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Isotropic and anisotropic scaling in homogeneous turbulence

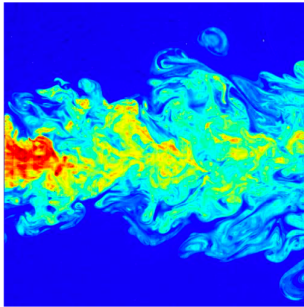
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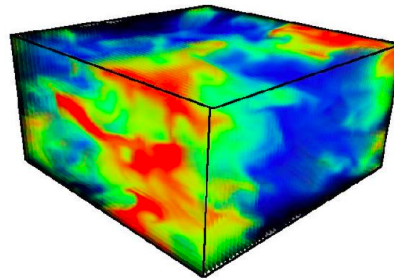


- UNIVERSALITY OF SMALL-SCALES FLUCTUATIONS IN TURBULENCE
- RETURN-TO-ISOTROPY IN THE PRESENCE OF LARGE-SCALE SHEAR
- TOOLS:  $SO(3)$  DECOMPOSITION
- NUMERICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS FROM LATE 90'S
- WHERE WE ARE NOW
- OPEN QUESTIONS

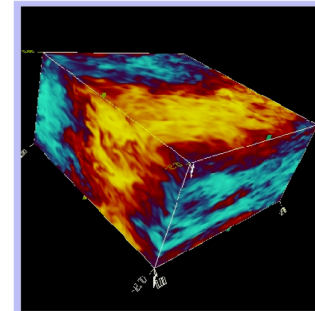
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \partial) \mathbf{v} = -\partial P + \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{F} \\ \partial \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ + \textit{Boundary Conditions} \end{array} \right.$$



Turbulent jet



3d Convective Cell



Shear Flow

UNIVERSAL OR NOT UNIVERSAL?

$$S^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \left\langle [(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}]^n \right\rangle$$

rotational invariant operators

$$\partial_t S^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) + \Gamma^{(3)} S^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}) - 2\nu \nabla^2 S^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) = f^{(2)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$r \ll L_f$$

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$$\partial_t S^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) + \Gamma^{(3)} S^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}) - 2\nu \nabla^2 S^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) \sim 0$$

+ SO(3)

Weak Anisotropy

$$S_j^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \int S_{jm}^{(2)}(r) Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) d\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\partial_t S_j^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) + \Gamma_j^{(3)} S_j^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}) - 2\nu \nabla^2 S_j^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) \sim 0 \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

# FOLIATION

$$S^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=j} S_{jm}^{(n)}(r) Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

Working Hypothesis

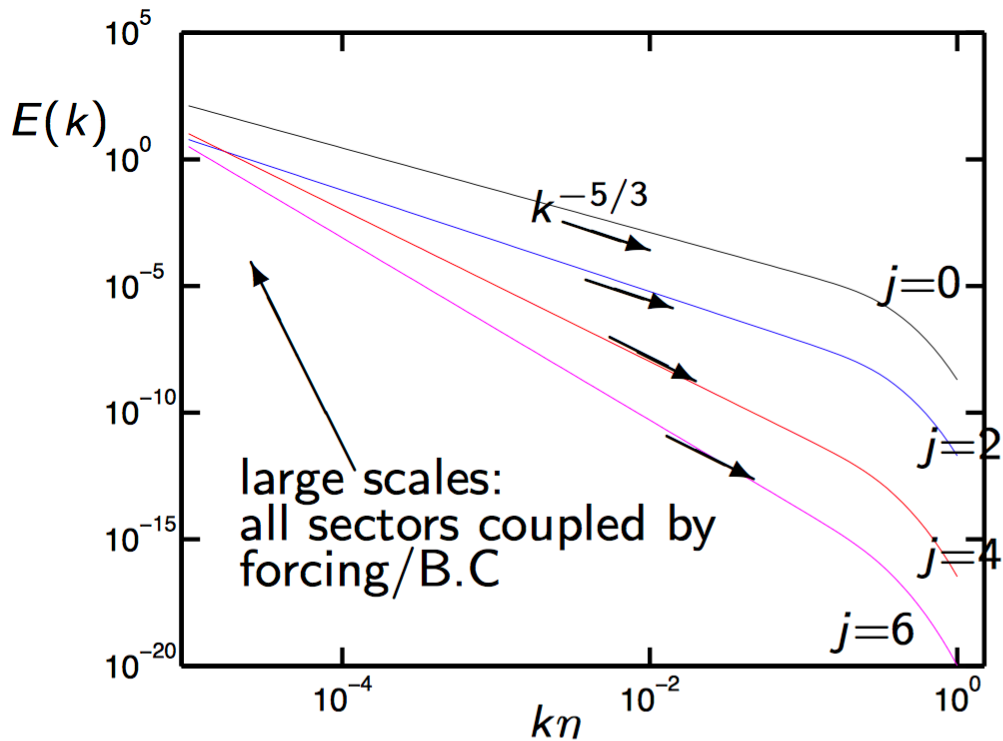
$$S_{jm}^{(n)}(r) = A_{jm}^{(n)} \left(\frac{r}{L}\right) \zeta_j^n$$

- ▶ Projection on sector- $j$  has universal scaling exponent  $\zeta_j^n$  in inertial range depending on that sector **only**
- ▶ Power law behavior **only** in each separated sector
- ▶ Prefactors depend on large scale physics

$$S^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}) \sim A_0 \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\zeta_0^n} + A_1 \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\zeta_1^n} + A_2 \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\zeta_2^n} + \dots$$

