## **Movie Captions**

- Movie 1: This movie shows the process of synchronization with N=6 at R=2250 (cf. Fig 7a) on a z-x plane at y/h=-0.77. In the upper panel we plot with black contour lines the amplitude of the > flow and in the lower panel the amplitude of the error >->. The colored background contours in both panels depict the amplitude of the maximum eigenvalue of the rate of strain tensor  $(\partial_i u_{j,<} + \partial_j u_{i,<})/2$  of the large-scale < flow.
- Movie 2: This movie shows the failure of synchronization with N=5 at R=2250 (cf. Fig 7b) on a z-x plane at y/h=-0.77. In the upper panel we plot with black contour lines the amplitude of the > flow and in the lower panel the amplitude of the error >->. The colored background contours in both panels depict the amplitude of the maximum eigenvalue of the rate of strain tensor  $(\partial_i u_{j,<} + \partial_j u_{i,<})/2$  of the large-scale < flow. The error field is now concentrated in regions of high strain.