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Inlet boundary conditions for Hybrid LES-RANS (Davidson, 2007a, 2007b, 2007c)

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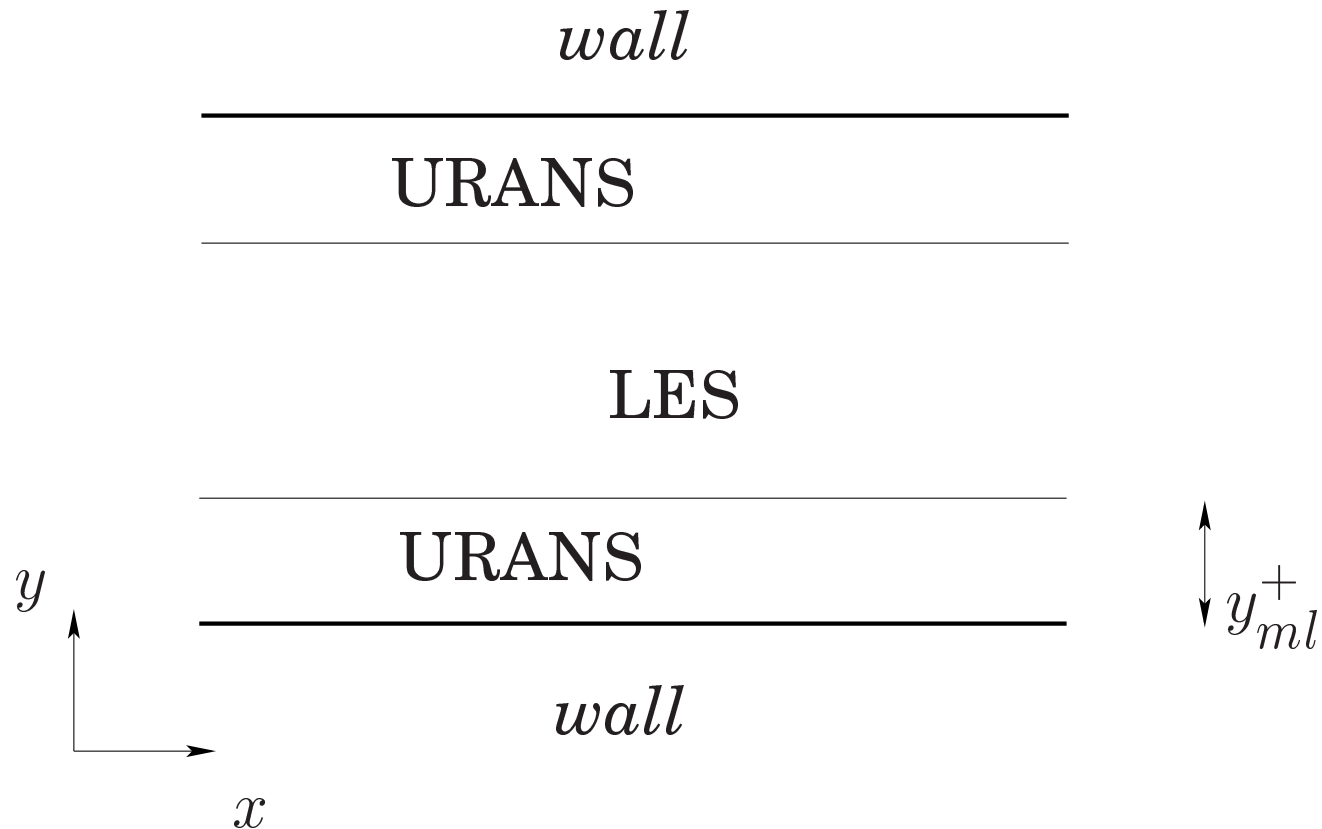
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HYBRID LES-RANS

Near walls: a RANS one-eq. k model.

In core region: a LES one-eq. k_{SGS} model.



MOMENTUM EQUATIONS

- The Navier-Stokes, time-averaged in the near-wall regions and filtered in the core region, reads

$$\frac{\partial \bar{U}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{U}_i \bar{U}_j) = \beta \delta_{1i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[(\nu + \nu_T) \frac{\partial \bar{U}_i}{\partial x_j} \right]$$
$$\nu_T = \nu_t, y \leq y_{ml}; \nu_T = \nu_{sgs}, y \geq y_{ml}$$

TURBULENCE MODEL

- Use one-equation model in both URANS region and LES region.

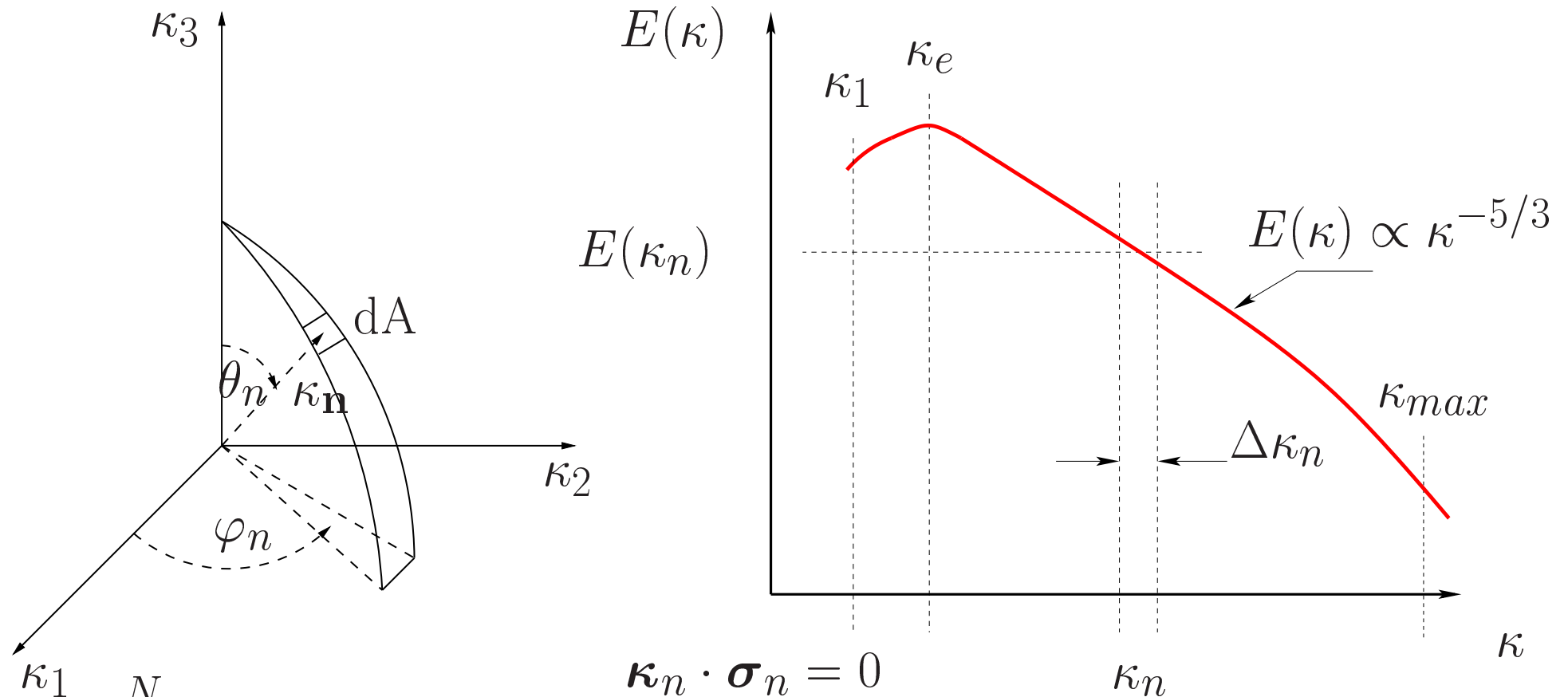
$$\frac{\partial k_T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{u}_j k_T) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[(\nu + \nu_T) \frac{\partial k_T}{\partial x_j} \right] + P_{k_T} - C_\varepsilon \frac{k_T^{3/2}}{\ell}$$

$$P_{k_T} = 2\nu_T \bar{S}_{ij} \bar{S}_{ij}, \quad \nu_T = C_k \ell k_T^{1/2}$$

LES-region: $k_T = k_{sgs}$, $\nu_T = \nu_{sgs}$, $\ell = \Delta = (\delta V)^{1/3}$

URANS-region: $k_T = k$, $\nu_T = \nu_t$, $\ell \propto y$, Chen-Patel model (AIAA J. 1988)

SYNTHESIZED ISOTROPIC TURBULENCE



$$\mathbf{u}_t(\mathbf{x}) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{u}_n \cos(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_n \cdot \mathbf{x} + \psi_n) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_n, \quad N = 150, \quad \hat{u}_n = \sqrt{E(\kappa_n) \Delta \kappa_n}, \quad \kappa_n = |\boldsymbol{\kappa}_n|$$

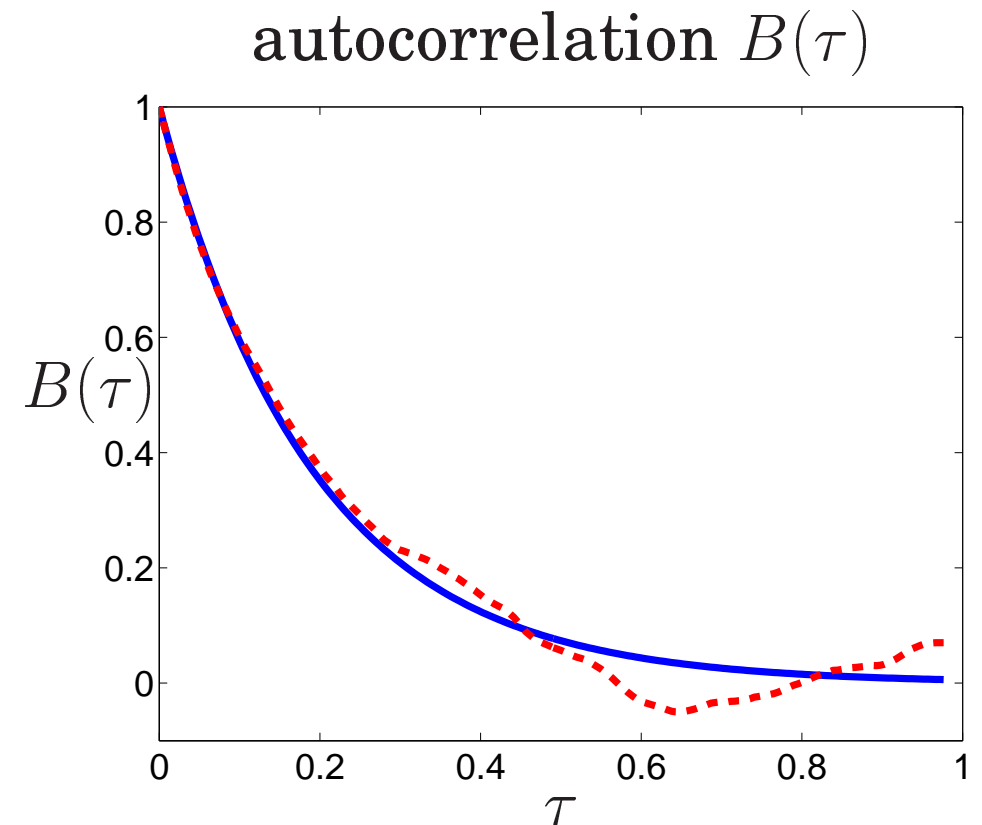
- $\kappa_e = 13\pi / (55L_t)$, $L_t = k^{3/2} / \varepsilon$ At high κ , $E(\kappa)$ is a function of ν
- $[\kappa_1, \kappa_{max}]$ divided into N modes, $\kappa_{max} = \frac{\pi}{\min\{\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z\}}$, $\kappa_1 = \kappa_e / 2$

TIME SCALES

- M independent realizations $\mathbf{u}_t(\mathbf{x})$ are created. Thus no time correlation. A time correlation is introduced by

$$(\mathcal{U}')^m = a(\mathcal{U}')^{m-1} + b(\mathbf{u}_t(\mathbf{x}))^m, m = \text{time step}$$

