

# A journey into the turbulent velocity gradient dynamics

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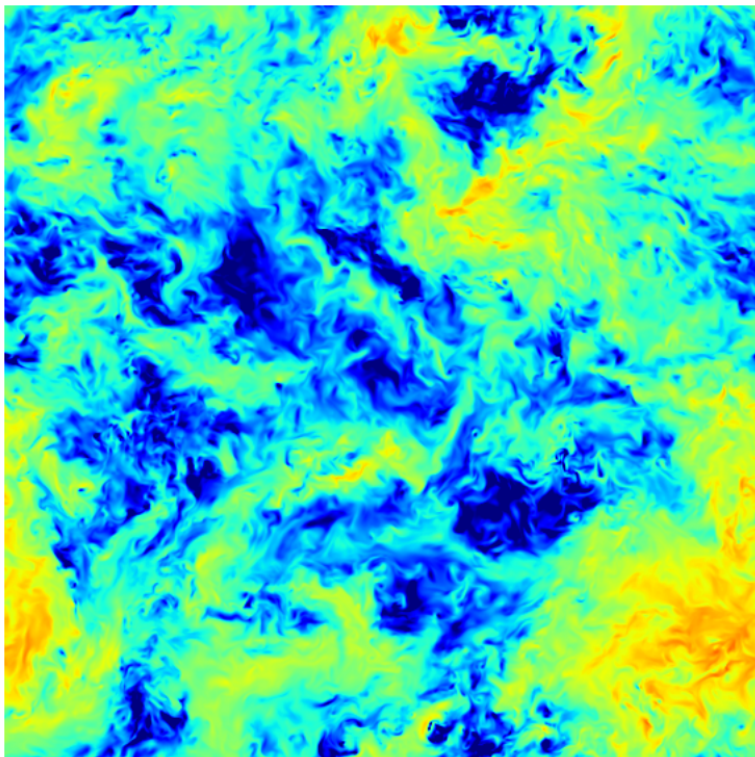
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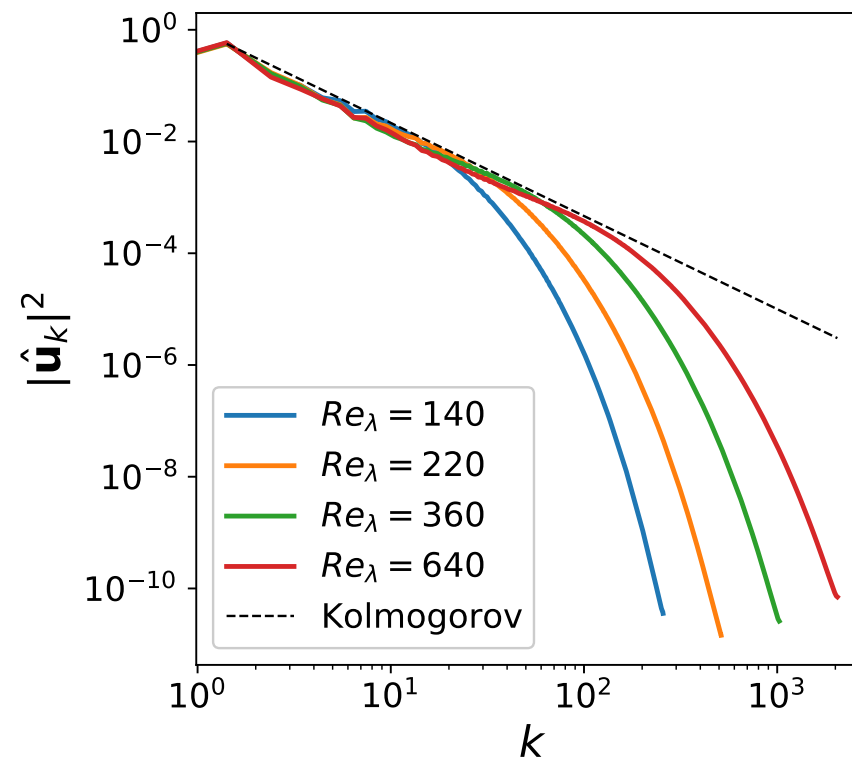
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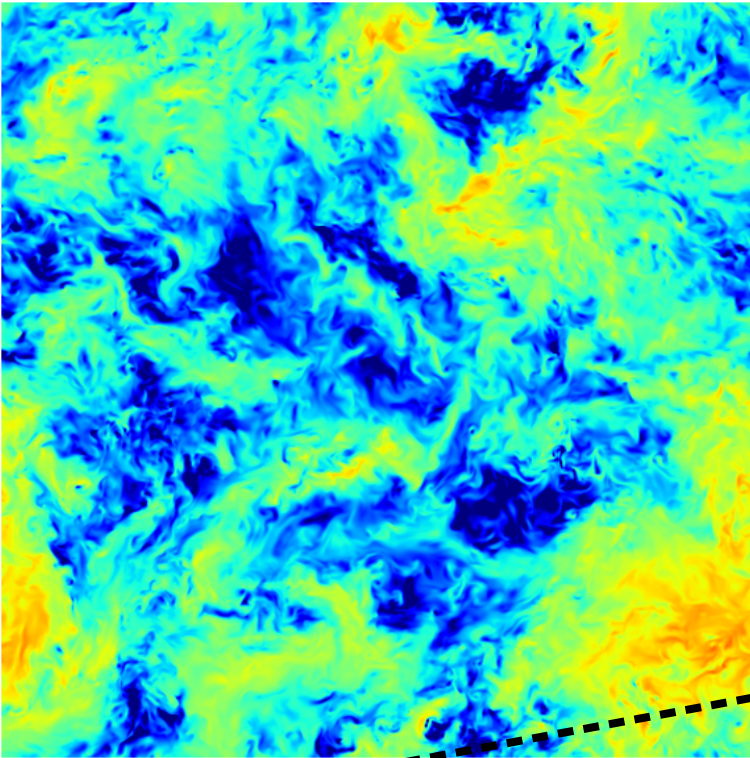
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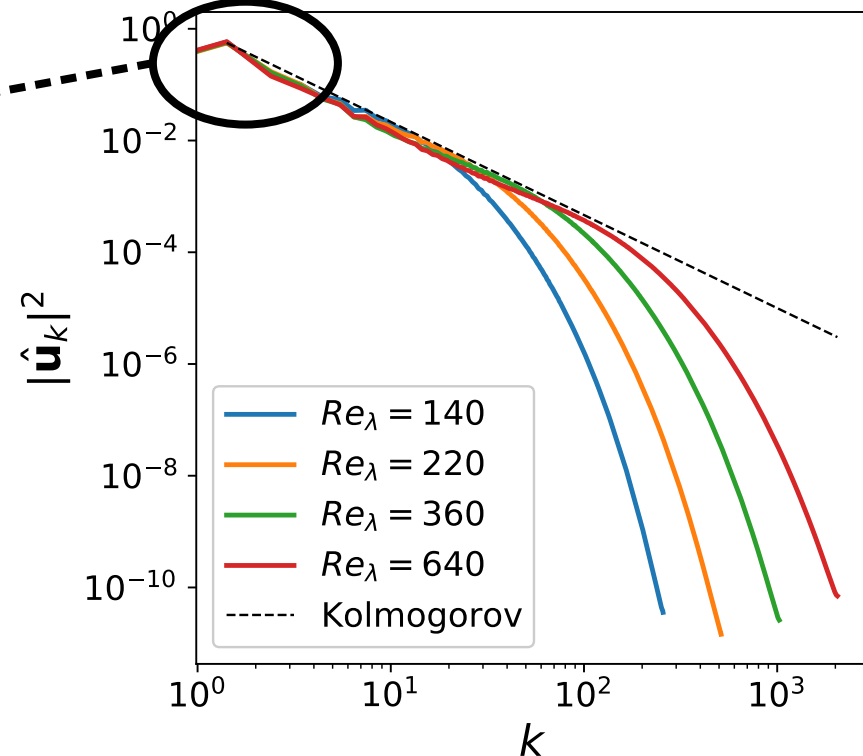


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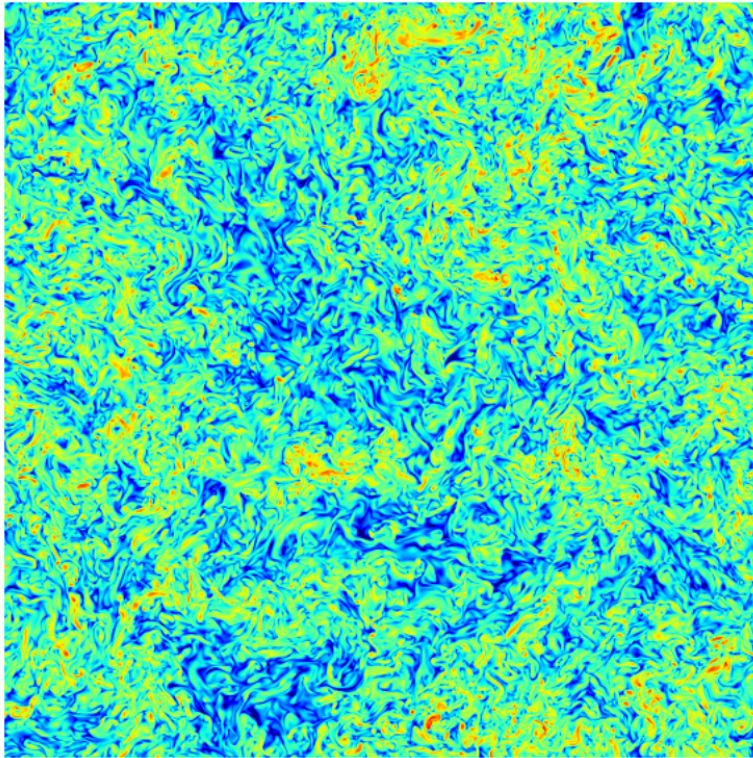
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- Forcing influence  $\mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{T})$
- Statistically non universal



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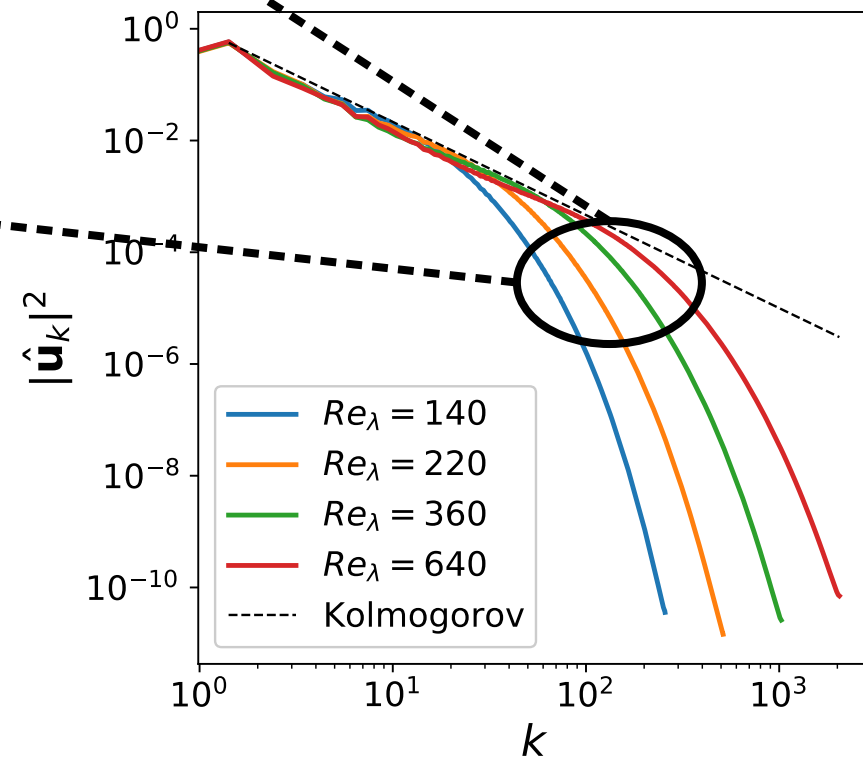


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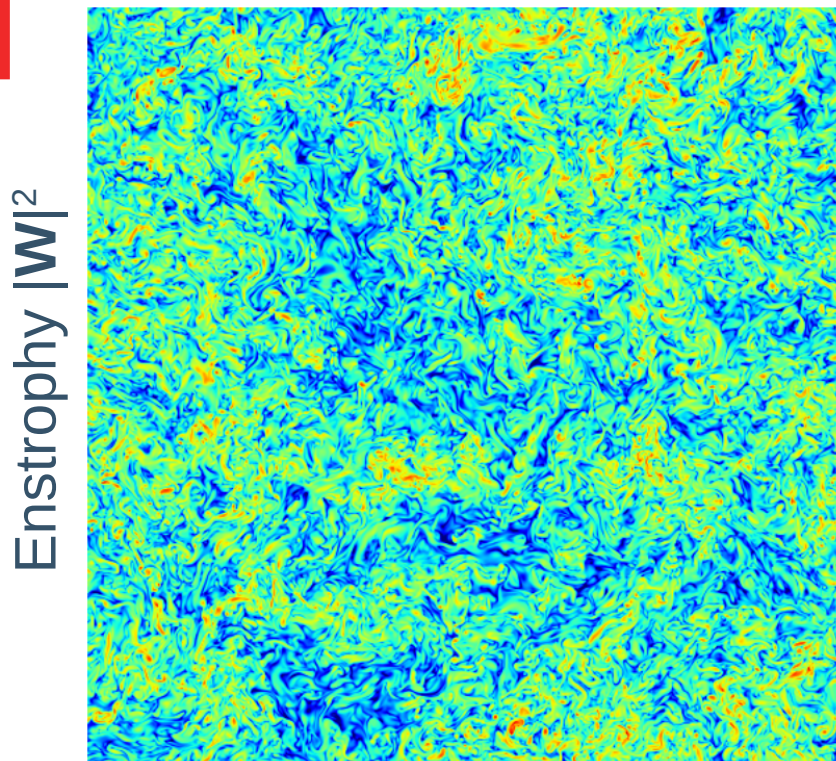
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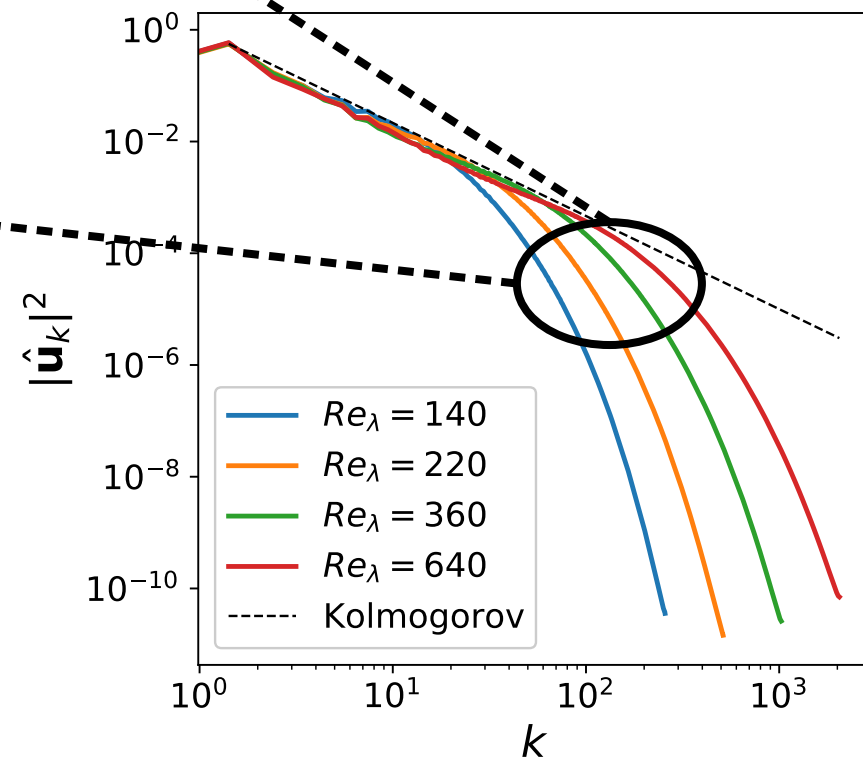
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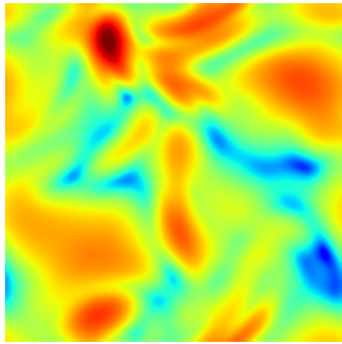
Small scales:

- Forcing fades out  
 $\sim 1/Re^p$  [E. Novikov, FDR, 1993]
- Statistically universal
- Sustained by direct cascades

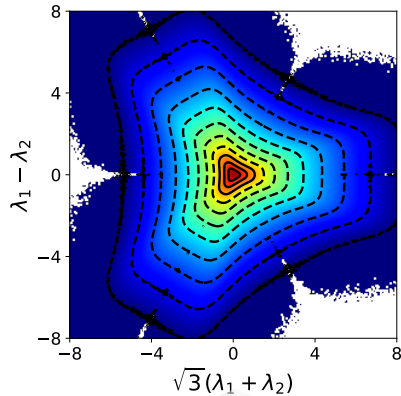


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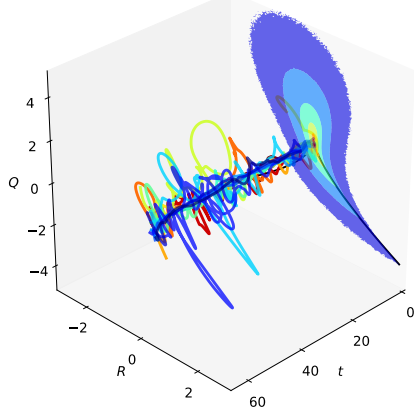
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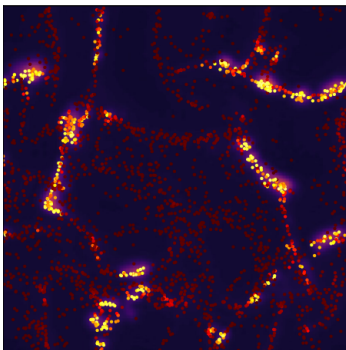
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## Velocity gradients at high Reynolds numbers



## Some applications



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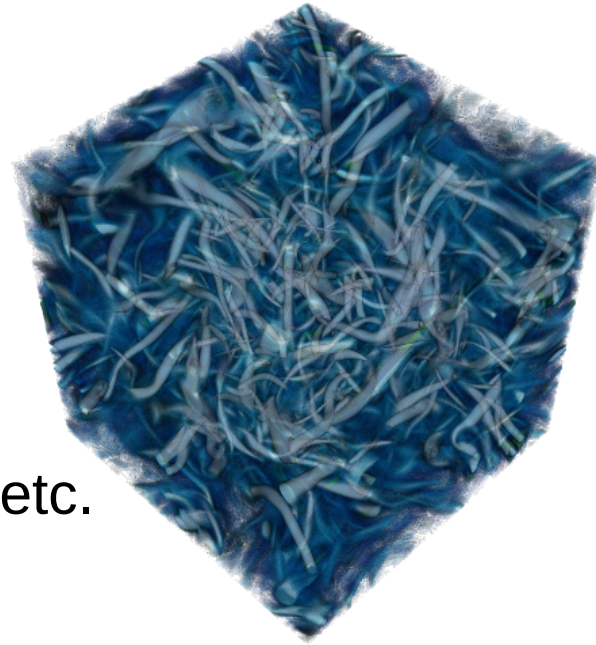
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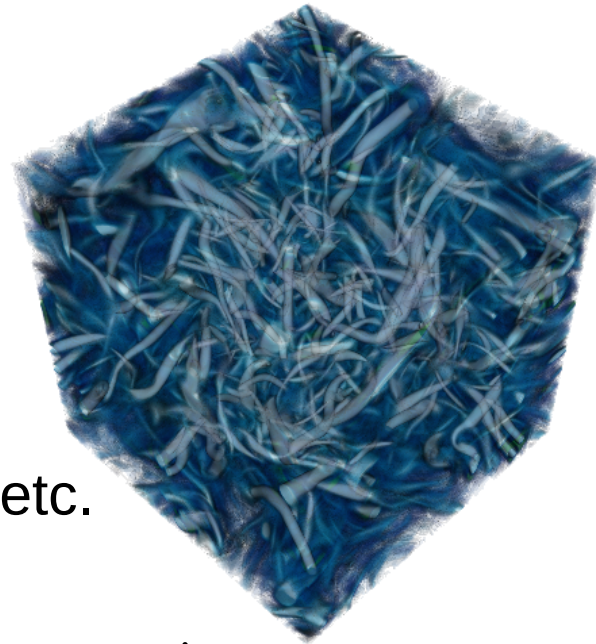
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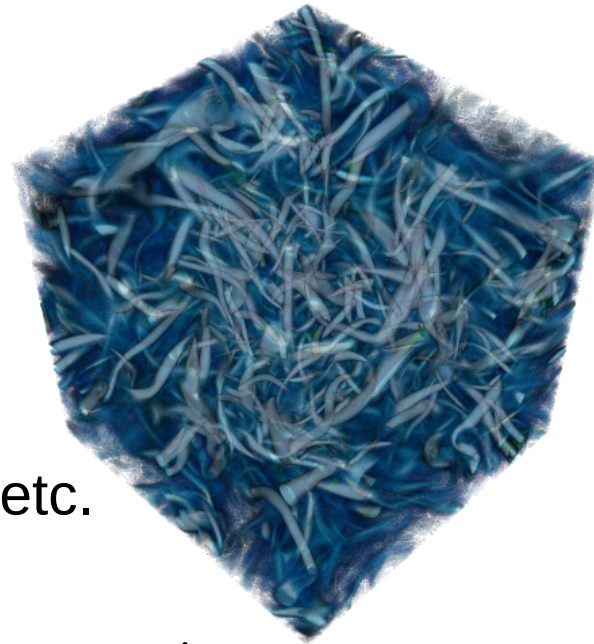
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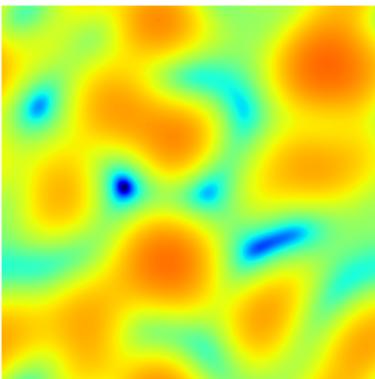
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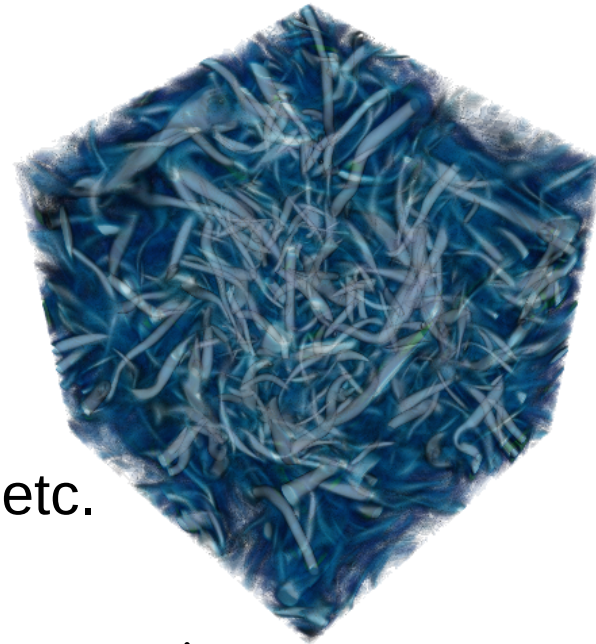
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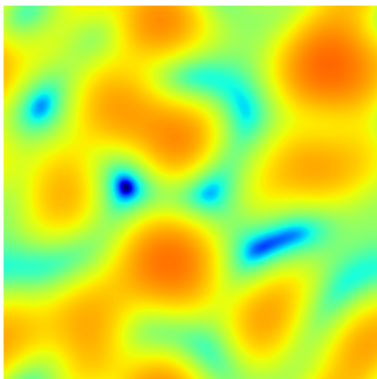
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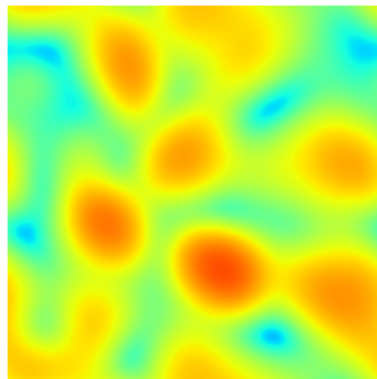
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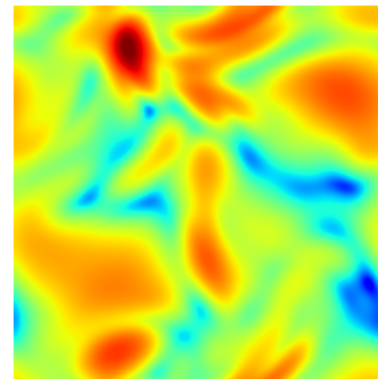
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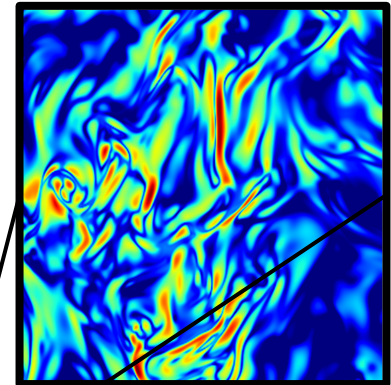
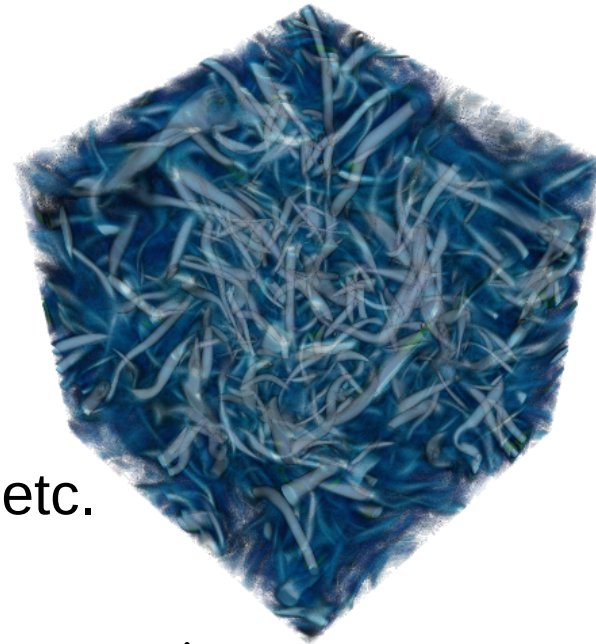
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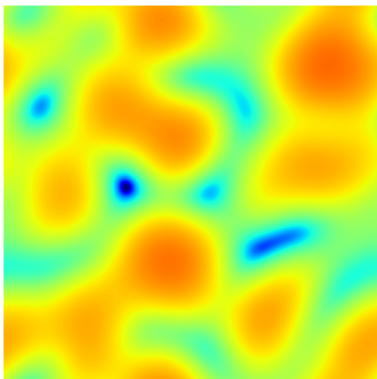
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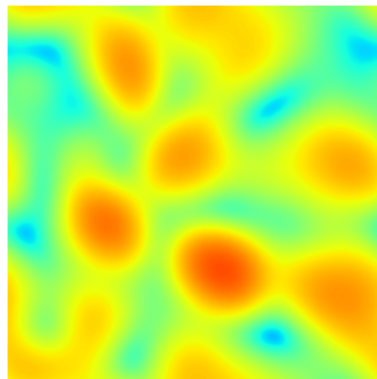
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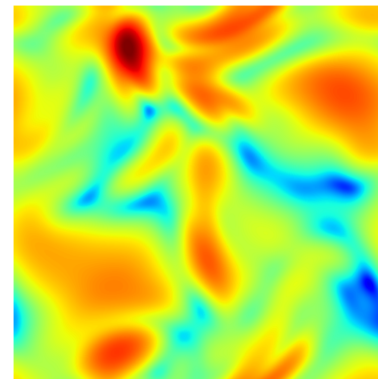
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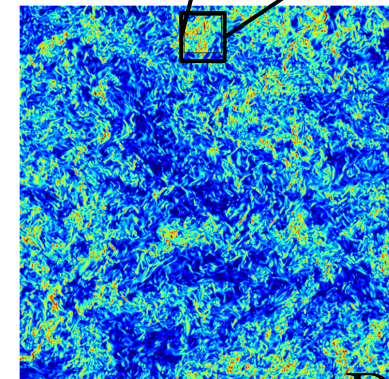
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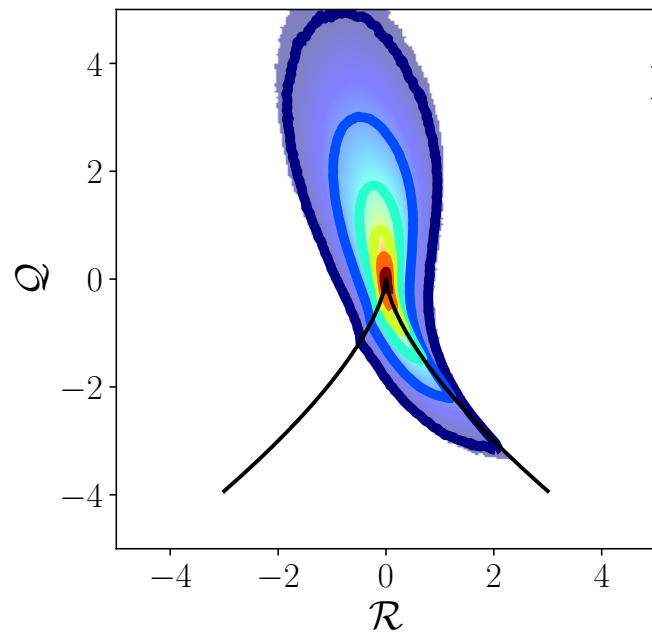
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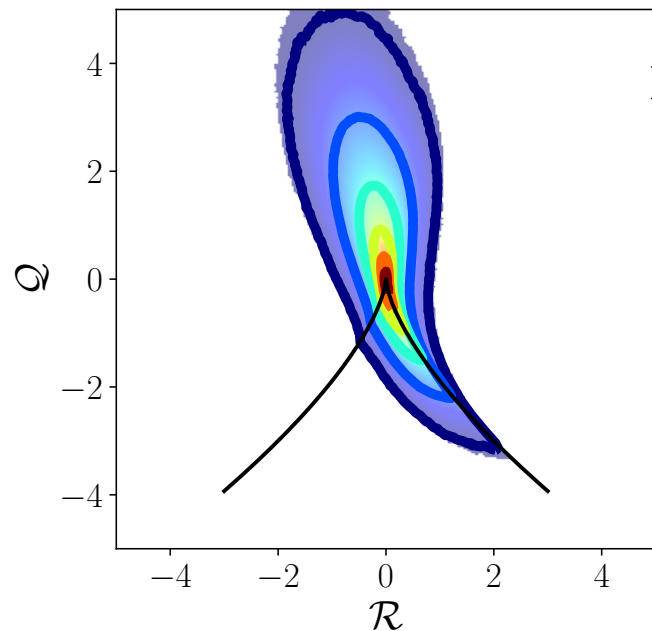
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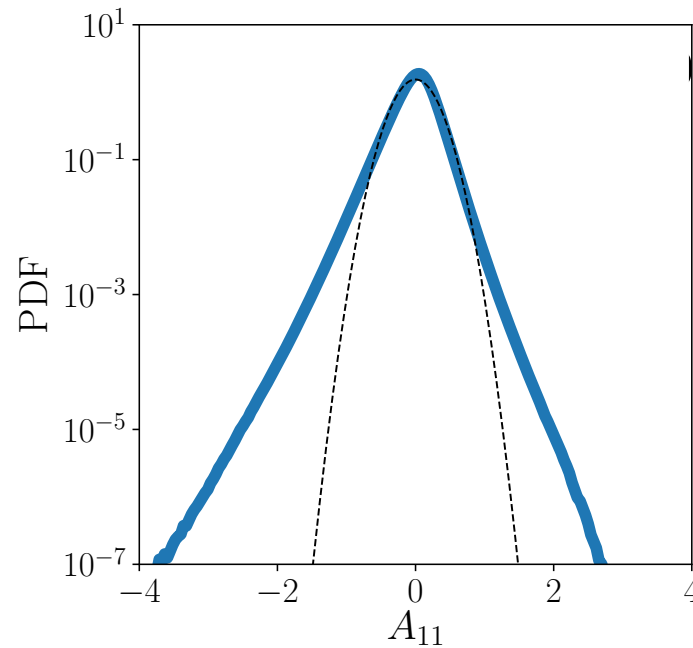


