

# Wave turbulence in nonlinear optics and BEC

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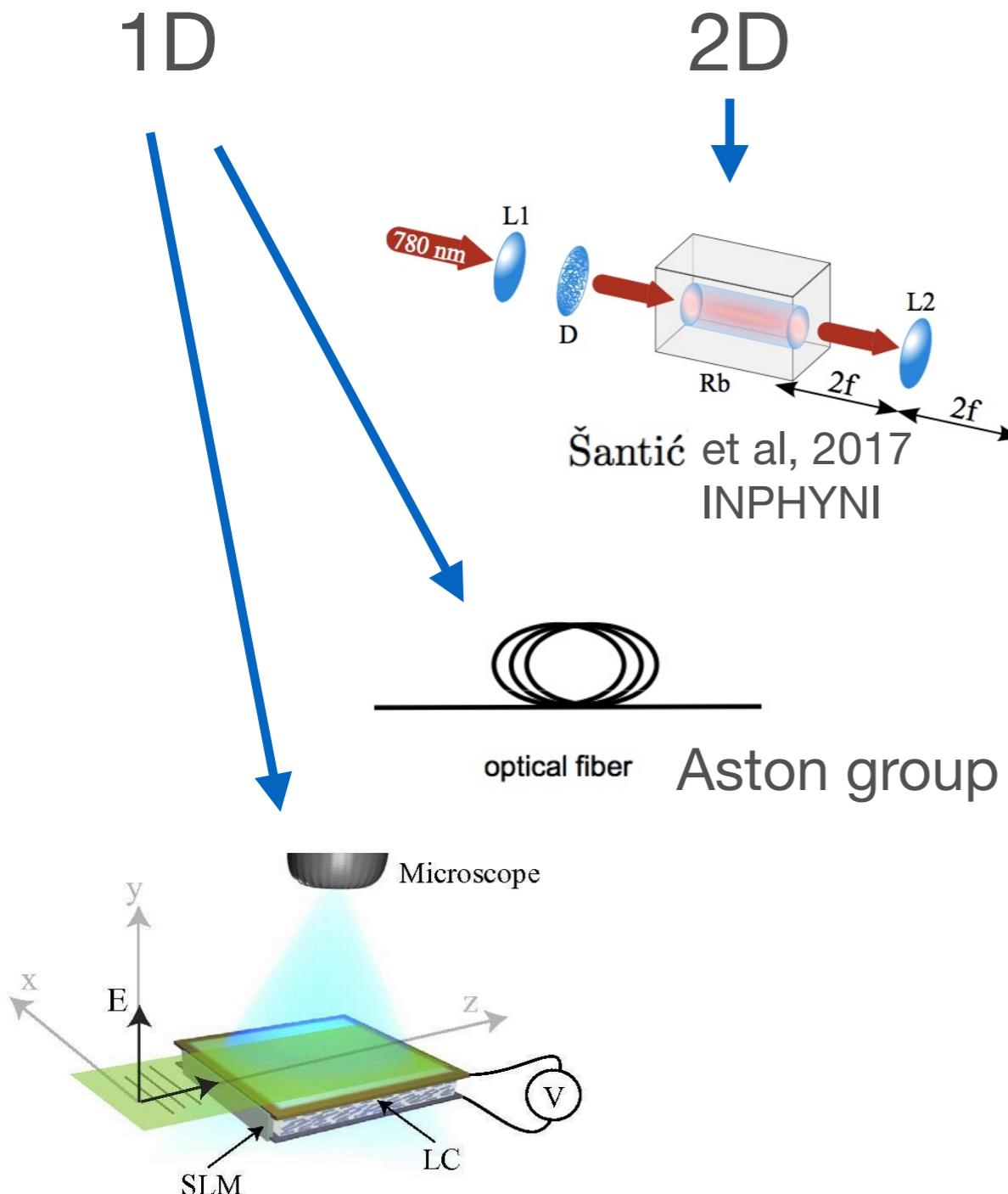
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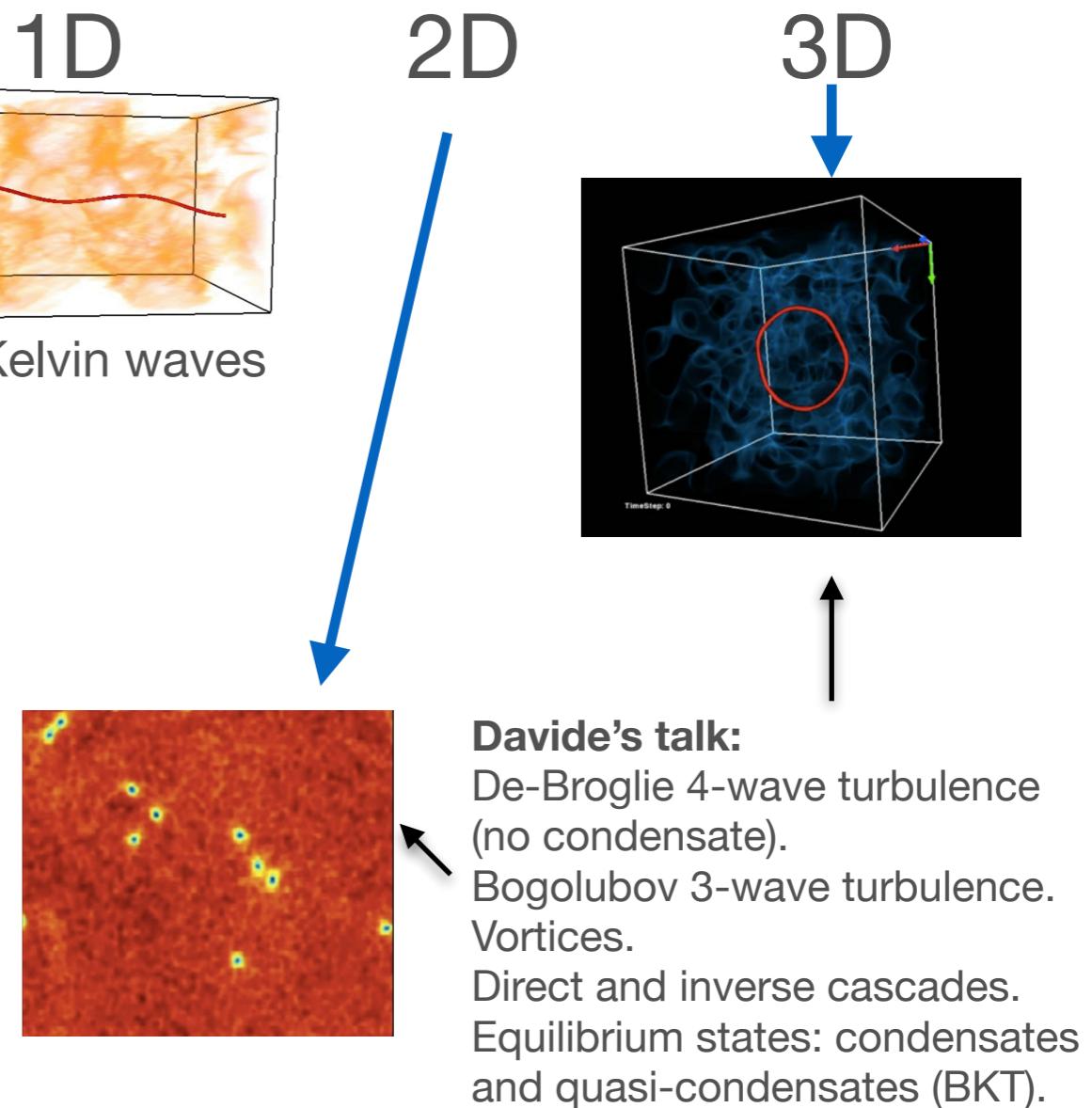
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# Types of Optical and BEC Wave Turbulence

## Optical WT



## BEC WT



# Liquid crystal and the Kelvin-wave systems

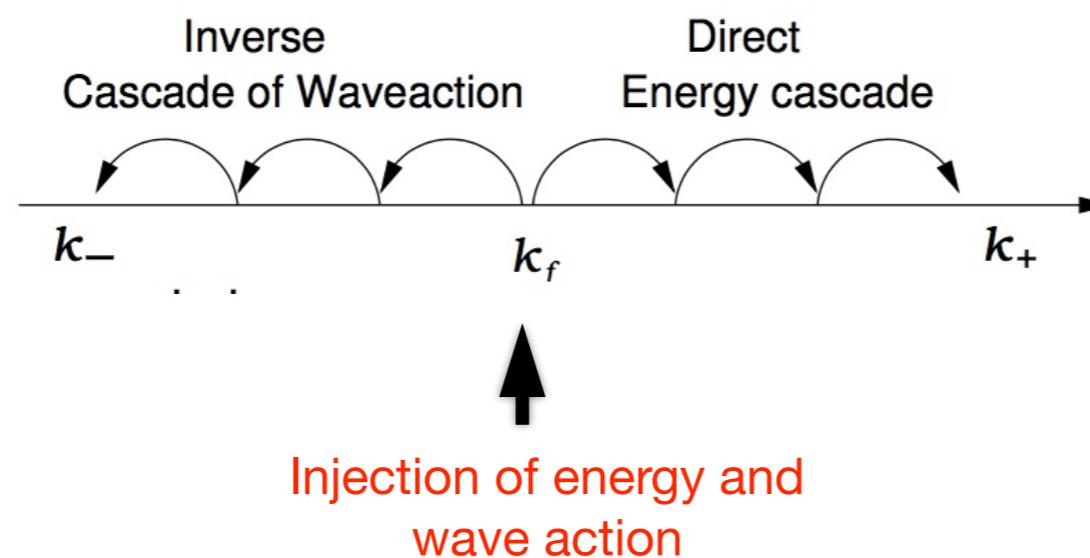
# Optical Wave Turbulence

## Properties

- Broadband spectrum
- Weak initial nonlinearities, random initial phases and amplitudes
- Turbulent cascades, photon condensation, modulational instability, solitons

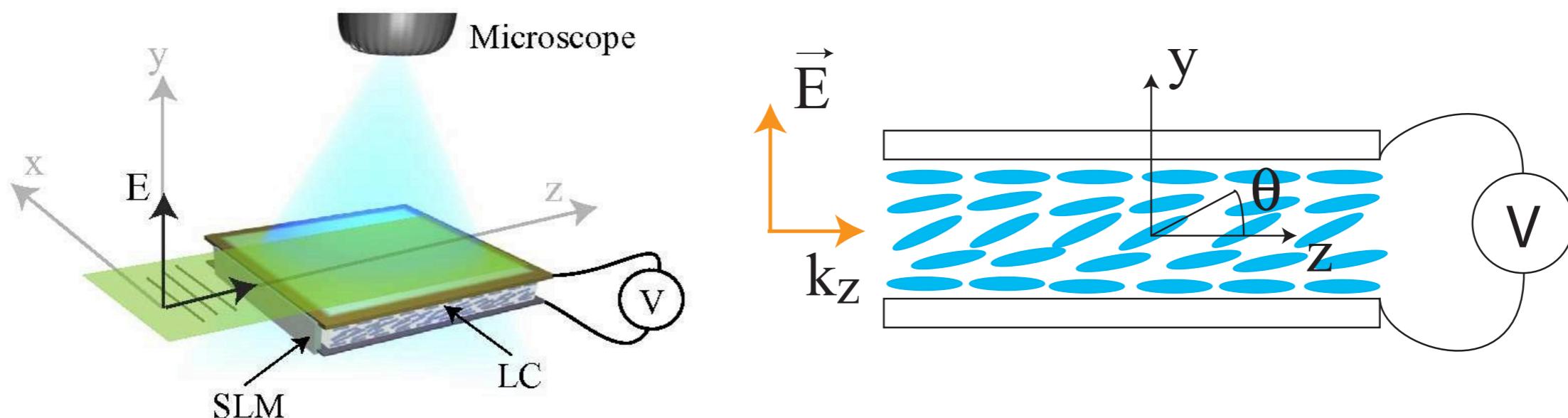
## A dual cascade system

- Two sign-definite quadratic invariants: **Energy** and **Wave action**
- Fjørtoft argument leads to simultaneous cascades of both invariants



# Experimental setup

## Experiment by Bortolozzo and Residori at the INLN



- Propagate a light beam with randomised phases through a nematic liquid crystal cell
- Nonlinearity provided by the feedback loop:
- the refractive index depend on the molecules' orientation and
- The orientation dependence on the light intensity
- Measurements obtained from observing through the top of cell

# Initial Condition

## Requirements for an optical wave turbulent inverse cascade

- Low intensity optical beam for weak nonlinearity
- Beam modulated at high harmonics to ensure inertial range towards large scales
- Random phases
- Inverse cascade is finite capacity (initial condition will act as forcing reservoir)

