# Dynamics of inertial particles and dynamical systems (I)

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## Goal

Understanding general properties of inertial particles advected by fluid flows from a dynamical systems point of view

# Outline

#### Lecture 1:

 Model equations for inertial particles & introductory overview of dynamical systems ideas and tools

#### Lecture 2:

 Application of dynamical systems ideas and tools (lecture 1) to inertial particles for characterizing clustering

# Two kinds of particles

#### Tracers= same as fluid elements

- ullet same density of the fluid  $\ 
  ho_p=
  ho_f$
- point-like
- same velocity of the underlying fluid velocity

#### Inertial particles= mass impurities of finite size

- $\bullet$  density different from that of the fluid  $ho_{p} 
  eq 
  ho_{f}$
- finite size
- friction (Stokes) and other forces should be included
- shape may be important (we assume spherical shape)
- velocity mismatch with that of the fluid

Simplified dynamics under some assumptions

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{X}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{V}$$
$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{V}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{V}, \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}(t), t), a, \nu, \ldots)$$

 $\frac{d\boldsymbol{X}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{v}(t) = \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}(t), t)$ 

 $\rho_f, \nu$ 

V -

 $\rho_p$ 

a

# **Relevance of inertial particles**







Finite-size & mass impurities in fluid flows

# ... and Pyroclasts



# **Particle Dynamics**

Single particle Particle: rigid sphere, radius a, mass m<sub>p</sub>; passive => no feedback on the fluid

Fluid around the particle: Stokes flow

$$\begin{split} m_{p} \frac{dV_{i}}{dt} &= (m_{p} - m_{f})g_{i} + m_{f} \left. \frac{Du_{i}}{Dt} \right|_{\mathbf{X}(t)} & \text{bouyancy} \\ -6\pi a\mu \left[ V_{i}(t) - u_{i}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) - \frac{1}{6}a^{2} \nabla^{2}u_{i} \right|_{\mathbf{X}(t)} \right] & \text{Stokes drag Faxen correction} \\ -\frac{m_{f}}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ V_{i}(t) - u_{i}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) - \frac{1}{10}a^{2} \nabla^{2}u_{i} \right|_{\mathbf{X}(t)} \right] & \text{Added mass} \\ -6\pi a\mu \int_{0}^{t} ds \left( \frac{d/ds \left[ V_{i}(s) - u_{i}(\mathbf{X}(s), s) - \frac{1}{6}a^{2} \nabla^{2}u_{i} \right|_{\mathbf{X}(s)} \right]}{\sqrt{\pi\nu(t-s)}} \right) \\ & \text{Basset memory term} \\ & \text{Maxey \& Riley (1983)} \end{split}$$

Auton et al (1988)

 $\rho_f, \nu$ 

V ~

 $a \ll \eta$ 

 $\rho_p$ 

a

 $\ll 1$ 

 $\overline{a(u-V)}$ 

 $\nu$ 

# Simplified dynamics



# Starting point of this lecture

TracersInertial particles
$$\frac{dX}{dt} = u(X(t), t)$$
 $\frac{dX}{dt} = V$  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \beta \frac{Du(X,t)}{Dt} + \frac{u(X,t) - V}{\tau_p}$ 

Let's forget that we are studying particles moving in a fluid! What do we know about a generic system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations?

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{x}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}) \qquad \qquad \boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \\ \boldsymbol{g} = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_d)$$

# Dynamical systems

 $\partial_t \boldsymbol{v} + \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{p} + \nu \Delta \boldsymbol{v} + \boldsymbol{f}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = 0 \qquad \text{PDEs } d \rightarrow \infty$ 

# Examples of ODEs

$\frac{\mathrm{d}X}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\sigma X + \sigma Y$ $\frac{\mathrm{d}Y}{\mathrm{d}t} = -XZ + rX - Y$ $\frac{\mathrm{d}Z}{\mathrm{d}t} = XY - bZ .$	Lorenz model d=3
$\frac{dq_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$ $\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$	From Mechanics (Hamiltonian systems) i=1,N => d=2N

with

## Some nomenclature

The space spanned by the system variables is called phase space

Exs: N particles  $\Gamma \equiv \{q_1, \dots, q_N; p_1, \dots, p_N\}$  (2xd)xN dimensions Lorenz model  $\Omega \equiv \{X, Y, Z\}$  3 dimensions For tracers the phase space coincides with the real space For inertial particles the phase space accounts for both particle's position and velocity



