

# Universal Scaling States in BEC Wave Turbulence

Theories, **Numerics** & Experiments

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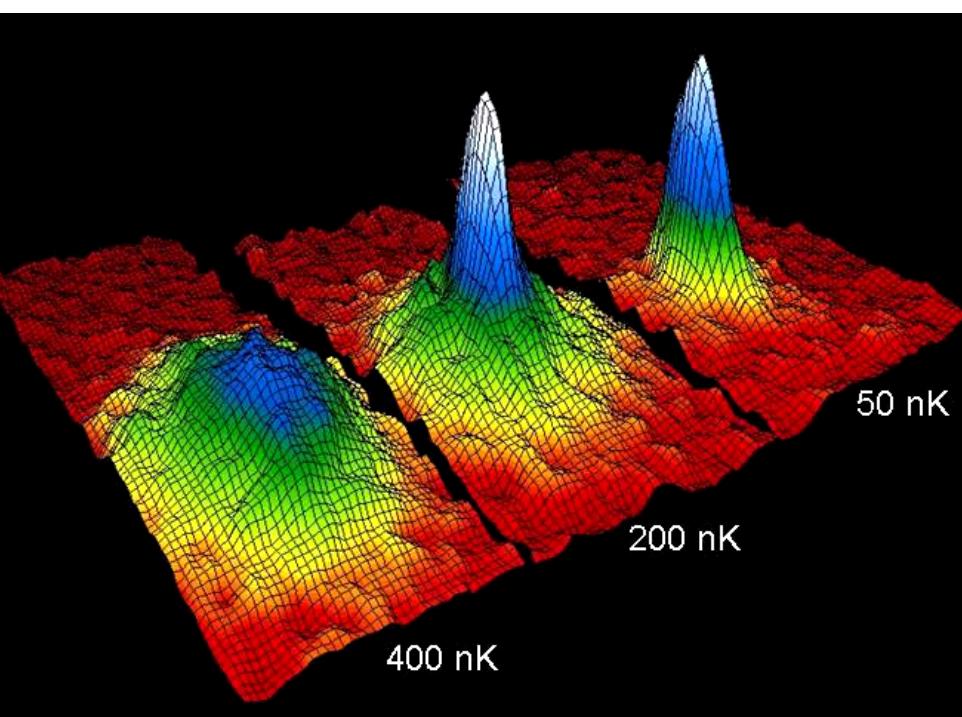
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# Gross-Pitaevskii Equation (AKA: Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) + U(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) + g |\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

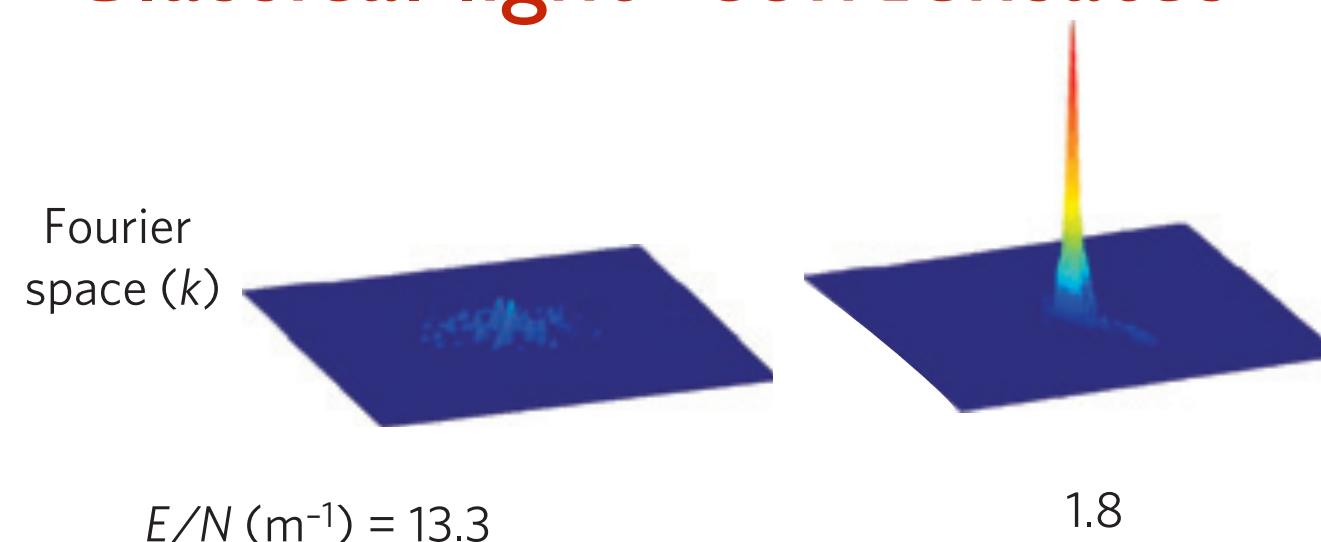
$$g = \frac{4\pi a \hbar^2}{m}$$

Bose-Einstein condensates (BEC)



E.A. Cornell and C. E. Wieman, 95

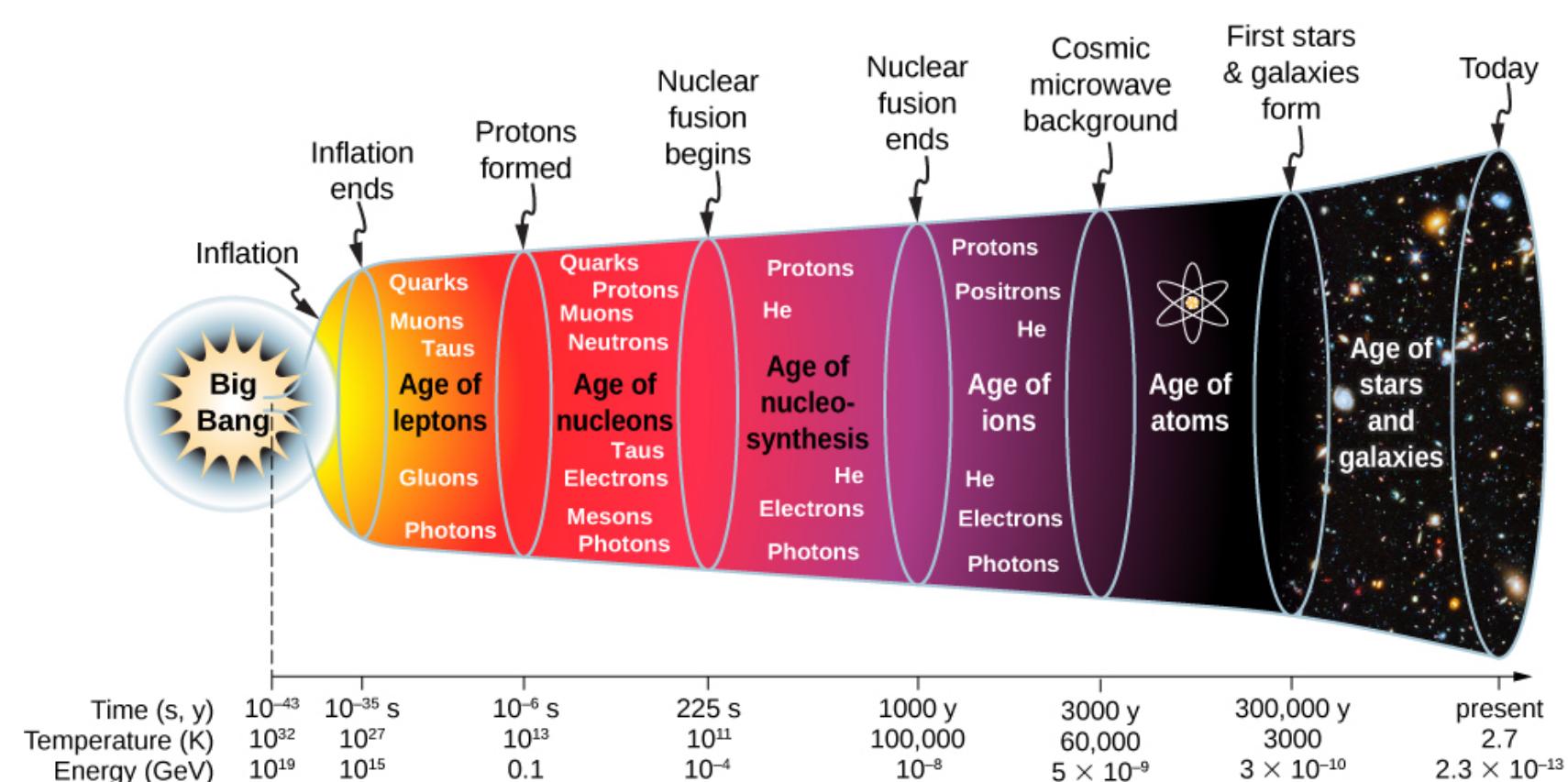
Classical light “condensates”



Sun et al, Nature Physics 2012.  
Klaers et al, Nature 2010.

**One simple equation for many physical systems**

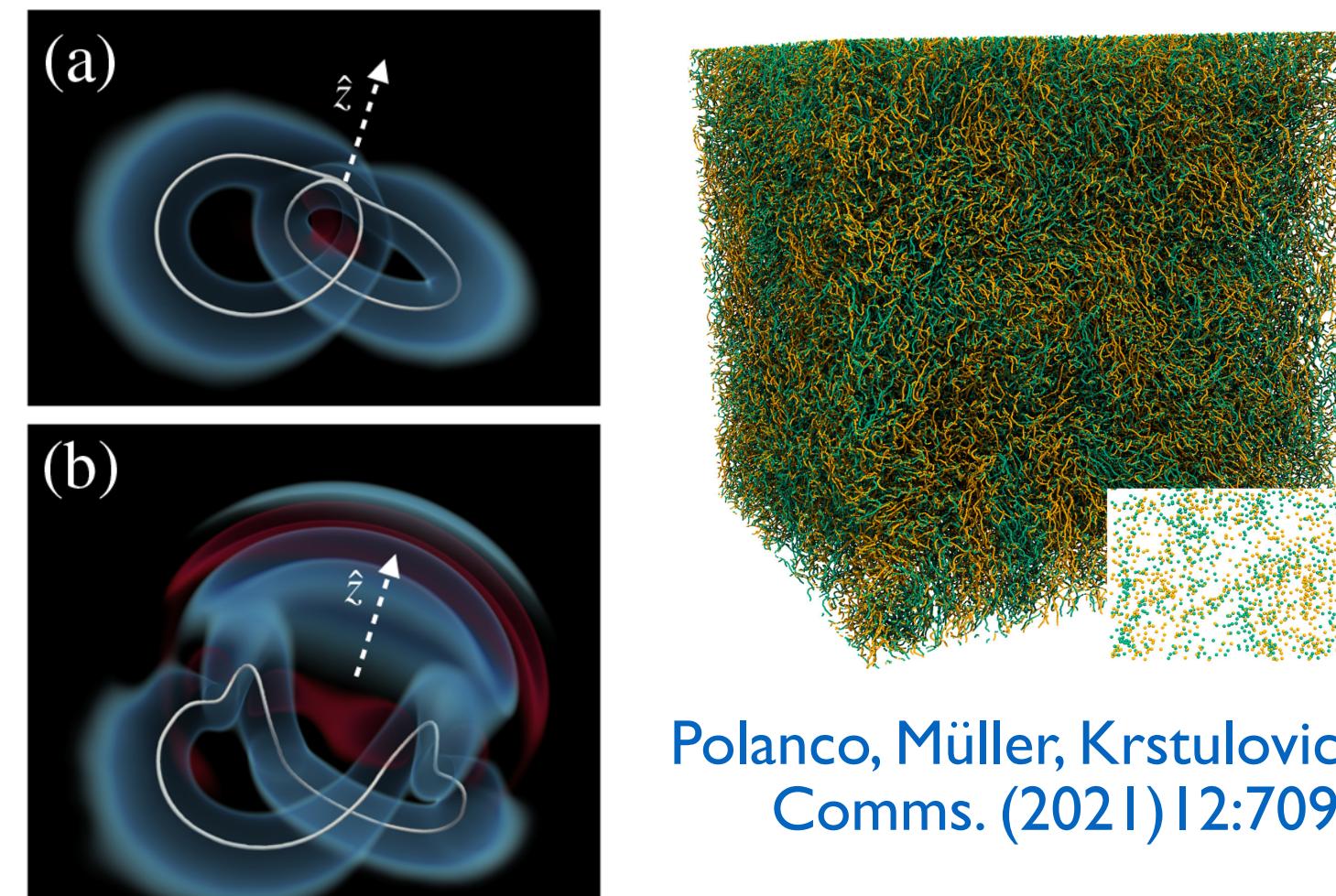
A symmetry breaking epoch between  $10^{-12}$  and  $10^{-6}$  seconds



W.H. Zurek, Physics Reports (1996)

$g > 0$ , defocusing case  
 $g < 0$ , focusing case

Vortex dynamics and Kolmogorov (strong) turbulence



Polanco, Müller, Krstulovic  
Comms. (2021) 12:709

Villois, Proment, Krstulovic.  
Phys. Rev. Letts. 125,  
164501 (2020)

# Nonlinear wave interaction in BEC

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + g|\psi|^2 \psi,$$

“free particles”

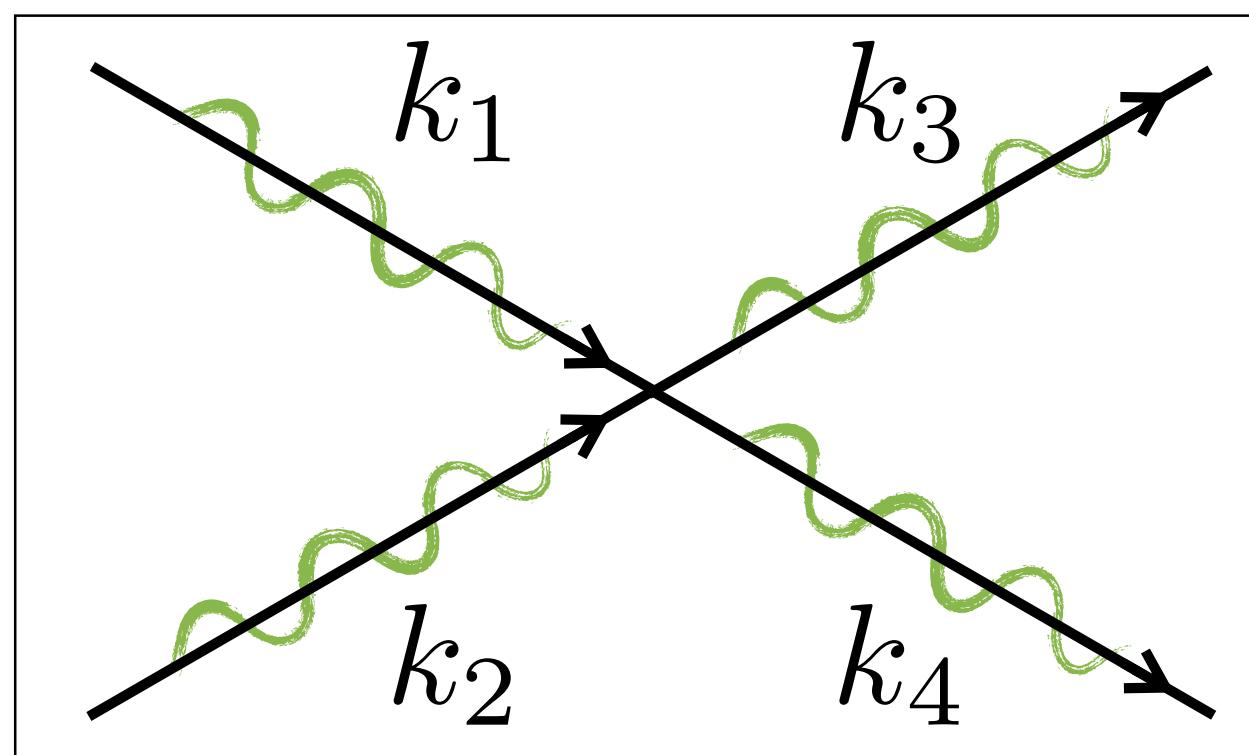
Matter waves :

$$\omega_k = \frac{\hbar}{2m} k^2$$

$$\psi = 0 + \delta\psi$$



Cubic nonlinearity



Two types of density waves

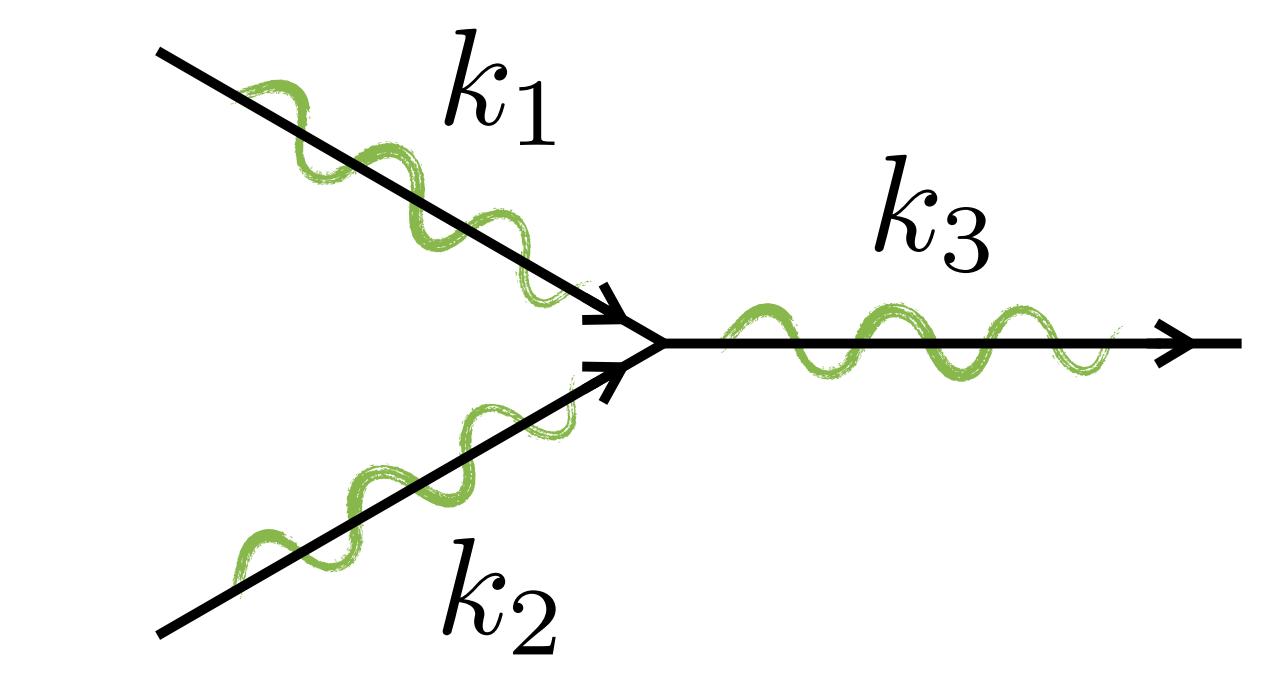
Strong background condensate

Bogoliubov waves (phonons) :

$$\psi = A_0 + \delta\psi$$

$$\omega_k = c_s k \sqrt{1 + \xi^2 k^2 / 2}$$

Quadratic nonlinearity



acoustic modes :  $\omega_k = c_s k$ , for  $k\xi \ll 1$

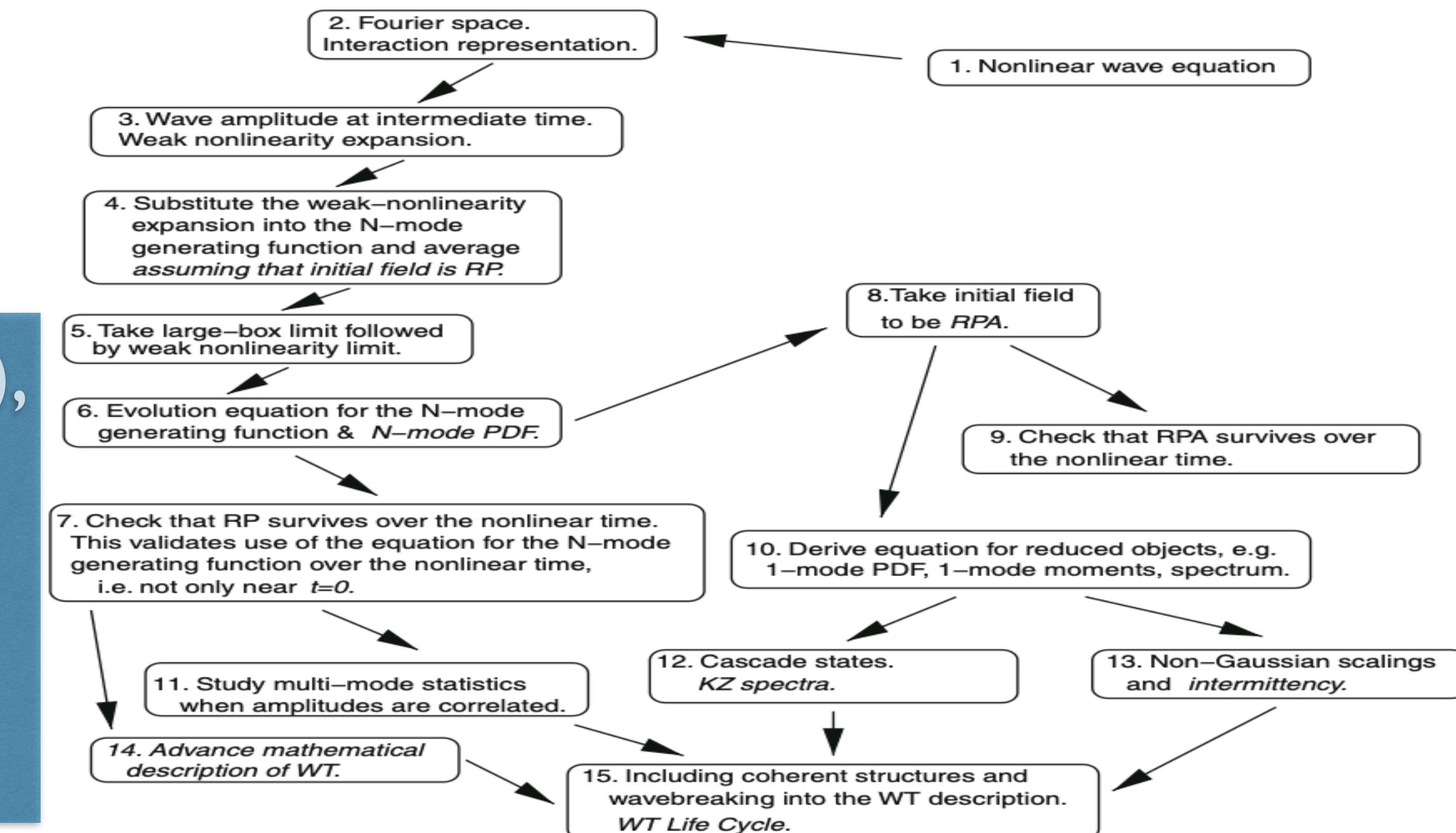
short-wave modes:  $\omega_k = c_s \xi / \sqrt{2} k^2$ , for  $k\xi \gg 1$

# Wave Turbulence Theory (WWT)

WWT: mathematical framework describing the statistical behaviour of WT dominated by weakly nonlinear waves.

