

# Low-complexity stochastic modeling of turbulent flows

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## MOTIVATION

### Control of turbulent flows

prevent/suppress turbulence  
reduce turbulent drag } **Economic impact**



### Challenges

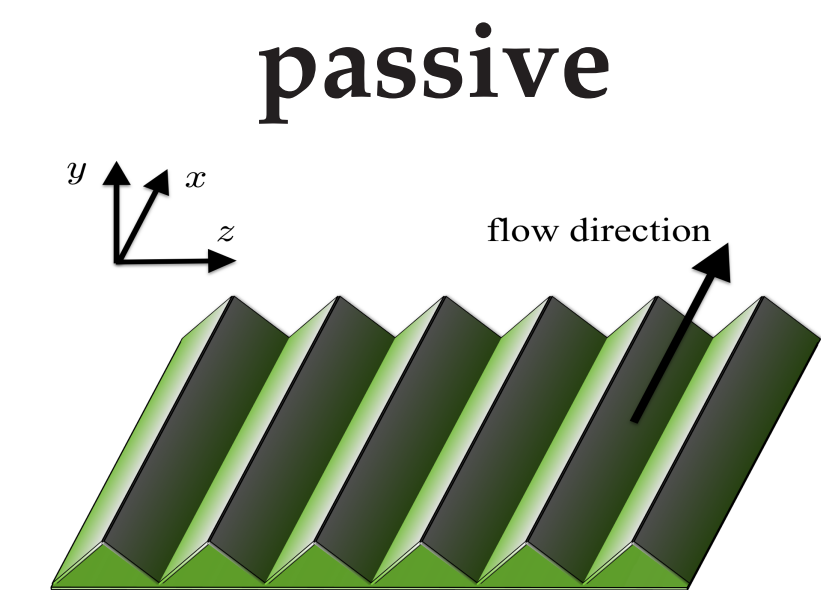
- large number of degrees of freedom
- complex flow dynamics

### Objectives

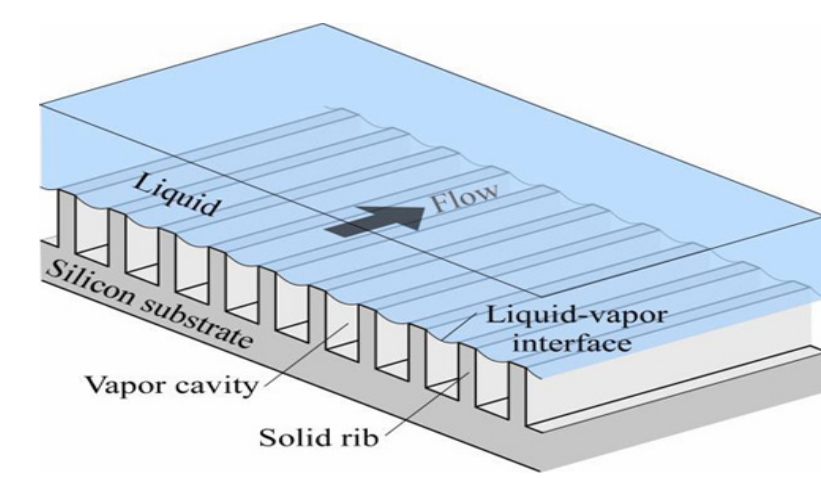
- control-oriented modeling of turbulent flows

