

## **Turbulence**

**Turbulence,** often encountered in everyday phenomena like **flowing fluids**, holds a profound level of organization that scientists are still striving to understand.

- Turbulence is a complex fluid motion characterized by chaotic fluctuations, unpredictable variations, and the formation of swirling patterns called vortices.
- The balance between fluid inertia (fluid's tendency to keep moving) and viscosity (motion-slowing force) determines whether a flow is laminar (well-ordered) or turbulent (highly unstable).
  - When inertia dominates, turbulence emerges.
- Applications of Turbulence:
  - Meteorological models leverage turbulence studies for more accurate short-term weather predictions, essential for disaster preparedness.
  - Studying turbulence helps assess the dispersion of pollutants in the atmosphere, influencing environmental policies.

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