

Transition to (spatio-temporal complexity and) turbulence in thermoconvection & aerodynamics

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Session	Date	Content
1 -	29/09	Thermoconvection: phenomena, equations, differentially heated cavity, cavity heated from below = RB cavity, linear stability analysis
2 -	06/10	RB Thermoconvection: linear stability analysis
3 -	13/10	RB Thermoconvection: (weakly) nonlinear phenomena
→ 4 -	20/10	Aerodynamics of OSF : linear stability analysis
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	24/11	Examination

RB* = Rayleigh-Bénard

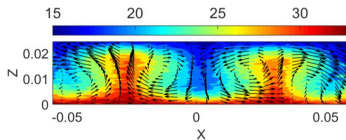
OSF* = Open Shear Flows

Today: session 4: transition in open shear flows:

- Introduction: OSF, instabilities of OSF, Rayleigh criterion
- Numerical linear stability analysis of plane Poiseuille flow: towards TS waves

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[Leclerc & Métivier]

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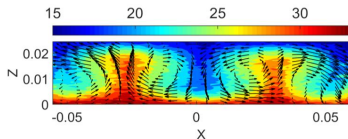
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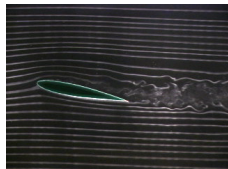
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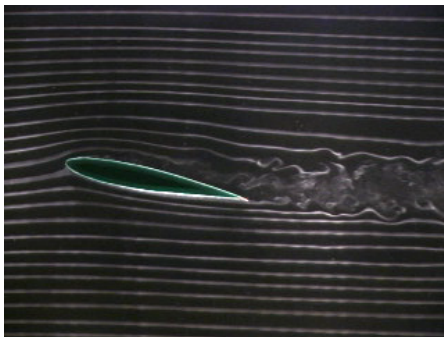
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OSF quite interesting but also quite challenging:

easier to understand $\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T$ than $(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}$!

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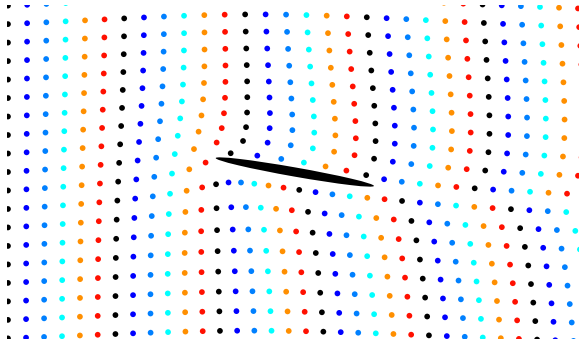
Turbulent (?) **flow** around an obstacle, an airfoil, at an angle of attack $\alpha = 15^\circ$, observed with smoke in a wind tunnel at U. Stanford:



[Homsy et al. 2019 *Multimedia Fluid Mechanics Online*. Cambridge University Press
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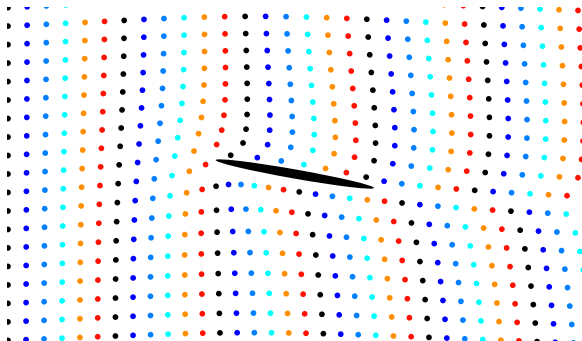
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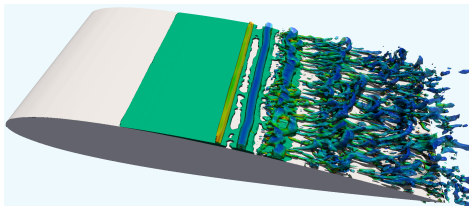
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[Tangermann & Klein 2019 in *New Results in Numerical and Experimental Fluid Mechanics XII* - Springer
www.unibw.de/numerik]