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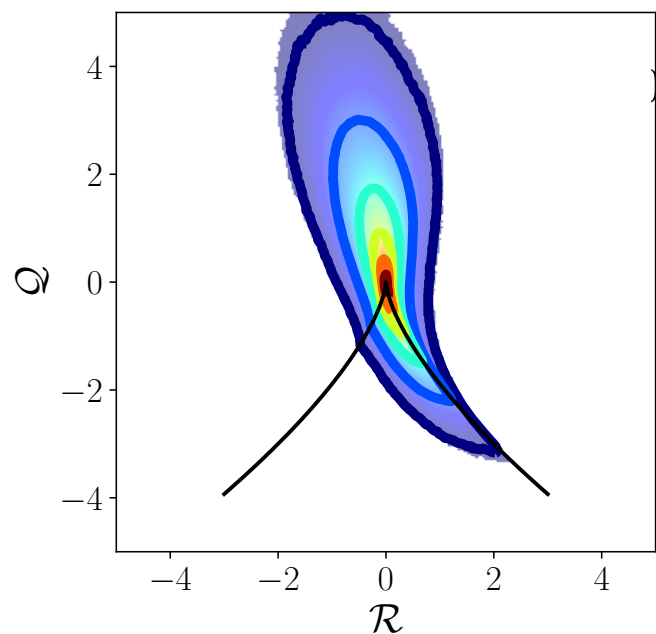
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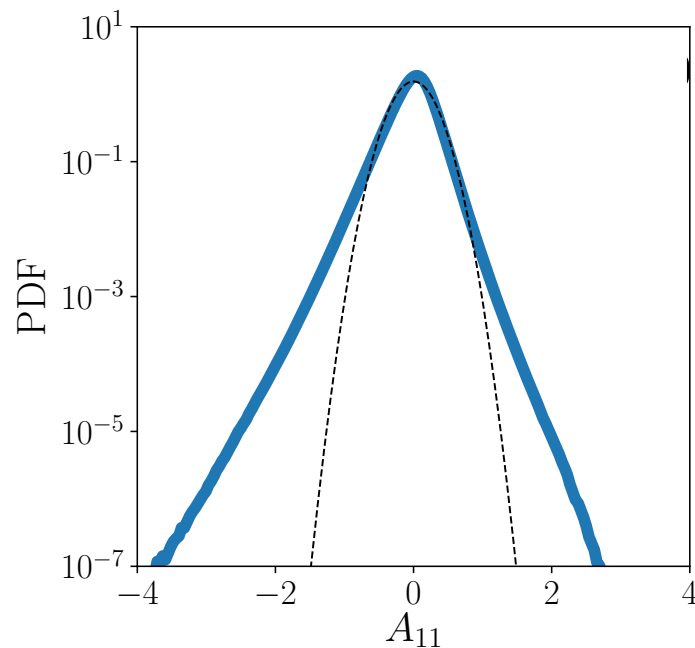


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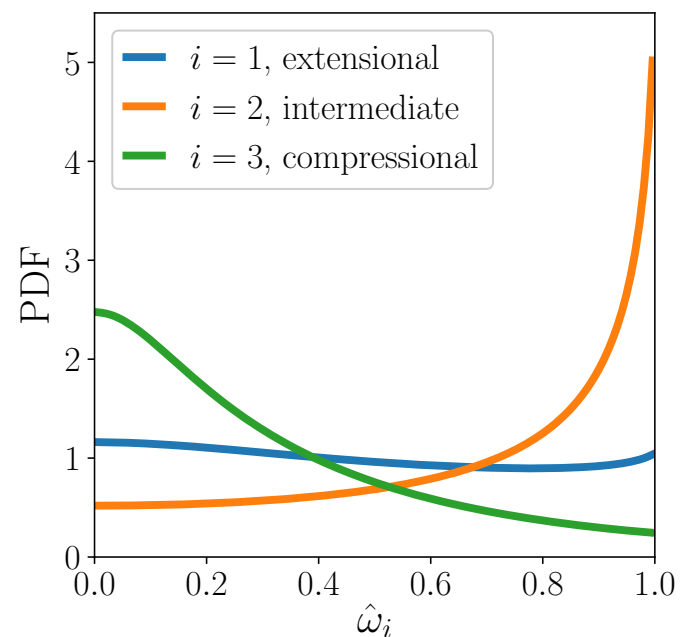
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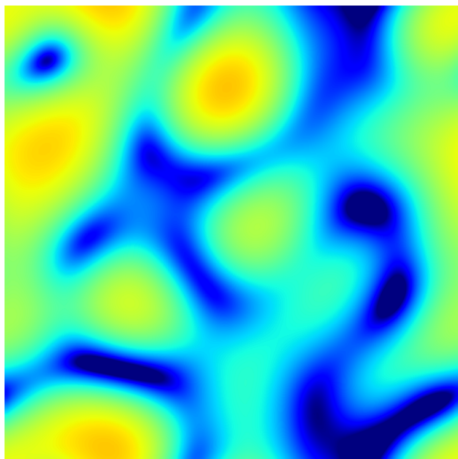
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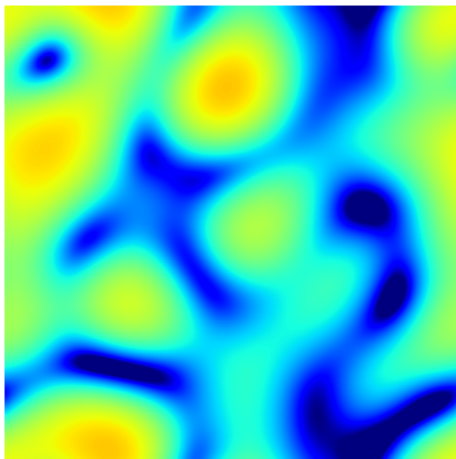
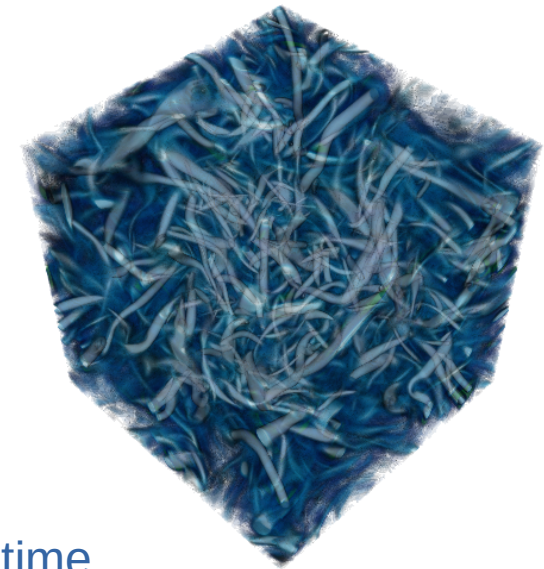
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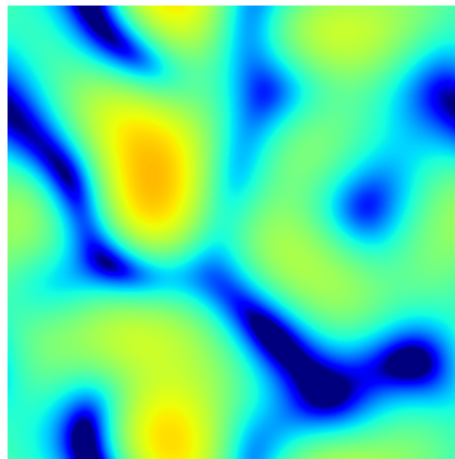
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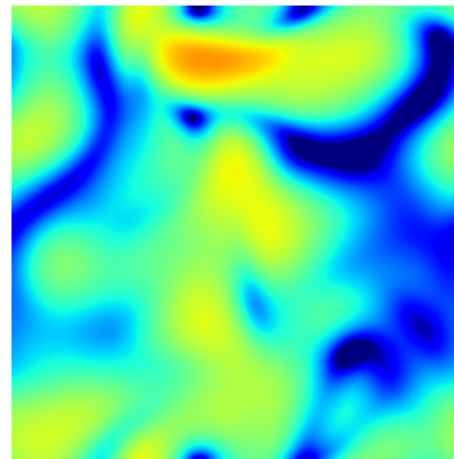
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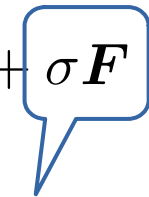
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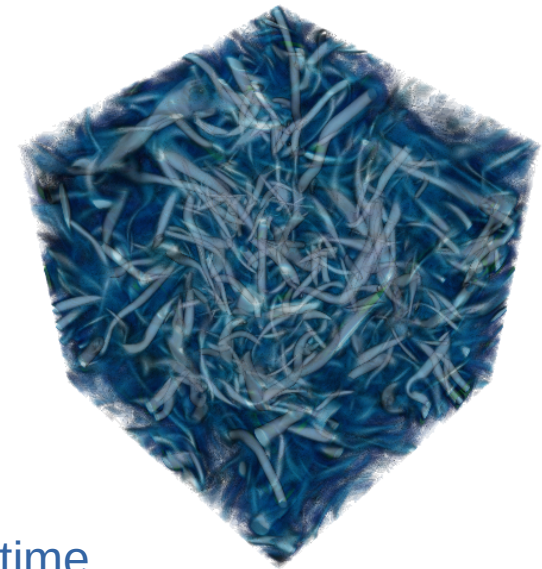
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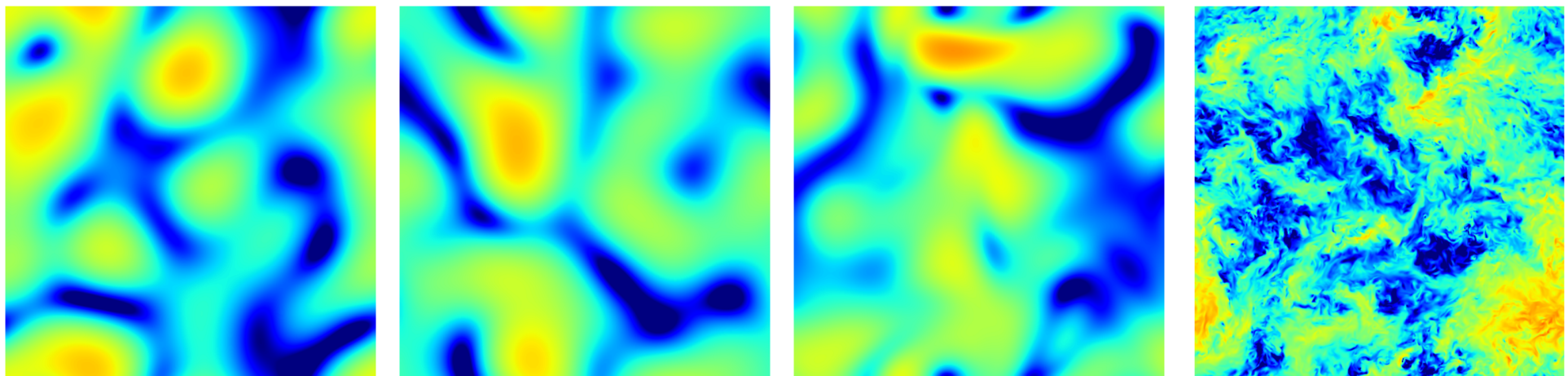
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$$\langle \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} | \mathbf{A} \rangle = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{A} + \mathcal{O}(\text{Re})$$

- Pressure Hessian: exact at first order

- Viscous corrections: to be modeled



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## Constraints

Unity time scale

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Homogeneity

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Wyld, weak coupling

$$\langle \text{Tr} (\mathbf{S}^3) \rangle = S_3 \text{Re}$$

$$\langle \text{Tr} (\mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{W}^2) \rangle = -\frac{1}{12} + X_5 \text{Re}^2$$

# Solvable Fokker-Planck Equation

Velocity gradient PDF  
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$$\alpha(\mathcal{I})f(\mathcal{I}) + v_k(\mathcal{I})\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathcal{I}_k}(\mathcal{I}) - D_{jk}(\mathcal{I})\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathcal{I}_j \partial \mathcal{I}_k}(\mathcal{I}) = 0$$

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Asymptotic solution:

**Polynomial x Gaussian**

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{225\sqrt{5}}{\pi^4} e^{-5\mathcal{I}_1+3\mathcal{I}_2} + \\ &+ \text{Re}_\gamma \frac{3600\sqrt{5}S_3(25\mathcal{I}_3 - 21\mathcal{I}_4)}{7\pi^4} e^{-5\mathcal{I}_1+3\mathcal{I}_2} + \\ &+ \text{Re}_\gamma^2 \frac{720\sqrt{5}}{49\pi^4} \left( -16320S_3^2\mathcal{I}_1\mathcal{I}_2 - 6860S_3^2\mathcal{I}_1 - 1344S_3^2\mathcal{I}_2^2 - 140S_3^2\mathcal{I}_2 + 50000S_3^2\mathcal{I}_3^2 + \right. \\ &- 84000S_3^2\mathcal{I}_3\mathcal{I}_4 + 35280S_3^2\mathcal{I}_4^2 + 42240S_3^2\mathcal{I}_5 + 2240S_3^2 - 22950X_5\mathcal{I}_1\mathcal{I}_2 - 1575X_5\mathcal{I}_1 + \\ &\left. - 1890X_5\mathcal{I}_2^2 - 1575X_5\mathcal{I}_2 + 59400X_5\mathcal{I}_5 \right) e^{-5\mathcal{I}_1+3\mathcal{I}_2}. \end{aligned}$$

# Solvable Fokker-Planck Equation

Velocity gradient PDF  
parametrized through  
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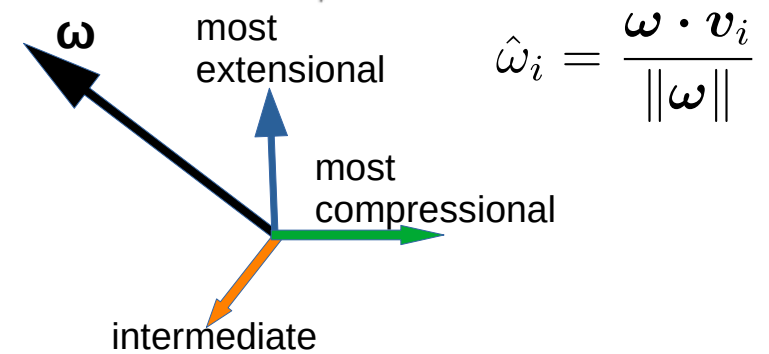
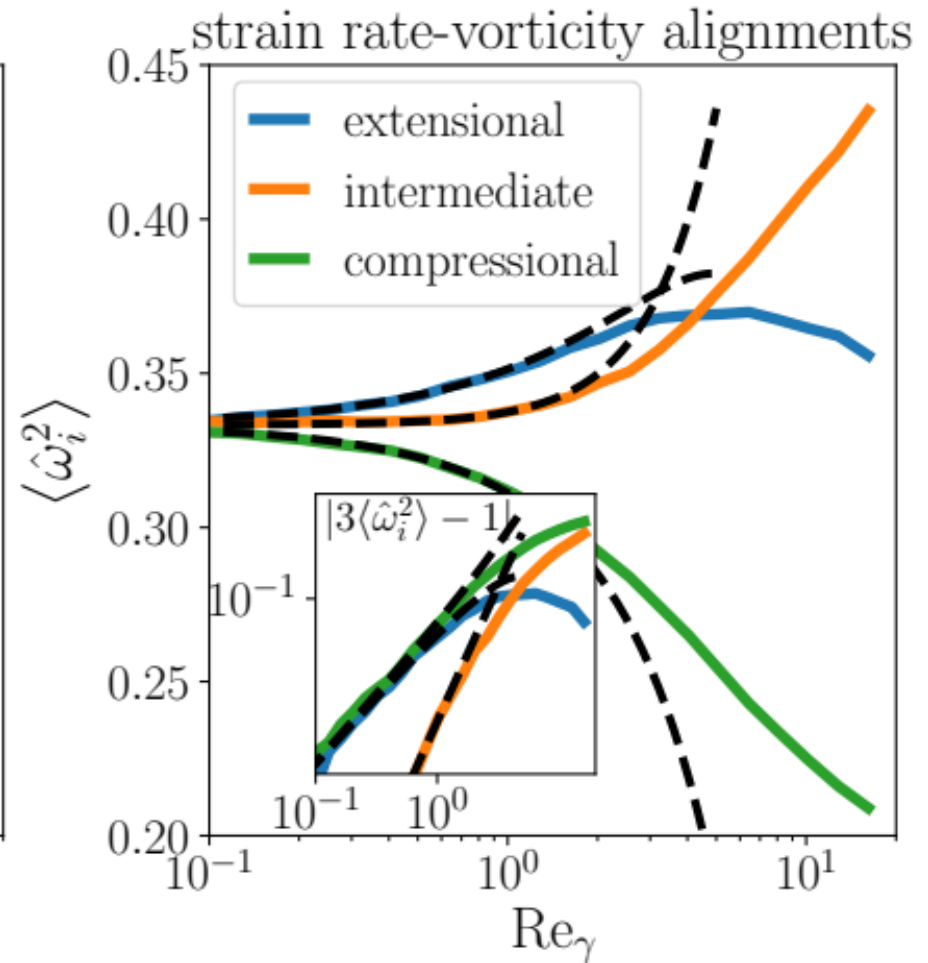
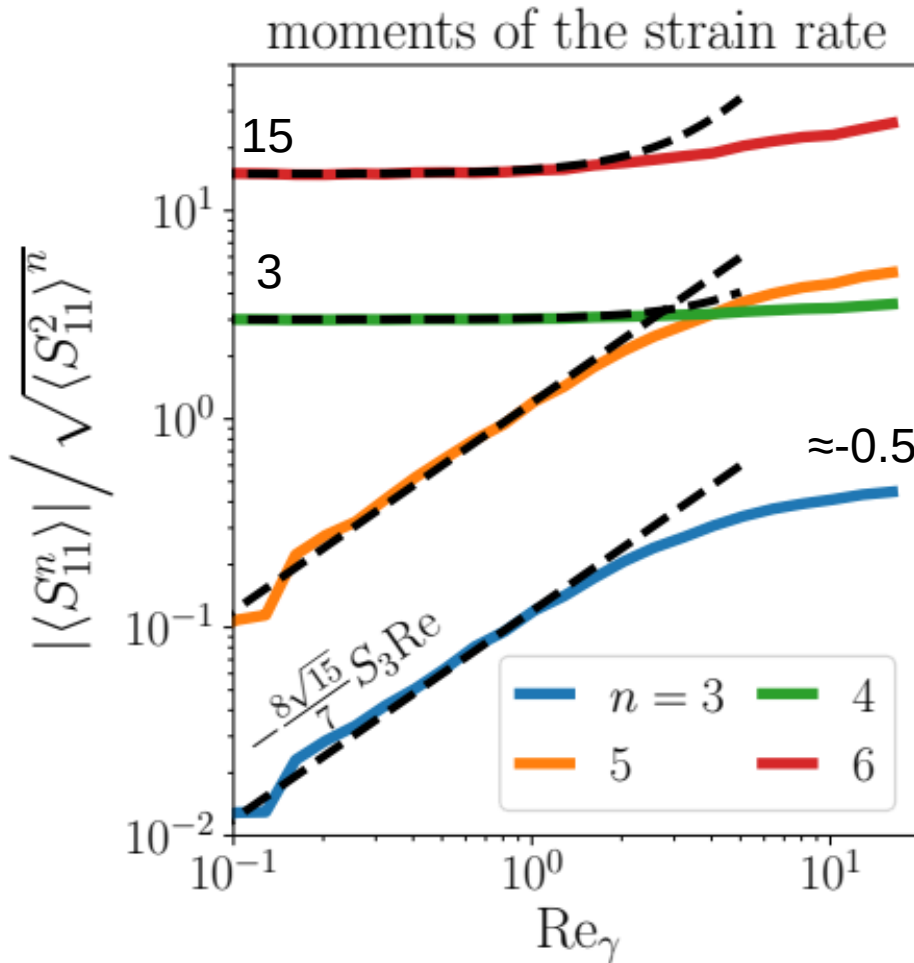
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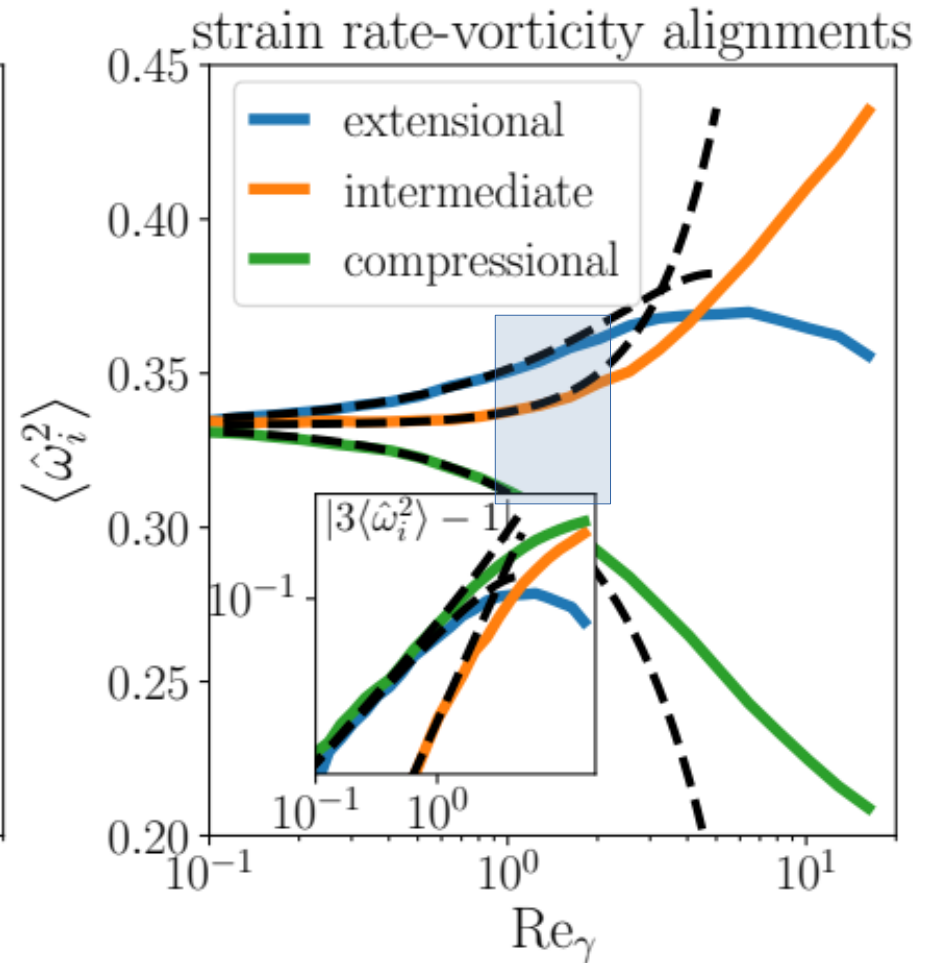
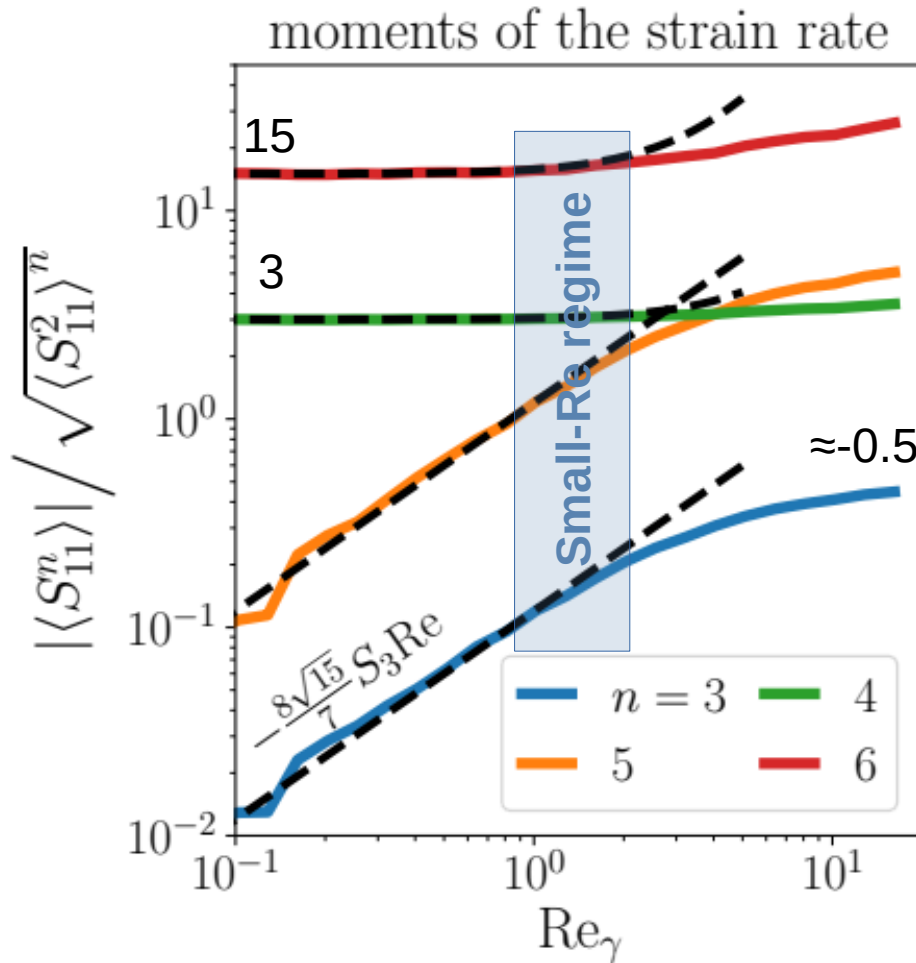
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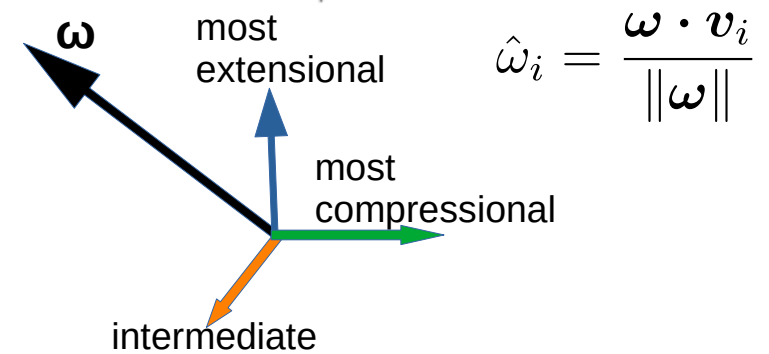
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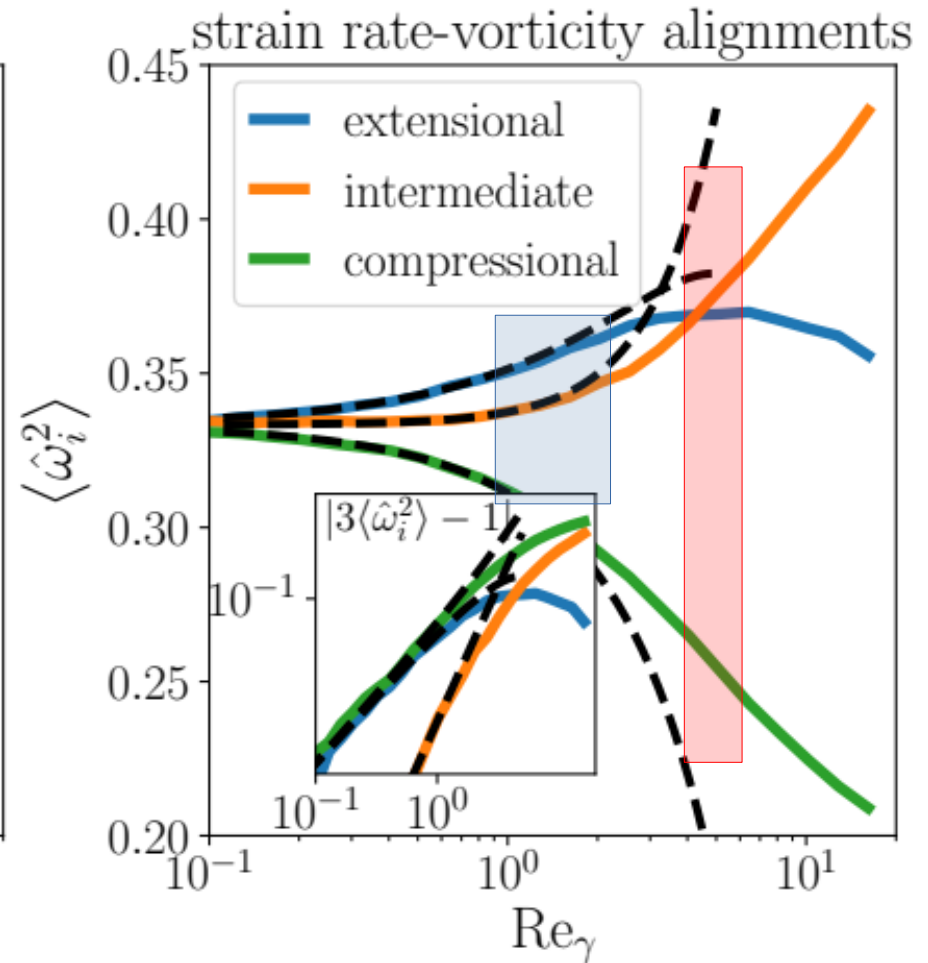
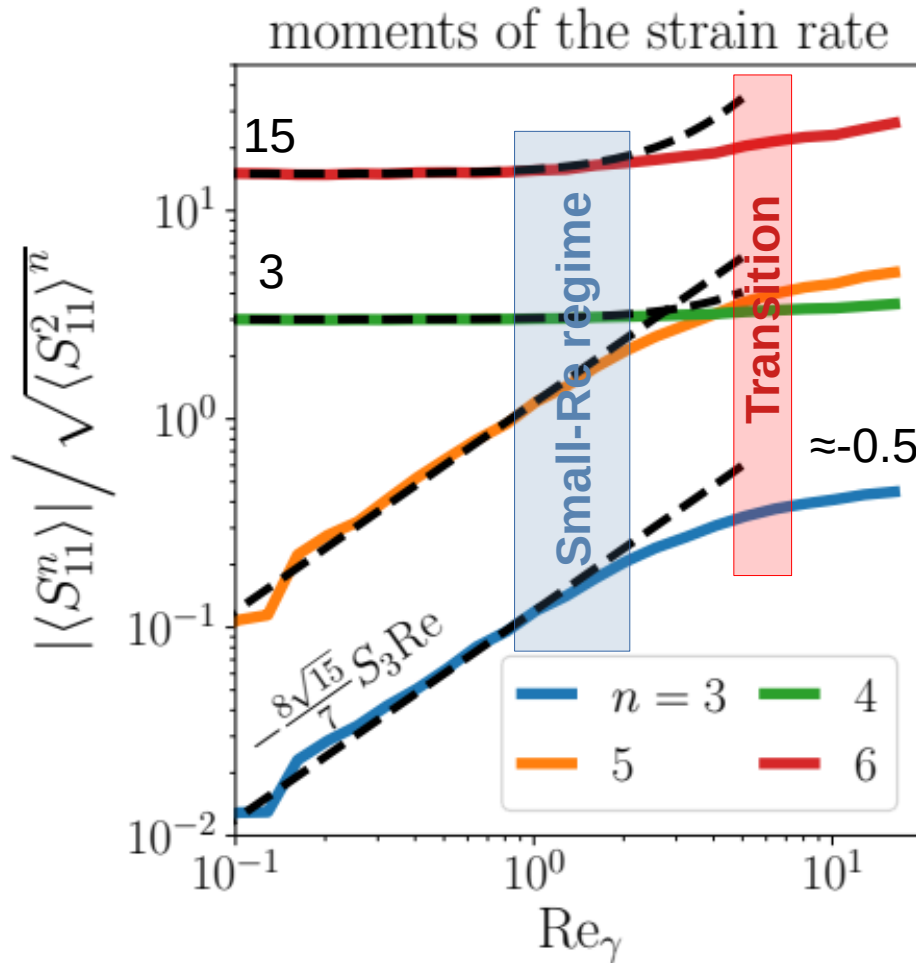
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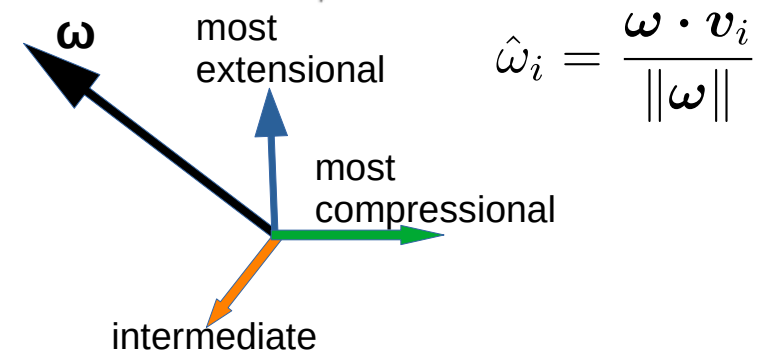
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- At  $Re_\gamma \approx 1$ : skewness, negligible intermittency, vorticity aligns with extensional strain-rate eigenvector
- At  $Re_\gamma \approx 5$ : smooth transition to turbulence