UNIVERSAL

NON UNIVERSAL

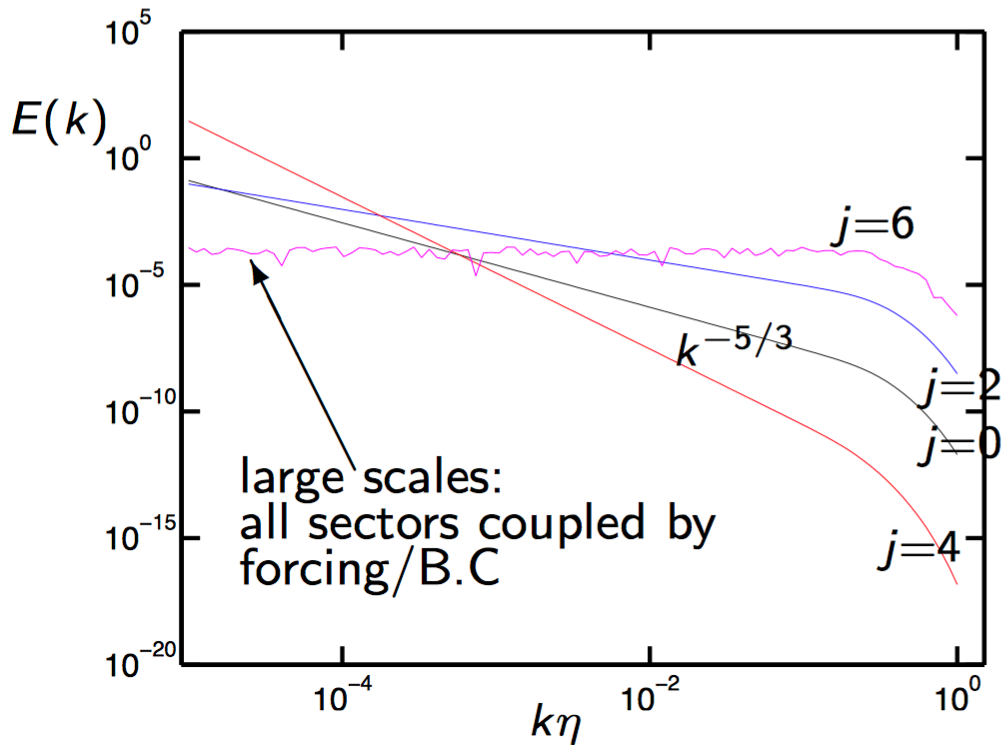


Universality: leading isotropic sector



return-to-isotropy

$$\zeta_{j=0}^n < \zeta_{j=2}^n < \zeta_{j=4}^n \dots$$



NO Universality:  
sub-leading isotropic sector

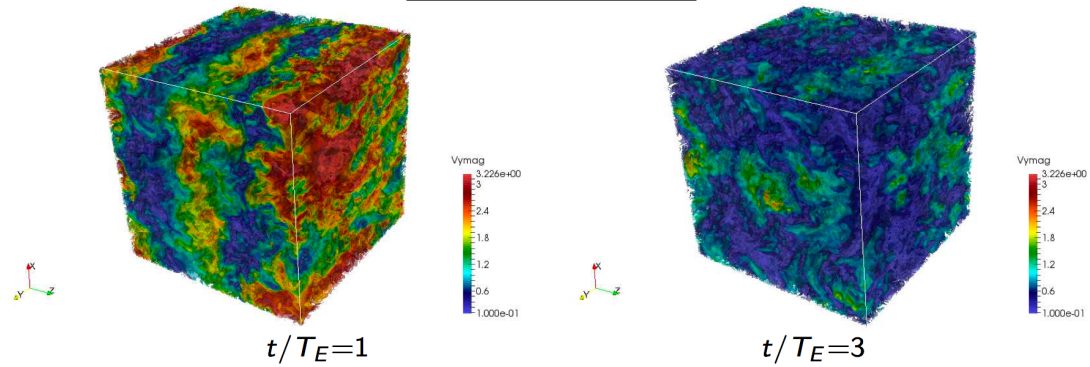


Isotropy not recovered at small-scales

~~$$\zeta_{j=0}^n < \zeta_{j=2}^n < \zeta_{j=4}^n \dots$$~~

- ▶ RKF is stationary, **homogeneous on average** and **anisotropic**

$$1024^3, R_\lambda = 280$$

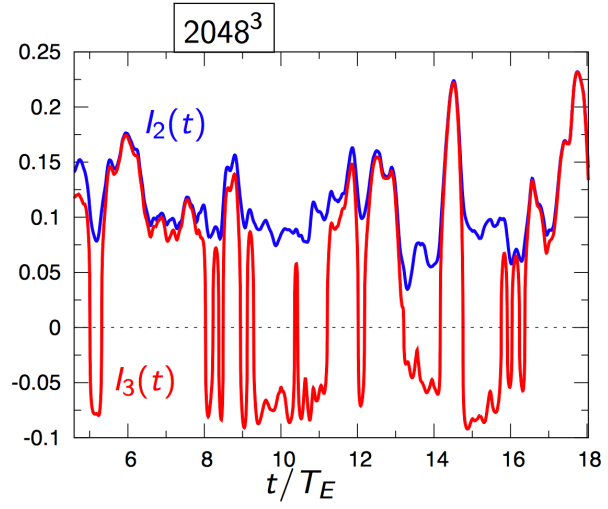


- ▶ Anisotropic forcing:

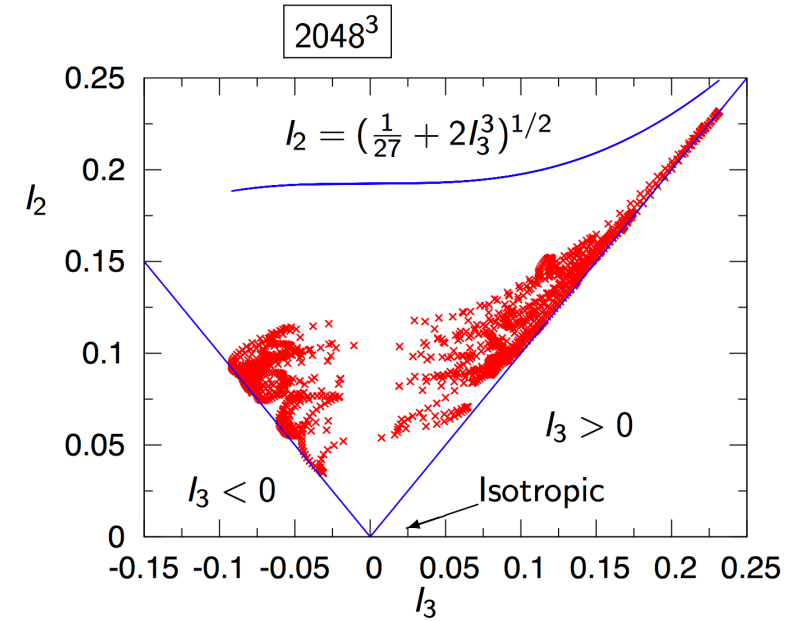
$$f_i(\mathbf{k}_{1,2}) = \delta_{i,2} f_{1,2}(t) e^{i\theta_{1,2}(t)}, \mathbf{k}_1 = (1, 0, 0), \mathbf{k}_2 = (2, 0, 0)$$

- ▶ Reynolds Stress Tensor  $b_{ij} \equiv \langle u_i u_j \rangle / \langle u_k u_k \rangle - \delta_{ij} / 3$