### Ongoing research

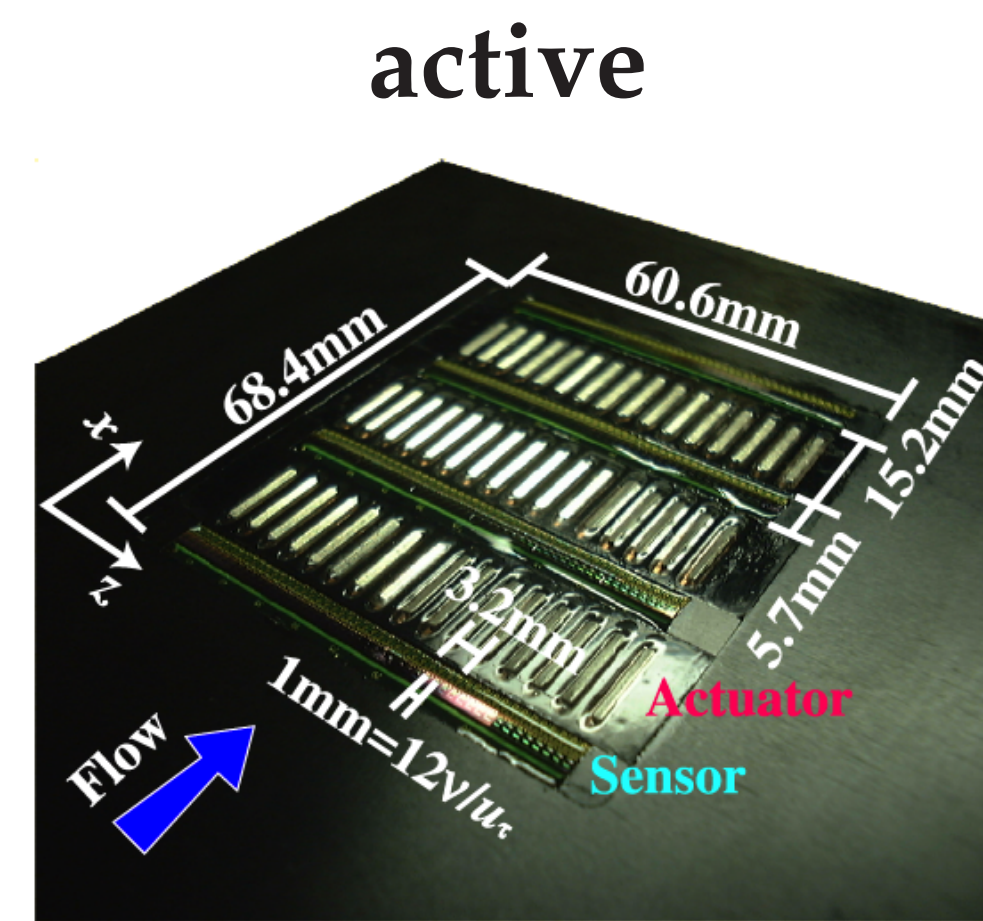
- model-based flow control design



riblets



superhydrophobic surface

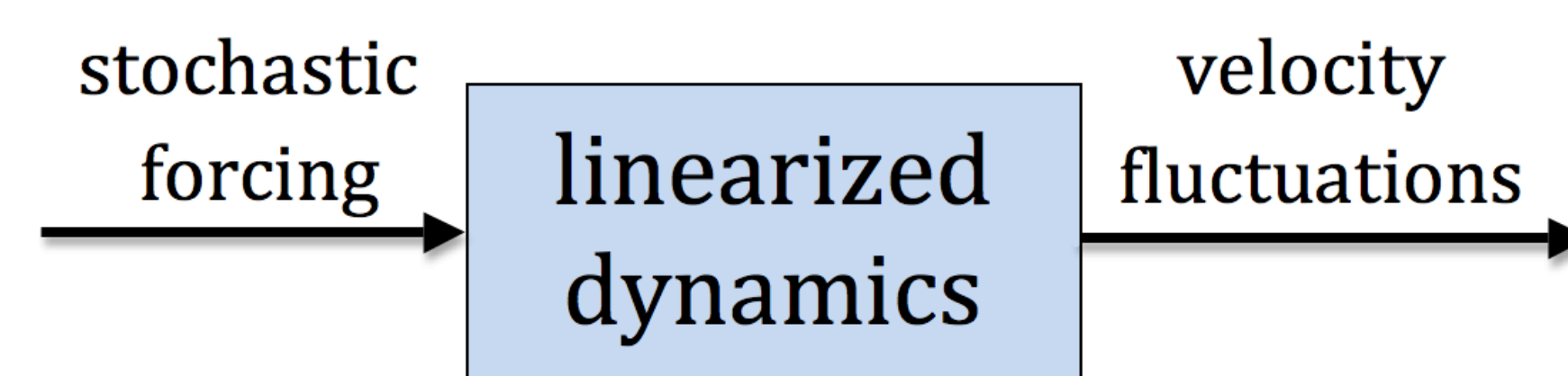


hot-film sensors and wall-deformation actuators

(Yoshino et al. 2008)

## APPROACH

### Stochastically forced Navier-Stokes equations

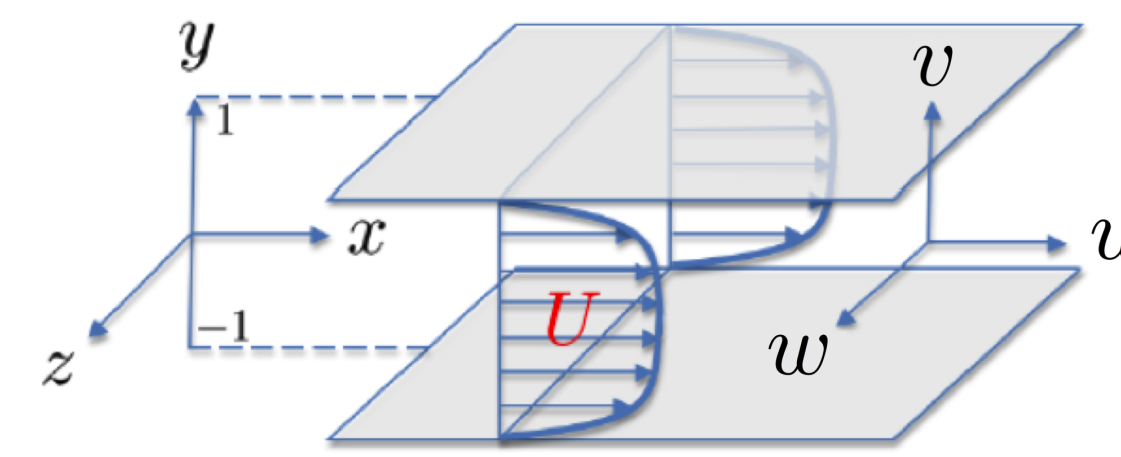


- embed observed **statistical features** of turbulence in control-oriented models

## COMPLETION OF TURBULENT FLOW STATISTICS

- view **second-order statistics** as data for an **inverse problem**
- identify **forcing statistics** to account for **partially known** turbulent statistics