# Skewness in the strain-rate PDF

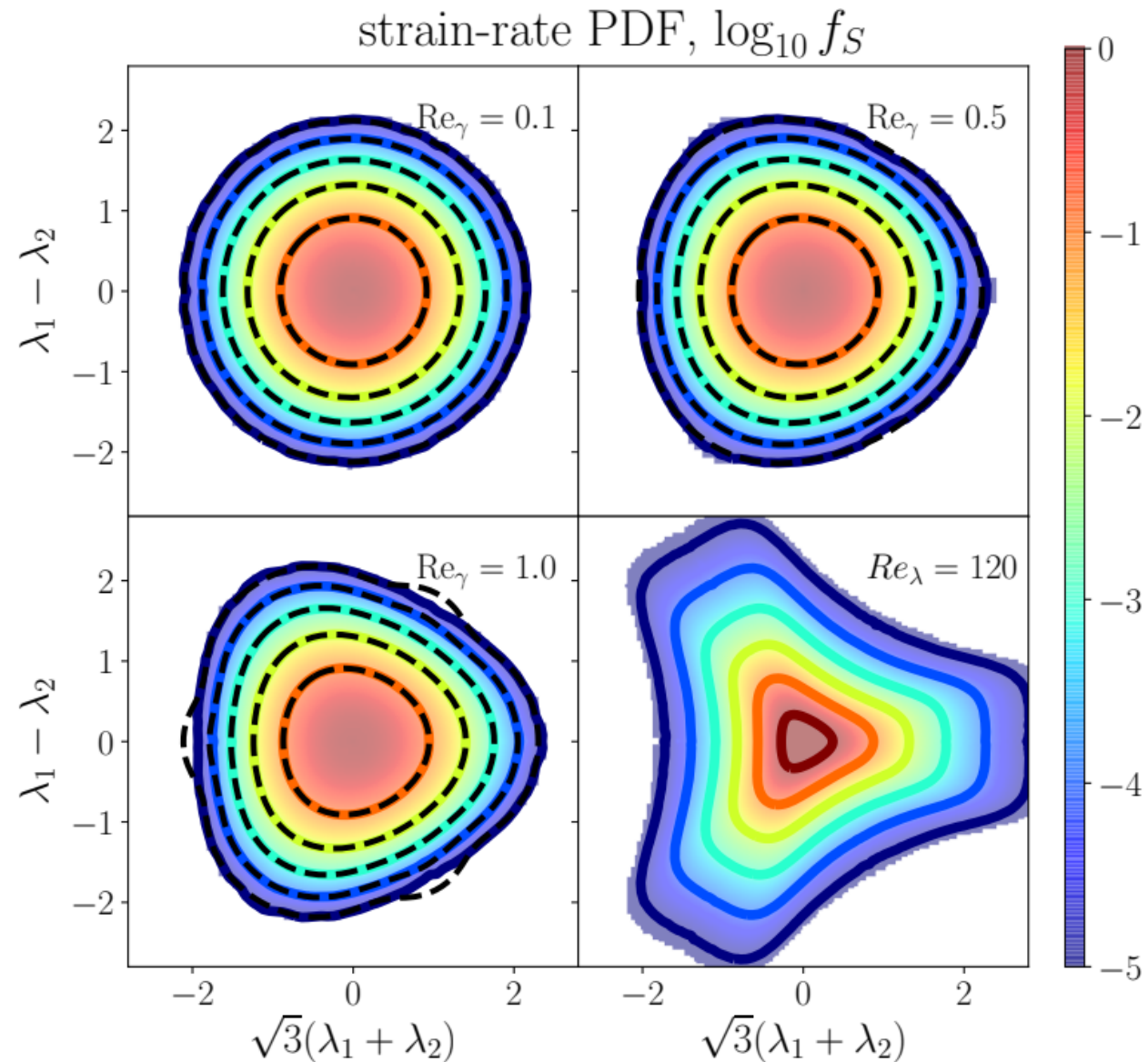
$$\mathbf{S} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top$$

PDF weighted by  
Wigner repulsion term  $J_S$

$$f_S(\mathbf{S}) d\mathbf{S} = f(\lambda) J_S(\lambda) d\lambda_1 d\lambda_2$$

$$J_S \propto \prod_{i \neq j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|$$

- Two strain-rate eigenvalues are similar..
- ..the other large and negative
- Very simple contours!



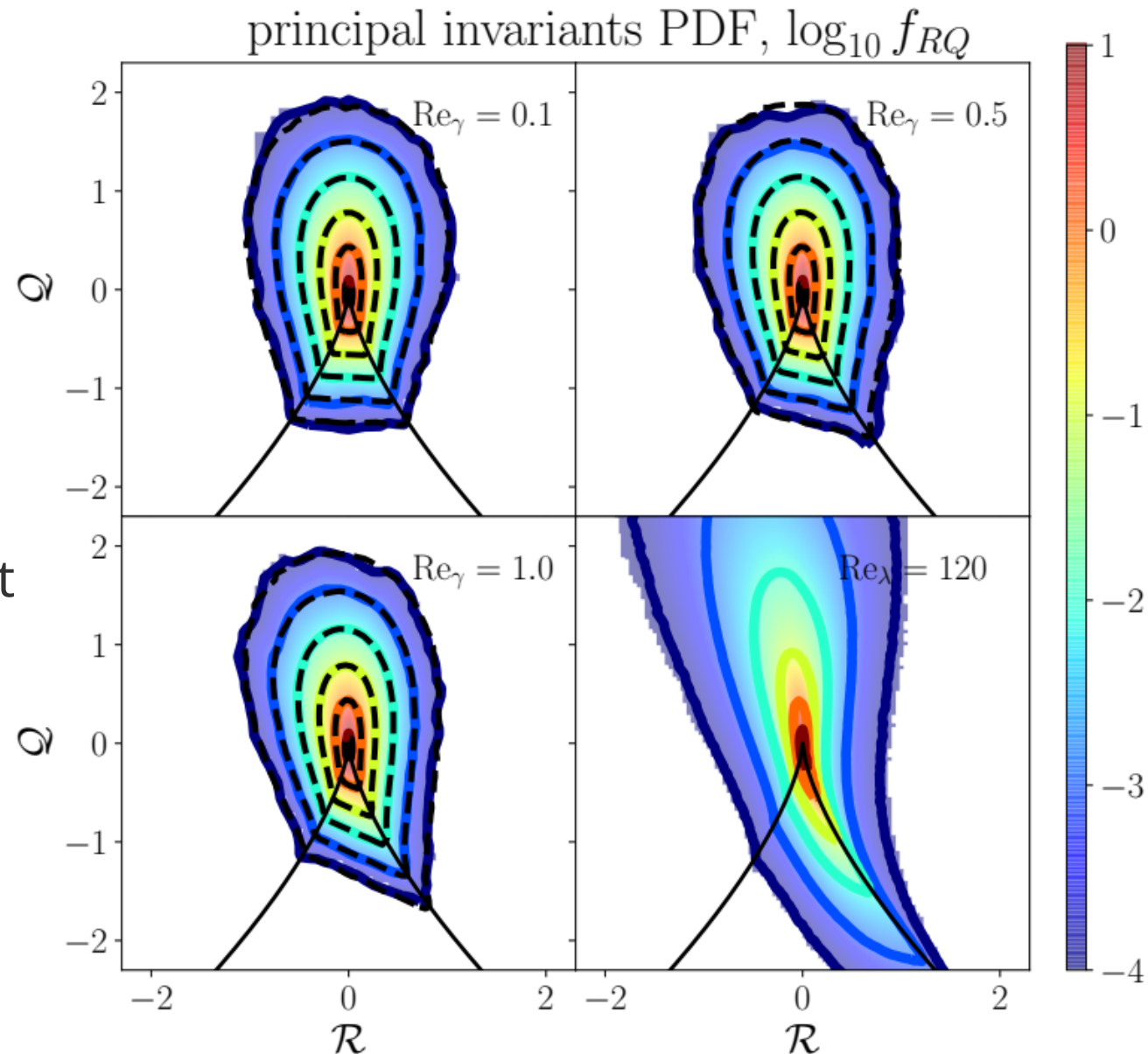
# Teardrop PDF of the principal invariants

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$$Q = -\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^2) / 2$$

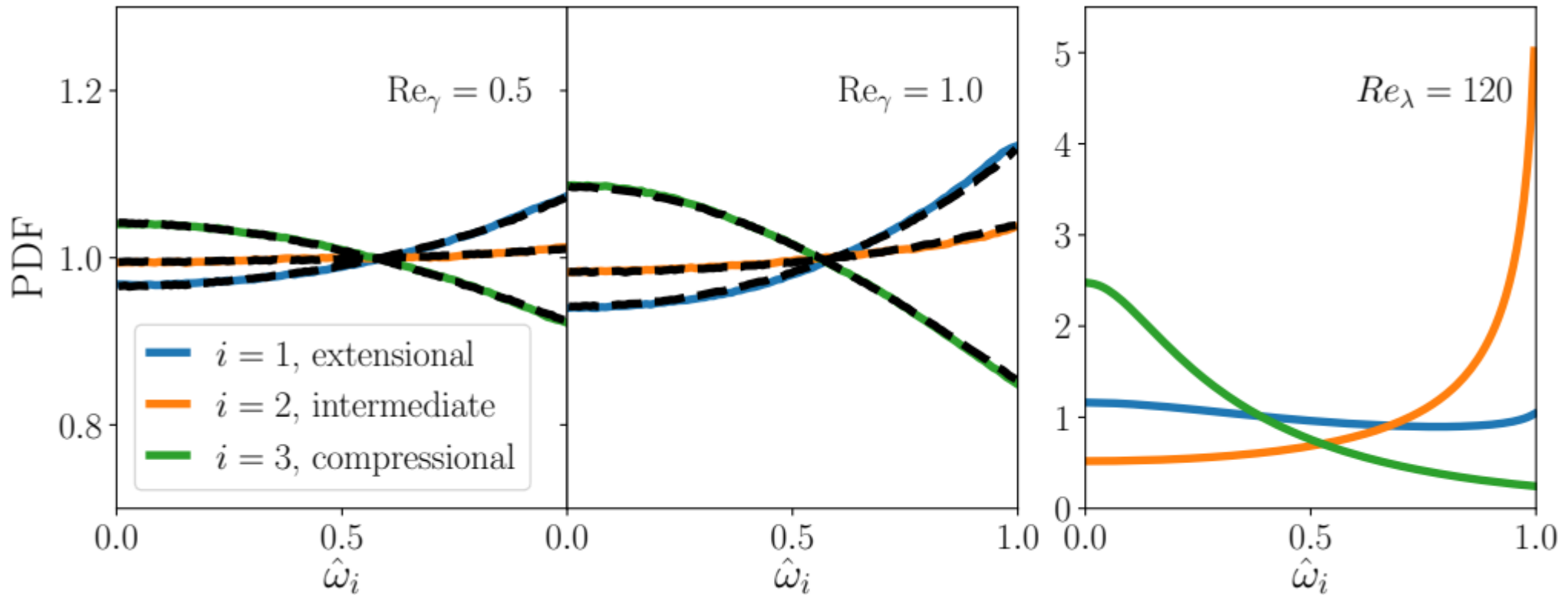
$$\mathcal{R} = -\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^3) / 3$$

- PDF skewed along right Vieillefosse tail
- Intermittency establishes at larger  $\text{Re}$





# The non-monotonic alignments of the vorticity with the strain rate



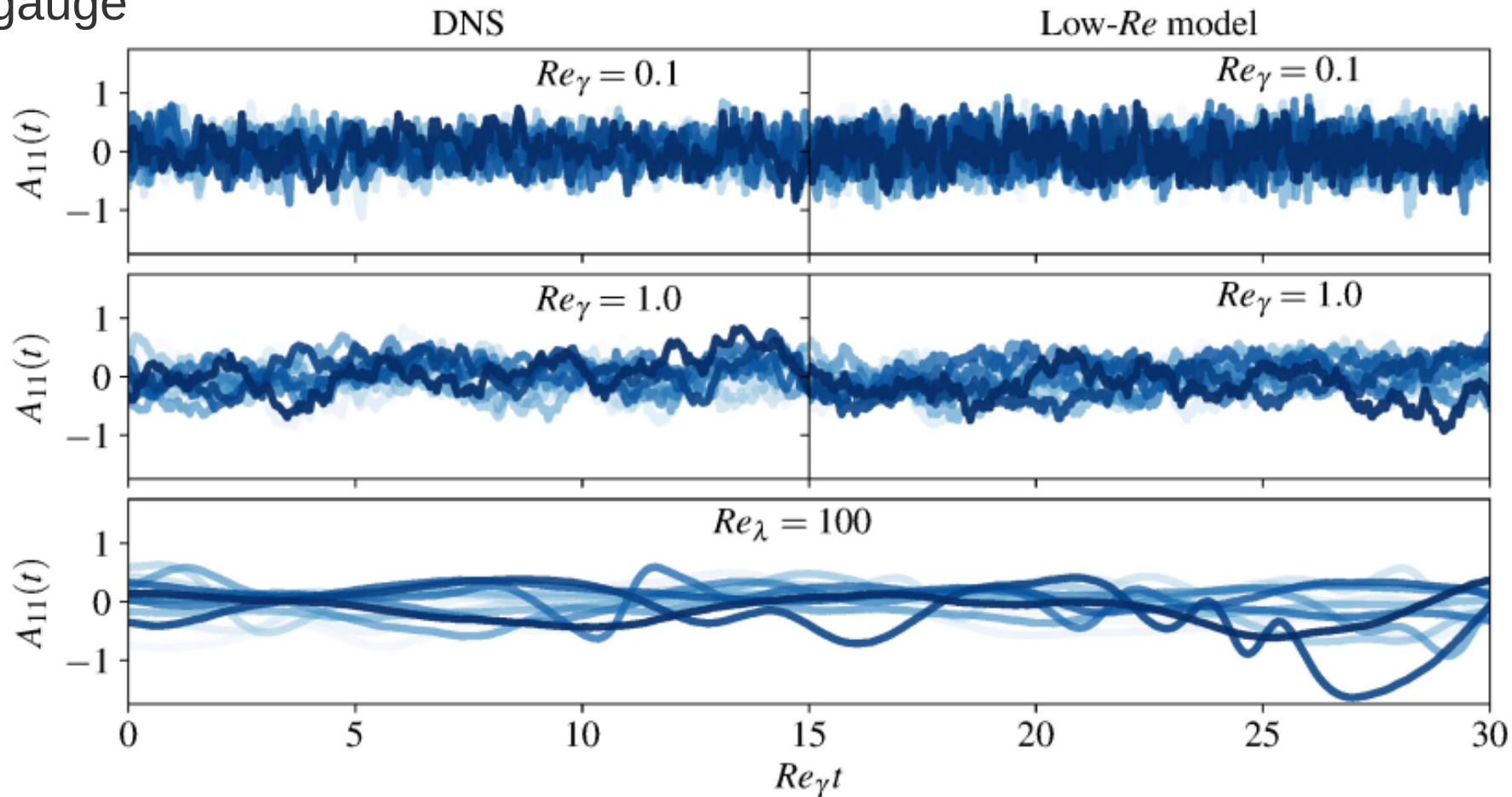
$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = S \cdot \omega + \dots$$

$$\hat{\omega}_i = \frac{\omega \cdot v_i}{\|\omega\|}$$

- Vorticity aligns with extensional direction at small Reynolds
- Alignment with intermediate eigenvector establishes later on

# Velocity gradient realizations: DNS and model

- Time correlations through gauge terms



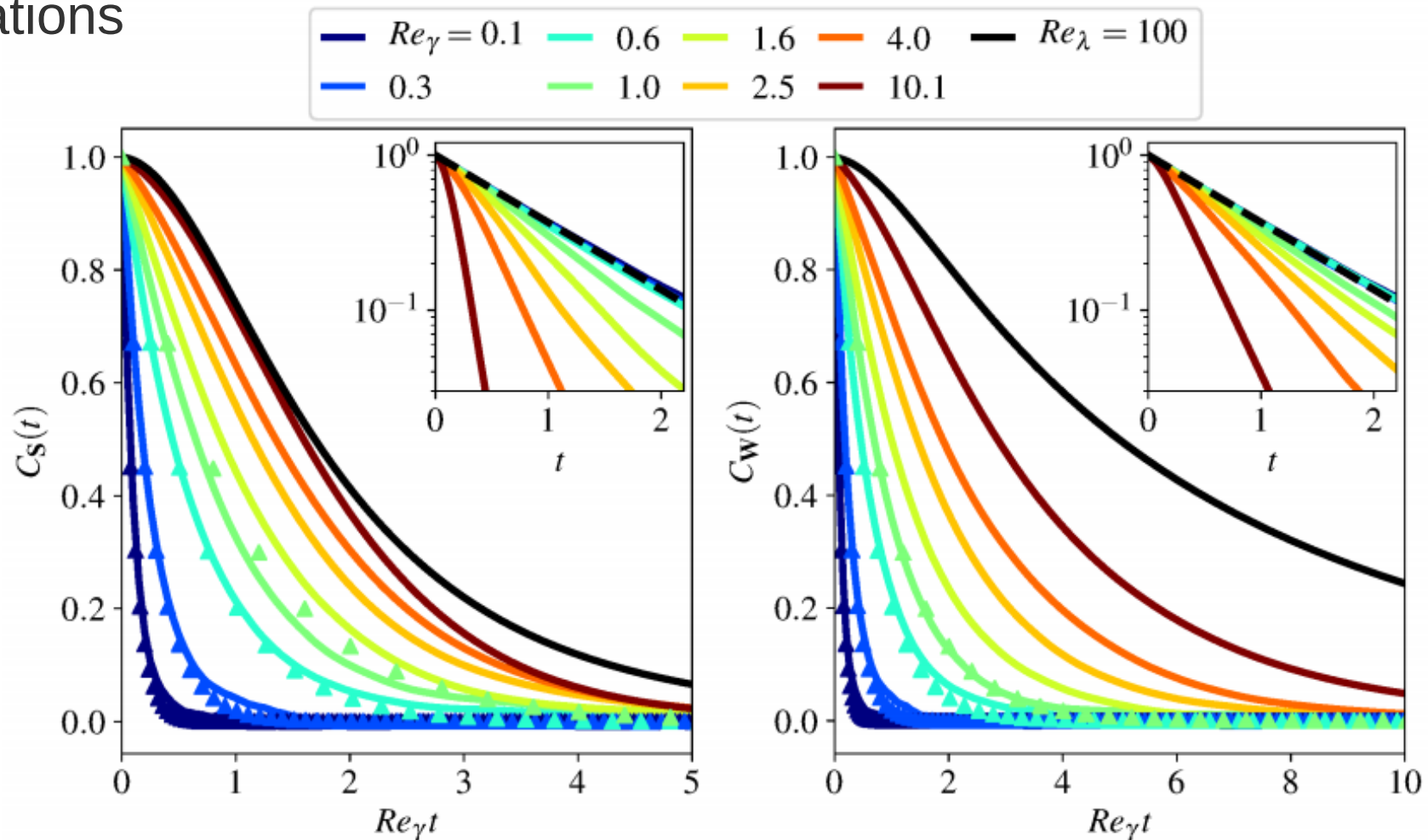
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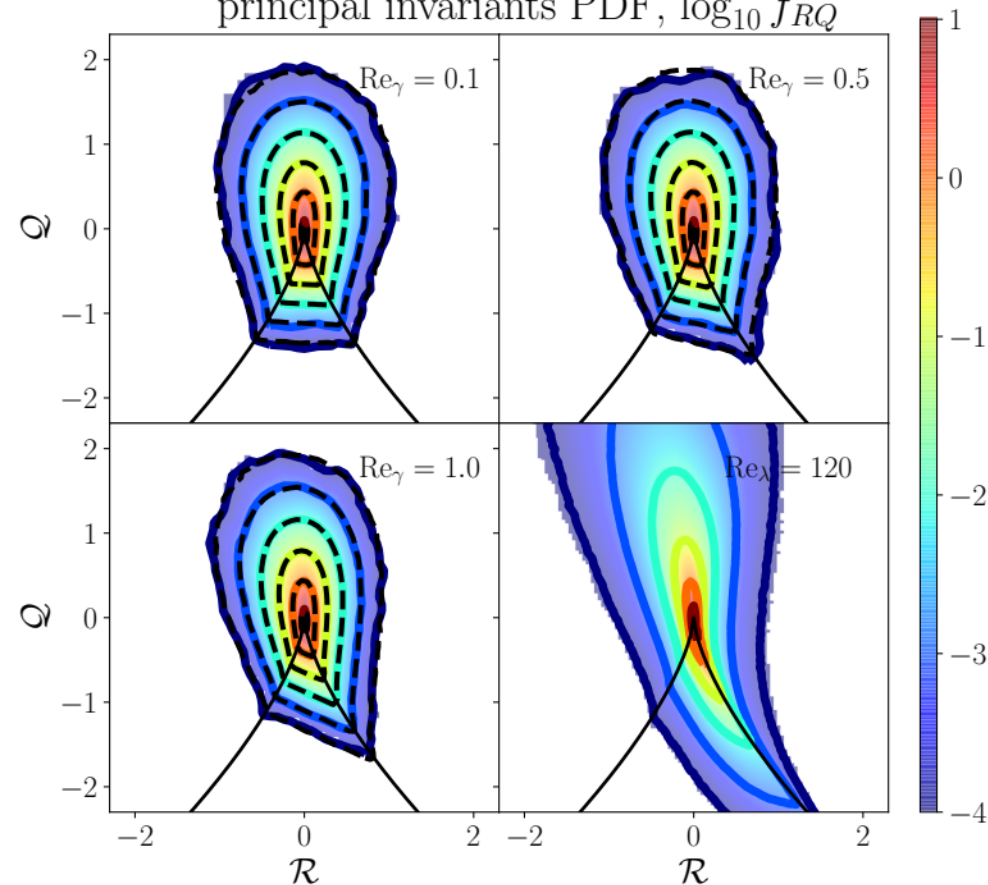
- Strain-rate correlations at small Re
- Turbulence hinders time correlations

$$C_{\mathbf{A}}(\tau) = \frac{\langle A_{ij}(0)A_{ij}(\tau) \rangle}{\langle A_{ij}(0)A_{ij}(0) \rangle}$$



