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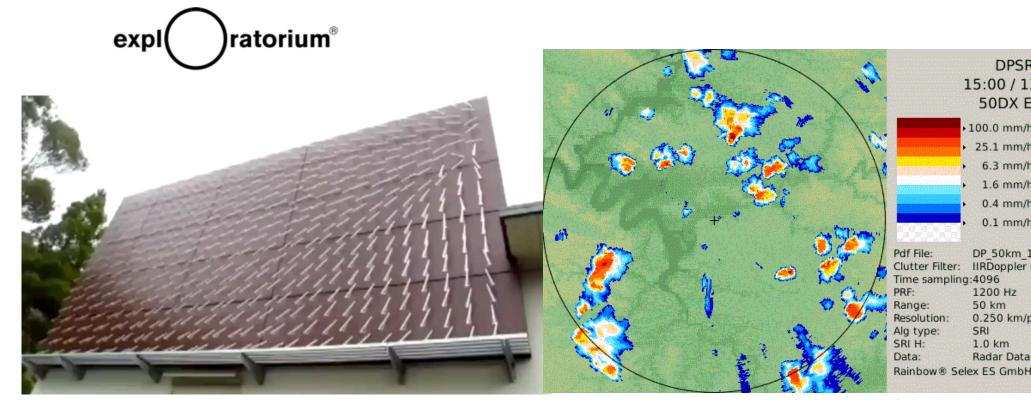
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## Millenium problem of turbulence!



Art piece 'Windswept' (Ch. Sowers, 2012): 612 freely rotating wind direction indicators to help a large public to understand the complexity of environment near the Earth surface

Polarimetric radar observations of heavy rainfalls over Paris region during 2016 spring (250 m resolution):

- heaviest rain cells are much smaller than moderate ones
- complex dynamics of their aggregation into a large front



# IPCC process



- IPCC reports presumably the most developed attempts of a dialogue between Science and Policy
  - a 2-step filtering

Assessment Reports (AR)

- —> Synthesis Report (SYR)
- —> Summary for Policymaker (SPM) evolution of an extremely complex system in few lines

SPM 1. Observed Changes and their Causes

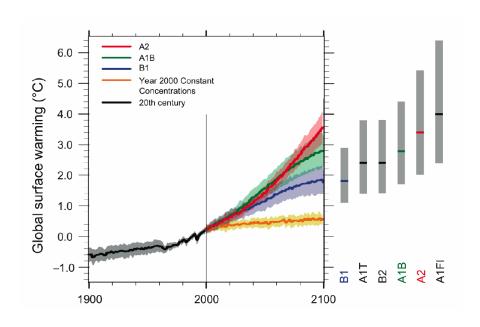
Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic emissions of green-house gases are the highest in history. Recent climate changes have had widespread impacts on human and natural systems. {1}

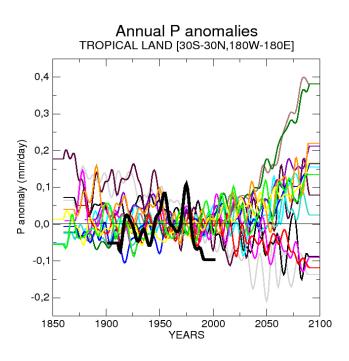
AR's already filtered products of a vast climate research



## **IPCC AR4**







**Agreement of models** on a temperature increase...

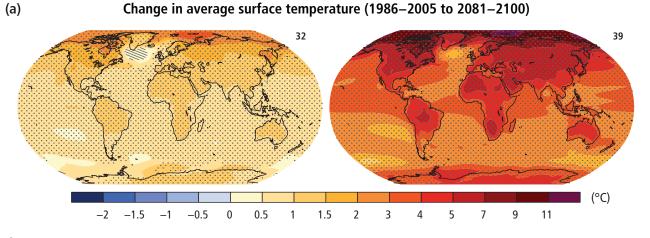
but **disagreement** on the evolution of precipitation extremes!



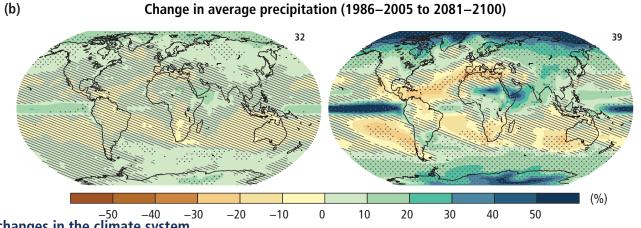
## IPCC AR5



RCP2.6 RCP8.5 Change in average surface temperature (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)



Dotted areas: projected change larger than natural internal variability



Hatched areas: projected change less than one standard deviation than natural internal variability

SPM 2.2 Projected changes in the climate system

Surface temperature is projected to rise over the 21st century under all assessed emission scenarios. It is *very likely* that heat waves will occur more often and last longer, and that extreme precipitation events will become more intense and frequent in many regions. The ocean will continue to warm and acidify, and global mean sea level to rise. {2.2}

**Figure SPM.7** I Change in average surface temperature (a) and change in average precipitation (b) based on multi-model mean projections for 2081–2100 relative to 1986–2005 under the RCP2.6 (left) and RCP8.5 (right) scenarios.

# A century of cascades!

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We realize thus that: big whirls have little whirls that feed on their velocity, and little whirls have lesser whirls and so on to viscosity—in the molecular sense.

The Supply of Energy from and to Atmospheric Eddies.

By Lewis F. Richardson.

(Communicated by Sir Napier Shaw, F.R.S. Received March 9, 1920.)

Introduction.

This paper extends Osborne Reynold's theory of the Criterion of Turbulence, to make it apply to the case in which work is done by the eddies, acting as thermodynamic engines in a gravitating atmosphere. For



# Celebrating 200 years of the Navier memoir:

# Imagining the microcosm to know the macrocosm

Introduction: S. Mougard (École des Ponts ParisTech)
Speakers: U. Frsich (Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur, Académie des Sciences), E. Bodenschatz (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen)
Chair: D. Schertzer (École des Ponts ParisTech)

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## MÉMOIRE

SUR LES LOIS DU MOUVEMENT DES FLUIDES;

PAR M. NAVIER.

Lu à l'Académie royale des Sciences, le 18 mars 1822.

### I. Notions préliminaires.

Les géomètres représentent, au moyen d'équations aux différences partielles, les conditions générales de l'équilibre et du mouvement des fluides. Ces équations ont été déduites de divers principes, qui supposent tous que les molécules du fluide sont susceptibles de prendre les unes par rapport aux autres des mouvements quelconques, sans opposer aucune résistance, et de glisser sans effort sur les parois des vases dans lesquels le fluide est contenu. Mais les différences considérables, ou totales, que présentent dans certains cas les effets naturels avec les résultats des théories connues, indiquent la nécessité de recourir à des notions nouvelles, et d'avoir égard à certaines actions moléculaires qui se manifestent principalement dans les phénomènes du mouvement. On sait, par exemple, que, dans le cas où l'eau s'écoule hors d'un vase par un long tuyau d'un petit diamètre, le cal-

18 March 14:00-16:00 (CEST) École des Ponts ParisTech and on line

## Navier's memoir

## **MÉMOIRE**

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\frac{\cdot \mathbf{F}(\rho)}{\rho^{2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (u\sin^{2}r - v\sin r\cos r) \delta u \\ (u\sin r\cos r + v\cos^{2}r) \delta v \end{array} \right\}
e^{r_{2}} \left\{ (u\cos^{2}r\sin^{2}s + v\sin r\cos r\sin^{2}s + w\cos r\sin s\cos s) \delta u \\ \left\{ (u\sin r\cos r\sin^{2}s + v\sin^{2}r\sin^{2}s + w\sin r\sin s\cos s) \delta v \right\} \right\}
\left\{ (u\sin r\cos r\sin s\cos s + v\sin r\sin s\cos s + w\cos^{2}s) \delta w \right\}
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- 52 pages (389-
- on average 1-2 equations per page
  - not numbered
  - no vector/tensor notation
  - some fluctuations in notations
  - a unique figure
- no bibliography
  - but several online references
- published in 1823

## From Navier (1822)... to Stokes (1843)



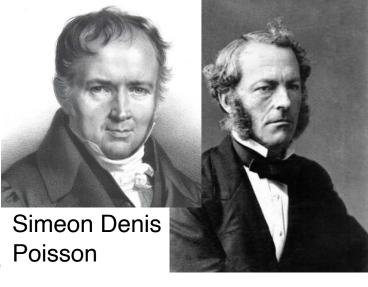
Claude Navier



Augustin-Louis Cauchy



Adhémar Jean Claude Barré de Saint-Venant



Sir George Stokes

▶ Hot debates at Ecole des Ponts and outside...

