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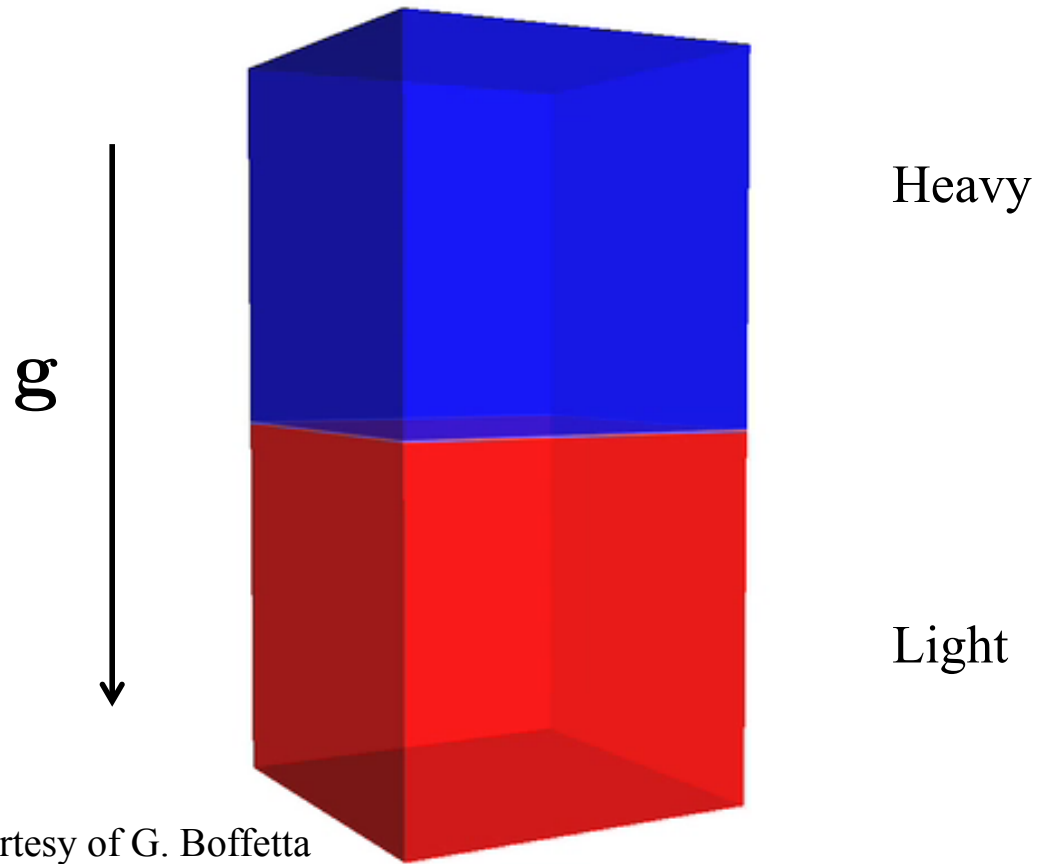
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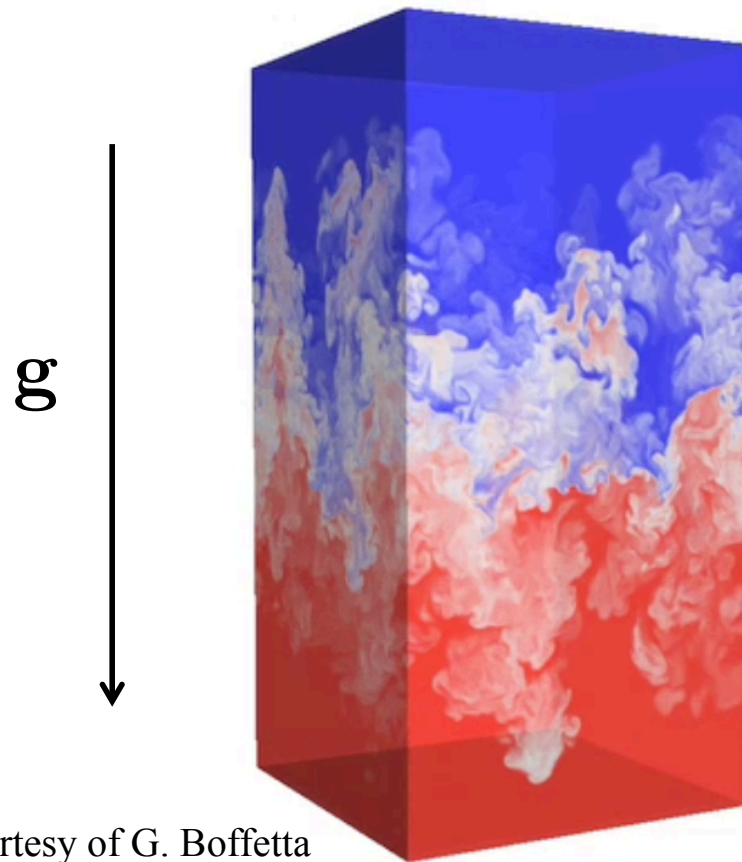
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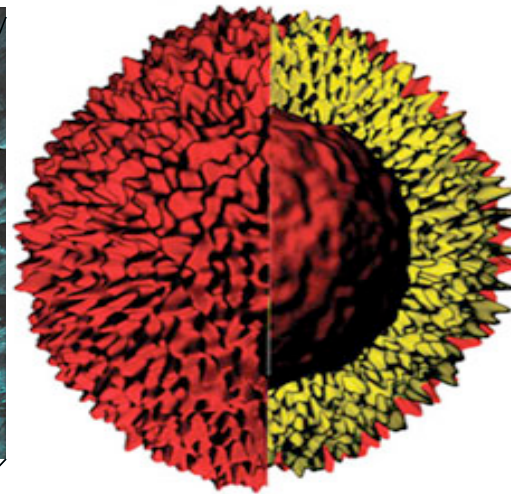
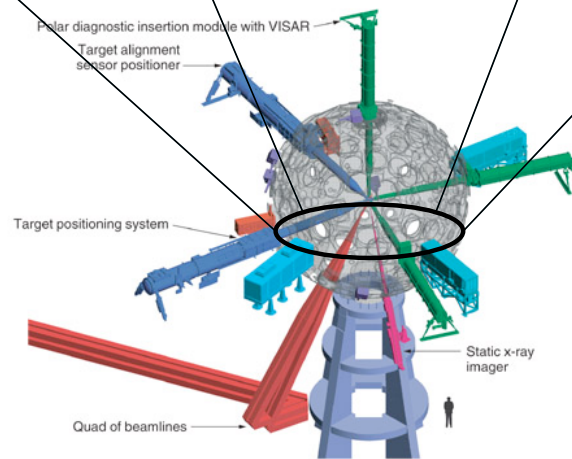
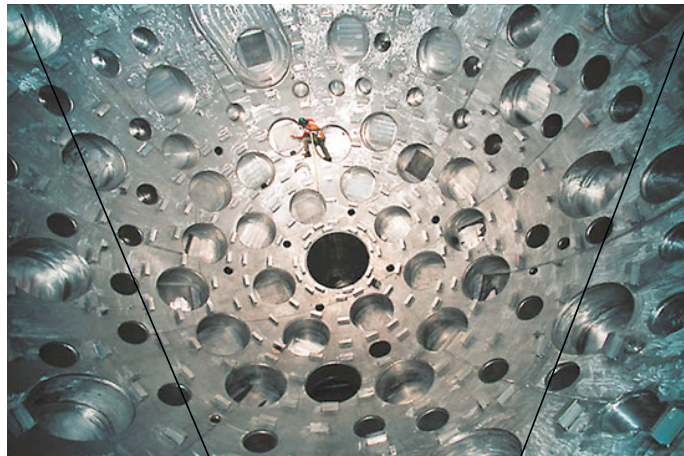
Understand and  
quantify scale-coupling

- Modeling small scales
- Coupled multi-scale simulations

# Inertial Confinement Nuclear Fusion

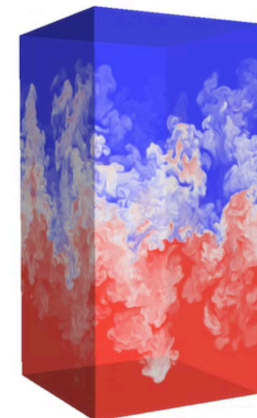
National Ignition Facility (Livermore)

\$3.5 billion to build  
\$300 million/yr to operate



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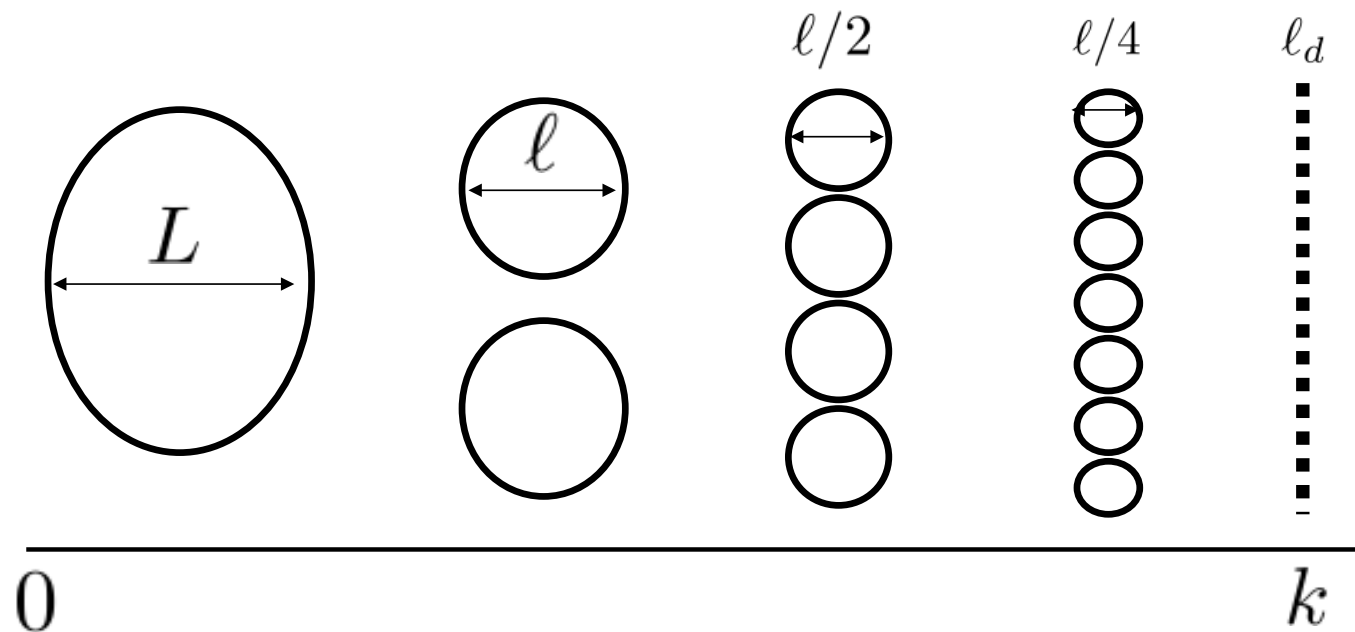
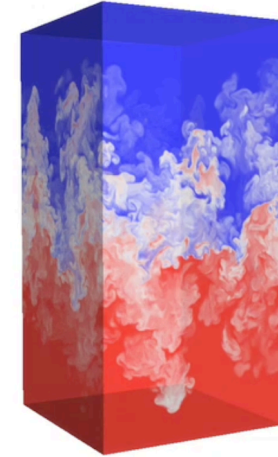
Rayleigh-Taylor Instability  
is the major obstacle in  
realizing "Ignition"



# Multi-scale interactions & Turbulence

Hierarchy of scales:  $L \gg \ell \gg \ell_d$

Fourier wavenumber:  $k = 1/\ell$

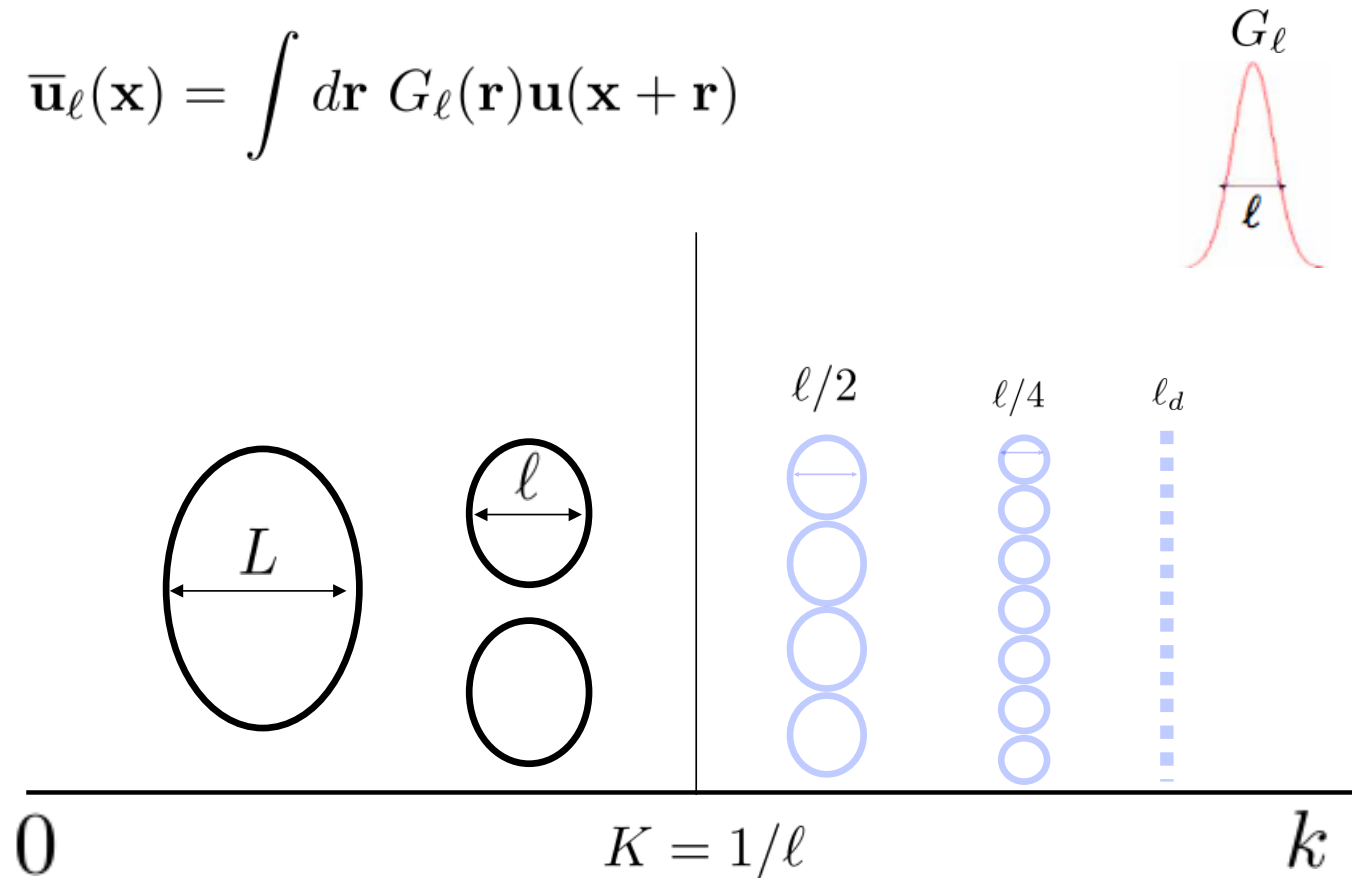


# Our Approach

Coarse-graining (Filtering)

[Leonard (1974), Germano (1992),  
Eyink (1994),  
Ecke, Chen, Eyink et al. (2003)]

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{r} G_\ell(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r})$$

