

# Duality of Decaying Turbulence to a Solvable String Theory

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# The Old Road to Turbulence

Discovery Year	Portrait	Key Contribution
1500s		<b>Leonardo da Vinci:</b> Documented early observations of turbulent flow.
1820s		<b>Claude-Louis Navier</b> and <b>George Gabriel Stokes:</b> Formulated the foundational NS equations.
1883		<b>Osborne Reynolds:</b> Characterized the transition to turbulence.
1941		<b>Andrey Kolmogorov:</b> Proposed scaling laws of turbulence ( <b>K41</b> ).
1944		<b>Werner Heisenberg:</b> Theoretical contributions to stability and dissipation models.
1946		<b>Lars Onsager:</b> Introduced insights into fractal velocity fields and vortex structures.
1948-1952		<b>Eberhard Hopf:</b> The functional equation for statistics of turbulence.
1956		<b>Lev Landau:</b> Advanced the understanding of hydrodynamic stability.
1985		<b>Giorgio Parisi</b> and <b>Uriel Frisch:</b> Proposed multifractal models for turbulence.
2000-2022		<b>K.R. Sreenivasan:</b> DNS studies uncovering <b>scaling law violations</b> .

# Scaling Law Violations: The Dead End of the Old Road



## Key Findings

- Kolmogorov's K41 model theory predicted universal scaling laws for velocity difference moments, including an index of 2/3 for the second moment.
- This figure shows the effective index = logarithmic derivative of the second moment  $\langle \Delta \vec{v}^2(r, t) \rangle$  plotted against  $\log(r/\sqrt{t})$ .
- DNS simulations (4096<sup>3</sup> lattice) using a novel method to extract effective indices from observed energy spectra [9] contradicted any scaling law (a horizontal line on this plot).

# From Phenomenology to First Principles

- A central question remains: **How does randomness emerge from deterministic Navier-Stokes dynamics?**
- Answering this requires a **direct, exact solution** of the Navier-Stokes equations, rather than relying on phenomenological models.
- Efforts toward this goal began in the 1990s with **loop equations** [8], inspired by breakthroughs in quantum chromodynamics (QCD) [6, 1].
- These advances culminated in a **first-principles mathematical theory** for decaying turbulence, reducing the inherently three-dimensional PDE to a one-dimensional dynamical system governed by an algebraic fixed-point equation.
- This dimensional reduction introduced the **Euler ensemble**, a solvable string theory that quantitatively describes decaying turbulence, marking a decisive detour into a new paradigm beyond K41.
- The theory predicts **generalized scaling laws** with an infinite spectrum of decay indices, which are **computed analytically** and agree with experimental data.
- The answer to the randomness question mirrors **Maxwell-Gibbs statistics**: the Navier-Stokes trajectory covers the degenerate fixed point, corresponding to the **Euler ensemble**.
- The key novelty lies in the discrete nature of this fixed point, which contrasts sharply with the continuous energy surface of classical statistical mechanics.

# Loop Average and Dimension Reduction

- The loop average is defined as the **characteristic function** for the distribution of velocity circulation:

$$\Psi[\gamma, C] = \left\langle \exp\left(\frac{i\gamma}{\nu} \Gamma_C\right) \right\rangle, \quad \Gamma_C = \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{C}(\theta)).$$

- This is equivalent to the **Hopf functional** representation:

$$\Psi[\gamma, C] = \left\langle \exp\left(\int_{\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \vec{J}_C(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{r}) d^3 r\right) \right\rangle.$$

- An imaginary source  $\vec{J}(\vec{r})$  is concentrated on a fixed loop in space  $\mathbb{R}_3$

$$\vec{J}_C(\vec{r}) = \frac{i\gamma}{\nu} \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{C}(\theta))$$

# Loop Equation as Quantum Mechanics in Loop Space

- The loop functional satisfies a key relation derived from the incompressible Navier-Stokes equation:

$$\nu \partial_t \Psi[\gamma, C] = \left\langle \gamma \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \cdot \left( -\nu \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\omega} + \vec{v} \times \vec{\omega} \right) e^{\frac{i\gamma}{\nu} \Gamma_C} \right\rangle.$$

- This relation leads to the closed functional equation for the loop average [8]:

$$\nu \partial_t \Psi[\gamma, C] = \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \cdot \vec{L} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta \vec{C}(\cdot)} \right] \Psi[\gamma, C].$$

- A crucial property: **translation invariance** of  $\vec{L} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta \vec{C}(\cdot)} \right]$  in loop space enables an exact solution.

