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# HIDDEN SYMMETRIES IN NAVIER-STOKES INTERMITTENCY.

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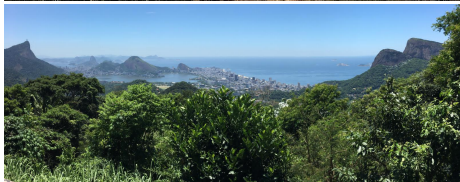
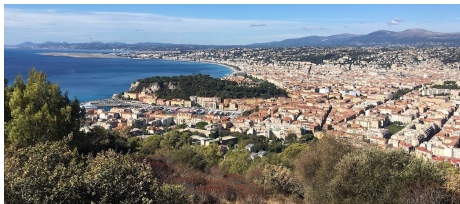
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1. **Classical symmetries**
2. Navier-Stokes under dynamical rescaling
3. Hidden symmetries

## Navier-Stokes in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

## Symmetries

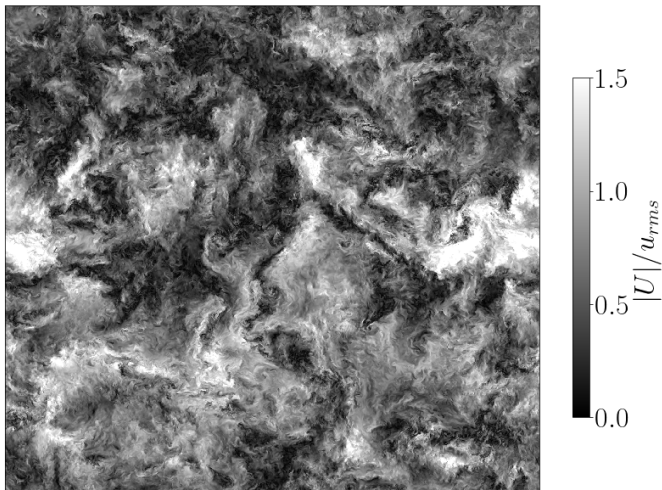
	parameters	$t \mapsto$	$\mathbf{x} \mapsto$	$\mathbf{u} \mapsto$	$\nu \mapsto$	$\mathbf{f} \mapsto$
Galilean	$\mathbf{u}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$t$	$\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}_0$	$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_0$	$\nu$	$\mathbf{f}$
Translation	$\Delta t \in \mathbb{R}, \Delta \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$t + \Delta t$	$\mathbf{x} + \Delta \mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{u}$	$\nu$	$\mathbf{f}$
Rotation	$\mathbf{O} \in \text{SO}(3)$	$t$	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{u}$	$\nu$	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{f}$
Scaling	$h, \lambda > 0$	$\lambda^{1-h}t$	$\lambda\mathbf{x}$	$\lambda^h\mathbf{u}$	$\lambda^{1+h}\nu$	$\lambda^{1+2h}\mathbf{f}$

e.g.

$$\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{x}', t') := \lambda^h \mathbf{u} \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}'}{\lambda}, \frac{t'}{\lambda^{1-h}} \right) \quad \text{solves} \quad \partial_{t'} \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{u}' \cdot \nabla' \mathbf{u}' + \nabla' p' = \nu' \Delta' \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{f}', \quad \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{u}' = 0.$$

# HOMOGENEOUS ISOTROPIC TURBULENCE

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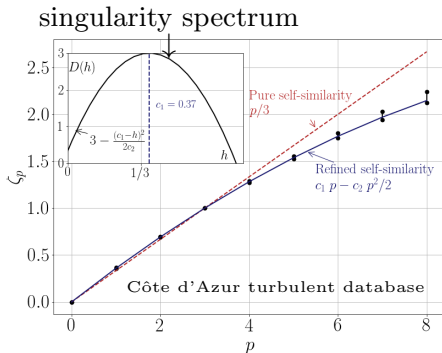
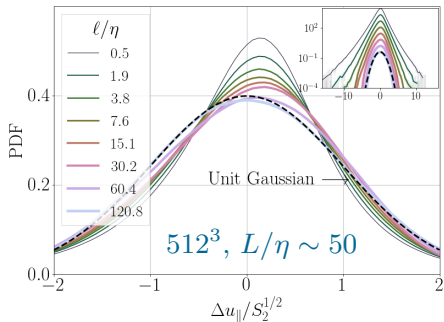
**Statistical symmetries:**