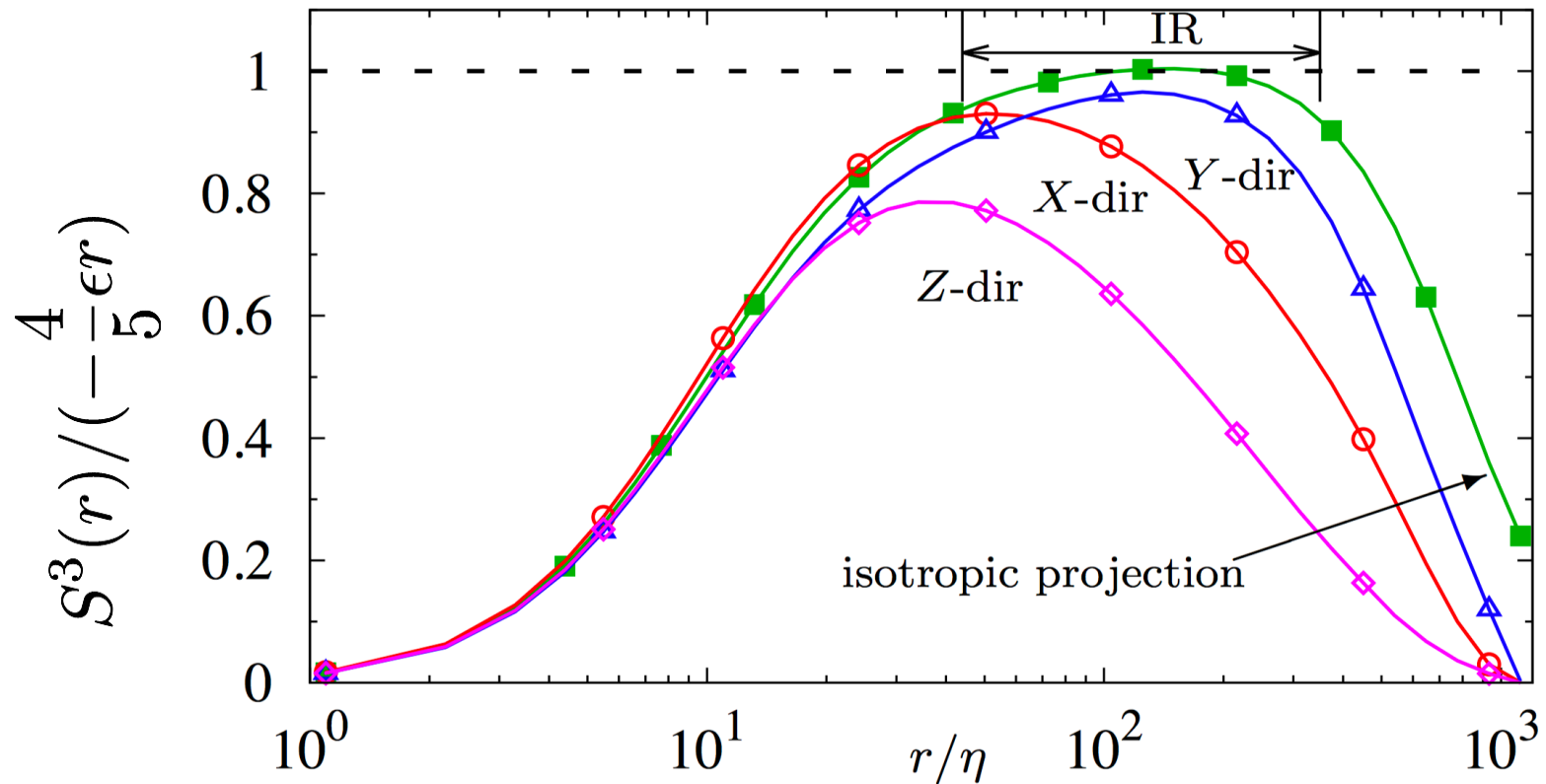
$$l_2 \equiv b_{ij}^2 / 6, \quad l_3 \equiv (b_{ij} b_{jk} b_{ki})^{1/3} / 6$$



### Lumley Triangle



IF ISOTROPIC:  $\partial_r S^3(r) = -\frac{4}{5}\epsilon r$



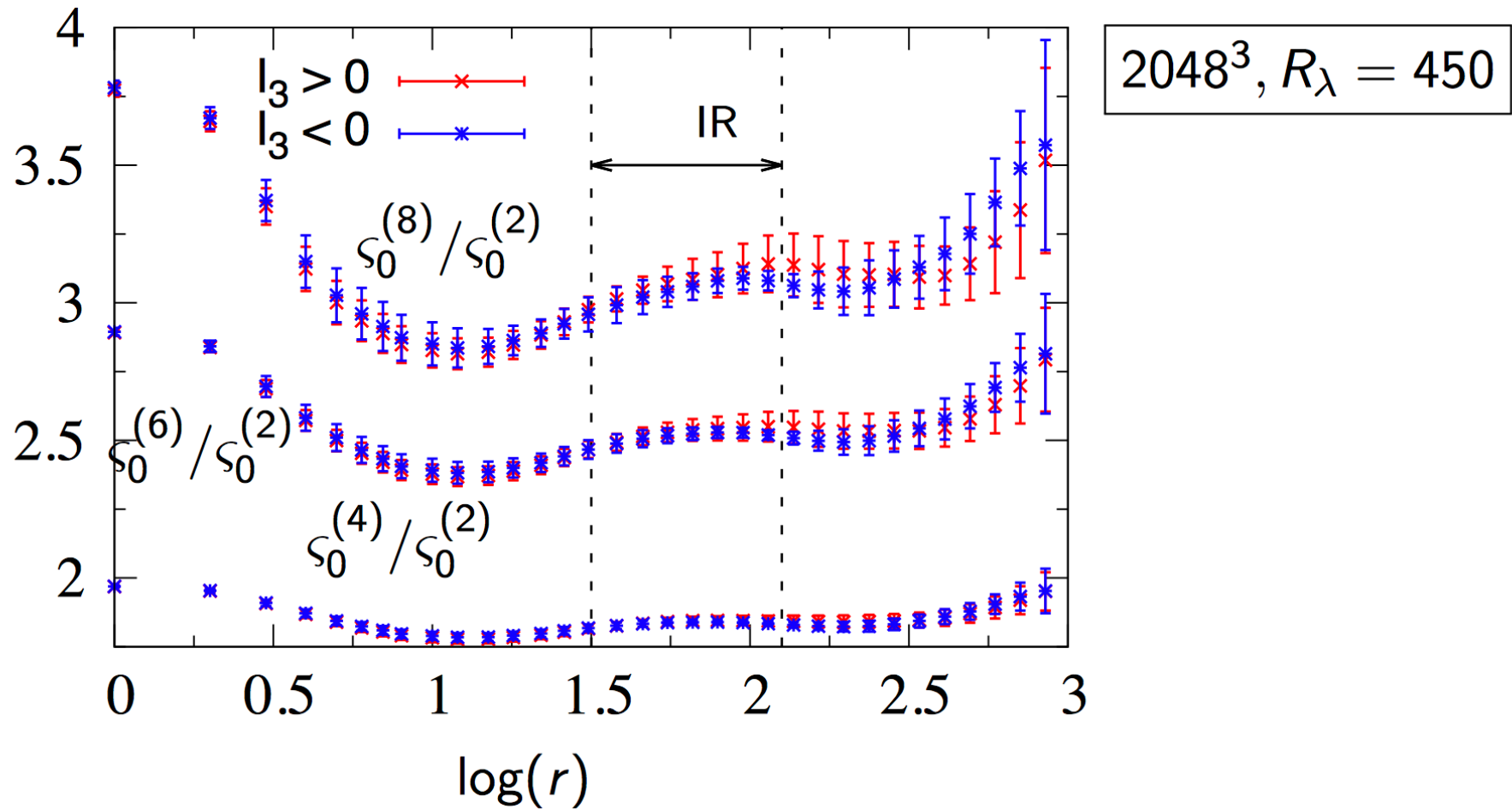
EFFECTS OF ANISOTROPY ON THE 4/5 LAW

$$S^3(r) = -\frac{4}{5}r + A_2(\theta, \phi)r^{\zeta(2)} + A_4(\theta, \phi)r^{\zeta(4)} + \dots$$