A point in the phase space identifies the system state

A trajectory is the time succession of points in the phase space

We can distinguish two type of dynamics in phase-space

## **Conservative & dissipative**

 $\Omega$ Given a set of initial conditions distributed with a given density ho(x,0) with  $\int_{\Omega} doldsymbol{x}
ho(oldsymbol{x},0)=1$ Given  $\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \boldsymbol{f}$  how does  $\rho(\boldsymbol{x}, t)$  evolve?  $\partial_t \rho + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{f} \rho) = \partial_t \rho + \boldsymbol{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \rho + \rho (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{f}) = 0$ Continuity equation ensuring  $\int_{\Omega} dm{x} 
ho(m{x},t) = 1$ 

Conservative dynamical systems (Liouville theorem)

 $oldsymbol{
abla}\cdotoldsymbol{f}=0$  Density is conserved along the flow as in incompressible fluids ==>phase space volumes are conserved

#### Dissipative dynamical systems



 ${\pmb \nabla}\cdot {\pmb f} < 0$  Volumes are exponentially contracted as the integral of the density is constant => density has to grow somewhere

## **Examples of dissipative systems**

The harmonic pendulum with friction



Phase-space volumes are exponentially contracted to the point (x,v)=(0,0)which is an **attractor** for the dynamics



The existence of an attractor (set of dimension smaller than that of the phase space where the motions take place) is a generic feature of dissipative dynamical systems

## Lorenz model



#### attractors can be strange objects

#### Inertial particles have a dissipative dynamics

Uniform contraction in phase space as in Lorenz model

## Examples of conservative systems





In conservative systems there are no attractors

## Tracers

Incompressible flows: conservative  $\dot{X} = u(X,t)$   $\nabla \cdot u = 0$ Compressible flows: dissipative  $\dot{X} = u(X,t)$   $\nabla \cdot u < 0$ 





E.g. tracers on the surface of a 3d incompressible flows visualization of an attractor

John R Cressman<sup>1</sup>, Jahanshah Davoudi<sup>2</sup>, Walter I Goldburg<sup>1</sup> and Jörg Schumacher<sup>2</sup>

# **Basic questions**

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{x}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

- Given the initial condition x(0), when does exists a solution? I.e. which properties f(x) must satisfy?
- When solutions exist, which type of solutions are possible and what are their properties?

## Theorem of existence and uniqueness

$$rac{doldsymbol{x}}{dt} = oldsymbol{f}(oldsymbol{x}) \qquad oldsymbol{x} \in \mathfrak{R}^d \qquad$$
 with x(0) given

if f is continuous with the Lipschitz condition (essentially if f is differentiable)

$$|\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{y})|| \le K ||\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}||$$

The solution exists and is unique

Counterexample

$${dx\over dt}={3\over 2}x^{1/3}$$
 Non-Lipschitz in x=0 with x(0)=0 two solutions  $x(t)=0$  &  $x(t)=t^{3/2}$ 

# Which kind of solutions?

In dissipative systems motions converge onto an attractor and can be regular or irregular



Different kind of motion can be present in the same system changing the parameters

# Strange attractors



Typically, the dynamics on the strange attractor is ergodic averages of observables do not depend on the initial conditions (difficult to prove!)

