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Turbulence

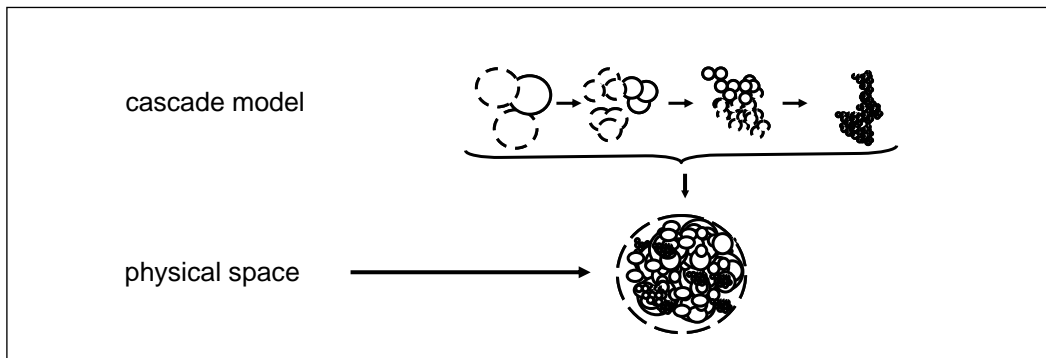
chapitre 5
understanding the cascade

- 5.1 the cascade : a local mechanism**
- 5.2 energy is not conserved**
- 5.3 the smallest turbulence scale**
- 5.4 turbulence : a « costly » mechanism**
- 5.5 turbulence in Fourier space**
- 5.6 tentative definitions**

5.1 cascade : a local mechanism

- the cascade does not develop in space

- ✓ this is a local process
- ✓ all « flow structures » are nested



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5.2 energy is not conserved

- what does remain constant in the cascade ?

- ✓ this is the rate of the energy transfer per unit mass from scale to scale :

structure of scale l :

$$\varepsilon_l \sim \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{lifetime}} \sim \frac{u_l^2}{\tau_l} \sim \frac{u_l^2}{l/u_l} = \frac{u_l^3}{l} = \varepsilon_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \text{velocity} & u_l \sim \varepsilon_0^{1/3} l^{1/3} \\ \text{energy} & u_l^2 \sim \varepsilon_0^{2/3} l^{2/3} \\ \text{life time} & \tau_l \sim l/u_l \sim \varepsilon_0^{-1/3} l^{2/3} \end{cases}$$

as l decreases, each « flow structures » contain less and less energy, but transfer energy more and more rapidly

- how does the « flow structure's » Reynolds evolve ?

$$\text{Re}_l = u_l l / \nu \sim l^{4/3}$$

the « structure's » Reynolds number decreases during the cascade process. When $\text{Re}_l \sim 1$, the cascade ends because viscosity succeeds in transforming kinetic energy into heat.

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5.3 the smallest turbulence scales

- what is the smallest scale produced by the cascade process ?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \checkmark (l_v, u_v) \text{ such that : } u_v^3/l_v \sim \varepsilon_0 \\ \text{Re}_l = \frac{u_v l_v}{\nu} \approx 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow l_v = \left(\frac{\nu^3}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{1/4} \equiv \eta$$

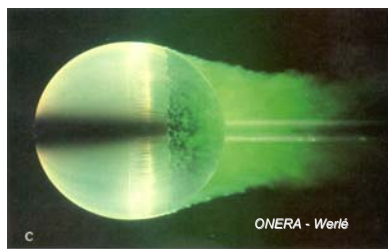
Kolmogorov's scale

$$\checkmark \text{ otherwise } \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim \frac{u_0^3}{l_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{l_0}{\eta} \sim \left(\frac{u_0 l_0}{\nu} \right)^{3/4} = \text{Re}_0^{3/4}$$

⇒ in a cascade, the smallest turbulent scale η is $\text{Re}_0^{3/4}$ times smaller than the largest

