

Class 2-B: Singularities

I am an old man now, and when I die and go to heaven there are two matters on which I hope for enlightenment. One is quantum electrodynamics, and the other is the turbulent motion of fluids. And about the former I am rather optimistic.

Sir Horace
Lamb

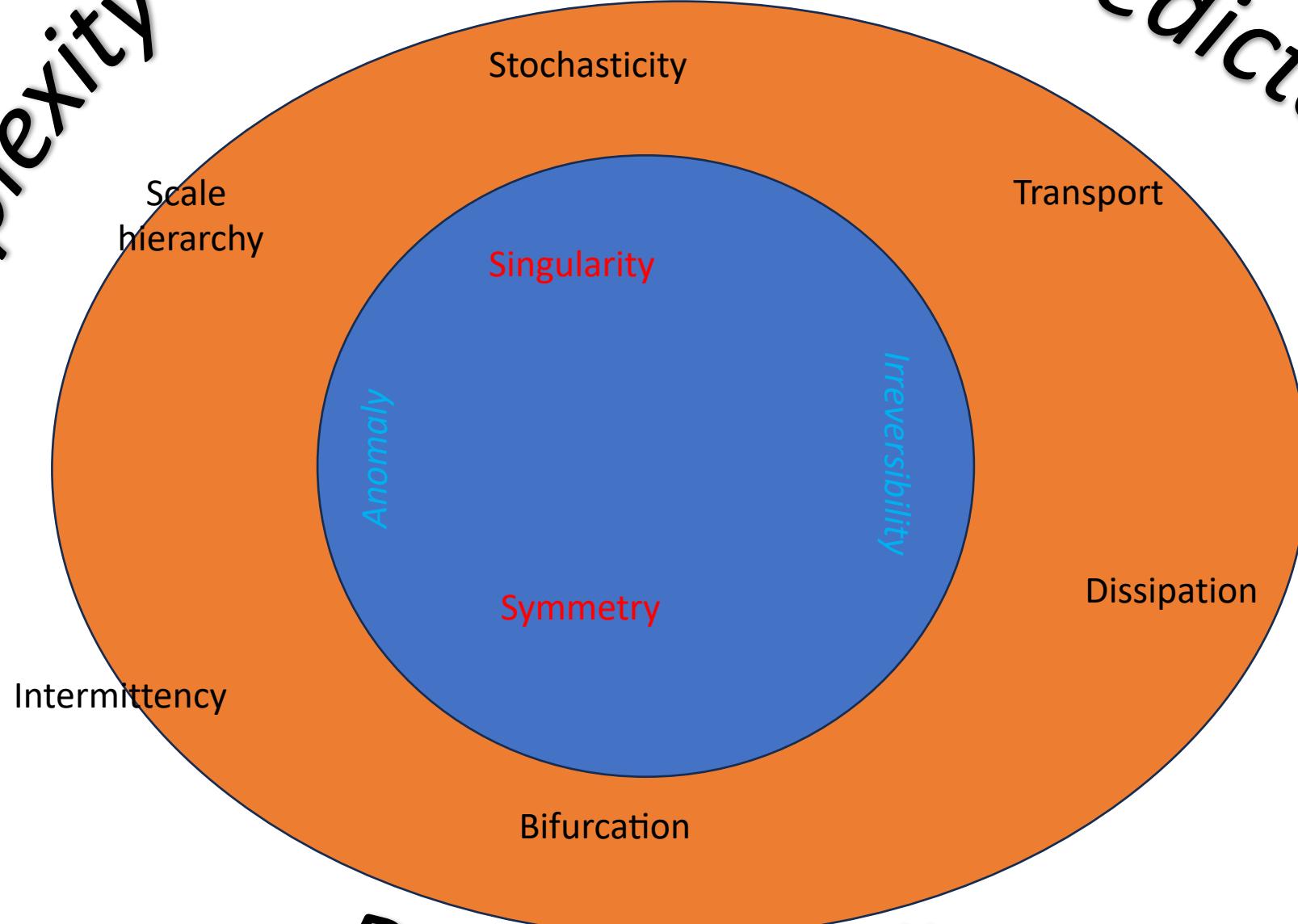
Physics of Turbulence



Complexity

Predictability

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Sous chapter de intermittency (ou de dissipation?)

Parler de dissipative vs non dissipatives singularites)

Parler de leur recherche

-en log lattices(?)

-en experience

Parler de disparition de intermittence avec enlevement des DR

Some Mathematical aspects of Navier-Stokes equations

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \bullet \vec{u} &= 0 \\ \partial_t \vec{u} + (\vec{u} \bullet \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} p + \nu \Delta \vec{u}\end{aligned}$$

Symmetries

Time-translation

$$t \rightarrow t + h$$

Space translation

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{h}$$

Space-reversal

$$(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) \rightarrow (-\vec{x}, -\vec{u})$$

Galilean invariance

$$(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) \rightarrow (\vec{x} + \vec{U}t, \vec{u} + \vec{U})$$

Scaling

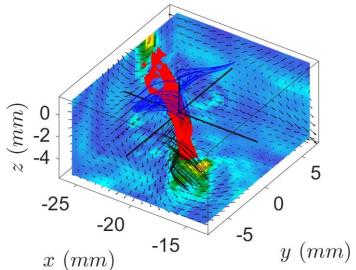
$$(t, \vec{x}, \vec{u}) \rightarrow (\lambda^2 t, \lambda \vec{x}, \lambda^{-1} \vec{u}) \quad \nu \neq 0$$

Model of singularity: homogeneous solution of NS of degree -1

Recaling Symmetry for $h=-1$ $(t, x, u) \rightarrow (\gamma^2 t, \gamma x, \gamma^{-1}u)$ ($\nu \neq 0$)

$$u(\gamma^2 t, \gamma x) = \gamma^{-1}u(t, x) \quad \text{homogeneous solutions of NS of degree -1}$$

Axisymmetric case: Landau in 1944 and further discussed by Batchelor



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} &= 0, \\ (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{U} &= \nu^2 \delta(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{F},\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

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Flow of a uniform incompressible viscous fluid

[4.6]

symmetry about an axis, leaving r and θ (the angle subtended by the radius vector and the axis of symmetry) as the only independent variables, and proceed to impose more restrictions so that the dependence on either r or θ is made evident. The flow field to be discussed in this section may be obtained by postulating that the fluid velocity varies as r^{-1} , the dependence on θ then being given by an ordinary differential equation. This kind of procedure is indirect, in that we do not know what kind of flow field we have, or whether it is physically significant, until the mathematical solution has been interpreted, but it can be quite purposeful in experienced hands.

Model of singularity: homogeneous solution of NS of degree -1

Stationary solutions of NSE with a force at the origin

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General form

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \gamma) = \|\mathbf{x}\| - \gamma \cdot \mathbf{x}, \quad \gamma < 1$$

$$\mathbf{U} = -2\nabla(\ln \phi) + 2\mathbf{x}\Delta \ln(\phi),$$

and

$$\mathbf{F} = F(|\gamma|) \frac{\gamma}{\|\gamma\|},$$

$$F(\gamma) = 4\pi \left[\frac{4}{\gamma} - \frac{2}{\gamma^2} \ln \left(\frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} \right) + \frac{16}{3} \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma^2} \right].$$

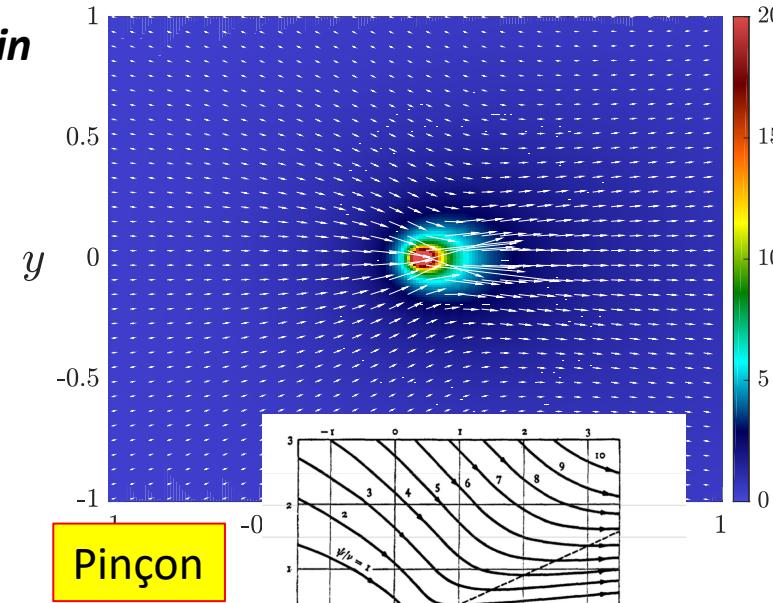
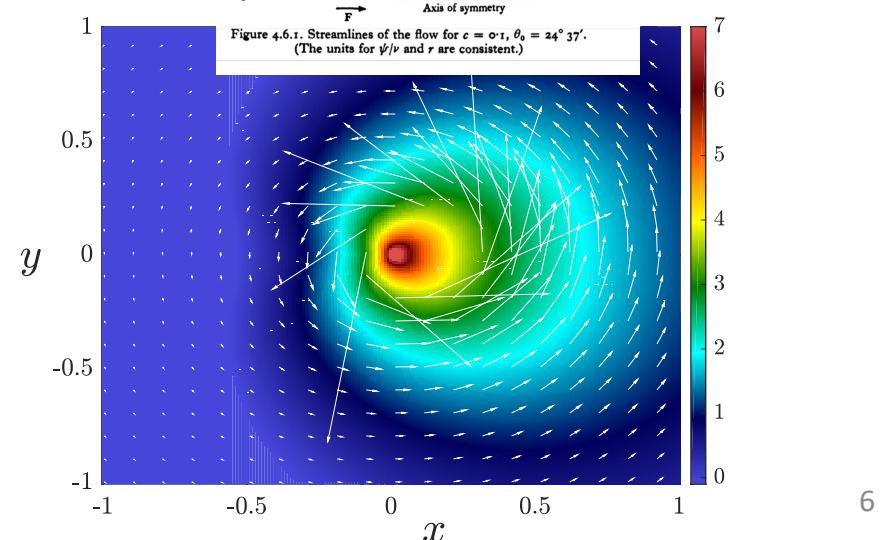


Figure 4.6.1. Streamlines of the flow for $c = 0.1$, $\theta_0 = 24^\circ 37'$.
(The units for ψ/ν and r are consistent.)