- The autocorrelation is prescribed by setting $a = \exp(-\Delta t/\mathcal{T})$, $b = (1 - a^2)^{1/2}$
- $\exp(-\tau/\mathcal{T})$
- - - $B(\tau)$ from $(\mathcal{U}')^m$

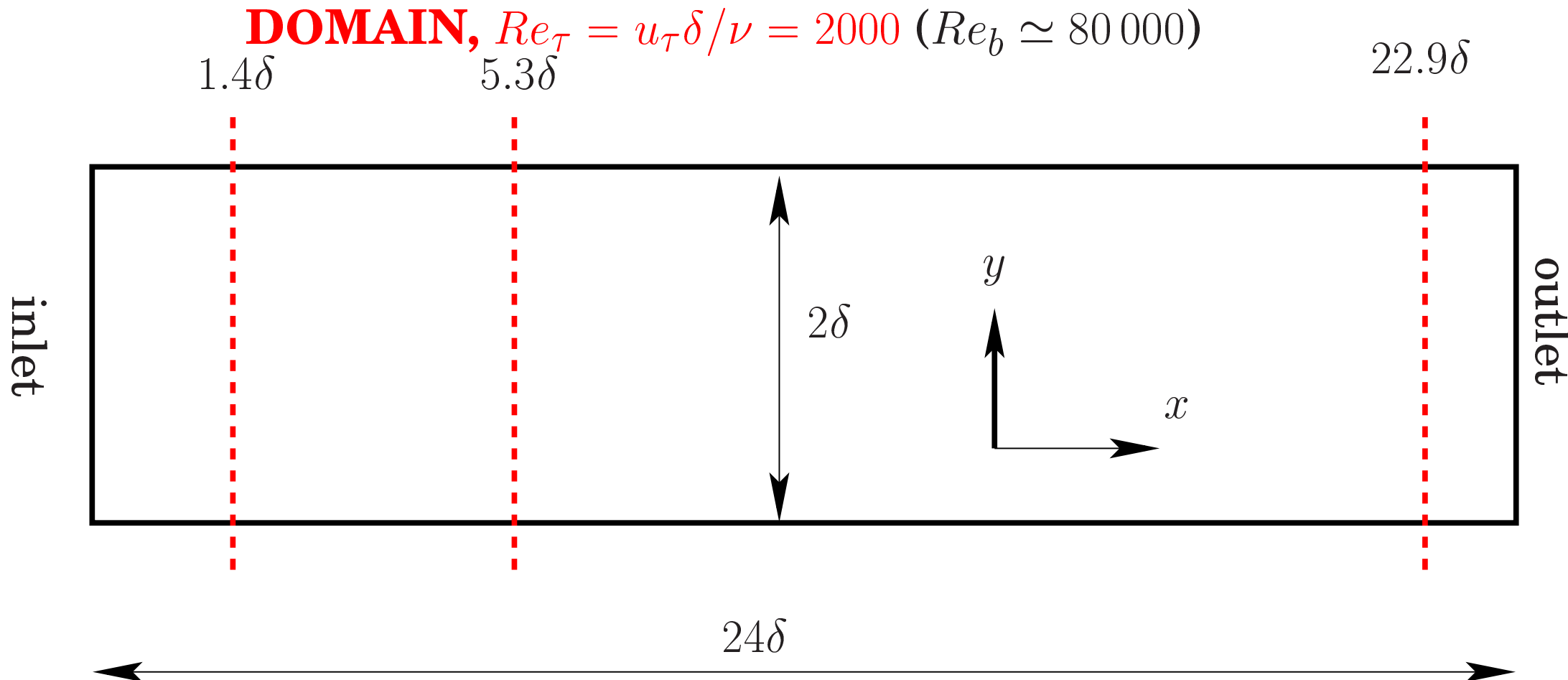


CHANNEL WITH INLET-OUTLET

- Inlet fluctuations are set as $(U')^m$, $(V')^m$, $(W')^m$.
- The streamwise fluctuations are superimposed to the mean profile

$$U_{in}^+ = \begin{cases} y^+ & y^+ \leq 5 \\ -3.05 + 5 \ln(y^+) & 5 < y^+ < 30 \\ \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + B & y^+ \geq 30 \end{cases}$$

where $\kappa = 0.4$ and $B = 5.2$



- $64 \times 64 \times 32$ (x, y, z) cells. $z_{max} = 6.3\delta$, $\Delta x^+ \simeq 785$, $\Delta z^+ \simeq 393$.
- $\delta / \Delta z \simeq 5$, $\delta / \Delta x \simeq 2.5$
- The location of the matching plane at $y = 0.075$ ($y^+ = 150$)

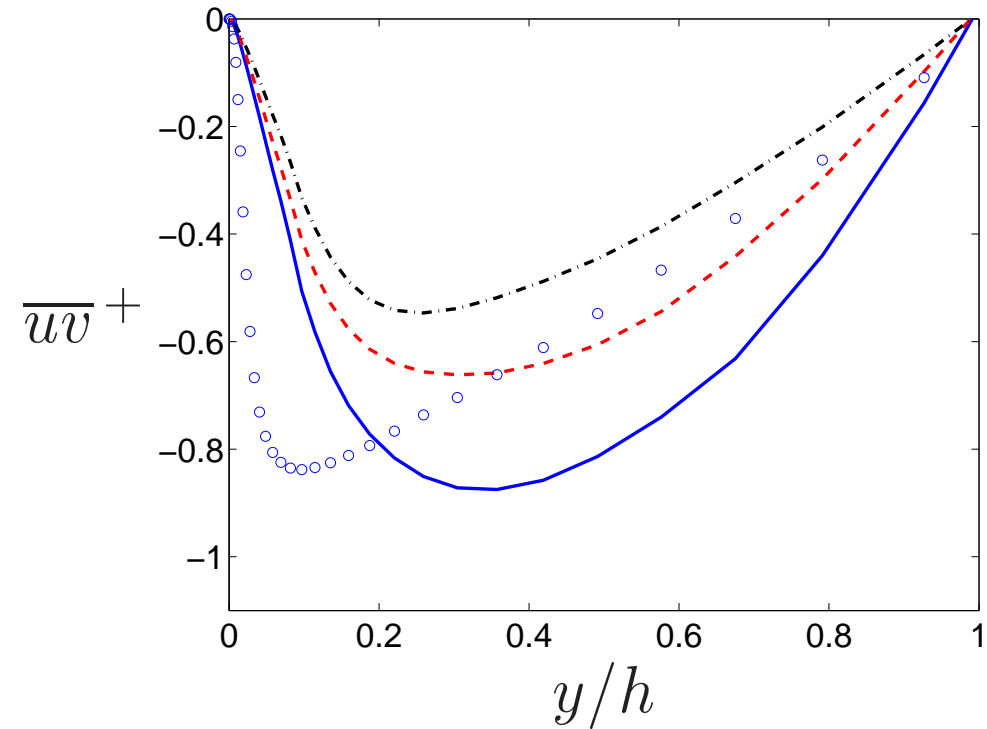
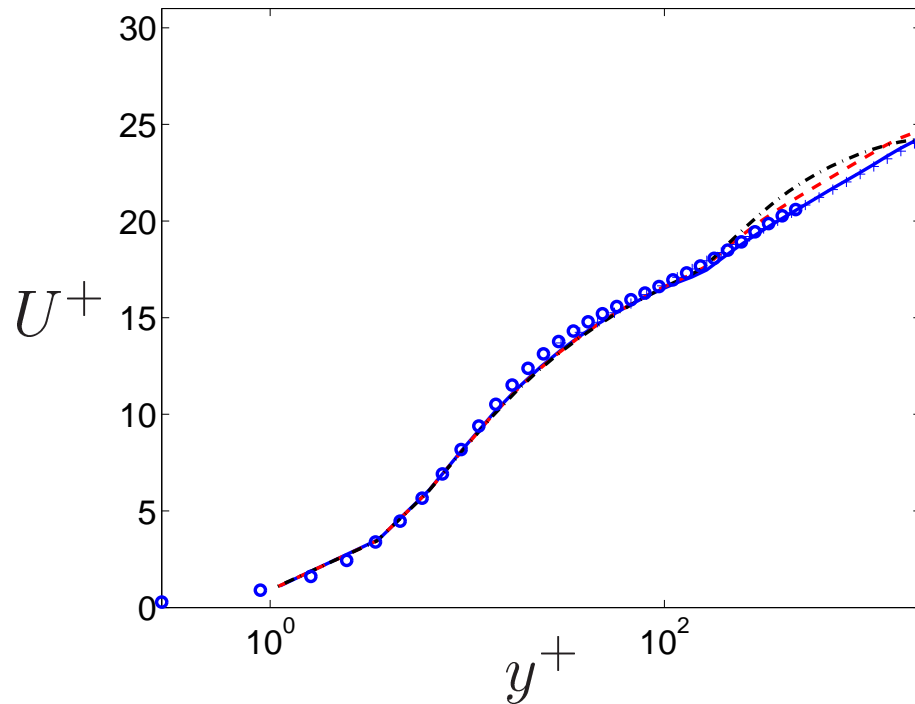
TEST CASES

- Different inlet turbulent length and time scales have been used
- Using $k = 4$, $\varepsilon = 70$ (scaled with u_τ and δ), the baseline scales were set to:

Length scale: $L_t = k^{3/2}/\varepsilon = \mathcal{L}_1 = 0.11\delta$

Time scale: $\tau_t = 4k/\varepsilon = \mathcal{T}_1 = 0.22\delta/u_\tau$

Time scale \mathcal{T}_1 and length scale \mathcal{L}_1



+: $U^+ = \frac{1}{0.4} \ln y^+ + 5.2$

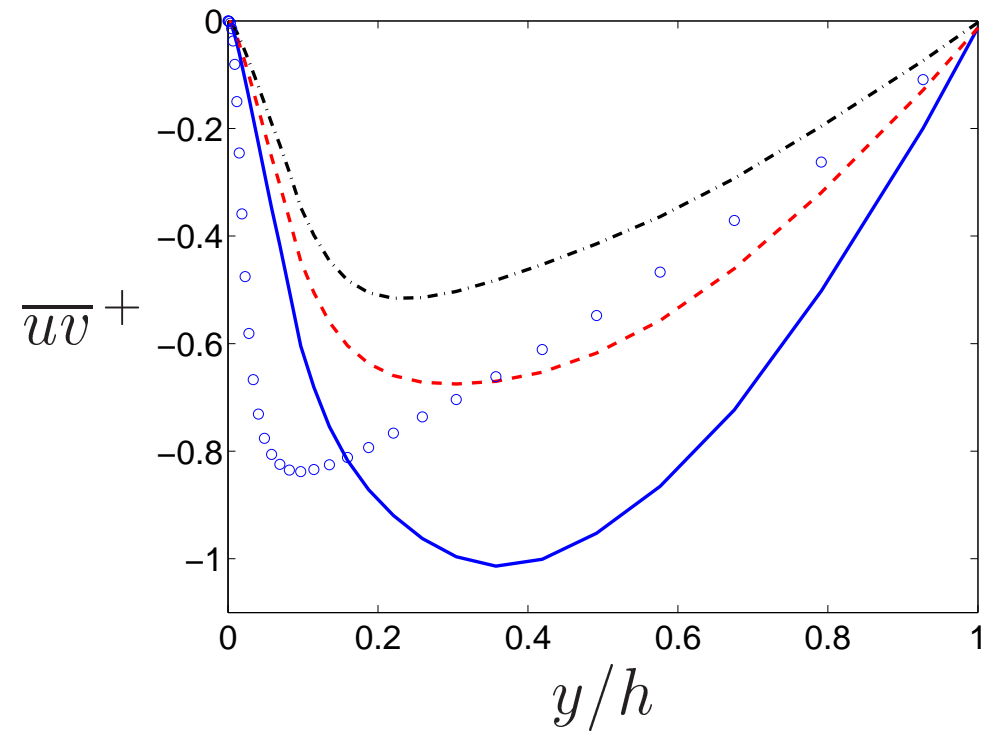
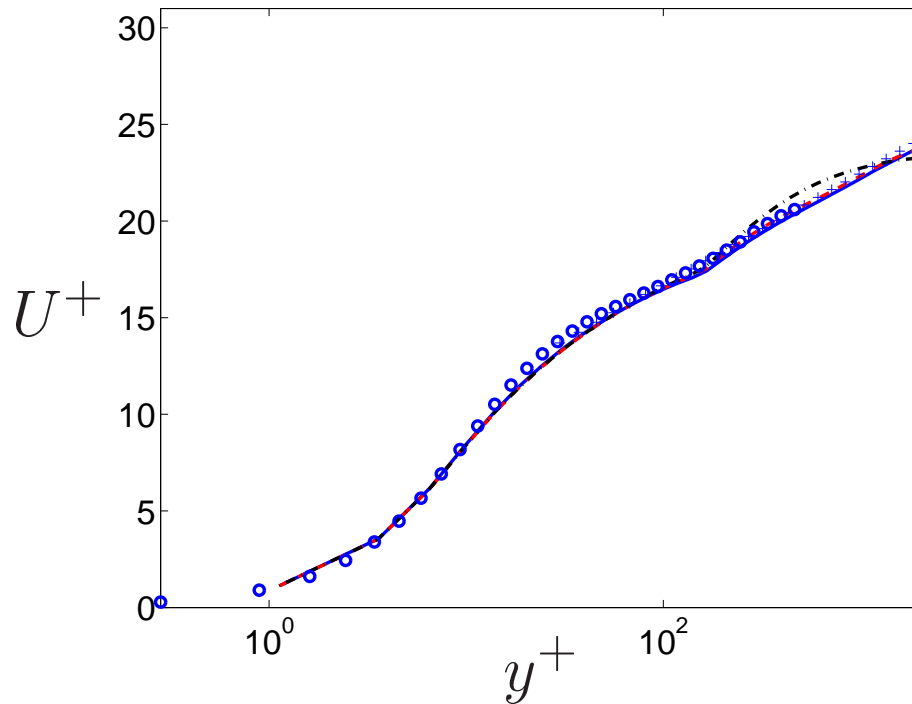
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solid lines: $x/\delta = 1.4$