5.4 turbulence : a « costly » mechanism

- the « cost » of turbulence



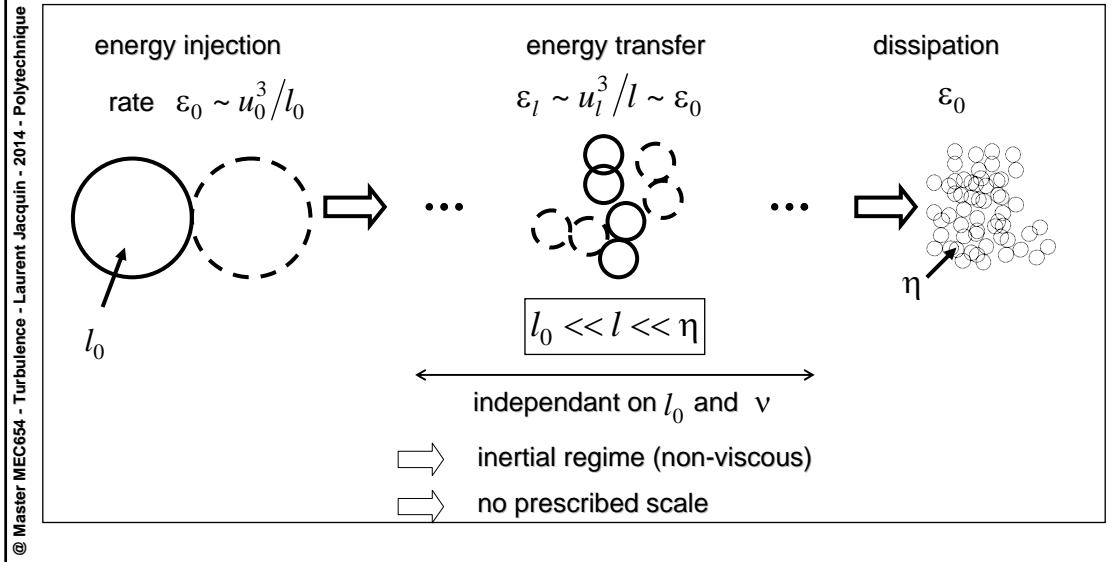
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Re} = \frac{U_0 D}{\nu} \approx 300\,000 \\ v_{\text{air}} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \\ l_0 \sim D = 30 \text{ cm} \\ U_0 \sim 10 \text{ m/s}^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{ football}$$

$$\text{Kolmogorov' scale} \quad \frac{\eta}{D} \sim \left(\frac{\nu}{U_0 D} \right)^{3/4} = \text{Re}^{-3/4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \eta \approx 8 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{spatial mesh for numerical simulations} \quad N_{\text{points}} \sim \left(\frac{D}{\eta} \right)^3 = \text{Re}^{9/4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_{\text{points}} \approx 210^{12} !!$$

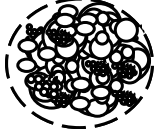
5.5 turbulence in Fourier space

• cascade



5.5 turbulence in Fourier space (...)

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- physical space  kinetic energy $\langle u^2 \rangle = \sum_l u_l^2$
- Fourier space $\hat{u}_\kappa = \sum_l u_l e^{i\kappa l}$ kinetic energy $\langle u^2 \rangle = \sum_\kappa \hat{u}_\kappa^* \hat{u}_\kappa$ (Parseval)
- energy spectrum $E_\kappa = \hat{u}_\kappa^* \hat{u}_\kappa \Leftrightarrow u_l^2$
- inertial regime $\kappa_0 \left(\sim \frac{1}{l_0} \right) \ll \kappa_l \left(\sim \frac{1}{l} \right) \ll \kappa_\eta \left(\sim \frac{1}{\eta} \right)$
- in the inertial regime one must have : $E_\kappa = f(\varepsilon_0, \kappa)$

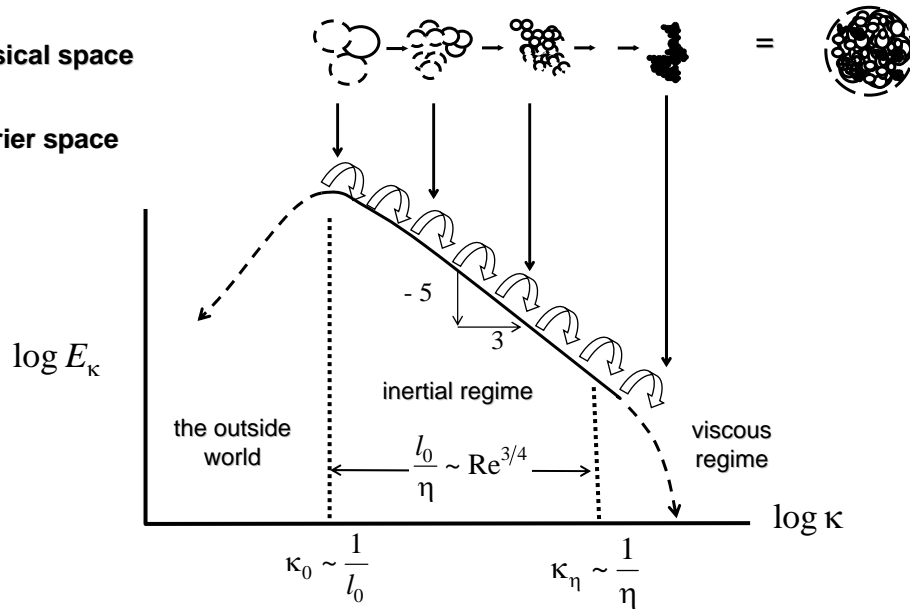
dimensions $\left. \begin{array}{l} [E_k] = L^3/T^2 \text{ (*)} \\ [\varepsilon_0] = L^2/T^3 \\ [\kappa] = L^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow E_\kappa \sim \varepsilon_0^{2/3} \kappa^{-5/3}$

(*) Parseval : $\langle u^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty E(k) dk \Rightarrow [\langle u^2 \rangle] = L^2/T^2 = [E(k)] \times L^{-1} \Rightarrow [E(k)] = L^3/T^2$

5.5 turbulence in Fourier space (...)

