

# *Superfluid turbulence near the intervortex scale*

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## SUPERFLUIDE À HAUT REYNOLDS EN ECOULEMENT DE VON KÁRMÁN

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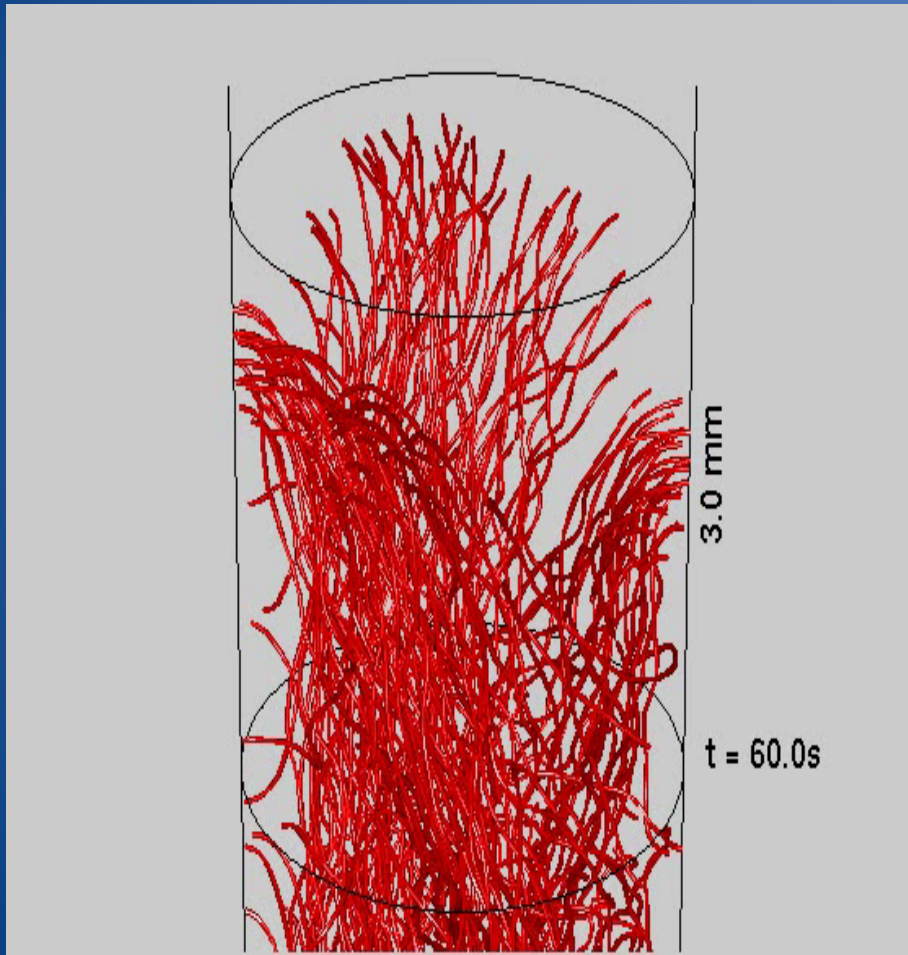
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# SHREK – FeliSia campaign: SuperFluid Helium Turbulence near intervortex scale



SHREK Collaboration + SN, Golov, Lvov

# Superfluid Turbulence at $T=0$



Vortex tangle described by  
Biot-Savart equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\mathbf{s} \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}|^3}$$

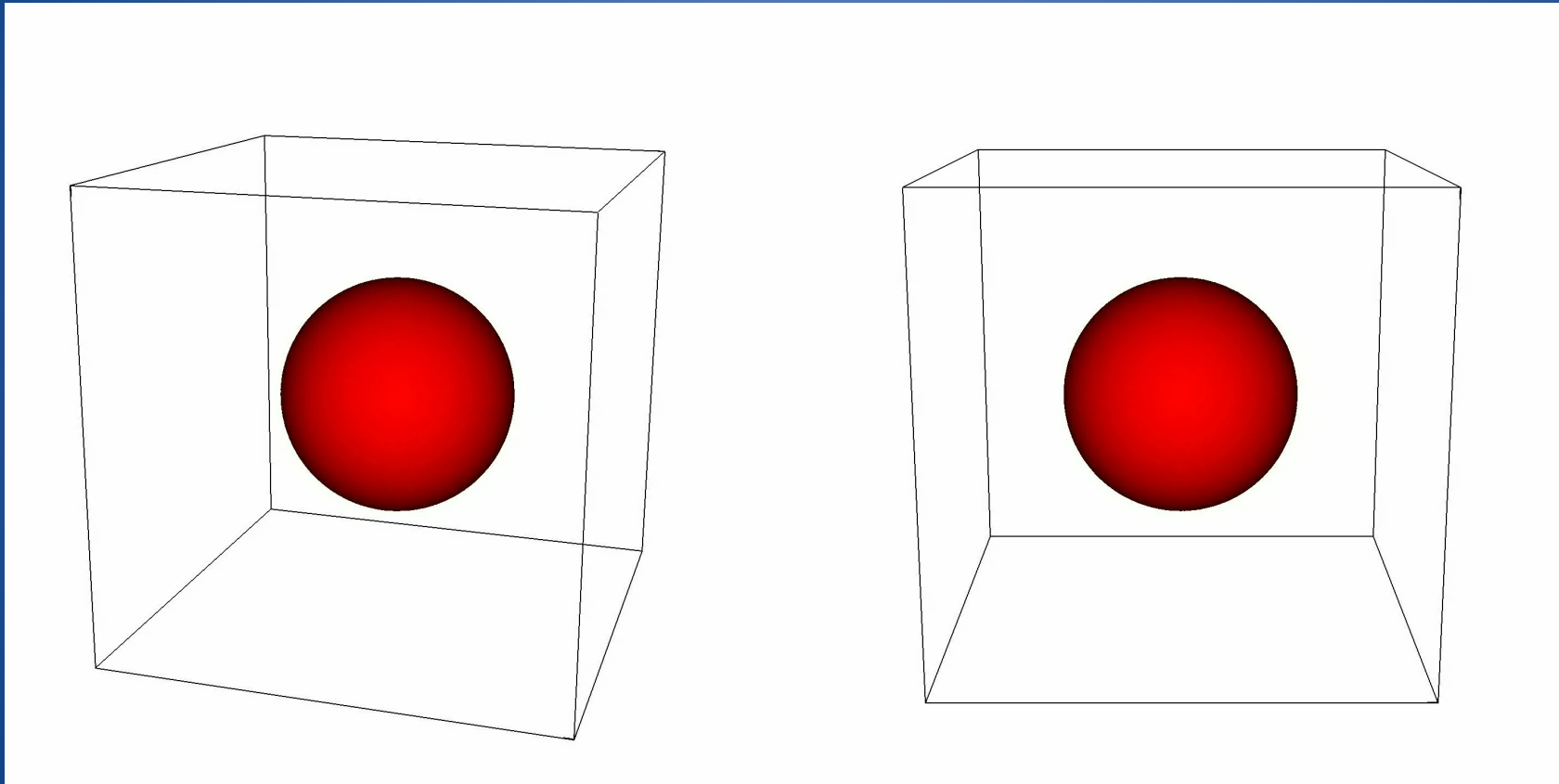
Circulation quantum  $\kappa = h/m$ .

