

# Turbulence and waves “but how much mixing?” *and dissipation?*

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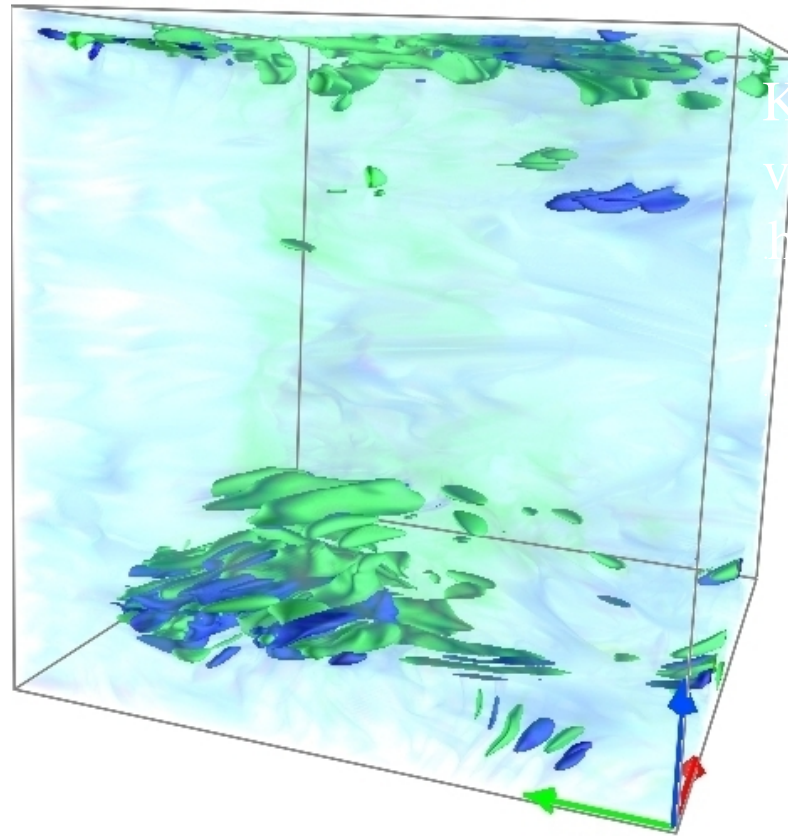
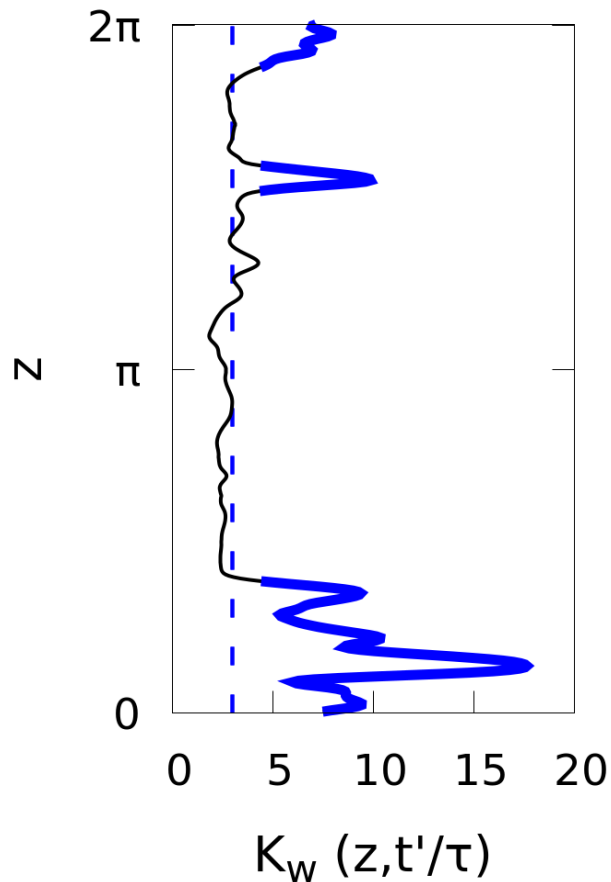
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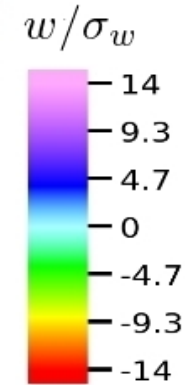
NSF/NCAR/Yellowstone: 76 decay or forced RST runs @1024<sup>3</sup> res., 6 forced runs @2048<sup>3</sup> ; ~ 85% background (free) time  
DOE/Titan: Decay RST run @ 4096<sup>3</sup> point resolution, a few outputs of which are on the *John Hopkins turbulence data base*

Scaling laws for mixing & dissipation in unforced rotating stratified turbulence, *J. Fluid Mech.* **844**, 519, 2018  
Variations of characteristic time scales in rot. strat. turb. using a large parametric numerical study, *Eur. Phys. J-E* **39**, 8, 2016  
Evidence for Bolgiano-Obukhov scaling in rotating stratified turbulence using high-resolution Direct Num. Sim., *Phys. Fluids* **27**, 055105, 2015

Forced  $512^3$  run,  
 $Fr \sim 0.08$ ,  $Re \sim 3800$ ,  
No rotation (*Newton-Calabria*)



Kurtosis of vertical  
velocity  $w$ ,  
horizontally averaged,  
& visualization  
of vertical velocity  $w$



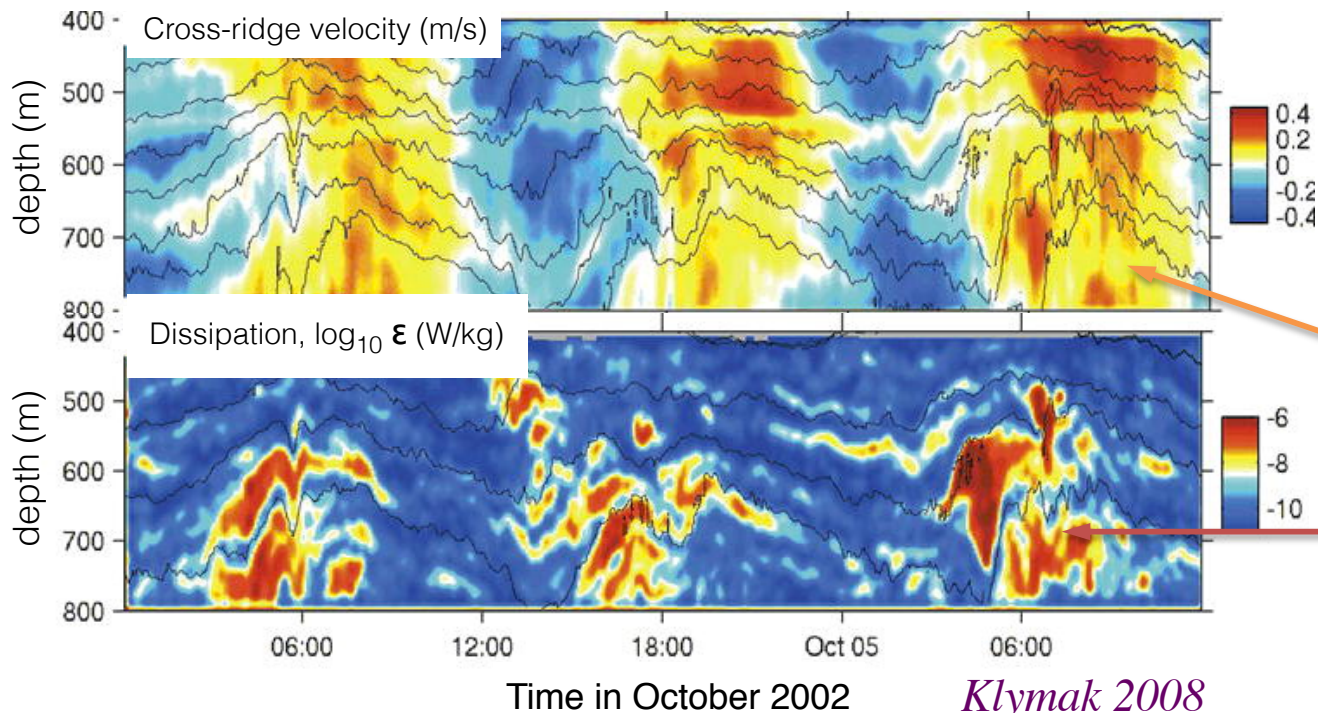
Strong intermittency of the vertical \*velocity\*

Model through the Vieillefosse system with gravity waves, forcing and dissipation

Feraco+, Vertical drafts and mixing in stratified turbulence: sharp transition with Froude number. Submitted to *Eur. J. Phys. Lett.*. ArXiv/ 1806.00342

(see also Rorai+, *Turbulence comes in bursts in stably stratified flows*, *Phys. Rev. E* **89**, 043002, 2014)

## b) Breaking internal tides over tall steep topography



Hawaiian ridge

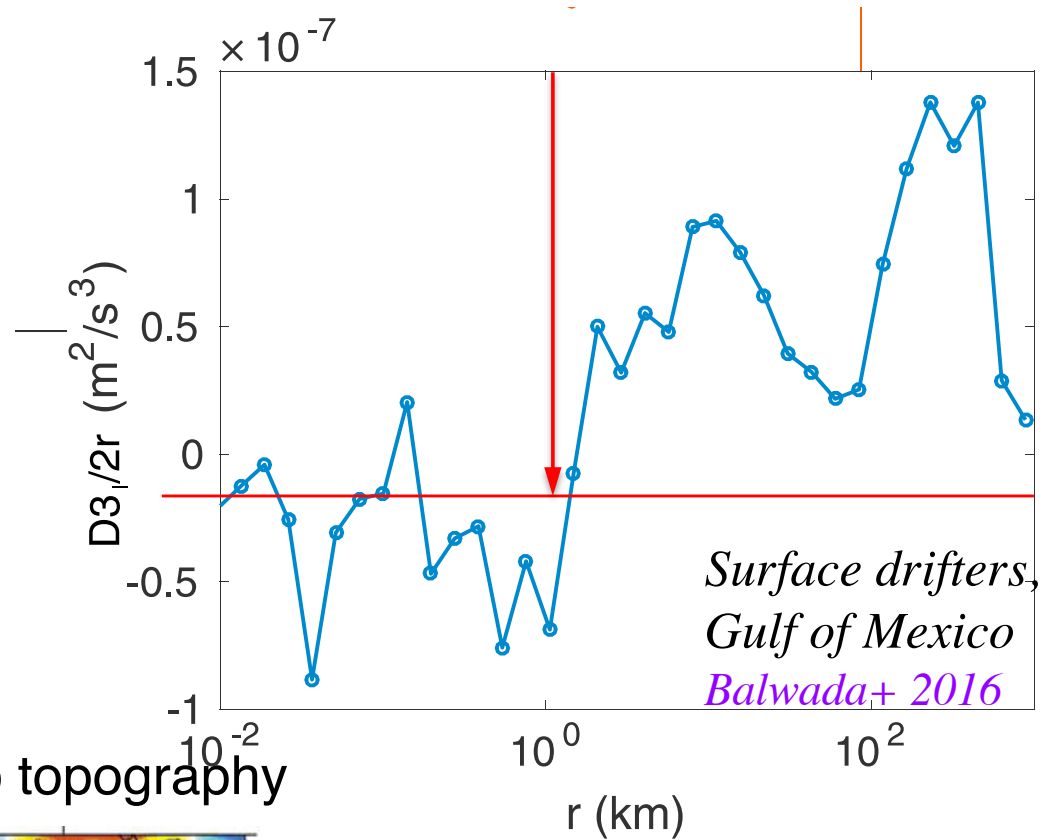
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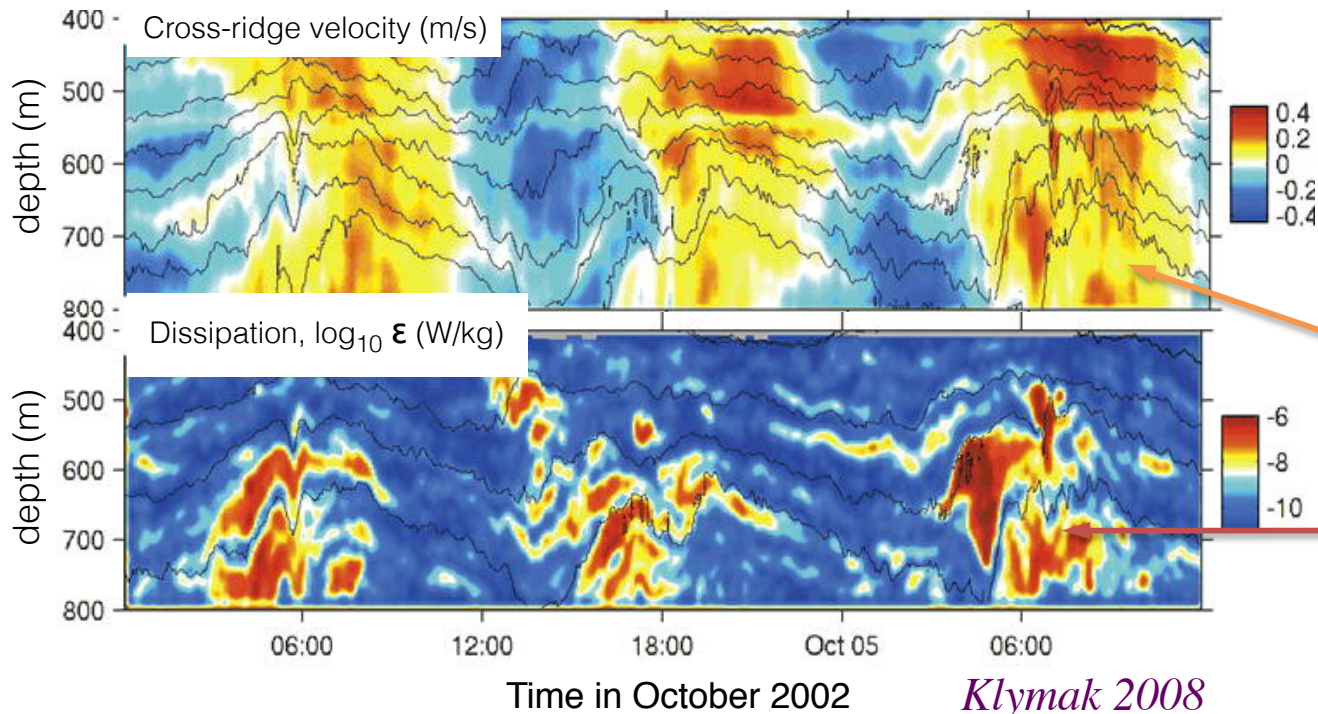
$$N=0.001\text{s}^{-1}, Fr \sim 0.1$$

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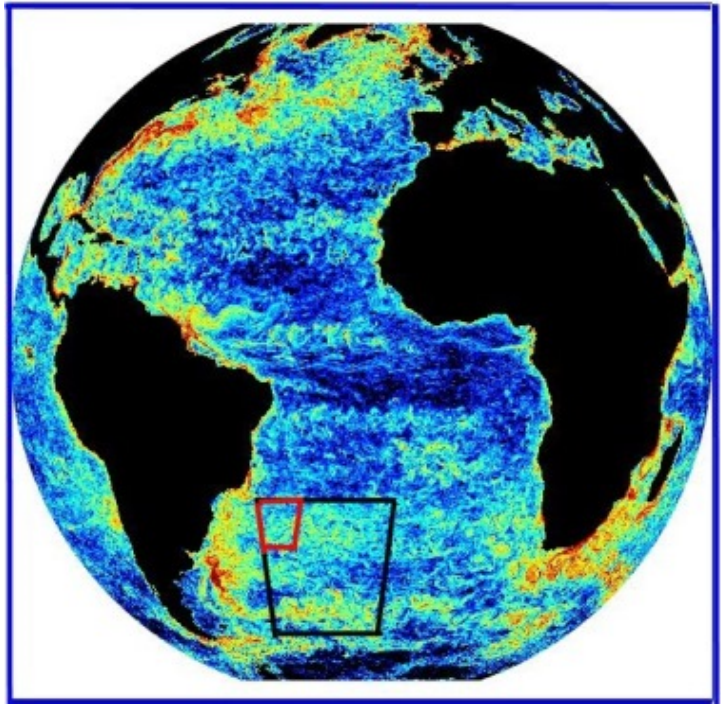
$$Re \sim 10^8, R_B \sim 10^6$$



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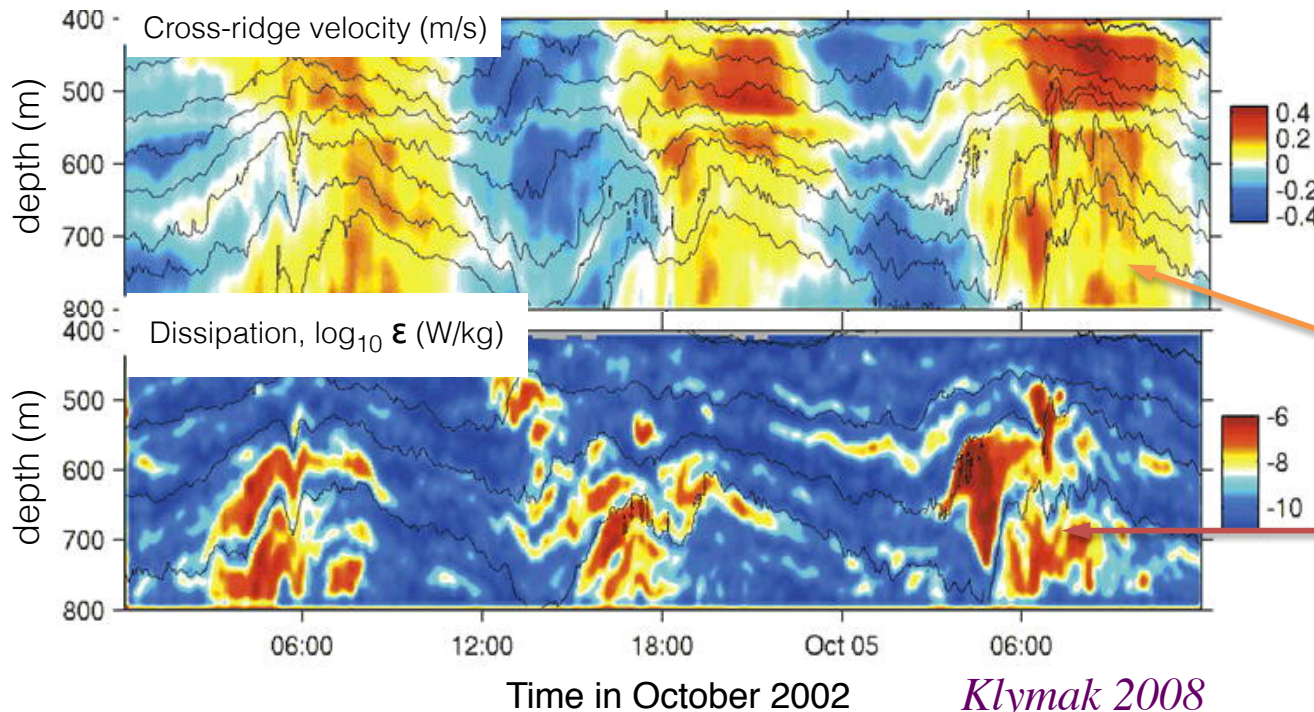


Ocean model,  
smallest resolved scale: 20km

Kinetic energy dissipation

*Pearson+2018*

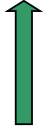
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*Klymak 2008*

# Outline

- Introduction
- Equations and characteristic scales
- Parametric study with direct numerical simulations
- Three constitutive laws for normalized  $E_p$ ,  $E_w$ ,  $\varepsilon_v$
- Consequences of  for scaling of mixing efficiency+
- Discussion, Conclusions and Perspectives

Incompressible Boussinesq equations + rotation  
 3D cubic box, periodic boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = -N\vartheta \hat{e}_z - \nabla \mathcal{P} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u},$$

$$\frac{\partial \vartheta}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \vartheta = Nw + \kappa \nabla^2 \vartheta,$$

$$[\theta] = [L T^{-1}]$$

**Governing dimensionless parameters:**

Reynolds, Froude, Rossby, Prandtl=1

$$Re = \frac{U_0 L_0}{\nu}, \quad Fr = \frac{U_0}{L_0 N}, \quad Ro = \frac{U_0}{L_0 f}, \quad Pr = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}, \quad f = 2\Omega$$

**Fr < 1** , together with **Re >> 1**

$N/f = Ro/Fr > 2.5$  (ocean, atmosphere)

**SCALES:** Purely stratified flow ( $f=0$ ):  $Fr = U_0/[NL_0] < 1$

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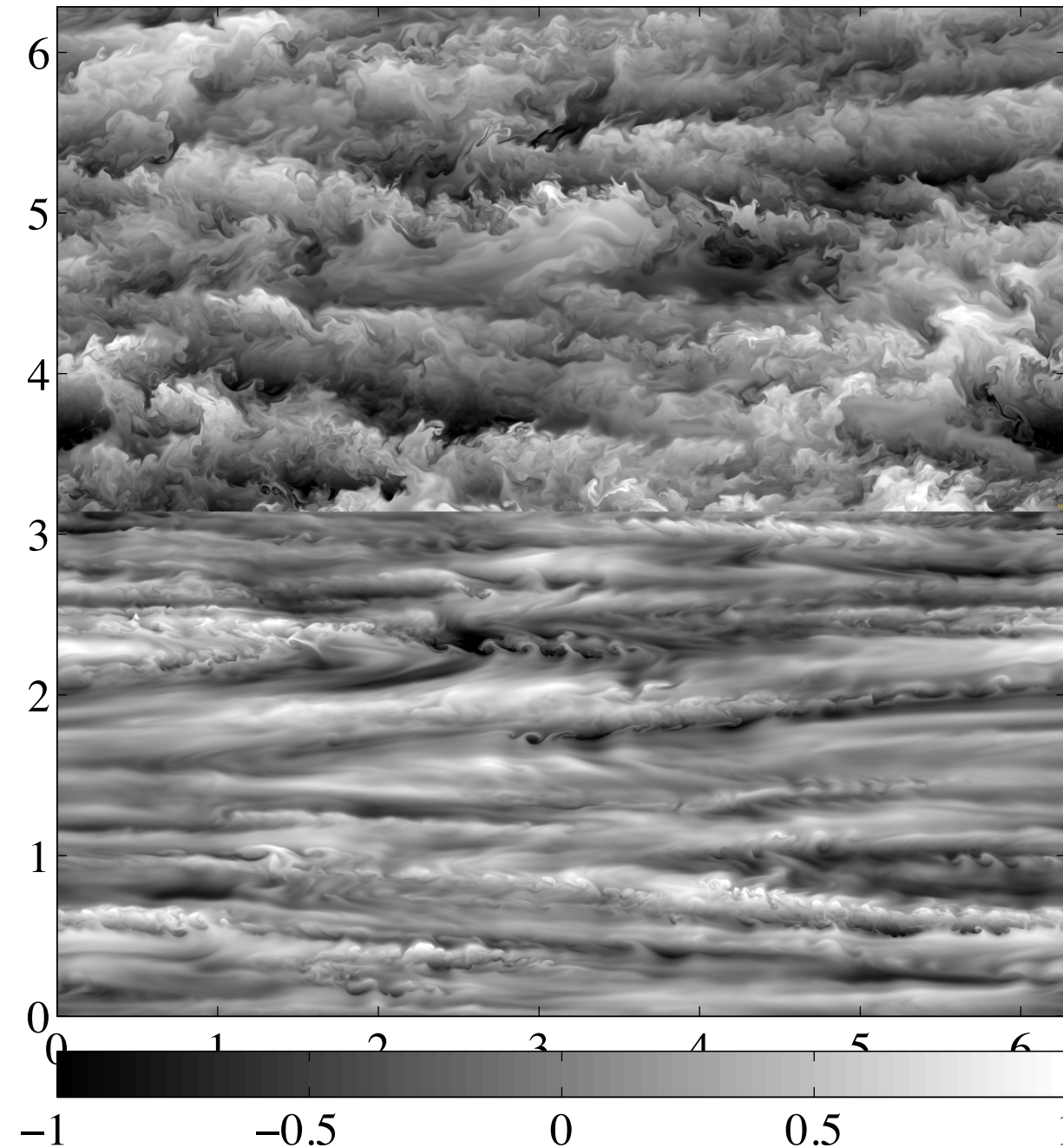
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**Stratification, no rotation, large scale forcing,  $Re \sim 24000$ ,  $2048^3$  grid:**  
Temperature fluctuations, xz slice



$N=4, \quad Fr \sim 0.11$   
 $R_B = ReFr^2 \sim 300$

$N=12, Fr \sim 0.03$   
 $R_B \sim 22$



Vertical vorticity  
at peak of dissipation  
( $\omega_{z\text{-mag}}$ , *horizontal cut*):

## Eddies & lanes

Plot @ full 4096<sup>2</sup> res.  
*GHOST pseudo-spectral  
code (DOE/titan, 2014)*

**Log scale**

$f=2.7$ ,  $\omega_{\text{rms}} \sim 17$

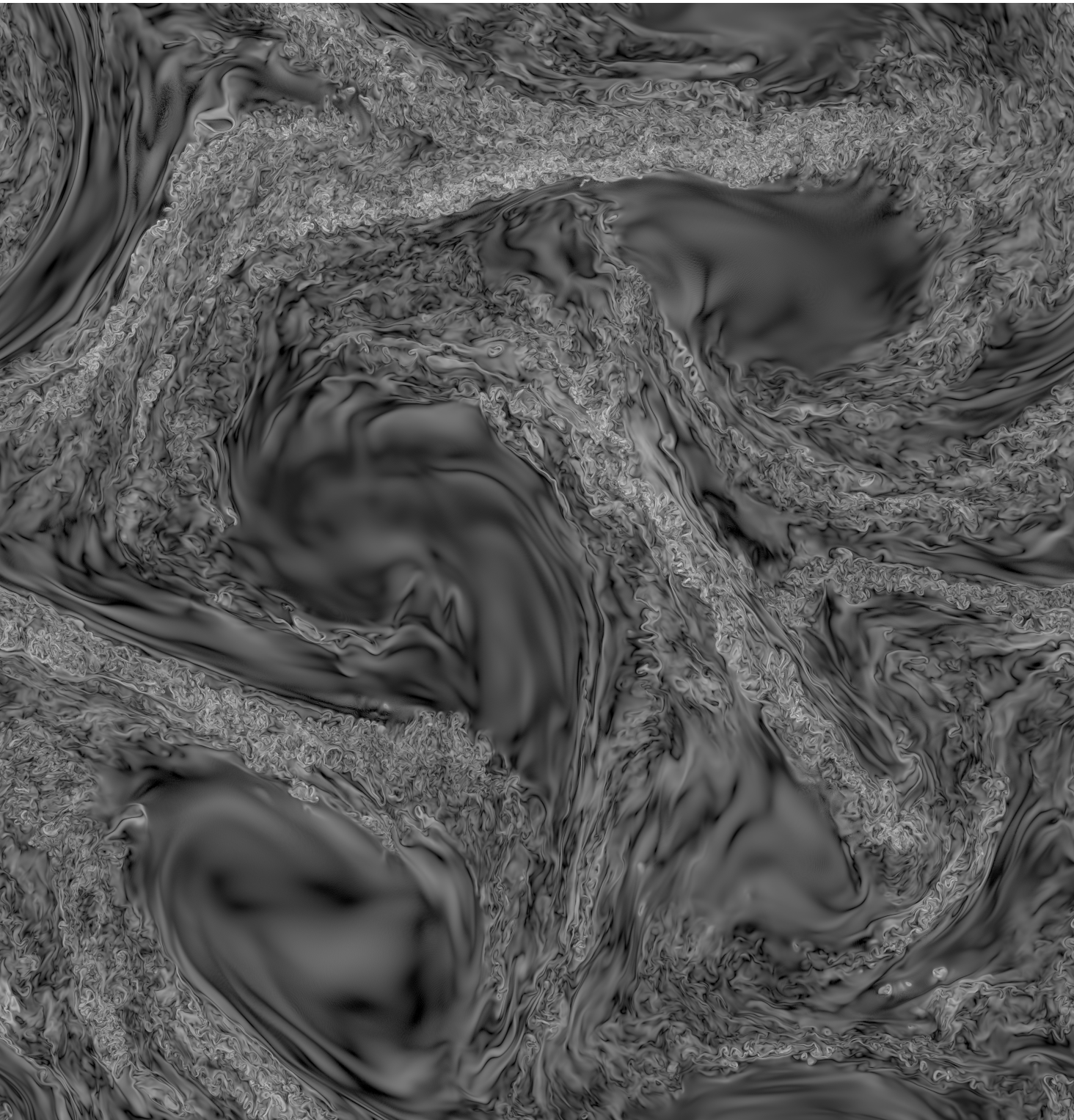
$Re=55000$  “*ocean*”