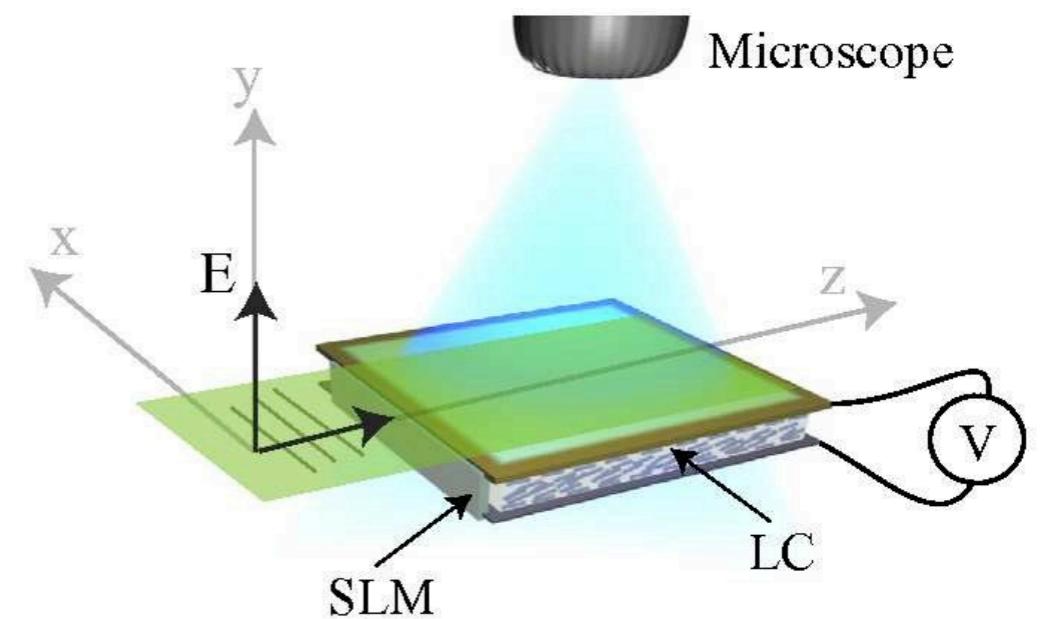
## Experimental parameters

Experiment size  $20 \text{ mm} \times 30 \text{ mm} \times 50\mu\text{m}$

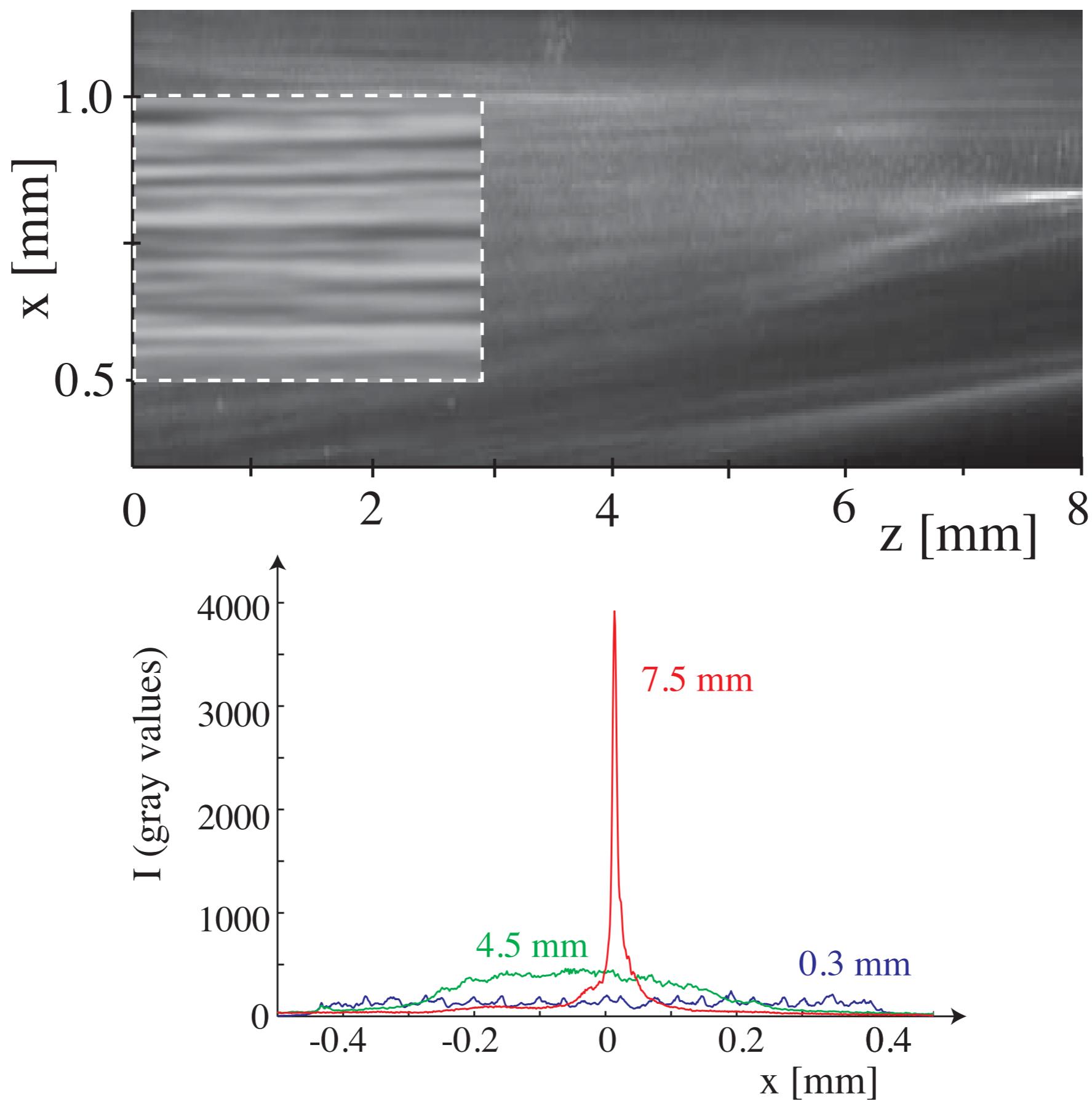
Forcing scale  $l_f = \frac{2\pi}{k_f} \simeq 37 \pm 10\mu\text{m}$

Dissipative scale  $l_d = \frac{2\pi}{k_d} \simeq 10\mu\text{m}$

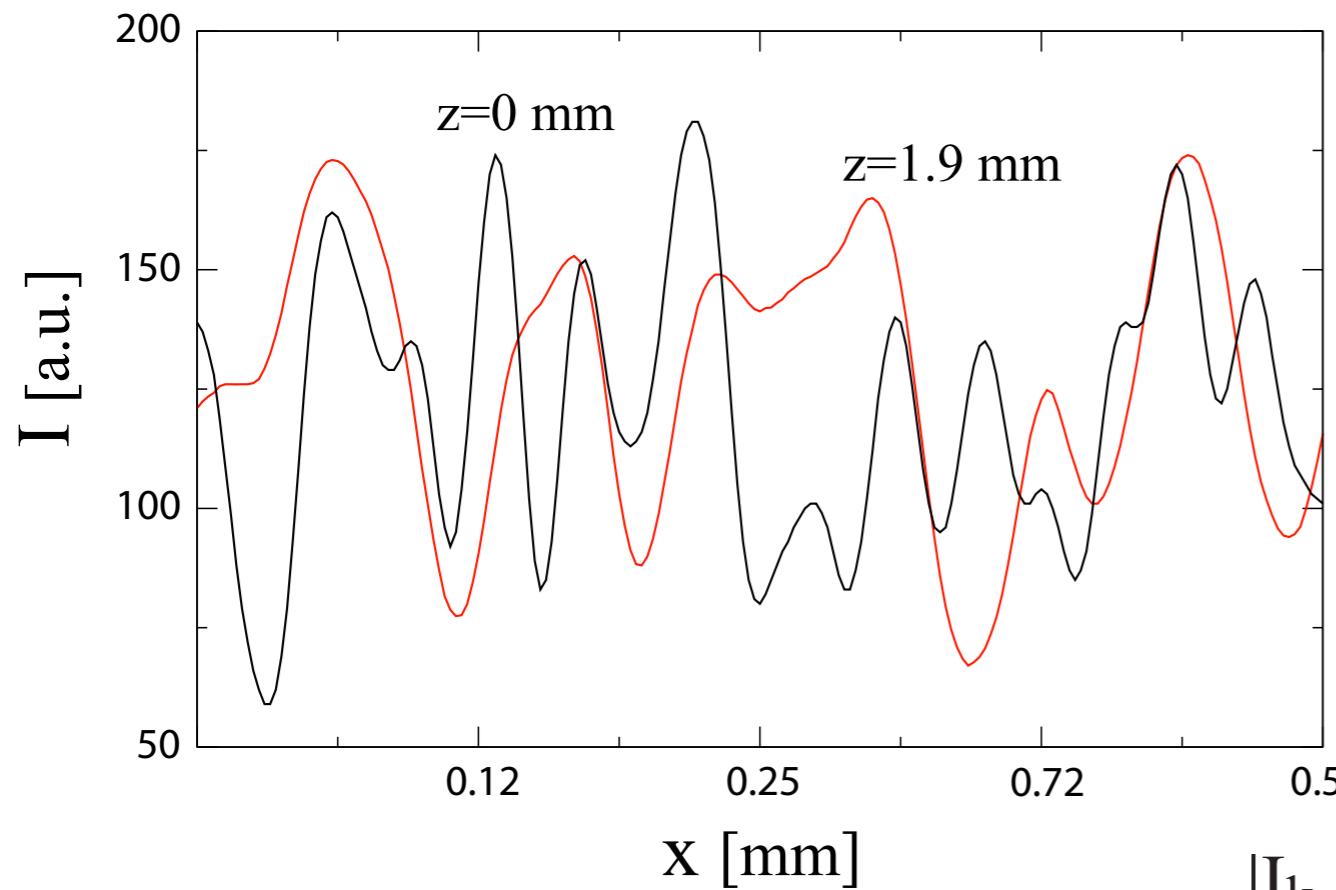
Beam intensity  $I \simeq 300 \text{ mW/cm}^2$



# Photon Condensation and Solitons

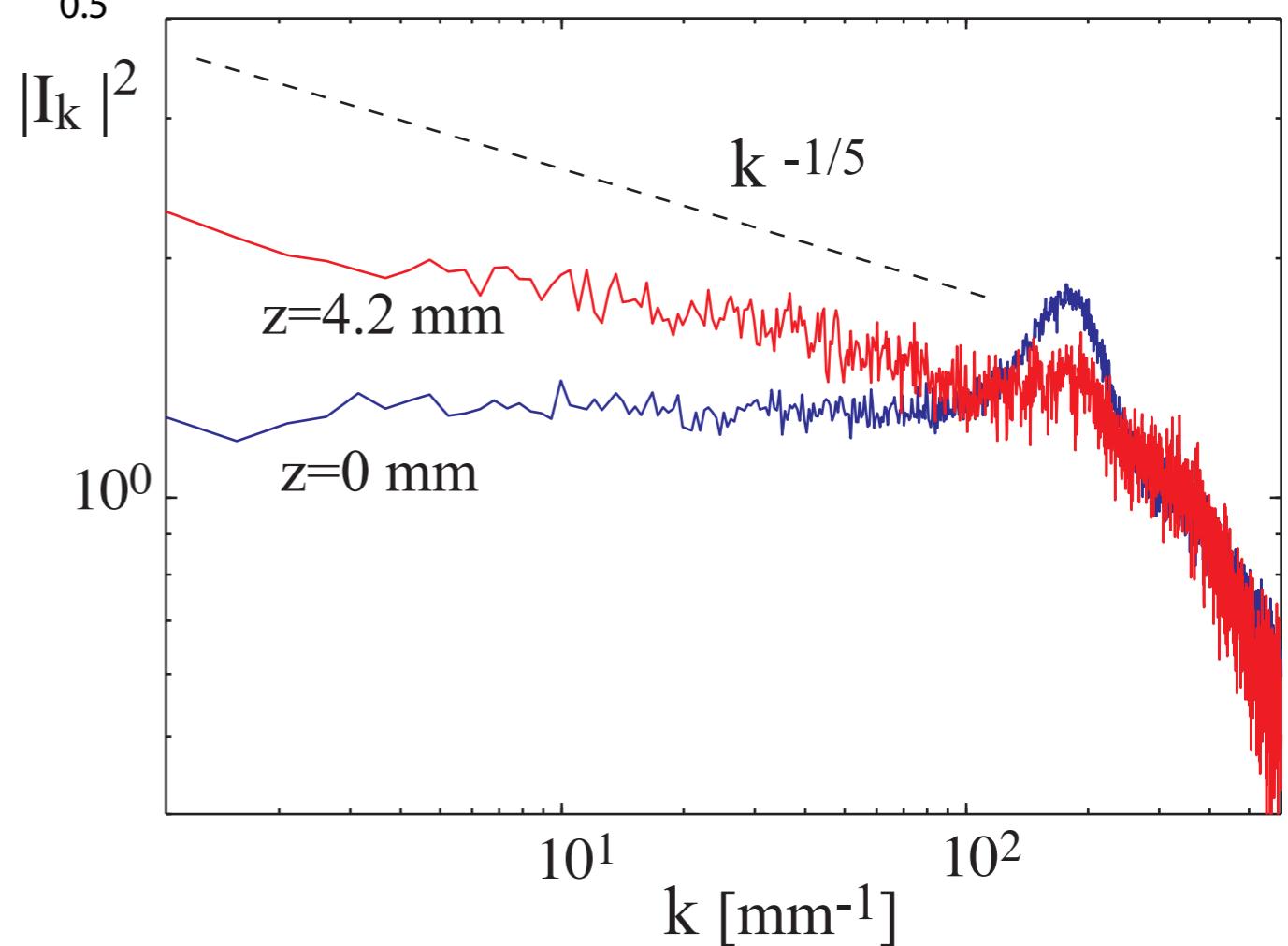


# Inverse Cascade



Observation of an inverse cascade from measurement of the wave intensity spectrum

Smoothing of the intensity field



# Theoretical Description

## Equation of motion

$$2iq \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\varepsilon_0 n_a^4 k_0^2 l_\xi^2}{4K} \psi \left( 1 - l_\xi^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right)^{-1} |\psi|^2$$

$$n_a^2 = n_e^2 - n_o^2, \quad q^2 = k_0^2 (n_o^2 + n_a^2/2), \quad l_\xi = \left( \frac{\pi K}{2\Delta\varepsilon} \right)^{1/2} \frac{d}{V}$$

