



Workshop on Petascale Computing:  
Its Impact on Geophysical Modeling and Simulation  
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**DNS of Turbulence**  
**under Simple Geometrical Conditions**  
**– Universality in Small Scale Statistics –**

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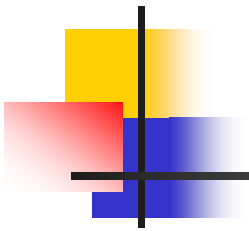
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# Outline of Talk

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**I) Background Idea of our DNS**

**II) Isotropic Turbulence**

**III) Anisotropic Turbulence**

**Mean Shear, Stratification, Uniform Magnetic field**

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# Objective

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= To Understand/Explore  
the Physics/**Universality** of Turbulence  
by **Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)**  
of Canonical Turbulence

universality

= statistical property insensitive to the detail of external large scale conditions, such as the boundary conditions, forcing, initial conditions, etc.

**→ May Provide sound basis for turbulence modeling  
for more complicated flow fields**



# Kolmogorov's Idea

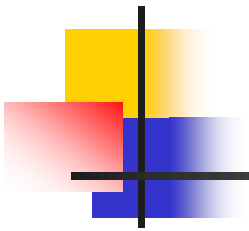
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Universality

at sufficiently large  $Re$

at sufficiently small scale (away from boundaries)

→ justifies the use of simple BC and forcing,  
for the exploring the universality at small scales,  
and to achieve high  $Re$ .



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II) Isotropic Turbulence: some lessons

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# Basic Equation

Equation (Navier-Stokes )

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Forcing

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{k}) = c(k) \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k})$$
$$c(k) = \begin{cases} c & (k < 2.5) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

cf. Jimenez et al.

B.C.  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $x, y, z$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| < k_{\max}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

I.C. Random phase

$$E(k) = ak^4 \exp(-bk^2)$$

**Use of Spectral method  
with phase shift method  
to remove alias error**

# Two Series of DNS

- Series 1 ( $k_{\max} \eta = 1$ )
- Series 2 ( $k_{\max} \eta = 2$ )

$256^3$	$512^3$	$1024^3$	$2048^3$	$4096^3$
167	257	471	732	1131
94	173	268	429	675