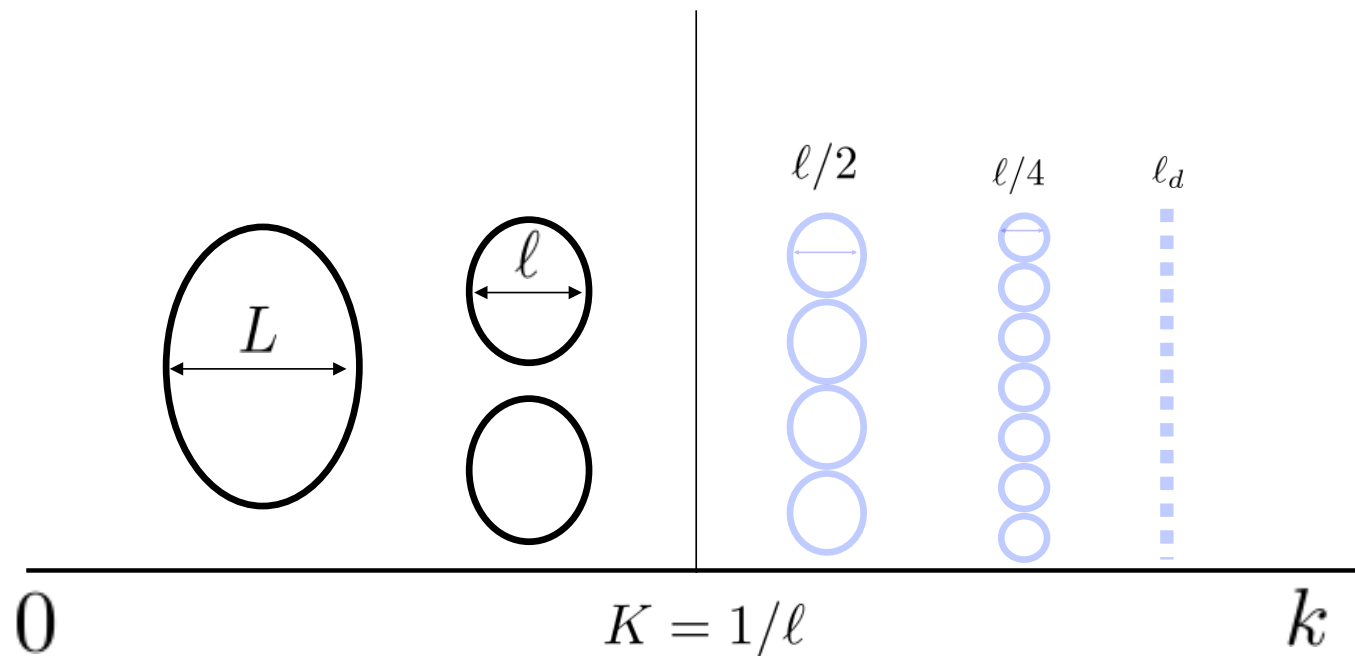


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Coarse-grained dynamics

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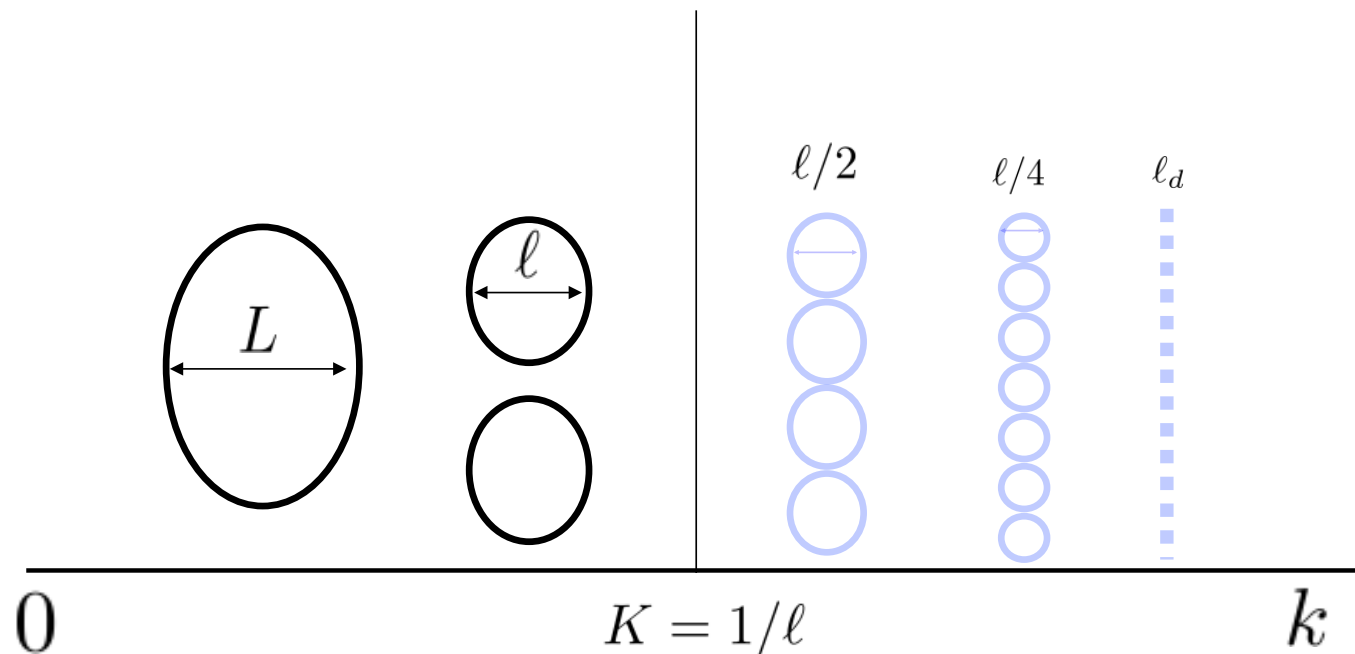
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Sub-scale stress:  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_\ell = \overline{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}_\ell - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_\ell \bar{\mathbf{u}}_\ell$



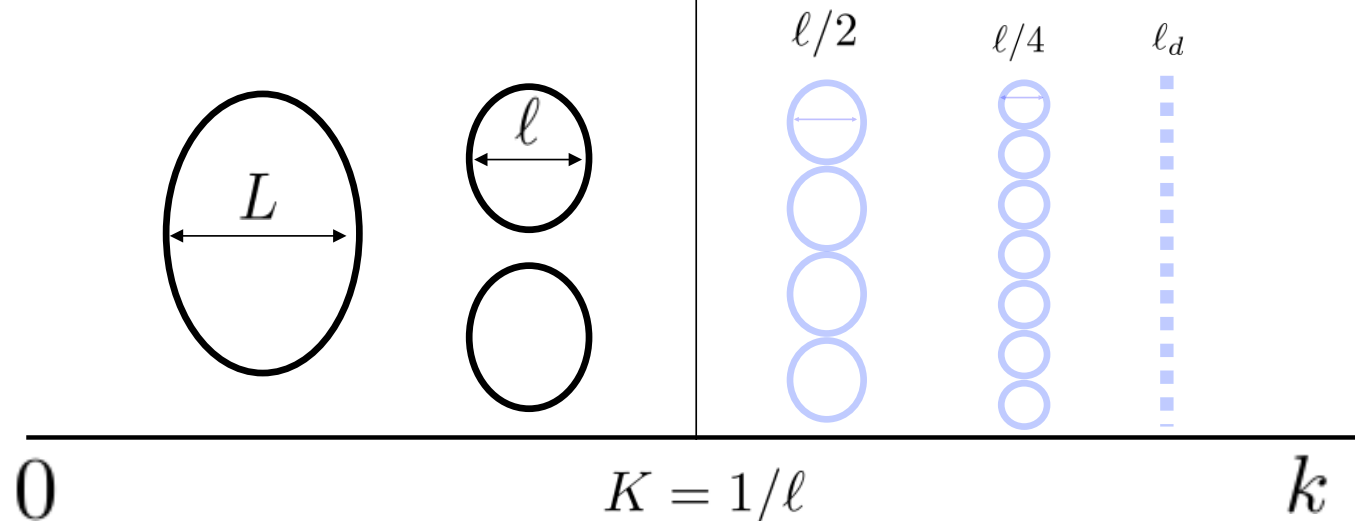
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- Every point  $\mathbf{X}$  and every instant  $t$
- Variable scale  $\ell$

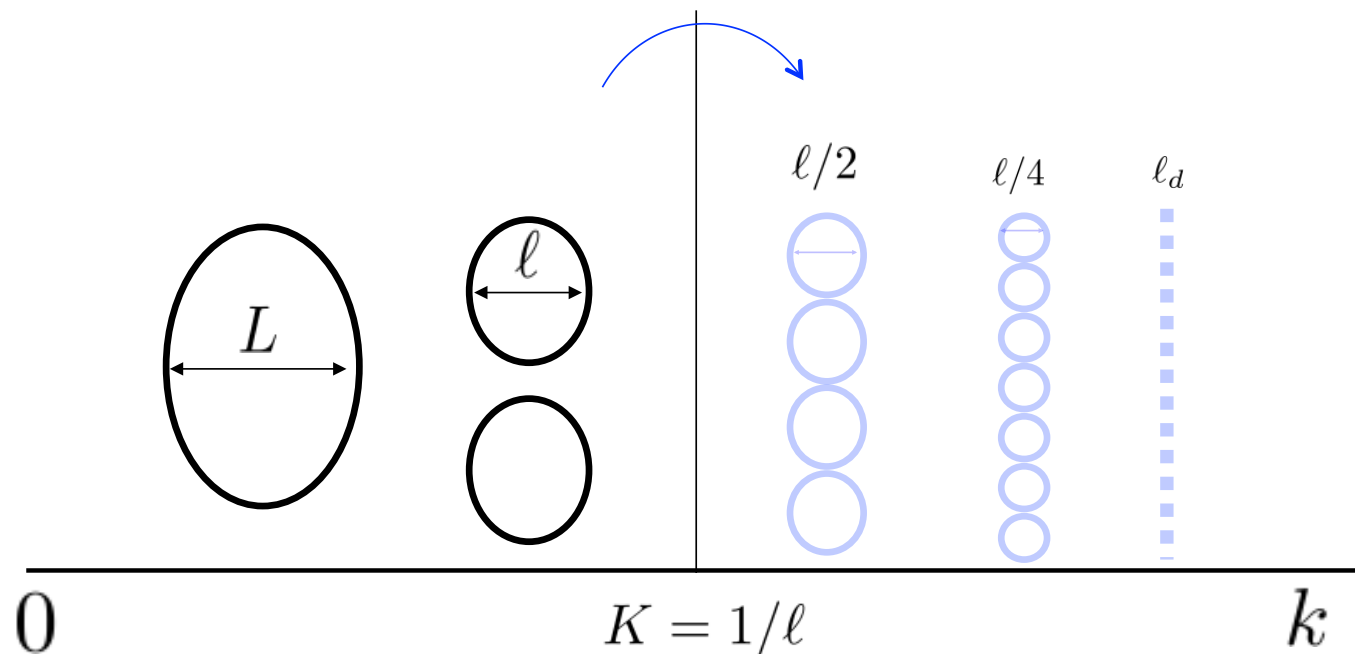


# Cascade of Energy

Large-scale energy budget

$$\partial_t \frac{|\bar{\mathbf{u}}|^2}{2} + \nabla \cdot [\dots] = -\Pi_\ell^E - \nu |\nabla \bar{\mathbf{u}}|^2$$

Energy flux



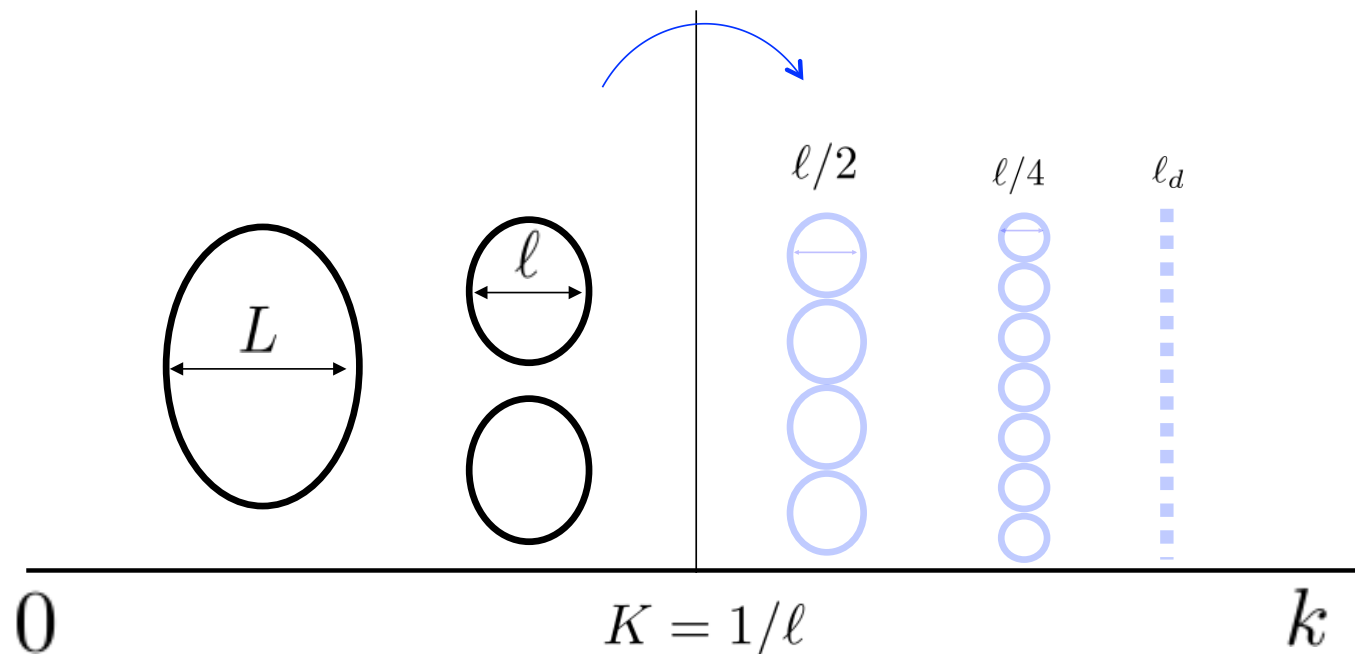
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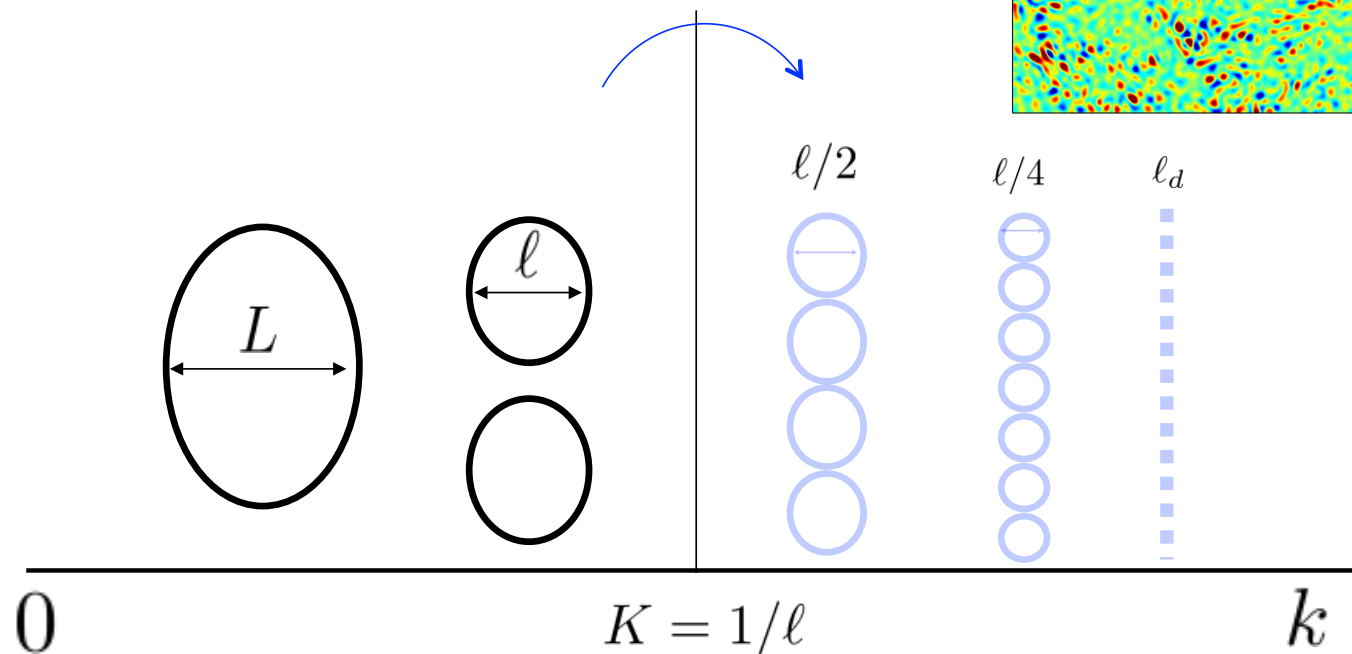
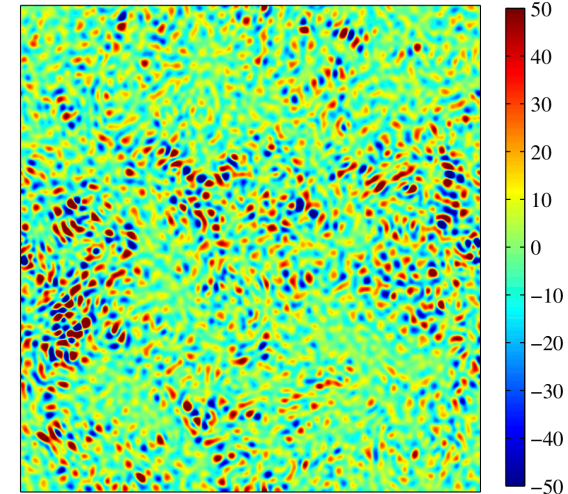
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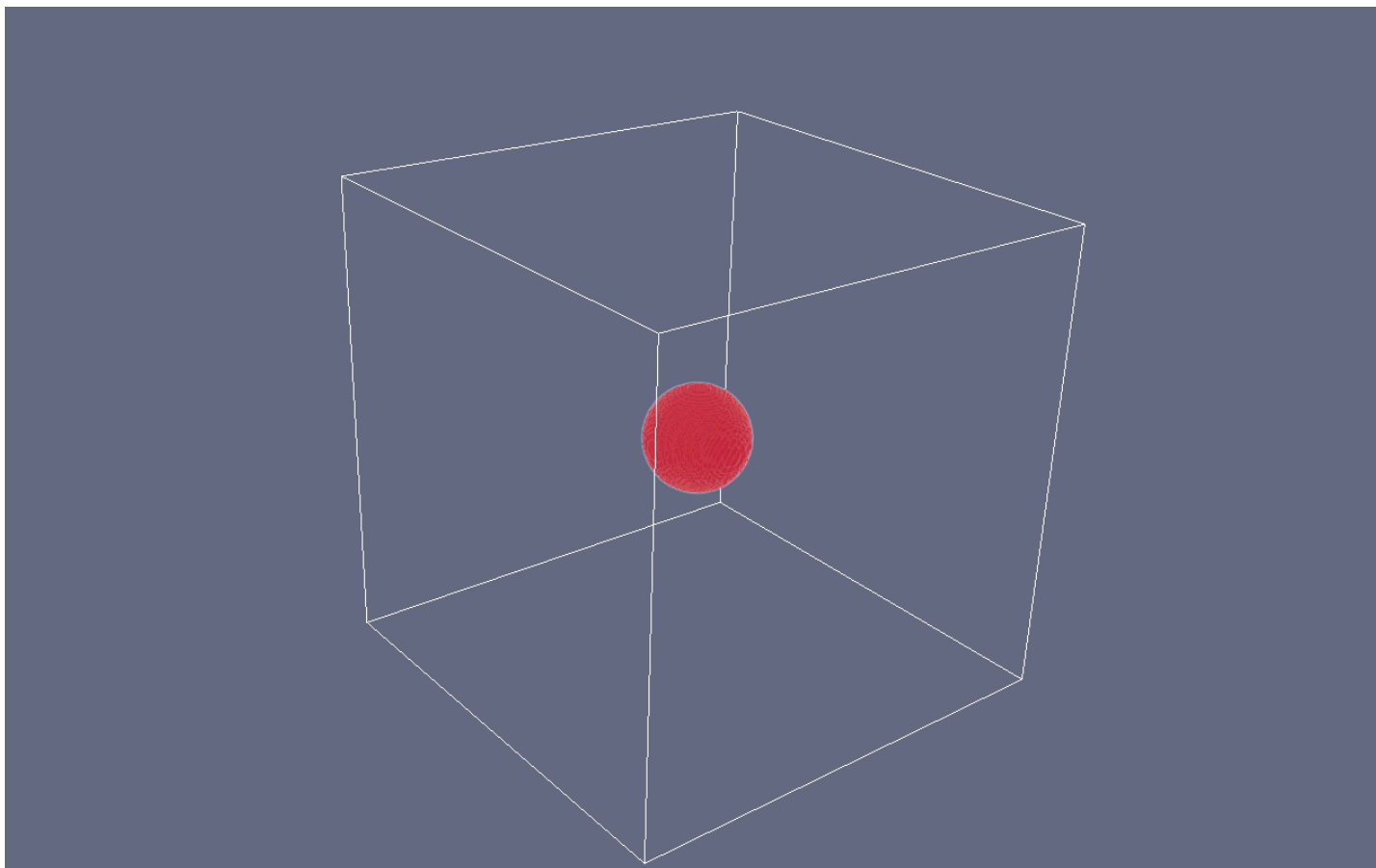
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Energy flux

