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## Challenges

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

Assessment Reports (AR)
$\rightarrow$ 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 greenhouse 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

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## IPCC AR4

Annual P anomalies TROPICAL LAND [30S-30N, 180W-180E]



Agreement of models on a temperature increase...
but disagreement on the evolution of precipitation extremes !

## RCP2.6

(a) Change in average surface temperature (1986-2005 to 2081-2100)

(b)

Change in average precipitation (1986-2005 to 2081-2100)


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!

## WEATHER PREDICTION BY

## NUMERICAL PROCESS

## BY

LEWIS F. RICHARDSON, B.A., F.R.Met.Soc., F.Inst.P.
We realize thus that: big whirls have little whirls that feed on their velocity, and little whirls have lesser whirls and so on to viscosityin 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
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## 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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## NAVIER

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

## Navier's memoir

## MÉMOIRE

SUR LES LOIS DU MOUVEMENT DES FLUIDES; Par M. Navier.

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

|  |
| :---: |

- 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 <br> OrOCPSSBS


 Richardson, 1926

multiplication by 4 independent random (multiplicative) increments

[^0]- 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
- $\beta$-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)


## Isotropic Cascades

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Non-intermittent ("homogeneous") cascade: all eddies same energy
$N(\ell) \approx \ell^{-D}$
$\beta$-model of intermittency:
sub-eddies are either
"alive" or "dead"

$$
N(\ell) \approx \ell^{-D_{s}}
$$

## Scale symmetry and equations

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

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

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

$$
\begin{array}{r}
t \mapsto t / \lambda^{1-\gamma} ; \underline{u} \mapsto \underline{u} / \lambda^{\gamma} \\
\underline{f} \mapsto \underline{f} / \lambda^{2 \gamma-1} ; \nu \mapsto \nu / \lambda^{1+\gamma} ; \rho \mapsto \rho / \lambda^{\gamma^{\prime}}
\end{array}
$$

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:

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(\gamma^{\prime}>\gamma\right) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)}
$$

(*) 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".
- S+L short formal presentation (the conference proceedings (1985) refers to $S+L$ (1984)):
- a small perturbation of the $\beta$-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:

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

- it fits the experimental points from Anselmet et al. (1983), see fig. 1 with

$$
H=1 / 3, \alpha=5,5.5,6
$$



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## Van der Hoven wind spectrum (1957)

Richardson cascade is split into macro, meso, micro oscillations...
quasi-2D



Fig. 3 Spectrum of the horizorntal wind velocity. After Van der Hoyen ${ }^{25}$ Some experimembal pointi are shown on the graptr; sec seference 20 .

## $2+H_{z}$-dimensional vorticity equation ( $0<H_{z}<1$ )

Scaling stratified /convective atmosphere:


$$
\begin{array}{r}
D \vec{\sigma} / D t=\left(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{h}\right) \vec{u}_{h} \\
D \vec{\tau} / D t=\left(\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{h}+\vec{\omega}_{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{v}\right) \vec{u}_{h} \\
D \vec{\omega}_{v} / D t=\left(\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{h}+\vec{\omega}_{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{v}\right) \vec{u}_{v}
\end{array}
$$

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: $\lambda=L / \ell \rightarrow \infty$
Mellin
transform

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \varepsilon_{\lambda}=e^{\Gamma_{\lambda}} ; \mathrm{E} e^{q \Gamma_{\lambda}}=\mathrm{Z}_{\lambda}(q)=e^{\mathrm{K}_{\lambda}(q)} \approx \lambda^{K(q)} \underset{\substack{\text { Legendre } \\
\text { transform }}}{\longleftrightarrow} \mathrm{P}\left(\varepsilon_{\lambda}>\lambda^{\gamma}\right) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)} \\
& \text { log } \lambda \text {-divergence of the } \\
& \text { that of the cumulant }
\end{aligned}
$$

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

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

$\Gamma$ : 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



$$
\operatorname{dim}(A)+\operatorname{codim}(A)=D
$$

- 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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { upper } \operatorname{dim}(\sigma) & <C_{1} \\
\text { lower } \operatorname{dim}(\sigma) & >C_{1} \Rightarrow \mathrm{E} \varepsilon \sigma=\sigma \text { (degenerescence) } \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{E} \varepsilon \text { is a projector }
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha_{D}+\gamma=D=f\left(\alpha_{D}\right)+c(\gamma) \\
D(q)+C(q)=D ; \tau_{D}(q)=(q-1) D(q) ; K(q)=(q-1) C(q)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Multifractal phase transitions