Rotating turbulence: Hänninen et al (2007)

Numerical method of Schwarz (1985)

# Superfluid turbulence

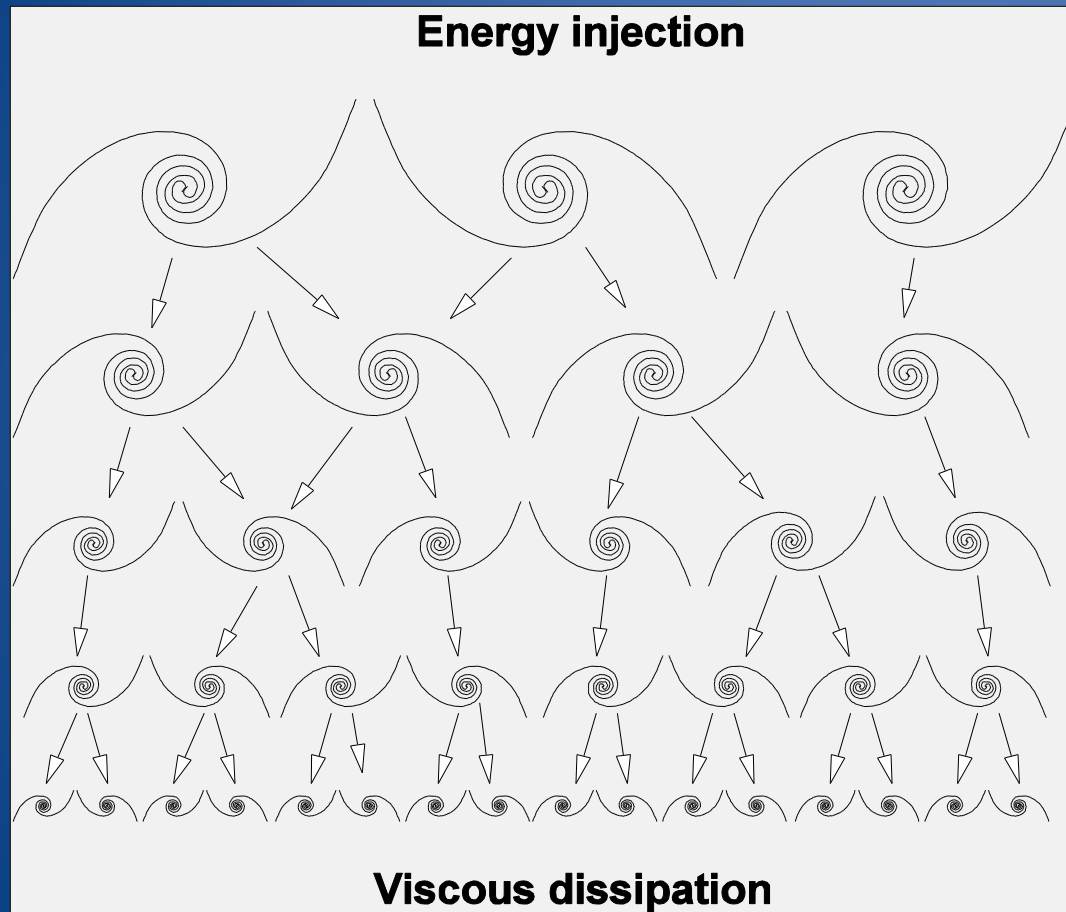
Gross-Pitaevskii Equation 
$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \nabla^2 \psi + |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$



Formation and decay of vortex tangle in GP model (Proment et al, 2015)