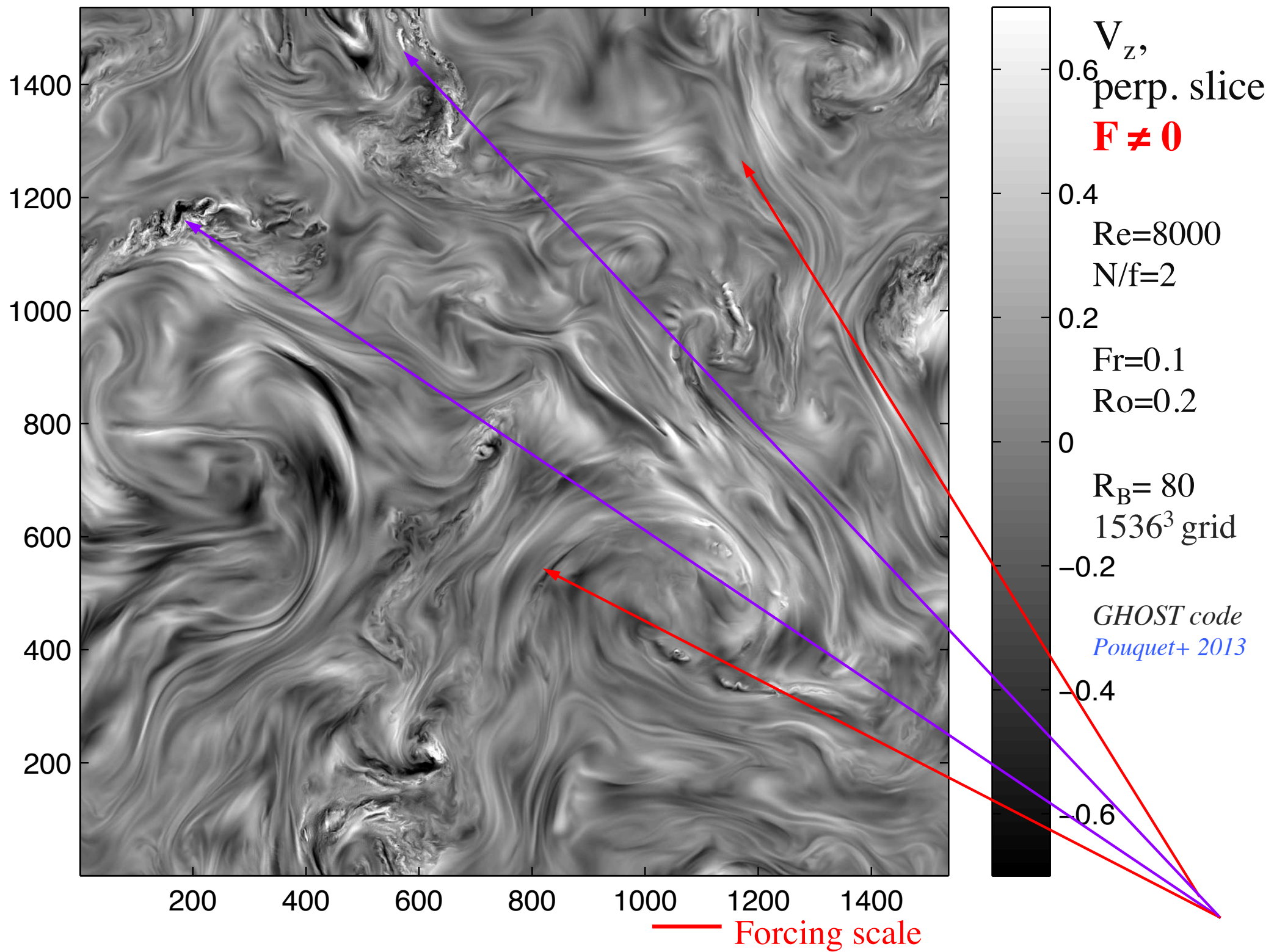
$Fr=0.024$ ,  $N/f=5$

$R_B=32$ ,  $k_{\text{max}}\eta \sim 2$

No forcing,  $k_0 \sim 2.5$

*Bolgiano-Obukhov scaling  
Rosenberg+ 2015*





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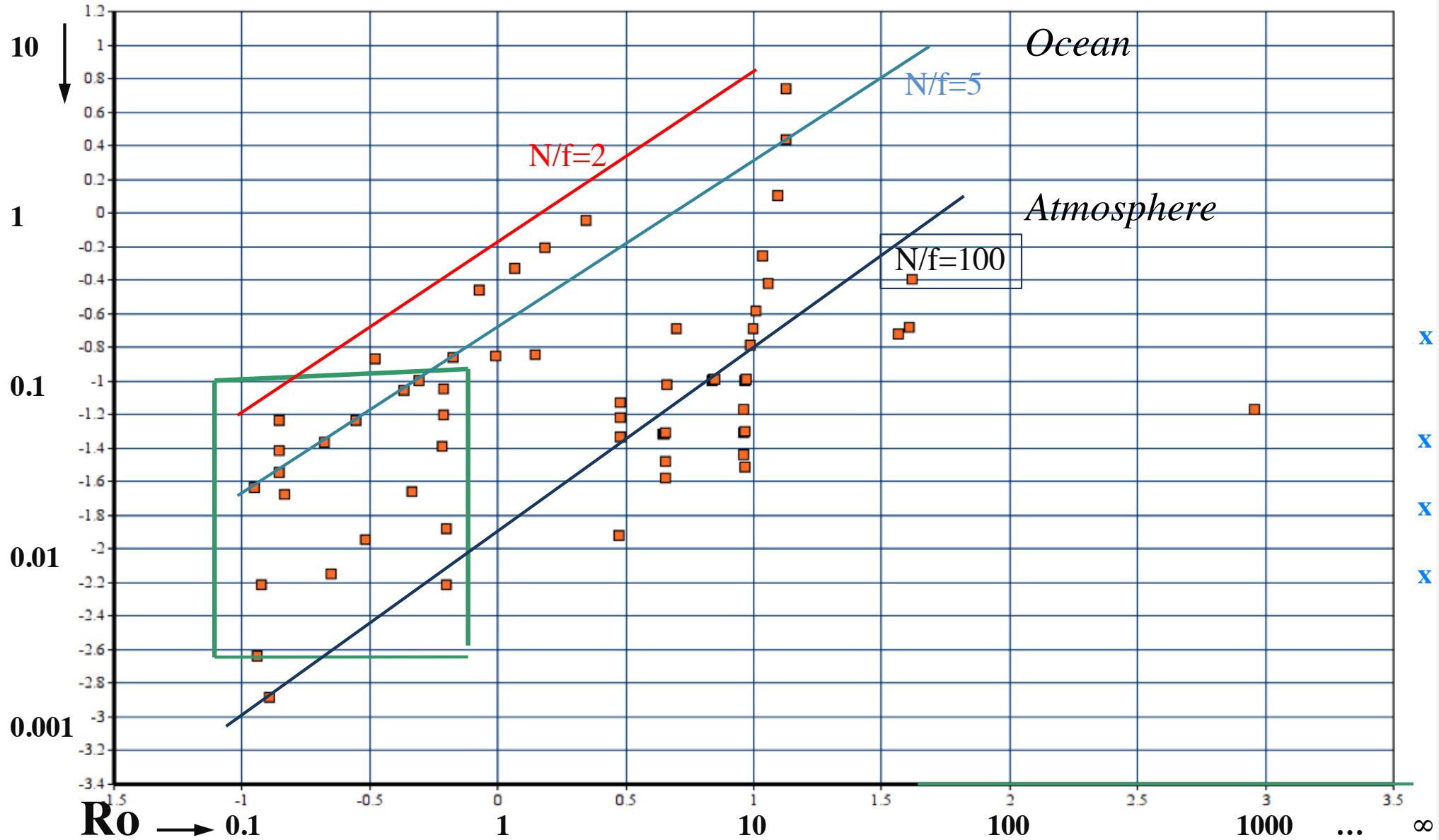
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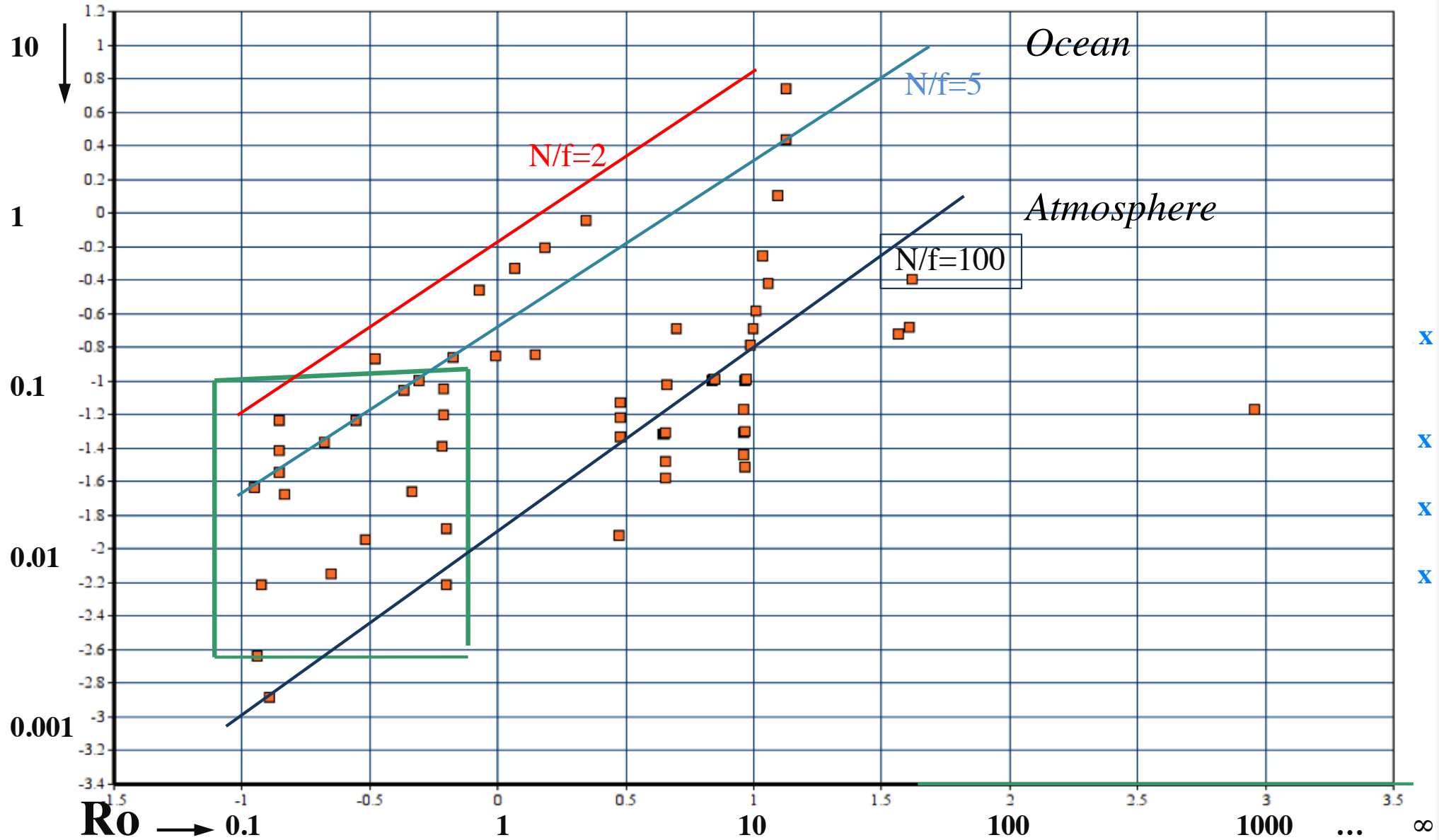
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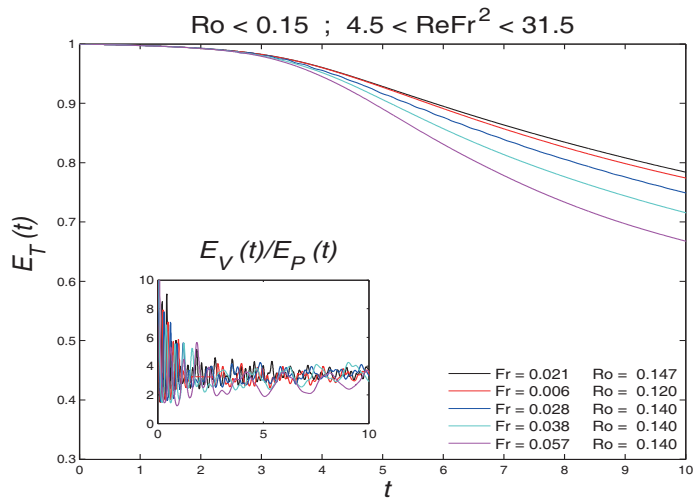
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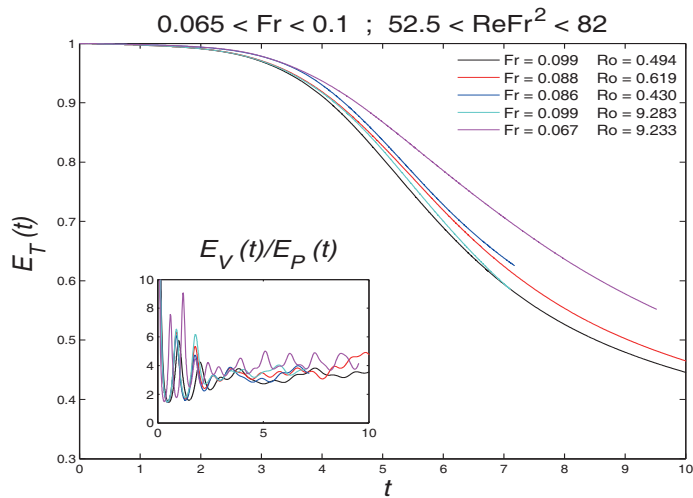




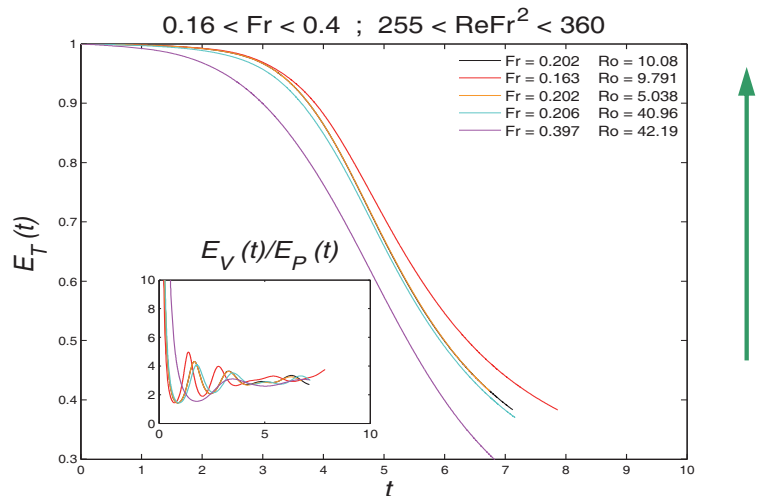
$$E_T = f(t) \text{ and}$$

$$E_V/E_P = f(t)$$

← Low Fr, low Ro  
Fr~0.03

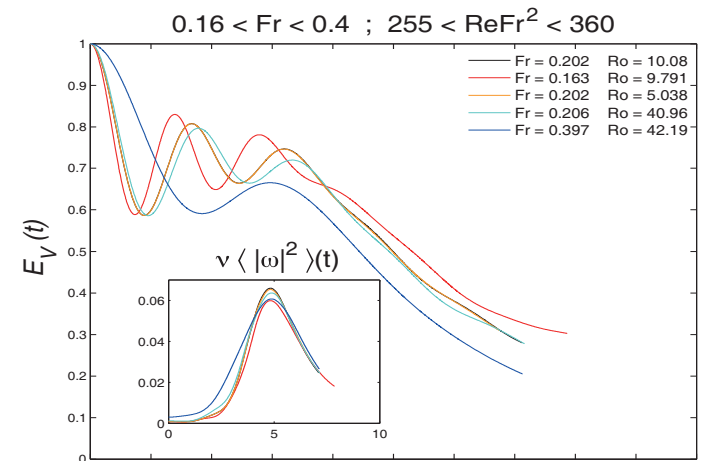
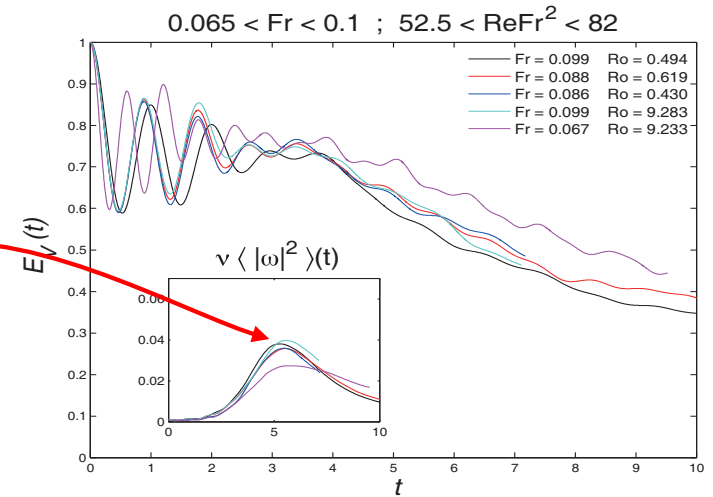
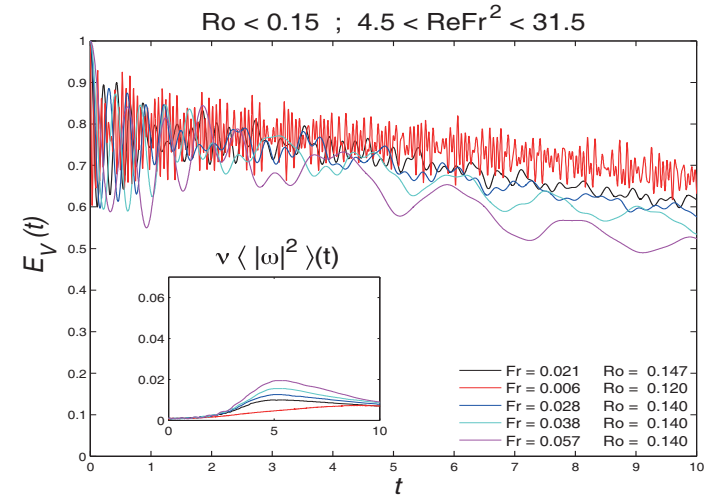


← Intermediate range  
Fr~0.09



← High R<sub>B</sub>  
Fr~ 0.2

$E_V = f(t)$   
 and kinetic energy dissipation  $\varepsilon_V = f(t)$



Statistics taken at peak of dissipation  
 with a temporal averaging within  
 variations of  $\pm 0.025 \varepsilon_V$

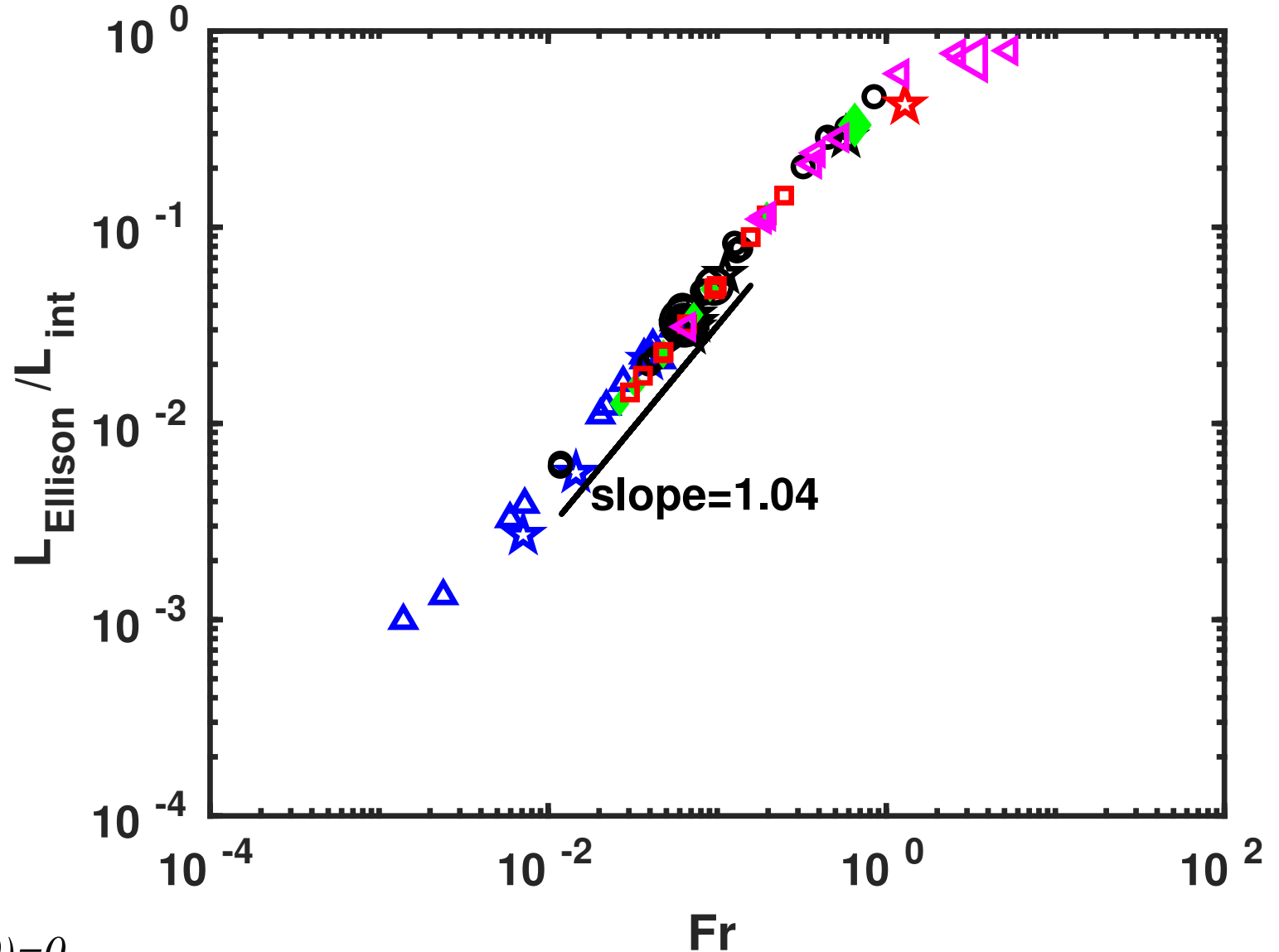
Ellison scale

$$L_E = \sqrt{E_P / N}$$

Integral scale

$$L_{\text{int}} = f(E_V)$$

*Color binning in Ro: 0 → 0.3 → 2.9 → 6.0 → 10 →*



*Initial conditions:*

*Stars: QG*

*Otherwise, HIT,  $\theta(t=0)=0$*

*Size of symbol: proportional to viscosity*

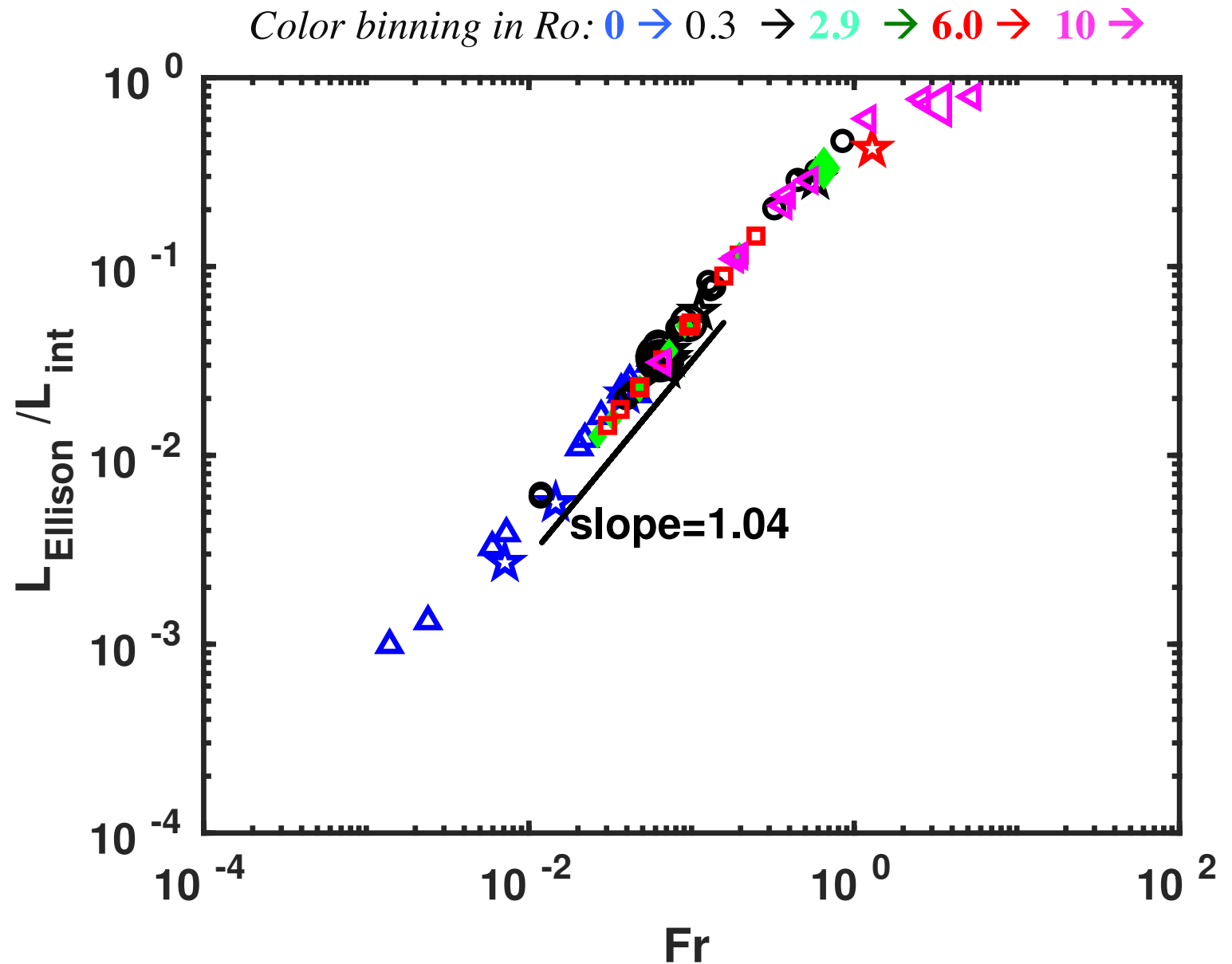
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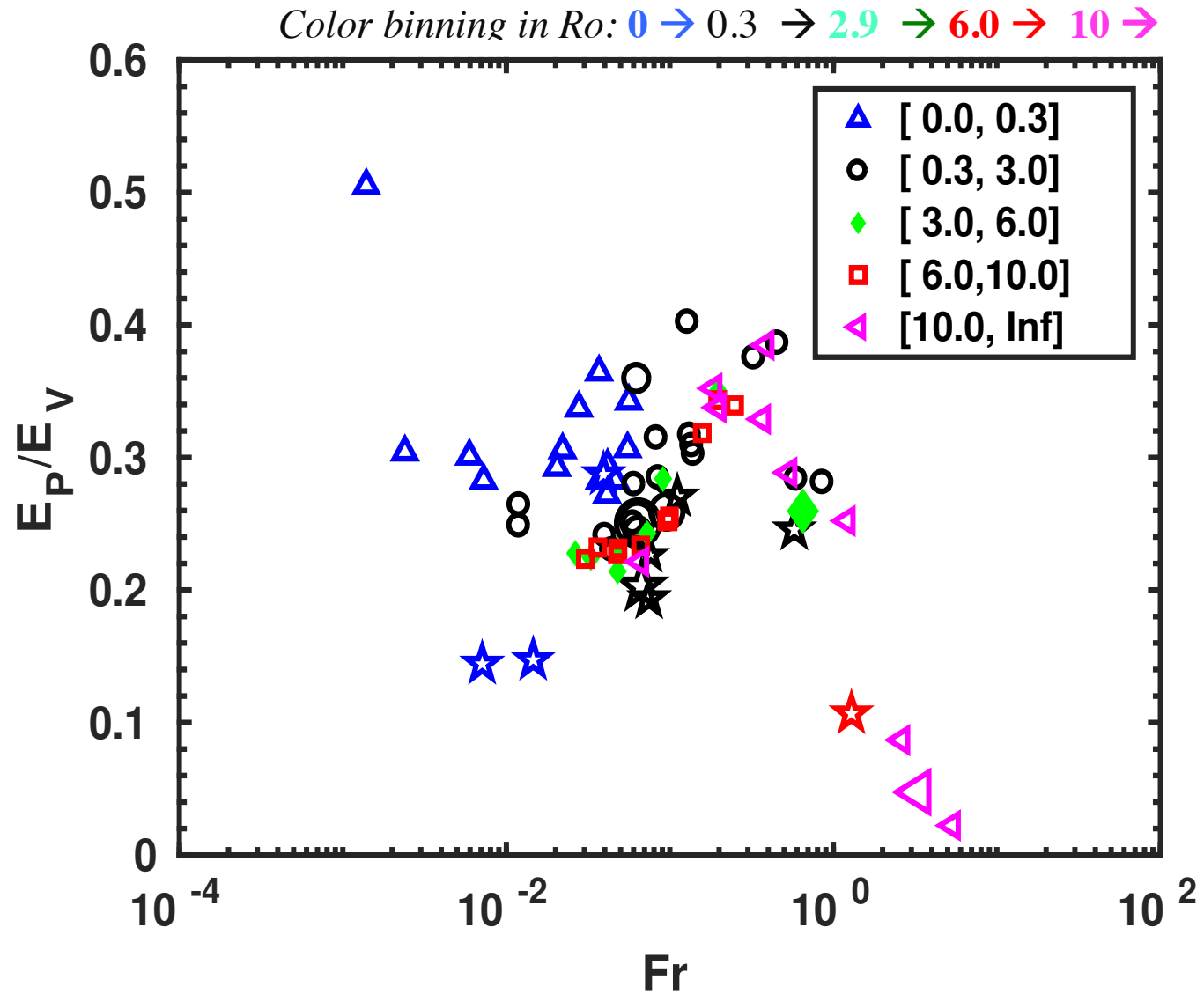
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# Ratio of potential to kinetic energy



