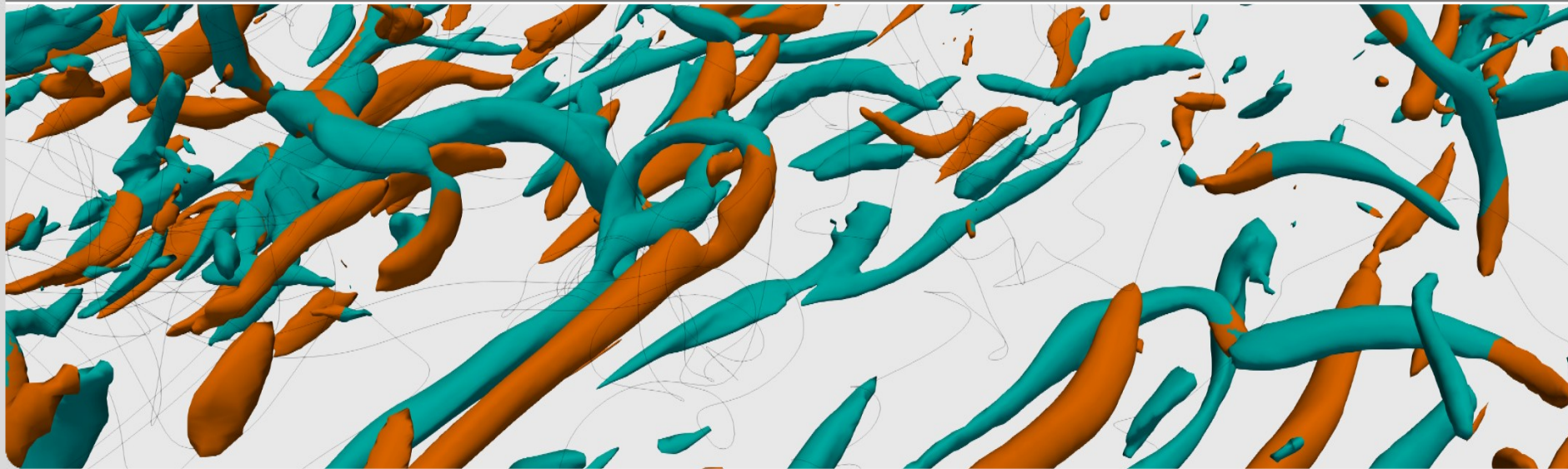


# Turbulent dissipation in drag reduced flows

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# The question

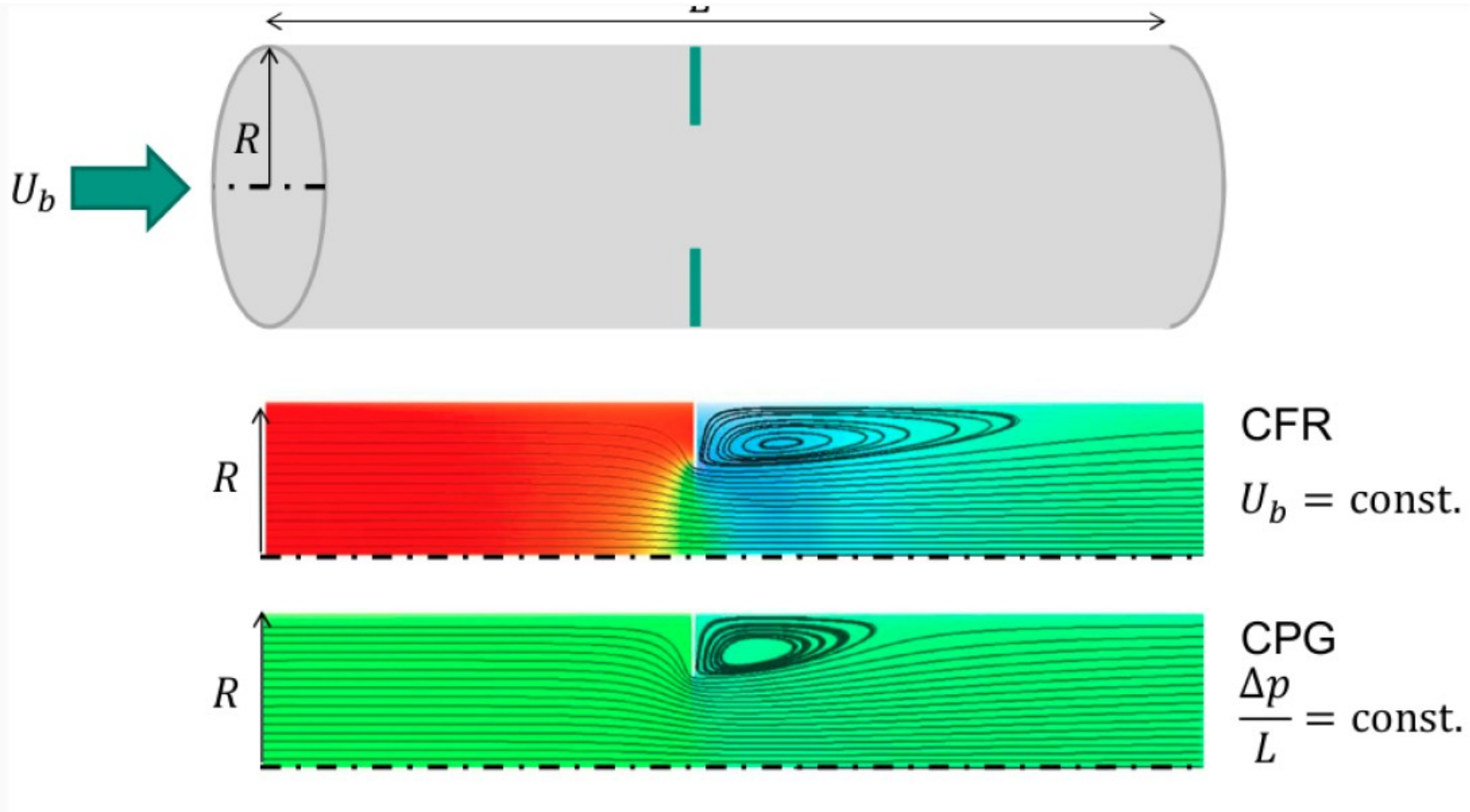
In order to achieve energy savings with drag reducing flow control,  
do you need to

**increase or decrease turbulent dissipation**  
compared to the uncontrolled reference flow?

**but before...**

What is a suitable definition of a reference flow?