Stage I: deriving the wave-kinetic equation (WKE), and/or equation for 1-mode PDF

Stage 2: analysis based on above equations, KZ spectra, non-stationary evolution, joint PDF, ...



WWT formalism

Wave-kinetic equation: evolution of the wave-action spectrum  
similar to Boltzmann Equation

second-order moment of the wave amplitude

Condition to apply WWT: separation of spatial scales and time scales

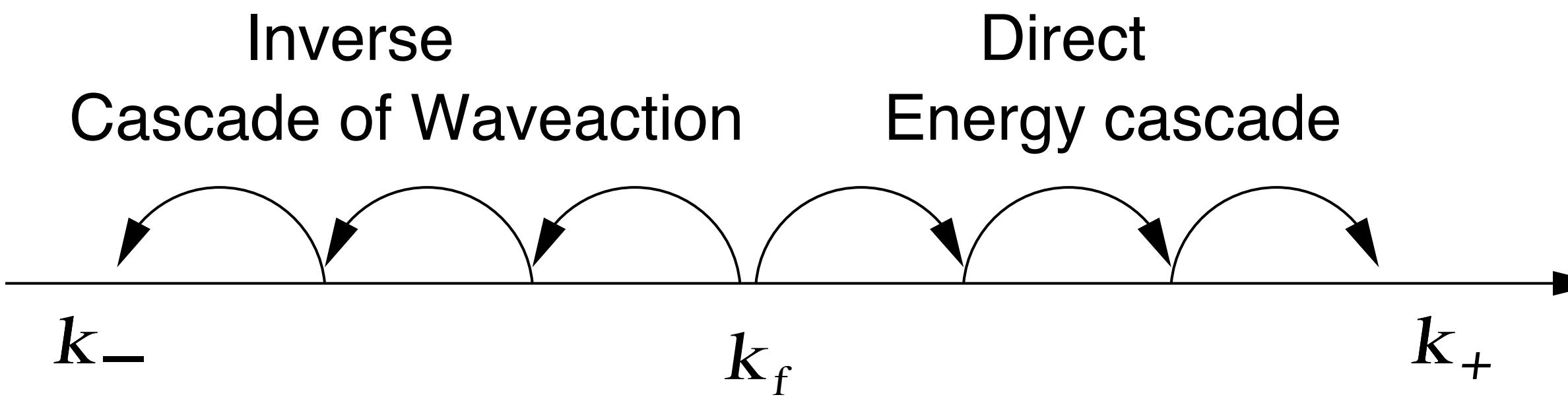
Towards strong waves: critical balance, wave breaking ...

# Four-wave regime: dual cascades

Two invariants

$$N = \int 4\pi k^2 n_k, \quad E = \int 4\pi k^2 \omega_k n_k = \int 4\pi k^4 n_k$$

- Like in 2D Euler, the ratio of densities of the two invariants is  $k^2$
- Mapping 2D Euler to GPE invariants:  $E \rightarrow N, \Omega \rightarrow E.$

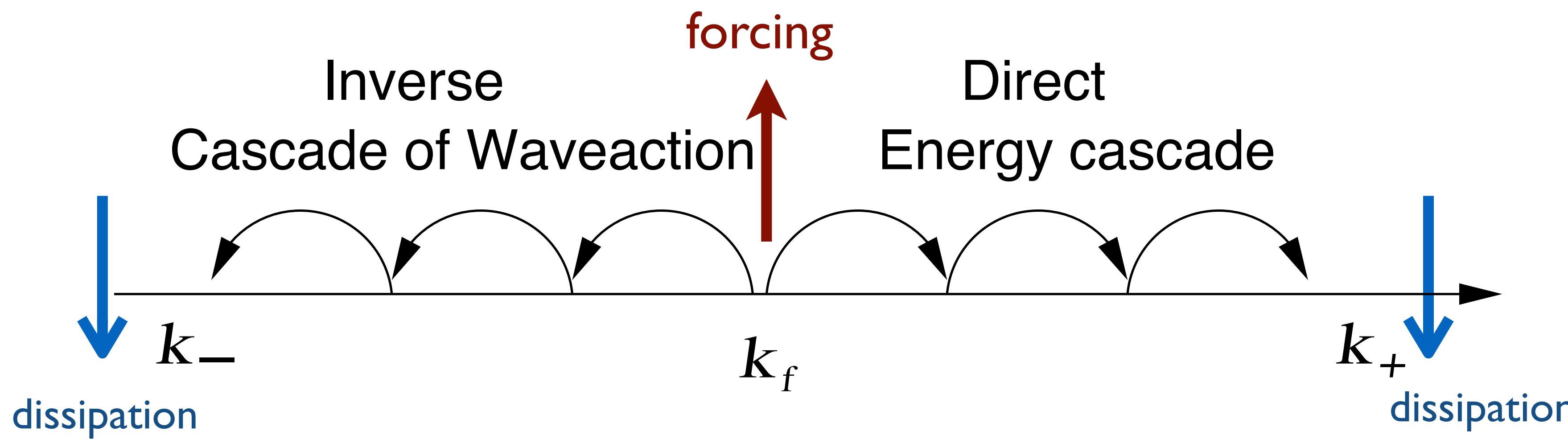


In GPE waveaction is  $N$

Dual cascade in wave turbulence turbulence

$$\frac{dn_k}{dt} = \frac{32\pi^3}{k} \int \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \delta_{1\omega}^{23} n_k n_1 n_2 n_3 \left( \frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_1} - \frac{1}{n_2} - \frac{1}{n_3} \right) k_1 k_2 k_3 dk_1 dk_2 dk_3.$$

# Forcing and dissipation setup

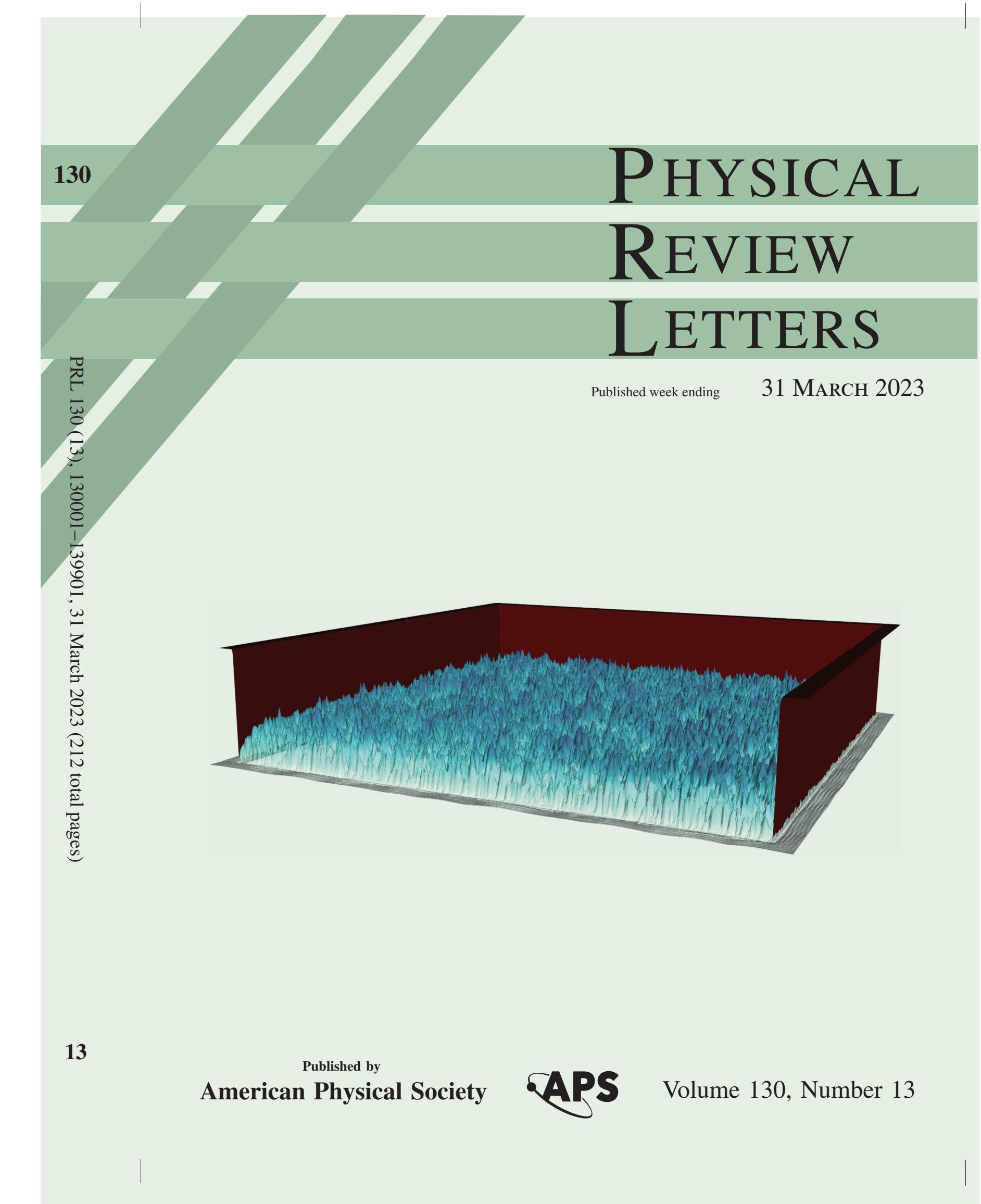
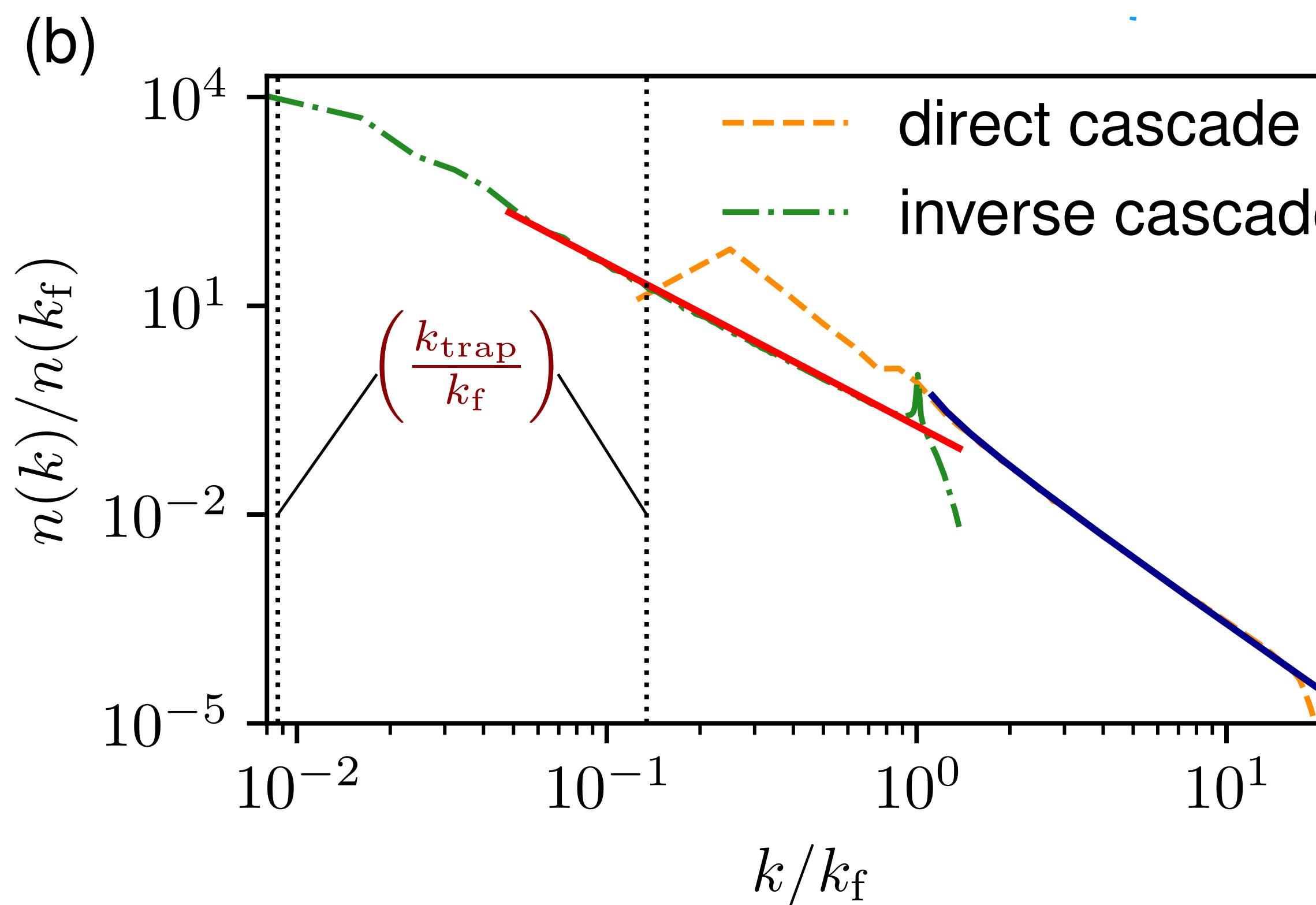


One cascade can not live without the other one !

# BEC wave turbulence in a trap

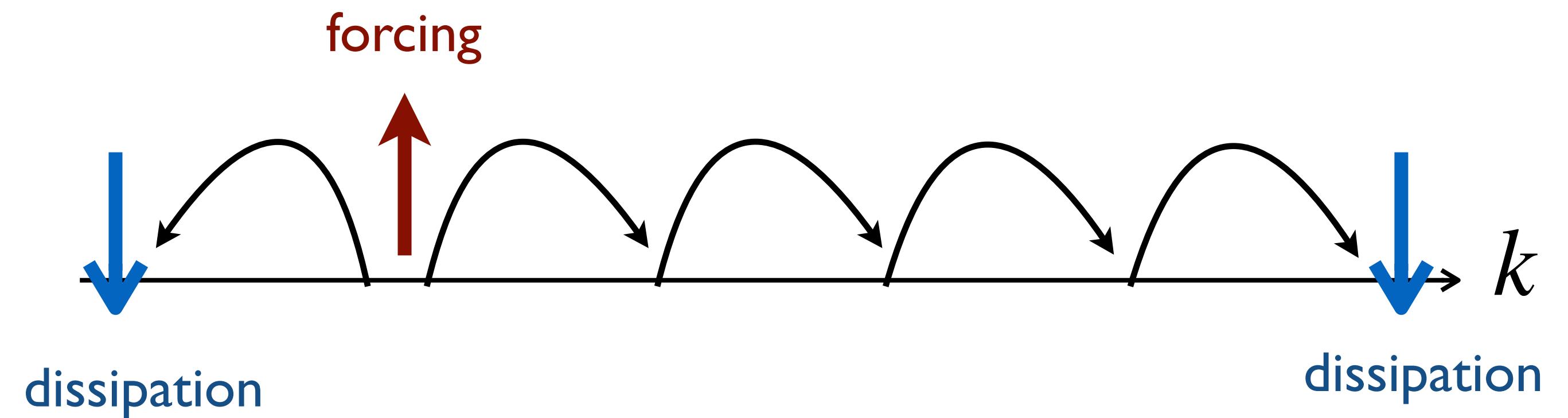
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + U(\mathbf{x})\psi + g |\psi|^2 \psi$$

+ forcing + dissipation

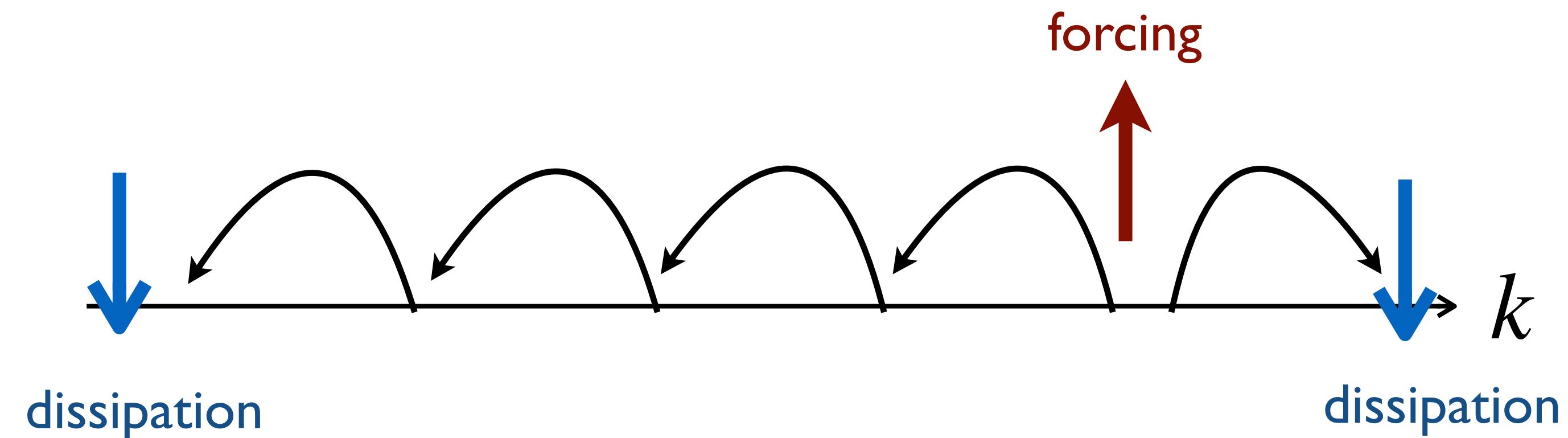


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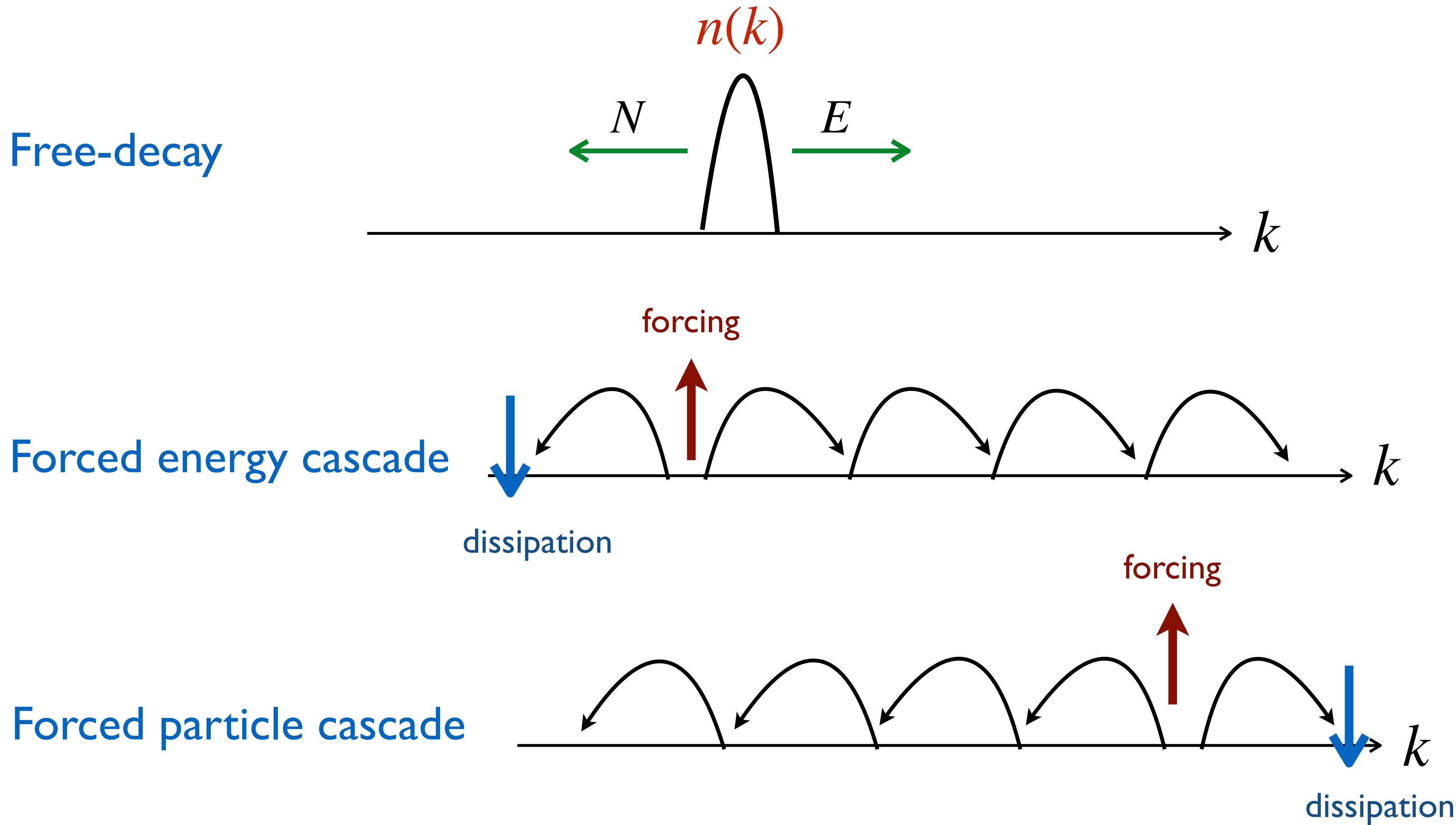
Steady energy cascade



Steady particle cascade



# Forcing and dissipation setup



# Advanced GPE simulations for wave turbulence dynamics

$$i\frac{\partial \hat{\psi}_k(t)}{\partial t} = k^2 \hat{\psi}_k(t) + \sum_{k+k_1=k_2+k_3} \hat{\psi}_{k_1}^*(t) \hat{\psi}_{k_2}(t) \hat{\psi}_{k_3}(t) + iF_k - iD_k \hat{\psi}_k(t)$$

- Pseudo-spectral method .vs. finite difference scheme

$$\sum_{k+k_1=k_2+k_3} \hat{\psi}_{k_1}^*(t) \hat{\psi}_{k_2}(t) \hat{\psi}_{k_3}(t) \longrightarrow |\psi(x, t)|^2 \psi(x, t) \quad \text{triply-periodic cube}$$