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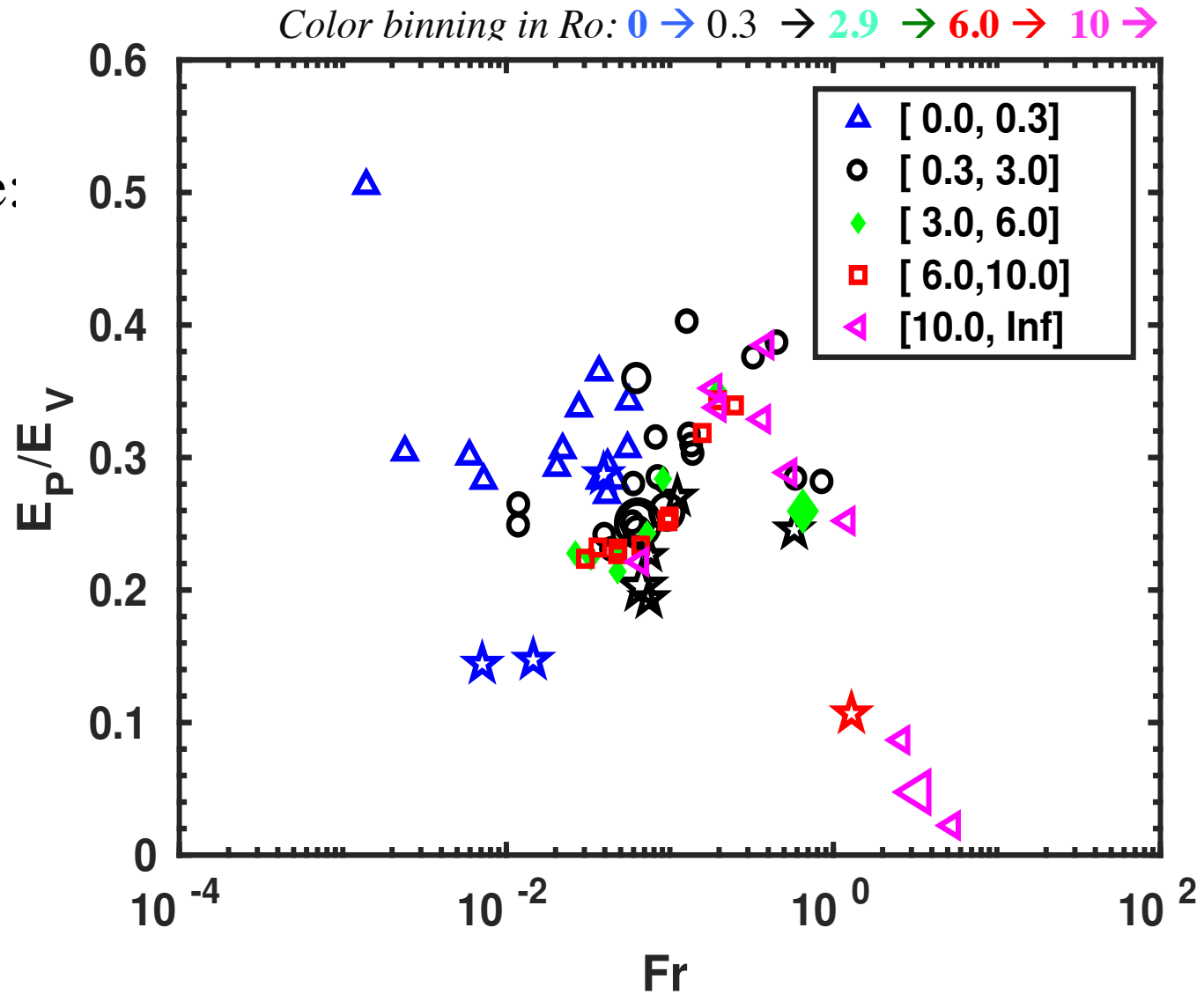
*Size of symbols: Roughly inversely proportional to numerical resolution, that is, in fact, to Reynolds number*

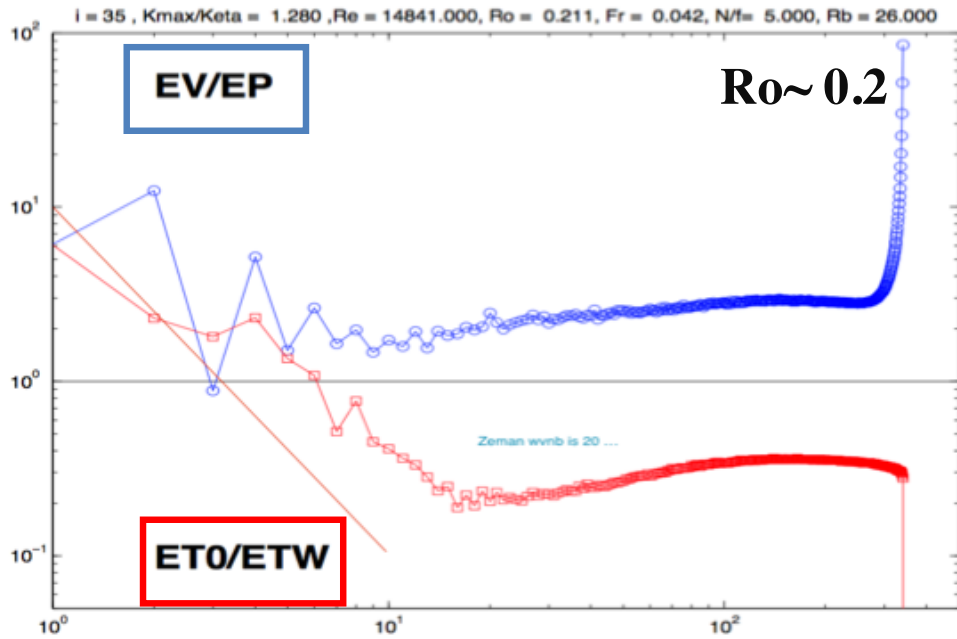
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Intermediate regime:  
 $E_P \sim E_V$   
Or

$$\Theta_{\text{rms}} \sim U_0 \quad (1)$$

*Stars: Quasi-geostrophic ICs*





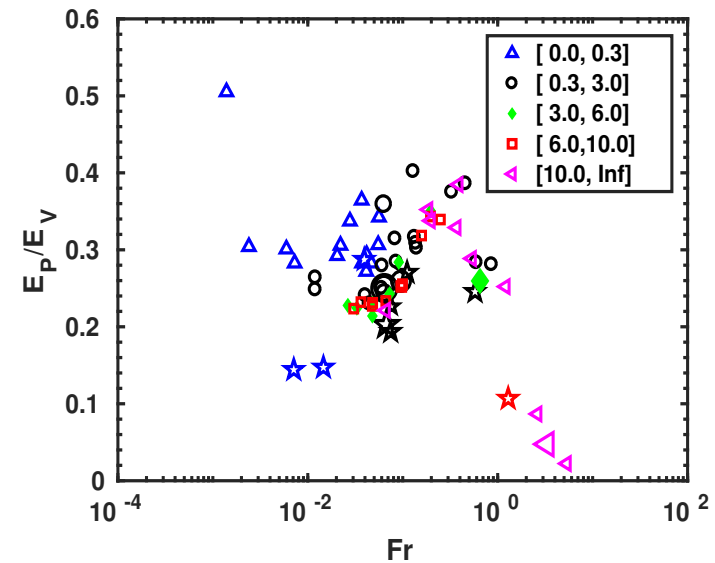
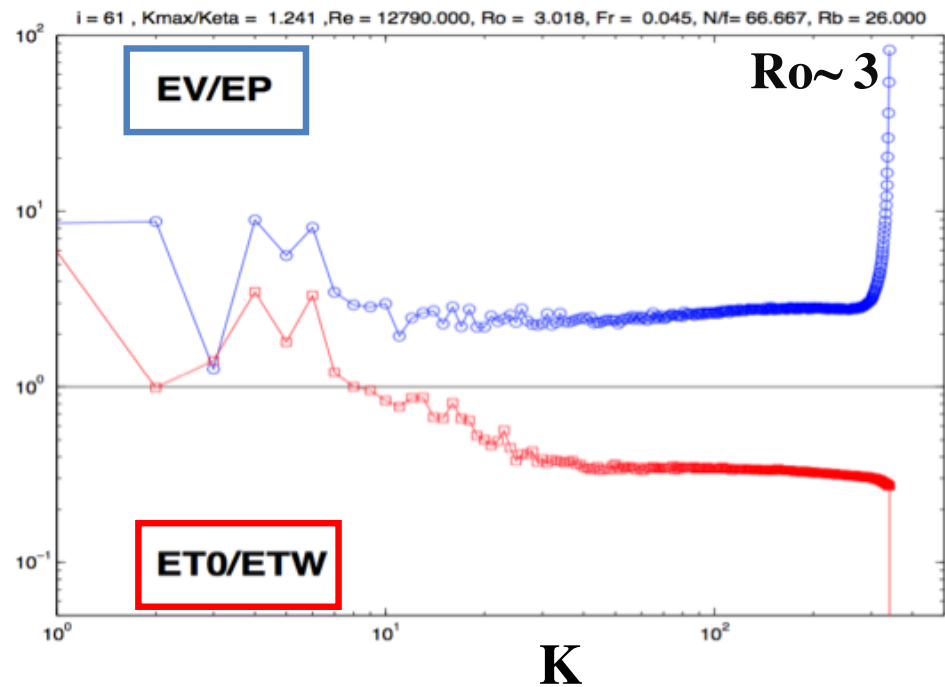
Ratios of energy spectra at peak:

Kinetic to potential

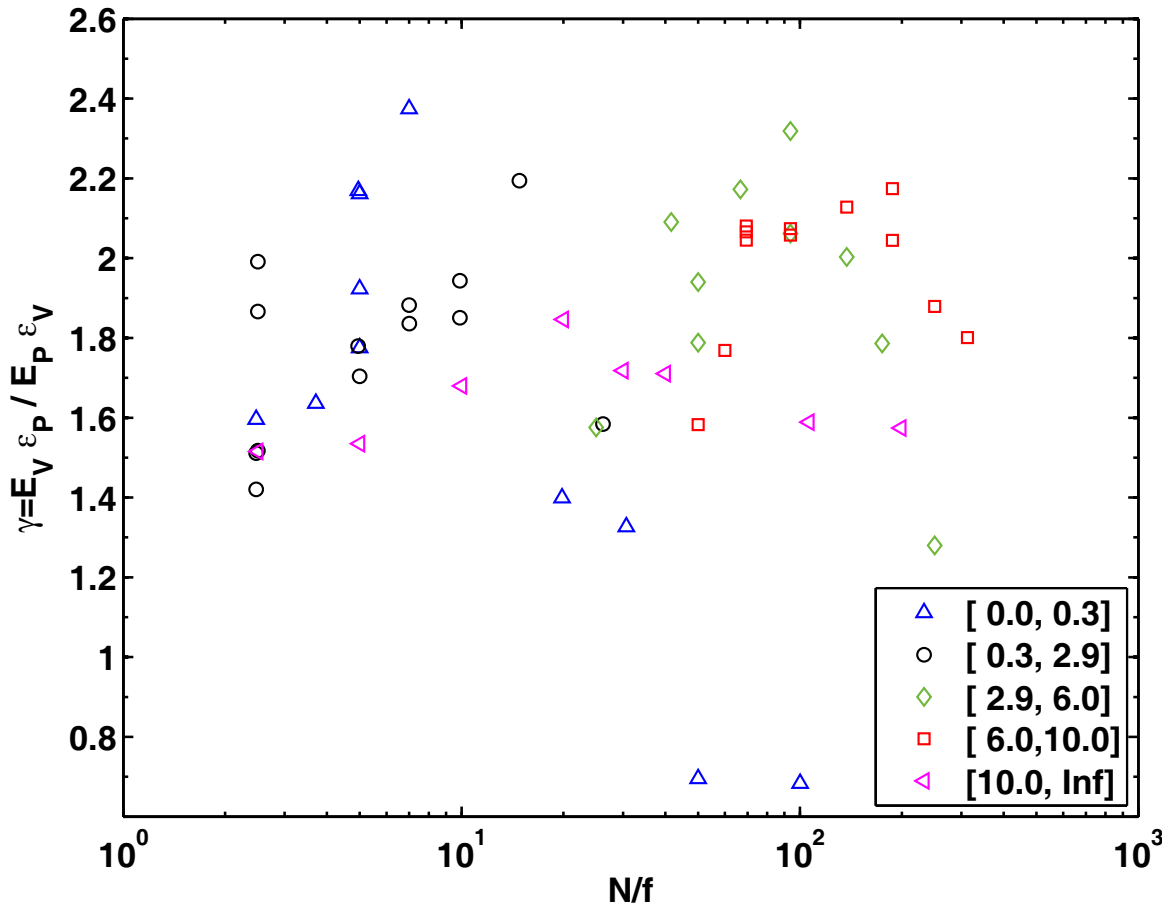
and

zero to wave mode

Both runs:  $Fr = 0.04$  ,  $R_B \sim 26$

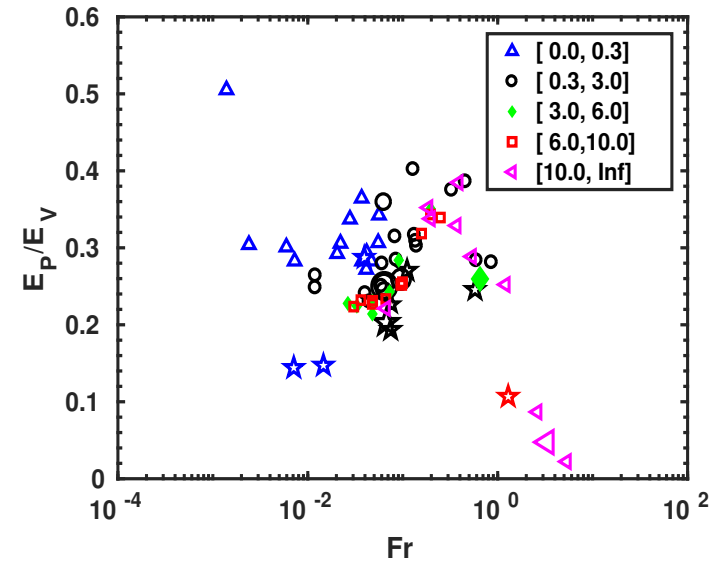


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**Ratio** of kinetic to potential energy effective dissipation times

$$T_V/T_P = [E_V/E_P] * [\epsilon_P/\epsilon_V]$$



*Low Fr:*  
*influence of initial conditions*

**Vertical velocity**  
*around peak of dissipation*

Intermediate values:  
 $w^2 / 2E_V \sim Fr^0$   
 Or

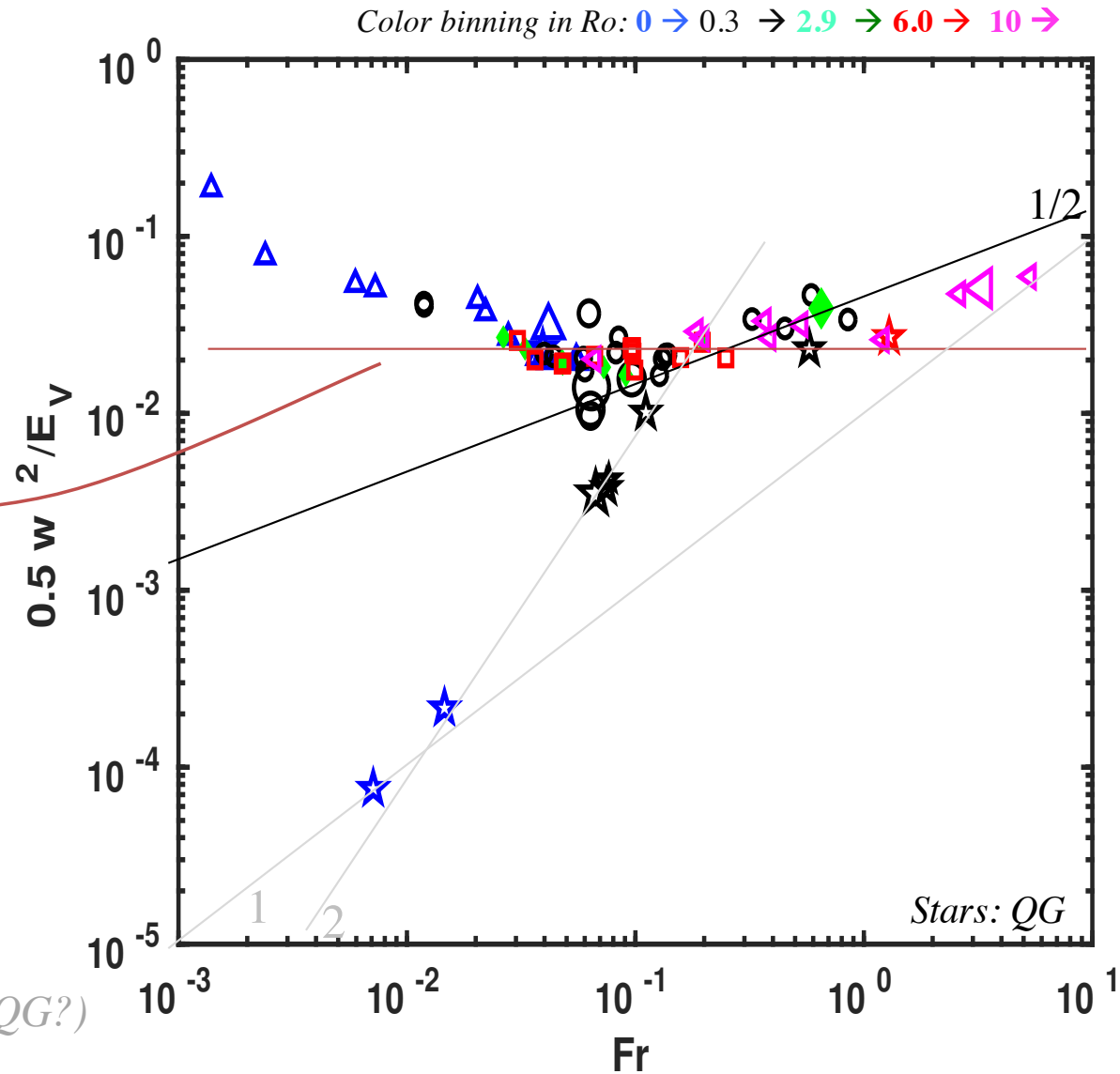
$$w/U_0 = a Fr^0 \quad (2a)$$

Other possible scaling:

$$w/U \sim Fr^{1/4} \quad (2b, \text{data?}),$$

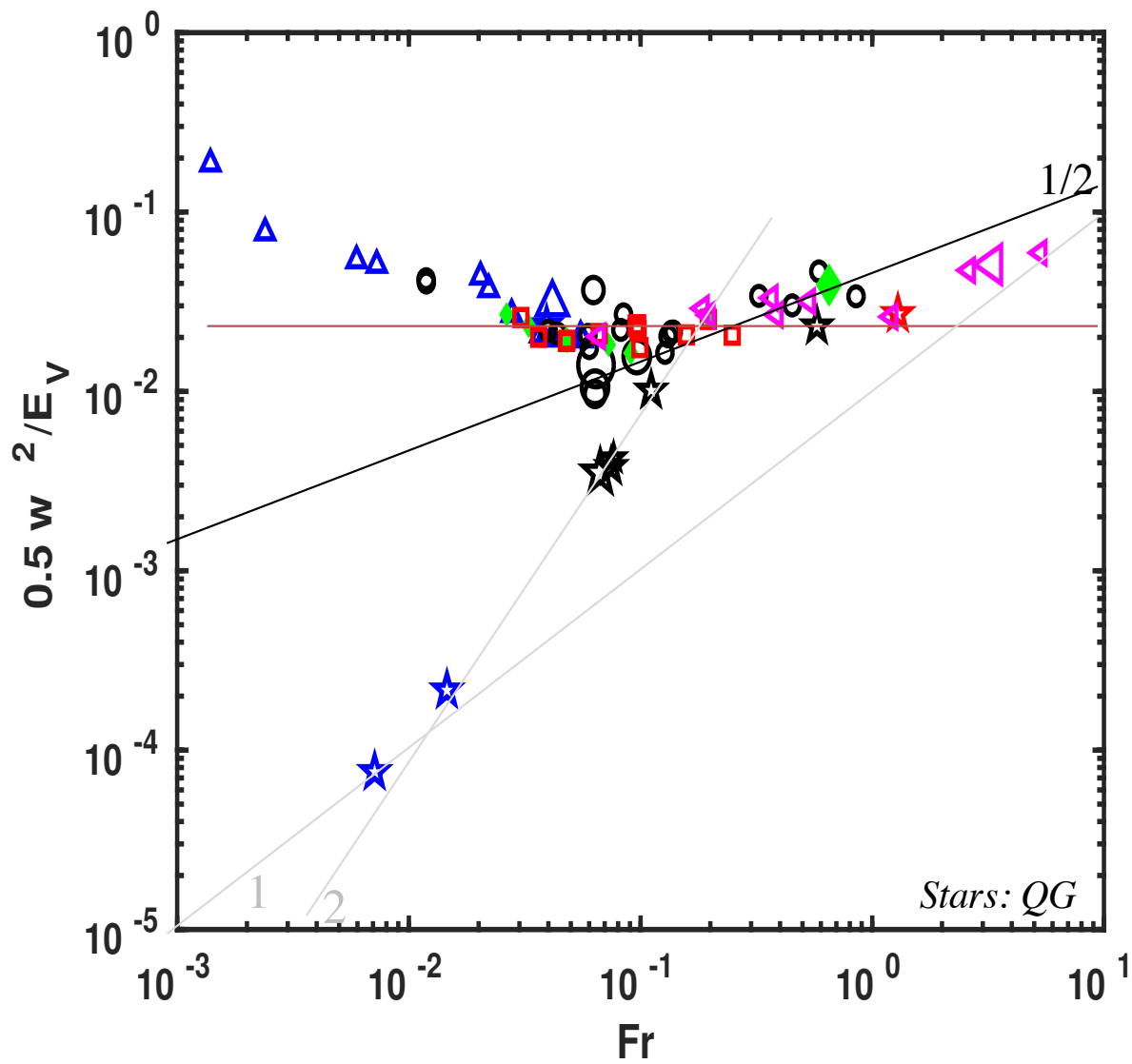
$$\text{or } w/U \sim Fr^{1/2} \quad (2c, \text{Maffioli+ 2016}),$$

$$\text{or } \sim Fr \quad (2d, \text{incompressibility; \& QG?})$$

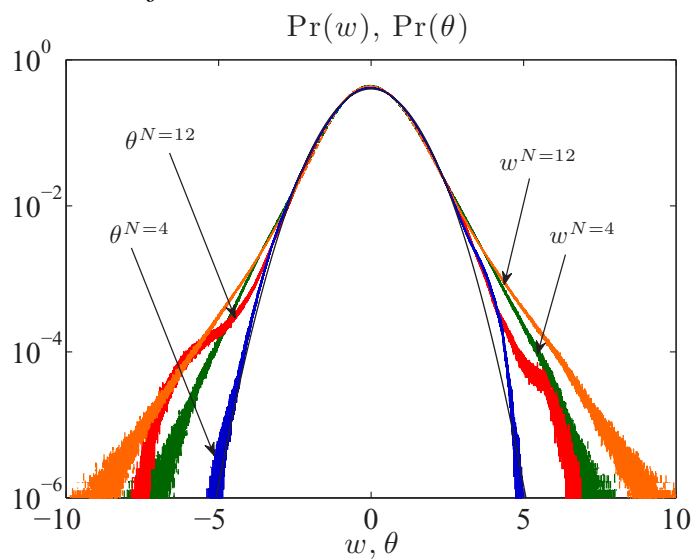


# Vertical velocity

*around peak of dissipation*



Rorai+ PHYSICAL REVIEW E **89**, 043002 (2014)  
 2048<sup>3</sup> forced



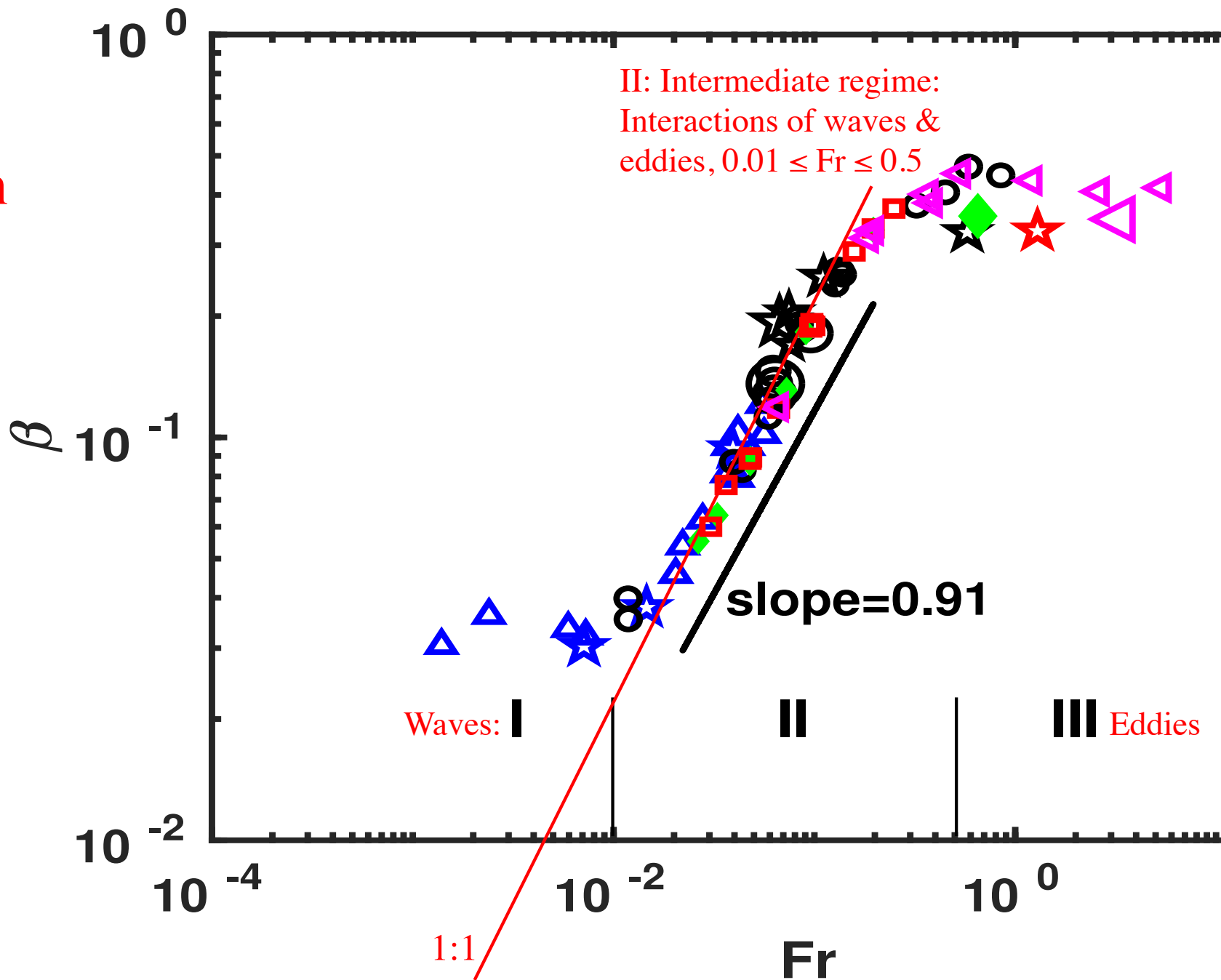
also Feraco+ 2018

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Normalized  
kinetic  
energy  
dissipation  
rate

$$\beta = \varepsilon_V / \varepsilon_D$$

→ 3  
regimes

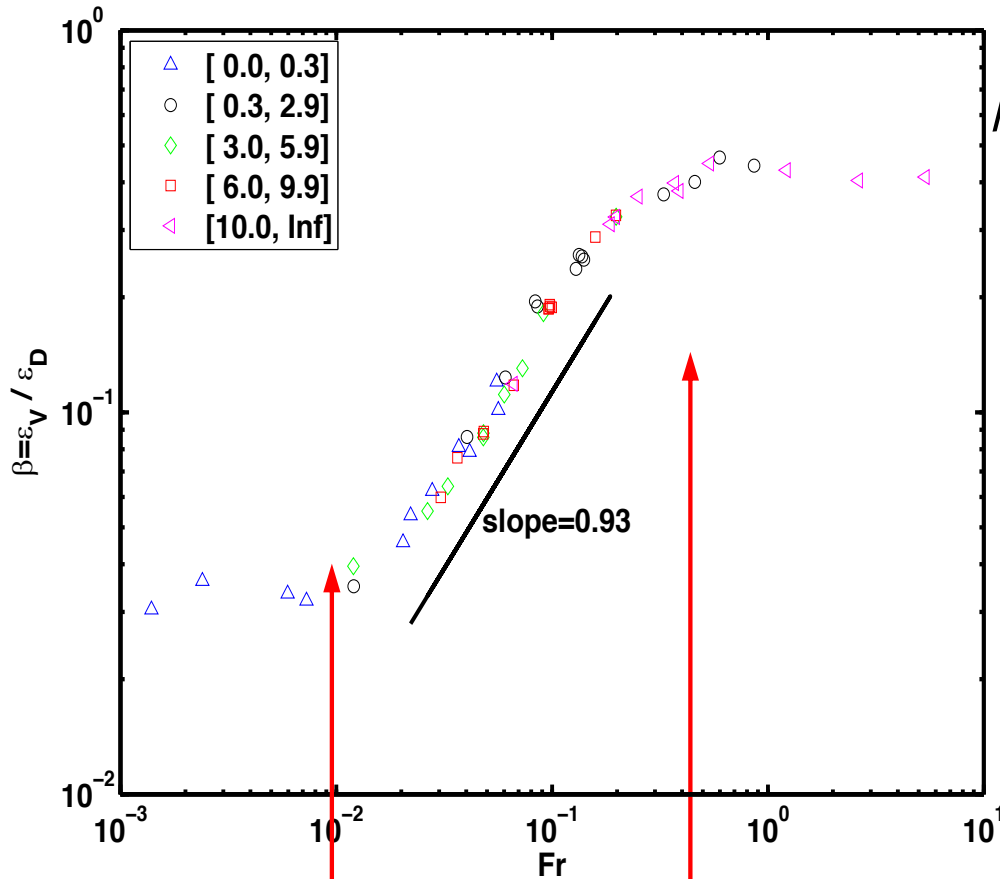


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Normalized kinetic energy dissipation rate