dashed lines: $x/\delta = 5.3$

dash-dotted lines: $x/\delta = 22.9$

Time scale \mathcal{T}_1 and length scale $2\mathcal{L}_1$



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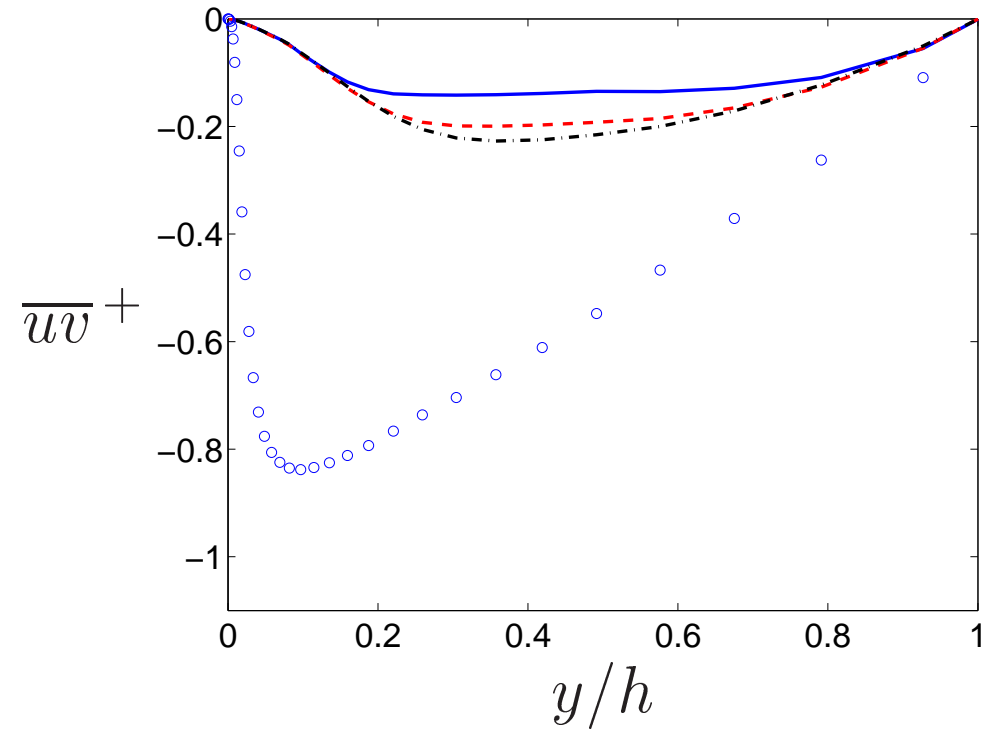
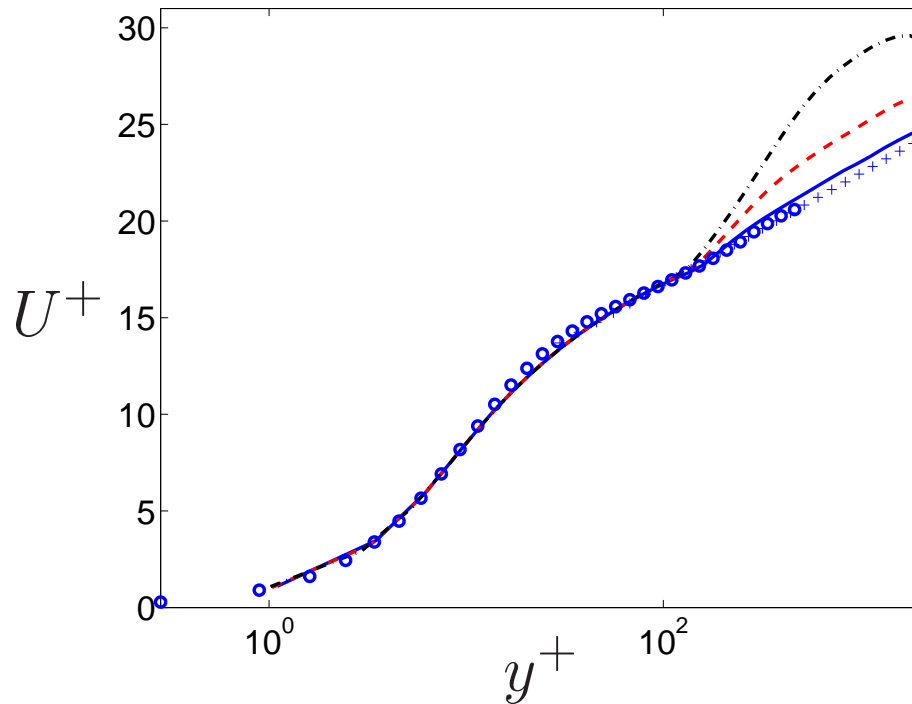
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Time scale \mathcal{T}_1 and length scale $L_t = 0$



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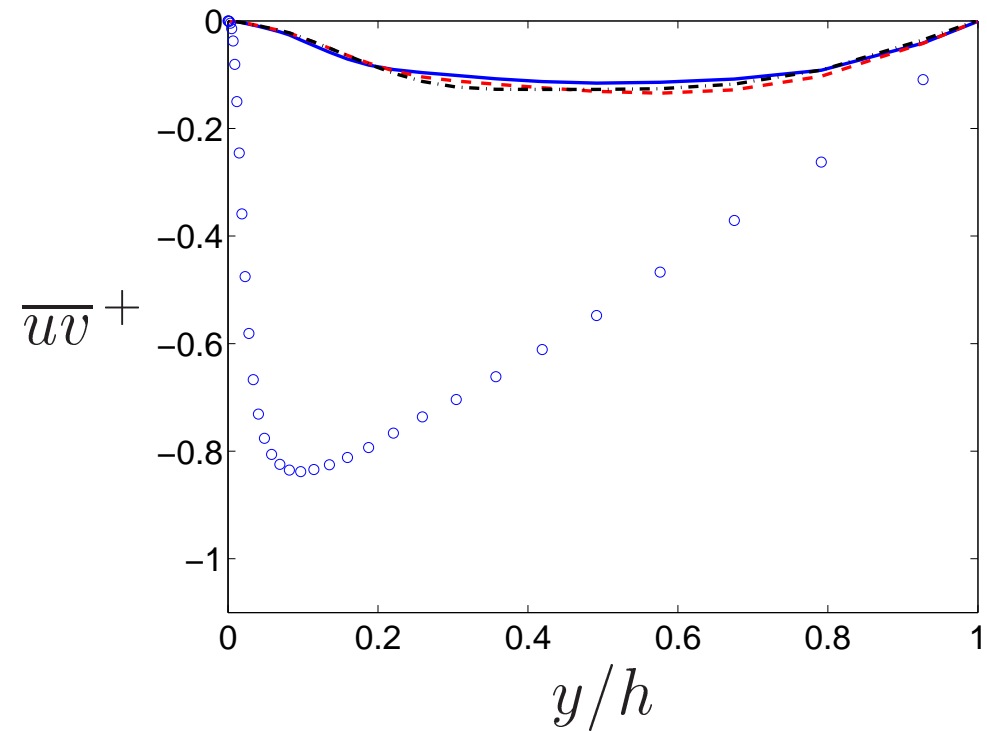
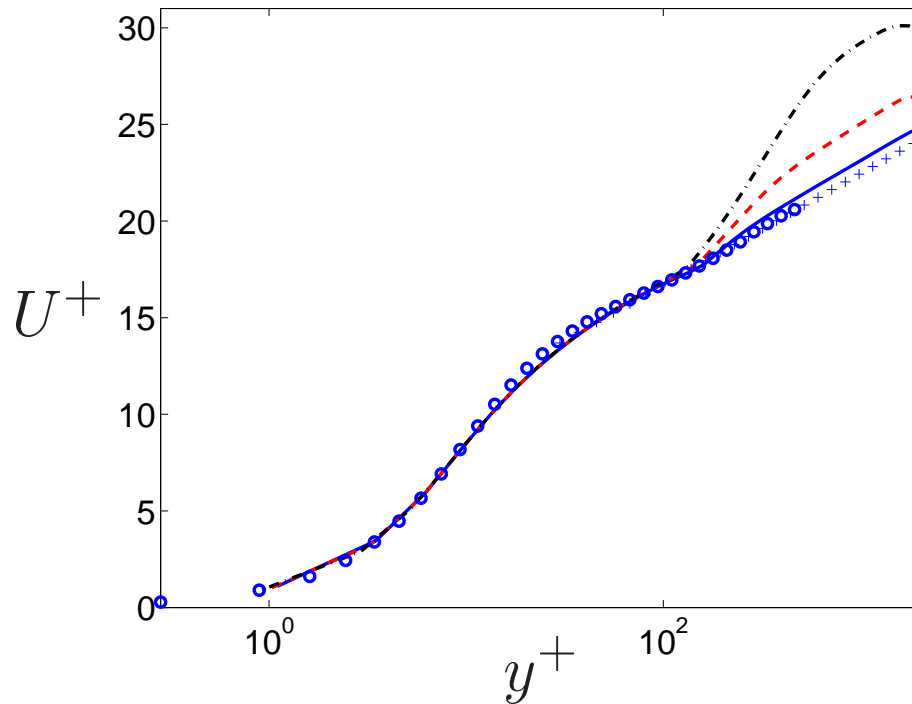
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Time scale $\tau = 0$ and length scale \mathcal{L}_1