Possible on  
the Earth Simulator

VPP

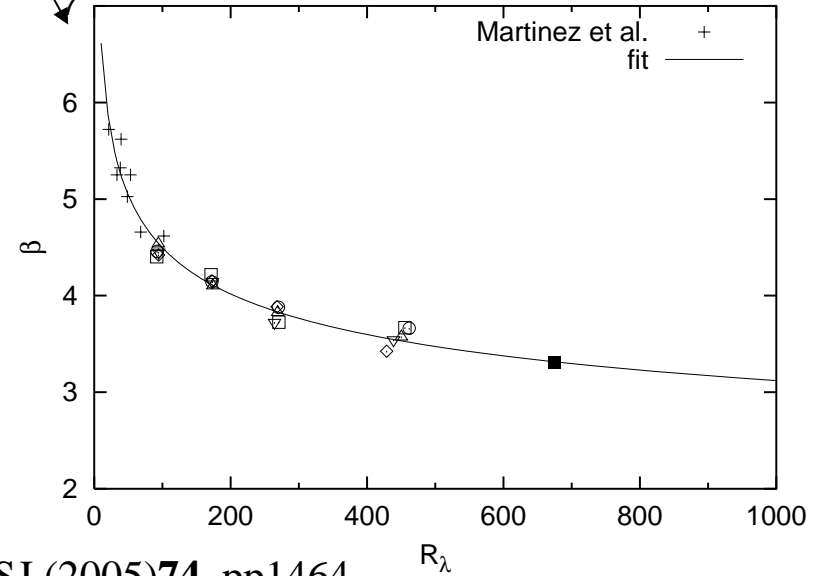
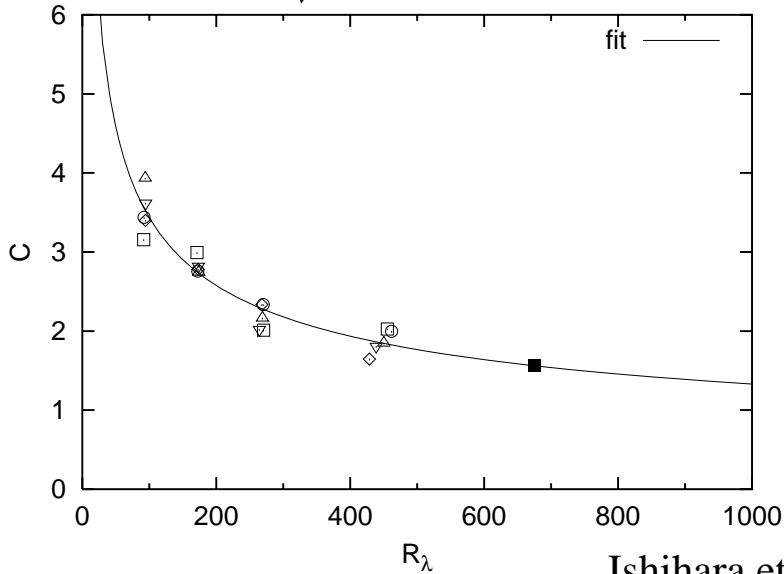
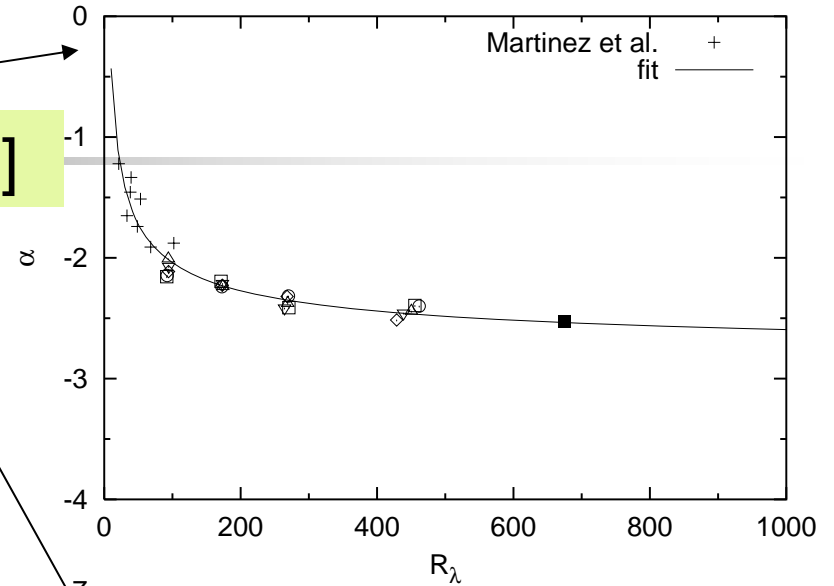




# 6. Energy spectrum in the near dissipation range

$$E(k)/(\varepsilon\nu^5)^{1/4} = C (k\eta)^\alpha \exp[-\beta(k\eta)^\eta]$$

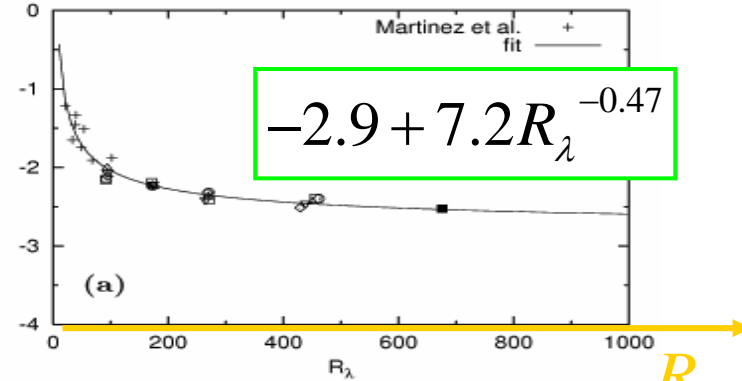
( $n=1$ )