# Key Insight: Plane Wave Solutions in Loop Space

- The loop equation maps to a **Schrödinger equation in loop space** with a Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_C = \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \cdot \vec{L} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta \vec{C}(\cdot)} \right].$$

- A **plane wave solution** emerges naturally:

$$\Psi[\gamma, C] = \left\langle \exp \left( \frac{i\gamma}{\nu} \oint d\vec{C}(\theta) \cdot \vec{P}(t, \theta) \right) \right\rangle_{P(t)}.$$

- The averaging  $\langle \dots \rangle_{P(t)}$  goes over solutions of the following momentum loop equation (MLE), with  $\Delta \vec{P} = \vec{P}(\theta_+) - \vec{P}(\theta_-)$  being a discontinuity:

$$\nu \partial_t \vec{P} = -\gamma^2 (\Delta \vec{P})^2 \vec{P} + \Delta \vec{P} \left( \gamma^2 \vec{P} \cdot \Delta \vec{P} + i\gamma \left( \frac{(\vec{P} \cdot \Delta \vec{P})^2}{\Delta \vec{P}^2} - \vec{P}^2 \right) \right).$$

# The Euler Ensemble Solves MLE

- The decaying solution of MLE [10] is given by:

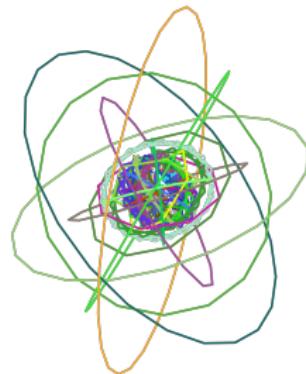
$$\vec{P}(t, \theta) = \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{2(t + t_0)}} \frac{\vec{F}(\theta)}{\gamma},$$

where  $\vec{F}(\theta)$  is a **universal fractal curve**, constructed as the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  of a regular star polygon  $\{q/p\}$  with vertices:

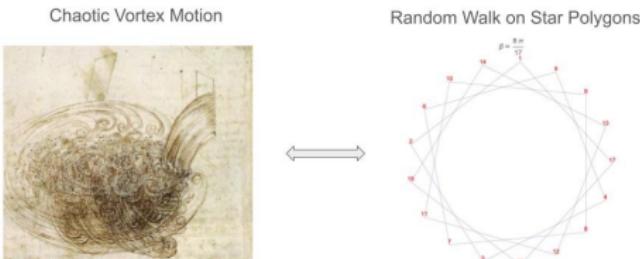
$$\vec{F}\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) = \hat{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\{\cos(\alpha_k), \sin(\alpha_k), i \cos(\frac{\beta}{2})\}}{2 \sin(\frac{\beta}{2})}, \text{ where: } \beta = \frac{2\pi p}{q},$$

$$\alpha_k = \beta \sum_{l=0}^k \sigma_l, \quad k = 1, \dots, N, \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

- The parameters  $\hat{\Omega} \in SO(3)$ ,  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\sigma_k = \pm 1$  are **random**, making  $\vec{P}(t, \theta)$  a **fixed stochastic trajectory** of MLE.
- This solution is equivalent to a **random walk on the set of regular star polygons**.
- **Validation:** This solution has been verified using *Mathematica®* notebooks [7] and rigorously tested in collaboration with mathematicians [4].
- **Significance:** This framework quantitatively **links turbulence to number theory**, providing a fresh perspective on fluid dynamics.