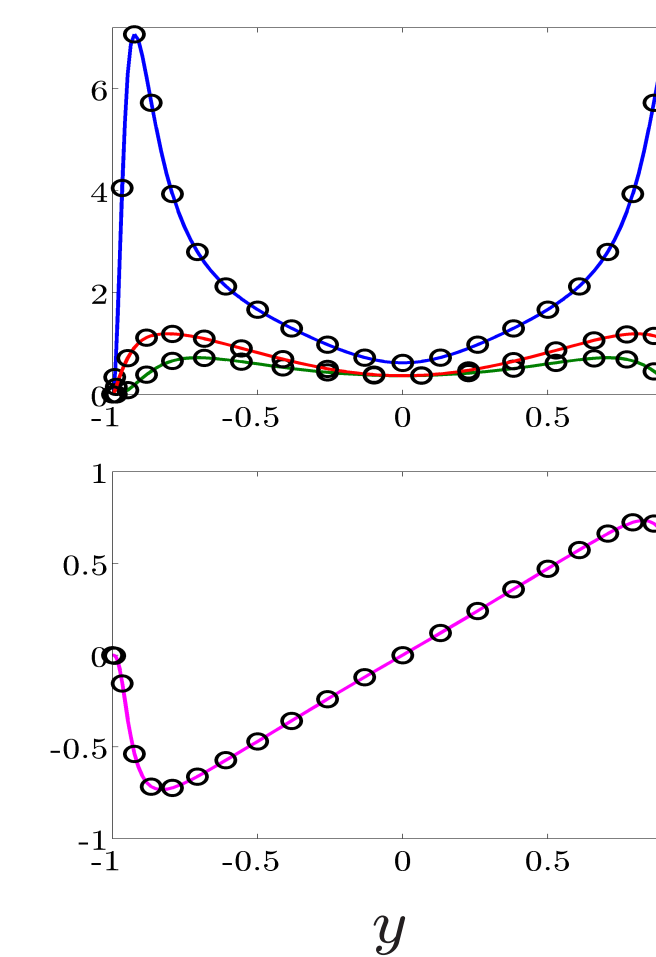
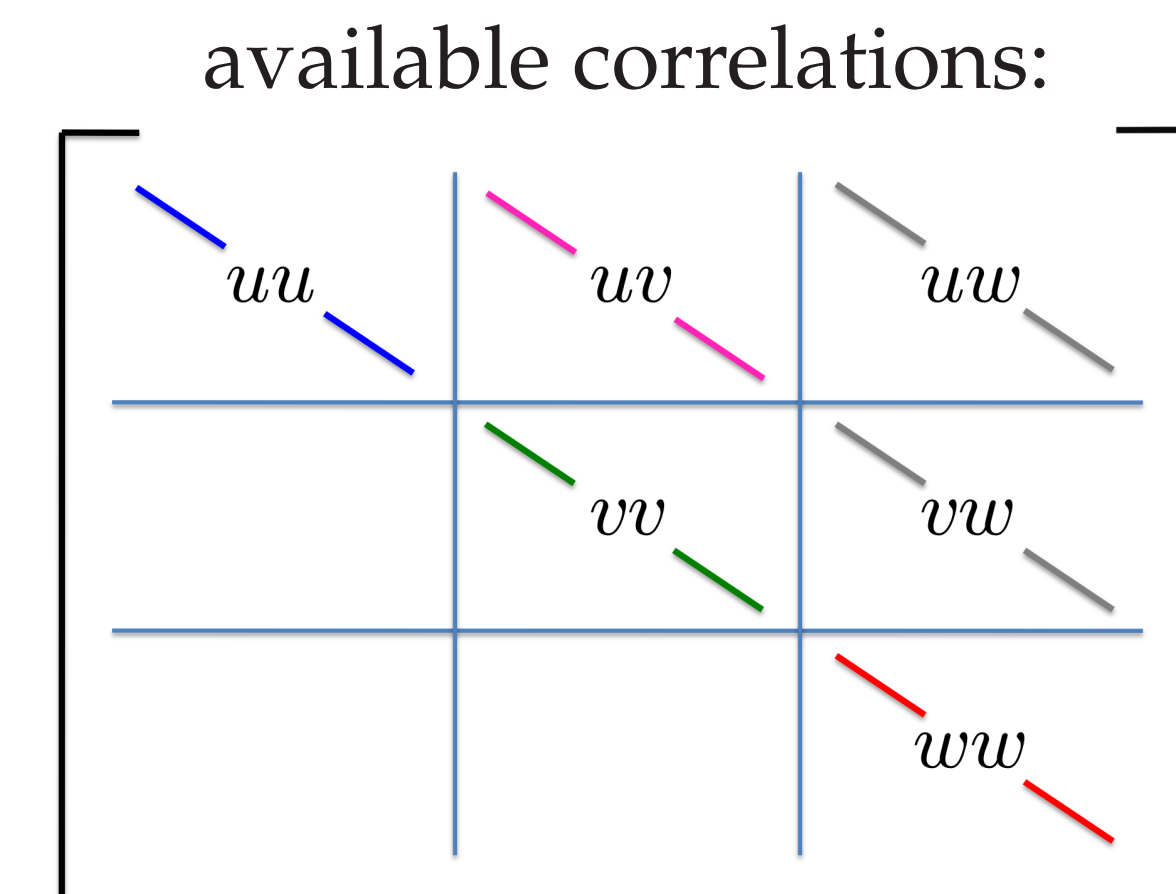
### Turbulent channel flow