Q criterion to detect numerically vortices

Vortices detected by the condition that **vorticity** dominates **strain** in the local gradient of velocity

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} + \mathbf{S}$$

with the **rate-of-vorticity** tensor

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} - \nabla \mathbf{v}^T)$$

and the **rate-of-strain** tensor

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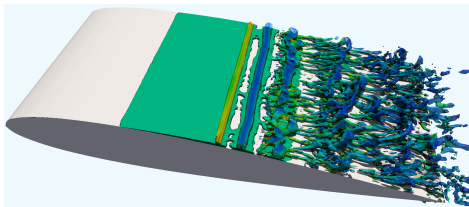
$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\Omega} : \boldsymbol{\Omega}^T - \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{S}^T) = \frac{1}{2}(\Omega_{ij}\Omega_{ij} - S_{ij}S_{ij}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_{x_i} v_j)(\partial_{x_j} v_i) > 0.$$

[Hunt, Wray & Moin 1988 Eddies, streams, and convergence zones in turbulent flows. *NASA report*;
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This is **quite complex**

→ we want to study **this question** in **simpler cases !**

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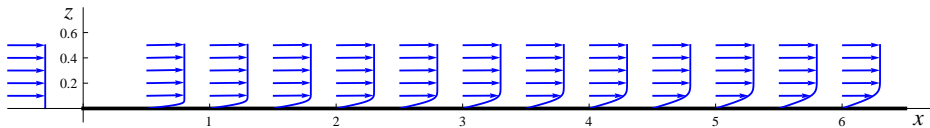
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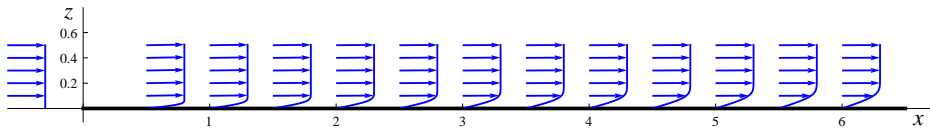
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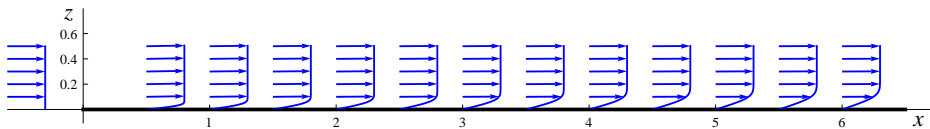
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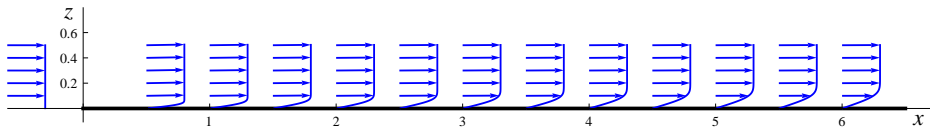
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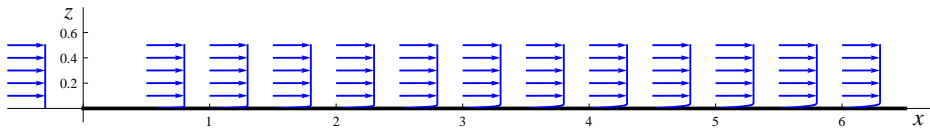
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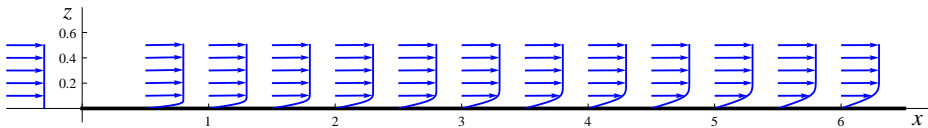
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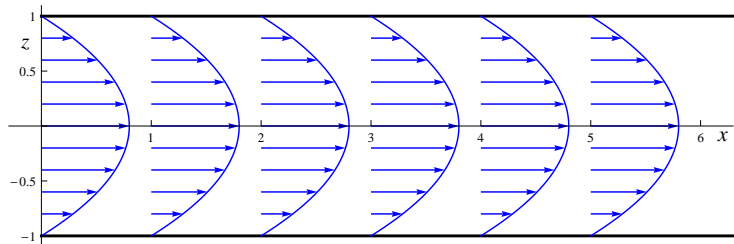
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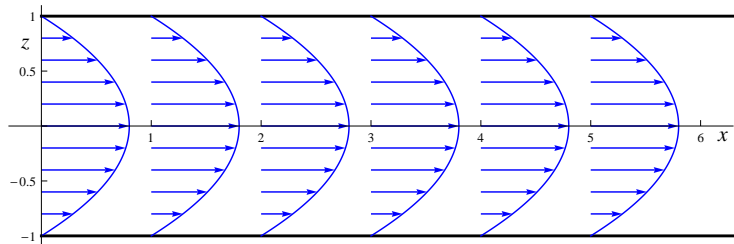


