

# Singularities and Irreversibility



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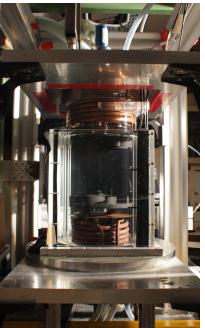
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# Symmetries and Navier-Stokes



$$\vec{\nabla} \bullet \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \vec{u} + (\vec{u} \bullet \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} p + \nu \vec{\Delta} \vec{u}$$

## Broken Symmetry (ii)

Time-reversal

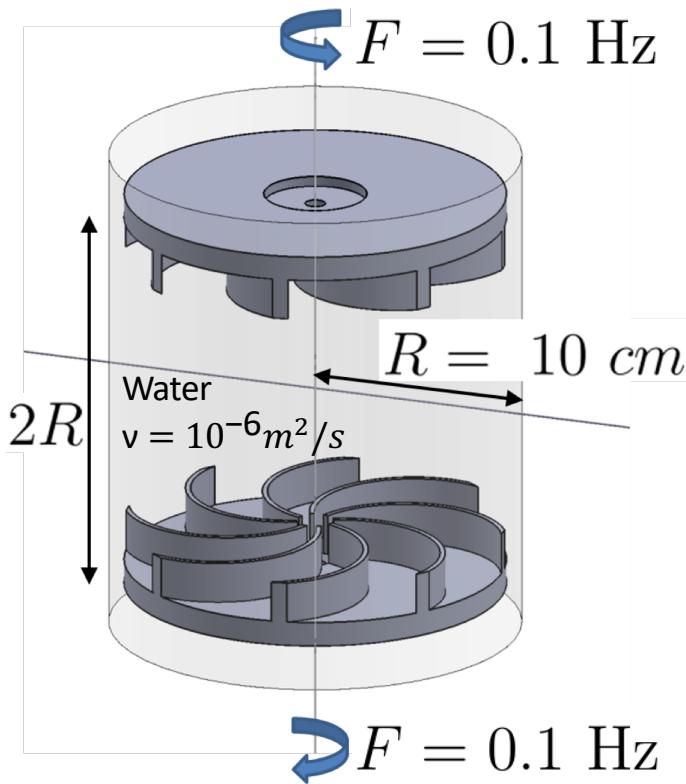
$$t \rightarrow -t$$

Only for  $\nu = 0$

$$\vec{u} \rightarrow -\vec{u}$$

Time-reversal breaking by viscosity

# Experimental set-up : the von Kármán flow



- Reynolds number:

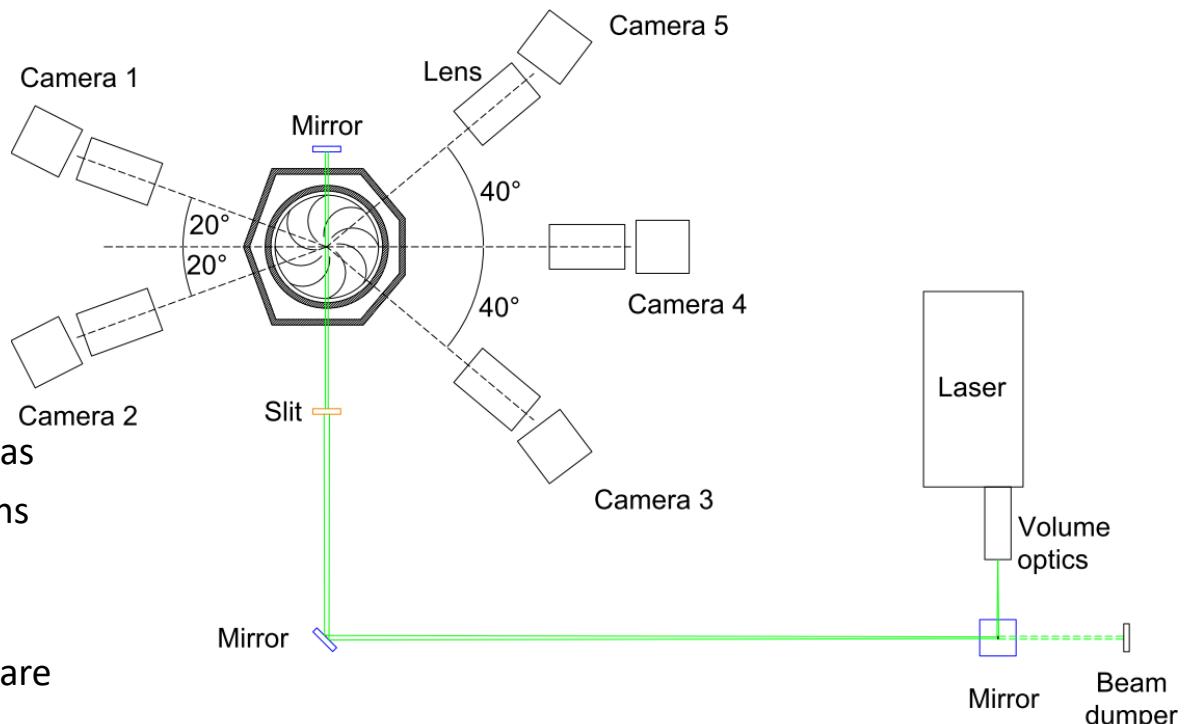
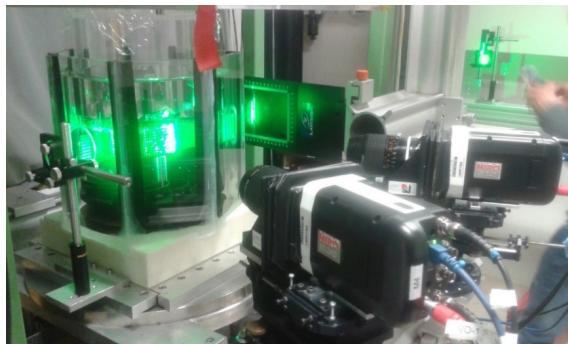
$$Re = \frac{2\pi R^2 F}{\nu} = 6.3 \times 10^3$$

- Average dissipation rate  $\epsilon$  computed from torque measurements

- Kolmogorov scale :

$$\eta = (\nu^3 / \epsilon)^{1/4} = 0.3 \text{ mm}$$

# Experimental set-up : velocity measurement

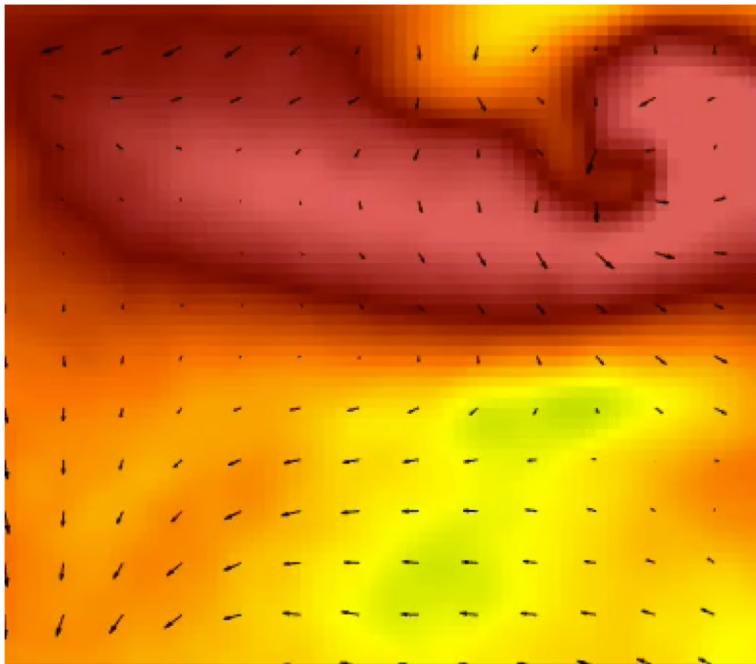


- Tomographic PIV with 5 cameras
- Outer tank to reduce distortions
- Measurement volume :  
4cmx4cmx0,5cm
- Processing with Lavision software
- 75% overlap
- Vector spacing :  $dx=0,35\text{mm}=1,2\eta$
- 30000 frames collected



