

# Effets stabilisants ou déstabilisants de la compressibilité en turbulence

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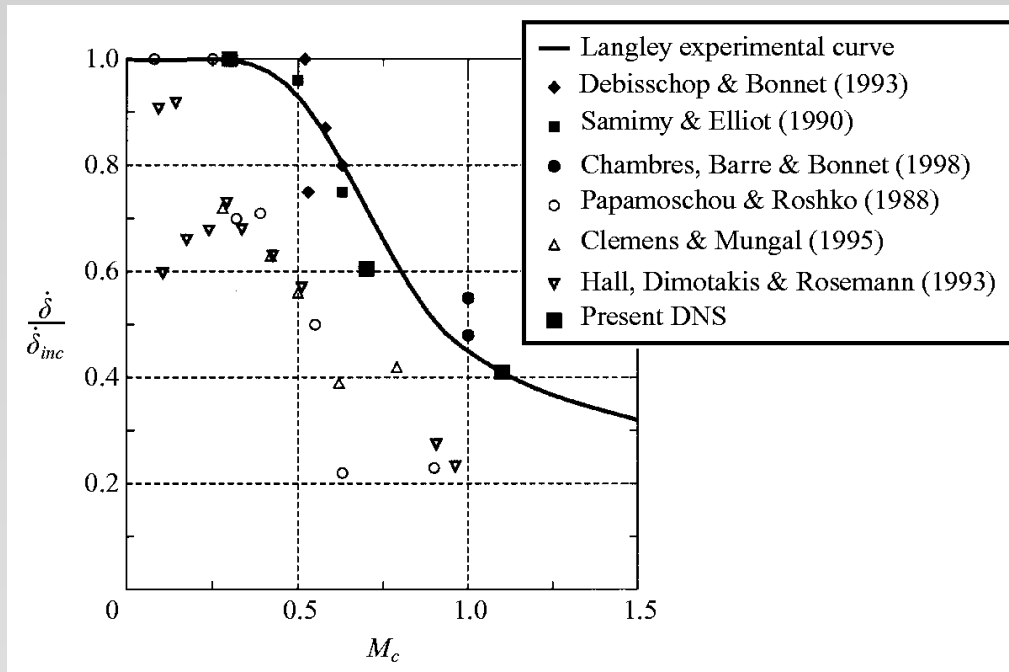
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## Reduction of mixing



- Is homogeneous turbulence relevant ? MAY BE ...
- Is the compressibility always stabilizing in homogeneous turbulence ? NO !

## Simplified problem and strategy

- An overall agreement: Role of pressure fluctuation, *mollification of pressure effects* with compressibility
- But opposite effects looking at *linear* ‘rapid’ and *nonlinear* ‘slow’ pressure-strain rate terms in RSM. Possible controversy ?
- Investigation of the linear response : a crucial difference between *irrotational* (e.g. axial compression) and *rotational* (e.g. plane shear) flows
  - ) Go back to linear theory (SLT) in the incompressible case
  - ) Introduce new couplings in isentropic SLT ... and explain

## Helmholtz decomposition - incompressible case

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{V}^{(sol)} + \mathbf{V}^{(dil)} = \underbrace{\mathbf{V}^{(tor)} + \mathbf{V}^{(pol)}}_{\mathbf{V}^{(sol)}} + \mathbf{V}^{(dil)}$$

Applied to *strictly incompressible* Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V}^{(sol)} = 0, \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = \dots$$

$$\mathbf{V}^{(dil)} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \leftarrow \quad \nabla^2 p = \dots$$

Implicitly solve Poisson, Biot-Savart, and related equations ?