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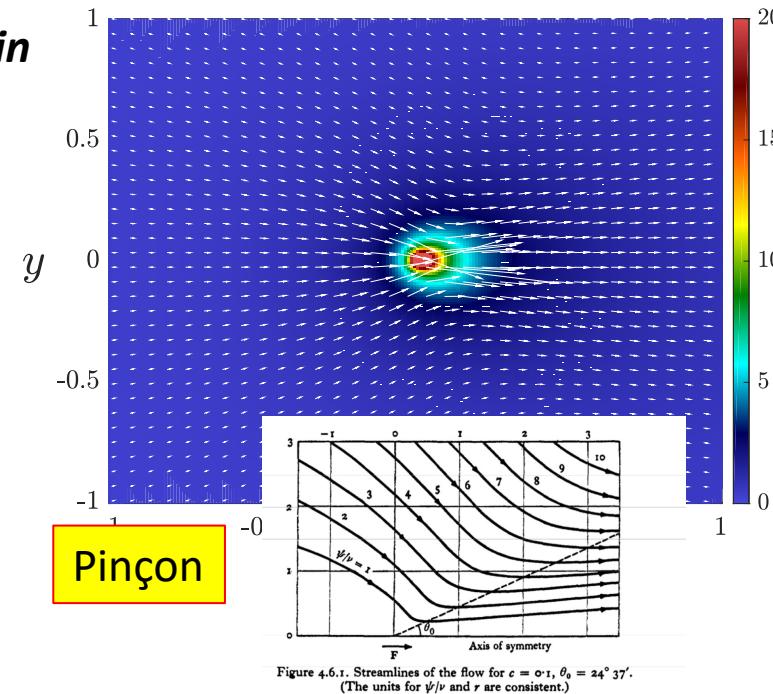
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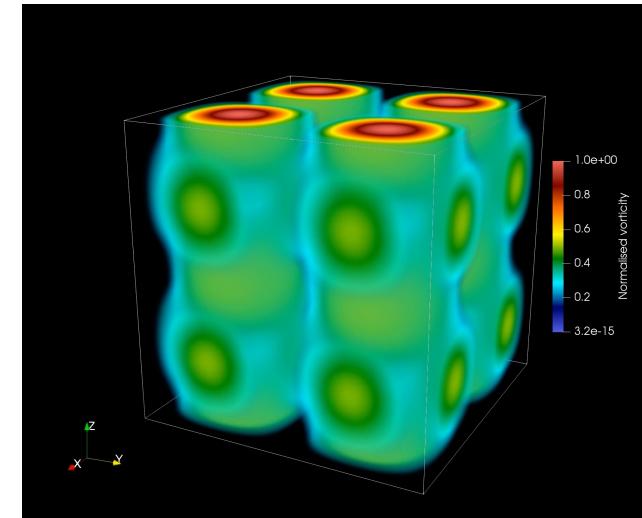
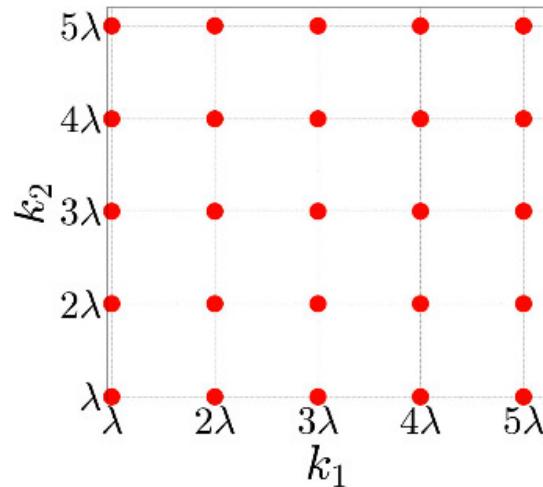
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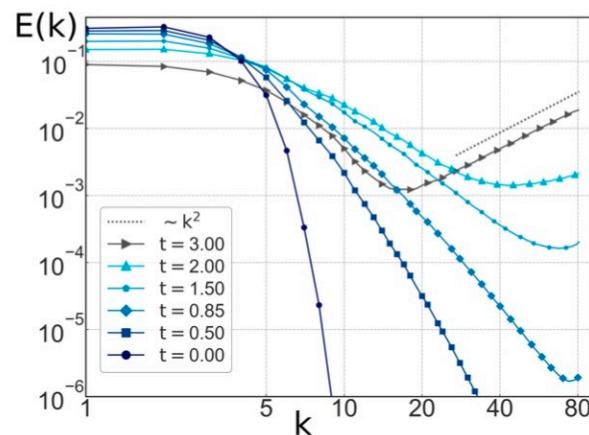
Blow-up via DNS?

$$\partial_t \hat{u}_i + I k_j \hat{u}_j * \hat{u}_i = -I k_i \hat{P}$$

Fourier grid



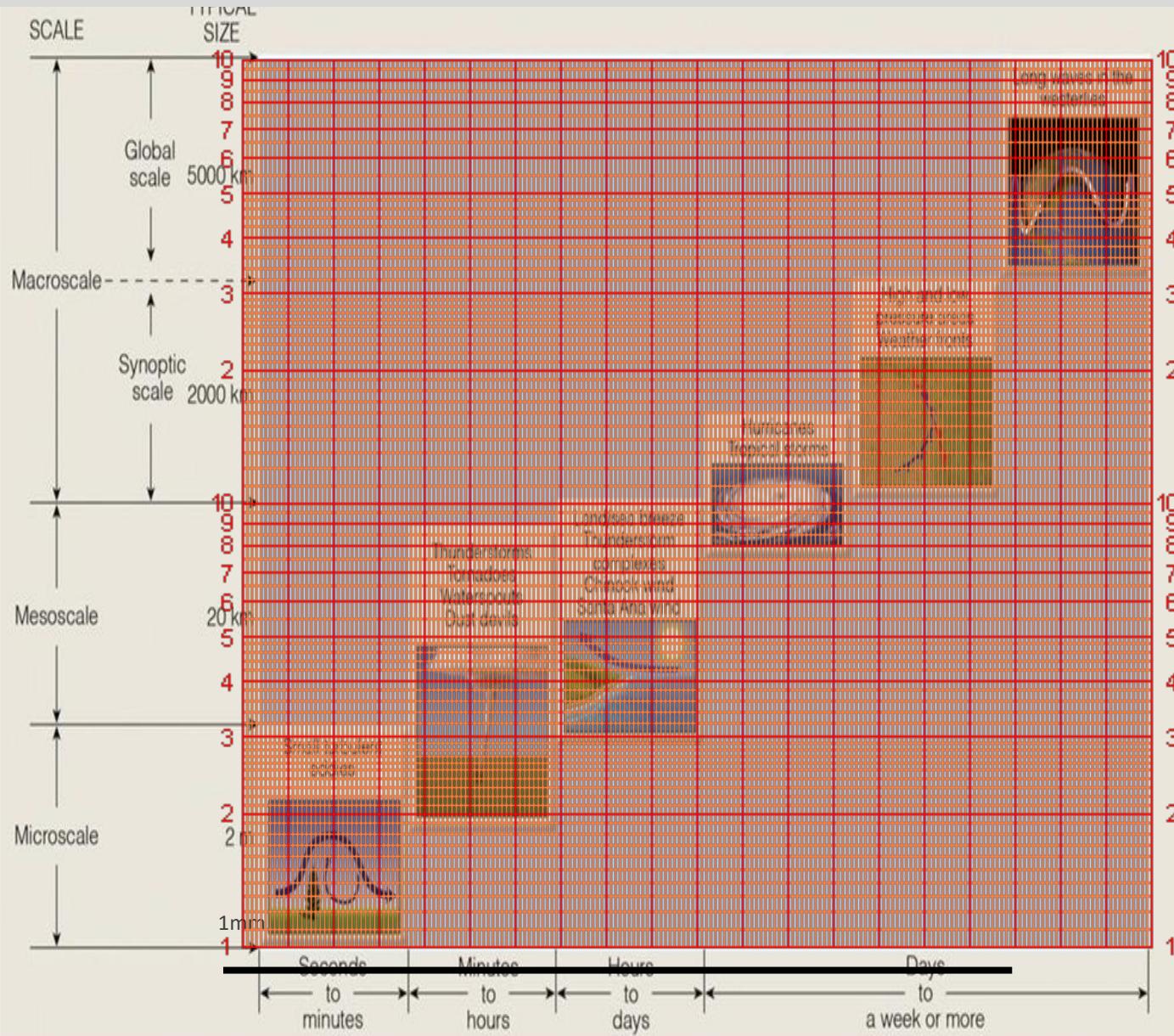
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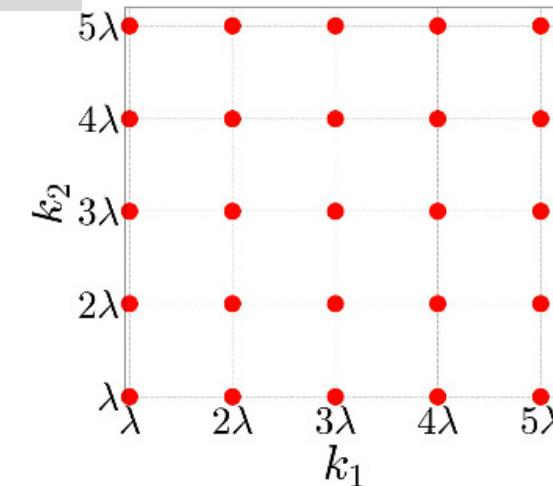
Conclusion:
We cannot follow a blow-up by DNS