# Strange attractors

#### Have complex geometries







Non-Smooth geometries Self-similarity The points of the trajectory distribute in a very singular way

These geometries can be analyzed using tools and concepts from (multi-)fractal objects

# Fractality is a generic feature

#### Of the strange attractors



# Which kind of solutions?

In conservative systems motions can take place in all the avalaible phase space and can be regular or irregular. Often coexistence of regular and irregular motions in different regions depending on the initial condition (non-ergodic)



The onset of the mixed regime can be understood through KAM theorem

In turbulence, tracers, which are conservative, have irregular motions for essentially all initial conditions and they visit all the avalaible space filling it uniformly (ergodicity & mixing hold)

## Sensitive dependence on initial conditions

In both dissipative and conservative systems, irregular trajectories display sensitive dependence on initial conditions which is the most distinguishing feature of chaos



# How to make these observations quantitative?

We focus on dissipative systems which are relevant to inertial particles

We need:

- 1 To characterize the geometry of strange attactors: fractal and generalized dimensions
- 2 To characterize quantitatively the sensitive on initial conditions: Characteristic Lyapunov exponents

#### How to characterize fractals? Simple objects can be characterized in terms of the topological dimension $d_{\tau}$ Point d<sub>T</sub>=0 d<sub>⊤</sub>=1 ⟨\_\_\_\_⟩ {x}⊂ ℝ¹ Curve </i> ⟨\_\_\_\_⟩{x,y} ℝ² d<sub>T</sub>=2 Surface But $d_{\tau}$ seems to be unsatisfatory for more complex geometries



# **Box counting dimension**

Another way to define the dimension of an object



Mathematically more rigorous is to use the Hausdorff dimension equivalent to box counting in most cases.

# **Box counting dimension**

For regular objects the box counting dimension coincides with the topological one



for more complex objects?



For fractal object the box counting dimension is larger than the topological one and is typically a non-integer number

# Hénon attractor



Effect of finite extension

## Multifractals: Generalized dimensions

 $p_n(\ell)$ 

The fractal dimension does not account for fluctuations, characterizes the support of the object but does not give information on the measure properties i.e. the way points distribute on it.

D(q) characterize the fluctuations of the measure on the attractor

$$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Generalized dimension} \\ & \left\langle \left[ p_{B_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{x})} \right]^{q} \right\rangle \sim \ell^{qD(q+1)} \\ D(0) = D_{F} & \textbf{Fractal dimension} \\ D(1) = \lim_{\ell \to 0} \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N(\ell)} p_{n}(\ell) \ln p_{n}(\ell)}{\ln \ell} & \textbf{Information dimension} \end{array}$$

 $D(2) = D_{corr}$  Correlation dimension  $P_2(||x_1 - x_2|| < r) \sim r^{D(2)}$  the smaller D(2) the larger the probability

D(n) n integer: controls the probability to find n particles in a ball of size r  $D(q) \leq D(p) \quad for \quad q > p$ 

In the absence of fluctuations (pure fractals)  $D(q)=D(0)=D_F$ 

# Characteristic Lyapunov exponents

Infinitesimally close trajectories separate exponentially Linearized dynamics  $\dot{x} = f(x(t)) \Longrightarrow \dot{\delta x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j f_i(x(t)) \delta x_j$  **d=1**  $\delta x(t) = \delta x(0) e^{\int_0^t df(x(s)) ds} = W(0, t) \delta x(0)$   $\gamma(x_0, t) = \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{\delta x(t)}{\delta x(0)} = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t d_x f(s) ds \xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} \langle d_x f \rangle = \lambda(x_0) = \lambda$ Finite time Lyapunov exponent  $|\delta x(t)| \sim |\delta x(0)| e^{\lambda t}$ 

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$$\delta \boldsymbol{x}(t) = \mathbb{W}(0,t)\delta \boldsymbol{x}(0)$$

$$\widehat{\Box}$$
Evolution matrix (time ordered exponential)  
e need to generalize the d=1 treatment to matrices  
(Oseledec theorem (1968))

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Characteristic Lyapunov exponents}\\ \delta \boldsymbol{x}(t) = \mathbb{W}(0,t)\delta \boldsymbol{x}(0) \qquad \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{W}^{\dagger}(0,t)\mathbb{W}(0,t)}_{1/2} \right]^{1/2} = \mathbb{V}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)\\ \mathbb{V}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) = \mathbb{Q}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)\mathbb{D}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)\mathbb{Q}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) & \quad \textbf{Positive & symmetric}\\ \mathbb{D}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) = \mathrm{diag}\{e^{t\gamma_{1}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)},\ldots,e^{t\gamma_{d}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)}\}\\ \text{Finite time Lyapunov exponents}\\ \textbf{Oseledec-->} \quad \gamma_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) \xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} \lambda_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0}) = \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i} \text{ if ergodic}\\ \overline{\lambda_{1} \geq \lambda_{2} \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_{d}} \text{ Lyapunov exponents} \end{array}$$

What is their physical meaning?