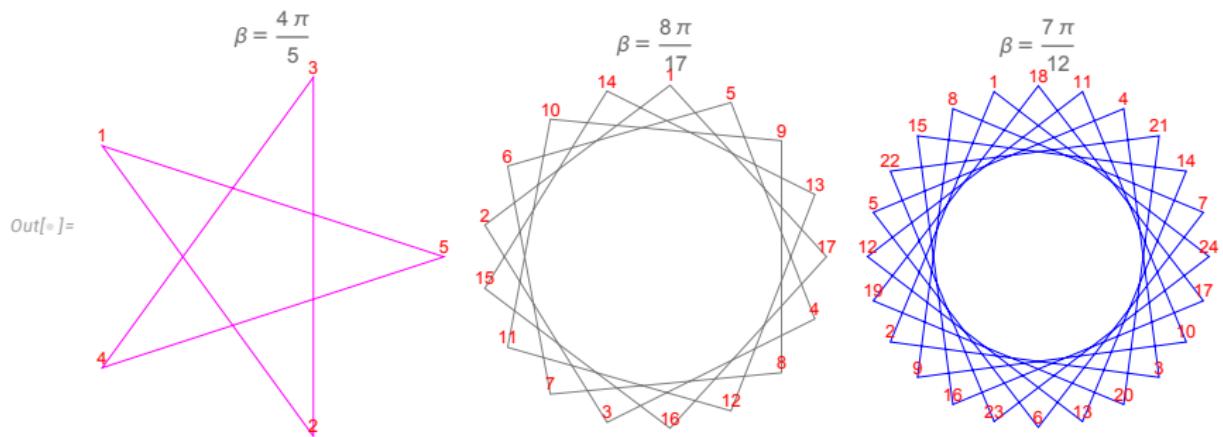


# Spontaneous Quantization of Classical Turbulence



- A **thirty-year effort** culminated in 2023 in an **exact, universal solution** to the Navier-Stokes equations in the turbulent regime [10].
- This solution reveals a **duality** between decaying turbulence and a solvable string theory with a **discrete target space**: random walk on regular star polygons.
- Turbulent randomness arises from **spontaneous quantization**, where discrete parameters emerge from a **manifold of solutions of MLE and periodicity requirement**.
- **Universal number-theoretic functions** now quantitatively explain DNS data violations of classical scaling laws, providing a **predictive framework** for turbulence [9].

# Regular Star Polygons of the Euler Ensemble



## Description

**Regular star polygons with various  $p, q$ .**

These were first classified by **Thomas Bradwardine** (c. 1300 – 1349), Archbishop of Canterbury.

The  $\sigma_k$  variable governs the direction of the random step along the link  $k \leftrightarrow k+1$ . The random walk can traverse the polygon multiple times, provided it returns to its starting point.

# Random Walk on Star Polygon, $p = 7, q = 18, N = 100$

## Visualization

Visualization of a **random walk** on a star polygon with parameters  $p = 7, q = 18$ , and  $N = 100$ .

# The Quantum Ergodic Hypothesis

- The characteristic function  $\Psi$  of a probability distribution  $P$  equals the complex wave function of quantum mechanics in loop space. This relation is exact, and it differs from conventional  $P = |\Psi|^2$ .
- Each **distinct state** in a quantum system contributes to the partition function with **unit weight**, a principle adopted in our **quantum description** of the nonlinear NS system.
- This **uniform measure** is an **additional conjecture**, comparable to the **ergodic hypothesis** in Newtonian mechanics. While well-established in physics, such hypotheses are mathematically proven only for specific cases.
- The heuristic argument for this ergodic hypothesis is that in this case the Euler ensemble is equivalent to the string theory with discrete target space.

# Turbulence/String Duality: Insights

- **Duality phenomena** in physics connect strong coupling in one theory to weak coupling in another, as seen in the **AdS/CFT correspondence**.
- Duality links **statistical averages** between two systems without requiring a direct mapping of their dynamical variables.
- In turbulence, the **target space** of the dual string theory is discrete, represented by **regular star polygons** with unit sides and rational angles,  $\beta = 2\pi \frac{p}{q}$ .
- Fermionic or Ising degrees of freedom ( $\nu_k = 0, 1$ ;  $\sigma_k = \pm 1$ ) describe the random walk along polygon edges.
- The radii of these polygons,  $R = \frac{1}{2 \sin \pi \frac{p}{q}}$ , follow number-theoretic distributions involving Euler totients and the Riemann  $\zeta$  function [9].
- This isn't your grandfather's string theory—it exists in 3D.