## Solenoidal projection - linear and nonlinear terms

Projection operator in 3D Fourier space  $P_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{k^2}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}^{[sol]} = \mathbf{P} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \nu k^2 \right) \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k}, t) + \mathbf{P} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \widehat{\mathbf{u}} = 0, \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

Add a mean flow in a rotating frame

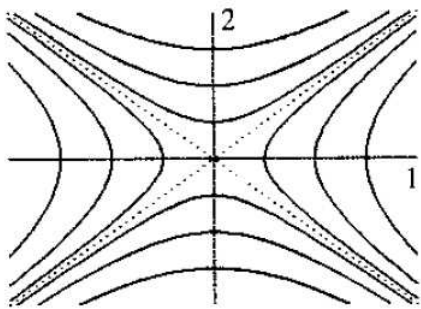
$$\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}}_U + \mathbf{u}, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} \rightarrow 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} + \boldsymbol{\omega}, \text{ so that}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}(\mathbf{k}(t), t) + \nu k^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{P}(2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = -\mathbf{P} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \widehat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

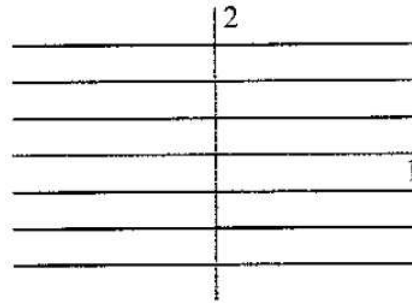
Local — up to  $\mathbf{k}(t)$  — and algebraic solution of the linear (left) part (SLT). Solenoidal projection (mediated by pressure fluctuation) for both linear and nonlinear terms via  $k_i k_j / k^2$  (origin of rapid and slow contributions in subsequent statistical equations)

## Basic mean flow

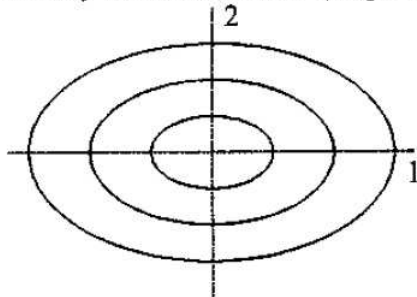
Strain-dominated flow (hyperbolic)



Shear flow (linear)



Vorticity-dominated flow (elliptical)



$$\Omega^2 - S^2, < 0, 0, > 0$$

## Specific signature of linear response

- Conventional comparison between a ‘linear’ (inverse) time-scale  $S$  and a nonlinear one  $\tau_{NL} = u' / \ell$  ? *no universality*
- Very different role of  $S$  in the basic linear operator, with or without production, and modulation by an angular term in Fourier space, as pure rotation  $2\Omega$ , specific  $\pm i 2\Omega \cos(\widehat{\mathbf{k}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}})$ , very different from pure shear, due to solenoidal projection.
- Very different role in equations for statistical quantities, second-order single-point and two-point correlations

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Very different domain of validity of the linear (SLT) solution, or nonlinear versus linear

- Isotropic compression-dilatation: The nonlinear term can be more rapid than the linear one ! No anisotropy, no significant explicit role of pressure.
- Pure rotation: Very delayed nonlinearity, inertial wave turbulence at  $\Omega t \sim Ro^{-2}$
- Pure shear: Conventional (Hunt et al) view roughly valid: Validity of RDT  $St \sim 1 - 10$ , depending of initial 'shear rapidity'  $S\tau_{NL}$  (inverse of a Rossby number)

Limitations of crude dimensional analysis, comparing  $S$  (spherical strain, anisotropic strain, shear),  $2\Omega$ ,  $N$  (stable and unstable density stratification)



## Irrotational vs. irrotational mean flow

From RDT (Batchelor & Proudman 1954) for irrotational strain to RDT (SLT) for rotational mean flow (Moffatt 1967, Sagaut and CC book 2008)

Helmholtz equation (inviscid)  $\dot{\omega}_i = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \omega_j$  Integral form (Kelvin)

Linearization around  $A_{ij} = S_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijn} W_n$

$$\dot{\omega}_i = \underbrace{A_{ij} \omega_j}_{\text{☺}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} W_j}_{\text{☹}}$$