Fluids on log lattices

From regular Fourier projection



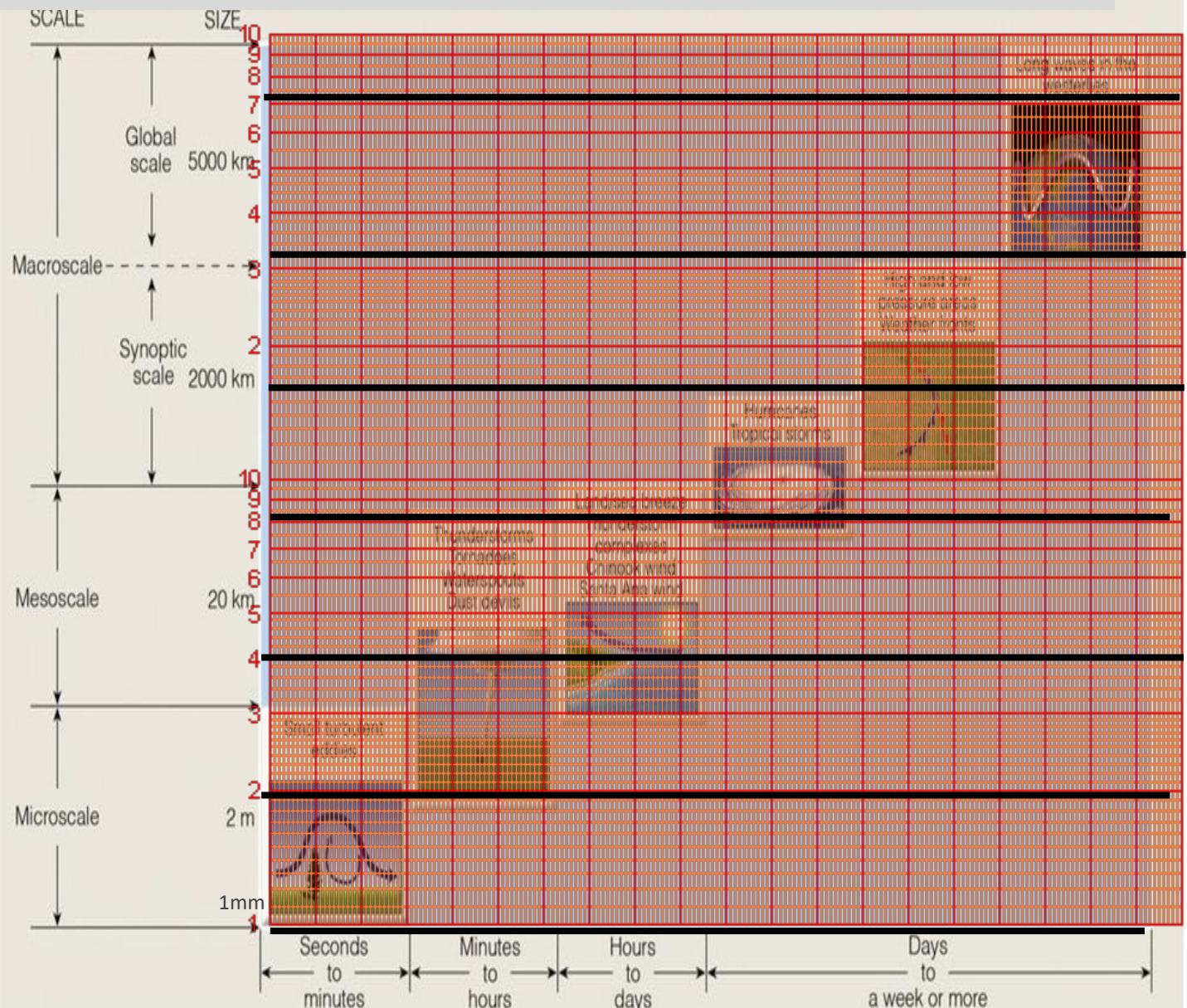
Fourier



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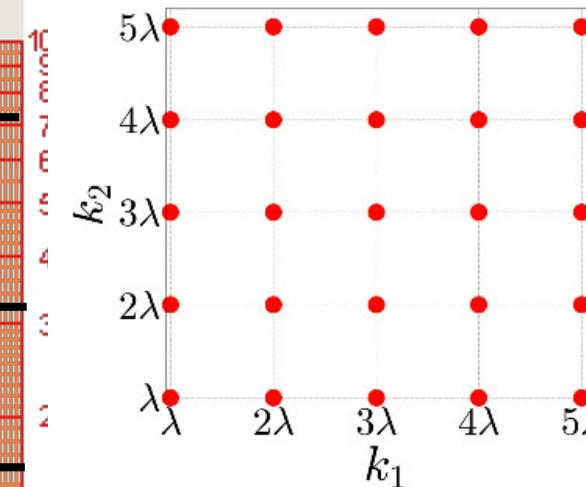
N³ modes

To Fourier log-decimation



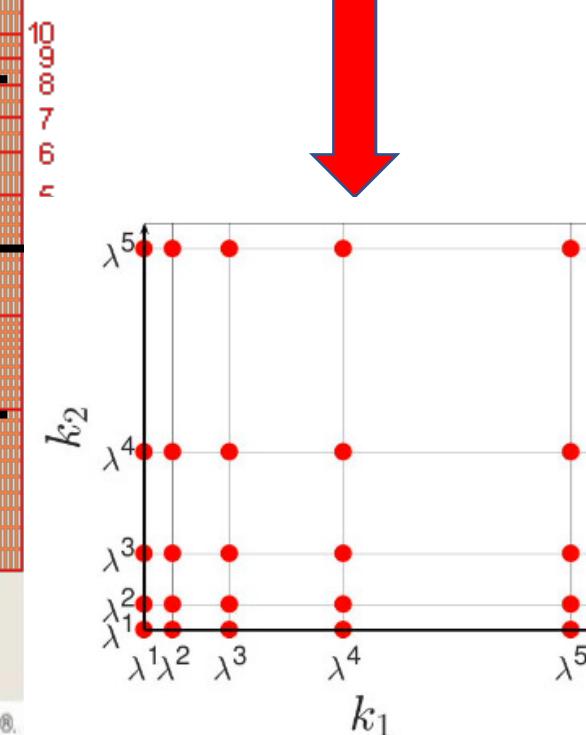
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N^3 modes



$(\text{Log}(N))^3$ modes

$6250 = 17^3$

Campolina&Mailybaev, 2018

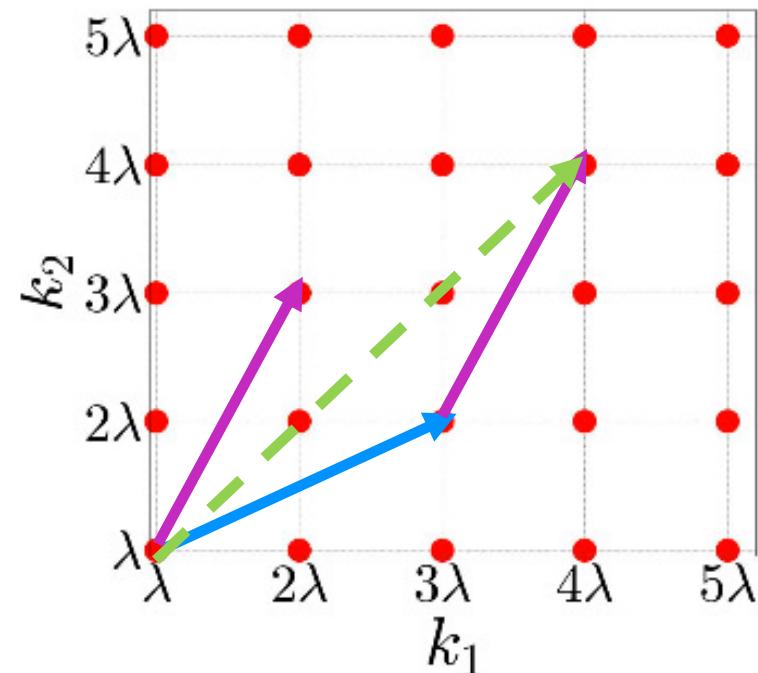
Avoiding aliasing

$$(f * g)(k) = \sum_{p,q \in \mathbb{A}} c_{kpq} f(p)g(q)$$

p+q=k triads

$$\partial_t \hat{u}_i = P_{ij} \left(-ik_q \hat{u}_q * \hat{u}_j + \hat{f}_j \right) - \nu_r k^2 \hat{u}_i,$$

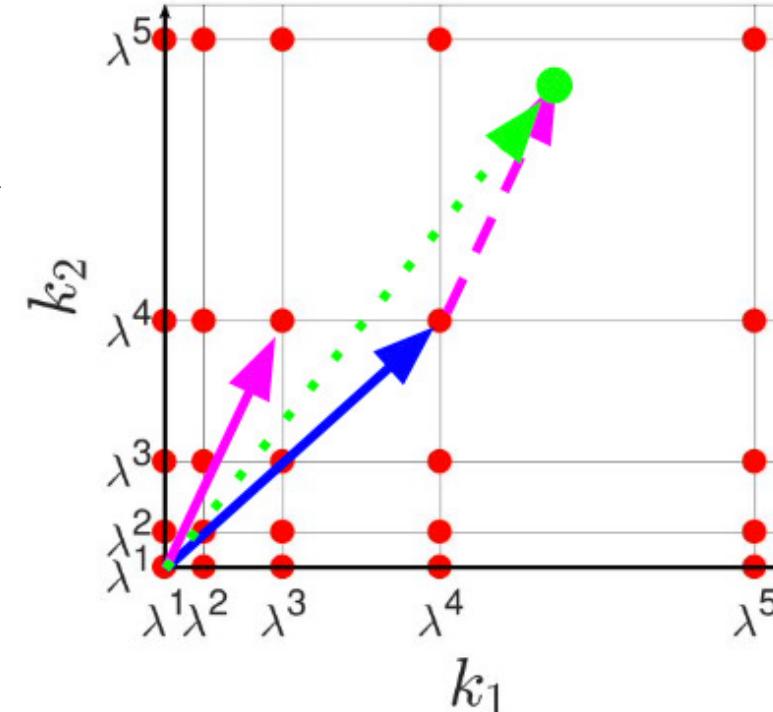
Fourier grid



$$m = n + q, (m,n,q) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$



Log grid



$$\lambda^m = \lambda^n + \lambda^q, (m,n,q) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

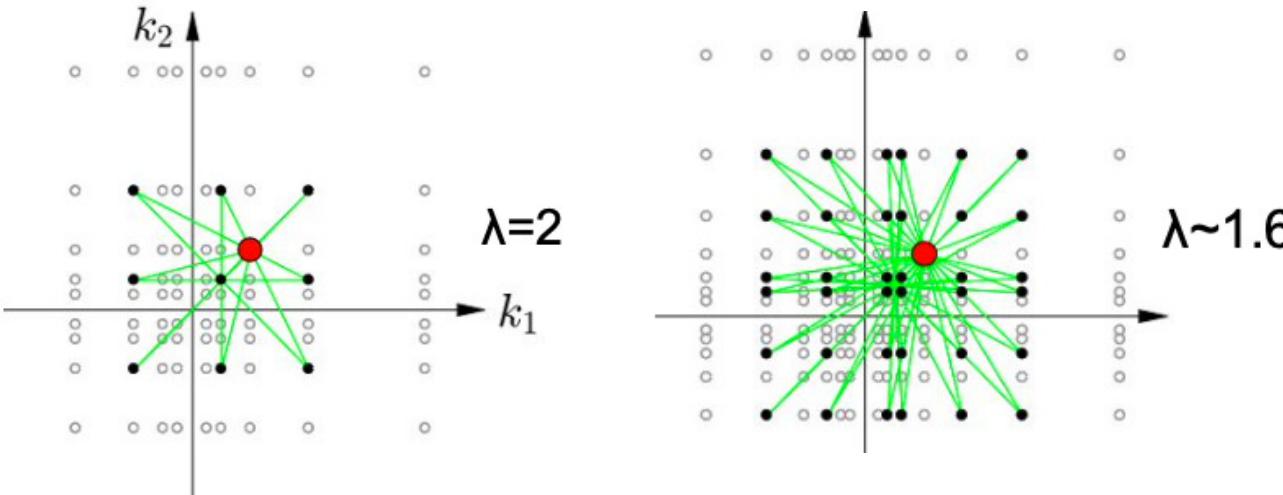
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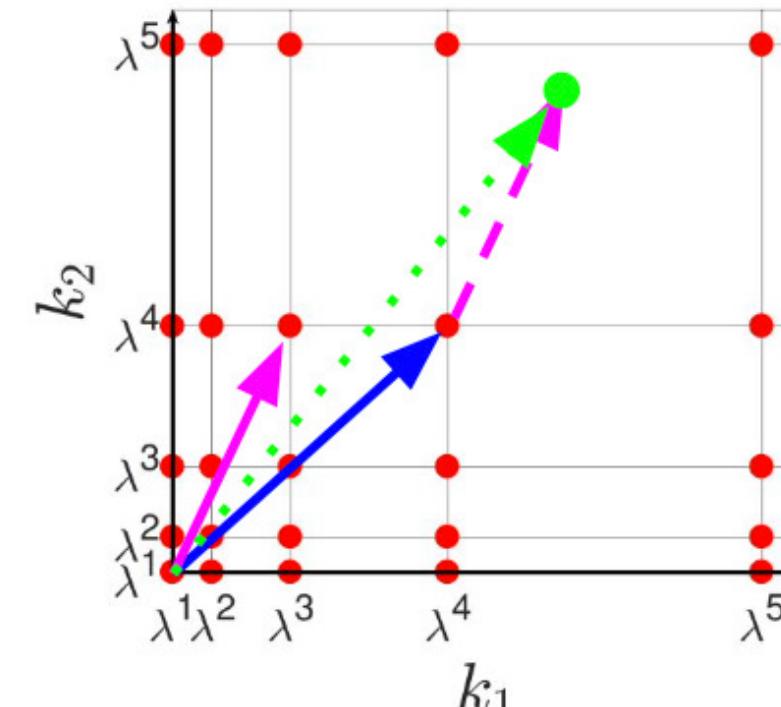
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Log grid



