

3D hydrodynamic turbulence at large Reynolds' numbers

the granddaddy of turbulent systems

Richardson, and later Taylor, picture



$$R_{ij}(\vec{r}) = \langle u_i(\vec{x}) u_j(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) \rangle = \int Q_{ij}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{k}$$

$$E = R_{ii}(0) = \int E(k) dk, \quad E(k) = \int Q_{ii} d\vec{k}$$

Avg. energy

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = f(k) + T(k) \left(-\frac{\partial P}{\partial k} \right) - 2\nu k^2 E(k)$$

In inertial range, local energy conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_a^b E(k) dk = P_a - P_b = \begin{cases} 0 & P_a = P_b = 0 \\ 0 & P_a = P_b = P \end{cases}$$

Equipartition
finite flux
Kolmogorov

Two very different kinds of stationary distribution

(i) Isolated system \Rightarrow equipartition

(ii) Non isolated, finite flux $P = \int 2\nu k^2 E(k) dk$ finite
major "theorem" for 3D turbulence!

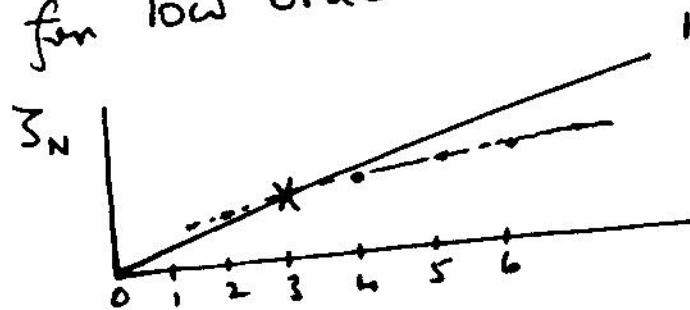
In $K^3 + 1$, Kolmogorov argued that the symmetries of translation / rotation are restored in statistical sense and that, for $Re \rightarrow \infty$, all statistical quantities like

$$S_N(r) = \langle (u(\vec{x}+\vec{r}) - u(\vec{x}))^N \rangle = f(r, p)$$

$$\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow 0, t \rightarrow \infty} (Pr)^{\zeta_N}, \quad \zeta_N = N/3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E(k) \sim P^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

Good for low order moments but experiments show



$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{S_N(r)}{S_2^{N/2}} \sim r^{\zeta_N - \frac{N}{2}\zeta_2} \rightarrow \infty$$

\Rightarrow Large fluctuations are more prevalent
Turbulence seems to be a 2 species gas
eddies --- ?

coherent and intermittently --- ?
occurring structures

	3D turbulence	2D turbulence	Wave turbulence
CLOSURE of BBGKY hier.	?	?	Kinetic eqn. + frequency renormalization
SOLUTIONS of BBGKY	?	?	Equipartition + Finite flux + Fronts
MECHANISMS OF TRANSFER	?	?	Wave resonances
STRUCTURES	Eddies? Reconnection?	Vortices? ?	Waves Collapses/whitecaps
IHY INTERMITTENCY?	?	?	Breakdown + flux balances
HOW STATIONARY DISTRIBUTIONS ARE REALIZED	?	?	infinite capacity ✓✓ finite capacity ✓
APPLICATIONS	Many	...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAVITY/OCEAN WAVES • CAPILLARY WAVES • OPTICAL WAVES • SOUND WAVES • ALFVEN WAVES • CARRIER DISTRIBUTIONS IN SEMICONDUCTORS

ASYMPTOTIC CLOSURE $(0 < \varepsilon \ll 1, \varepsilon \sim \text{wave slope})$

$$1) \frac{dA_k^S}{dt} - i\omega_k^S A_k^S = \sum_{n=2} \varepsilon^{n-1} \int L_{kk_1 \dots k_r}^{ss \dots sr} A_{k_1}^{s_1} \dots A_{k_r}^{s_r} f_{12 \dots 10} d\vec{k}_{rr}$$

$\langle A_k^S A_{k'}^{s'} \rangle = \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') Q^{ss'}(k), Q^{ss}(k) = n_k + \varepsilon Q_1(k) +$

$\langle A_k^S A_{k'}^{s'} A_{k''}^{s''} \rangle = \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}' + \vec{k}'') \left\{ Q^{ss's''}_{(kk'k'')} e^{i(s\omega + s'\omega + s''\omega)t} + \varepsilon Q_{(kk'k'')} \right\}$

Form BBGKY hierarchy. Solve iteratively

Choose

$$2) \boxed{\frac{dn_k}{dt} = \varepsilon^2 T_2[n_k] + \varepsilon^4 T_4[n_k] + \dots}$$

A.E. for $Q^{ss}(k)$ U valid in t.

To keep slow behaviors of all higher cumulants

are captured by

$$3) \omega_k^S \rightarrow \omega_k^S + \varepsilon^2 \Omega_2^S[n_k] + \dots$$

WHY NATURAL CLOSURE

LINEAR DISPERSIVE WAVE PROPAGATION
 LEADS TO DECAY OF ALL N
 CUMULANTS, $N \geq 3$, SO THAT WAVE FIELD
 APPROACHES A NEAR JOINT GAUSSIAN STATE
 FOR $\omega_k t$ LARGE BUT $\epsilon^2 \omega_k t$ SMALL.

NONLINEAR REGENERATION OF NONGAUSSIAN,
 IS DUE TO RESONANCES AND THESE
 ARE MANIFESTED IN LOW ORDER

PRODUCTS
 $Q^{(3)} \sim$

$$Q^{(2)} Q^{(2)}$$

$Q^{(4)} \sim$

$$Q^{(2)} Q^{(2)} Q^{(2)}$$

ONLY ASSUMPTION AT INITIAL TIME,
 PHYSICAL SPACE CUMULANTS DECAY
 AS SEPARATIONS BECOME LARGE.

Three wave resonances

$$T_2[n_k] = \sum_{s_1, s_2} \int \left\{ -3i \left[\begin{smallmatrix} s & s \\ k & k \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left[\begin{smallmatrix} s & s \\ s_2-s_1 & s_2-s_1 \\ k & k \end{smallmatrix} \right] + 4 \sum_{s_1} \int d\vec{k}_1 \left[\begin{smallmatrix} s & s \\ k & k \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left[\begin{smallmatrix} s & s \\ k & k \end{smallmatrix} \right] \delta(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}) \right\} n_{k_2} d\vec{k}_2$$

$$\left(P \frac{1}{s_1 \omega_1 + s_2 \omega_2 - \omega} - i\pi \delta(s_1 \omega_1 + s_2 \omega_2 - \omega) \right) n_{k_2} d\vec{k}_2$$

$$T_2[n_k] = 4\pi \sum_{s_1, s_2} \int \left| \left[\begin{smallmatrix} s & s \\ k & k \end{smallmatrix} \right]^2 \right|^2 n_k n_{k_1} n_{k_2} \left| \frac{1}{n_k} - \frac{s_1}{s} \frac{1}{n_{k_1}} - \frac{s_2}{s} \frac{1}{n_{k_2}} \right|$$

$$\delta(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}) \delta(s_1 \omega_1 + s_2 \omega_2 - \omega) d\vec{k}_2$$

$$E_k = \Omega_d k^{\alpha-1} \omega_k n_k$$

$$\frac{\partial E_k}{\partial t} = \Omega_d k^{\alpha-1} \omega_k T_2[n_k] = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial k}$$