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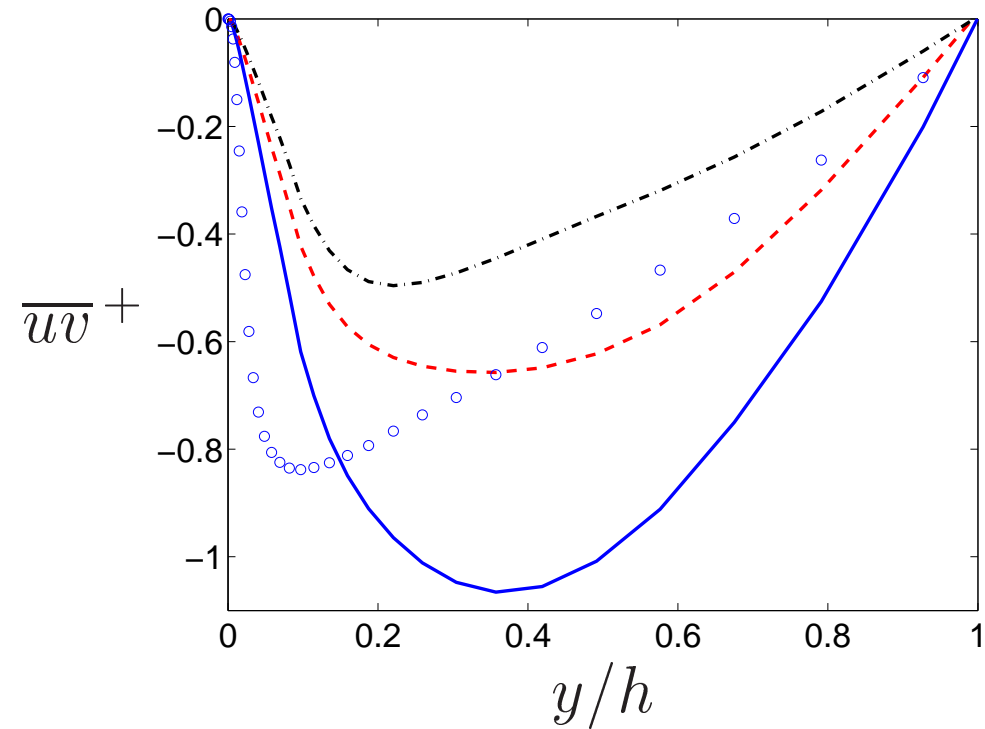
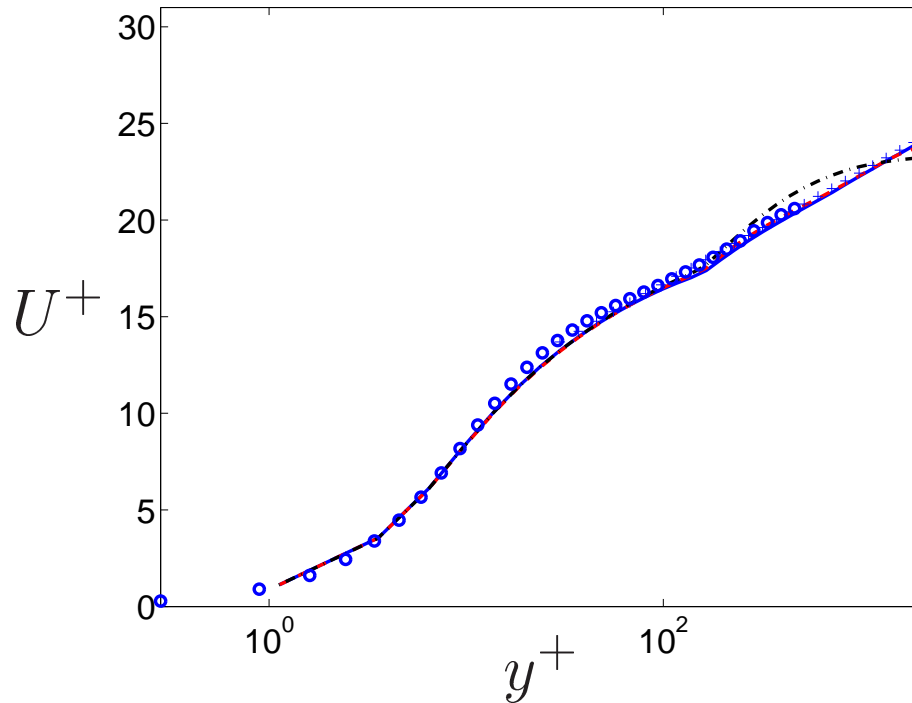
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Time scale $0.25\mathcal{T}_1$ and length scale \mathcal{L}_1



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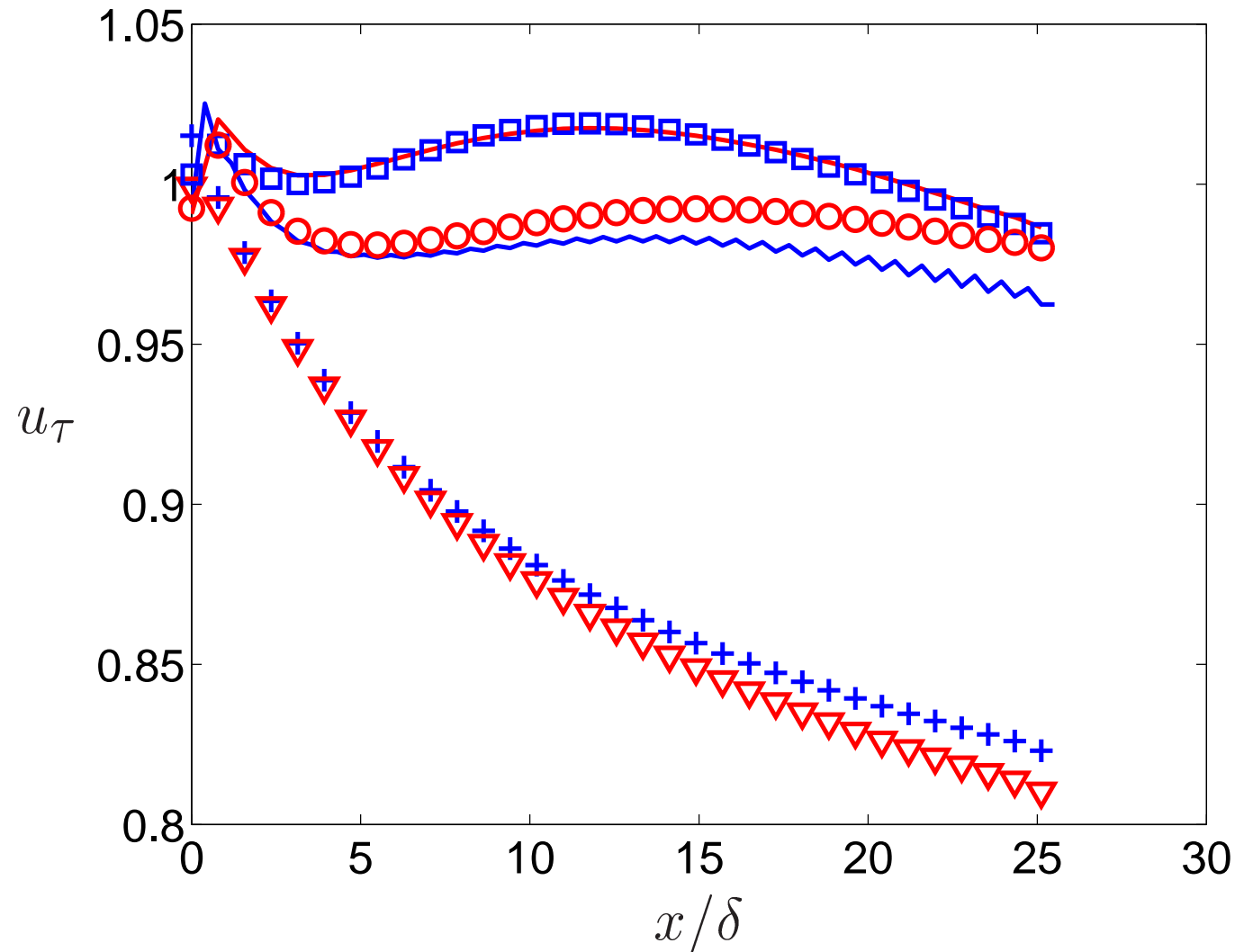
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FRICTION VELOCITIES



— $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L}_1$

— $\mathcal{T}_1, 2\mathcal{L}_1$

□: $0.25\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L}_1$

▽: $\mathcal{T} = 0, \mathcal{L}_1$

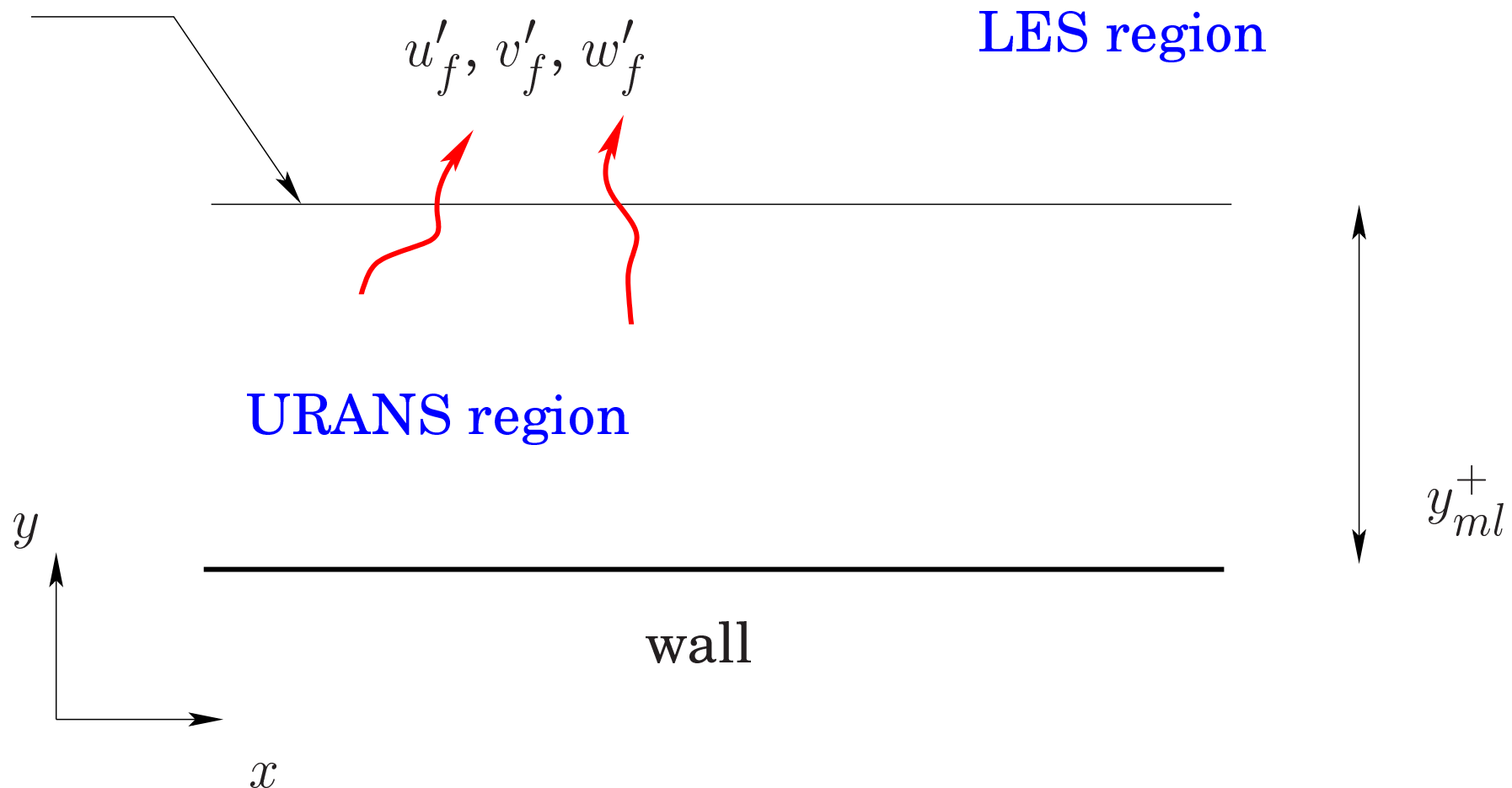
+: $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L} = 0$