# The art of comparison



# Energy Dissipation

total energy dissipation = direct dissipation + turbulent dissipation

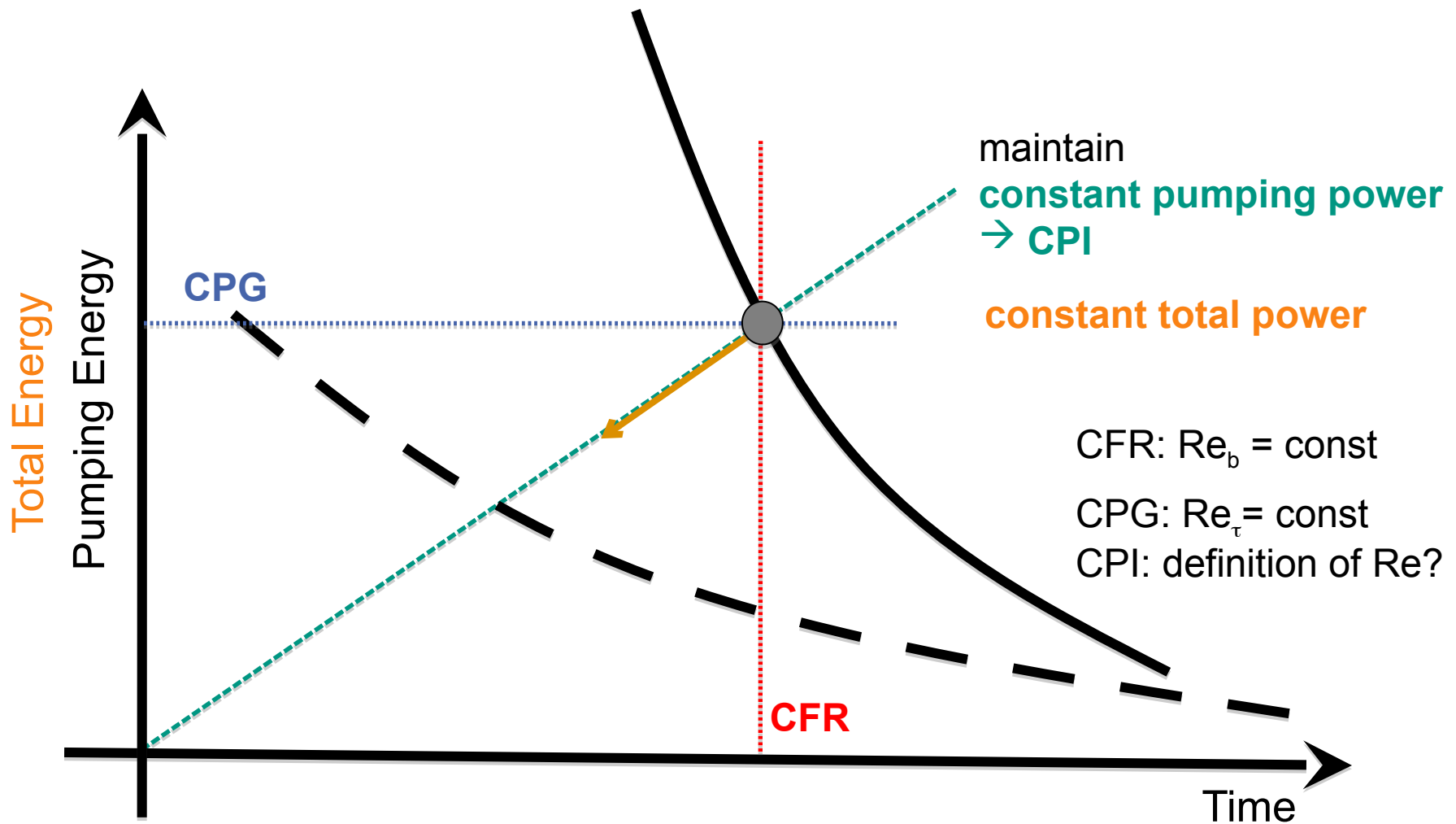
$$\Phi_{tot} = \Phi + \epsilon$$

total energy dissipation rate = pumping power input

$$\Phi_{tot} = P = \dot{V} \Delta p$$

DR in CFR	✉	power input	↓	✉	energy dissipation	↓
DR in CPG	✉	power input	↑	✉	energy dissipation	↑

# Energy vs. Time Constant Power Input



Frohnafel, Quadrio, Hasegawa, JFM 2012

# Velocity Scale based on Power Input

Stokes flow yields minimum energy dissipation and therefore requires minimum power input    Bewley (JFM, 2009), Fukagata et al. (Physica D, 2009)



power based velocity scale for CPI  
(laminar bulk velocity in channel flow)