Interpretation of measurements in superfluid turbulence, CEA Saclay, Sept 2015

# Classical turbulence at scales $> \ell$

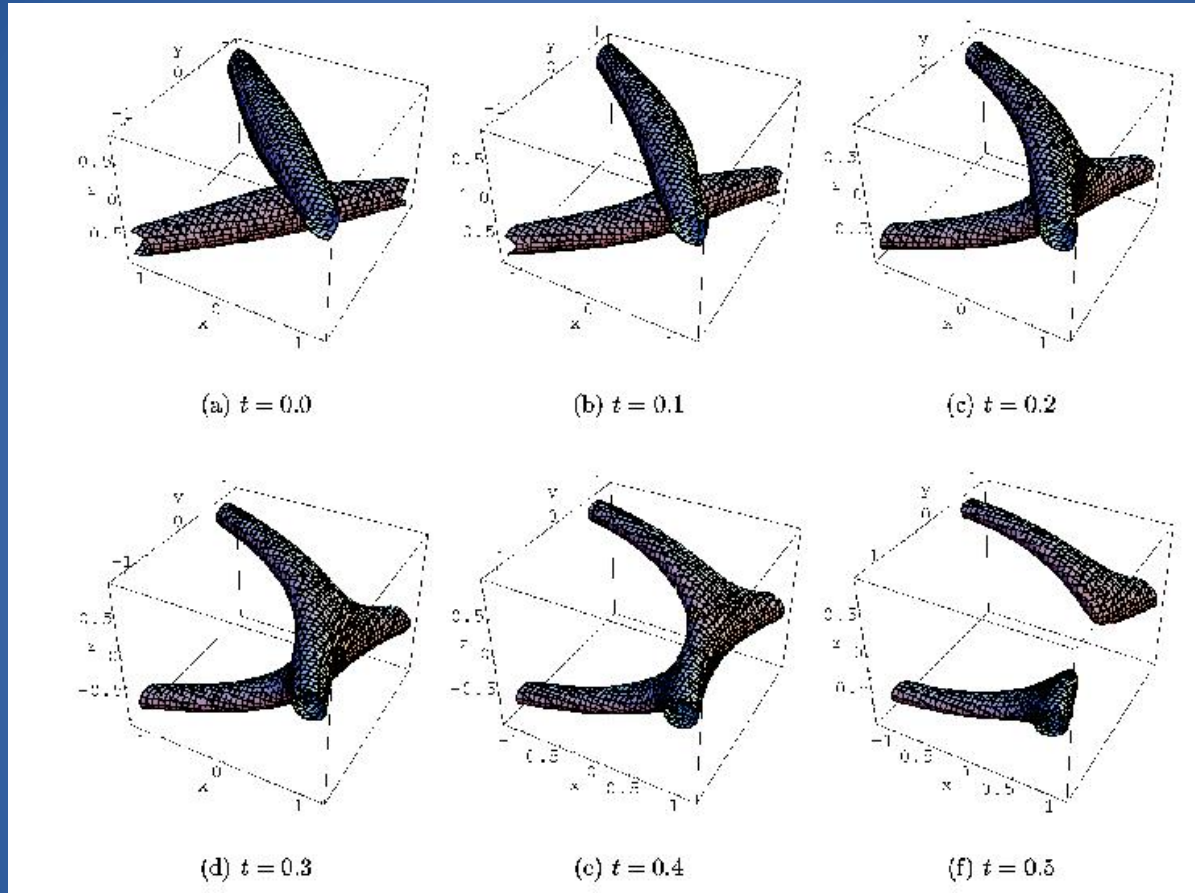


Richardson cascade  
Kolmogorov spectrum

$$E(k) = C \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

- Same picture for ST at scales larger than inter-vortex separation  $\ell$  ?
- There is no viscosity in ST. What happens when cascade reaches scale  $\ell$  ?

# At scale $\ell$ : reconnections.

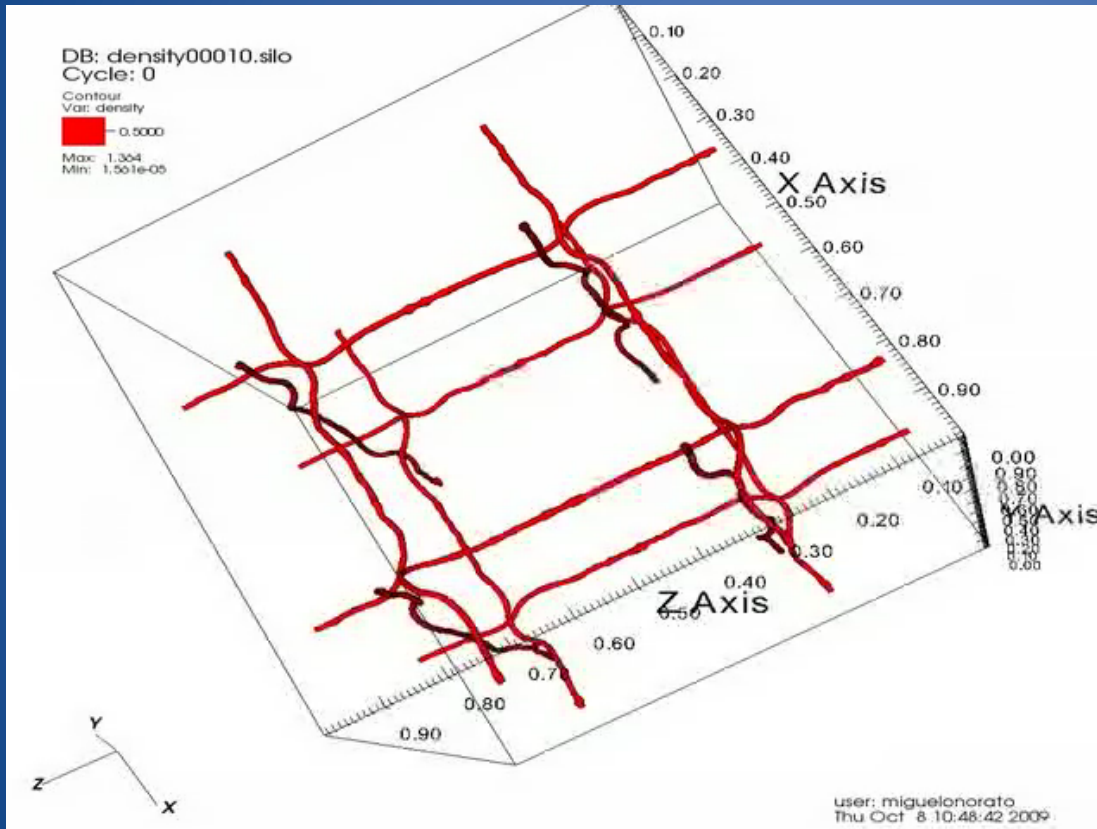


Numerics of GP: Koplik & Levine (1993).

Analytics of GP: SN & West (2003).

Helium experiment: Lathrope et al (2008).