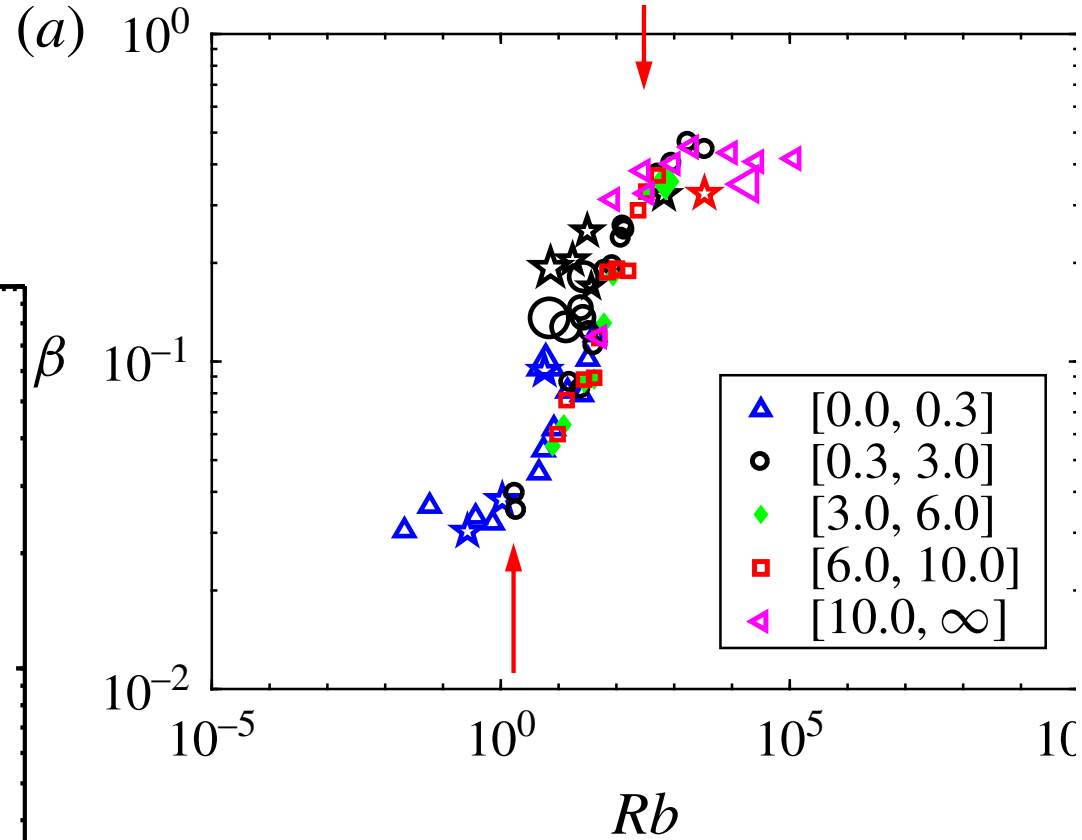
$\varepsilon_V/\varepsilon_D \rightarrow 3$  regimes

*No QG, no low  $Re$  runs*



II: Intermediate regime:

$$0.010 \leq Fr \leq 0.5$$



$$\text{or } 1 \leq R_B \leq 200$$

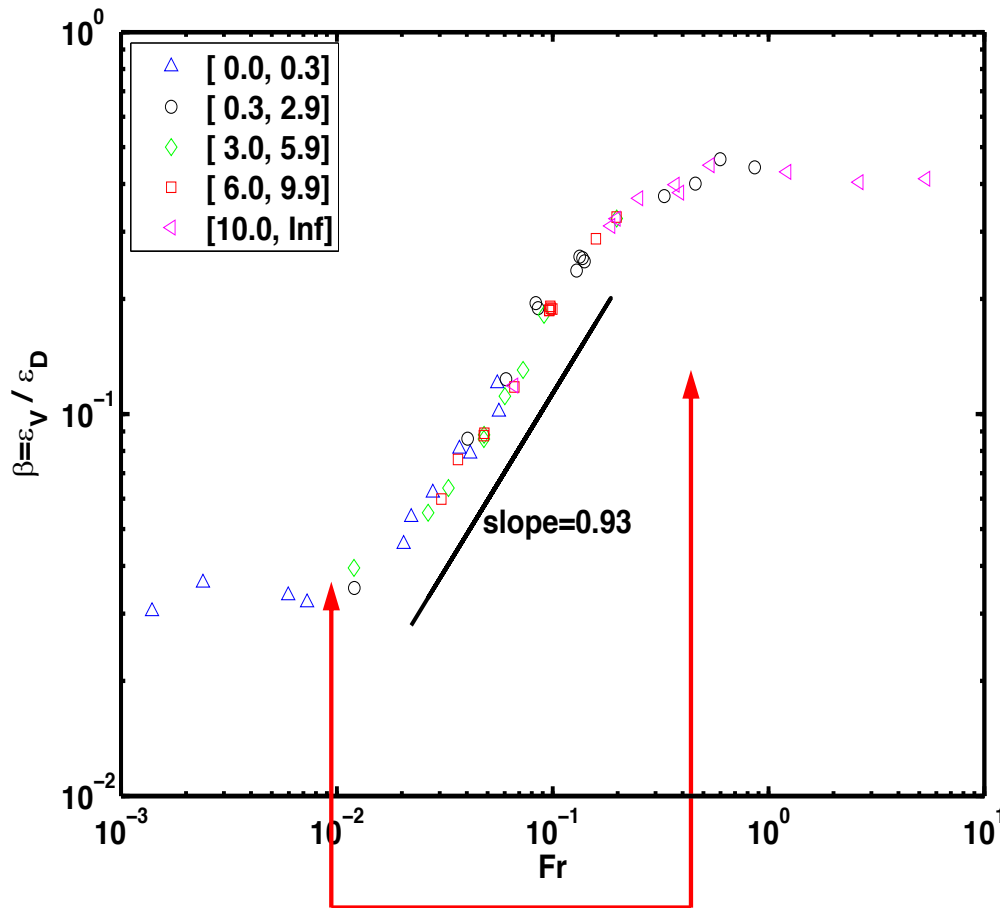


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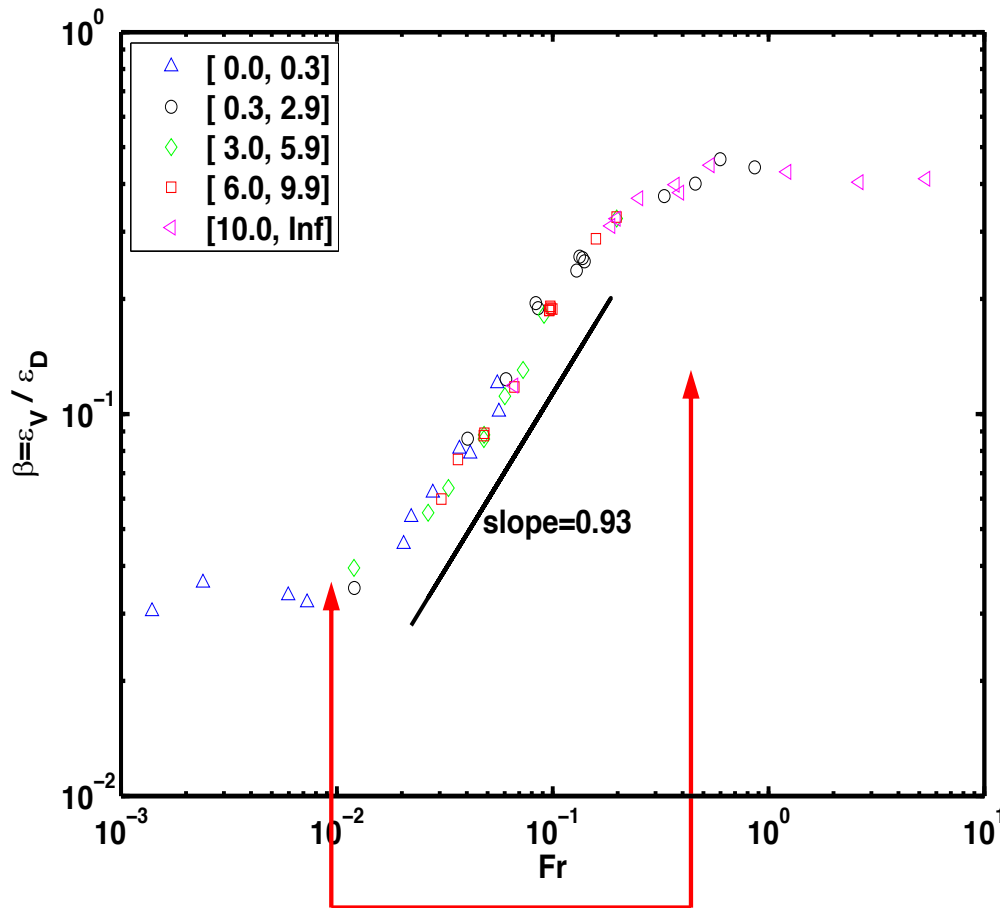
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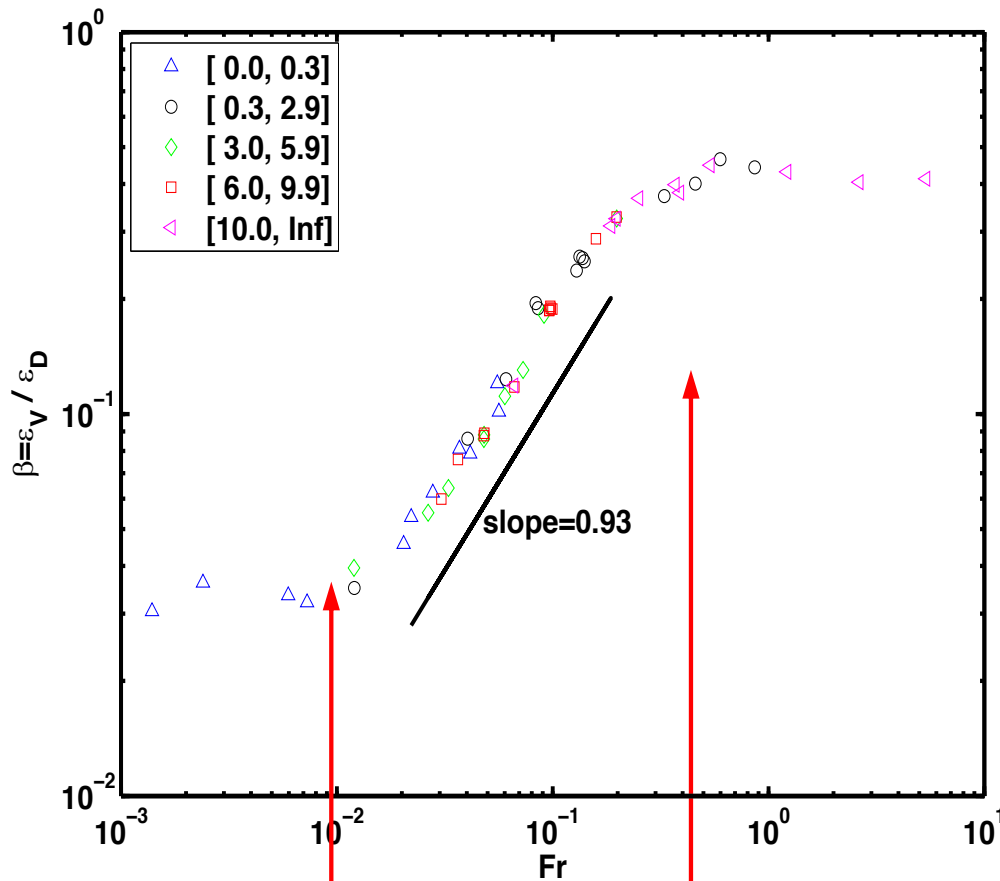
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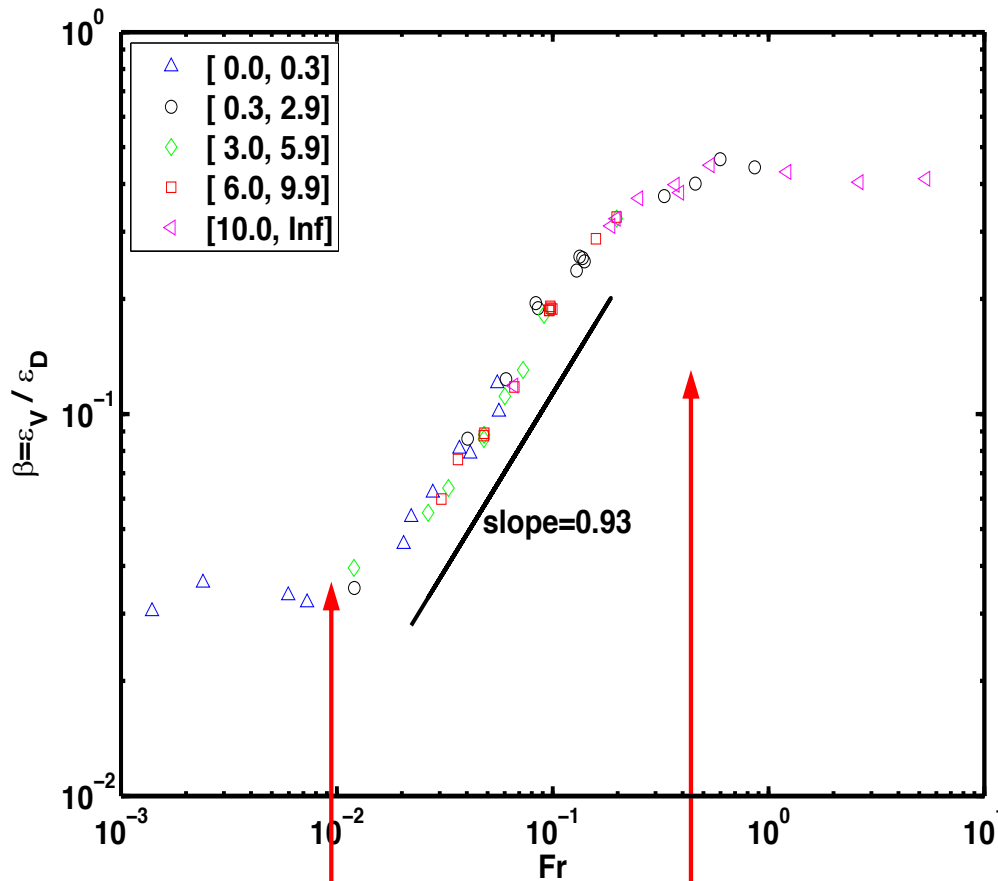
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$$\varepsilon_V \sim Fr \varepsilon_D = Fr U_0^3 / L \quad (3)$$

Or:  $\beta = \varepsilon_V / \varepsilon_D \sim Fr$  *as ~ observed*

Role of anisotropy?

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→ Prediction of scaling for mixing efficiency, flux Richardson number and dissipation in the two regimes of wave-eddy interactions and of strong eddies

*using the three constitutive scaling laws for temperature, vertical velocity and dissipation efficiency versus Froude number:*

$$\Theta_{\text{rms}} \sim U_0 \quad (1)$$

$$w/U_0 = a \text{Fr}^0 \quad (2a)$$

$$\varepsilon_v \sim \text{Fr} \varepsilon_D = \text{Fr} U_0^3/L \quad (3)$$

[0 → ¼? (2b) Or → 1 (2d)?]



**Intermediate regime II**,  $Fr \leq 1$ , using the 3 scaling laws:

$$B_f = \langle N\theta w \rangle, \theta_{\text{rms}} \sim U_0, w \sim Fr^0 U_0, \varepsilon_v \sim Fr \varepsilon_D, \varepsilon_D \sim U_0^3/L$$

$R_B > 1, Re \gg 1$  but irrelevant otherwise

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_f^{\text{II}} = B_f/\varepsilon_v = N\langle w \theta \rangle/\varepsilon_v \sim 1/Fr^2 \sim [R_B]^{-1} \quad (\text{observed})$$

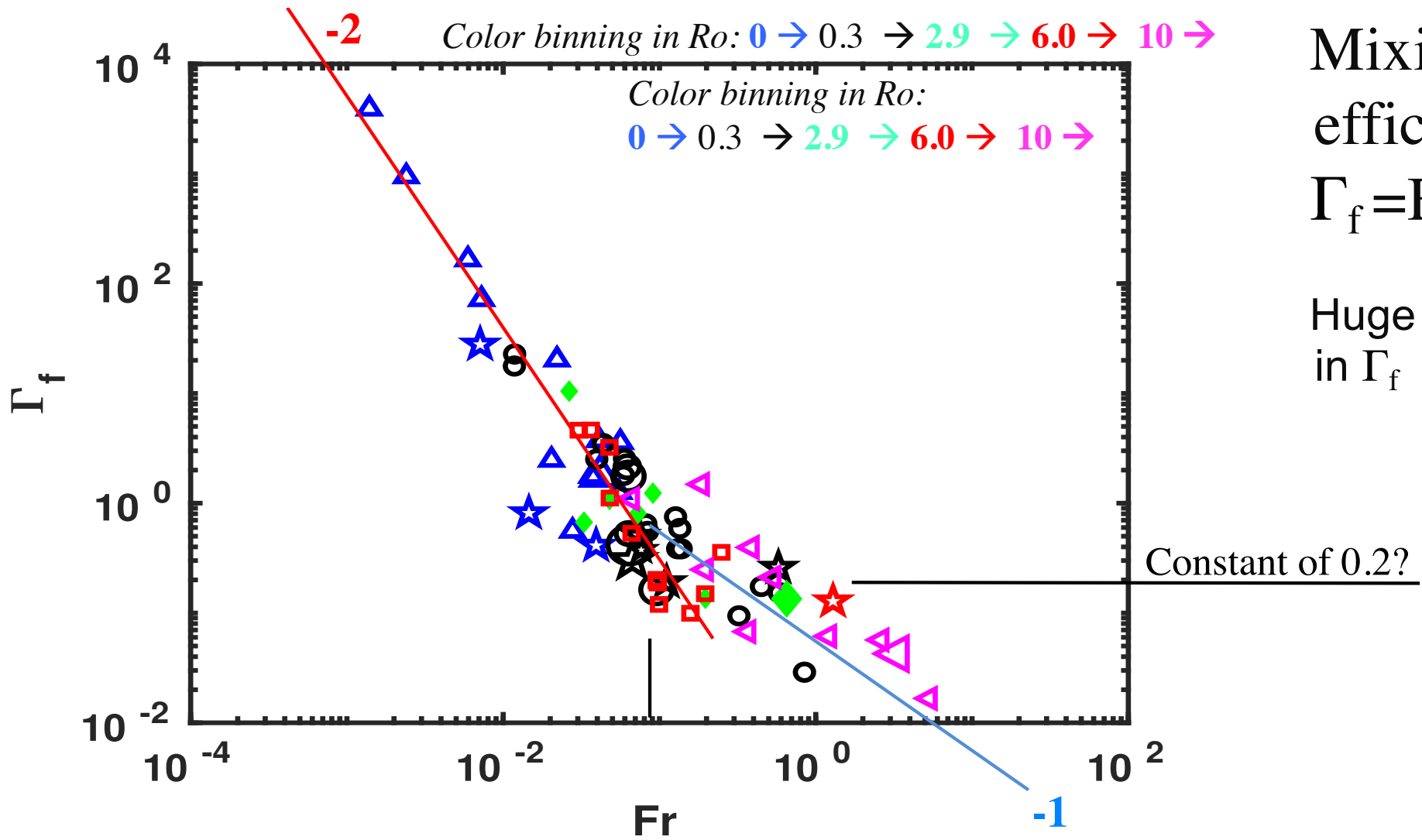
**Higher regime III**,  $Fr \geq 1$ :

$$\theta_{\text{rms}} \sim U_0, w \sim Fr^0 U_0, Fr=1 = U_0, \varepsilon_v \sim Fr \varepsilon_D \text{ at } Fr = 1, \varepsilon_v \sim \varepsilon_D$$

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$\rightarrow$  *Our numerical data?*

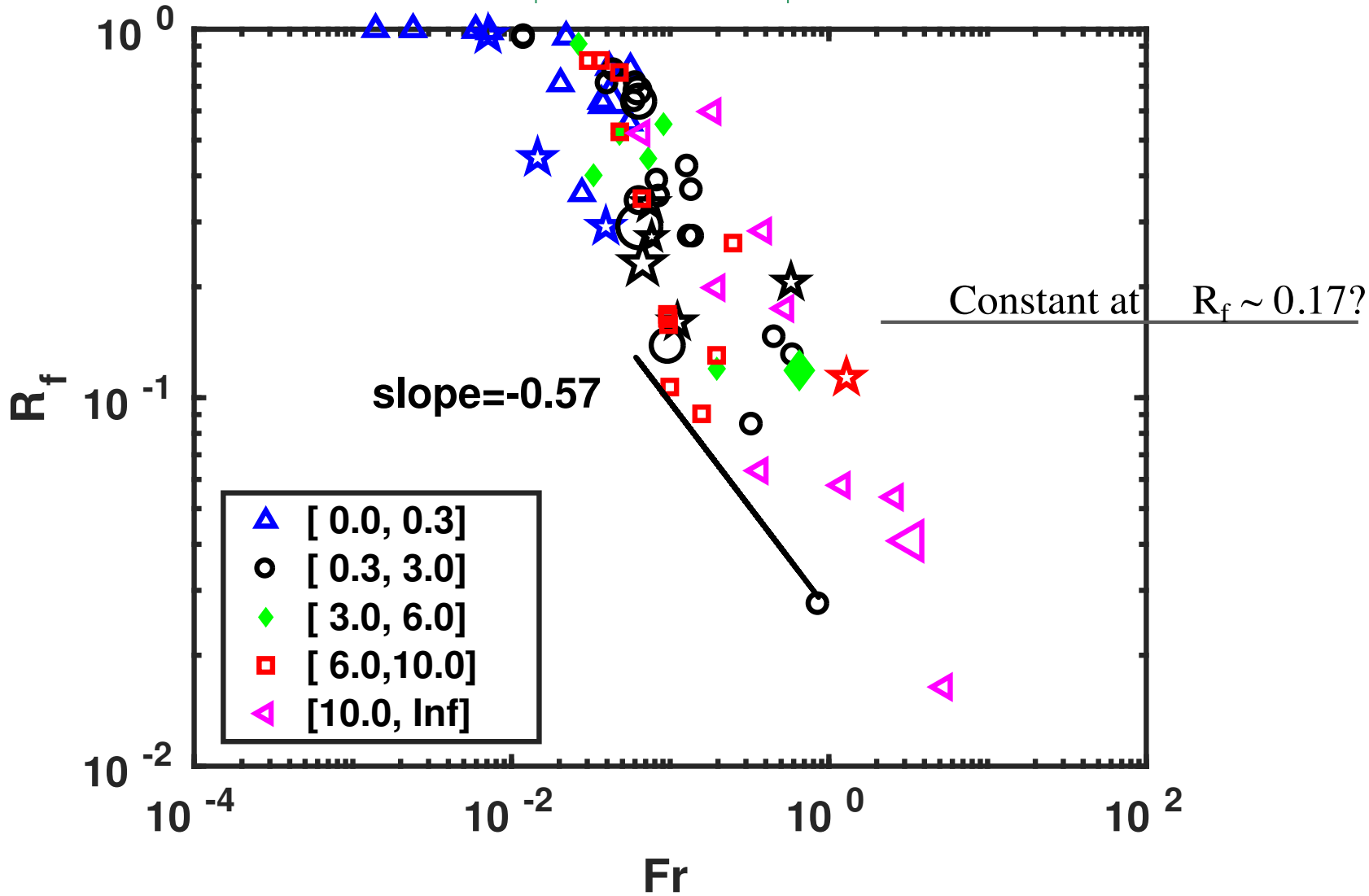


$$N \langle w \theta \rangle / \epsilon_v = \Gamma_f \sim 1 / Fr^2 \sim [R_B]^{-1} \text{ (regime I \& II?)}$$

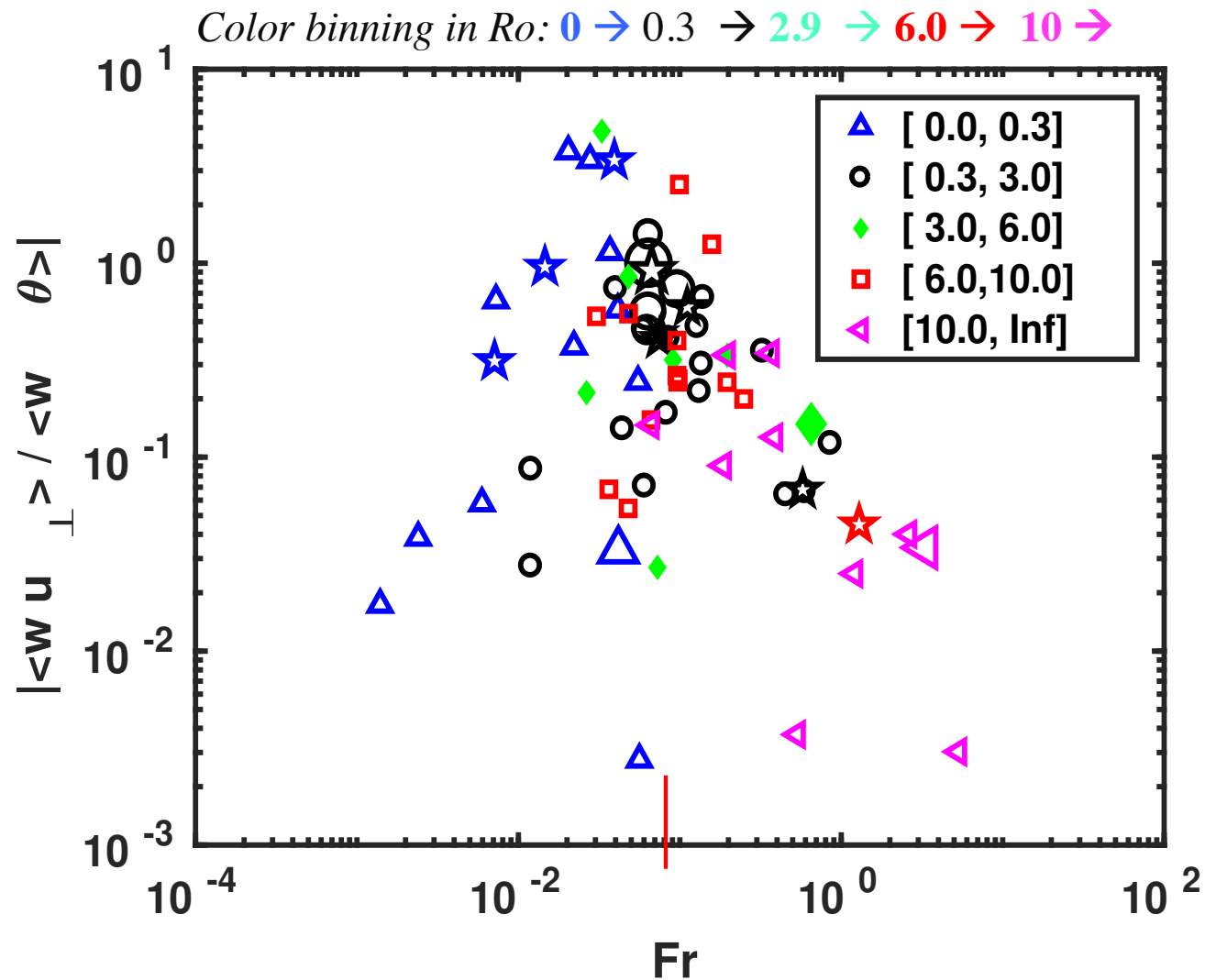
$$\text{or for } Fr \sim 1: \Gamma_f \sim 1 / Fr \sim [R_B]^{-1/2} \text{ (regime III)}$$

Flux Richardson  
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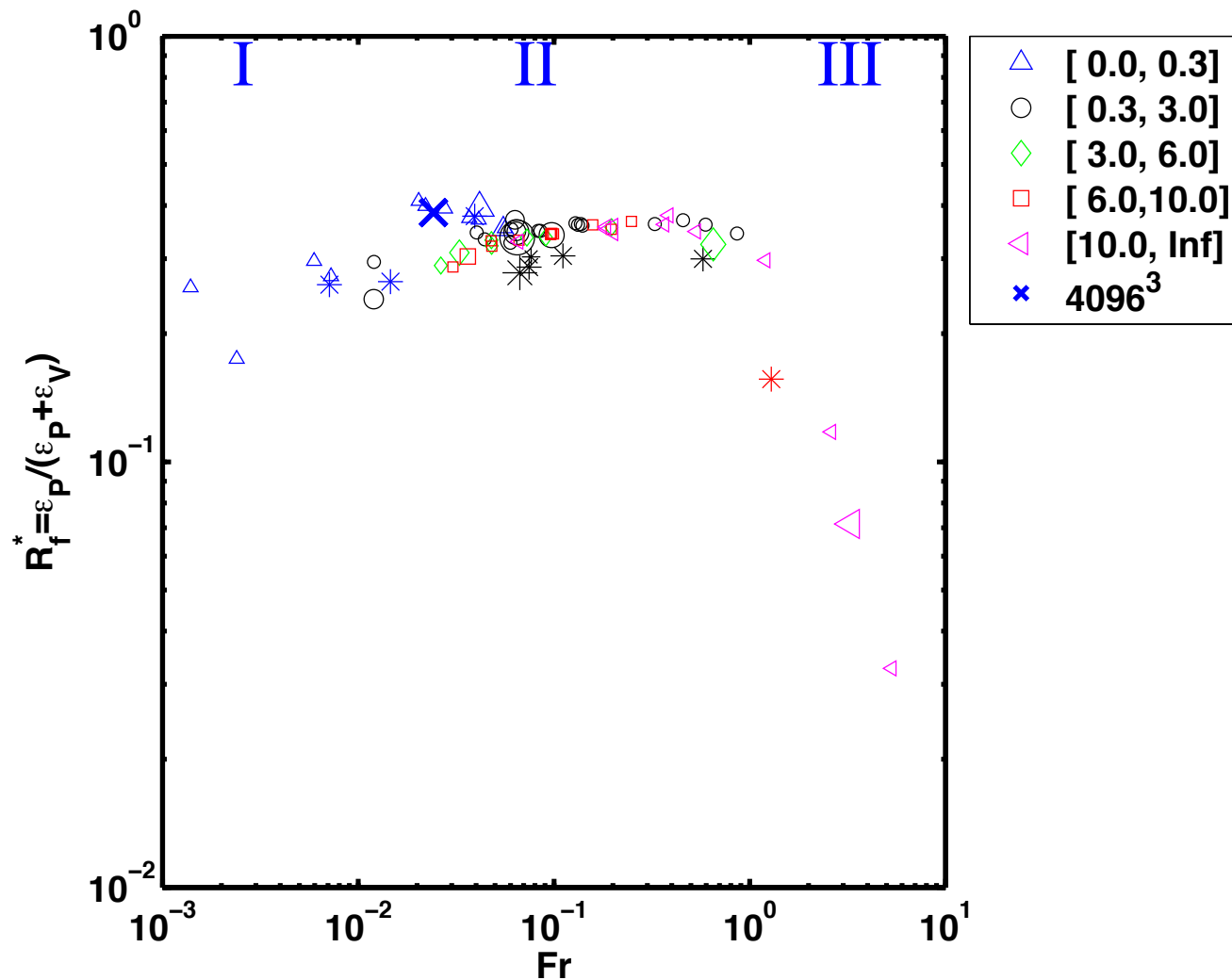
**Ratio of vertical fluxes**  
of horizontal velocity  
to that of  
temperature fluctuations  
*versus*  
*Froude Number*



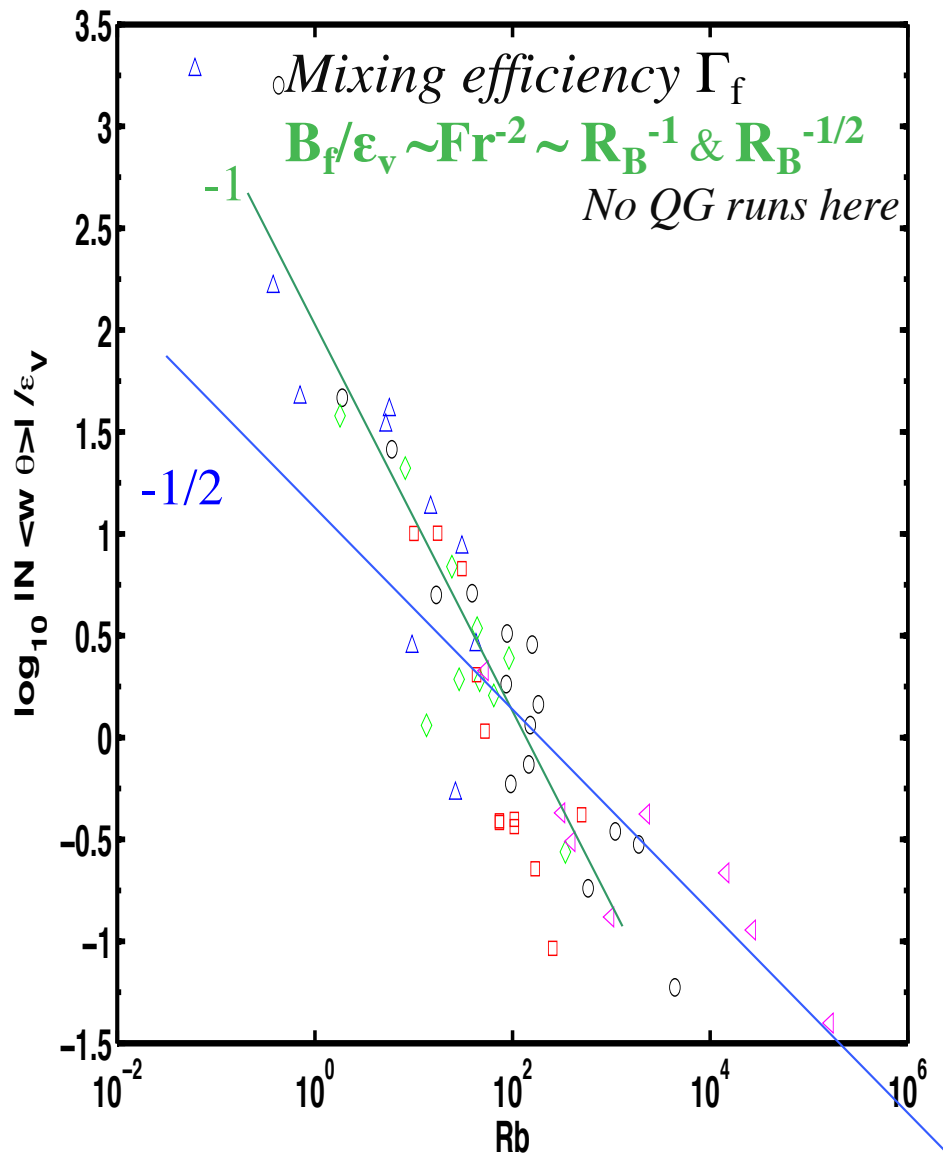
Non-monotonic, with a  
plateau/peak around  $Fr \sim 0.07$  ?