# Key points of Navier's derivation

- a paradigm shift:
  - viscosity often invoked, but first time explicit
  - moreover in a (3D) partial differential equation
  - obtained with a given level of rigour
- microcosm to macrocosm:
  - based on a few principles by Navier
  - not a unique path, see lattice gas dynamics
  - even numerous microcosms for a given macrocosm?
- localisation of the relative velocity
  - rather ad-hoc
  - but indispensable to avoid divergences
- why Ecole des Ponts was at the forefront of this research?
  - mixture of maths and engineering expertise?
  - but practicians vs. "savants" ?

# From scaling analysis to cascade processes

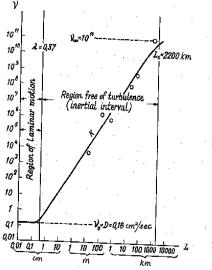
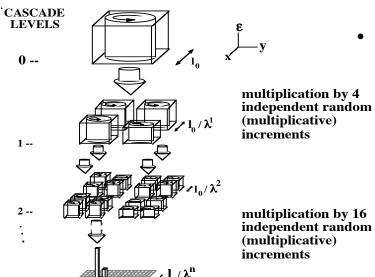


Fig. 1 The vertical diffusion coefficient v(L) as a function of the turbulence scale L. Empirical points after Richardson. (9

Richardson, 1926



#### Scaling analysis

- Passive scalar dispersion: Richardson (1926)
- Structure function: Kolmogorov (1941)
- Energy spectrum: Obukhov (1941)
- Higher order structure functions: Kolmogorov (1962), Obukhov (1962)
- Renyi dimensions: Grassberger and Procaccia (1983), Hentschel, and Procaccia (1983)
- Legendre transform to dimensions: Parisi and Frisch (1985)
- Fractal measures: Halsey et al. (1987)
- **–** ....

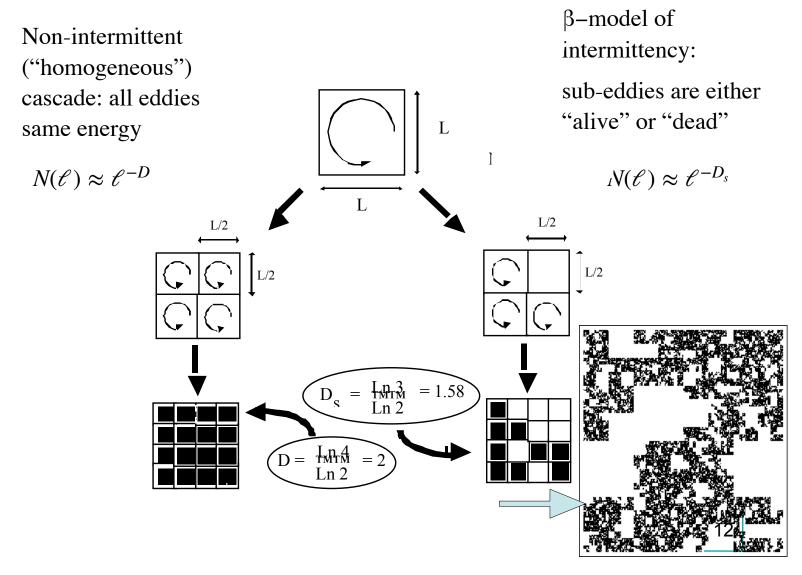
#### Cascade processes

- ß-model: Novikov and Stewart (1964), Frisch et al. (1978)
- Log normal model: Yaglom (1966)
- Limit log-normal: Mandelbrot (1974)
- $-\alpha$ -model: S+L (1984, 1985), Log-Poison model: Dubrulle (1994)
- Multiplicative chaos: Kahane (1985)
- Universal multifractals/Levy multiplicative chaos: S+L (1987a&,b, 1997)), Fan (1987)
- Log-Poison model: Dubrulle (1994), S&al (1995)
- Scaling Gyroscopes Cascade Tchiguirinskaia (1998)

Schertzer & Lovejoy, 1989b



## **Isotropic Cascades**



## Scale symmetry and equations

Whereas elementary mathematical properties of Navier-Stokes solutions are still unknown (existence, uniqueness: a Millenium problem):

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \underline{grad}(\underline{u}) = \underline{f} - \frac{1}{\rho} \underline{grad}(p) + \nu \Delta \underline{u}$$

one can point out a **scale symmetry** (\*):  $\underline{x} \mapsto \underline{x}/\lambda$ 

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$$t \mapsto t/\lambda^{1-\gamma}; \underline{u} \mapsto \underline{u}/\lambda^{\gamma};$$

$$\underline{f} \mapsto \underline{f}/\lambda^{2\gamma-1}; \nu \mapsto \nu/\lambda^{1+\gamma}; \rho \mapsto \rho/\lambda^{\gamma'}$$

Kolmogorov's scaling (K41) obtained with:

$$\epsilon(\ell) \sim \frac{u^3}{\ell} \sim \bar{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \gamma_K = -1/3$$

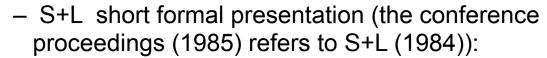
More general case: multiple singularities  $\gamma$ 's:

$$\Pr(\gamma' > \gamma) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)}$$

(\*) from self-similarity (Sedov, 1961), symmetry (Parisi +Frisch, 1985), to generalised Galilean invariance (S+al, 2010)

## Varenna summer school (1983)

- "Turbulence and Predictability in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics" organised by M. Ghil, R. Benzi et G. Parisi
  - a primary version of the multifractal formalism of Parisi and Frisch (1985). It concludes by: "Still the multifractal model appears to be somewhat more restrictive than Mandelbrot's weighted-curdling model which does include the logornormal case".