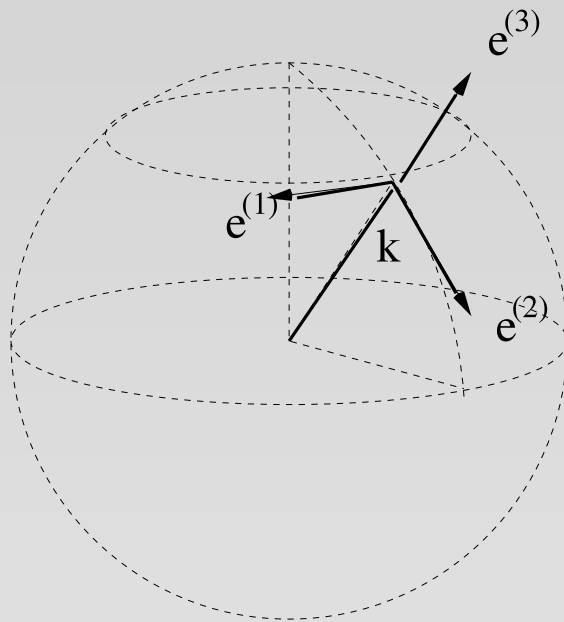
## Compressibility. Isentropic SLT

- Mean flow parameters  $U = Ax, P(t), \bar{\rho}(t),$

$$a^2(t) = P/(\gamma\bar{\rho})$$

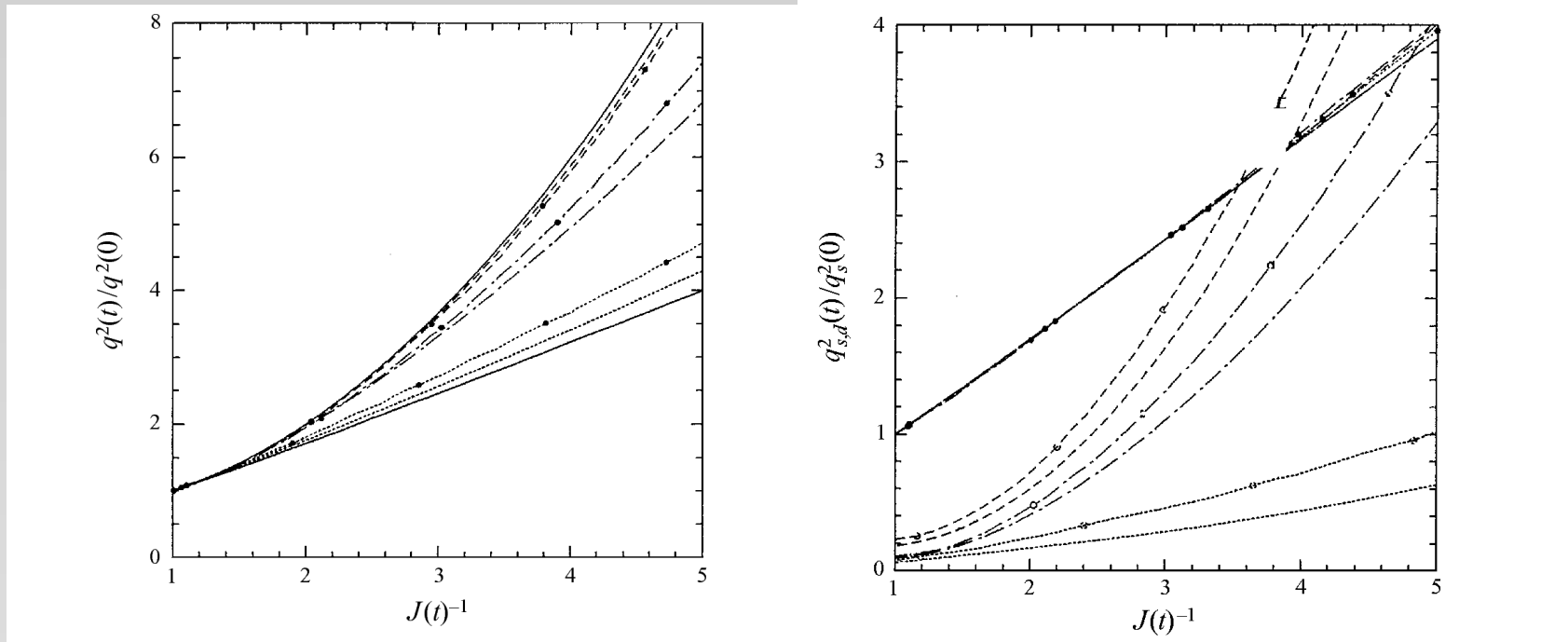
- Minimal set of dependent variables (fluctuating)
  - ) Incompressible  $(u_1, u_2, u_3, p) \rightarrow u^{(tor)}, u^{(pol)} (u^{(dil)} = 0, p \text{ slaved to them})$
  - ) Isentropic case  $u^{(tor)}, u^{(pol)}, u^{(dil)}, u^{(p)} \sim p/(\bar{\rho}a)$
- Assumptions  $\dot{s} = 0, p/P \ll 1$

