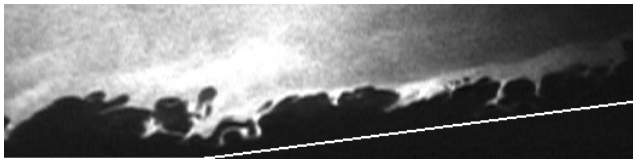
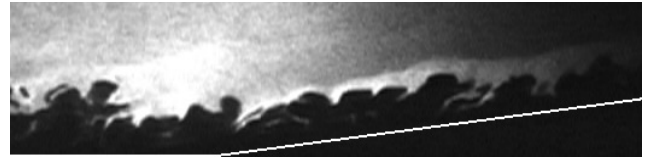
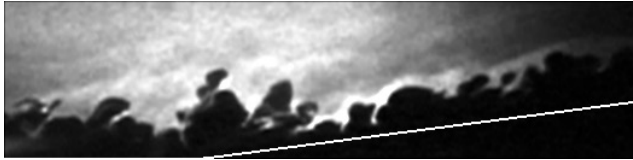




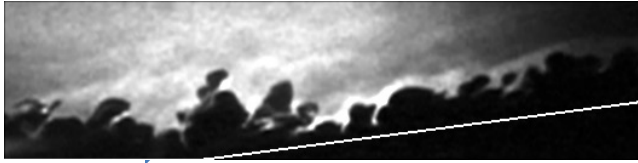
# FRS visualizations 8° compression corner at Ma = 7.2

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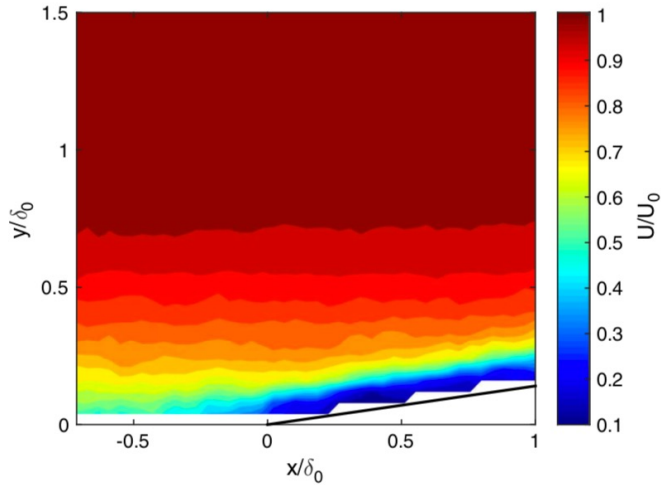
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Rayleigh  
Scattering  
Images are  
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( $\delta = 11$  mm)



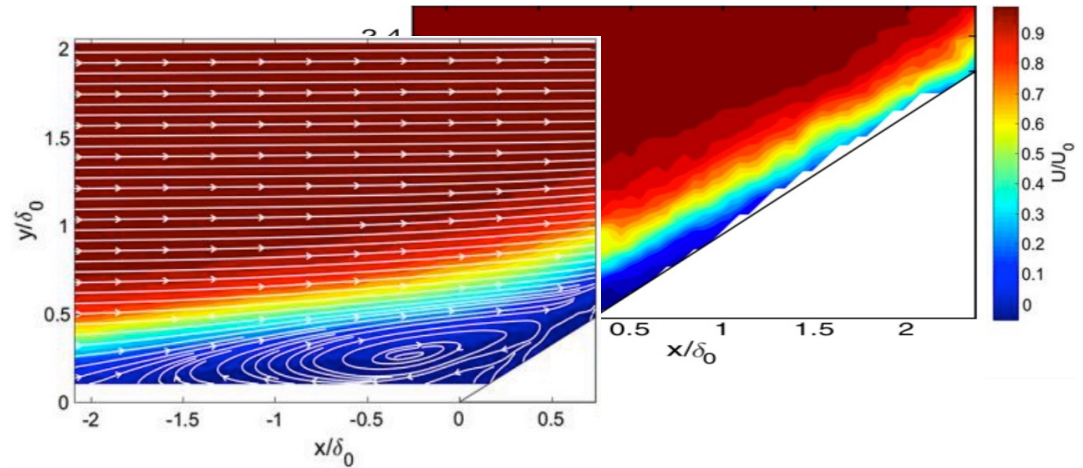
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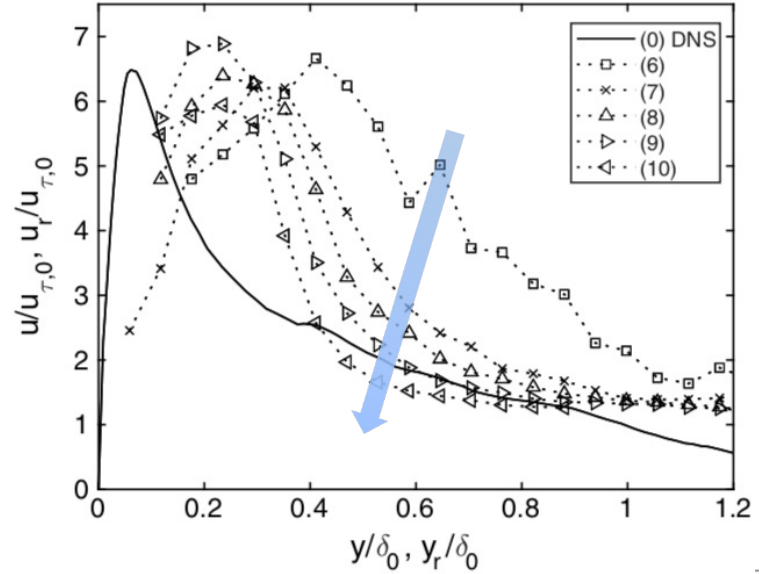
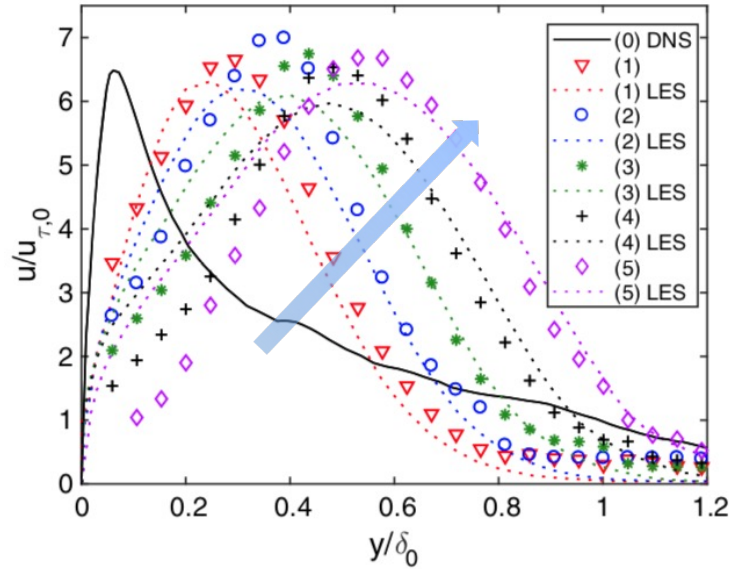
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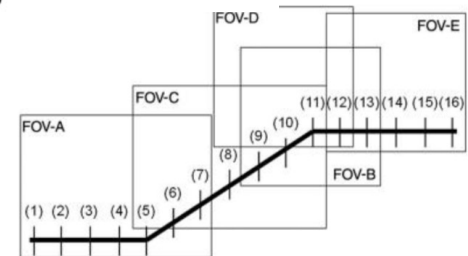
$33^\circ$  corner