### Linearized evolution model

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_t &= A\psi + f \\ \mathbf{v} &= C\psi \end{aligned} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{os} & 0 \\ A_{cp} & A_{sq} \end{bmatrix} \quad \psi = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

### Covariance matrix completion problem

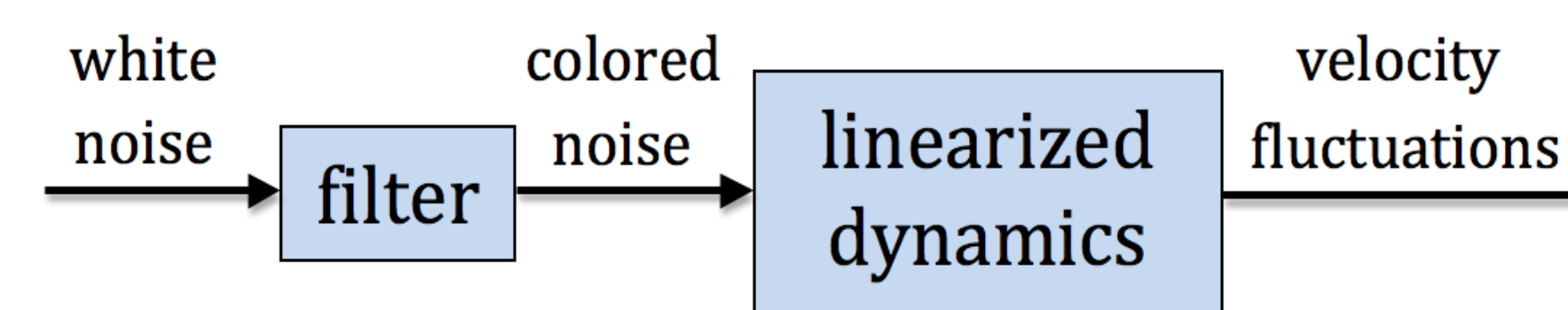


### Convex optimization problem

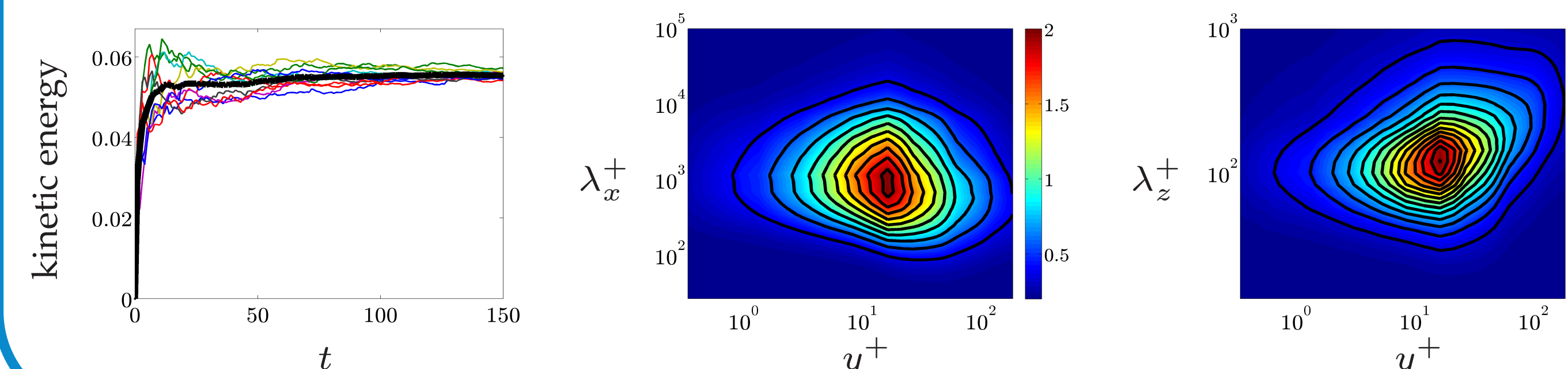
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize}_{X, Z} \|Z\|_* \\ &\text{subject to} \quad AX + XA^* + Z = 0 \\ &\quad \text{trace}(T_i X) = g_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \\ &\quad X \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **white-in-time** excitation  $\rightarrow$  **too restrictive!**

