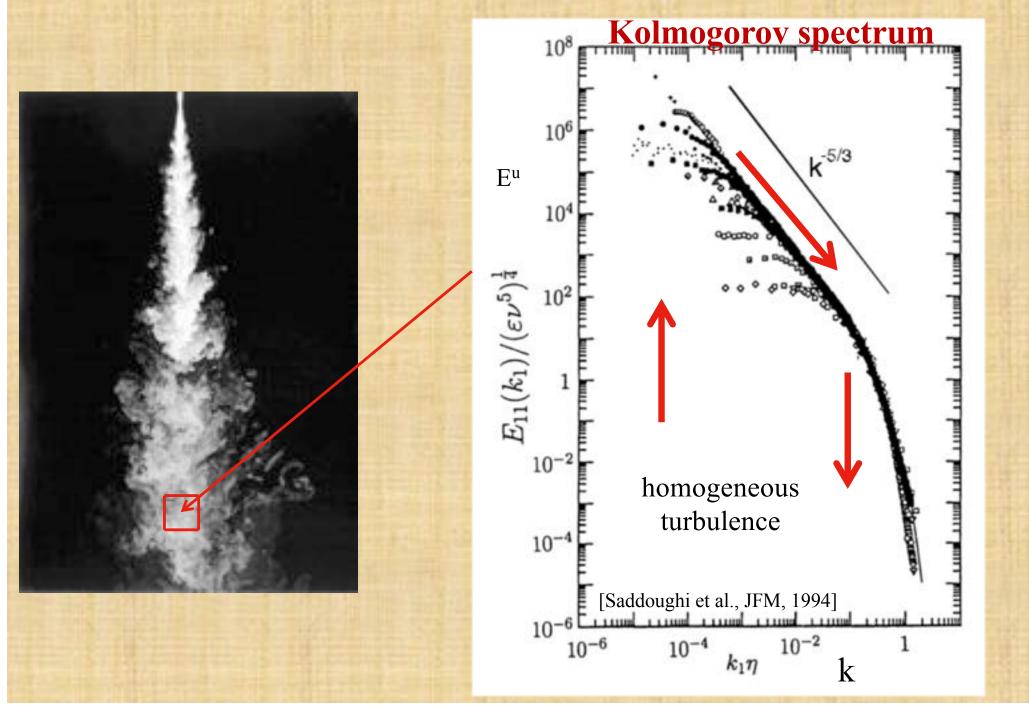
# **Turbulence of Gravitational Waves**

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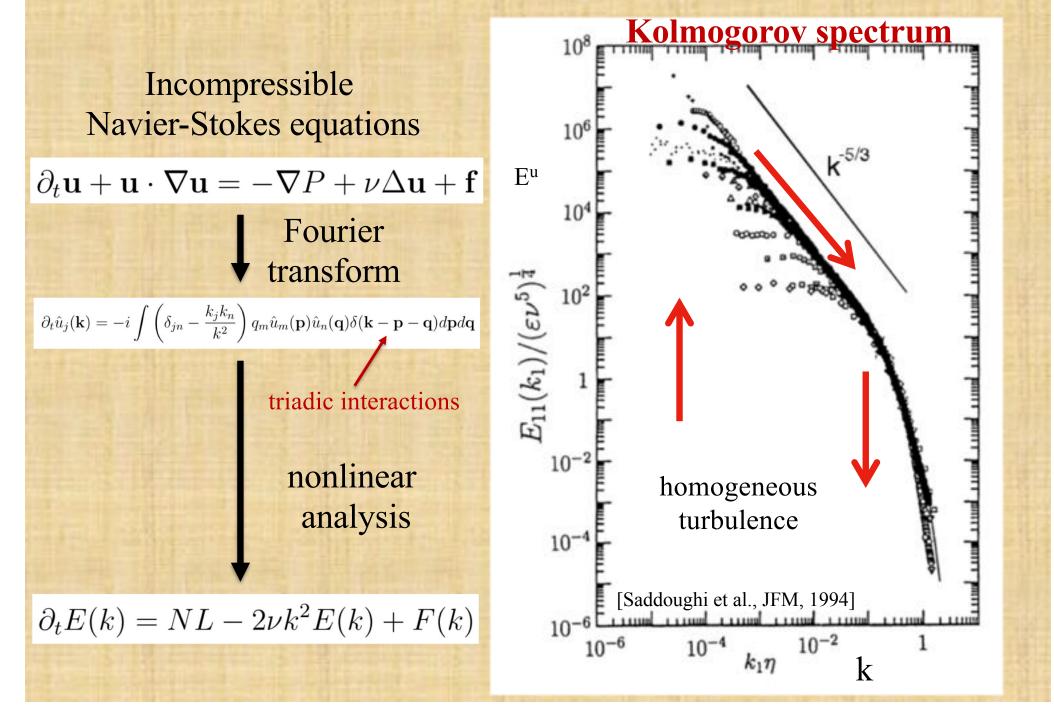
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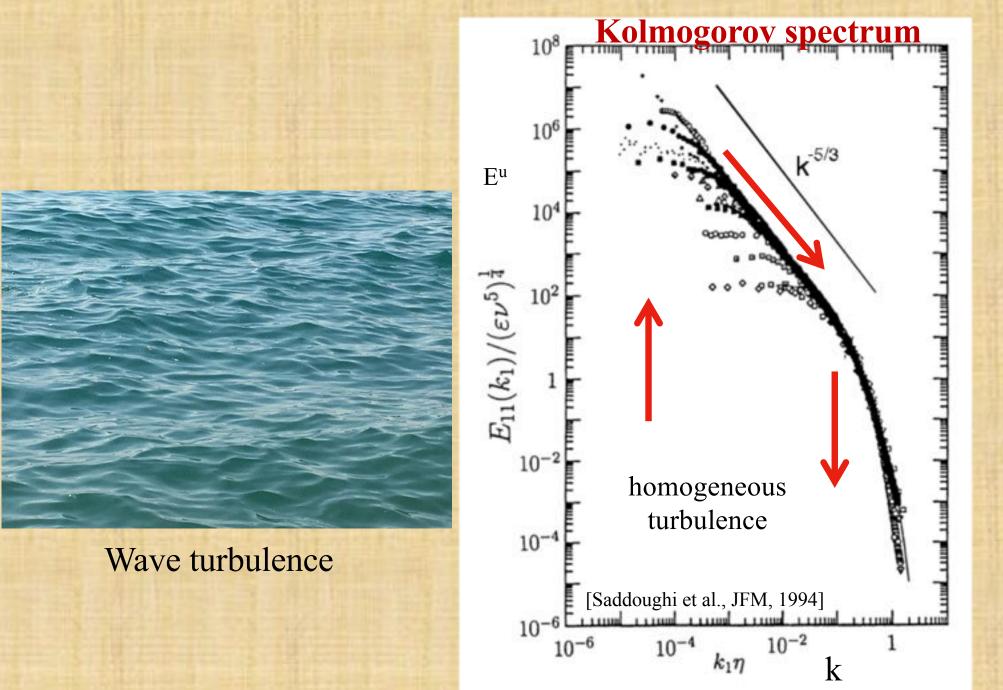
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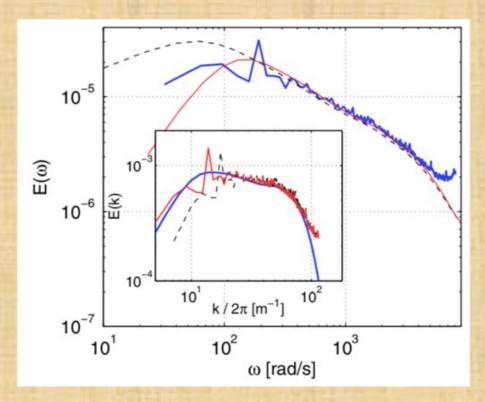
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#### The sound of wave turbulence: the vibrating elastic plates