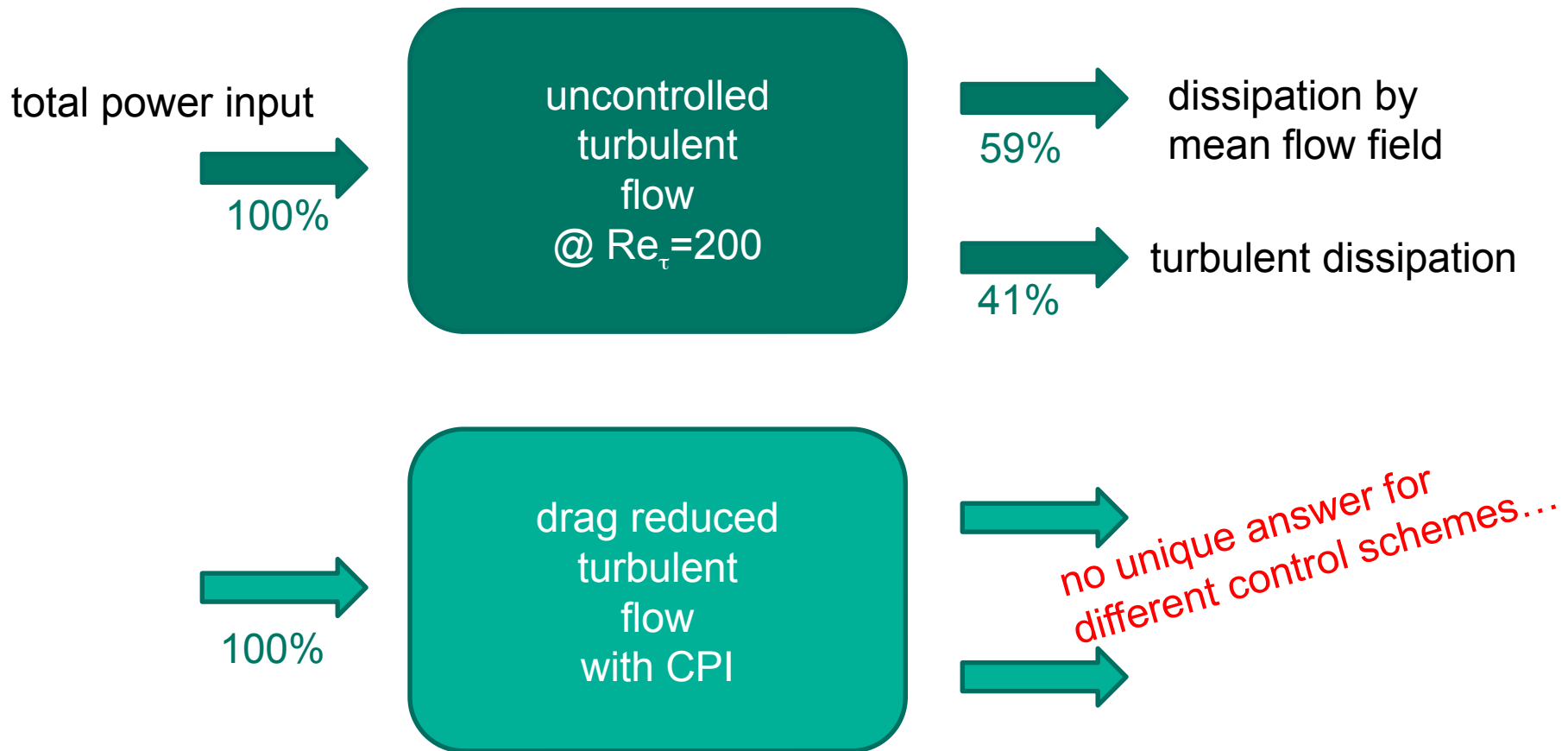
$$U_{\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{P_t \delta}{3\mu}} \quad Re_{\pi} = \frac{U_{\pi} \delta}{\nu}$$

Working at  $Re_{\pi} = const$  implies  
keeping the input power  
and thus total dissipation constant.