○: $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L}_1$ forcing

FORCING FLUCTUATIONS ADDED AT THE INTERFACE

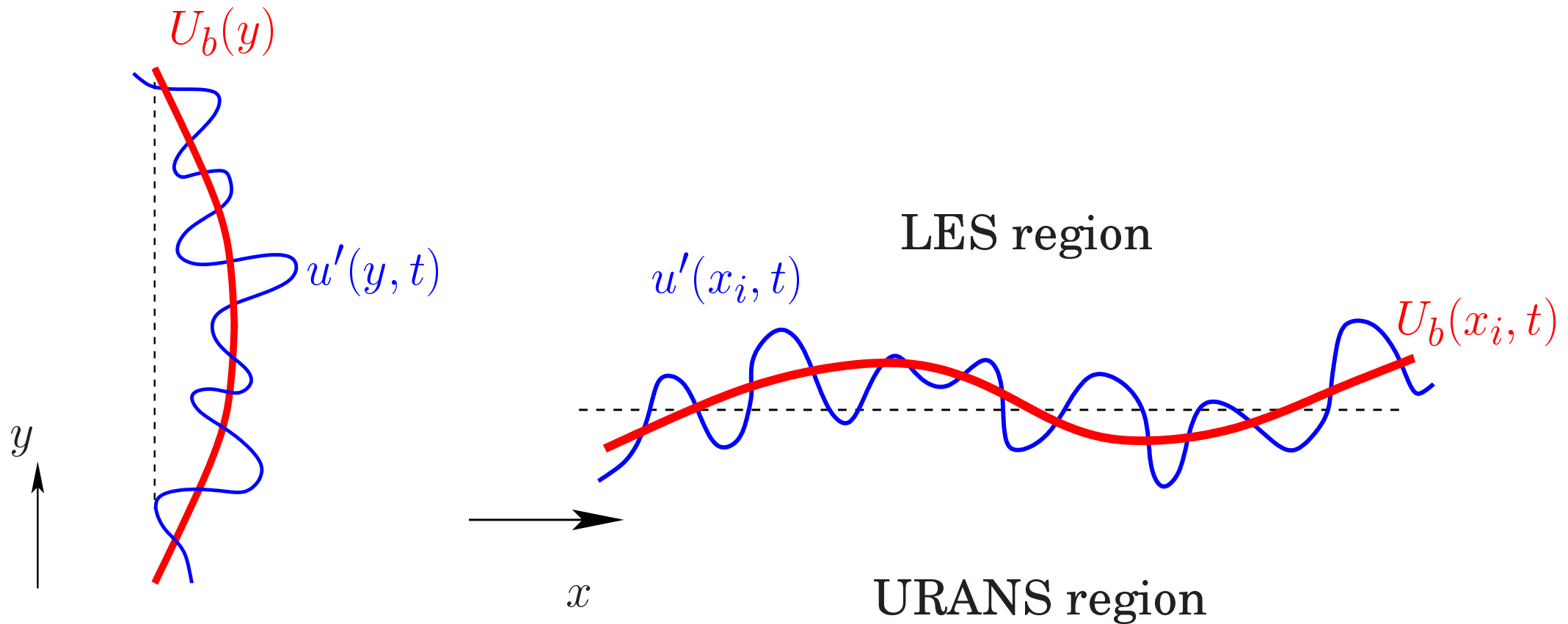
- Object: to **trig** the momentum equations into resolving large-scale turbulence

interface

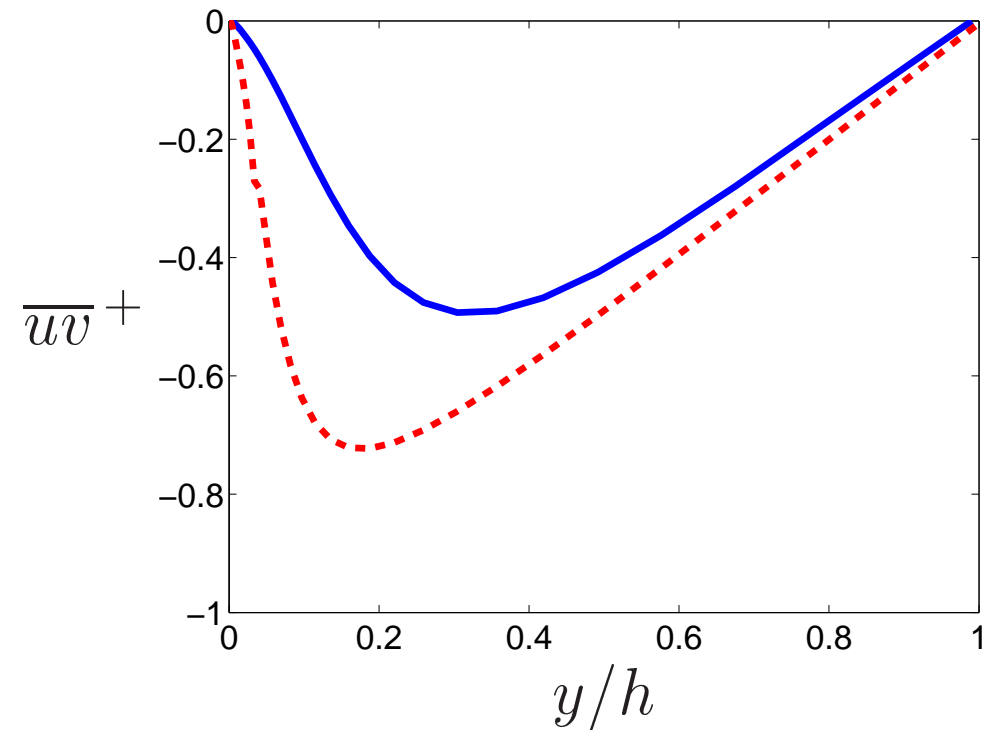
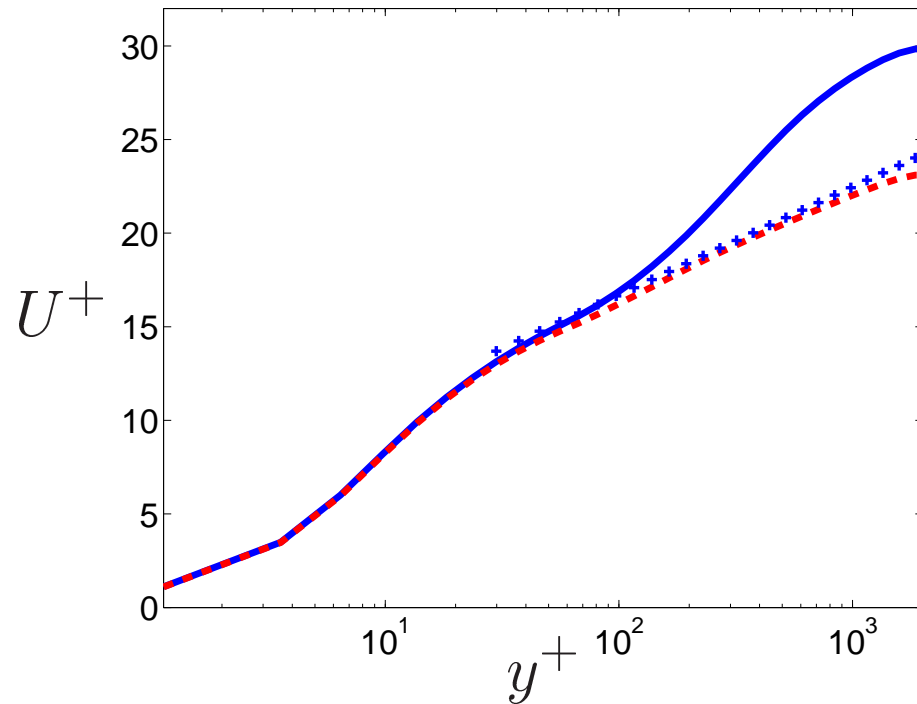


INLET BOUNDARY CONDITIONS vs. FORCING

Inlet



FULLY DEVELOPED CHANNEL FLOW (periodic in x)



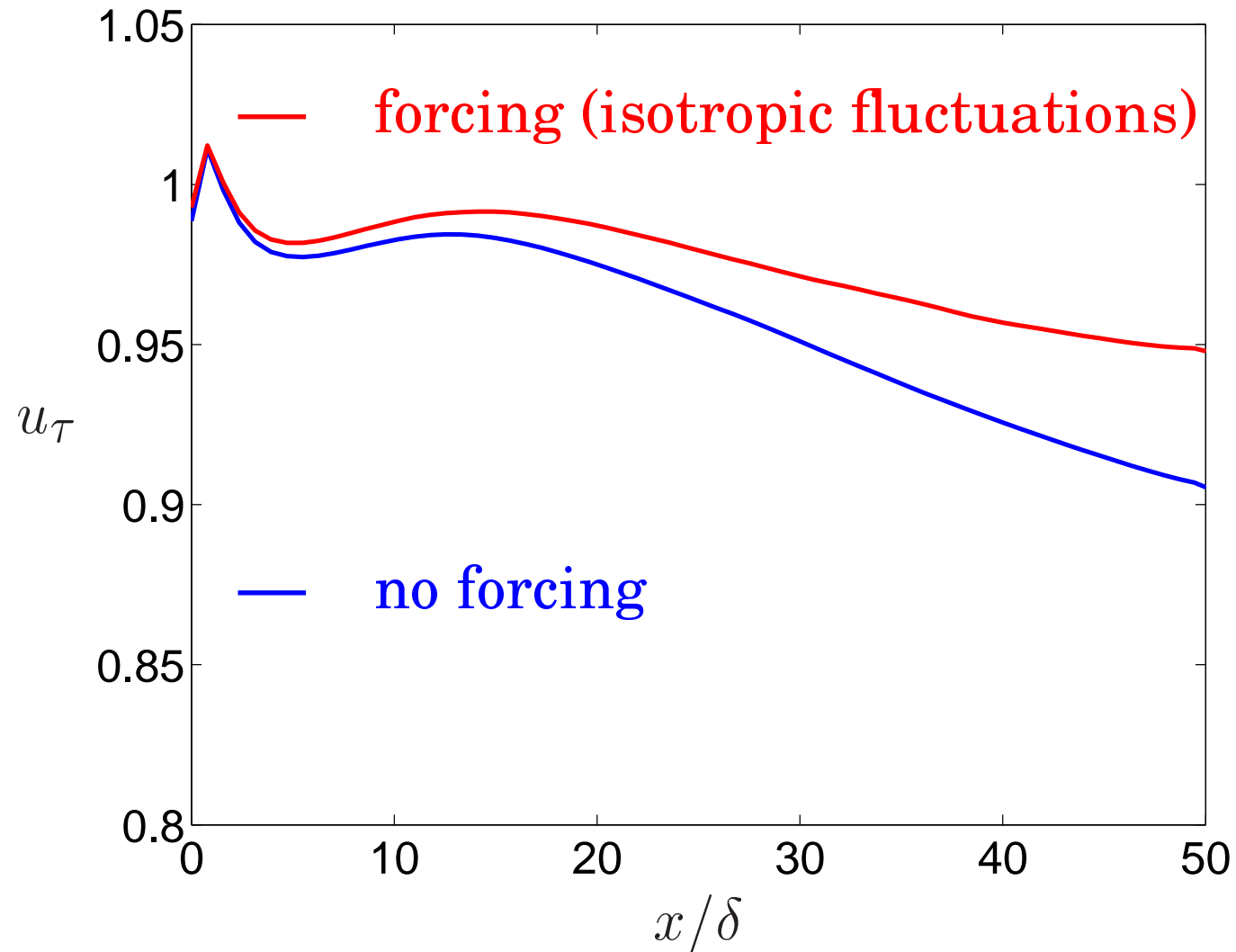
+: $U^+ = \frac{1}{0.4} \ln y^+ + 5.2$

— no forcing

---- forcing (isotropic fluctuations)