Stationary solutions

$$n_k = C k^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow C^2 \propto P \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha + d - 1 + \alpha + 2s_2 - 2x - \alpha + d + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_k = C_0 P^{1/2} k^{-s_2 - d}$$

Example : Capillary waves

$$\delta_2 = \frac{9}{4}, \alpha = \frac{3}{2}, d = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow n_R = C \sigma^{-1/4} p^{1/2} k^{-17/4}, \sigma = S/p$$

$$E_k = C \Omega_d \sigma^{1/4} p^{1/2} k^{-7/4}$$

Note $\int_{k_0}^{\infty} E_k dk < \infty \Rightarrow$ finite capacity

$$\text{Breakdown} \quad \frac{t_L}{t_{NL}} = \frac{1}{\omega_R} \frac{1}{n_R} \frac{\partial n_R}{\partial t} \sim \sigma^{-3/4} p^{1/2} k^{-3/4}$$

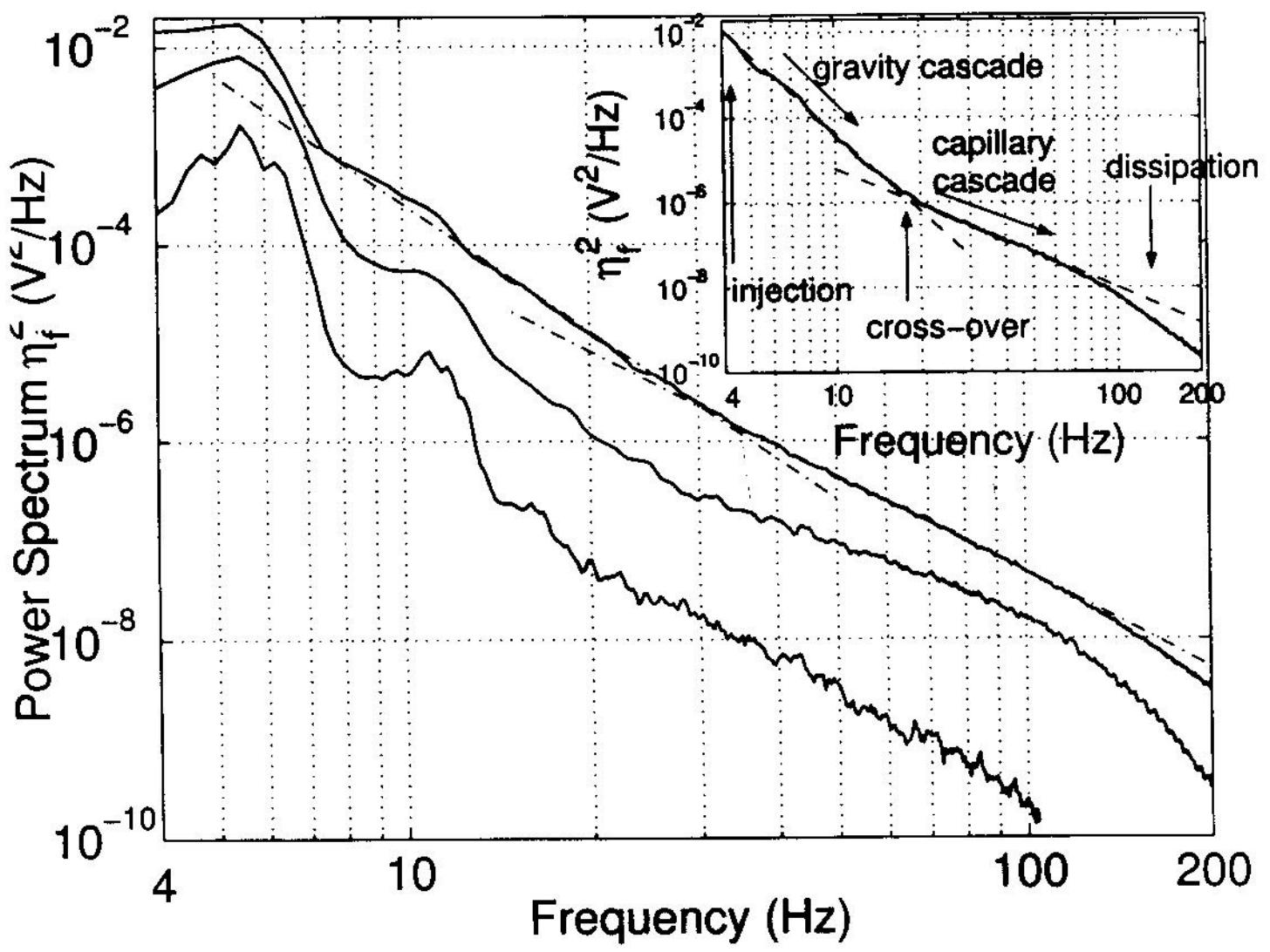
$\rightarrow 0$ for large k

$$\rightarrow 1 \quad \text{for} \quad k_{NL}^{\text{cap}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} p^{2/3}$$

$$\text{Power spectrum: } S(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \langle \eta(t) \eta(t+\tau) \rangle e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau \sim \sigma^{1/6} p^{1/2} \omega^{-17/6}$$

$$\text{Structure functions: } S_2(\tau) = \langle (\eta(t+\tau) - \eta(t))^2 \rangle \sim F\tau^2 + \sigma^{1/6} p^{1/2} \tau^{11/6}$$

$$S_3(\tau) \sim P\tau^3, \quad S_4(\tau) = \underbrace{3S_2^2}_{\text{joint Gaussian}} + \underbrace{S_4}_{\text{non Gaussian part}}$$



Four wave resonances

$$T_2[n_k] \equiv 0$$

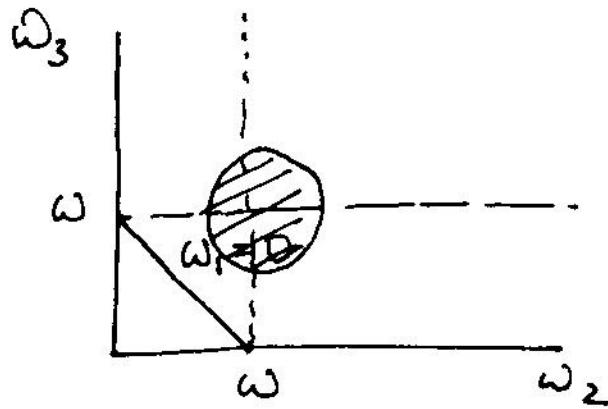
$$T_4[n_k] = \int |L_{kk_1k_2k_3}^{++}|^2 n_k n_{\omega_1} n_{\omega_2} n_{\omega_3} \left(\frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_{\omega_1}} - \frac{1}{n_{\omega_2}} - \frac{1}{n_{\omega_3}} \right) \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}_3) \delta(\omega + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) d\vec{k}_{123}$$