# Universality of scaling exponent in isotropic sector

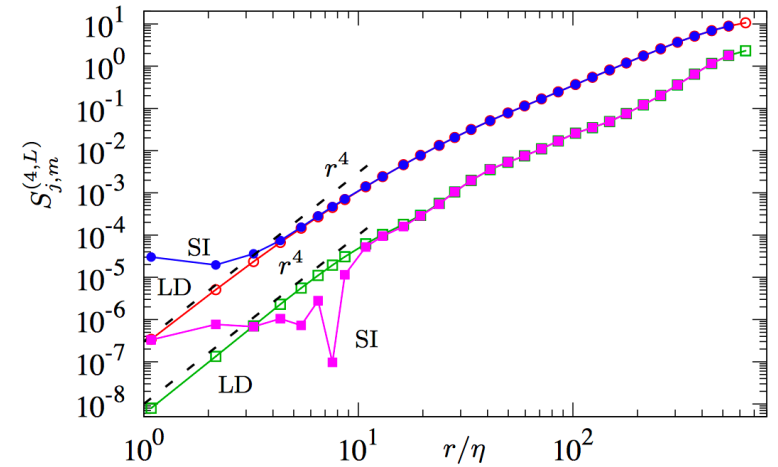
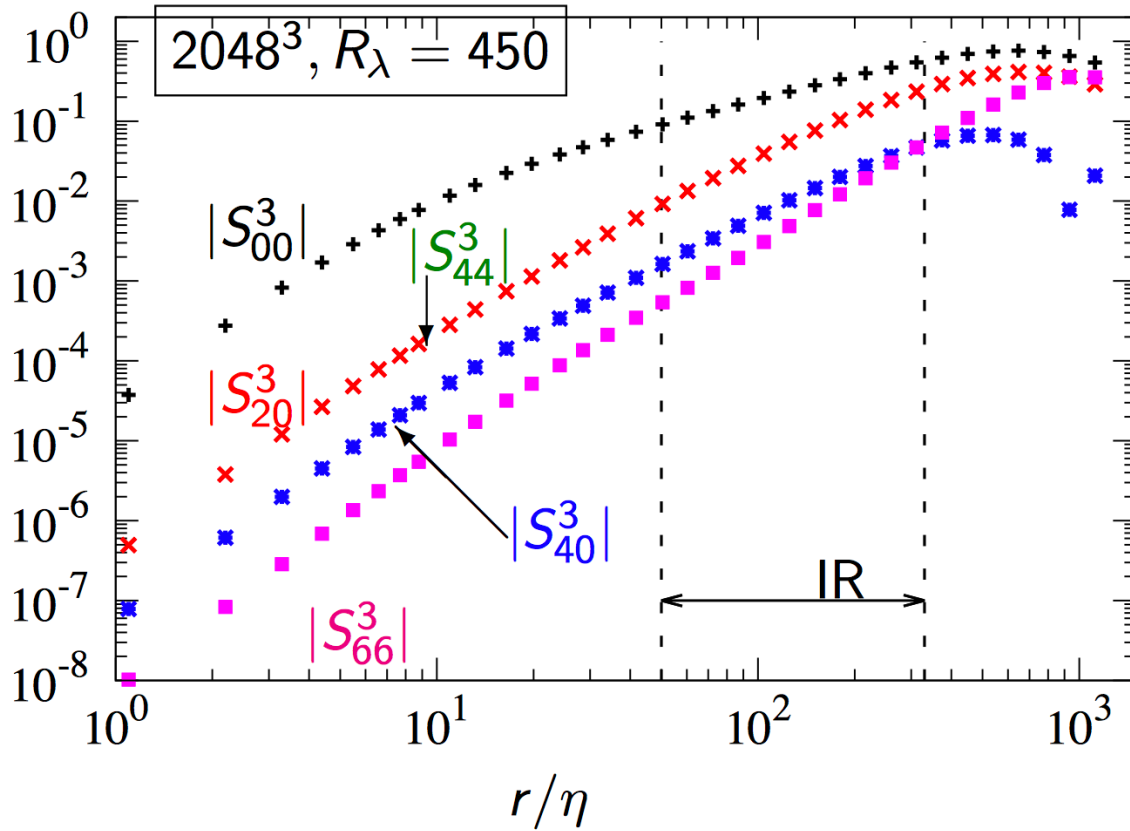
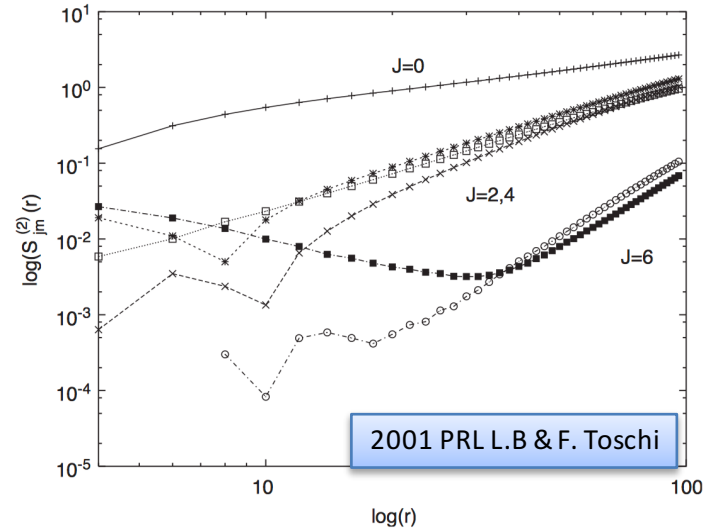
$$S^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}) = \boxed{A_0 \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\zeta_0^{(n)}}} + A_1 \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\zeta_0^{(1)}} + \dots \implies \text{Is } \zeta_0^{(n)} \text{ universal?}$$