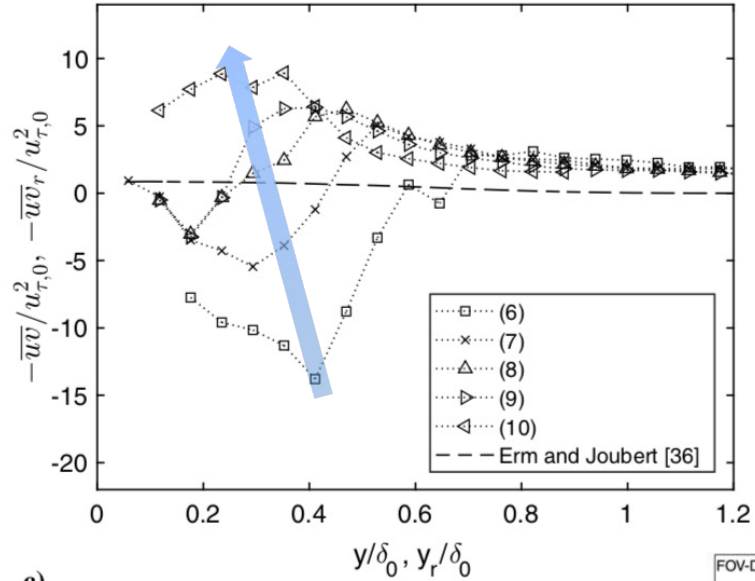
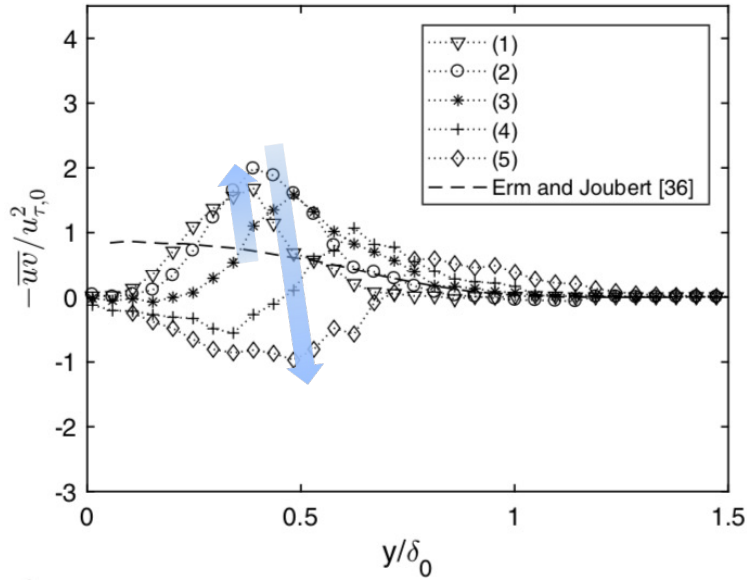
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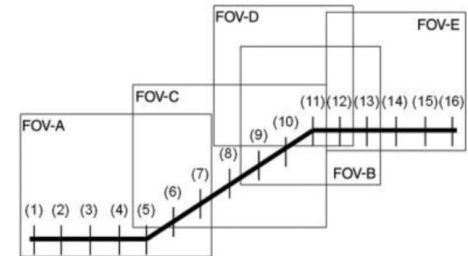
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- Morkovin scaling no longer works



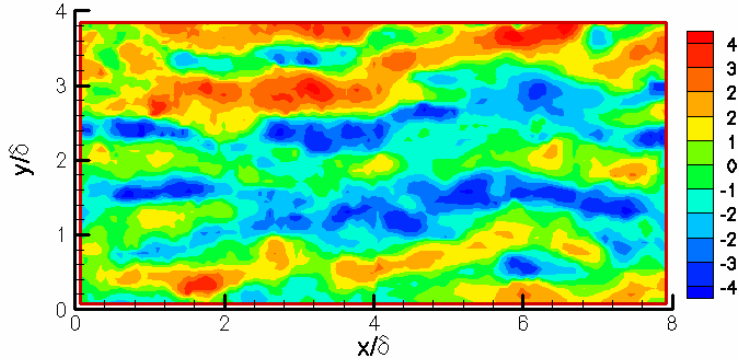
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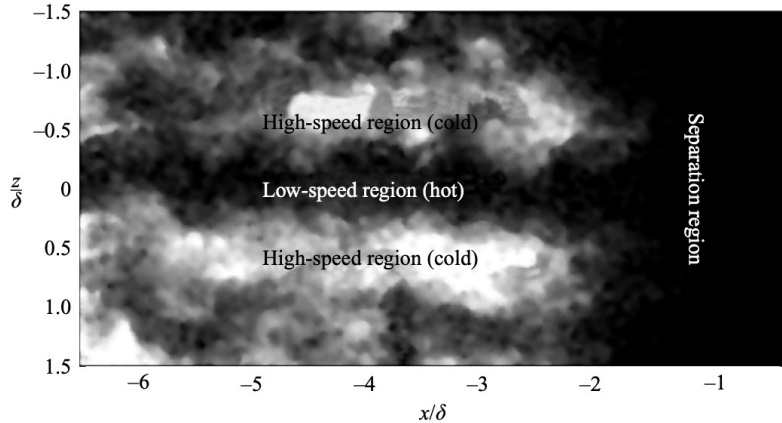
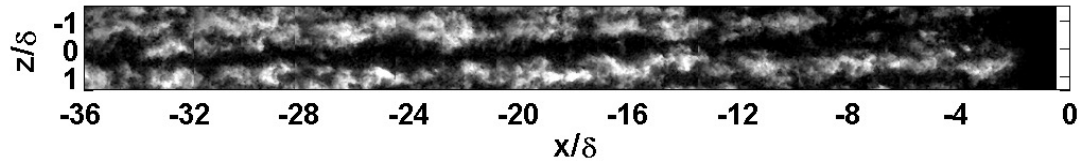


# Superstructures in supersonic flows



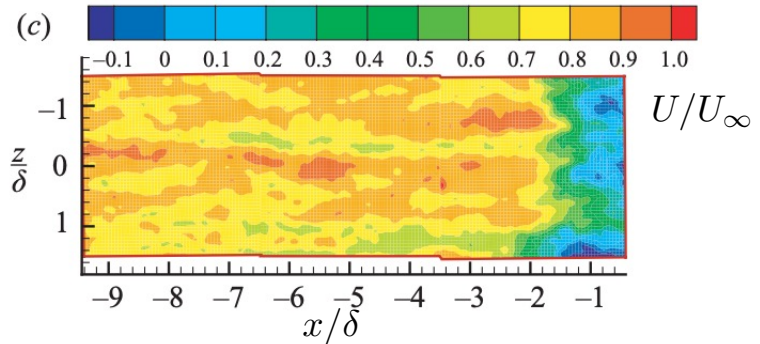
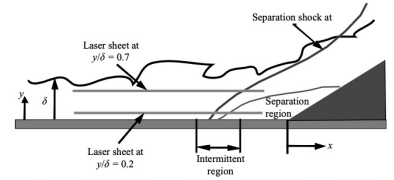
Mach 2 flat plate boundary layer