- $l_\xi$  roughly dictates the dissipation scale of the experiment

Long-wave limit expansion  $kl_\xi \ll 1$

$$2iq \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\varepsilon_0 n_a^4 k_0^2 l_\xi^2}{4K} \left( \psi |\psi|^2 + l_\xi^2 \psi \frac{\partial^2 |\psi|^2}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

- At leading order we recover the 1D nonlinear Schrödinger equation
- For OWT we require non-integrability, so we expand up to subsequent order
- System is weakly non-integrable, expect dynamics close to NLS

# Theory

Wave action representation of Hamiltonian

$$\psi = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}(z) \exp(i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^* + \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4} T_{\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} a_{\mathbf{k}_1} a_{\mathbf{k}_2} a_{\mathbf{k}_3}^* a_{\mathbf{k}_4}^* \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4)$$

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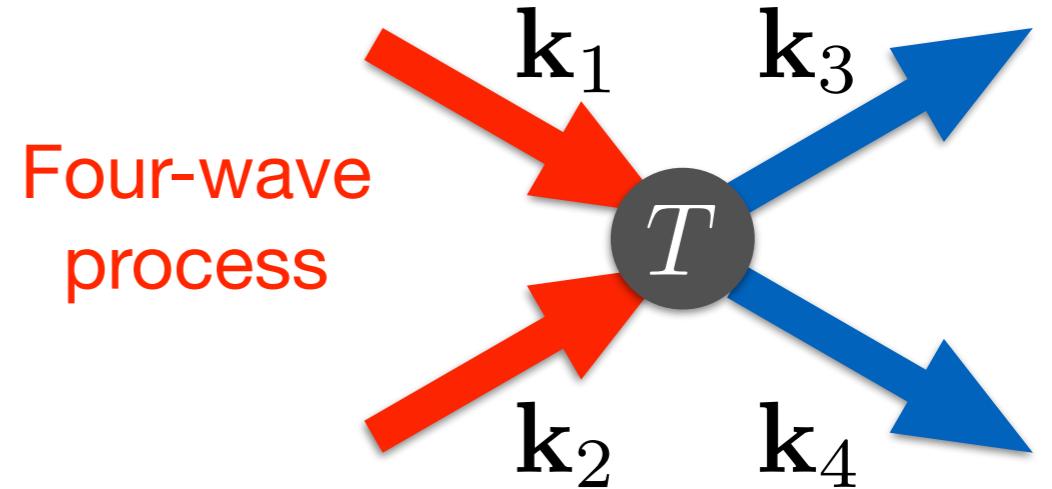
Weak nonlinearity

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = k^2$$

$$T_{\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} = C + F(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4$$

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 + \omega_4$$



Absence of four-wave resonances

- Form of linear frequency prevents non-trivial solutions of resonance condition
- Four-wave turbulent mixing does not describe turbulent dynamics

# Six-Wave Resonances

## Canonical Transformation

- Remove the lowest order non-resonant nonlinear wave interactions whilst preserving linear dynamics using a change of variable

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^* + \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4} T_{\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} a_{\mathbf{k}_1} a_{\mathbf{k}_2} a_{\mathbf{k}_3}^* a_{\mathbf{k}_4}^* \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4)$$



Apply canonical transformation

$$a_{\mathbf{k}} = c_{\mathbf{k}} + o(c_{\mathbf{k}}^2)$$

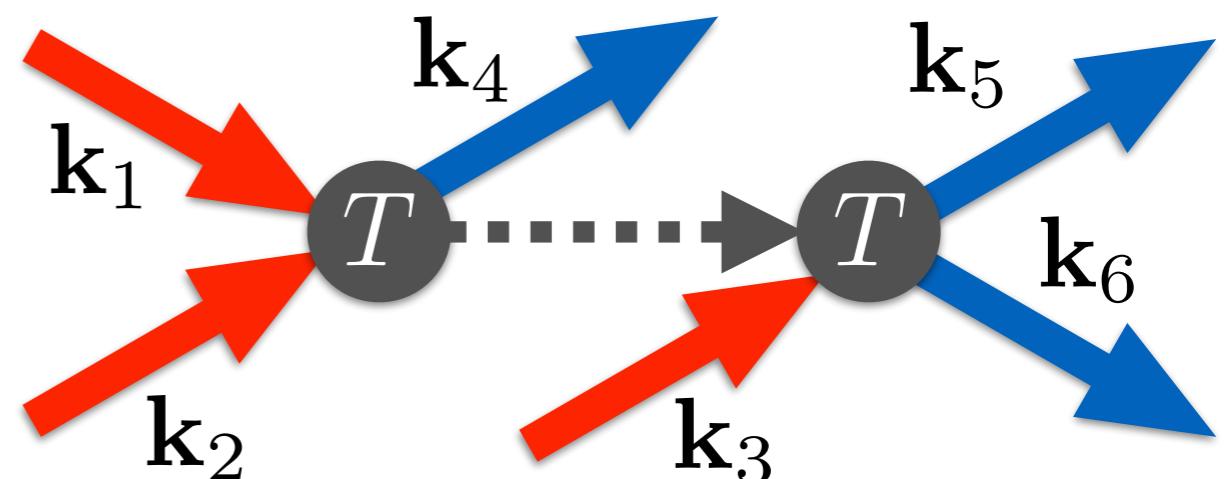
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Resonant six-wave processes  $W \sim T \circ T$

- Lowest nonlinear wave interaction becomes a resonant six-wave process

$$\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{k}_5 + \mathbf{k}_6$$

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 = \omega_4 + \omega_5 + \omega_6$$



# Kinetic Equation and Turbulent Spectra

## Kinetic wave equation

- Evolution of a single harmonic is  $2iq \frac{\partial c_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial z} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta c_{\mathbf{k}}^*}$
- WT theory leads to a kinetic equation for  $n_{\mathbf{k}} = \langle c_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^* \rangle$

$$\frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial z} = \frac{\pi}{6} \int \left| W_{\mathbf{k}_4, \mathbf{k}_5, \mathbf{k}_6}^{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3} \right|^2 n_{\mathbf{k}} n_2 n_3 n_4 n_5 n_6 \left[ \frac{1}{n_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} - \frac{1}{n_4} - \frac{1}{n_5} - \frac{1}{n_6} \right] \\ \times \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_5 - \mathbf{k}_6) \delta(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \omega_2 + \omega_3 - \omega_4 - \omega_5 - \omega_6) d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 d\mathbf{k}_4 d\mathbf{k}_5 d\mathbf{k}_6$$

Stationary equilibrium solutions

$P$  energy flux,  $Q$  wave action flux

$$P = 0, Q = 0$$

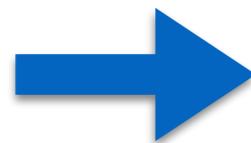


$$n_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{T}{\omega_k + \mu}$$

Thermodynamic equilibrium

Stationary non-equilibrium (Kolmogorov-Zakharov) solutions

$$P > 0, Q = 0$$



$$n_{\mathbf{k}} \propto k^{-1}$$

Direct energy spectrum

$$P = 0, Q < 0$$

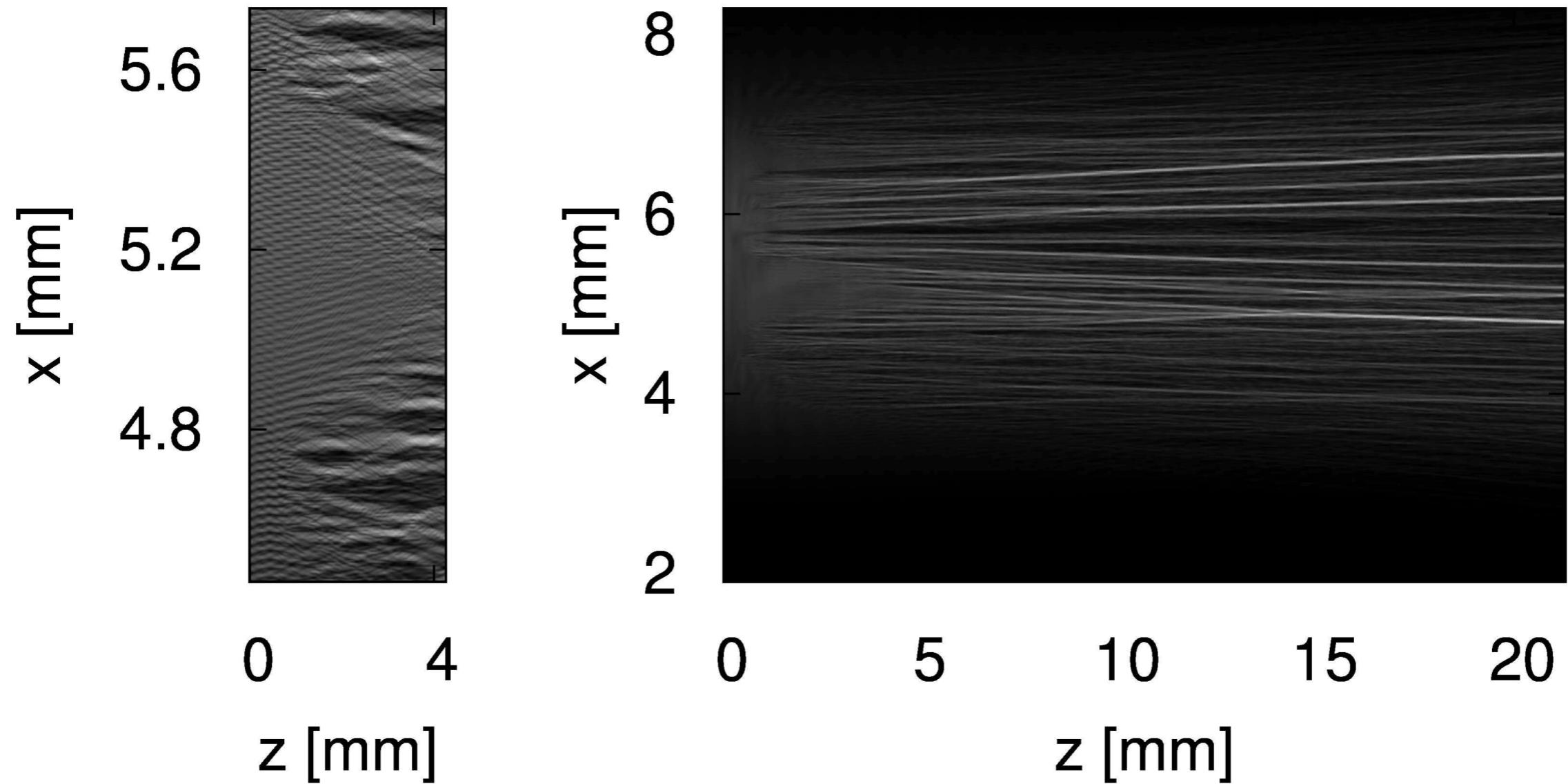


$$n_{\mathbf{k}} \propto k^{-3/5}$$

Inverse wave action spectrum (unrealisable due to wrong flux direction)

