## Turbulent bottleneck

Reynolds Averaged  $\hat{z}$  — momentum:

$$\partial_{t}\overline{\rho v_{z}} + \partial_{z} \left( \overline{\rho} \overline{v_{z}}^{2} + \overline{\rho} \overline{v_{z}'^{2}} + 2 \overline{\rho' v_{z}'} \overline{v_{z}} + \overline{\rho' v_{z}'^{2}} + \overline{P} \right) = 0$$

Steady state:

$$\overline{\rho}\overline{v_z}^2 + \overline{\rho}\overline{v_z'}^2 + 2\overline{\rho'}v_z'\overline{v_z} + \overline{\rho'}v_z'^2 + \overline{P} = \text{const.}$$

Absorb asymptotic  $\overline{P}$  into const.

$$\overline{\rho}\overline{v_{z}}^{2} + \overline{\rho}\overline{v_{z}'^{2}} + 2\overline{\rho'}v_{z}'\overline{v_{z}} + \overline{\rho'}v_{z}'^{2} + \Delta\overline{P} = \overline{\rho}\overline{v_{z}}^{2} + \overline{P}_{eff}$$

Something like this gives the right scaling

$$\overline{v_z^2} = \frac{\overline{P}_{eff}}{\overline{\rho}} \sim \frac{\Delta P}{P} \frac{P_{eff}}{\rho}, \text{ if } \frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim \frac{t_{mix}}{t_{cool}} \propto \frac{h/v}{t_{cool}},$$

and  $P_{\rm eff}/\rho \propto v^2$ , then we can plug everything, including  $h = (vLt_{cool})^{1/2}$ 

$$\overline{\rho} \, \overline{v_z}^2 + \overline{\rho} \, \overline{v_z'}^2 + 2 \overline{\rho' v_z'} \overline{v_z} + \overline{\rho' v_z'}^2 + \Delta \overline{P} = \overline{\rho} \, \overline{v_z}^2 + \overline{P}_{eff}$$
Gives  $\overline{v_z} = \left(\frac{Lv^3}{t_{cool}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ , which is the same

as  $v_z \sim (v_{cool}v_{turb})^{1/2}$  where  $v_{cool} = h/t_{cool}$ 

## $au_{zz}$ Reynolds Stress at fixed $t_{cool}$