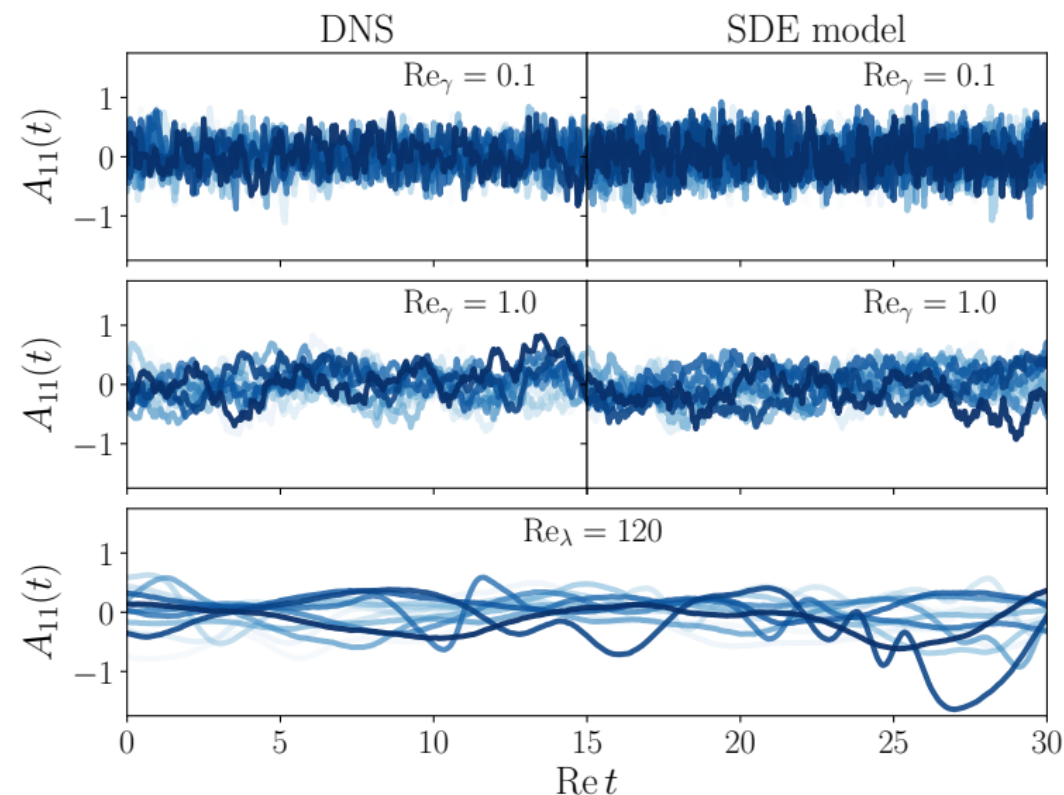
# Random flows at low Reynolds: Conclusions

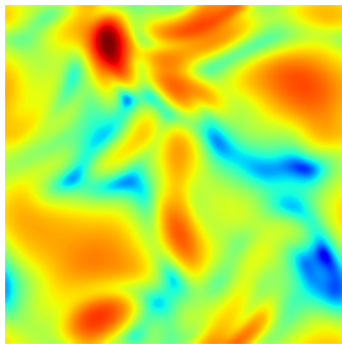
principal invariants PDF,  $\log_{10} f_{RQ}$



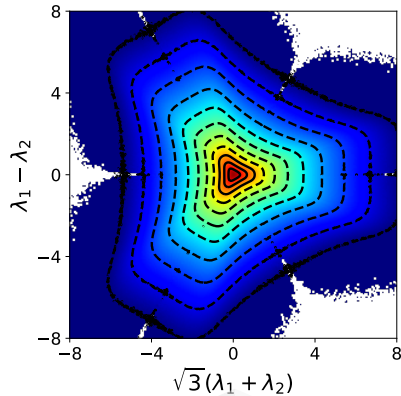
- Closed model for the velocity gradient (no fitting parameters)
- Analytically shown the onset of skewness, alignments, intermittency

- Similar velocity gradient realizations and time correlations in the model and DNS
- SDE



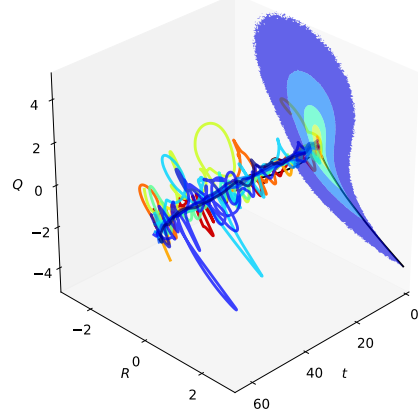


Velocity gradients at low Reynolds numbers

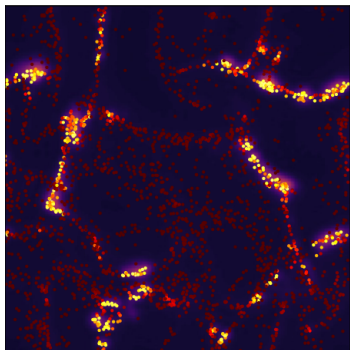


Strain rate at high Reynolds numbers

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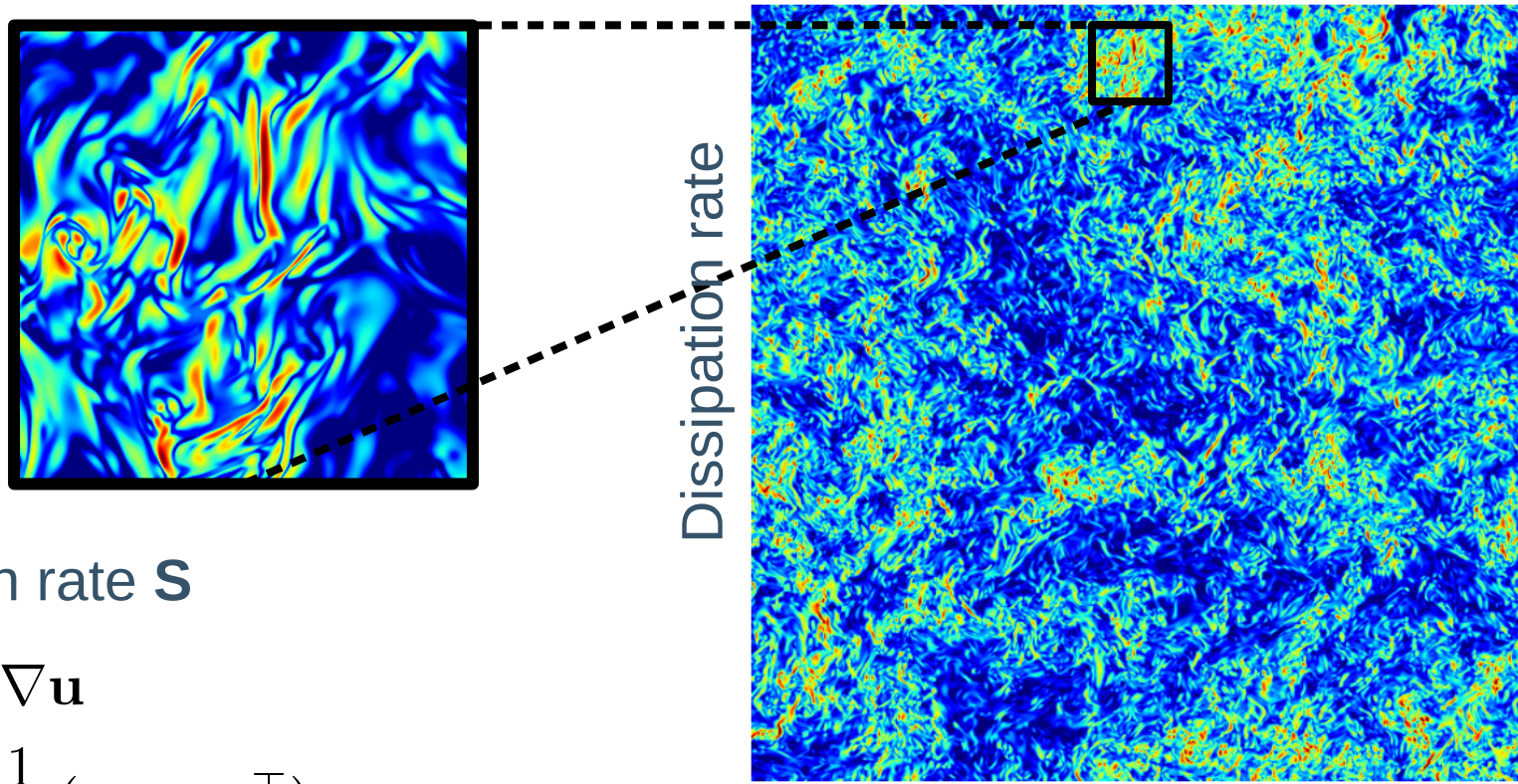
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Some applications



# Strain rate at high Reynolds



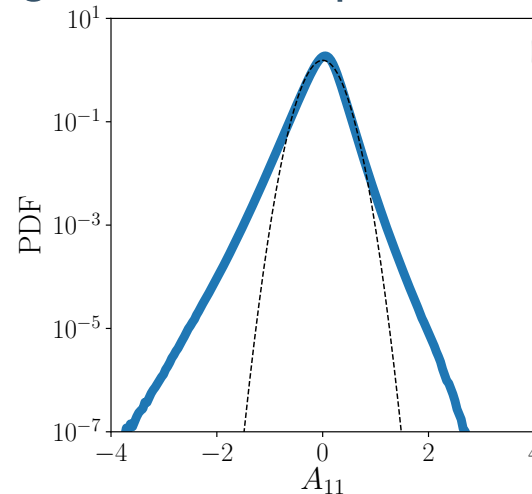
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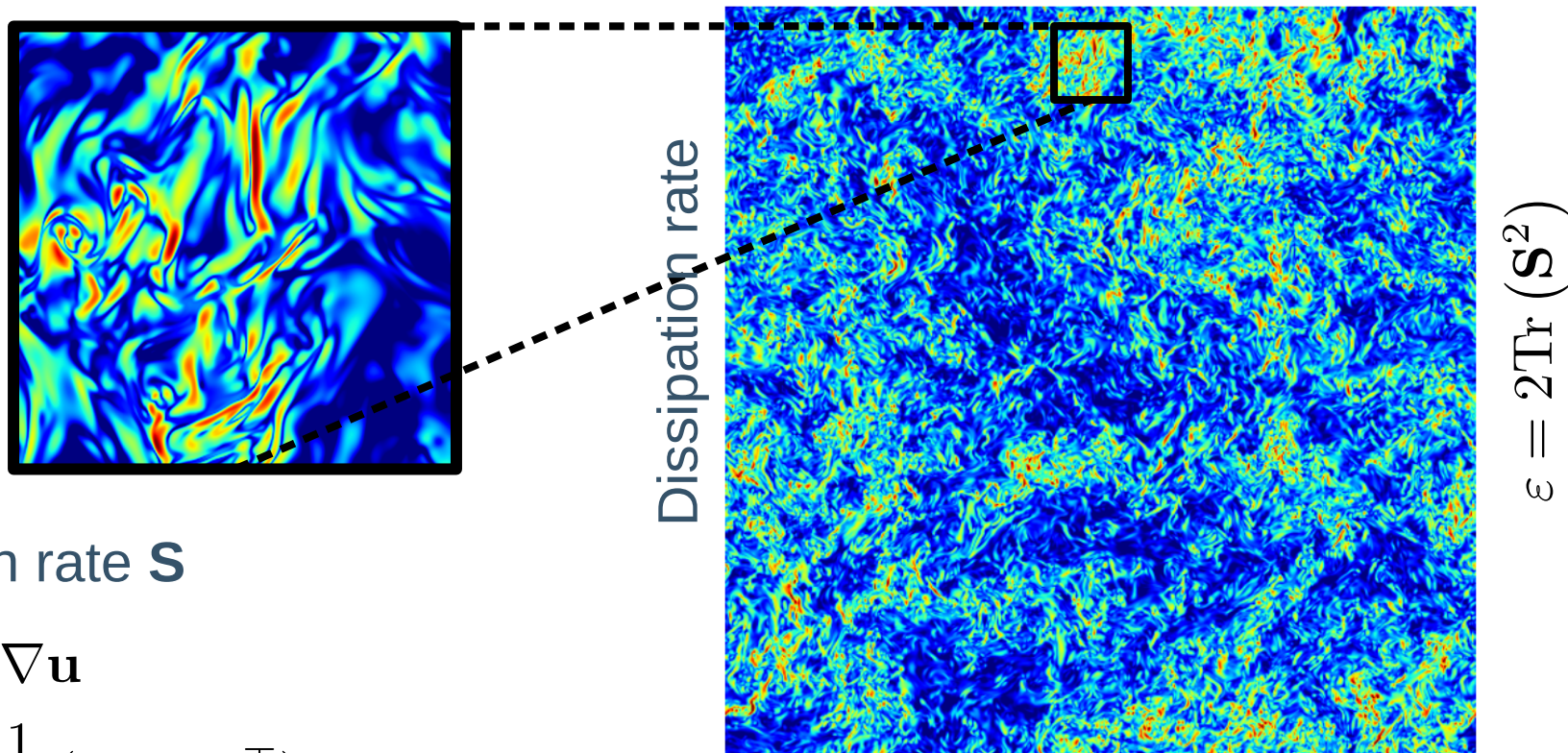
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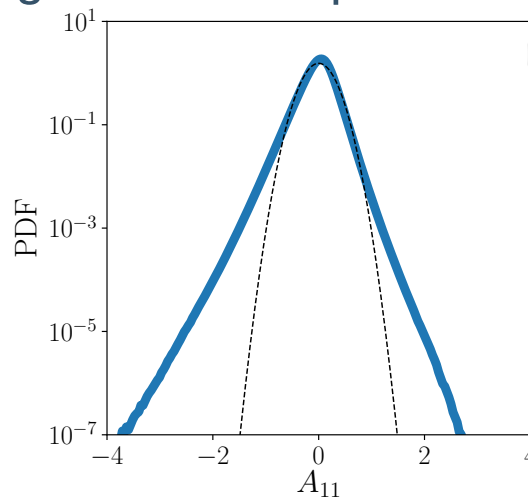
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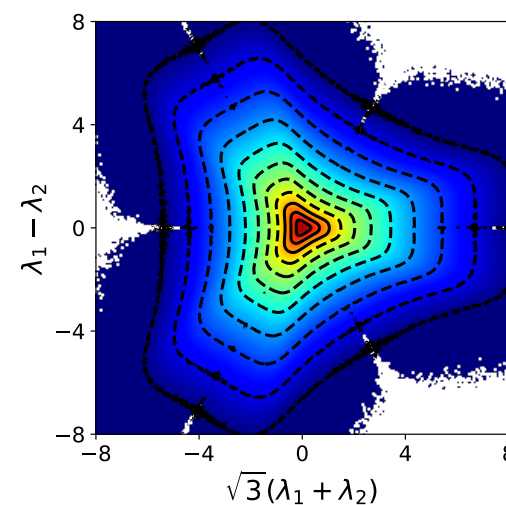
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- Energy cascade: skewness

...Complicated PDFs  
...Time correlations

Longitudinal component PDF



Strain-rate PDF



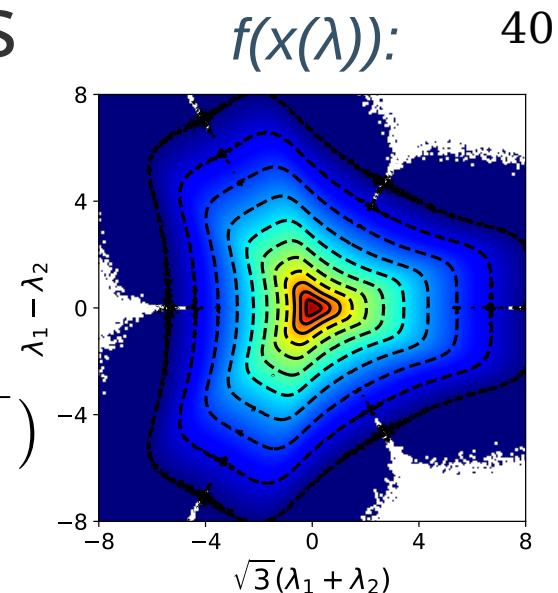
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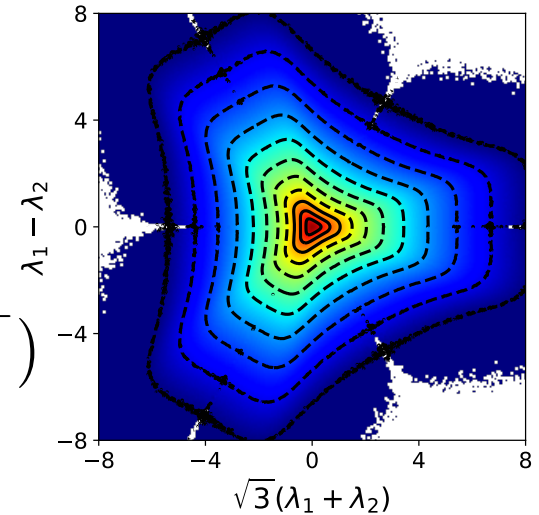
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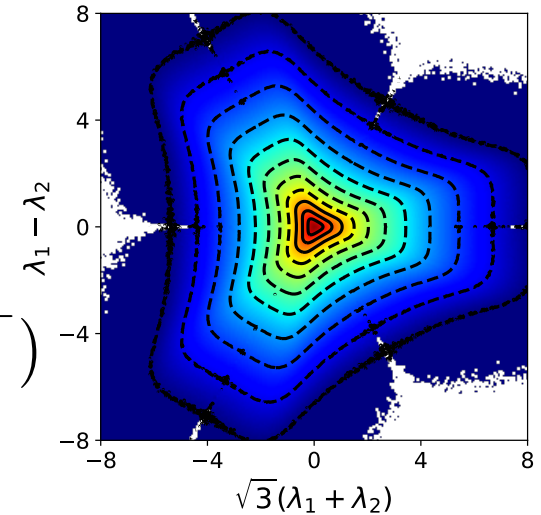
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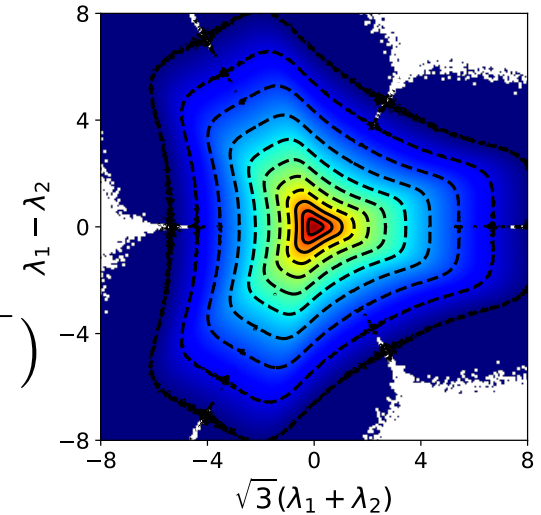
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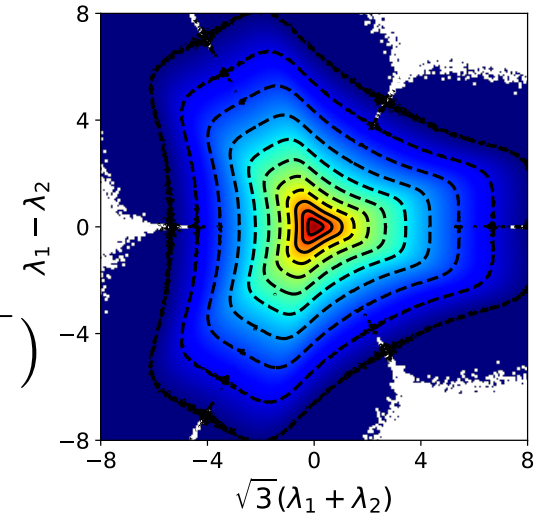
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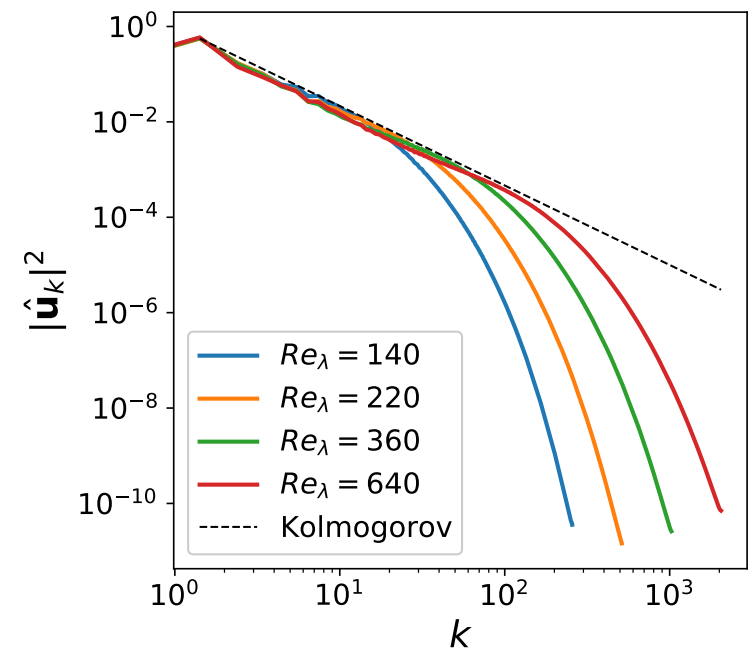
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...data-driven, DNS database



DNS:  $512^3 - 4096^3$ ,  $k_{max} \eta > 3$



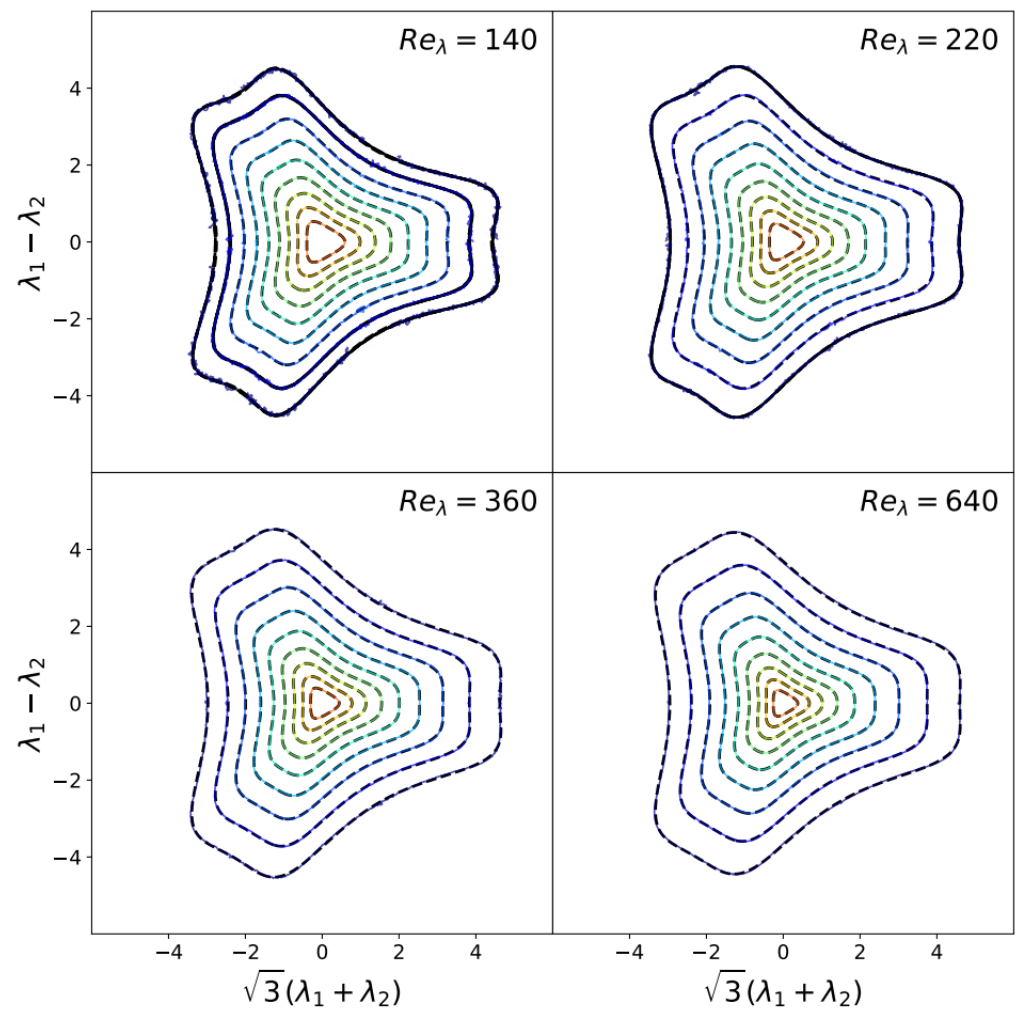
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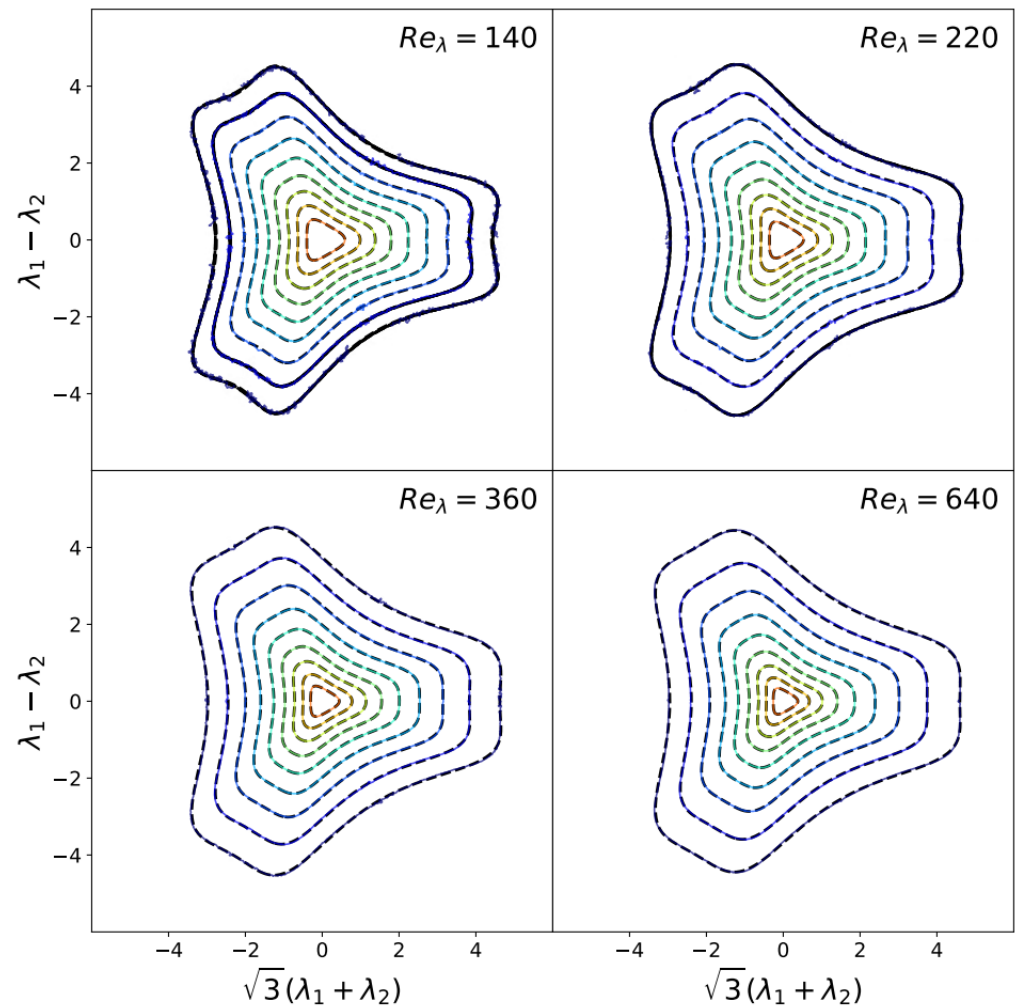
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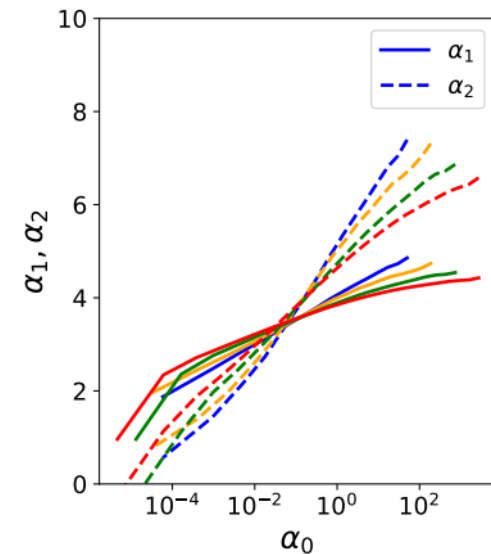
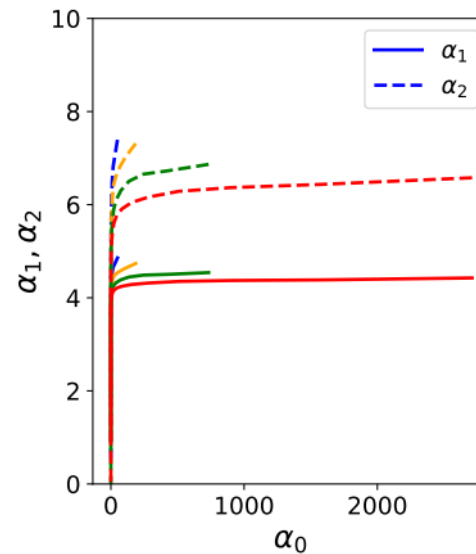
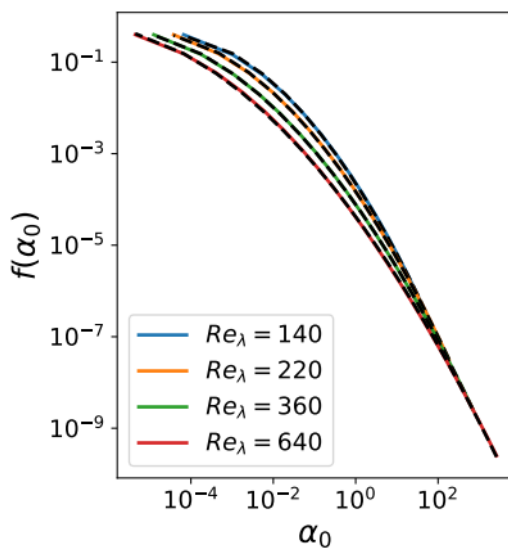
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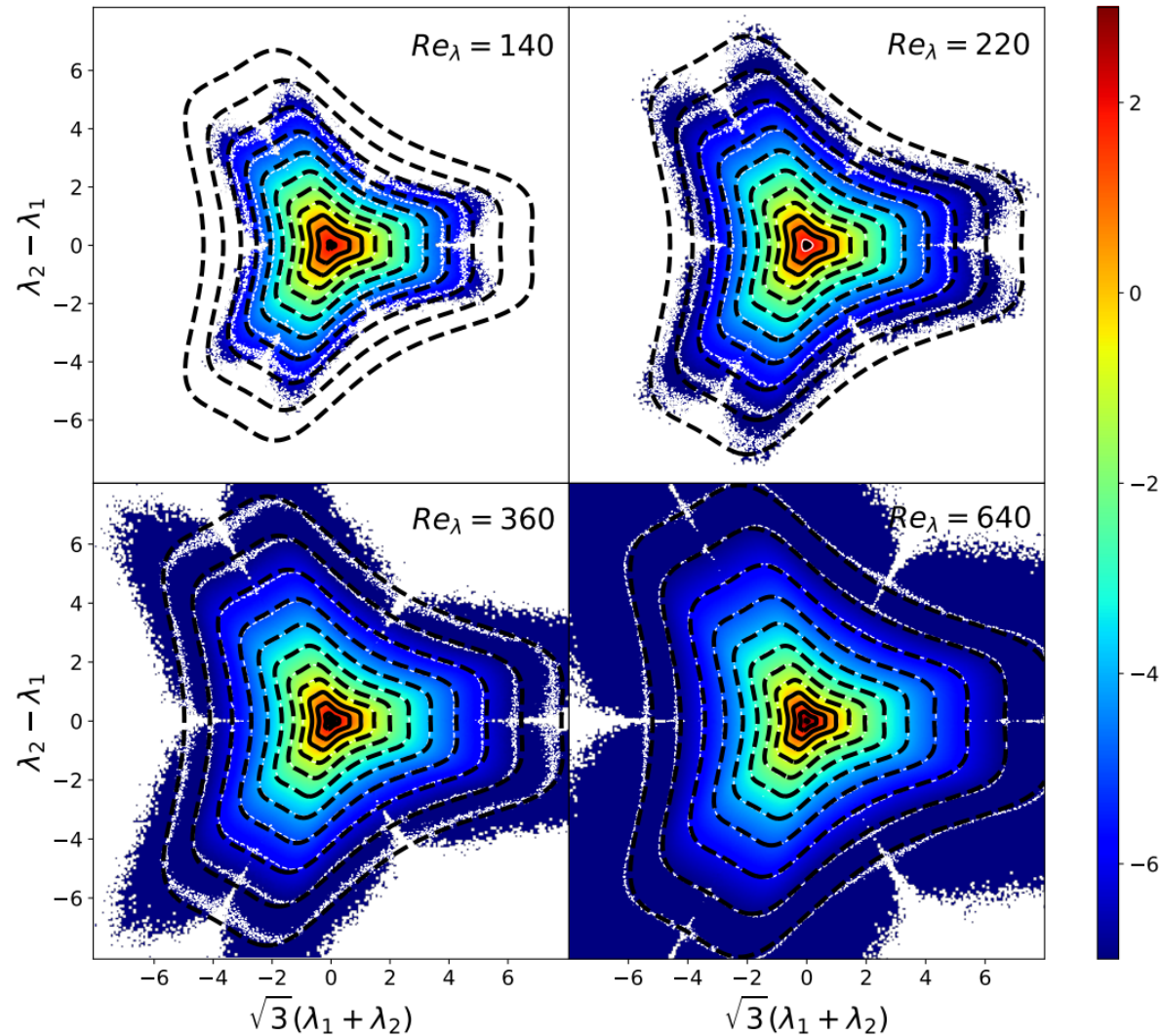
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Strain-rate PDF,  $\log_{10}f(\lambda)$