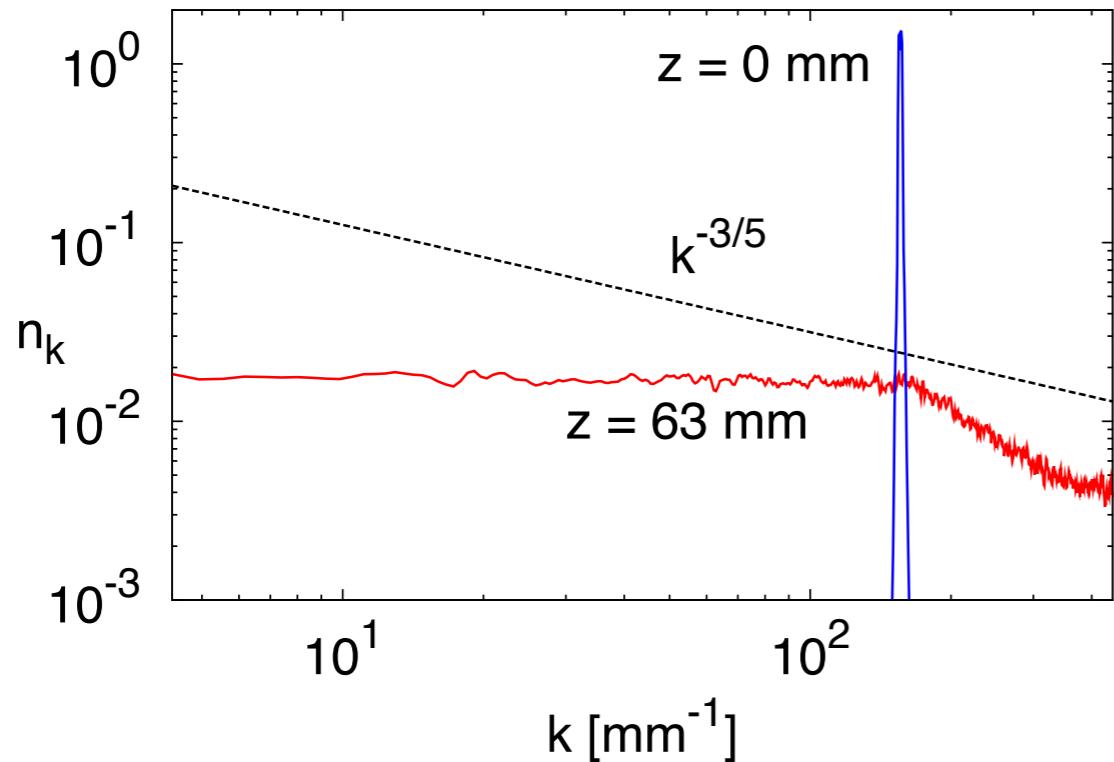
# Numerical Simulation

Evolution of light intensity  $I = |\psi|^2$



# Numerical Simulation

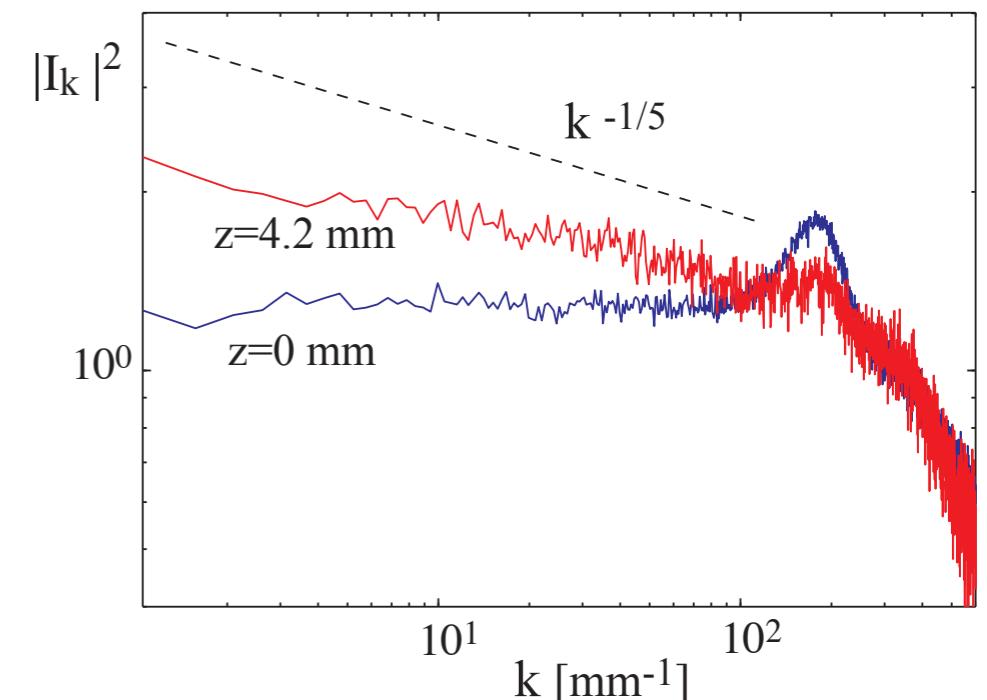
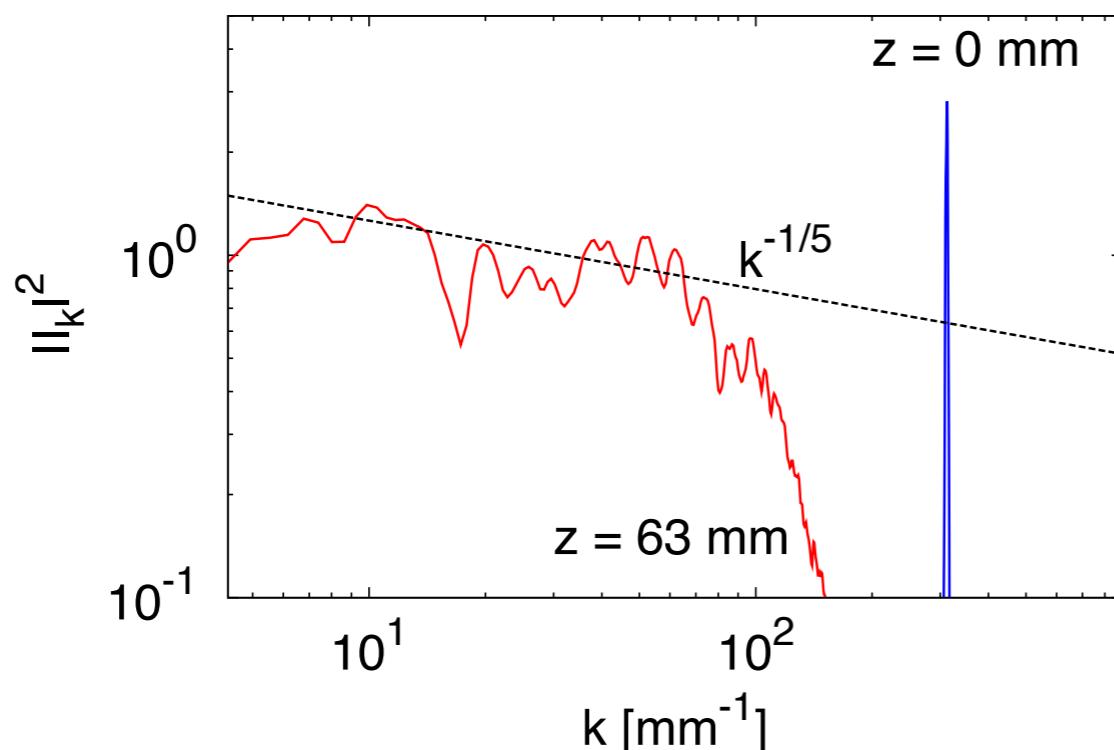
## Wave action spectrum



- Indication of an inverse transfer of wave action to large scales
- No agreement with KZ spectrum
- Scaling of the intensity spectrum from KZ:

$$|I_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 = k^{-2x+1} = k^{-1/5}$$

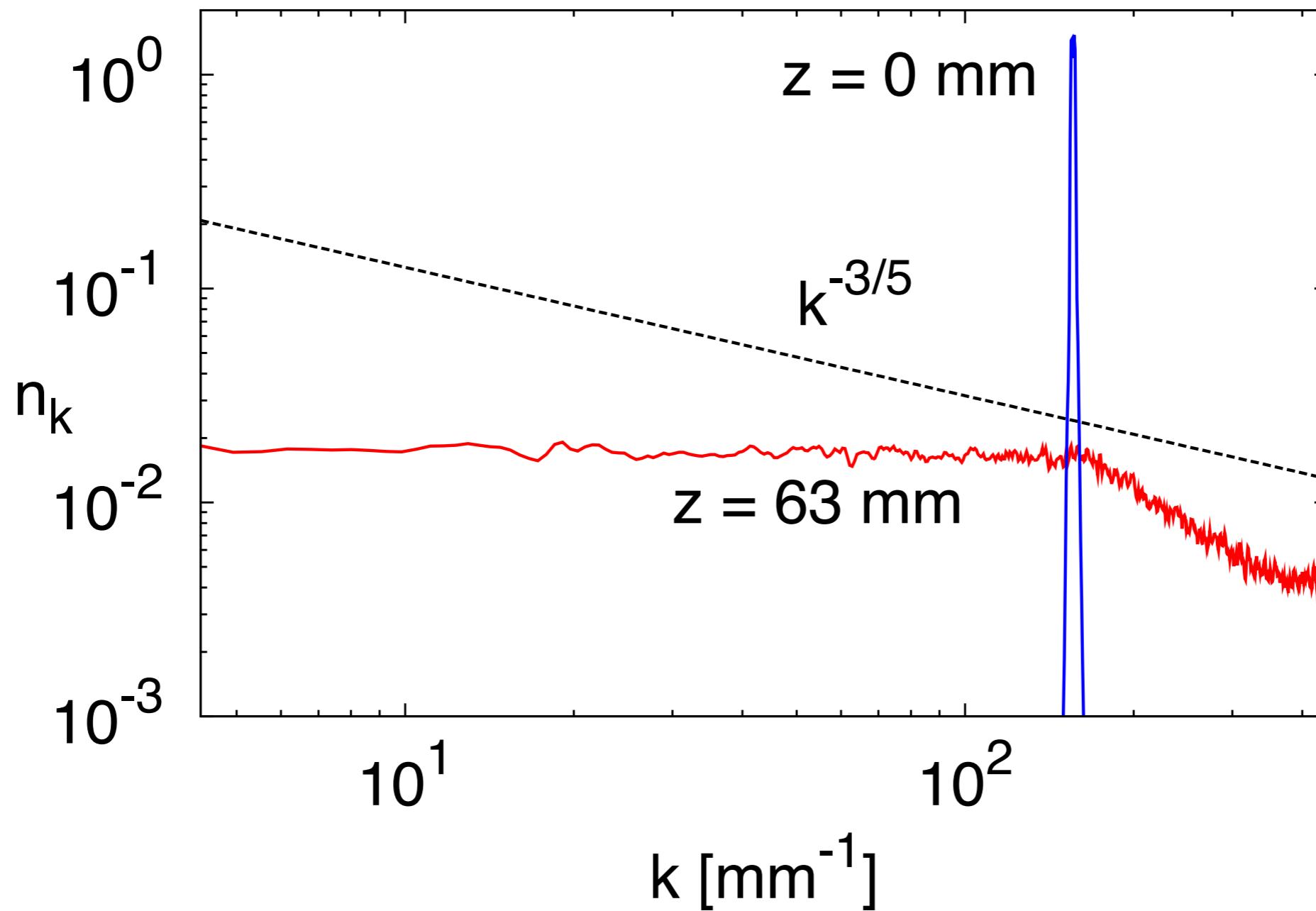
## Intensity spectrum



# Observation of ‘Mixed’ Solution?

“Warm cascade” flux on background of the RJ spectrum

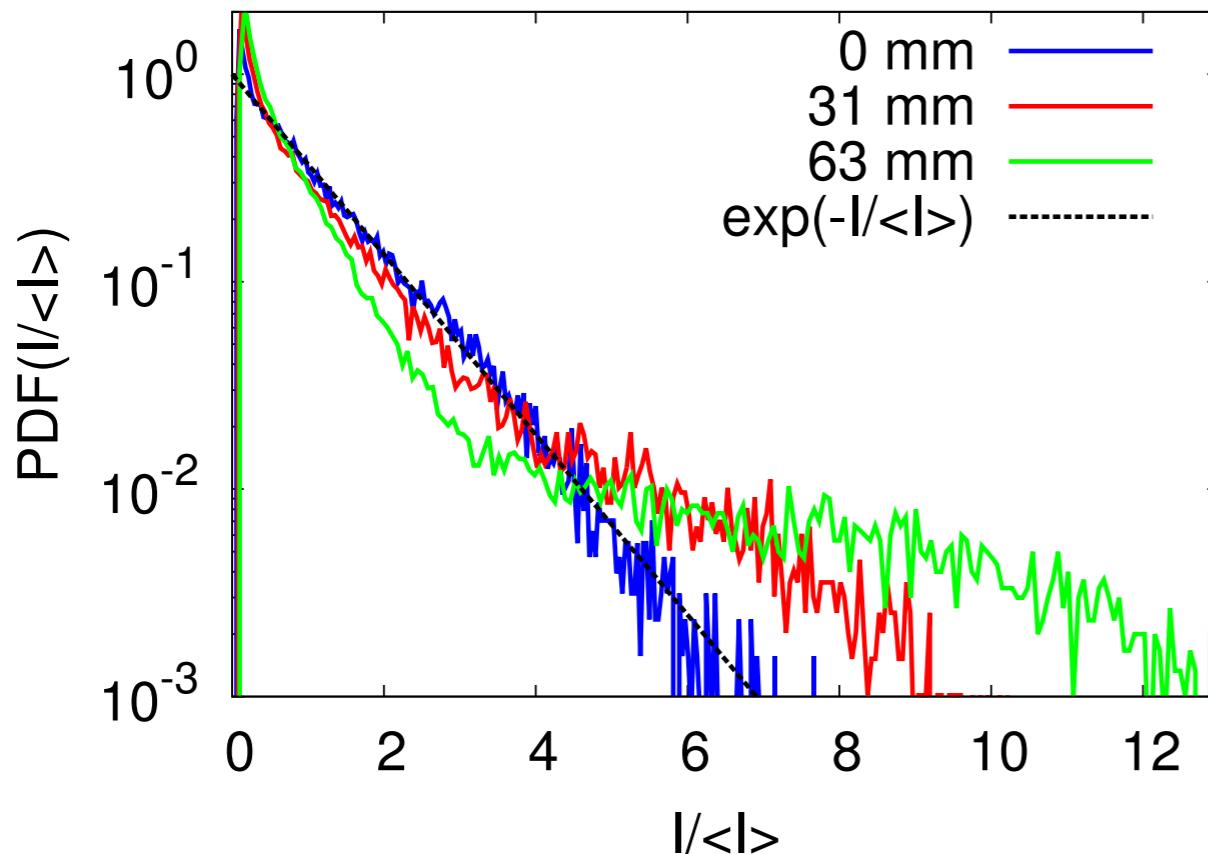
$$n_k = \frac{T}{\omega_k + \mu} \quad n_k \text{ tends to const at low } k$$