*Ganapathisubramani, et al. (2006; 2007)*

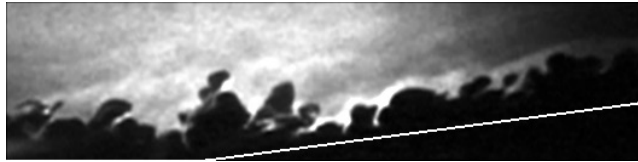


Mach 2 compression ramp  $20^\circ$

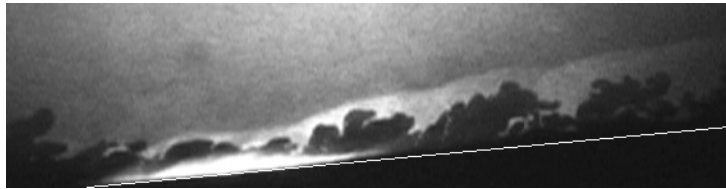
*Ganapathisubramani, et al. (2007)*



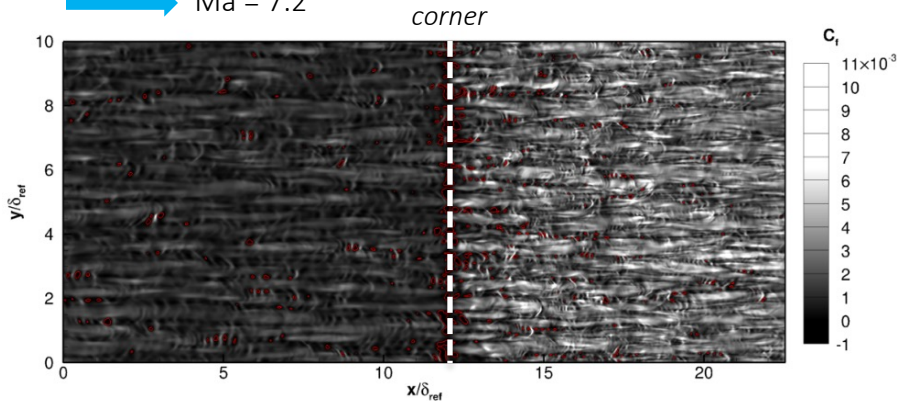
# Superstructures and SWBLI



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FRS

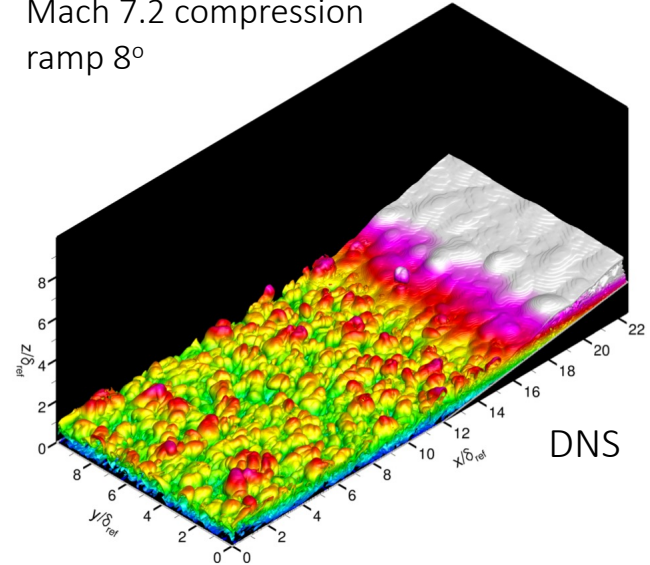


Ma = 7.2



$Re_\tau = 210$

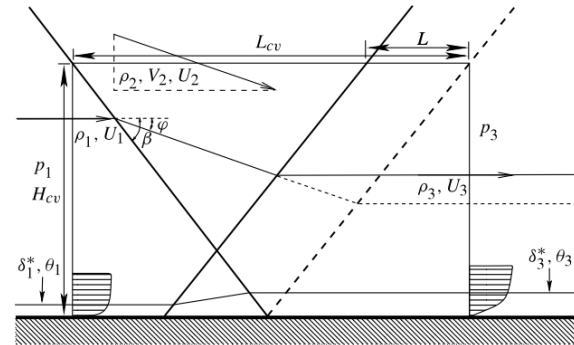
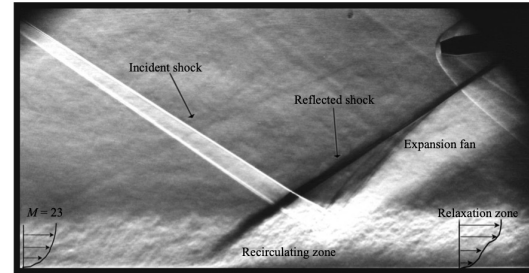
Mach 7.2 compression  
ramp  $8^\circ$



Superstructures modulate the shock and  
cause unsteadiness (unseparated flows)

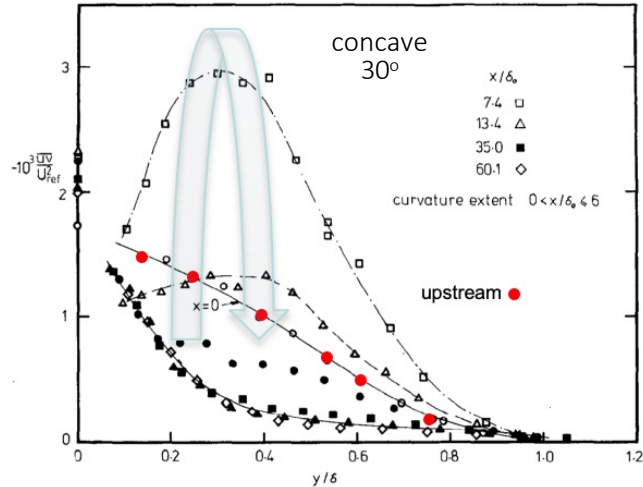
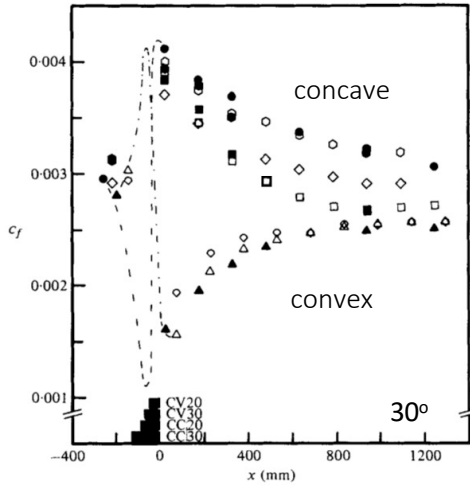
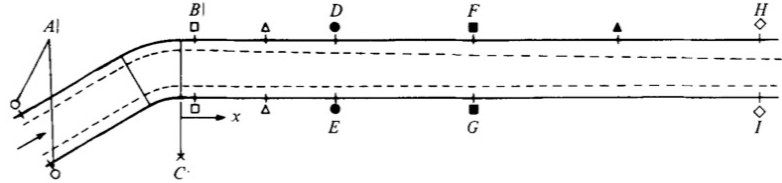
# Unsteadiness of separated SWBLI

- Shock motion and unsteadiness in SWBLI increases with shock strength
- In unseparated flows, the superstructures appear to be the prime cause of the shock motion (relatively high frequencies)
- In separated flows, there is a large-scale, slow pulsation of the separation bubble (relatively low frequencies)
- Pulsation related to the entrainment of fluid into the mixing layer feeding the separation bubble
- Leads to a mass balance model of SWBLI interactions and a separation criterion based on  $Ma$ ,  $Re$ , and turning angle

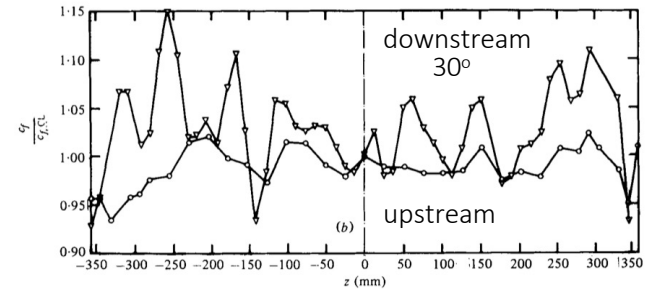


# Concave streamline curvature and Görtler vortices

Effect of short regions of curvature on turbulent boundary layers

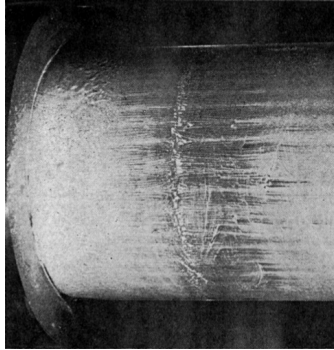


- Convex curvature is stabilizing
  - Expected to promote separation
  - Slow recovery
- Concave curvature is destabilizing
  - Expected to delay separation
  - Non-monotonic flow recovery
  - Appearance of TG vortices