# Below $\ell$ : Kelvin Waves

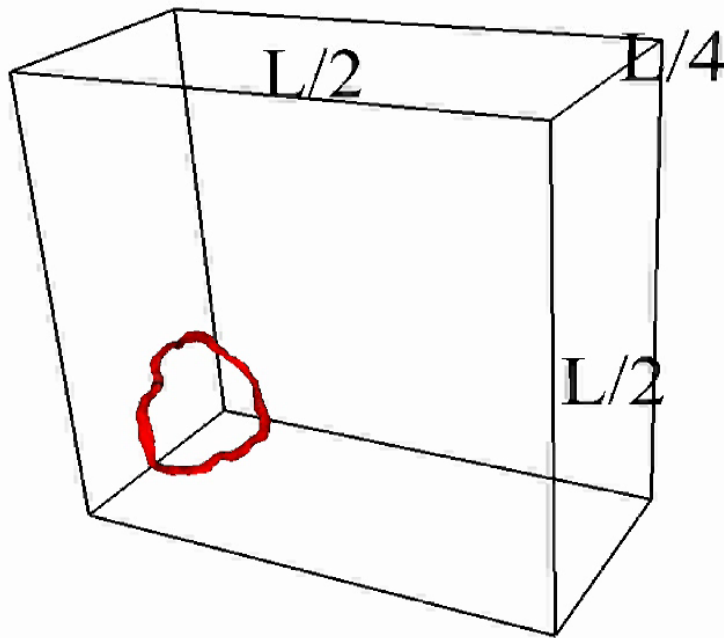


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# Kelvin Wave Turbulence

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\mathbf{s} \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}|^3} \quad - \text{Biot-Savart}$$

↓ **k-space**

$$\frac{da_k}{dt} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta a_k};$$

$$H = \int \omega_k a_k^* a_k d\vec{k} + \int d\vec{k}_1 \dots d\vec{k}_6 \delta_{1,2,3}^{4,5,6} W_{1,2,3}^{4,5,6} a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4^* a_5^* a_6^*$$

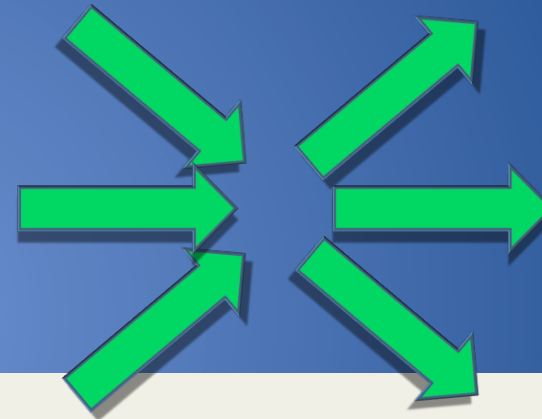
Hamiltonian description of weakly nonlinear KW's: Kozik & Svistunov (2004);  
Correct expression for W: Laurie, Lvov, SN, Rudenko (2009)

# Statistical description of KW turbulence

Wave Turbulence approach: Peierls (1929), Litvak (1959), Zakharov (1965) ...

Wave spectrum:

$$\langle a(\vec{k}, t) a^*(\vec{k}', t) \rangle = n_k(t) \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$$



$$\frac{dn_k}{dt} = \int d\vec{k}_1 \dots d\vec{k}_5 |W_{k,1,3}^{4,5,6}|^2 \delta_{k,1,3}^{4,5,6} \delta(\omega_k + \omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3 - \omega_4 - \omega_5) \\ \times n_k n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4 n_5 (n_1^{-1} + n_2^{-1} + n_3^{-1} - n_4^{-1} - n_5^{-1} - n_6^{-1})$$

– Kinetic Equation for interacting KW sextets: Kozik & Svistunov (2004)

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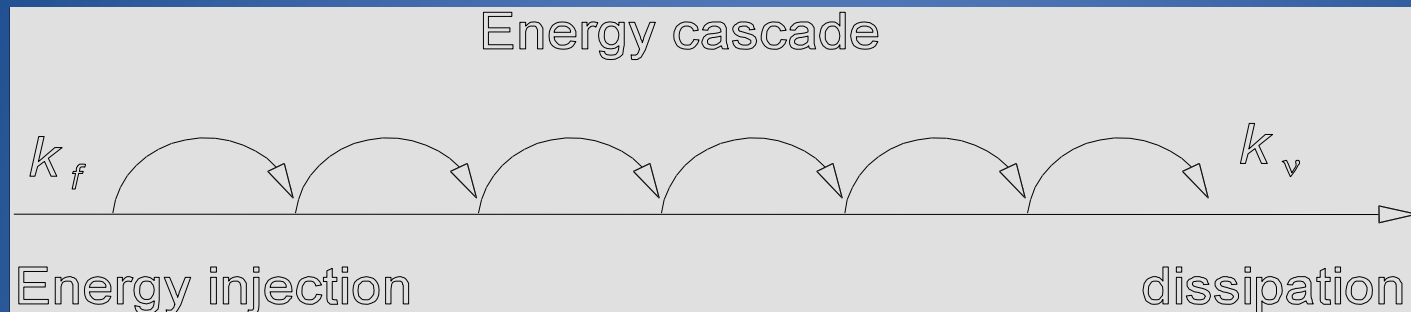
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# Wave Turbulence

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# Wave energy cascade



**Reconnections  
& crossover**

**Phonon radiation**

Kolmogorov-Zakharov spectrum; Zakharov (1965).

For KW's— Kozik-Svistunov spectrum (2004):

$$E_k = C_{kw} \Lambda \left( \kappa^7 \epsilon / \ell^8 \right)^{1/5} k^{-7/5}; \quad \Lambda = \ln \frac{\ell}{a}$$

# Matching the classical and quantum ranges

$$E_k = C_{hd} \epsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3} \quad \text{at scales } > \ell,$$

$$E_k = C_{kw} \Lambda \left( \kappa^7 \epsilon / \ell^8 \right)^{1/5} k^{-7/5} \quad \text{at scales } < \ell.$$