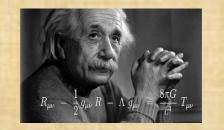
[During+, PRL, 2006; Cobelli+, PRL, 2009; Mordant+, PRE, 2017; Haissaini+, 2018]



#### Analytical theory of weak wave turbulence

- + Natural **asymptotical closure** of the hierarchy of moment equations [Benney & Saffman, PRSLA, 1966; Benney & Newell, JMP, 1967]
- + The kinetic equations admits **exact stationary finite flux** solutions [Zakharov & Filonenko, SPD, 1967]

- Finite flux spectra not valid over all k's → strong turbulence
   [SG+, JPP, 2000; Meyrand+, PRL, 2016]
- Experiments and dns show some limitations in the predictions [Morize+, PoF, 2005; Nazarenko, NJP, 2007]



### **Gravitational waves**

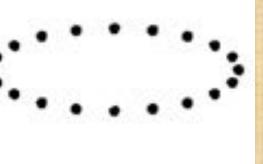
 $\Lambda=0$ 

 $R_{\mu
u}$ 

**Exact linear solutions** in an empty – flat – Universe:

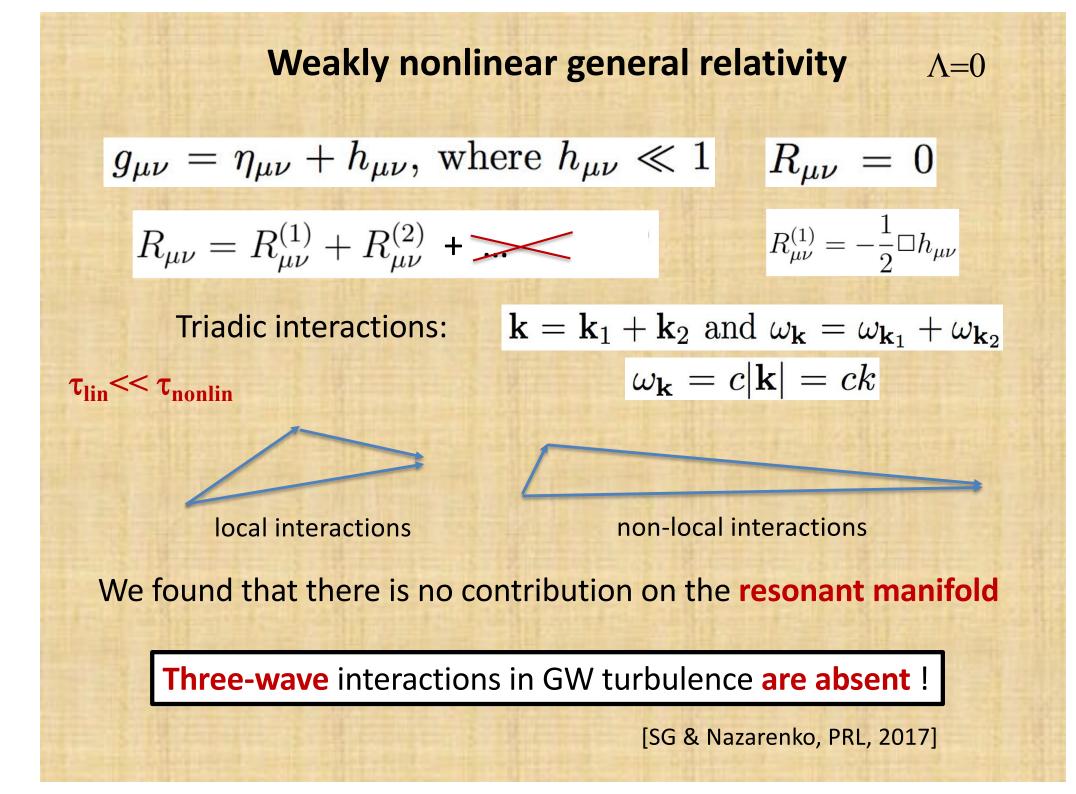
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$
, where  $h_{\mu\nu} \ll 1$ 