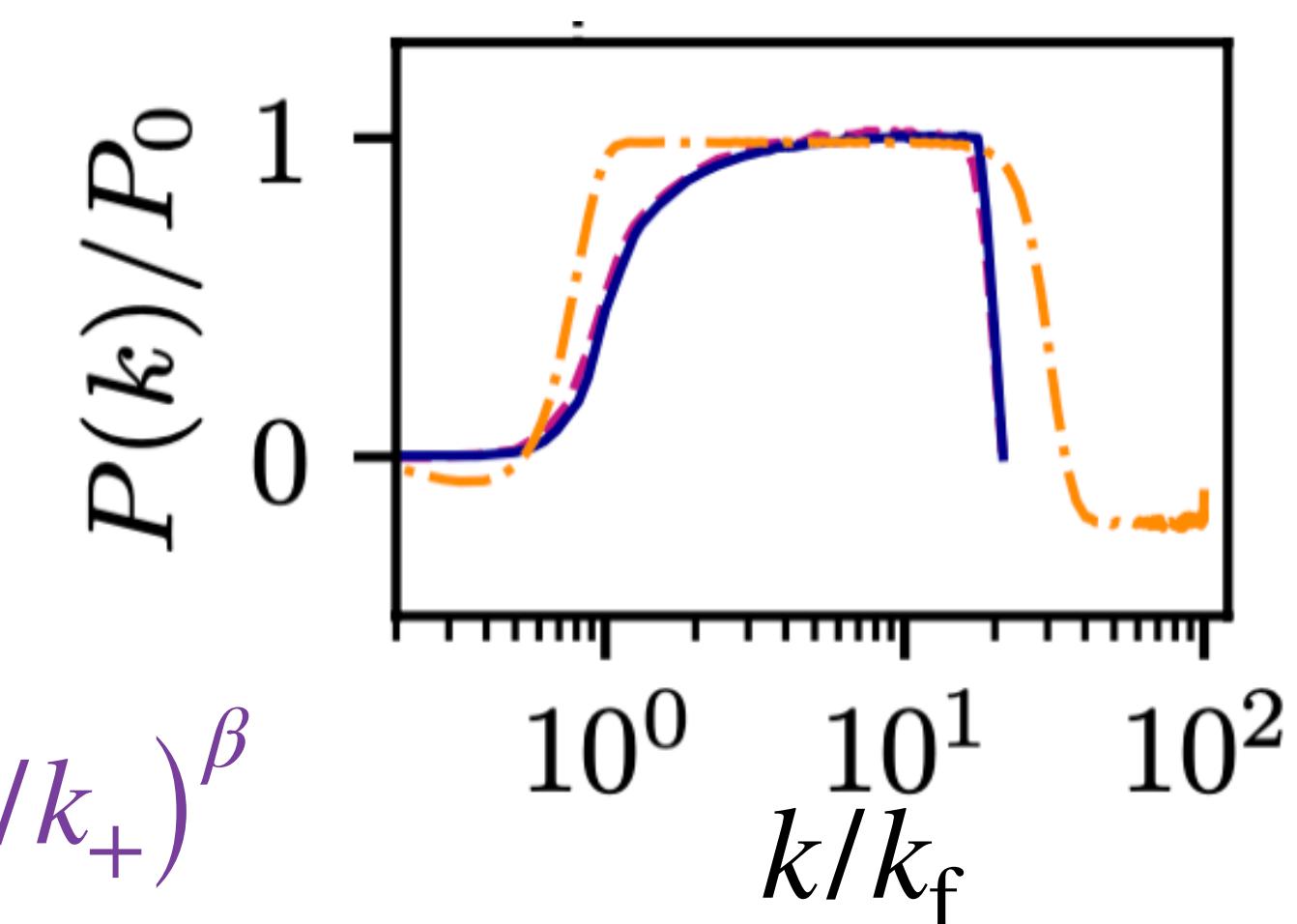
- De-aliasing and conservation, clean flux
- Stochastic forcing

$$dF_k(t) = -\gamma \hat{\psi}_k dt + f_0 dW_k, \quad N \sim t, E \sim t^2$$

- Hyper-viscosity and hypo-viscosity  $D_k = (k/k_-)^{-\alpha} + (k/k_+)^{\beta}$
- Exponential Runge-Kutta temporal scheme, stiff system

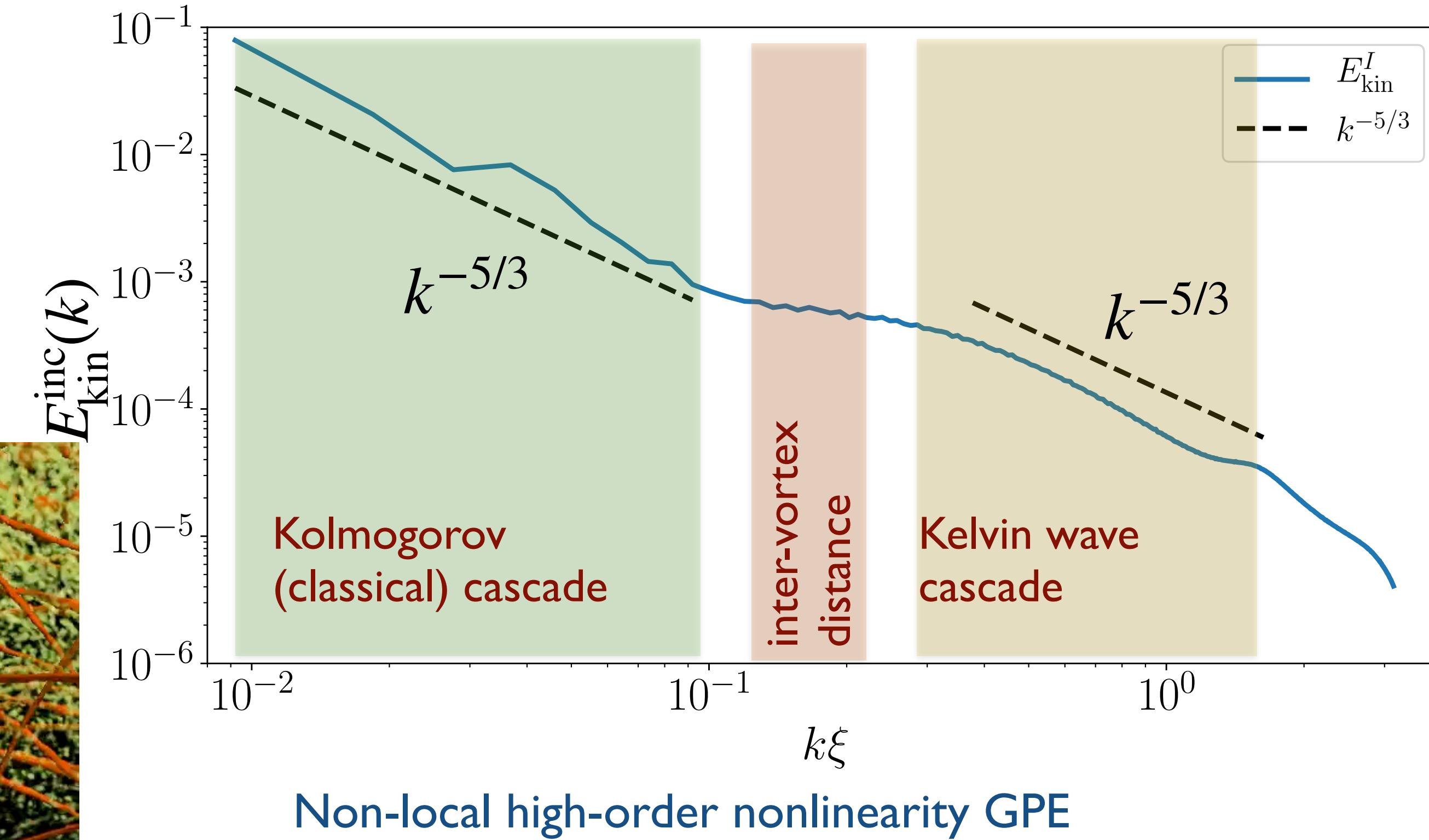
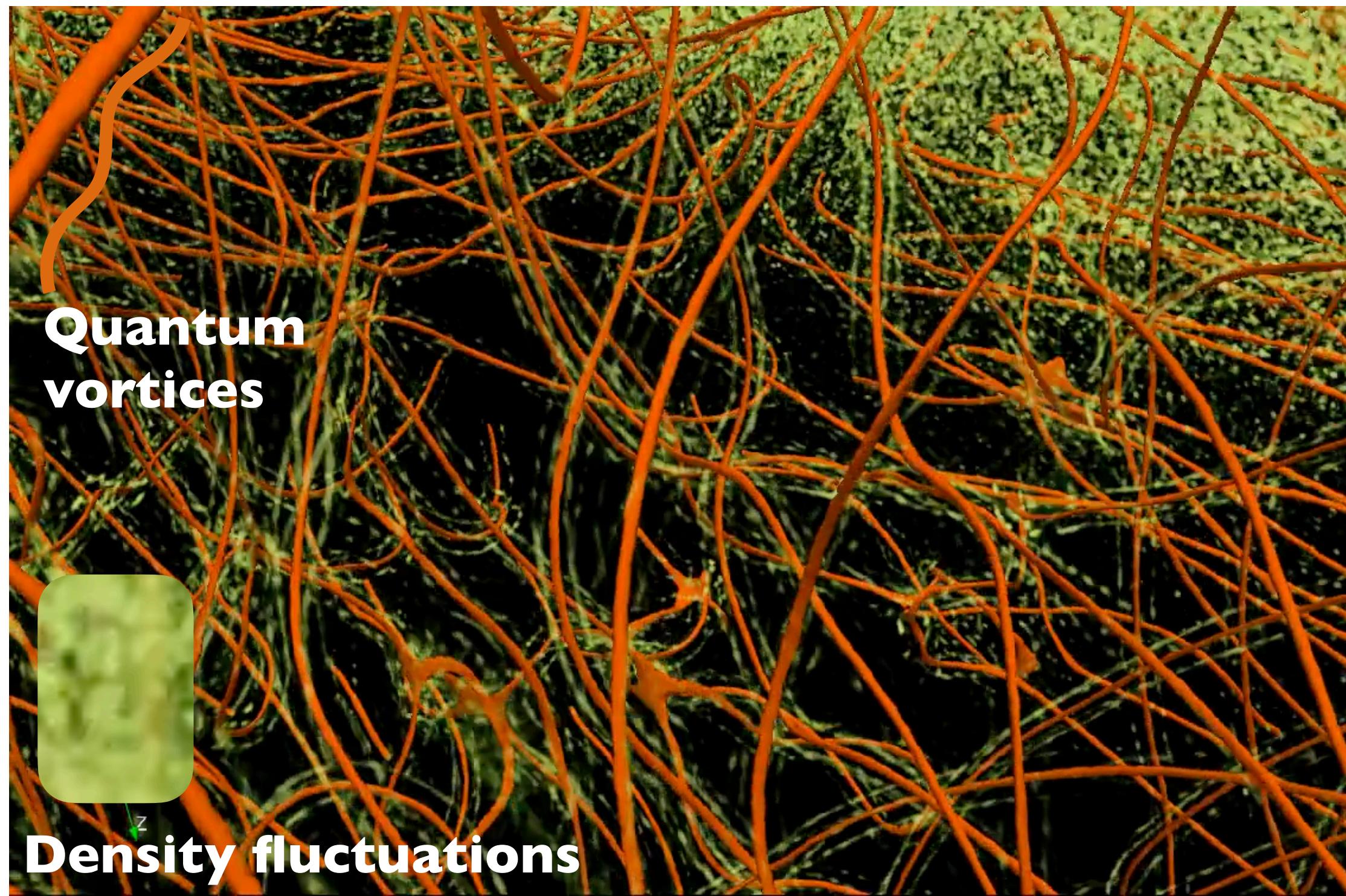
$$dt \ll 1/\max(k^2, D_k) \longrightarrow dt \sim 1/\max(k^2, D_k)$$

- High-resolution, massively-parallel code with MPI/OpenMP  $512^3 - 1536^3$



# FROST code: powerful tool for simulating GPE

- Vortices, vortex tracking  $1024^3$
- 3D Kolmogorov turbulence  $2048^3$
- 2D Kolmogorov turbulence  $8192^2$

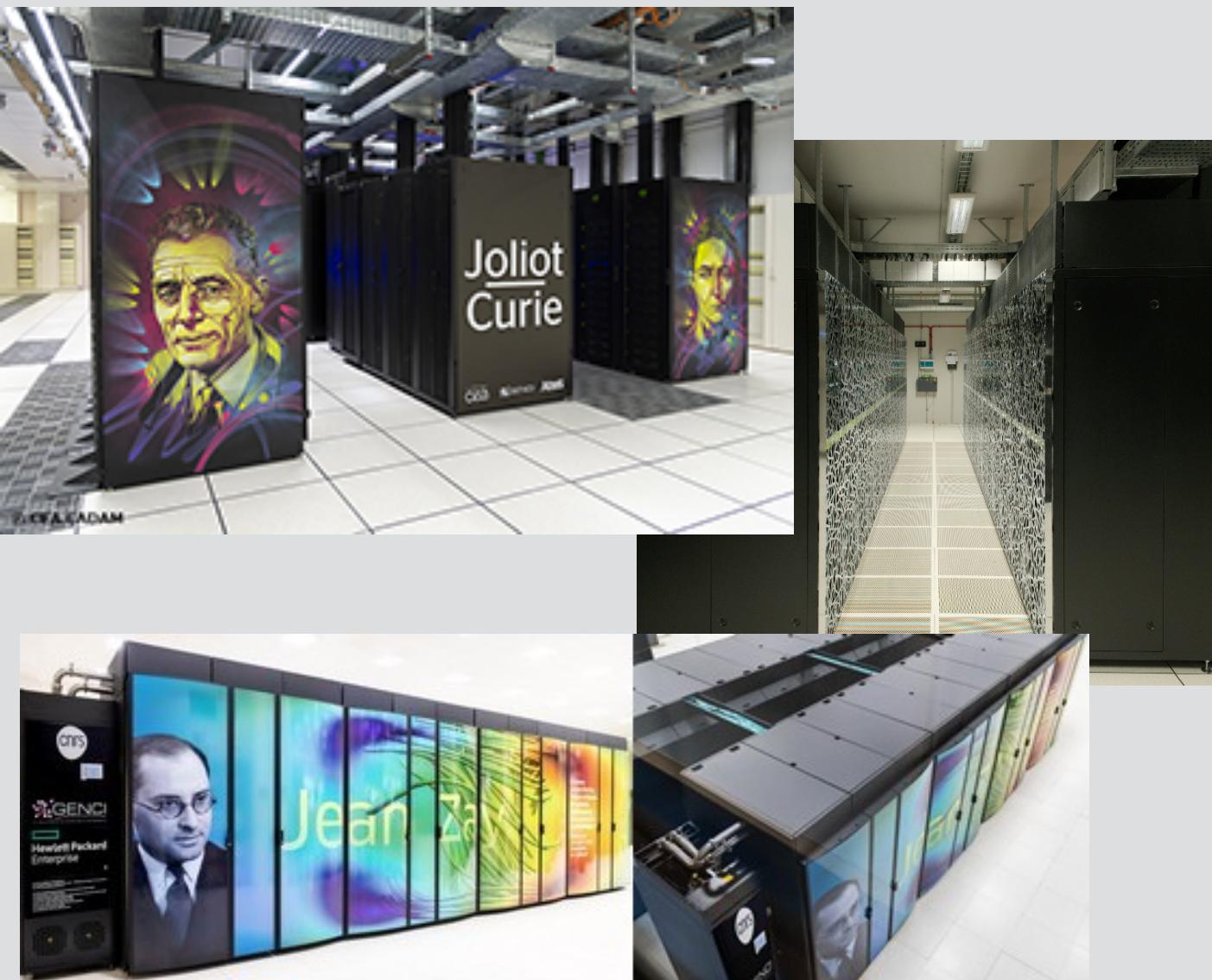


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Müller, N. P., & Kr stulovic, G. Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 094002. (2024)

# *GPE simulation .vs. WKE simulation*



3D GPE + forcing + dissipation  
WKE + forcing + dissipation

## Simulating WKE

- Quick and precise test for theoretical derivation
- Inspire new solutions



# How to “see” waves

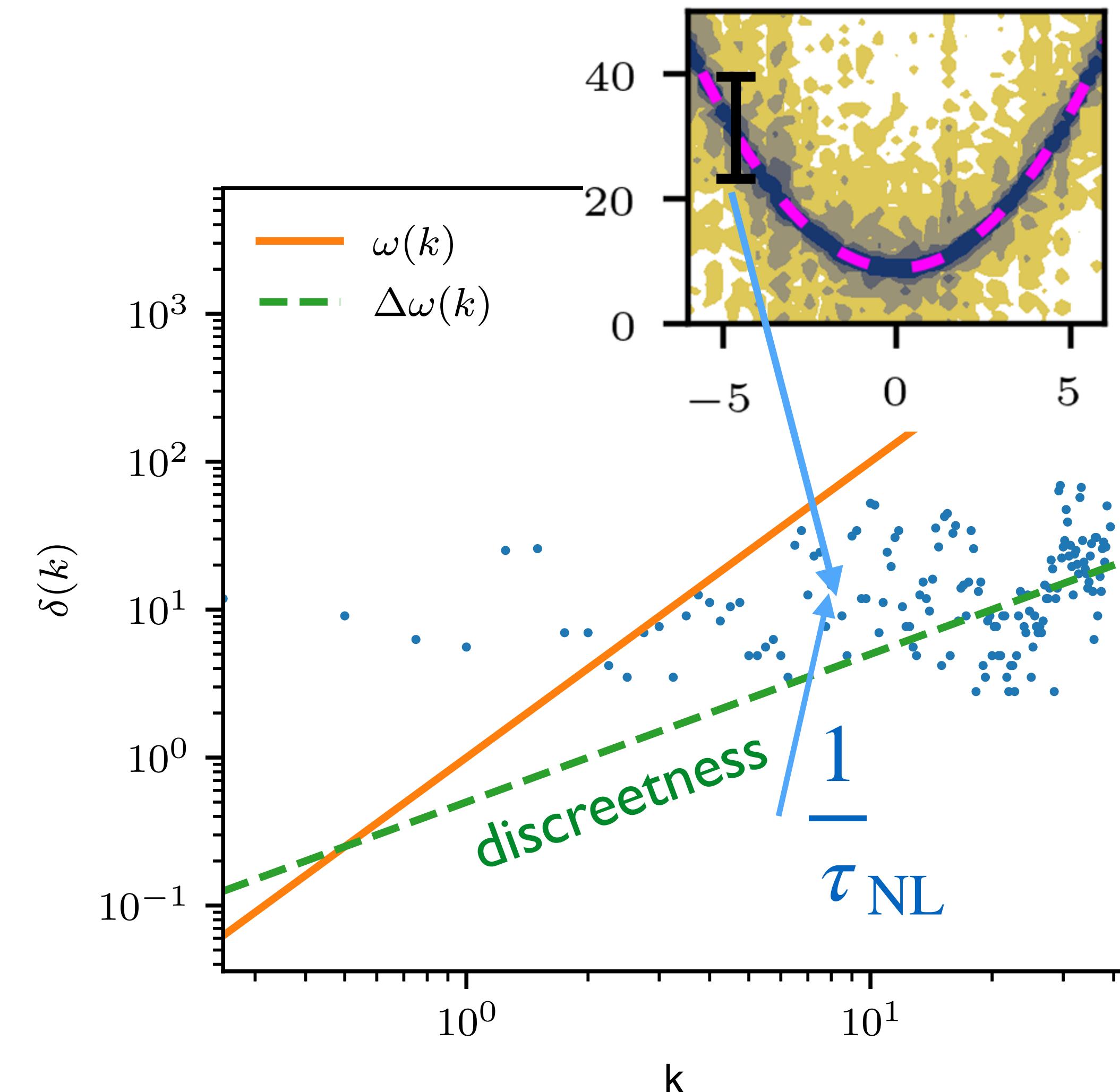
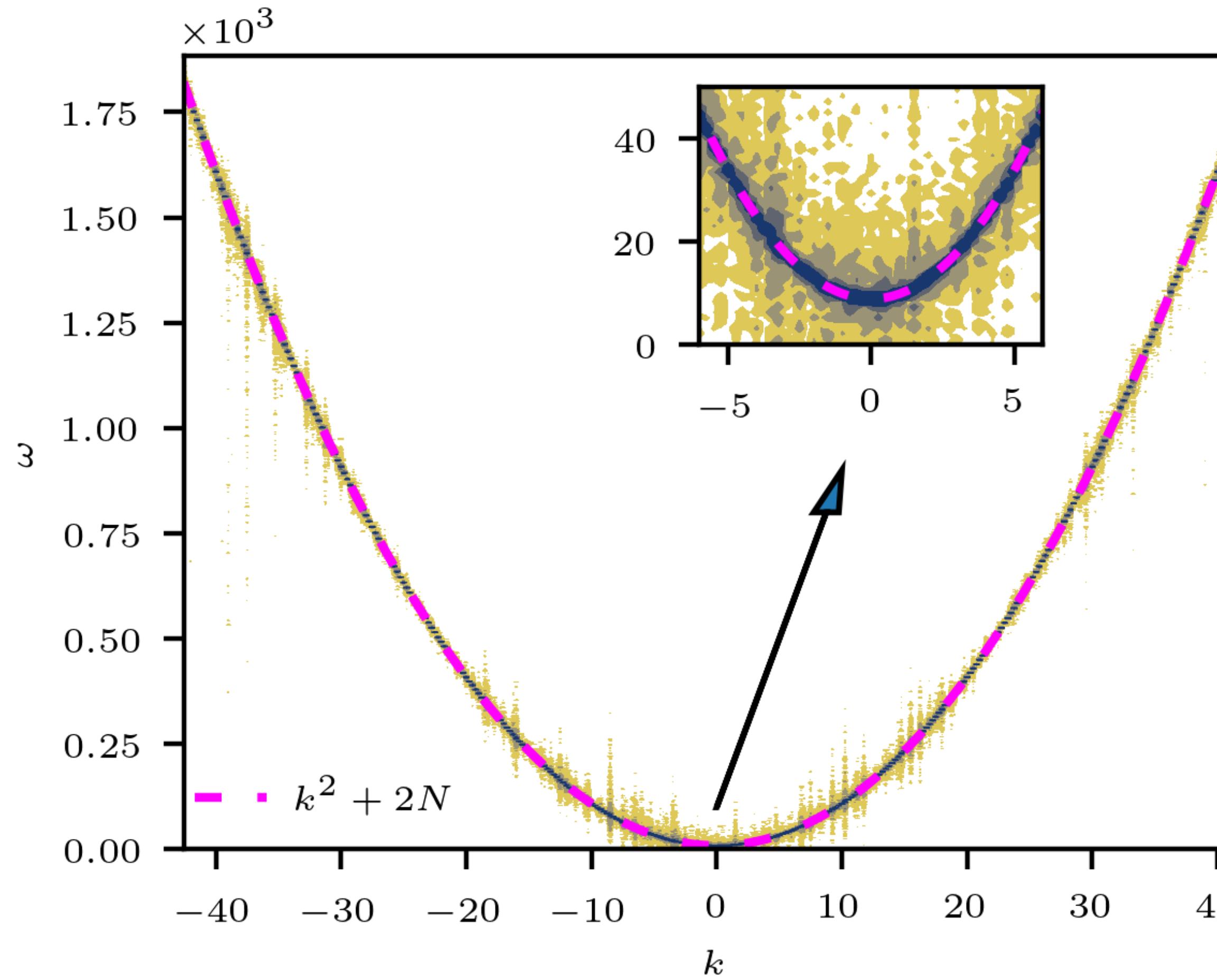
$\psi(x, t)$  = “random waves”