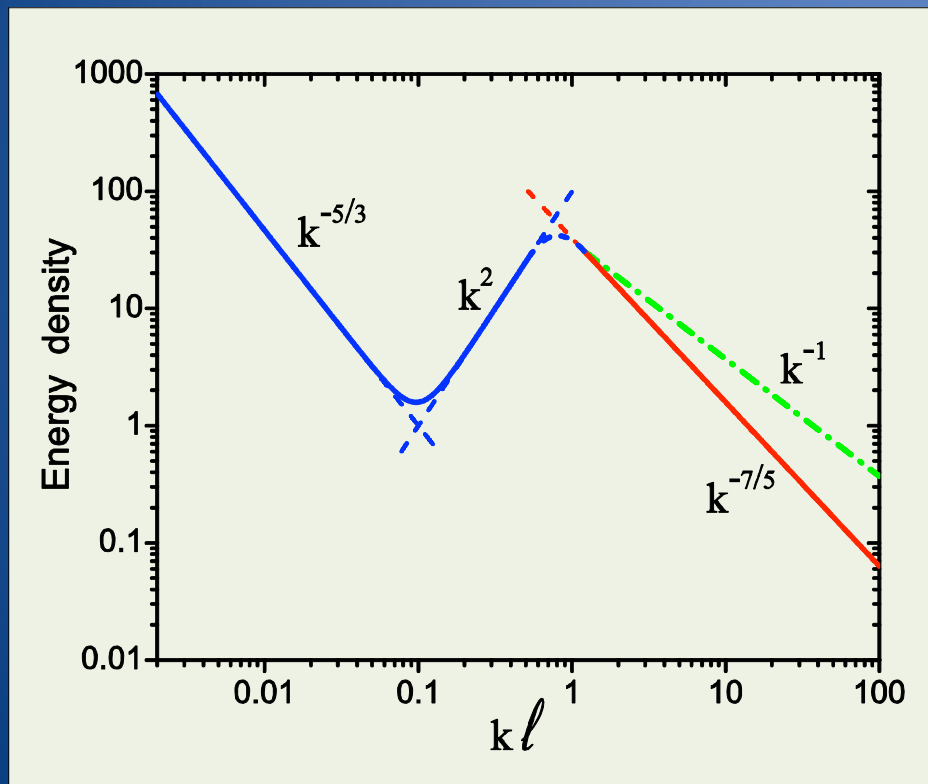
- Effective viscosity measured by turbulence decay rate. Stalp *et al* (2000).
- Assume that K41 extends down to  $\ell$ . Vicinity of  $\ell$  contains most vorticity (hence vortex line density).
- Turbulence decays like classical with effective viscosity:

$$v' \sim \frac{\epsilon \ell^4}{\kappa^2} \sim \kappa$$

# Bottleneck crossover at $\ell$

$$E_k = C_{hd} \epsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3} \quad \Leftarrow \neq \text{at } \ell \Rightarrow$$

$$E_k = C_{kw} \Lambda \left( \kappa^7 \epsilon / \ell^8 \right)^{1/5} k^{-7/5}$$



- Kolmogorov and KW spectrum cannot be joined continuously at  $1/\ell$ .
- Wave turbulence is less efficient than strong hydro turbulence and cannot cope with Kolmogorov cascade  $\rightarrow$  *bottleneck*. Lvov et al (2007).
- “Warm cascade” solution. Connaughton & SN (2004):