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{P}\left(\varepsilon_{\lambda}>\lambda^{\gamma}\right) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)} & K(q)=\sup _{\gamma}[q \gamma-c(\gamma)] \\
c(\gamma)=\sup _{q}[q \gamma-K(q)]
\end{array} \quad<\varepsilon_{\lambda}^{q}>\approx \lambda^{K(q)}
$$

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Fig. 5.5: Schematic diagram of $\mathrm{c}(\gamma), \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{d}}(\gamma)$ indicating two sampling dimensions $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{s} 1}, \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{s} 2}$ and their corresponding $\gamma_{s 1}<\gamma_{D}<\gamma_{52}<Y_{d, s 2}$; the critical tangent (slope $q \mathrm{D}$ ) contains the point ( $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{D}$ ).

Fig. 5.6: Schematic diagram of $K(q)$, with straight lines of slopes $\gamma_{\mathrm{s} 1}<\eta_{\mathrm{D}}<\gamma_{\mathrm{d} .52}<\gamma_{\mathrm{d}, 500}(=\infty)$ indicating the behavior for increasing sample size $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{s}}\left(\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{sec}}=\infty\right)$. The line of slope D defining qD is also shown.

## Universality

- Strong statistical universality: stable Lévy variables

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

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

$$
\alpha=2: \text { Gauss }
$$

A stable Levy $X$ is attractive for any $Y_{i}$ having same type of tail:

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i}-b(n)}{a(n)}=^{d} X
$$

- Poisson sum instead!

Log-Levy eqx: its moments $E\left(e^{q X}\right)$ 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


Fig. 1.41 Universal $K(q)$ ws $q$, for different $\alpha=0$ to 2 by increment $\Delta \alpha=2$.
$\mathbf{c}$ (gamma)/C1 versus gamma/C1


## Universal multifractals

## stable and attractive multifractals under

 multiplication- 3 basic parameters:
- H, deviation from conservation $H=0$ for

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

- $C_{1}$, mean intermittency, codimension of the singularity of the mean field, $C_{1}=0$ for homogeneous field:

$$
c_{1}=d K /\left.d q\right|_{q=1}
$$

- $\alpha$, multifractality index, variability of the intermittency, $\quad \alpha=0$ for uni/monofractals:

$$
\alpha c_{1}=d^{2} K /\left.d q^{2}\right|_{q=1}
$$

S+L, GRL, 1987; JAM, 1997

## Spectral analysis and closures (L69)



$$
\begin{aligned}
& e^{c}(\underline{x}, t)=\underline{u}^{2}(\underline{x}, t) \cdot \underline{u}^{1}(\underline{x}, t) \\
& e^{\Delta}(\underline{x}, t)=\frac{1}{2}\left(\underline{u}^{2}(\underline{x}, t)-\underline{u}^{1}(\underline{x}, t)\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Similar results based
on turbulence phenomenology: $\quad \ell_{c}^{2 / 3}=\bar{\varepsilon}^{-1 / 2} t^{3 / 2} ; \bar{\varepsilon}=10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-3}, \eta \approx 10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}$;
Divergent Lyapunov exponent:

$$
\mu_{\ell} \approx u_{\ell} \mid \ell \approx \bar{\epsilon}^{1 / 3} \ell^{-2 / 3} \Rightarrow \lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0}\left(\mu_{\ell}\right)=\infty!
$$

## Multifractal predictability

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


## Multifractal predictability

Rain simulation $\left(\alpha=1.5, \mathrm{C}_{1}=0.2, \mathrm{H}=0.1\right.$ on $\log$ scale. Realizations $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}$ are identical until $\mathrm{t}=0$, then they diverge.
Top: Realization A. Middle: Realization B. Bottom, forecast