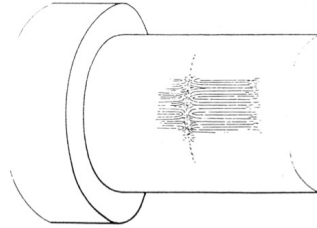




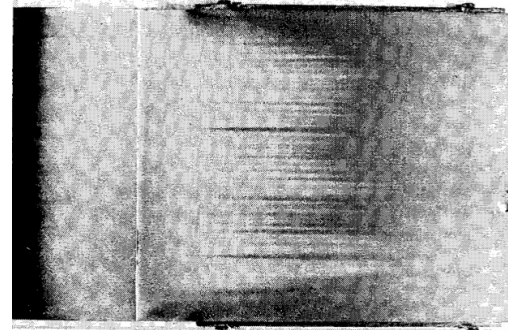
# Concave streamline curvature and Görtler vortices



Mach 3.2

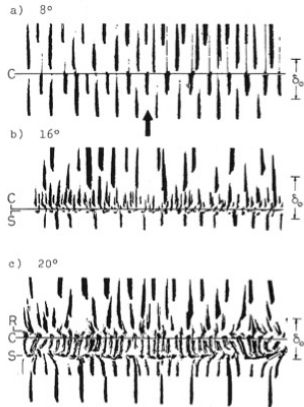


Roshko & Thomke (1966)  
Shamroth & MacDonald (1970)

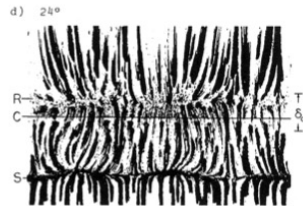


Mach 5.8

Ginoux (1971)  
 $\lambda = 2 - 3\delta$



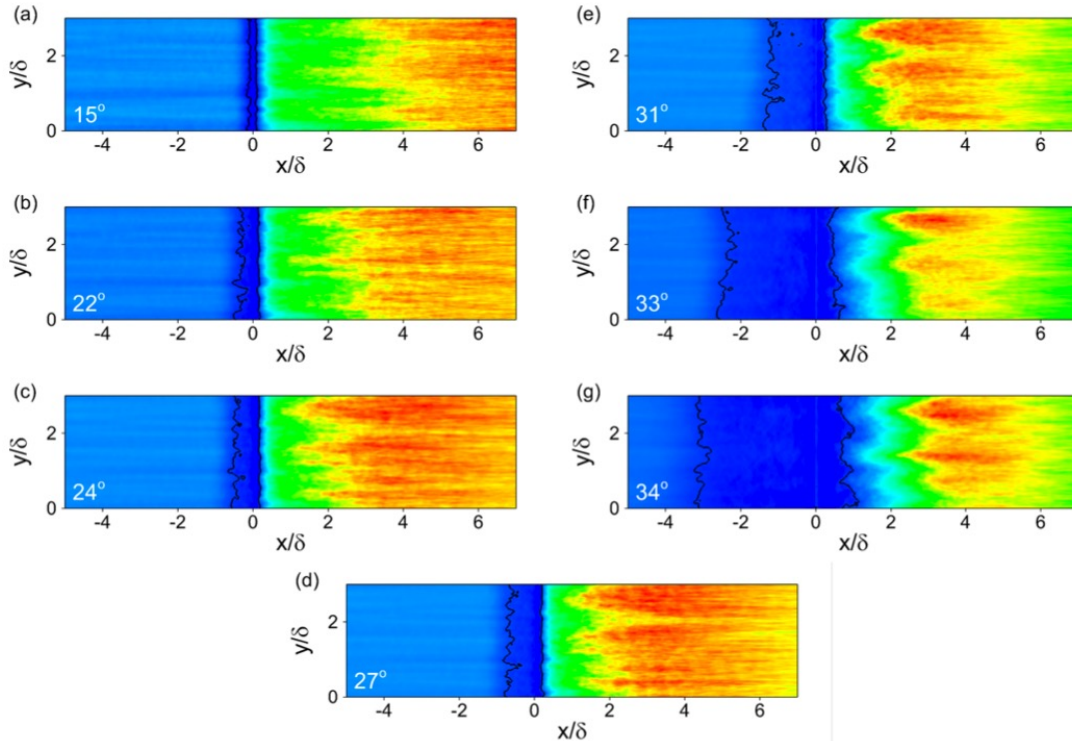
SWBLI Mach 2.9, 8° to 24°  
Settles et al. (1979)



“Therefore, although one can conceive that orderly arrays of pairs of counter-rotating vortices of the Gortler type, existing in the free shear layers as a result of streamline curvature, imply this type of flow attachment, one can also conceive that vortices are being developed as a result of this being the only possible type of attachment in the presence of any weak initial disturbance in the approaching boundary layer.” (Ginoux 1971)

# Superstructures and separated SWBLI

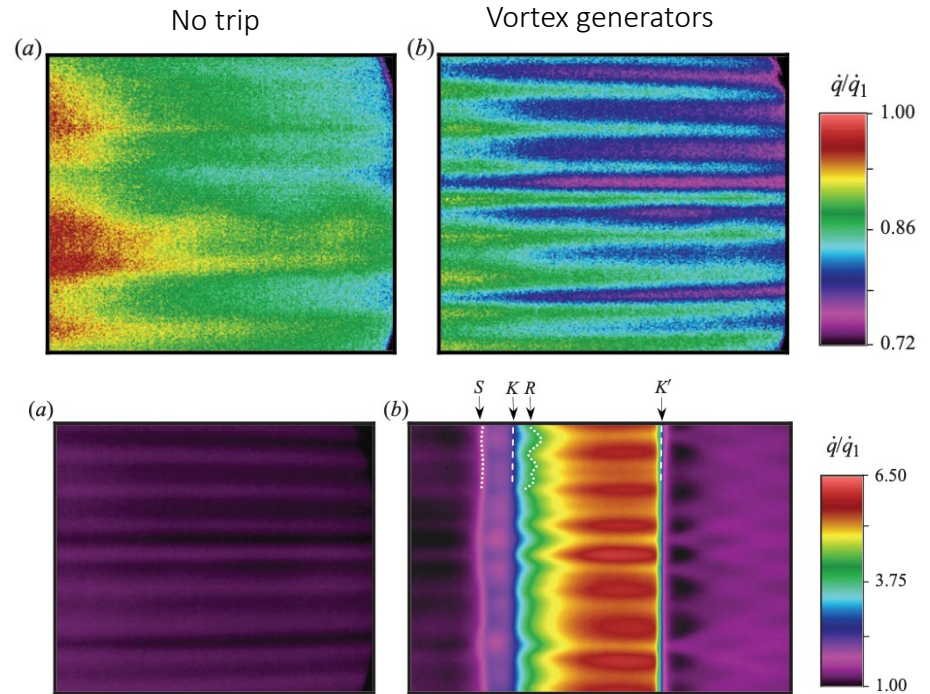
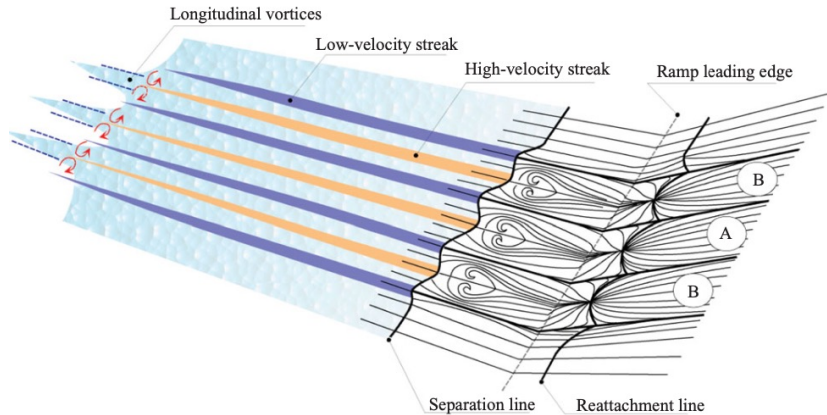
Ma = 10      $Re_\tau = 460$



