# Incompressible Euler equations at critical regularity

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- Vorticity  $\omega$ , Velocity u. Domain  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{T}^2$ .
- Strongest conservation law:  $\|\omega\|_{L^{\infty}} = \|\omega_0\|_{L^{\infty}}$ .
- Classical ('30s): global wellposedness for  $C_c^{\infty}$
- Yudovich ('63): wellposedness in  $L^{\infty}$ .

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Incompressible Euler is a transport equation, regularity of the solution expected to be preserved in time. Most typical choice:  $Y = L^{\infty}([0, T]; X)$  or C([0, T]; X).

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Scaling criticality:  $\omega(t,x)\mapsto \omega(t,\lambda x)$  leaves  $\dot{W}^{2/p,p}$  invariant.

# Why do we care?

#### Motivations

- Theoretical desire: wellposedness in the largest possible class
- Coincide with strongest conservation law
- Some physical situations (e.g. logarithmic spirals)
- Slightly sub/super-critical dynamics

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If we want  $\omega_0 \in H^1$  with  $\omega(t,\cdot) \notin H^1$ , then

- Pick initial data for which the RHS is divergent,
- Propagate a lower bound for the RHS for some time.

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Log-inequality

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^{\infty}} \le C\|\omega\|_{L^{\infty}} \ln(10 + \|\omega\|_X), \quad X = \text{subcritical}$$

Potential expexp growth (Denisov '09, Kiselev-Sverak '14,...)

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$$\|\omega_0\|_{W^{2/p,p}} < \epsilon, \qquad \sup_{t \in (0,\delta)} \|\omega(t)\|_{W^{2/p,p}} > \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$

• (nonexistence) there exists  $\omega_0 \in W^{2/p,p}_{comp} \cap L^{\infty}$  such that the Yudovich solution escapes  $W^{2/p,p}$  instantaneously, i.e.

$$\|\omega_0\|_{W^{2/p,p}} < \epsilon, \qquad \|\omega(t)\|_{W^{2/p,p}} = +\infty, \quad t \in (0,\delta]$$



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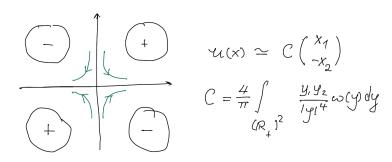
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Hence, for illposedness, it is **essential** to take  $\omega_0 \in W^{n/q,q} \setminus \bigcup_p B_{p,1}^{n/p}$ .



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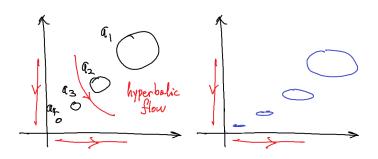
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- Vorticity **odd** in both axes and non-negative on  $(\mathbb{R}_+)^2$ : generates hyperbolic flow near the origin



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This suggests taking  $a_j = j^{-\alpha}$ ,  $1 \ge \alpha > 1/2$ . Essentially,

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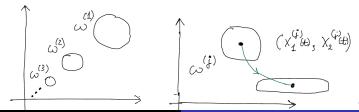
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Application of Key Lemma:

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