# Dual Amplitude and Loop Functional

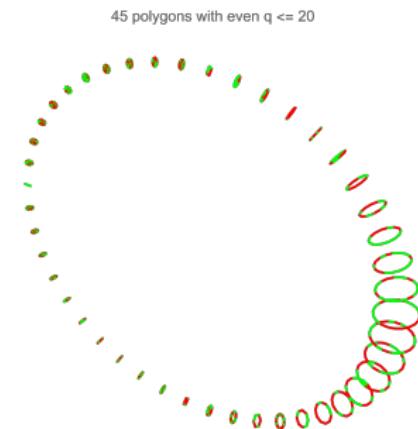
- The loop functional in the Euler ensemble corresponds to the **dual amplitude** of string theory, defined on a discrete target space  $\vec{F}(\theta)$  with distributed external momentum  $\vec{Q}(\theta, t) = \frac{\vec{C}'(\theta)}{\sqrt{2\nu(t+t_0)}}$ :

$$\Psi[C, t] = \left\langle \exp i \oint d\theta \vec{F}(\theta) \cdot \vec{Q}(\theta, t) \right\rangle_{F, \sigma}$$

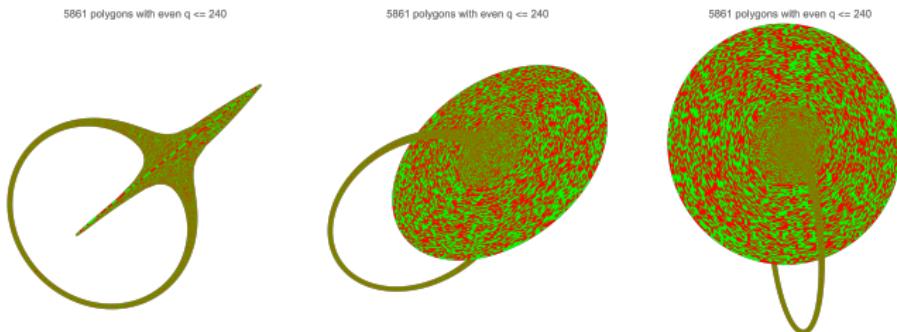
- Averaging over **string target space**  $\vec{F}_k$  corresponds to summing over star polygons with unit sides and rational angles  $\beta = 2\pi \frac{p}{q}$ .
- Averaging over **fermionic/Ising degrees of freedom** produces a **random walk** (Brownian motion in the continuum limit) across polygon vertices.
- The viscosity enters this string theory as a coupling constant in the denominator of the effective Action. The turbulent limit of  $\nu \rightarrow 0$  becomes the weak coupling limit, solvable in the WKB approximation.

# Discrete Symmetry and Target Space Integration

- **Key contrast:** Turbulence features chaotic velocity fields mapping  $\mathbb{R}_3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}_3$ , whereas the dual string theory has discrete variables  $\vec{F}, \sigma$  mapping the unit circle to discrete sets  $S_1 \mapsto \mathbb{Q}, S_1 \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- Integration over the target space (star polygons) reduces to a **discrete sum** over Euler ensemble states:
  - Rational numbers  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,
  - Ising variables  $\sigma_k = \pm 1$ ,
  - Winding number  $w = \frac{p}{q} \sum \sigma_k$ .
- Visualizing the polygons for fixed  $N$ , ordered by angle  $\beta$ , as a torus in 3D space reveals the **world sheet** of a discrete string. Each polygon forms a cross-section of the torus:
  - Smaller cross-sections correspond to small  $p, q$ .
  - Larger cross-sections arise as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $p$  or  $q - p$  held fixed.
- Red/green edge coloring indicates random walk directions  $\sigma_k$ .



# Revealing a Hidden Identity



- We are not merely computing turbulence statistics but **unveiling its hidden second identity as a discrete string theory**.
- Existing experimental and DNS results show **encouraging agreement** with the predictions of the Euler ensemble.
- This theory challenges traditional views developed over the past eighty years, inviting rigorous scrutiny.
- Ultimately, **large-scale numerical and physical experiments** will determine whether this theory fully describes turbulence or remains a beautiful mathematical model.