- a small perturbation of the ß-model is no longer limited to a unique dimension ( $\alpha$ -model)
- divergence of higher order moments: generic in cascade models
- the later can introduce spurious scaling, an analytical approximation depending on a unique scaling exponent H and the critical order  $\alpha$  was proposed:

$$\xi(p) = pH + \theta(p - \alpha)(1 - p/\alpha)$$

• it fits the experimental points from Anselmet et al. (1983), see fig. 1 with  $H = 1/3, \alpha = 5, 5.5, 6$ 

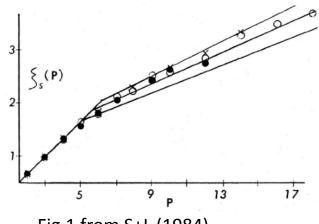
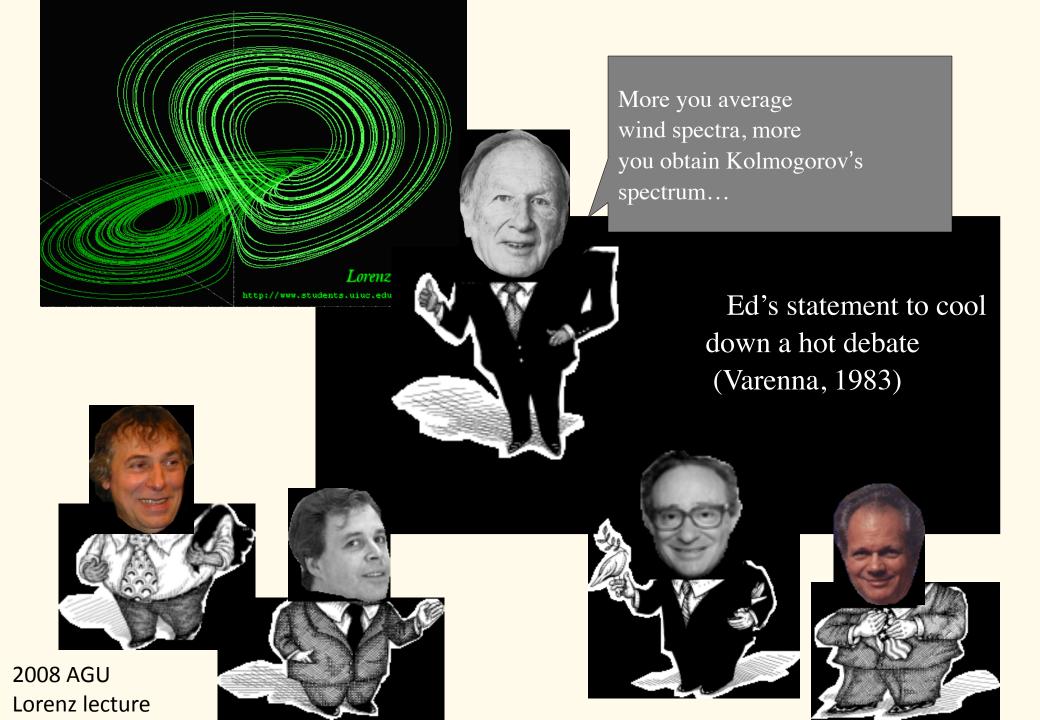


Fig.1 from S+L (1984)





# Van der Hoven wind spectrum (1957)

Richardson cascade is split into macro, meso, micro oscillations...

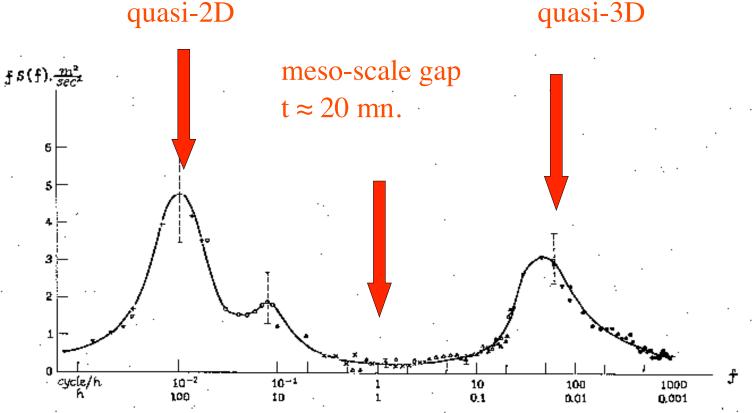
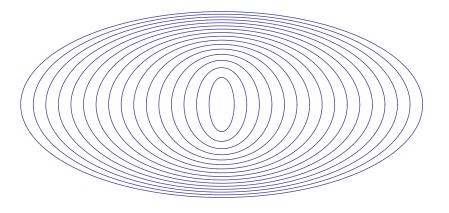


Fig. 3 Spectrum of the horizontal wind velocity. After Van der Hoyen, 26 Some experimental points are shown on the graph; see reference 26.

# $2+H_z$ -dimensional vorticity equation (0< $H_z$ <1)

Scaling stratified /convective atmosphere:





$$D\vec{\sigma}/Dt = (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h)\vec{u}_h$$
 
$$D\vec{\tau}/Dt = (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h + \vec{\omega}_v \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v)\vec{u}_h$$
 
$$D\vec{\omega}_v/Dt = (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h + \vec{\omega}_v \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v)\vec{u}_v$$

Strong interactions between *local generalized* scales,

- = strongly non local (Euclidean) scales!
- a difficulty for direct numerical simulations?
- easy for stochastic simulations!

S&al, APC, 2012

# Cascades and statistical physics

Transformation of a measure  $\sigma$  with the help of a "density"  $\varepsilon$  into another measure  $\Pi$ :

$$d\Pi = \varepsilon d\sigma$$

Generalisation with a non trivial limit  $\varepsilon$  of densities  $\varepsilon_{\lambda}$  of increasing resolution:  $\lambda = L/\ell \to \infty$ 

Mellin

transform

$$\varepsilon_{\lambda} = e^{\Gamma_{\lambda}}; \ Ee^{q\Gamma_{\lambda}} = Z_{\lambda}(q) = e^{K_{\lambda}(q)} \approx \lambda^{K(q)} \longleftrightarrow P(\varepsilon_{\lambda} > \lambda^{\gamma}) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)}$$

main "trick":  $\log \lambda$  -divergence of the generator => that of the cumulant generating function

Legendre transform

$$K(q) \longleftrightarrow c(\gamma)$$

 $\Gamma$ : generator  $\approx$  hamiltonian

q: statistical order  $\approx$ inverse of temperature

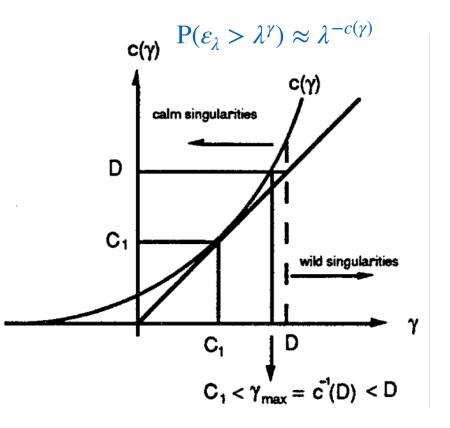
Z: 1st characteristic or moment generating function  $\approx$  partition function

K: 2nd characteristic or cumulant generating function  $\approx$  Mathieu Potential = Gibbs free entropy

c: codimension or Kramer function  $\approx$  entropy

 $\gamma$ : singularity or Hölder exponent  $\approx$  energy

## Codimension vs. Dimension formalisms



$$dim(A) + codim(A) = D$$

- codimensions easier for stochastic processes (S+L 85, 87, & 88, M88, 92 (Kramer functions)) proba =ratio of 2 numbers!
- conservation vs. degenerescence independent of the domain dimension

upper 
$$\dim(\sigma) < C_1 \Rightarrow \varepsilon \sigma = 0$$
 (degenerescence)  
lower  $\dim(\sigma) > C_1 \Rightarrow E\varepsilon \sigma = \sigma$  (conservative)  
 $\Rightarrow E\varepsilon$  is a projector

- relations between deterministic dimensions and stochastic codimensions for a given D domain dimension:

$$\alpha_D + \gamma = D = f(\alpha_D) + c(\gamma)$$
 
$$D(q) + C(q) = D; \ \tau_D(q) = (q-1)D(q); \ K(q) = (q-1)C(q)$$



## Multifractal phase transitions

$$P(\varepsilon_{\lambda} > \lambda^{\gamma}) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)}$$