in general:  $U_b / U_{\pi} \leq 1$

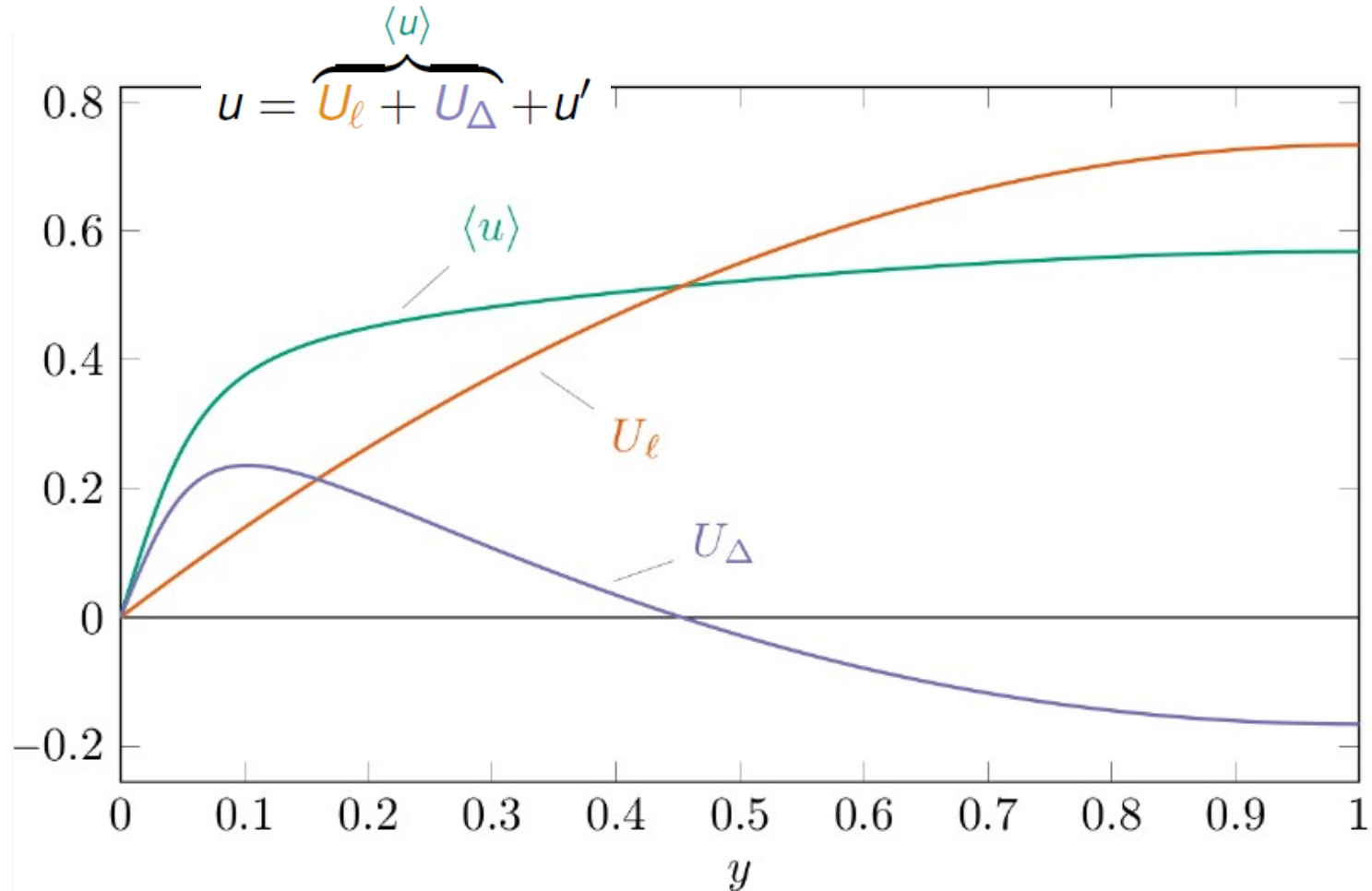
successful control under CPI:  $U_b / U_{b,0} > 1$