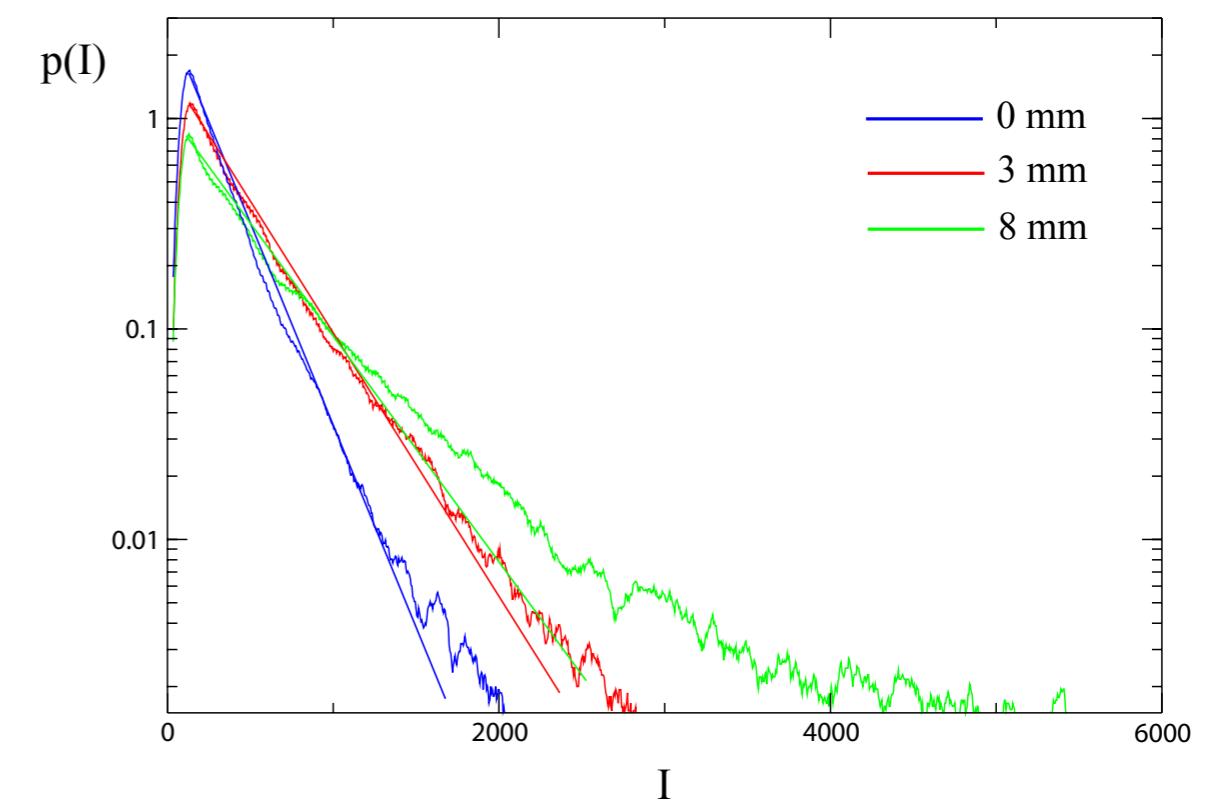
# Intensity PDF

## Evolution of intensity distribution

Numerical simulation



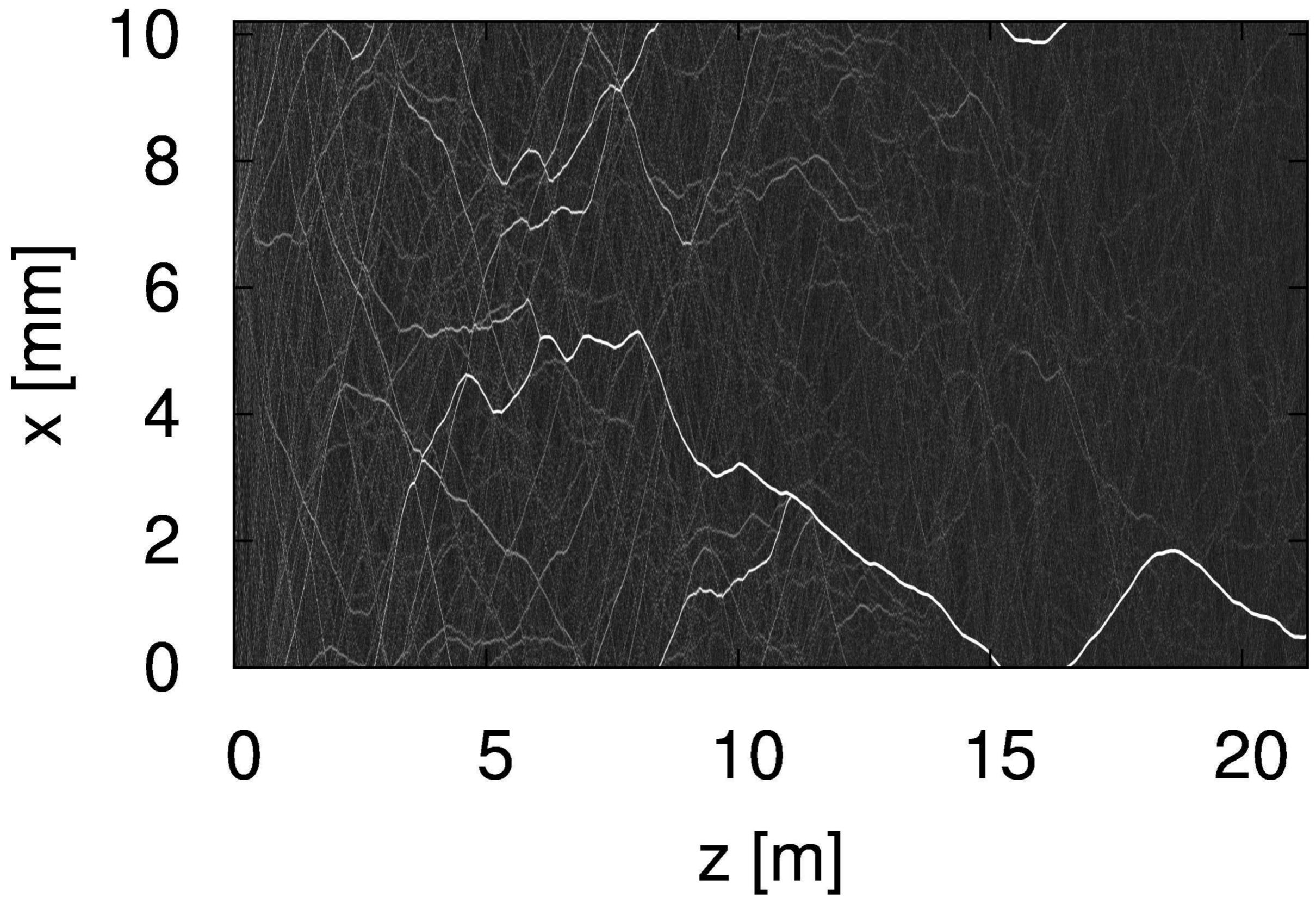
Experiment



## Wave turbulence intermittency

- Initial Gaussian statistics evolves to show enhancement of high intensities

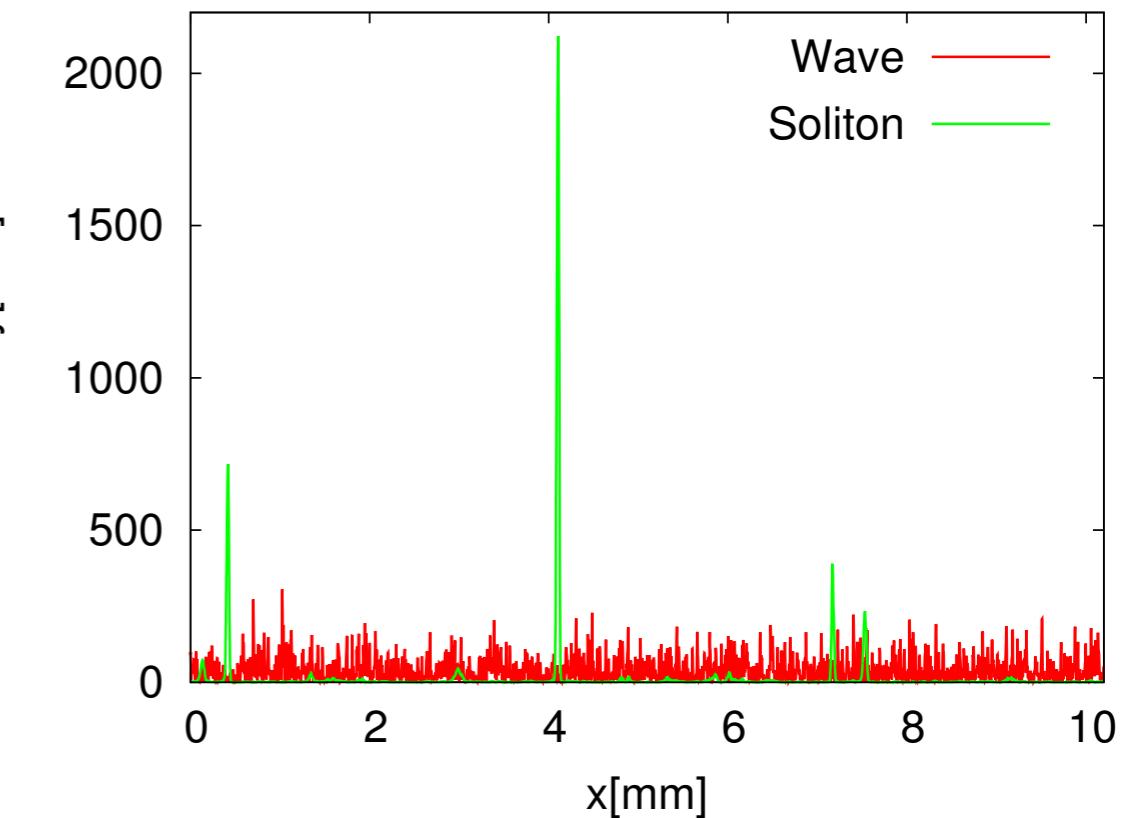
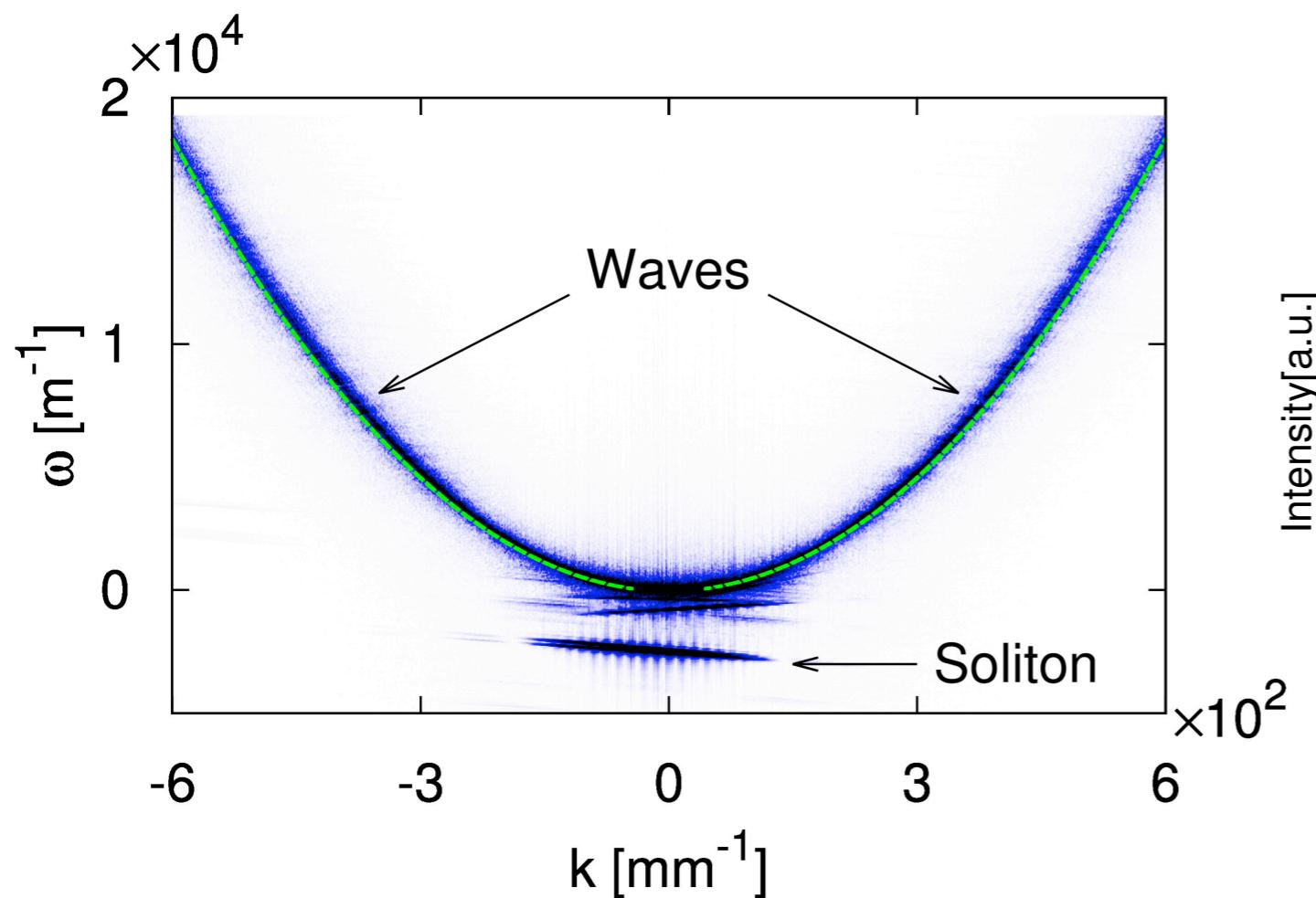
# Soliton-Wave Interactions



# Bogoliubov Dispersion Relation

Presence of condensate modifies linear wave dispersion relation

$$\omega_k = \omega_c + \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_0 n_a^4 l_\xi^4 k_0^2 I_0}{2K}\right) k^4 - \frac{\varepsilon_0 n_a^4 l_\xi^2 k_0^2 I_0}{2K} k^2}$$



- Solitons ‘peel’ from wave background into disjoint coherent structures whose slopes correspond to their velocity

# Conclusions

## Evidence of an inverse cascade in an optical WT experiment

- Observation of large scale structures from small-scale initial condition

## Explanation through wave turbulence theory

- No observation of KZ spectra, but expected due to wrong sign of flux
- Observed “warm cascade” spectrum
- Intensity spectrum scaling in agreement between experiment and numerics

