# Statified Inclined Duct

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## What is it all about?

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## The physics





Focus: "temporary steady state"

Goal: Study **mixing** in a **simple** but **realistic stratified shear flow** 

#### The mathematics















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- *x*: non-periodic
  - in-flow of "fresh" fluid
  - out-flow of "mixed" fluid
  - mean flow U(y, z) feeding turbulence

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**16 data sets** in *θ*, *Re* plane each: ~150 GB of raw data ~2 GB once processed

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#### **1000** planes / s

- More instantaneous volume reconstruction
- Higher spatial and temporal resolution

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