# Velocity measurements in von Karman flow

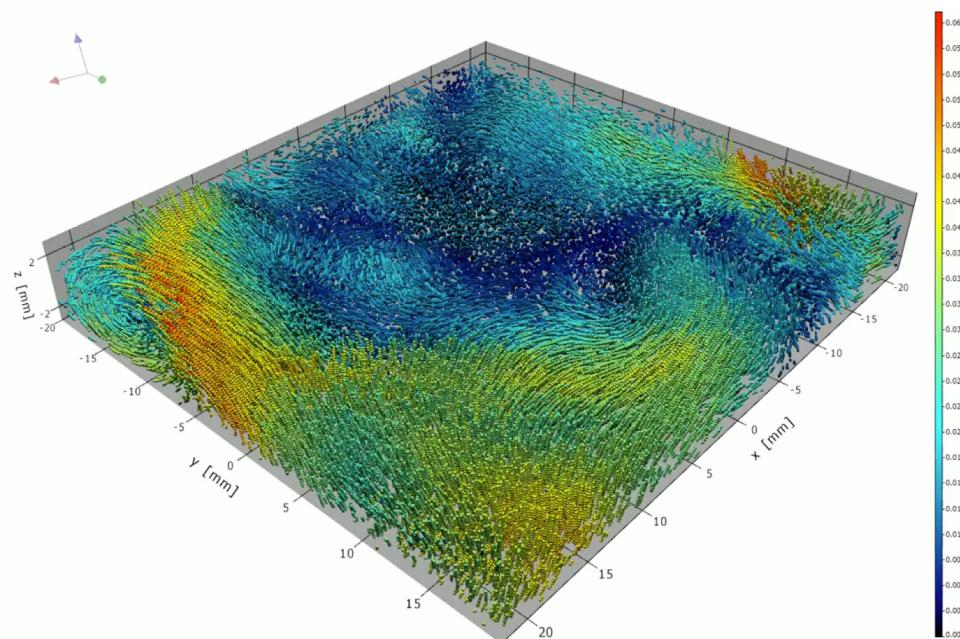
Turbulent flow viewed in PIV



TPIV velocity fields

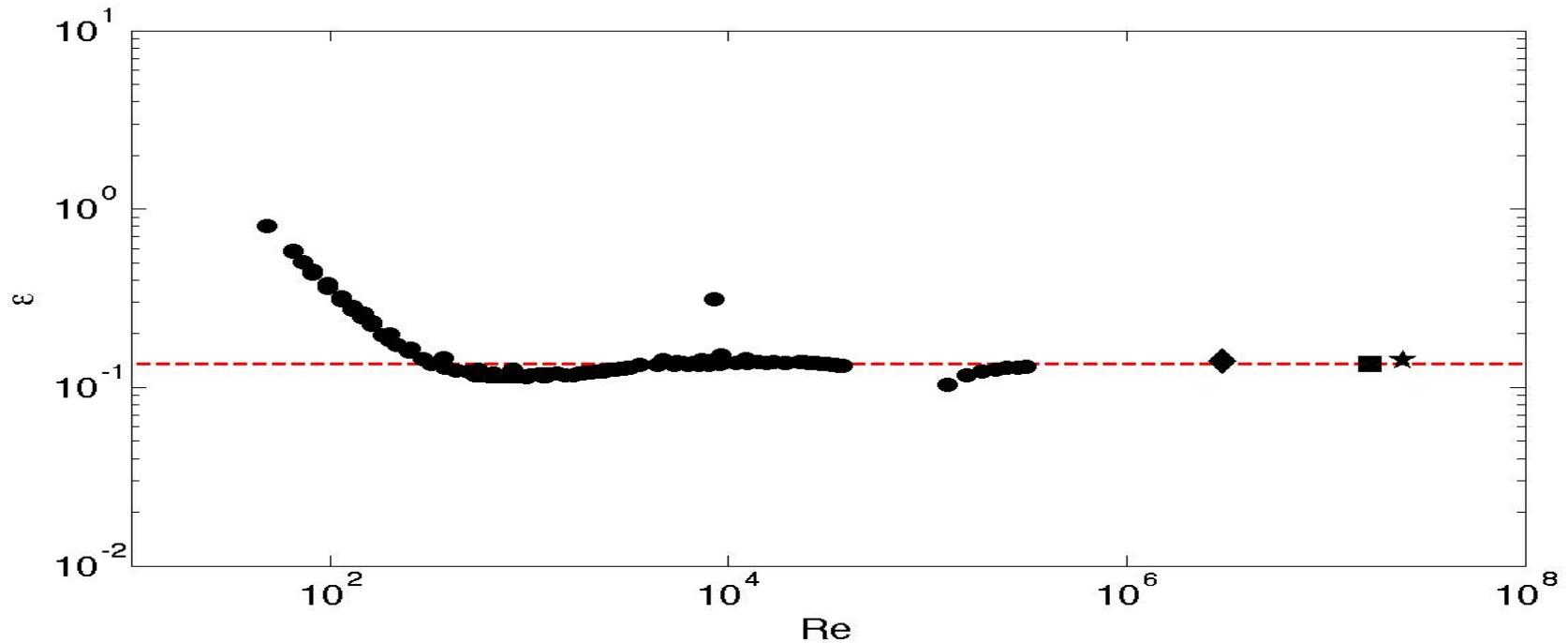
$$V_x(x, y, z), V_y(x, y, z), V_z(x, y, z)$$

Turbulent flow viewed in PTV



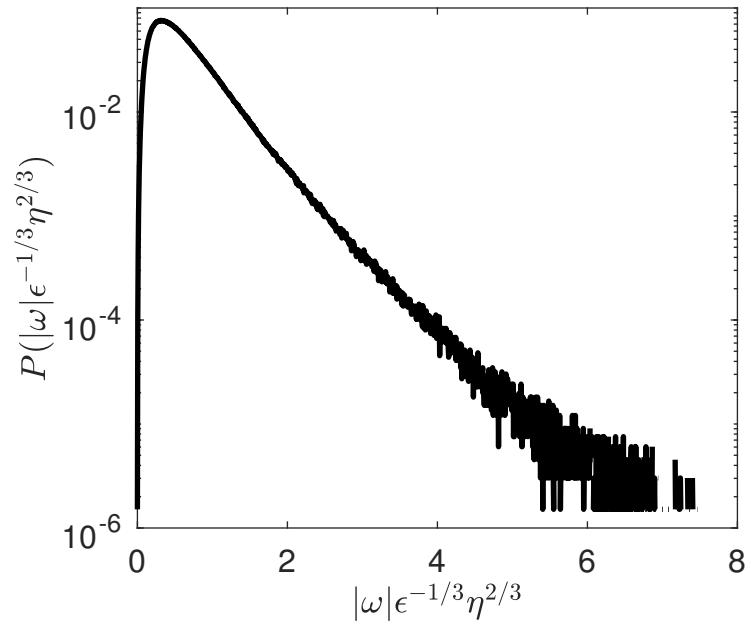
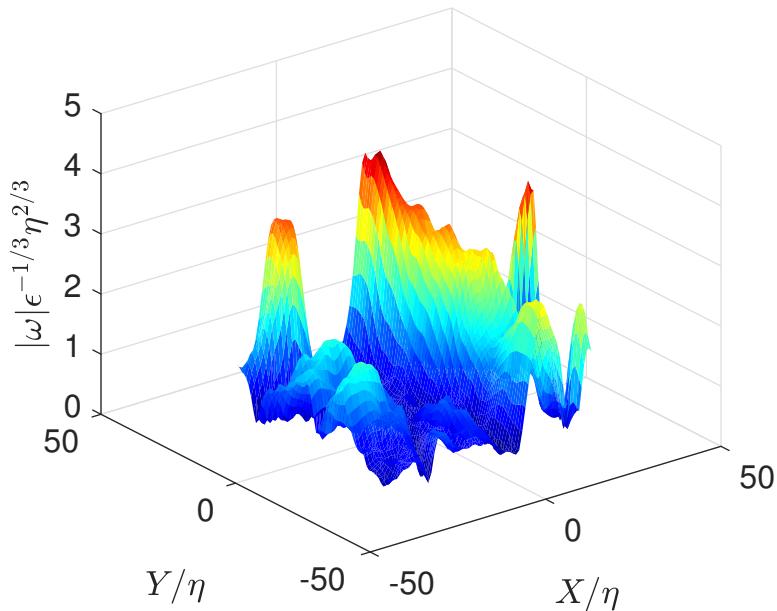
Time and space resolved Lagrangian trajectories

# Energy dissipation in von Karman flow



Non-dimensional Energy dissipation per unit mass is constant at large Reynolds  
**Independent of viscosity?**

# Enstrophy blow-up



$$\epsilon = \nu <(\nabla u)^2> = \nu <\omega^2> \Rightarrow <\omega^2> \approx \frac{\epsilon}{\nu}$$

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} <\omega^2> = \infty$$

***Building of very large gradients at small scale... Singularity?  
How to measure them/quantify them in experiments?***

# Singularities and Eulerian energy dissipation

$$-\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}_\nu$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \partial_t \mathbf{u}^2 + \operatorname{div} \left( \mathbf{u} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^2 + p \right) - \nu \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = D(u) - \nu |\nabla \mathbf{u}|^2$$

**Inertial dissipation:**

$$D(u) = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4} \int_{r \leq \ell} d^3 r \, \nabla \phi_\ell(r) \cdot \delta u_r |\delta u_r|^2$$