• physical space

• Fourier space



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chapitre 6 miscellaneous

6.1 turbulence and rheology

6.2 turbulence and singularities

6.3 turbulence and fractal

6.4 turbulence and applications

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6.1 turbulence and rheology

- **observation**

- ✓ turbulence changes the **dynamical properties** of flows
- ✓ but it does not change, in any way, the **physical properties** of fluid

- **question**

- ✓ conversely : do the physical properties of fluid change turbulence ?

- **answer**

- ✓ yes

- **back to chapter 4**

- ✓ the case of a pipe

back to chapitre 4

turbulence : a paradox

4.1 dissipation

4.2 dissipation : the case of a sphere

4.3 a paradox

4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe

4.5 the Richardson-Kolmogorov cascade

4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe

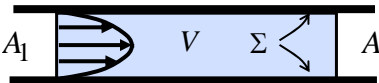
we skipped this case last Monday

4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \frac{1}{V} \iint_S \overline{\phi_{e_k}} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS - \varepsilon_V \\ \phi_{e_k} = - \left(\frac{p}{\rho} + e_k \right) \underline{u} + 2\nu \underline{d} \cdot \underline{u} & \text{- power of surfacic efforts} \\ \varepsilon_V & \text{- mean dissipation rate per unit mass} \end{cases}$$

• pipe

$$S = \Sigma \cup A_1 \cup A_2$$



$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_V = \frac{1}{V} \underbrace{\iint_{\Sigma} \overline{\phi_{e_k}} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds}_{\text{no slip}} + \frac{1}{V} \iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} \overline{\phi_{e_k}} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds$$

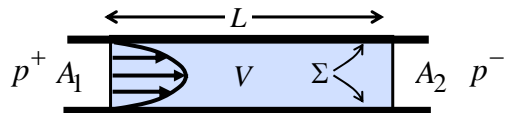
✓ supposing the **velocity field** statistically homogenous in the direction parallel to the pipe axis

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_V = -\frac{1}{V} \iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} \frac{1}{\rho} \overline{p \underline{u}} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS - \frac{1}{V} \underbrace{\iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} \overline{e_k \underline{u}} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS + \frac{1}{V} \iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} 2\nu \overline{(\underline{d} \cdot \underline{u})} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS}_{\text{statistical homogeneity along the pipe axis}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\varepsilon_V = -\frac{1}{V} \iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} \frac{1}{\rho} \overline{p \underline{u}} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS}$$

energy of the pressure force is transformed into heat

4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe (...)



$$\varepsilon_V = -\frac{1}{V} \iint_{A_1 \cup A_2} \frac{1}{\rho} \overline{p \underline{u}^T} \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

• approximation : introducing

- ✓ the mean surfacic pressures $p^+ = \frac{1}{A_1} \iint_{A_1} \overline{p}^T \, dS$, $p^- = \frac{1}{A_2} \iint_{A_2} \overline{p}^T \, dS$
- ✓ the mean bulk velocity $\overline{U}_b^T = \frac{1}{A_1} \iint_{A_1} \overline{\underline{u}}^T \cdot \underline{n} \, dS = \frac{1}{A_2} \iint_{A_2} \overline{\underline{u}}^T \cdot \underline{n} \, dS = \text{const.}$

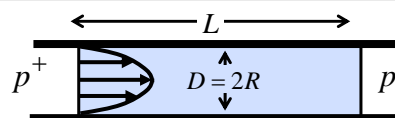
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A_1 = A_2 = A \\ V = A \times L \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\varepsilon_V \approx \frac{p^+ - p^-}{L} \overline{U}_b^T} \quad \text{mean pressure power per unit mass}$$

pressure gradient bulk velocity

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\rho V \varepsilon_V \approx (p^+ - p^-) \times \overline{U}_b^T \times A} \quad \text{mean pressure power}$$

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4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe (...)



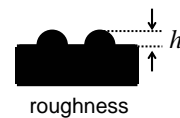
$$\rho V \varepsilon_V \approx (p^+ - p^-) \times \overline{U}_b^T \times A$$

• dimensional analysis $p^+ - p^- = \mathcal{G}(\overline{U}_b^T, D, L, h, \rho, \eta)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{p^+ - p^-}{\rho (\overline{U}_b^T)^2} = \overline{\lambda}^T \left(\text{Re}, \frac{h}{D}, \frac{L}{D} \right)} \quad \text{pipe friction coefficient}$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho \overline{U}_b^T D}{\eta} \quad \frac{h}{D} \quad \frac{L}{D} \quad (*)$$

Reynolds roughness pipe aspect ratio



• conclusion

$$\rho V \varepsilon_V \approx \underbrace{\overline{\lambda}^T \left(\text{Re}, \frac{h}{D}, \frac{L}{D} \right)}_{\text{viscosity, roughness}} \times \underbrace{\rho (\overline{U}_b^T)^3 D^2}_{\text{injected power}}$$