## Toroidal-poloidal-dilatational decomposition



$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{k}) = \underbrace{u^{(1)}\mathbf{e}^{(1)} + u^{(2)}\mathbf{e}^{(2)}}_{sol.} + \underbrace{u^{(3)}\mathbf{e}^{(3)}}_{dil.}$$

## Symmetric mean strain : effect of rapid axial compression



Two relevant

limits, isentropic homogeneous RDT + (DNS), monotonic *Destabilization*

- Pressure-released RDT  $u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = F_{ji}^{-1}(\mathbf{X}, t, t_0)u_j(\mathbf{X}, t_0)$  (Debiève as well)
- Solenoidal RDT  $u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left(F_{ji}^{-1}(\mathbf{X}, t, t_0)u_j(\mathbf{X}, t_0)\right)^{(sol)}$  Helmholtz decomposition. Pure addition of solenoidal and dilatational response.

## More general case with mean vorticity

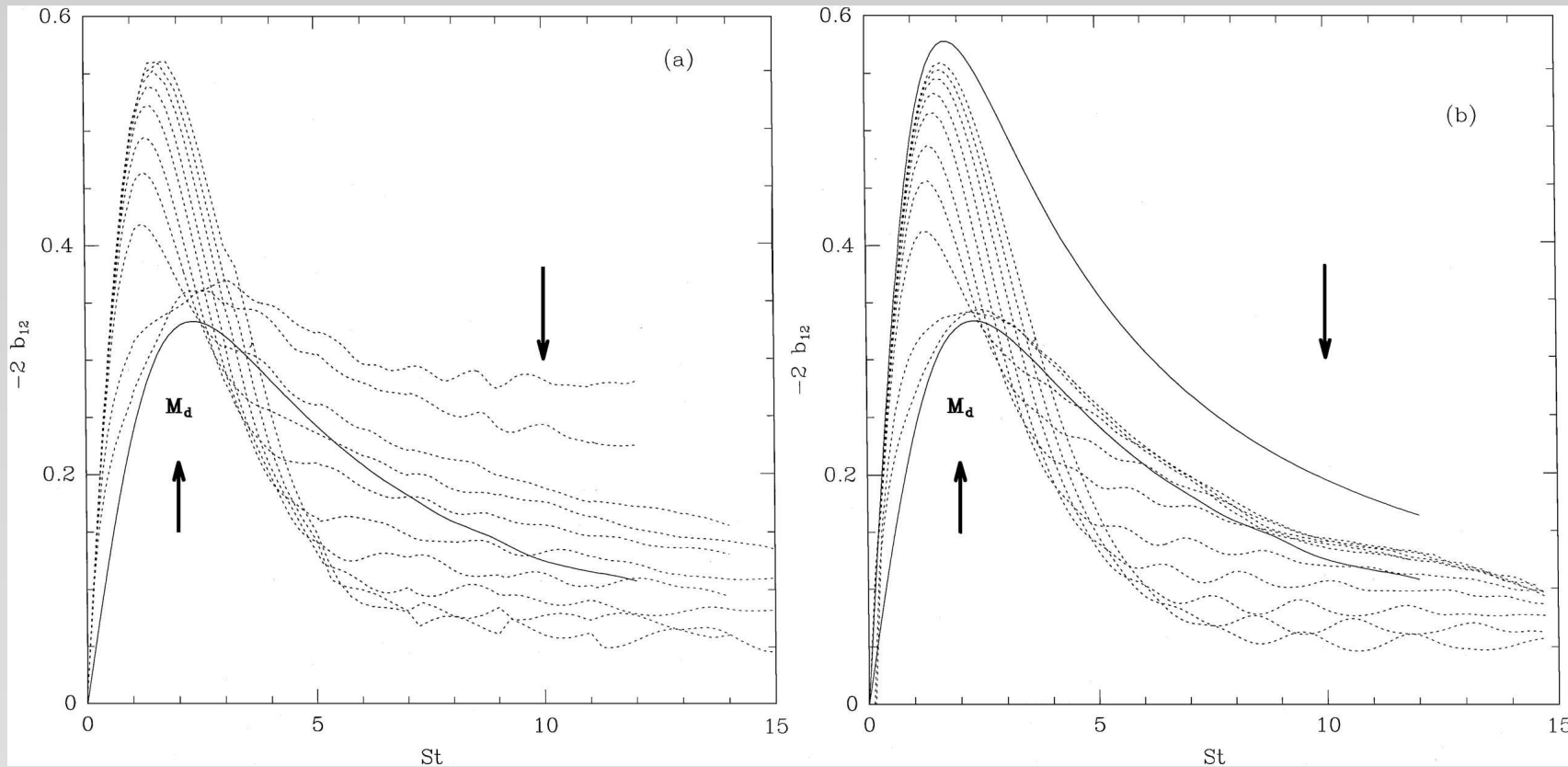
- In search for applications : compression ramps (suggested by Nagi Mansour, CTR, 1993), restarted collaboration with L. Jacquin, Pierre, Tom (here) ...
- Interpretation from RSM : the “rapid” pressure-strain rate inhibits the “production” → mollification of pressure means *destabilization* in the linear (RDT) limit
- A more complex answer using the decomposition toroidal - poloidal - dilatational for the velocity. (Craya-Herring in Fourier space) + pressure + entropy.

## Feedback from dilatational mode induced by the mean vorticity

A linear system of four equations for toroidal-poloidal-dilatational-pressure disturbance mode : A *tensorial* Green's function.

- quasi-isentropic (viscous terms for numerics) RDT
- Gradient Mach number :  $S$  and  $ak \rightarrow M_d(k) = S/(ak)$ , with  $M_g = (SL)/c$
