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Strongly Nonlinear Diffusion in Turbulent Environment: A Problem with Infinitely Many Couplings

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The field theoretic renormalization group is applied to the strongly nonlinear stochastic advection-diffusion equation. The turbulent advection is modelled by the Kazantsev–Kraichnan “rapid-change” ensemble. As a requirement of the renormalizability, the model necessarily involves infinite number of coupling constants (“charges”). The one-loop counterterm is calculated explicitly.

The corresponding renormalization group equation demonstrates existence of a pair of two-dimensional surfaces of fixed points in the infinite-dimensional parameter space. If the surfaces contain infrared attractive regions, the problem allows for the large-scale, long-time scaling behaviour.

For the first surface (advection is irrelevant), the critical dimensions of the scalar field $\Delta_{\{\theta\}}$, the response field $\Delta_{\{\theta'\}}$ and the frequency $\Delta_{\{\Omega\}}$ are nonuniversal (through the dependence on the effective couplings) but satisfy certain exact identities. For the second surface (advection is relevant), the dimensions are universal and they are found exactly.

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