$K = 30$



## Conflating cascade with spatial transport



Simulation of a passive tracer in a 3D turbulent flow  
by Aarne Lees (PhD student, U. of Rochester)

# Measuring Energy Transfer

Large-scale energy budget

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Subgrid scale (SGS) flux

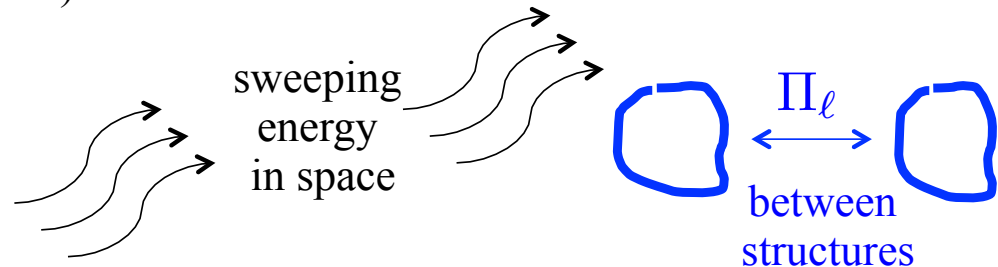
$$\Pi_\ell^E(\mathbf{x}) = -\partial_j \bar{u}_i [\overline{u_i u_j} - \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_j]$$

Frisch (1995), Scott & Wang (2005), Tulloch, Marshall, and Smith (2011)

$$\Pi_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{u}_i u_j \partial_j (u_i - \bar{u}_i)$$

Lindborg (2006), Mininni, et al. (2008)

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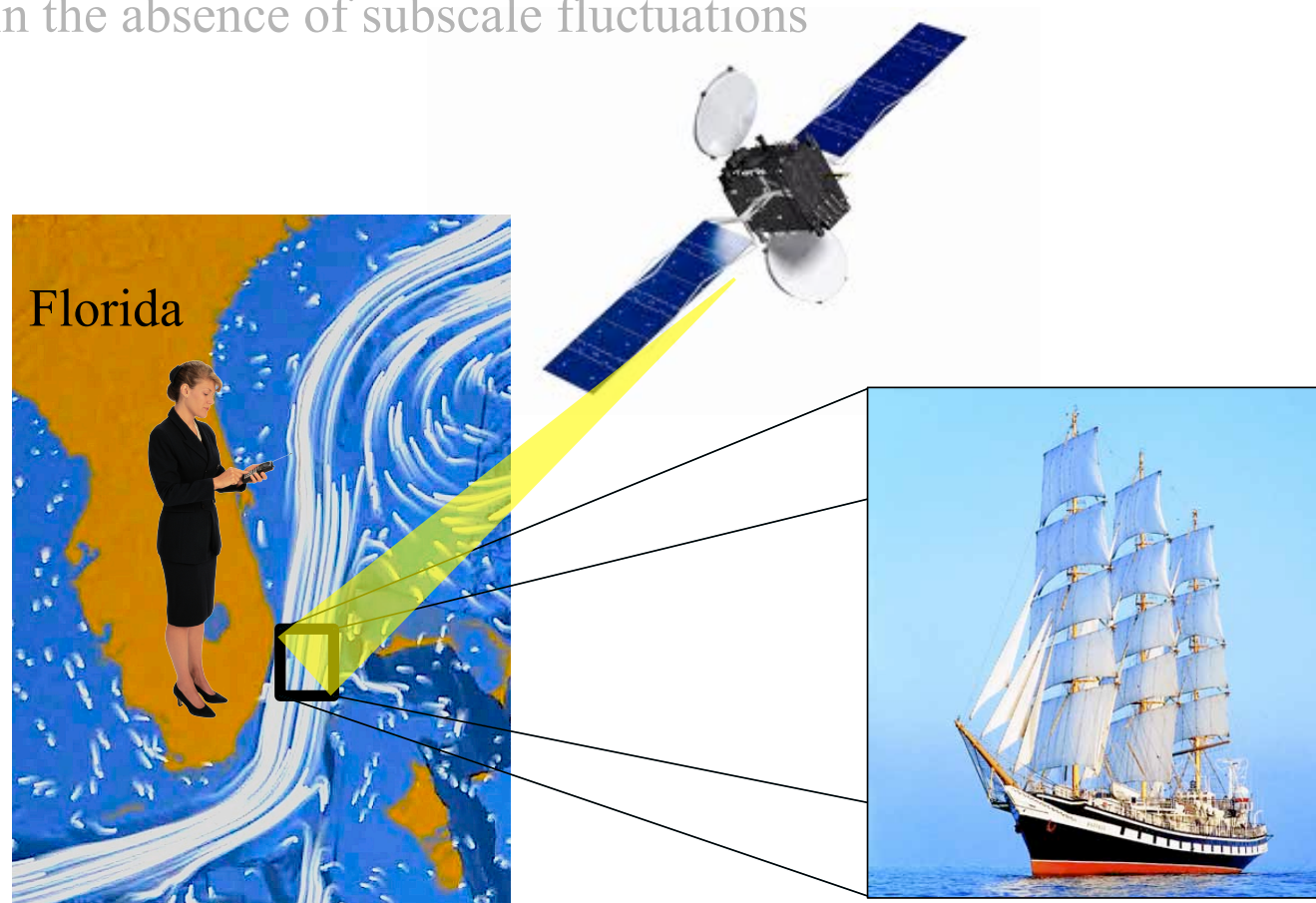


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Gulf Stream





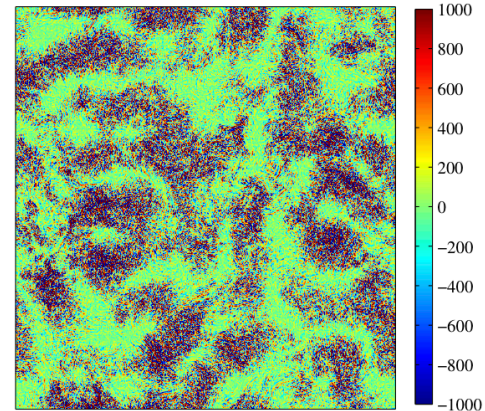
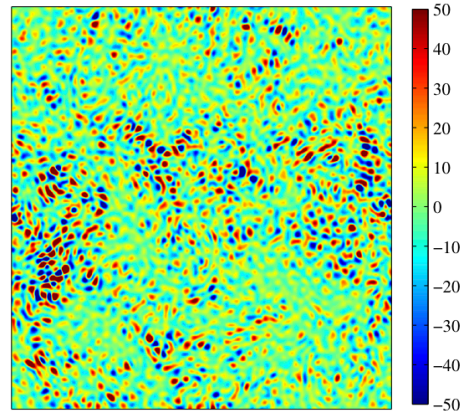
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SGS  
definition



Frisch (1995)  
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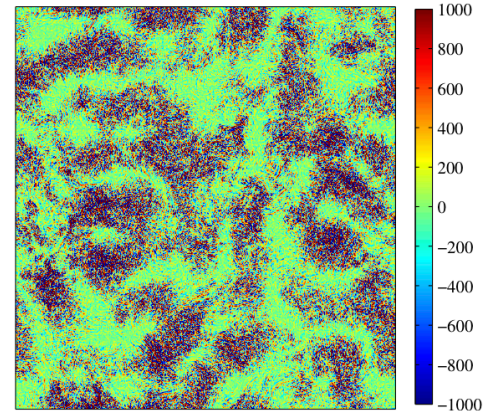
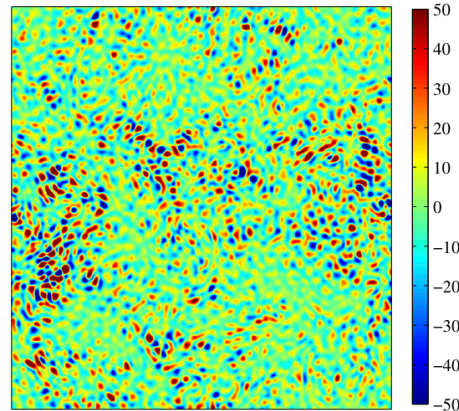
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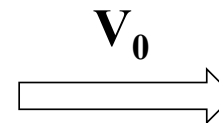
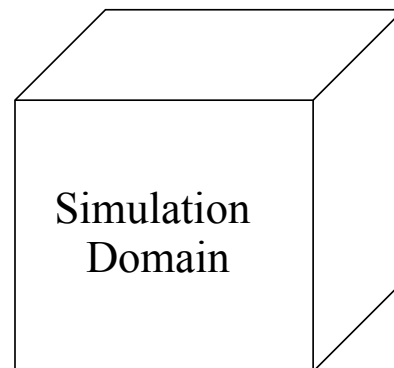
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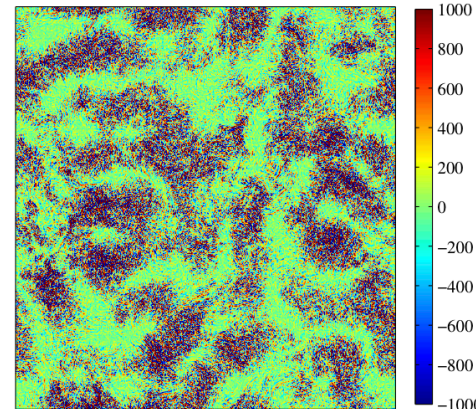
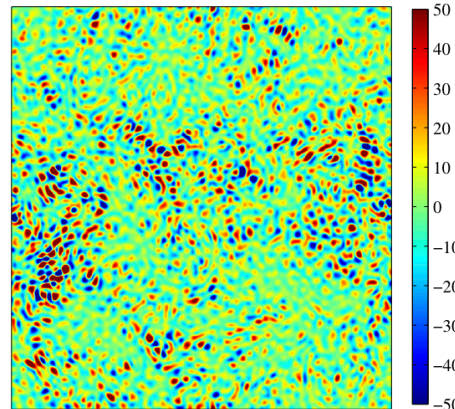
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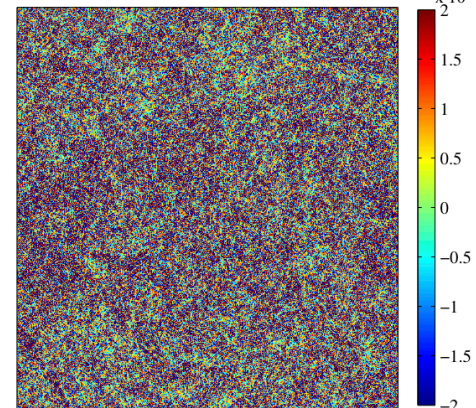
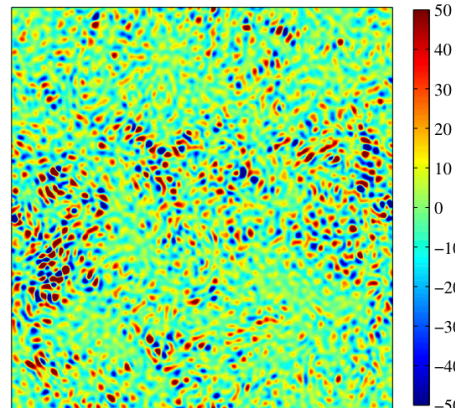
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After  
boosting



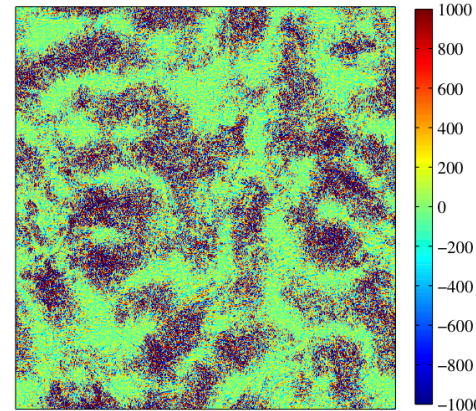
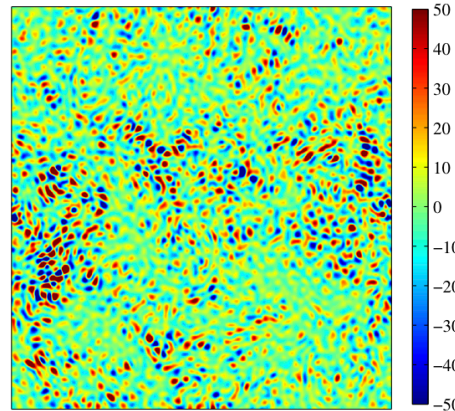
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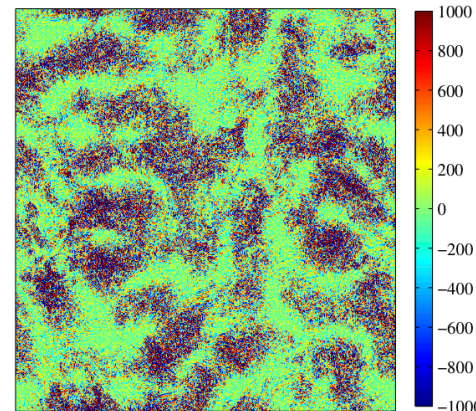
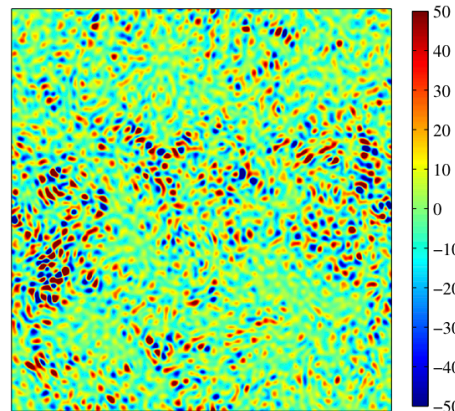
Contains all information on the multi-scale structures involved.

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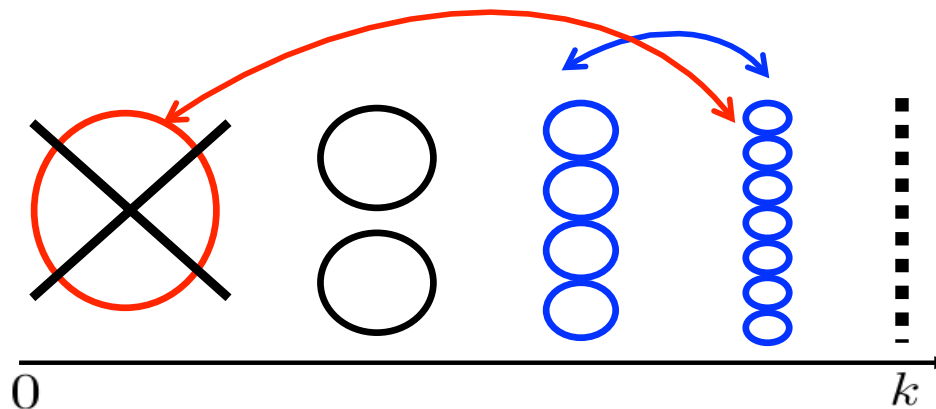
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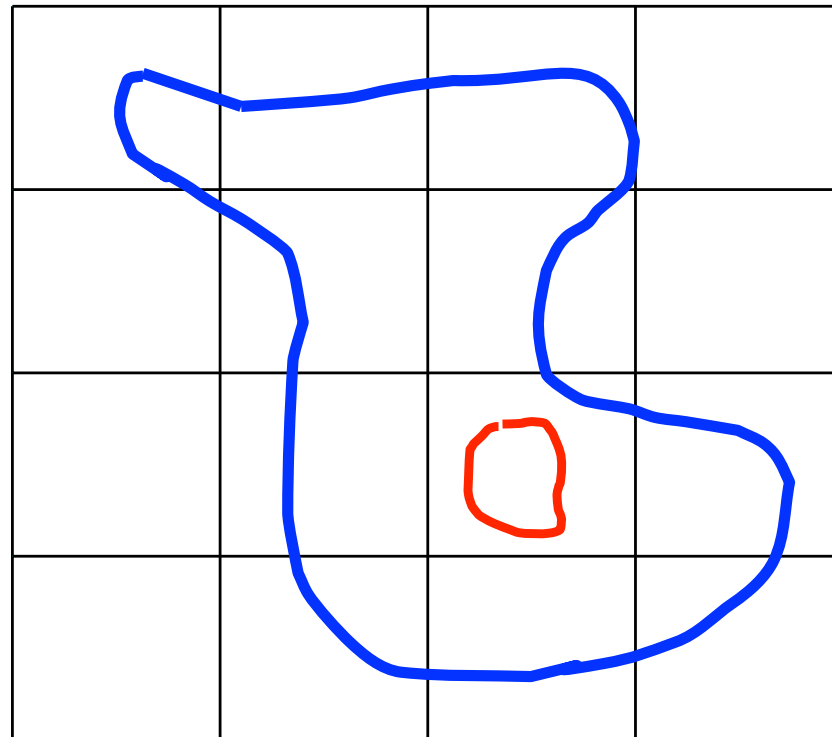
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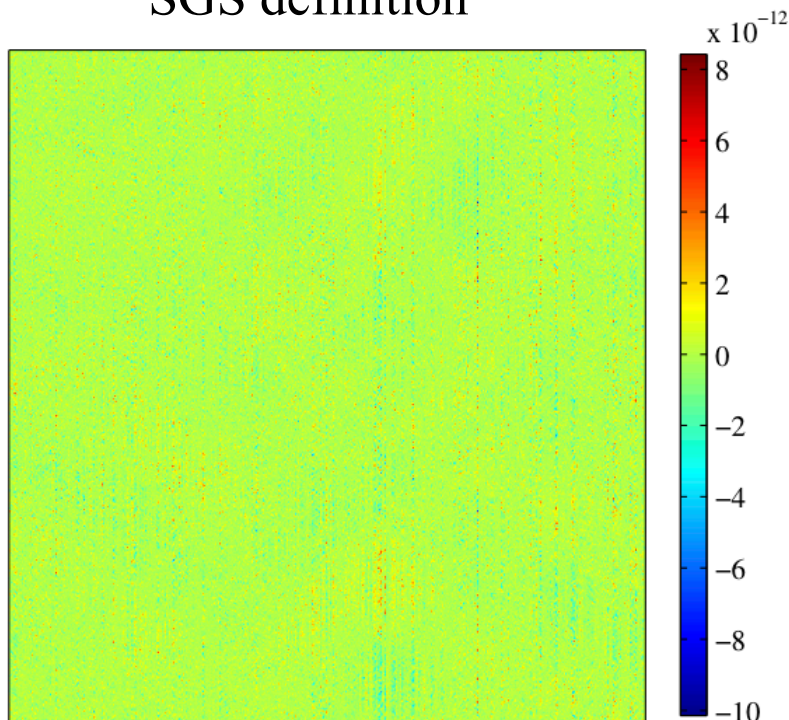