# Energy Dissipation under CPI



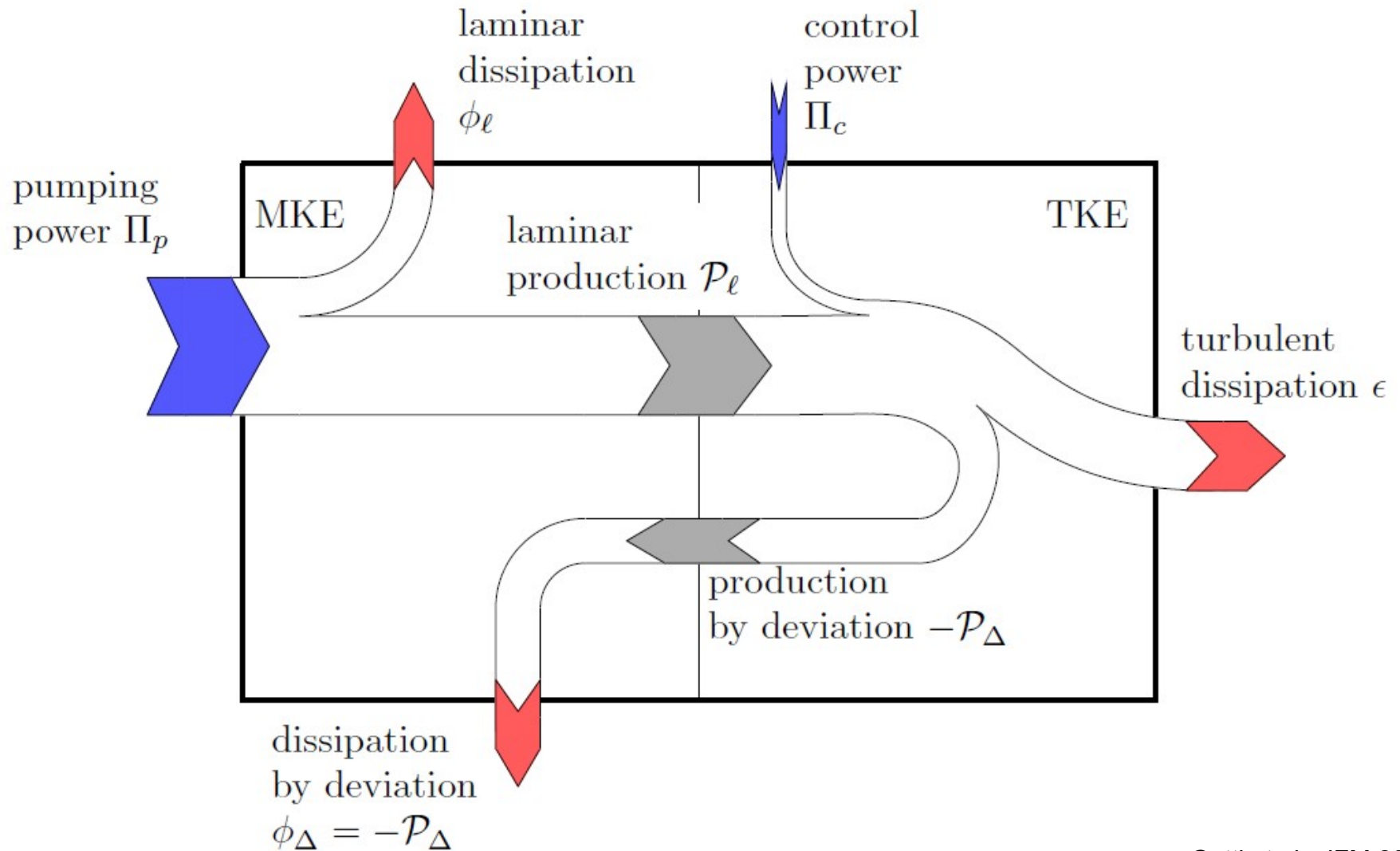
# “Wind Decomposition”