$\mathrm{t}=\mathbf{0}$
-Power law divergence between the realizations A and B , => irrelevance of the finite dimensional 'LE + MET' scenario !
$\cdot$ Drastic loss of variability of forecast $\mathbf{C}$ 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

| $p\left(\mu_{\lambda}\right)$ | Local Lyapunov Exponent pdf, C1 $=0.2 \alpha=1.5$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mu_{\ell} \approx 1 / \tau_{\ell} \approx u_{\ell} / \ell \approx \epsilon_{\ell}^{1 / 3} \ell^{-2 / 3}$ | $\ell=L / \lambda$ |
| - 1.5 | K41 scaling => shift of the pdf multifractal intermittency => dispersion widening | $\begin{aligned} & \square \lambda=2 \\ & \square \lambda=4 \\ & \square \lambda=8 \\ & \square \lambda=16 \\ & \lambda=32 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \square=64 \\ & \lambda=128 \end{aligned}$ |

Blue dots $=$ pdf maxima for fractional $\lambda$

## Multifractal eddy turn-over times



$$
\log _{\ell}\left[\operatorname{Pr}\left(\mu_{\ell}^{\prime}>\mu_{\ell}\right)\right] \text { vs. }-\log _{\ell}\left[\mu_{\ell}\right]
$$

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

$$
-\log _{\ell}\left[\mu_{\ell}\right]>0 \Leftrightarrow \lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0}\left(\mu_{\ell}\right)=\infty
$$

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

## Scaling Gyroscope Cascade

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

$$
a(i) \text { is an ancestor. }
$$



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


## Local flux of energy:

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

T\&S, T. \& al,1998

## SGC multifractal predictability

initial energy distribution per eddy
it $=1$ itP $*$ nNoOut $=50, t=0.121535$

energy distribution per eddy $t \approx 1.4$

time evolution of the energy
spectrum of $u^{(1)}\left(k_{i}, t\right)$

time evolution of the decorelation spectrum, i.e. of $\left(u^{(1)}-u^{(2)}\right)\left(k_{i}, t\right)$


## SGC cascade as a dynamical system

SGC Jacobian matrix, scale levels: $m=0,3$ location index $j=1,2 \mathrm{~m}$
$m$ 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:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left|\wedge_{i=1}^{d} \delta X_{i}(t)\right| /\left|\wedge_{i=1}^{d} \delta X_{i}(o)\right| \approx e^{\mu_{E} t} \\
\mu_{E}=\underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\limsup } \frac{1}{t} \log \left(\int_{0}^{t}\left|\operatorname{det}\left[J_{E}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right]\right| d t^{\prime}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## SGC cascade as a dynamical system

SGC Jacobian matrix, scale levels: $m=0,3$ location index $j=1,2 \mathrm{~m}$
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:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& J_{0, n+1}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
J_{0, n} & B \\
C & D
\end{array}\right) \simeq\left(\begin{array}{cc}
J_{0, n}-B D^{-1} C & B \\
0 & D
\end{array}\right) \\
& \quad \Rightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(J_{0, n+1}\right)=\operatorname{det}(D) \operatorname{det}\left(J_{0, n}-B D^{-1} C\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Scaling \& multifractality of GRIP data



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 $(20 \mathrm{kyr})^{-1}$ or $(40 \mathrm{kyr})^{-1}$.

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

## Scaling \& multifractality of

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 CRID data

Figure 3. The structure functions $\left\langle\left(\Delta \theta_{\tau}\right)^{q}\right\rangle$ 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 $\approx 400 \mathrm{yr}$ to $\approx 40 \mathrm{kyr}$. The straight lines indicate the best linear regression over this range of scales for each value of $q$. This gives in particular: $H=\zeta(1)=0.24 \pm 0.02$, and $\zeta(2)=0.40 \pm 0.03$.


Figure 4. The scaling exponent structure function $\zeta(q)$ empirical curve (dots), compared to the monofractal curve $\zeta(q)=q H$ (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 $\mathrm{q}>1$, the departure from monofractal behaviour is strong. The universal multifractal fit is excellent until moment order $q_{\max } \approx 2.5 \pm 0.3$, corresponding to a multifractal phase transition occuring because of sample limitations.