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  $K(q) = \sup_{\gamma} [q\gamma - c(\gamma)]$ 

$$c(\gamma) = \sup_{\alpha} [q\gamma - K(q)]$$

$$<\varepsilon_{\lambda}^{q}>pprox \lambda^{K(q)}$$

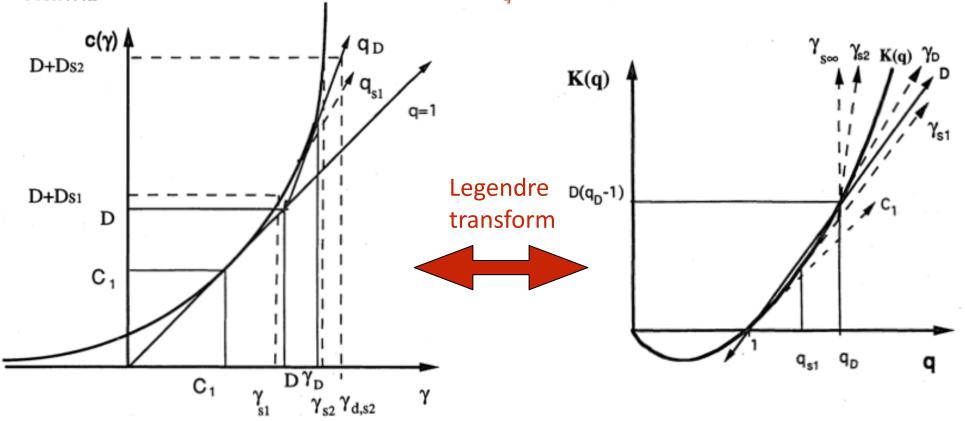


Fig. 5.5: Schematic diagram of c(γ), c<sub>d</sub>(γ) indicating two sampling dimensions D<sub>S1</sub>, D<sub>S2</sub> and their corresponding  $\gamma_{S1} < \gamma_D < \gamma_{S2} < \gamma_{d,S2}$ ; the critical tangent (slope qD) contains the point (D,D).

Fig. 5.6: Schematic diagram of K(q), with straight lines of slopes γ<sub>81</sub><γ<sub>D</sub><γ<sub>d,52</sub><γ<sub>d,5∞</sub> (=∞) indicating the behavior for increasing sample size Ns (Nsoo ==0). The line of slope D defining qn is also shown.

## Universality

Strong statistical universality: stable Lévy variables

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a(n), b(n) \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i = a(n)X + b(n)$$

$$\exists \alpha \in (0,2]: a(n) = n^{1/\alpha}; \alpha < 2, \forall s \gg 1: P(|X| > s) \approx s^{-\alpha}$$
 (hyperbolic/Pareto tail)  $\alpha = 2:$  Gauss

A stable Levy X is attractive for any  $Y_i$  having same type of tail:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i - b(n)}{a(n)} = d X$$

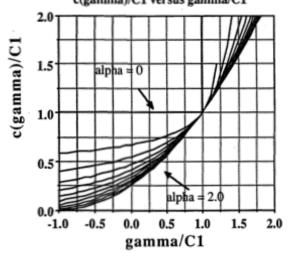
▶ Poisson sum instead!

Log-Levy  $e^{qX}$ : its moments  $E(e^{qX})$  are finite for any q > 0, iff it has only a negative Pareto tail, i.e. iff X is an extremely asymmetric/skewed Lévy stable

# K(q)/C1 versus q 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 alpha = 2.0

Fig. 1.41 Universal K(q) vs q, , for different α=0 to 2 by increment Δα=.2. c(gamma)/C1 versus gamma/C1

1.5



## **Universal multifractals**

stable and attractive multifractals under multiplication

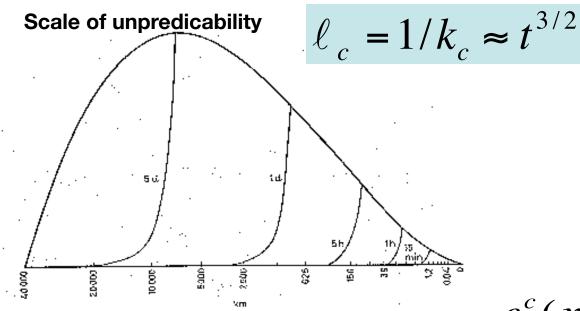
- 3 basic parameters:
  - H, deviation from conservation H=0 for conservative fields:

$$<\varepsilon_{\lambda}>pprox \lambda^{-H}, H=-K(1)$$

- $c_1$ , mean intermittency, codimension of the singularity of the mean field,  $c_1$ =0 for homogeneous field:  $c_1 = dK/dq \big|_{q=1}$
- $\alpha$ , multifractality index, variability of the intermittency,  $\alpha$ =0 for uni/monofractals:  $\alpha c_1 = d^2 K/dq^2 \big|_{q=1}$

S+L, GRL, 1987; JAM, 1997

# Spectral analysis and closures (L69)



Lorenz (1969) Leith and Kraichnan(1972) Metais and Lesieur (1986)

Flux from correlated e<sup>c</sup> to decorrelated energy e<sup>∆</sup>

$$e^{c}(\underline{x},t) = \underline{u}^{2}(\underline{x},t)\underline{u}^{1}(\underline{x},t)$$
$$e^{\Delta}(\underline{x},t) = \frac{1}{2}(\underline{u}^{2}(\underline{x},t) - \underline{u}^{1}(\underline{x},t))^{2}$$

Similar results based on turbulence phenomenology:

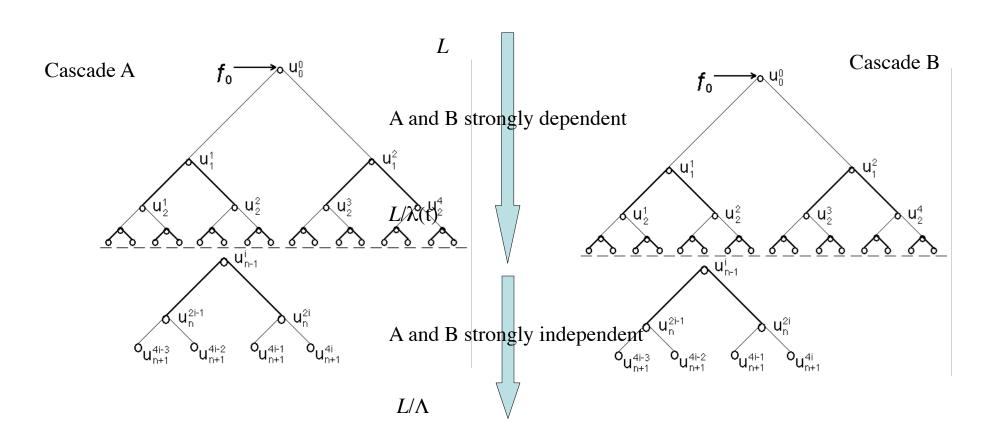
$$\ell_c^{2/3} = \varepsilon^{-1/2} t^{3/2}; \ \varepsilon = 10^{-3} \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-3}, \eta \approx 10^{-3} \text{m};$$

Divergent Lyapunov exponent:

$$\mu_{\ell} \approx u_{\ell} / \ell \approx \bar{\epsilon}^{1/3} \ell^{-2/3} \Rightarrow \lim_{\ell \to 0} (\mu_{\ell}) = \infty$$