Angle average

$$\int N_{\omega} d\omega = \int n_{\omega} d\vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\omega} = S_{\omega} k^{d-1} \frac{dk}{d\omega} n_{\omega}(\omega)$$

$$\frac{\partial N_{\omega}}{\partial t} = \int_{\Delta} S(\omega, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) n_{\omega} n_{\omega_1} n_{\omega_2} n_{\omega_3} \left(\frac{1}{n_{\omega}} + \frac{1}{n_{\omega_1}} - \frac{1}{n_{\omega_2}} - \frac{1}{n_{\omega_3}} \right) \delta(\omega + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3$$



$$\approx \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega^2} K$$

$$K = S_0 \omega^{3x_0+2} n_{\omega}^4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega^2} \frac{1}{n_{\omega}}$$

$$x_0 = \frac{2\chi_3 + 3d}{3\alpha}$$

$$\frac{\partial N_\omega}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial \omega^2}, \quad K = S_0 \omega^{3x_0+2} n^4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega^2} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$N_\omega = \Omega_d K^{d-1} \frac{dK}{d\omega} n_\omega(\omega), \quad x_0 = \frac{2\gamma + 3d}{3\alpha}$$

PARTICLE CONSERVATION

$$\frac{\partial N_\omega}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \omega}, \quad Q = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \omega}$$

ENERGY CONSERVATION

$$\frac{\partial \omega N_\omega}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \omega}, \quad P = K - \omega \frac{\partial K}{\partial \omega}$$

ENTROPY PRODUCTION

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial N_\omega}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} + T$$

$$R - \text{entropy flux} = K \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \omega}$$

$$T - \text{bulk production} = S_0 \omega^{3x_0+2} n^4 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega^2} \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \geq c$$

STATIONARY SOLUTIONS

(KOLMOGOROV - ZAKHAROV)

$$\frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial \omega^2} = 0 \quad x_0 = \frac{2\gamma + 3d}{3\alpha} = \begin{cases} 8 & \text{for gravity wave} \\ 1 & \text{for optical wave} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = S_0 \omega^{3x_0+2} n^4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega^2} \frac{1}{n} = Q\omega + P$$

where Q, P which can be identified
with particle and energy fluxes are constant

In general : $n_R = n_R(\omega; T, \mu, P, Q)$

RAYLEIGH-JEANS

Special :

$$P = Q = 0 \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{T} (\omega + \mu) \quad \text{FINITE ENERGY FLUX}$$

$Q=0$

$T=\mu=0$

$P=0$

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$$n = \left(\frac{P}{S_0 x_0 (x_0 - 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \omega^{-x_0}$$

$$n = \left(\frac{Q}{S_0 (x_0 - \frac{1}{3})(x_0 - \frac{4}{3})} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \omega^{-x_0 + \frac{1}{3}}$$

FINITE

PARTICLE

FLUX

The last two are called KOLMOGOROV-ZAKHAROV SOLNS.

$$\Phi(\omega) \approx 2.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{g \mu}{\omega^4}$$

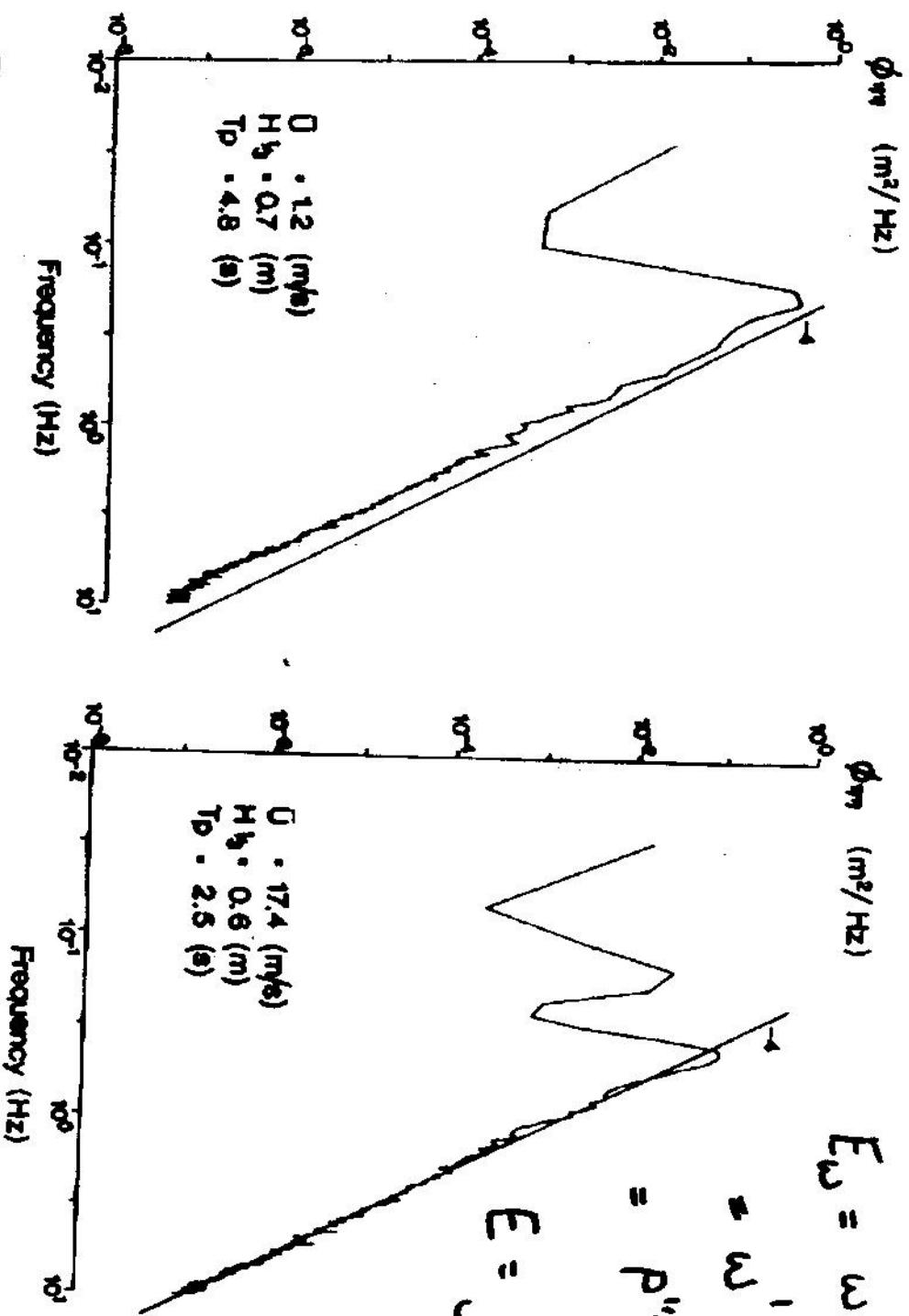
$$E_\omega = \omega R \frac{dk}{d\omega} n_\alpha(\omega)$$