$$E_k = k^2 [2.2 \epsilon k^{-11/2} + T^{3/2}]^{2/3}$$

$$\nu' = \Lambda^{-5} \kappa$$

Reduced effective viscosity

# Effective viscosity in experiment

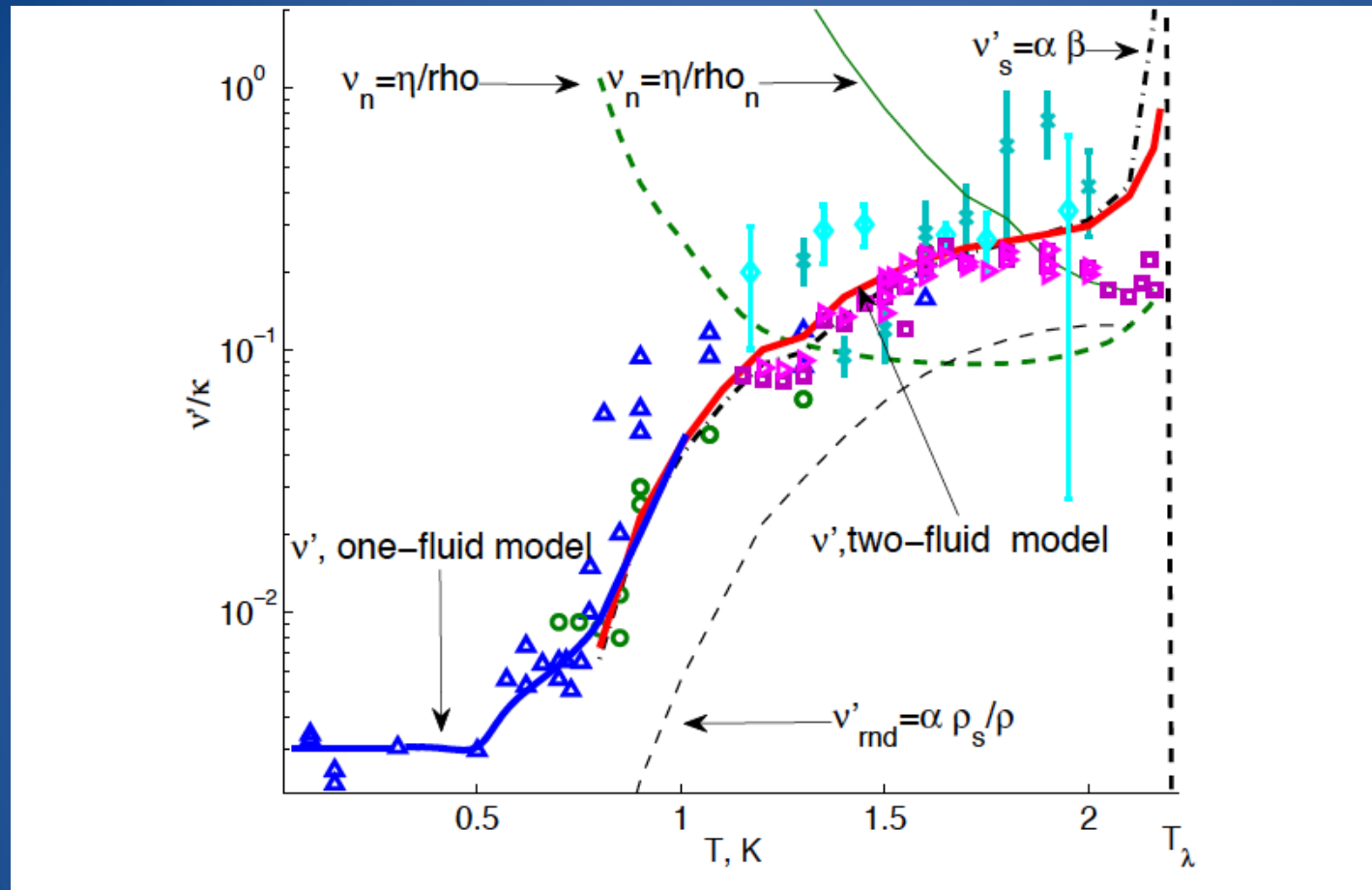


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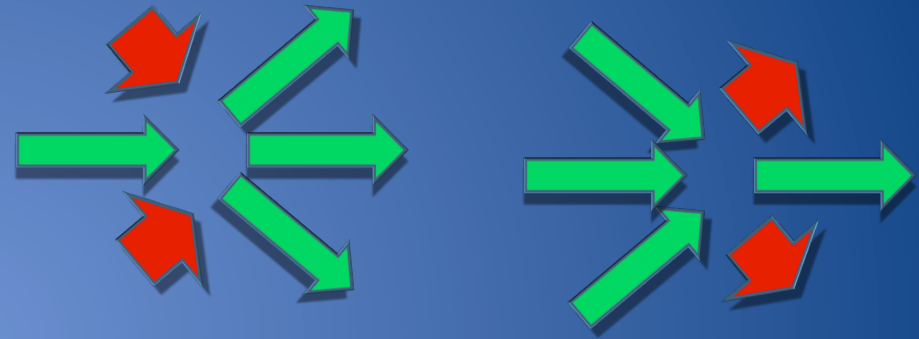
# *Nonlocality of KS. New 4-wave theory*

KZ spectra *only valid if local* (i.e. RHS integral in KE converges).

**KS spectrum is nonlocal:** Laurie, Lvov, SN & Rudenko (2009).

*Two  $k$ 's in sextet is  $\ll$  other four  $k$ 's.*

→ Effective 4-wave interaction on vortex line with large-scale (random) curvature:



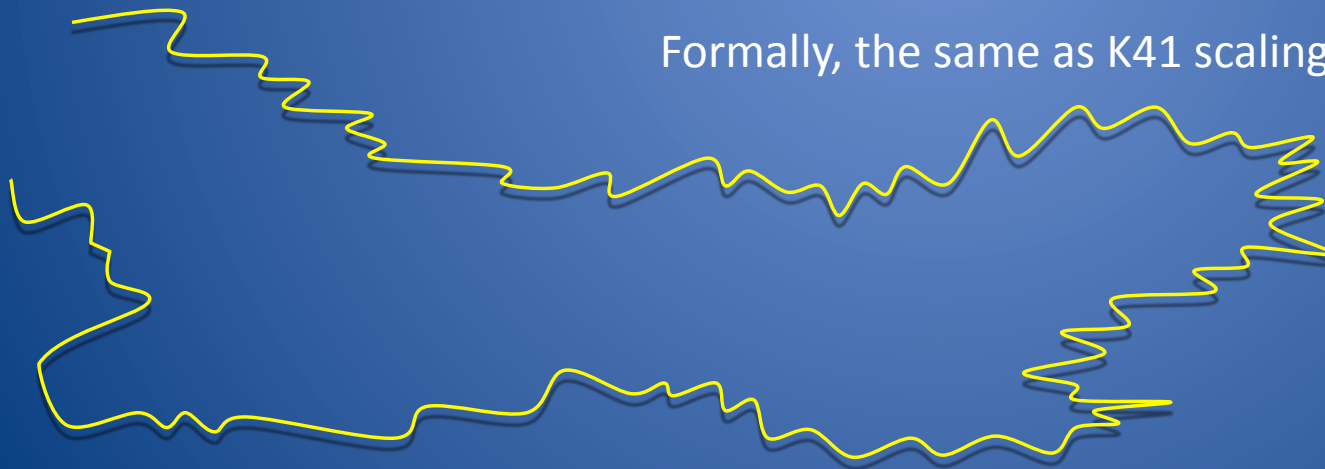
# *New Spectrum of weak KW turbulence*

Local spectrum of the 4-wave theory. Lvov & Nazarenko (2009):

$$E_k = C \frac{\Lambda \kappa \epsilon^{1/3}}{\Psi^{2/3}} k^{-5/3},$$

where  $\Psi$  is mean large-scale angle.

Formally, the same as K41 scaling.