## Multifractal predictability

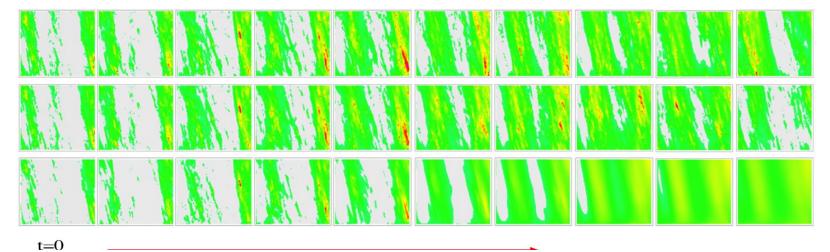
Crude idea: relaxation of (common) past structures ==> flux of the past (new) independent structures ==> flux of the future



## Multifractal predictability

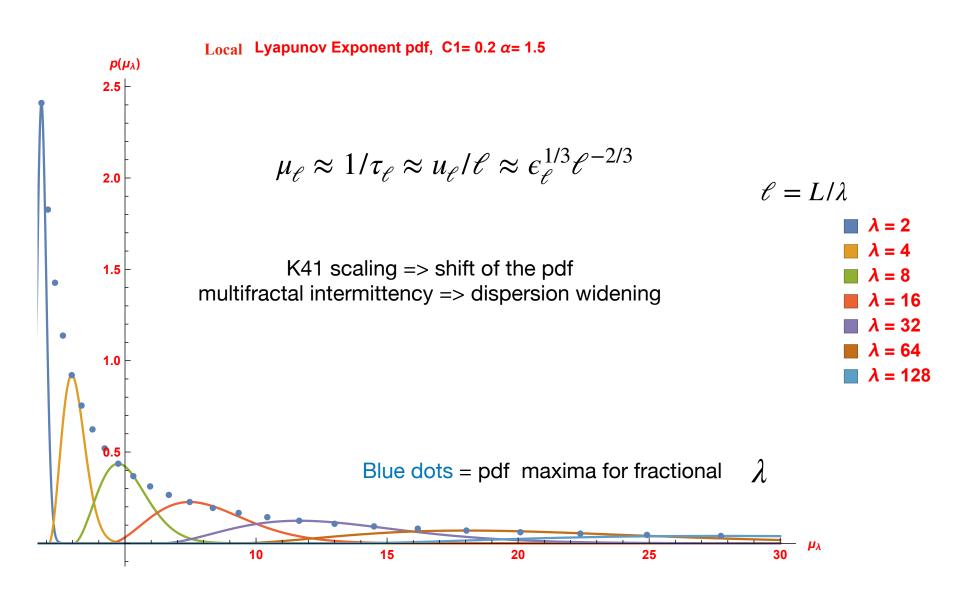
Rain simulation ( $\alpha$ =1.5, C<sub>1</sub>=0.2, H=0.1 on log scale. Realizations A, B are identical until t=0, then they diverge.

Top: Realization A. Middle: Realization B. Bottom, forecast

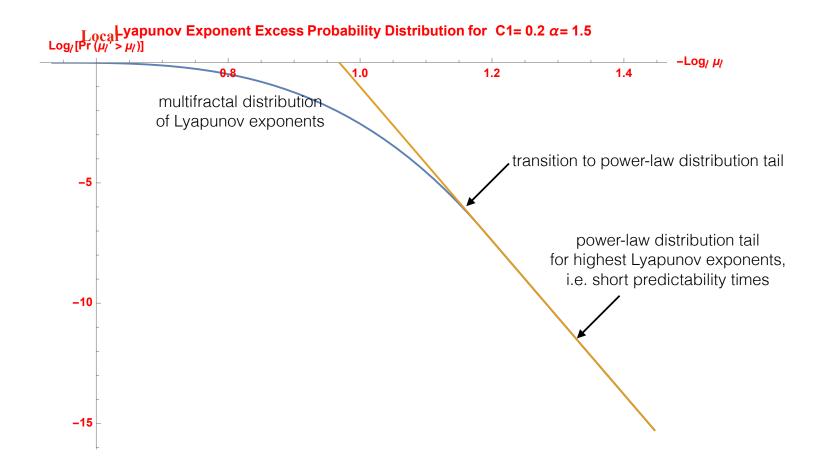


- •Power law divergence between the realizations A and B,
- => irrelevance of the finite dimensional 'LE + MET' scenario!
- •Drastic loss of variability of forecast C with deterministic sub-grid modeling (based on the conservation of the flux) => 'baby theorem': stochastic sub-grid modeling does much better than deterministic one!

## Multifractal eddy turn-over times



## Multifractal eddy turn-over times



$$\operatorname{Log}_{\ell}[Pr(\mu_{\ell}' > \mu_{\ell})] \text{ vs. } -\operatorname{Log}_{\ell}[\mu_{\ell}]$$

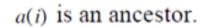
where:  $\mu_{\ell}$  is the Lyapunov exponent at scale  $\ell$ 

$$-\mathrm{Log}_{\ell}[\mu_{\ell}] > 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{\ell \to 0} (\mu_{\ell}) = \infty$$

huge fluctuations are introduced by the distribution power-law tail.

# Scaling Gyroscope Cascade

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + vk_n^2\right)\hat{u}_n^i = i\{k_{n+1} \left[\left|\hat{u}_{n+1}^{2i-1}\right|^2 - \left|\hat{u}_{n+1}^{2i}\right|^2\right] + (-1)^i k_n \hat{u}_n^i * \hat{u}_{n-1}^{a(i)}\}$$



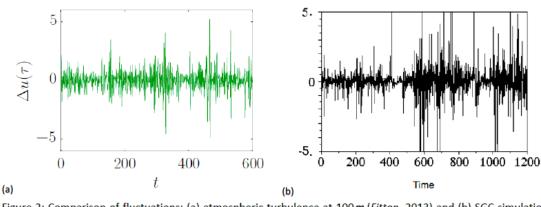
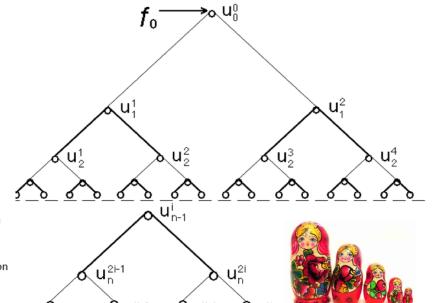


Figure 2: Comparison of fluctuations: (a) atmospheric turbulence at 100*m* (*Fitton,* 2013) and (b) SGC simulation for n=6 (*Chigirinskaya and Schertzer,* 1996), both display somehow similar strong intermittency.

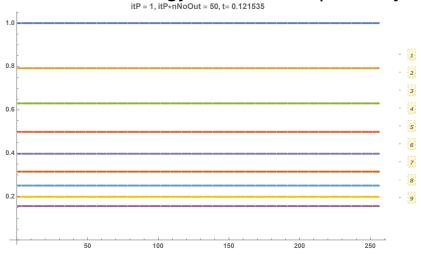


## Local flux of energy:

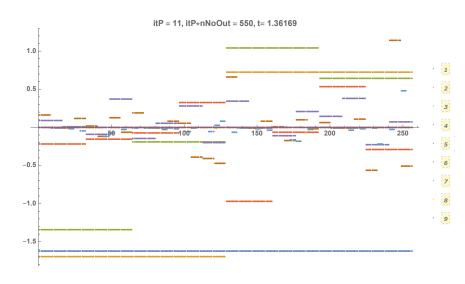
$$\varepsilon_{n}^{i} = -\sum_{r=0}^{n} k_{n-r+1} \left[ \left| \hat{u}_{n-r+1}^{2a^{r}(i)-1} \right|^{2} - \left| \hat{u}_{n-r+1}^{2a^{r}(i)} \right|^{2} \right] \operatorname{Im}(\hat{u}_{n}^{a^{r}(i)}) + (-1)^{a^{r}(i)+1} k_{n-r} \left| \hat{u}_{n}^{a^{r+1}(i)} \right|^{2} \operatorname{Im}(\hat{u}_{n-1}^{a^{r+1}(i)})$$