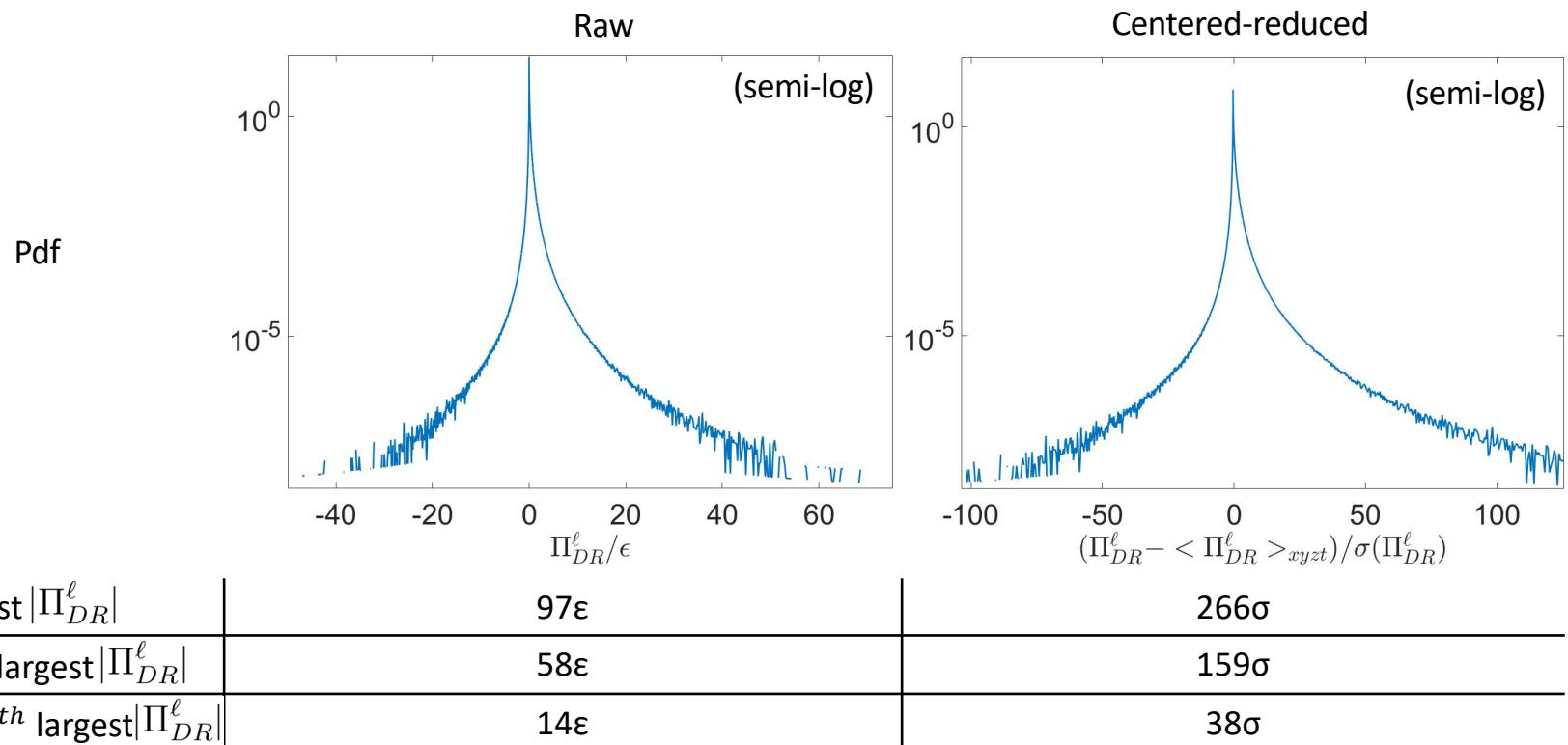
$$\delta u(\ell) \sim \ell^h \quad \text{In the limit of} \quad \ell \approx 0$$

$$D(u)[x] \propto \lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \ell^{3h-1}$$

If  $h \leq 1/3 \rightarrow$  Dissipation through singularities

Duchon&Robert. Nonlinearity (2000)

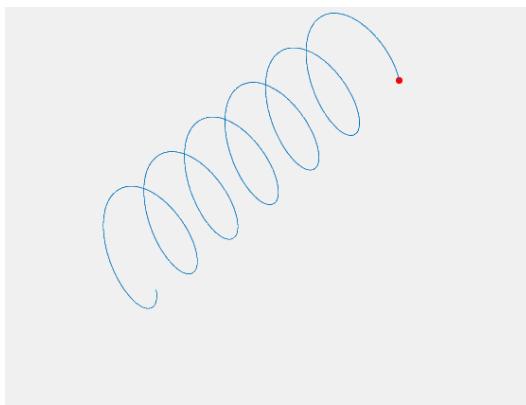
# Extreme events of the Duchon-Robert term



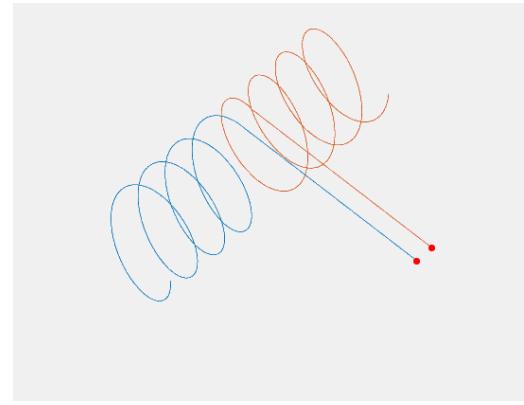
# Direct observation of extreme events

- We observed three kinds of structures, based on the velocity streamlines :

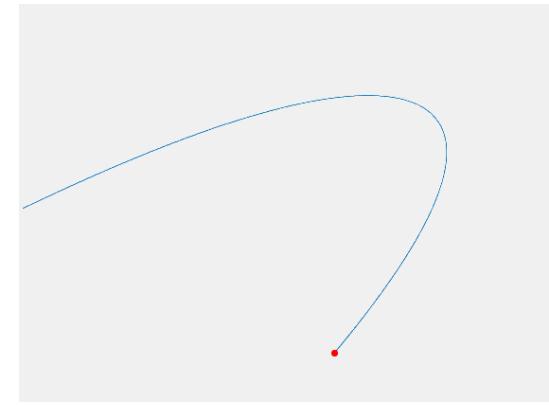
« Screw  
vortices »