*Interacting wave quartets on a randomly curved vortex line*

# Bio-Savart simulations of KW turbulence

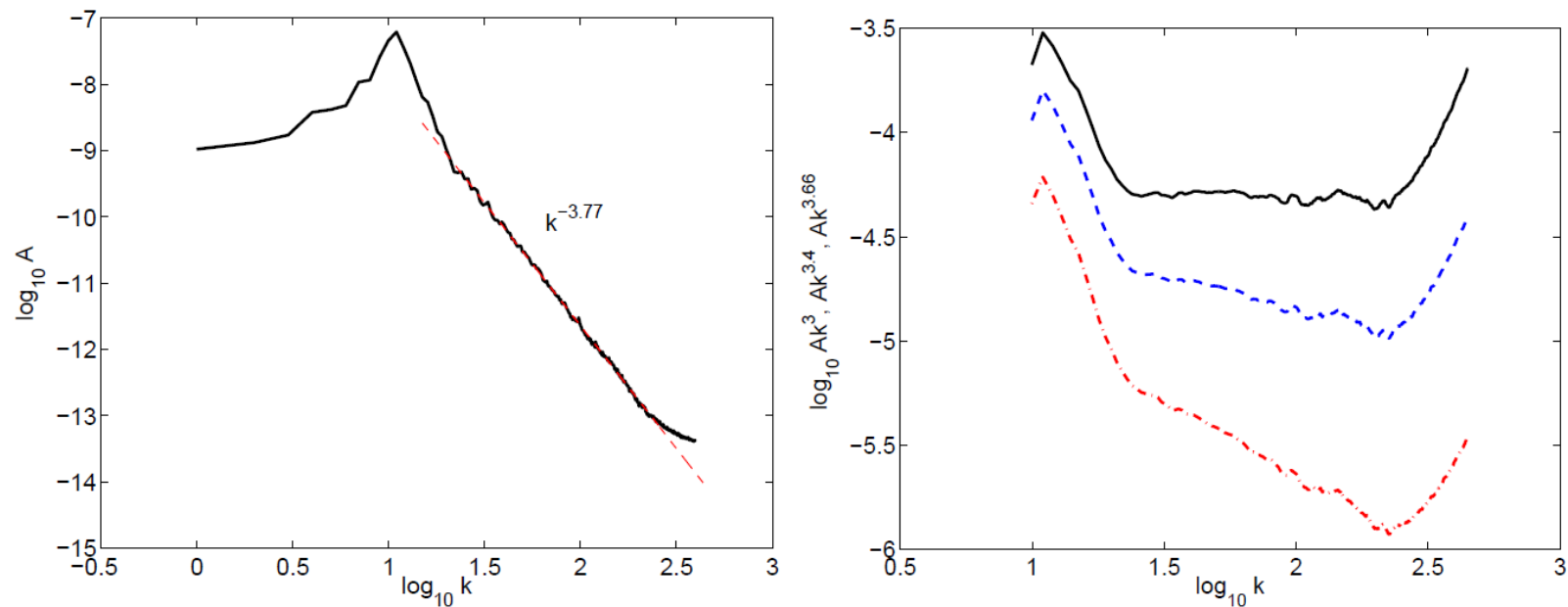


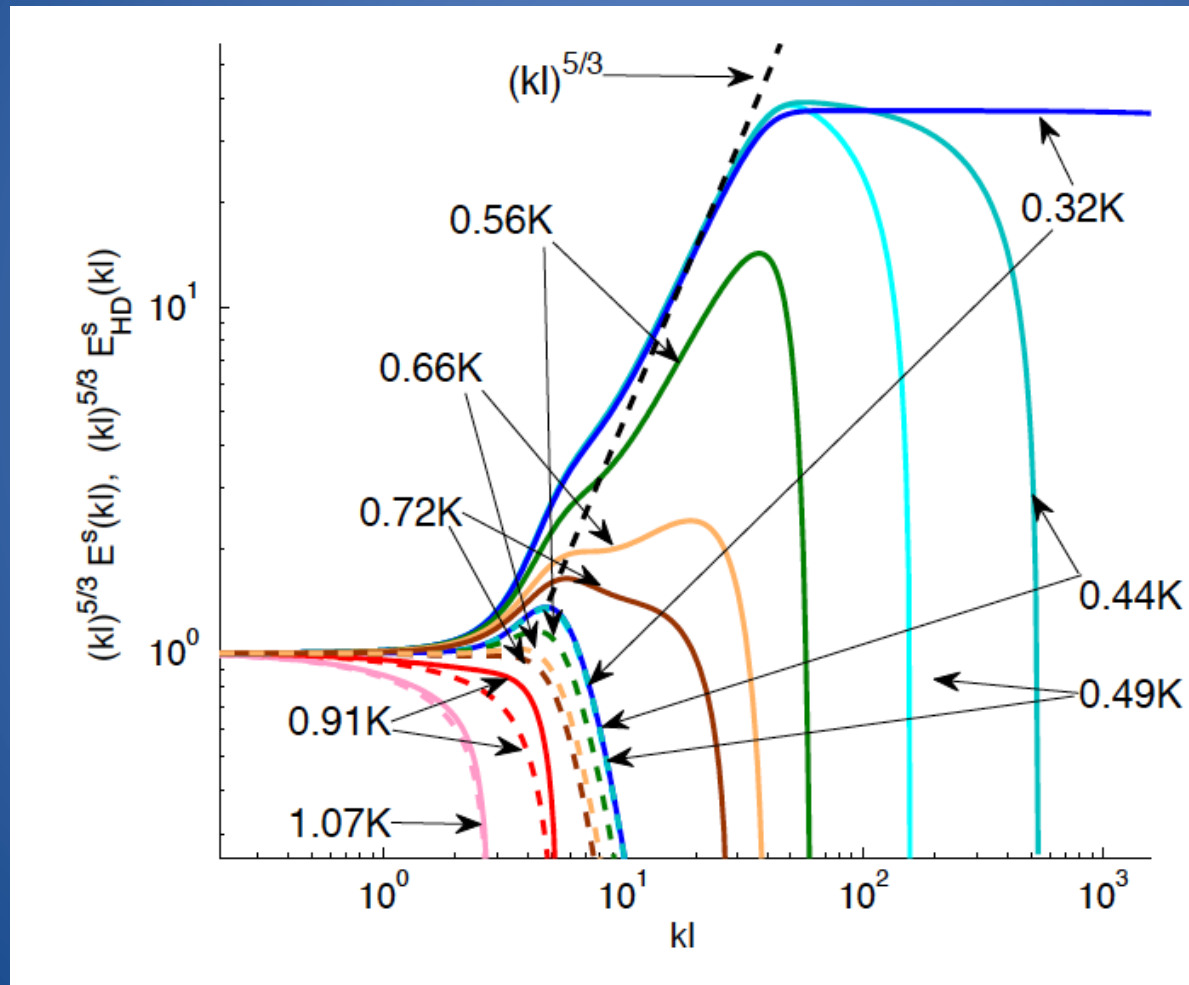
FIG. 2: (left) Amplitude spectrum  $A$  (arbitrary units) vs wavenumber  $k$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The dashed line is the computed line of best fit corresponding to  $A \sim k^{-3/7}$ . (right) The corresponding compensated spectra:  $A(k)k^{3.66}$  (solid line),  $A(k)k^{3.4}$  (dashed line),  $A(k)k^3$  (dot-dashed line). The amplitude of the forcing  $\mathcal{F} = 0.1$  cm/s.

A. Baggaley and J. Laurie, 2012

## *Corrections and extensions of the bottleneck description*

- Nonlocality of KW does not change the bottleneck prediction
- KW and HD motions coexist – gradual transition with milder bottleneck (Lvov, Nazarenko, Rudenko, 2008). 1-fluid model, blending function. Equi-partition of the KW energy.
- Finite-T suppression of KW and bottleneck. 1-fluid model with an effective viscosity term.
- Polarization enhancement of the bottleneck effect via suppression of reconnections (e.g. in presence of external rotation).