$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 2 \quad (z = 3^D). \\ \lambda &= \sigma \approx 1.325 \quad (z = 12^D) \\ \lambda &= \Phi \approx 1.618 \quad (z = 6^D) \\ 1 &= \lambda^b - \lambda^a, 0 < a < b \end{aligned}$$



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To Fourier log-decimation

The projection on log-lattices is a true projection provided

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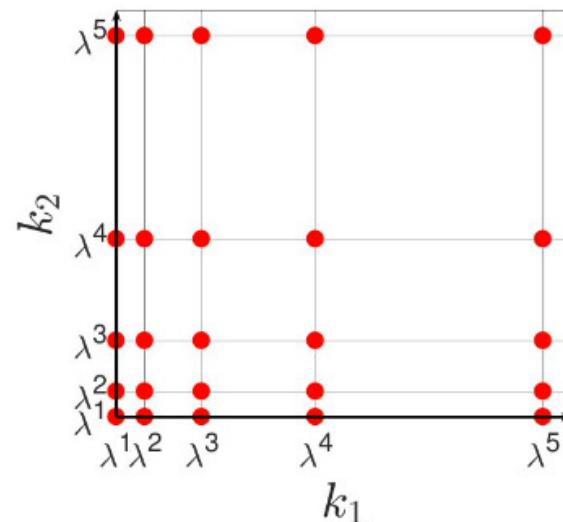
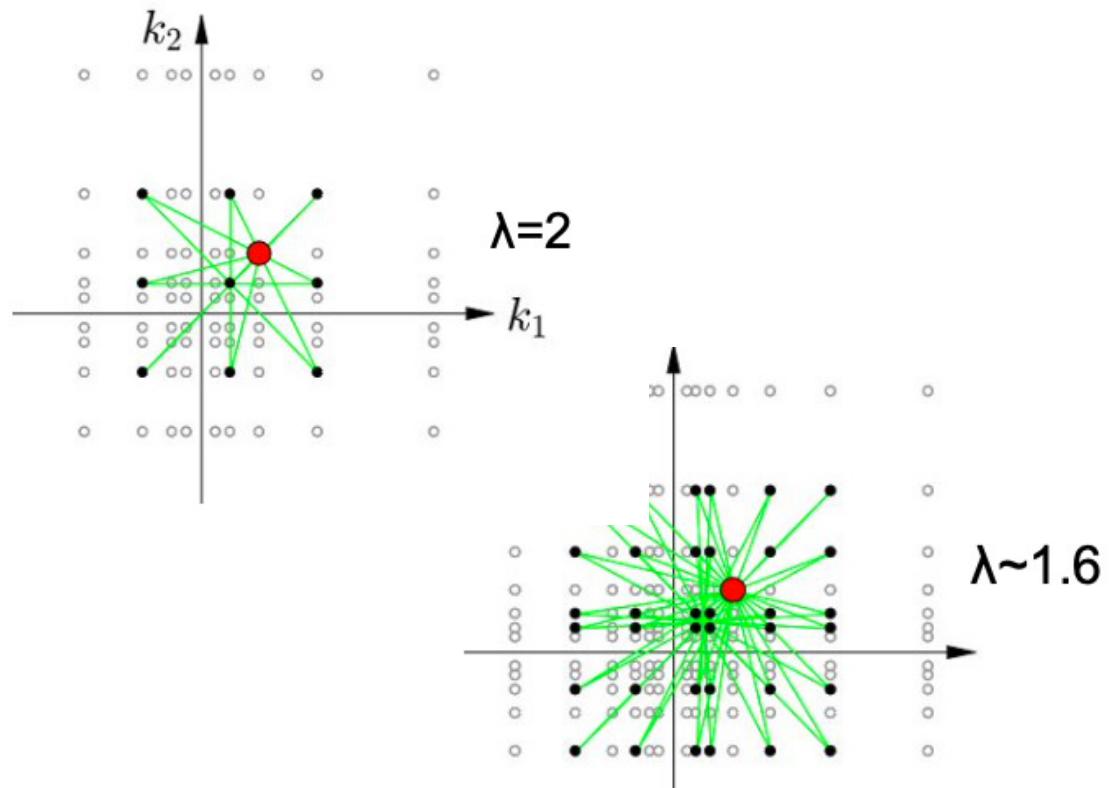
The resulting fluid on log-lattices inherit all the symmetry and conservation laws of fluids

Kelvin theorem

Energy and Helicity in 3D

Energy and Enstrophy in 2D

Benefit: No adjustable parameter



($\text{Log}(N)$)³ modes

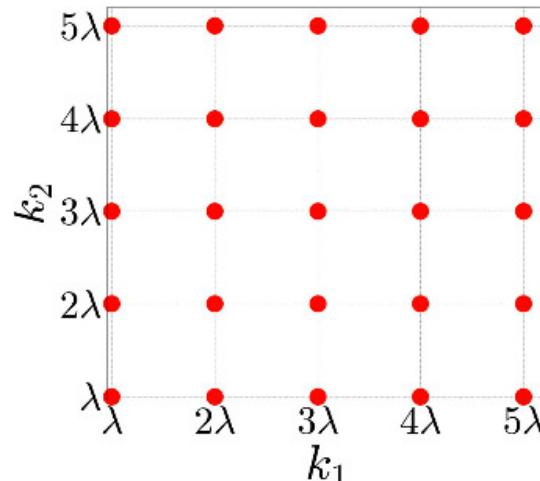
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Singularities in fluid on log lattices

from DNS to log-lattices

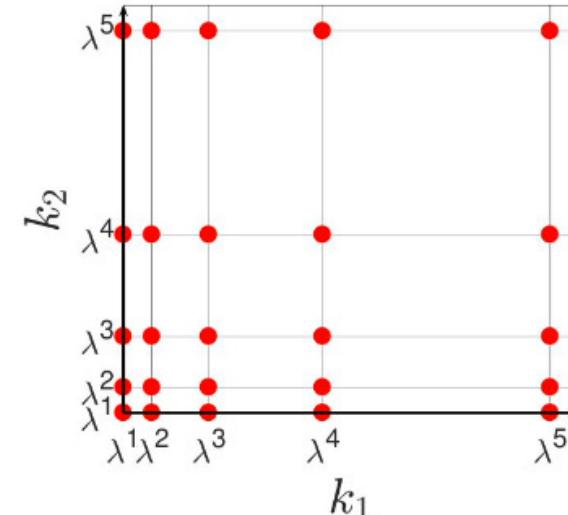
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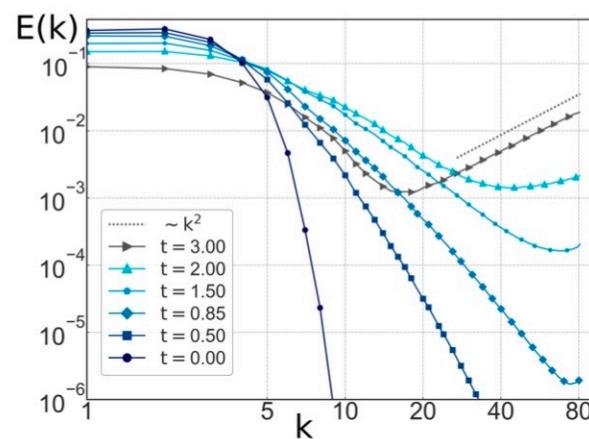
N^3 modes

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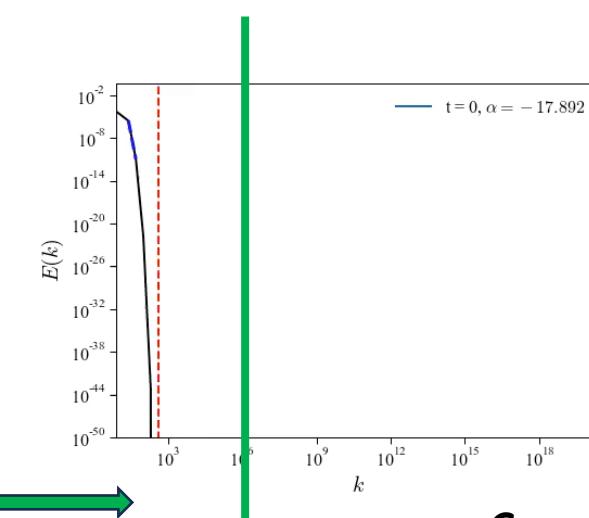