- Breaking of acoustical equilibrium  $E^{(dil)} = E^{(pres)}$  by the mean shear effect
- A linear feedback from dilatational to poloidal, induced by mean vorticity (e.g. pure plane shear): a key effect for stabilizing ...
- ... even if explicit dilatational terms are marginally relevant ?

## Homogeneous shear flow



- Full DNS / RDT : cross-over about  $St = 4$  for destabilizing to stabilizing effect.
- The feed-back from dilatational to poloidal mode is essential for predicting the “stabilization” in the linear limit

## Coupling in compressible RDT for pure shear: Details

$$\dot{u}^{(1)} + S \frac{K_3}{k(t)} u^{(2)} = S \frac{K_3 k_2(t)}{K_{\perp}} \frac{u^{(3)}}{k(t)} \quad (1)$$

$$(k \dot{u}^{(2)}) = -S \frac{K_1}{K_{\perp}} k(t) u^{(3)} \quad (2)$$

$$\left( \frac{\dot{u}^{(3)}}{k(t)} \right) = 2S \frac{K_1 K_{\perp}}{k^4(t)} k(t) u^{(2)} - a_0 u^{(4)} \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{u}^{(4)} = a_0 k(t) u^{(3)} \quad (4)$$



## RSM modelling ?

Mollification of pressure yields

- ) linear pressure-strain decreased  $\rightarrow$  production increased (e.g. basic deviatoric of production, LRR):  $M_t$  and  $M_g$  corrections ? Little hope to reproduce the complex SLT, which allows possible stabilization.
- ) Nonlinear pressure-strain decreased  $\rightarrow$  production decreased (e.g. return-to-isotropy, feeding vertical component in pure shear): e.g. a simple factor (e.g. Heinz)

$$e^{-CM_g}$$

On tue le mauvais cochon ? en 'tuant' l' effet de pression dans le terme 'rapide' (eg. Girimagi etal., Tacker etal.)