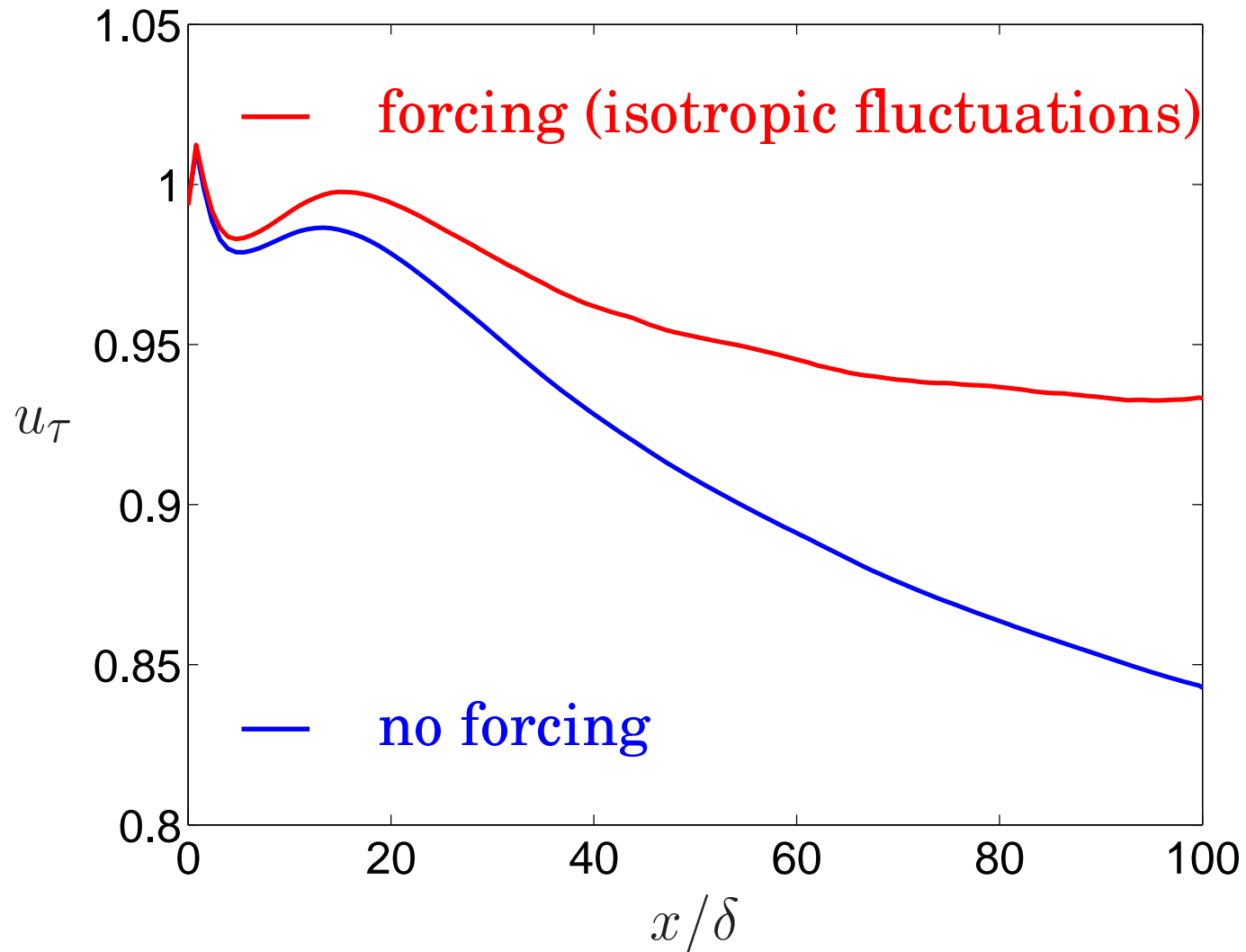
FRICTION VELOCITIES, LONG CHANNEL

- $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L}_1$

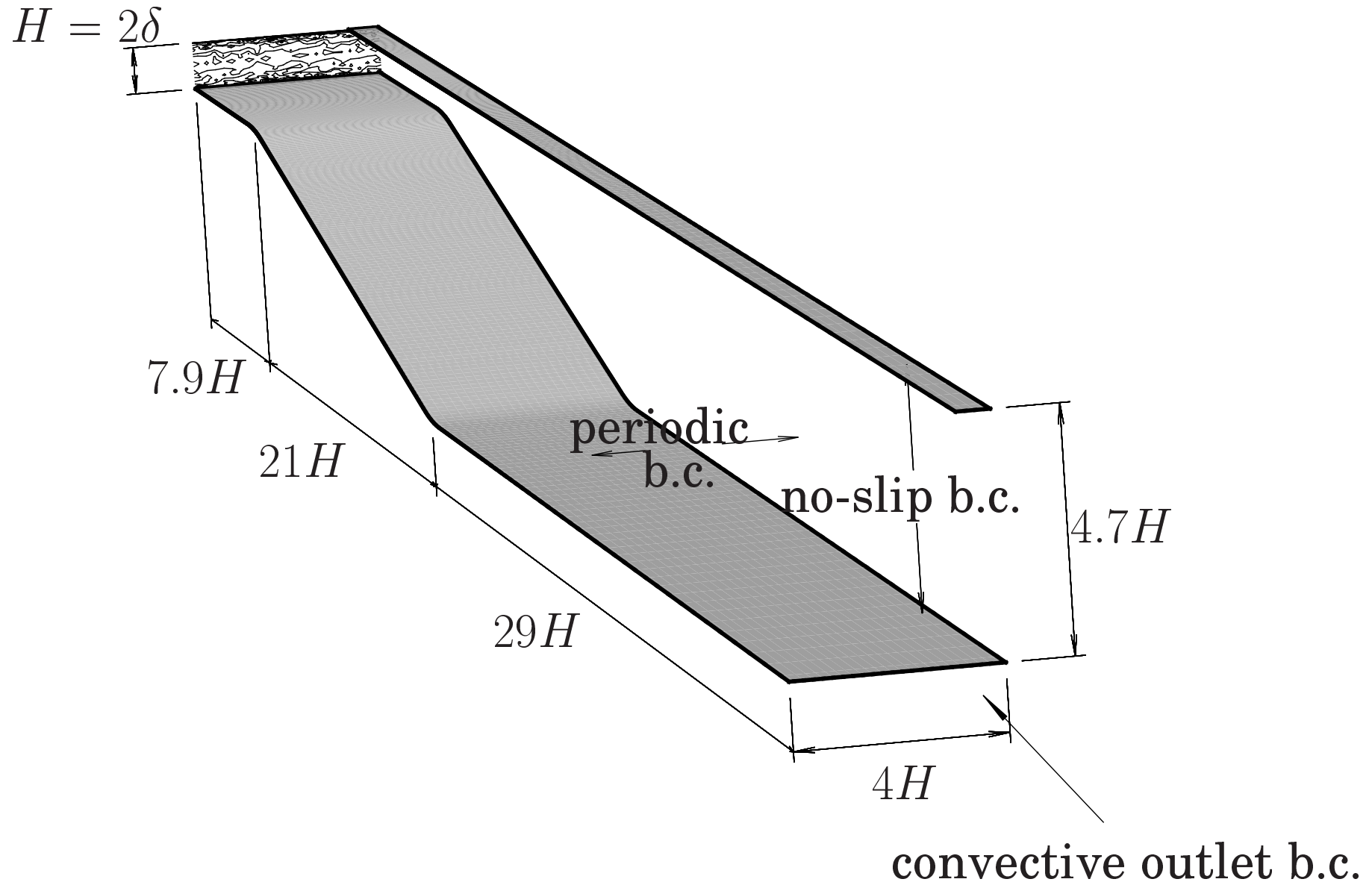


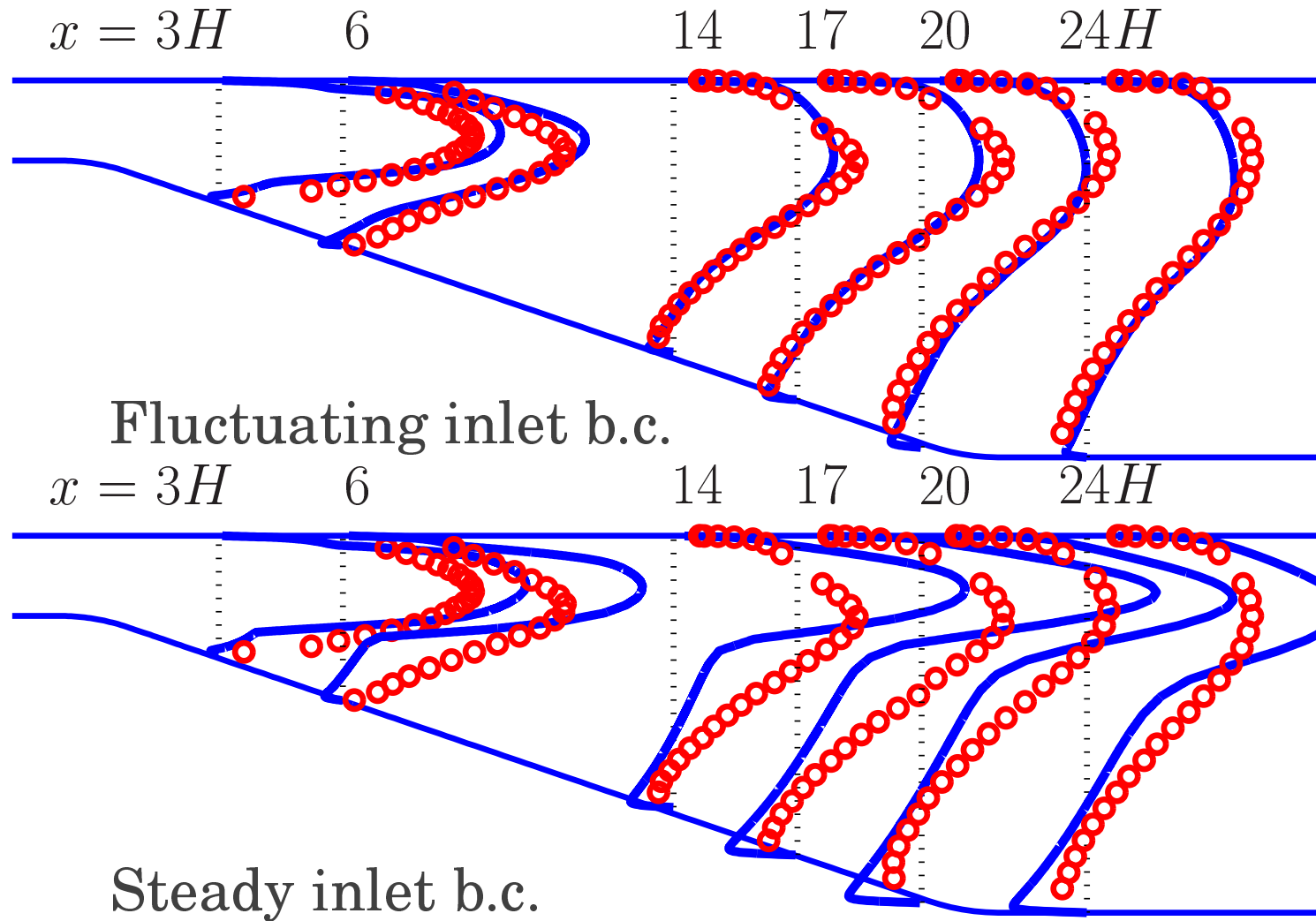
FRICTION VELOCITIES, X-LONG CHANNEL

- $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{L}_1$



DIFFUSER GEOMETRY. $Re = U_{in}H/\nu = 18\,000$, **angle** 10°
Hybrid LES-RANS, Dahlström & Davidson (2005a)