Fourier transform

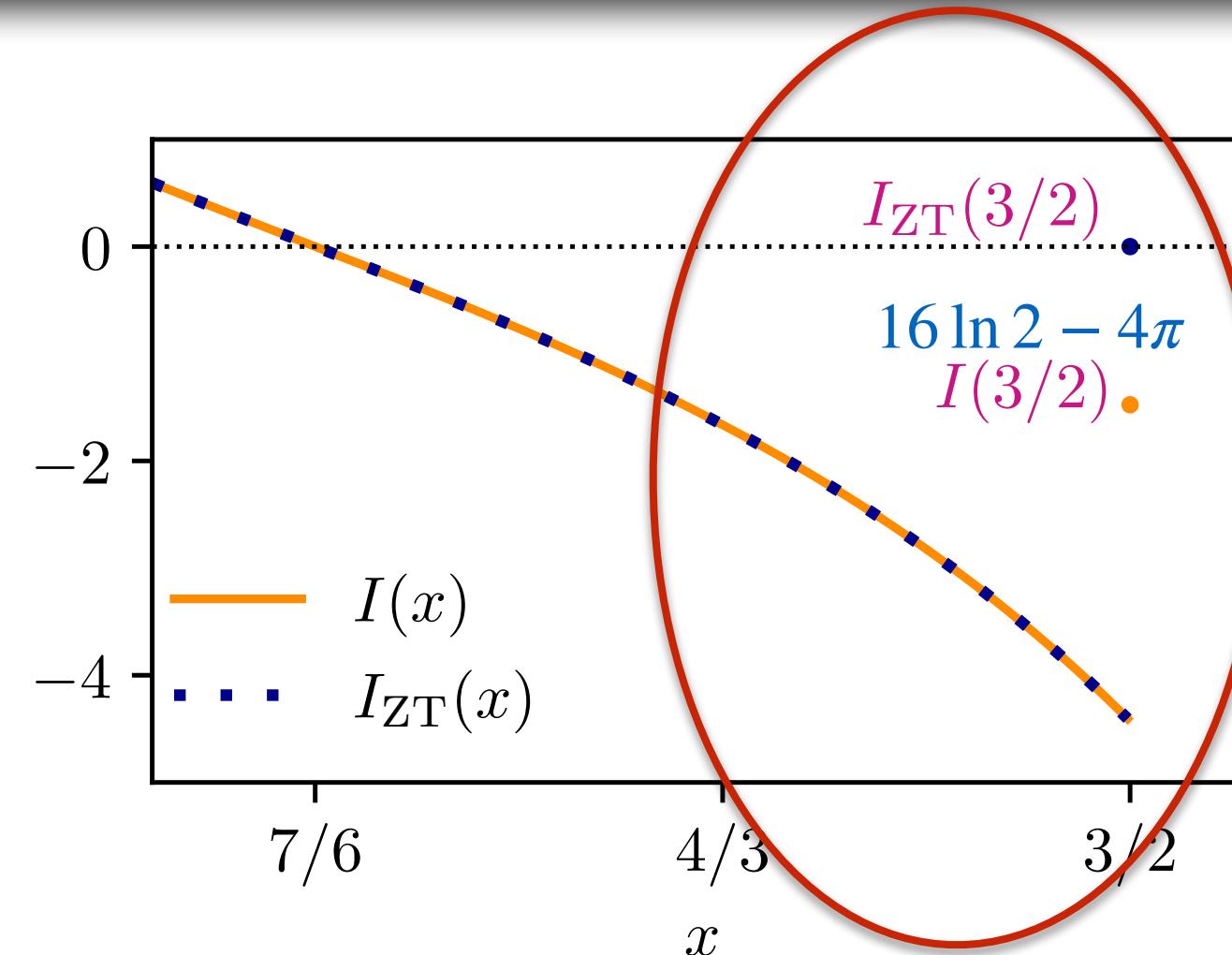
$\hat{\psi}(k, \omega)$

$|\hat{\psi}(k, \omega)|^2$

3D GPE numerical simulations, spatio-temporal density spectra



# Steady direct energy cascade: log-correction



$$n_k = Ak^{-2x}, \quad St_k = 4\pi^3 A^3 k^{4-6x} I(x),$$

$$P_k = \int_0^k 16\pi^4 A^3 \kappa^{8-6x} I(x) d\kappa$$

logarithmically divergent for  $n_k \sim k^{-3}$ ,

fake solution!!!

$$n_k = Ak^{-2x_p} = Ak^{-3}$$

dimension analysis

Phenomenologically, one can heal the divergence with a IR cut-off  $k_f$  and log-correction:  
 $n_k \propto k^{-3} \log^{-1/3}(k/k_f)$

Dyachenko, et al. Physica D 57 (1992)  
Kraichnan (2D enstrophy cascade)

Analytically, we find for  $k \gg k_f$

Direct energy cascade KZ spectrum

$$n_k = C_d |P_O|^{1/3} k^{-3} \log^{-1/3}(k/k_f)$$

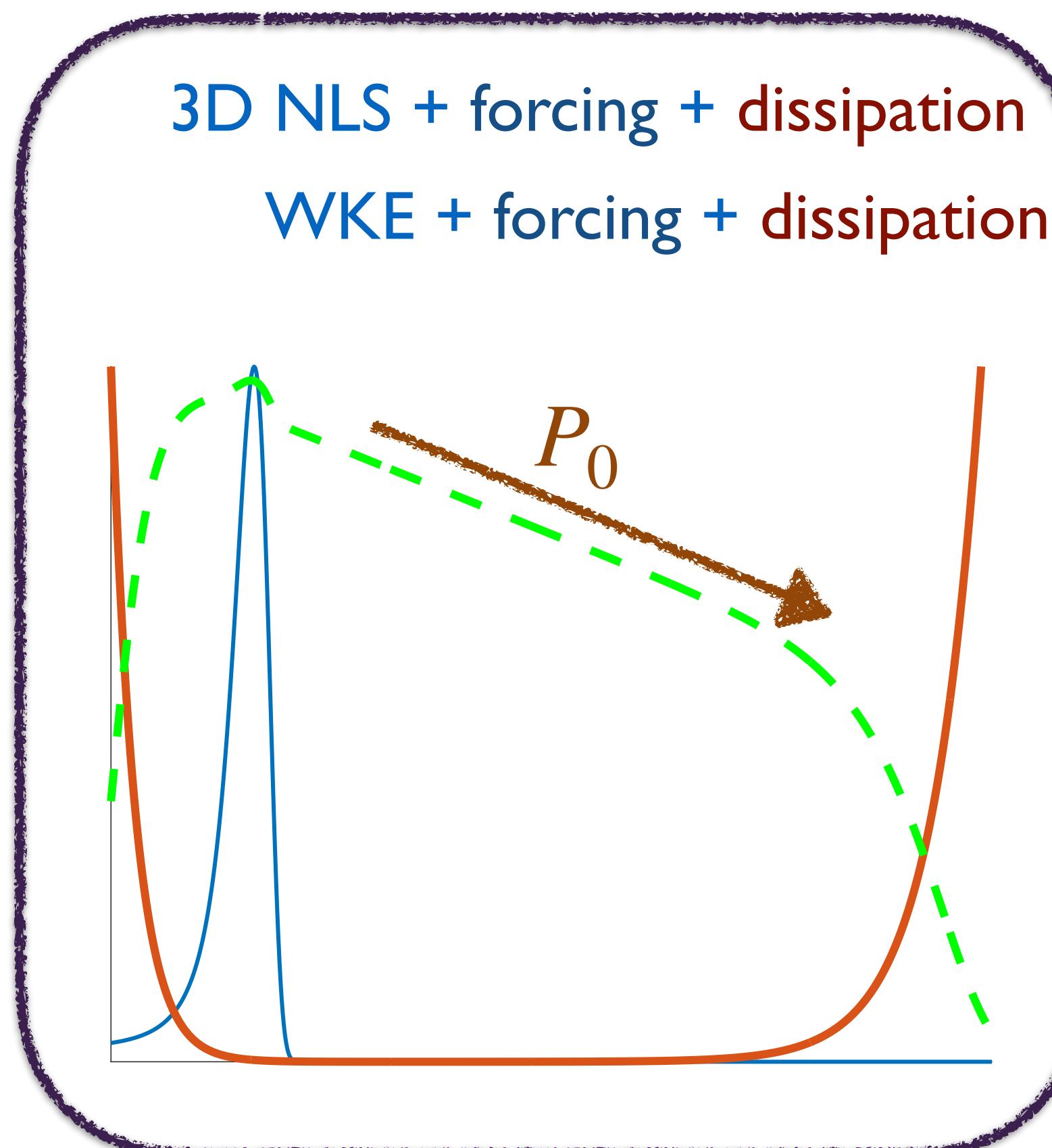
With  $C_d \approx 5.26 \times 10^{-2}$  a universal constant

# Steady direct cascade: numerical simulations

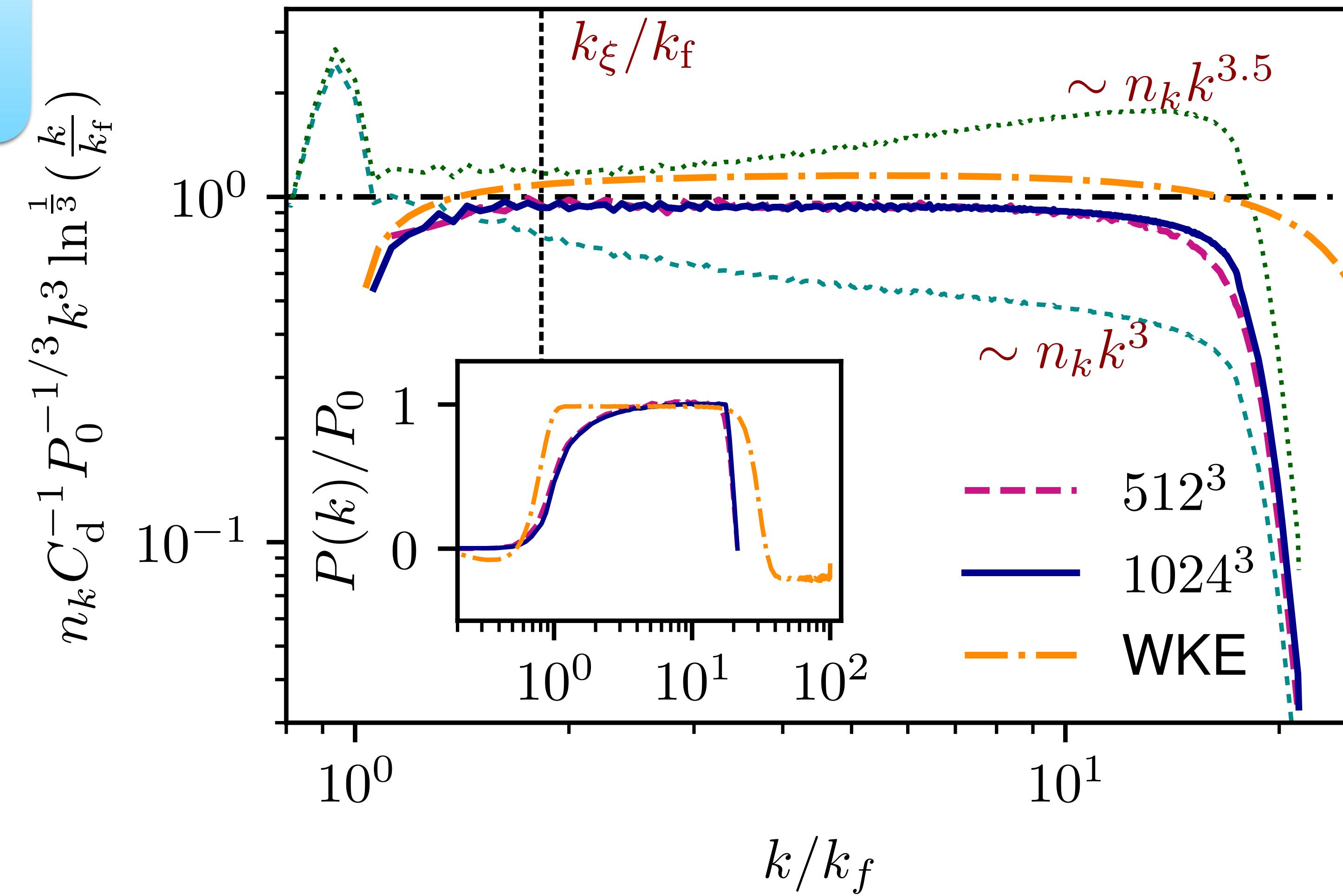
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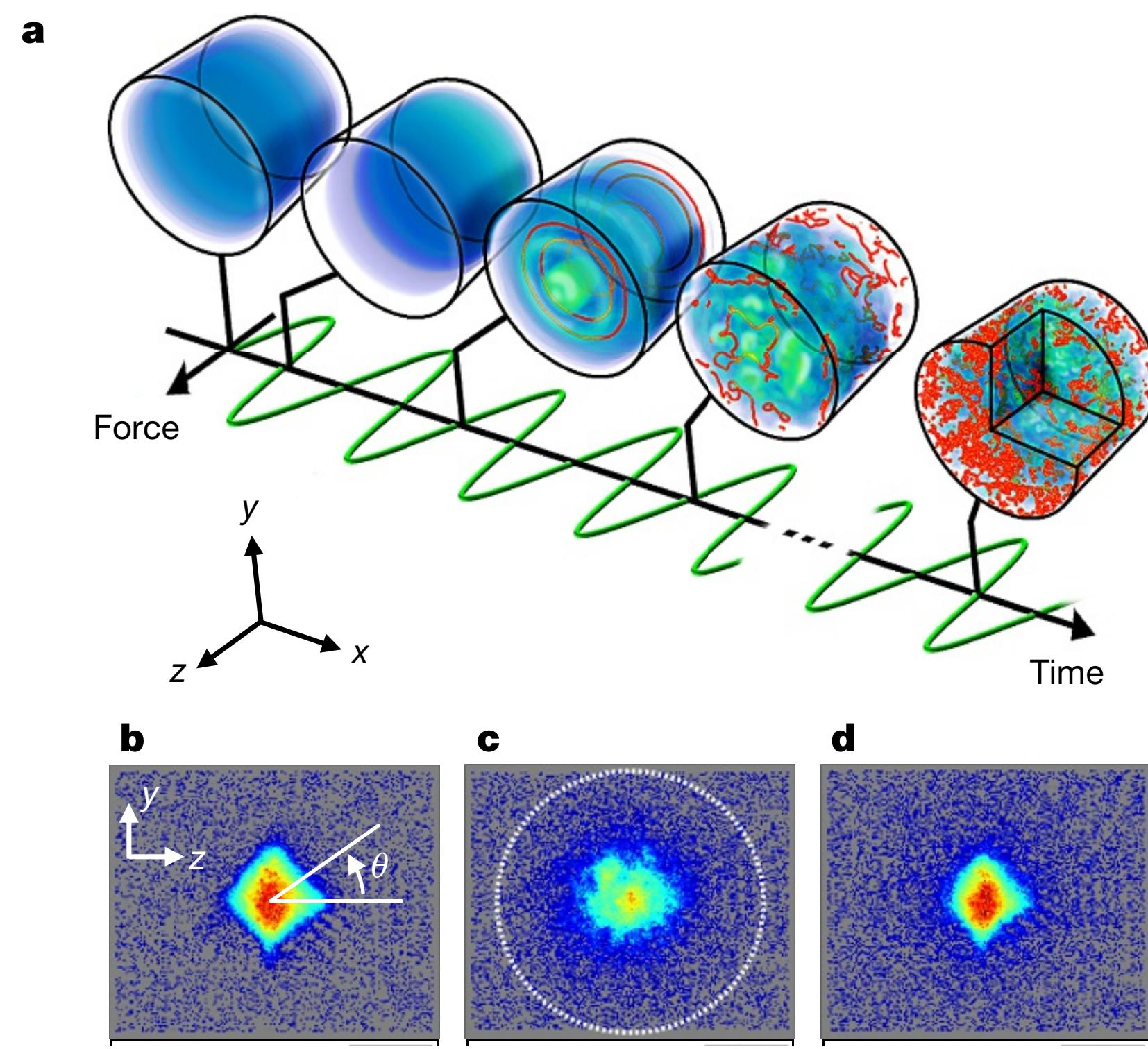


Numerical simulations of forced and dissipated 3D GPE and WKE

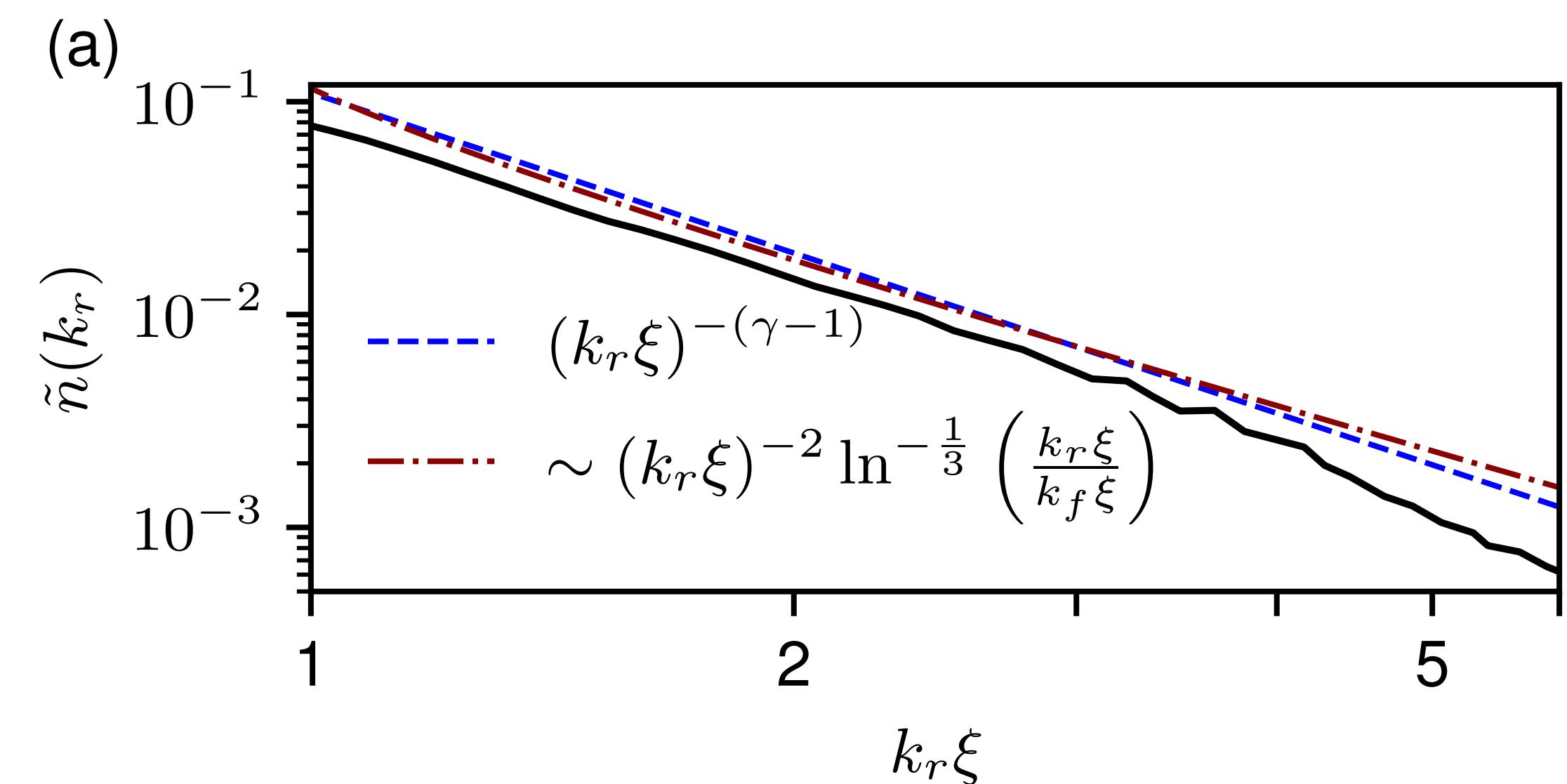
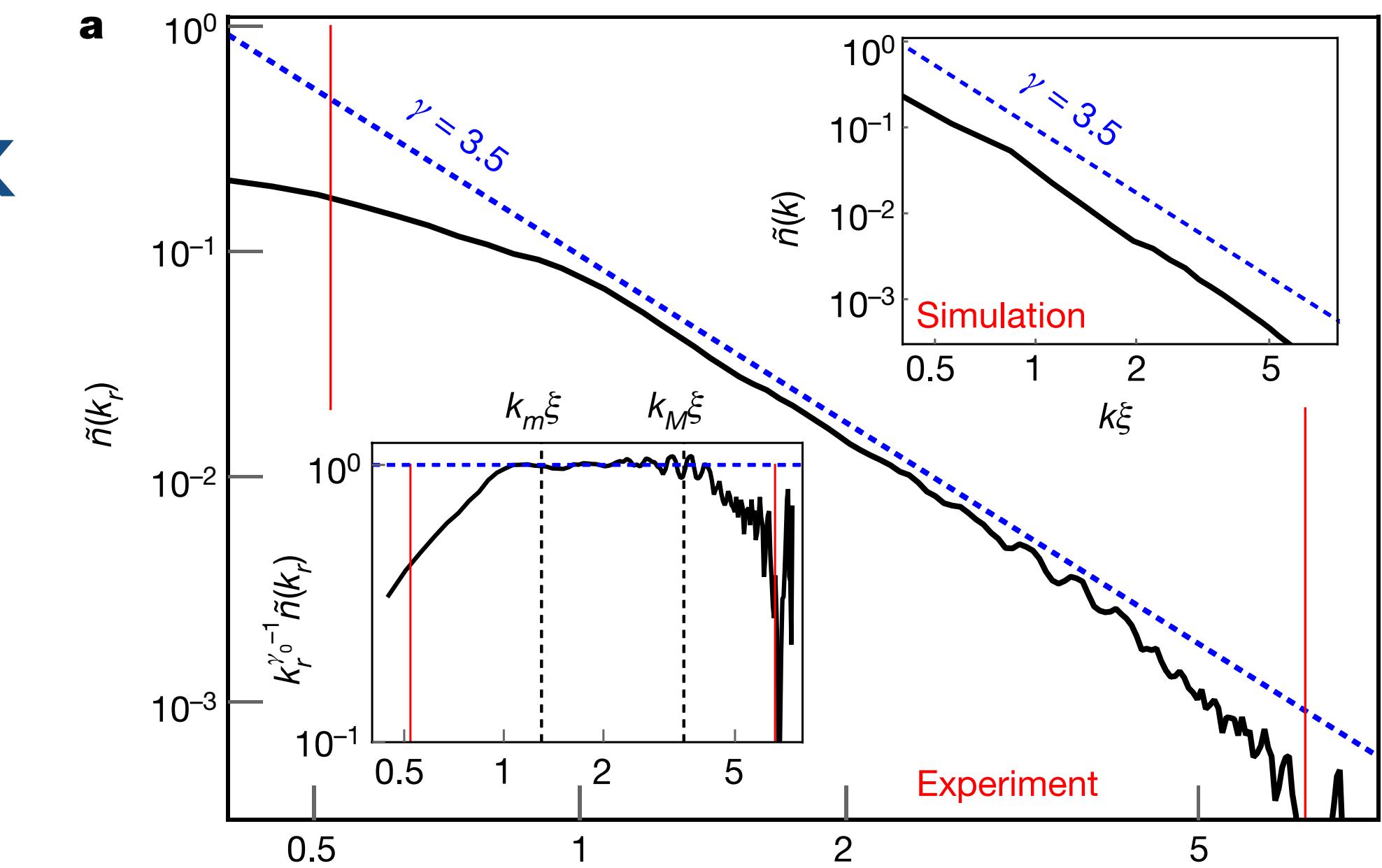