*Finite-T suppression of KW and bottleneck.  
1-fluid model with an effective viscosity term  
(Boue et al 2015)*



# 1-fluid and 2-fluid models (Boue et al 2015)

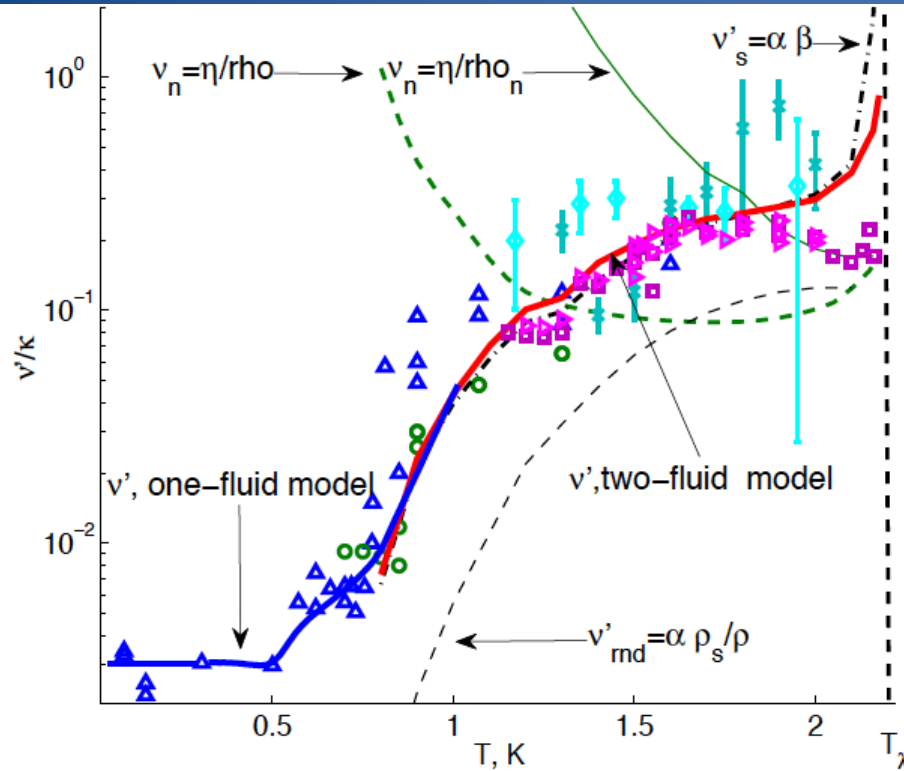
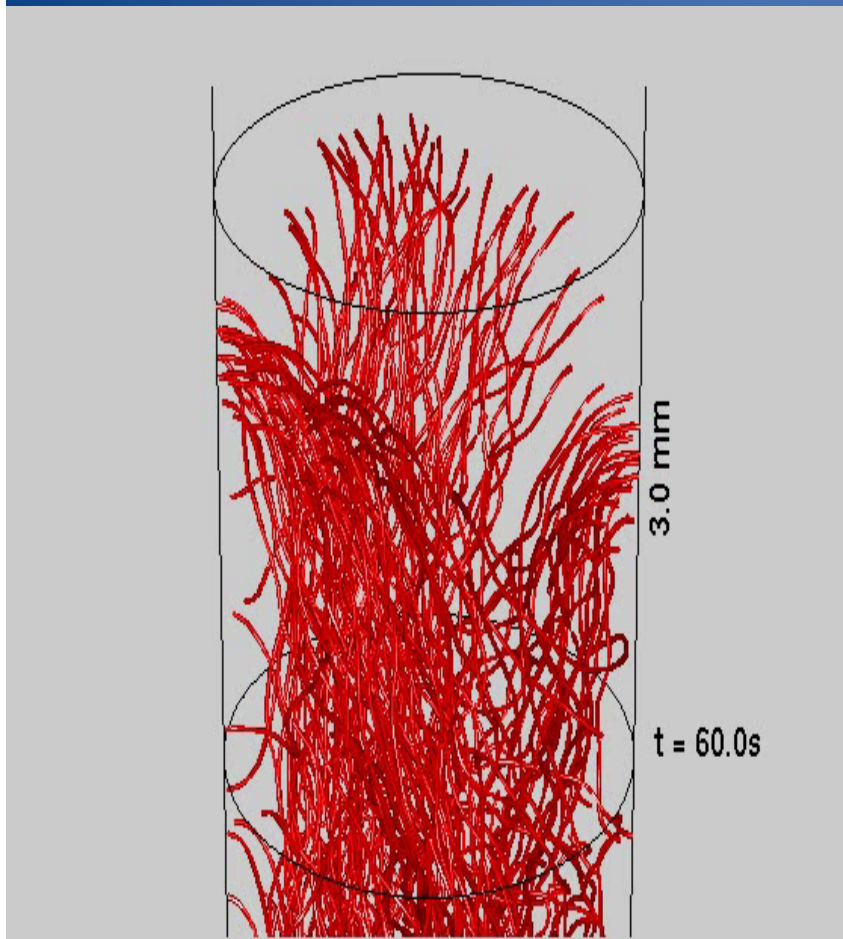


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Reconnections are the main mechanism for dissipation via mutual friction. Normal and superfluid components get unlocked during fast reconnection dynamics. Thus Vinen-Niemela model (with still normal component) gives good description at high T.

# Polarization enhancement of the bottleneck



- Polarization enhancement of the bottleneck effect via suppression of reconnections (e.g. in presence of external rotation).
- Poor man's model: view polarized tangle as a direct sum of an unpolarized and fully polarized components:

$$\frac{\nu'}{\kappa} \simeq (1 - P) \alpha^{1/3} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \right)^{4/3}$$

- This effect is possibly seen in SHREK, which can access spectra (not just the net vortex line decay).
- December SHREK mission dedicated to study of crossover scales – FeliSia campaign.

# Summary

- ST is a unique system where gradual transition from the classical to the quantum physics is taking place along the cascade. ST is a rich system: vortices, polarised tangles, bundles, reconnections, waves.
- Asymptotically exact theory is available for small-scale ST for  $T=0$ .
- The bottleneck classical-quantum crossover leads to reduction of  $\nu'$ .
- The gradual crossover theory predicts existence of a range where the spectrum is wave dominated but the flux is eddy dominated.
- Finite  $T$  kills KWs and the bottleneck. Polarisation enhances the bottleneck.
- Theory has many (reasonable) assumptions. Accurate numerics needed for turbulence with a wide scale range including those  $>$  and  $<$  than  $\ell$ .
- Experiment is planned at CEA Grenoble SHREK facility to probe the cross-over region.