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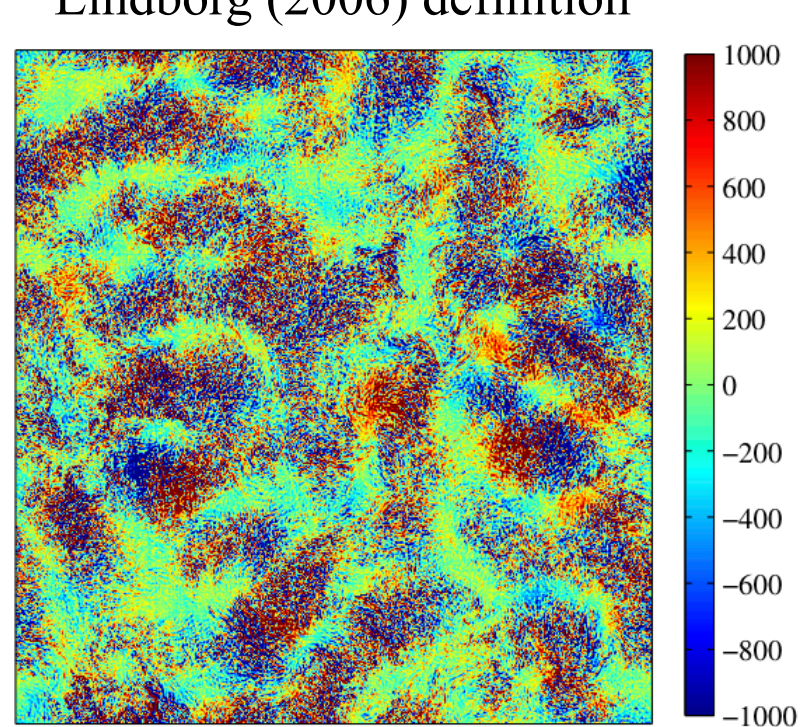
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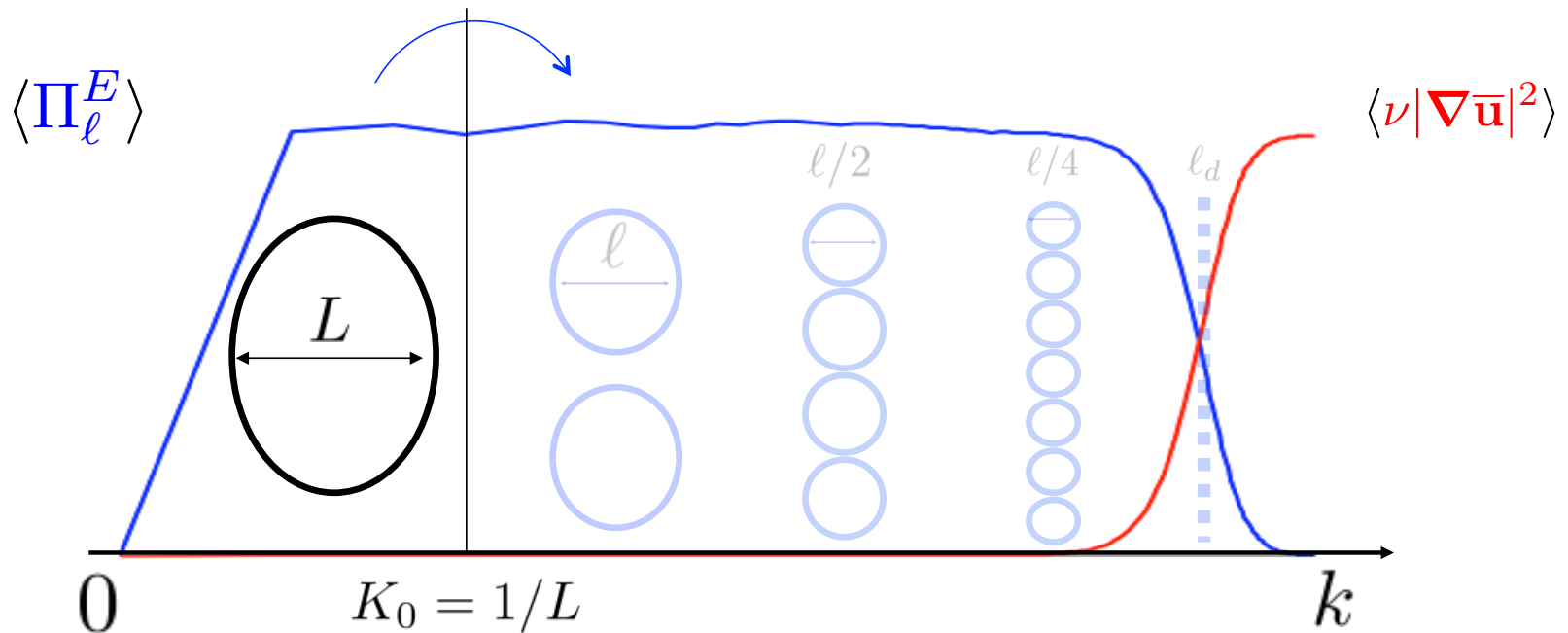
Lindborg (2006) definition



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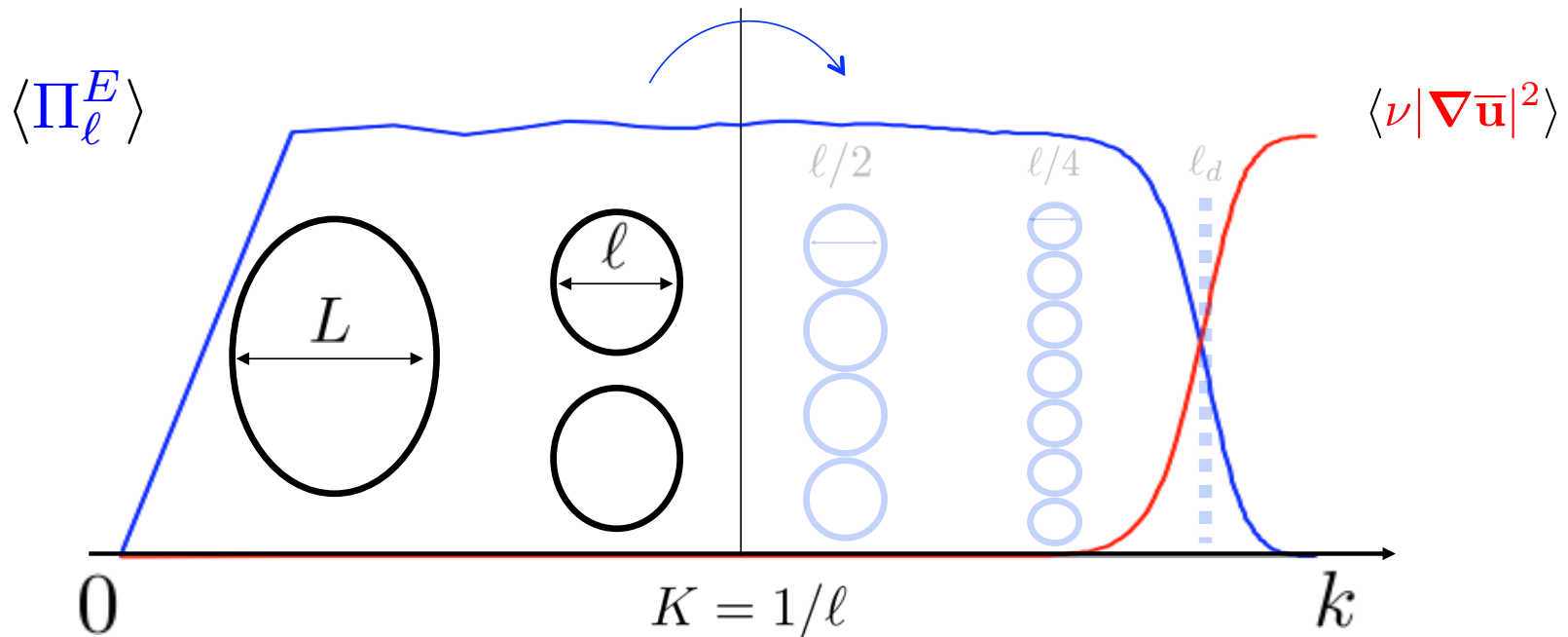




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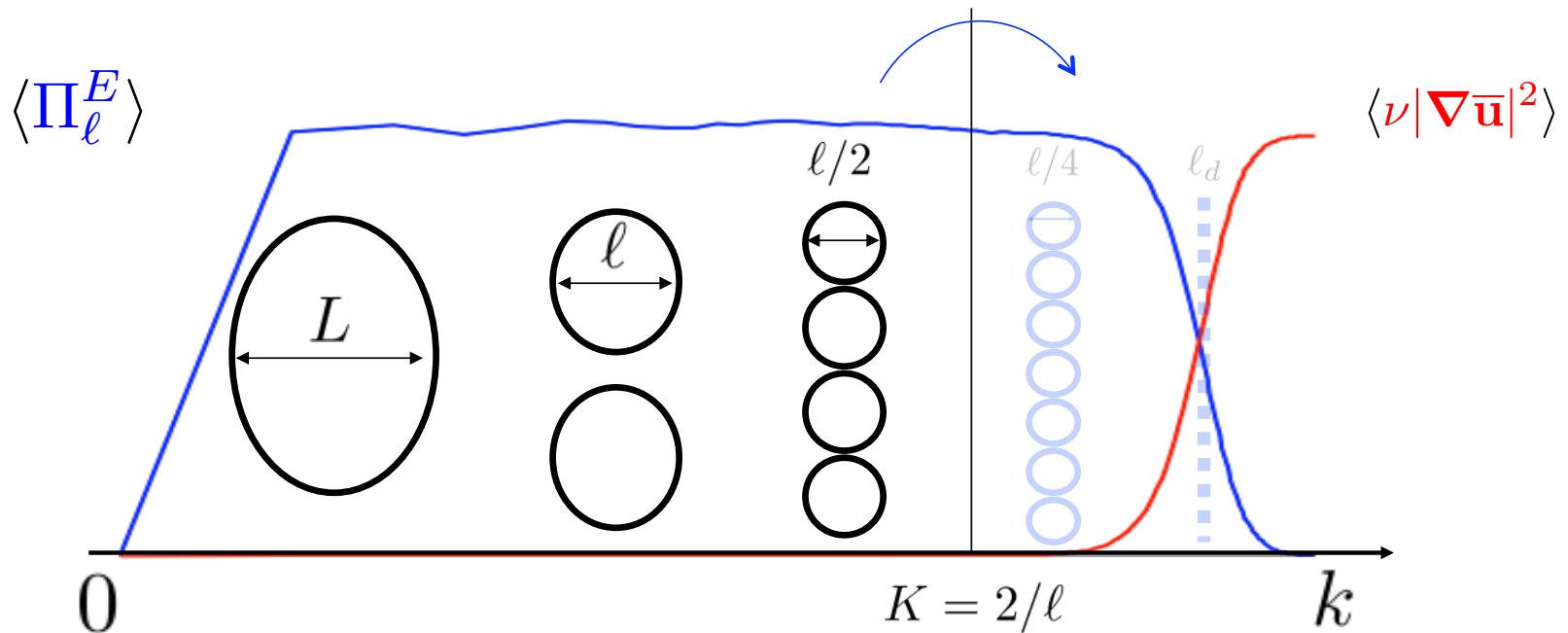
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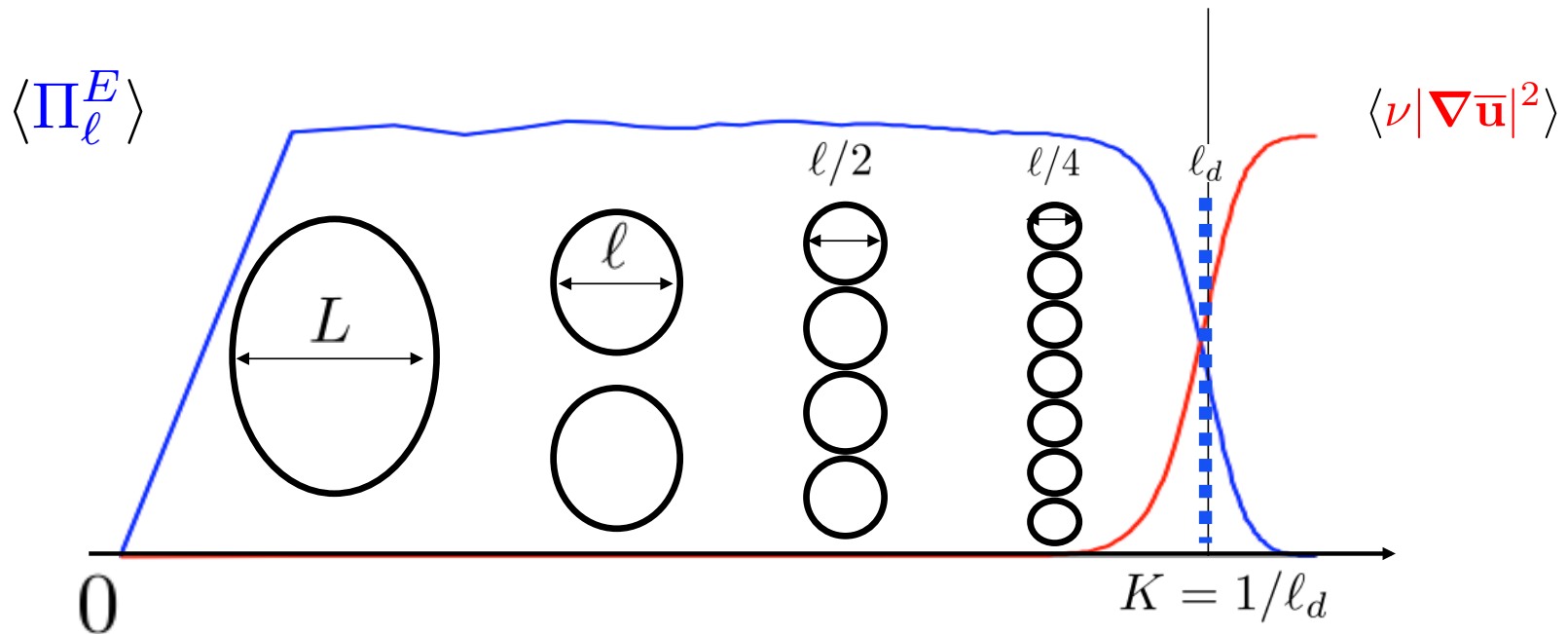
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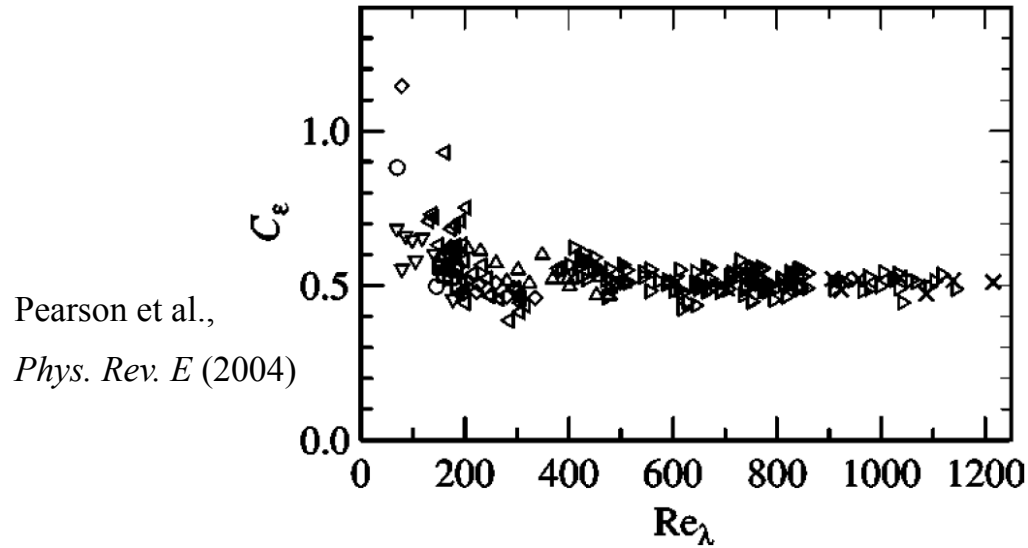
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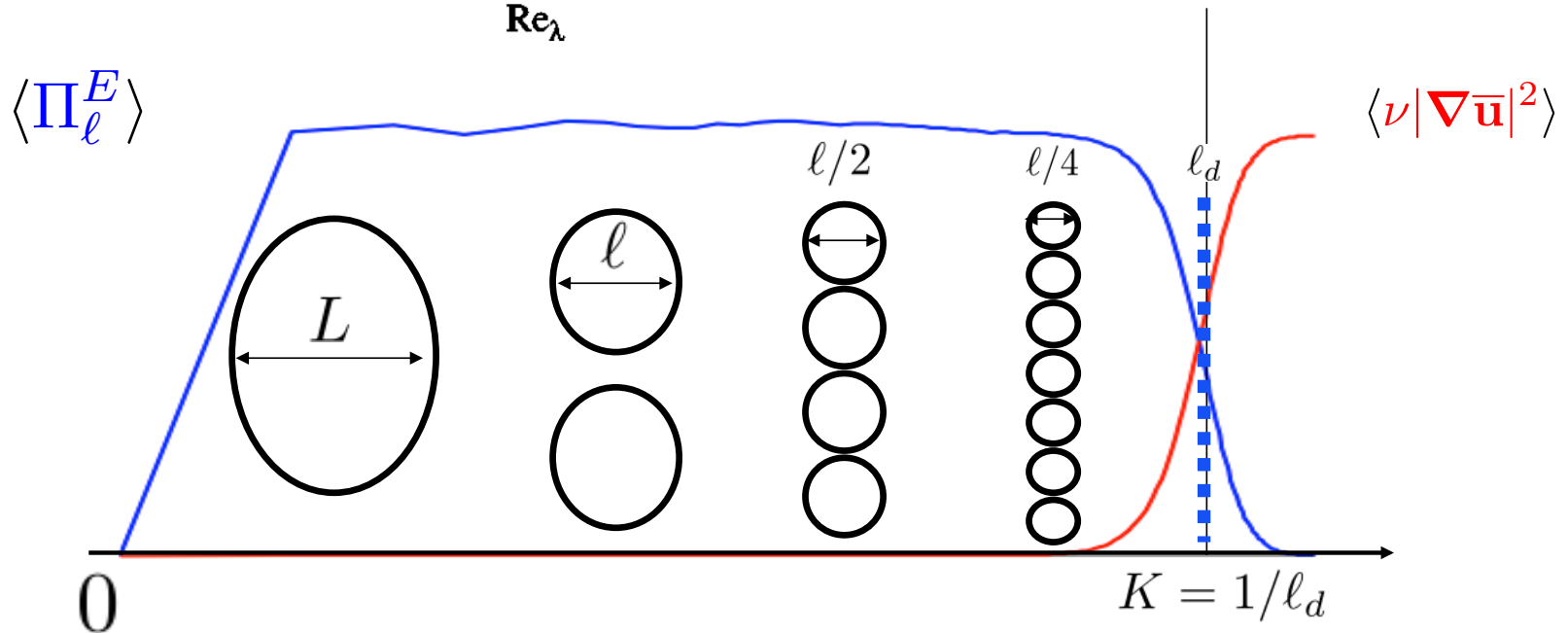