Ratio of potential to  
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$$\varepsilon_p / [\varepsilon_p + \varepsilon_v]$$

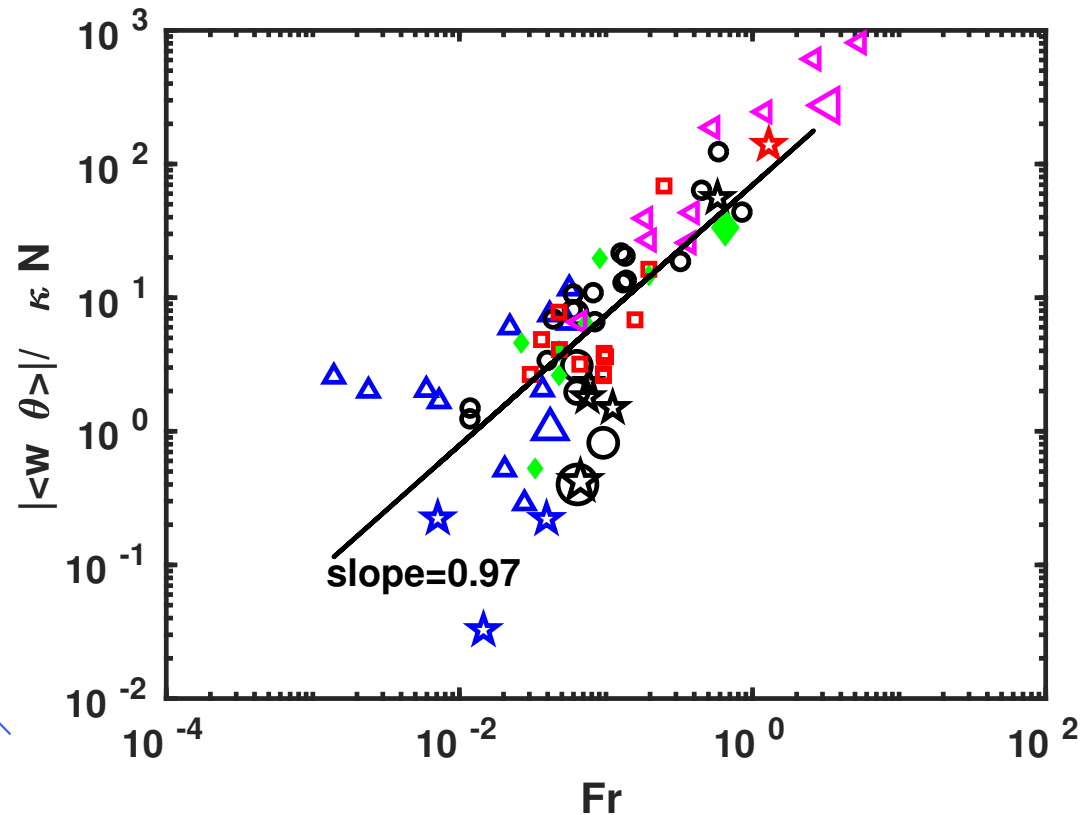


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**Buoyancy flux  $B_f = \langle N w \theta \rangle$**   
 with two different normalizations for the  
 $\leftarrow$  momentum and buoyancy equations

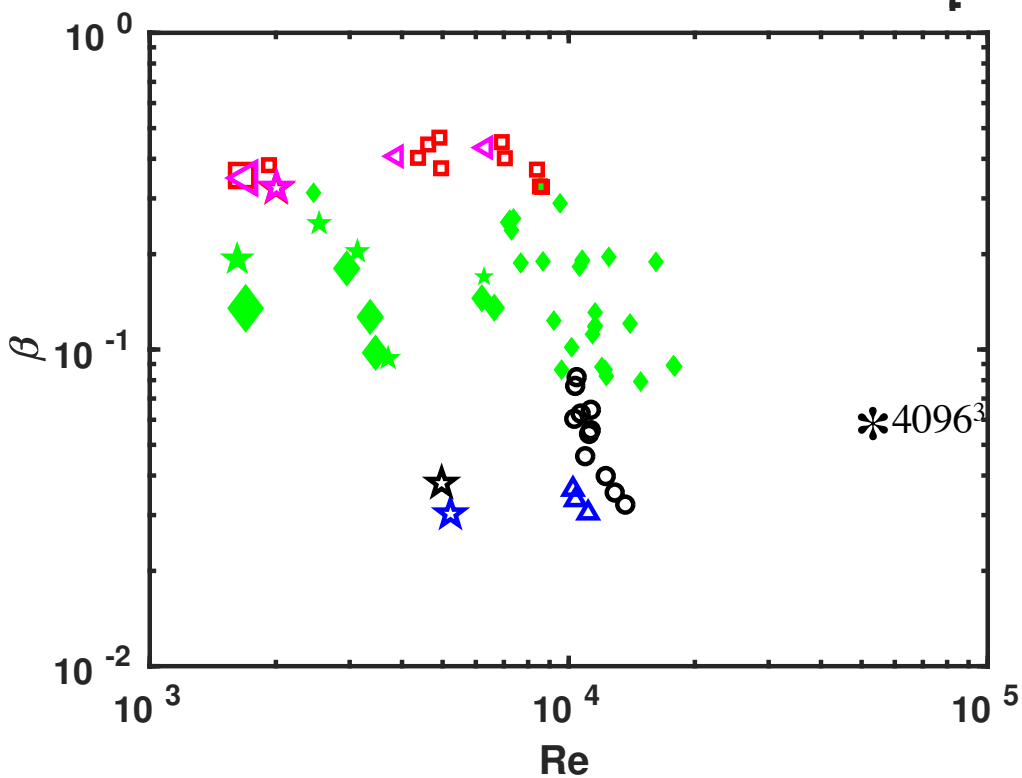
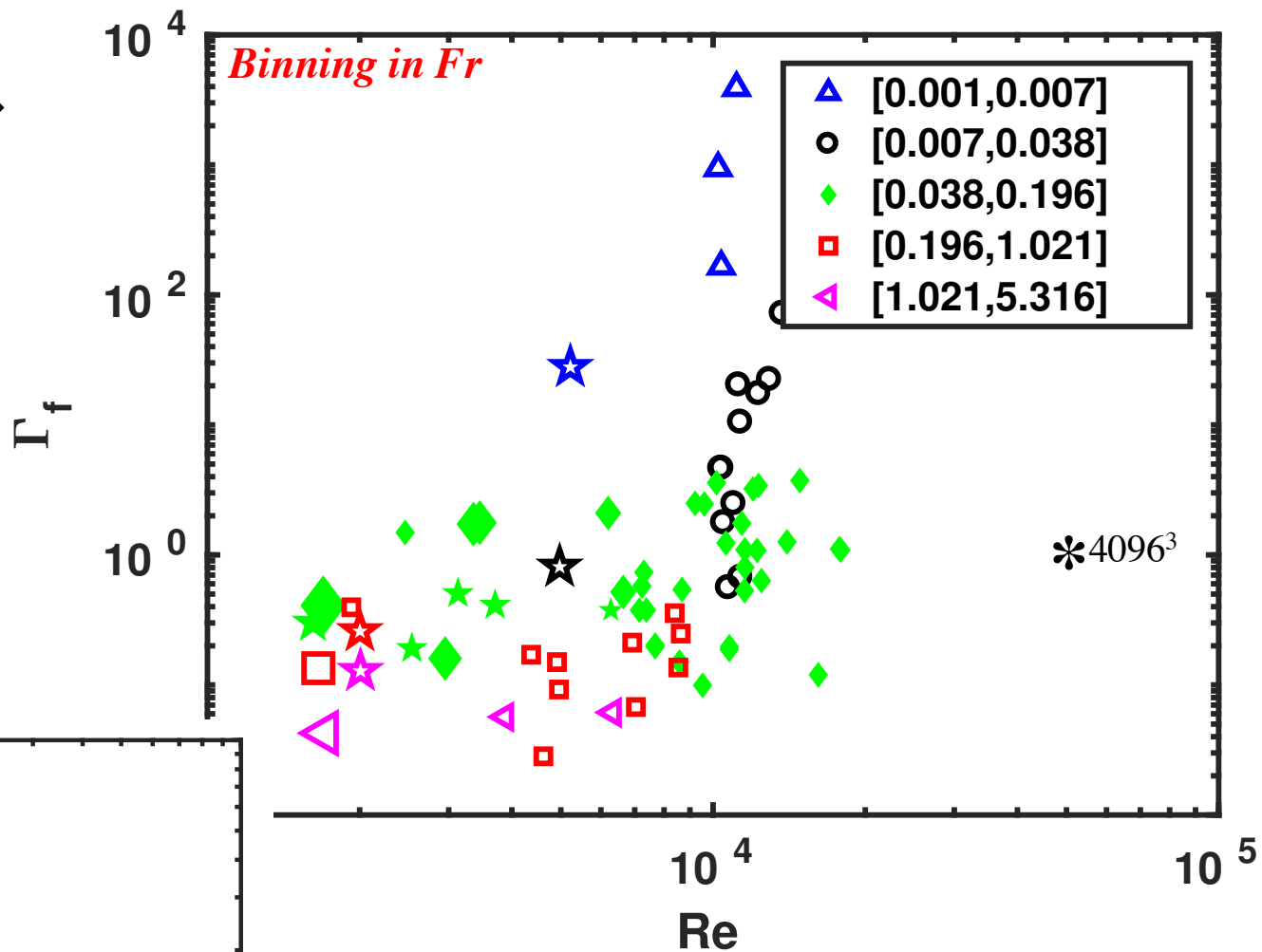
↓  
 $B_f / [\kappa_0 N^2] \sim Fr$



Normalized anomalous diffusivity  $\kappa_\theta$   
 $B_f / [\kappa N^2] = \kappa_\theta / \kappa \sim Fr$  in regimes II & III,  
 $\kappa_\theta \sim U_{rms} L_{int} Fr$

Mixing efficiency  $\rightarrow$   
&  
Dissipation efficiency  $\downarrow$

*versus*  
**Reynolds Number**



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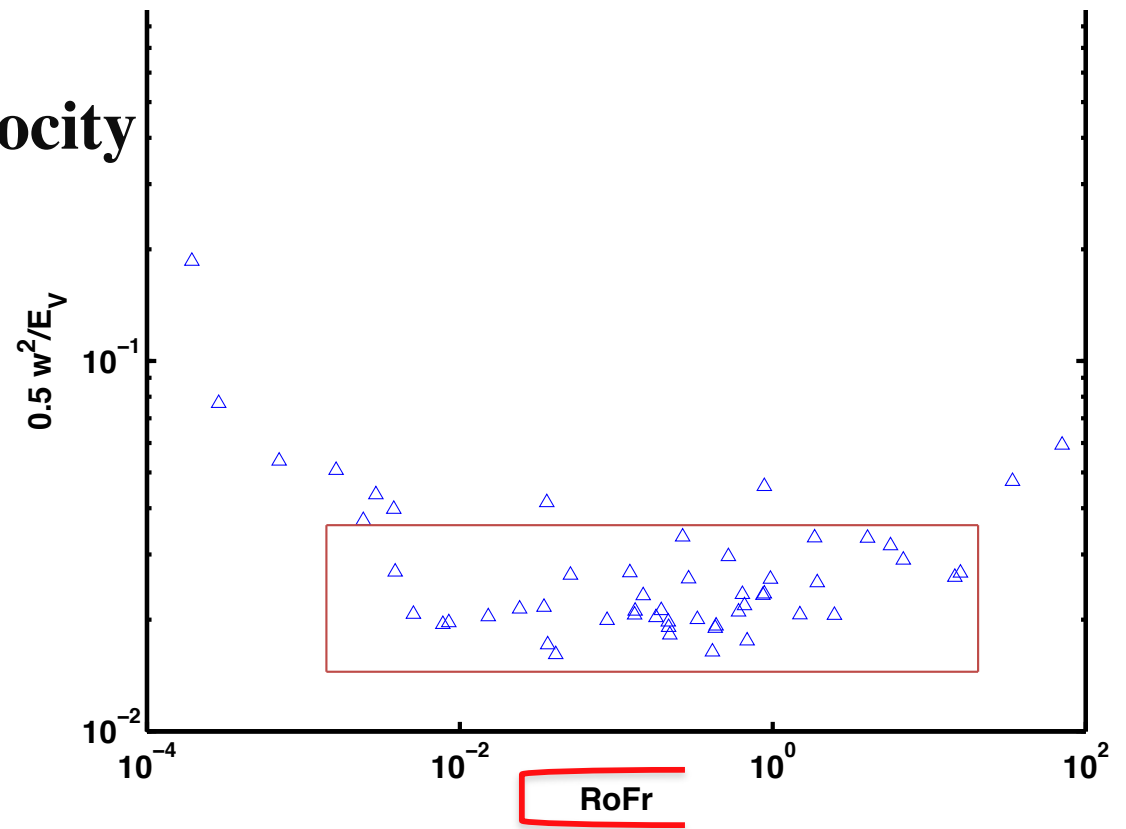
# Perspective (1): Vertical velocity

in the presence of rotation

Intermediate regime:

$$w / U_0 \sim [\text{Ro.Fr}]^{-0} \quad (3b)$$

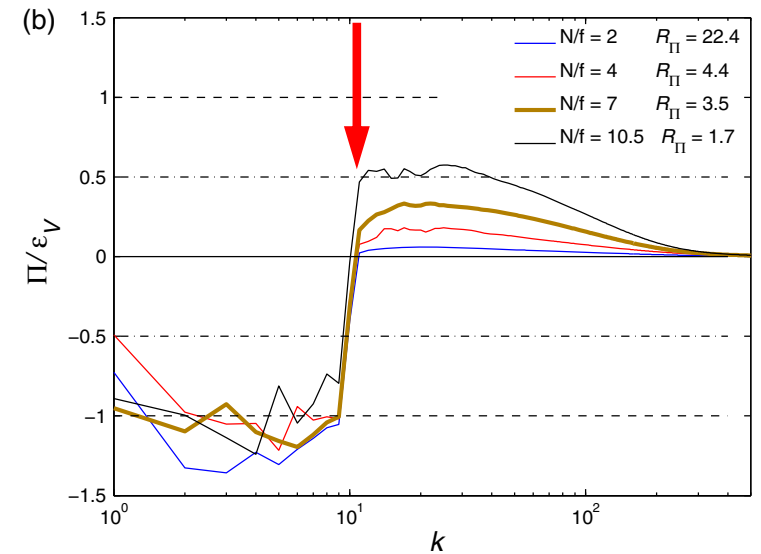
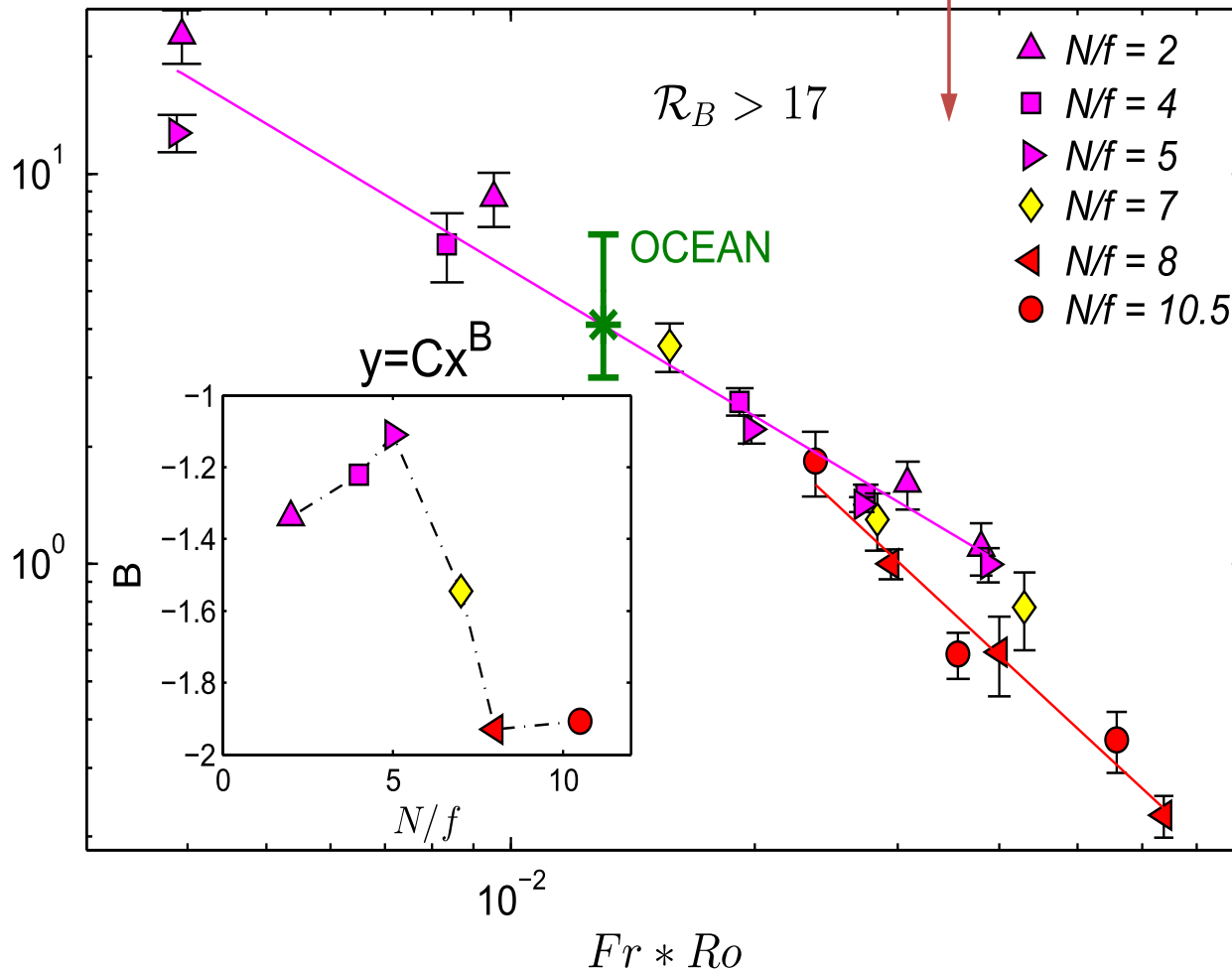
$$\rightarrow \Gamma_f = \langle N\theta w \rangle / \varepsilon_v \sim \text{Fr}^{-2}$$



# Perspective (2): Forced runs

- Analyze runs of rotating stratified turbulence with **isotropic forcing** at intermediate scale ( $k_f \sim 10$ ): what are their mixing properties?

Pouquet+ 2013 ; Marino+ 2015 (rot+strat)



$$R_{\Pi} = \varepsilon_{LS} / \varepsilon_{ss}$$

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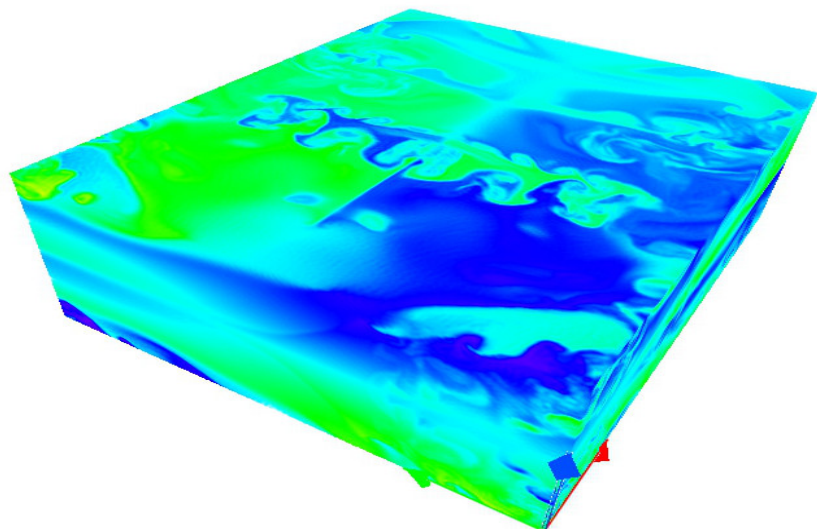
$$\rightarrow R_{\Pi} = \varepsilon_{LS} / \varepsilon_{ss} \sim [Ro \cdot Fr]^{-1}$$

with transition at  $Ro \sim 0.45$

# Perspective (3): Shallow fluids

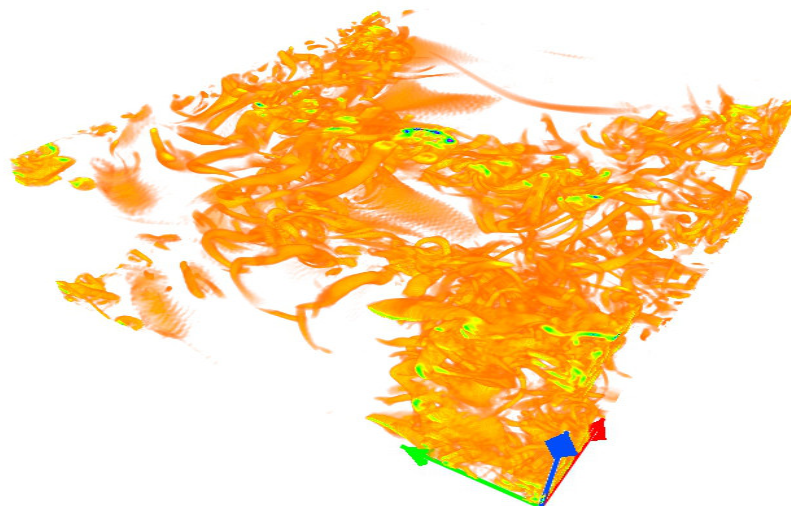
- Explore the dynamics in match boxes:
- Example;  $2048^2 \times 256$  points with Taylor-Green forcing, resulting locally in strong vertical shear, and strong dissipation, with fronts and filaments

Temperature



&

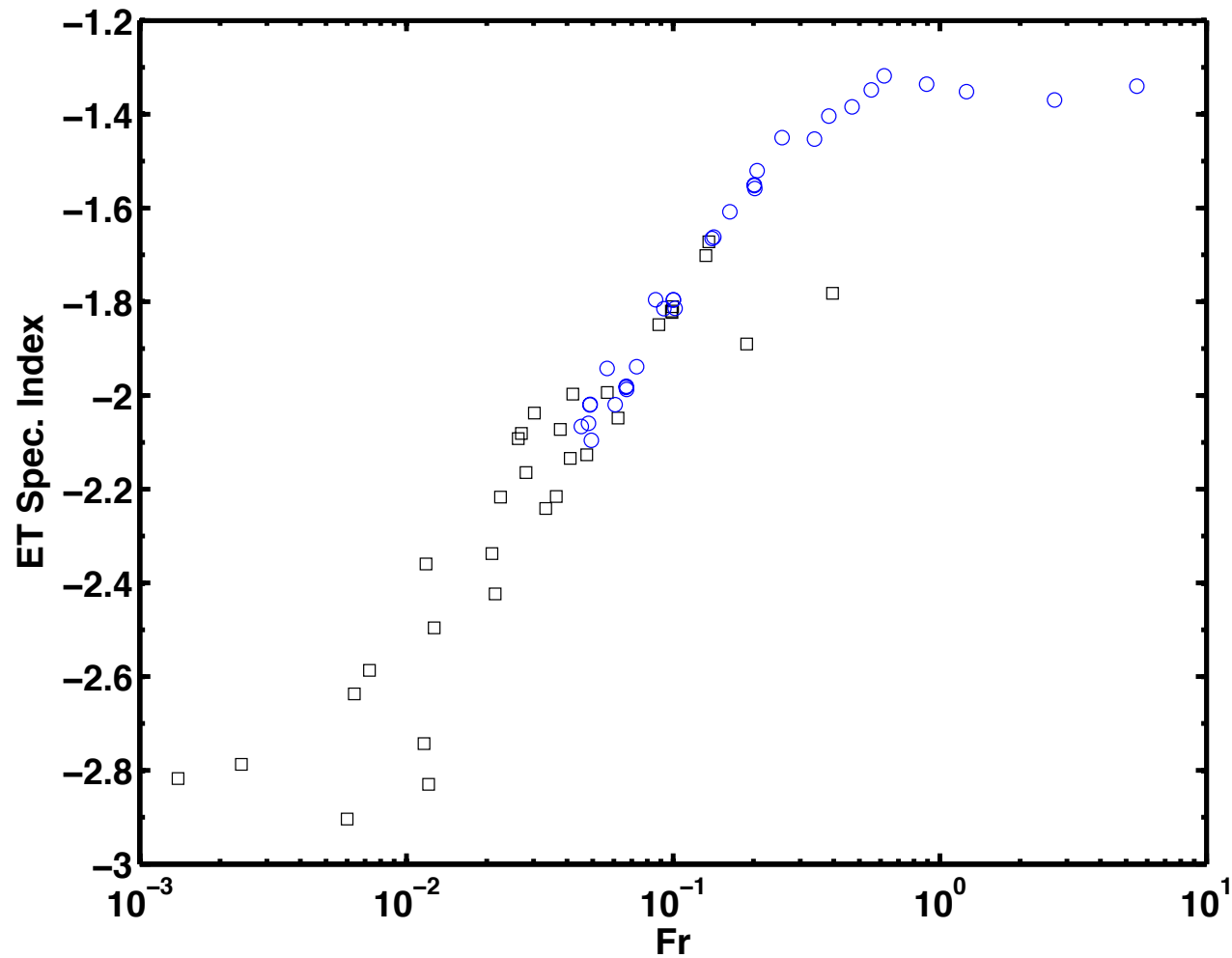
vorticity (*Oks+*, [arXiv 1706.10287](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.10287))



# Summary and perspectives:

- There are three distinct regimes in rotating stratified turbulence, determined by the Froude number for high enough Reynolds number, with somewhat different thresholds when analyzing different fields: Strong waves, eddy-wave interactions and full turbulence
- Mixing efficiency and flux Richardson number vary measurably in the intermediate regime,  $0.01 \leq Fr \leq 0.5$  ( $1 \leq R_B \leq 1000$ ), and with scaling laws
- Dissipation increases as Froude, “weak” turbulence regime, for  $R_B \approx 10$ - $10^3$
- Lower values of mixing efficiency at high  $R_B$  → *the velocity and temperature fluctuations are only weakly coupled (passive scalar regime)*
- Together, large numerical resolution and large parametric study allow for some scale separation and for understanding separately the roles of some of the players
- Local instabilities and very intense local small-scale dynamics (*more so than in FDT*)
- Role of Reynolds number in mixing, in the intermediate regime in particular?
- Roles of I.C. or forcing (3D vs. 2D,  $\theta$  or not, vortices vs. waves, balanced or not ...), of non-local interactions, of large-scale instabilities & of large-scale friction?
- Intermittency high kurtosis and non-monotonicity ([Rorai+ 2014](#); [Feraco+ ArXiv 2018](#))