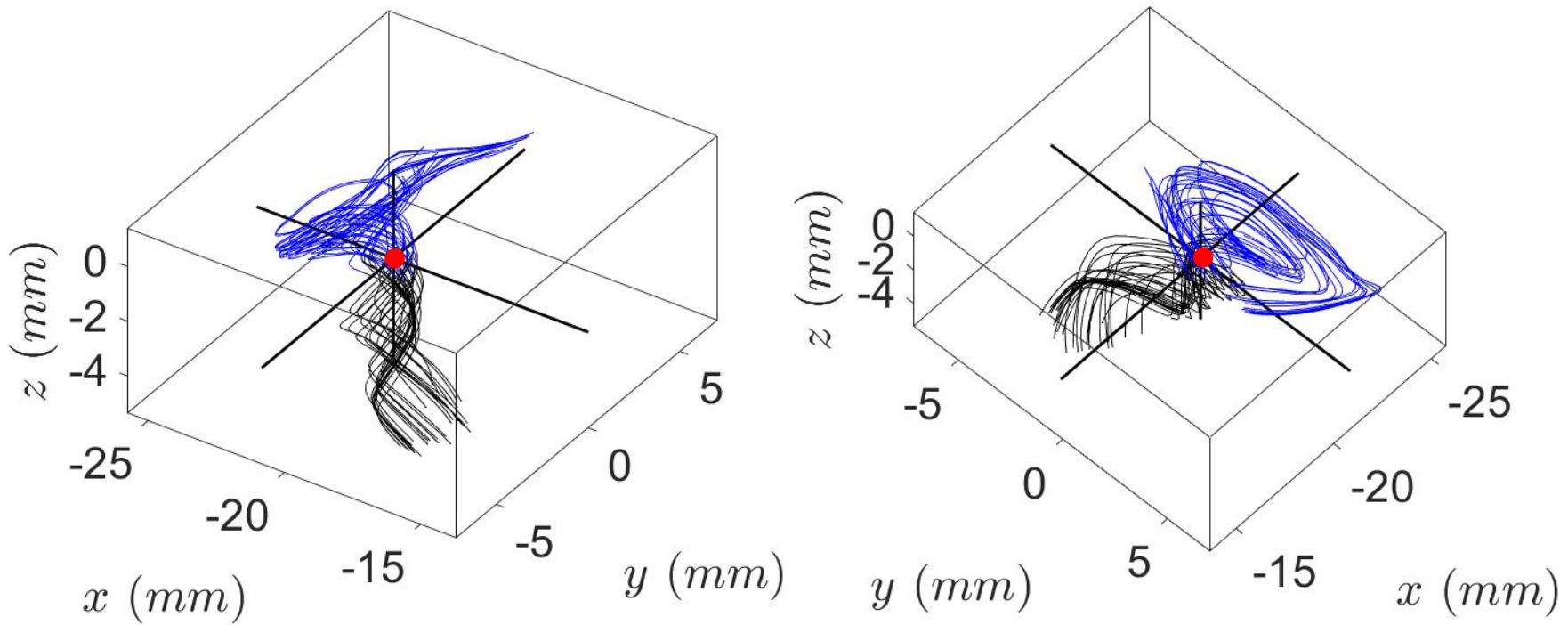
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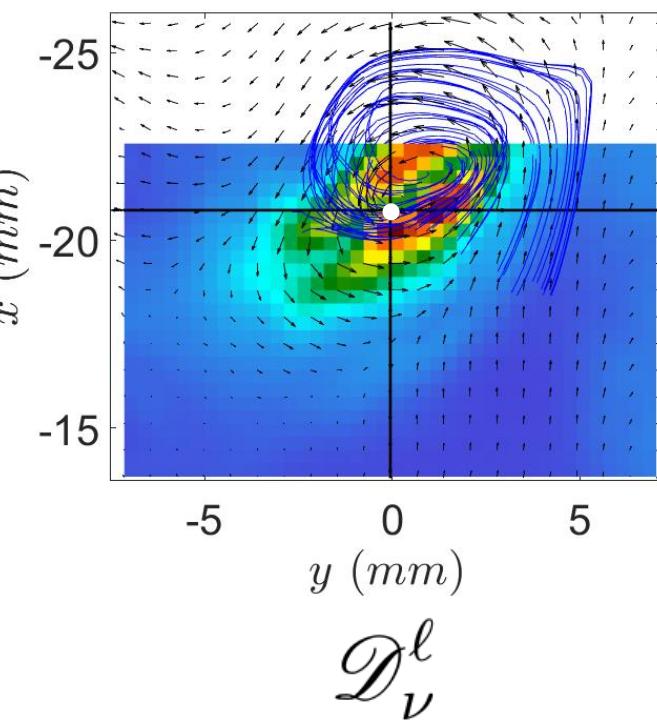
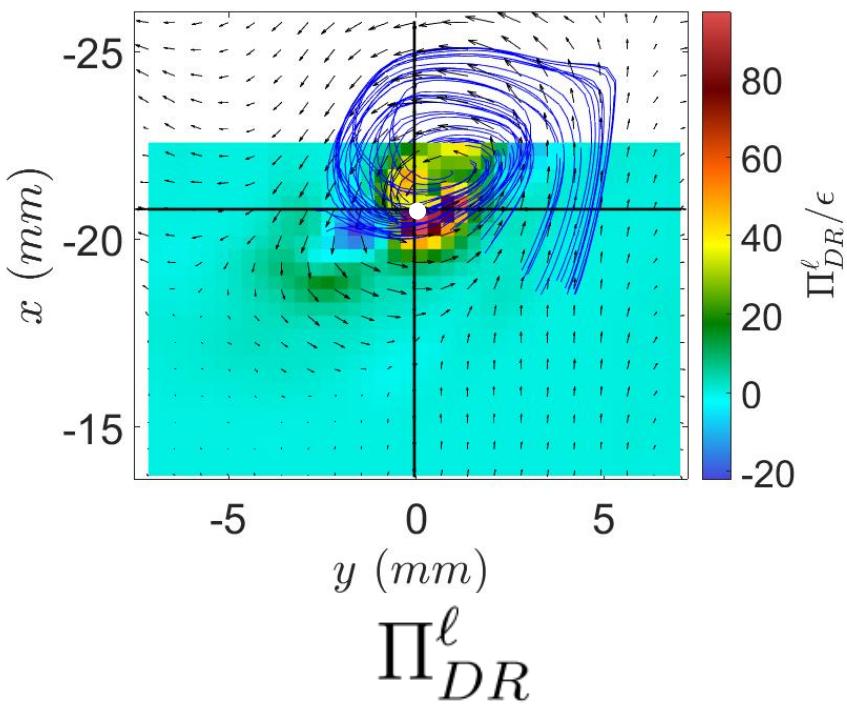
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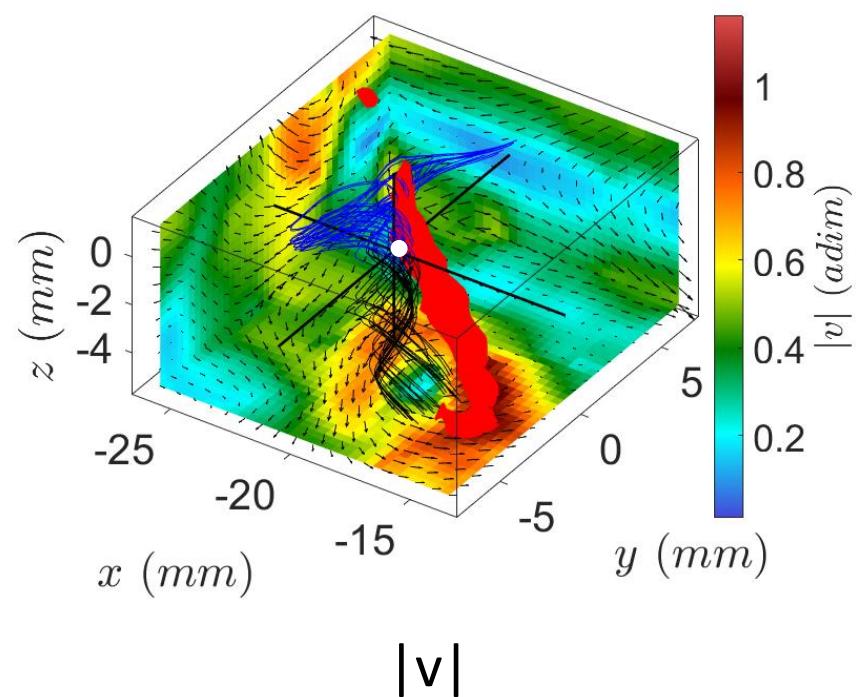
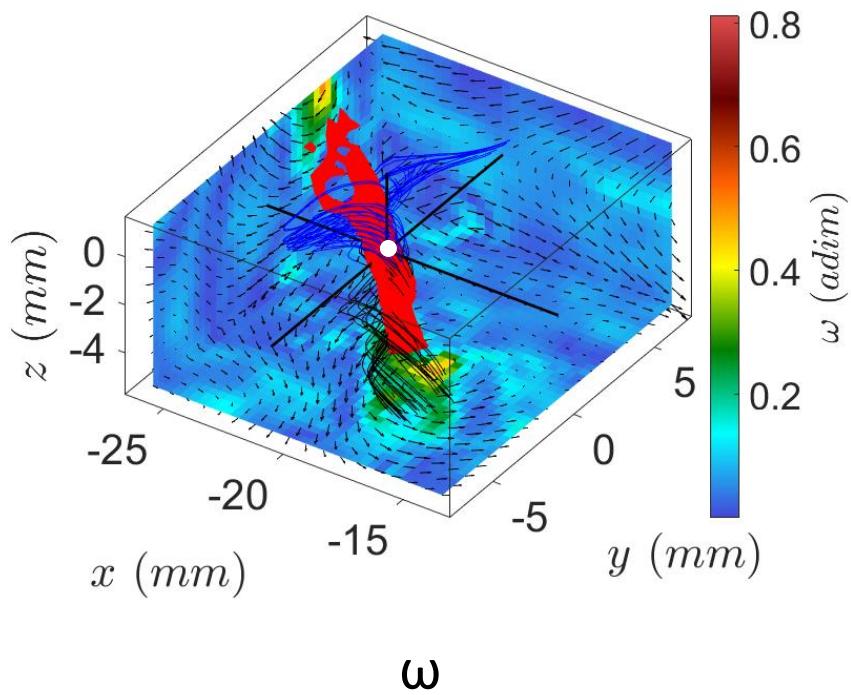
# Screw vortices : velocity streamlines