# Zeroth Law of Hydrodynamic Turbulence



$$C_\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon_{dissip}}{U_{rms}^3/L}$$

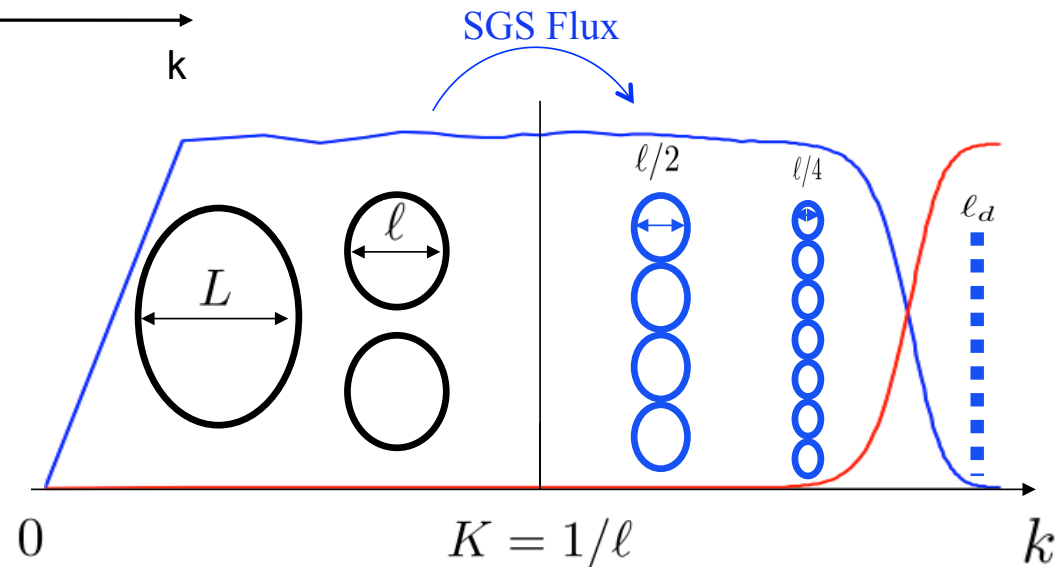
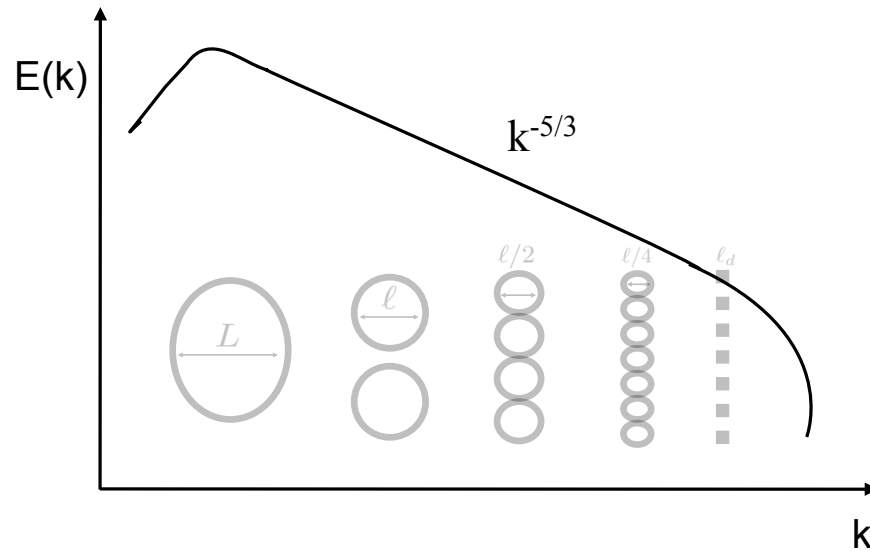
G. I. Taylor,  
*Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond.*, (1935)



# Kolmogorov's Theory

## Critical Features

1. Viscosity localized to smallest scales
2. Scale-independent energy flux (4/5th law)
3. Scale locality

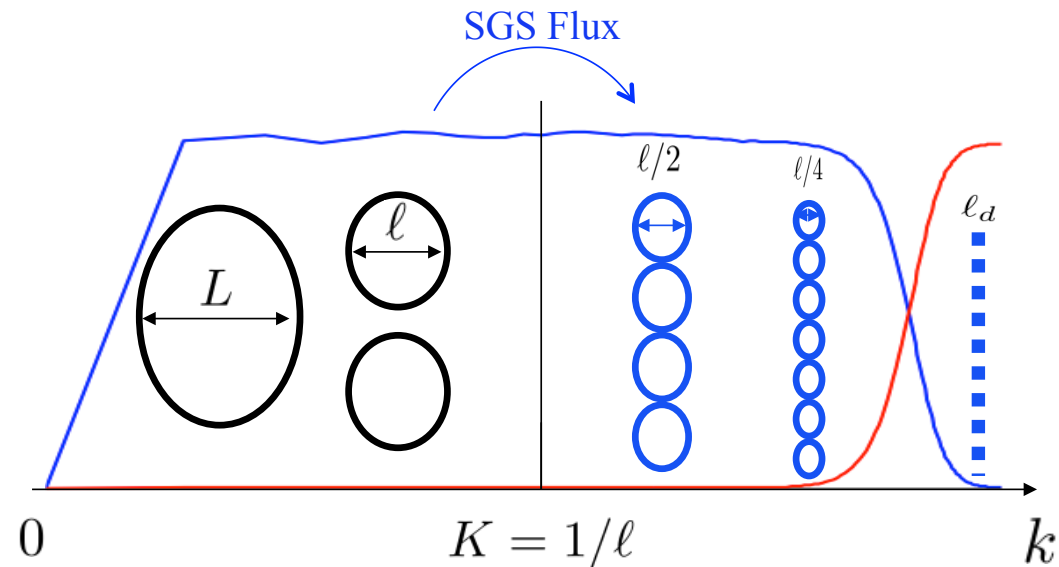


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## Goal I

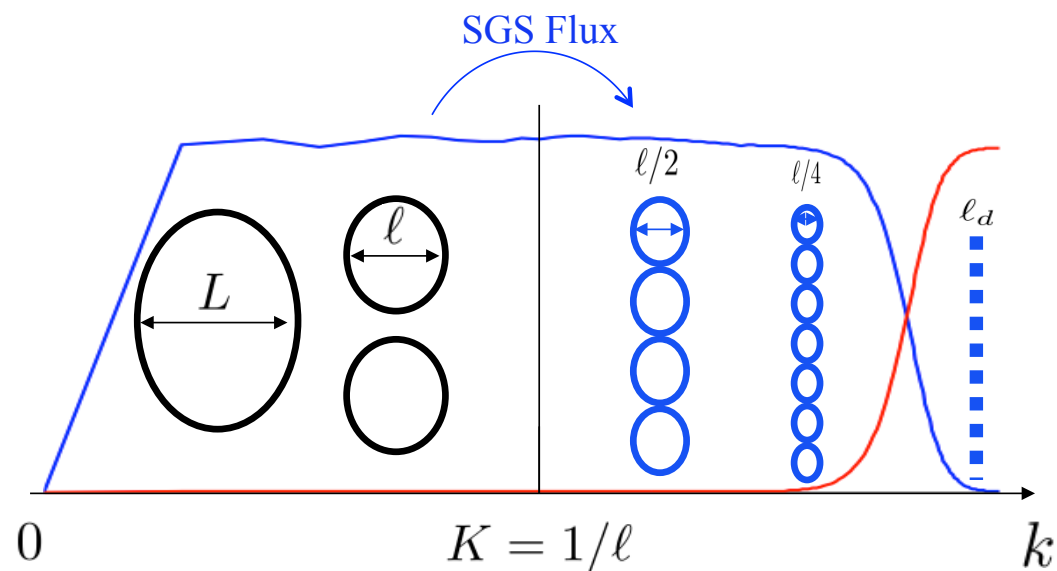
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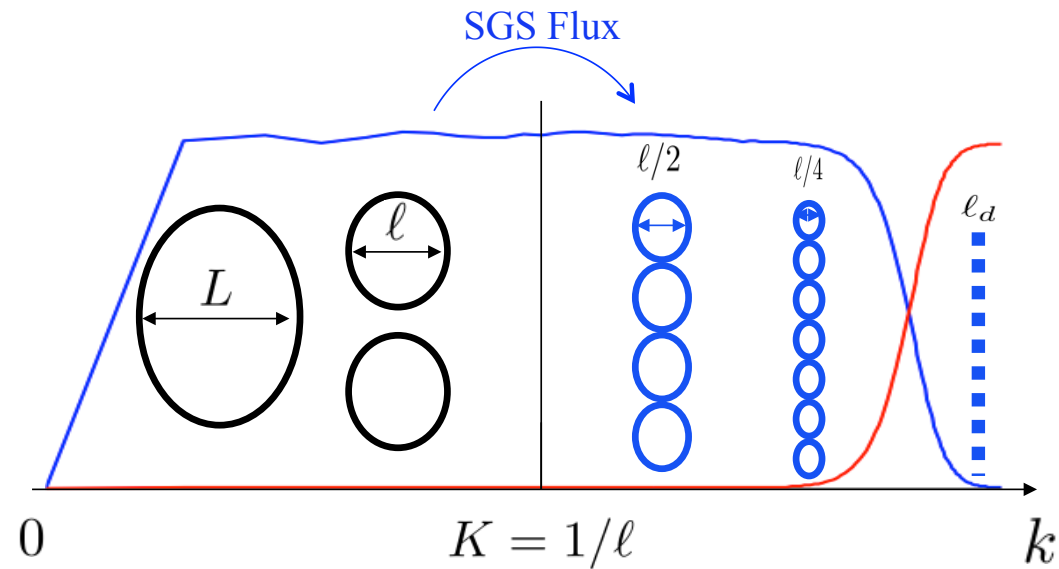
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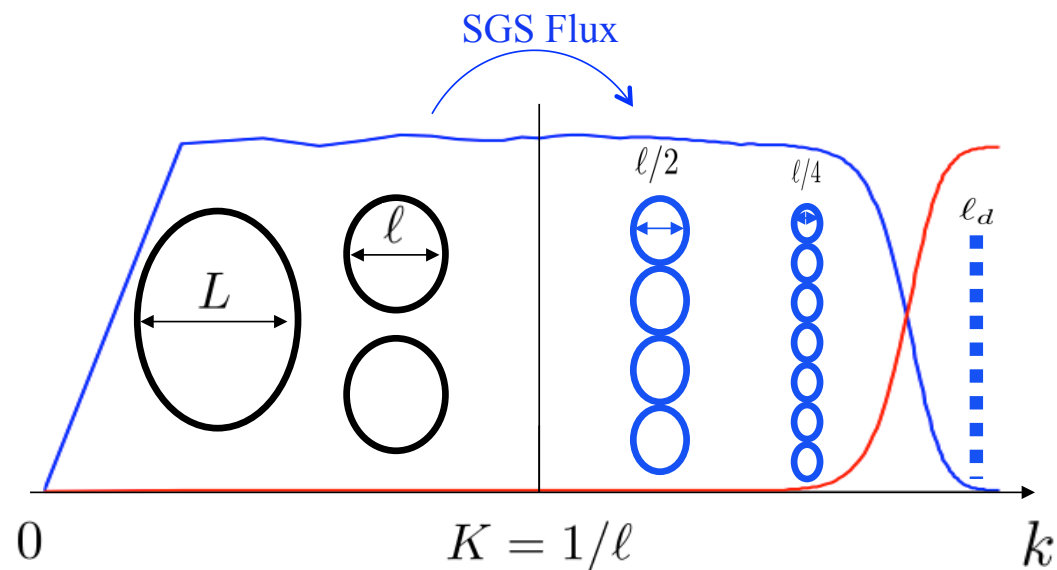




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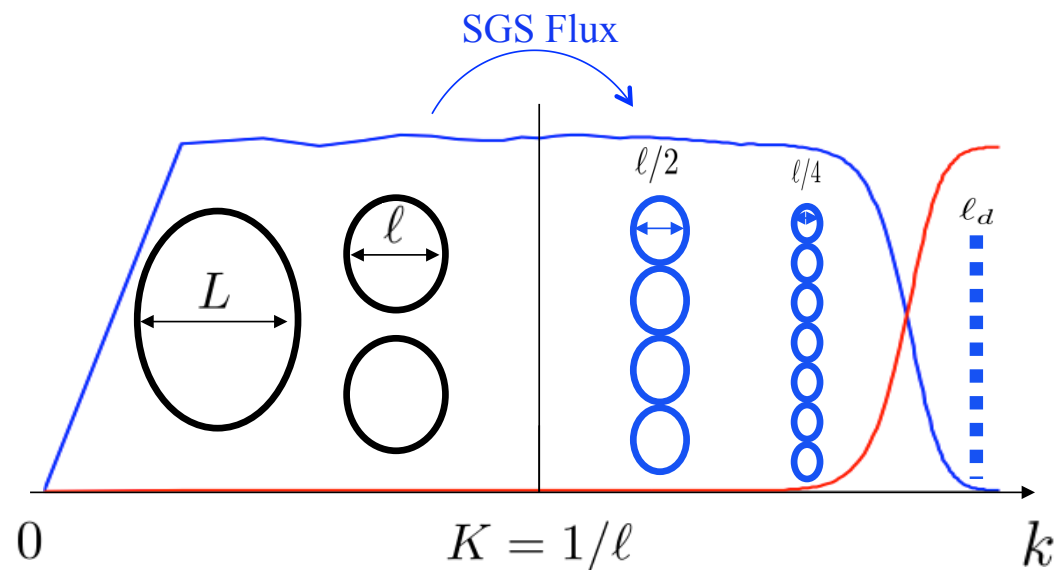
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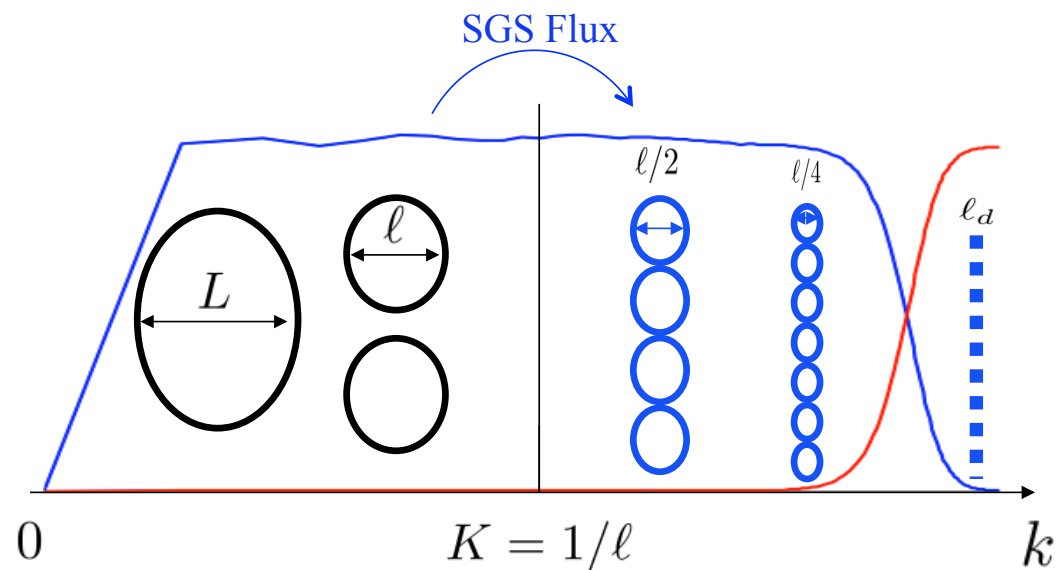