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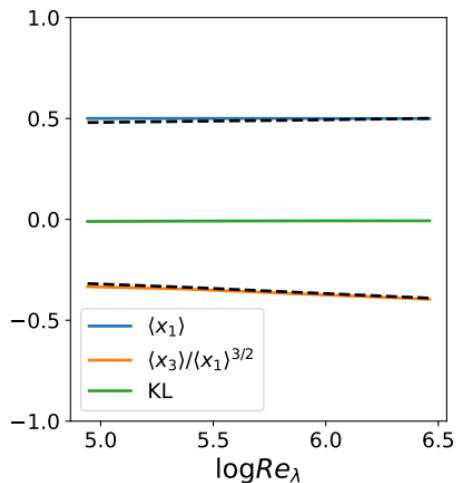
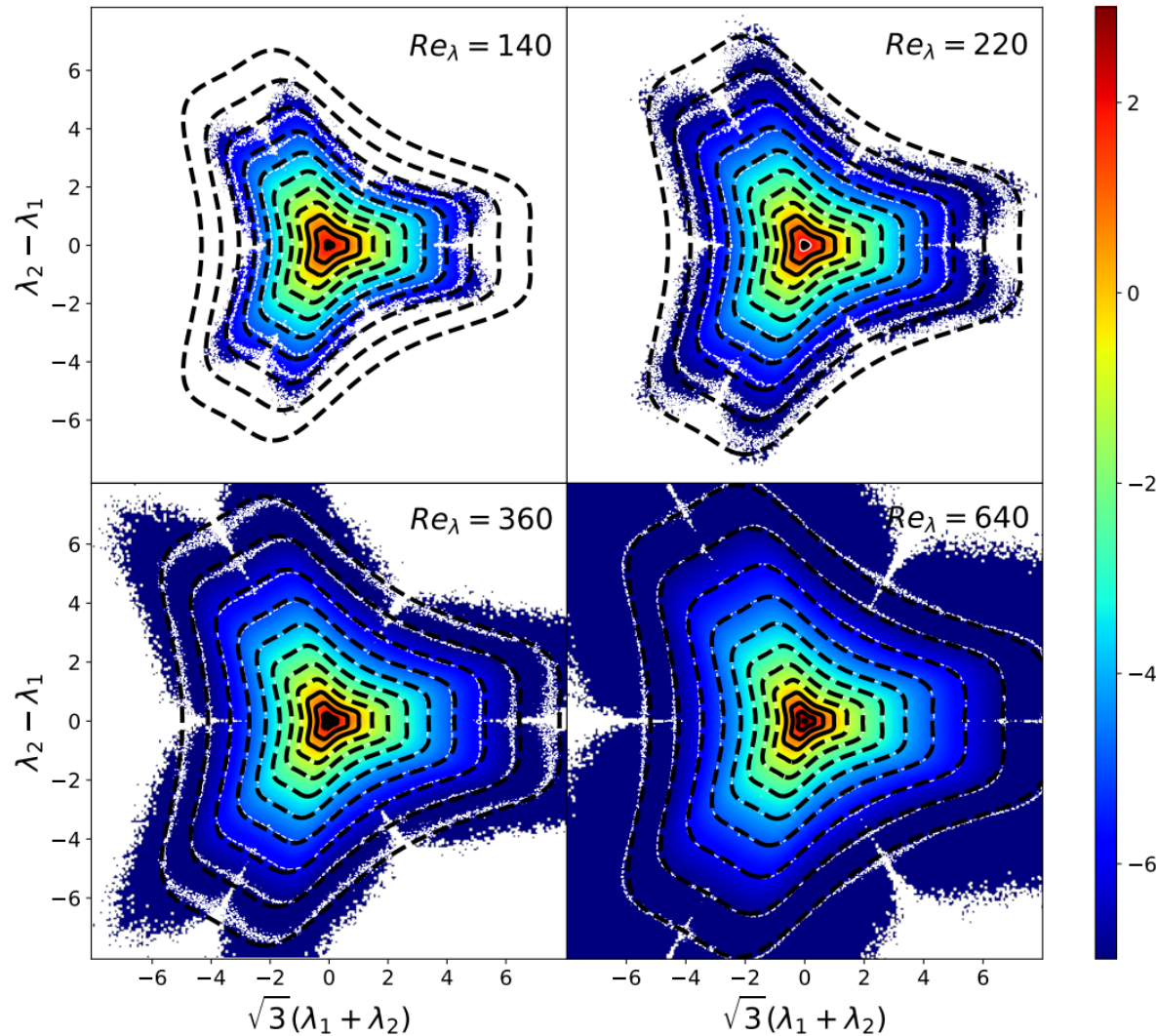
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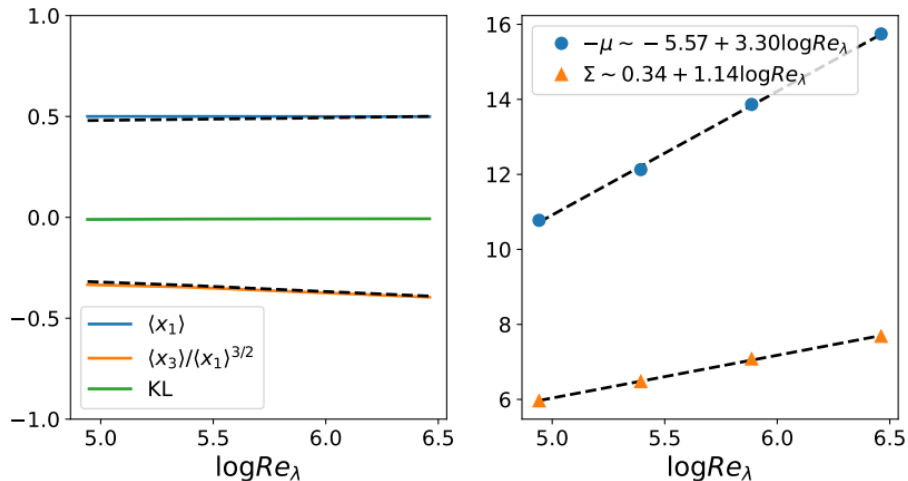
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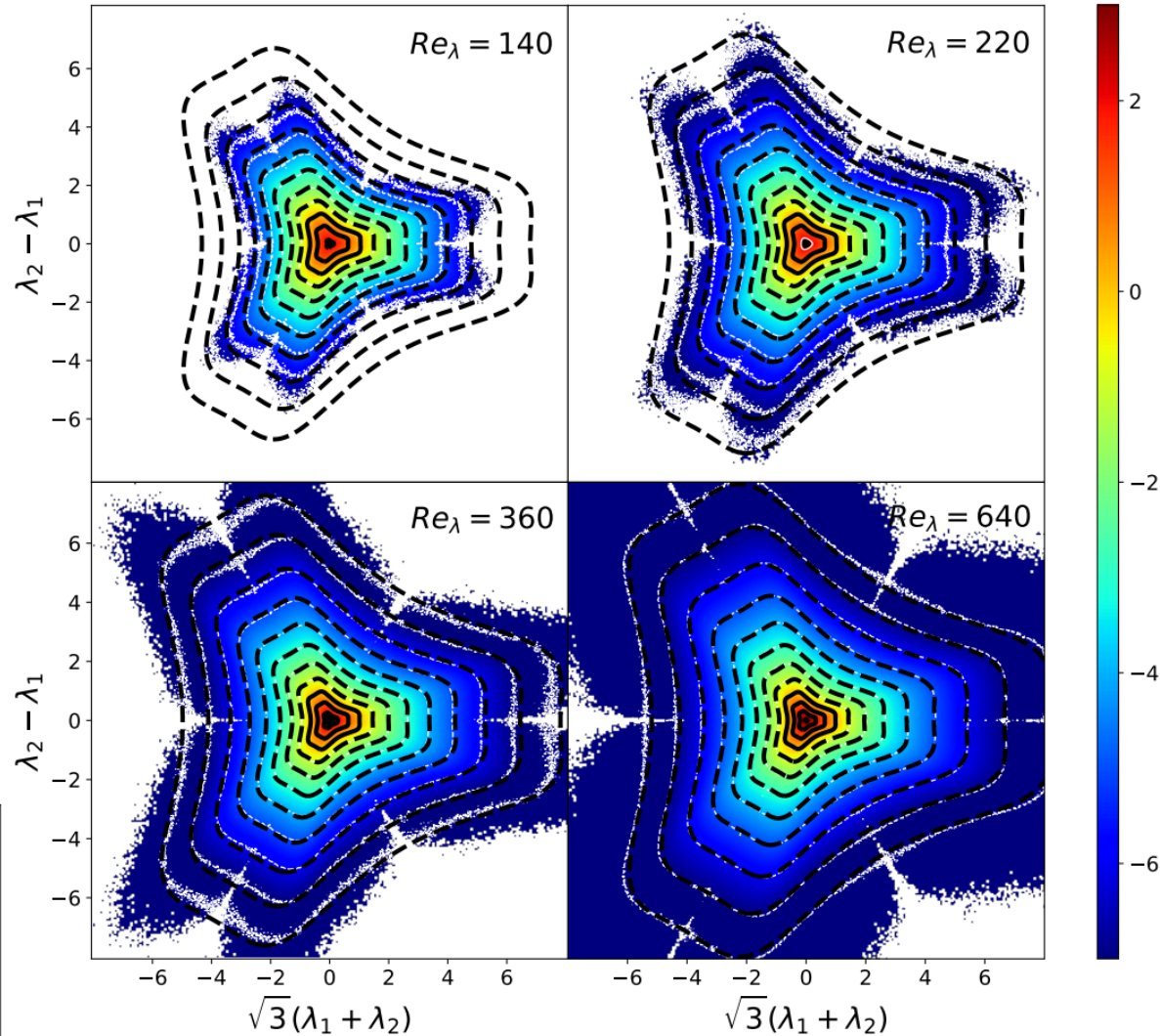
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## Role of the Reynolds number



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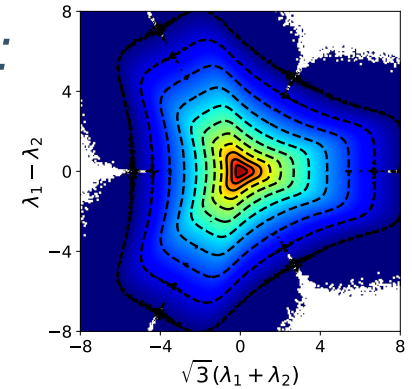
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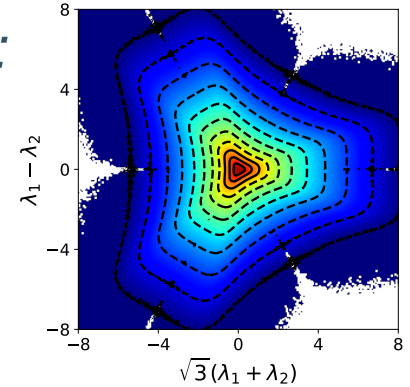
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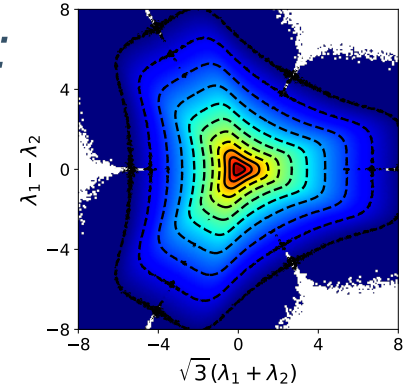
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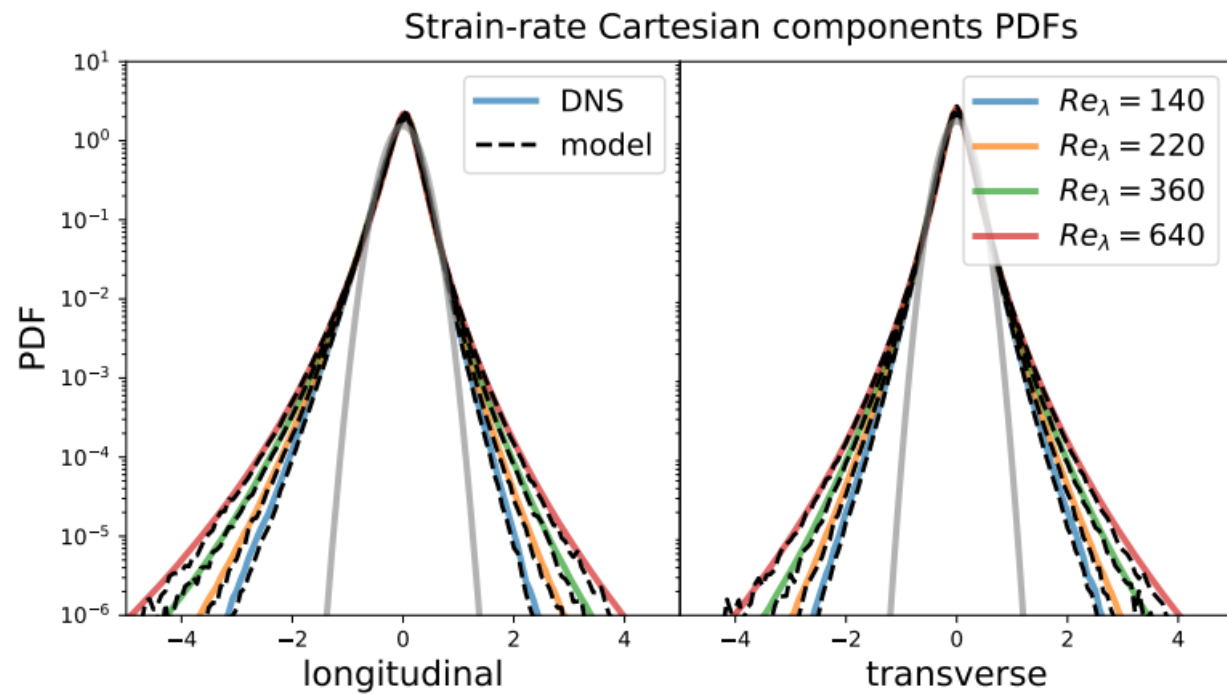
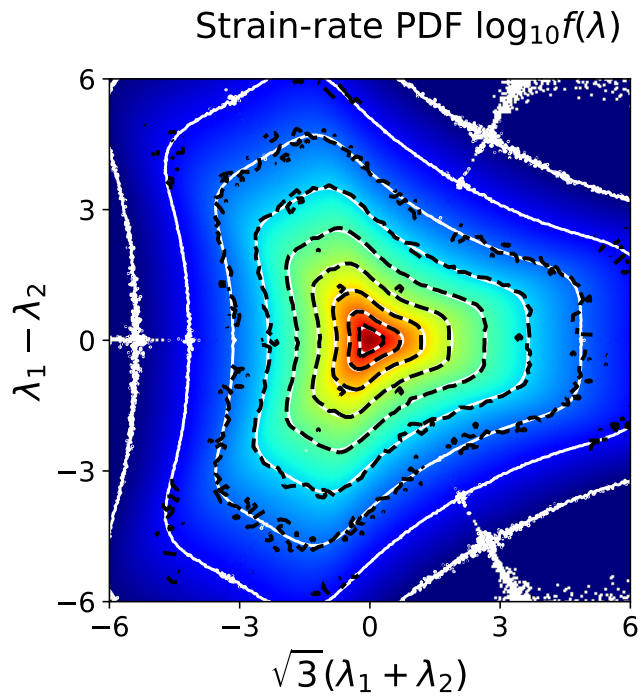
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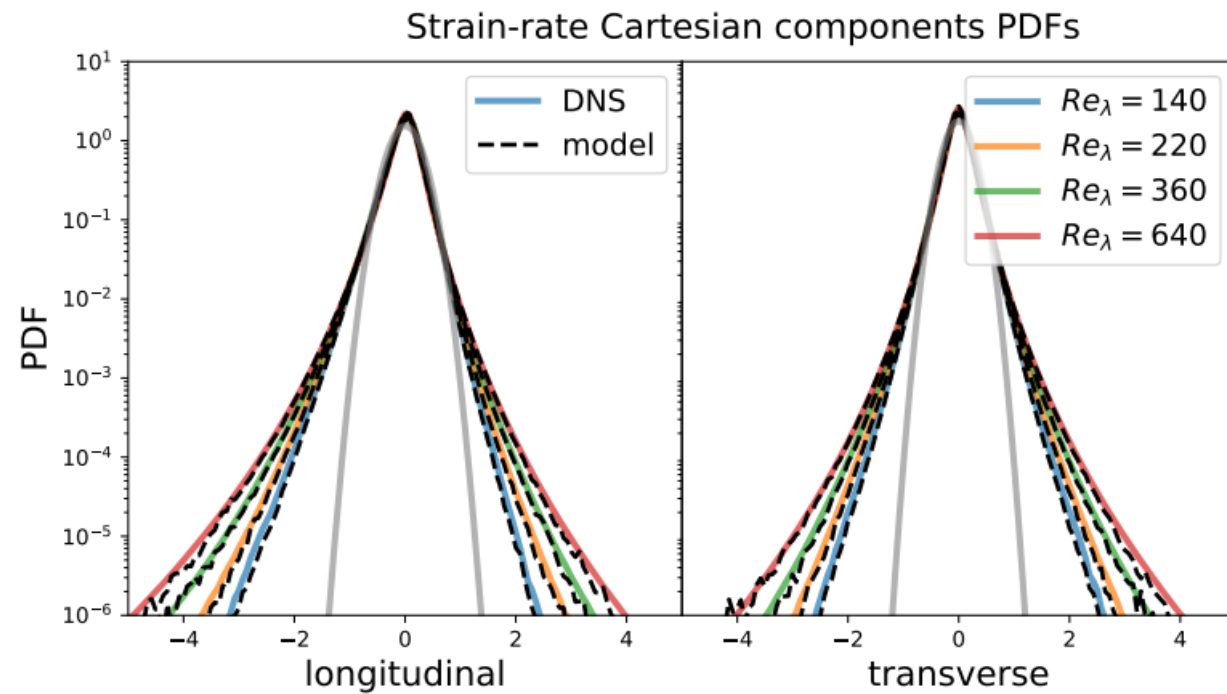
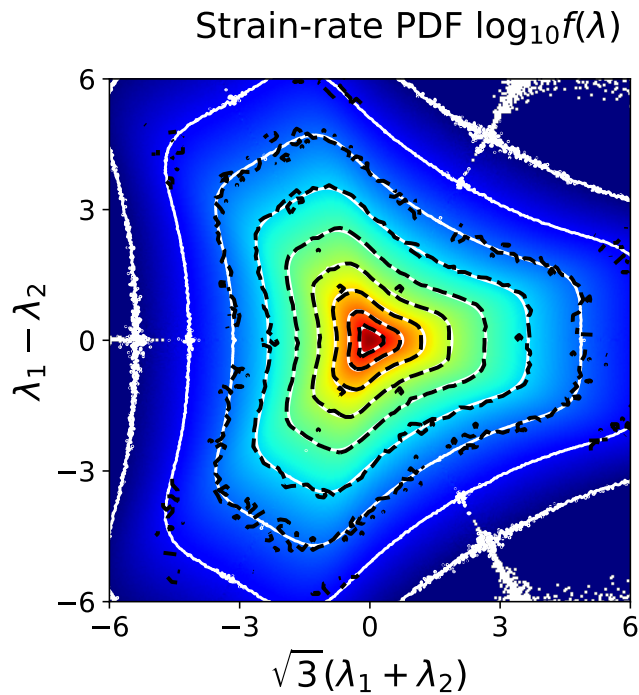
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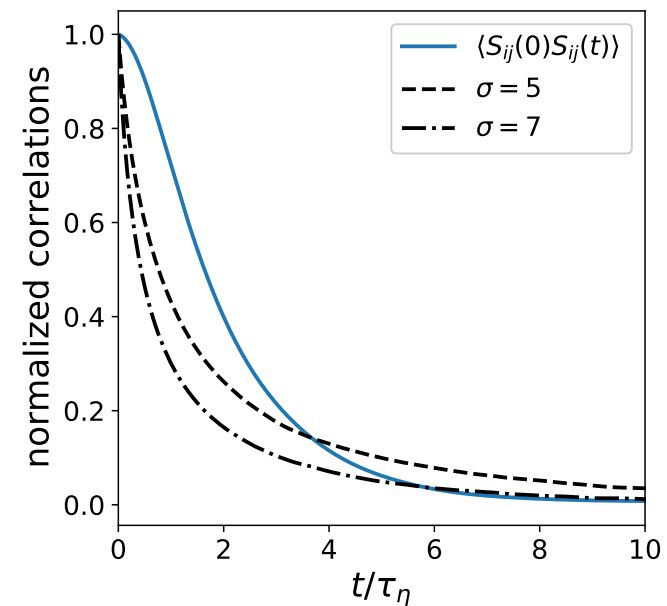
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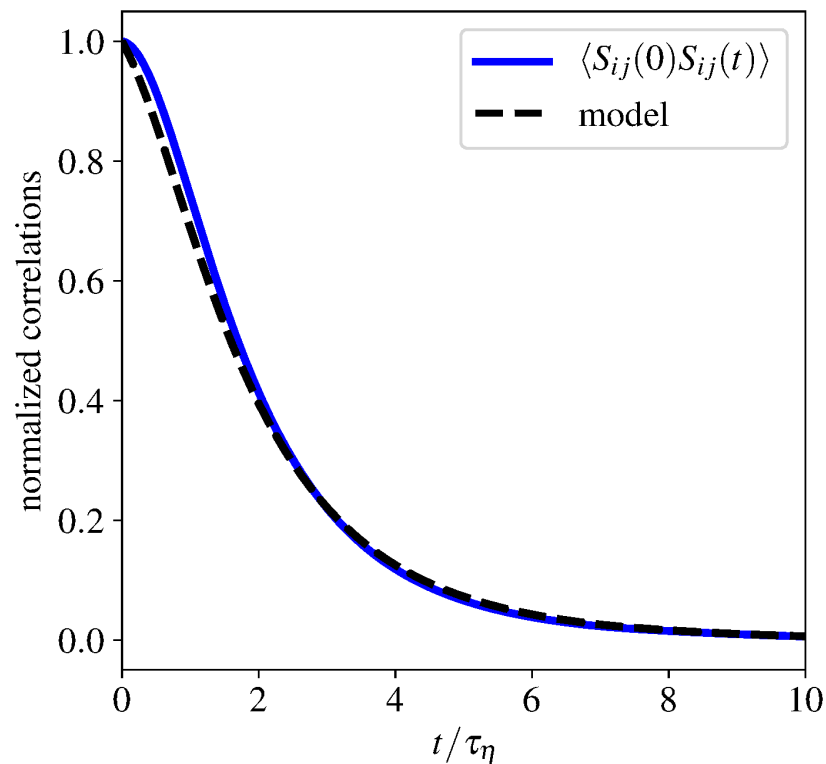
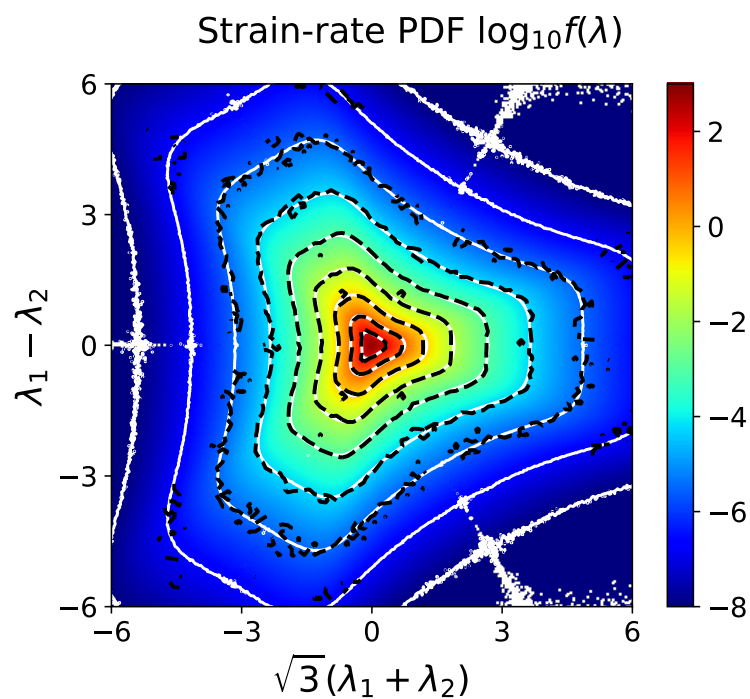
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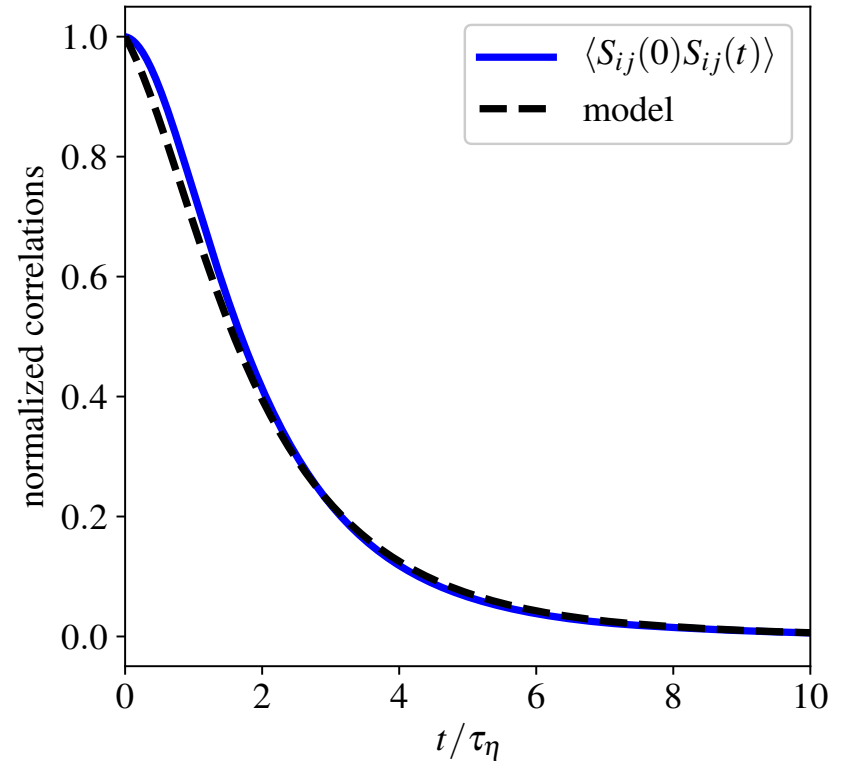
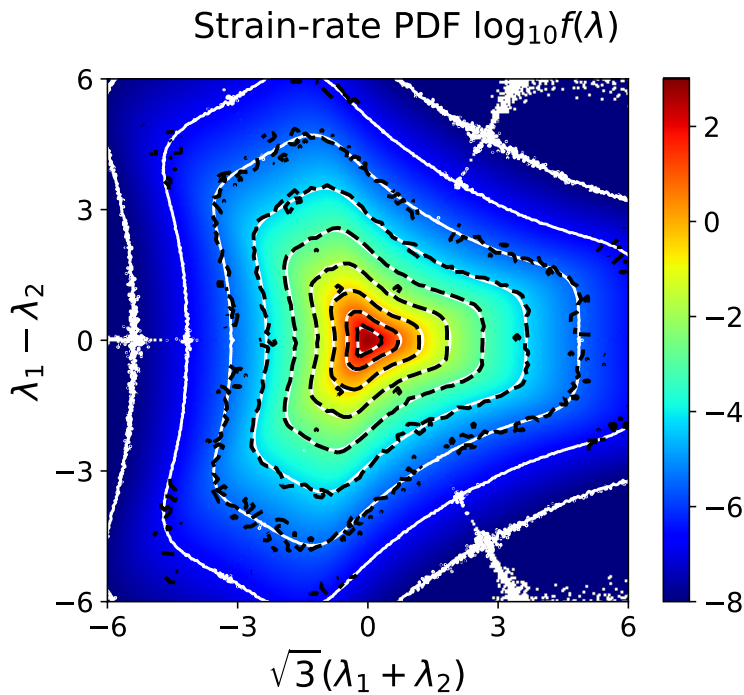