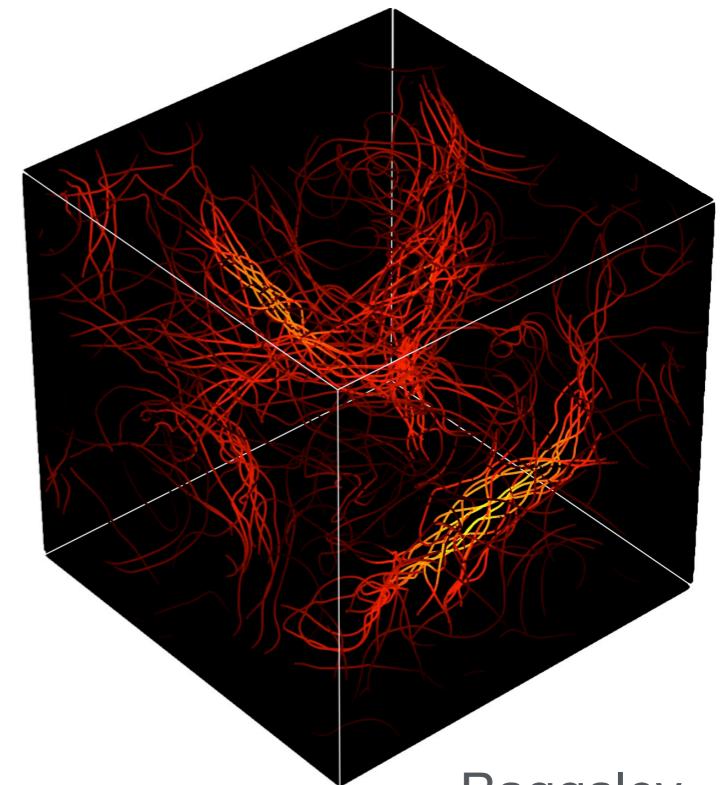
## Breakdown of WT regimes through soliton formation via MI

- Appearance of wave turbulence intermittency (long tails)
- Complex soliton-wave dynamics

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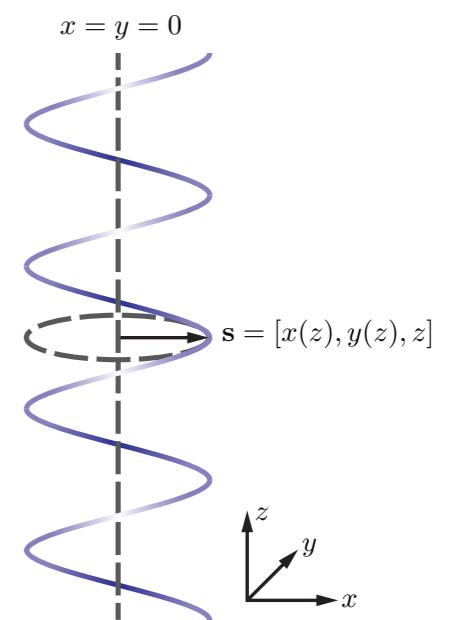
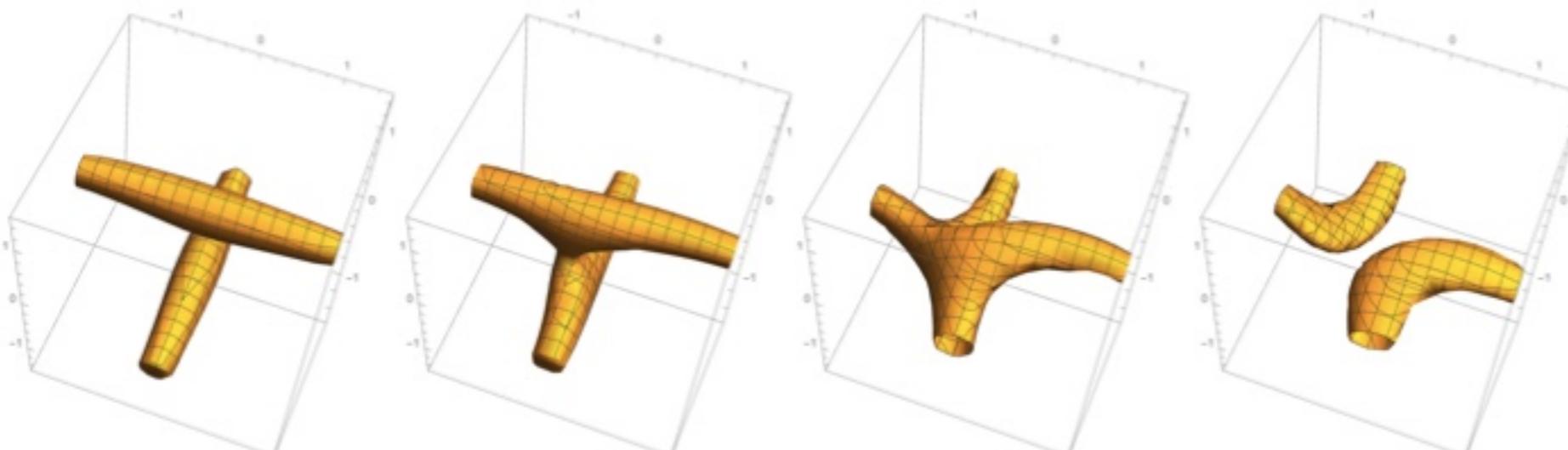
# BEC turbulence

- Before the perfect condensate with a fully coherent phase is reached, the system is abundant with phase defects: so called vortices. At the large scales, these vortices form bundles that **mimic classical eddies**.
- Hence a **quasi-classical Kolmogorov** analogy can made with Richardson cascade of quantum vortex bundles



Baggaley  
(2012)

But there is no viscosity, and the cascading energy inevitably reaches the inter-vortex scale. Reconnections occur which give an insignificant amount of turbulent energy to sound. The rest is carried downscale by weakly interacting Kelvin waves



# Wave turbulence setup

## The Biot-Savart description

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}|^3} \times d\mathbf{r}$$

- Consider deviations  $\mathbf{s} = [x(z, t), y(z, t), z(t)]$  around **straight vortex line configuration periodic in  $z$**

$$a(z, t) = x(z, t) + iy(z, t) \quad i\kappa \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta a^*}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\kappa^2}{4\pi} \int \frac{1 + \text{Re}[a'^*(z_1)a'(z_2)]}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)^2 + |a(z_1) - a(z_2)|^2}} dz_1 dz_2$$

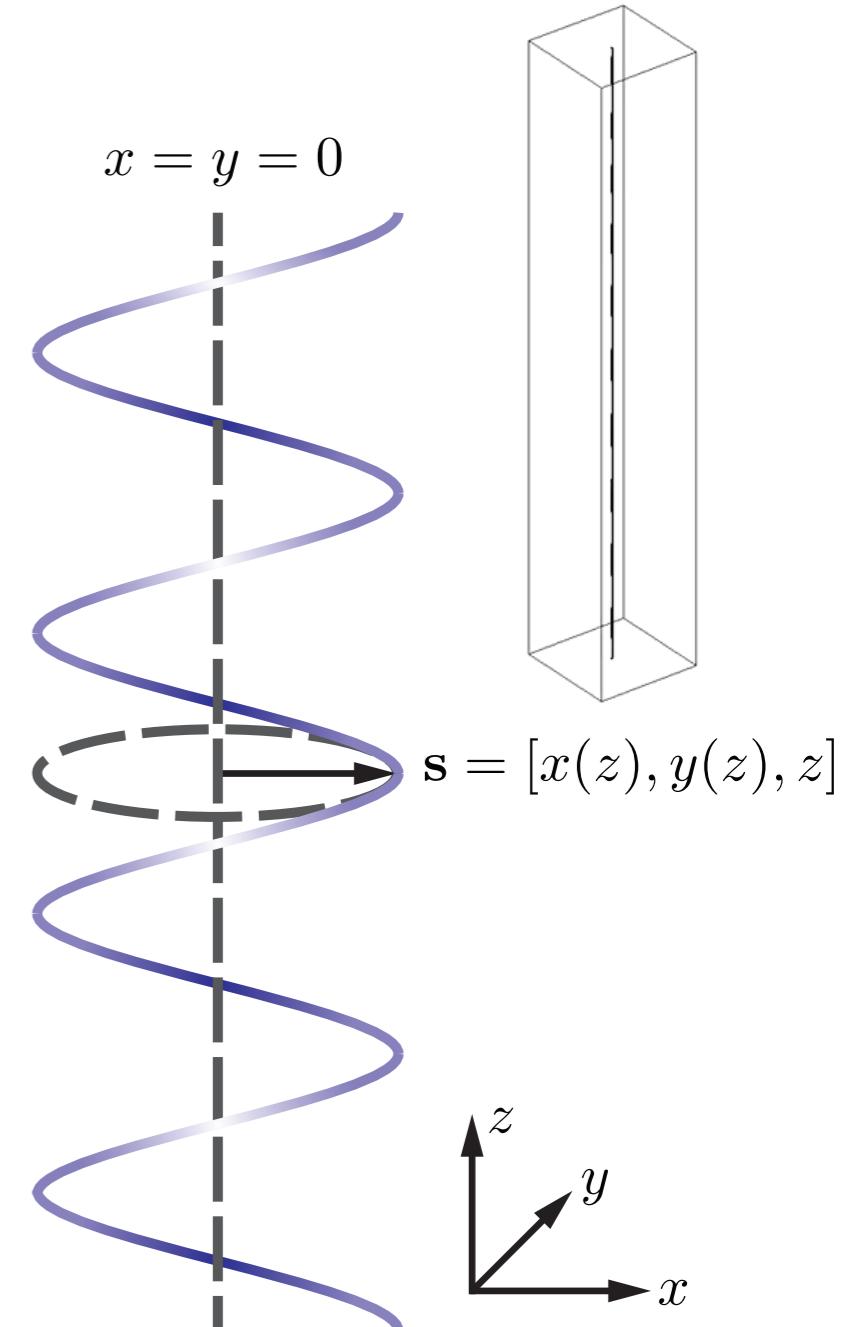
Svistunov, Phys. Rev. B, **52**, 3647, (1995)

## Truncation and weak nonlinear expansion

- Regularization of integral by introducing cut-off  $\xi < |z_2 - z_1|$
- Expand Hamiltonian in powers of the canonical variable:

$$\epsilon = \frac{|a(z_1) - a(z_2)|}{|z_1 - z_2|} \ll 1$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_4 + \mathcal{H}_6 + \dots$$



# Hamiltonian-Fourier representation

## Wave action representation of the Hamiltonian

- Introduce wave action variables  $a(z, t) = \kappa^{-1/2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \exp(i \mathbf{k} z)$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^* + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1,2,3,4} T_{3,4}^{1,2} a_1 a_2 a_3^* a_4^* \delta_{3,4}^{1,2} + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{1,2,3,4,5,6} W_{4,5,6}^{1,2,3} a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4^* a_5^* a_6^* \delta_{4,5,6}^{1,2,3}$$

$$a_1 = a_{\mathbf{k}_1}(t) \quad T_{3,4}^{1,2} = T(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) \quad \delta_{3,4}^{1,2} = \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4)$$

## Interaction coefficients

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\kappa \Lambda}{4\pi} \mathbf{k}^2 - \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \mathbf{k}^2 \ln(\mathbf{k} \ell_{\text{eff}}), \quad \Lambda = \ln \left( \ell_{\text{eff}} / \tilde{\xi} \right) \gg 1, \quad \tilde{\xi} = \xi e^{\gamma + \frac{3}{2}}$$

$$T_{3,4}^{1,2} = -\frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{k}_3 \mathbf{k}_4 - \frac{1}{16\pi} \left[ 5 \mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{k}_3 \mathbf{k}_4 + \mathcal{F}_{3,4}^{1,2} \right]$$

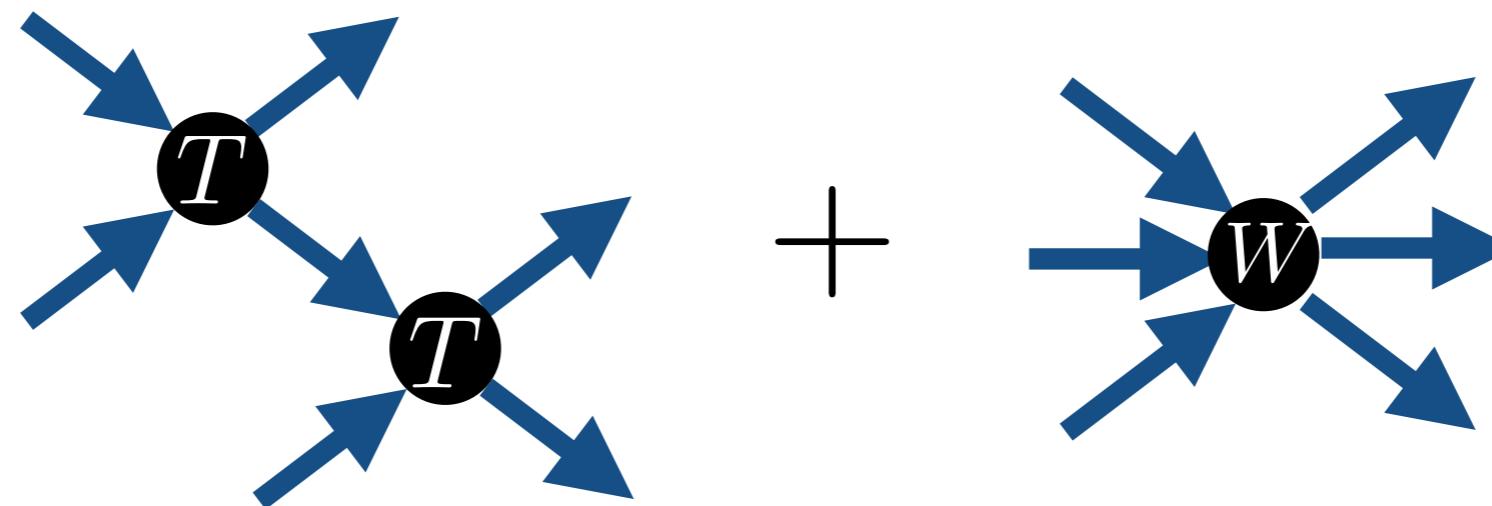
$$W_{4,5,6}^{1,2,3} = \frac{9\Lambda}{8\pi\kappa} \mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{k}_3 \mathbf{k}_4 \mathbf{k}_5 \mathbf{k}_6 + \frac{9}{32\pi\kappa} \left[ 7 \mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{k}_3 \mathbf{k}_4 \mathbf{k}_5 \mathbf{k}_6 + \mathcal{G}_{4,5,6}^{1,2,3} \right]$$