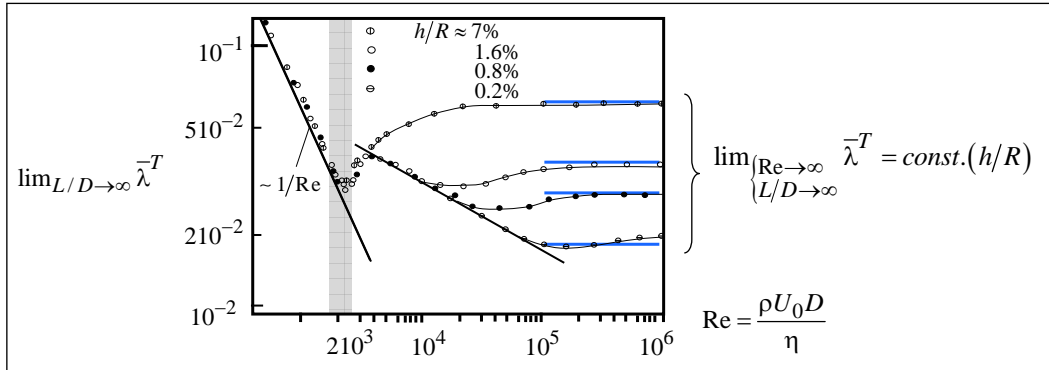
• experiments provide : $\lim_{L/D \rightarrow \infty} \overline{\lambda}^T \left(\text{Re}, \frac{h}{D}, \frac{L}{D} \right)$

(*) a relationship involving 7 parameters and 3 fundamental dimensions (length L , time T , weight M) implies a relation between $(7-3)=4$ independant non-dimensional parameters (see the Vaschy-Buckingham « Π » theorem)

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4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe (...)

• experiments on pipes



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• so we observe that :

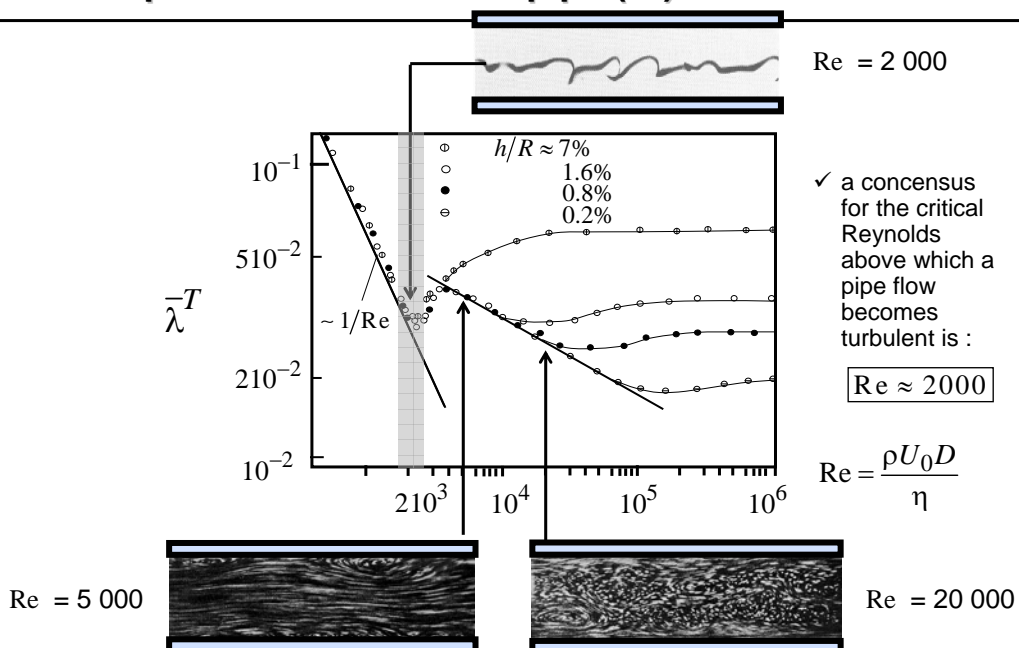
$$\lim_{\substack{Re \rightarrow \infty \\ L/D \rightarrow \infty}} (\rho V \varepsilon_V) \approx const. (h/R) \times \underbrace{\rho (\overline{U_b^T})^3 D^2}_{\text{injected power}}$$

• which shows again that :

at large Reynolds numbers, the power absorbed by viscous friction becomes independent on viscosity !!

4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe (...)

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4.4 dissipation : the case of a pipe (...)

- ✓ a consensus for the critical Reynolds above which a pipe flow becomes turbulent is :

$$\text{Re} \approx 2000$$

➤ exemple

- ✓ domestic hydraulic network pipe

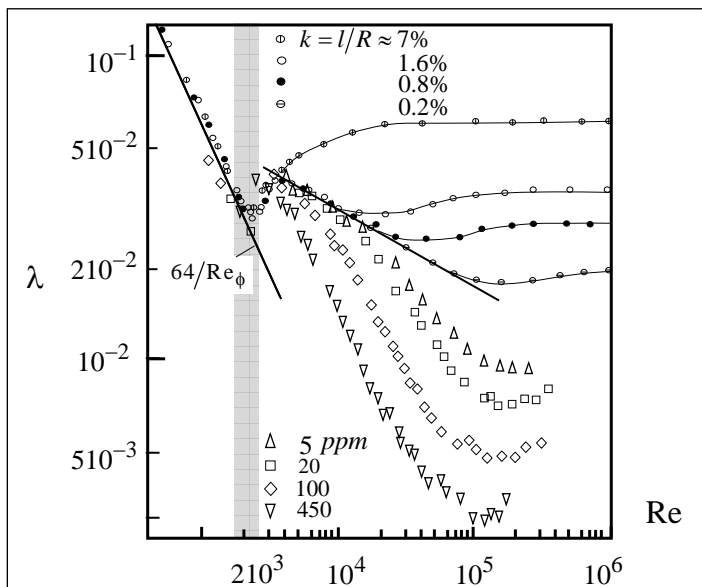
$$\text{diameter } D \approx 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