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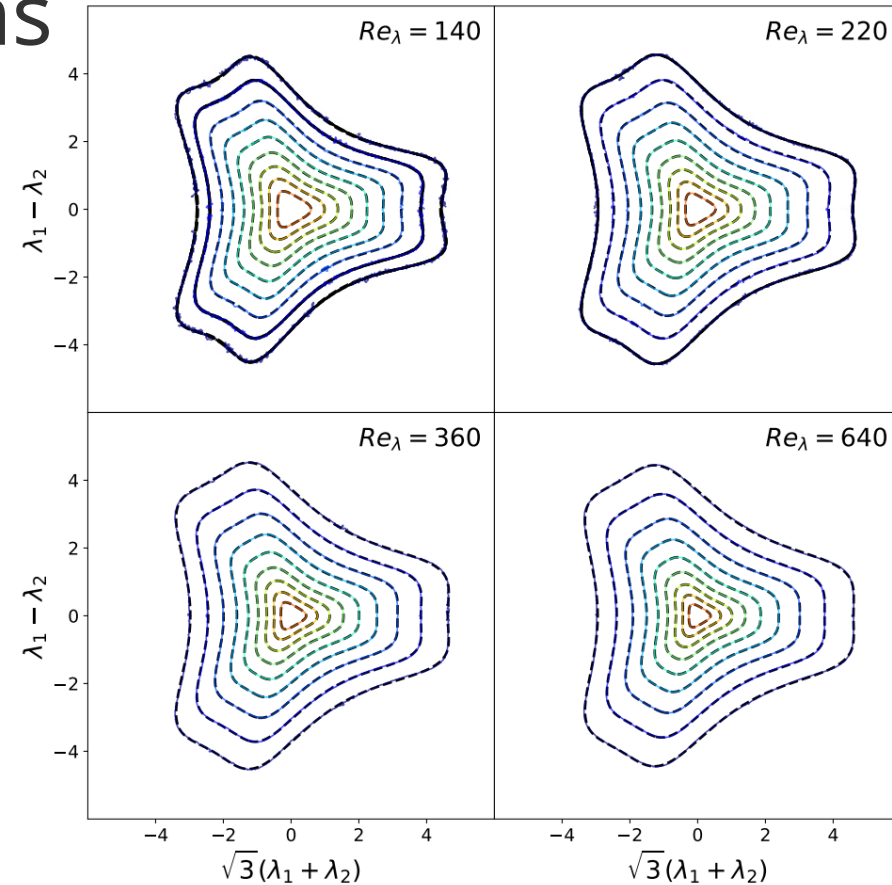
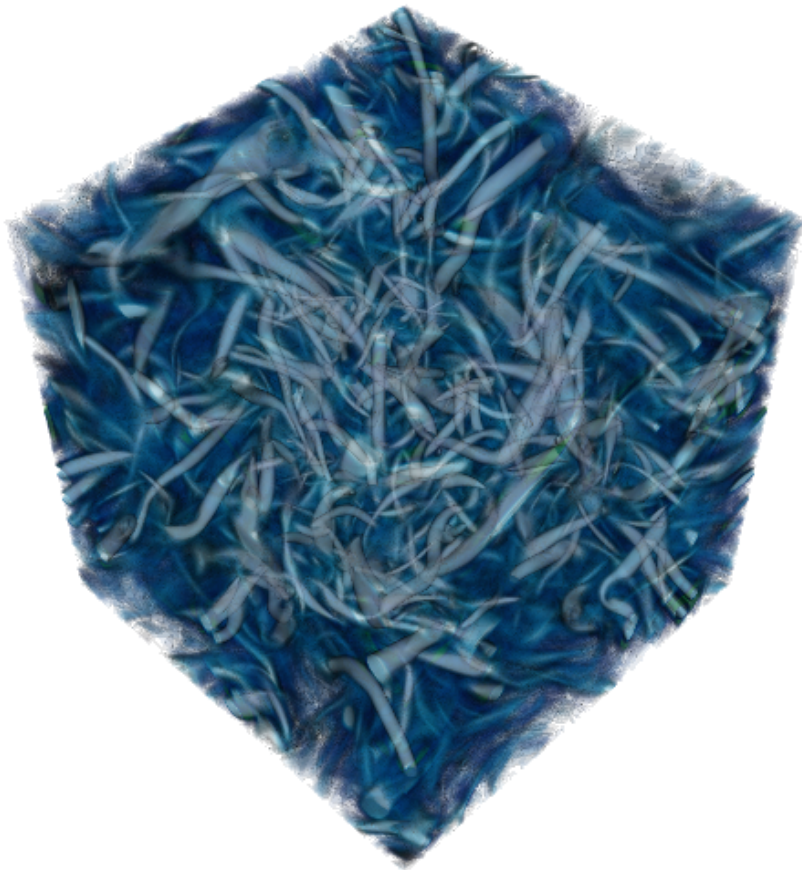
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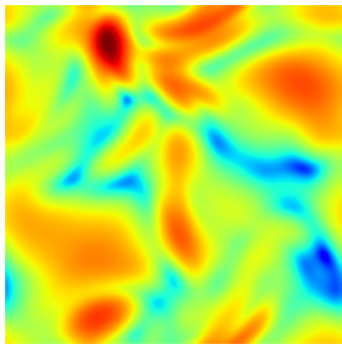
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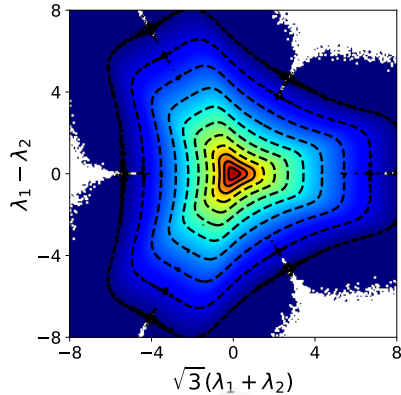
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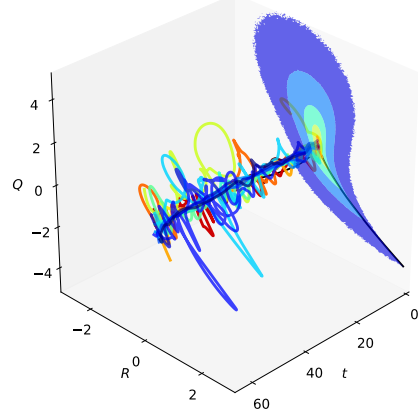
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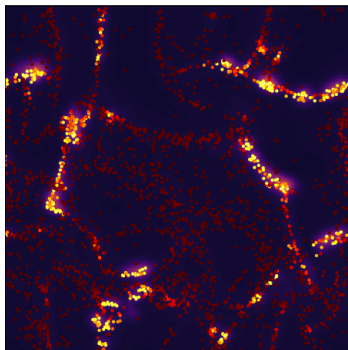


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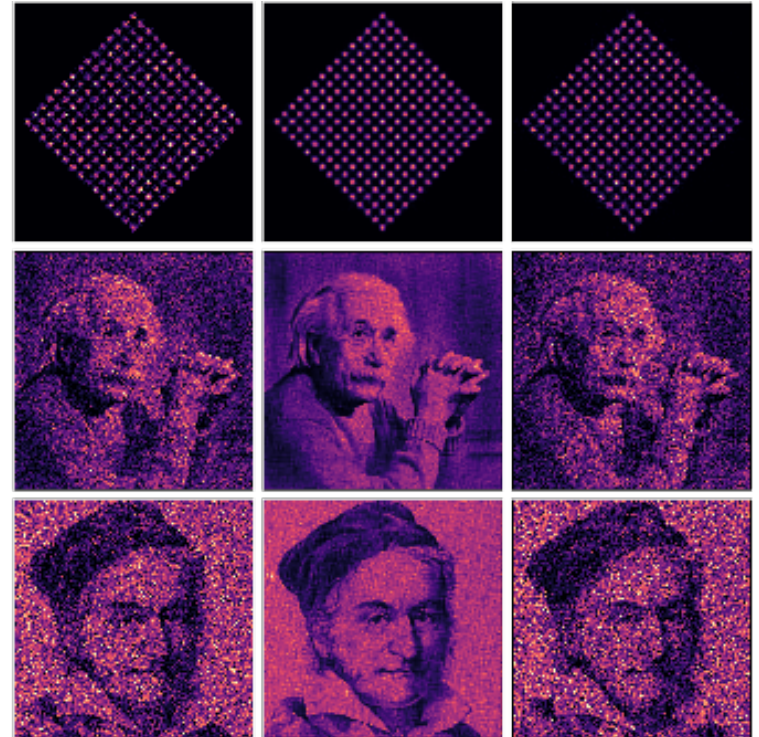
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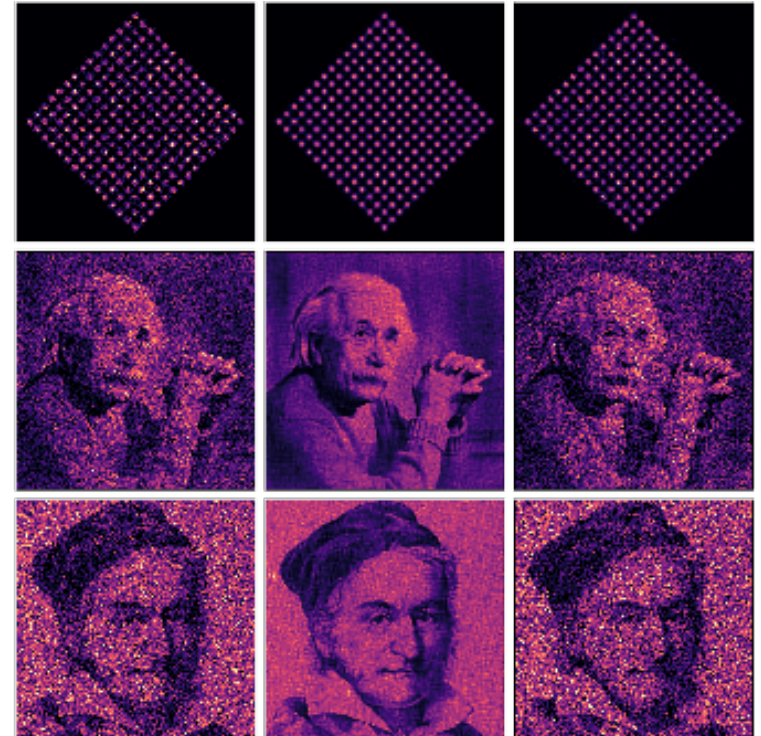
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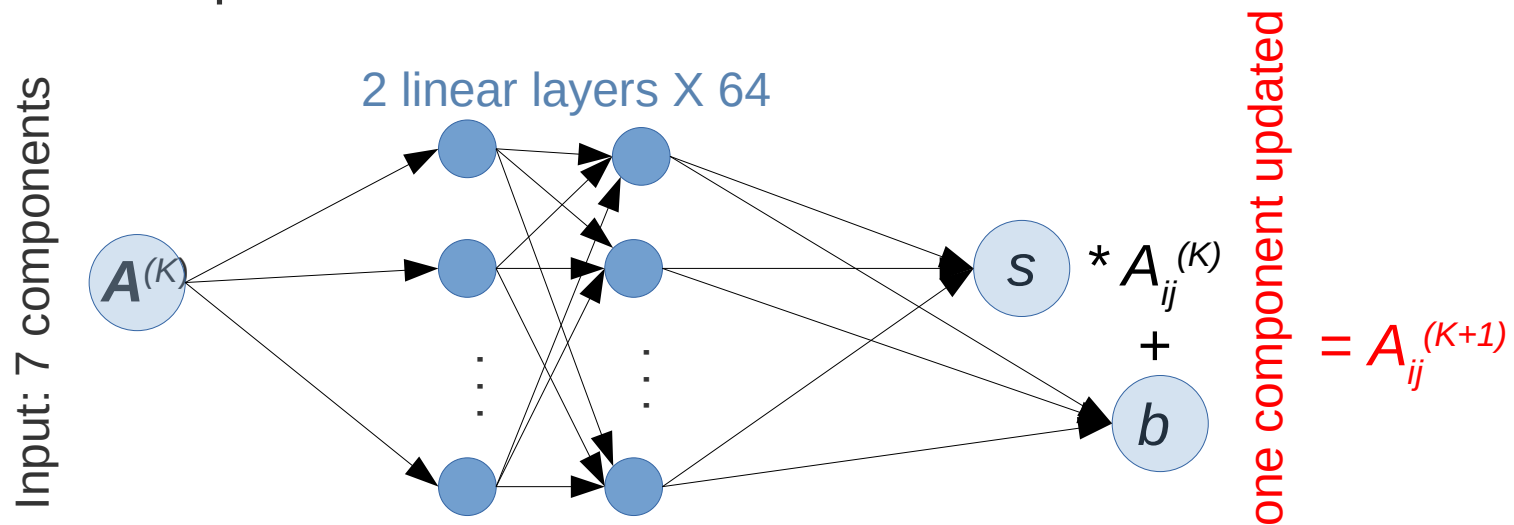
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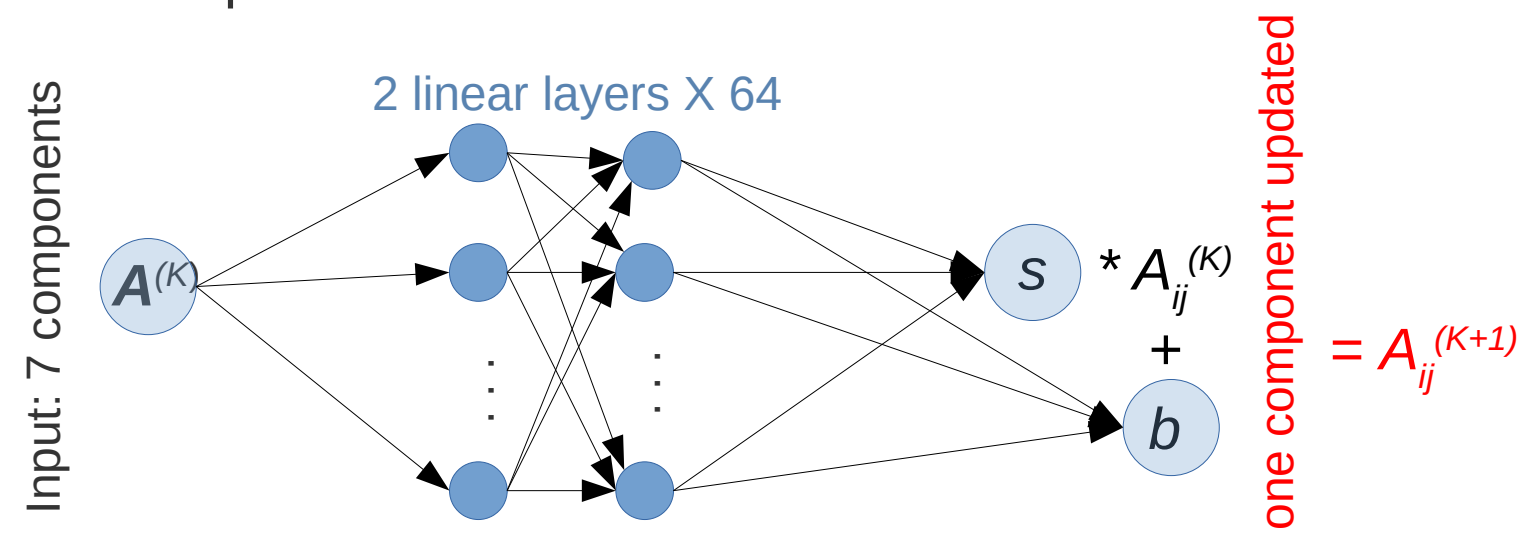
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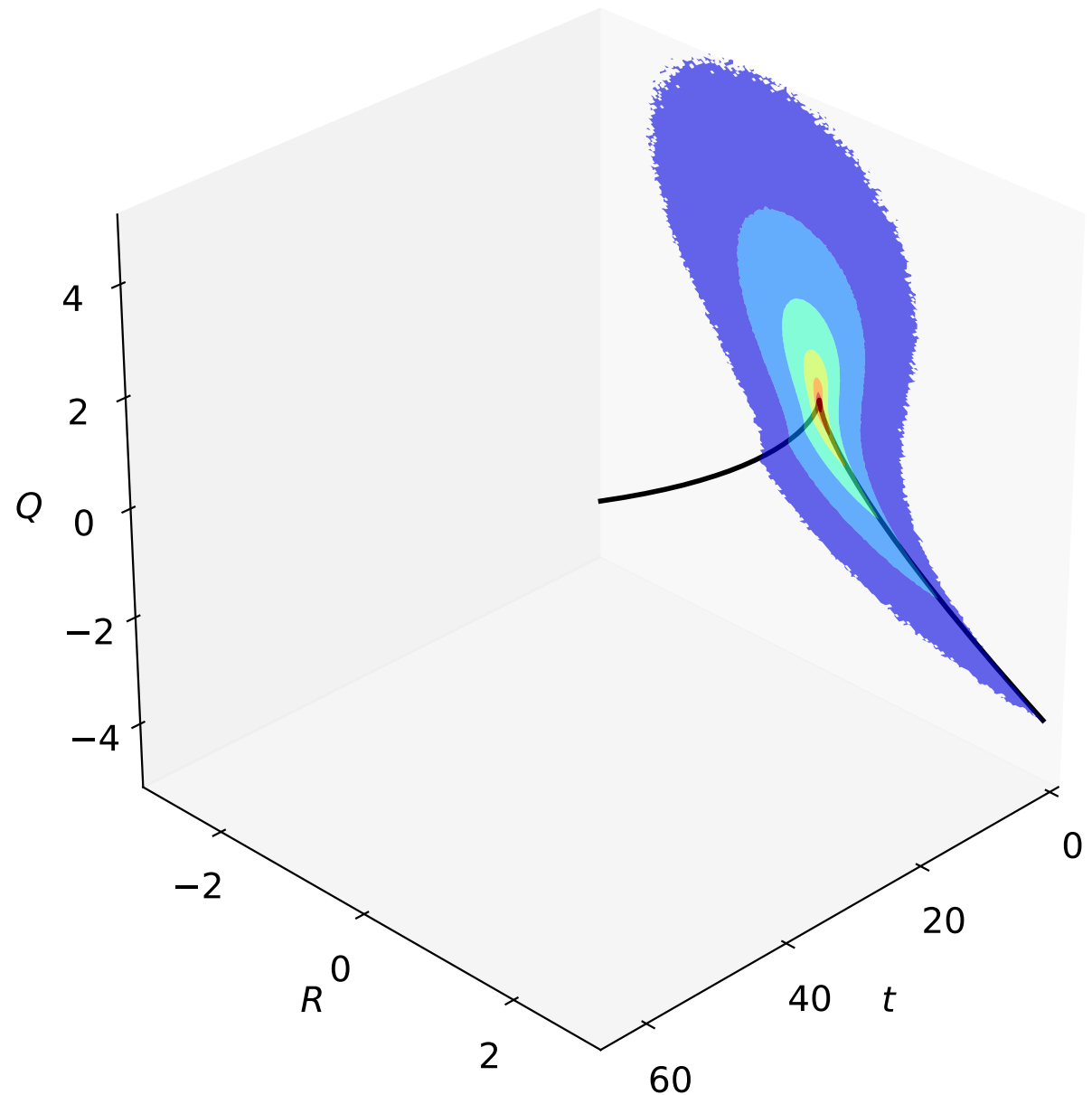
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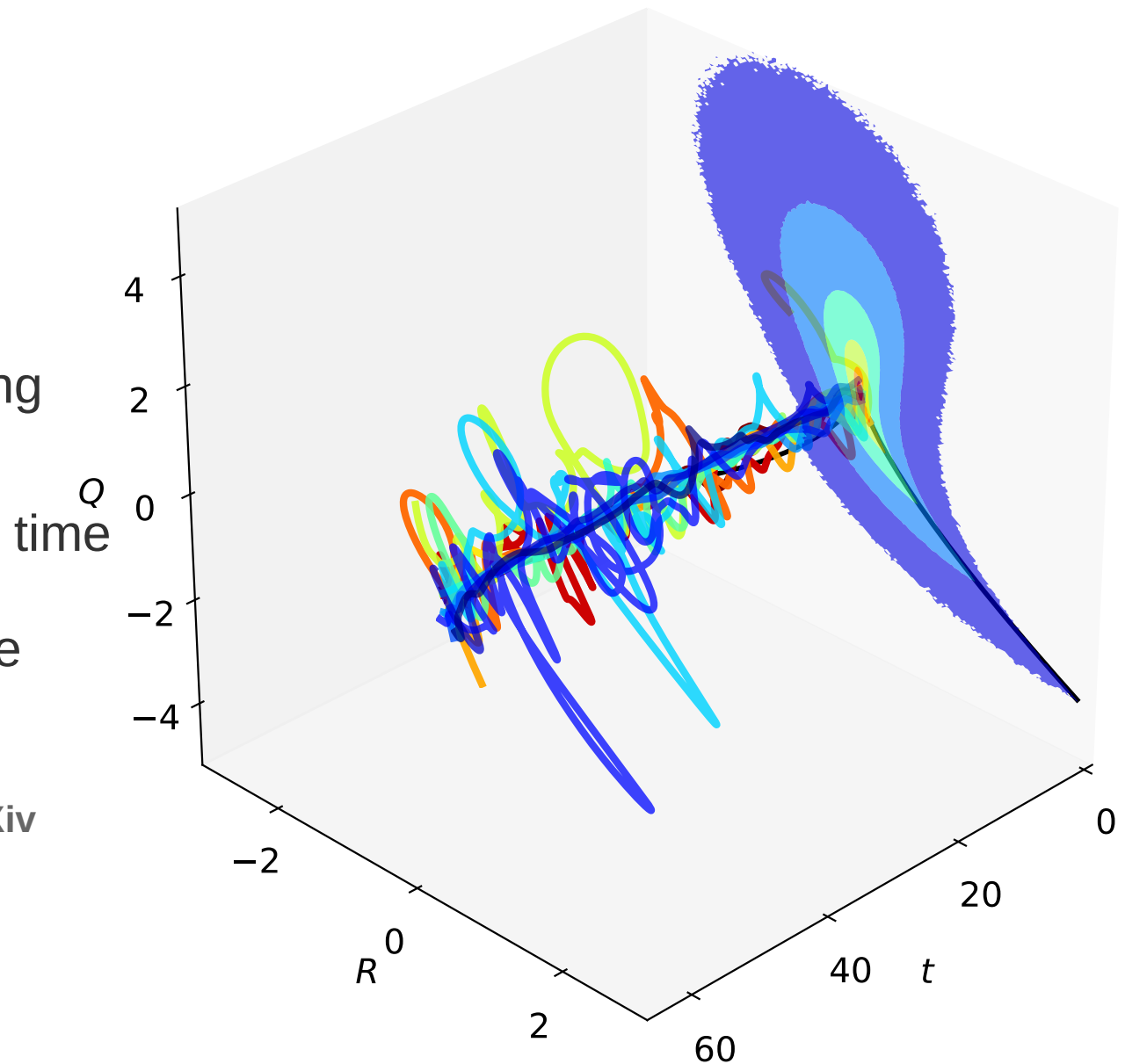
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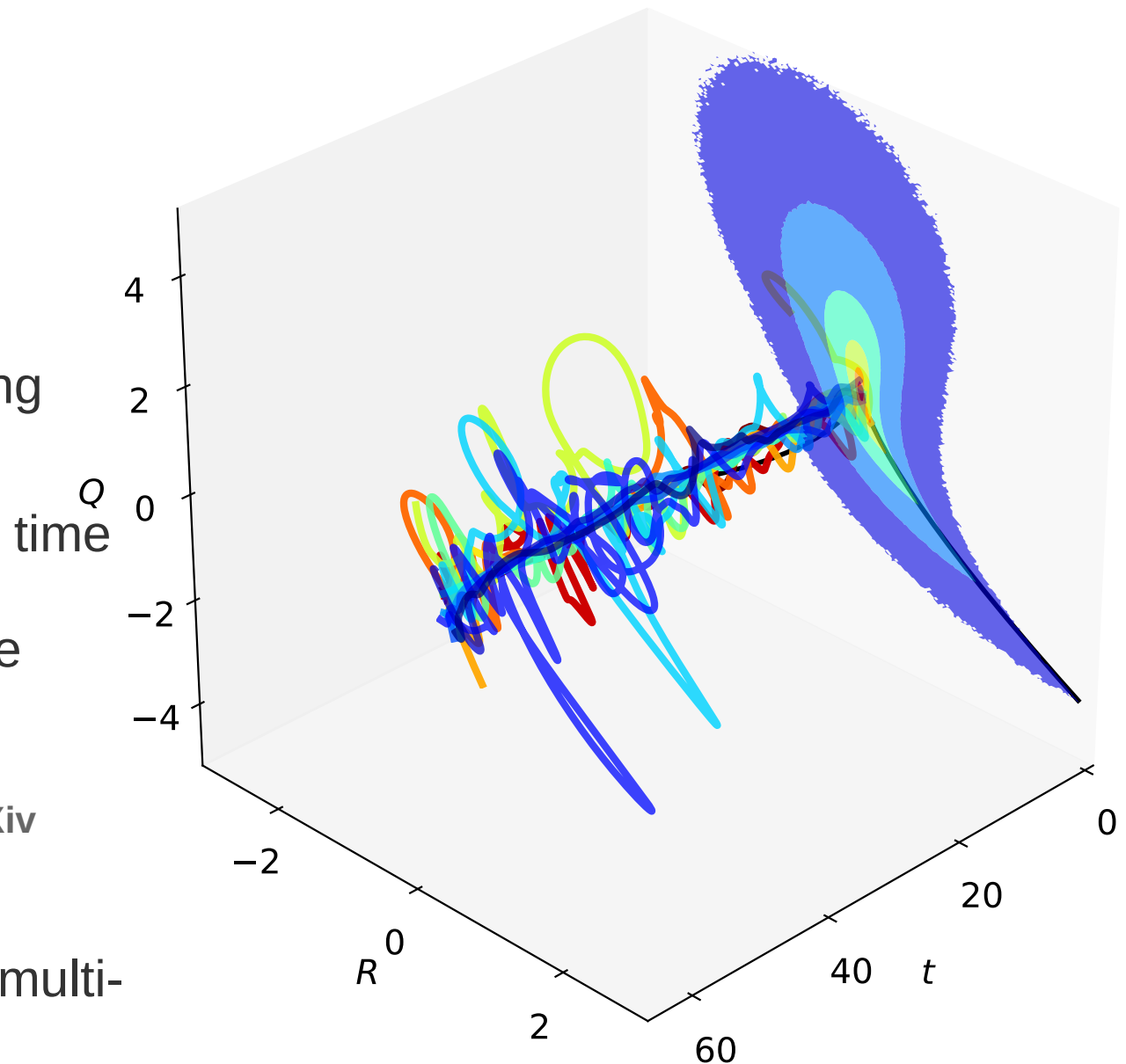