A triple decomposition with analytical advantages Eckhardt et al., JFM 2007





# Energy Box

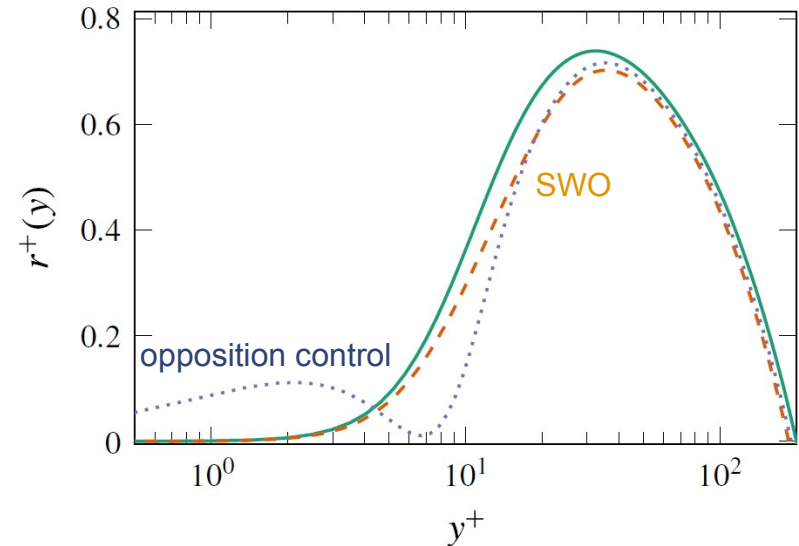


# Two integrals of the Reynolds shear stress

via FIK-like derivations at CPI, it is found that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  parametrize all the fluxes

$$\alpha = \int_0^1 (1-y) r(y) dy$$

$$\beta = \int_0^2 r(y)^2 dy \geq 3\alpha^2$$

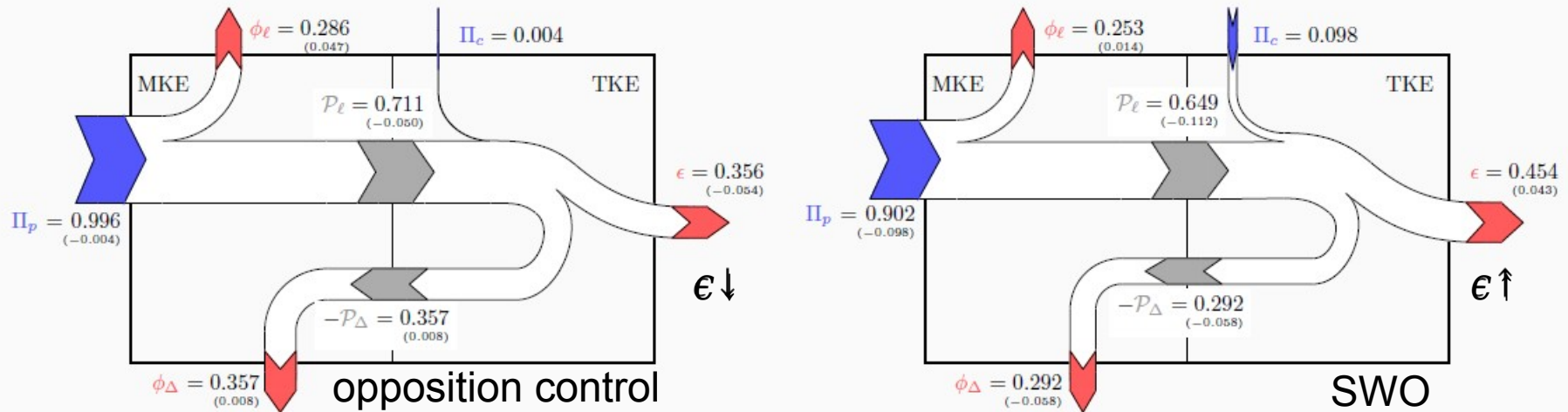


e.g. for turbulent dissipation:

$$\epsilon = \left\{ \frac{(\alpha Re_{\Pi})^2}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4(1-\gamma)}{(\alpha Re_{\Pi})^2}} \right) - \frac{\beta Re_{\Pi}^2}{3} + \gamma \right\}$$