# The Warning Signs for K41: Sreeni's Observations



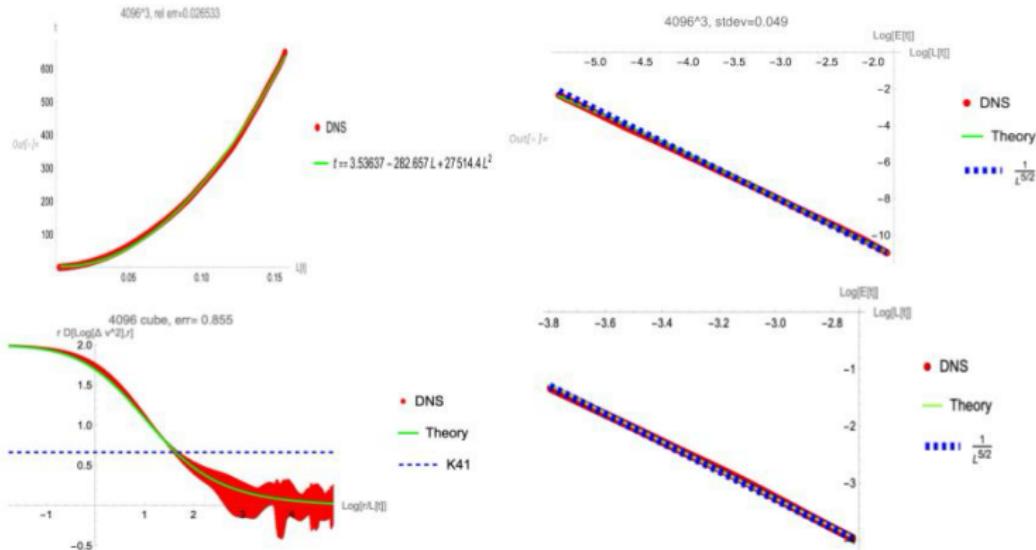
- In his 2023 ICTS talk, **K.R. Sreenivasan** reviewed DNS data on decaying turbulence, discussing its alignment with **classical scaling laws (Kolmogorov-Saffman)**.
- He noted **persistent discrepancies**, regretting that the results were “not more closely aligned with theoretical arguments”.
- The key DNS dataset, briefly mentioned in passing in an earlier paper, remained unpublished but contained clues to unresolved questions in turbulence theory.
- Sreeni took the initiative to share with me his raw data from a private archive, sparking a productive collaboration.

## A Refined Analysis: Effective Index Method

- Using the **effective index method**, I magnified subtle discrepancies in DNS data, demonstrating strong violations of the **Kolmogorov scaling law (K41)** in decaying turbulence.
- This method introduced a **Fourier integral representation** [9] for the effective scaling index, **reducing statistical noise** and significantly improving data clarity.
- The analysis revealed a **remarkable agreement** between DNS data and the Euler ensemble's predictions, providing evidence for the absence of a **classical inertial range**.
- The historical reliance on K41 scaling in decaying turbulence likely stemmed from attempts to **force unfitting pieces of the puzzle** into this framework, attributing deviations to "**deep dissipation effects.**"
- What once seemed like scattered puzzle pieces now aligns seamlessly within the **Euler ensemble framework**, offering a complete and coherent picture of turbulence.

# DNS Data and Theoretical Match

## Verification by DNS (Sreenivasan et. al., 2024)



# DNS Data Explained

- The lower-left panel shows the log derivative of the second velocity moment:

$$r \partial_r \log \langle (\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) - \vec{v}(0, t))^2 \rangle,$$

comparing predictions from the **Euler ensemble** (green curve) and **DNS data** (red curve with error bars).

- Key Insight:** Predictions from the Euler ensemble closely match DNS results, while **Kolmogorov scaling** (dashed blue line) fails, confirming the absence of a classical inertial range.
- Multifractal models, though offering vertical shifts of the horizontal K41 line, still contradict the observed nonlinear curve.
- Additional panels illustrate:
  - Upper-left:** The relationship between time and effective length scale.
  - Upper- and lower-right:** The relationship between decaying kinetic energy and effective length.
- Summary:** The **Euler ensemble**, with no adjustable parameters, reproduces DNS data within experimental error margins.