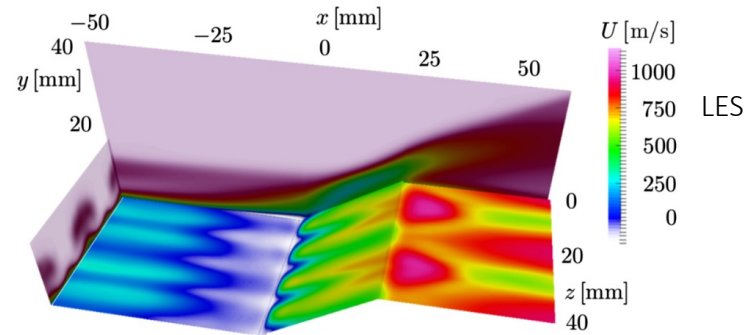
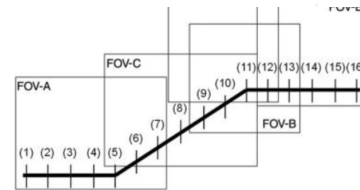
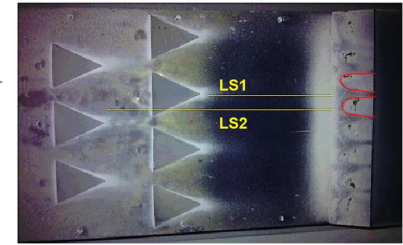
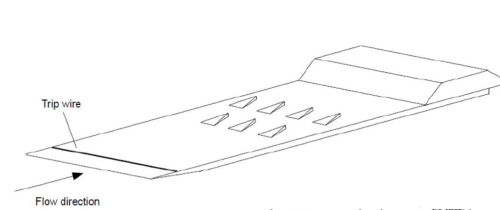
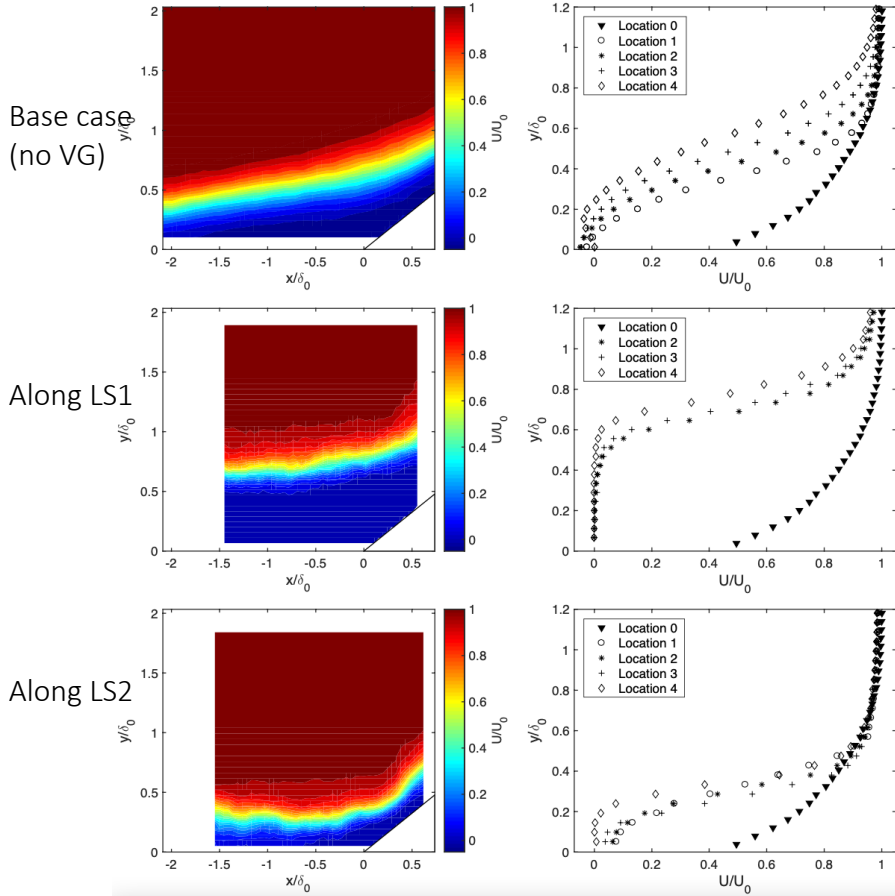
Turbulent boundary layer  
compression ramp interactions (LES)

# Schulein & Tromifov 2011 (Mach 5)

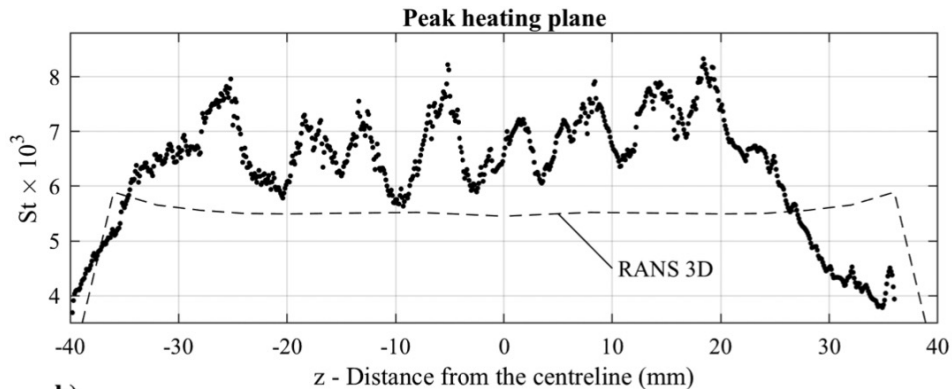
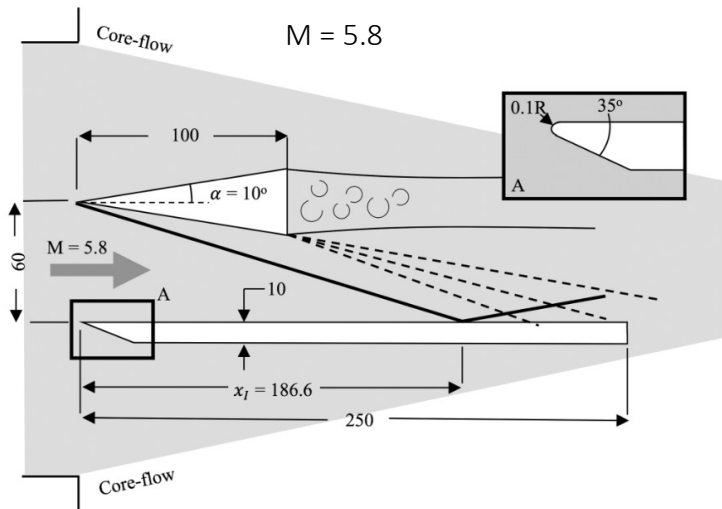
- Longitudinal vortices, initiated at the leading edge, survive for long distances,  $O(10^4 h)$
- The total number, dimension and type of installed vortex generators define the number of vortex pairs generated downstream



# VG control for 33° compression corner at Ma = 7.2

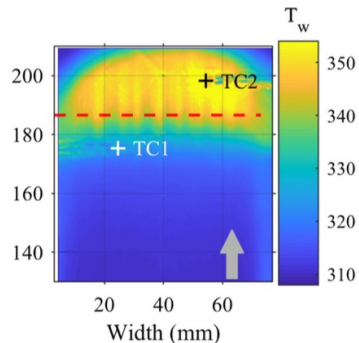


# Separation by reflected shock Mach 5.8



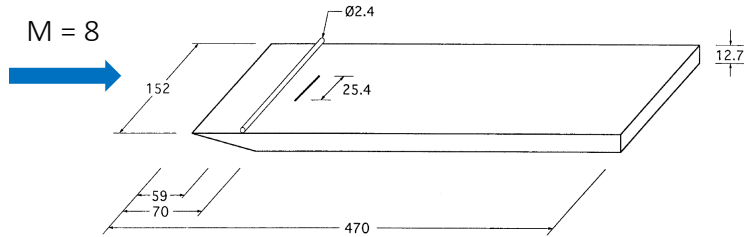
Currao et al. (2020)