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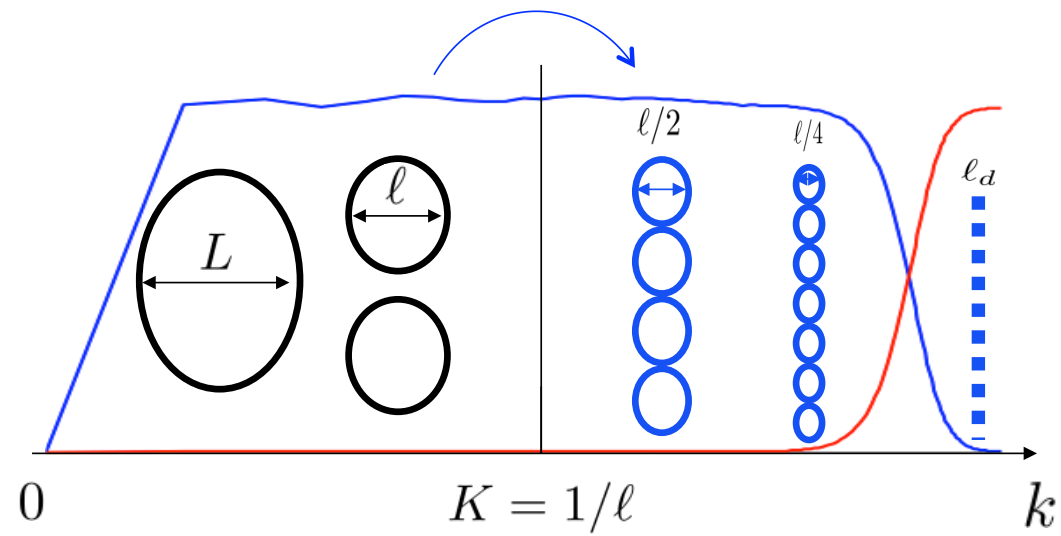
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purely kinematic



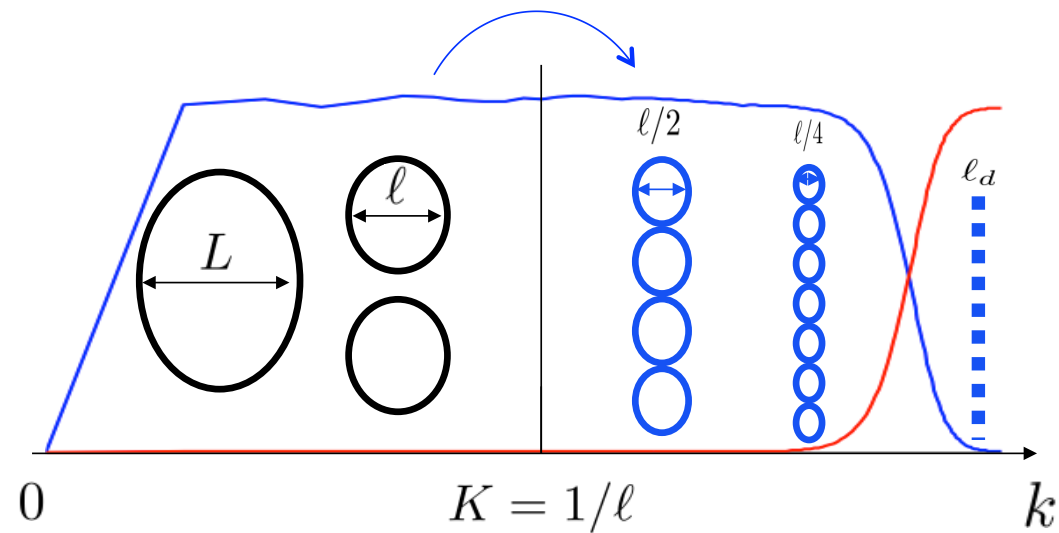
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$$\partial_t \frac{\rho |\mathbf{u}|^2}{2}$$



# Compressible Turbulence

$$\sum_{|\mathbf{k}| < K} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\widehat{\sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k})|^2 \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left| \overline{\sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{u}} \right|^2 \quad [\text{Kida \& Orszag (1990)}]$$

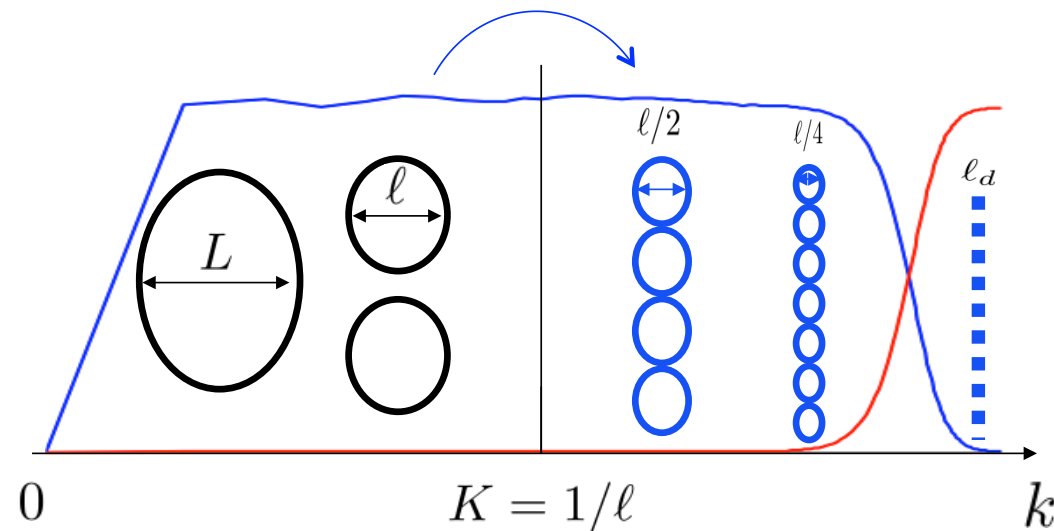


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OR

$$\sum_{|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{q}| < K} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\rho}(-\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) \widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{q}) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \overline{\rho} |\overline{\mathbf{u}}|^2 \quad [\text{Chassaing (1985)}]$$

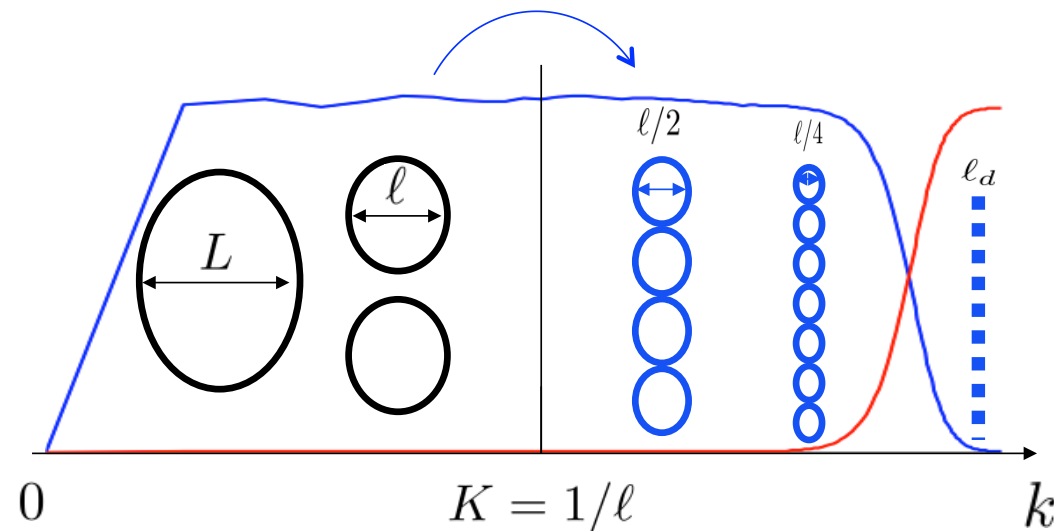


# Compressible Turbulence

$$\sum_{|\mathbf{k}| < K} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\widehat{\sqrt{\rho}} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{k})|^2 = [\dots] \quad + \text{viscous dissipation}$$

OR

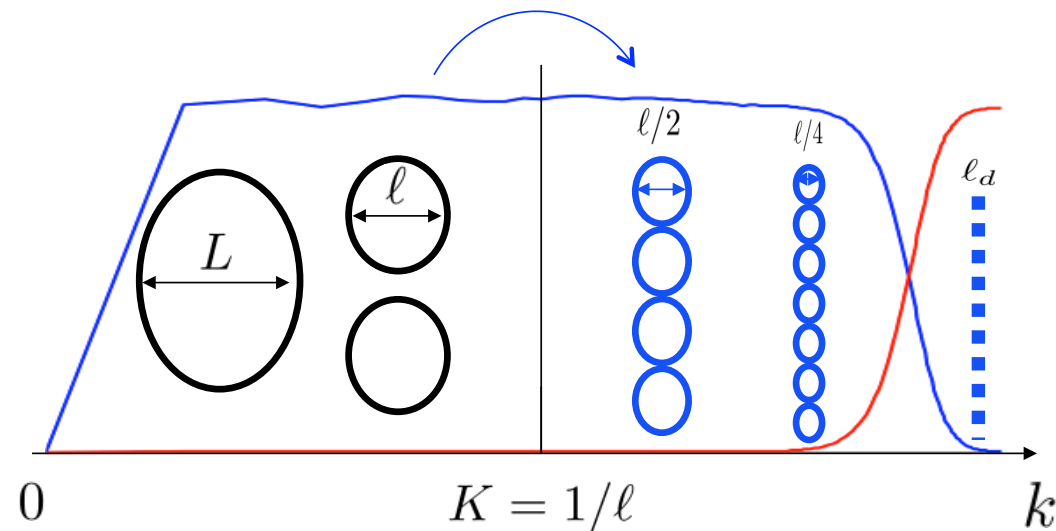
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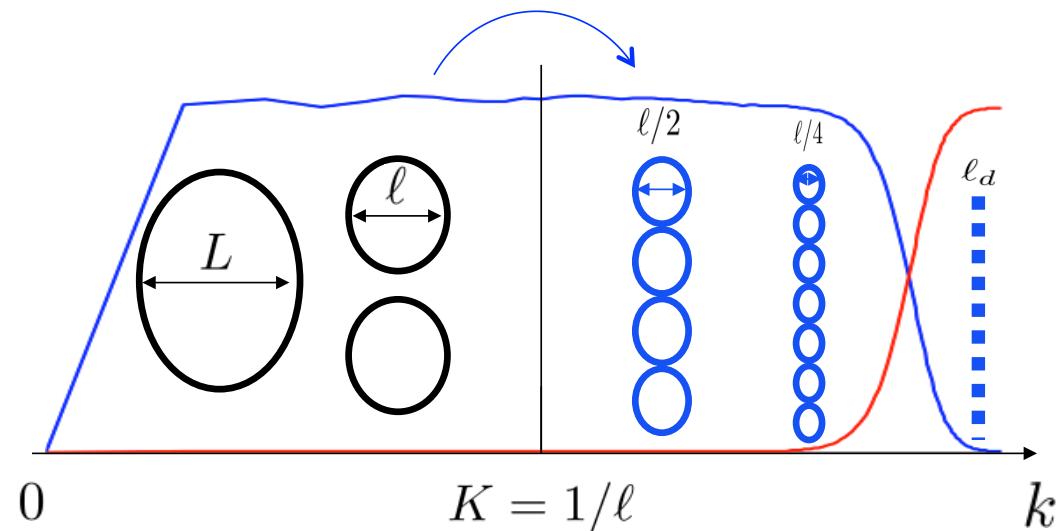


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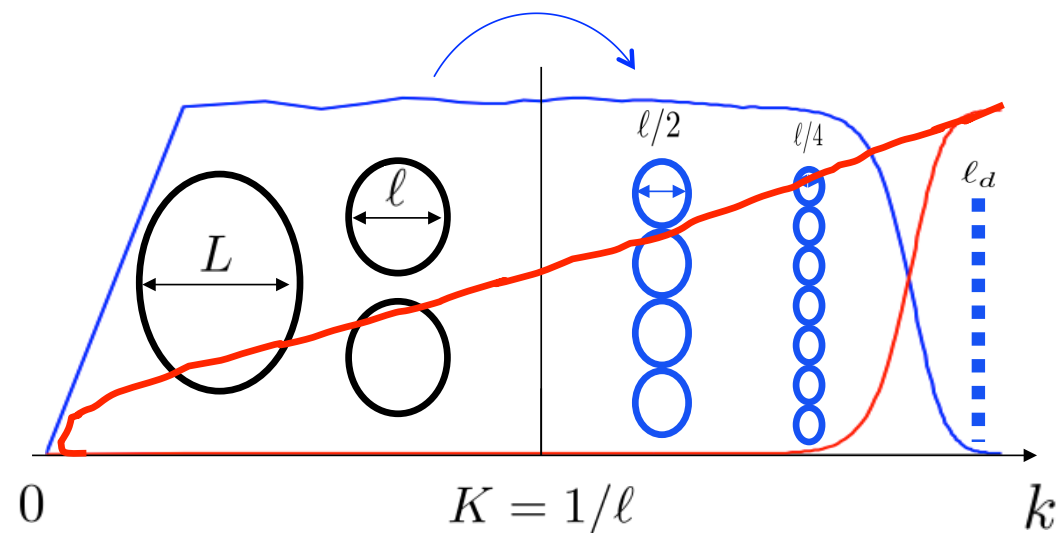


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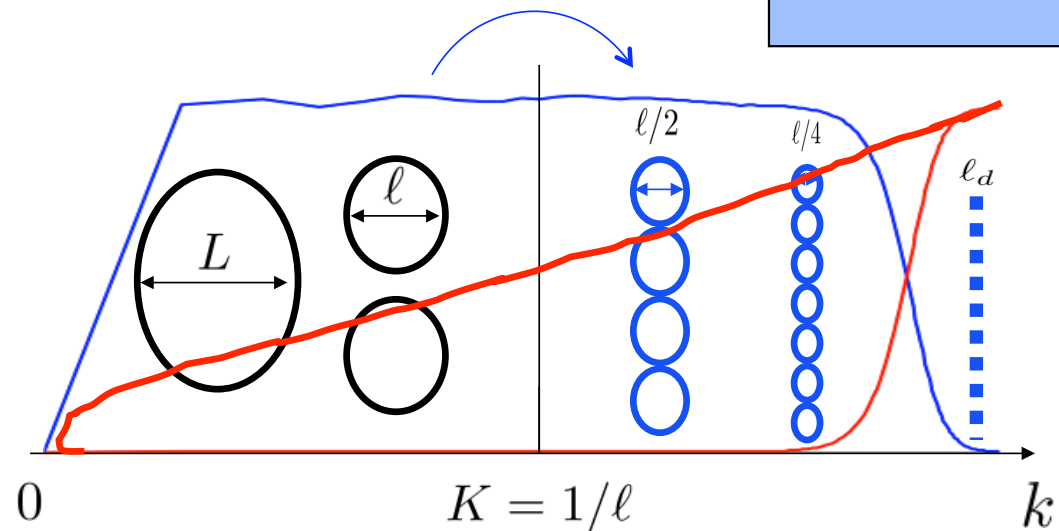
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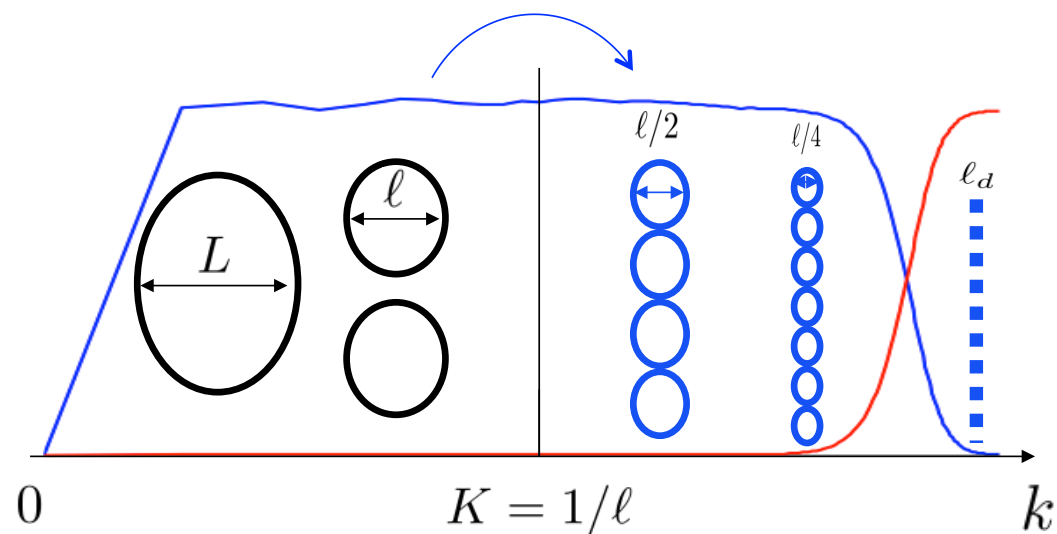
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Inviscid criterion