# Characteristic Lyapunov exponents

 $\lambda_1$  => growth rate of infinitesimal segments  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  => growth rate of infinitesimal surfaces  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$  => growth rate of infinitesimal volumes

• 
$$L(t) = L(0)e^{\lambda_1 t}$$
  
 $A(t) = A(0)e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t}$ 

 $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + ... + \lambda_d =>$  growth rate of infinitesimal phase-space volumes

Chaotic systems have at least  $\lambda_1\!\!>\!\!0$ 

Lyapunov dimension

(Kaplan & Yorke 1979)

$$D_L = J + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^J \lambda_i}{|\lambda_{J+1}|}$$

One typically has  $D(1) \leq D_L$ The equality holding for specific systems



# Lyapunov dimension



If we want to cover the ellipse with boxes of size  $\ell = L_2$ 

Number of boxes 
$$\begin{split} \ell^{-D_F} &\approx \overset{}{N(\ell)} \approx \frac{L_1}{L_2} \approx \ell^{-1-\lambda_1/|\lambda_2|} \\ D_F &= 1 + \frac{\lambda_1}{|\lambda_2|} \end{split}$$
Finite time Fluctuations of LE  

$$\delta \boldsymbol{x}(t) = \mathbb{W}(0,t)\delta \boldsymbol{x}(0) \left[ \underbrace{\mathbb{W}^{\dagger}(0,t)\mathbb{W}(0,t)}_{\mathbb{W}(0,t)} \right]^{1/2} = \mathbb{V}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)$$

$$\mathbb{V}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) = \mathbb{Q}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)\mathbb{D}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)\mathbb{Q}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) \quad \mathbb{D}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) = \operatorname{diag}\{e^{t\gamma_{1}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)},\ldots,e^{t\gamma_{d}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t)}\}$$

$$\gamma_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0},t) \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \lambda_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0})$$

For finite t  $\gamma's$  are fluctuating quantities, which can be characterized in terms of Large Deviation Theory



The rate function S can be linked to the generalized dimensions (see e.g. Bec, Horvai, Gawedzki PRL 2004)



• Inertial particles & tracers in incompressible flows are examples of dissipative & conservative nonlinear dynamical systems

• Nonlinear dynamical systems are typically chaotic (at least one positive Lyapunov exponent)

• While chaotic and mixing conservative systems spread their trajectories uniformly distributing in phase space, dissipative systems evolve onto an attractor (set of zero volume in phase space) developing singular measures characterized by multifractal properties

Next lecture we focus on inertial particles their dynamics in phase space & clustering in position space

# **Reading list**

#### Dynamical systems:

• J.P. Eckmann & D. Ruelle "Ergodic theory of chaos and strange attractors" RMP 57, 617 (1985) [Very good review on dynamical systems]

#### Books (many introductory books e.g.):

M. Cencini, F. Cecconi and A. Vulpiani
 Chaos: from simple models to complex systems
 World Scientific, Singapore, 2009
 ISBN 978-981-4277-65-5

• E. Ott Chaos in dynamical systems Cambridge University Press, II edition, 2002

### Dynamics of inertial particles and dynamical systems (II)

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#### Goal

Dynamical and statistical properties of particles evolving in turbulence focus on clustering observed in experiments



Clustering important for

- particle interaction rates by enhancing contact probability (collisions, chemical reactions, etc...)
  - the fluctuations in the concentration of a pollutant
  - the possible feedback of the particles on the fluid

We consider both turbulent & stochastic flows Main interest dissipative range (very small scales)