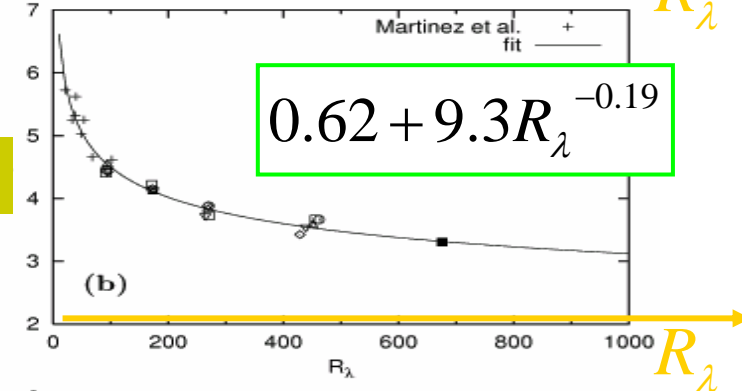
# Dependence on $R_\lambda$

$\alpha$

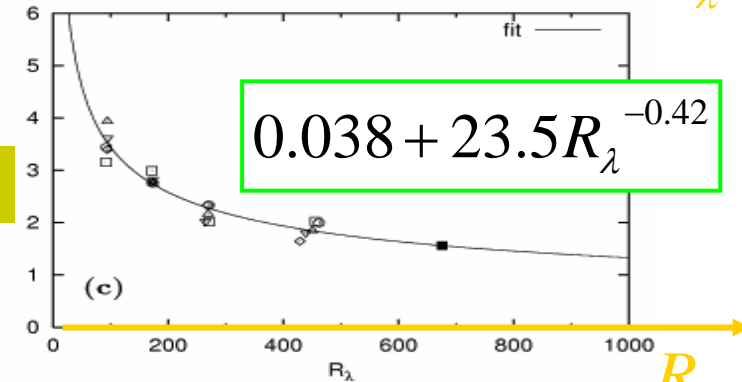
+ : from Martinez, et al.(1997)



$\beta$



C



$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $C$  approach to constants as  $R_\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
but **the approach is slow**

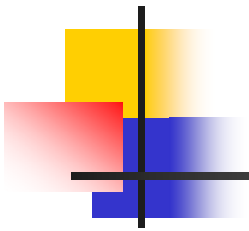
e.g.,  $\beta(R_\lambda) - \beta_\infty / \beta_\infty \sim 2.61$ , even at  $R_\lambda = 10,000$



## II: Summary

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1. DNS has reached at a stage where  
inertial subrange with  $L/\eta \sim 1000$ ,
2. Some light on Asymptotic Small-Scale Statistics
  1. Normalized Energy Dissipation  $D$  ( $\rightarrow$  const )
  2. Dissipation range spectrum ( $\rightarrow$  converge to some form, but very slow)
  3. Statistics of velocity derivatives.  
Skewness, Flatness, 4<sup>th</sup> order moments  
depend on  $Re$  ( $\rightarrow$  some kind of power laws, different at high  $R$ )
  4. PDF of Eulerian and Lagrangian accelerations  
Wider for Lagrangian than Eulerian  
Wider for higher time derivatives



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# Turbulence

= a system of huge degree of freedom

A paradigm of  
Studies of systems of huge degree of freedom



Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics  
for thermal equilibrium state

# Analogy with Statistical Mechanics for Near Equilibrium System

## I. **Two kinds of universality**

characterizing the macroscopic state of the equilibrium system

not only

a) Equilibrium state itself, like Boyle-Charles' law

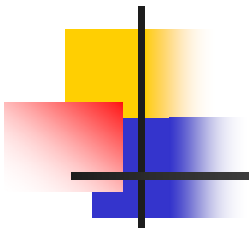
but also

b) **Response** to disturbance  $\longleftrightarrow$  **Universality of the 2nd Kind**

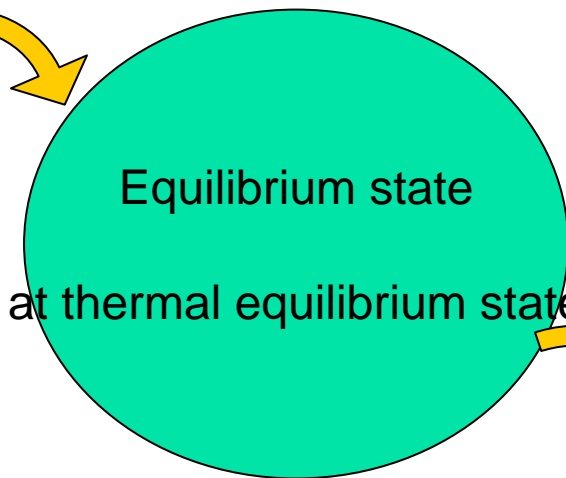
II . Thermal equilibrium state  $\longleftrightarrow$  Universal equilibrium state at small scale

influence of external force, mean flow, etc. at small scale may be regarded as disturbance.