- ✓ turbulent regime :

$$\text{Re} = \frac{U D}{\nu} > 2000 \quad \Rightarrow \quad U > \frac{210^3 \times 10^{-6}}{10^{-2}} = 20 \text{ cm.s}^{-1}$$



6.1 turbulence and rheology



- polyethylene oxyd in solution
- dissipation may decrease by 80%
- this should result from an increase in the viscosity
- the fluid is non newtonian, its structure being anisotropic
- an elongation viscosity appears that can be more than a thousand times larger than the shear viscosity η
- Note : this suggests that **laminar-turbulent transition** (still around $\text{Re}=2000$) and **turbulence** are two different problems

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 . Virk, PhD 1966

6.1 turbulence and rheology (...)

- **exemple : pipeline**

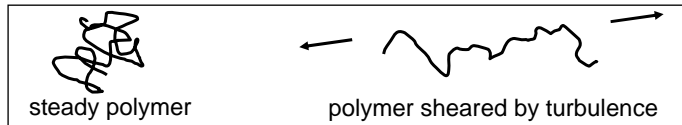
Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS)



www.alaska-pipe.com

- ✓ one of the world's longest pipe (800 miles)
- ✓ **non-newtonien** fluid application : Drag Reduction Agent (DRA)
- ✓ liquid gas doped with DRA : long polymeric hydrocarbon chain
- ✓ mass flow is increased from 1.44 to 2.136 millions of barrels / day !!

- ✓ mecanism :



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6.2 turbulence and singularities

- **dissipation function** $\epsilon(\underline{x}, t) = \underline{\tau} : \nabla \underline{u} > 0$

- **incompressible and homogeneous newtonian fluid with constant viscosity**

$$\epsilon(\underline{x}, t) = 2\eta \underline{d} : \underline{d}$$

ϵ_1 pseudo-dissipation

- **other form** (chap.3, §3.4) $\epsilon(\underline{x}, t) = \underbrace{\eta |\nabla \underline{u}|^2}_{\text{gradients}} + \eta \operatorname{div}(\nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{u})$

- **averaging in a volume**

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle_V \equiv \frac{1}{V} \iiint_V \epsilon(\underline{x}, t) dV = \frac{1}{V} \iiint_V \eta |\nabla \underline{u}|^2 dV + \underbrace{\iint_S \eta (\nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{u}) \cdot \underline{n} dS}_{=0}$$

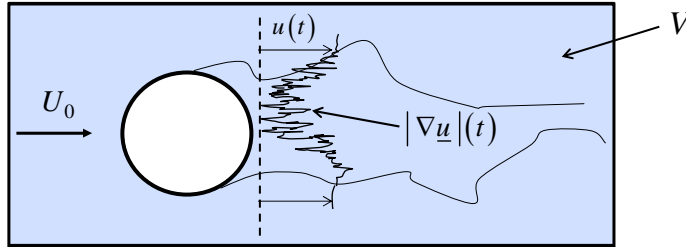
⇒ turbulence : a « gradient factory »

on conveniently
chosen boundary
(e.g. ideal flow)

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6.2 turbulence and singularities (...)

- sphere



- dissipation

$$\varepsilon_V = \overline{\langle \epsilon \rangle_V}^T = \frac{1}{T} \int \left[\frac{1}{V} \iiint \frac{1}{T} \int \eta |\nabla \underline{u}|^2 dV \right] dt$$

$$\lim_{Re \rightarrow \infty} (\rho V \varepsilon_V) = const. \times \rho U_0^3 D^2$$

- singularities

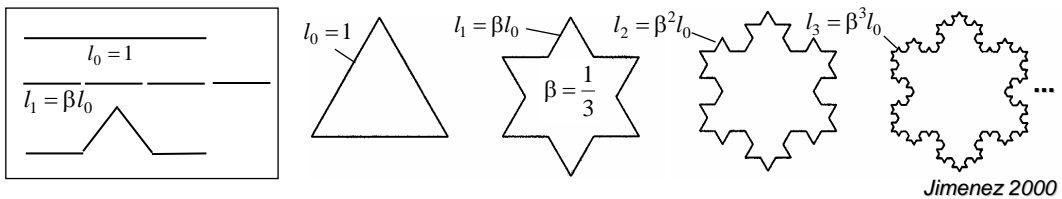
$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \left(\eta \right) \times \frac{1}{V} \iiint \left[\frac{1}{T} \int \underbrace{|\nabla \underline{u}|^2}_{\rightarrow \infty} dt \right] dv \right\} = \text{const.}$$