Temperature  
plan view



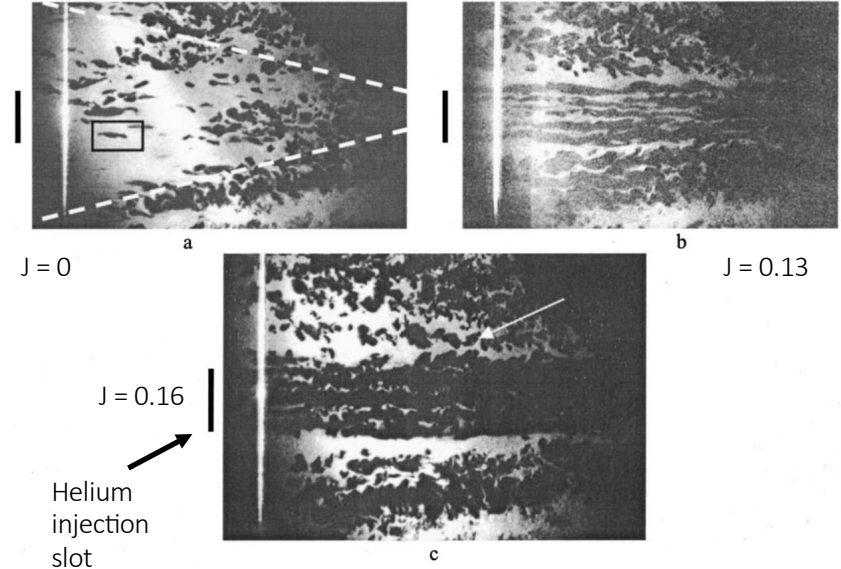
- Boundary layer transitions to turbulent on shock impingement
- Taylor-Görtler vortices form almost immediately
- Heat flux varies by  $\pm 15\%$
- Missed by RANS

# Helium injection in Mach 8 turbulent boundary layer



$$J = \frac{(\rho U^2)_{inj}}{(\rho U^2)_{\infty}} = \frac{(\gamma p M^2)_{inj}}{(\gamma p M^2)_{\infty}}$$

- Organized, longitudinal structures in turbulent boundary layer are formed in region of helium injection
- Taylor-Görtler vortices due to concave curvature caused by injection



# Görtler number

- Taylor-Görtler vortices in laminar, incompressible flows with concave streamline curvature are seen to occur when (Liepmann, Schlichting, Dryden)

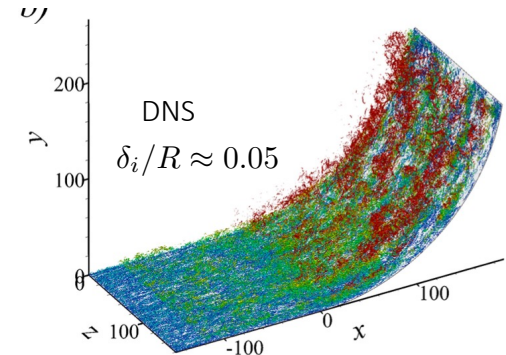
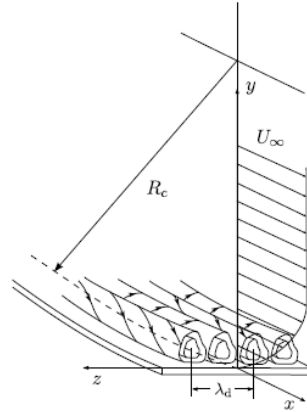
$$G_\theta = Re_\theta \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{R}} > [6, 9]$$

- For turbulent, incompressible flows with concave streamline curvature, Tani (1962) suggested

$$G_\theta = \frac{U_\infty \theta}{\nu_T} \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{R}} = \frac{55}{H} \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{R}} > [\approx 4]$$

with  $\nu_T = 0.018 U_\infty \delta^*$  (Clauser)

- For turbulent, compressible flows with concave streamline curvature, Smits & Dussauge (2006) suggested incorporating compressible forms of H and  $\theta$
- For a given  $\delta$ , H increases faster than  $\theta$  decreases with M, so the Görtler number decreases with M
- Boundary layers more stable to concave curvature still holds with  $\nu_T \propto U_\infty \delta_i^*$  (Maise & McDonald)

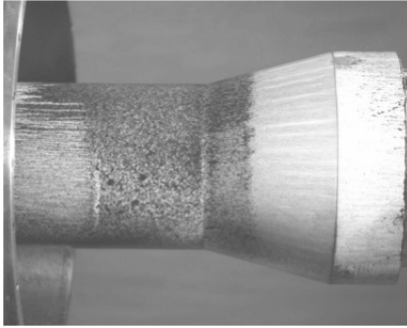


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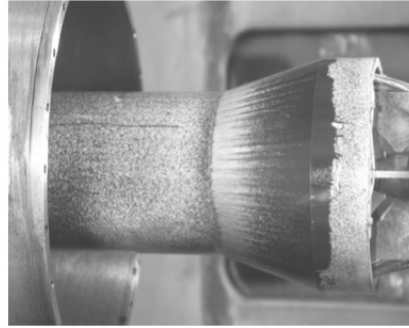
Are these simple ideas correct?

# Separation on cylinder/flare Mach 5

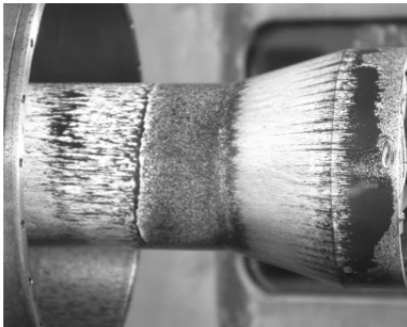
M = 5, axisymmetric flare/cone  
Oil flow visualization in natural transition



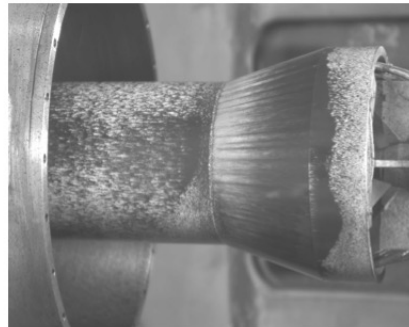
a)  $p_{st} = 0.9 \times 10^5$  Pa,  $Re_L = 0.38 \times 10^6$



c)  $p_{st} = 5.4 \times 10^5$  Pa,  $Re_L = 1.46 \times 10^6$



b)  $p_{st} = 2.1 \times 10^5$  Pa,  $Re_L = 0.67 \times 10^6$



d)  $p_{st} = 5.5 \times 10^5$  Pa,  $Re_L = 1.55 \times 10^6$

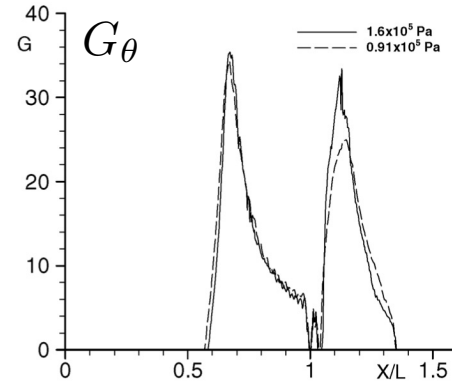
- Taylor-Görtler vortices present in all cases

$$G_\theta = Re_\theta \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{R}}$$

$$G_{\delta^*} = Re_{\delta^*} \sqrt{\frac{\delta^*}{R}} = H^{3/2} G_\theta$$

$$H \approx (1 + 0.693(\gamma - 1)M_\infty^2) \bar{H} = 20.5 \quad \text{at } M_\infty = 5$$