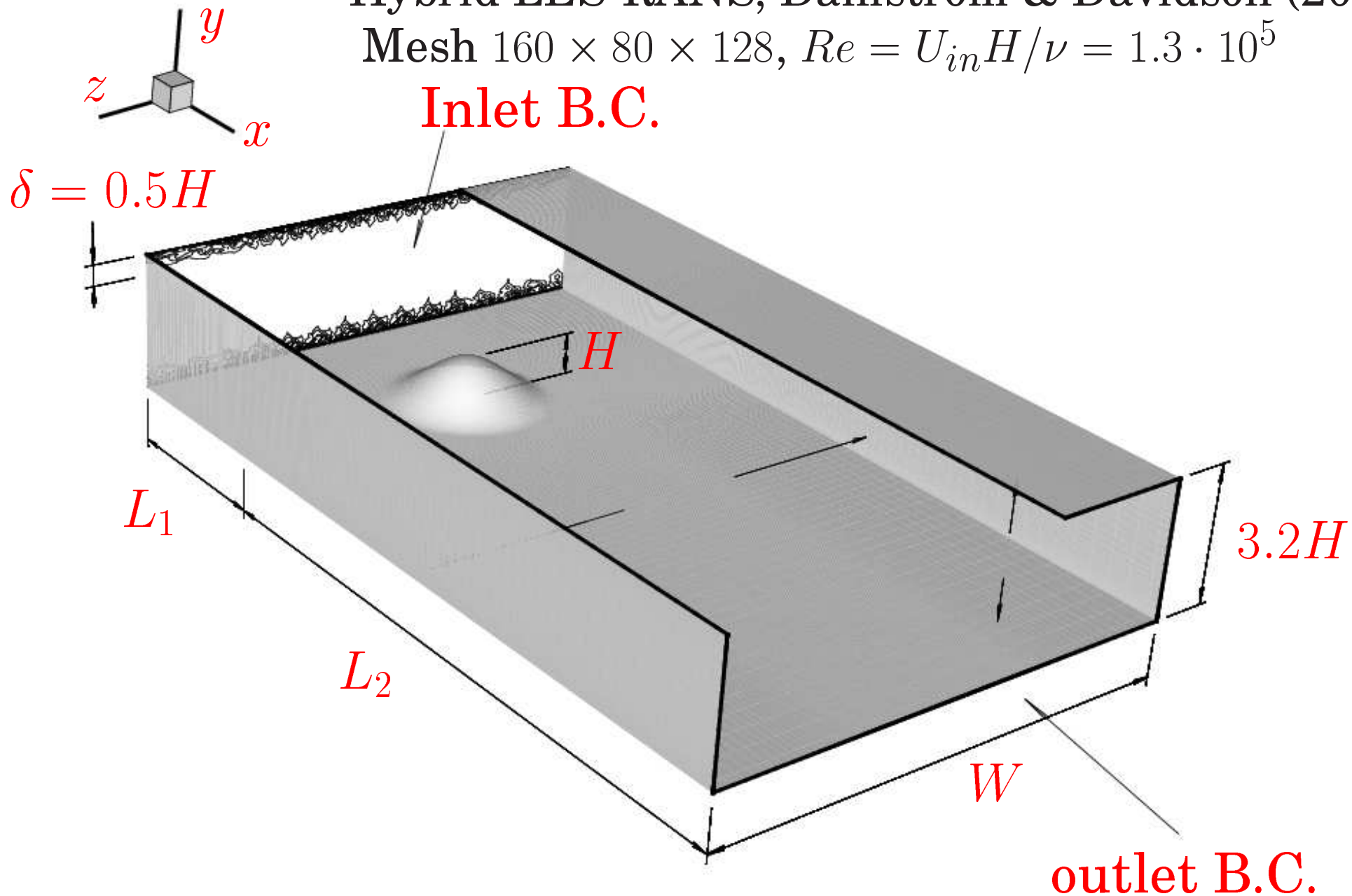


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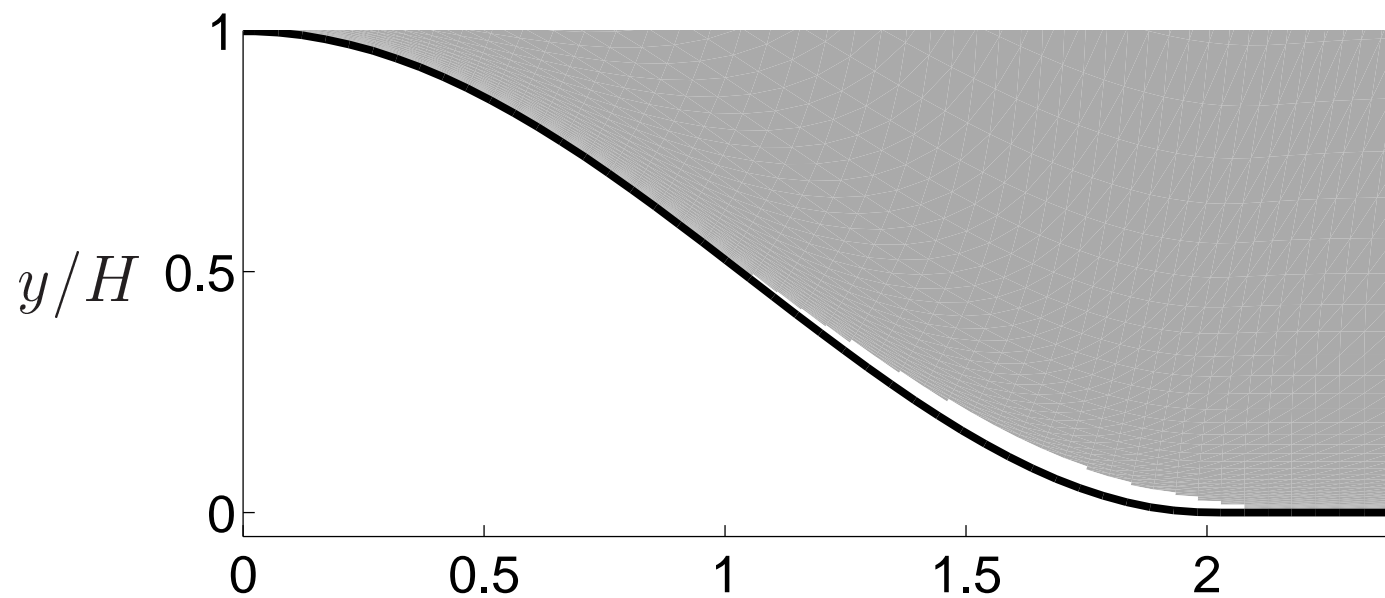
- Velocities

Hybrid LES-RANS, Dahlström & Davidson (2005b)

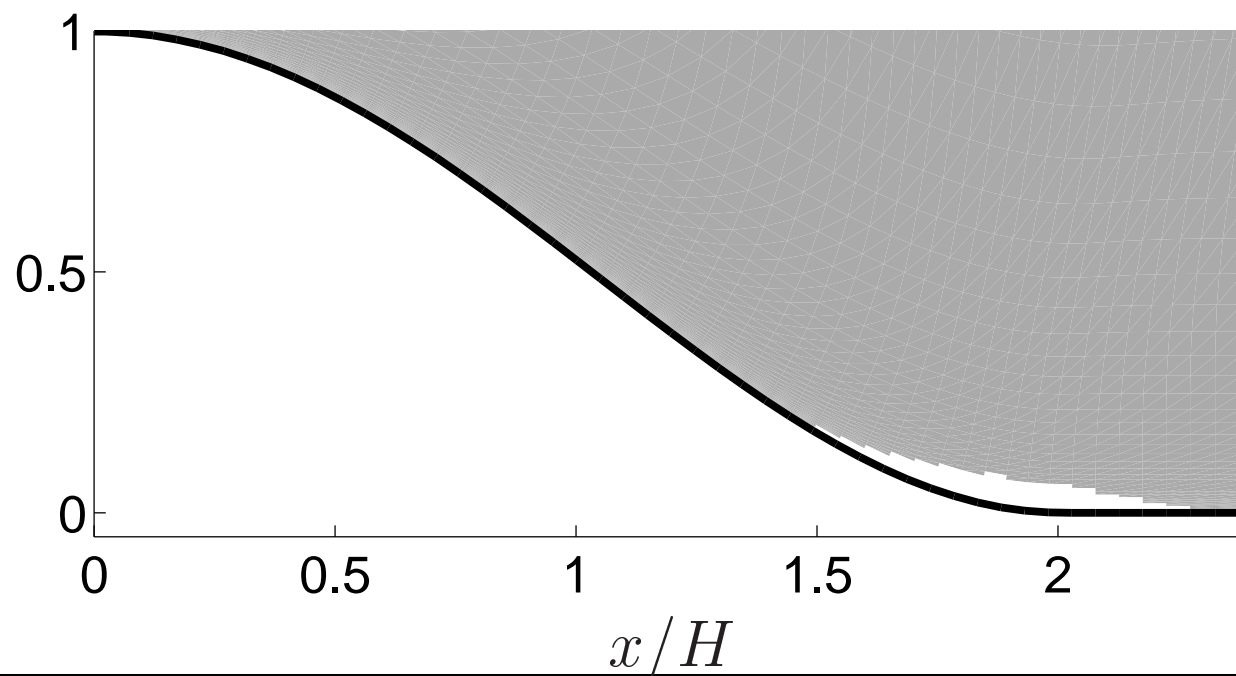
Mesh $160 \times 80 \times 128$, $Re = U_{in}H/\nu = 1.3 \cdot 10^5$



3D HILL: white region is backflow. $z = 0$

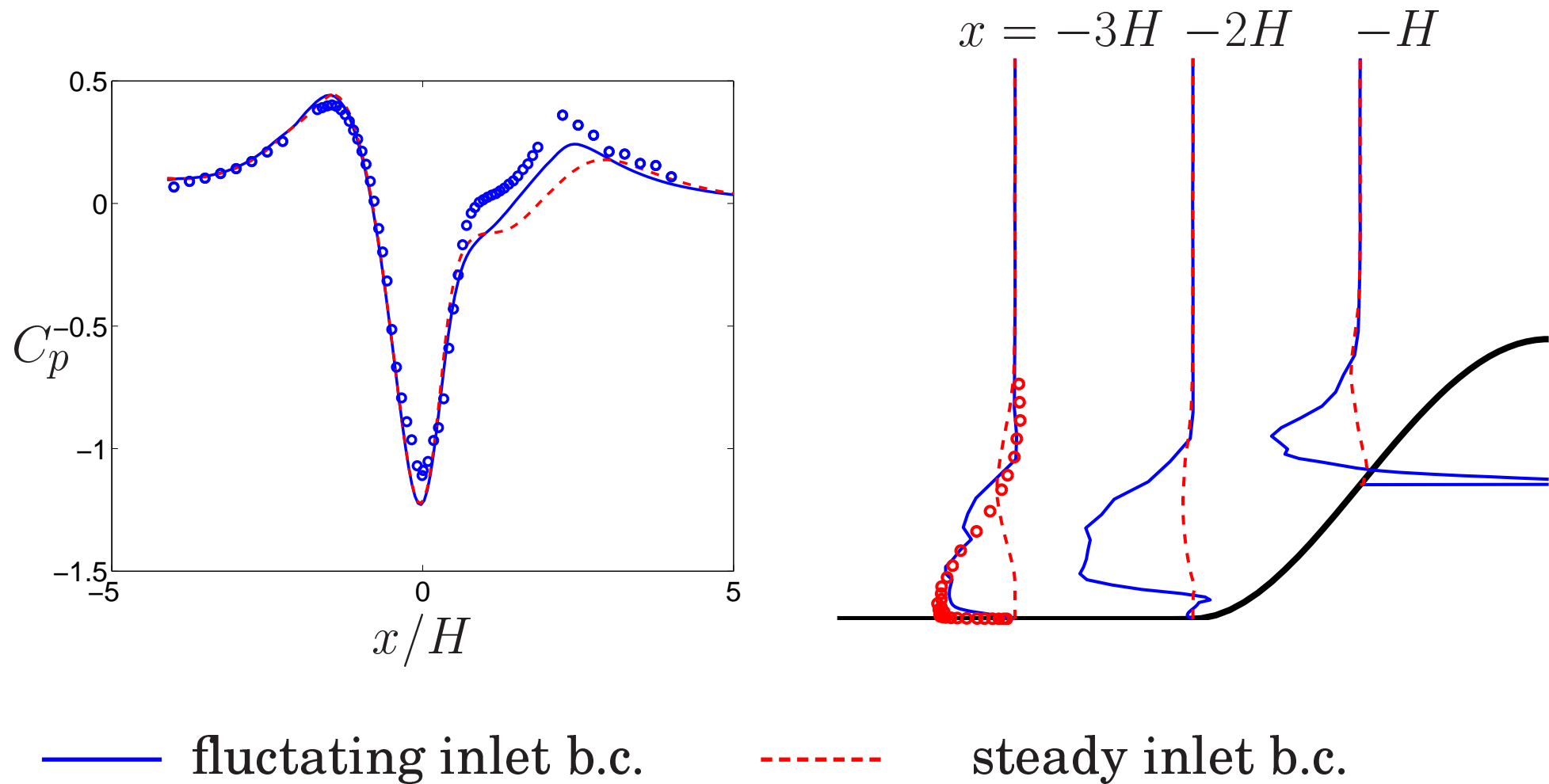


Fluctuating inlet b.c.



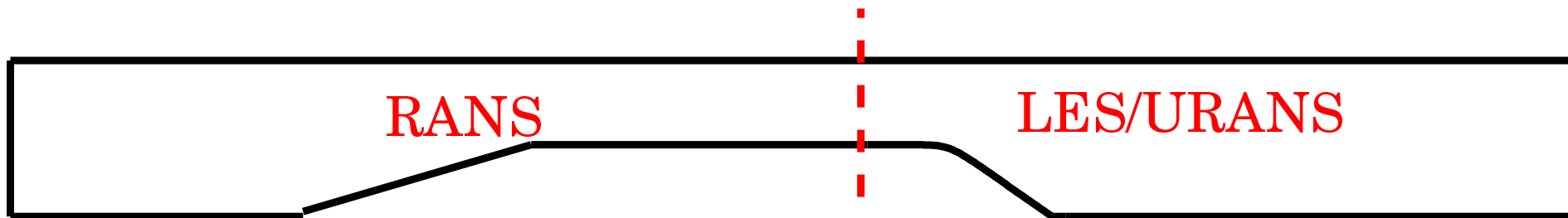
Steady inlet b.c.