$(\text{Log}(N))^3$ modes

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Max of existing DNS

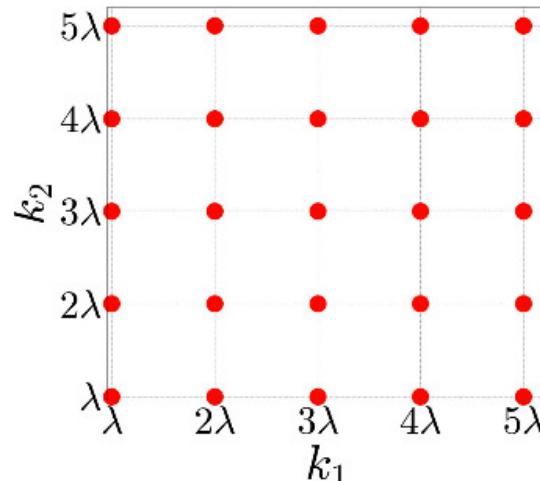


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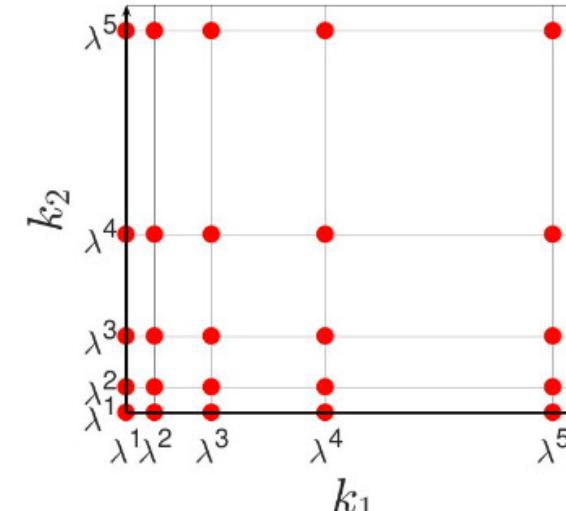
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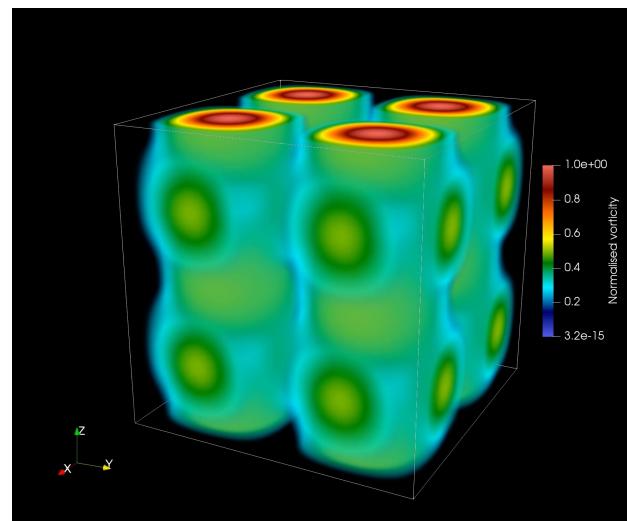
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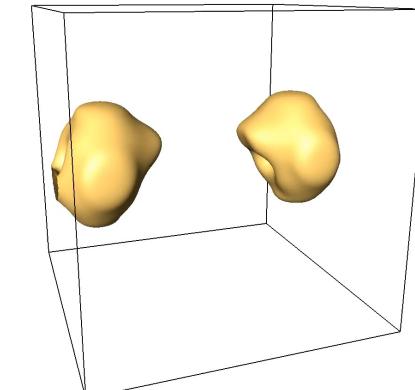
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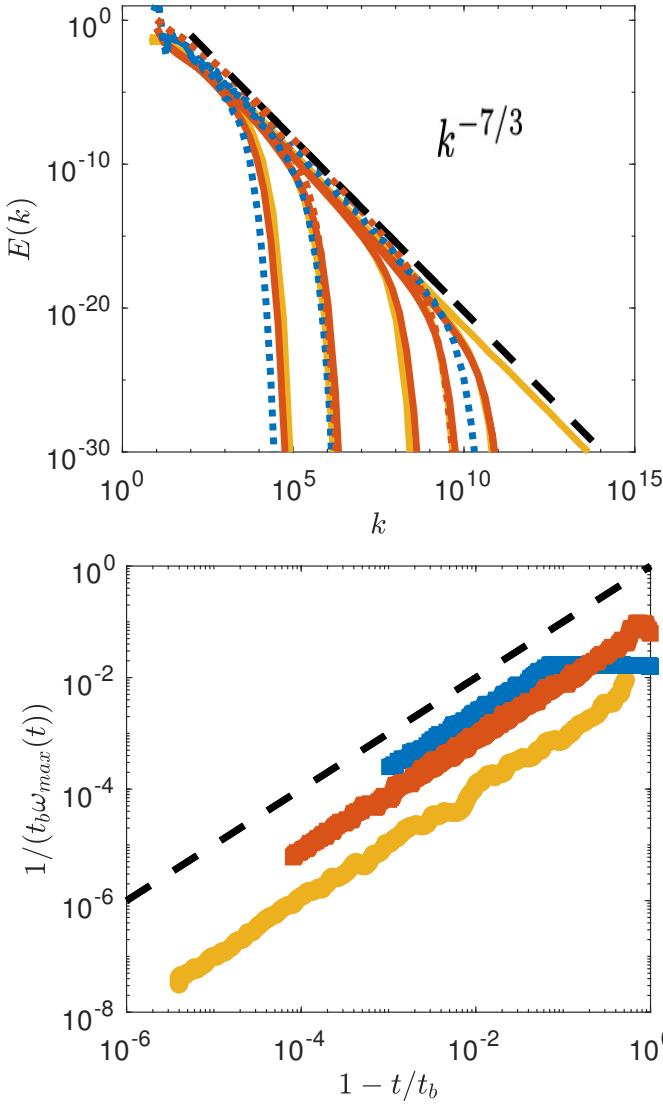
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Vortex reconnection - Euler



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Blow-up in Euler 3D on log-lattice (adaptative grid)



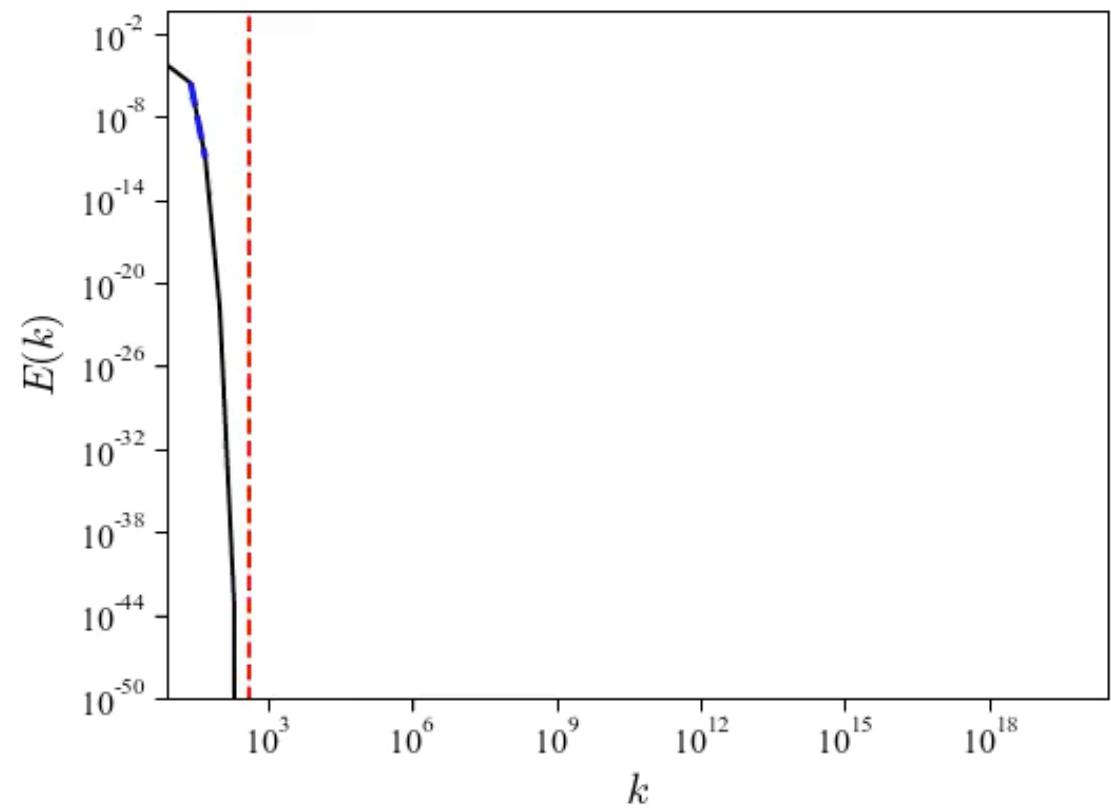
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No viscosity: Energy is conserved

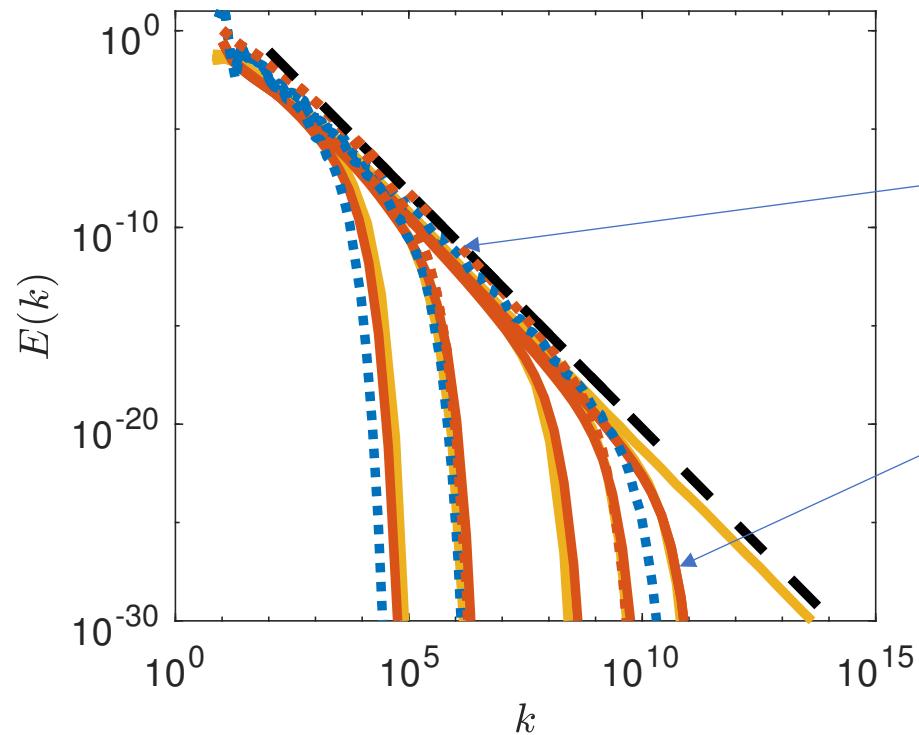
- $\lambda=2$
- $\lambda=1.6$
- $\lambda=1.3$

