

Highly nonlinear fluid flows in water, helium, glycerin, and sodium

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Surface wave jets and turbulent intermittency
 Rapidly rotating turbulent flows







-0.016s















Force balance leads to 3 scaling regimes



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{\nabla}) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{\nabla} \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{\nabla} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \qquad l \sim |\tau|^{1/2}$$
Bernoulli (i- σ)

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{\nabla} \phi)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \kappa = 0 \qquad l \sim |\tau|^{2/3}$$
Stokes (v- σ)

$$\mathbf{\nabla} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{\nabla} \mathbf{P} \qquad l \sim |\tau|$$
P = P_{atm} + $\sigma \kappa$ + visc. terms

Similarity Equations

 $\alpha = 2/3 \gamma = 1/3$

Time drops out of problem



large radius --> cone f ~ u angle free g ~ u^{1/2} small radius --> regular





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Intense Rotation and Dissipation in Turbulent Flows









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Measuring Gradients



3 camera views

fit data to model



$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x} V_{x} & \partial_{y} V_{x} & \partial_{z} V_{x} \\ \partial_{x} V_{y} & \partial_{y} V_{y} & \partial_{z} V_{y} \\ \partial_{x} V_{z} & \partial_{y} V_{z} & \partial_{z} V_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$



Dissipation and Enstrophy Time Series -- Intense Events

Burgers Equation

Gradient steepening





Euler Equation

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} + (\underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \underline{\nabla}) \underline{\mathbf{u}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \underline{\nabla} \mathbf{P}$$
$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Ansatz

 $l \sim \tau^{\alpha}$ $v \sim \tau^{\gamma}$ $\underline{v}(\underline{x},t) = \tau^{\gamma} \underline{G}(\underline{x} / \tau^{\alpha})$

 $\partial_i u_j = \tau^{-1} \partial_i G_j$ at origin $\alpha < 1$ local $\alpha = 2/5$ Constantin, Green, Pelz $\alpha = 3/2$ corresp. K41

 $\underline{\mathbf{G}} = \mathbf{r}^{\gamma/\alpha} \, \underline{\mathbf{f}} \, (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$

Similarity equations (time independent)

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 $-\gamma \,\underline{G} + \alpha (\underline{r} \cdot \underline{\nabla}') \underline{G} + (\underline{G} \cdot \underline{\nabla}') \underline{G} + \underline{\nabla}' \Pi = 0$

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{G} = 0$ $\gamma = \alpha - 1$



Time dependence of dissipation rise



 $\alpha = -2/\delta$

Rapidly Rotating -- Coriolis Large

$$\partial_t \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \bullet \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} P + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \bullet \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\partial_{t} \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} P$$

$$2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} P$$

$$(\vec{\Omega} \bullet \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = 0$$
 Taylor-Proudman theorem





Decay of kinetic energy -- oscillations!

Water

Grid generated turbulence





$$\partial_t \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} P$$

$$\partial_t \vec{\omega} = 2(\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{v} = 2\Omega_0 \partial_z \vec{v}$$

Plane wave solutions
$$\vec{v} = \vec{v_o} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\omega = \pm 2\Omega_0 \frac{k_z}{k}$$

 $0 < |\omega| < 2\Omega_{o}$

Modes of Containers

Frequency spectra of <v>

Water

Grid generated turbulence





Simulations by Johannes Wicht Dynamo action in Spherical Couette flow



internal shocks



M. Rieutord and L. Valdettaro. Inertial Waves in a Rotating Spherical Shell. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 341:77-99, 1997.

Equations of motion: known

$$\partial_{t}\vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\vec{\nabla}P + \frac{1}{\rho\mu_{0}}(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} + \nu\nabla^{2}\vec{v}$$

$$\partial_{t}\vec{B} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{v} + \eta\nabla^{2}\vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \qquad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$
Key Parameters

 $R_m = \frac{UL}{\eta} = \frac{\text{magnetic field stretching}}{\text{resistive damping}} > 1$

 $Pr_{m} = \frac{v}{\eta} = \frac{\text{momentum diffusivity}}{\text{magnetic diffusivity}} \sim o(10^{-5})$

 $R = \frac{UL}{v} > o(10^5)$

large R --> turbulence

S = $\frac{B_0L}{(\rho\mu_0)^{1/2}\eta}$ = $\frac{\text{Alfven wave motion}}{\text{resistive damping}} > 1$



60 cm experiment









Modes in spherical Couette flow

 $\Omega_{O} = 30 \text{ Hz}$



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Induced magnetic field



(c) $\omega_{lab}/\Omega_o = 0.39, \, \Omega_i = -12.2 \text{ Hz}$



(d) $l_{mag} = 3, l = 4, m = 1, \omega/\Omega = 0.612$

Induced magnetic field

Experiment

(e)
$$\omega_{lab}/\Omega_o = 2.50, \ \Omega_i = 16.8 \ \mathrm{Hz}$$



(g)
$$\omega_{lab} / \Omega_o = 1.51, \, \Omega_i = 12.0 \text{ Hz}$$



(h) $l_{mag} = 4, l = 5, m = 2, \omega/\Omega = 0.467$

Conclusions

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