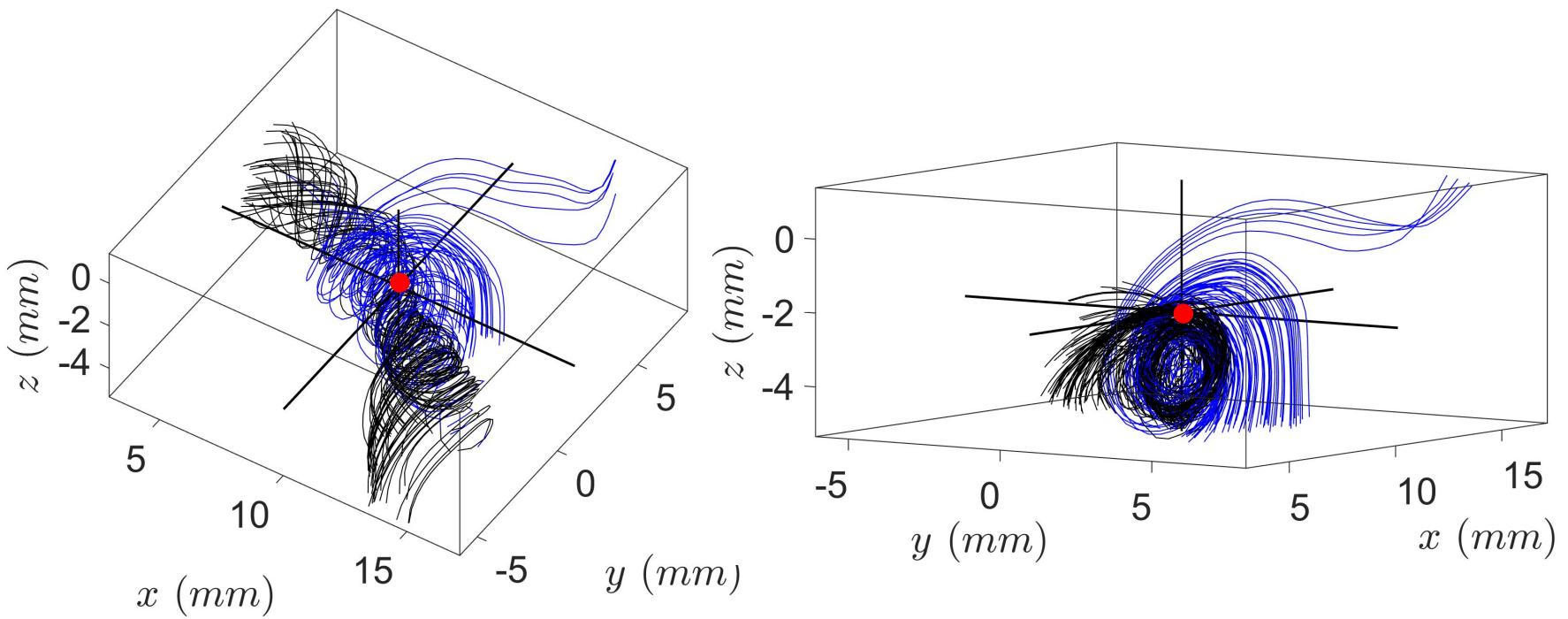
# Screw vortices : $\Pi_{DR}^\ell$ and $\mathcal{D}_\ell^\nu$



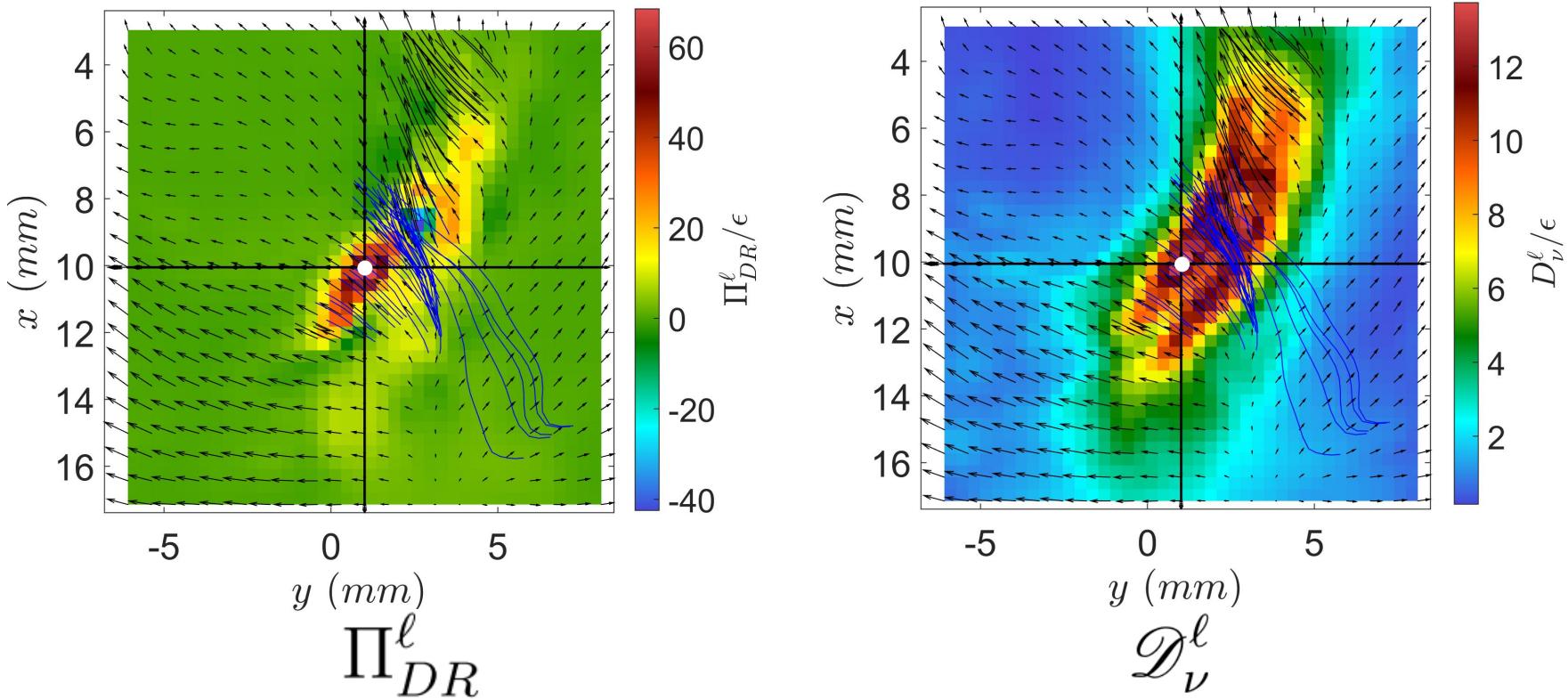
# Screw vortices : vorticity and velocity norms