**How dose the equilibrium state respond to the disturbance ?**



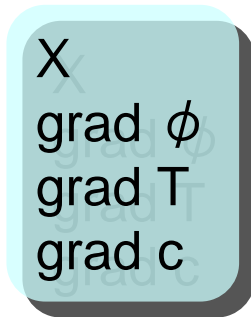
disturbance



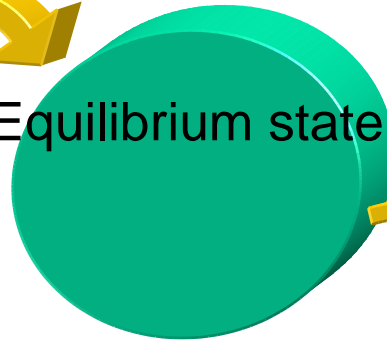
response

# Thermal Equilibrium system

Disturbance



Equilibrium state



Linear response

$$\begin{aligned} F &= CX && \text{(Hooke's law)} \\ J &= C' \text{ grad } \phi = \sigma E && \text{(Ohm's law)} \\ J &= C'' \text{ grad } T && \text{(Fourier's law)} \\ J &= C''' \text{ grad } c && \text{(Fick's law)} \end{aligned}$$

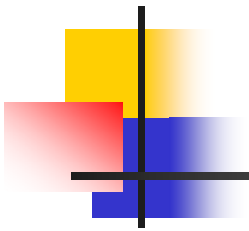




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## Equilibrium State of Turbulence

How about turbulence ?



disturbance



response



## Disturbance

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1. Mean Shear
2. Buoyancy by Stratification
3. Magneto-Hydrodynamic Force

# Turbulent Shear Flow

NS-equation

Local co-ordinate

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle \mathbf{v} \rangle + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -(\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{v}} - \nabla q + \nu \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \mathbf{M},$$

Effect of mean shear

$$M_i = S_{mn} r_n \frac{\partial \tilde{v}_j}{\partial r_m} + S_{ij} \tilde{v}_j$$

Local strain rate of mean flow

for  $r \ll L$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{v} \rangle \sim Sr$

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \sim v_e^2 / \ell, \quad \nu \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \sim \nu v_e / \ell^2, \quad \mathbf{M} \sim S v_e,$$

$$\tau_N \sim \ell / v_e, \quad \tau_v \sim \ell^2 / \nu, \quad \tau_E \sim 1 / S,$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{M}}{(\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla) \tilde{\mathbf{v}}} \sim \frac{S v_e}{v_e^2 / \ell} = \frac{S \ell}{v_e} \propto S \ell^{2/3} / \epsilon^{1/3} \ll 1$$

for  $\ell \ll \ell_E = (\epsilon^{1/3} / S)^{3/2}$ .

# Boussinesq approximation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{u} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - N \rho \mathbf{e}_3,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

Buoyancy by Stratification

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho + \kappa \nabla^2 \rho + N u_3,$$

$$\tau_N \sim \ell / v_\ell, \quad \tau_\nu \sim \ell^2 / \nu, \quad \tau_E \sim 1 / N,$$

$$\tau_N / \tau_E \sim \delta(k) \equiv N / [k v(k)] \ll 1,$$

$$B_i(\mathbf{k}, t) = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \langle u_i(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, t) \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}.$$

$$P(\mathbf{k}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \langle \rho(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, t) \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}},$$

# MHD approximation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad} p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{F},$$

$$\text{div} \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

Magnetic force

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{u} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{B} + \eta_e \Delta \mathbf{B}$$

$$\text{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{\mu_e} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{B}$$

quasi-static approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}' &= \frac{1}{\mu_e} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{B} \\ &\simeq \frac{1}{\mu_e} (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \text{grad}) \mathbf{b} \quad + O(b^2) \\ &= -\frac{\sigma_e}{\rho_e} \Delta^{-1} (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \text{grad})^2 \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

# Two kind of measures

characterizing the universal equilibrium state

$$\langle u_i(\mathbf{k})u_j(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle = Q_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \underbrace{Q_{ij}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k})}_{\text{Not only}} + \underbrace{C_{ij\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k})S_{\alpha\beta}}_{\text{but also}}$$

Not only

1) **Equilibrium state** itself

but also

2) **Response** to disturbance

$$Q_{ij}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{C_K}{4\pi} \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-11/3} P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j, \quad \hat{k}_i = k_i / k$$

Similar to stress vs. rate of strain relation:

$$\tau_{ij} = C_{ij\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}$$

(justified by the Linear response theory for non-equilibrium system)



