

Anisotropic Correlation Functions in k Space

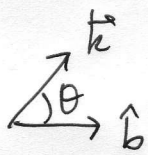
$$\langle u_i(\vec{k}) u_j(\vec{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^d \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') C_{ij}(\vec{k})$$

Suppose we have a preferred direction in space defined by a unit vector  $\hat{b}_i$ . Then

$$C_{ij}(\vec{k}) = C_1 \delta_{ij} + C_2 \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j + C_3 \hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j + C_4 \hat{b}_i \hat{k}_j + C_5 \hat{k}_i \hat{b}_j,$$

where  $\hat{k}_i = \frac{k_i}{k}$  unit vector along  $\vec{k}$ ,

and  $C_n = C_n(k, \xi)$ , where  $\xi = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{b} = \cos \theta$



Symmetry:  $C_{ij} = C_{ji}$  gives [This is true if  $C_{ij}(\vec{k}) = C_{ij}(-\vec{k})$ , i.e. system is mirror-symmetric]

$$C_4 \hat{b}_i \hat{k}_j + C_5 \hat{k}_i \hat{b}_j = C_4 \hat{b}_j \hat{k}_i + C_5 \hat{k}_j \hat{b}_i$$

$$\hat{b}_i \hat{k}_j (C_4 - C_5) + \hat{k}_i \hat{b}_j (C_5 - C_4) = 0 \quad \forall \hat{k}_i$$

$$\boxed{C_4 = C_5}$$

Incompressibility:  $\hat{k}_i C_{ij} = 0$

$$C_1 \hat{k}_j + C_2 \hat{k}_j + C_3 \xi \hat{b}_j + C_4 \xi \hat{k}_j + C_4 \hat{b}_j = 0$$

$$\hat{k}_j (C_1 + C_2 + \xi C_4) + \hat{b}_j (\xi C_3 + C_4) = 0 \quad \forall \hat{k}_j$$

$$\boxed{C_1 + C_2 + \xi C_4 = 0} \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 - \xi^2 C_3 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = -C_1 + \xi^2 C_3$$

$$\boxed{\xi C_3 + C_4 = 0} \Rightarrow C_4 = -\xi C_3$$

So we have

$$C_{ij}(\vec{k}) = C_1 \delta_{ij} + (-C_1 + \xi^2 C_3) \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j + C_3 \hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j - \xi C_3 (\hat{b}_i \hat{k}_j + \hat{b}_j \hat{k}_i)$$

$$= \underbrace{C_1(k, \xi)}_{C^{(i)}(k, \xi)} (\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j) + \underbrace{C_3(k, \xi)}_{C^{(a)}(k, \xi)} [\hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j + \xi^2 \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j - \xi (\hat{b}_i \hat{k}_j + \hat{b}_j \hat{k}_i)]$$

isotropic part

anisotropic part

We can also work in terms of  $\parallel$  and  $\perp$  correlation functions

(wrt  $\hat{b}$ ):

$$C_{\parallel} = C_{ij} \hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j = C_1 (1 - \xi^2) + C_3 [1 + \xi^4 - 2\xi^2] =$$

$$= C_1 (1 - \xi^2) + (1 - \xi^2)^2 C_3$$

$$C_{\perp} = C_{ij} (\delta_{ij} - \hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j) = C_{ii} - C_{\parallel} = C_1 (d-1) + C_3 \overbrace{(1 + \xi^2 - 2\xi^2)}^{1 - \xi^2} -$$

$$- C_1 (1 - \xi^2) - (1 - \xi^2)^2 C_3 =$$

$$= C_1 (d - 2 + \xi^2) + \xi^2 (1 - \xi^2) C_3$$

1 for  $d=3$

2D flow: no spatial correlations in the direction of  $\hat{b}$ ,

so  $\xi = 0$  or, formally,  $C_1, C_3 \propto \delta(\xi)$ . Then

$$C_{ij}(\vec{k}) = C_1 (\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j) + C_3 \hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j$$

and  $C_{\parallel} = C_1 + C_3$ ,  $C_{\perp} = C_1$