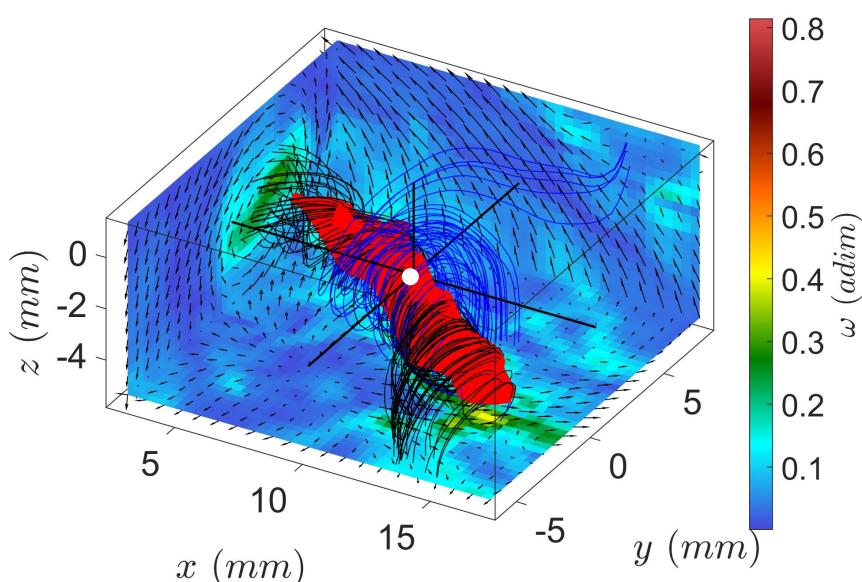
# Roll vortices : velocity streamlines



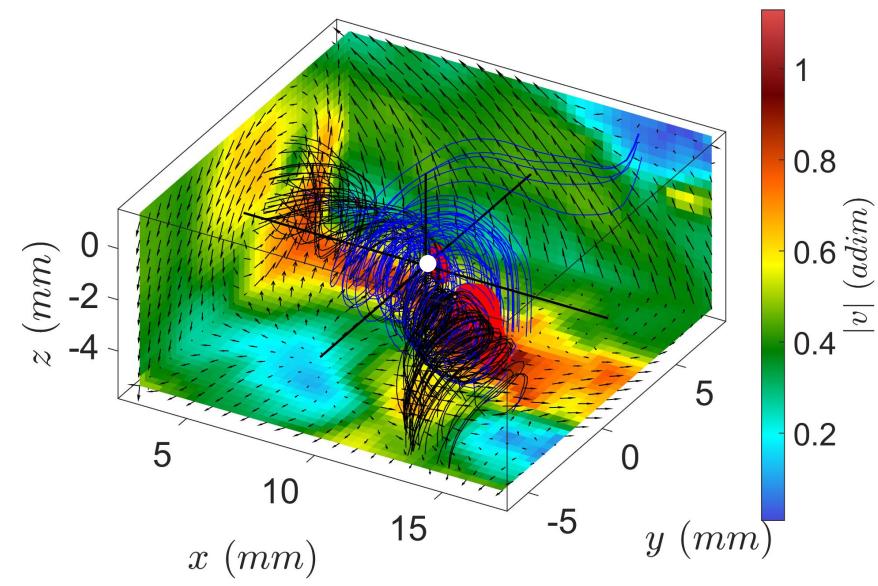
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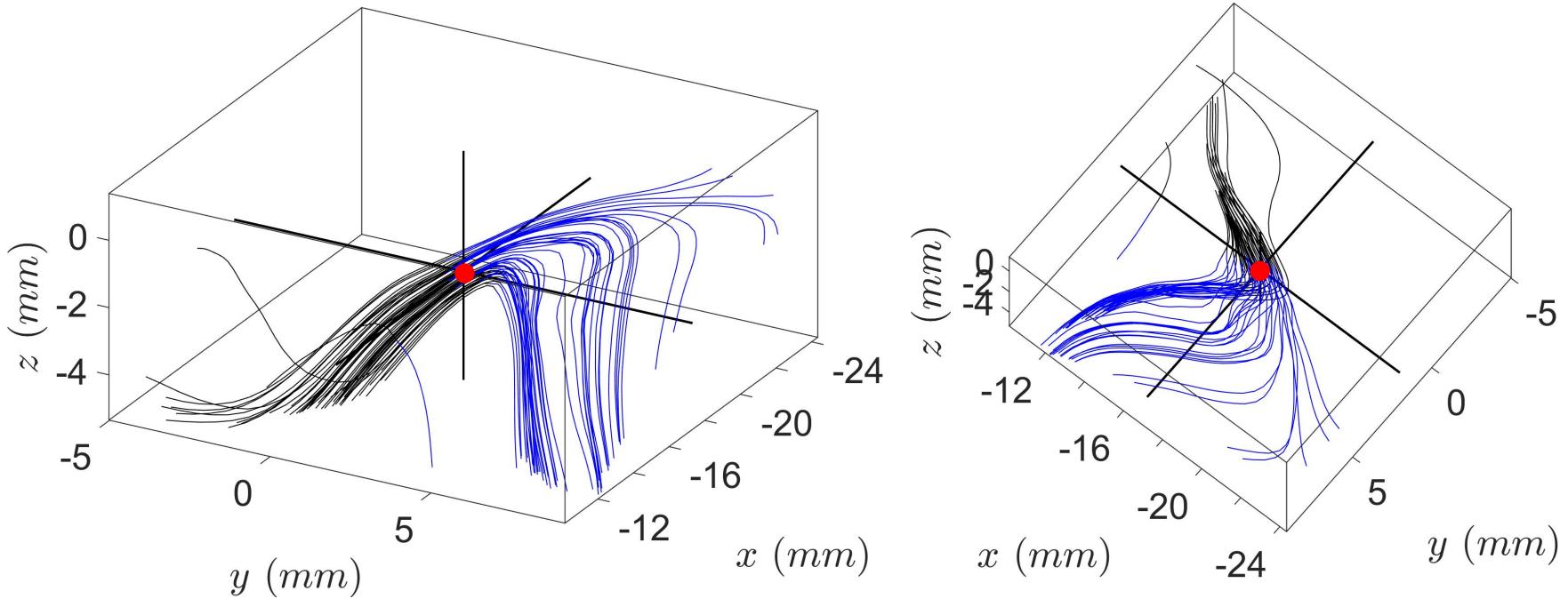