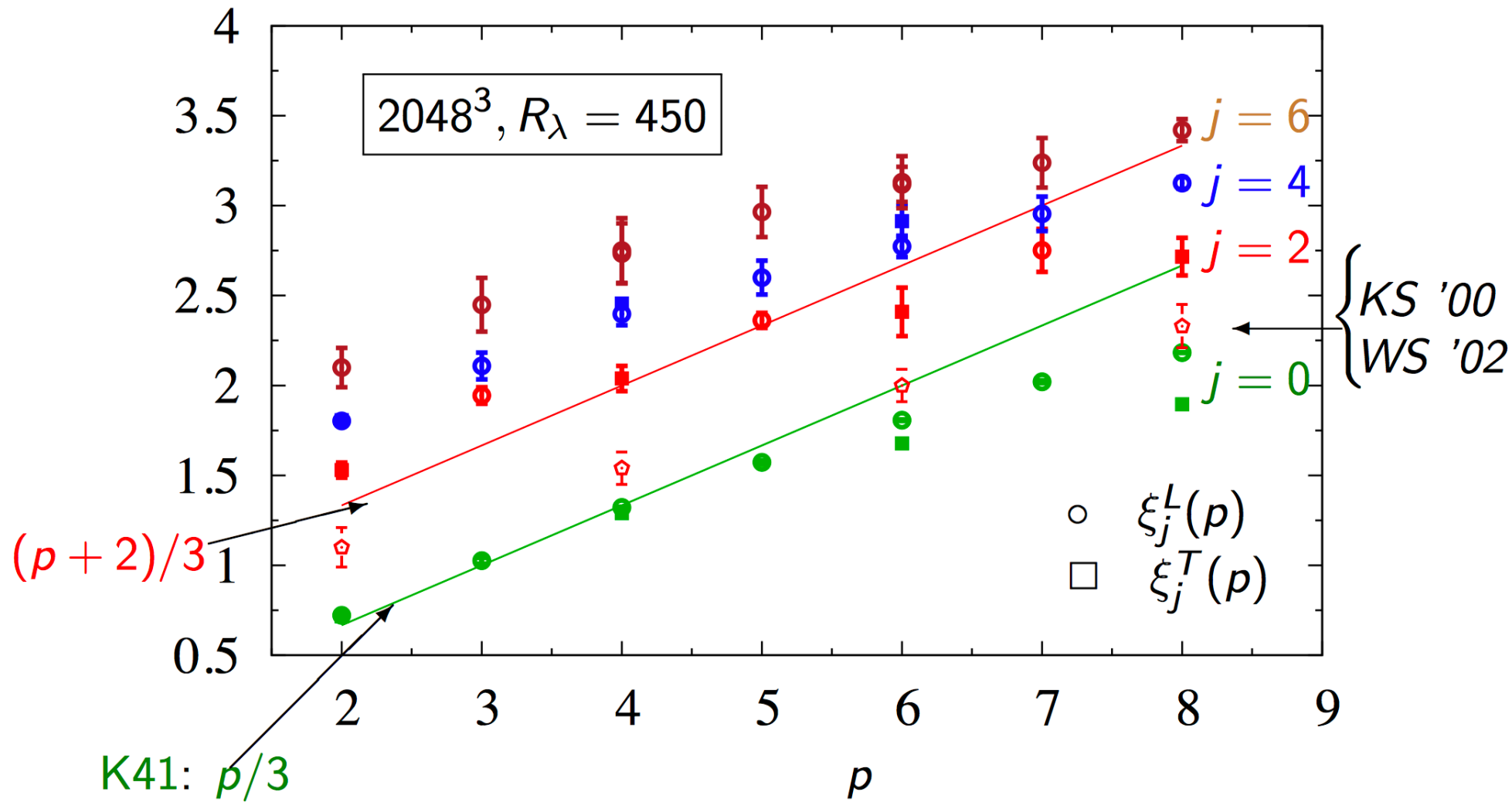
- Different I2-I3 confs in Lumley triangle have similar Inertial Range scaling at least up to order 8

### LEBEDEV QUADRATURE

$$S_{j,m}^{(p,L)}(r) = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} w_i S^{(p,L)}(r \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i), \quad (3)$$



$\xi_j^L(p), \xi_j^T(p)$



$\xi_j^L(p), \xi_j^T$

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$$S^{33}(r, \theta) = S_{j=0}^{33}(r, \theta) + S_{j=2}^{33}(r, \theta) = c_0 \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_0^{(2)}} [2 + \zeta_0^{(2)} - \zeta_0^{(2)} \cos^2 \theta]$$

$$+ a \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_2^{(2)}} [(\zeta_2^{(2)} + 2)^2 - \zeta_2^{(2)}(3\zeta_2^{(2)} + 2) \cos^2 \theta + 2\zeta_2^{(2)}(\zeta_2^{(2)} - 2) \cos^4 \theta] \text{ig}$$

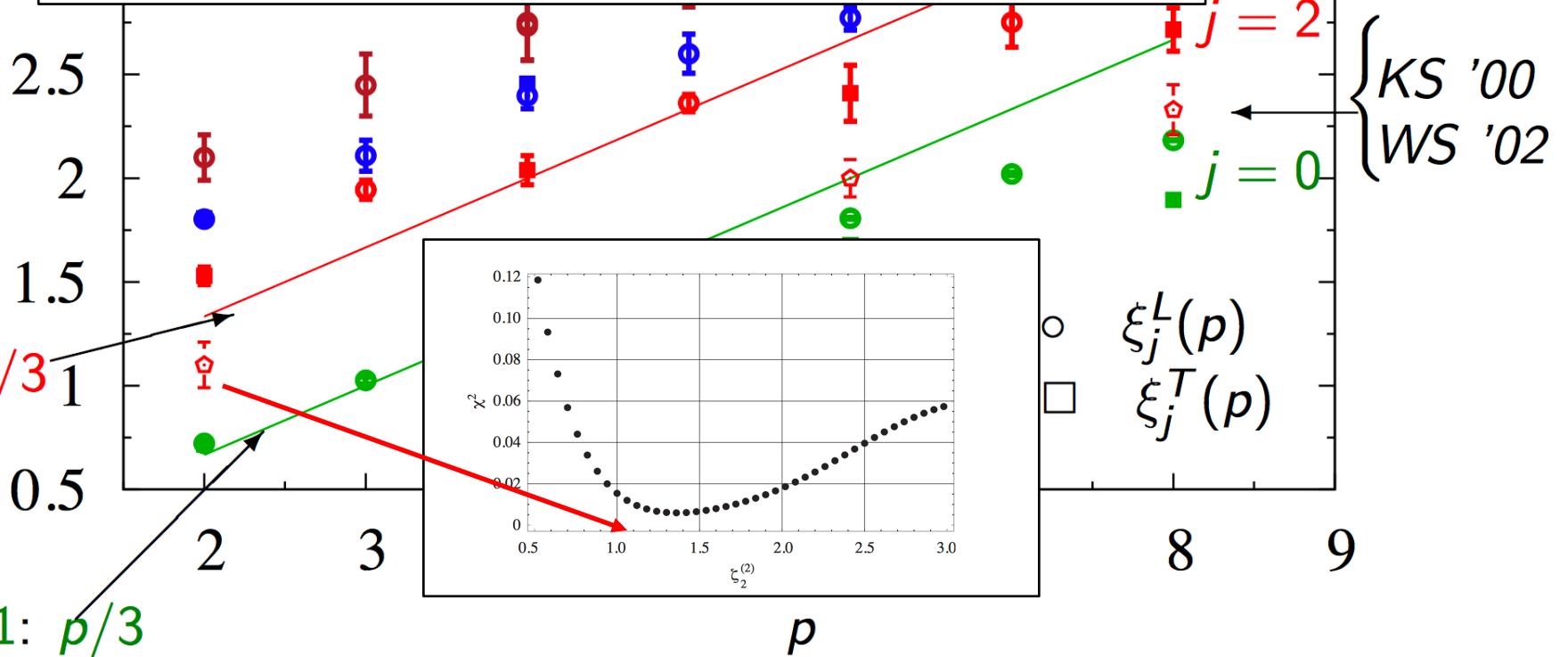
$$+ b \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_2^{(2)}} [(\zeta_2^{(2)} + 2)(\zeta_2^{(2)} + 3) - \zeta_2^{(2)}(3\zeta_2^{(2)} + 4) \cos^2 \theta + (2\zeta_2^{(2)} + 1)(\zeta_2^{(2)} - 2) \cos^4 \theta]$$