ET Spec. Index v. Fr,  $k_{max}/k_{eta} > 1.25$



Spectral index of  
total energy spectra:

Again 3 regimes  
and going  
*smoothly* from  
“-3”  
to  
“-5/3”

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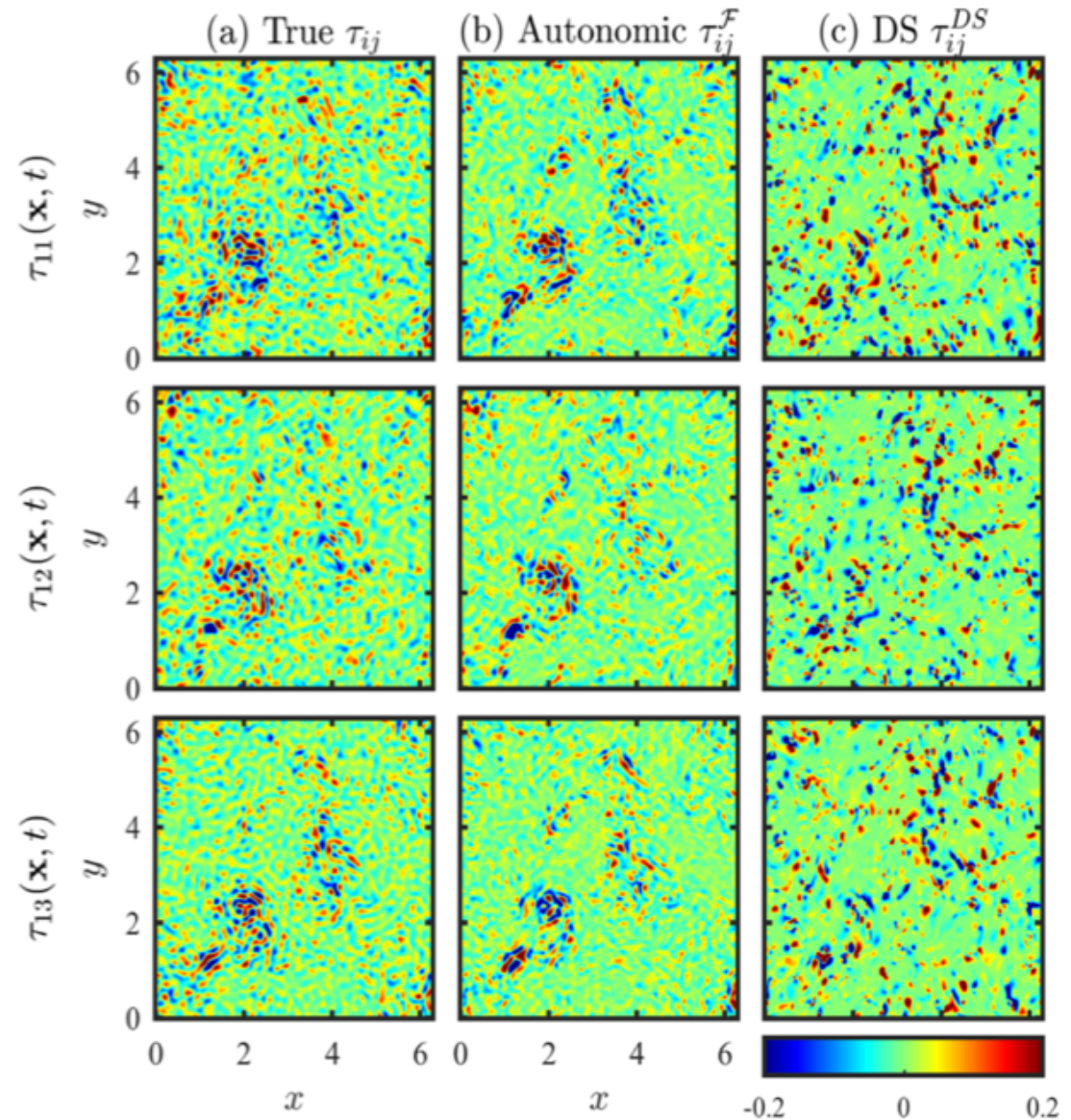


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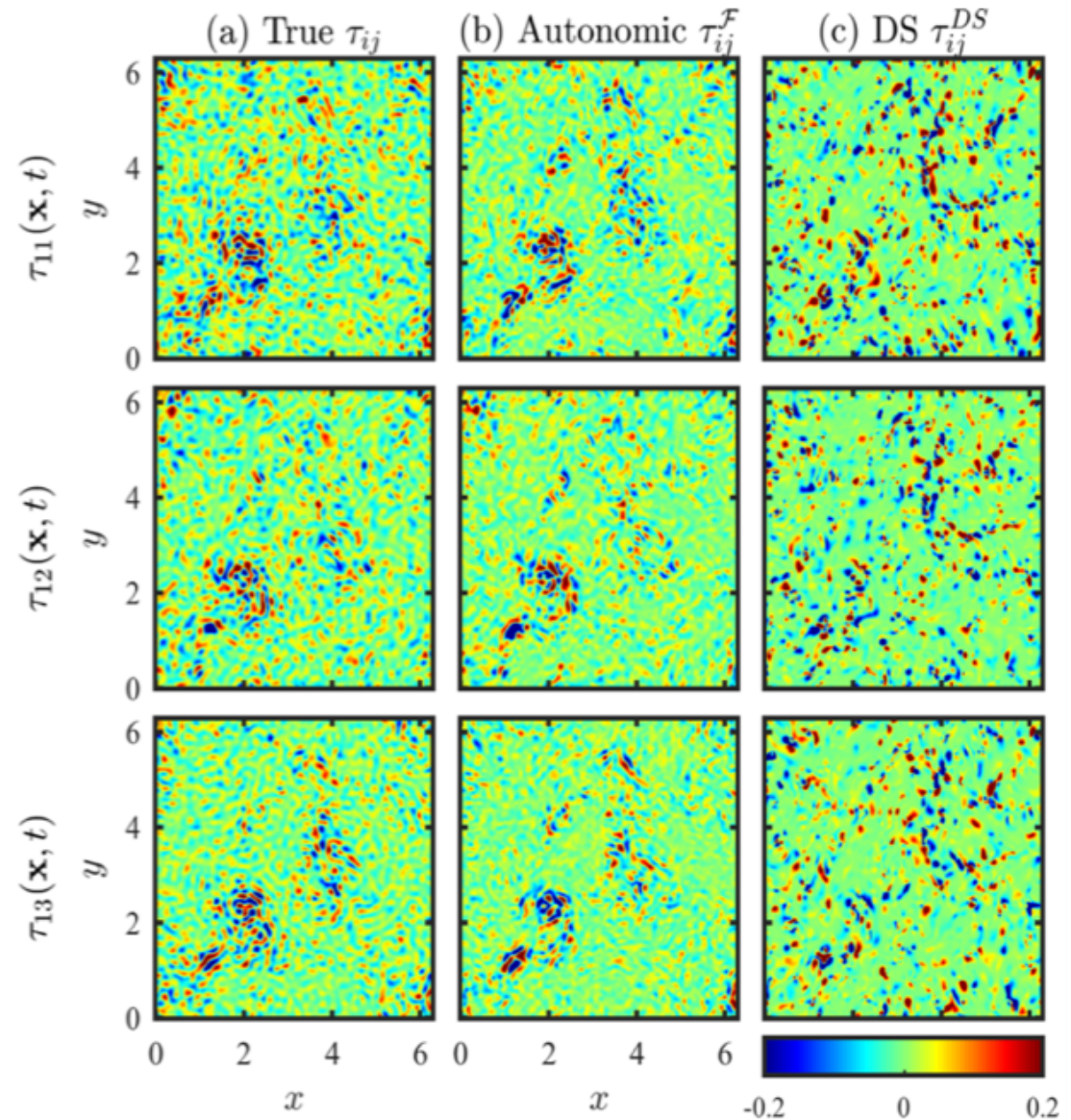
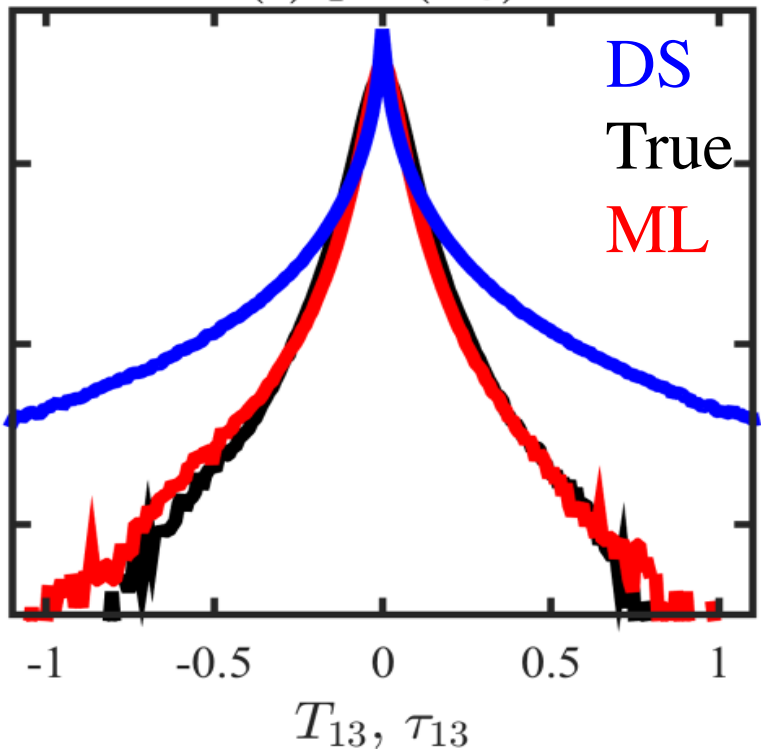
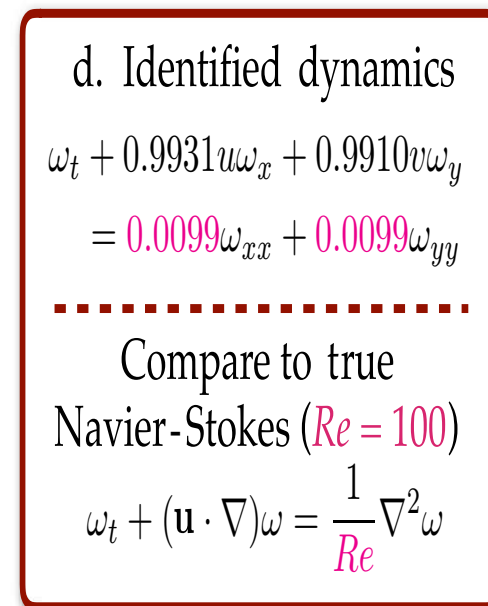
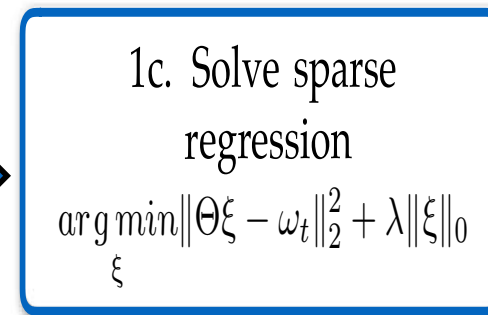
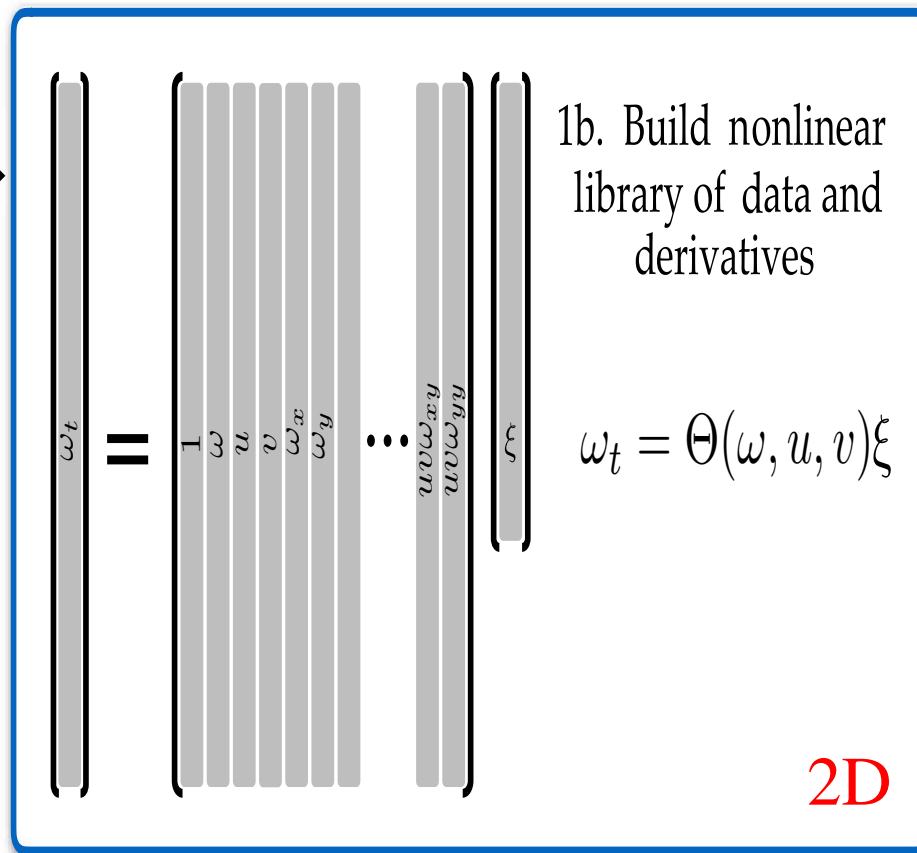
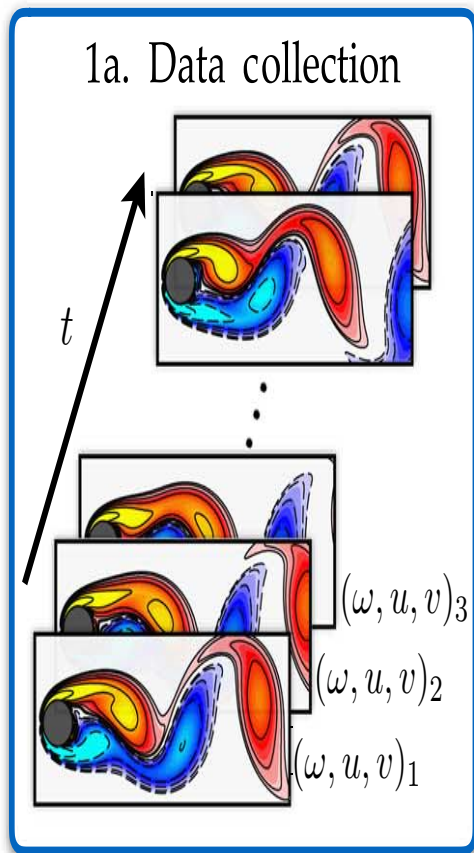


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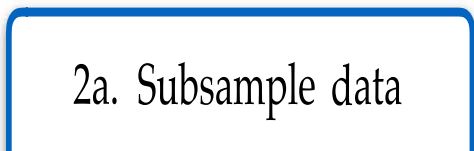
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Full data



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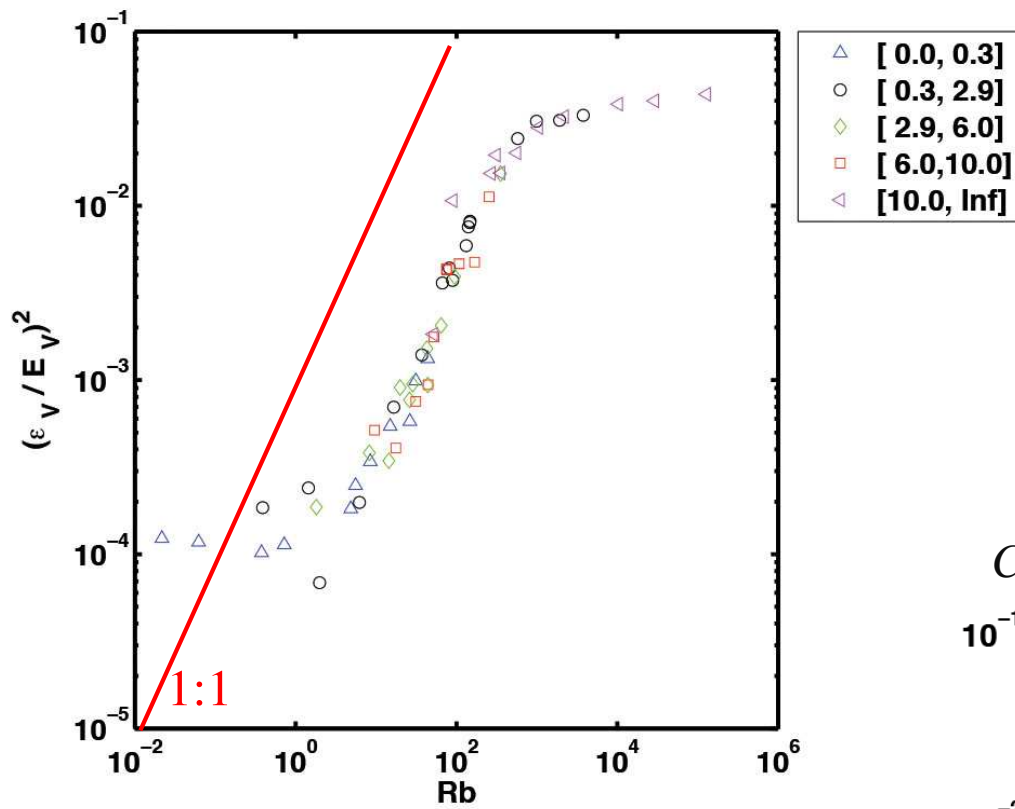


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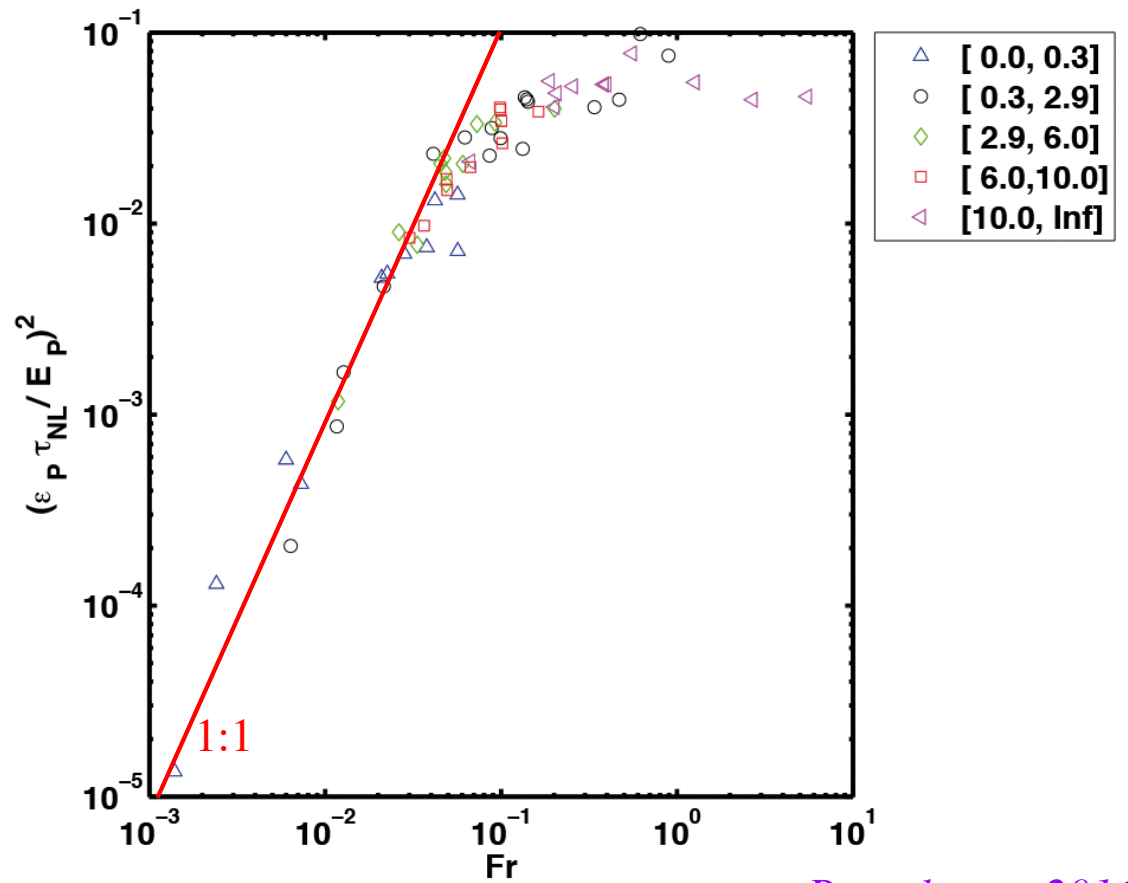
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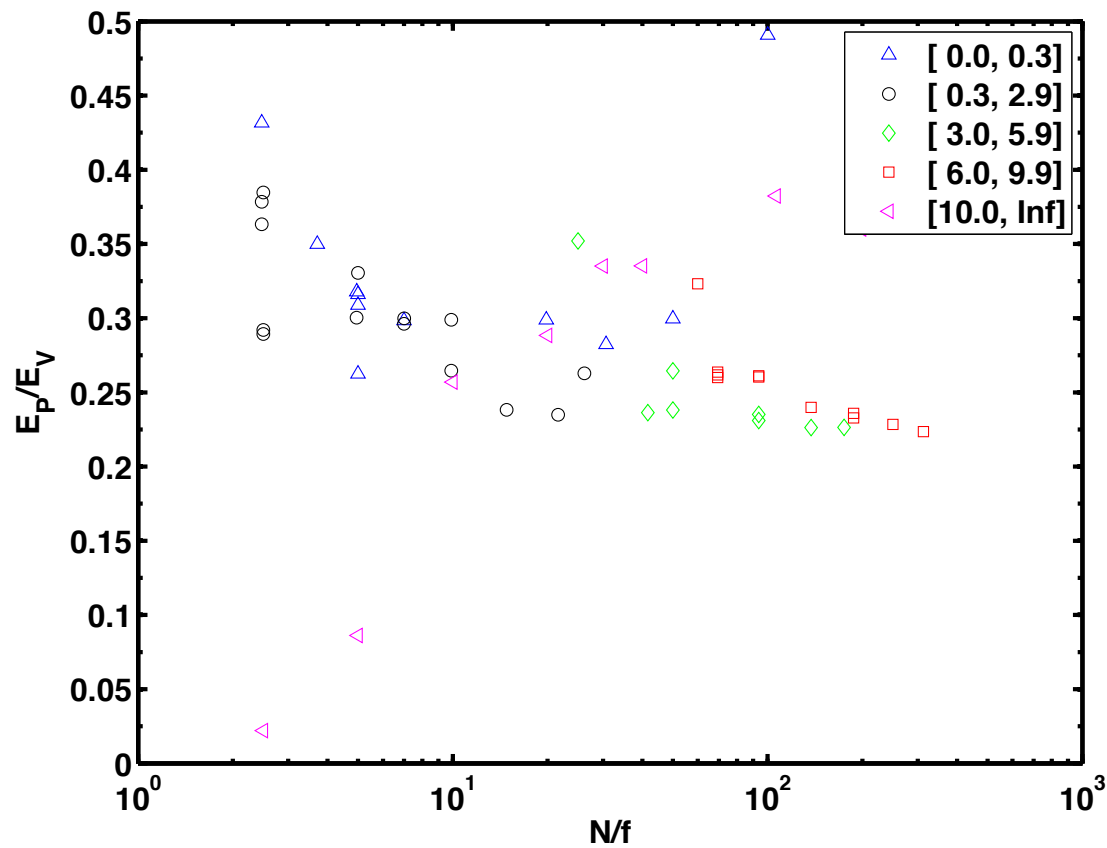
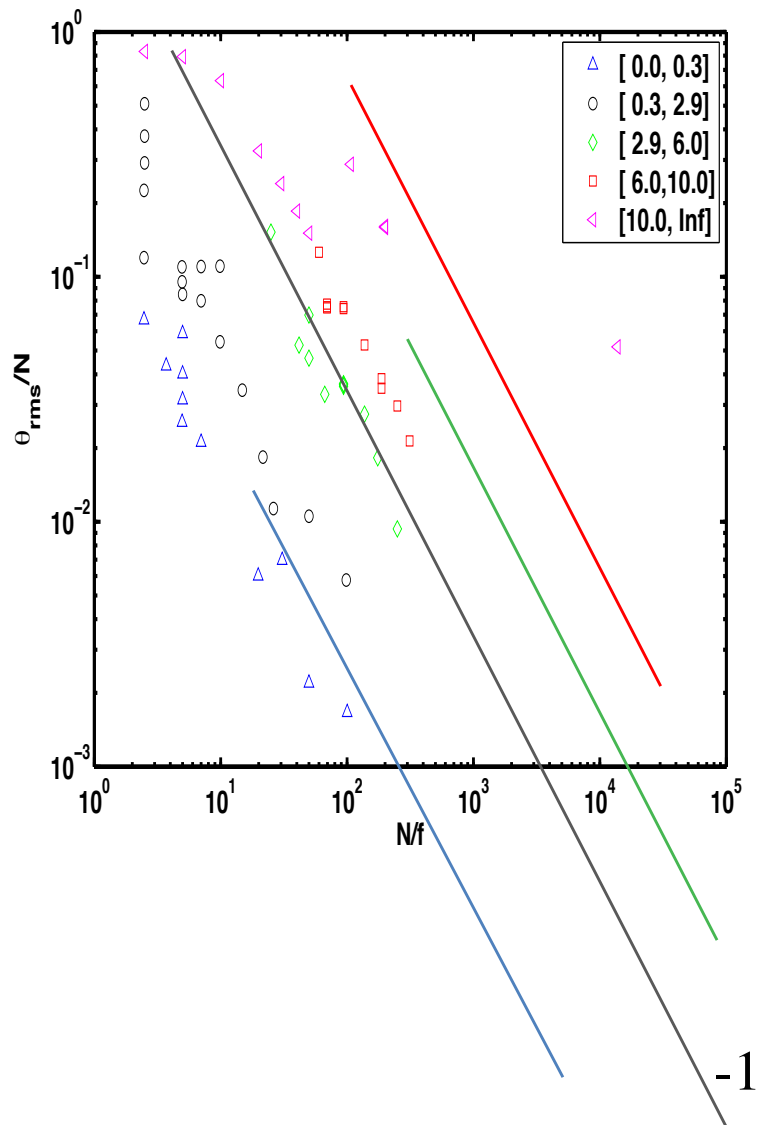
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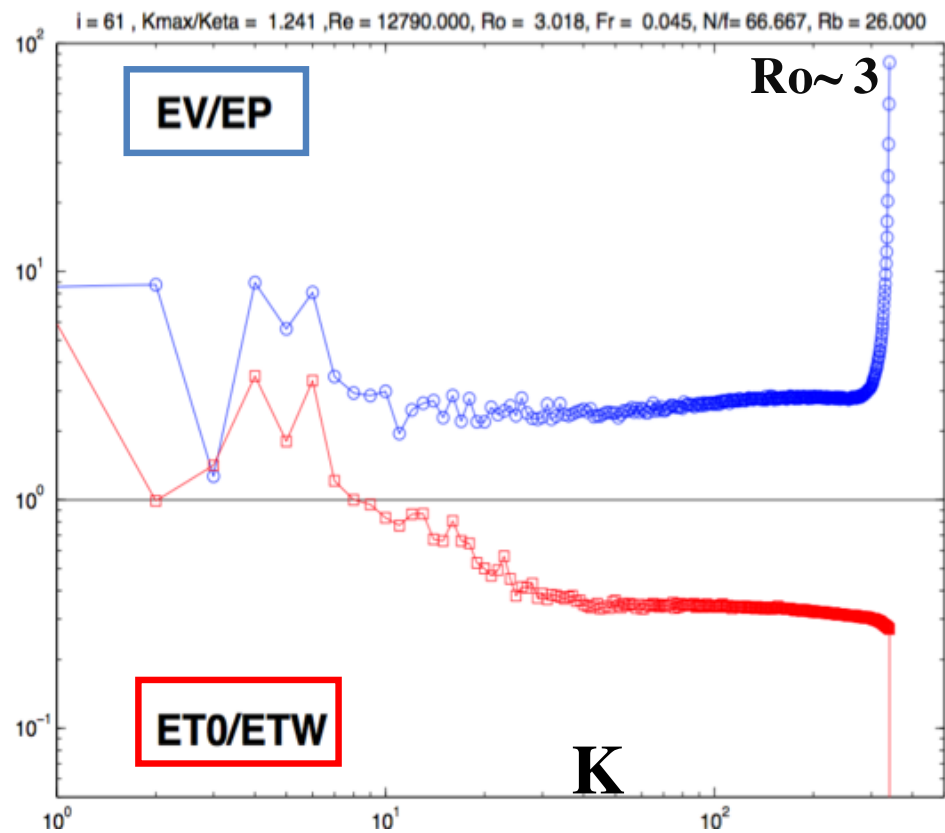
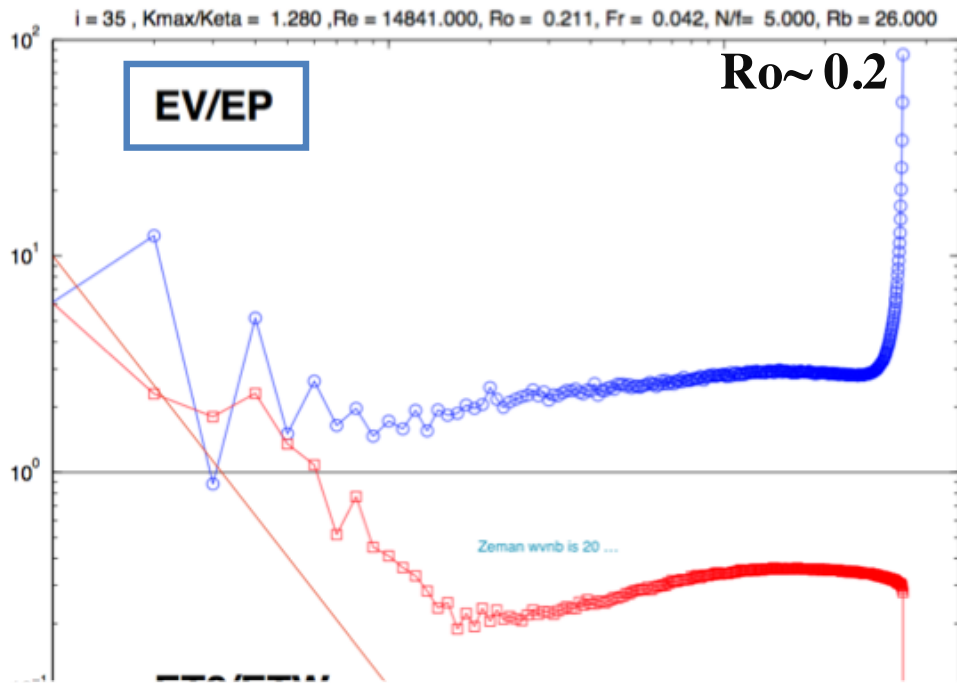