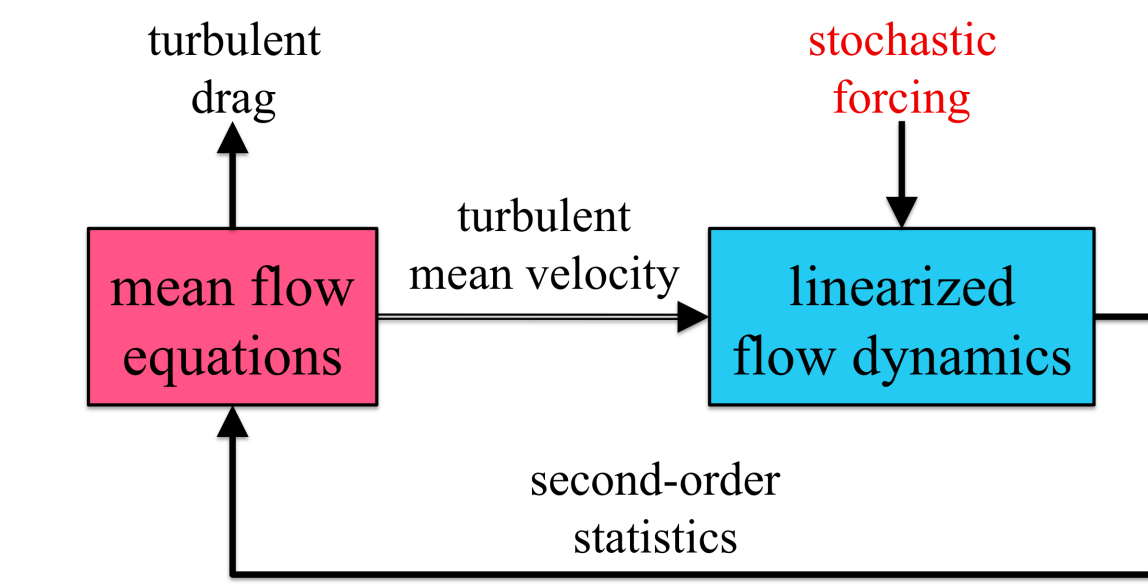
### Filter design



### linear stochastic simulations:

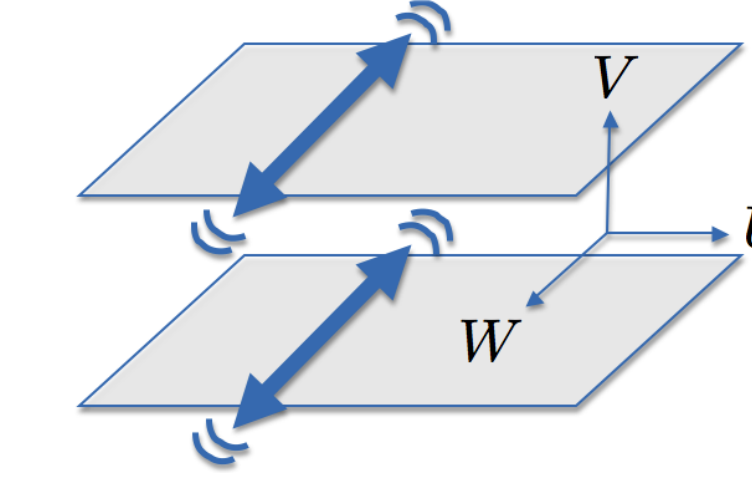


## MODEL-BASED CONTROL



### Spanwise wall oscillations

$$W(y = \pm 1, t) = 2\alpha \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right)$$



simulations and experiments:

sustained drag reduction: up to  $\approx 45\%$   
"optimal" period of oscillations:  $T^+ \approx 100$