$$= \omega^{1+2+1-8} \rho^{1/3}$$

$$= \rho^{1/3} \omega^{-4}$$

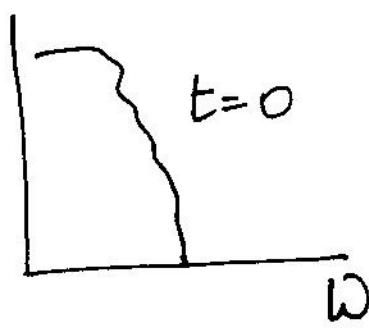
$$E = \int E_\omega d\omega$$

$$-1$$

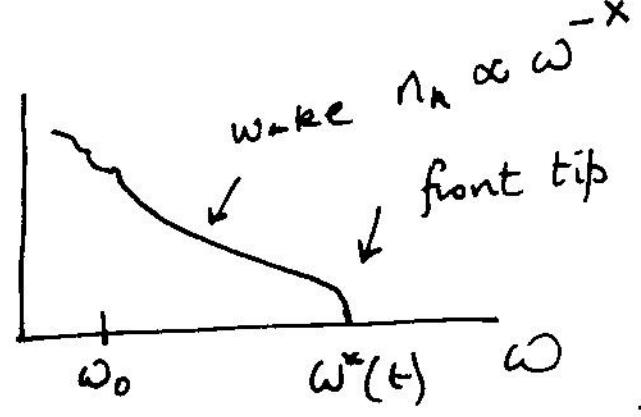


$$\Phi(\omega) = \frac{2 \cdot 10^{-3}}{\omega^4} = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-4}}{\omega^4}$$

How are the KZ spectra realized?



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Capacity : minim

$$\int_{\omega_0}^{\infty} \omega N_w d\omega = \int_{\omega_0}^{\infty} \omega^{-\frac{2\alpha}{3\alpha}} d\omega = \infty^{2\alpha > 3}$$

$$\int_0^{\omega_0} N_w d\omega = \int_0^{\omega_0} \omega^{-\frac{2\alpha}{3\alpha} + \frac{1}{3}} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \stackrel{z}{=} \infty^{2\alpha < 3}$$

Self similar solution $F(1 = \frac{\omega}{\omega^*(z)})$

$$n_R(\omega, t) = \omega^*(z)^{-x} \quad z = t^* - t \quad \text{or} \quad t$$

$$\omega^*(z) \sim z^b$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2(x-x_0) - \frac{2\alpha-3\alpha}{3\alpha}}$$

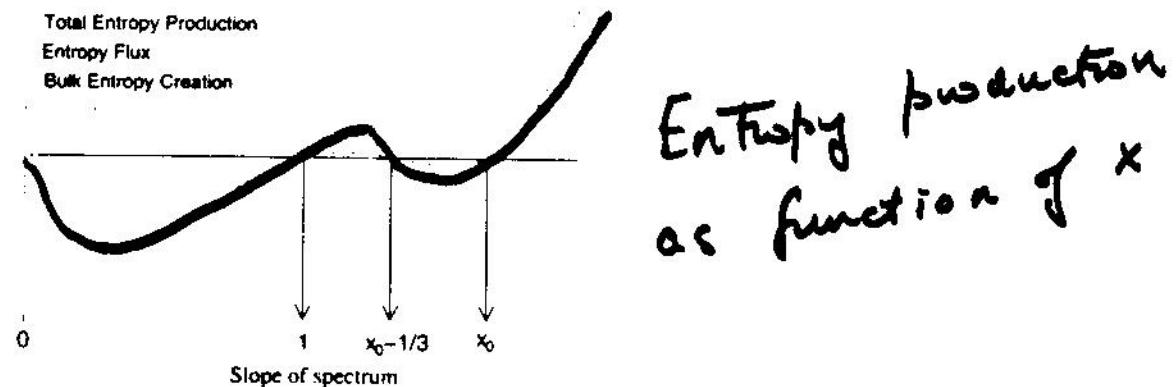


Fig. 1. Plot of the bulk entropy production, T , the entropy flux, R , and the total entropy production, S , as a function of the exponent, x , of the power law spectra, $n_\omega = c\omega^{-x}$.

$$T = 3c^3 x(x-1)(x-(x_0 - \frac{1}{3}))\omega^{3x_0-3x}, \quad (31)$$

$$R = c^2 I x^2 (x-1)^2 \omega^{3x_0-2x-2} \quad (32)$$

$$R = 9c^2 I x(x-1)(x_0 - \frac{4}{3}x)\omega^{3x_0-2x-1}, \quad (33)$$

$$S = -\frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} + T = 9c^2 I x(x-1)(x-x_0) \left(x - \left(x_0 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \right) \omega^{3x_0-2x-2}. \quad (34)$$

similar expressions, which have the same zeros (as functions of x) obtain for the case when the differential approximation is replaced by the full collision integral. In particular, we note that the entropy production rate is always negative (we assume $x_0 > 4/3$) for $1 < x < x_0 - 1/3$ and for $x > x_0$, the K-Z exponents for particles and energy, respectively. The relevant functions are plotted in Fig. 1. For $x_0 - 1/3 < x < x_0$, the entropy production rate is negative. This corresponds to a situation when the particle flux is building a condensate state [9].

Numerical observations of non-stationary spectra

Let us now turn our attention to non-stationary solutions of (13). In particular, we are interested in how the K-Z spectra are set up if we begin from an initial condition which is compactly supported at low frequencies. Early work on this question focussing on the direct cascade by Falkovich and Shraiman [5] suggested that the K-Z spectrum was set up by a nonlinear front which propagates to the right leaving the K-Z spectrum in its wake. Recent numerical studies by Galtier et al. [6] suggest that this problem is more subtle. They found that in the case where the K-Z energy spectrum has finite capacity, the approach to the steady-state proceeds by a different mechanism. For this case the nonlinear front reaches infinite frequency within a finite time, t^* . They found that the quasi-stationary spectrum in the wake of this front was actually steeper than the K-Z spectrum. The K-Z spectrum was then set up moving right to left after the front reached infinity.

We investigated whether there was evidence of this behaviour in the solutions of the differential kinetic equation. We solved the differential kinetic equation numerically and followed the evolution from an initial condition compactly supported at low frequencies. The results presented in this section were obtained by allowing the initial data to decay freely in the absence of forcing or damping. Some details of the numerical methods used are contained in Appendix B.