Effect of a + gravitational wave on a ring of particles (h = 0.5)



$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = c|\mathbf{k}| = ck$$

$$h^+_{\mu
u} = a \left( egin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} 
ight)$$



#### Nonlinear general relativity equations

Einstein-Hilbert action: 
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int R \sqrt{-g} d^4 x$$

g is the determinant of  $g_{\mu\nu}$ R is the scalar curvature

**Diagonal** space-time metric:

$$\partial/\partial z = 0$$

[Hadad & Zakharov, JGP, 2014]

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -(H_0)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (H_1)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (H_2)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (H_3)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= e^{-\lambda}\gamma, \ H_1 = e^{-\lambda}\beta, \ H_2 = e^{-\lambda}\alpha, \ H_3 = e^{\lambda}$$

Spatial isotropy is not assumed

#### Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\alpha\beta}{\gamma} \dot{\lambda}^2 - \frac{\alpha\gamma}{\beta} (\partial_x \lambda)^2 - \frac{\beta\gamma}{\alpha} (\partial_y \lambda)^2 - \frac{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}{\gamma} + \frac{(\partial_x \alpha)(\partial_x \gamma)}{\beta} + \frac{(\partial_y \beta)(\partial_y \gamma)}{\alpha} \right]$$

Give the linear contribution

 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 1 \quad \lambda \ll 1$ 

 $H_0$ 

$$\lambda = c_1 \exp(-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) + c_2 \exp(i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

### Hamiltonian formalism

Normal variables:

$$\lambda_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{a_{\mathbf{k}} + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^*}{\sqrt{2k}}, \quad \dot{\lambda}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\sqrt{k}(a_{\mathbf{k}} - a_{-\mathbf{k}}^*)}{i\sqrt{2}},$$

#### **Fourier space**

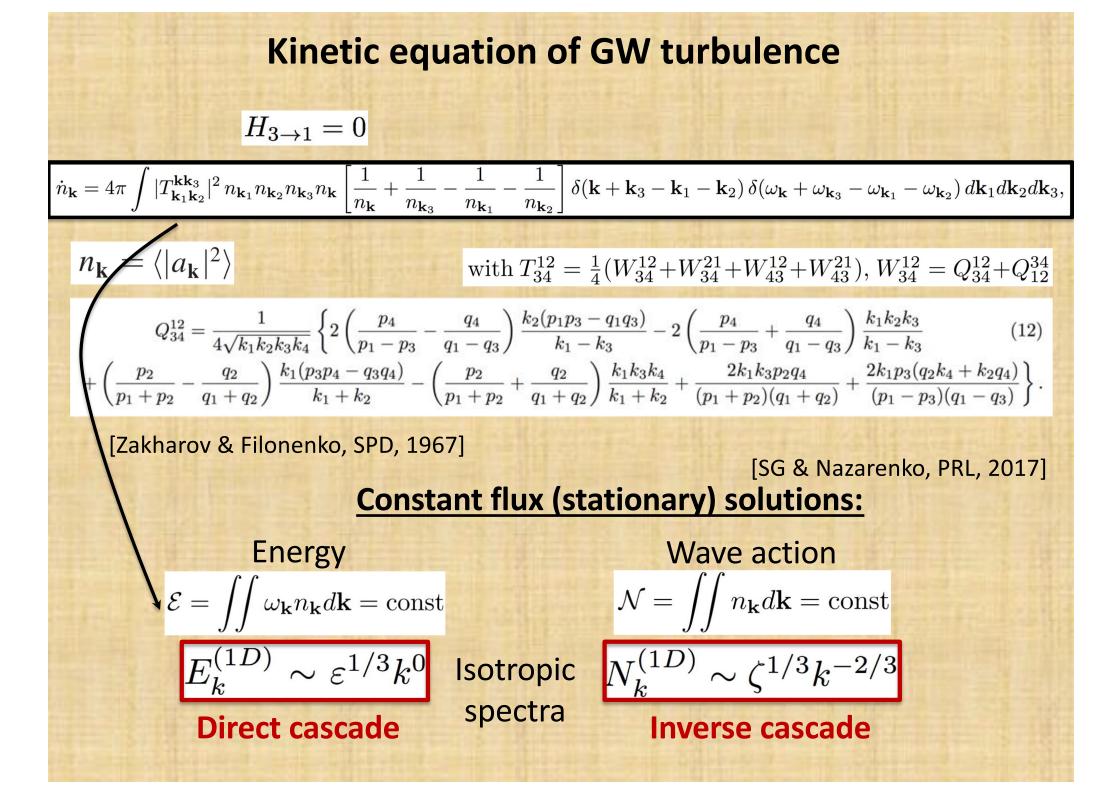
Hamiltonian equation:

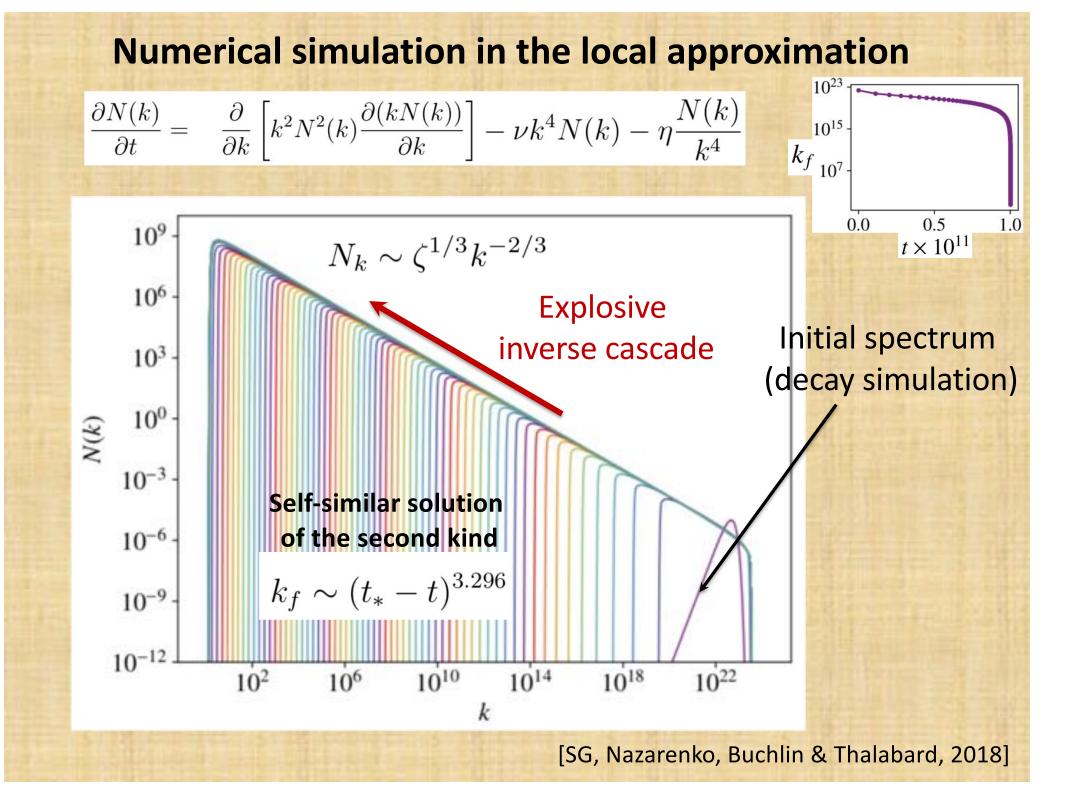
$$i\dot{a}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial a_{\mathbf{k}}^*}$$
 where  $H = H_{\text{free}} + H_{\text{int}}$ 

$$H_{\rm free} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} k |a_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