⇒ \underline{u} develops singularities

6.3 turbulence and fractal

- fractal : a continuous non-differentiable object

- example : Koch's flake

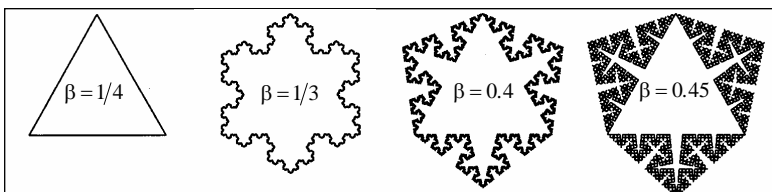


✓ after n iterations :

➤ number of sides : $N_n = 3 \times (4)^n$

➤ total length : $L_n = 3 \times (4\beta)^n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \beta > \frac{1}{4}$$



⇒ an infinite line covering a finite surface

6.3 turbulence and fractal (...)

- fractals in nature

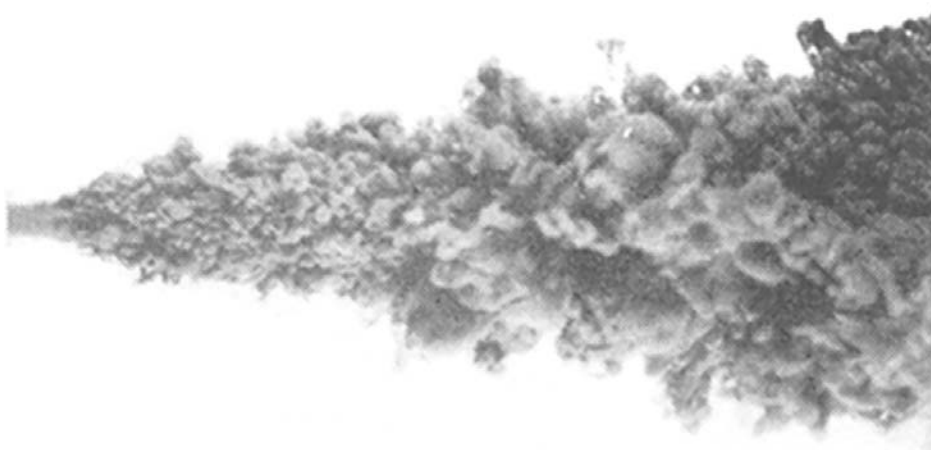
increase the exchange surface for a given volume

examples

object	flux
• lung + bloodstream	• $O_2 \leftrightarrow CO_2$
• foliage	• $CO_2 \leftrightarrow O_2$
• lightning	• electrons
• roads	• goods
• turbulence in fluids	• momentum

6.3 turbulence and fractal (...)

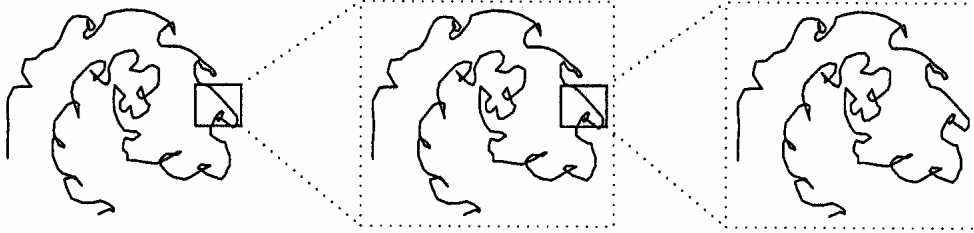
- a turbulent jet : a fractal object ?



6.3 turbulence and fractal (...)

- fractal is self similar

✓ interface fluid / fluid



scale invariance

Jimenez 2000

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6.3 turbulence and fractal (...)

- fractal, self similarity and scale invariance

self similarity

a fonction $u(l)$ of a variable l is said to be self similar if, for any real number λ the ratio between $u(l)$ and $u(\lambda l)$ does not depend on l

scale invariance

a self similar fonction $u(l)$ satisfies a power scaling law $u(l) \sim l^p$ (see annex)

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annex – self similarity and scale invariance : demonstration

✓ putting :
$$u(\lambda l) = A(\lambda, l)u(l)$$

✓ supposing :
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial l} A(\lambda, l) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial l} \left(\frac{u(\lambda l)}{u(l)} \right) = \frac{1}{u(l)} \frac{\partial u(\lambda l)}{\partial l} - \frac{u(\lambda l)}{u^2(l)} \frac{du(l)}{dl}$$

$$= A(\lambda, l) \left[\frac{\lambda}{u(\lambda l)} \frac{du(\lambda l)}{d(\lambda l)} - \frac{1}{u(l)} \frac{du(l)}{dl} \right] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda \frac{d \ln u(\lambda l)}{d(\lambda l)} = \frac{d \ln u(l)}{dl} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d \ln u(\lambda l)}{d \ln u(l)} = 1$$

✓ check that $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}$, $u(l) \sim l^p$ is a solution :

$$\frac{d \ln (\lambda l)^p}{d \ln l^p} = \frac{d \ln (\lambda l)}{d \ln l} = \frac{d \ln \lambda}{d \ln l} + \frac{d \ln l}{d \ln l} = 1$$

6.3 turbulence and fractal (...)