# Summary –III

For turbulence,

We don't know the pdf nor Hamiltonian in contrast to thermal equilibrium state

But we may assume

1) the existence of equilibrium state at small scale

(Universal) Local equilibrium state *a la* K41,

**disturbance can be treated as perturbation to the inherent equilibrium state determined by the NS-dynamics**

and see

2) the response  $\leftarrow$  small disturbance

disturbances tested: Mean Shear, Stratification, MHD

( scalar field under mean scalar gradient, pressure spectrum in shear, jet . . . )

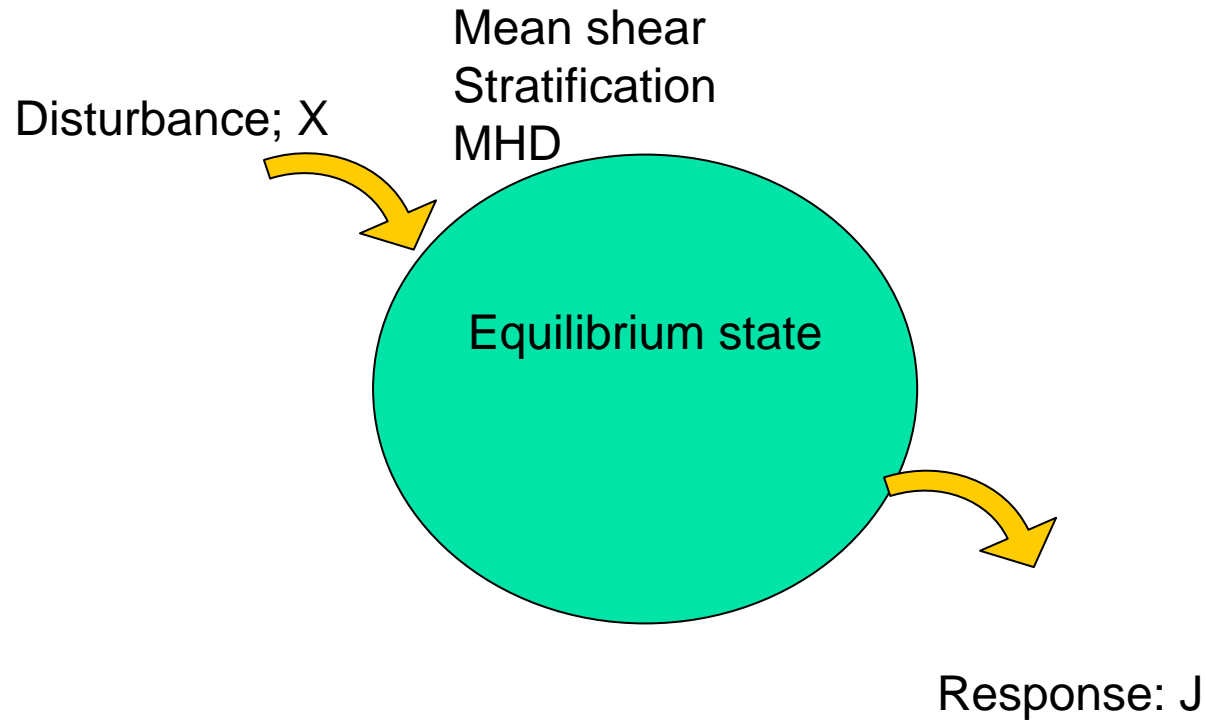
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3) The **anisotropy may remain large** even at small scales,

**if Re is not high enough**, so that the inertial subrange is not wide.

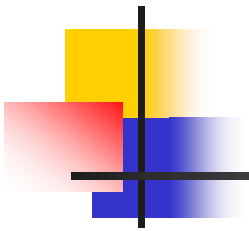


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Universal at high Re,  
Independent of X

$$J_{ij} = \Delta Q_{ij} = C_{ijkm} X_{km}$$



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If  $\epsilon/[U^3/L] \rightarrow \text{const}$ , then

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$$\frac{L}{\eta} \propto Re^{3/4}, \quad \frac{T}{\tau_c} \propto Re^{3/4}, \quad \frac{T}{\tau_\nu} \propto Re^{1/2} \quad R_\lambda \propto Re^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\tau_c U}{\Delta} \sim 1, \quad \frac{\nu \tau_\nu}{\Delta^2} \sim 1$$

$$N \propto \frac{L}{\eta} \rightarrow \text{Computational Load} \quad W \propto (N \log N)^3 \frac{T}{\tau_c}$$

$$W \propto N^4 \propto Re^3 \propto R_\lambda^6$$

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- $N^3 = 4096^3$  DNS on ES:

40TFlops, 10TB  $\rightarrow$  16.4 Tflops, 7.2 TB,

For  $N = 12,000$

3.2Pflops, 270 TB, 1Pflops, 200TB

Sustained performance ?