### Perturbation analysis:

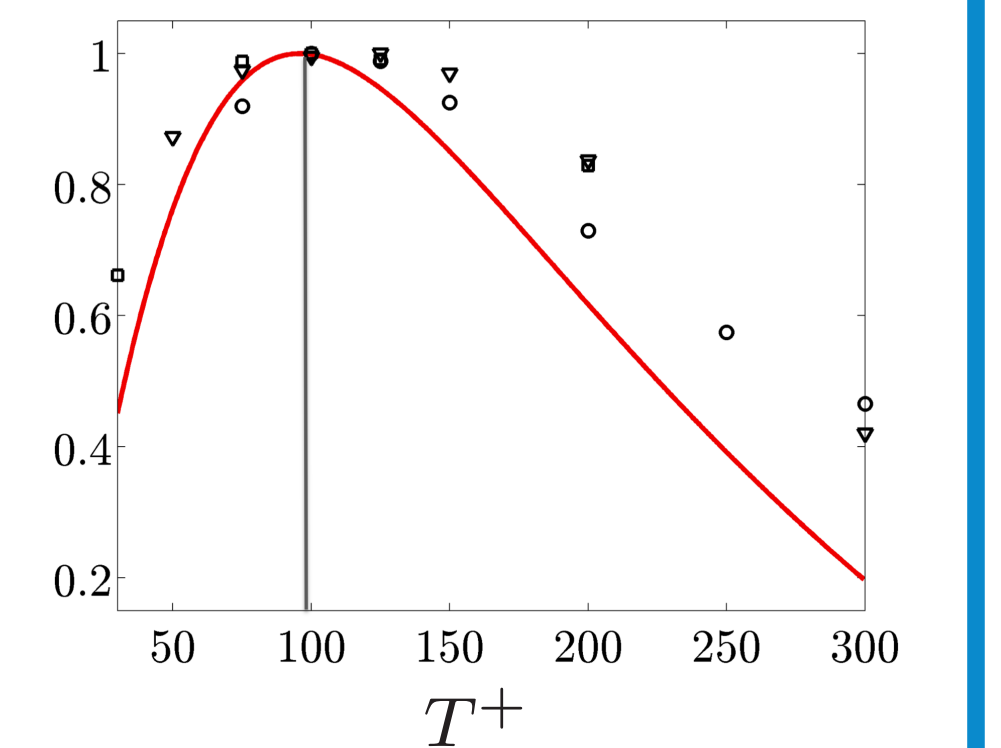
$$X(\kappa) = X_0(\kappa) + \alpha^2 X_2(\kappa) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

$$ww_2(y, \kappa) = \text{diag}\{C_u X_2(\kappa) C_v^*(\kappa)\}$$

$$wv(y, \kappa) \approx wv_0(y, \kappa) + \alpha^2 wv_2(y, \kappa)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &\approx U_0 + \alpha^2 U_2 \\ W &\approx W_0 + \alpha^2 W_2 \end{aligned}$$

drag reduction  $\approx \alpha^2 f_{DR}(T^+)$



Symbols: numerical simulations (Quadrio & Ricco, JFM '04)

## REMARKS

- **Control-oriented modeling**
  - stochastically forced linearized NS equations
  - **colored-in-time** forcing accounts for partially observed statistics
- **Sensor-free control**
  - **optimal period of oscillations** captured by perturbation analysis
  - **simulation-free** approach to predicting full-scale results
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