• fractal, self similarity and scale invariance

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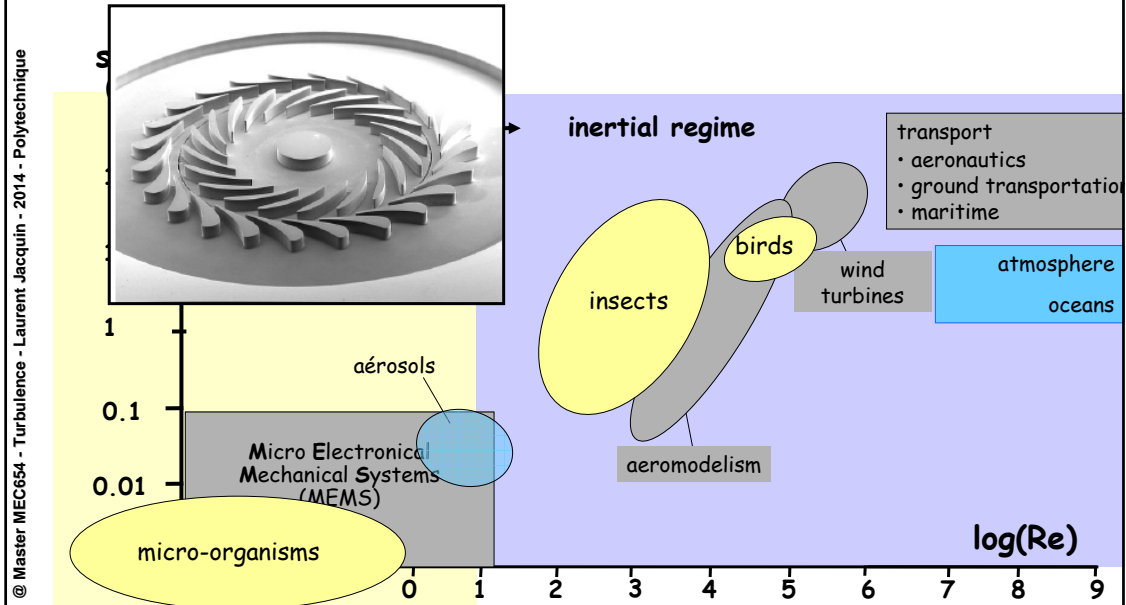
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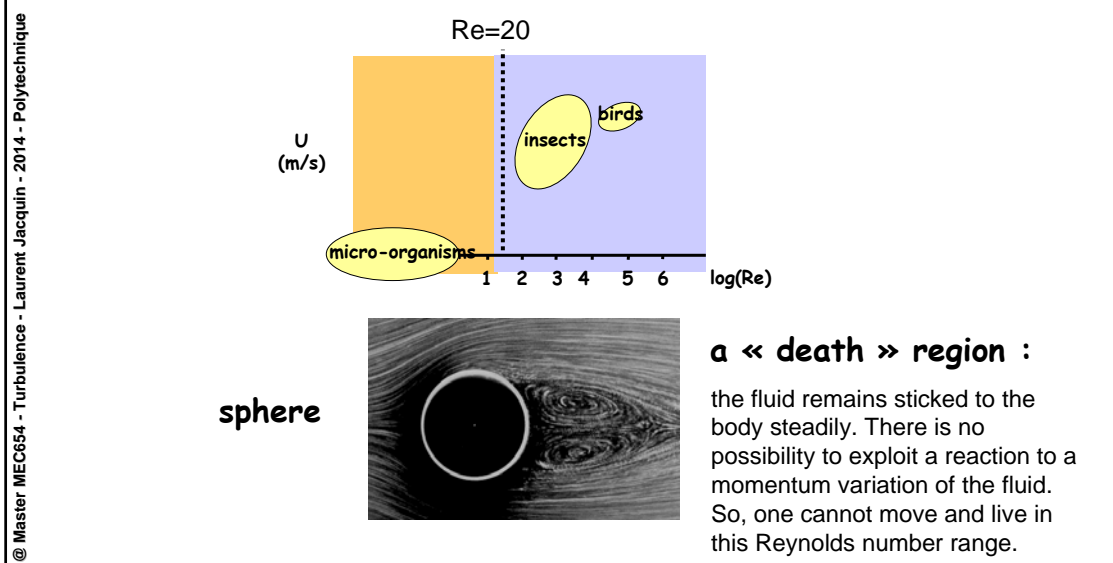
• the Richardson-Kolmogorov cascade

- ✓ we found that the energy cascade is characterized by a power law $u(l) \sim l^p$, $p = \frac{1}{3}$:
so this is a self similar process, which means « identical whatever the scale »
- ✓ finally, note that the self-similarity of a physical process is conceivable only in a bounded domain of the variables considered. In the cascade, this concerns the inertial regime, which comprises scales much smaller than the outer scales determined by the turbulence generating process and much larger than the smallest scales where viscosity smoothes the variables and reestablishes their analytical character