Formation of a
Finite-time singularity

$$\omega \sim \frac{1}{t_b - t}$$

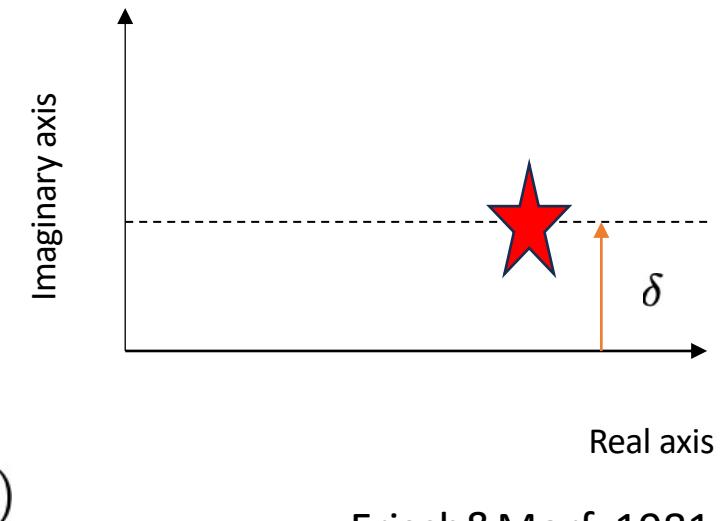


Singularities in complex plane

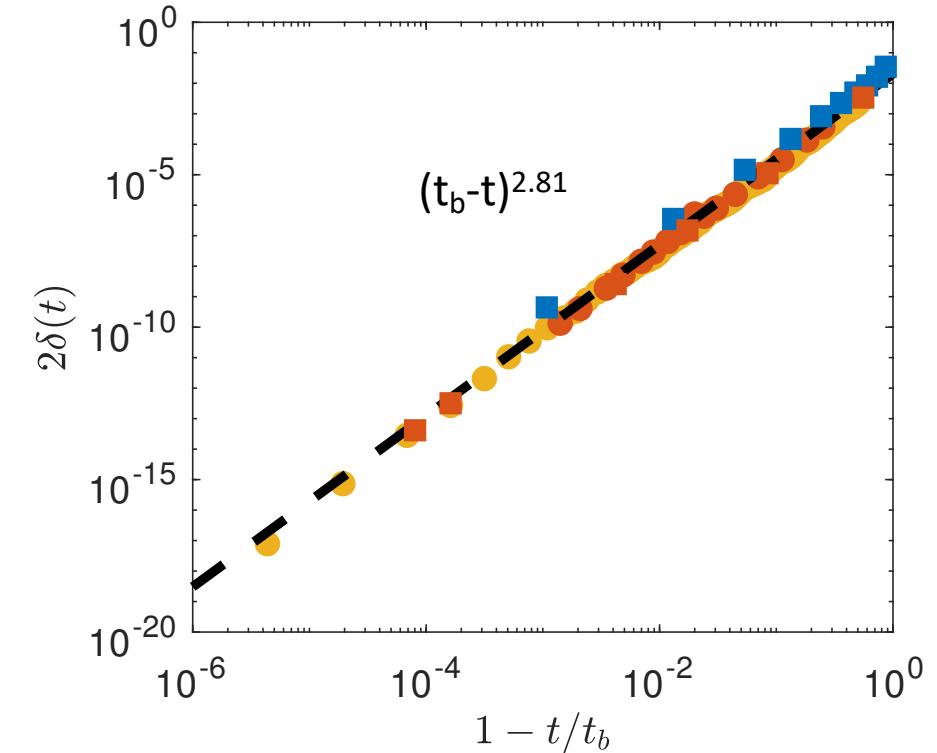


Computed using the singularity strip method

$$u(z) = (z - z_* - I\delta)^\alpha$$
$$\alpha < 1$$



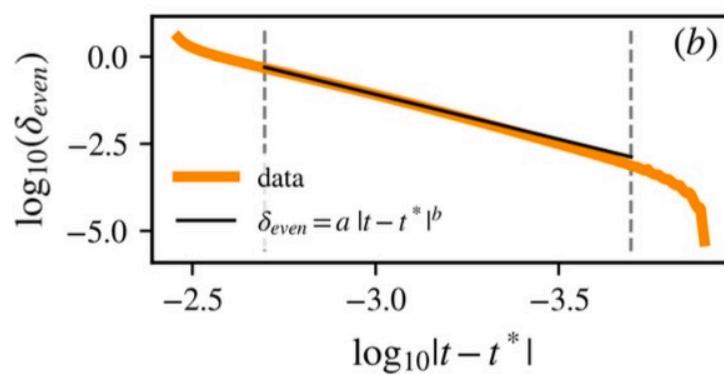
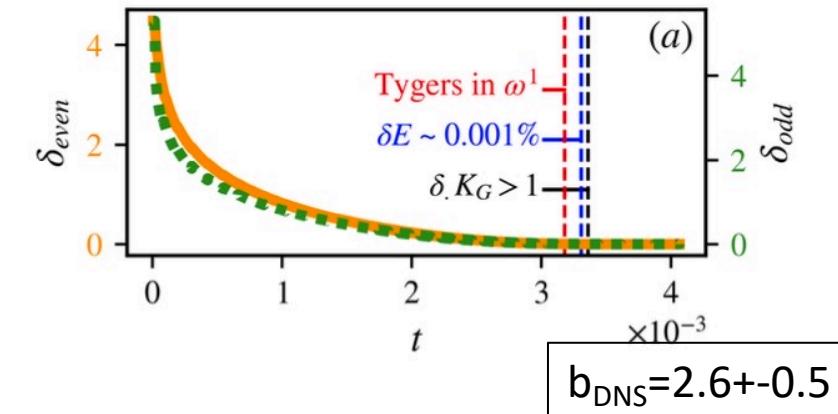
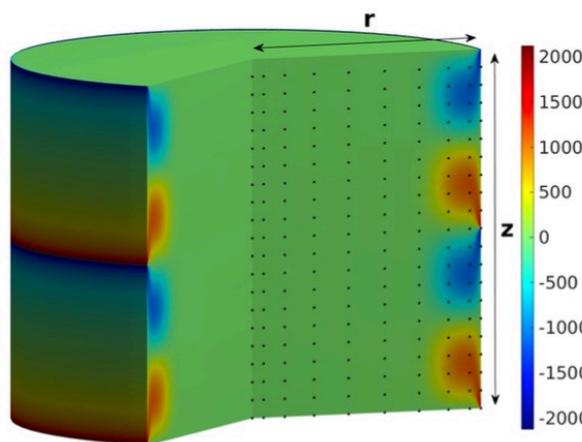
Frisch&Morf, 1981



Case of axisymmetric Euler

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u = -\nabla p$$

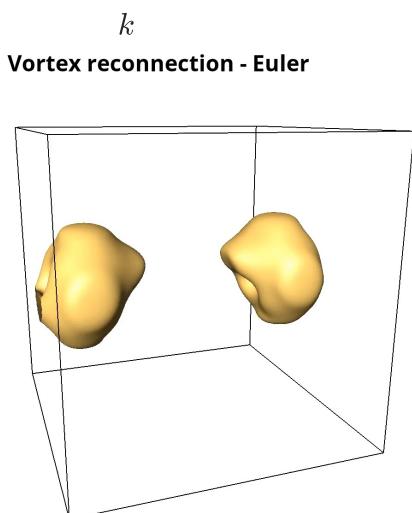
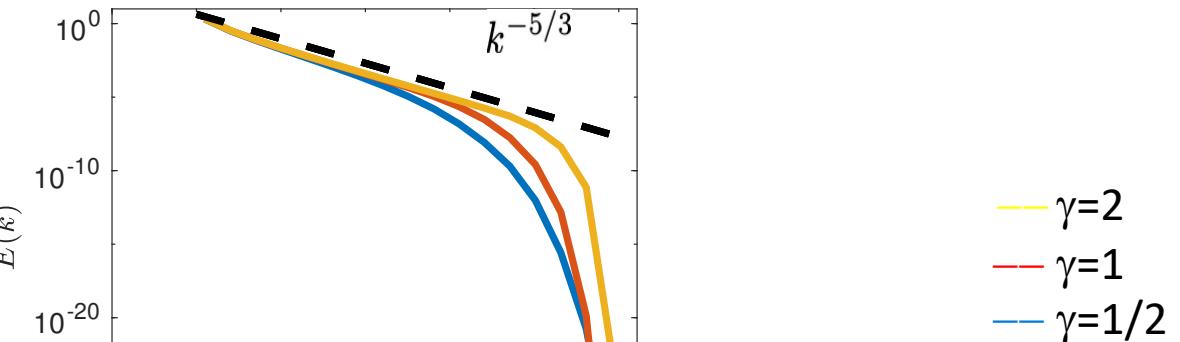
Numerical solution



Influence of viscosity: $\gamma > 1/3$

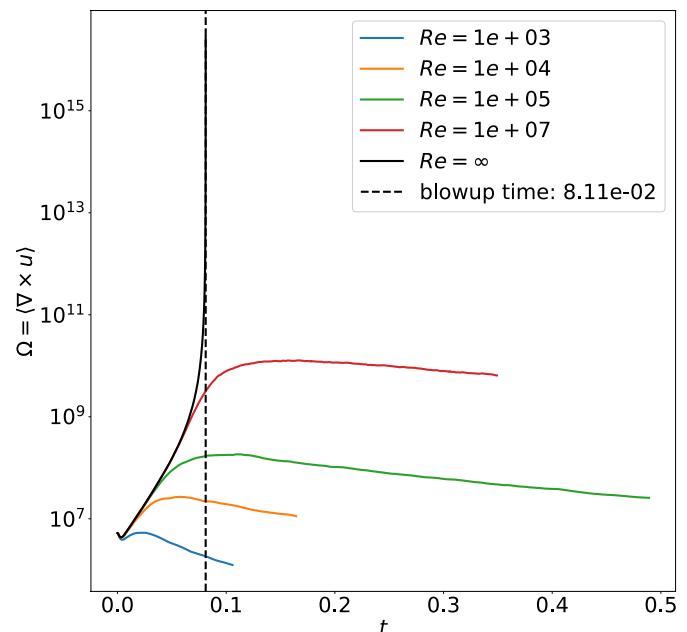
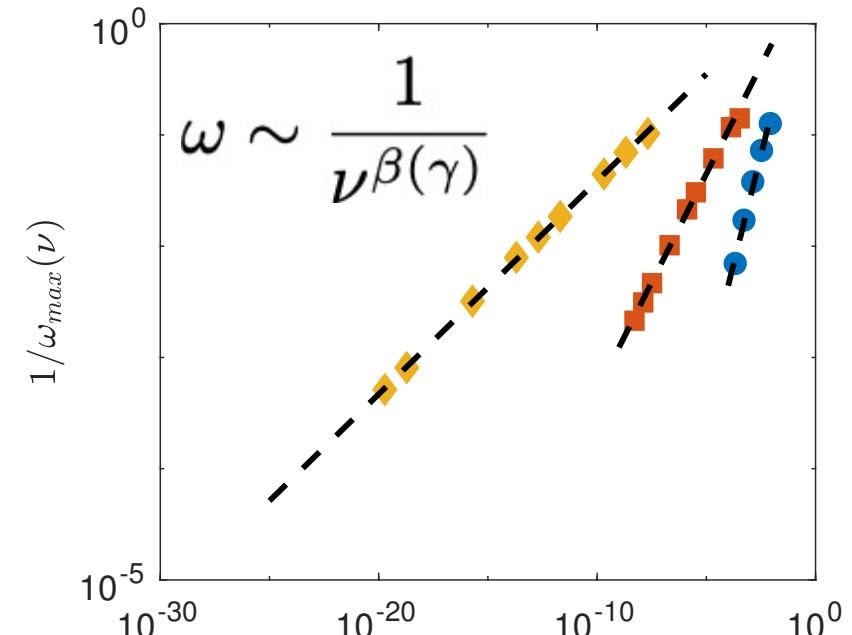
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No Blow-up in finite time
Possible singularities when $\nu \rightarrow 0$