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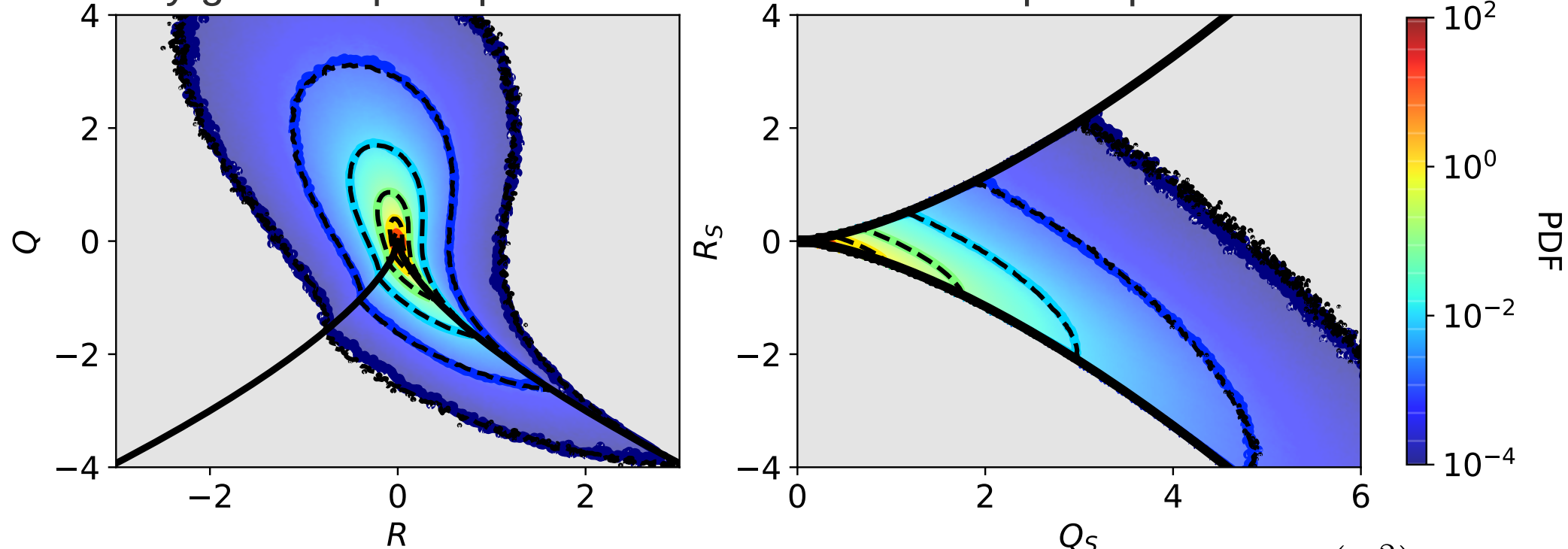
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# Single-time statistics: principal invariants PDF

Velocity gradient principal invariants

Strain-rate principal invariants



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$$R = -\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^3) / 3$$

Skewness,  
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- - - Model

Dissipation rate,  
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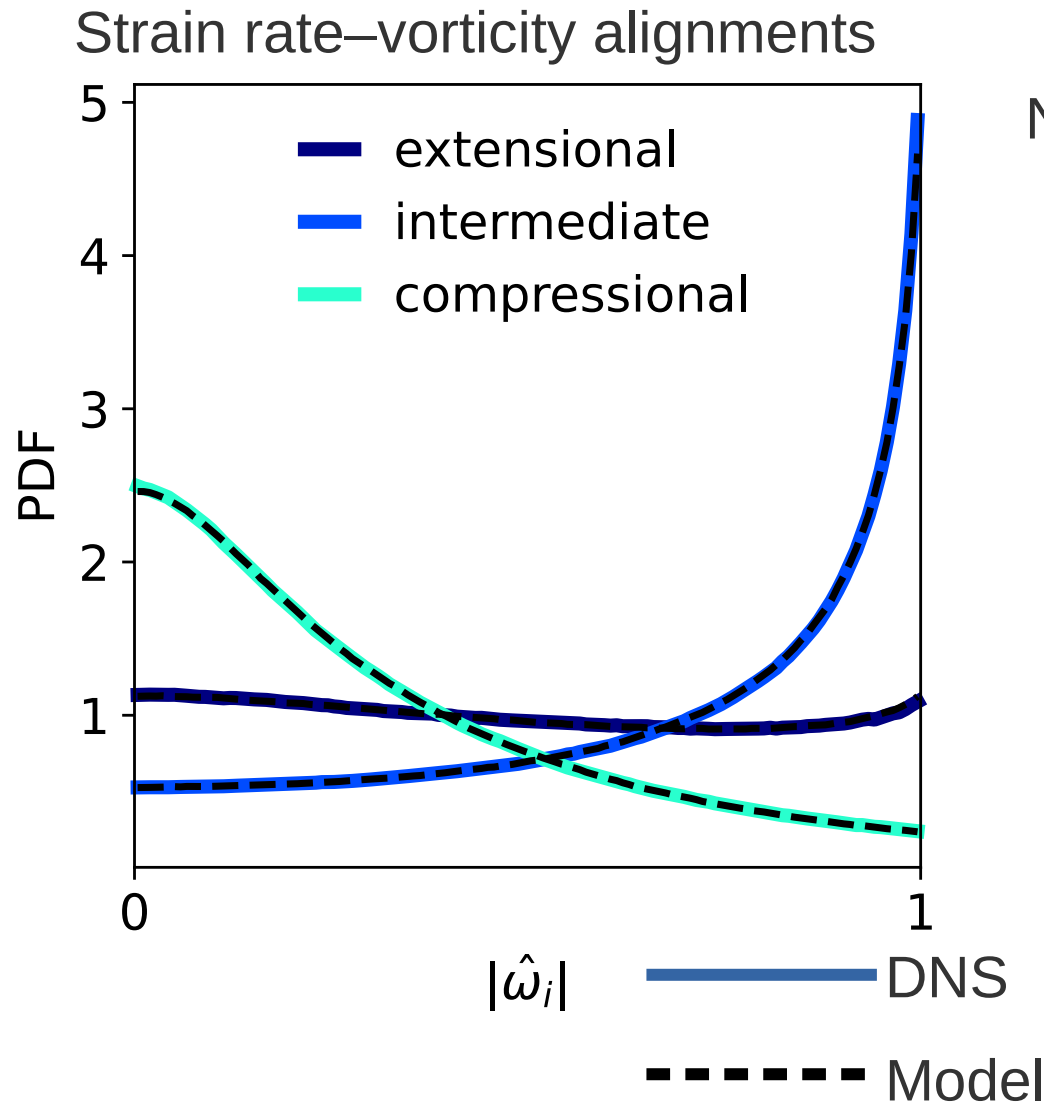
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Normalized vorticity components in the strain-rate eigenframe

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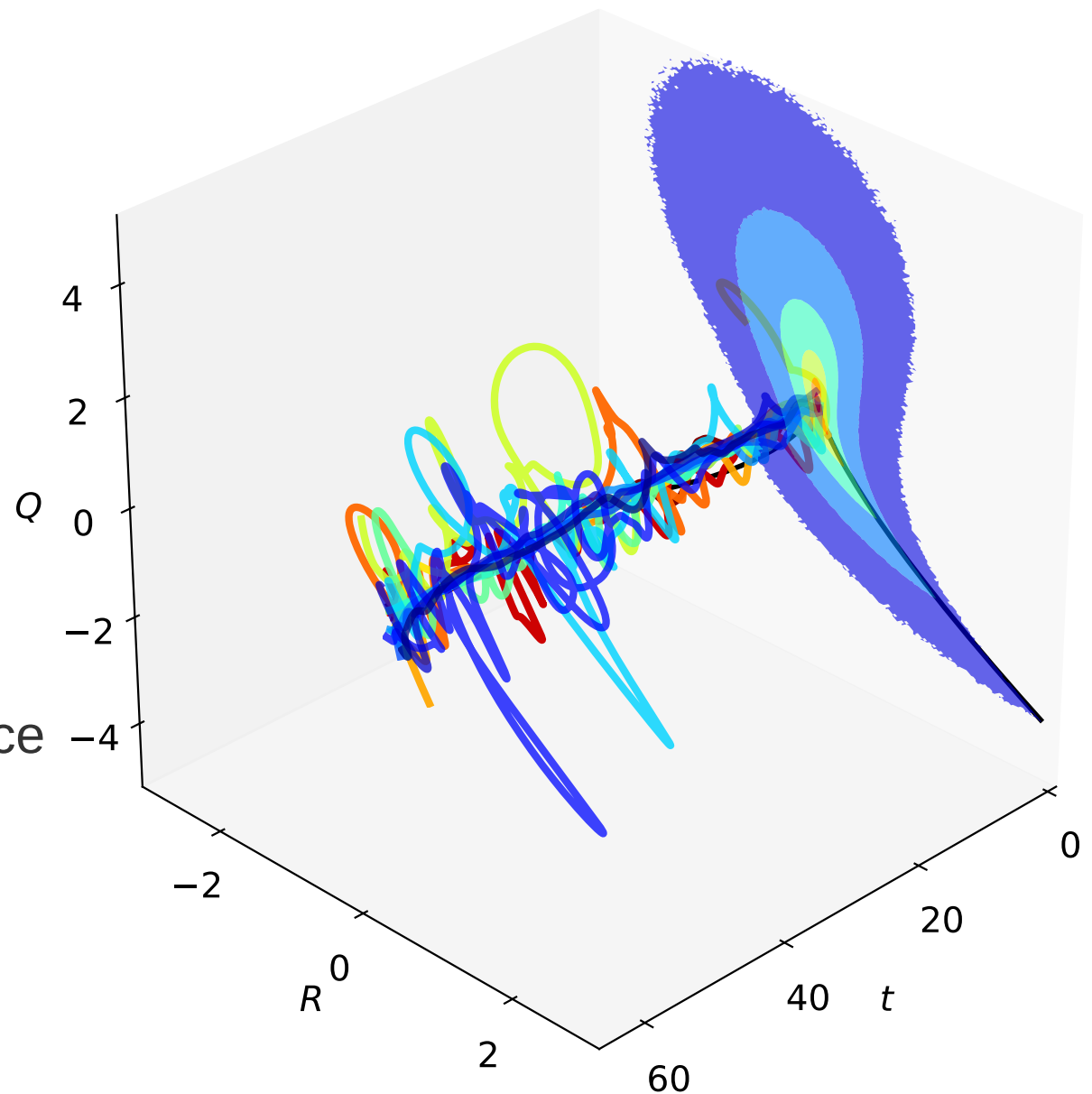
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Strain-rate eigenvectors associated with ordered eigenvalues

# Now two-time statistics

- Learn single-time PDF
- Construct system featuring that steady-state PDF
- Optimize trajectories: enforce time correlations



# Time correlations and sample realizations

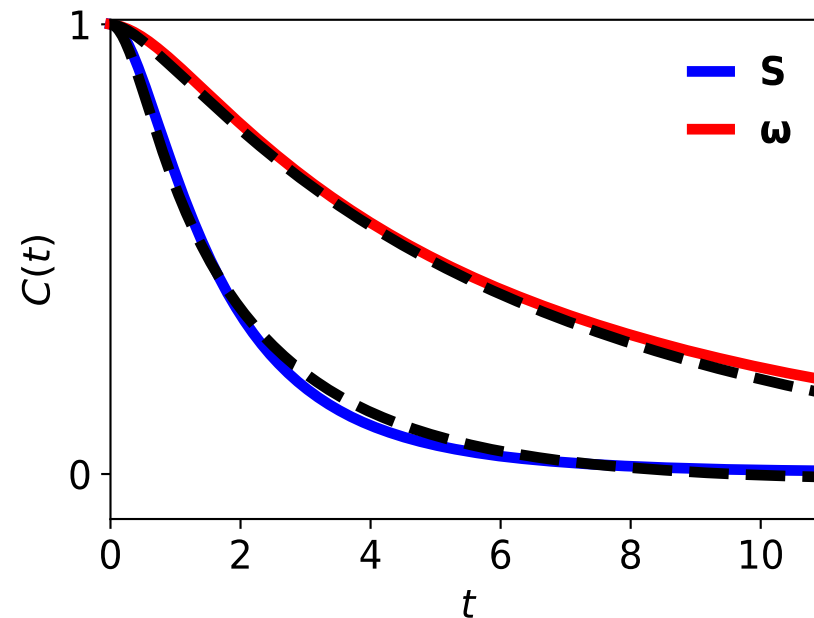
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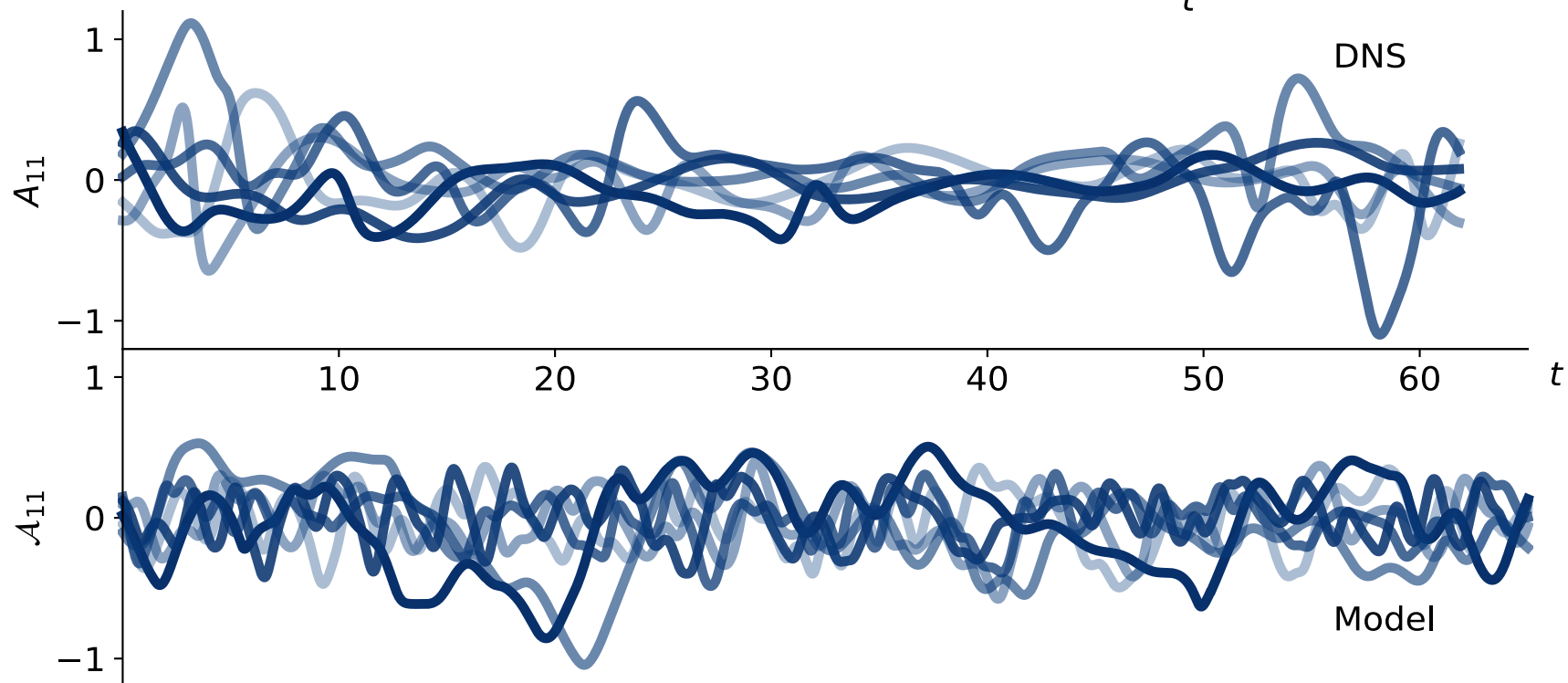
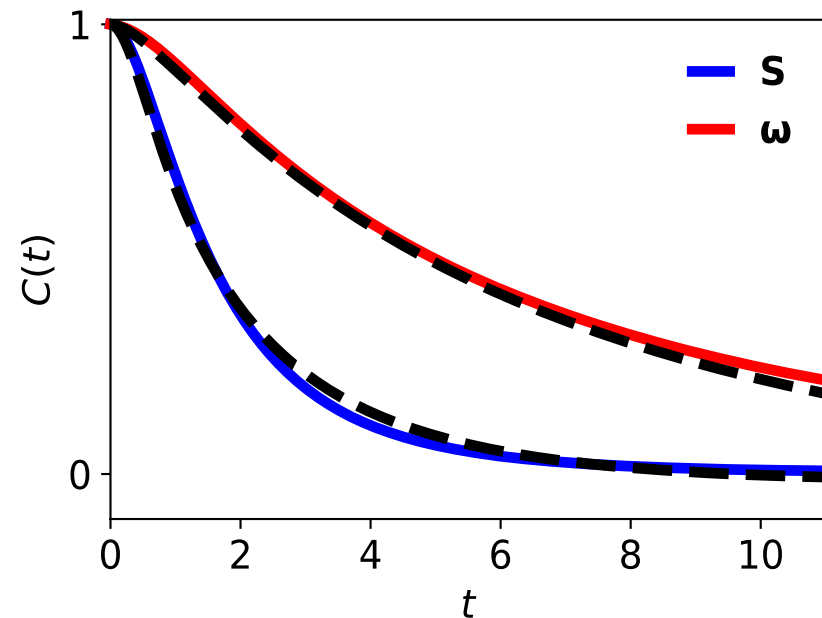
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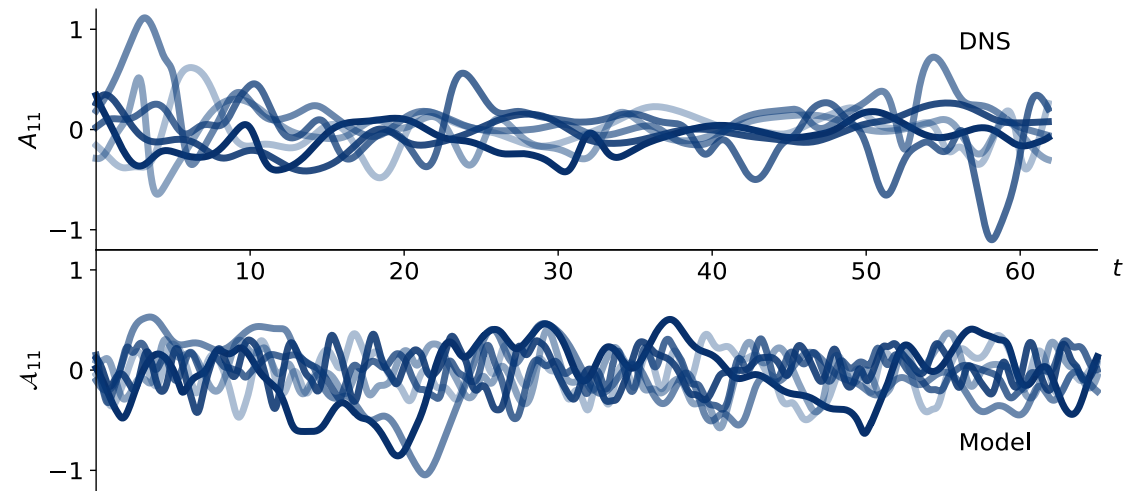
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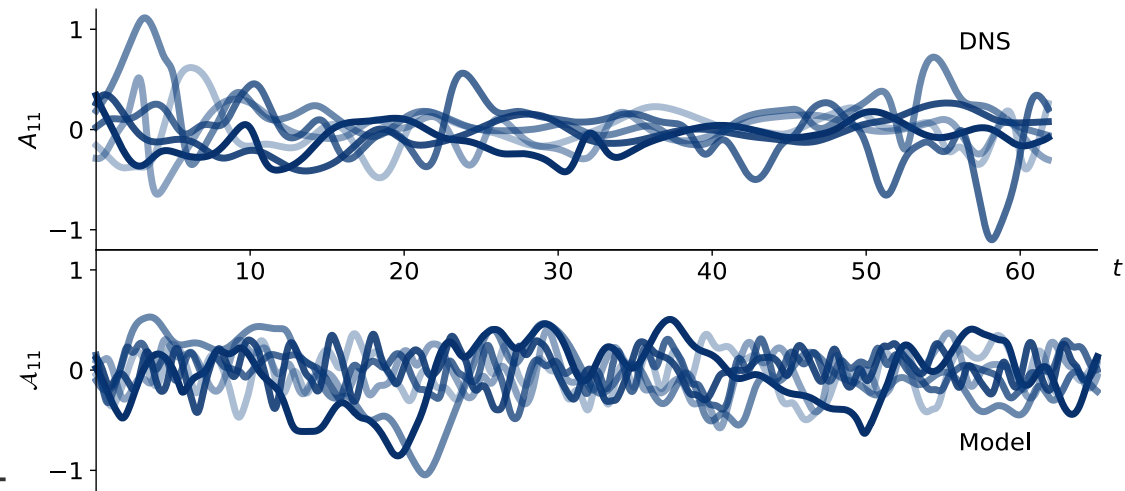
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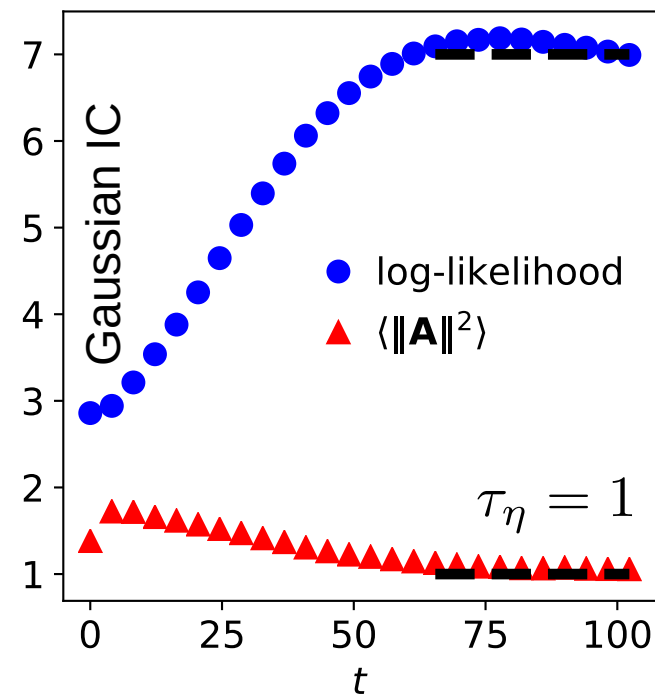
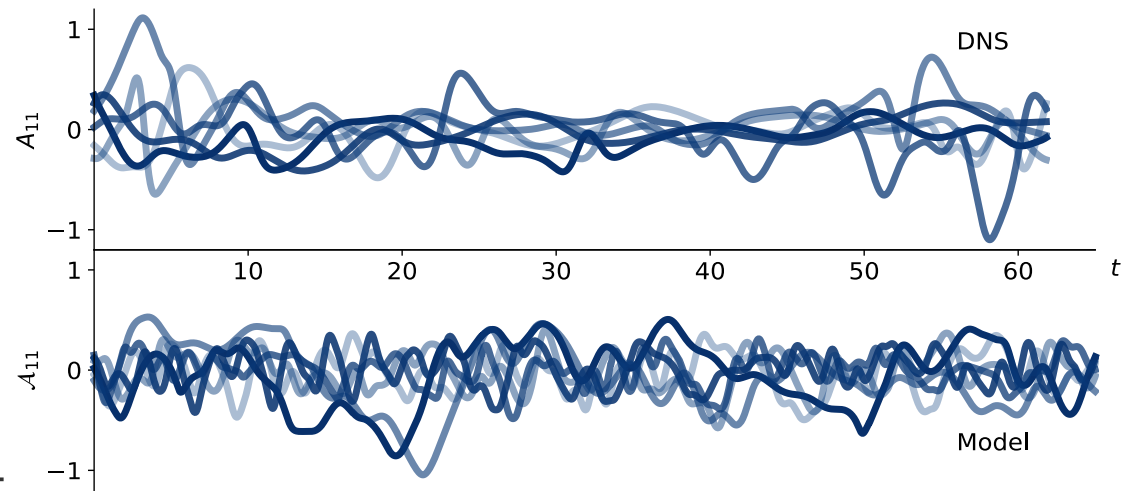