### Turbulent flows

In most natural and engeenering settings one is interested in particles evolving in turbulent flows i.e. solutions of the Navier-Stokes equation

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u = \nu \Delta u - \frac{1}{\rho_f} \nabla p + f$$
  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$   
With large Reynolds number  $Re = \frac{LU}{\nu} = \frac{\text{inertial t.}}{\text{dissipative t.}} \gg 1$ 

#### **Basic properties**

• K41 energy cascade with constant flux  $\epsilon$  from large (~L) scale to the small dissipative scales (~ $\eta$  = Kolmogorov length scale)

- inertial range  $~\eta << \mathbf{r} << \mathbf{L}$  "almost" self-similar (rough) velocity field  $\delta_r u = |u(x+r) u(x)| \sim (\epsilon r)^{1/3}$
- dissipative range  $r < \eta$  smooth (differentiable) velocity field

$$\delta_r u = |u(x+r) - u(x)| \propto r$$

Fast evolving scale: characteristic time --->  $\tau_f = \tau_\eta = \frac{L}{U} R e^{-1/2}$ (see Biferale lectures)

# Simplified particle dynamics

#### Assumptions:

dY

Small particles a<<η Small local Re a|u-V|/v<<1 No feedback on the fluid (passive particles) No collisions (dilute suspensions)

 $\frac{d\boldsymbol{X}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{V}$  $\frac{d\boldsymbol{V}}{dt} = \beta \frac{D\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X})}{Dt} + \frac{\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X},t) - \boldsymbol{V}}{St}$ 

 $\rho_f, \nu$ V ~ ->> Øp/ a  $a^2_{\_}$  Stokes Stokes number  $\tau_p = \frac{1}{2}$ time Fast fluid time scale Density contrast 0≤β<1 heavy  $3
ho_f$  $\beta=1$  neutral **1<β≤3** light

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = V$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{u(X(t), t) - V}{St}$$
Minimal interesting model  
Very heavy particle  $\beta$ =0  
(e.g. water droplets in air  $\beta$ =10<sup>-3</sup>)

#### Inertial Particles as dynamical systems

Particle in d-dimensional space

 $\dot{X} = V$  $\dot{V} = eta D_t u(X) + rac{u(X,t) - V}{St}$   $X, V \in \mathbb{R}^d$  U(x,t)Differentiable at small scales (r<y)

Well defined dissipative dynamical system in 2d-dimensional phase-space  $\dot{Z} = F(Z, t)$   $F = (V, \beta D_t u(x, t) + \frac{u - V}{St})$   $Z = (X, V) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{L}_{ij} &= \partial_j F_i \; \text{ Jacobian (stability matrix)} \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \partial_j u_i \; \text{ Strain matrix} \end{split} \quad \mathbb{L} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \mathbb{O} & \mathbb{I} \\ \beta D_t \sigma + \frac{\sigma}{St} & -\frac{\mathbb{I}}{St} \end{array} \right) \\ \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{F} &= Tr(\mathbb{L}) = -\frac{d}{St} < 0 \end{split}$$

constant phase-space contraction rate, i.e. phase-space Volumes contract exponentially with rate -d/St (similarly to Lorenz model)

#### **Consequences of dissipative dynamics**

- Motion must be studied in 2d-dimensional phase space (kinetic theory vs hydrodynamics)
- At large times particle trajectories will evolve onto an attractor (now dynamically evolving as F(Z,t) depends on time)
- On the attractor particles distribute according to a singular (statistically stationary) density  $\rho(X,V,t)$  whose properties are determined by the velocity field and parametrically depends on St &  $\beta$
- Such singular density is expected to display multifractal properties; in particular, the fractal dimension of the attractor is expected to be smaller than the phase-space dimension  $D_F < 2d$
- The motion will be chaotic, i.e. at least one positive Lyapunov exponent

# Two asymptotics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{X}} &= \boldsymbol{V} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{V}} &= \beta D_t \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}) + \frac{\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X},t) - \boldsymbol{V}}{St} & \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{F} = Tr(\mathbb{L}) = -\frac{d}{St} \end{cases}$$

$$St = 0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{F} = -\infty$$

Particle velocity relax to fluid one  $\dot{oldsymbol{X}} = oldsymbol{V} = oldsymbol{u}(oldsymbol{X},t)$  Becomes a tracer