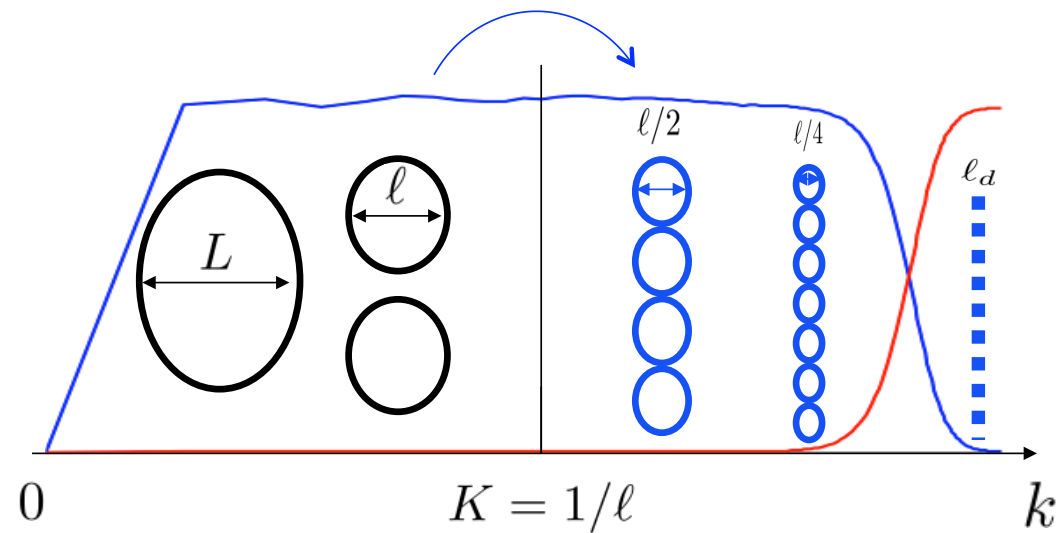
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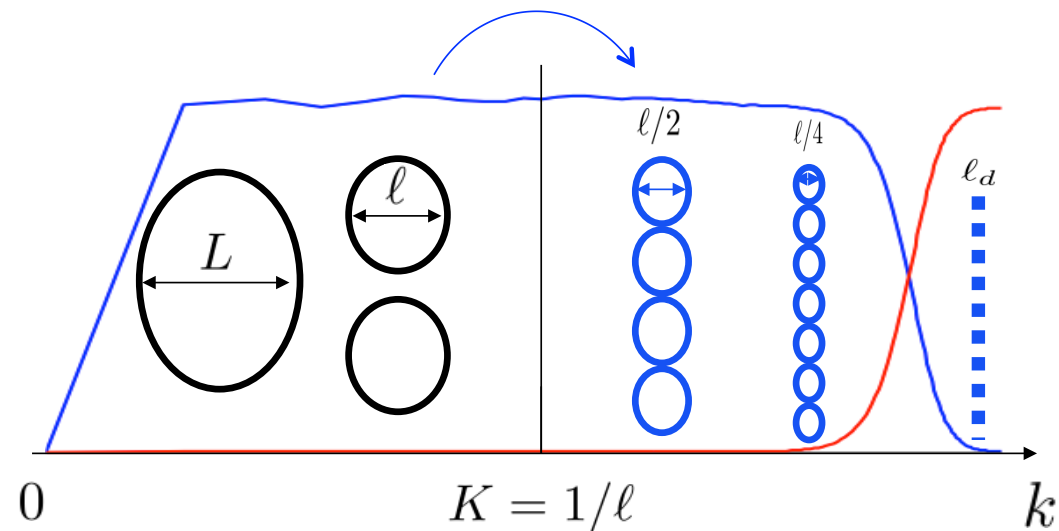
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Favre Filtering (1965)

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$$\bar{g}_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| < \ell^{-1}} \widehat{g}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$



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**Proposition 1.** *For a constant viscosity,  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mu$ , if velocity solutions  $\mathbf{u}$  of the compressible Navier-Stokes equation (1)-(3) over a domain  $\mathbb{T}^d$  have finite 2nd-order moments:  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} d\mathbf{x} |\mathbf{u}|^2 < \infty$ , then viscous terms in the large-scale momentum eq. (8) vanish pointwise as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ .*

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mu \partial_j \partial_i \bar{\mathbf{u}}_\ell(\mathbf{x}) \right| &\leq \frac{\mu}{\ell^2} \int d\mathbf{r} \left| (\partial_j \partial_i G)_\ell(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\mu}{\ell^2} V^{\frac{1}{p}} \|(\partial_j \partial_i G)_\ell\|_p V^{\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_q = \frac{\mu}{\ell^2} \left( \frac{L_{\text{dom}}}{\ell} \right)^{d(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|\mathbf{u}\|_q \left( \int d\mathbf{s} \left| \frac{\partial^2 G(\mathbf{s})}{\partial s_i \partial s_j} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

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**Proposition 2.** For a constant  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mu$ , if solutions  $(\rho, \mathbf{u})$  of the compressible Navier-Stokes equation (1)-(3) over domain  $\mathbb{T}^d$  have finite 3rd-order moments:  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} d\mathbf{x} |\rho|^3 < \infty$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} d\mathbf{x} |\mathbf{u}|^3 < \infty$ , and finite mean specific volume,  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} d\mathbf{x} \rho^{-1} < \infty$ , then for positive kernels  $G(\mathbf{r}) \geq 0$ , viscous terms in the large-scale kinetic energy budget (13) vanish pointwise as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\mu |\nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{u}}| \leq \frac{\mu}{\ell^2} \|\mathbf{u}\|_3^2 \left[ A(L_{\text{dom}}/\ell) + B(L_{\text{dom}}/\ell) \frac{\|\rho\|_3}{\bar{\rho}} + C(L_{\text{dom}}/\ell) \frac{\|\rho\|_3^2}{\bar{\rho}^2} \right] A(L_{\text{dom}}/\ell).$$

Factors  $1/\bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x})$  in the above expression are finite because  $1/\rho$  is a convex function of density over  $\rho \in [0, \infty)$ . When  $G(\mathbf{r}) \geq 0$ , coarse-graining is an averaging operation and we can use Jensen's inequality to obtain

$$1/\bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x}) \leq (\overline{1/\rho})_\ell(\mathbf{x}) \leq \|G_\ell\|_p \|\rho^{-1}\|_q = \|\rho^{-1}\|_q \left( \frac{L_{\text{dom}}}{\ell} \right)^{d(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|G\|_p,$$

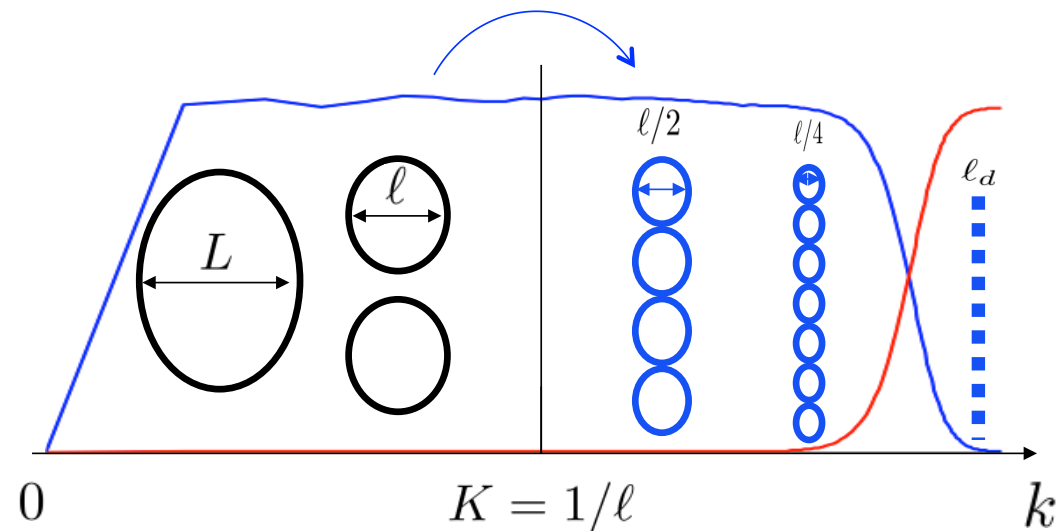


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## Conclusion I

Viscosity localized to smallest scales when using Favre decomposition

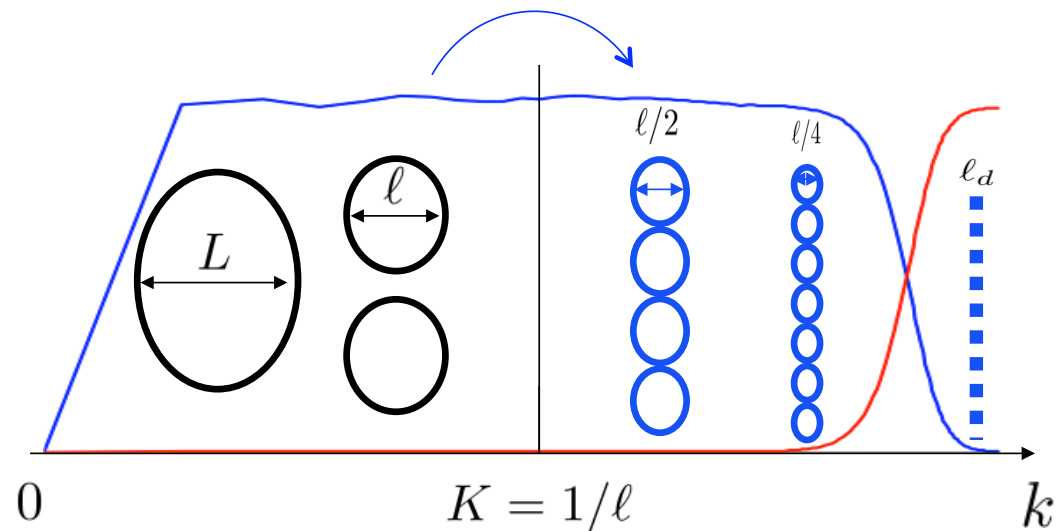


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## Goal II

Scale-independent  
kinetic energy flux



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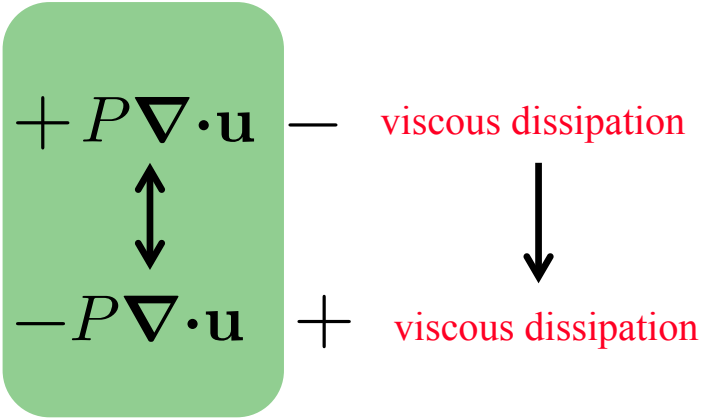
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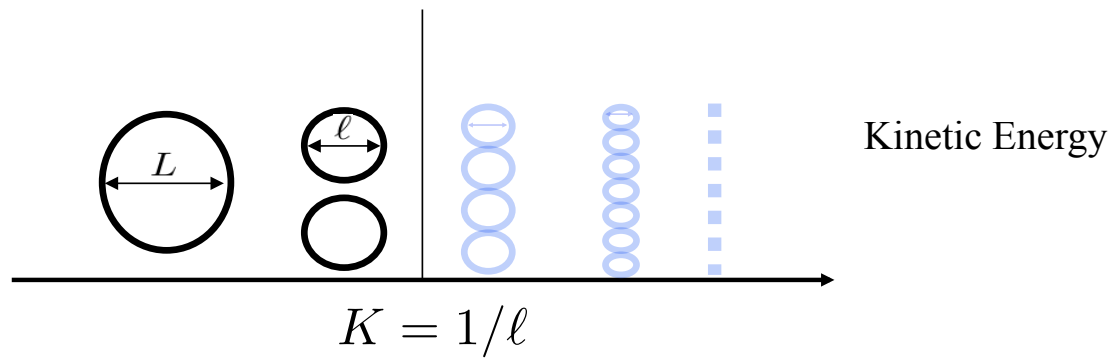


pressure dilatation

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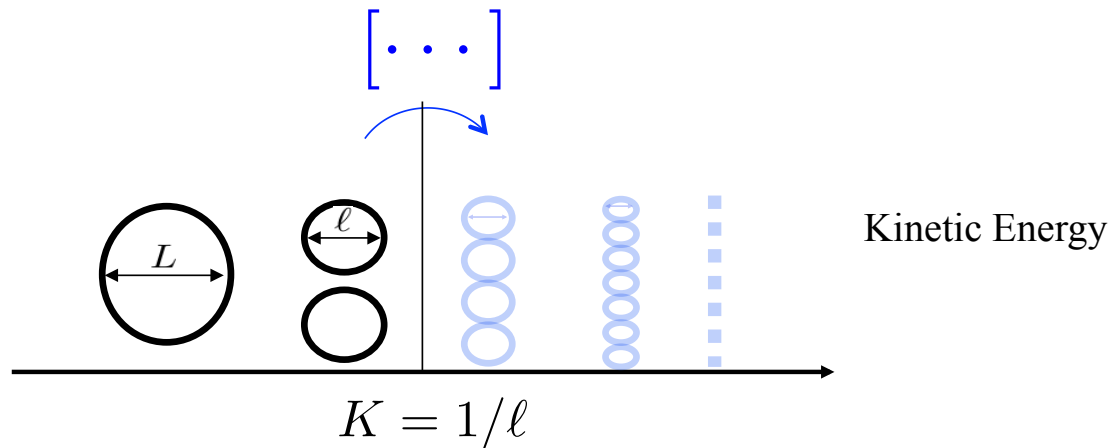