## Discussion. Why stabilizing ?

- Mollification of pressure-strain : opposite effects looking at “rapid = linear” and “slow = nonlinear” pressure-strain tensors *Depletion of nonlinearity* instead of compressibility effect ?
- The SCALAR Green’s function for fluctuating pressure is only a part (Thacker et al. 2006) *Role of the TENSORIAL Green’s function including both pressure effect and feedback from dilatational to poloidal (vertical)* (Simone et al. 1997).
- new progress in complete quasi-analytical linear solution. Initialization ? Invariant term combining poloidal and pressure component. See the context of accretion discs in astrophysics, *shearing box, non-modal growth* Chagelishvili et al.
- Relevance of the *pressure-less* limit (easy to obtain in RSM) ?

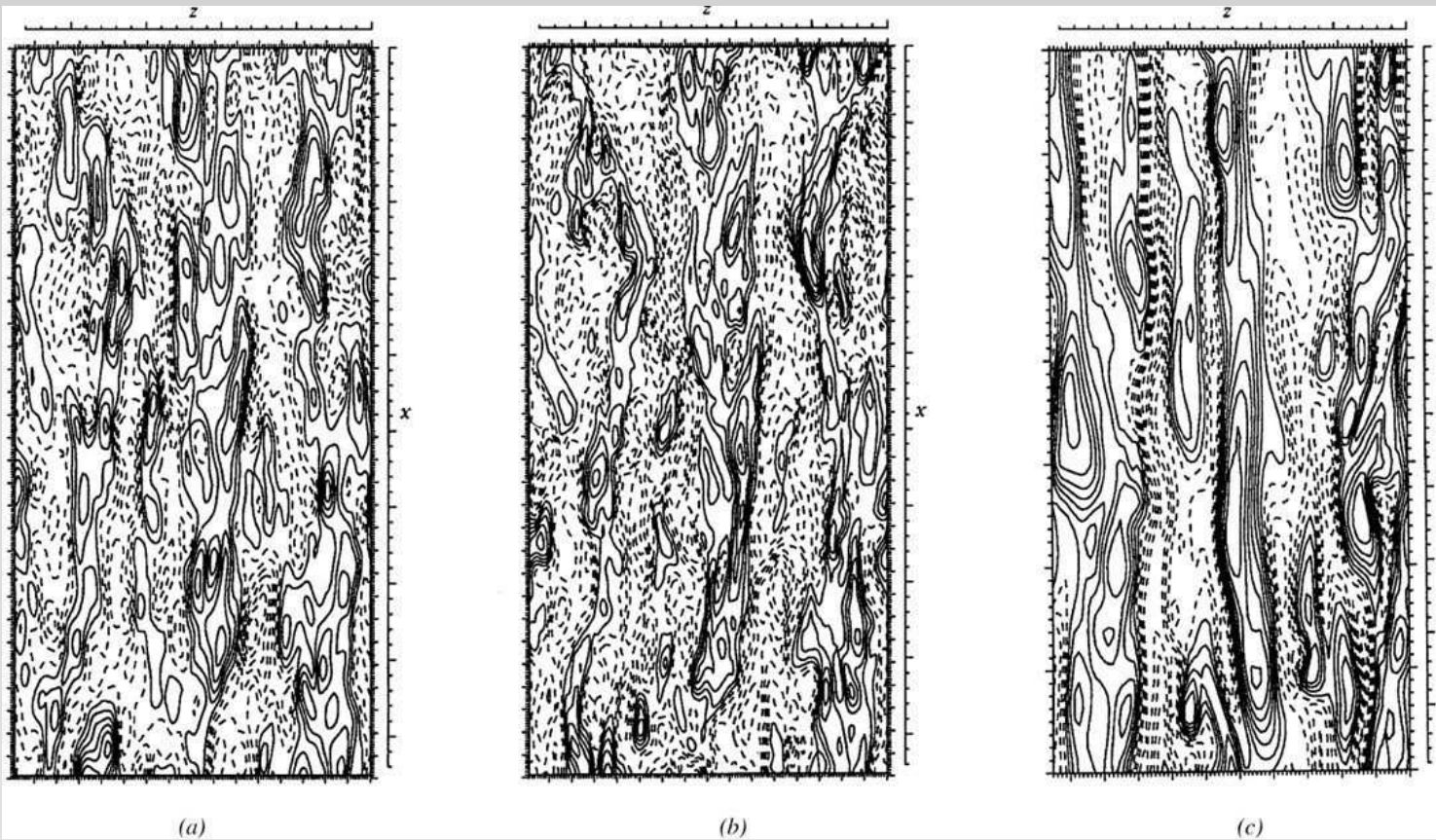
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Complements, to be discussed further ?