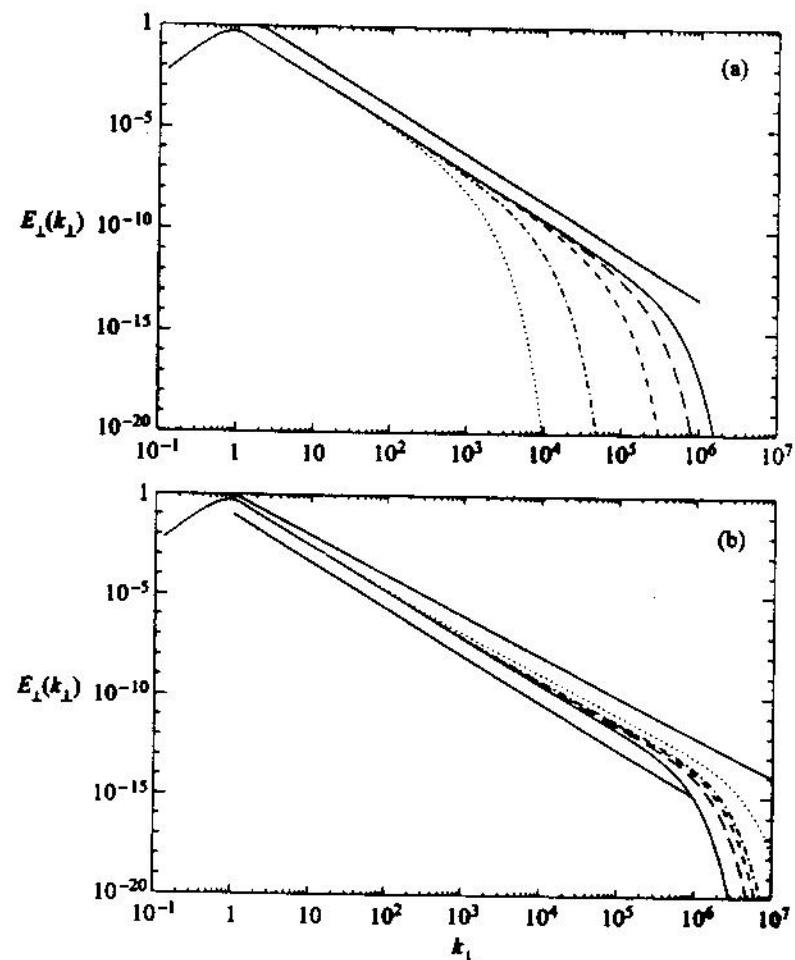


Figure 12. Temporal evolution of the energy spectrum $E_{\perp}(k_{\perp}, 0)$ of the shear-Alfvén waves around the catastrophic time $t_0 \approx 1.544$. (a) For $t < t_0$, with $t = 1.50$ (dots), 1.53 (dash-dots), 1.54 (short dashes), 1.542 (long dashes) and 1.543 (solid), a $k_{\perp}^{-7/3}$ spectrum is observed. (b) For $t > t_0$, with $t = 1.544$ (solid), 1.546 (long dashes), 1.548 (short dashes), 1.55 (dash-dots) and 1.58 (dots), a fast change of the slope appears to give finally a k_{\perp}^{-2} spectrum. Note that this change propagates from small scales to large scales. In both cases, straight lines follow either a $k_{\perp}^{-7/3}$ or a k_{\perp}^{-2} law.

It is only when the dissipative scale is reached, at t_0 , that a remarkable effect is observed: in a very fast time, the $k_{\perp}^{-7/3}$ solution turns into the finite energy flux spectrum k_{\perp}^{-2} , with a change of the slope propagating from small scales to large scales.

Note that this picture is different from the scenario proposed by Falkovich and Shafarenko (1991, hereinafter FS) for the finite-capacity spectra. In an example considered by FS, the Kolmogorov spectrum forms right behind the propagating front, whereas in our case it forms only after the front reaches infinite wavenumbers (i.e. the dissipative region). The front propagation can be described in terms of self-similar solutions having the form (Falkovich and Shafarenko 1991; Zakharov et al 1992):

$$E_{\perp}(k_{\perp}, 0) = \frac{1}{\tau^a} E_0 \left(\frac{k_{\perp}}{\tau^b} \right), \quad (7.5)$$

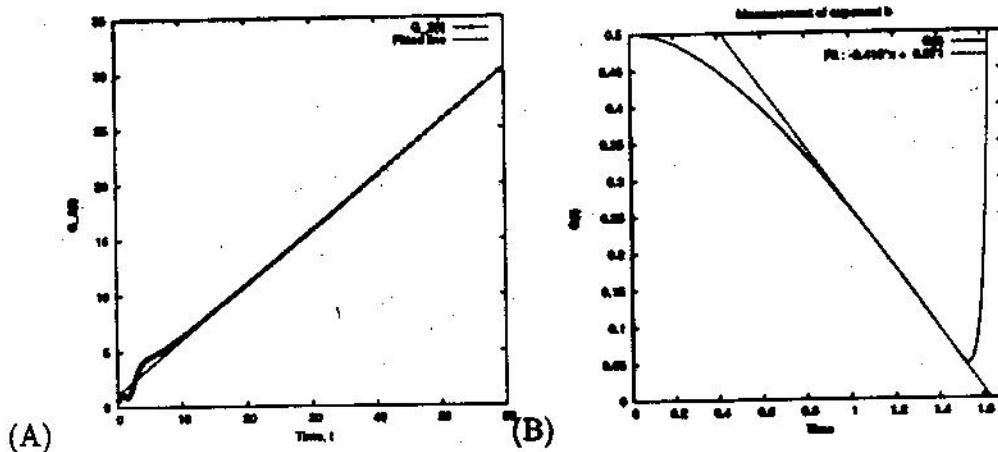


Fig. 3. Measuring the dynamical exponent b for (A) infinite capacity case, $\lambda = 0$ and (B) finite capacity case, $\lambda = 2$.

Figure 2 shows the numerical solutions for an infinite capacity case and a finite capacity case. Both show the propagation of the front described here with power law scaling in the wake. We now turn to the numerical measurement of the dynamical exponents a and b .

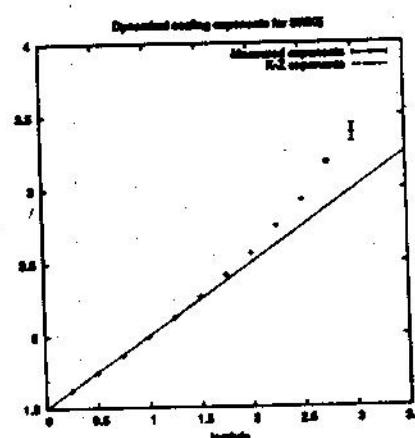


Fig. 4. Exponent, z , of the transient spectrum for a range of values of λ .

6 Conclusions

We conclude that the finite capacity anomaly is a genuine feature of the transient spectrum for finite capacity systems. It is not a by-product of some peculiarity of the MHD equations studied by Galtier et al or of the rather drastic differential approximation which we used to study this phenomenon in earlier work [4].