# Experimental Data: Inverse Energy Scaling

## Decaying Energy Multi Scaling laws

$$\Delta_p$$

Leading  $\rightarrow -\frac{5}{4}$   
 $-\frac{11}{4}$

$$-\frac{7}{2} \pm \frac{i}{2}t_n \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

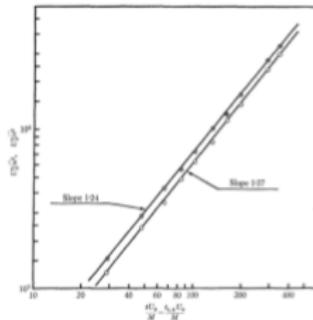
$$-\frac{15}{4} - n \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge n \geq 0$$

$$\frac{n}{2} \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge n \geq 0$$

$$\zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} + it_n \right) = 0$$

$$E(t) \propto \sum \Re A_p t^{\Delta_p}$$

Kolmogorov-Saffman model:  $6/5 = 1.2$



Comte-Bellot G, Corrsin S. data:  $1.25$

# Experimental Data Explained

- Theoretical predictions for **decaying turbulent kinetic energy indices** from the **Euler ensemble** are shown on the left. The leading index is  $-5/4$ , accompanied by an **infinite series** of additional negative indices.
- Experimental data [2, 3] for **decaying turbulence behind an oscillating grid** is displayed on the right.
- Log-log plots illustrate  $1/v_{\perp}^2$  and  $1/v_{\parallel}^2$ , corresponding to the perpendicular and parallel velocity components.
- Total inverse kinetic energy,  $K = 2/(v_{\perp}^2 + v_{\parallel}^2)$ , exhibits a slope of  $1.255 \pm 0.02$ , in excellent agreement with the Euler ensemble prediction of  $\frac{5}{4}$ .
- Recent experiments using a **large tank setup** [5] independently confirm this **decay index**, providing strong support for the theory.
- In both experiments, the authors **observed** a decay index of 1.25, but **claimed agreement** with the Kolmogorov-Saffman (K-S) scaling law (1.2), which lies outside their stated error margin.
- For decades, these contradictions between data and K41-based assumptions were **overlooked**, highlighting how entrenched theoretical frameworks can hinder critical evaluation.
- **Summary:** The predicted energy decay index  $-5/4$  aligns with experimental data, while the K-S index  $-6/5$  is inconsistent with the observed results.

# Explicit Formula for Velocity Correlation

The statistical limit of the Euler ensemble as  $N \rightarrow \infty, \nu \rightarrow 0, \tilde{\nu} = \nu N^2 = \text{const}$ , enables computations of the energy spectrum and correlation functions in quadrature.

Here is the resulting **formula for the second moment of velocity difference**:

$$\langle \Delta \vec{v}^2 \rangle(r, t) = \frac{\tilde{\nu}^2}{\nu t} \int_{\epsilon-i\infty}^{\epsilon+i\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi i} V(p) \left( \frac{|\vec{r}|}{\sqrt{\tilde{\nu}t}} \right)^p;$$
$$V(p) = -\frac{f(-1-p)\zeta\left(\frac{13}{2}-p\right)\csc\left(\frac{\pi p}{2}\right)}{16\pi^2(p+1)(2p-15)(2p-5)\zeta\left(\frac{15}{2}-p\right)}. \quad (1)$$

Here  $f(z)$  is an entire function computed via Mellin integrals of elementary functions.  $V(p)$  is **meromorphic**.  $\nu$  is physical viscosity, while turbulent viscosity  $\tilde{\nu}$  is a free parameter of the solution.