Rotation : ✓

Translation : ✓

Scaling : ✗

# INTERMITTENCY: Spontaneous breaking of scale invariance



**Multi-fractals: Range of scaling exponents  $h \in (h_{\min}, h_{\max})$**

$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{u}_{||}^p \rangle = \int_{h_{\min}}^{h_{\max}} d\mu(h) \langle \Delta \mathbf{u}_{||}^p \rangle_{S_h} \propto \ell^{\zeta_p}$$

$\propto \ell^{3-D(h)}$

### Extrinsic: Scale-invariance of the normalized increments

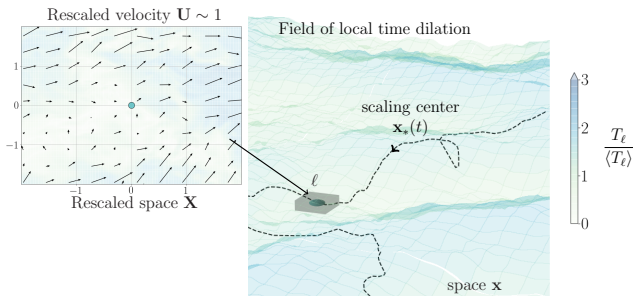
$$\frac{u_k(\mathbf{x} + \ell \mathbf{X}) - u_k(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\ell^{1/3} \epsilon_\ell^{1/3}(\mathbf{x})}, \quad \epsilon_\ell(\mathbf{x}) := \langle \nu \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|^2 \rangle_{B(\mathbf{x}, \ell)} \quad (\text{local dissipation})$$

### Intrinsic: Scale-invariance of the multipliers

$$w_{ij,k}(\mathbf{x}, t; \ell_1, \ell_2) := \frac{u_k(\mathbf{x} + \ell_1 \mathbf{e}_i, t) - u_k(\mathbf{x}, t)}{u_k(\mathbf{x} + \ell_2 \mathbf{e}_j, t) - u_k(\mathbf{x}, t)}.$$

**Can one explicitly relate refined self-similarity  
to non-degenerate symmetries?**

1. Classical symmetries
2. **Navier-Stokes under dynamical rescaling**
3. Hidden symmetries



$$t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \mapsto \tau, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}$$

## 1. Space rescaling in **quasi-Lagrangian** frame

$$\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X}, \tau; \mathbf{x}_0, \ell) := \frac{\Delta \mathbf{u}_\ell(\mathbf{x}_*(t; \mathbf{x}_0), \mathbf{X}, t)}{A_\ell(\mathbf{x}_*(t), t)}$$

## 2. Proper time $d\tau := \frac{dt}{T_\ell(\mathbf{x}_*(t), t)}$ , $T_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) := \frac{\ell}{A_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t)}$



Consider inertial range dynamics

$$\ell \ll 1 \quad \ell \gg \frac{\nu}{A_\ell(\mathbf{x}_*, t)} \quad (\text{"local Kolmogorov scale"})$$

Then the rescaled dynamics become the rescaled Euler system

$$\partial_\tau \mathbf{U} + \Lambda_{\mathbf{U}} [\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U} + \nabla P] = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0,$$

where

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{U}}[\mathbf{V}] = \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}(0) - \mathbf{U}(\cdot, \tau) \left( \left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{A}}{\delta \mathbf{V}} \right|_{\mathbf{U}(\cdot, \tau)} \cdot (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}(0)) \right)$$

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## Explicit symmetries

	parameters	$\tau \mapsto$	$\mathbf{X} \mapsto$	$\mathbf{U} \mapsto$
Rotation	$\mathbf{O} \in \text{SO}(3)$	$\tau$	$\mathbf{OX}$	$\mathbf{OU}$
Time translation	$\Delta\tau \in \mathbb{R}$	$\tau + \Delta\tau$	$\mathbf{X}$	$\mathbf{U}$

## “Hidden” symmetries

	parameters	$\tau \mapsto$	$\mathbf{X} \mapsto$	$\mathbf{U} \mapsto$
Hidden translation	$\mathbf{X}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$\tilde{\tau}$	$\mathbf{X}$	$\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$
Hidden scaling	$\lambda > 0$	$\tau'$	$\mathbf{X}$	$\mathbf{U}'$

$$\partial_\tau \mathbf{U} + \Lambda_{\mathbf{U}} [\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U} + \nabla P] = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0,$$

## Observation

The rescaled Euler dynamics for  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{X}, \tau; \ell, \mathbf{x}_0)$  is invariant under the change of averaging scale  $\ell \mapsto \ell/\lambda$ .