$$+ a_{9,2,1} \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_2^{(2)}} [-2\zeta_2^{(2)}(\zeta_2^{(2)} + 2) \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2\zeta_2^{(2)}(\zeta_2^{(2)} - 2) \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta]$$

$$+ a_{9,2,2} \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_2^{(2)}} [-2\zeta_2^{(2)}(\zeta_2^{(2)} - 2) \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta]$$

$$+ a_{1,2,2} \left(\frac{r}{A}\right)^{\zeta_2^{(2)}} [-2\zeta_2^{(2)}(\zeta_2^{(2)} - 2) \sin^2 \theta]. \quad (141)$$

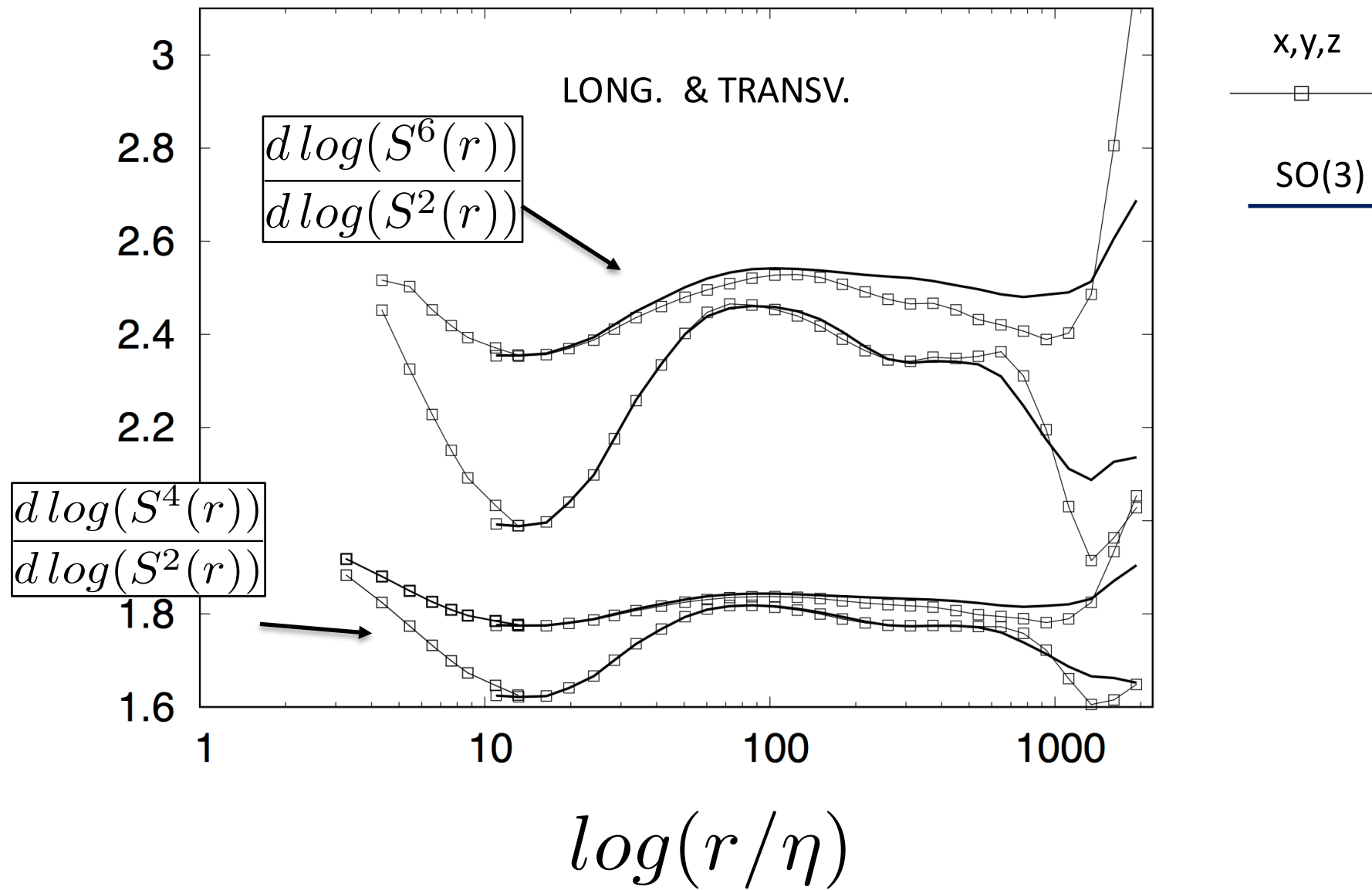
$(p+2)/3$

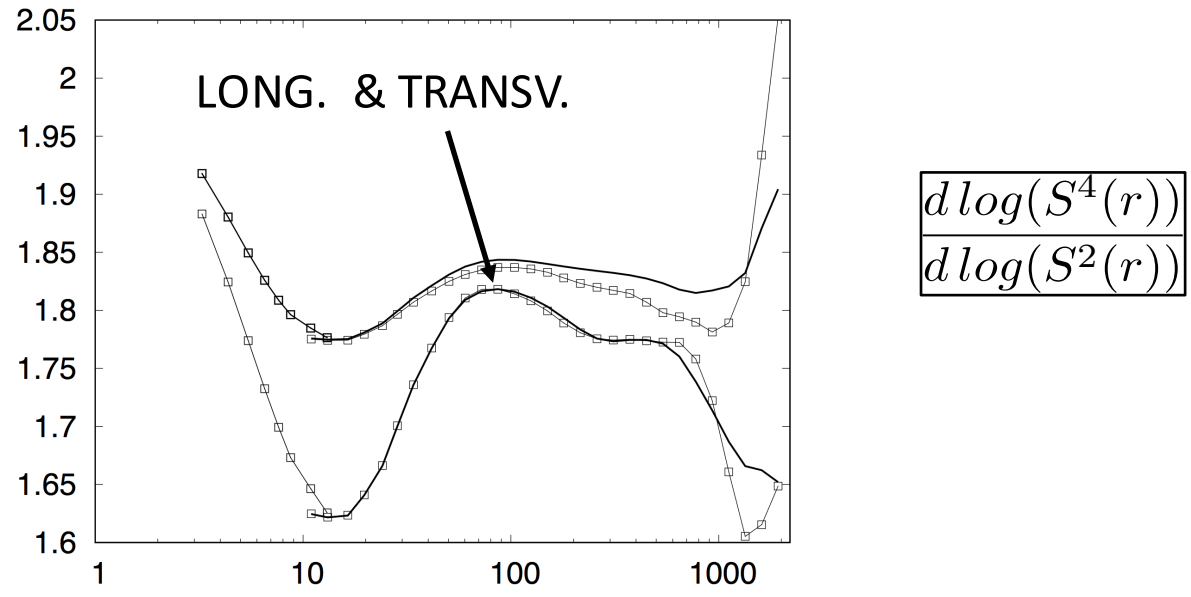
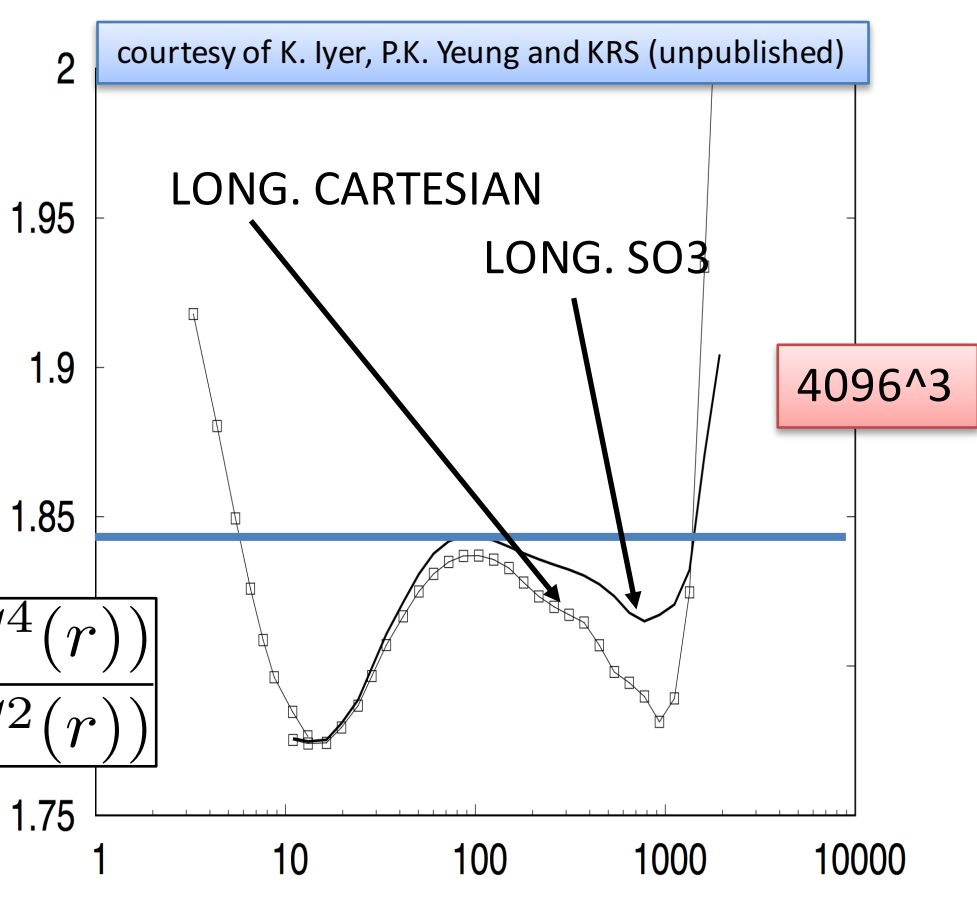
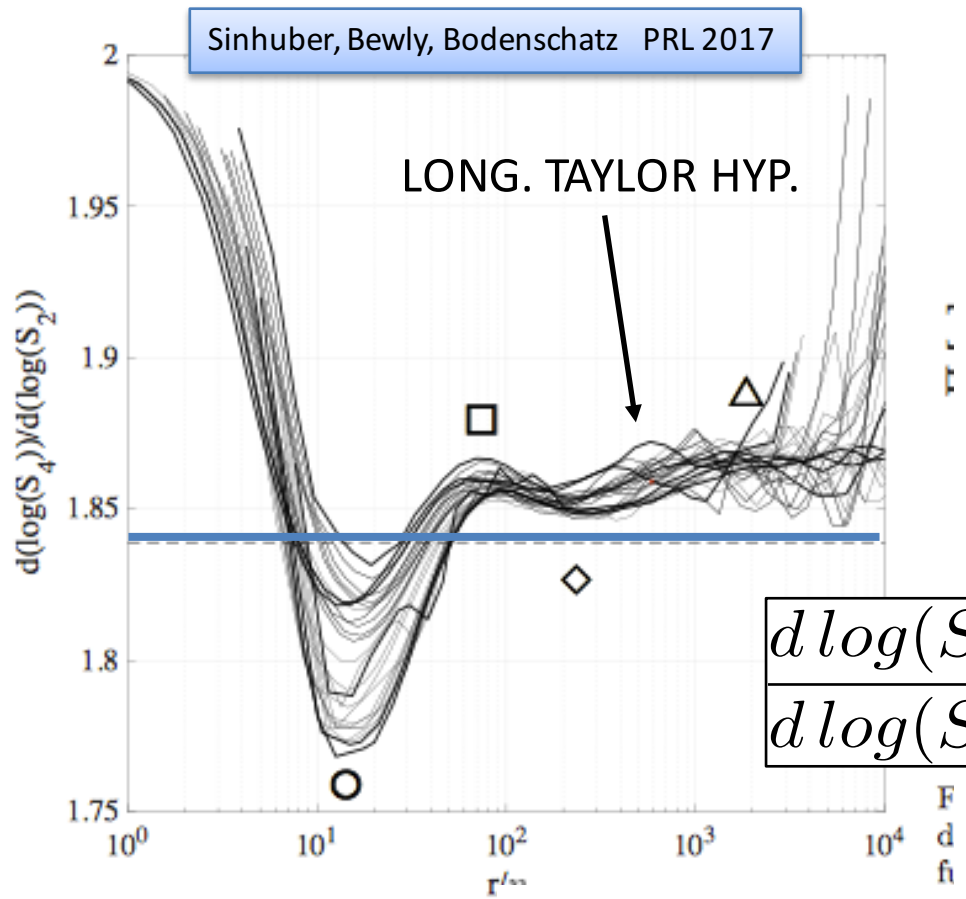


K41:  $p/3$

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IMPACT OF SO(3) ON HIT !!!