$\omega$

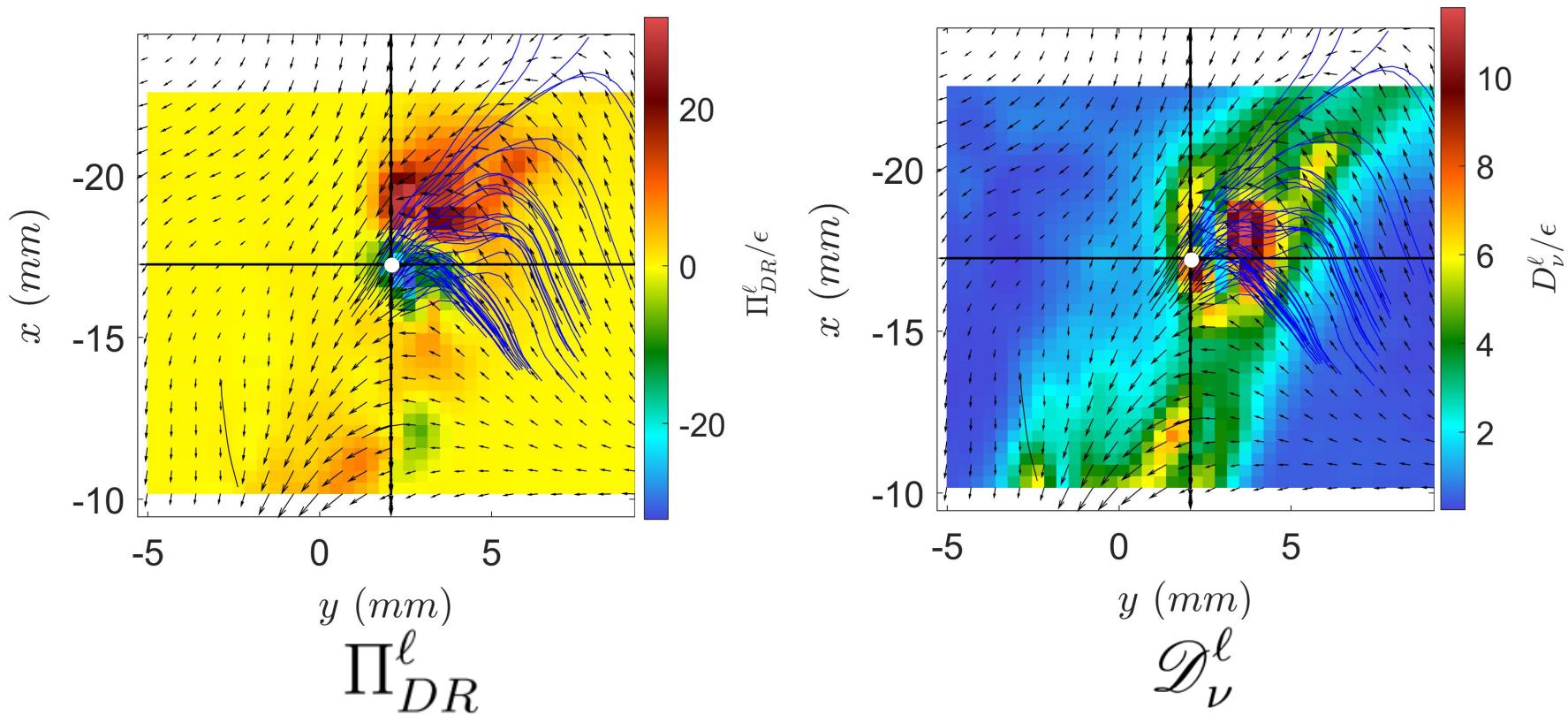


$|v|$

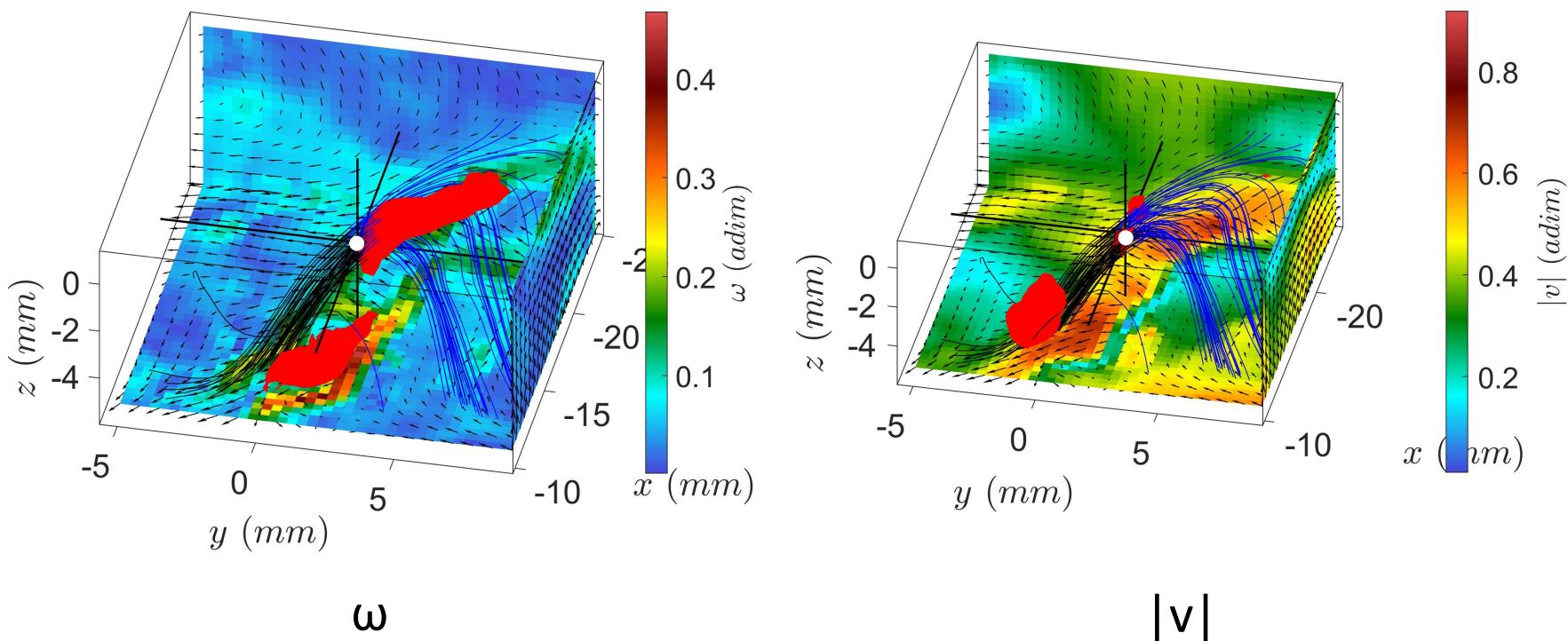
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# Eulerian vs Lagrangian local energy dissipation

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**Richardson law :**

$$\langle (\delta X_r^{t+\tau})^2 \rangle \sim a_\pm \tau^3$$

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**Irreversibility**

$$a_+ \neq a_-$$

$$D_L = \lim_{r, \tau \rightarrow (0,0)} (\langle (\delta X_r^{t+\tau})^2 \rangle - \langle (\delta X_r^{t-\tau})^2 \rangle) / 6\tau^3$$

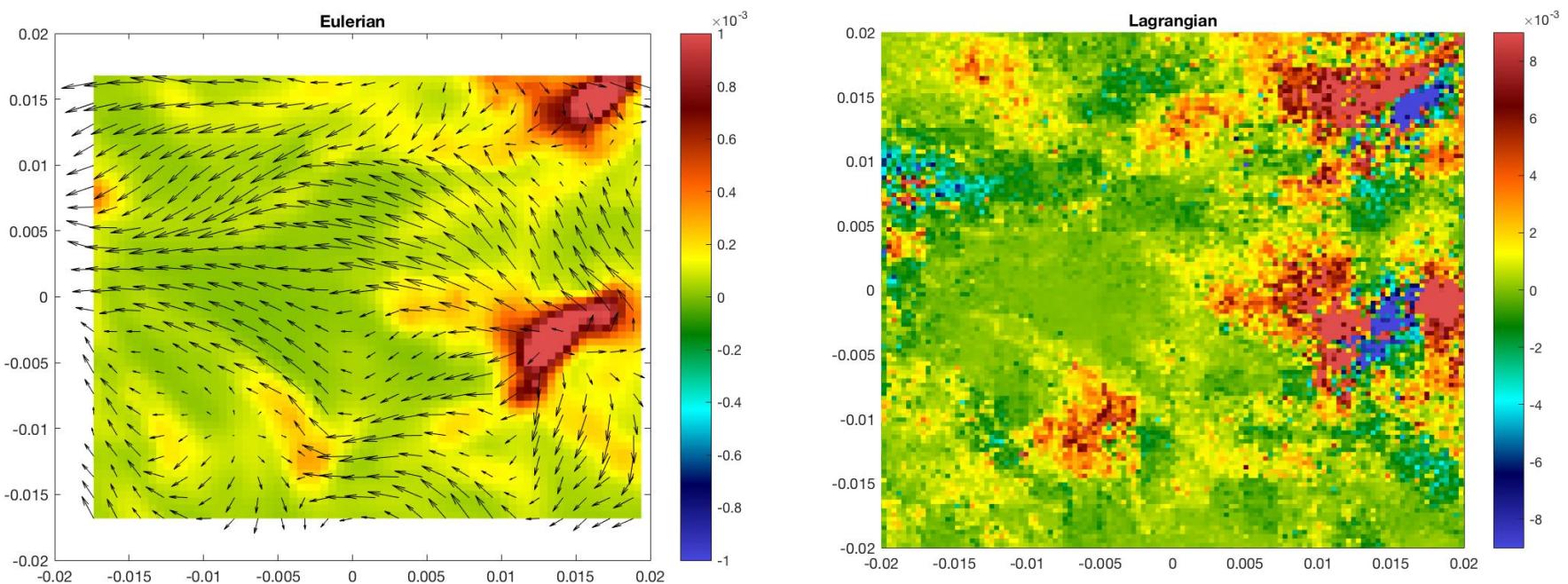
J. Jucha et al. PRL (2014)

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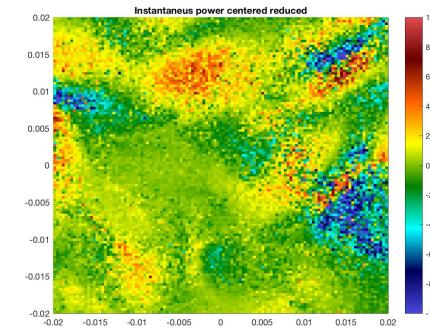
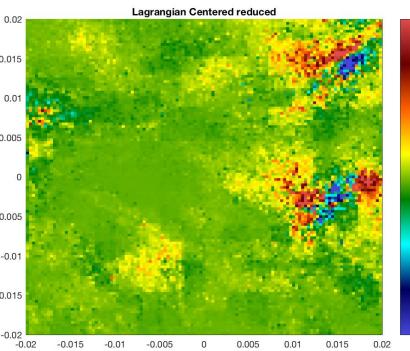
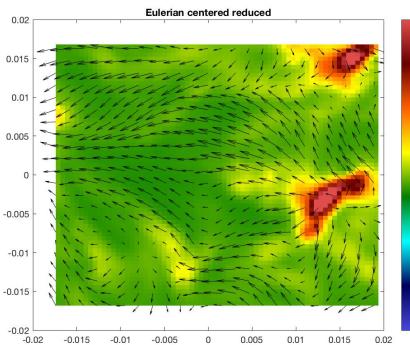
Theory

$$D_L = \varepsilon = \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{D}_\nu$$