3D HILL



EMBEDDED LES

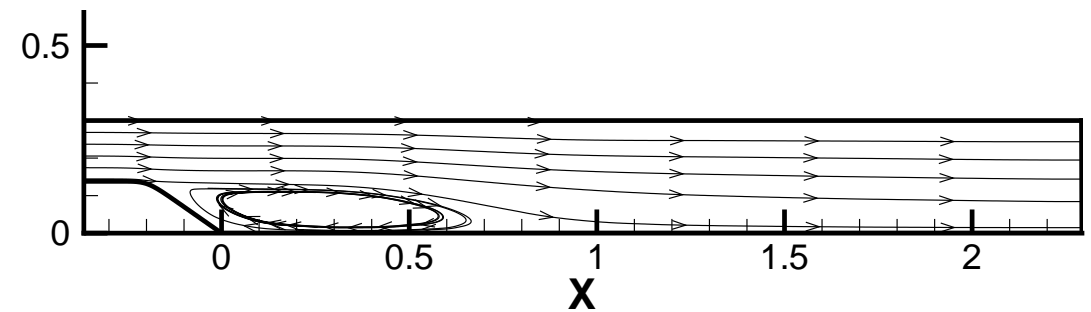
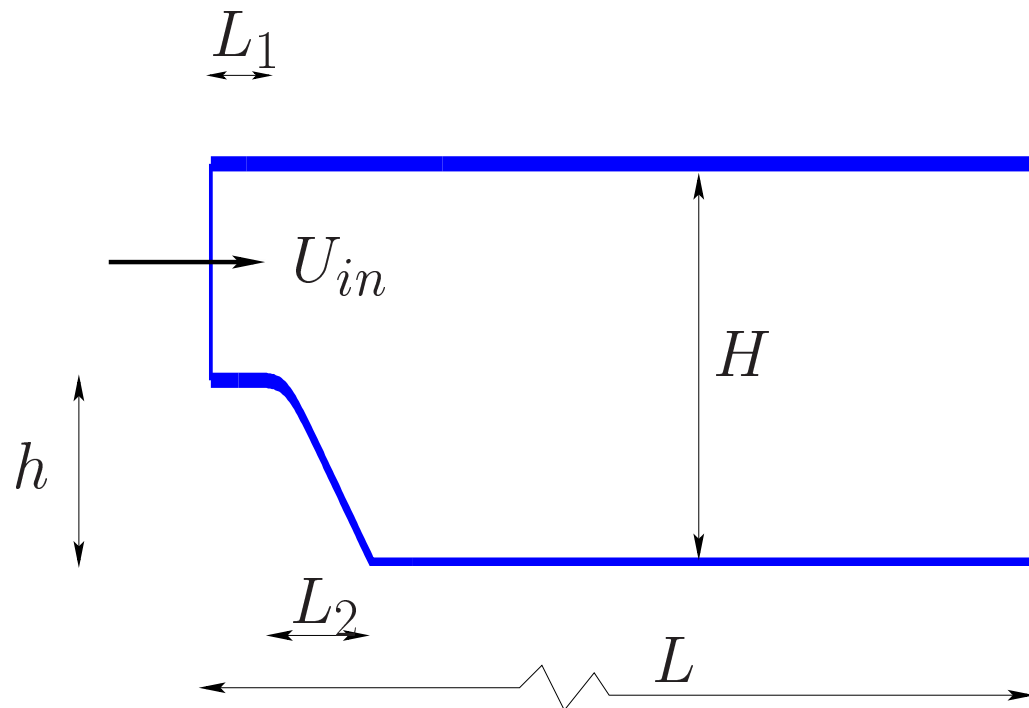
Inlet for LES/URANS



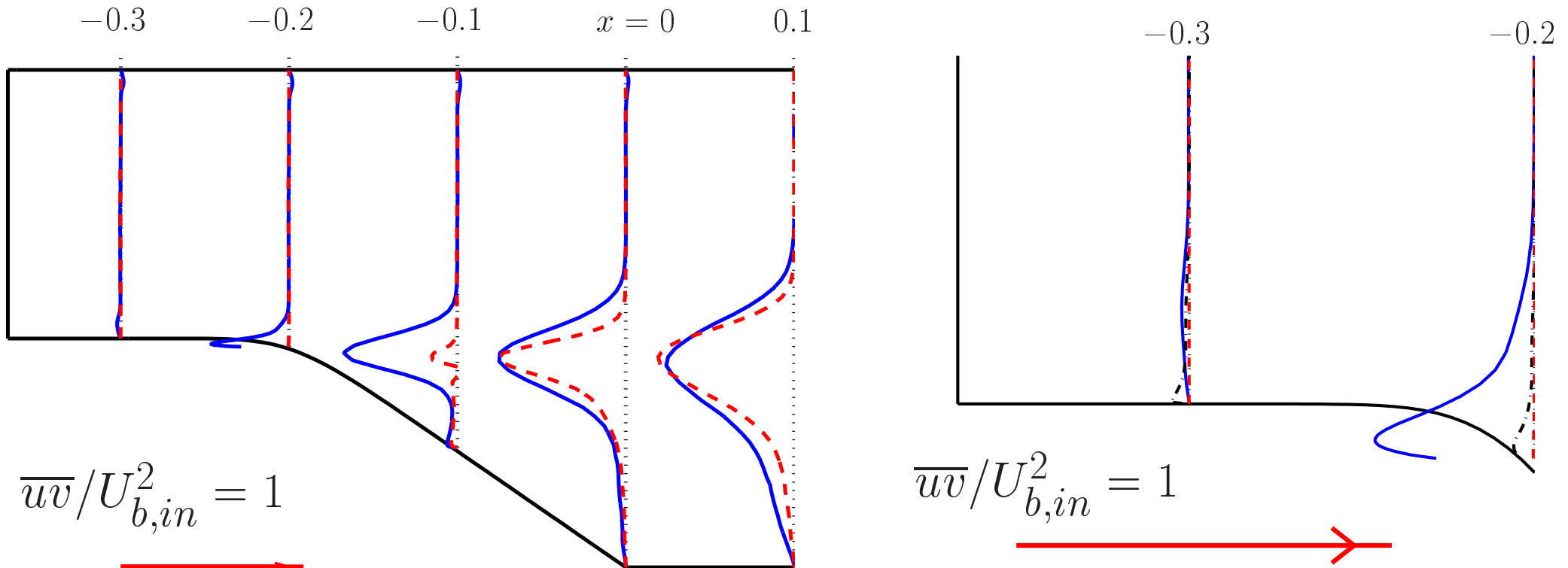
- 1. Do a **RANS** simulation of the **entire domain**
 2. Do an unsteady **LES/RANS** simulation of the **right part** of the domain
- At stage 2, fluctuating **inlet boundary conditions** needed

FLOW OVER a BUMP: DESider CASE

- Measurements have been carried out by ONERA. $Re_h = 2.1 \cdot 10^6$ based on the bump height. Rectangular duct.
- $W/H = 1.67$, $h/H = 0.46$, $L_1/H = 0.34$, $L_2/H = 0.88$, $L/H = 7.6$, $\delta_{in}/H = 0.03$.
- Mesh: $221 \times 122 \times 32$. Note that $\delta_{in}/\Delta z \simeq 2$ and $\delta_{in}/\Delta x_{in} \simeq 3$

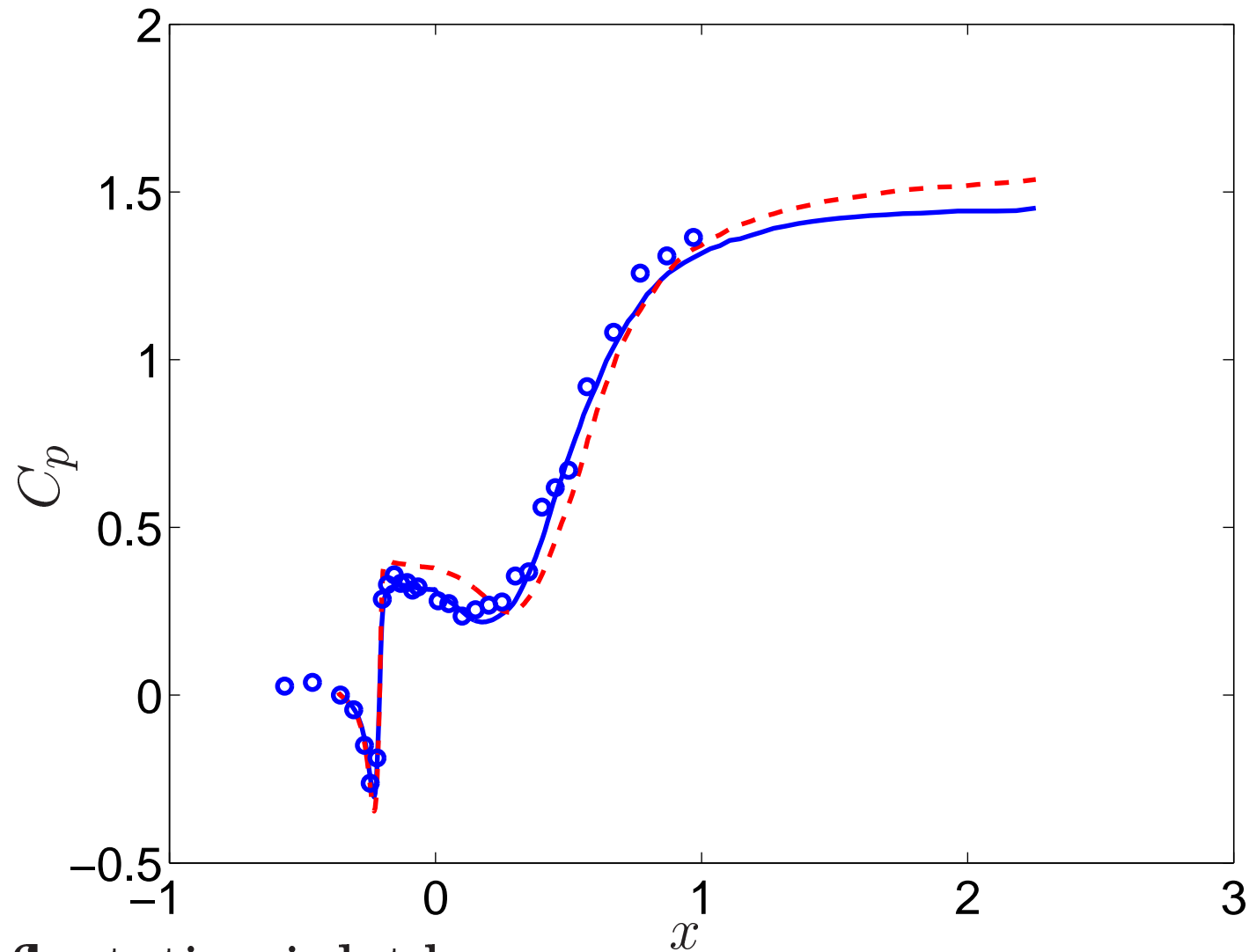


FLOW OVER a BUMP: shear stresses



- resolved shear stresses; fluctating inlet b.c.
- - - resolved shear stresses; steady inlet b.c.
- · - · - modelled shear stresses; fluctating inlet b.c.

FLOW OVER a BUMP: pressure coefficient



- fluctuating inlet b.c.
- - - steady inlet b.c.

CONCLUSIONS

- **Synthesized** isotropic turbulence fluctuations have been used for prescribing fluctuating inlet velocities.
- Length scale \mathcal{L}_1 and time scale \mathcal{T} prescribed **independently**
- It has been shown that **both** \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{T} are essential
- Far downstream the inlet, the standard hybrid LES-RANS **forgets** the inlet turbulence
- Hybrid LES-RANS with **forcing conditions** are needed for long channels
- **Forcing conditions** similar to **inlet boundary conditions** of fluctuating velocities. The object is to **trig** the equations into resolving turbulence.

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