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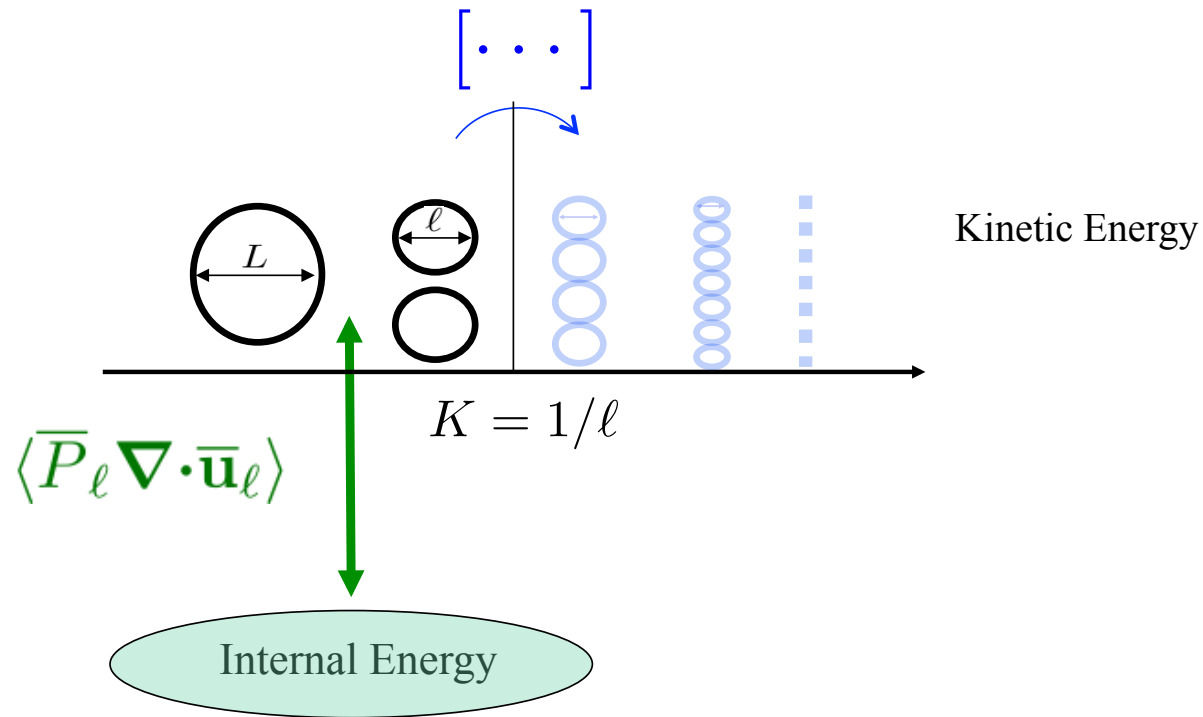
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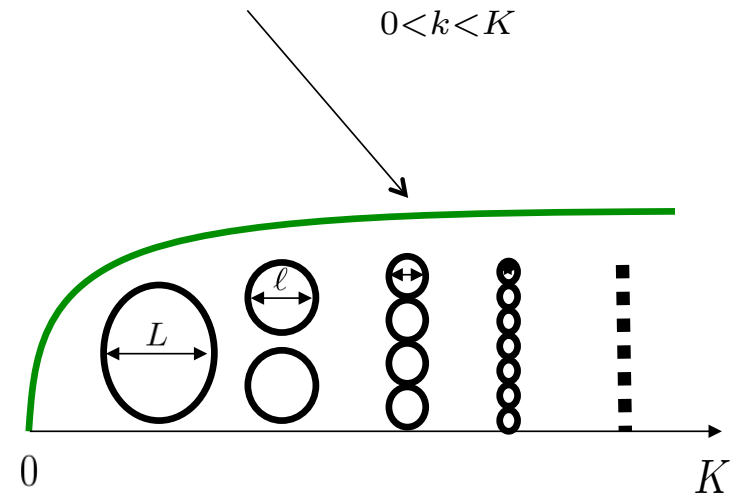
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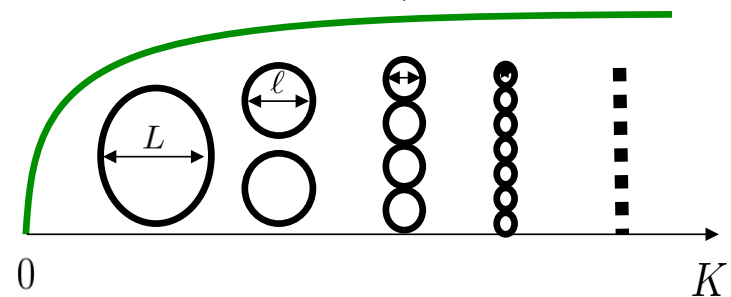
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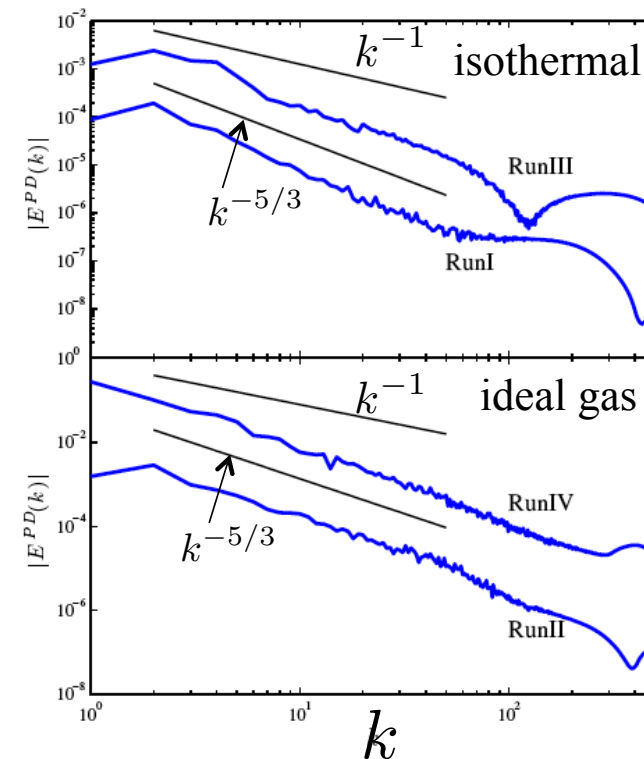
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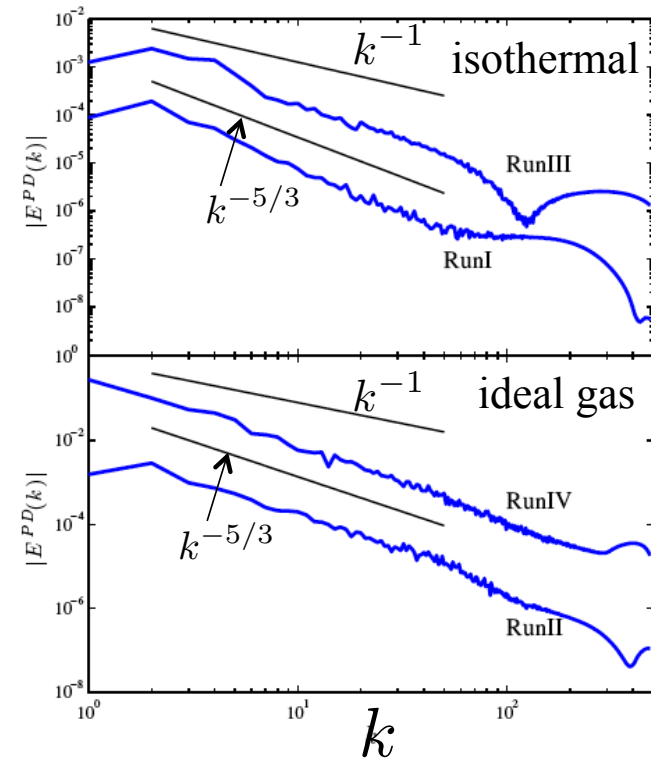
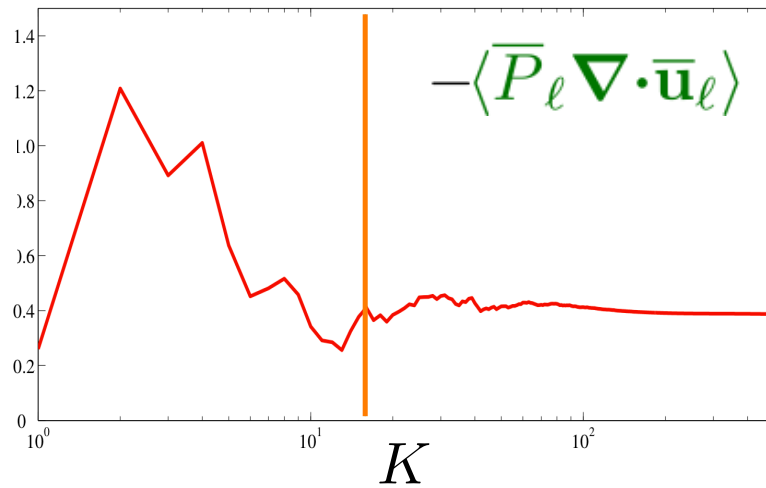
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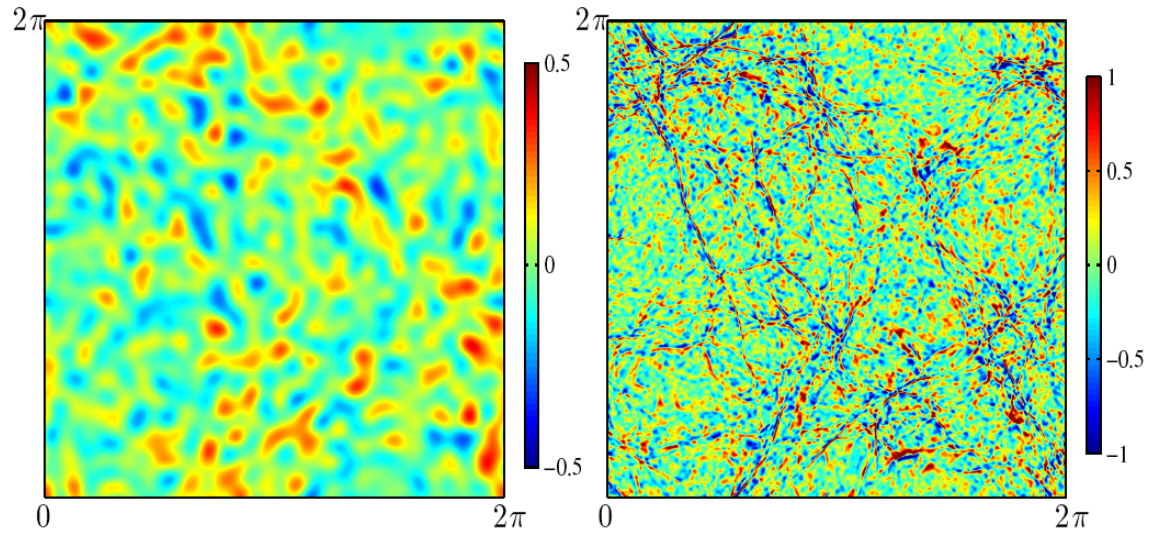
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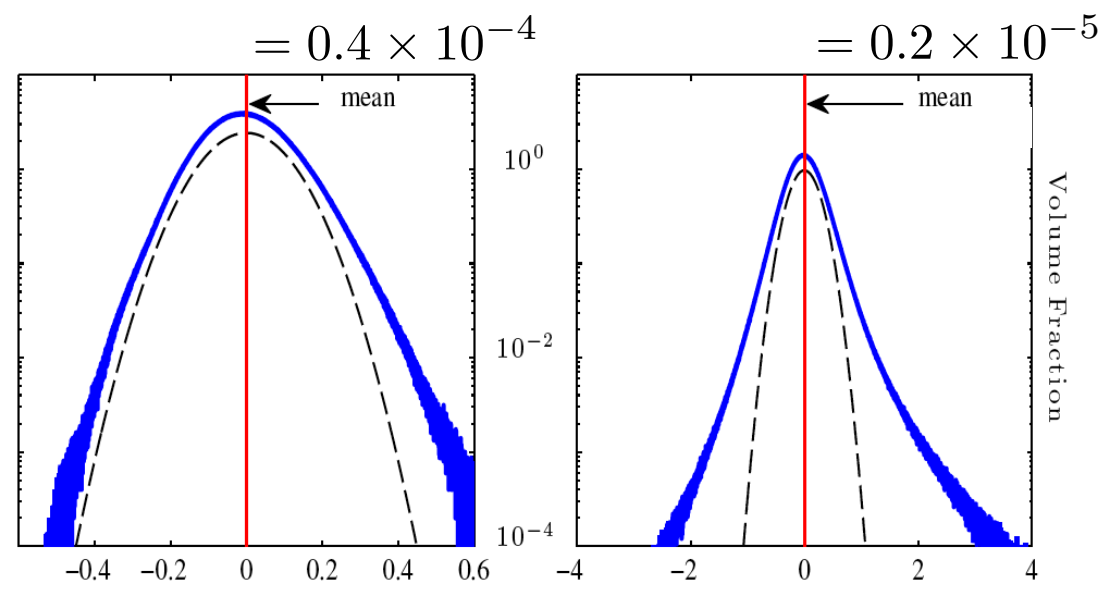
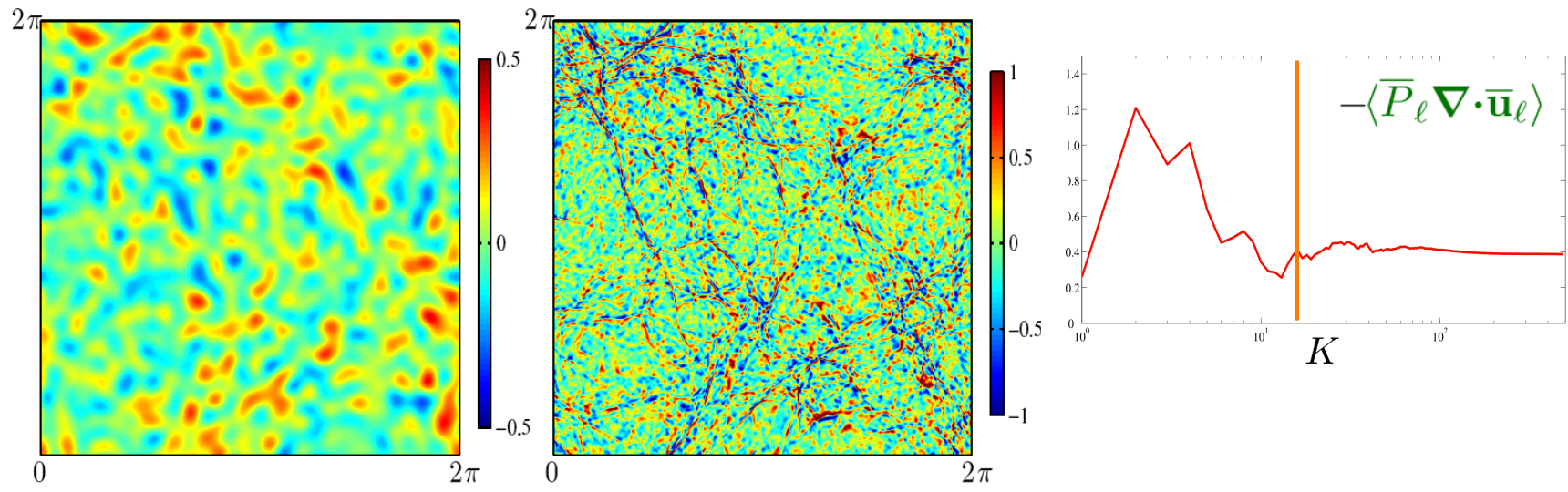
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small-scale  
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$$(P \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \overline{P} \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}})(\mathbf{x})$$





Significant decorrelation

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## Conclusion

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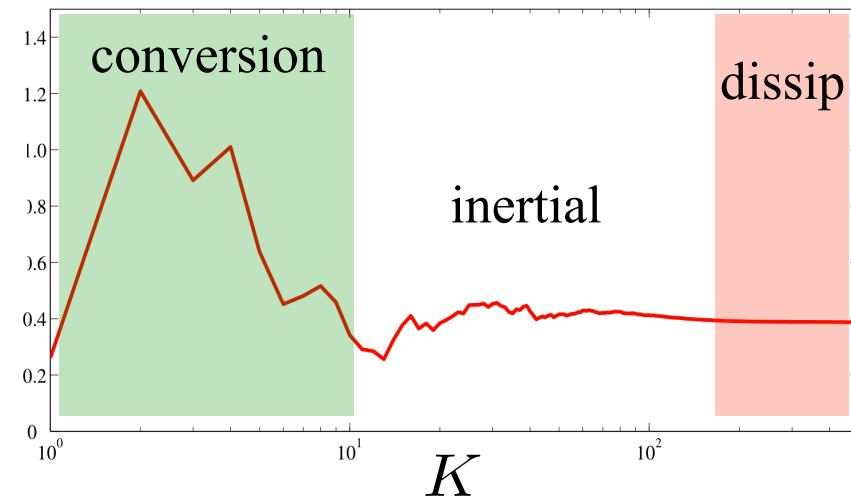
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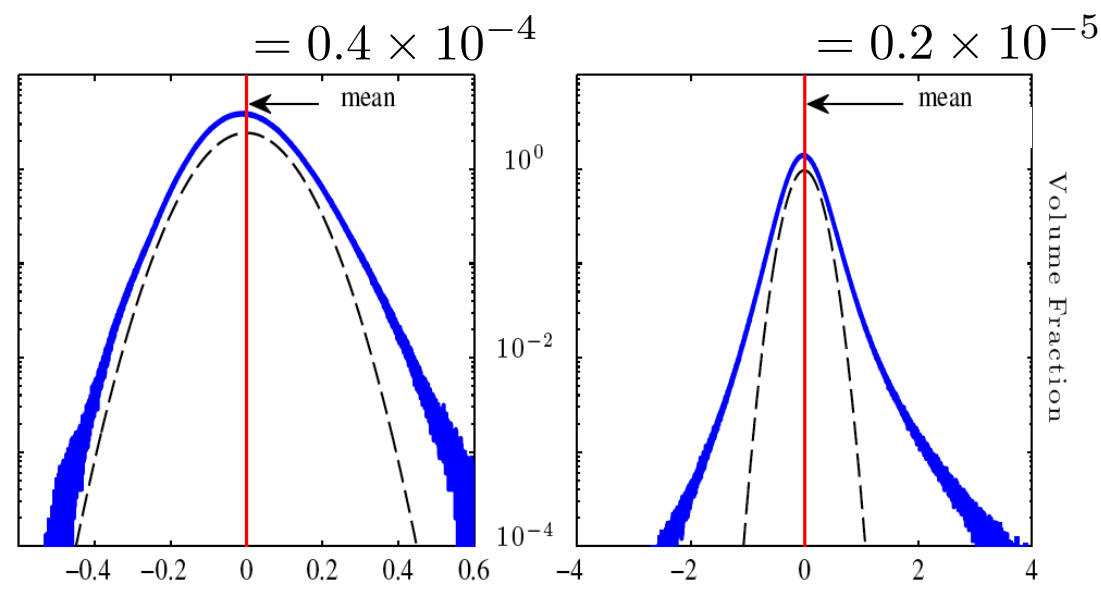
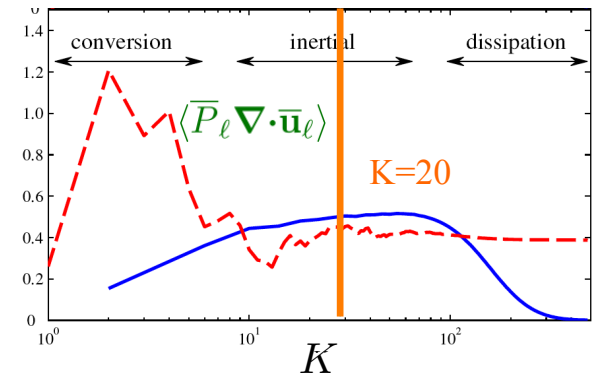
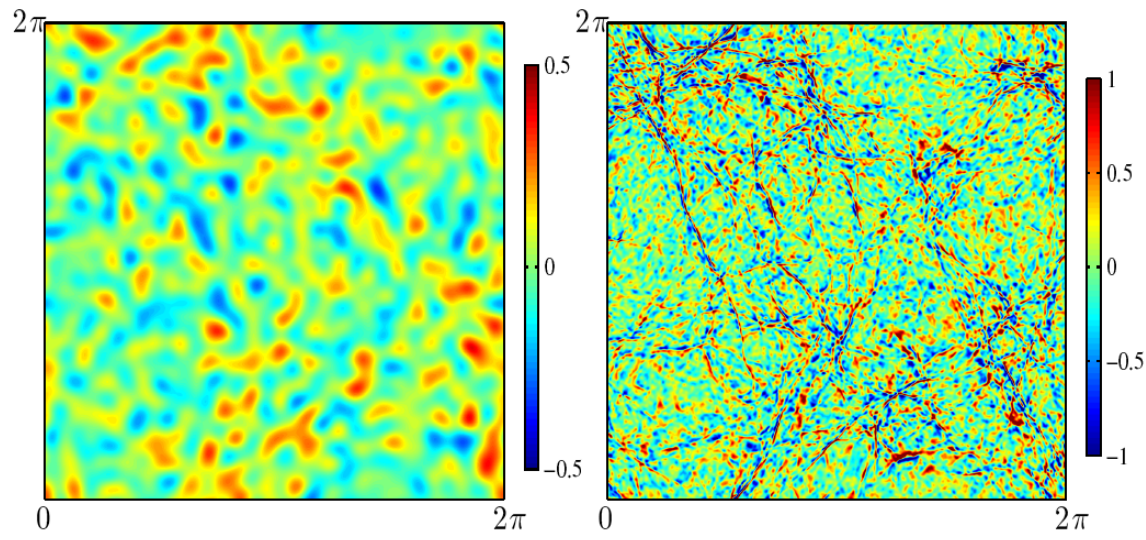
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# Conclusion

1. Favre based decomposition arises naturally from the sole requirement that viscous contributions to large-scale dynamics be negligible.
2. Mean pressure dilatation acts primarily on large-scales. Kinetic and internal energy budgets statistically decouple beyond a transitional “conversion” range.
3. Beyond the transitional “conversion” range, there is an inertial range over which kinetic energy cascades conservatively.
4. The cascade is scale-local despite the presence of shocks.
5. **Scaling of density, pressure, and velocity spectra.**