



# Sensitivity of the Transition to Turbulence In a Pipe

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## Overview

1.The onset of disordered motion in pipe flow is abrupt "the sudden way in which eddies come into existence in the experiment with coloured bands" Reynolds 1883.

2. Transition requires sufficiently large amplitude disturbance.

3. Small disturbances provide interesting insights.



F.Box

#### **Constant Mass Flux Pipe Facility in Sapporo**



Measured Poiseuille profile at Re =2,000



## **Transition probability**



- Error function fit.
- Plot obtained from normalised data of 5000 experiments:
  - 1. Reynolds numbers of 2170, 3000 and 4000,
  - 2. Different location of perturbation along the developing flow.
- Threshold process?

S. Williams PhD Thesis

## Jet Through Small Hole



#### 0.3mm diameter hole: Amp. 0.1%



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## Re =1900

0.3mm diameter hole: Amp. 0.18%



 $\Delta$  is the time integral of the centreline velocity 'defect' where the integration is carried out over the measurement time T such that,

$$\frac{\Delta}{D} = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^T [U(r=0) - u(r=0)dt]$$

where U is the parabolic velocity profile of H-P flow and thius U(r=0) is  $2U_{mean}$ .



Evolution of velocity 'defect' as disturbance travels downstream.

LDV used to measure on-axis vel. at 16 spatial locations plus one fixed pos. downstream (~200 runs of exp.)

#### Centreline Vel.-Time Traces from 12 Runs at 110D 0.5% Disturbance Re= 1900



#### 1.8% Disturbance Re+1900



## Initial Downstream Growth of Velocity Defect

**Re = 1900** 



## Evolution of 0.5% disturbance



## Evolution of 1.8% Disturbance





Variance

 $\Delta$  represents averaged velocity defect at the center of pipe for a measurement time T = N $\delta$ t (N and  $\delta$ t mean number of data and sampling period of the velocity fluctuation) as

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{U(r=0) - u_i(r=0)}{U_{mean}}$$

where U represents parabolic velocity profile of Hagen-Poiseuille flow, and thus U(r = 0) corresponds to  $2U_{mean}$ .  $\sigma$  means standard deviation defined as

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} [U(r=0) - u_i(r=0)]^2}{U_{mean}^2 N}}.$$

Defect/Variance Correlation for A = 0.5%and A = 1.8%

'Puff' final state in both cases





Defect/Variance Correlation including decay

Decay at 1% disturbance

## Conclusions

## Are we probing the 'edge' state? Local



## Global

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## Quantitative measurement of the lifetime oflocalized turbulence in pipe flow

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Figure 5. The inverse of the characteristic lifetime  $\tau^{-1}$  as function of Reynolds (Re) number. Data from Peixinho & Mullin (2006) and Hof et al. (2008) are included, together with their linear and super-exponential scaling respectively. The data points of Peixinho & Mullin (2006) for Re  $\geq$  1740 are plotted in light grey since they are, considering the error estimates, measured at the same Reynolds number. The data of Willis & Kerswell (2007 a) is shown, in which the data point at Re = 1580 is reinterpreted (Hof et al. 2007; Willis & Kerswell 2007 b) (Hof et al. 2007, ( $\diamond$ ), original ( $\mathbf{V}$ )).

## Drive the flow either by pressure gradient or constant mass flux.





Schlichting: Bound. Lay. Theory 8th ed. ch15 (2000) B. L. Roxhdestvensky and I . N . Sirnakin JFM 147 (1984)

$$\begin{split} R_Q &= \frac{3Q}{8\nu\rho_0\,L}\,,\\ R_p &= \frac{|\boldsymbol{\nabla}p|\,L^3}{2\rho_0\,\nu^2} \end{split}$$

Velocity distribution in a pipe turbulent

laminar, same volume flux as a

laminar, same pressure gradient as a