Phase-space collapse to real space where particles distribute uniformly



Particle velocity never relaxes Ballistic limit, conservative dynamics In 2d-dimensional phase space Uniformly distributed in phase space  $D_F=2d$ 



Which scenario for 
$$D_F$$
? (St
 $\partial_t u + \nabla \cdot u = -\frac{1}{\rho_f} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 u + f \nabla \cdot u = 0$   
 $\int_t u(\mathbf{X}, t) \approx \dot{V} = \beta D_t u(\mathbf{X}, t) + \frac{u(\mathbf{X}, t) - V}{St} \longrightarrow V = u + St(\beta - 1)D_t u$ 

(Maxey 1987; Balkovsky, Falkovich, Fouxon 2001)

$$\nabla \cdot V = St(\beta - 1)\nabla \cdot (u\nabla \cdot u) = St(\beta - 1)(S^2 - \Omega^2)$$

$$\beta < 1 \quad S^2 > \Omega^2 \Longrightarrow \nabla \cdot V < 0$$

 $\beta > 1 \quad \Omega^2 > S^2 \Longrightarrow \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} < 0$ 

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} \text{strain} & S_{ij} &=& \frac{\sigma_{ij} + \sigma_{ji}}{2} \\ \text{vorticity} & \Omega_{ij} &=& \frac{\sigma_{ij} - \sigma_{ji}}{2} \end{array}$$



β<1 heavy</li>
β>1 light

Preferential concentration

### Local analysis

The eigenvalues of the stability matrix connect to those of the strain matrix from which one can see that rotating regions expell (attract) heavy (ligth) particles (Bec JFM 2005)

$$\mathbb{L}_{ij} = \partial_j F_i \qquad \mathbb{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{O} & \mathbb{I} \\ \beta D_t \sigma + \frac{\sigma}{St} & -\frac{\mathbb{I}}{St} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} \Delta &= \left(\frac{\det[\hat{\sigma}]}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\operatorname{Tr}[\hat{\sigma}^2]}{6}\right)^3\\ \Delta &\leq 0 \qquad 3 \ \mathcal{R} \text{ eigen}\\ \Delta &> 0 \quad 1 \ \mathcal{R} + 2 \ \mathcal{C} \text{ eigen.} \end{split}$$



# Tracers in Incompressible & compressible flows

Thus for St-->O particles behave approximatively as tracers in compressible flows in dimension d

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{V} \approx \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{X}, t) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}, t) + St(\beta - 1)D_t \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}, t)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{X}} = \boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{X}, t) \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{v} < 0$$

Dissipative

fractal attractor with

D<sub>F</sub><d



D<sub>F</sub><d implies clustering in real space, i.e. the projection of the attractor in real space will be also (multi-)fractal

#### Clustering in real & phase space

Fractal with  $D_F < d$  embedded in a D=2d-dimensional (X,V)-phase space, looking at positions only amounts to project it onto a d-dimensional space.

Which will be the observed fractal dimension  $d_F$  in position space?

For "isotropic" fractals and "generic" projections

 $d_F = \min\{D_F, d\}$ 

(Sauer & Yorke 1997, Hunt & Kaloshin 1997)

So we expect:

- fractal clustering in physical space with d<sub>F</sub>=D<sub>F</sub> when D<sub>F</sub> <d and d<sub>F</sub>=d when D<sub>F</sub>>d
- existence of critical St<sup>†</sup> above which no clustering is observed



#### Phase space dynamics



### Next slides

- Verification of the above picture mainly numerical studies, see Toschi lecture for details on the methods
- How generic ?

   comparison between turbulent and simplified flows
   dissipative range physics <-> smooth stochastic velocity fields
- Study of simplified models for systematic numerical and/or analytical investigations uncorrelated stochastic velocity fields Kraichnan model (Kraichnan 1968, Falkovich, Gawedzki & Vergassola RMP 2001)