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# Variations with $N/f$ of ←Ellison scale and $E_P/E_V \downarrow$





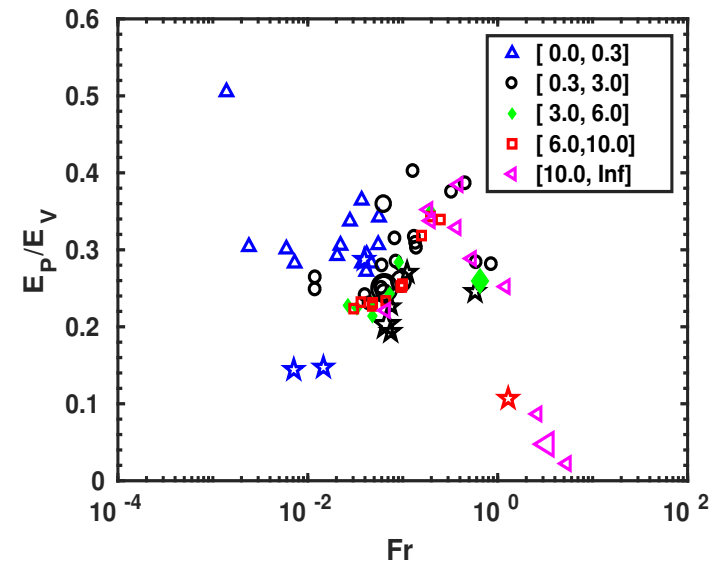
## Ratios of energy spectra at peak:

Kinetic to potential

and

zero to wave mode

←  $Fr = 0.04, R_B \sim 26$



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# Ratio of potential to total energy dissipation

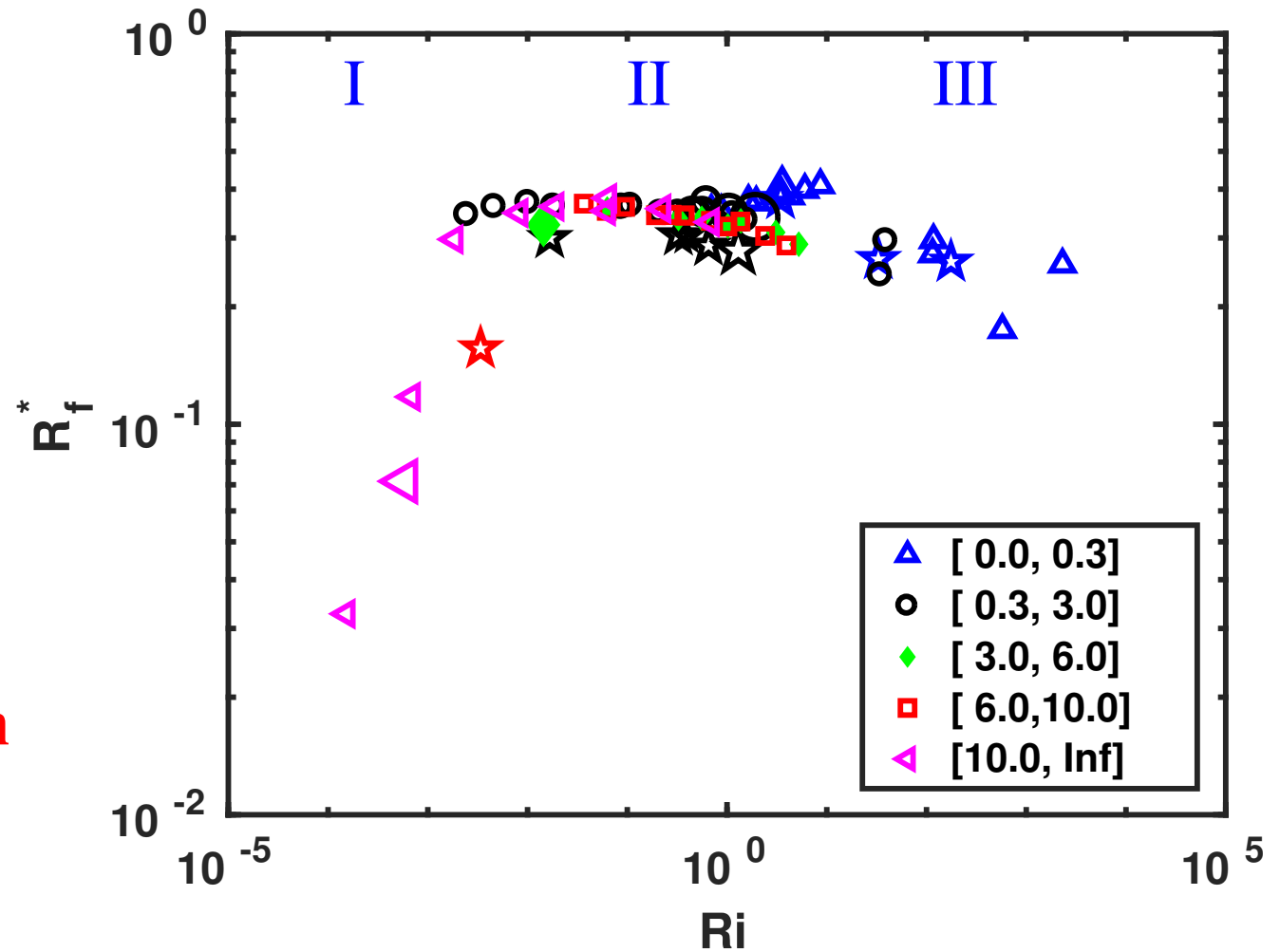
$$\frac{\varepsilon_p}{[\varepsilon_p + \varepsilon_v]}$$

versus

*Richardson Number*

$$Ri \equiv [N / \langle \partial_z u_{\perp} \rangle]^2$$

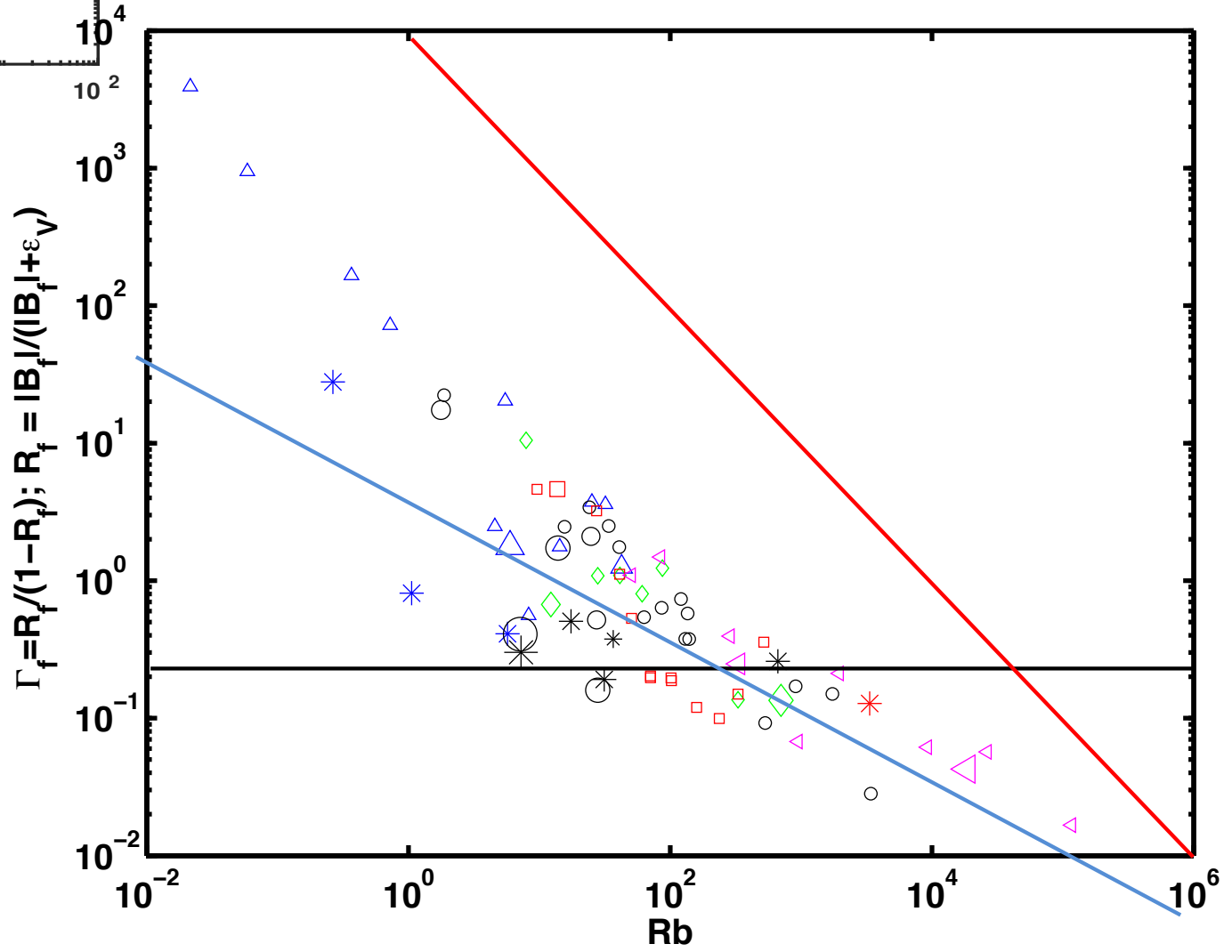
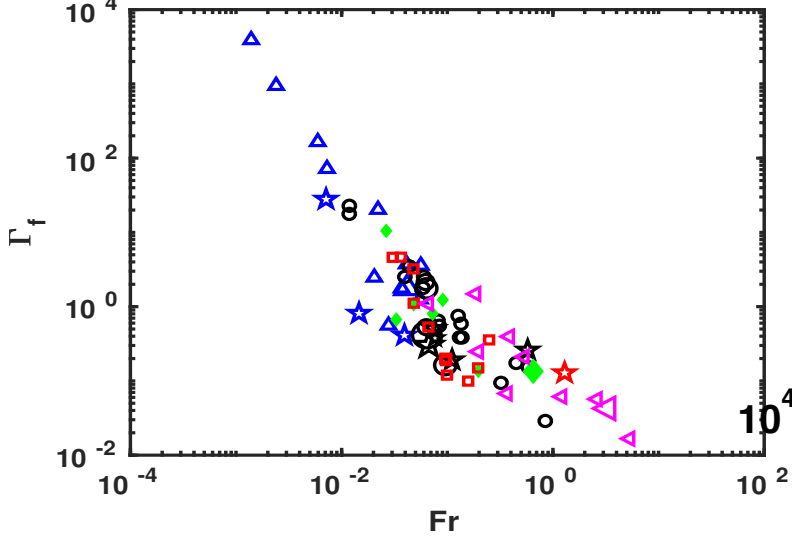
Rather constant in regime II,  
*but slight effect of rotation (blue triangles)*



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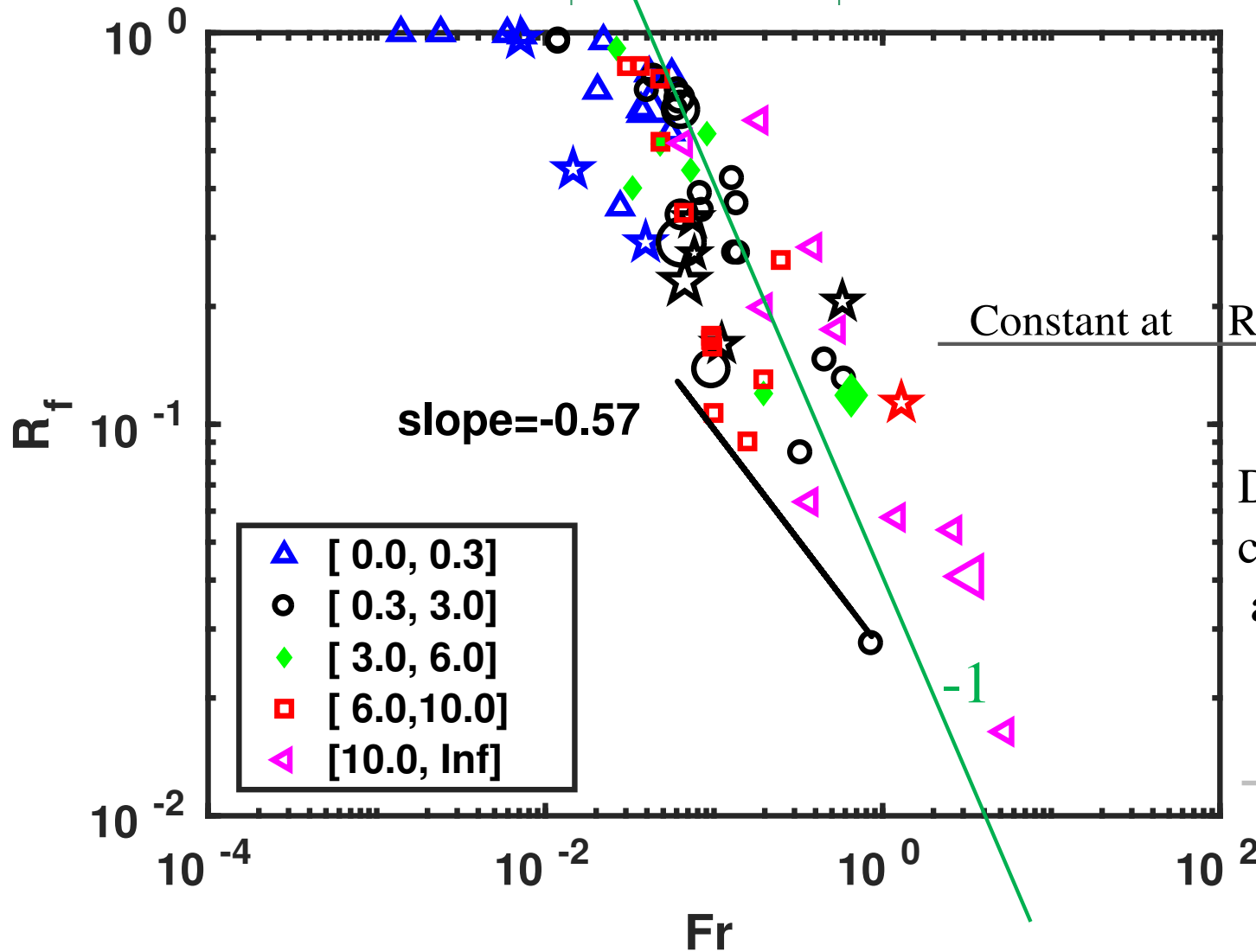
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Mixing efficiency  
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in terms of  $R_B$





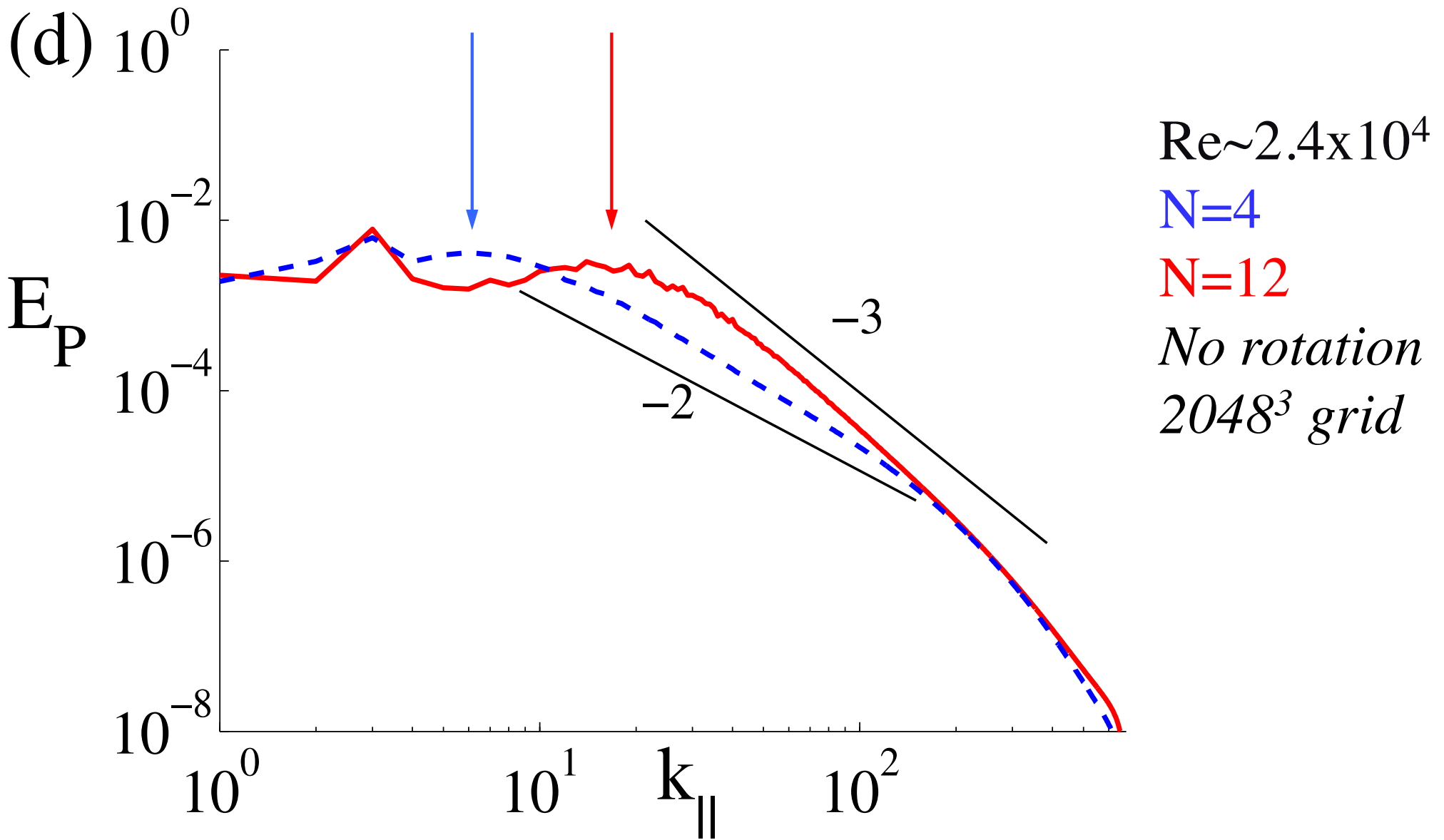
Flux Richardson  
 number:  $R_f = B_f / [B_f + \epsilon_v]$



Dependency on initial conditions for  $\theta$  (small), and on  $N/f$  (large)?

$v_{shw} \sim [N/f] d_{\perp} \theta$   
 $\rightarrow \theta \sim U[f/N] < 1$

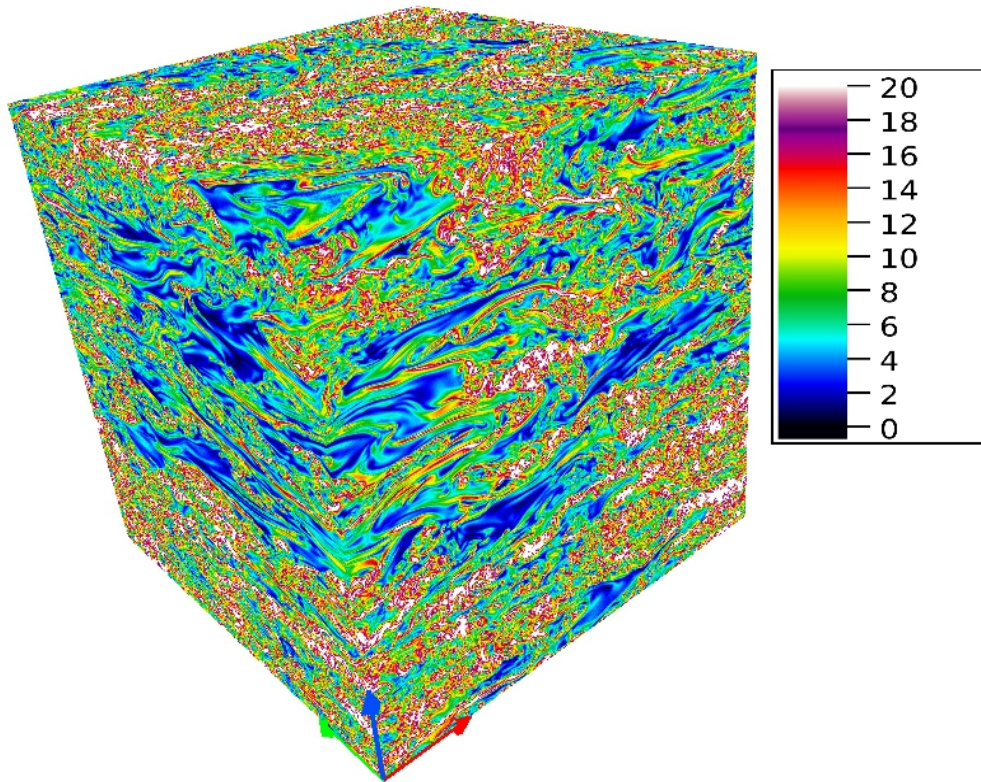
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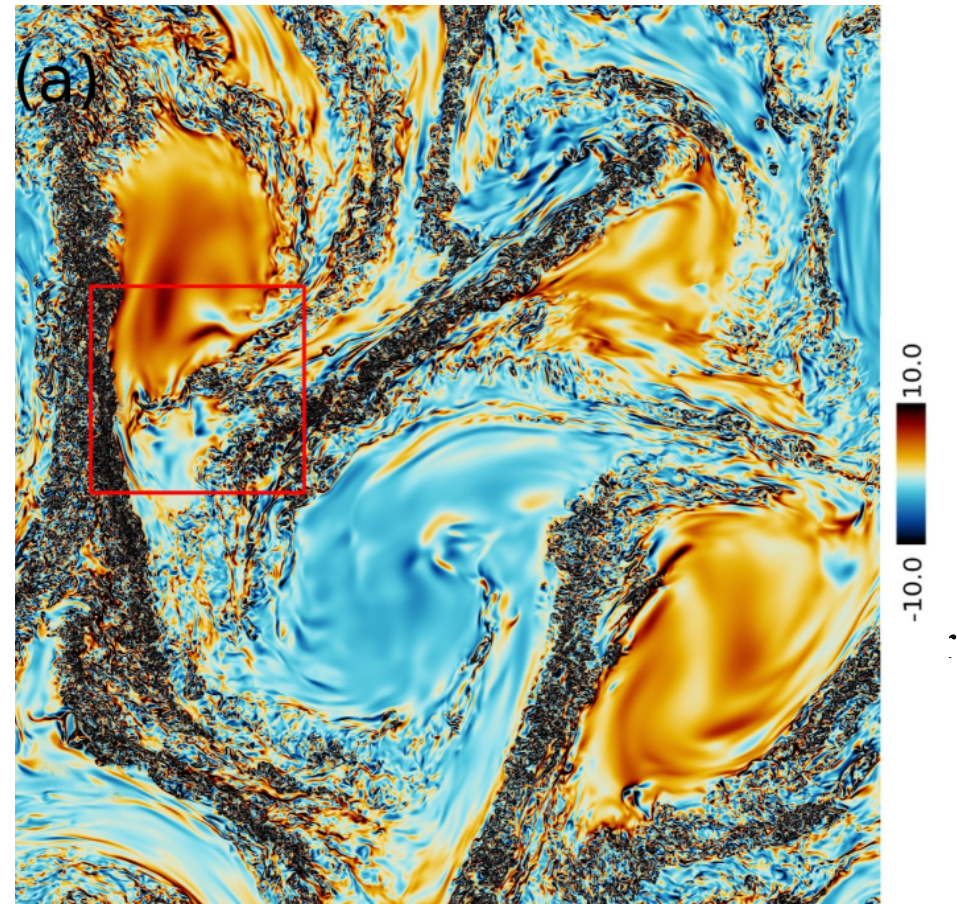
Potential energy =  $f(k_z)$ :  
 Plateau until  $k_B \sim N/U$ ,  
 the buoyancy wvnb.

# Incompressible Boussinesq equations + rotation

Vorticity, 3D rendering “atmosphere”  
 $Ro = 9.2$ ,  $Fr = 0.067$ ,  $Re \simeq 12000$ ,  $R_B \sim 53$ ,  
 $N/f = 137$ ,  $1024^3$  grid, ... (Rosenberg+ 2016)



Vorticity, 2D cut, “ocean”,  $Ro \sim 0.12$ ,  
 $Fr \sim 0.024$ ,  $Re \sim 54000$ ,  $R_B \sim 32$ ,  $N/f = 5$ ,  
 $4096^3$  grid, decaying, resolved & strongly  
intermittent (Rosenberg+ 2015)

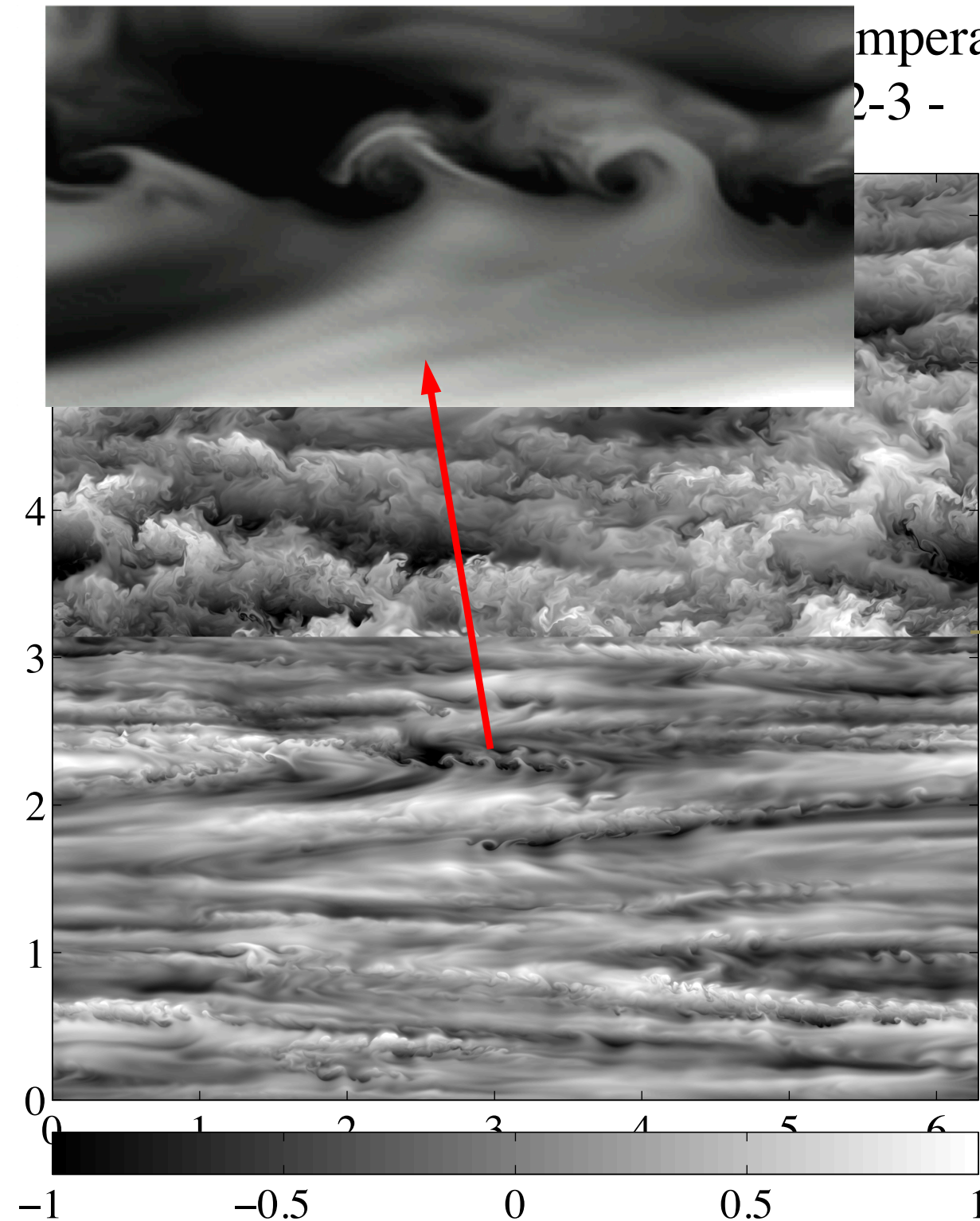


Temperature fluctuations, xz slice  
2-3 - **Re ~ 24000, 2048<sup>3</sup> grids, f=0**