$\gamma$  – power ratio applied for control, passive/no control  $\gamma=0$

# Lessons Learned



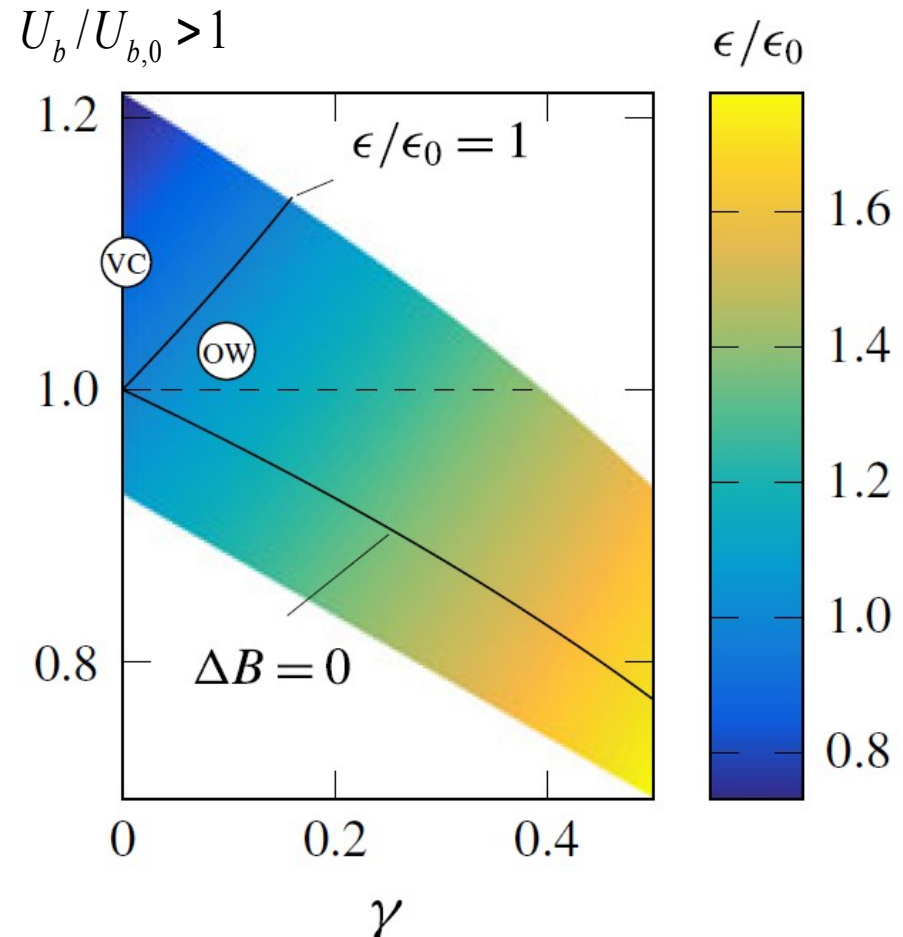
1.  $\phi_\ell$  is the best way to dissipate pumping power
2.  $P_\ell$  is the fraction of the **pumping** power wasted to produce turbulence. It decreases when control is successful. It can become negative as  $P_\ell \propto \alpha$
3.  $\phi_\Delta \geq 0$  is the penalty for not being laminar.
4.  $\phi_\Delta + \epsilon$  is the fraction of the **total** power wasted by turbulence

# How does turbulent dissipation change with successful control?

a simple model system provides generality to conclusions:  
 drag reduction parametrized through  $\Delta B$  (shift in log region of mean profile)

**passive control:**  
 turbulent dissipation is decreased

**active control:**  
 can yield flow rate increase with increased turbulent dissipation



✉ turbulent dissipation is not a suitable objective for active flow control

# Conclusions

- combination of CPI + „wind decomposition“ provides theoretical framework for energy consideration in controlled flows
- all energy fluxes can be parametrized by two integrals of the Reynolds shear stress

$$\alpha = \int_0^1 (1 - y) r(y) dy$$

$$\beta = \int_0^2 r(y)^2 dy \geq 3\alpha^2$$

- energy saving flow control needs to minimize:  $\Phi_{\Delta} + \varepsilon$

fraction of total power  
wasted by turbulence



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