#### **4 wave processes**

$$\begin{split} H_{\text{int}} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1,2,3,4,5} \frac{\delta_{123} \delta_{45}^1}{\sqrt{k_2 k_3 k_4 k_5}} \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{p_5}{p_1} + \frac{q_5}{q_1} \right) k_4 \left( -\frac{a_4 a_5 + a_{-4}^* a_{-5}^*}{k_5 + k_4} + \frac{a_{-4}^* a_5 + a_4 a_{-5}^*}{k_5 - k_4} \right) + \frac{p_4 q_5}{p_1 q_1} (a_4 + a_{-4}^*) (a_5 + a_{-5}^*) \right] \\ &\quad k_2 k_3 (a_2 - a_{-2}^*) (a_3 - a_{-3}^*) + \left[ - \left( \frac{p_5}{p_1} - \frac{q_5}{q_1} \right) (p_2 p_3 - q_2 q_3) k_4 \left( -\frac{a_4 a_5 + a_{-4}^* a_{-5}^*}{k_5 + k_4} + \frac{a_{-4}^* a_5 + a_4 a_{-5}^*}{k_5 - k_4} \right) + \frac{p_4 q_5}{k_5 - k_4} (a_4 + a_{-4}^*) (a_5 + a_{-5}^*) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{p_4 q_5}{p_1 q_1} (\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}_3) (a_4 + a_{-4}^*) (a_5 + a_{-5}^*) \right] (a_2 + a_{-2}^*) (a_3 + a_{-3}^*) \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, 1, 2, 3, 4} \frac{\delta_{12}^{\mathbf{k}} \delta_{34}^{\mathbf{k}}}{\sqrt{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4}} \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}_2) k_1 p_3 q_4}{p q} \left( -\frac{a_1 a_2 + a_{-1}^* a_{-2}^*}{k_2 + k_1} + \frac{a_{-1}^* a_2 + a_1 a_{-2}^*}{k_2 - k_1} \right) (a_3^* + a_{-3}) (a_4^* + a_{-4}) \\ &\quad + \frac{k_1 k_3 p_2 q_4}{p q} \left( a_1 a_2 + a_1 a_{-2}^* - a_{-1}^* a_2 - a_{-1}^* a_{-2}^* \right) (a_3^* a_4^* + a_3^* a_{-4} - a_{-3} a_4^* - a_{-3} a_{-4}^* - a_{-3} a_{-4} \right) \right\}.$$





#### **Big-Bang scenario driven by space-time turbulence** Conjecture condensate ≈ cosmic factor |h(k)|2 **Ouantum foam at Planck time** Strong wave Weak wave turbulence turbulence k-1 k-5/3 $h \sim |h_{\mu\nu}|$ h ≤ 0.1 h ~ 1 Critical balance k<sub>s</sub> k<sub>p</sub> k,

Formation of a condensate in a finite time  $(10^{-39}s - 10^{-37}s)$ (compatible with the causal principle)

Explosive growth of the condensate as a nonlinear mechanism of accelerated expansion ('turbulent inflation')

[SG, Laurie & Nazarenko, 2018]

# **Conclusion 1**

- First analytical theory of space-time turbulence
- No tuning parameters
- The Riemann (4<sup>th</sup> order) curvature tensor is non-trivial the Kretschmann scalar is non trivial
- Application to the early universe (peace of the story; conjecture)
- Strong wave turbulence as the main driver for the formation of a condensate in a finite time (compatible with the causal principle)
- A rapid growth of the condensate is interpreted as an inflation
- $(k)|^2 \sim k^{-1}$  is compatible with the Harrison-Zeldovich spectrum
- Can we perform numerical simulations of space-time turbulence?
   What is the origin of the inverse cascade in turbulent black holes?

# **Conclusion 2**

Some comments:

> There is one Killing vector in this problem; this not a cylindrical GW

Although an Alfvén wave is a nonlinear solution of incompressible MHD, weak Alfvén wave turbulence exists because the problem deals with a see of waves