## Modification of pressure Green's function: Not the whole story

- Example of incompressible turbulence in a rotating frame: -) Poisson equation for pressure with conventional time-independent Green's function  $\nabla^2 p = f$   
... but  $f = 2\Omega \cdot \omega$  ...  
-) and eventually  $p$  satisfies a propagation equation (inertial waves !)  
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \nabla^2 p + 4\Omega^2 \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_{\parallel}^2} = 0$$
- Isolating an operator with a 'frozen' right-hand-side can yield wrong results
- Incorporate all linear couplings via a full RDT tensorial Green's function is better

## Qualitative effect of shear



## History of RDT, cornerstones

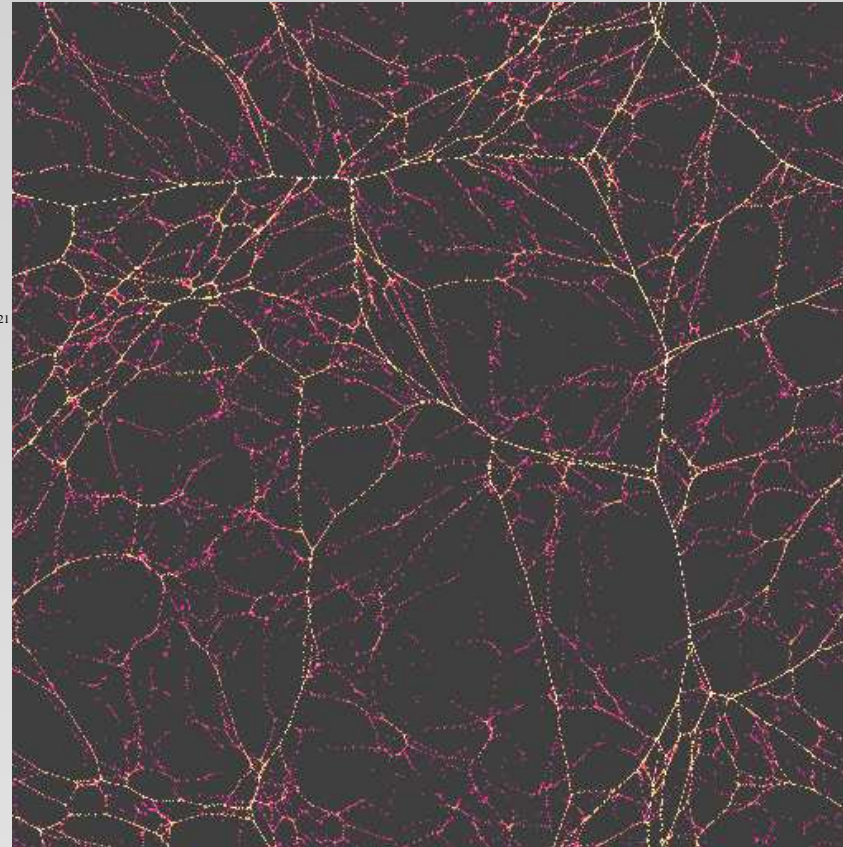
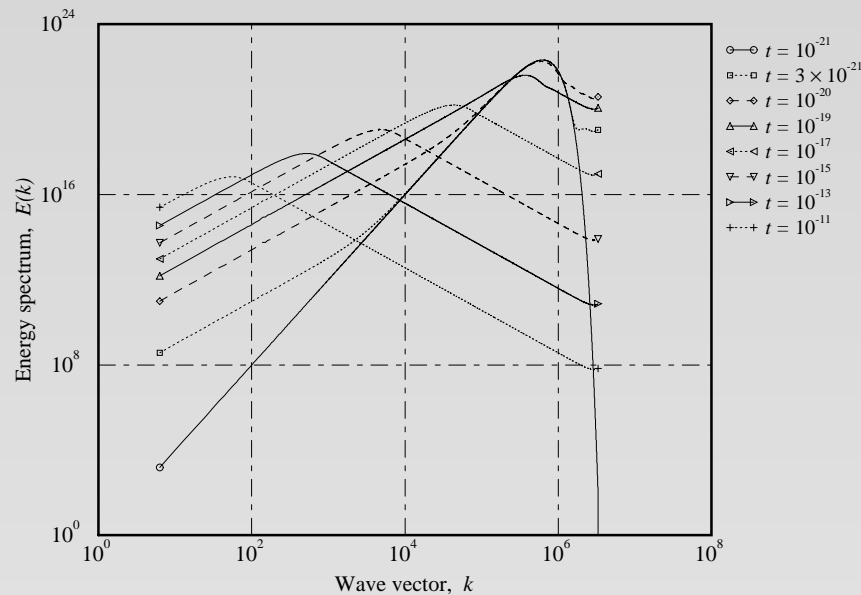
see the cover of our SC book ... ! Babel tower, at least three communities  
Kelvin mode  $\leftrightarrow$  Rogallo space  $\leftrightarrow$  Shear wave

- Ideas more than hundred years ago (e.g. Kelvin), then Taylor, Prandtl and many others ...
- Batchelor & Proudman (1954), Townsend, Hunt, Moffatt (a Cambridge school ?)
- Extended by Rogallo towards pseudo-spectral DNS (Rogallo space !) 1981
- Rediscovered by a community in applied maths in 1986 (Bayly, Craik)