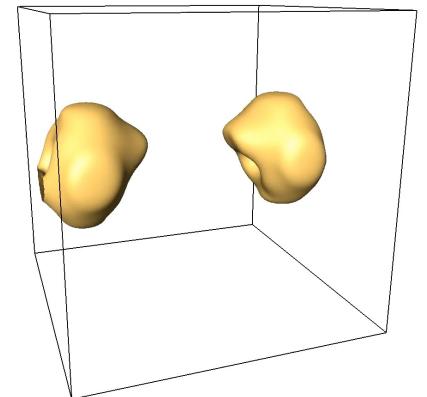
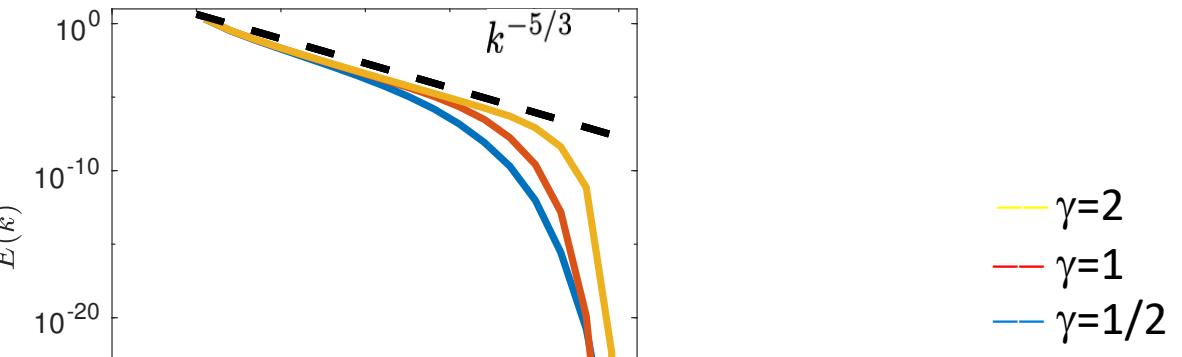
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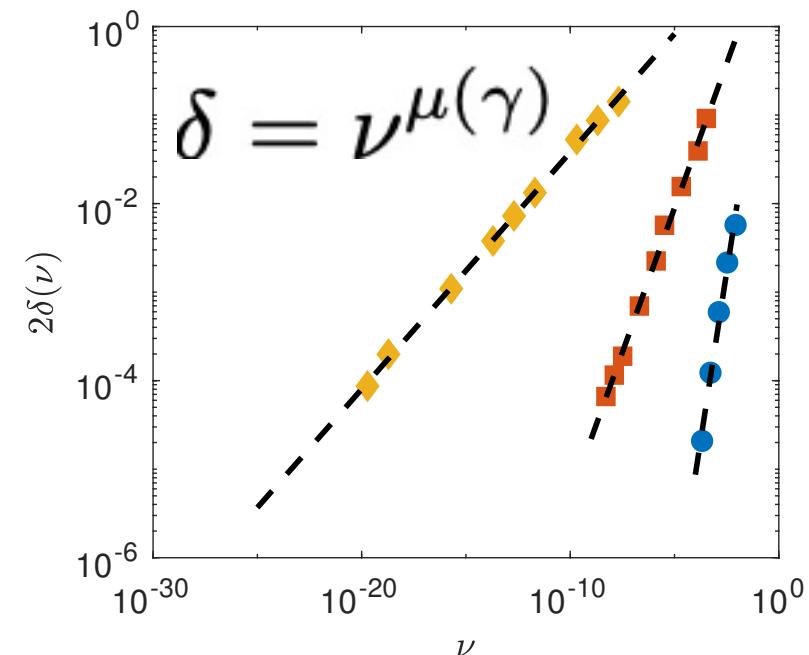
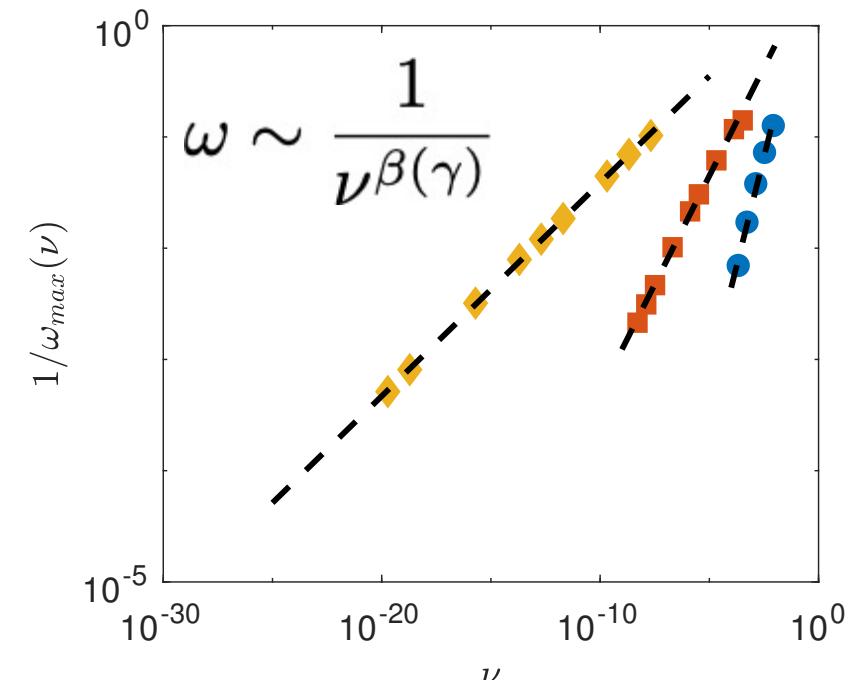
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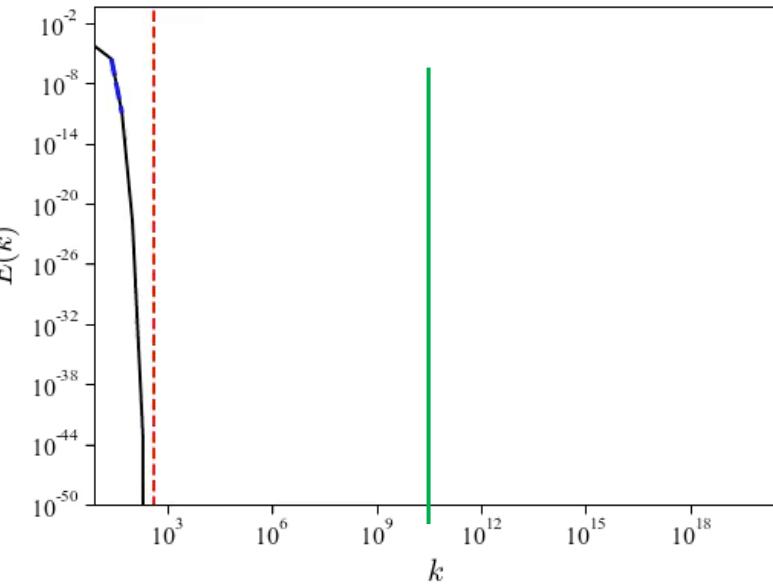
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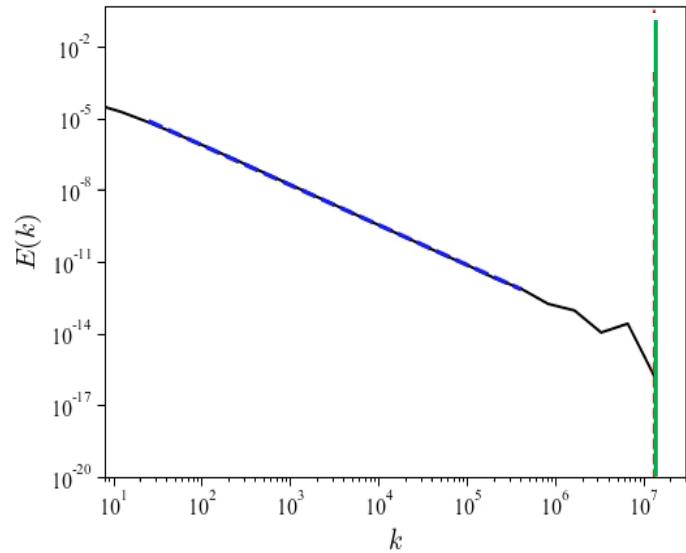


After the blow-up: convergency to another solution (dissipative)

Before blow-ip



After blow-up

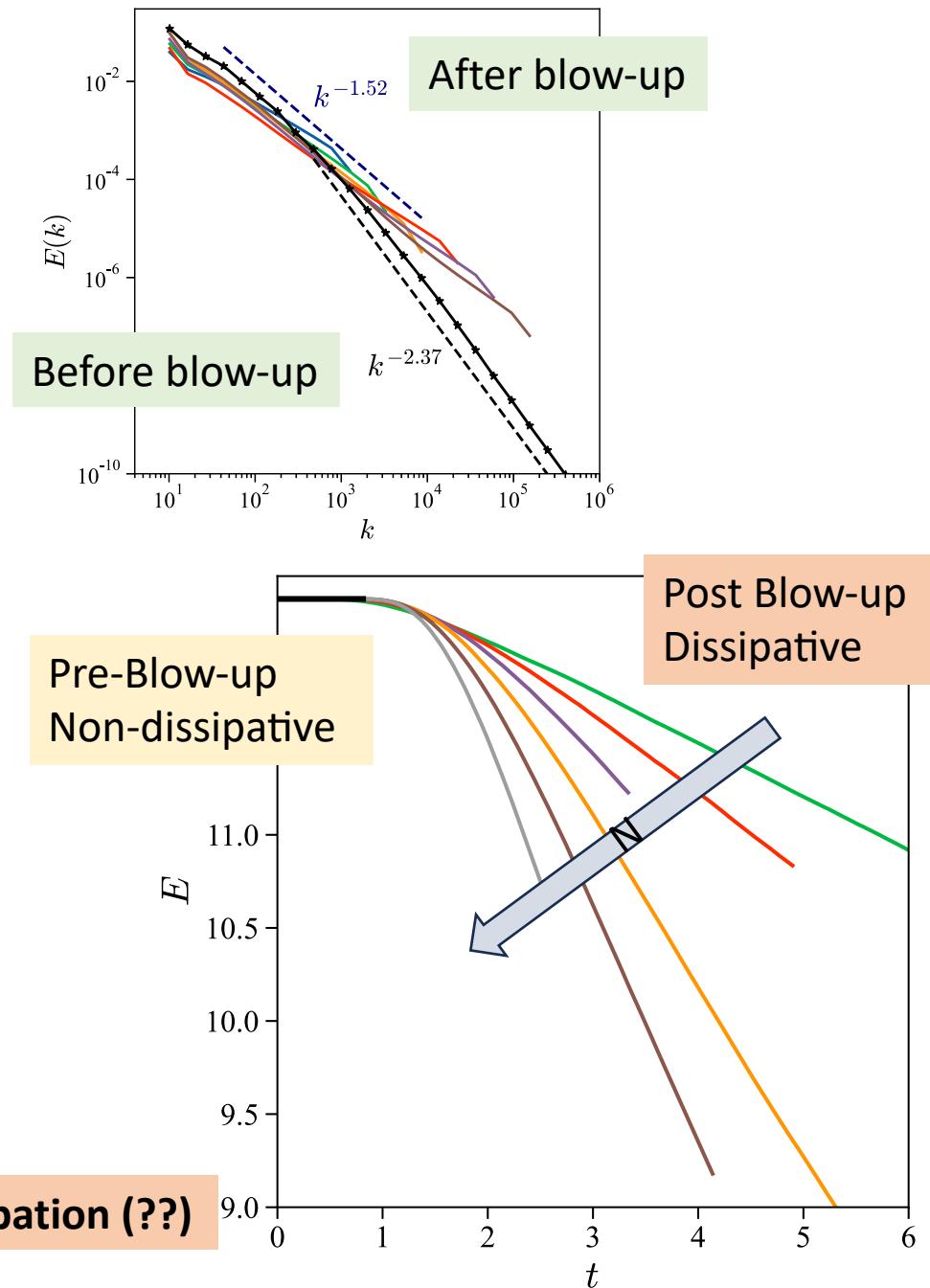


Regularization: : impose a boundary in scale space and add a noise of decreasing intensity