6.4 turbulence and applications

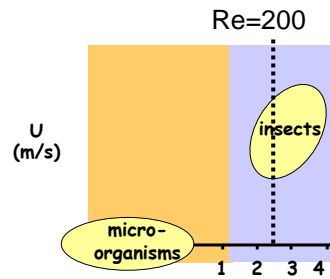


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sphere

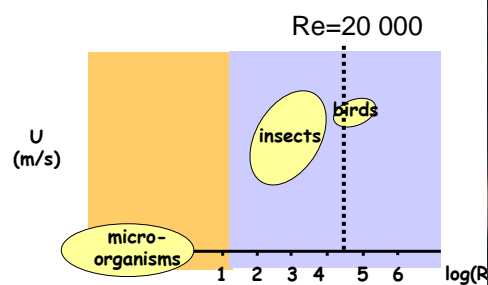


vortices

some fluid momentum is ejected. The body reacts and can move. Insects live here. This is not yet a turbulent regime.

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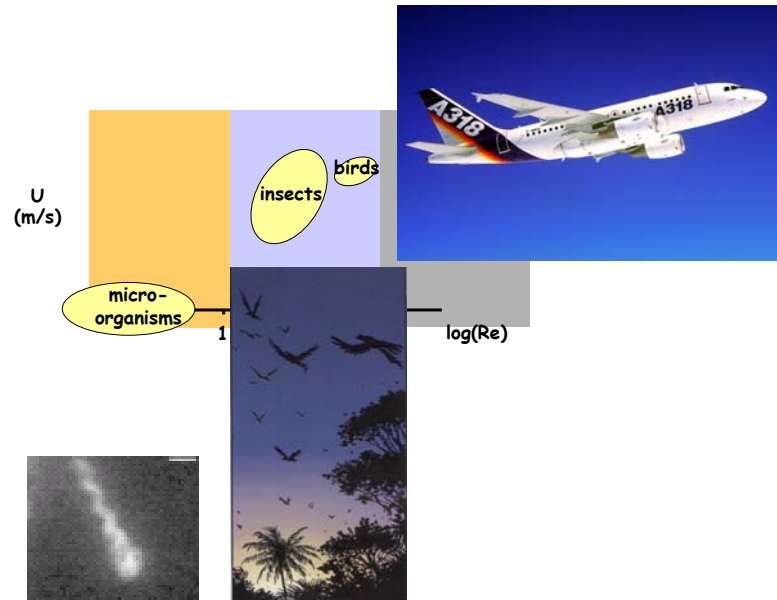
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**vortices
and turbulence**

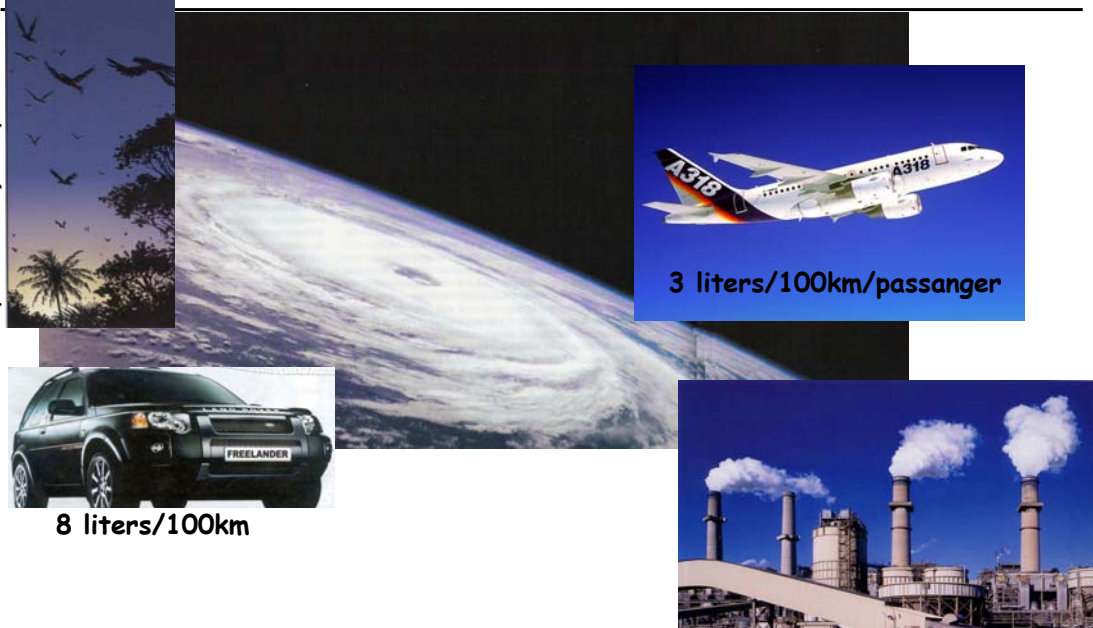
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6.5 turbulence and art

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