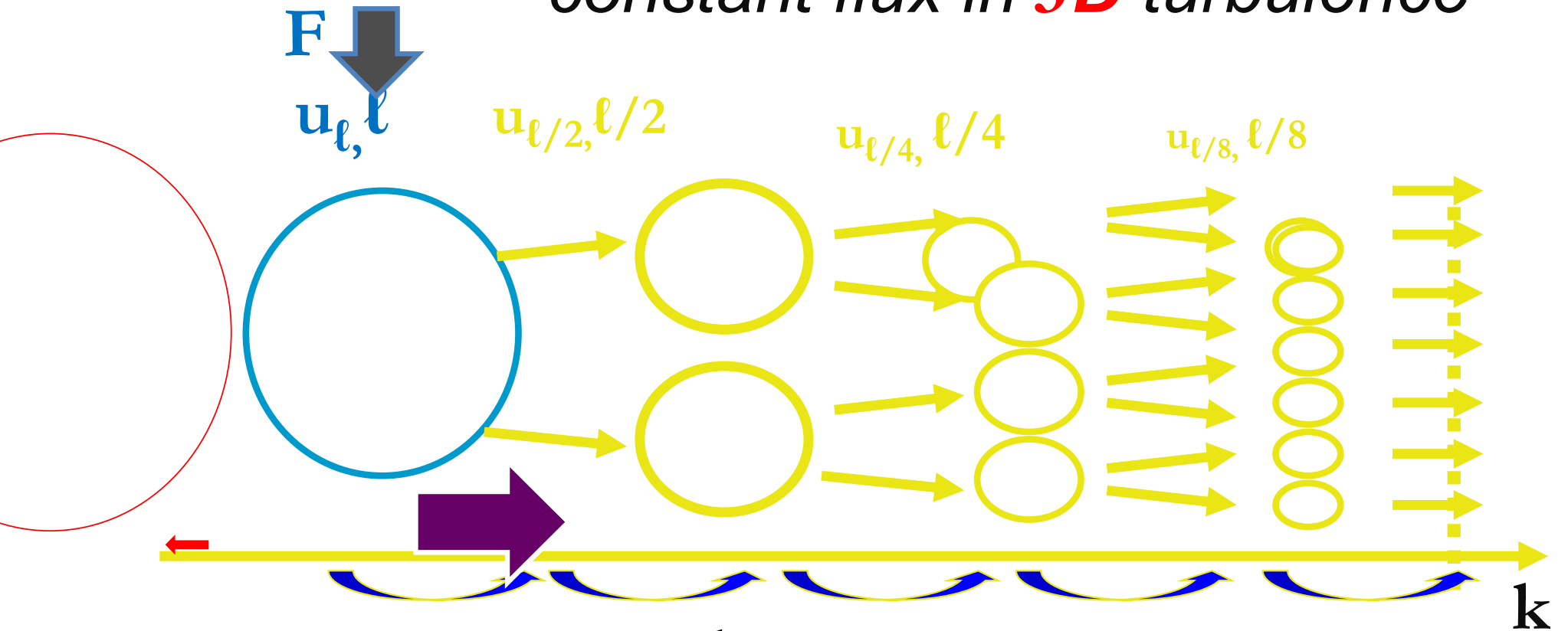
$N=4, \quad Fr \sim 0.11$   
 $R_B = ReFr^2 \sim 300$

$N=12, Fr \sim 0.03$   
 $R_B \sim 22$

*Rorai et al., 2014*



# Classical energy cascade with constant flux in **3D** turbulence



$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b))$$

Advection

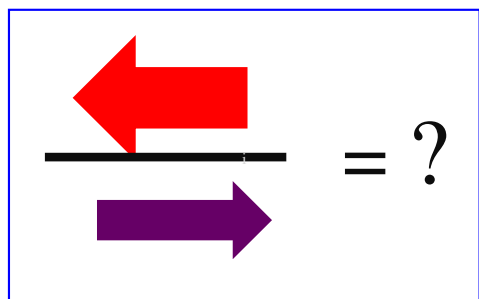
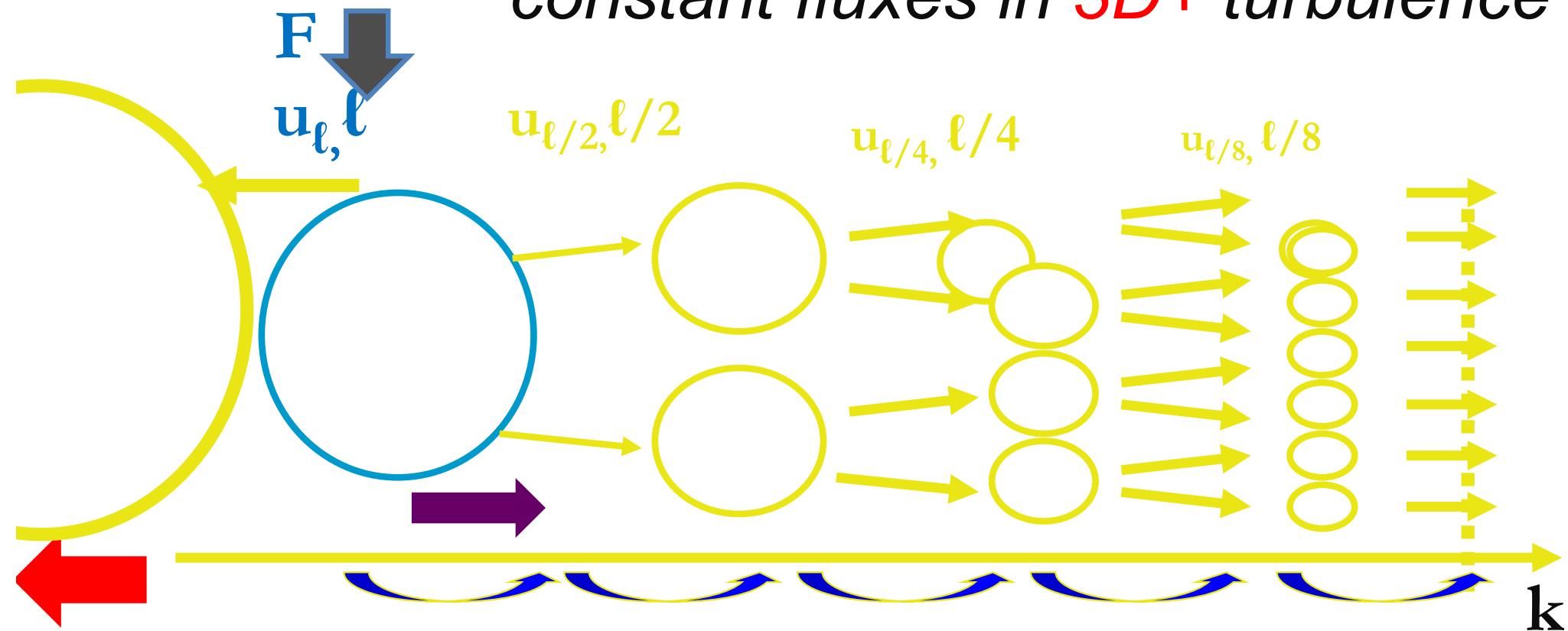
$u \cdot \text{grad}(u) \rightarrow$  Fourier : E goes to small & large scales

$\rightarrow$  Convolution

Eddy viscosity & eddy noise



# Dual energy cascades with dual constant fluxes in **3D+** turbulence



Rotation  
 with or without  
 stratification

And/or magnetic field

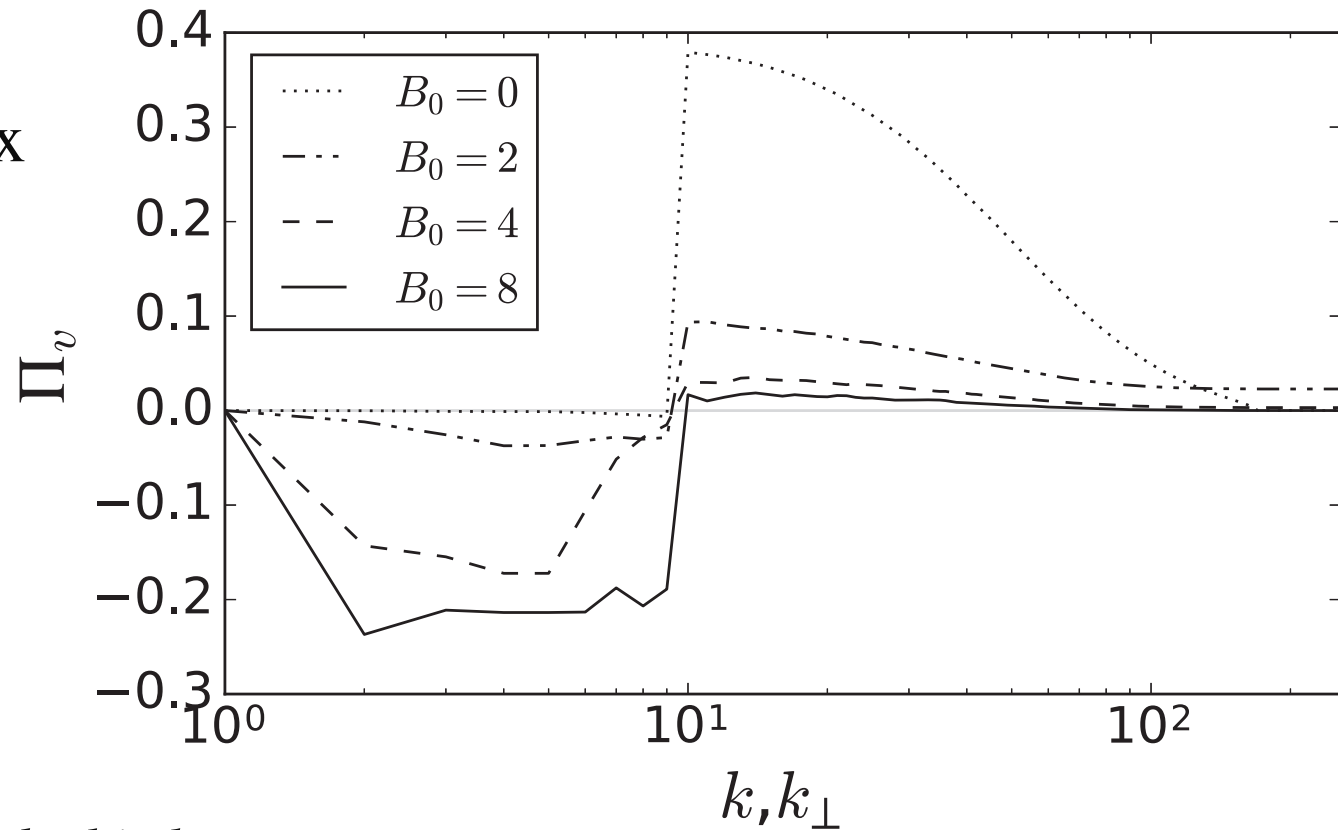
# 3D-MHD + imposed external field $B_0$

+  $F_V$  but with  $F_M = 0$

(Alexakis 2011; Sujovolsky+ 2016)

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Kinetic energy flux



Also: kinetic Alfvén and whistler waves in the “Solar Wind” (Che+ 2014)

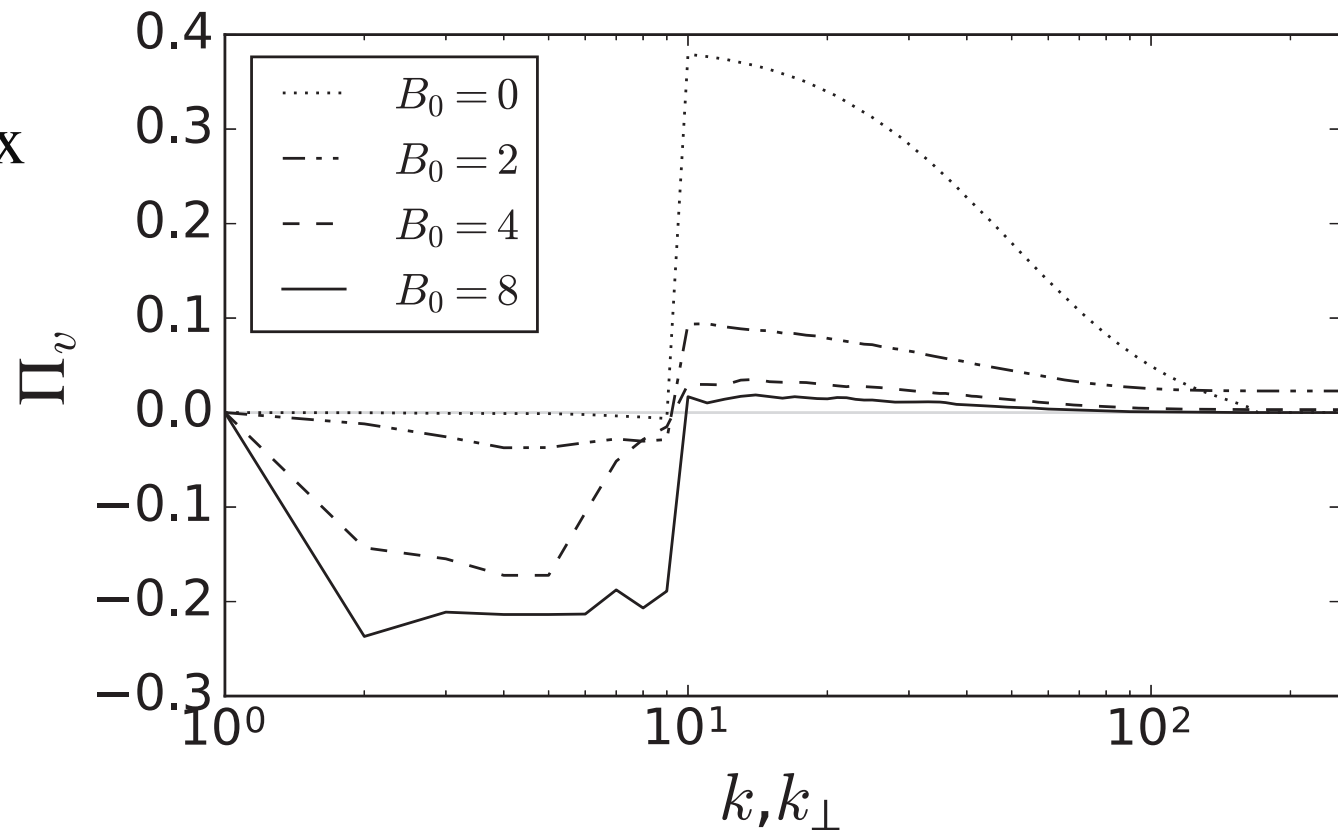
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Possibility of lab. experiment?



# Strictly two-dimensional forced MHD

Control parameter:  $\mu = F_M/F_V$

## FLUXES

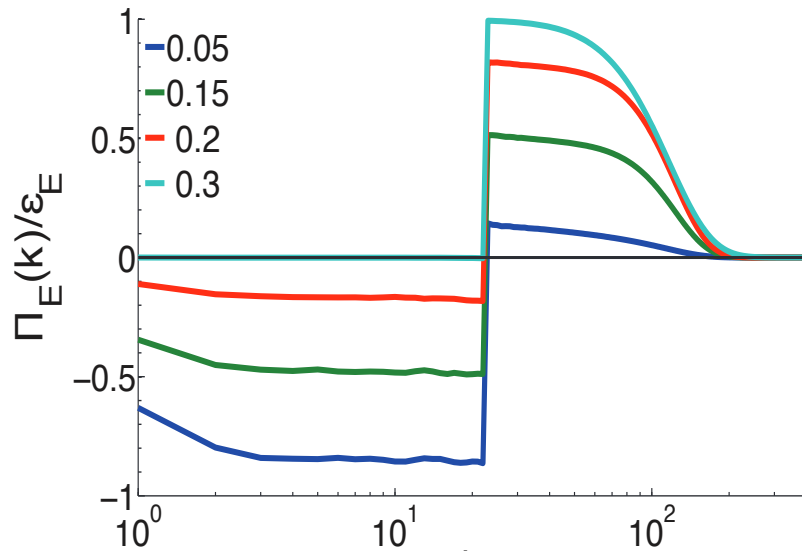
$$\epsilon_E^- \propto (\mu_c - \mu)^{\gamma_E}$$

$$\epsilon_A^- \propto (\mu - \mu_c)^{\gamma_A}$$

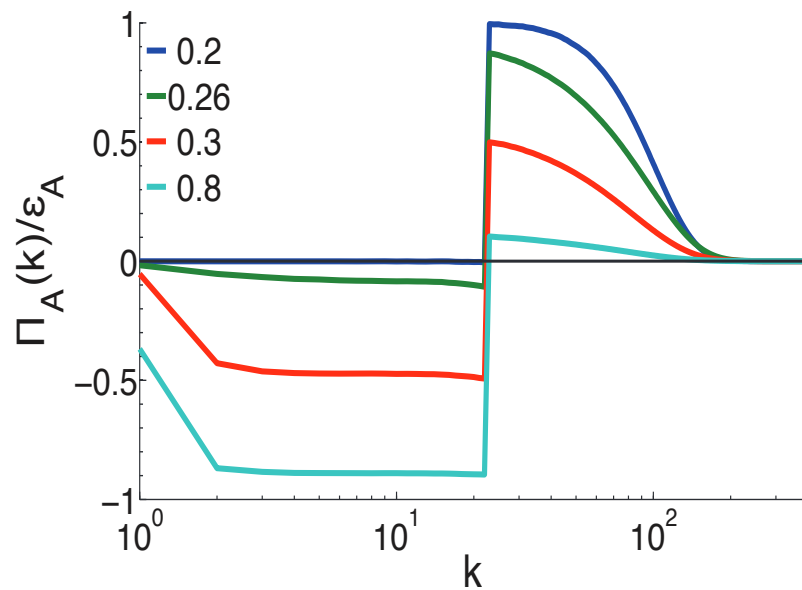
$$\gamma_E \sim 0.82$$

$$\gamma_A \sim 0.24$$

$$\mu_c \sim 0.22_{(E)} \text{ or } 0.25_{(A)}$$



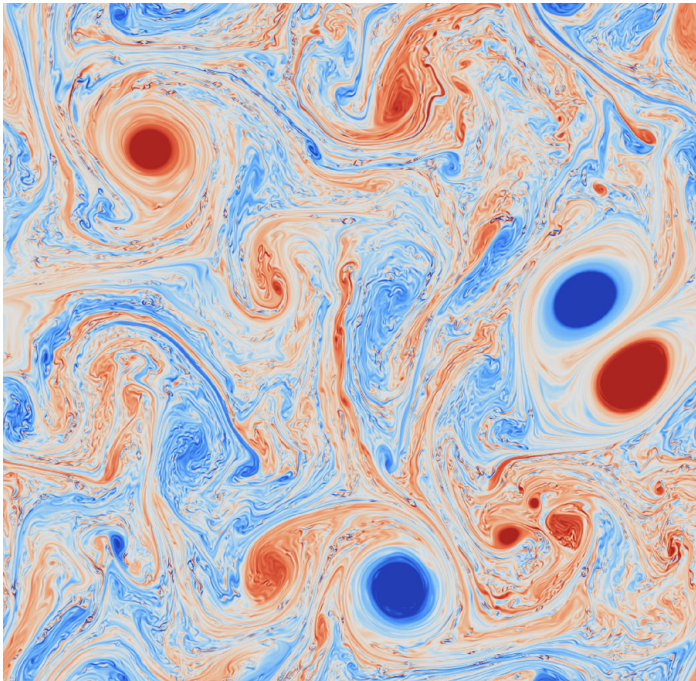
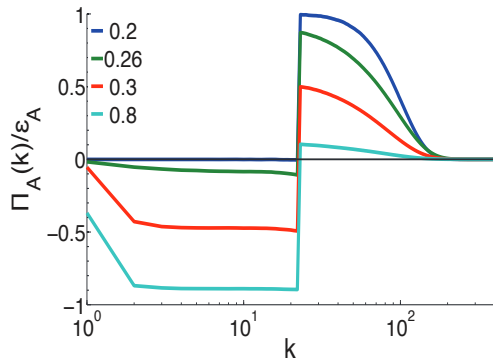
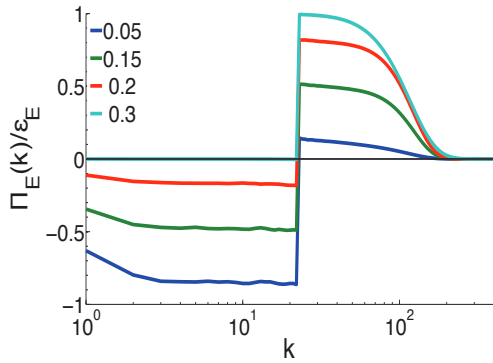
Energy  $\uparrow$  and magnetic potential  $\downarrow$



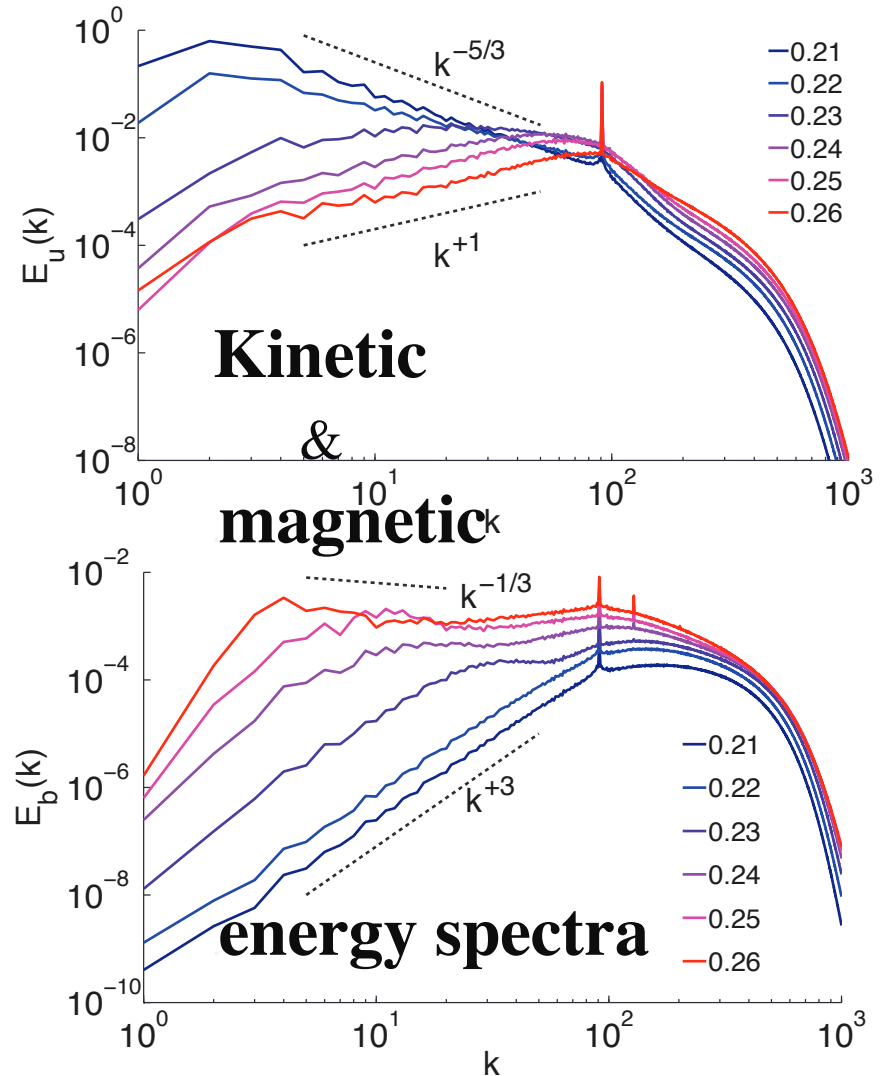
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$$E_A(k) = k^{-2} E_M(k)$$

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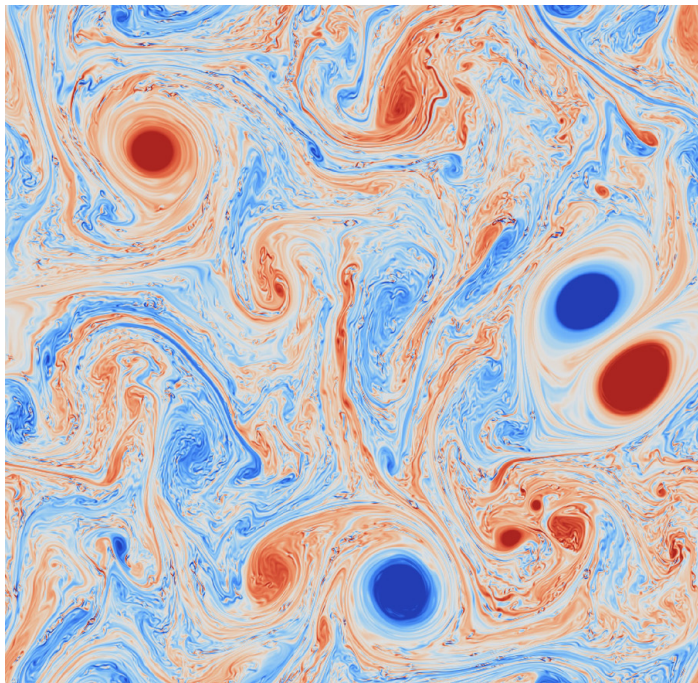
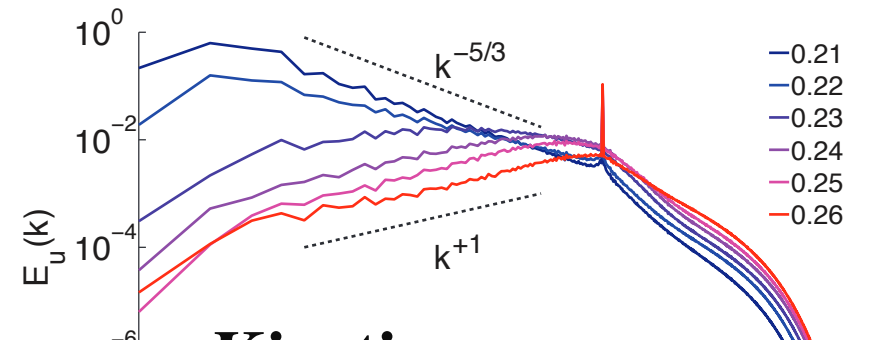
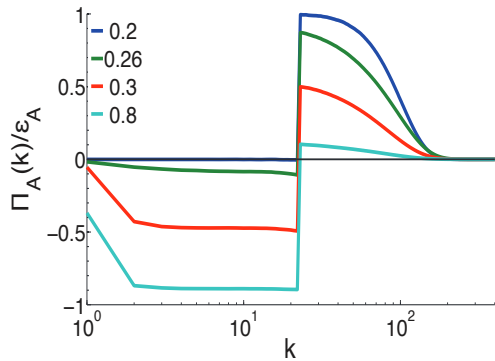
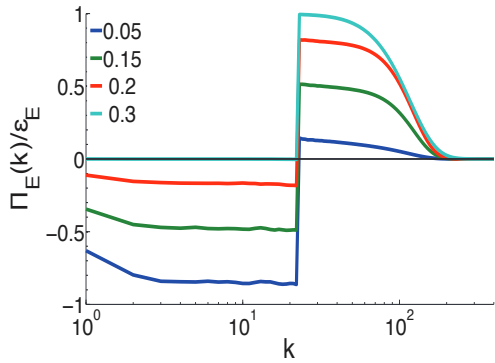
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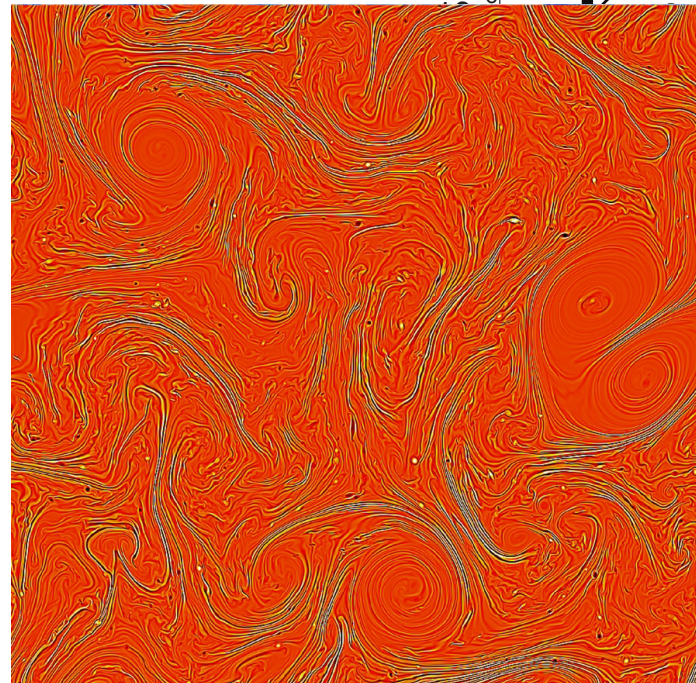
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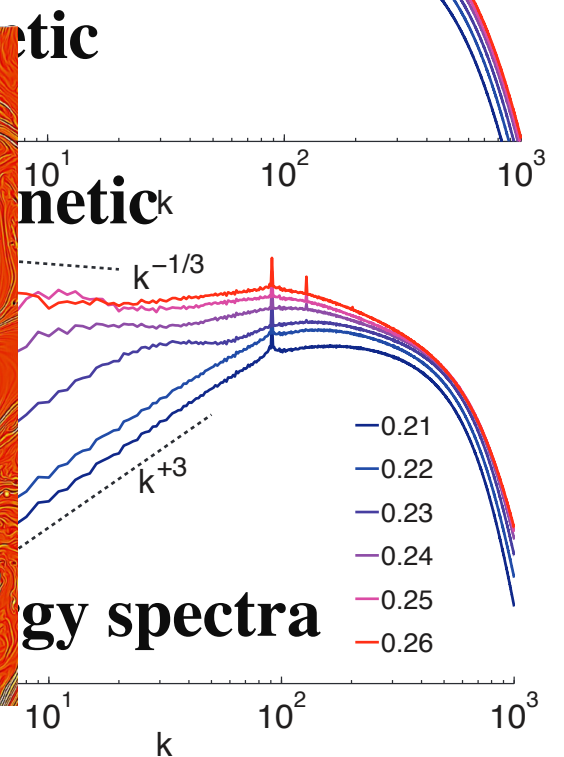
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Current



Energy spectra