# Steady direct cascade: experiments

## Shaking a condensate in a 3D box



Navon et al. Nature 539, 72–75 (2016)



# Steady direct cascade: experiments

dimensional KZ solution for direct cascade

$$n_k = n_a k^{-3} \log^{-1/3}(k/k_f)$$

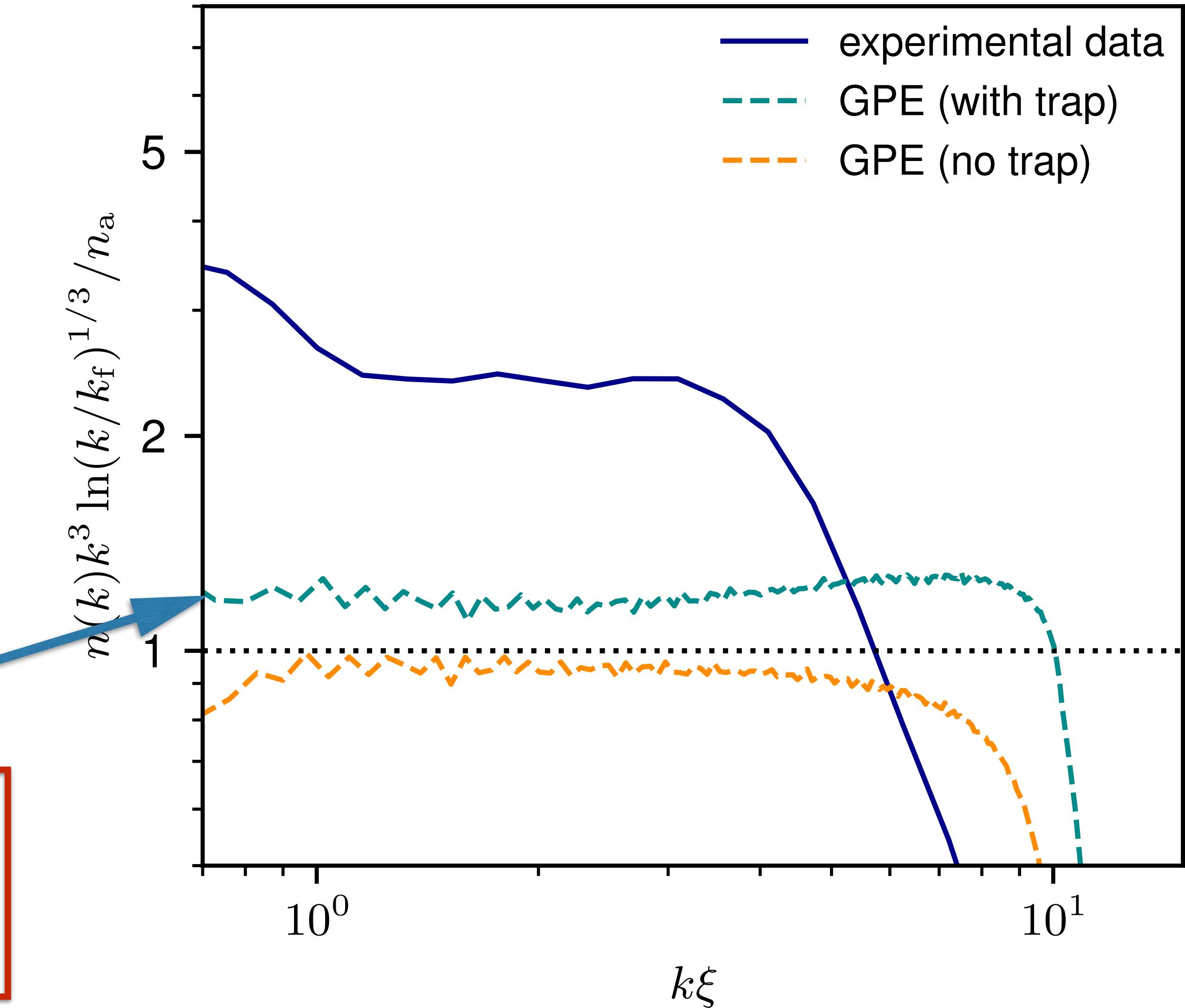
Equation of state

$$n_a = C_4 \left( \frac{\epsilon m^2}{\hbar^3 a^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$N = V \int 4\pi k^2 n_k dk$$

$$C_4 = C_d / (16\pi^2)^{1/3}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + U(\mathbf{x})\psi + g |\psi|^2 \psi + \text{forcing} + \text{dissipation}$$



# First-kind self-similarity in the direct range

Isotropic WKE for the radial

$$n_k^{\text{rad}} = 4\pi k^2 n_k = k n_{2D}(k)$$

$$\frac{\partial n_k^{\text{rad}}}{\partial t} = 2\pi \int \frac{\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)}{k k_1 k_2 k_3} n_k^{\text{rad}} n_{k_1}^{\text{rad}} n_{k_2}^{\text{rad}} n_{k_3}^{\text{rad}} \delta(\omega_{23}^{01}) \left( \frac{k^2}{n_k^{\text{rad}}} + \frac{k_1^2}{n_{k_1}^{\text{rad}}} - \frac{k_2^2}{n_{k_2}^{\text{rad}}} - \frac{k_3^2}{n_{k_3}^{\text{rad}}} \right) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

Direct cascade's capacity is infinite  $E = 4\pi \int_{k_f}^{\infty} k^2 \omega_k k^{-3} \ln^{-1/3}(k/k_f) dk = \infty$

self-similar solution of the first kind  $n^{\text{rad}}(k, t) = t^{-1/2} f(\eta)$  with  $\eta = k/t^b$

$$b = \lambda/3 + 1/6, \quad \text{if } E(t) \sim t^\lambda$$

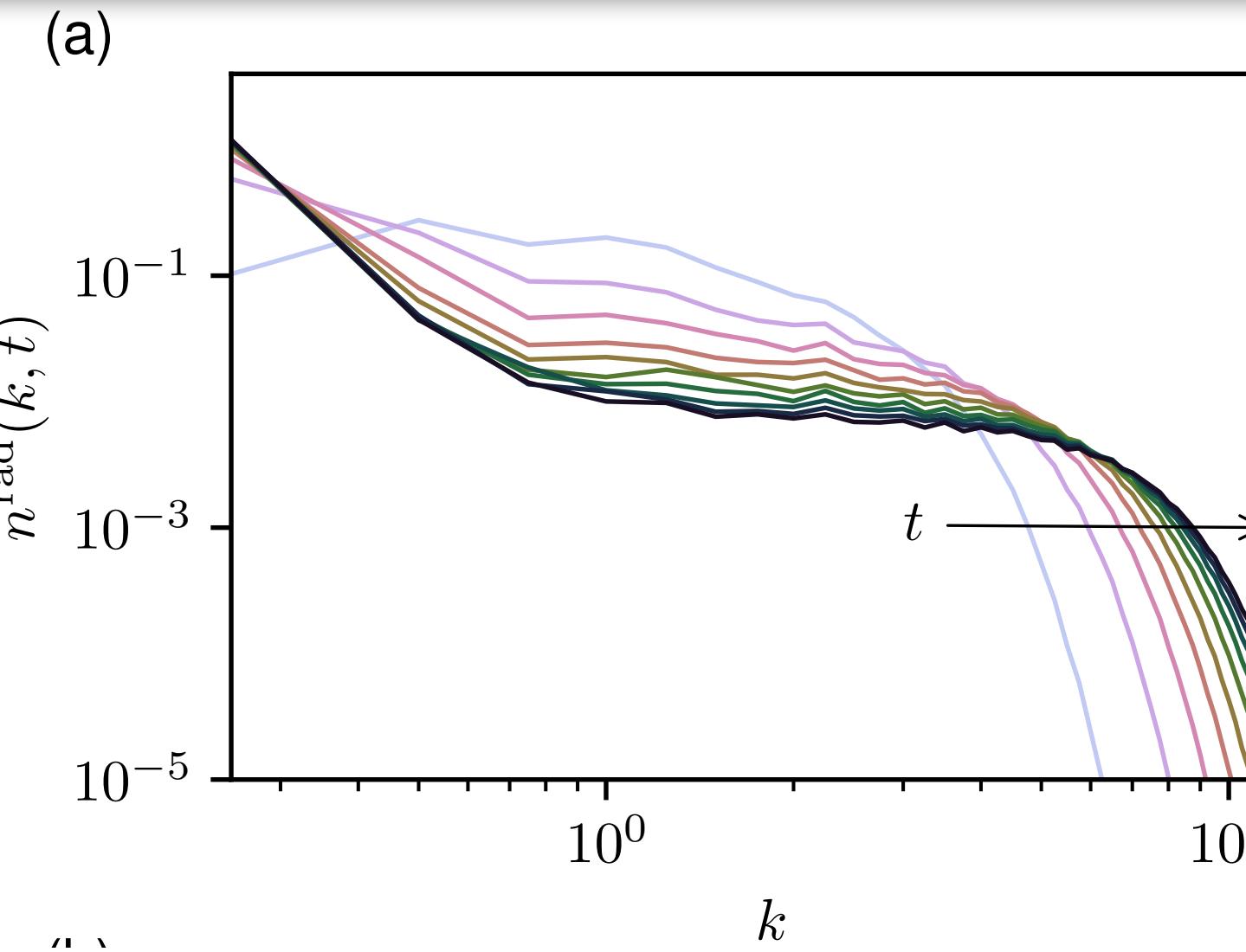
Convert to  $n_k(t) = n(k, t)$   $n_k(t) = t^{-1/2-2b} \tilde{f}(\eta)$  with  $\eta = k/t^b$

Convert to  $n_{2D}(k, t)$   $n_{2D}(k, t) = t^{-1/2-b} \hat{f}(\eta)$  with  $\eta = k/t^b$

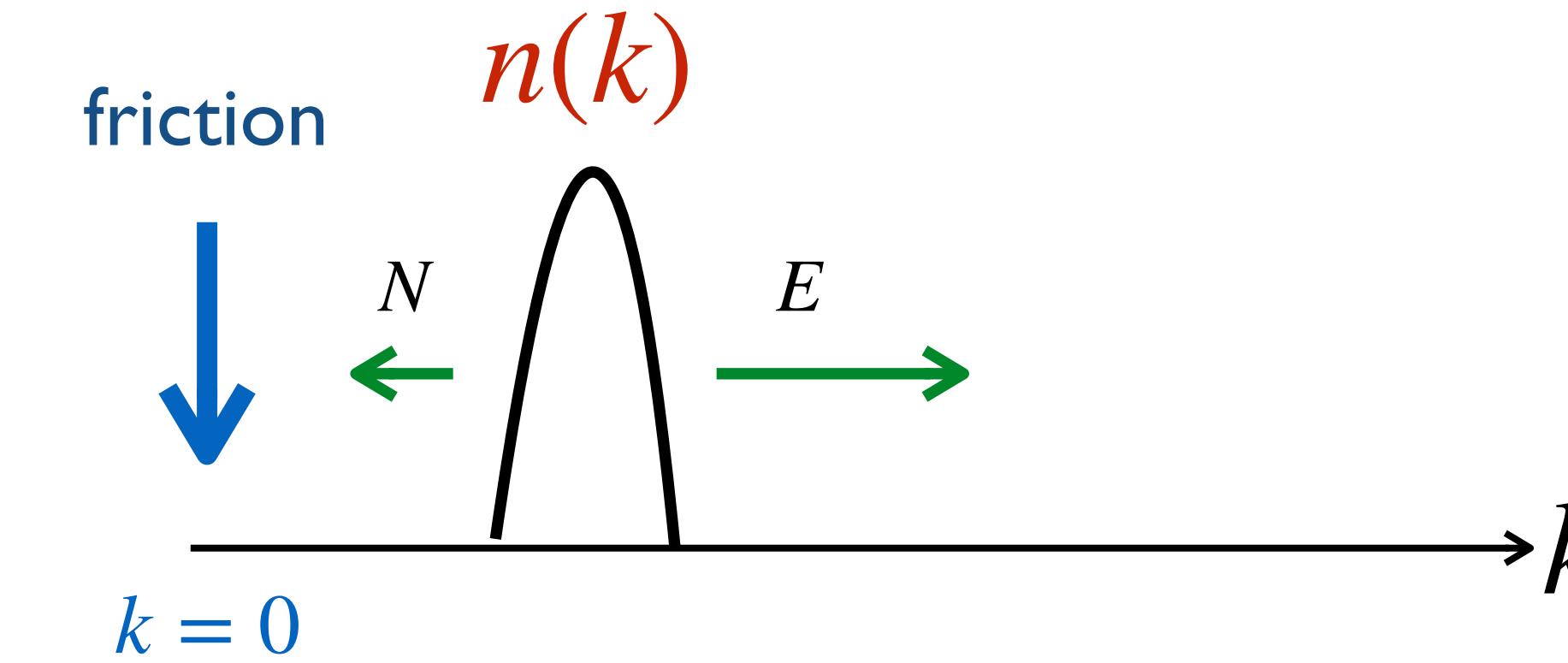
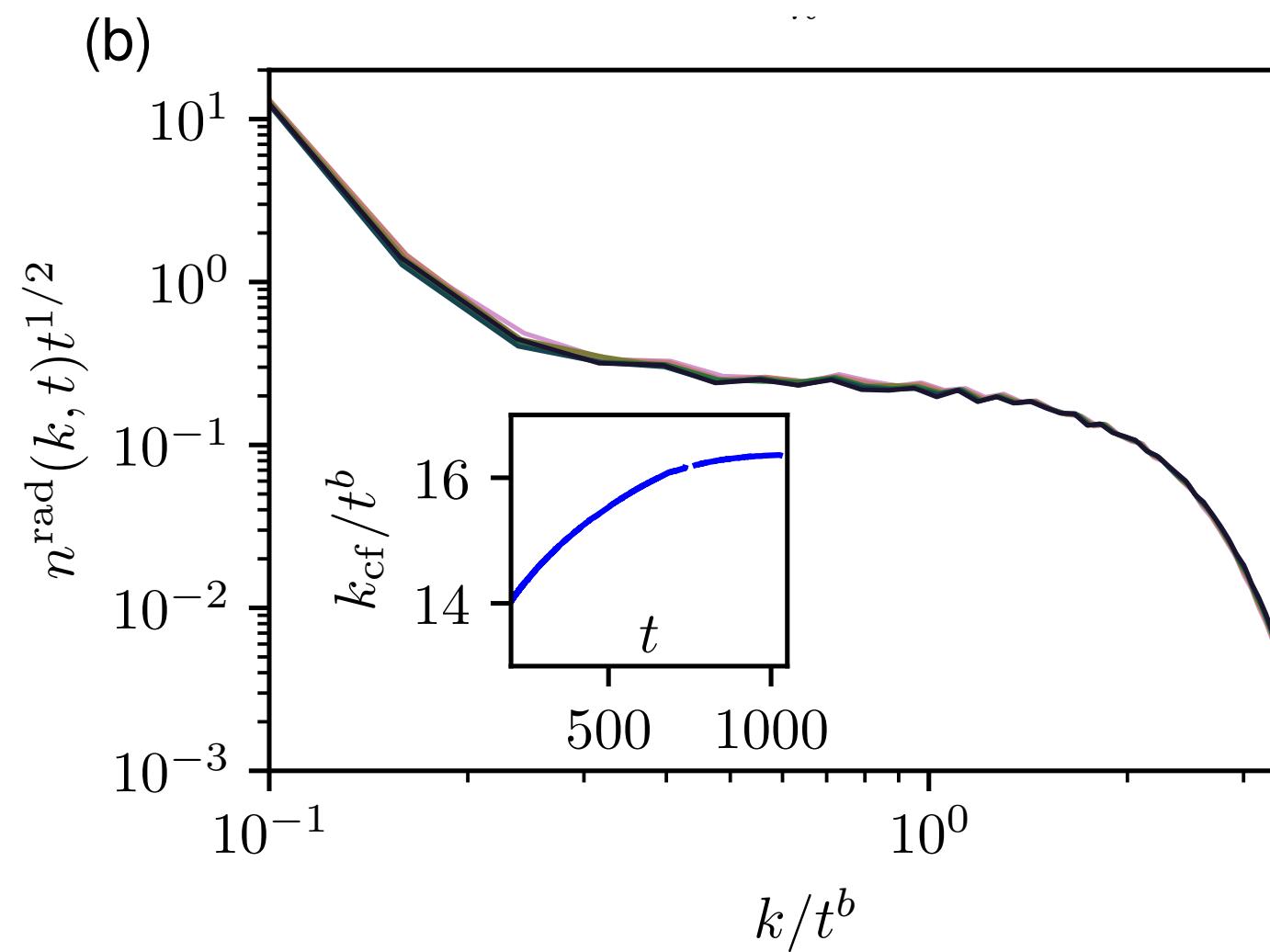
- Free system:  $E = \text{const} \rightarrow b = 1/6$
- Forced system:  $E \sim t \rightarrow b = 1/2$

Stationary spectra in the wake: RJ for the free case, KZ for the forced case.

# Free direct cascade evolution (GPE)



In self-similar regime,  
wavefront  $k_{\text{cf}}/t^b \rightarrow \text{const}$



- Spectrum behind the front is RJ
- Perfect collapse with the predicted self-similar shape

Theoretical prediction:  $n^{\text{rad}}(k, t) = t^{-a}f(k t^{-b})$ ,  $a = 1/2$ ,  $b = 1/6$

Experimental observations

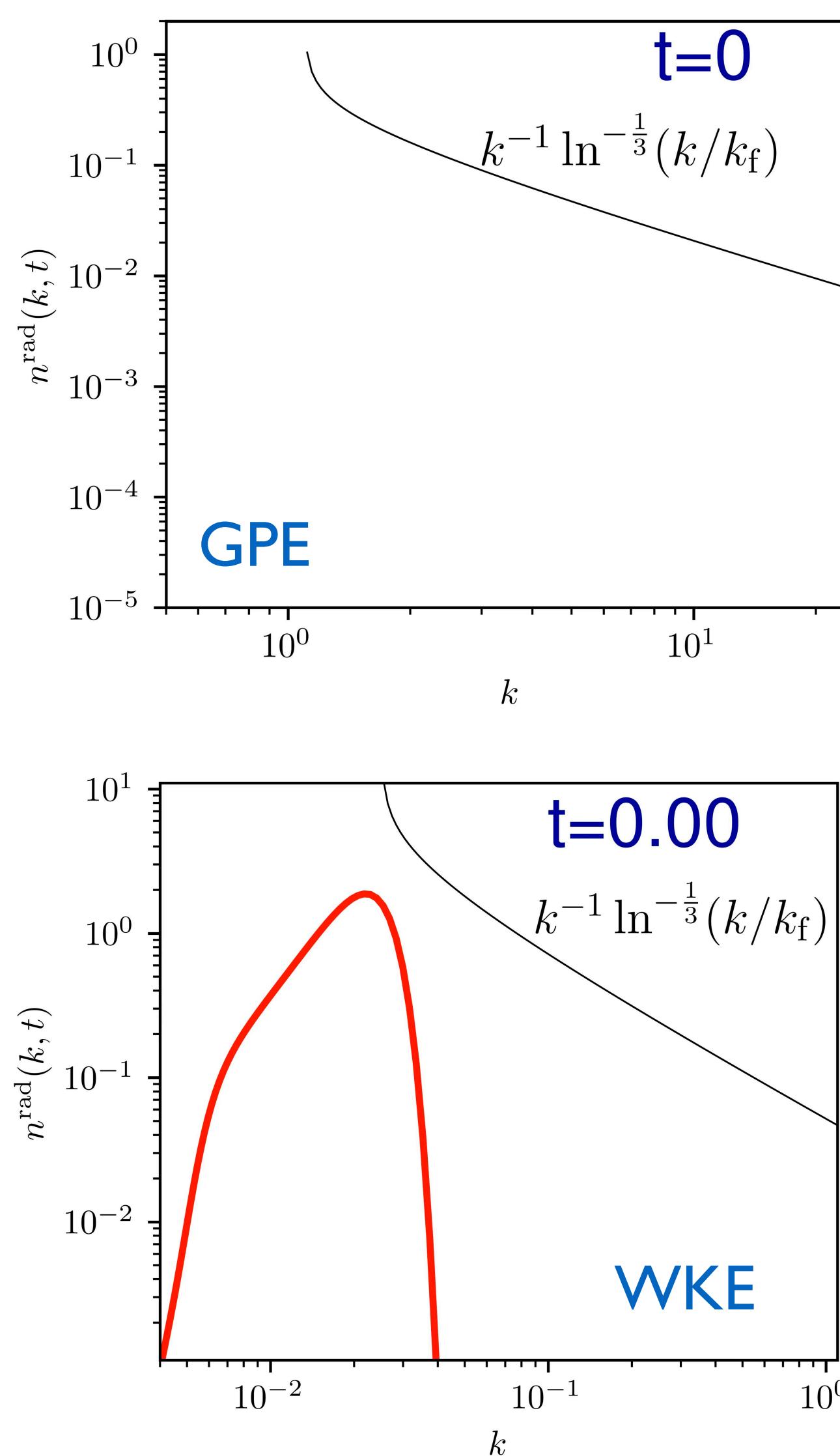
Glidden J A P, Eigen C, Dogra L H, et al. Nature Physics, 2021, 17(4): 457-461.