# Spectrum of indices of velocity correlation

The spectrum of indices for velocity correlation is given by the poles of  $V(p)$

indexes of velocity correlation

Index	Condition
-1	
0	
$2n$	$n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$
$5/2$	
$11/2$	
$\frac{15+4n}{2}$	$n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$
$7 \pm it_n$	$n \in \mathbb{Z}$

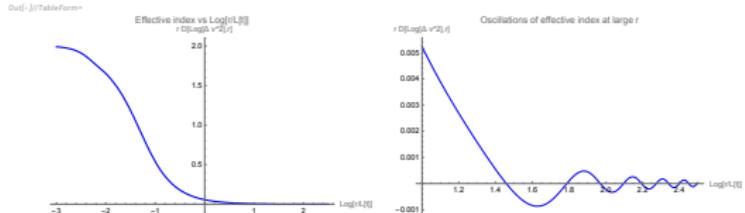
(2)

where  $\frac{1}{2} \pm it_n$  are the **zeros of the Riemann  $\zeta$  function.**

## Quantum oscillations predicted

- As mentioned about the energy spectrum, there is no K41 scaling index  $p = \frac{2}{3}$ . This omission is not a contradiction, as K41 does not apply to decaying turbulence.
- Instead of pure scaling laws with a single decay index each, we found an **infinite spectrum of scaling indexes**, some of which come as complex conjugate pairs, which leads to **quantum oscillations** of the index at large  $r/\sqrt{t}$ .
- The imaginary parts of these complex scaling dimensions coincide with those of the **famous Riemann zeta zeros**, establishing an intriguing relation between Turbulence and Number Theory.
- These oscillations are inaccessible with the modern lattice sizes in the DNS, but rather would require lattices like  $24K$ , available in near future.

# Quantum Oscillations Predicted



- Oscillations of the effective index  $\xi_2(r)$  at large  $\log_{10} r$ . This is a theoretical curve corresponding to the zoom into a region of large separations, currently inaccessible by DNS with the required accuracy.
- This quantum-like behavior in classical turbulence is rather unexpected but fascinating.
- It stems from **precise mathematical equivalence** of the evolution of the characteristic function of the velocity circulation to the quantum mechanics in loop space, creating the interference of alternative histories.
- Quantitative description of the oscillating effective index follows from the statistical limit of the Euler ensemble, governed by the number theory.

# Spectrum of decay indices of energy spectrum

energy spectrum indexes
$-\frac{7}{2}$
$-\frac{13}{2}$
$-8 \pm it_n \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z}$
$-\frac{17}{2} - 2n \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge n \geq 0$
$n \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge n \geq 0$

(3)

Here  $\pm t_n$  are imaginary parts of zeros of the  $\zeta$  function on the critical line  $z = \frac{1}{2} + it$ .

- The energy spectrum decays as  $t^{-\frac{9}{4}} k^{-\frac{7}{2}}$ .
- There is no theoretical reason (even at the level of heuristic) for K41 in decaying turbulence, as the dissipation  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  is not a constant, so it cannot be used as a single scaling parameter.
- DNS and experiments also point at large deviations from the  $k^{-5/3}$  scaling law in decaying turbulence [12].



- Due to the **computational intensity** required to calculate the statistical limits of the Euler ensemble, manual methods are **inefficient**.
- To overcome this, we are initiating an **open source project on GitHub**[11] with the following objectives:
  - **Further expand and validate** the Euler ensemble framework through community involvement.
  - Create a **collaborative platform** for sharing ideas, providing feedback, and making constructive contributions.
- Key features of this project include:
  - An **interactive, comprehensive database** containing *Mathematica*® notebooks, research articles, experimental datasets, and DNS simulation results.
  - An **AI-enhanced interface** designed to facilitate exploration of theoretical models, perform computations, and analyze experimental outcomes.
  - **High-performance computing capabilities** utilizing *Mathematica*® for complex calculations.

# The Future Directions and Remaining Problems

- The equivalence between decaying turbulence and solvable string theory offers a novel perspective in fluid mechanics.
- This framework provides tools for analyzing:
  - Forced turbulence,
  - Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) turbulence,
  - And other complex fluid regimes.
- Collaboration with mathematicians, experimentalists, and DNS researchers is crucial for extending and validating this theory.
- Open Questions:
  - What role does external forcing play in modifying the turbulence-string duality?
  - Can these findings be extended to compressible turbulence or MHD turbulence?
  - Are there other PDEs with similar dimensional reductions?
  - How can the Euler ensemble be generalized for random walks on loop groups?