# Model velocity fields

#### Time correlated, random, smooth flows:

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck dynamics for a few Fourier modes chosen so to have a statistically homogeneous and isotropic velocity field

$$rac{d\hat{oldsymbol{u}}_{oldsymbol{k}}}{dt} = -rac{1}{ au_f}\hat{oldsymbol{u}}_{oldsymbol{k}} + c_{oldsymbol{k}}oldsymbol{\xi}_{oldsymbol{k}} \,, \qquad oldsymbol{u}(oldsymbol{x},t) = \sum_k^N \hat{oldsymbol{u}}_{oldsymbol{k}}(t) e^{ioldsymbol{k}\cdotoldsymbol{x}}$$

it can be though as a fair approximation of a Stokesian velocity field

$$egin{array}{rcl} \partial_t oldsymbol{u}&=&
u\Deltaoldsymbol{u}+oldsymbol{f}\ oldsymbol{
array}\cdotoldsymbol{u}&=&0 \end{array}$$

#### Advantage

As few modes are considered particles can be evolved without building the whole velocity field, but just computing it where the particles are

# Kraichnan model

Gaussian, random velocity with zero mean and correlation  $\langle u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t)u_j(\boldsymbol{x},t')\rangle = [2\mathfrak{D}_0\delta_{ij} - B_{ij}(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{x}')]\delta(t-t')$ 

Spatial correlation

 $B_{ij}(m{r}) = \mathfrak{D}_1 r^2 [(d+1)\delta_{ij} - 2r_i r_j/r^2]$  (smooth to mimick dissipative range)

We focus on 2 particle motion allowing for Lagrangian numerical schemes so to avoid to build the whole velocity field

$$\boldsymbol{R} = \boldsymbol{X}_1 - \boldsymbol{X}_2$$
  $\ddot{\boldsymbol{R}} = -\frac{1}{\tau_p} \left( \dot{\boldsymbol{R}} - \delta \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{R}, t) \right)$ 

- good approximation for particles with very large Stokes time  $\tau_p >> T_L = L/U$ ( $T_L$ =integral time scale in turbulence)
- time uncorrelation => no persistent eulerian structures only dissipative dynamics is acting (no preferential concentration)
- reduced two particle dynamics amenable of analytical approaches
- can be easily generalized to mimick inertial range physics

$$B_{ij}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \mathfrak{D}_1 r^{2\boldsymbol{h}} [(d-1+2\boldsymbol{h})\delta_{ij} - 2\boldsymbol{h}r_ir_j/r^2] \operatorname{O$$

![](_page_53_Picture_11.jpeg)

### Kraichnan model

Thanks to time uncorrelation we can write a Fokker-Planck equation for The joint pdf of separation and velocity difference  $p({m r},{m v},t)$ 

$$\begin{split} \partial_t p + \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_i} - \frac{1}{\tau_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} \right) (v_i p) &- \frac{1}{\tau_p^2} \sum_{i,j} B_{ij}(r) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v_i \partial v_j} p = 0\\ B_{ij}(r) &= \mathfrak{D}_1 r^2 [(d+1)\delta_{ij} - 2r_i r_j / r^2] \end{split}$$

By rescaling  $\begin{cases} t \mapsto t' = t/\tau \\ r \mapsto r' = r/\ell \\ v \mapsto v' = \tau v/\ell \end{cases}$ 

The statistics only depends on The Stokes number  $St = \mathfrak{D}_1 \tau_p$ 

Non-smooth generalization  $B_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathfrak{D}_1 r^{2h} [(d-1+2h)\delta_{ij} - 2hr_i r_j/r^2] \qquad St(\ell) = \mathfrak{D}_1 \tau_p / \ell^{2(1-h)}$  $\ell o \infty \;\; \operatorname{St}(\ell) o 0$  Tracer limit  $\ell \to 0$  St $(\ell) \to \infty$  Ballistic limit

Scale dependent Stokes number (Falkovich et al 2003)

# clustering in Kraichnan model

![](_page_55_Figure_1.jpeg)