# Eulerian vs Lagrangian local dissipation

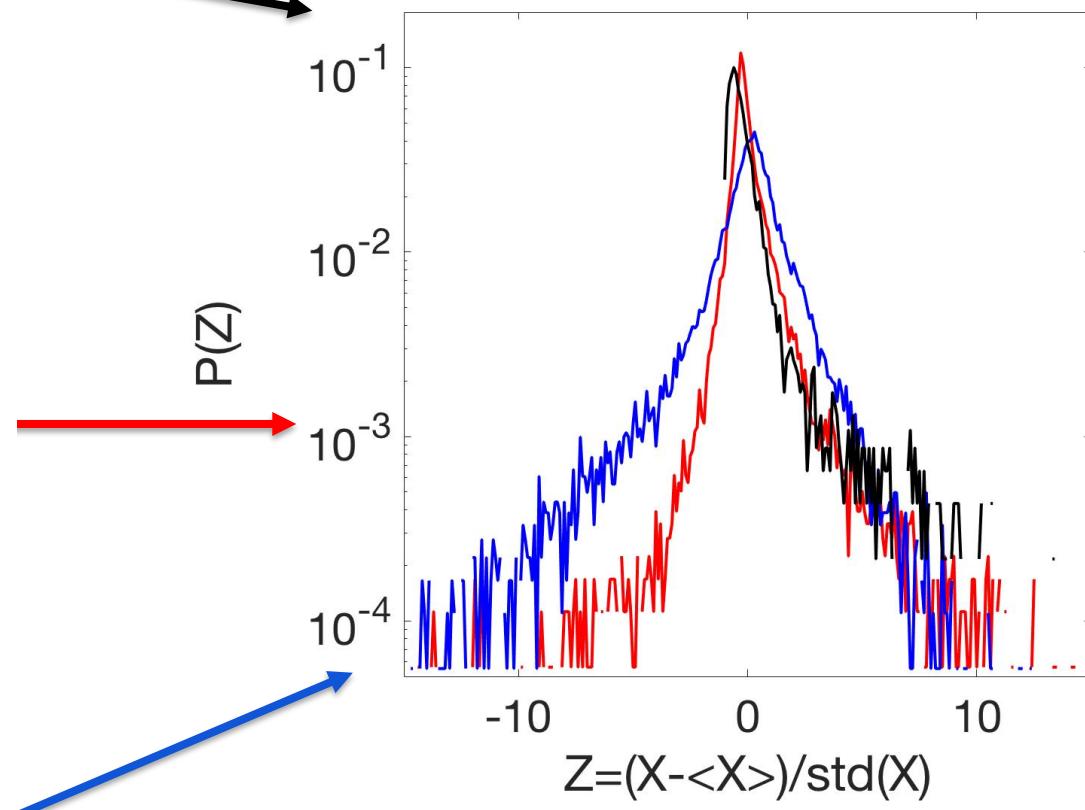


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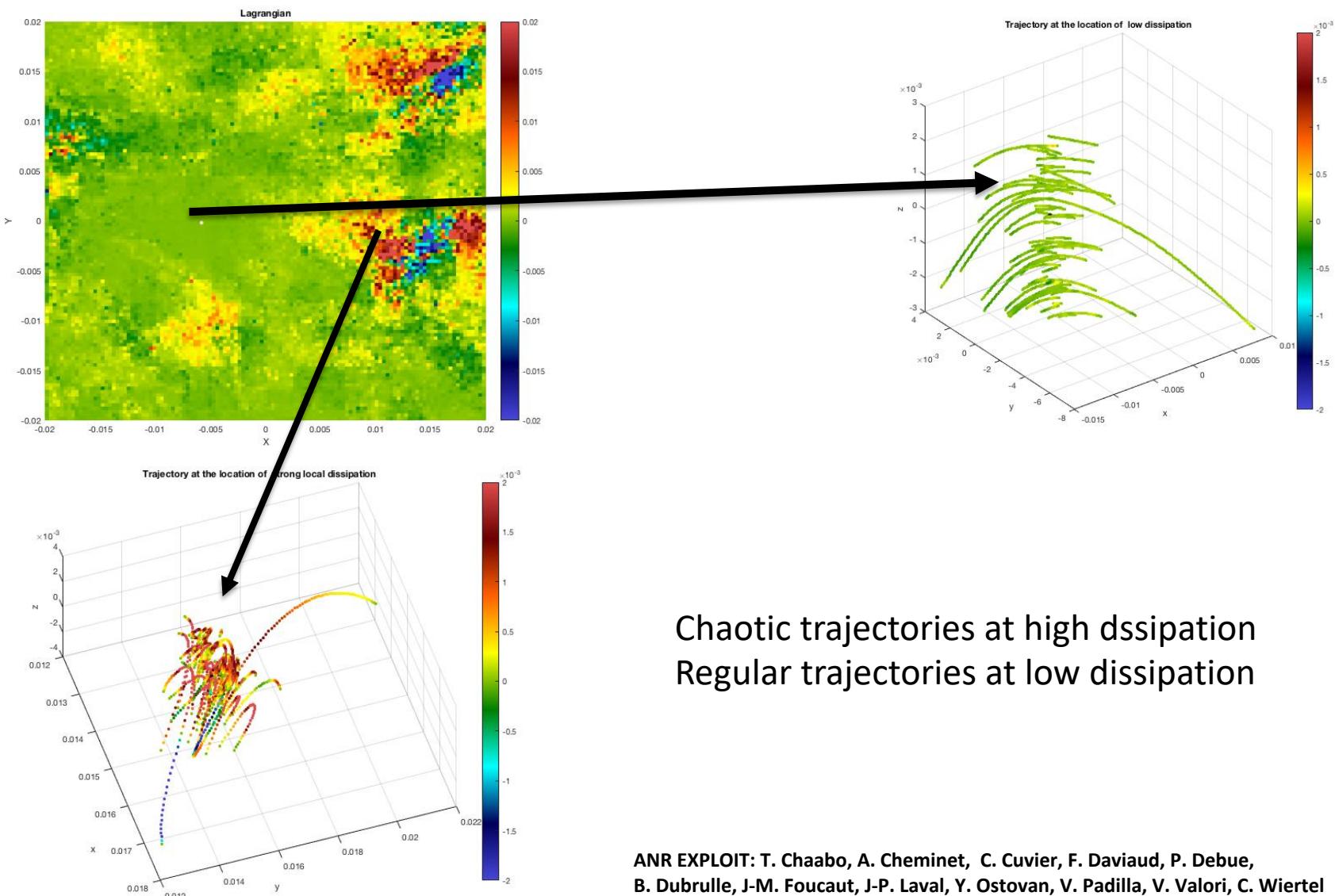


Instantaneous power different from local dissipation

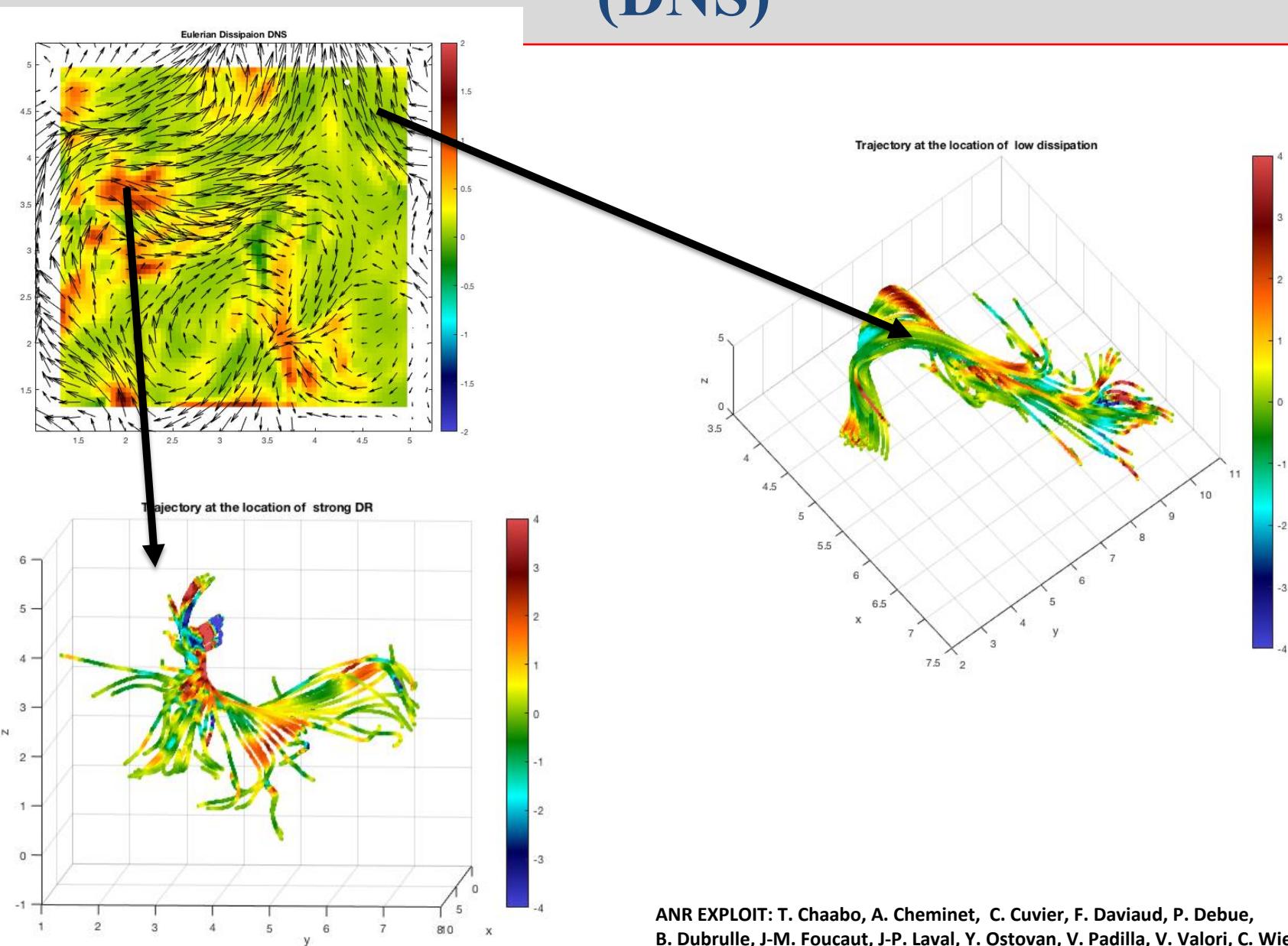
Centered Reduced distributions



# Geometry of trajectories at special points



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# Conclusion

Lagrangian and Eulerian irreversibility provides **complementary** view

**Eulerian irreversibility** points to **quasi singularities** of Eulerien Velocity Field

**Lagrangian irreversibility** points to **chaotic points** of Lagrangian trajectories

OPEN Questions: signatures of non-unicity?

Structure of quasi-singularities?

Dynamics of quasi-singularities?