$$G_{\delta^*} \approx 90 G_\theta$$



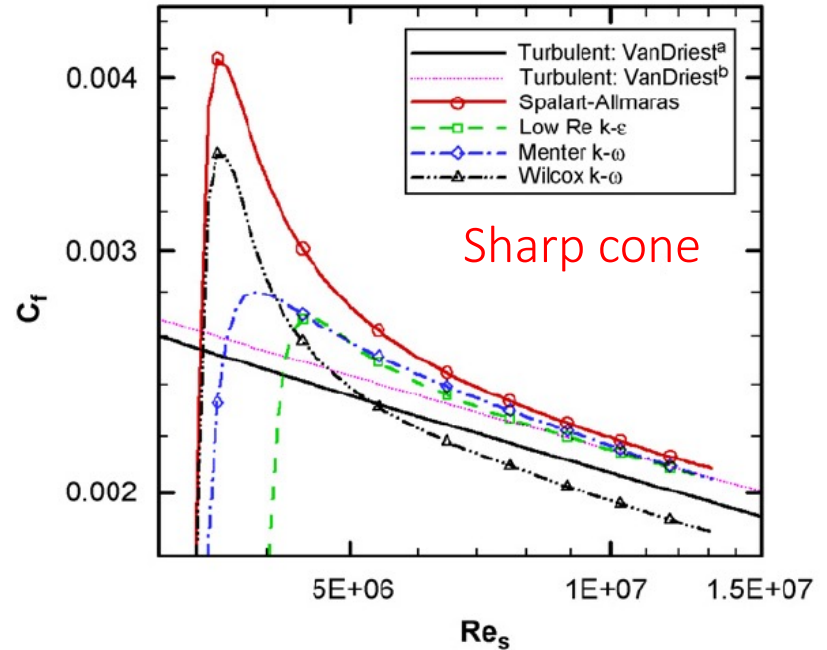
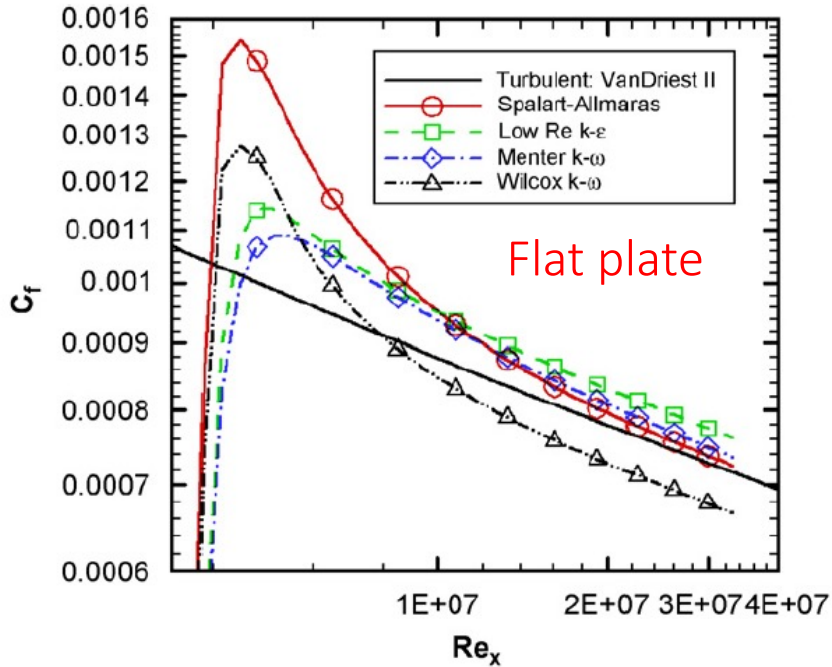
$$Re_L = 0.38 \times 10^6,$$

$$= 0.68 \times 10^6$$



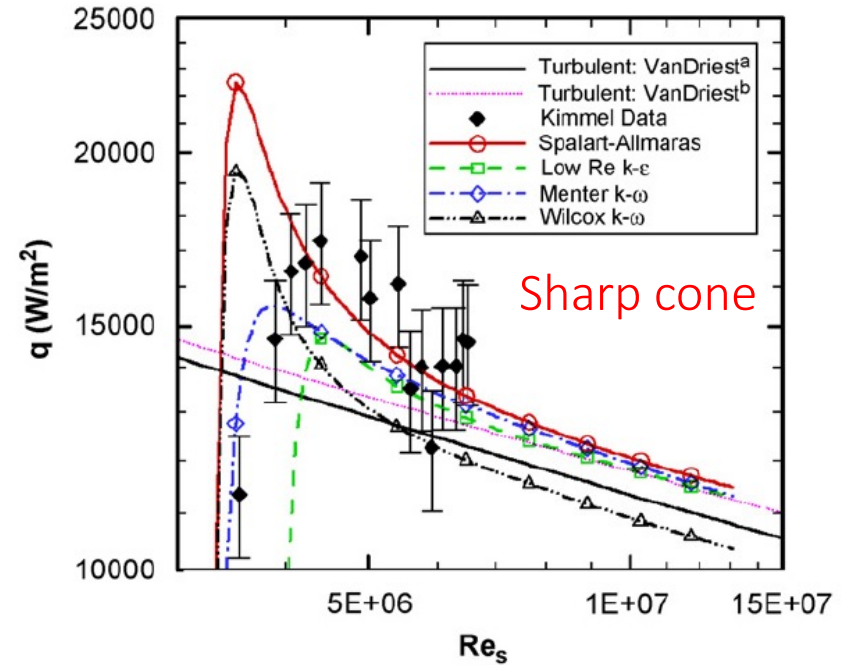
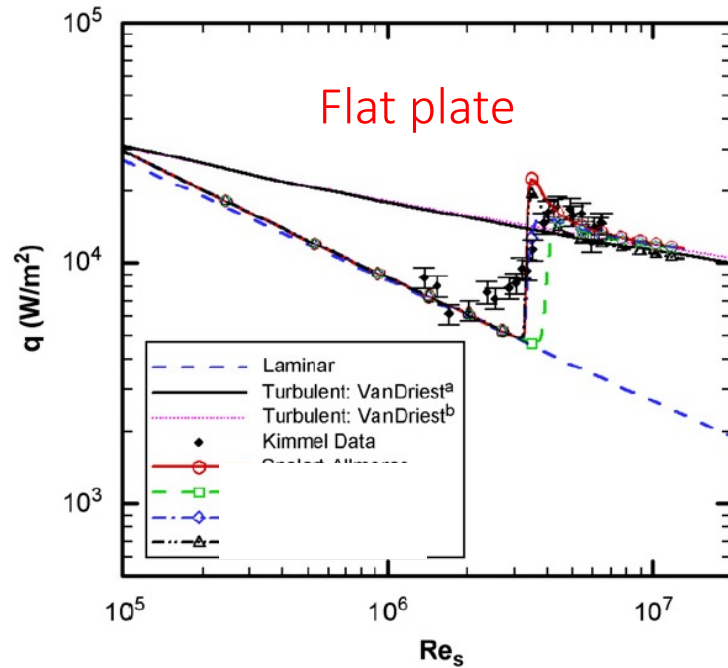
# What about turbulence modeling (RANS)?