$$a = 0.4(1), b = 0.14(2)$$

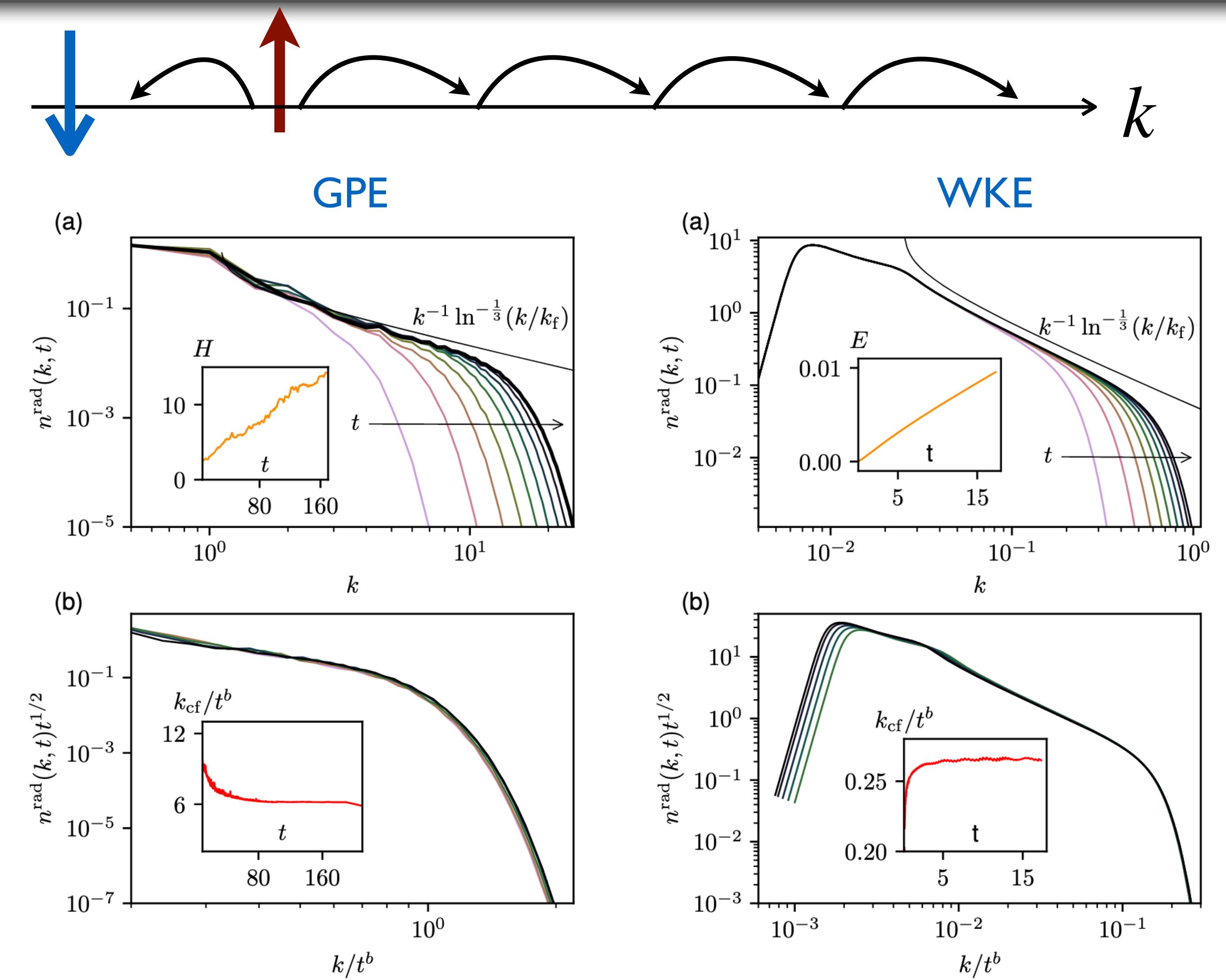
García-Orozco A D, Madeira L, Moreno-Armijos M A, et al. Physical Review A, 2022, 106(2): 023314.

$$a = 0.3(1), b = 0.2(4), n(k) \sim k^{-2}$$

# Forced direct cascade evolution



Relevant experiment  
Navon, Science 366, (2019)



- Spectrum behind the front is direct-cascade KZ
- Perfect collapse with the predicted self-similar shape

# Steady inverse particle cascade

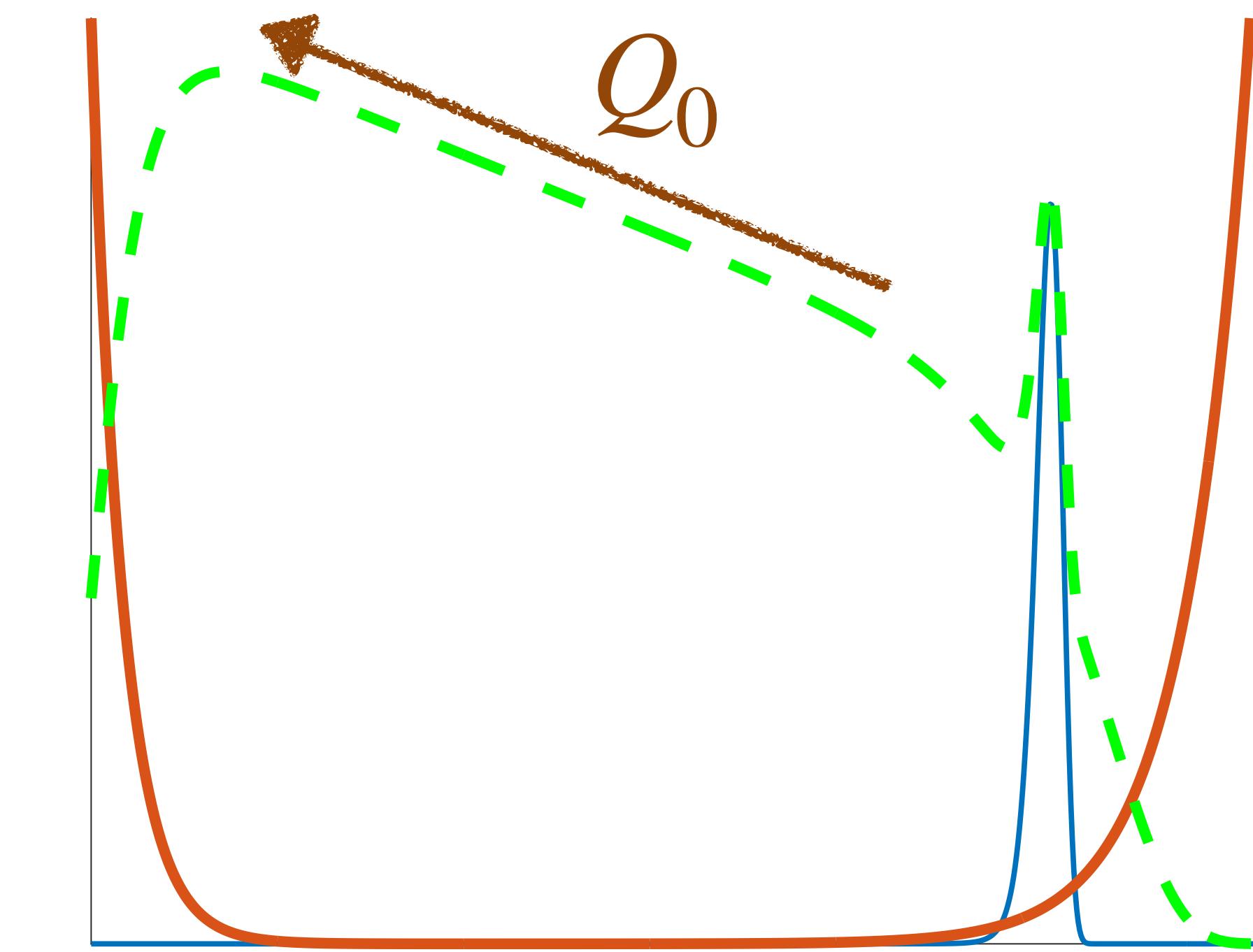
Inverse particle cascade KZ spectrum

$$n_k = C_i |Q_0|^{1/3} k^{-7/3}$$

With  $C_i \approx 7.5774045 \times 10^{-2}$   
a universal constant

$$\begin{aligned} C_i = & \frac{1}{2\pi^{3/2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{1/3} \left[ 3\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left( 3^{3/2} 2^{2/3} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}; \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; 1\right) - 8 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}; \frac{4}{3}, \frac{3}{2}; 1\right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + 2^{1/3} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}; 1\right) - 2^{1/3} {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}; 1\right) \right) \right]^{-1/3} \approx 7.5774045 \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

3D GPE + forcing + dissipation  
WKE + forcing + dissipation

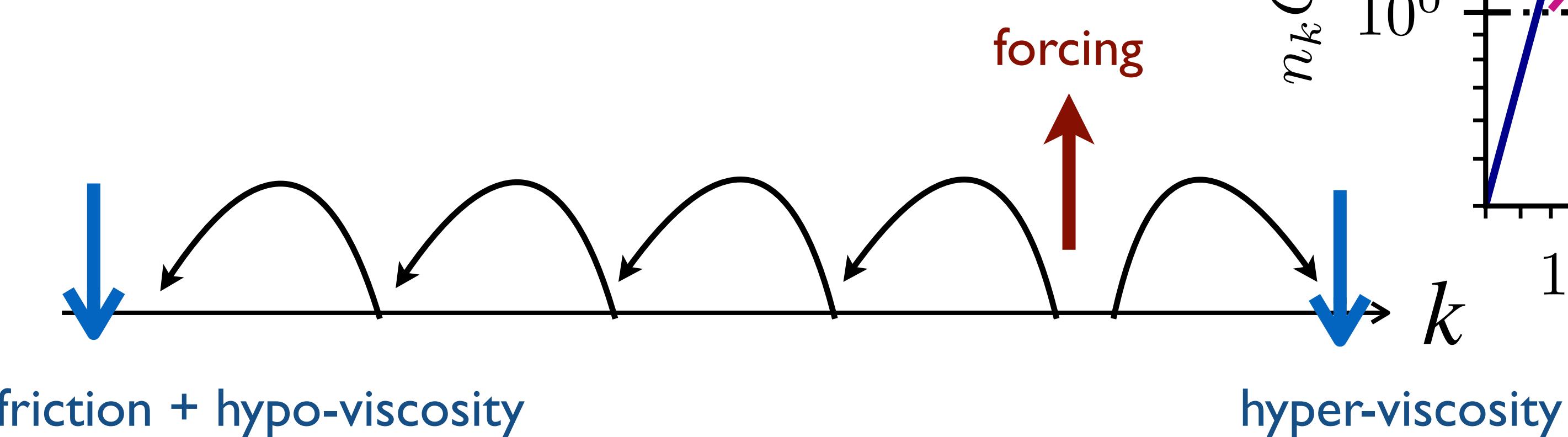


# Steady inverse cascade: numerical simulations

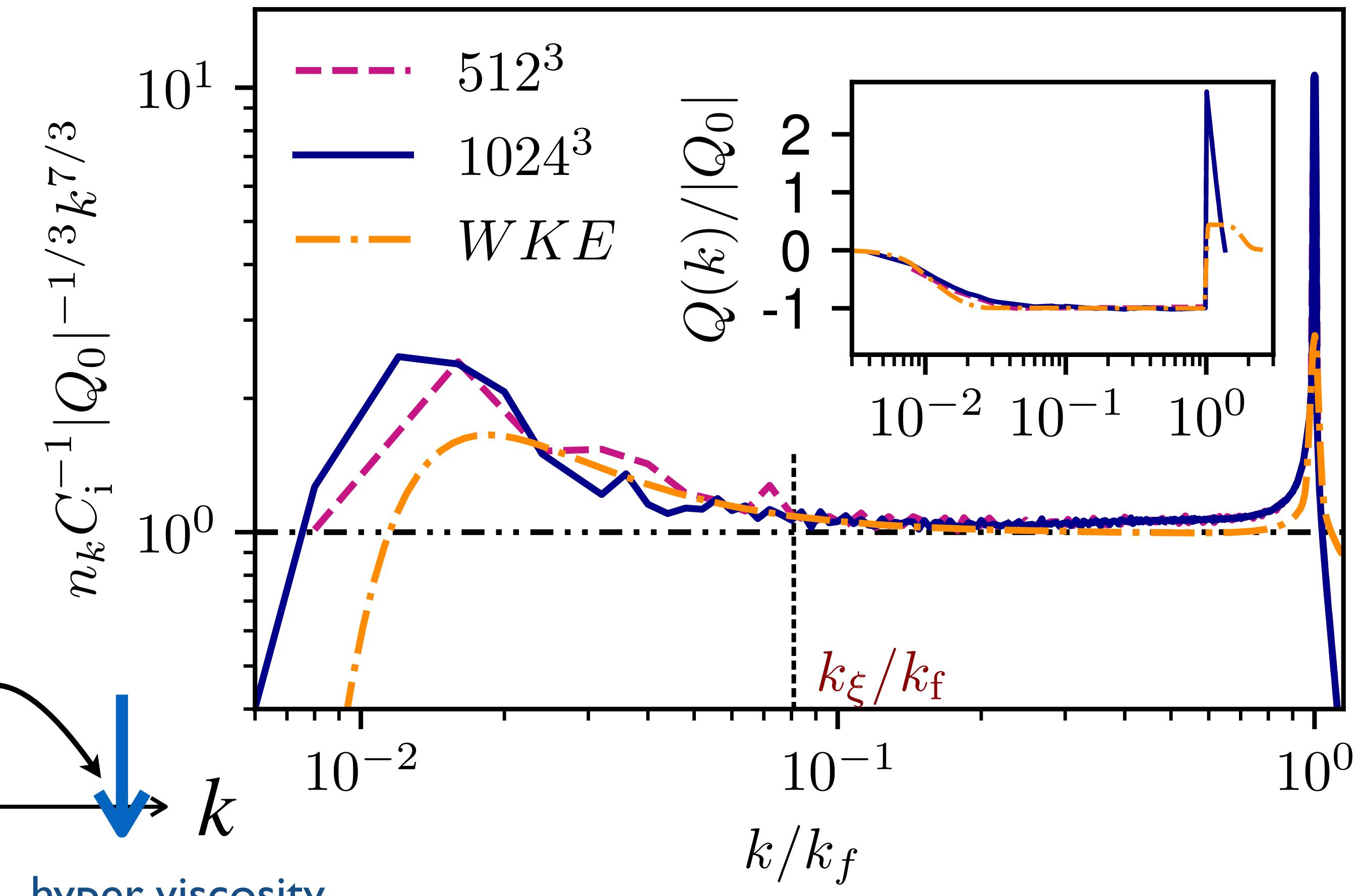
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# Second-kind self-similarity in the inverse range

$$\frac{\partial n_k^{\text{rad}}}{\partial t} = 2\pi \int \frac{\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)}{k k_1 k_2 k_3} n_k^{\text{rad}} n_{k_1}^{\text{rad}} n_{k_2}^{\text{rad}} n_{k_3}^{\text{rad}} \delta(\omega_{23}^{01}) \left( \frac{k^2}{n_k^{\text{rad}}} + \frac{k_1^2}{n_{k_1}^{\text{rad}}} - \frac{k_2^2}{n_{k_2}^{\text{rad}}} - \frac{k_3^2}{n_{k_3}^{\text{rad}}} \right) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

Inverse cascade's capacity is finite  $N = 4\pi \int_0^{k_{\max}} k^2 k^{-7/3} dk < \infty$

self-similar solution of the second kind  $n^{\text{rad}}(k, t) = \tau^{-1/2} g(\eta)$  with  $\eta = k/\tau^m$ ,  $\tau = t^* - t$

Satisfying  $f(\eta) \rightarrow \eta^2$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  and  $f(\eta) \rightarrow \eta^{-x^*}$  for  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\rightarrow x^* = 1/2m$

Candidates of  $x^* = 0.5, 0.44, 0.48, 0.56 > 1/3$  (steady inverse KZ scaling )

Semikoz and Tkachev  
1995, Lacaze et al 2001.

Semisalov et at 2021.

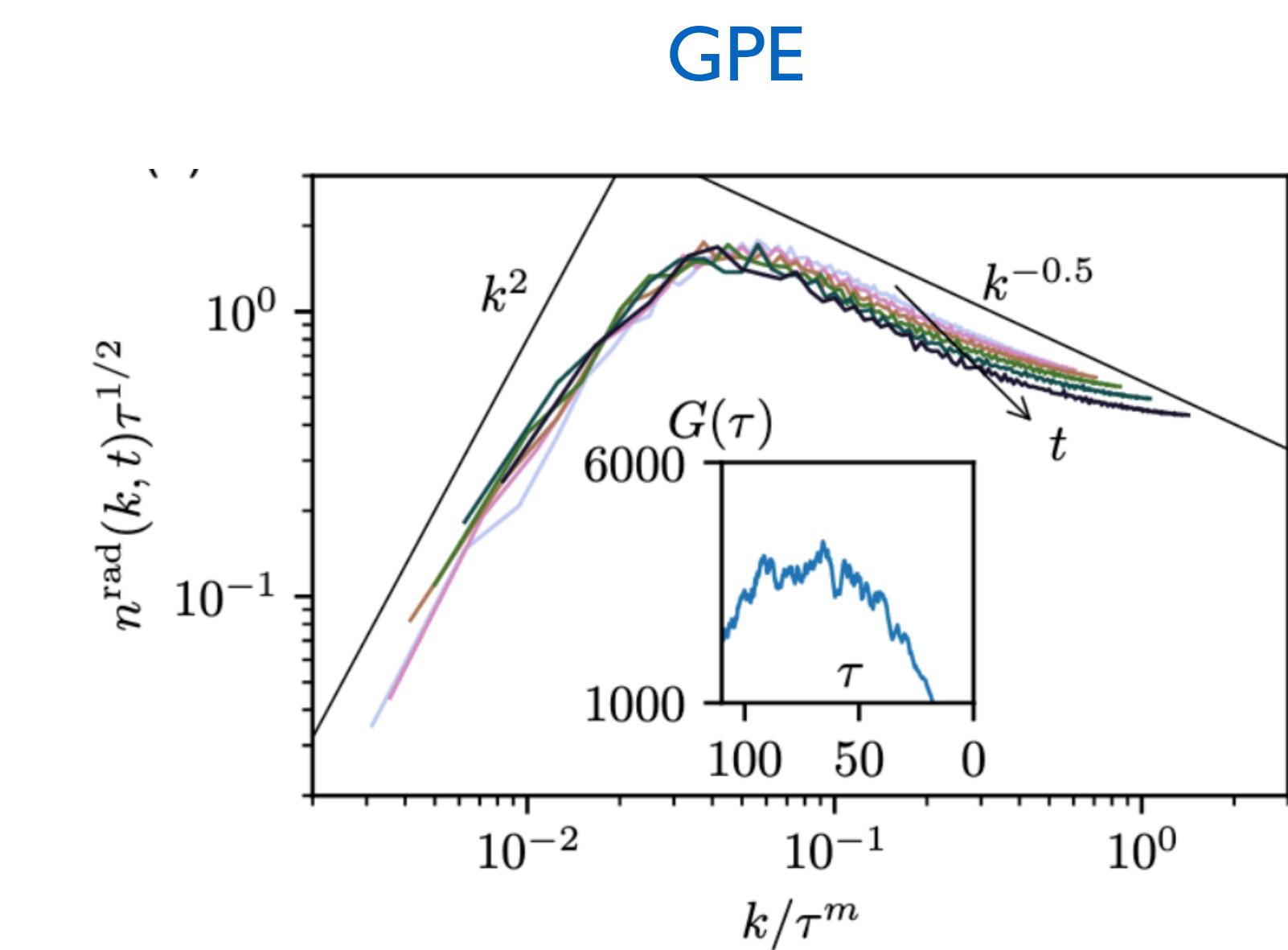
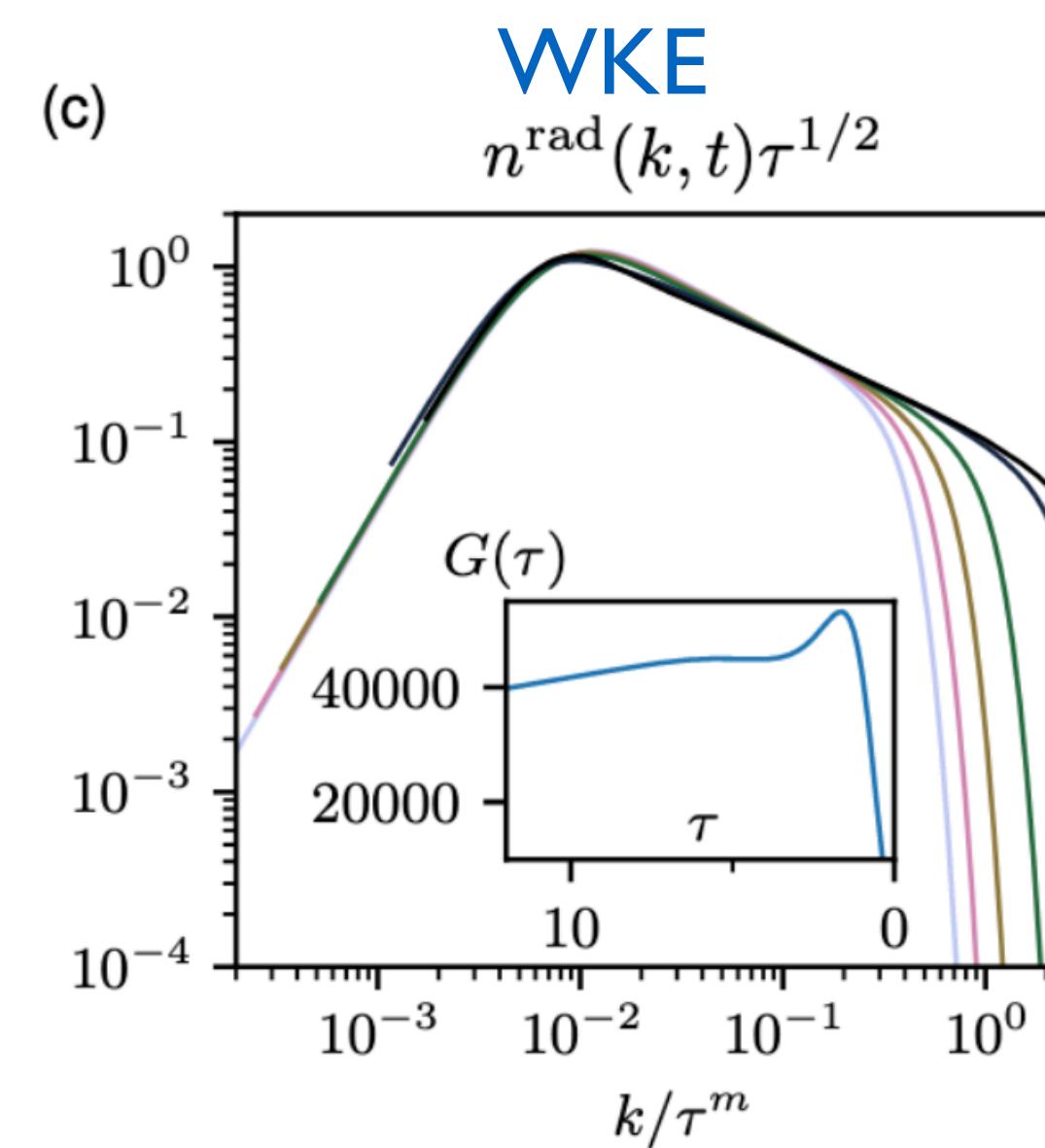
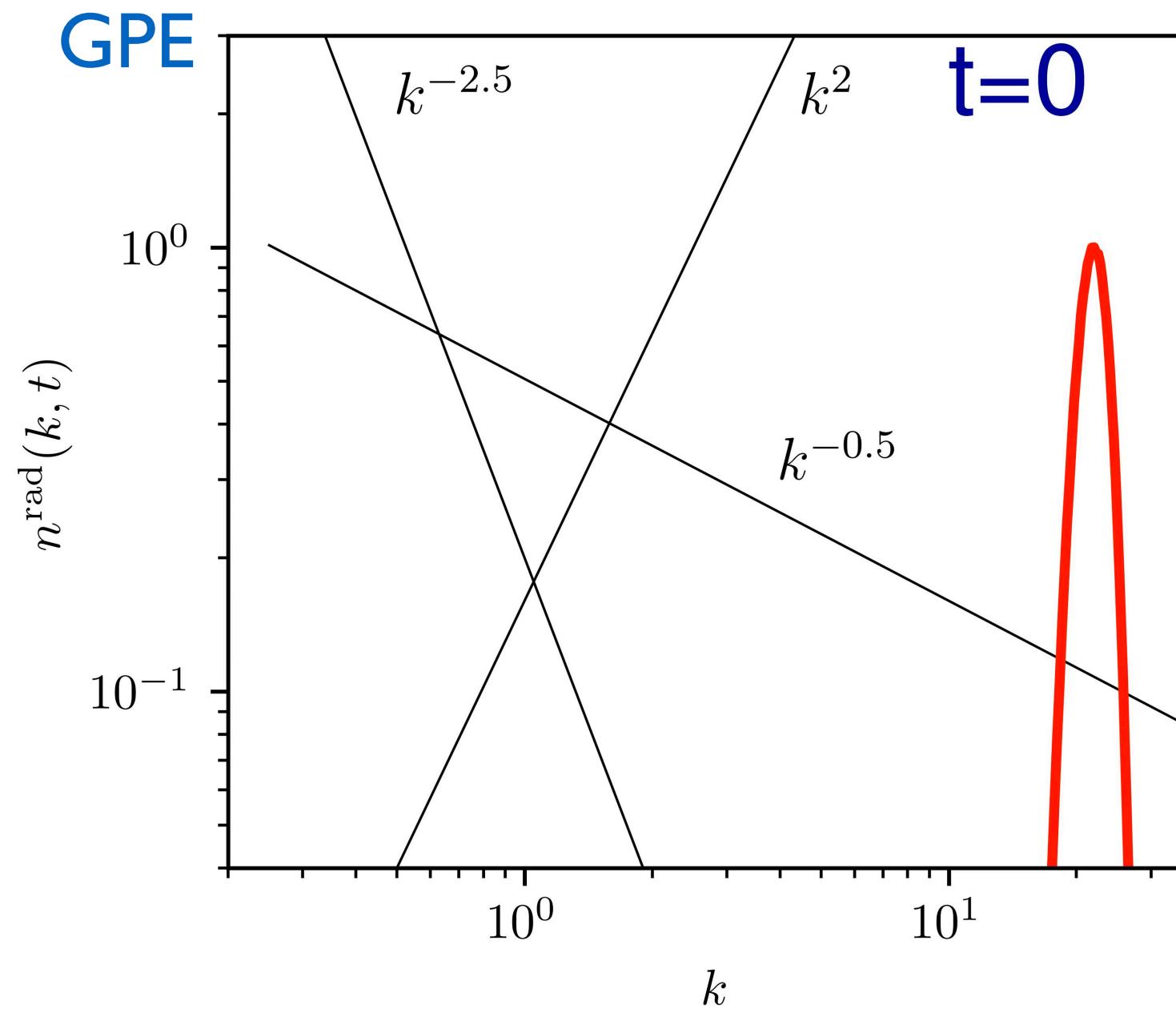
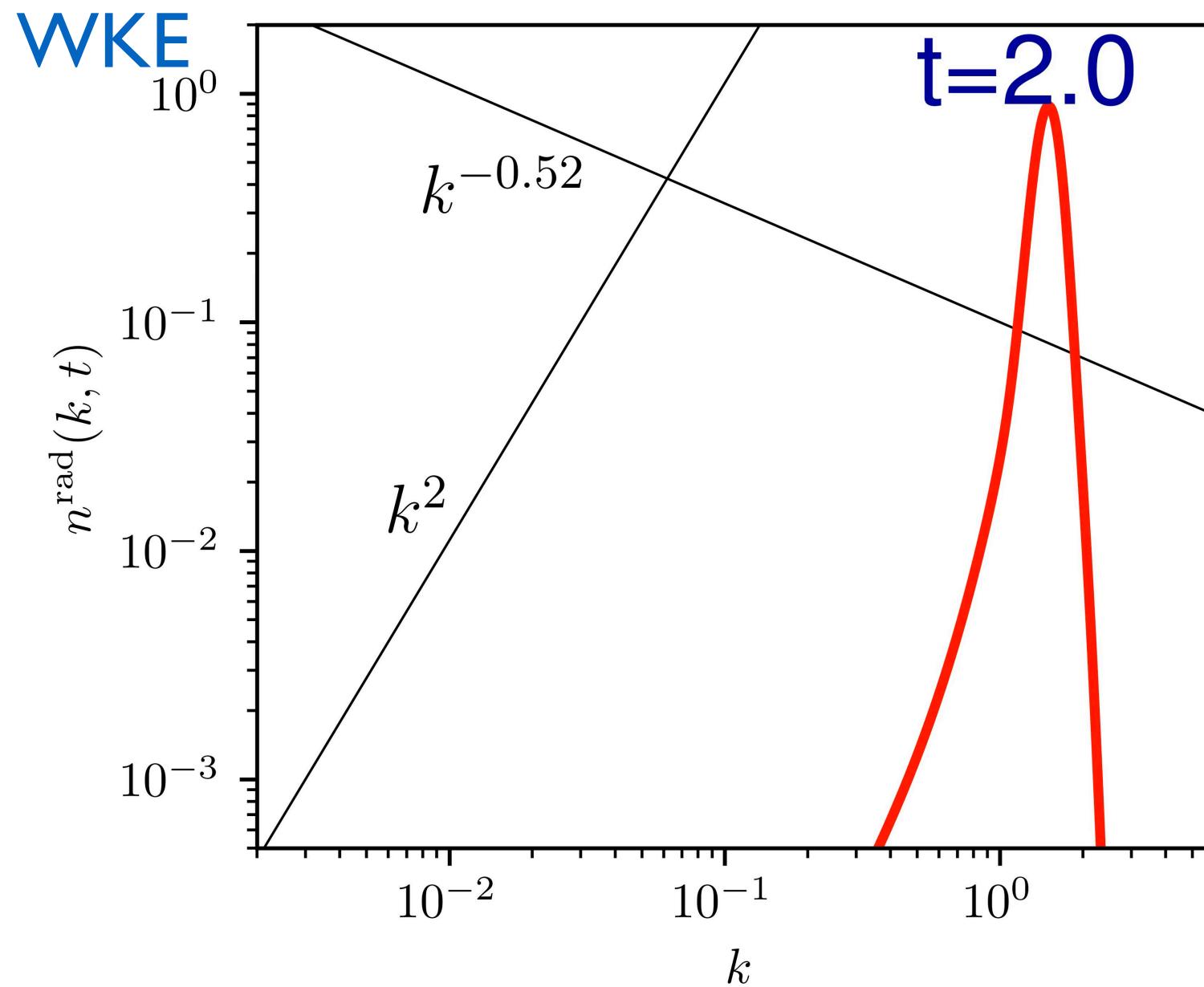
Shukla and SN 2020.  
Moreno-Armijos MA et al  
2004.  
 $x^* = 0.6$