- WKB variants, Lifschitz & Hameiri 1991, ... B. Dubrulle
- Large community in astrophysics (Rogachevskii, Kleorin, Balbus, Chagelishvili ...)

## Some comments about RDT

- To identify the general *deterministic* Green's function is the best solution. (From Moffatt, 1967, extended from my thesis (1982), implicitly rediscovered in the stability community, Bayly, Craik, 1986).
  - ) Further application to correlations of any order (e.g. 3 for cascade).
  - ) Even applications to a known forcing (Astrophysicists) or to a closed nonlinear contribution (e.g. in anisotropic and/or multimodal EDQNM)
- The problem of *stabilizing or destabilizing* effect is often not correctly addressed.

# Pressure-less Navier Stokes or multi-dimensional Burgers equation ?



Spectrum and

snapshot in 2D Burgers turbulence, from Noullez et al., in SC book



## pressure-less limit. Multidimensional Burgers equations

- A large material from Jérémie Bec (Nice), e.g. Bec & Khanin, Phys. Rep. , 2007 (and arxiv)
- Cosmological applications, ‘reconstruction of the initial conditions of the universe ...’ ! (Frisch et al., nature, 2002)
- What can be learn from that ?
  - ) difference between 3D-Burgers with potential velocity and ‘pressure-less’ Navier-Stokes equations
  - ) A maximum *internal* intermittency when the ‘structures’ are shocks.