- Separate logarithm divergent terms by introducing an effective length scale  $\ell_{\text{eff}}$
- $\mathcal{F}_{3,4}^{1,2}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{4,5,6}^{1,2,3}$  are terms containing logarithmic contributions

# Six-wave interactions

## Canonical transformation

- Trivial 4-wave resonances lead to a **nonlinear frequency shift of the linear dynamics**
- A classical canonical transformation  $a_k \rightarrow c_k$  can be used to express Hamiltonian in new variables so **non-resonant 4-wave terms do no appear**
- Through the transformation, **quartic interactions re-appear as sextic  $\mathcal{H}_6$  contributions**



Six-wave interaction coefficient of  $\mathcal{H}_6$

JL et al. Phys. Rev. B, 81, 104526, (2010)

$$\tilde{W} = W^\Lambda + \frac{T^\Lambda \circ T^\Lambda}{\omega^\Lambda} + W^1 + \frac{T^1 \circ T^\Lambda}{\omega^\Lambda} + \frac{T^\Lambda \circ T^1}{\omega^\Lambda} + \frac{T^\Lambda \circ T^\Lambda}{(\omega^\Lambda)^2} \omega^1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1})$$

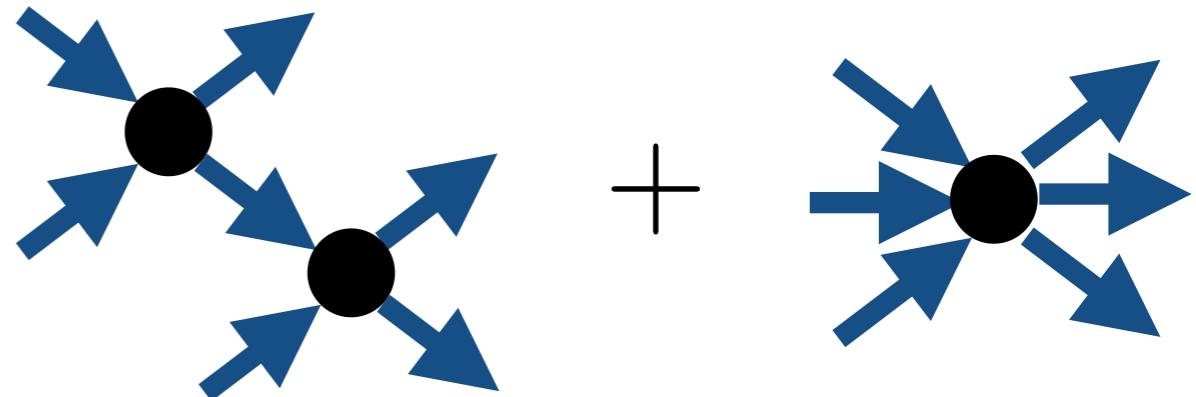
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Divergent terms that correspond to LIA cancel

Leading order terms describing Kelvin-wave dynamics

# Kinetic wave equation

Interacting Kelvin-wave dynamics  
are described by 6-wave processes



The six-wave kinetic equation

- Of particular interest is the **second order correlator**  $\langle a_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}_1}^* \rangle = n_{\mathbf{k}} \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1)$
- **Wave energy density** is related to the **wave action** by  $E_{\mathbf{k}} = \omega_{\mathbf{k}} n_{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\epsilon^8 \pi}{6} \int \left| \tilde{W}_{4,5,\mathbf{k}}^{1,2,3} \right|^2 \delta_{4,5,\mathbf{k}}^{1,2,3} \delta \left( \omega_{4,5,\mathbf{k}}^{1,2,3} \right) n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4 n_5 n_{\mathbf{k}} \\ \times \left[ \frac{1}{n_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{1}{n_5} + \frac{1}{n_6} - \frac{1}{n_1} - \frac{1}{n_2} - \frac{1}{n_3} \right] dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 dk_5$$

Kozik, Svistunov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 035301, (2004)

JL et al. Phys. Rev. B, **81**, 104526, (2010)

Steady-state Kolmogorov-Zakharov solutions  $\frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial t} = 0$

- **Zakharov transformation** of KE to determine power-law steady state solutions
- One solution corresponds to **constant energy transfer to small scales** by Kelvin-waves

$$E_k = C_{KS} \Lambda \kappa^{7/5} \epsilon^{1/5} k^{-7/5}$$

Kozik-Svistunov energy spectrum

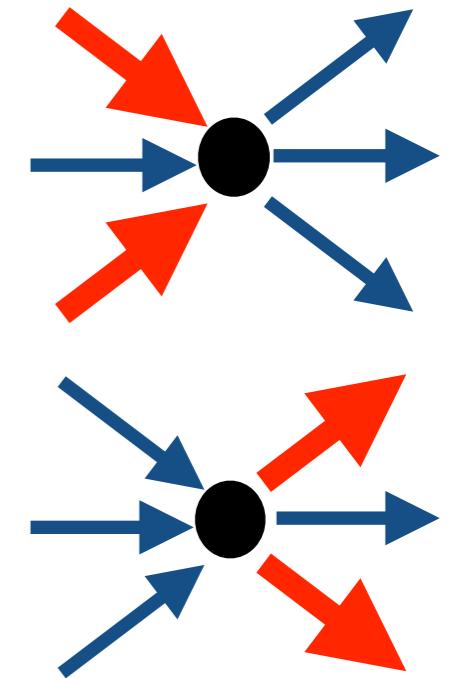
# Effective four-wave description

## Nonlocal six-wave interactions

- **Exact calculation of Kinetic equation shows that it diverges in the limit of two long Kelvin-waves**
- Effective four-wave interaction takes place on **curved vortex line derived from nonlocal six-wave process**

JL et al. Phys. Rev. B, **81**, 104526, (2010)

L'vov, Nazarenko, Low Temp. Phys. **36**, 785, (2010)



## Effective four-wave kinetic equation

$$\frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\epsilon^8 \pi}{12} \int \left\{ |V_{\mathbf{k}}^{1,2,3}|^2 n_1 n_2 n_3 n_{\mathbf{k}} \left[ \frac{1}{n_{\mathbf{k}}} - \frac{1}{n_1} - \frac{1}{n_2} - \frac{1}{n_3} \right] \delta_{1,2,3}^{\mathbf{k}} \delta(\omega_{1,2,3}^{\mathbf{k}}) + 3 |V_1^{\mathbf{k},2,3}|^2 n_1 n_2 n_3 n_{\mathbf{k}} \left[ \frac{1}{n_1} - \frac{1}{n_{\mathbf{k}}} - \frac{1}{n_2} - \frac{1}{n_3} \right] \delta_{\mathbf{k},2,3}^1 \delta(\omega_{\mathbf{k},2,3}^1) \right\} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

## New Kolmogorov-Zakharov solution

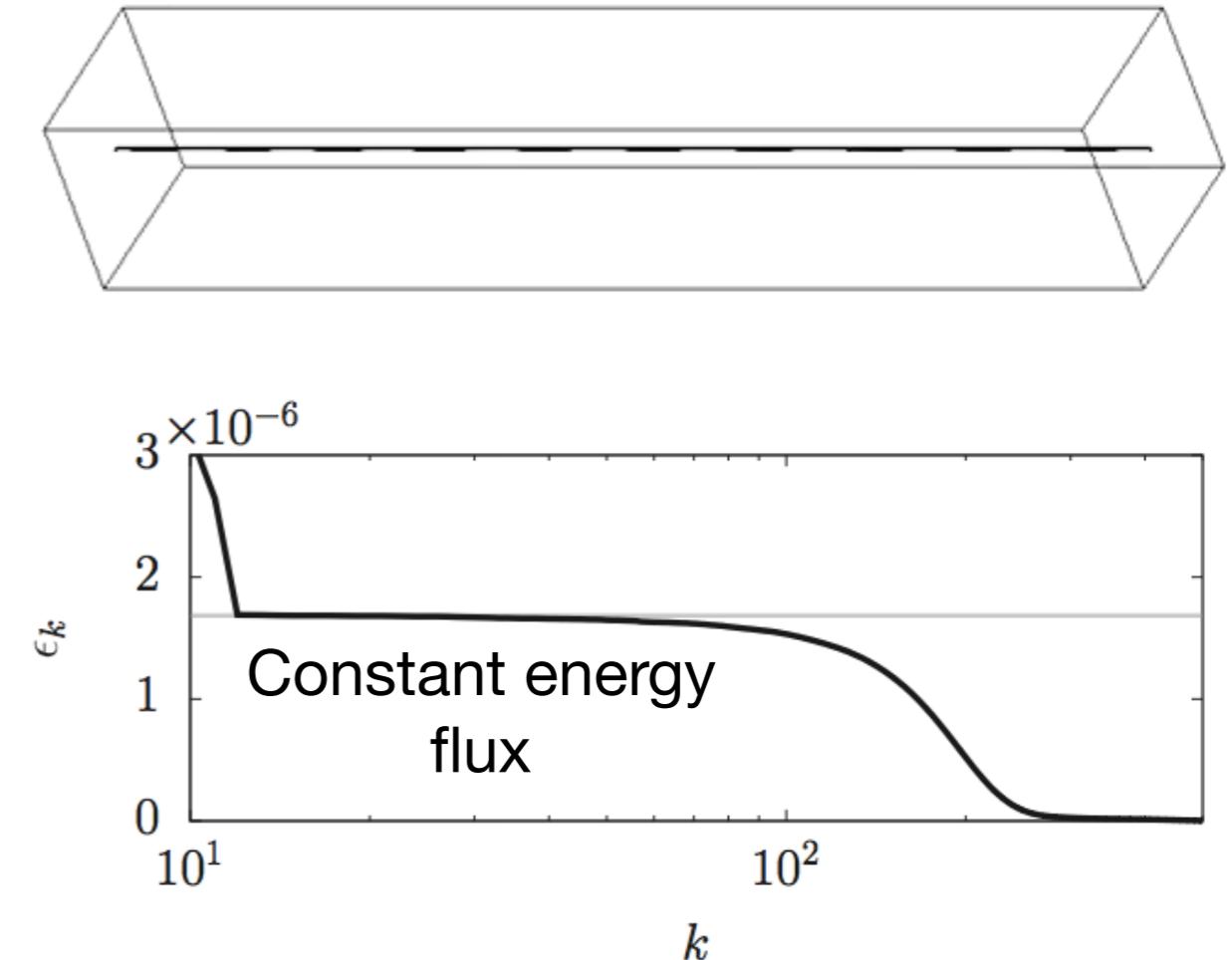
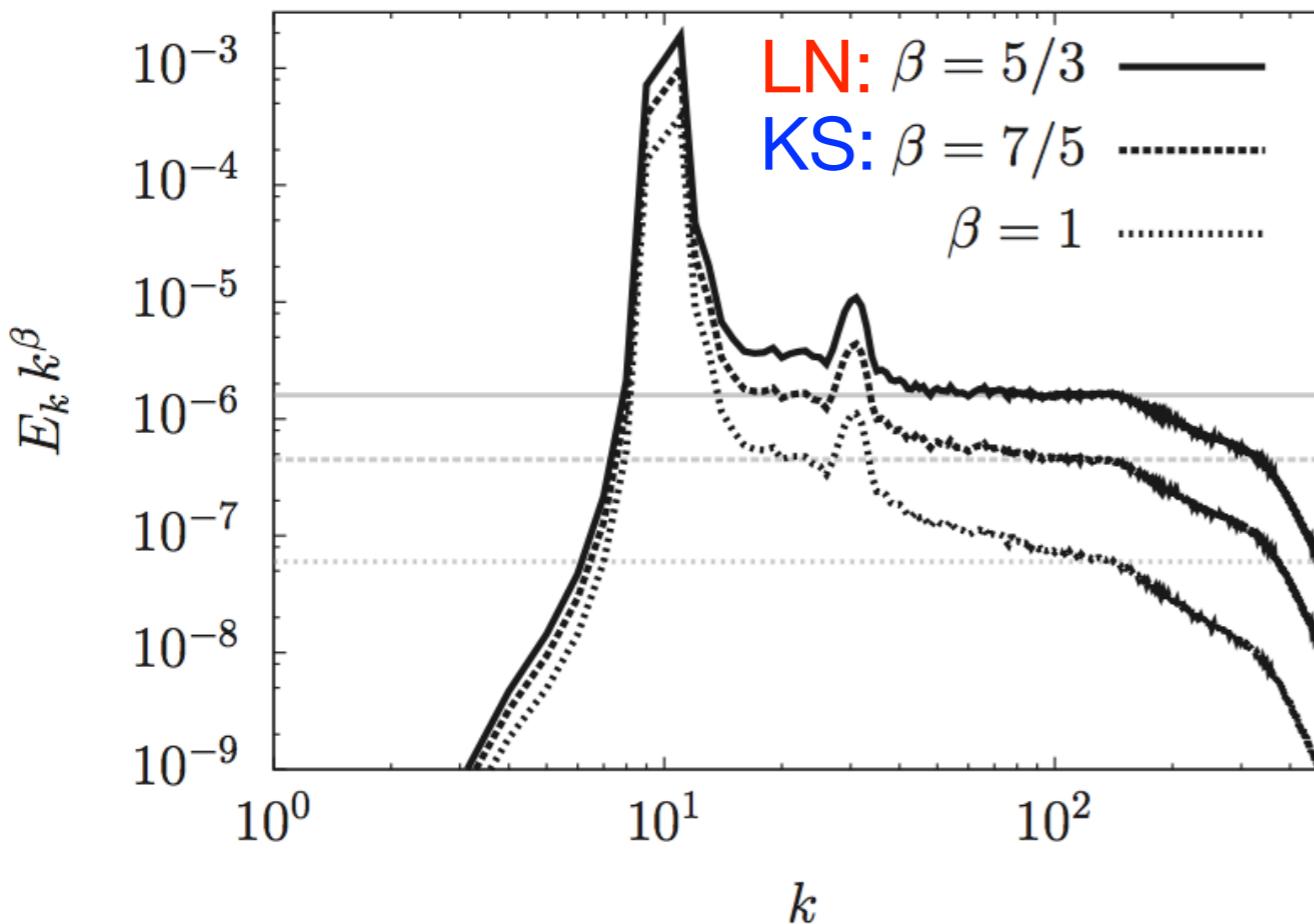
$$E_k = C_{LN} \Lambda \kappa^{7/5} \epsilon^{1/3} \Psi^{-2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

