







## **Dissipation by flows**

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# Outline

- 1. Introduction: dissipative singularities, macroscopic randomization, and wavelets.
- 2. 2D periodic Navier-Stokes turbulence
  - Methodology
  - Molecular dissipation
  - Wavelet-based macroscopic dissipation
- 3. 2D wall-bounded Navier-Stokes (1 slide)





Biker in a wind tunnel

#### Ultraviolet sun (TRACE, NASA)

Earth (Apollo 17)

Mast tokamak (CCFE, UK)

# A first attempt: molecular dissipation

- Flows = collective motions of many particles described macroscopically.
- Prediction usually impossible from principles of Lagrangian mechanics.
- But statistical assumptions are possible.
- The main statistical assumption is the closeness to a certain statistical equilibrium (local thermodynamic equilibrium, molecular chaos...),
- Global relaxation can usually be proved (growth of entropy),
- This phenomenon is called **molecular dissipation**.

R. Balian, From microphyics to macrophysics, Springer (2006)

## Not the end of the story

• For example in incompressible Navier-Stokes this leads to the equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}S_L}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\rho\nu}{T} \int_{\Omega} |\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathbf{u}|^2$$

This coefficient may be very small !

• In practice relaxation often occurs on time-scales that are **independent on microscopic coupling coefficients**.



# **Dissipation as randomization**

trajectory of reduced model



# **Dissipation as randomization**

trajectories of a more complete model

Dissipation can be seen as voluntary forgetfulness. The goal is to make predictions from incomplete knowledge.

time

# Flow dissipation seen in Fourier space



L.F. Richardson, *Diffusion regarded as a compensation for smoothing* (1930) R.H. Kraichnan, *On Kolmogorov's inertial range theories* (1974)

### Flow dissipation seen in wavelet space



### **Orthogonal wavelet bases**



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$$\psi_{\lambda}(x) = 2^{j/2}\psi(2^{j}x - i)$$



## **Orthogonal wavelet bases**

### 2d scaling function and wavelets



### Wavelets and spatial localization

### Brownianepotion



## Wavelet nonlinear thresholding

• Orthogonal wavelet decomposition:

$$f=\sum_{\lambda\in\Lambda}\widetilde{f}_\lambda\psi_\lambda$$
 , where  $\ \widetilde{f}_\lambda=\int_{\mathbb{T}^2}f\psi_\lambda$  ,

• Idea: split wavelet coefficients between two sets, "large coefficients" and "small coefficients":

$$f = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_C} \widetilde{f}_\lambda \psi_\lambda + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_I} \widetilde{f}_\lambda \psi_\lambda$$

Where large and small are defined with respect to a certain threshold:  $|\tilde{f}_{\lambda}| > \Theta_{\lambda}$  or  $|\tilde{f}_{\lambda}| \le \Theta_{\lambda}$ 

D. Donoho & I. Johnstone (1992), M. Farge, N. Kevlahan, K. Schneider (1999)

# Navier-Stokes initial-boundary value problem

<u>Equation</u>

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t (\mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}_t) = -\nabla \mathbf{p}_t + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$Re = \frac{UL}{\nu}$$

(no body forces  $\rightarrow$  decaying flow)

<u>Boundary conditions</u> : periodic

Initial conditions

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t=0)=\mathbf{u}_0$$

In 2D this is a well-posed problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Molecular dissipation in 2D Navier-Stokes} \\ & \begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \end{cases} \\ & \text{energy} \qquad E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^2 \\ & \frac{\text{d}E}{\text{d}t} = -2\nu Z \\ & \text{enstrophy} \qquad Z(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \omega^2 \qquad \qquad \omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} \\ & \text{vorticity} \end{cases} \\ & \frac{\text{d}Z}{\text{d}t} = -2\nu P + \frac{\nu}{2} \oint_{\partial\Omega} \nabla \omega^2 \cdot \mathbf{n} \qquad P(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \omega|^2 \end{aligned}$$





max



Re≈∠



## **Energy dissipation at vanishing viscosity?**



# **Enstrophy dissipation at vanishing viscosity?**



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### **Scale-wise statistics**





# Scale-wise coherent vorticity extraction



### Statistical properties of the split



• The global PDF of the incoherent part is close to a Gaussian

### Statistical properties of the split



### **Dissipation of coherent enstrophy**



### Inter-scale and intra-scale transfers



	Global	Scale-wise	<u>Ex: j = 9</u>
$C_{\leq} \rightarrow C_{>}$	92.3%	48.4%	
$C_{\leq} \rightarrow I_{>}$	17.1%	15.9%	
$C_> \to I_\leq$	-1.58%	-20.2%	negative dissipation
$I_{\leq} \rightarrow I_{>}$	1.39%	24.8%	
$\leq \rightarrow >$	100%	100%	
$C_{\leq} \rightarrow I_{\leq}$	-4.4%	51.3% <b>←</b>	hintra-scale transfer

# **Retroaction of the dissipated flow**

- Model the incoherent wavelet coefficients by random variables,
- Maximum entropy distribution, with constraints:
- (1)  $\widetilde{W}_{\lambda} \in [-\Theta_{\lambda}, \Theta_{\lambda}]$ (2)  $\mathbb{E}(\widetilde{W}_{\lambda}) = 0$ (3)  $\mathbb{E}\left(\widetilde{W}_{\lambda}^{2}\right) = \left(\frac{\Theta_{\lambda}}{q}\right)^{2}$



It doesn't fit, but we proceed anyway.

### **Retroaction of the dissipated flow**



# Summary

- We have introduced a "dissipation mechanism" for 2D turbulence based on a split of the flow between **explicit** and **dissipated** components.
- The associated enstrophy dissipation rate does not vanish at vanishing viscosity.
- The dissipation rate can be directly related to the nonlinear transfers and studied quantitatively scale-wise.
- Negative dissipation is allowed.
- We have shown that the retroaction of the dissipated flow has a diffusive effect on the explicit flow at short times.

R.H. Kraichnan, *Reduced descriptions of hydrodynamic turbulence* (1988) R.H. Kraichnan & S. Chen *Is there a statistical mechanics of turbulence?* (1989) RNVY, M. Farge, K. Schneider, doi: 10.1016/j.physd.2011.05.022

# A result on dissipative singularities

- There are no dissipative singularities in 2D Navier-Stokes in the absence of walls and for bounded vorticity fields.
- However this happens in the presence of boundaries.



RNVY, M. Farge, K. Schneider, *PRL* **106**, 184502

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http://justpmf.com/romain

• Papers are available on :

http://wavelets.ens.fr/

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Marcel Proust