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(after 20 years of great experimental and numerical work we have brought this statement  
to a “within 1 % of accuracy”)

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ON THE GAP AMONG SCALING EXPONENTS -> DEPENDS ON THE INTENSITY OF THE  
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TOO MANY “ALMOST” !!!!

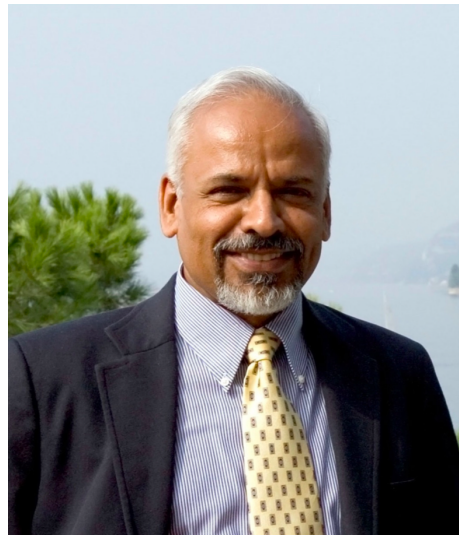
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THAN PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED

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WE NEED SREENI’S INPUTS FOR TWENTY YEARS MORE (AT LEAST)!





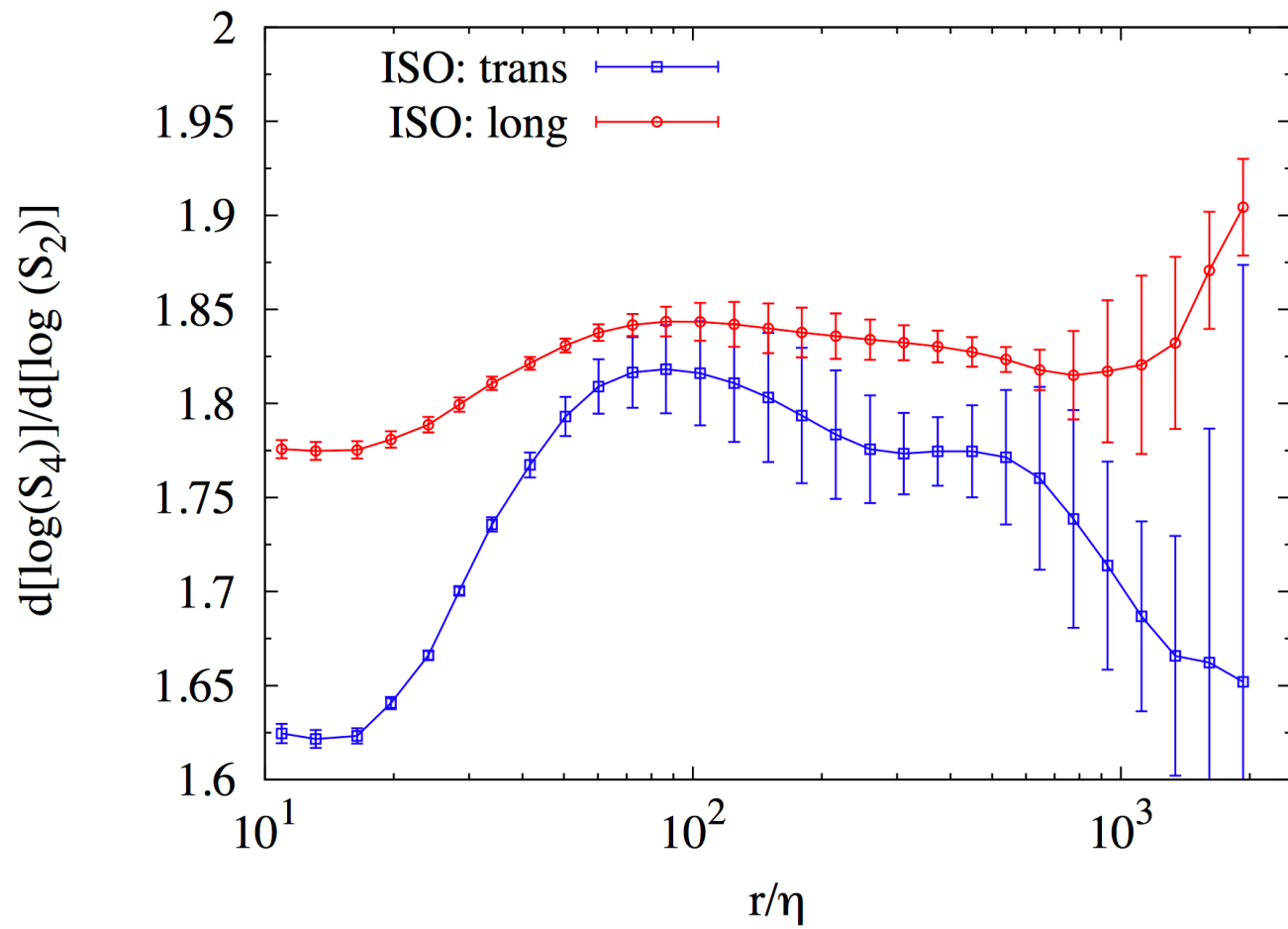
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**Multifractality in the Statistics of the Velocity Gradients in Turbulence****R. Benzi and L. Biferale***Dipartimento di Fisica, Università "Tor Vergata," via E. Carnevale, I-00173 Roma, Italy***G. Paladin and A. Vulpiani***Dipartimento di Fisica, Università dell'Aquila, I-67010 Coppito, L'Aquila, Italy***M. Vergassola***Observatoire de Nice, BP 139, 06003 Nice CEDEX, France*

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Using the multifractal approach, we derive the probability distribution function (PDF) of the velocity gradients in fully developed turbulence. The PDF is given by a nontrivial superposition of stretched exponentials, corresponding to the various singularity exponents. The form of the distribution is explicitly dependent on the Reynolds number. The experimental data are in good agreement with the PDF predicted by the same random beta model used to fit the scaling of the velocity structure functions.

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- ▶ Scaling exponents **universal** in isotropic and anisotropic sectors
- ▶ Rate-of-return to isotropy **FASTER** than previously believed at least at lower orders
- ▶ Longitudinal and transverse exponents are (almost) equal in different anisotropic sectors
- ▶ **Isotropic sector**: higher order long/trans exponents differ at  $R_\lambda \sim 450$