L'vov-Nazarenko energy spectrum

# Identification of spectrum: Biot-Savart

Biot-Savart model for superfluid helium-4

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}|^3} \times d\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{D}$$



Baggaley, JL, Phys. Rev. B, **94**, 025301, (2014)

Numerically measured spectrum prefactor

4-Wave LN-theory:  $C_{LN}^{num} = 0.318$

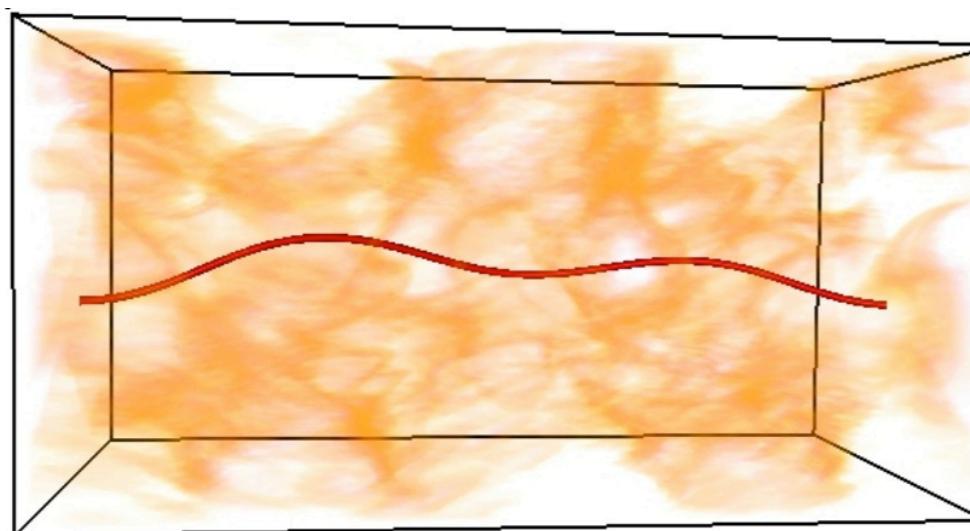
- 4-wave LN prefactor within **5%** of **theoretical prediction**  $C_{LN} = 0.304$

# Identification of spectrum: GP Eqn.

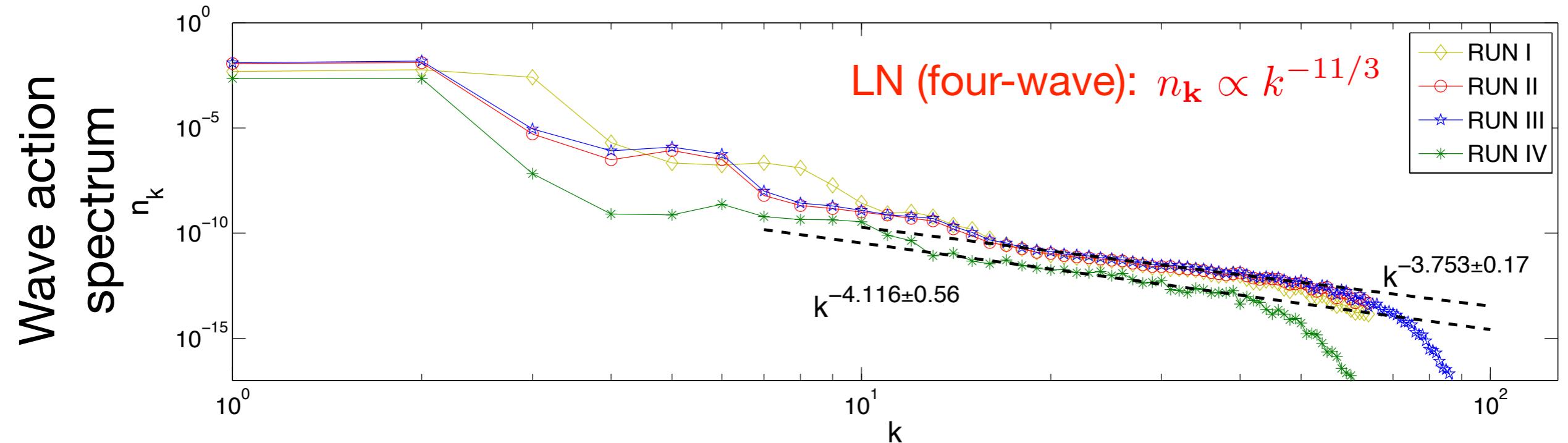
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## 1. Decaying vortex line simulation



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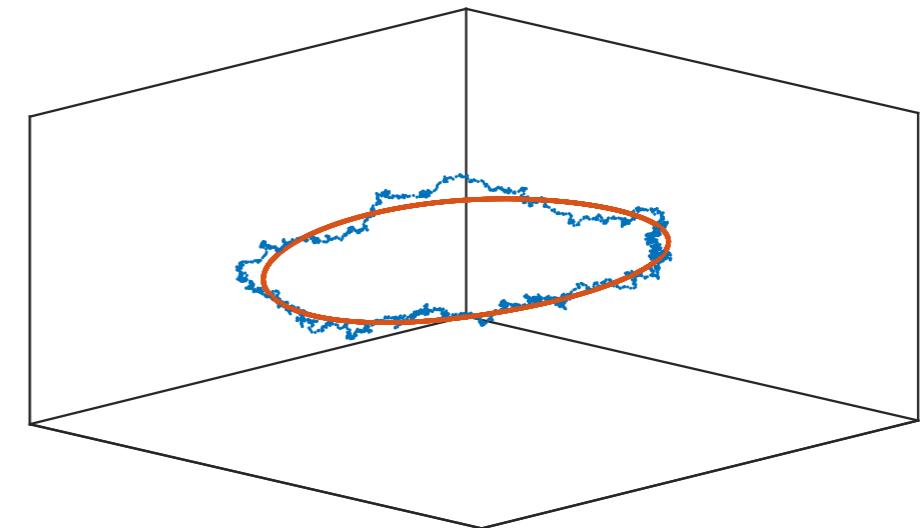
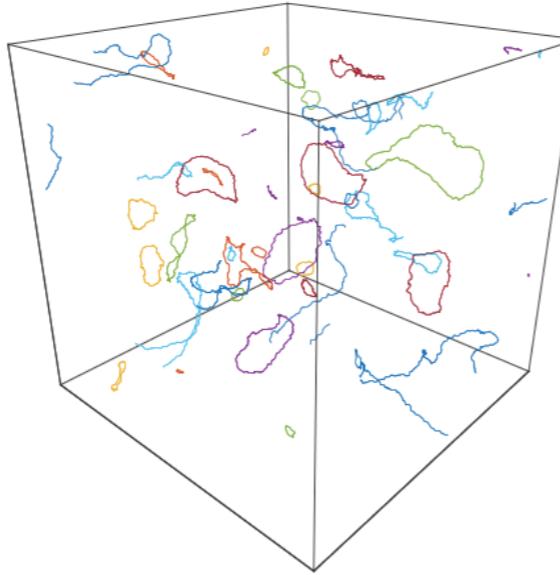
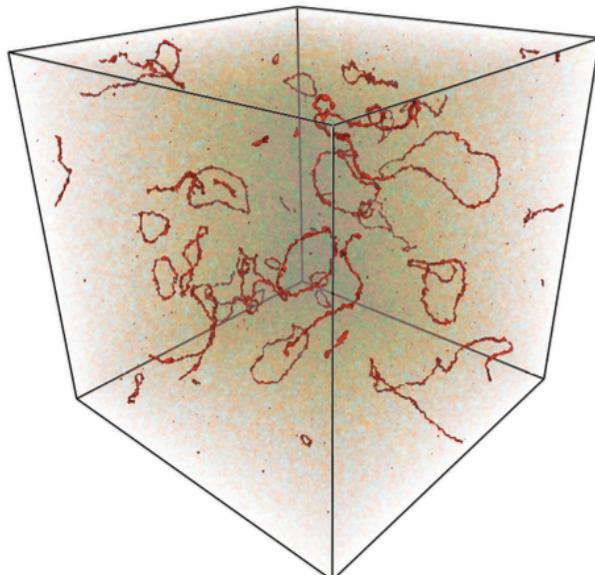


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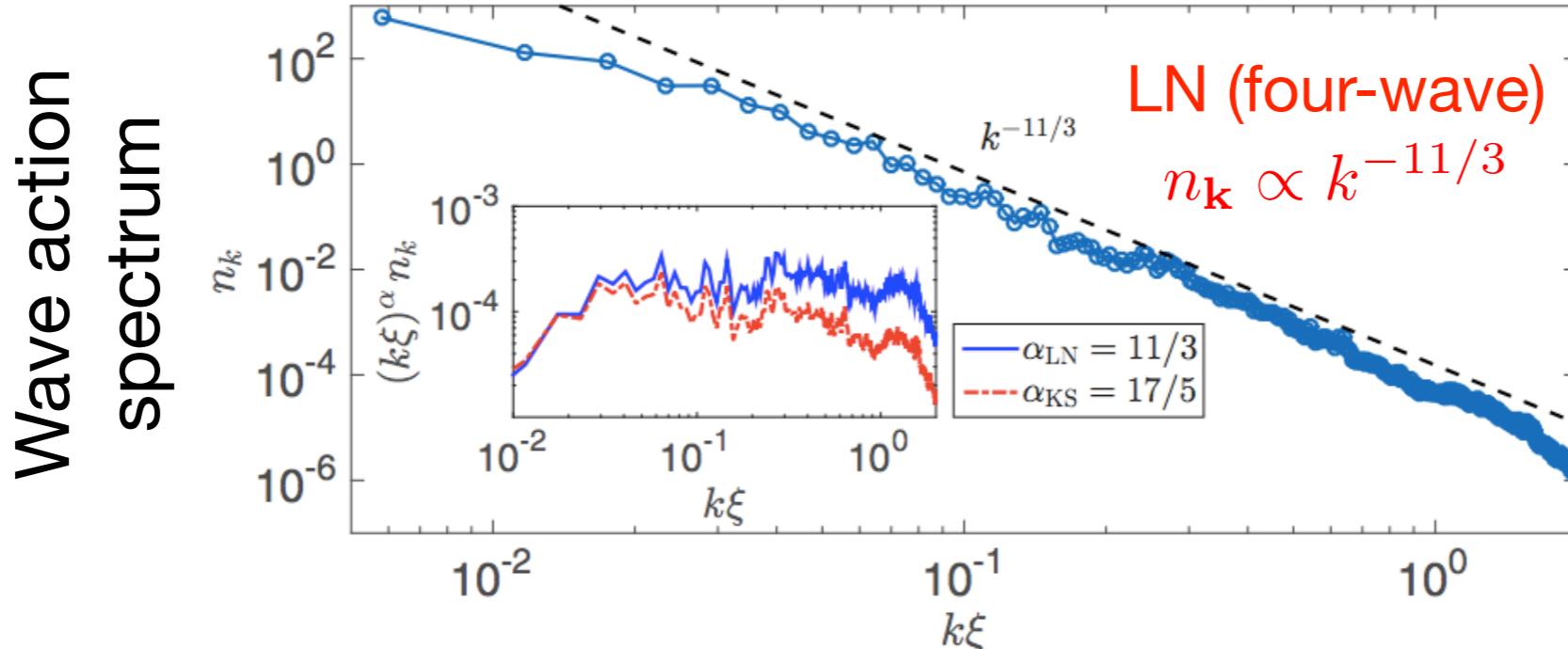
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## 2. Vortex tangle simulation



Villois et al. Phys. Rev. E, 93, 061103(R), (2016)



# Conclusions and perspectives

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- For QT, **weakly nonlinear Kelvin-wave interactions** are consider as the **primary energy transfer mechanism** at small-scale in zero temperature limit
- **Wave Turbulence theory** can systematically describe Kelvin-waves on a single periodic vortex line described by the **Biot-Savart model**
- **Effective four-wave description** derived from **nonlocal six-wave interaction**
- Energy spectrum **scaling and prefactor** can be **exactly obtained from theory**
- Numerical simulations in both **Biot-Savart** and **Gross-Pitaevskii** equations **validate the WT prediction**