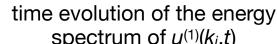
## SGC multifractal predictability

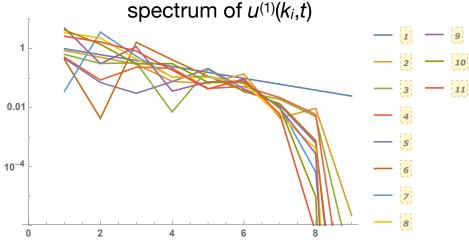




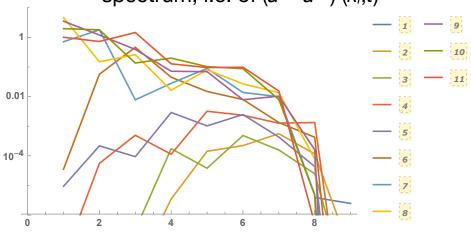
### energy distribution per eddy t≈1.4







## time evolution of the decorelation spectrum, i.e. of $(u^{(1)}-u^{(2)})$ $(k_i,t)$



## SGC cascade as a dynamical system

SGC Jacobian matrix, scale levels: m=0,3 location index  $j=1,2^m$ 

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m and j have quite different roles => need to innovate w.r.t. to classical MET

- no longer the norm of the separation of 2 "points", therefore of the Jacobian matrix
- but a volume error, therefore the Jacobian determinant  $J_E$  over this volume:

$$| \wedge_{i=1}^d \delta X_i(t) | / | \wedge_{i=1}^d \delta X_i(o) | \approx e^{\mu_E t}$$

$$\mu_E = \limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log(\int_0^t |\det[J_E(t')]| dt')$$

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only a diagonal + 2 pseudo-diagonals that are anti-symmetric up to a factor -2

- synchronisation of sibling eddies =>  $J_E$  reduces to products of diagonal term
- recurrence relation obtained by 3 strategies, in particular with the help of the Schur complement:

$$J_{0,n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} J_{0,n} & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} J_{0,n} - BD^{-1}C & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow det(J_{0,n+1}) = det(D)det(J_{0,n} - BD^{-1}C)$$







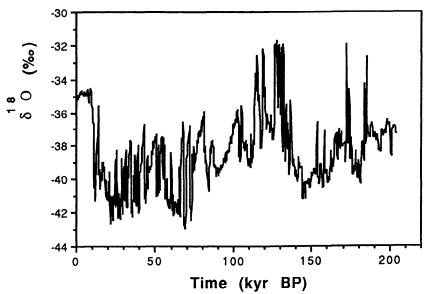
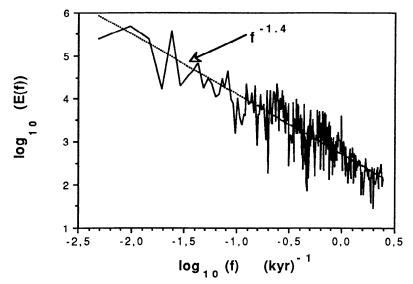


Figure 1. High resolution (200 yr average)  $\delta^{18}O$  record coming from the recent GRIP Greenland ice core. Sharp fluctuations occuring on small time scales are clearly visible.



**Figure 2.** The power spectrum of the  $\delta^{18}O$  data, shown in a log-log plot. The global straight line  $f^{-1.4}$  is an indication of scaling. There is no evidence of periodic variations of frequencies of  $(20 \text{ kyr})^{-1}$  or  $(40 \text{ kyr})^{-1}$ .

$$E(f) \approx f^{-\beta}; \ \beta \approx 1.4$$

# Scaling & multifractality of

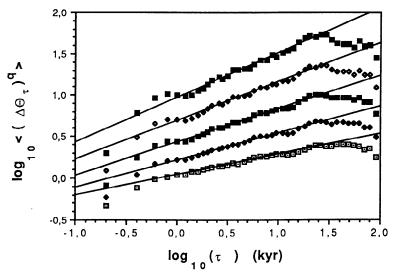


Figure 3. The structure functions  $<(\Delta\theta_{\tau})^q>$  vs.  $\tau$  in a log-log plot for q=1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, and 3. Linear trends are clearly visible for all order of moments, for a range of scales going from  $\approx 400$  yr to  $\approx 40$  kyr. The straight lines indicate the best linear regression over this range of scales for each value of q. This gives in particular:  $H=\zeta(1)=0.24\pm0.02$ , and  $\zeta(2)=0.40\pm0.03$ .

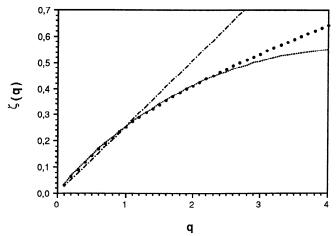


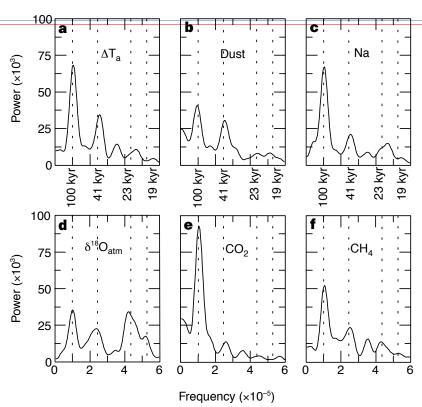
Figure 4. The scaling exponent structure function  $\zeta(q)$  empirical curve (dots), compared to the monofractal curve  $\zeta(q) = qH$  (dashed and dotted line), and to the universal multifractal function obtained with  $\alpha = 1.6$  and  $C_1 = 0.05$  in equation (2) (dotted curve). The empirical curve is nonlinear, indicating multifractality. For moments of order q>1, the departure from monofractal behaviour is strong. The universal multifractal fit is excellent until moment order  $q_{\text{max}} \approx 2.5 \pm 0.3$ , corresponding to a multifractal phase transition occuring because of sample limitations.

$$<(\Delta\theta\left(\frac{T}{\lambda}\right)^q>\approx\lambda^{-\zeta(q)}<(\Delta\theta(T)^q>$$