Skin friction at  $Ma = 8$



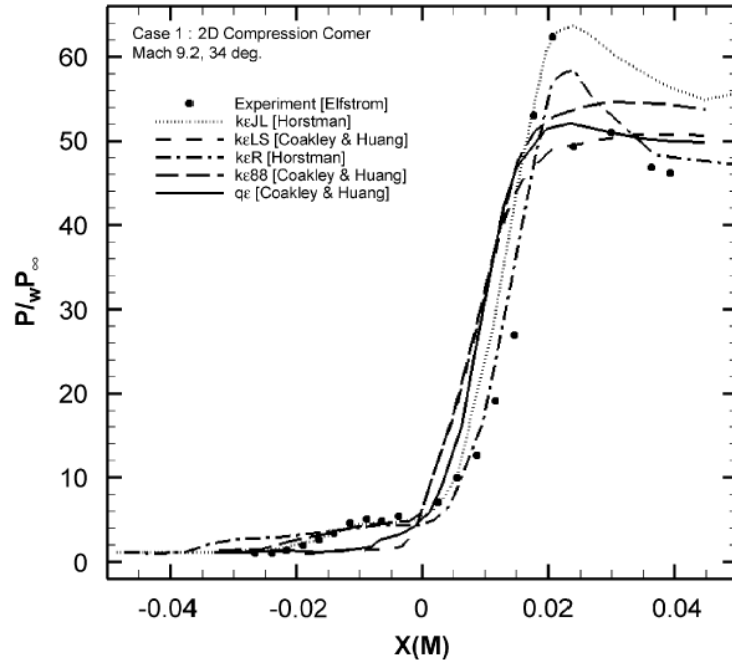
# What about turbulence modeling (RANS)?

Heat transfer at Ma = 8

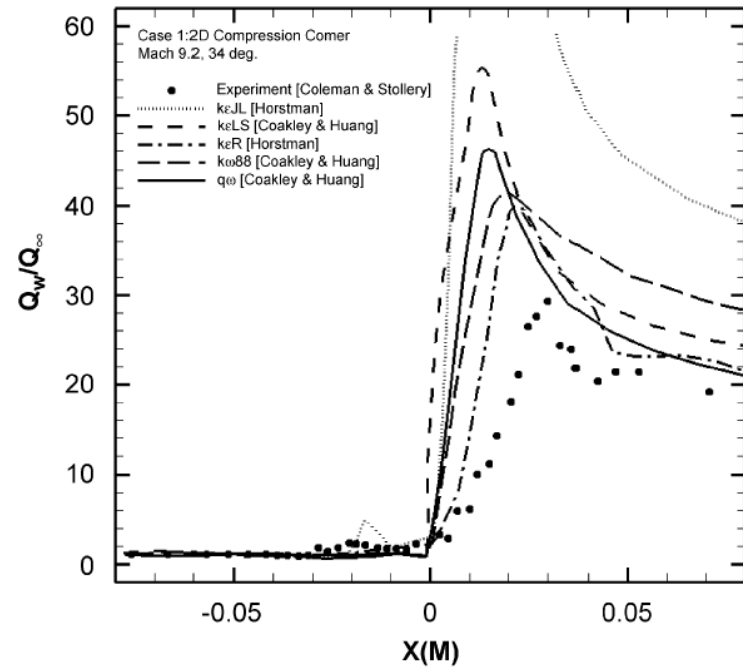


# 34° compression corner at Ma = 9.2 (separated)

## Wall pressure



## Heat transfer



# Summary

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- Zero pressure gradient, smooth wall flows appear to follow Van Driest/Morkovin scaling for mean flow and turbulence
- Shock-wave boundary-layer interactions are inherently unsteady, with large fluctuations in wall pressure and heat transfer
- SWBLI can cause very large amplifications of turbulence
- RANS models not reliable for SWBLI, especially at high Mach number

## Remarks

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- Increasing Mach number generally coupled with decreasing Reynolds number
  - perfect for DNS (or high-resolution LES)
- High Mach number experiments must be designed for DNS
- Experiment and DNS/LES must be done at the same Reynolds number
- Need to expand our interests to include
  - heat transfer, roughness, film cooling
  - ablation, wall catalysis, pyrolysis, real gas effects, chemistry
  - curvature, pressure gradient, three-dimensionality
- Diagnostics are crucial to everything (understanding, modeling, validation, etc.), especially for turbulence
  - New diagnostics for  $\tau_w'$ ,  $q'$ , species, reaction rate?

# Opportunities

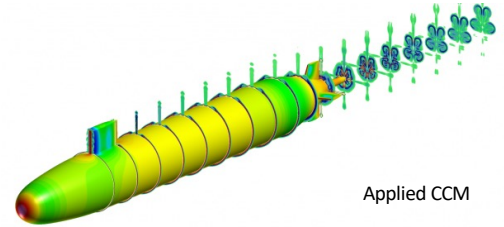
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- Flows with pressure gradients
  - What constitutes a canonical experiment?
  - Is there one or more characteristic parameters?
  - Prediction of separation on smoothly varying surfaces is still a major challenge
  - Data base is scattered, not systematic nor complete
- Turbulence Modelling
  - LES for separated flows well-established
  - RANS-DES easy for fixed separation point, hard for smoothly varying surfaces
  - LES wall functions necessary to make progress – lots of work needed
  - RANS for compressible flows, especially SWBLI (including transonic flows with possible separation)
  - Hypersonic flows
- Reduced order modeling
  - Resolvent analysis (McKeon)
  - Linear models (Gayme)
- Machine learning/AI
  - Can only be effective if there is a large-enough database

# Incompressible turbulence

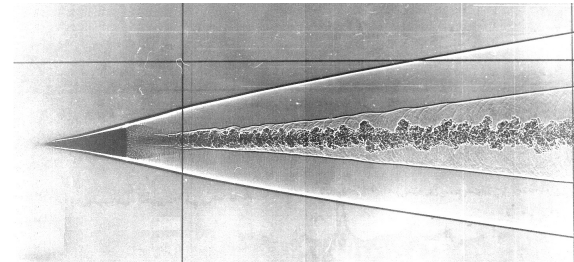
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- Canonical turbulent flows
  - Grid turbulence
  - Jets and wakes
  - Fully-developed flows (channel, pipe, Couette, Ekman, Taylor-Couette)
  - Flat plate boundary layers, smooth or rough walls
- Perturbations in boundary conditions
  - Roughness, heat transfer
  - Step changes, impulsive changes
- Pressure gradients
- Complex flows
  - Streamline curvature (convex and concave)
  - Streamline convergence and divergence
  - Rotation (turbulent vortex flows)
  - Stratification (stable or unstable)
- Bodies of revolution (concurrent complex flows)
- Separation
  - Sudden (backward facing step, sharp edges)
  - Gradual (slowly varying flows)
- Flows with chemistry (mixing)
- Noise generation and transmission
- Flow control

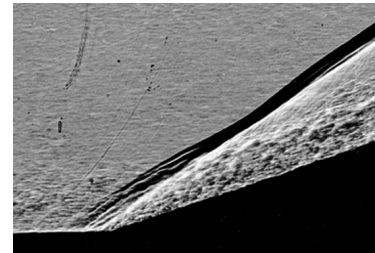


# Compressible turbulence

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- Shock-wave boundary layer interactions (2D and 3D)
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- Noise generation and transmission



Mach 5.6 (Canning, NASA-Ames)

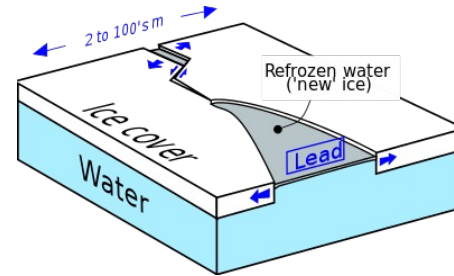




# Some opportunities in turbulence

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- Scalar transport
  - Contaminants, food or prey, pheromones
- Two-phase flows
  - Particle/bubble tracking (Lagrangian dynamics)
  - Cloud formation, plankton upwelling
  - Sediment, dust transport
- Atmospheric/geophysical flows
  - Stable (night time), unstable (convective, day time)
  - Rotating flows (Coriolis)
  - Heat, mass and momentum fluxes
  - Step changes (leads and polynyas)
- Stratified turbulence



Experiment, DNS, LES

## Golden age of turbulence

Rapidly improving experiment and computation  
Democratization of experiment and computation  
New facilities, new ideas  
Need courage to move beyond canonical flows

Questions?