Infinite capacity case: $E \sim t$

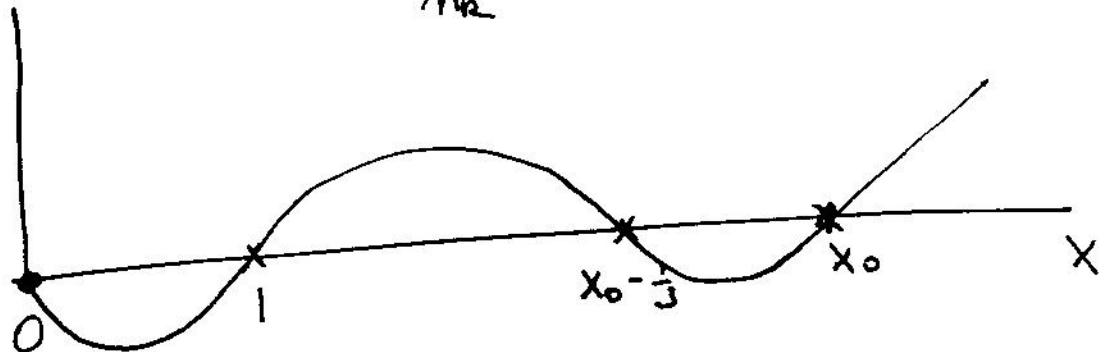
$$x = x_0 = \frac{2\alpha}{3\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} \Rightarrow b = \frac{3\alpha}{3\alpha - 2\alpha} > 0$$

Finite capacity case: $E = O(1)$

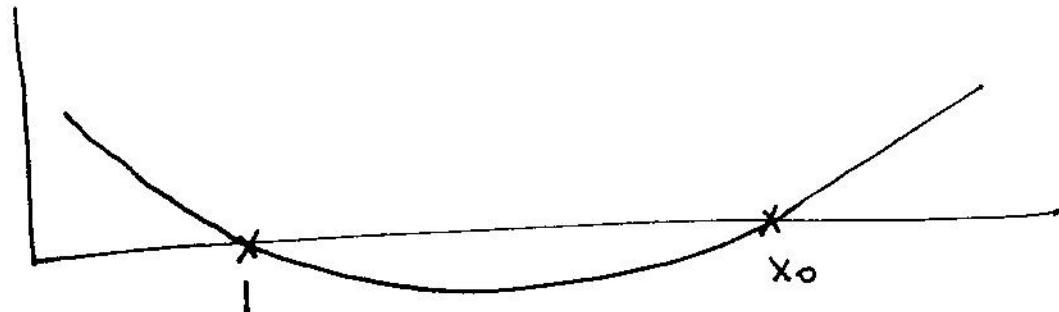
$$\begin{cases} \text{Entropy production +ive} \Rightarrow x > x_0 \\ \text{Finite time access to } \omega = \infty \Rightarrow b < 0 \\ \text{Finite time access to } \omega = \infty \Rightarrow x_0 < x < x_0 + \frac{2\alpha - 3\alpha}{6\alpha} \end{cases}$$

$$M_R = \omega^{-x}, \frac{dS}{dt} = \omega$$

4 wave:



3 wave



The spectra of gravity/capillary waves

Define $k_0 = \left(\frac{g}{\sigma}\right)^{1/2}$, $P_0 = (\sigma g)^{3/4}$, $\delta = \frac{S}{P}$

$$E_{\vec{k}} = \omega_k n_k$$

$$\frac{g^{-1} k_0^4}{\delta} E_{\vec{k}}^{(g)} = C \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-7/2}$$

Phillips
2x discontinuity
 $\Rightarrow k_{\text{cut}} \sim k$
 $= k^2 \sim \frac{1}{k^4}$