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




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

## Symmetries and unity roots



$$
I^{2}=-1
$$

$$
\mathrm{K}^{2}=\mathrm{J}^{2}=1
$$

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$$

Spherical geometry $\rightarrow$ Hyperbolic geometry

## Combining symmetries

2D linear Lie algebra $H^{\prime}=\quad l(2, R)$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
G=d \mathbf{1}+e \mathbf{I}+f \mathbf{J}+c \mathbf{K} ; \\
\mathbf{1}=\left\lfloor\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 1
\end{array} \left\lvert\,, \quad \mathbf{I}=\left\lfloor\begin{array}{rr}
0 & -1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right]\right.,\right. \\
\mathbf{J}=\left\lfloor\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right\rfloor, \quad \mathbf{K}=\left\lfloor\begin{array}{rr}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right\rfloor
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
2 I=[J, K], \quad 2 J=[I, K], \quad 2 K=[J, I]
$$

anti-commutators:

$$
\{I, J\}=\{J, K\}=\{K, I\}=0
$$

$$
I^{2}=-J^{2}=-K^{2}=I J K=-1
$$

(pseudo or split quaternions)
"quaternion equation" (Hamilton, 16/10/1843)

$$
I_{2}^{2}=J_{2}^{2}=K_{2}^{2}=I_{2} J_{2} K_{2}=-1
$$

## Combining symmetries

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1 & 0 \\
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\end{gathered}
$$

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$$ anti-commutators:

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$$

$$
I^{2}=-J^{2}=-K^{2}=I J K=-1
$$

$$
I_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right] ; J_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -K \\
K & 0
\end{array}\right] ; K_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-I & 0 \\
0 & I
\end{array}\right]
$$

"quaternion equation" (Hamilton, 16/10/1843)

$$
I_{2}^{2}=J_{2}^{2}=K_{2}^{2}=I_{2} J_{2} K_{2}=-1
$$

## 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!
- $C l_{p, q}$ : generated by operators $\left\{e^{\prime}\right\}$ that anti-commute and square to plus or minus the identity:

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

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

$$
v^{2}=Q(v) 1 \quad Q(v)=v_{1}^{2}+v_{2}^{2} . .+v_{p}^{2}-v_{p+1}^{2}-v_{p+2}^{2} . \cdot-v_{p+q}^{2}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { ex.: } R=C l_{0,0} ; C=C l_{0,1} ; H=C l_{0,2} \\
H \prime=I(2, R)=C l_{2,0}=C l_{1,1} \\
\text { "pseudo-/split- quaternions" }
\end{gathered}
$$

## From algebra to group



Generalised Moivre-Euler formula: $\quad\left(e^{u \theta}\right)^{\alpha}=\cosh (\alpha \theta) 1+\sinh (\alpha \theta) u$

$$
\text { infinite number of } u, u^{2}= \pm 1 \text { ! }
$$

## Stochastic Clifford?

- Statistical universality: stable Lévy vectors

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

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

$$
\alpha=2: \text { Gauss }
$$

A stable Levy $X$ is attractive for any $Y_{i}$ having same type of tail:

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i}-b(n)}{a(n)}=^{d} X
$$

- classical "quasi- scalar" case: only $b$ is a vector like $X_{i}$ and $Y_{i}$ - '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

$$
\operatorname{Eexp}\left(\left\langle q, \Gamma_{\lambda}\right\rangle\right)=Z_{\lambda}(q)=\exp \left(K_{\lambda}(q)\right)
$$

finite over set of cones $\mathscr{A}^{\downarrow}$
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

$$
\forall X \in g, \operatorname{ad}: X \rightarrow \operatorname{ad} X \in L(g) \quad \forall Y \in g: \operatorname{ad} X(Y)=[X, Y]
$$

- 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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FIF assumes that both the renomalized propagator $G_{R}$ and force $f_{R}$ are known:

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

$$
G_{R}^{-1} * u=f_{R}
$$

where: $\quad f_{R}=\varepsilon^{a}$
$G_{R}^{-1} \quad \begin{array}{ll}\text { is a fractionnal } \\ \text { differential operator }\end{array}$ results from a
$\varepsilon$ continuous, vector, multiplicative cascade (Lie cascade)


## 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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3D FIF wind simulation based on quaternions

## Conclusions

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- 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 $C l_{p, q}$
- 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 41526 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



[^0]:    Schertzer \& Lovejoy, 1989b