## Proposition

Under the change  $\ell \mapsto \ell/\lambda$ , the proper variables transform as

$$\tau, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U} \mapsto \tau', \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}'$$

$$\text{for } \mathbf{U}'(\mathbf{X}, \tau') := \frac{\mathbf{U}_\lambda(\mathbf{X}, \tau)}{\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{U}_\lambda(\cdot, \tau)]}, \quad \tau' := \lambda \int_0^\tau \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{U}_\lambda(\cdot, s)] ds$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{U}_\lambda(\mathbf{X}, \tau) := \mathbf{U}\left(\frac{\mathbf{X}}{\lambda}, \tau\right)$$

## Symmetries for original Euler

$t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0$$

	parameters	$t \mapsto$	$\mathbf{x} \mapsto$	$\mathbf{u} \mapsto$
Rotation	$\mathbf{O} \in \text{SO}(3)$	$t$	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{u}$
Time translation	$\Delta t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,	$t + \Delta t$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{u}$
Galilean	$\mathbf{u}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$t$	$\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{u}_0$	$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_0$
Space translation	$\Delta \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$t$	$\mathbf{x} + \Delta \mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{u}$
Scaling	$h, \lambda > 0$	$\lambda^{1-h}t$	$\lambda \mathbf{x}$	$\lambda^h \mathbf{u}$

8 parameters

## Symmetries for rescaled Euler

$\tau, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}$

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**Proposition: Hidden scaling fuses multi-fractal scaling**

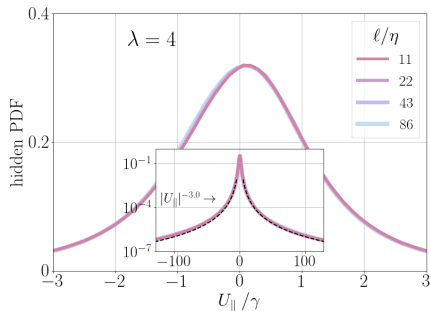
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 \downarrow \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \ell \end{smallmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{smallmatrix} \lambda\mathbf{x}_0 \\ \ell \end{smallmatrix} \\
 \tau, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U} & \xrightarrow{\ell \mapsto \ell/\lambda} & \tau', \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}'
 \end{array}$$

**Implication for turbulence (Conjecture)**

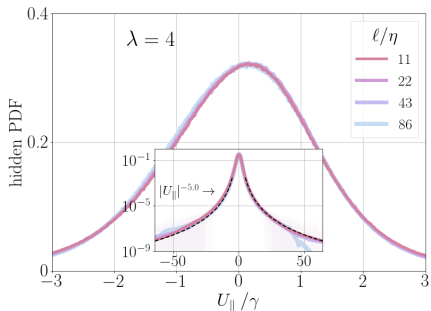
In the inertial range, hidden scaling symmetry may hold although scaling symmetry in the usual sense is broken.

Numerical tests :  $4,096^3$ ,  $L/\eta \sim 450$

$$\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{V}] = |V_{\parallel}(\mathbf{e})|$$

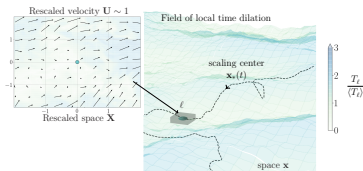


$$\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{V}] = |\langle \|\mathbf{V}\|^2 V_{\parallel} \rangle_S|^{1/3}$$



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## 1. Dynamical rescaling

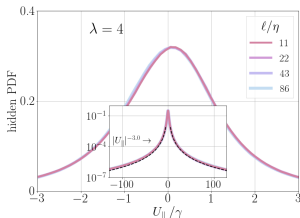


$$\partial_\tau \mathbf{U} + \Lambda_U [\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U} + \nabla P] = 0$$

## 2. Fusing old into hidden symmetries

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} & \longrightarrow & \lambda^{1-h} t, \lambda \mathbf{x}, \lambda^h \mathbf{u} \\
 \downarrow \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \ell \end{array} & & \downarrow \begin{array}{c} \lambda \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \ell \end{array} \\
 \tau, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U} & \xrightarrow{\ell \mapsto \ell/\lambda} & \tau', \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}'
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## 3. Statistical hidden scaling symmetry



**Extended story:**

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