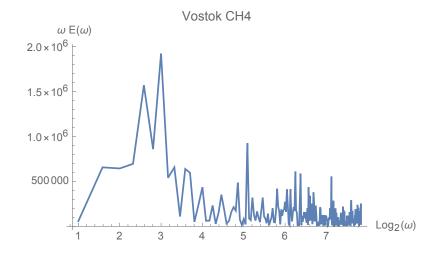
## Vostok data



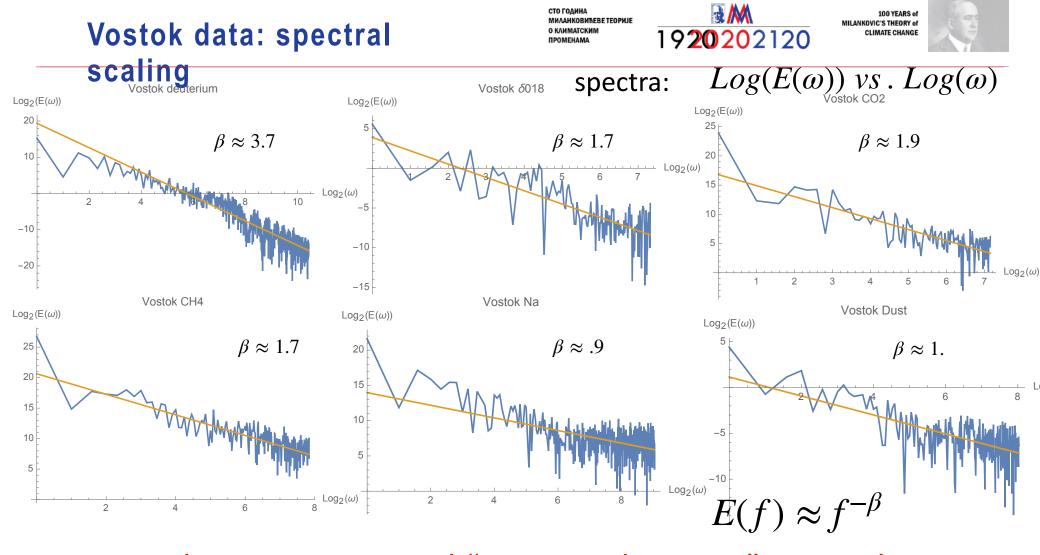
**Figure 4** Spectral properties of the Vostok time series. Frequency distribution (in cycles  $yr^{-1}$ ) of the normalized variance power spectrum (arbitrary units). Spectral analysis was done using the Blackman-Tukey method (calculations were performed with the Analyseries software<sup>47</sup>): **a**, isotopic temperature; **b**, dust; **c**, sodium; **d**,  $\delta^{18}O_{atm}$ ; **e**,  $CO_2$ ; and **f**,  $CH_4$ . Vertical lines correspond to periodicities of 100, 41, 23 and 19 kyr.

"integrated spectra":  $\omega E(\omega) \ vs \ . \ Log(\omega)$ 

## well identified but broad peaks/spikes

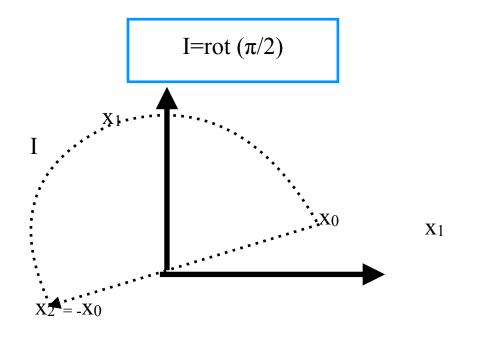


(Petit et al., Nature, 1999)

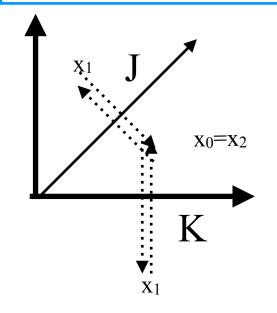


Strong nonlinearity: you need "integrated spectra" to see the astronomical spikes

#### Symmetries and unity roots



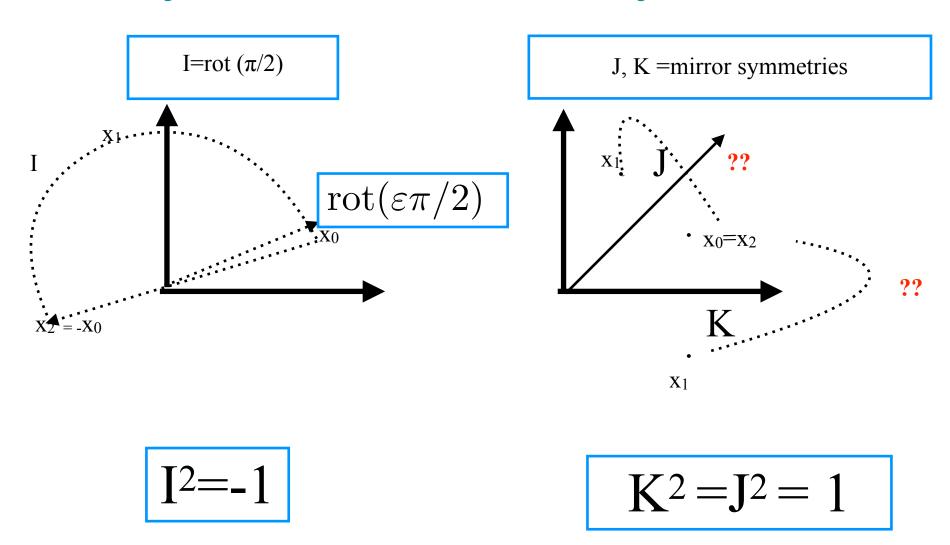
J, K =mirror symmetries



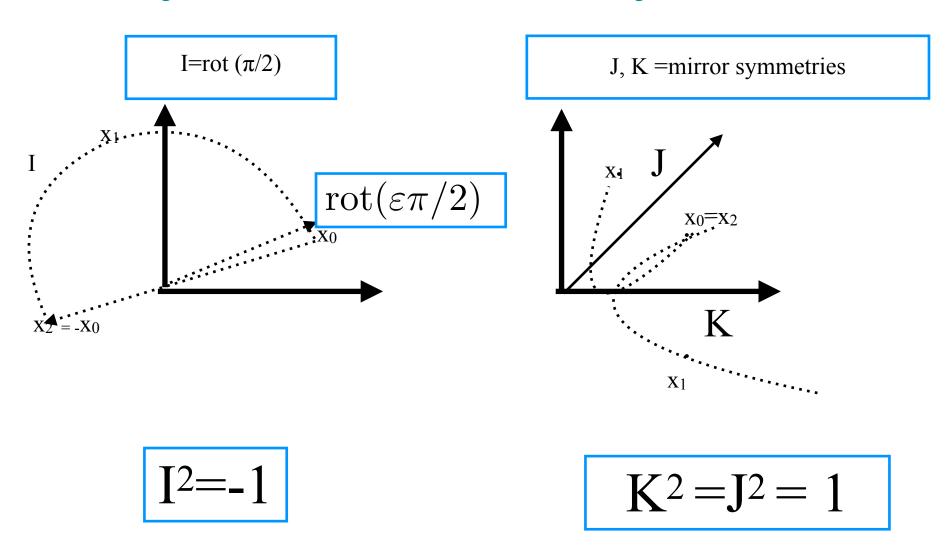
$$I^2 = -1$$

$$K^2 = J^2 = 1$$

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Spherical geometry —> Hyperbolic geometry

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2D linear Lie algebra H'= I(2, R):

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#### Algebra of cascade generators

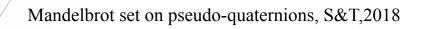
- Clifford algebra, dimension =  $2^n$ 
  - real numbers R (n=0), complex numbers C (n=1), quaternions H (n=2) other hyper-complex numbers, external algebras and many more!
- $Cl_{p,q}$ : generated by operators  $\{e^i\}$  that anti-commute and square to plus or minus the identity:

$$e^{i}e^{j} = -e^{j}e^{i} \ (i \neq j) \ (e^{i})^{2} = \pm 1$$

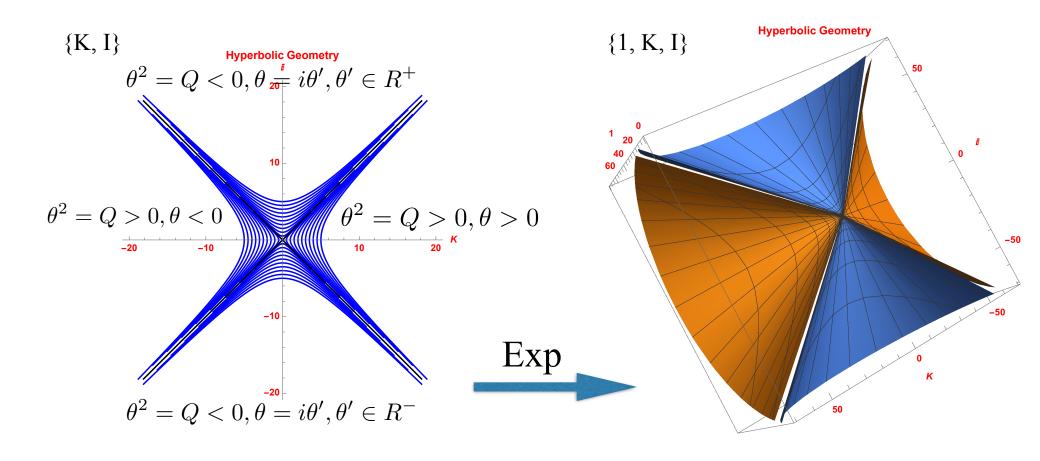
therefore a quadratic form Q of signature (p,q, p+q=n):