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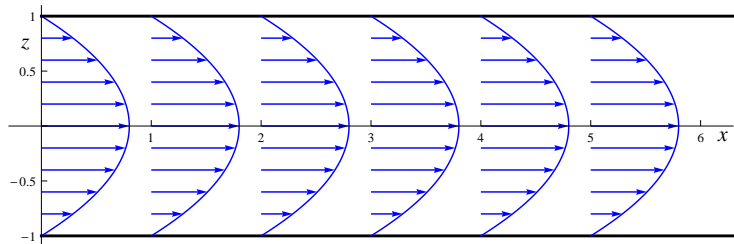


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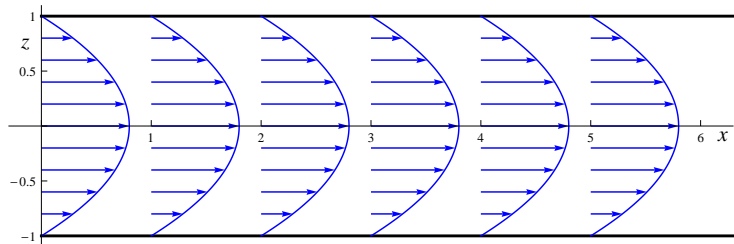


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Particular case of **plane parallel flow** !

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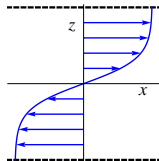
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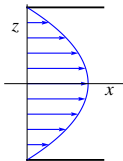
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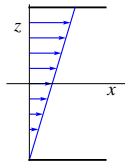
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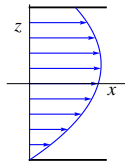
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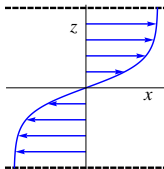
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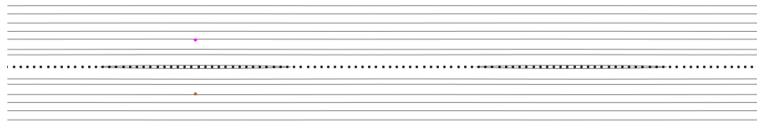
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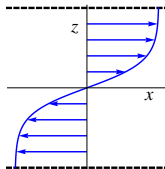


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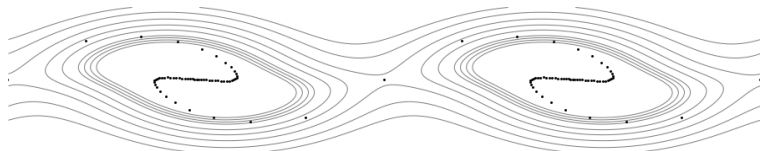
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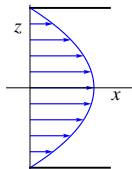


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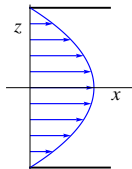
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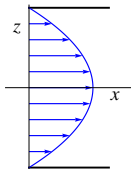
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