Take  $x^* = 0.5$   $n_k^{\text{rad}}(t) = \tau^{-1/2} g(k/\tau)$ ,  $n_k^{\text{rad}}(t) \sim k^{-0.5}$

Convert to  $n_k(t) = n(k, t)$   $n_k(t) = \tau^{-2.5} \tilde{g}(k/\tau)$ ,  $n_k \sim k^{-2.5}$

Convert to  $n_{2D}(k, t)$   $n_{2D}(k, t) = \tau^{-1.5} \hat{g}(k/\tau)$ ,  $n_{2D}(k, t) \sim k^{-1.5}$

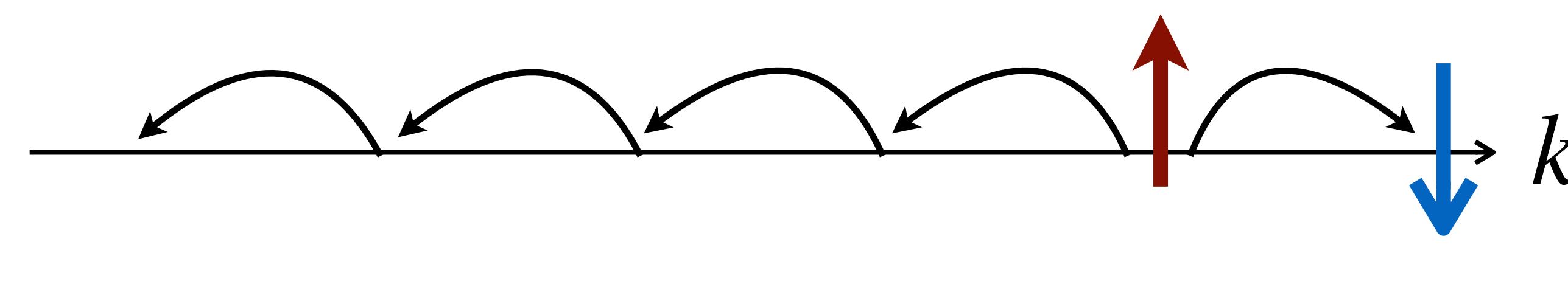
# Free inverse cascade evolution



In self-similar regime,  $G(\tau) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} n^{rad}(k, t)\tau^{1/2+2m} \rightarrow \text{const as } \tau \rightarrow 0$

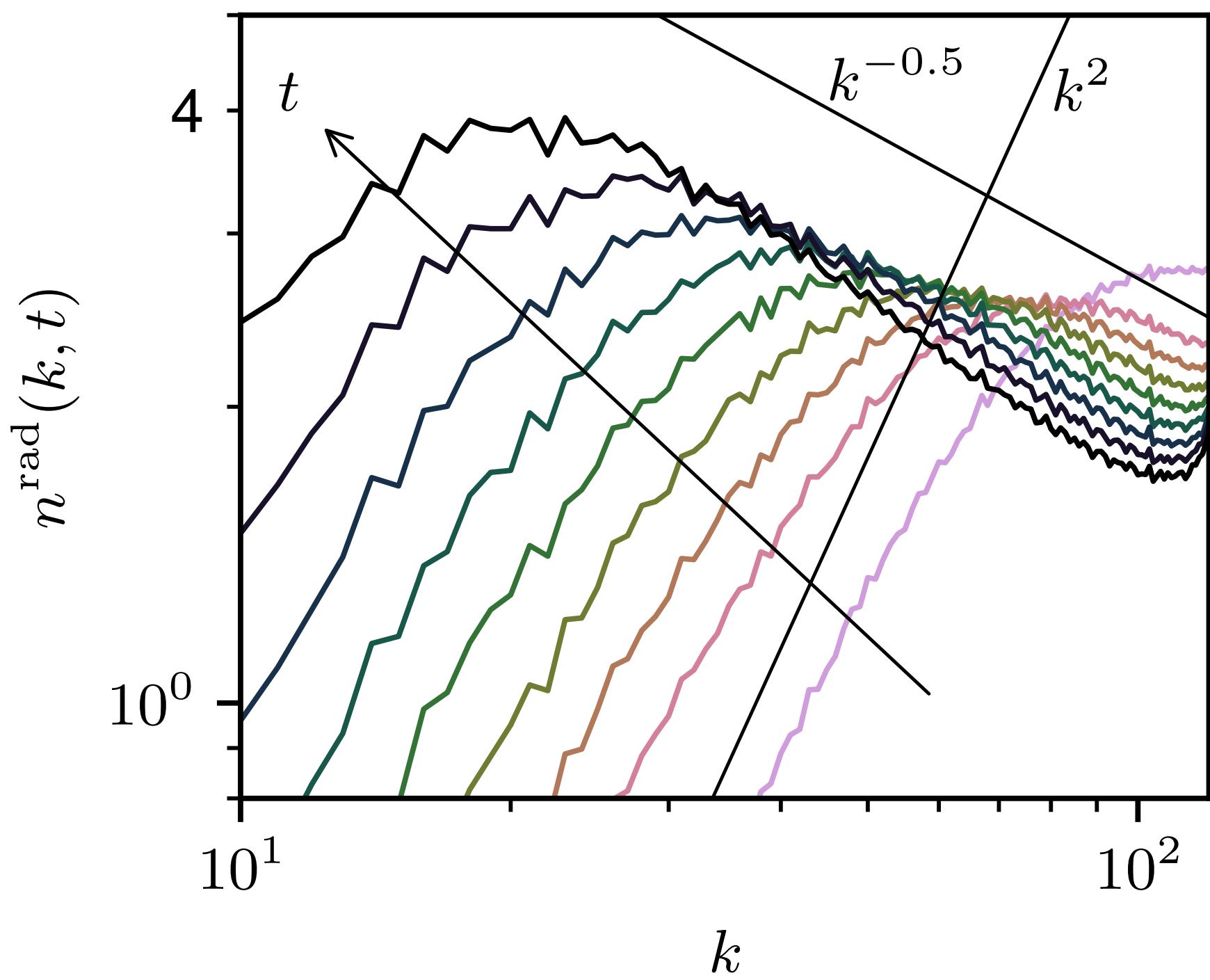
What do forced systems look like ?

Free and forced systems behave the same because of the “infinite” reservoir of  $N$  at high  $k$ .



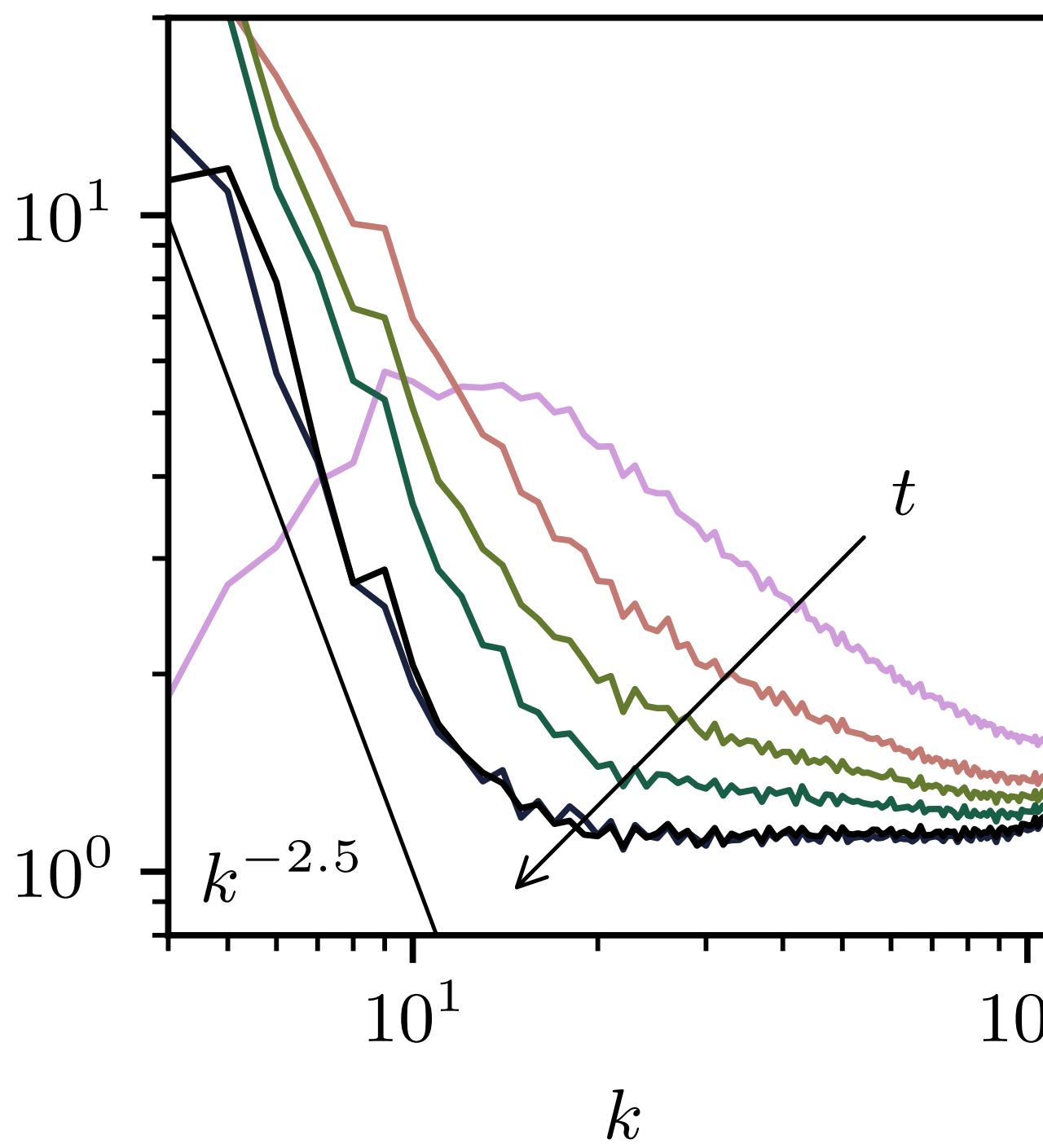
# Relaxation to steady inverse KZ solution (GPE)

(a)



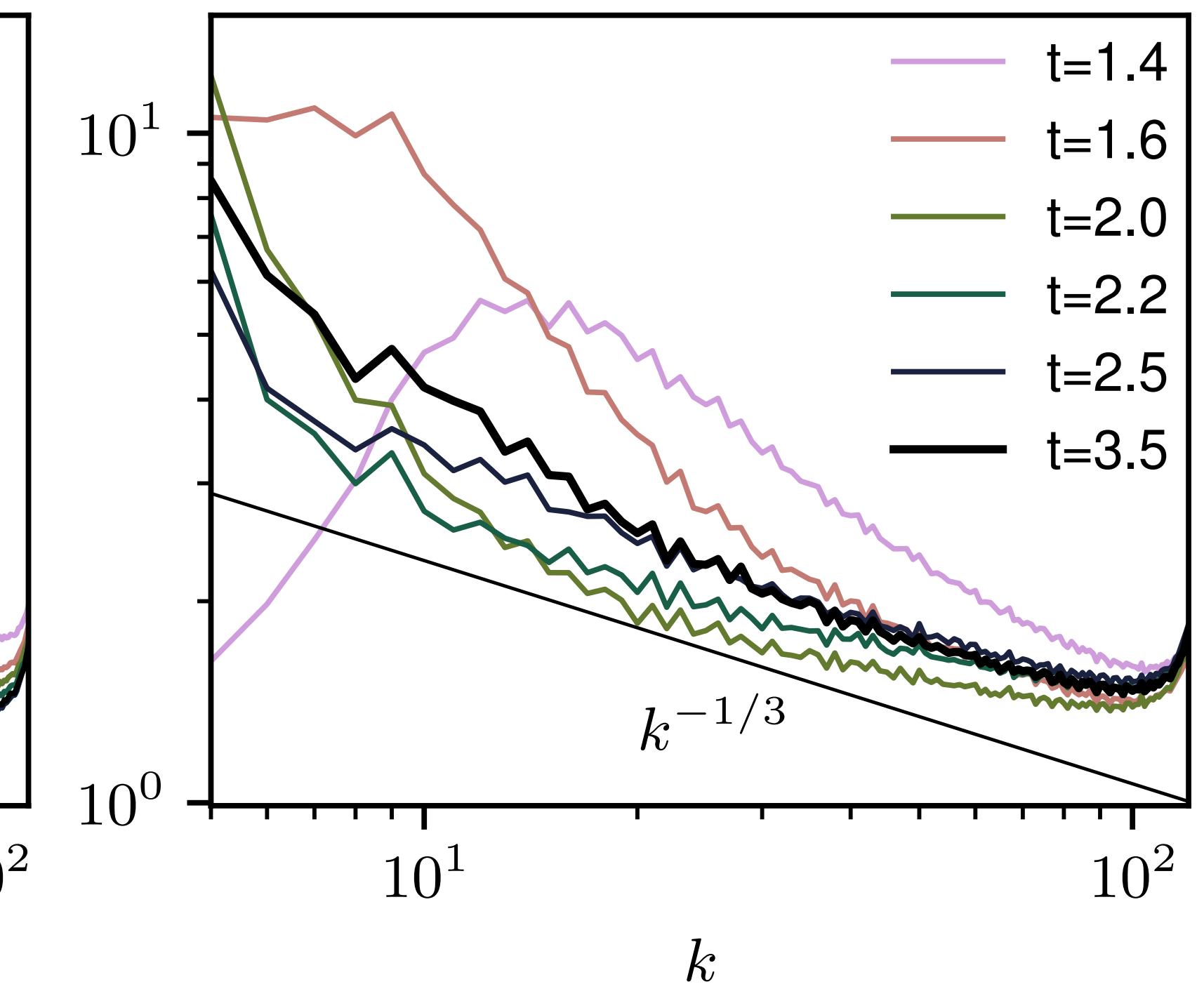
Short-term evolution

(b)



Long-term evolution  
without dissipation at low  $k$

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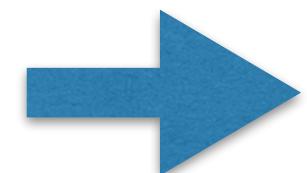
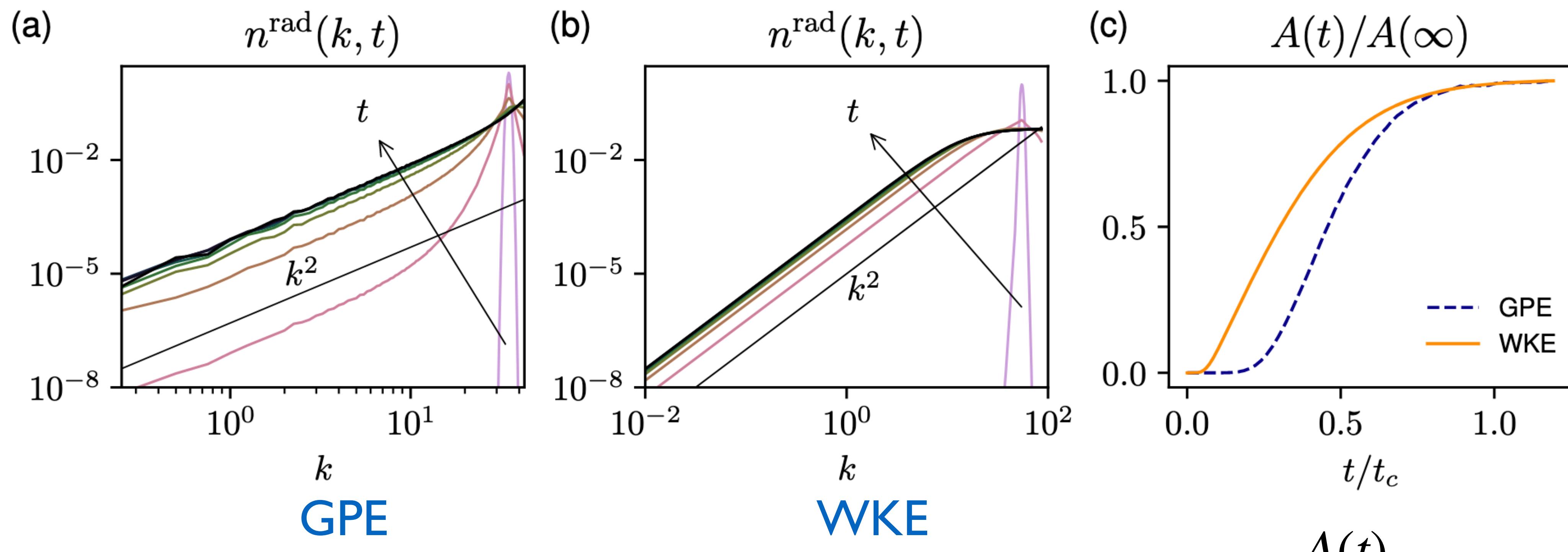


Long-term evolution  
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# Blowup and Condensation

Blow-up condition:  $E/N < (E/N)_c = \frac{k_{\max}^2}{3}$

For  $E/N > (E/N)_c = \frac{k_{\max}^2}{3}$  : no blowup!