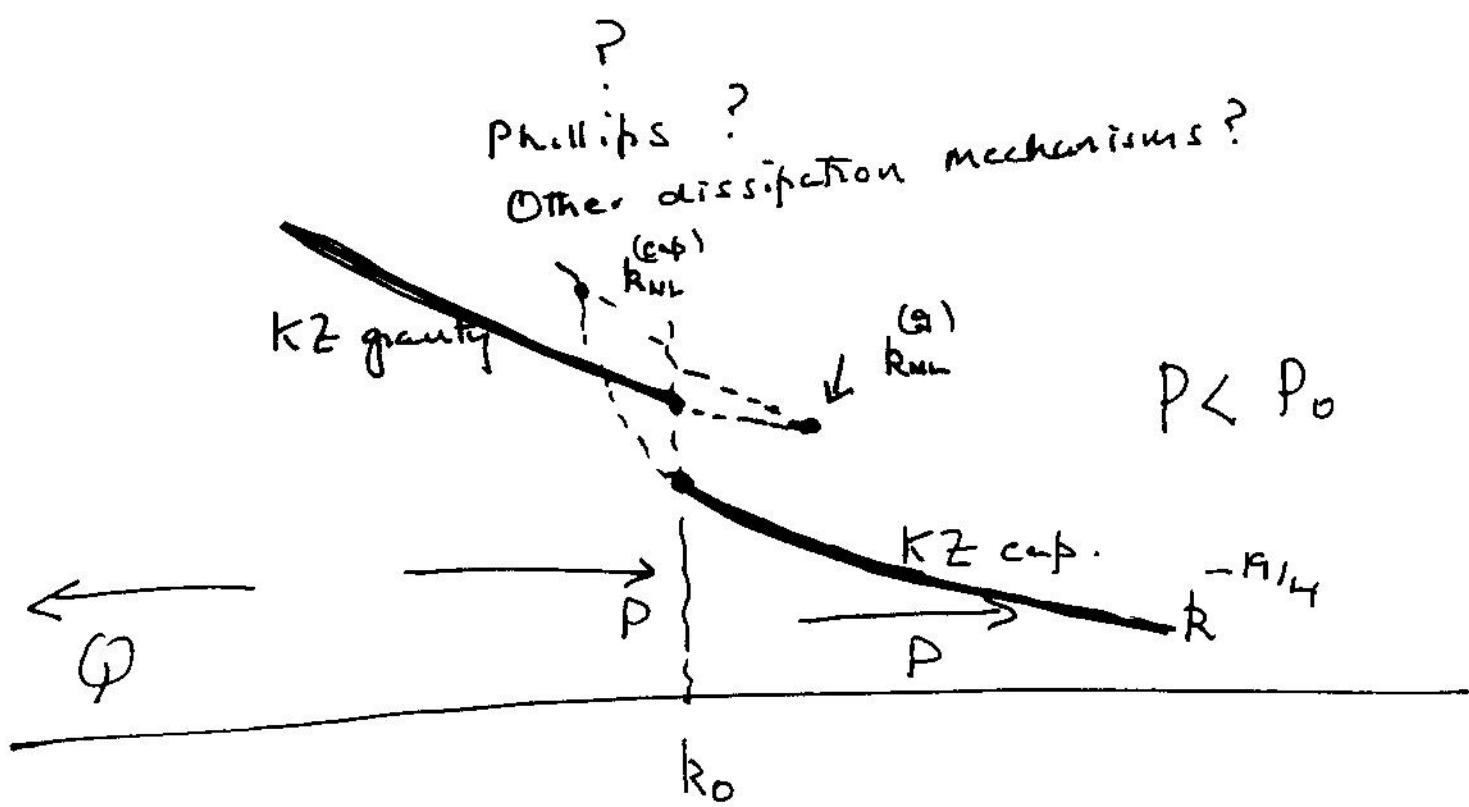
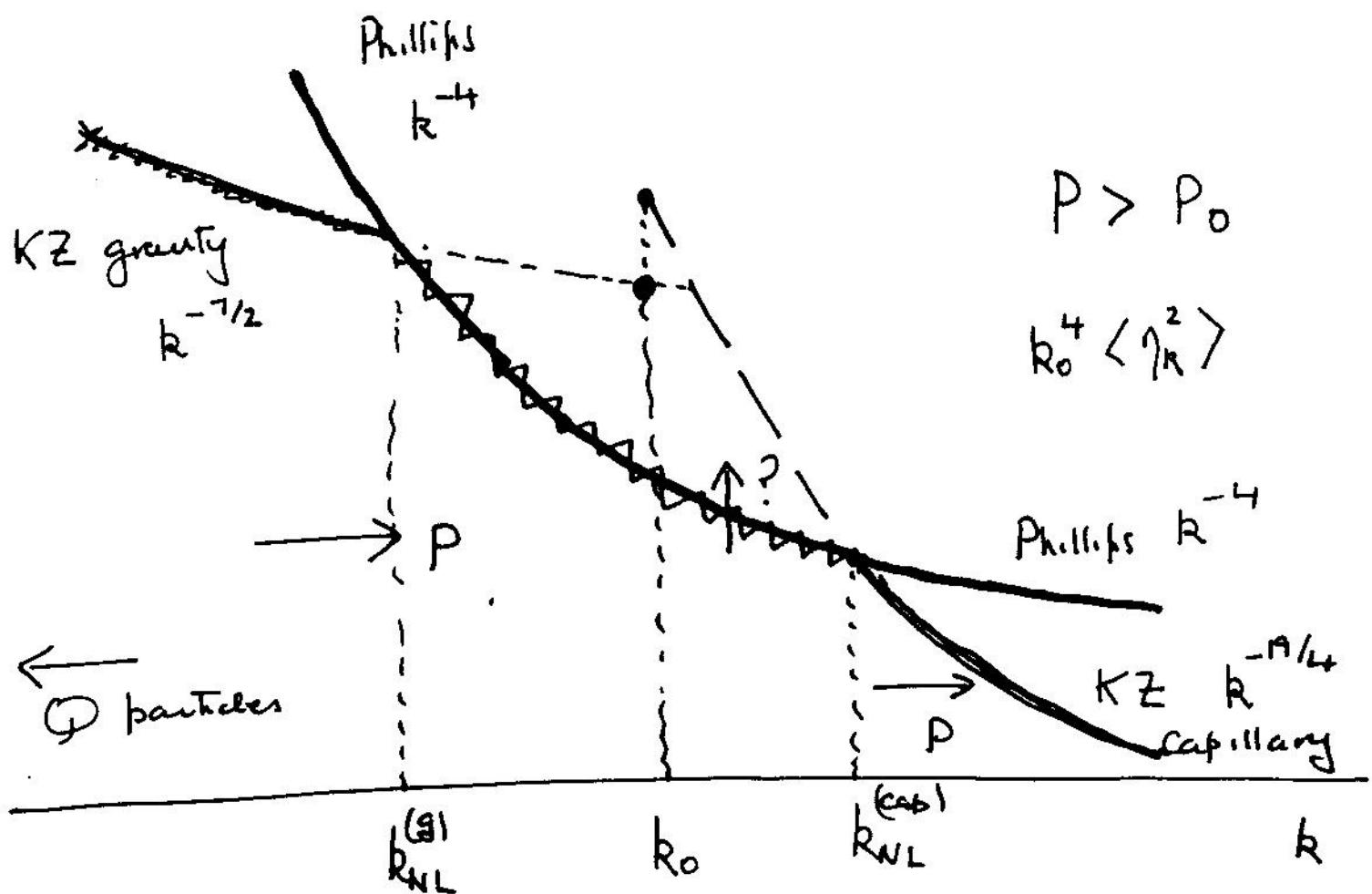
$$\frac{g^{-1} k_0^4}{\delta} E_{\vec{k}}^{\text{Phillips}} = \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-4}$$

$$\frac{E_L}{E_{NL}} = \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right) = \left(\frac{E_{\vec{k}}^{(g)}}{E_{\vec{k}}^{\text{Phillips}}}\right)^2$$

$$\sigma^{-1} k_0^2 E_{\vec{k}}^{(\text{cap})} = C_2 \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-11/4}$$