Memory,



# Isotropic Turbulence

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(i) Low and high wave number range

Influence of Computation domain size, Resolution

(ii) Re dependence

(iii) High order statistics

# A Constraint on DNS

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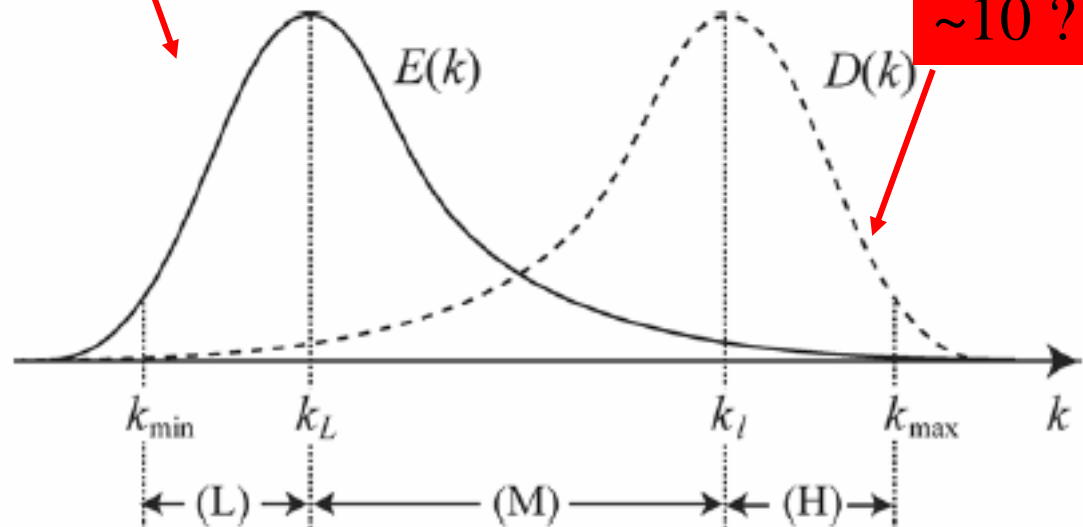
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~10?

See eg., Ishida et al. JFM(2006), 564,pp455

See eg. Schumacher et al.  
New J. Phys (2007) 9, pp89.

Wave-number range  
[ $k_{\min}, k_{\max}$ ]



# of grid points in one direction

Kaneda & Ishihara, JOT(2006) 7-20,pp1

$$\frac{N}{2} \sim \frac{k_{\max}}{k_{\min}} = \frac{1/L}{k_{\min}} \times \frac{1/\eta}{1/L} \times \frac{k_{\max}}{1/\eta}$$



# Anisotropic Turbulence

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(i) Beyond scaling

→ Universal constants

(ii) Wall Bounded Turbulence



## Universal Constants ?

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### When applied to Shear Flow Turbulence,

LRA gives not only the form

$$\langle u_i(\mathbf{k})u_j(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle = Q_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = Q_{ij}^0(\mathbf{k}) + C_{ij\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k})S_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$a(k) = A\varepsilon^{1/3}k^{-13/3}, \quad b(k) = B\varepsilon^{1/3}k^{-13/3}$$

$$C_{ij\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = a(k) \left[ P_{i\alpha}(\mathbf{k})P_{j\beta}(\mathbf{k}) + P_{i\beta}(\mathbf{k})P_{j\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right] + b(k)P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})\hat{k}_\alpha\hat{k}_\beta$$

but also gives an estimate of the universal constants A and B.

LRA =Lagrangian Renormalized Approximation



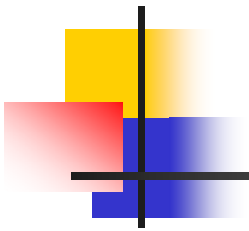


# Summary –IV

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What can be done by petascale computing?

1. Isotropic turbulence  
Larger domain, Higher resolution,  
Higher  $Re \rightarrow$  Asymptotic statistics for  $Re \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
Anomalous scaling/Intermittency
2. Anisotropic turbulence  
universality ?  
not only scaling, but also constants
3. Wall bounded turbulence with inertial subrange  $\rightarrow$ ?



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