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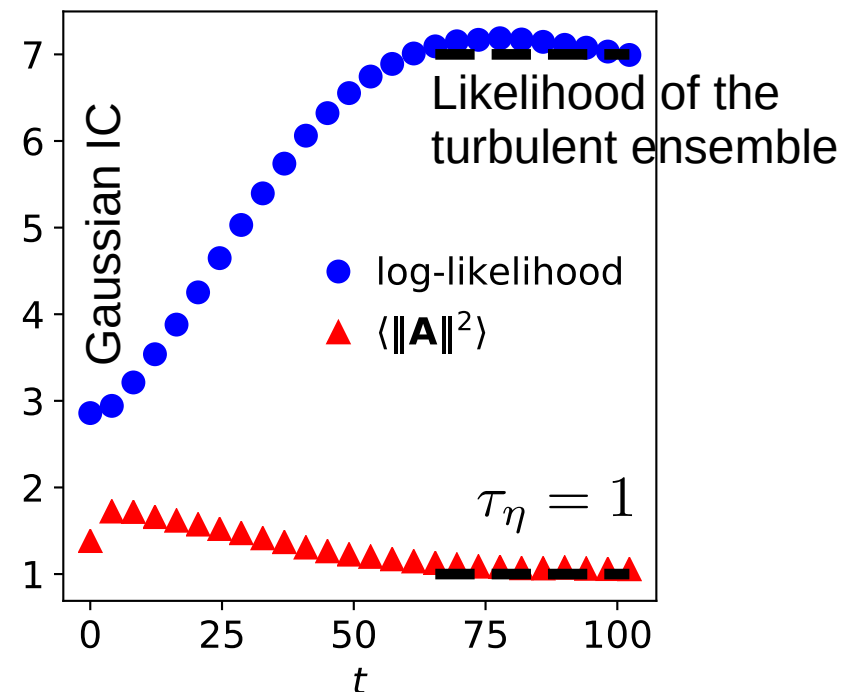
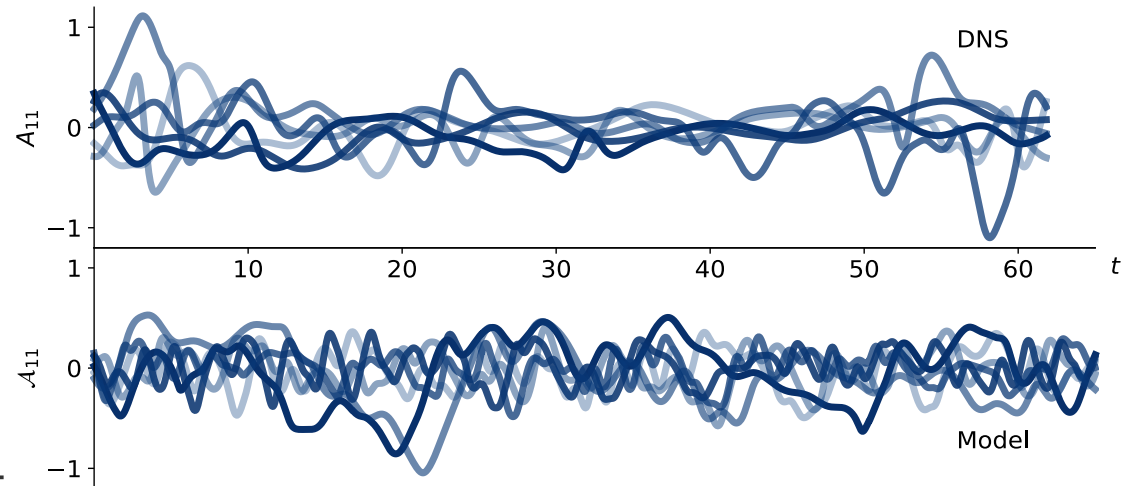
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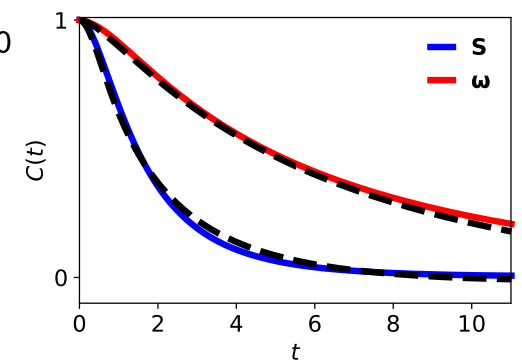
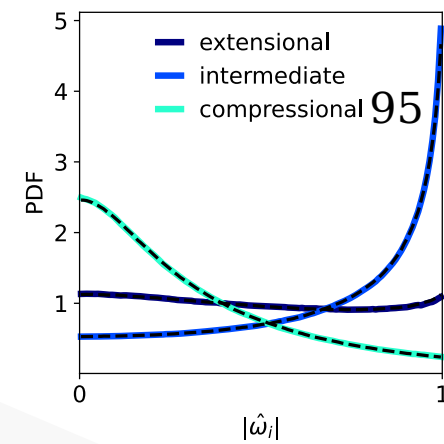
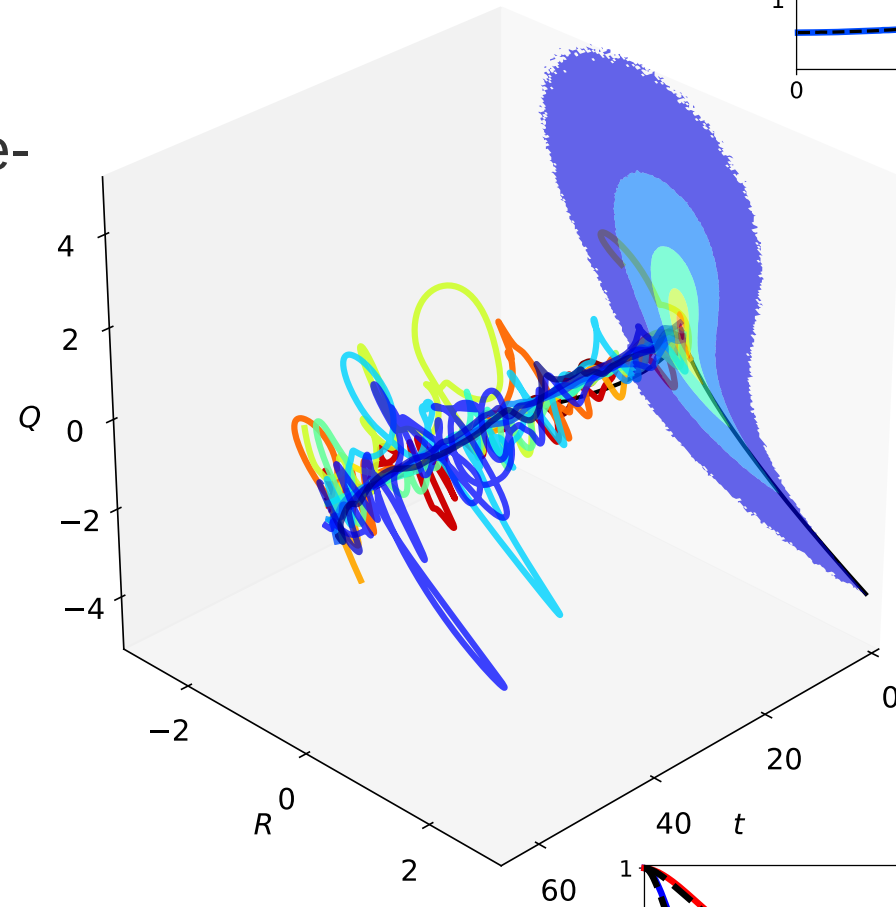
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# Conclusions: Tailor-designed model for the turbulent velocity gradients

- Normalizing flow to learn single-time PDF
- Single-time PDF  $\sim$  exact by construction
- Independent multi-time optimization for trajectories
- Deterministic, chaotic system



# Something recurrent: The kinematics of the velocity gradients

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$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^3) = \nabla_j u_i \nabla_k u_j \nabla_i u_k = \nabla_i \left( u_k \nabla_j u_i \nabla_k u_j - \frac{1}{2} u_i \nabla_k u_j \nabla_j u_k \right)$$

- Easy to show the Betchov relations..
- ..but how to find all possible homogeneity relations?

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# Kinematics of the velocity gradients

- Write the most general  $\mathbf{F}$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \nabla \cdot \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = 0$$

- Impose divergence function of only  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\phi(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial u_p}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{A}) A_{pi}$$

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial A_{pq}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{A}) \nabla_i A_{pq} = 0$$

- Homogeneity constraints: solutions of linear PDE
- All solutions  $\longleftrightarrow$  All constraints

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- Some generalization

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$$\psi(\mathbf{A}, \nabla \mathbf{q}) = \nabla \cdot \left[ \bar{c}_1 \mathbf{q} + \bar{c}_2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q} + \bar{c}_2 \left( \mathbf{A}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^2) \mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{q} \right]$$

- Several relations on pressure, Laplacian, vorticity, etc.

$$\langle A_{ij} \nabla^2 A_{ji} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle A_{ij}^2 \nabla^2 A_{ji} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle A_{ij}^2 \nabla_i \nabla_j P \rangle = -\frac{\rho}{2} \langle (A_{ij} A_{ji})^2 \rangle$$

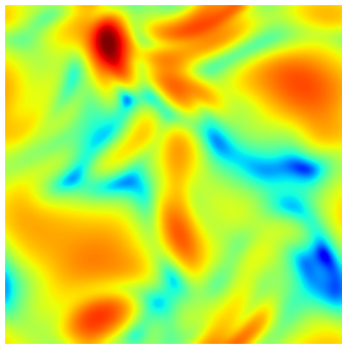
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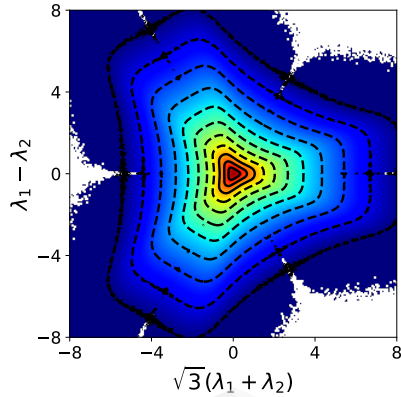
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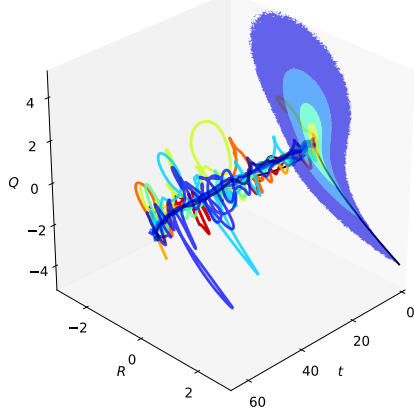




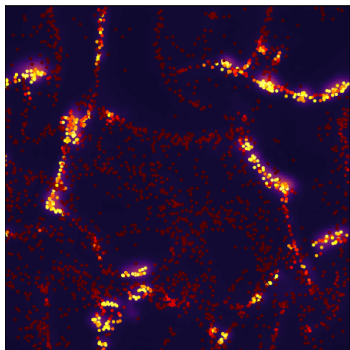
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Some applications: Quantifying energy cascade

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- Energy transfer across the scales

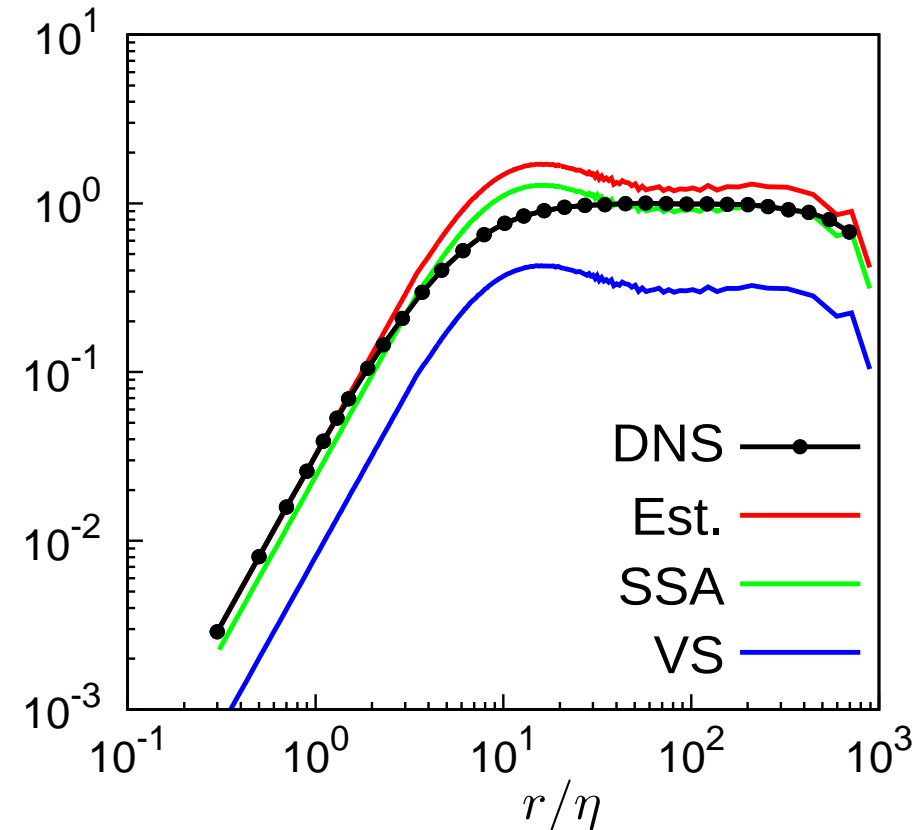
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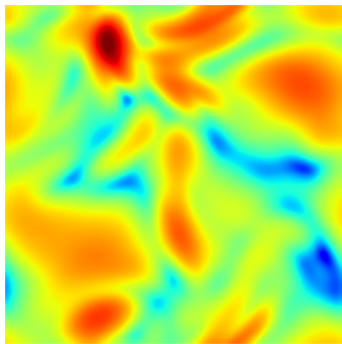
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SSA

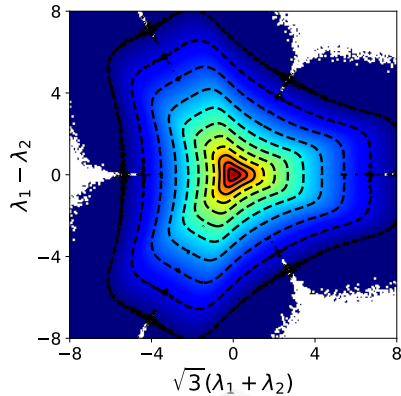
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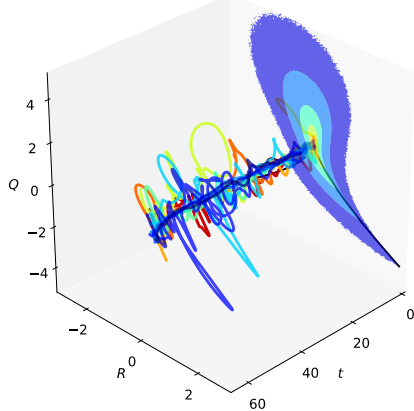




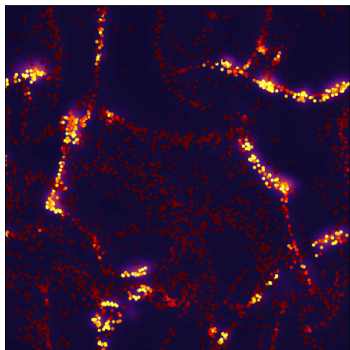
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- Coupling via Non-Uniform FFT

$$C^u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{p=1}^{N_P} M_{3,p}(t) (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_p, t) - \mathbf{v}_p) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p)$$

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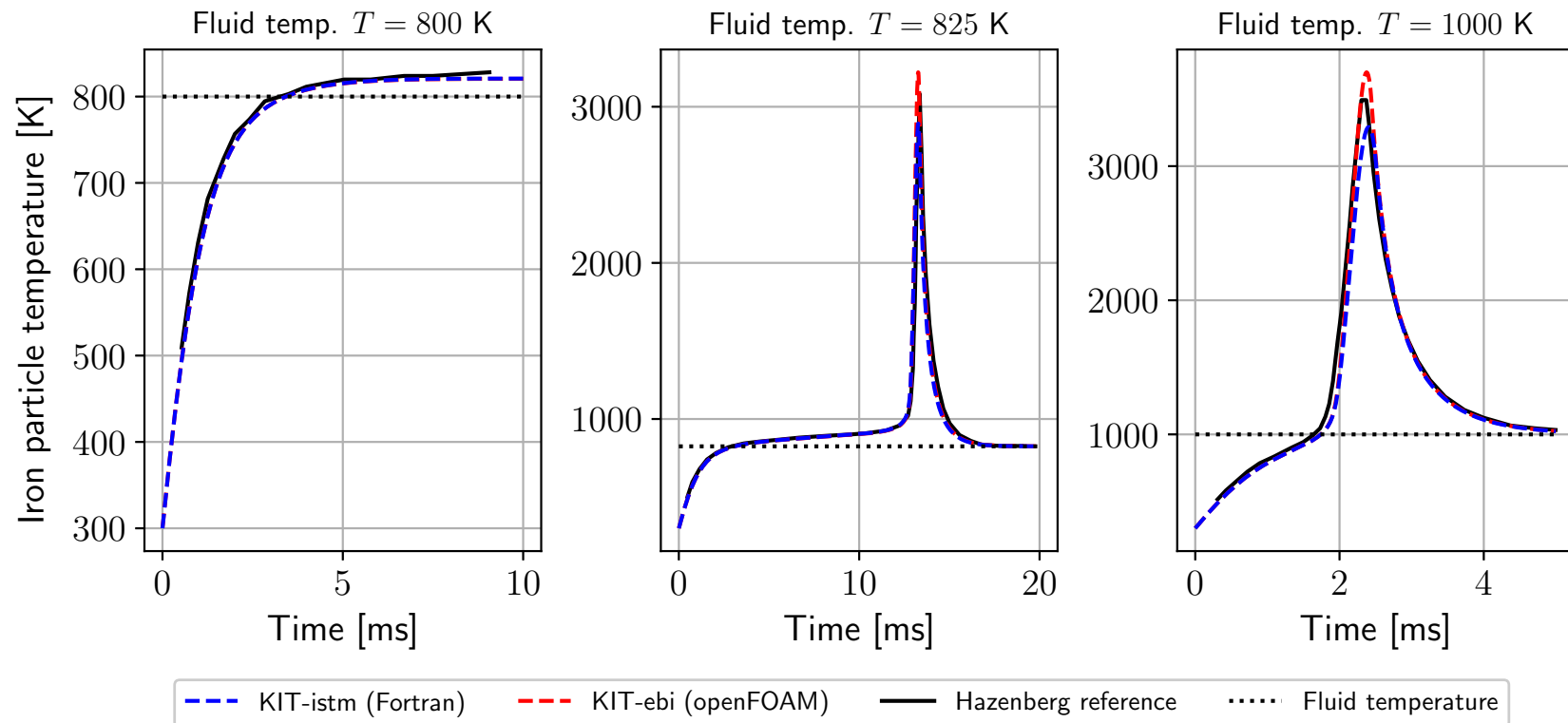
- Physical model: Reacting iron particles

$$\frac{dm_p}{dt} = M_{1,p} \rho(\mathbf{x}_p, t) = M_{2,p} \frac{dm_{p,Fe}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_p}{dt^2} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}_p}{dt} = M_{3,p} (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_p, t) - \mathbf{v}_p)$$

$$\frac{dH_p}{dt} = M_{4,p} (T(\mathbf{x}_p, t) - T_p) + M_{5,p} \frac{dm_p}{dt}$$

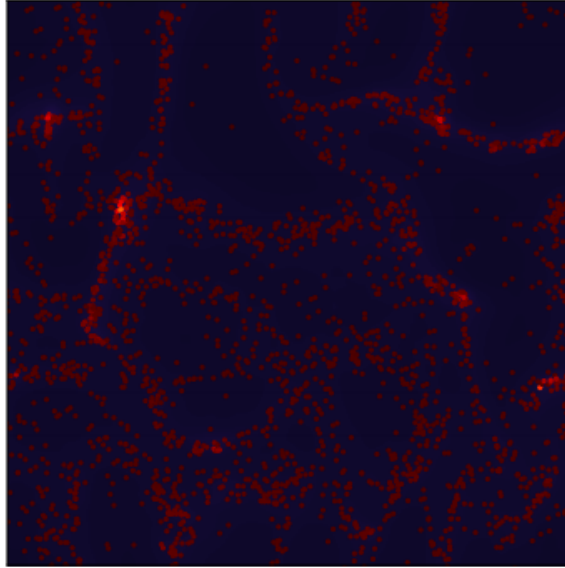
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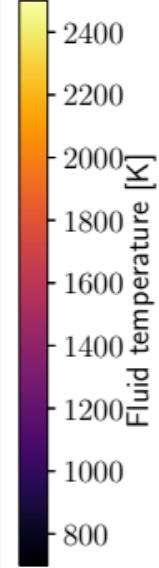
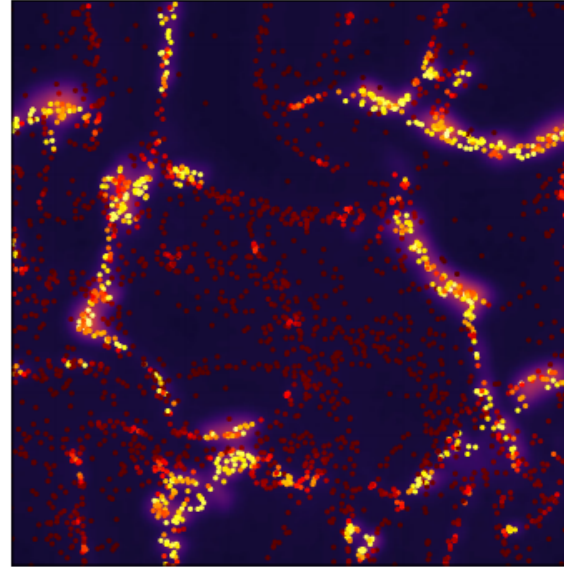
# Gather, react, eject

Clustering formation

$t = 10.0$  ms



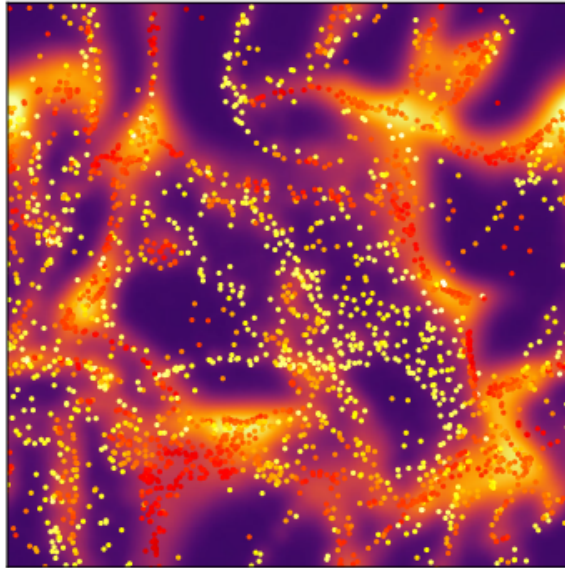
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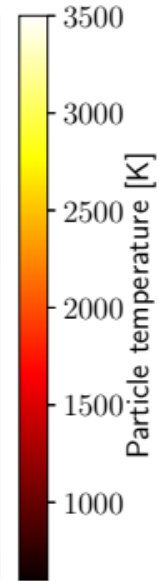
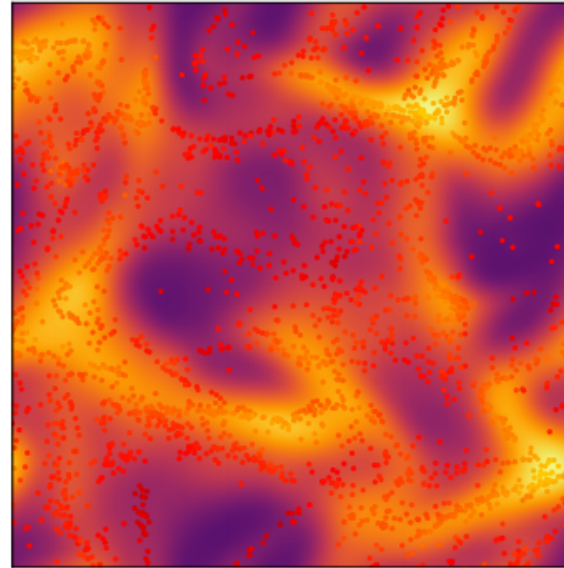
Ignition within clusters

Ignitions propagate

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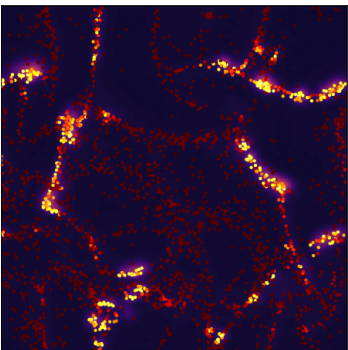
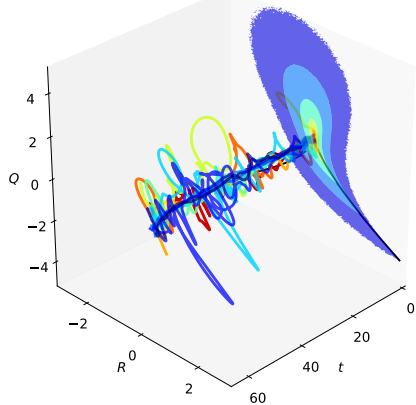
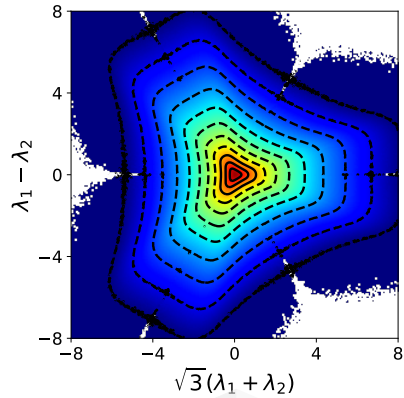
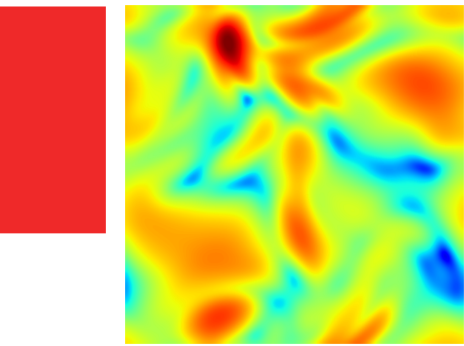
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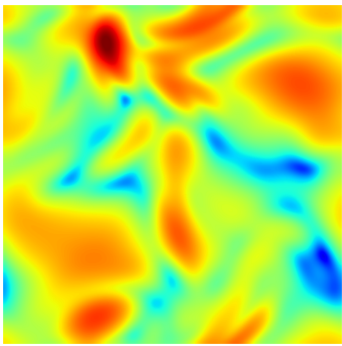
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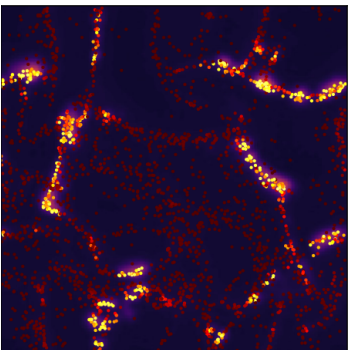
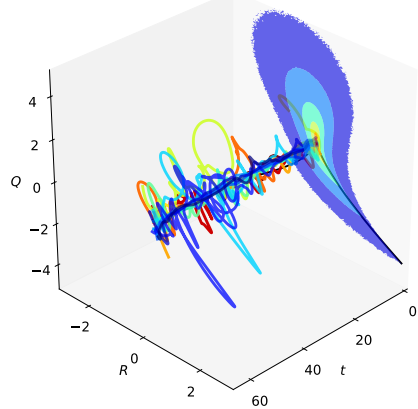
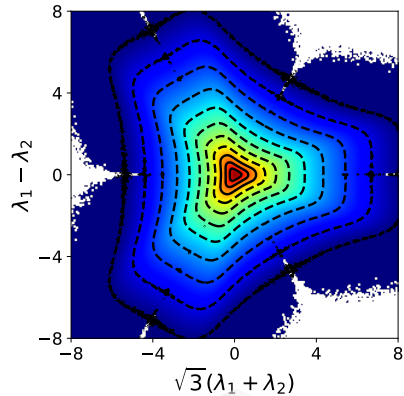
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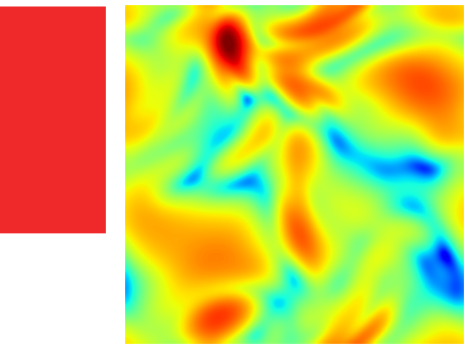
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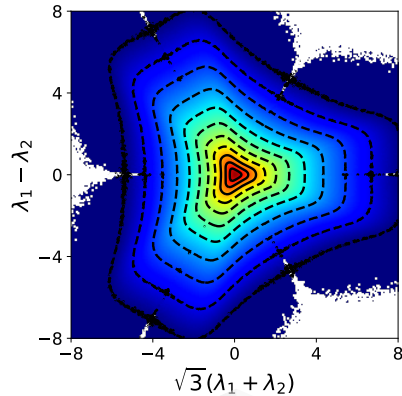
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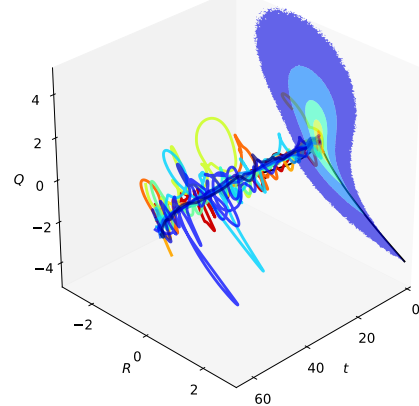
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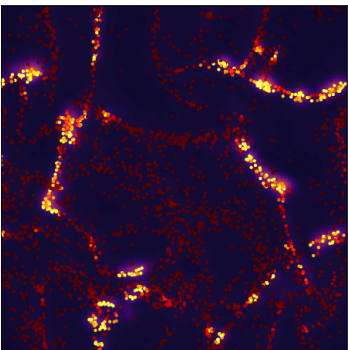
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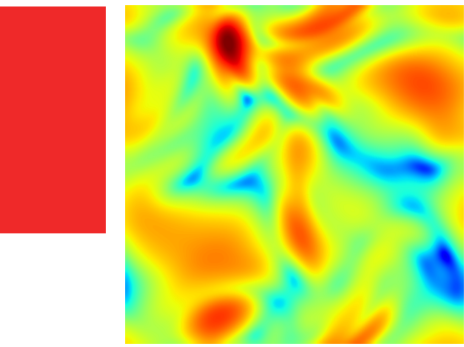


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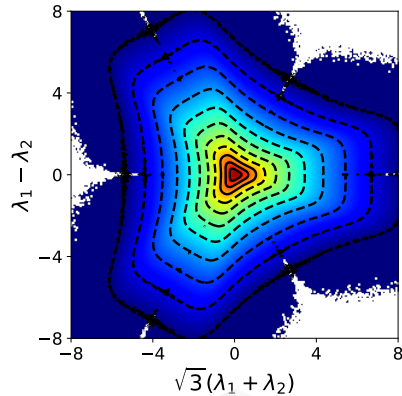






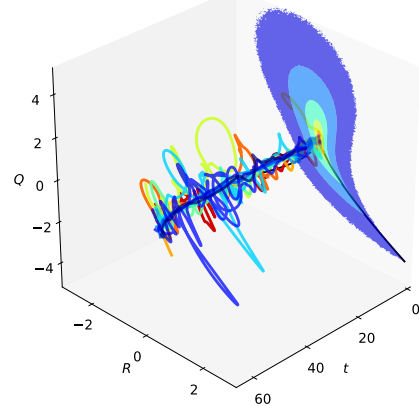
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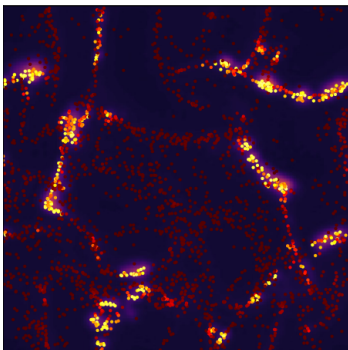
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