$$v^2 = Q(v)1$$
  $Q(v) = v_1^2 + v_2^2 ... + v_p^2 - v_{p+1}^2 - v_{p+2}^2 ... - v_{p+q}^2$ 

ex.: 
$$R = CI_{0,0}$$
;  $C = CI_{0,1}$ ;  $H = CI_{0,2}$   
 $H' = I(2, R) = CI_{2,0} = CI_{1,1}$   
"pseudo-/split- quaternions"



#### From algebra to group



Generalised Moivre-Euler formula:  $(e^{u\theta})^{\alpha} = \cosh(\alpha\theta)1 + \sinh(\alpha\theta)u$ infinite number of u,  $u^{2}=\pm 1$ !

#### Stochastic Clifford?

Statistical universality: stable Lévy vectors

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a(n), b(n) \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i = a(n)X + b(n)$$

$$\exists \alpha \in (0,2]: a(n) = n^{1/\alpha}; \alpha < 2, \forall s \gg 1: P([X|>s) \approx s^{-\alpha}$$
 (hyperbolic/Pareto tail)  $\alpha = 2:$  Gauss

A stable Levy X is attractive for any  $Y_i$  having same type of tail:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i - b(n)}{a(n)} = d X$$

- classical "quasi- scalar" case: only b is a vector like Xi and Yi
- 'real' vector case: a and  $\alpha$  are matrices (S. et al., 2001)

#### Exponentiation of Lévy-Clifford algebra

- Existence?
  - Q defines a bilinear form < . >

$$< X, Y > = \frac{1}{2} (Q(X + Y) - Q(X) - Q(Y))$$

- which defines a Laplace-Clifford transform,
- hence a second characteristic function (cumulant generating function)

$$E \exp(\langle q, \Gamma_{\lambda} \rangle) = Z_{\lambda}(q) = \exp(K_{\lambda}(q))$$

finite over set of cones A

the opposite cones to that supporting the extremely assymetric Lévy stable component  $\mathscr{A}^{\uparrow}$ 

#### Adjoint analysis of operator cascades

 The adjoint representation of any g Lie algebra is the canonical linear representation defined by

$$\forall X \in g, \text{ad} : X \to \text{ad}X \in L(g)$$
  $\forall Y \in g : \text{ad}X(Y) = [X, Y]$ 

– it defines the bilinear Killing form:

$$K(X, Y) = \operatorname{Tr}(\operatorname{ad} X \cdot \operatorname{ad} Y)$$

a new difficulty is that K is degenerate on the radical of g

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Complex FIF simulation of a 2D cut of wind and its vorticity (color)

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where:

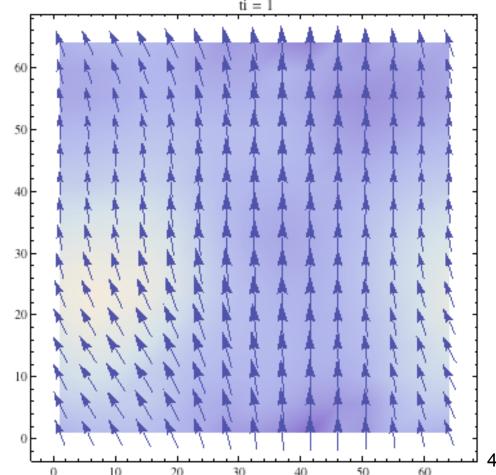
$$f_R = \varepsilon^a$$

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is a fractionnal differential operator

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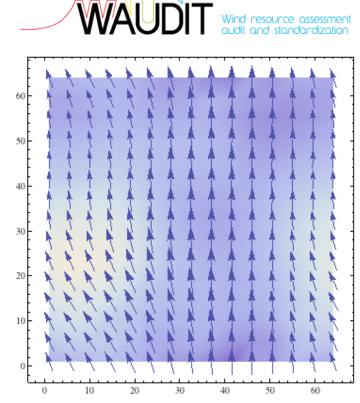


#### Surface layer complexity!





Art piece 'Windswept' (Ch. Sowers, 2012): 612 freely rotating wind direction indicators to help a large public to understand the complexity of environment near the Earth surface



Multifractal FIF simulation (S et al., 2013) of a 2D+1 cut of wind and its vorticity (color). This stochastic model has only a few parameters that are physically meaningful.

Both movies illustrate the challenge of the near surface wind that plays a key role in the heterogeneity of the precipitations... and wind energy!

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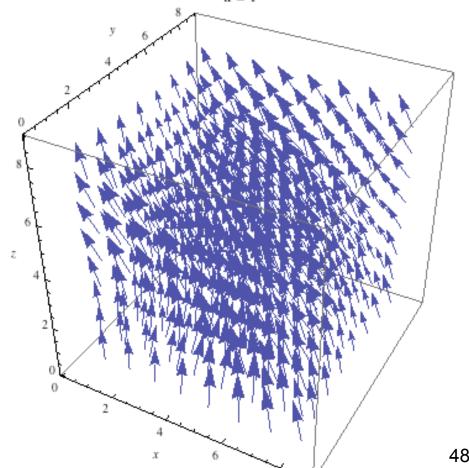
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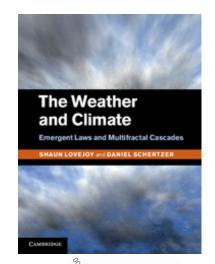
3D FIF wind simulation based on quaternions

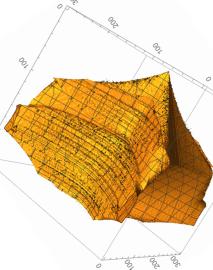


## Conclusions

S&T, Earth& Space, 2020 Chaos 2015, S&al. ACP, 2012, S&L, IJBC, 2011, Fitton&al., JMI 2013

- Intermittency: a key issue in geophysics and a major breakthrough with multifractals in the 1980's:
  - infinite hierarchy of fractal supports of the field singularities
  - beyond commonalities significant differences of approaches and applications
- No longer limited to scalar valued fields
  - multifractal operators: exponentiation from a stochastic Lie algebra of generators onto its Lie group of transformations
  - ex. Clifford algebra  $Cl_{p,q}$
  - physically meaningful and convenient to understand, analyse simulate intermittent vector fields, more generally multidimension systems.
  - => from field physics to singularity physics





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Final conclusion: the Nobel Committee for Physics is right to quote the saying reported by Philip Anderson (Phys. Today 41 526 1988):

"A real scientific mystery is worth pursuing to the ends of the Earth for its own sake, independently of any obvious practical importance or intellectual glamour."

Intermittency is without doubt such a mystery, but not without multifaceted practical importance.

More than illustrated by thousands of communications in EGS/EGU NP since 1988, in particular those of my colleagues of HM&Co and CNRS GDRs Turbulence and Multifractals.