We fix the maximal wavenumber $k = \lambda^N$

$$dW = U(\lambda^N) d\eta; \quad \langle d\eta^2 \rangle = 1; \quad \langle d\eta = 0 \rangle$$

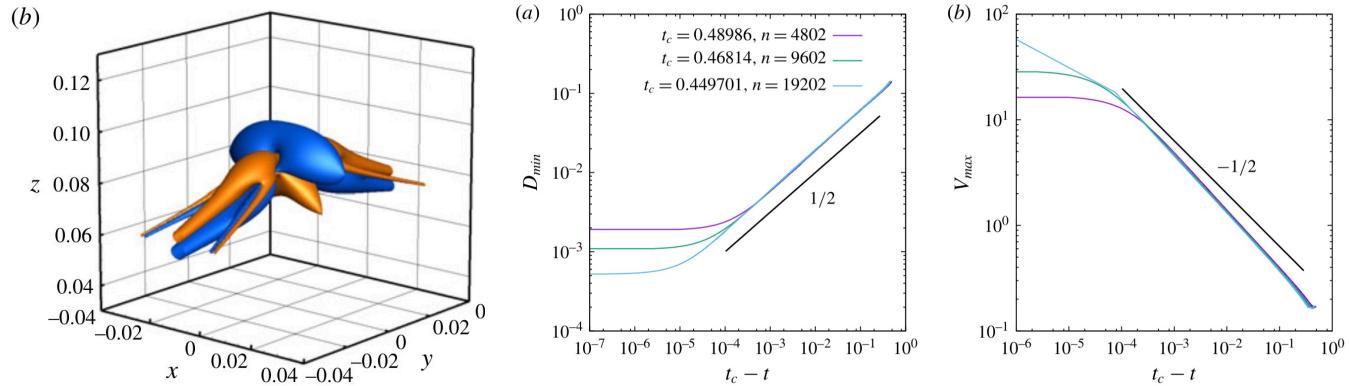
We look at limit $N \rightarrow \infty$



Singularity induces dissipation (??)

Mecanisms of singularity?

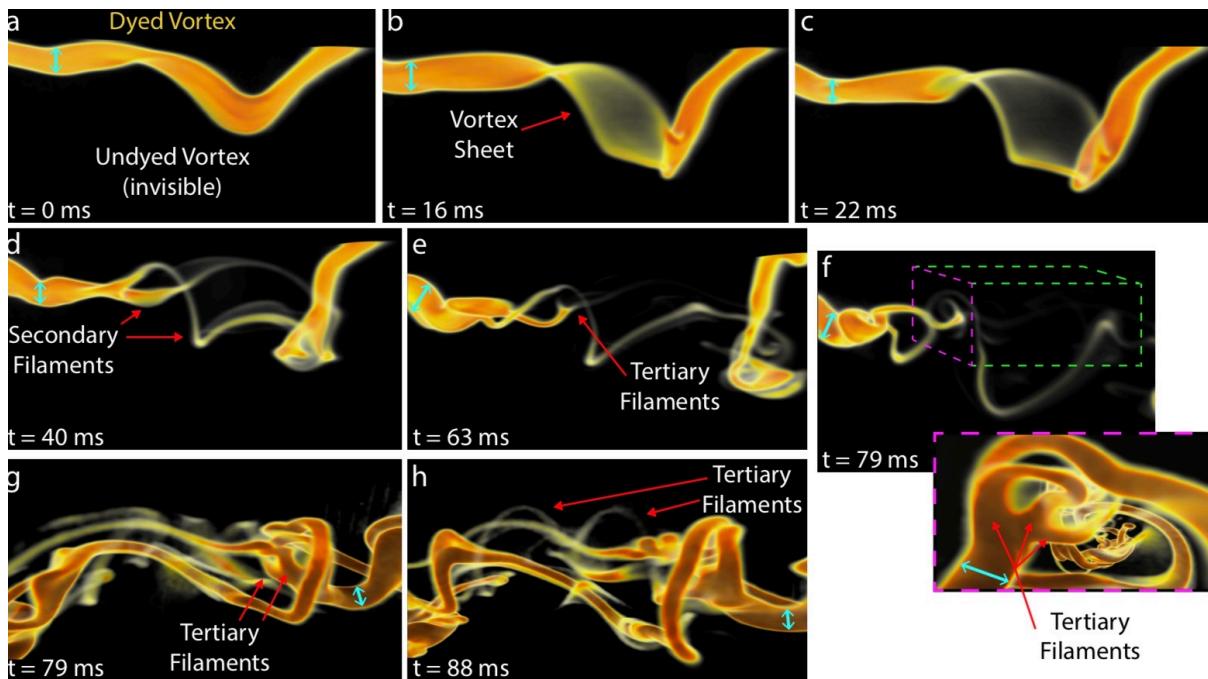
Reconnection and Blow-up



Biot-Savart self-similar evolution
Blow-up?

Kimura&Moffatt JFM (2017), (2020)

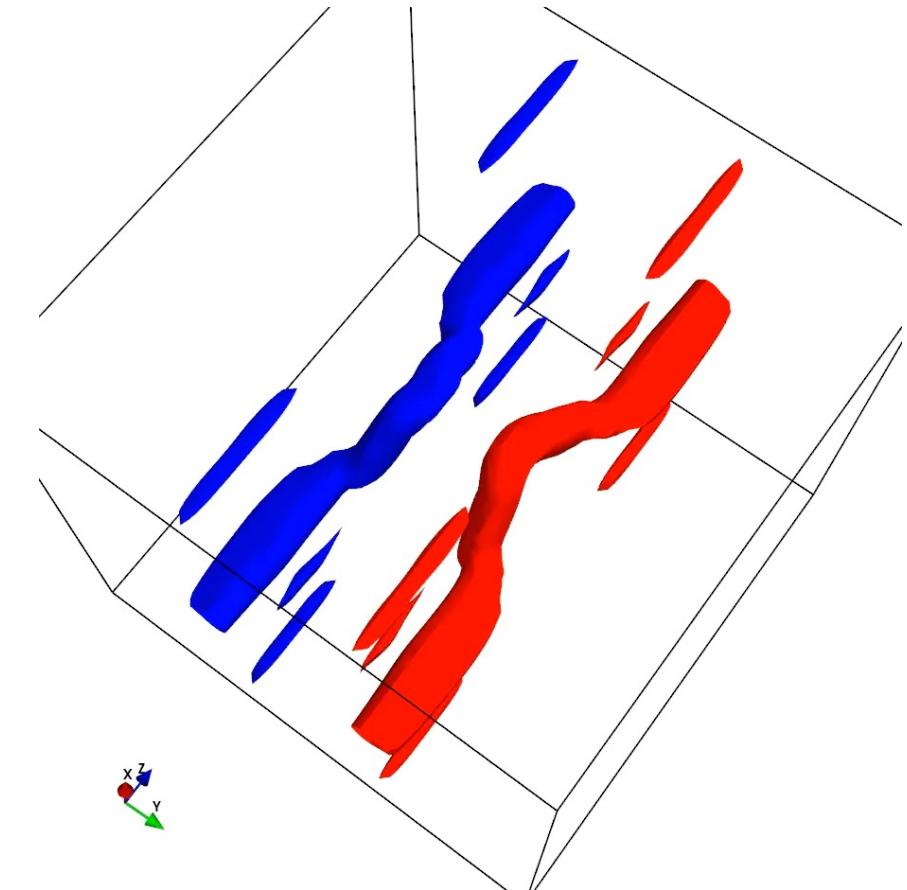
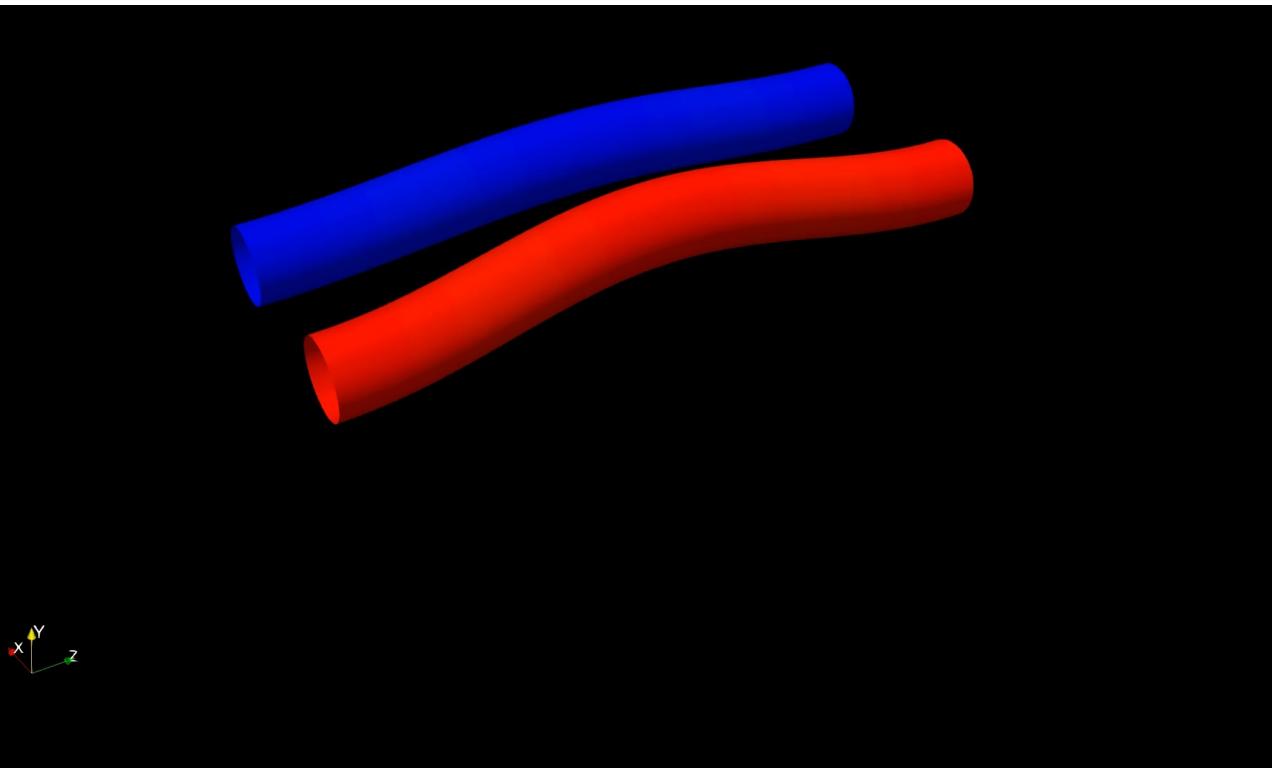
Interaction of vorticity structure:rings



Lim&Nickels, Nature (1992); ,Mc Keown et al Science Advances (2020)

Interaction of vorticity structures: filaments

DNS



Log-Lattice

Harikrishnan et al JFM (2025)