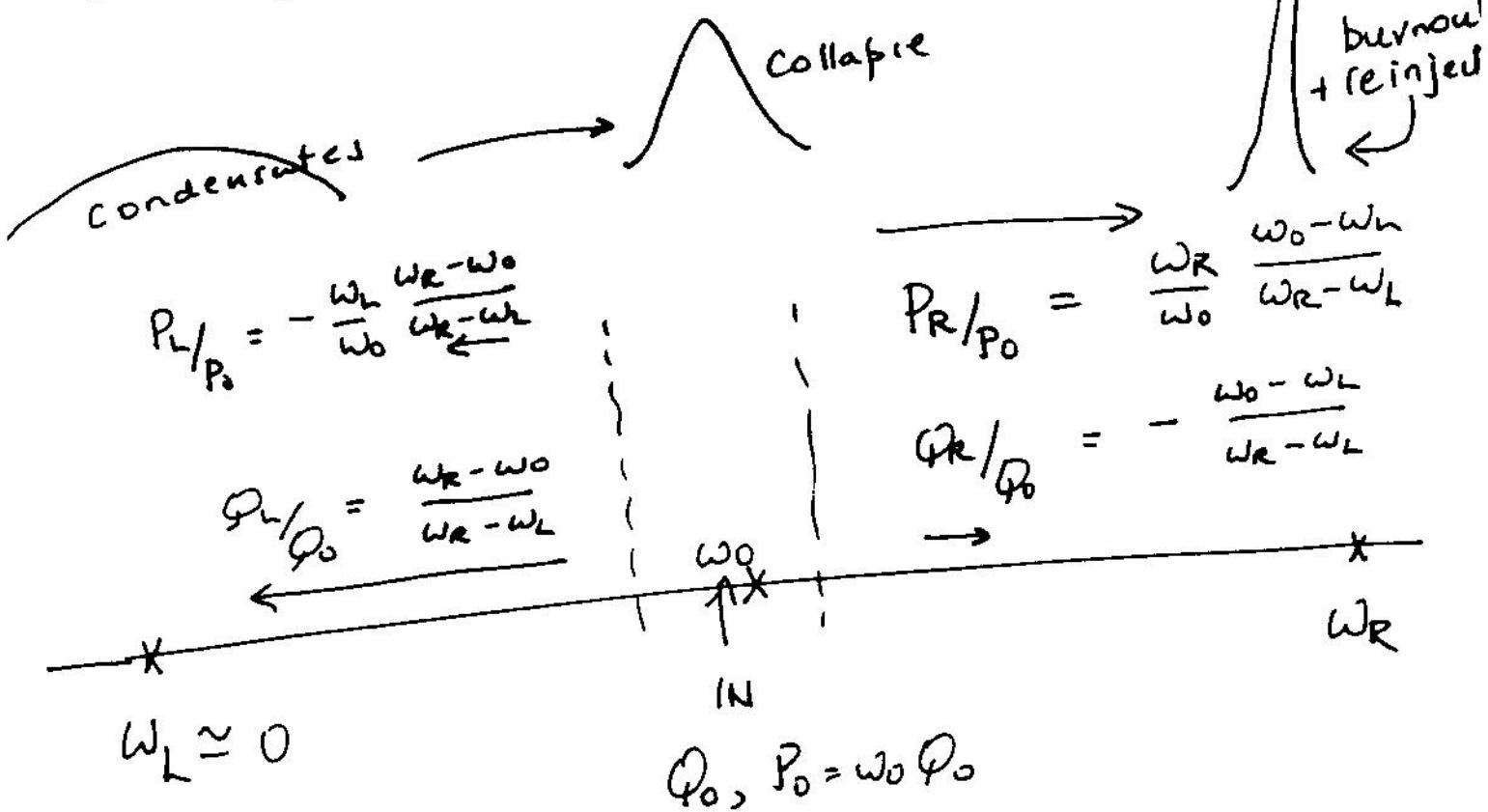
$$\sigma^{-1} k_0^2 E_{\vec{k}}^{\text{Phillips}} = \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-2} \Rightarrow k_0^4 \langle \eta^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-4}$$

$$\frac{E_L}{E_{NL}} = \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-3/4} = \frac{E_{\vec{k}}^{\text{cap}}}{E_{\vec{k}}^{\text{Phillips}}}$$



Why coherent structures / large fluctuations
are inevitable in order to balance fluxes
and allow the system to reach
a statistically stationary state

Example : Optical (NLS type) turbulence



1. Particles and energy are inserted at intermediate frequencies ω_0 .
2. Energy flows to $\omega = \infty$, particles to $\omega = 0$.
3. If no sink at $\omega = 0$ (e.g. laser), condensate builds.
4. Unstable condensate leads to collapsing filaments which each to $\omega = \infty$.
5. Incomplete burnout f_{NC} leads to carrying mass + energy and incomplete particle and a re-injection to wave field.
6. Inverse flux builds up $Q_0 + (-f)Q_0 + (-f)^2Q_0 + \dots \rightarrow \frac{1}{f}Q_0$ so that steady state can be achieved. SOLVABLE?

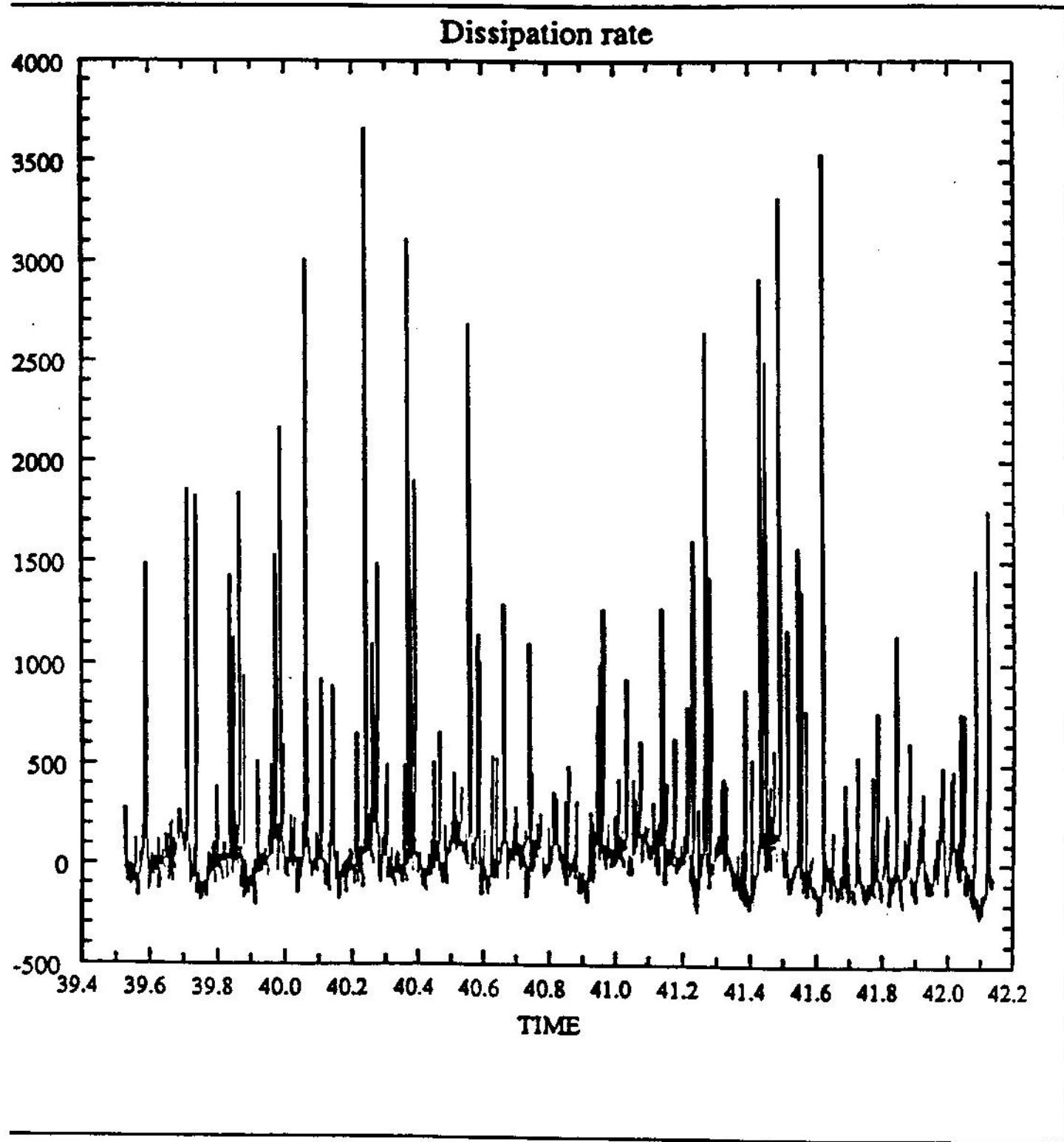


Figure 10