# Closing Thoughts: The Ascent to Understanding



- Scaling the summit of turbulence theory is like climbing a formidable mountain.
- Each milestone—loop equations, dimension reduction, and Euler ensemble—brings us closer to a breathtaking view at the summit.
- The wing-suit figure is me: flying or falling? Only time will tell...

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# Energy Decay in the Euler Ensemble

- Solutions originating deep within the unit circle ( $\Psi \neq 1$ ) can become turbulent and eventually decay toward  $\Psi \rightarrow 1$ , reflecting energy dissipation by micro-scale vortex structures.
- The decaying solution for  $\vec{P}(\theta, t)$ :

$$\vec{P} = \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{2(t + t_0)}} \frac{\vec{F}}{\gamma},$$

where  $\vec{F}$  satisfies the fixed-point equation:

$$\left( (\Delta \vec{F})^2 - 1 \right) \vec{F} = \Delta \vec{F} \left( \gamma^2 \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{F} + i\gamma \left( \frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{F})^2}{\Delta \vec{F}^2} - \vec{F}^2 \right) \right).$$

# Fractal Curve as the Euler Ensemble

- The equation for  $\vec{F}(\theta)$  was solved and analyzed in [10, 9].
- The solution describes a **fractal curve**, the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  of a polygon  $\vec{F}_0 \dots \vec{F}_N = \vec{F}_0$ , with vertices:

$$\vec{F}_k = \frac{\{\cos(\alpha_k), \sin(\alpha_k), \imath \cos(\frac{\beta}{2})\}}{2 \sin(\frac{\beta}{2})},$$

where:

$$\theta_k = \frac{k}{N}, \quad \beta = \frac{2\pi p}{q}, \quad N \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k + \sigma_k \beta, \quad \sigma_k = \pm 1, \quad \beta \sum \sigma_k = 2\pi pr.$$

- Parameters  $\hat{\Omega}, p, q, r, \sigma_0 \dots \sigma_N = \sigma_0$  are **random**, making  $\vec{F}(\theta)$  a **fixed manifold** instead of a fixed point.
- This manifold, called the **big Euler ensemble**, highlights the degeneracy of solutions.

# Fixed Point and Degeneracy

- The fixed-point equation uses discrete versions of continuity and principal value:

$$\Delta \vec{F} \equiv \vec{F}_{k+1} - \vec{F}_k,$$

$$\vec{F} \equiv \frac{\vec{F}_{k+1} + \vec{F}_k}{2}.$$

- Both terms in the fixed-point equation vanish independently, leading to two scalar conditions:

$$(\Delta \vec{F})^2 = 1, \tag{4a}$$

$$\vec{F}^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} = \left( \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{F} - \frac{i\gamma}{2} \right)^2. \tag{4b}$$

- These equations ensure nonzero vorticity, avoiding  $\vec{F} \parallel \Delta \vec{F}$ .

# Origin of Randomness and Integers

- Randomness in the Euler ensemble does not stem from infinitesimal stochastic forces but from the **degenerate fixed manifold** of nonlinear equations.
- This internal stochasticity resembles ergodic behavior in Newtonian dynamics, where trajectories uniformly cover the energy surface, leading to Gibbs-Maxwell distributions.
- Integer solutions ( $\sigma_k = \pm 1$ ) emerge from:
  - Algebraic constraints in the fixed-point equations.
  - Rational quantization ( $\beta = 2\pi p/q$ ) dictated by wave function periodicity.
- Remarkably, co-prime pairs of integers  $p$  and  $q$  define the quantized angles and radii of star polygons, reminiscent of quantum effects in magnetic fields.

# The Euler Totient and the Ensemble

- The integers  $1 \leq p < q$  are constrained to be co-prime with  $q$  and satisfy:

$$2 < q < N, \quad (N - q) \mod 2 = 0.$$

- The number of valid fractions  $\frac{p}{q}$  for a fixed  $q$  is given by the **Euler totient function**:

$$\varphi(q) = \sum_{\substack{p=1 \\ (p,q)}}^{q-1} 1 = q \prod_{p|q} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right).$$

- We named this set the **Euler ensemble** to honor Euler's contributions to both fluid dynamics and number theory.
- The inviscid Navier-Stokes equation is described by the Euler totient function rather than the Euler equation itself.