Asymptote to a steady state RJ spectrum

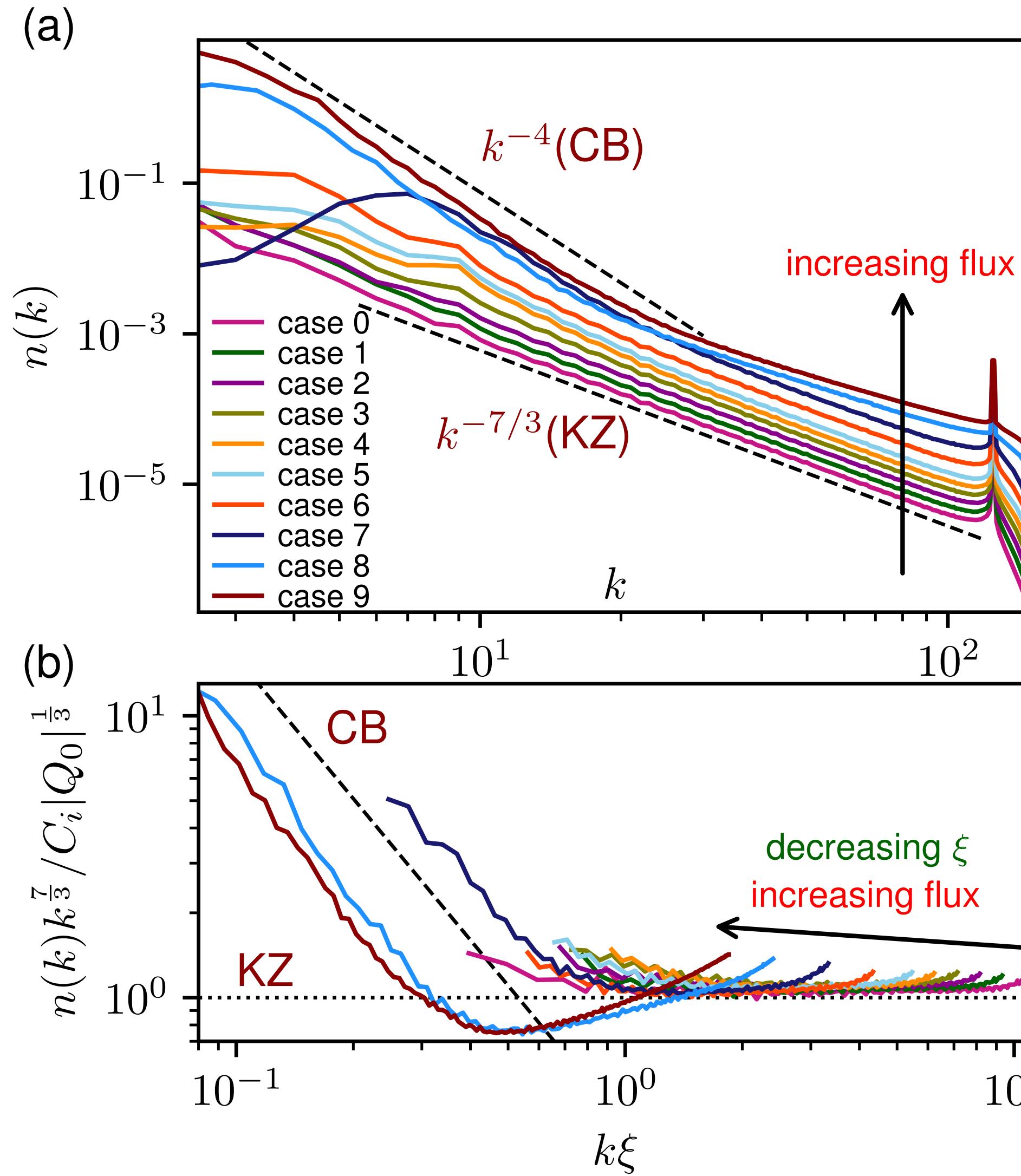
$$n_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{A(t)}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + |\mu|}$$

# Summary of WWT predictions

		Stationary KZ spectra	Self-similar solutions $n^{\text{rad}}(k) = 4\pi k^2 n_k$	
4-Waves Dimension D=3	$k\xi \gg 1$	Direct energy cascade	$n_k = C_d  P_0 ^{1/3} k^{-3} \log^{-\frac{1}{3}}(k/k_f)$ $C_d \approx 5.26 \times 10^{-2}$	$t^{1/2} n^{\text{rad}}(k, t) = f(k/t^b)$ $b = \lambda/3 + 1/6$ , if $E(t) \sim t^\lambda$
3-Waves Dimension D=3	$k\xi \gg 1$	Inverse particle cascade	$n_k = C_i  Q_0 ^{1/3} k^{-7/3}$ $C_i = 7.5774045 \times 10^{-2}$	$\tau^{1/2} n^{\text{rad}}(k, t) = g(k/\tau^m)$ , $\tau = t^* - t$ $m = 1/(2x^*)$ , if $n^{\text{rad}}(k) \sim k^{-x^*}$

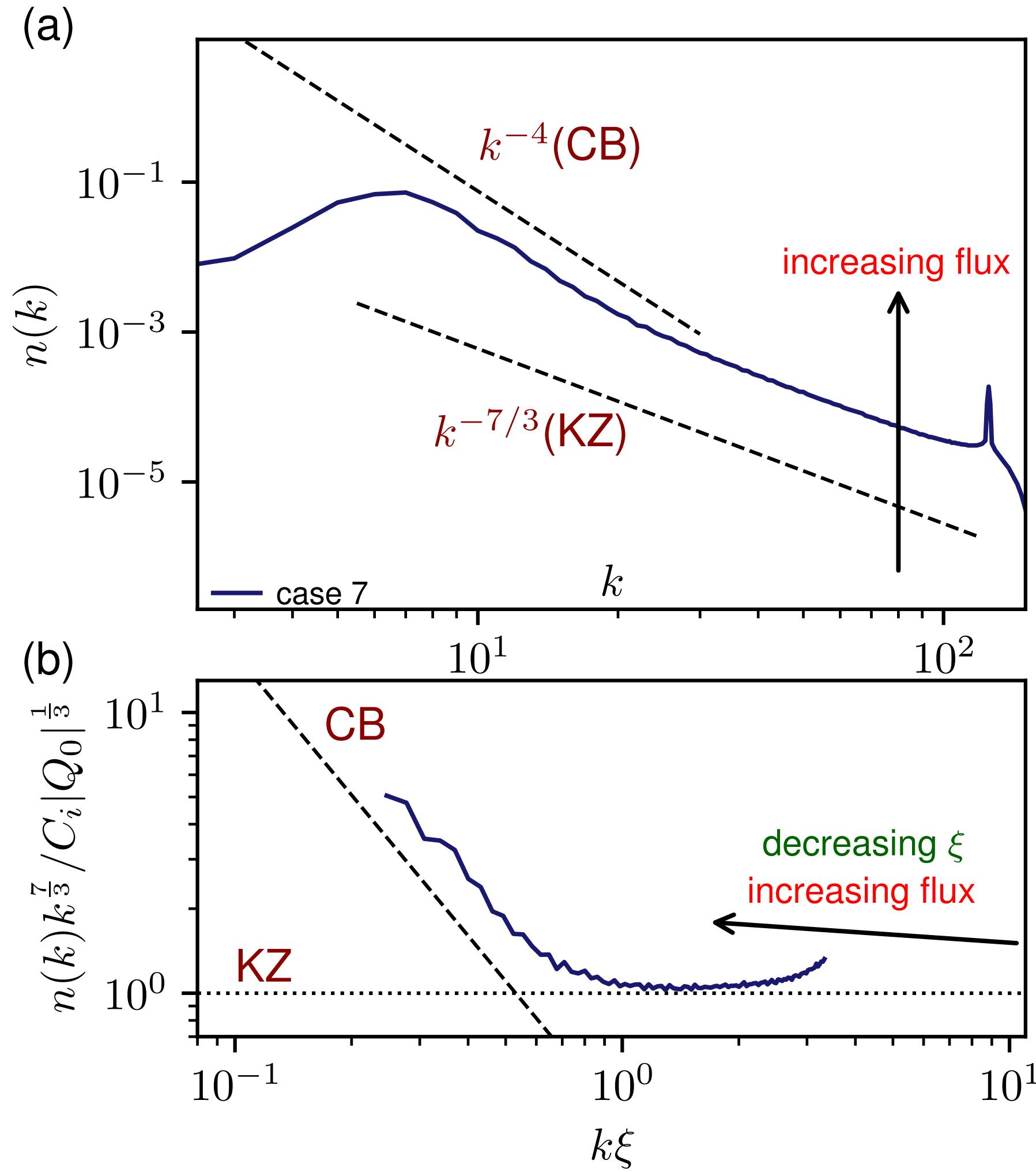
		Acoustic limit $k\xi \ll 1$	Short wave limit $k\xi \gg 1$
3-Waves Dimension D=3	$k\xi \gg 1$	$E_k = C_1 c_s^{1/2} P_0^{1/2} k^{-3/2}$ $n_k \sim k^{-\frac{11}{2}}$ $C_1 = \sqrt{3c_s/(32V_0^2\pi(\pi + 4\ln 2 - 1))}$	$E_k = C_2 c_s^{1/2} \xi^{5/2} P_0^{1/2} k$ $n_k \sim k^{-3}$ $C_2 = 2^{3/4}/\sqrt{\pi(\pi - 4\ln 2)}$
3-Waves Dimension D=2	$k\xi \gg 1$	$E_k = C_E c_s^{1/2} a^{1/2} P_0^{1/2} k^{-1}$ $n_k \sim k^{-3}$ $C_E = 6^{1/4} \sqrt{c_s}/\pi V_0$ , $a = \xi/2$	

# Towards Strong Wave Turbulence



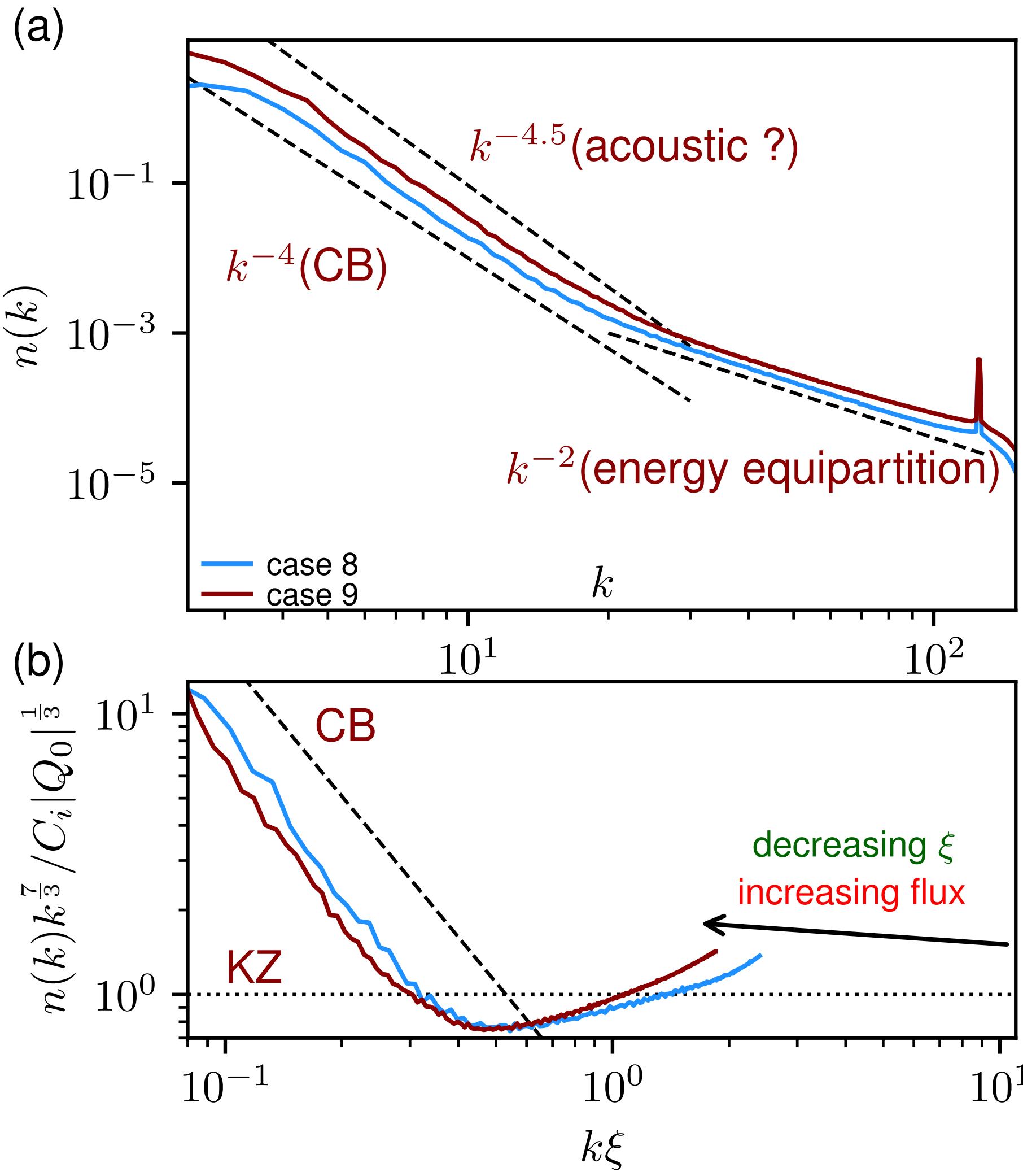
- Steady spectra for the inverse cascade
- KZ scaling survives for 100 times bigger wave amplitude, and  $10^6$  bigger flux !
- The constant survives as long as KZ scaling occurs for the scales below the healing length

# Critical Balance

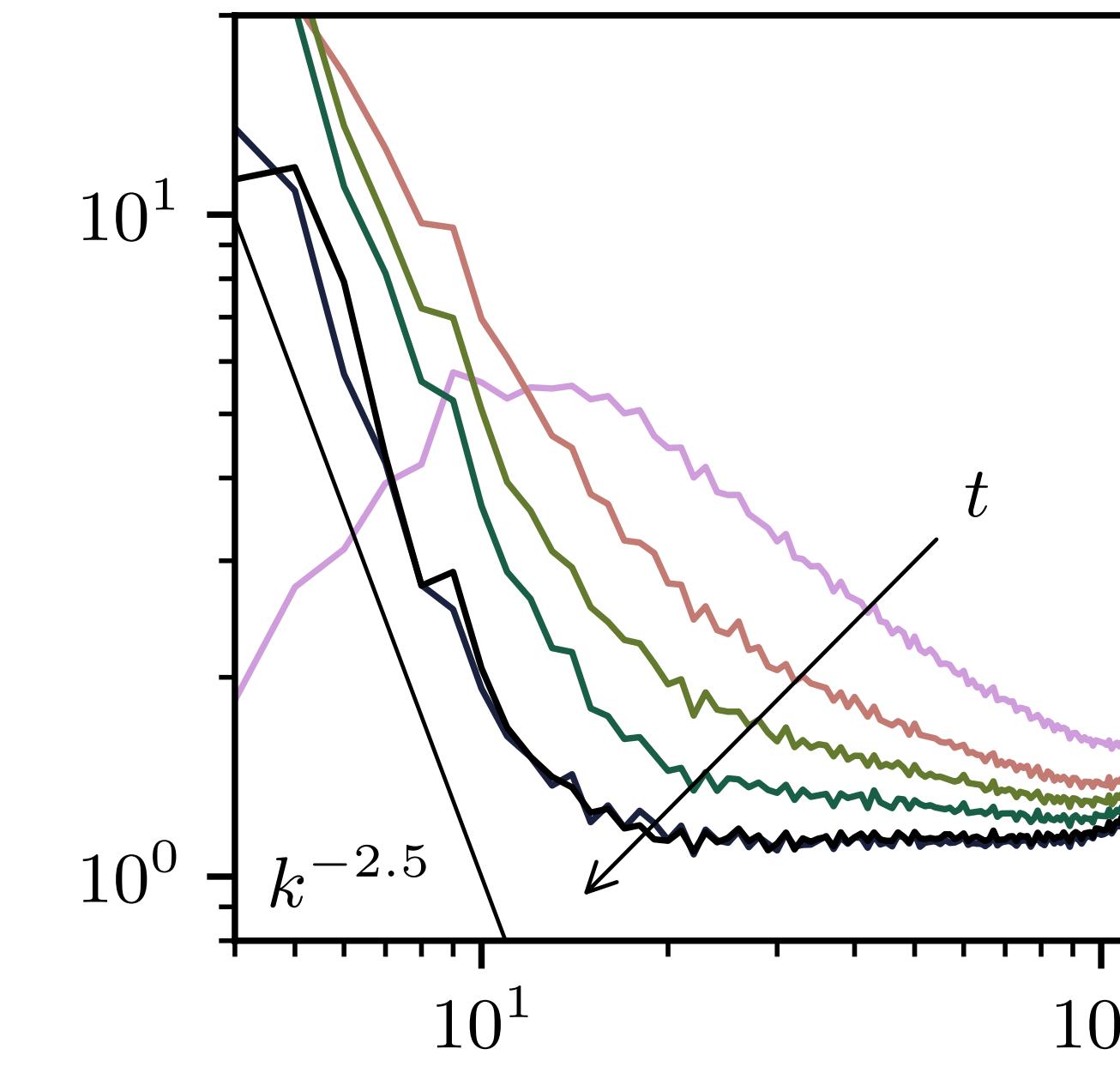


- Critical balance (CB): equating the linear and the nonlinear terms of NLS
- Expected for scales around the healing length
- KZ for small scales

# What is this?

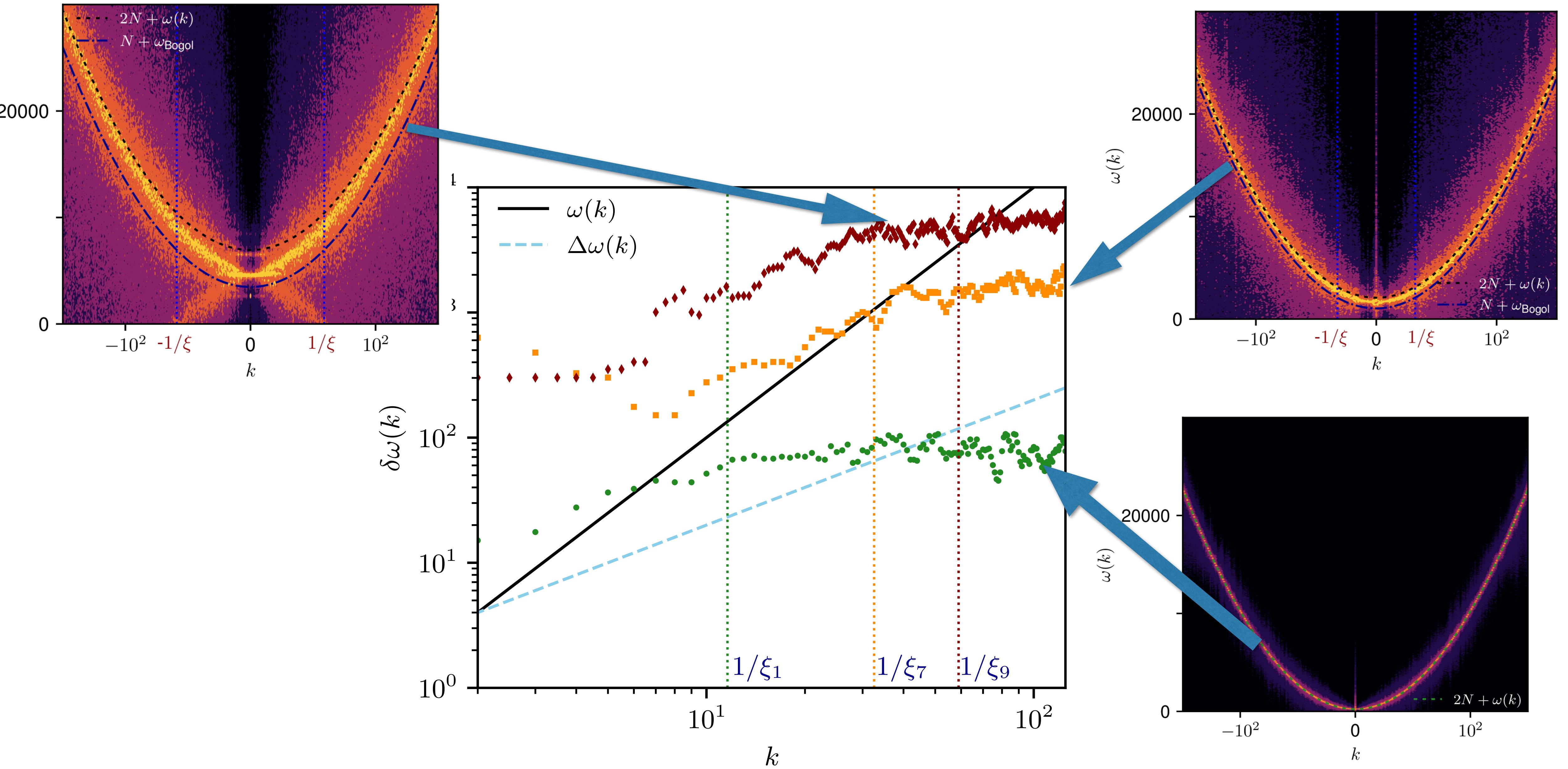


- Is this universal?
- For small  $k$ : acoustic?
- For large  $k$ : warm cascade?
- Why is it tricky?



Long-term evolution  
without dissipation at low  $k$

# Evidence for Strong Wave Turbulence



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