Bec, MC, Hillerbrandt & Turitsyn 2008

# St<<1 Kraichnan

**IDEA:** for St<<1 velocity dynamics is faster than that of the separation Stochastic averaging method  $m(m, m) = m(m) P_{1}(m) + h_{2}(m)$ 

(Majda, Timofeyev & Vanden Eijnden 2001)

![](_page_56_Figure_3.jpeg)

$$p(\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{v}) = p(\boldsymbol{r})P_{\boldsymbol{r}}(\boldsymbol{v}) + \text{h.o.t}$$

- Stationary solution for the velocity
- Perturbative Expansion in the slow variable (the separation)

Deviation from d is linear in St

Bec, MC, Hillerbrand & Turitsyn, (2008) Results agree with Wilkinson, Mehlig & Gustavsson (2010) and Olla (2010)

#### Clustering in random smooth flows (time correlated)

The Lyapunov dimension

$$D_L = J + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^J \lambda_i}{|\lambda_{J+1}|}$$

Conditions for  $D_L$ =integer

$$\begin{array}{ll} \lambda_1 \!=\!\! 0 & D_L \!=\!\! 1 \\ \lambda_1 \!+\! \lambda_2 \!=\!\! 0 & D_L \!=\!\! 2 \\ \lambda_1 \!+\! \lambda_2 \!+\! \lambda_3 \!=\!\! 0 & D_L \!=\!\! 3 \end{array}$$

![](_page_57_Figure_6.jpeg)

Looking at the first, sum of first 2 or sum of first 3 Lyapunov exponents we can have a picture of the  $(\beta,St)$  dependence of the fractal dimension

#### (β,St)-phase diagram

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

Notice that D<sub>F</sub>>2 always vortical structure Seems to be not effective in trapping Ligth particles

# Lyapunov dimension for $\beta=0$

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Clustering in position space

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Multifractality

![](_page_61_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Particles in turbulence

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \partial_t \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u} = \nu \Delta \boldsymbol{u} - \frac{1}{\rho_f} \boldsymbol{\nabla} p + \boldsymbol{f} & \dot{\boldsymbol{X}} &= \boldsymbol{V} \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{0} & \dot{\boldsymbol{V}} &= \beta D_t \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}) + \frac{\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}, t) - \boldsymbol{V}}{St} \end{array}$ 

0.5

3

2.5

![](_page_62_Picture_2.jpeg)

1.5

β

2

0.5

0

 $St = \frac{\tau}{\tau_{b}} = \frac{3\tau_{p}}{2\beta\tau_{b}}$ 

#### DNS summary

N <sup>3</sup>	$Re_{\lambda}$	β	St range
<b>512</b> <sup>3</sup>	185	0->3	0.16->4
<b>128</b> <sup>3</sup>	65	0->3	0.16->4
<b>2048</b> <sup>3</sup>	400	0	0.16->70
<b>512</b> <sup>3</sup>	185	0	0.16->3.5
<b>256</b> <sup>3</sup>	105	0	0.16->3.5
<b>128</b> <sup>3</sup>	65	0	0.16->3.5

#### **Preferential concentration**

![](_page_63_Figure_1.jpeg)

Correlations with the flow are stronger for light particles Bec et al (2006)

![](_page_64_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Lyapunov exponents

This effect is absent in uncorrelated Flows (Kraichnan), absence of persistent Eulerian tructures:

preferential concentration is not effective

Actually in this case PC should be understood as a cumulative effect on the particle history (P. Olla 2010)

The effect can be analytically studied systematically in correlated stochastic flows with telegraph noise (Falkovich, Musacchio, Piterbarg & Vucelja (2007) Valid a

adied astic 2007) Large St asymptotics Valid also in correlated flows

Expected in turbulence for  $\tau_p >> T_L$ 

#### (β,St)-phase diagram

![](_page_66_Figure_1.jpeg)

Signature of vortex filaments? Which are known to be long-lived in turbulence

#### Lyapunov Dimension

![](_page_67_Figure_1.jpeg)

Light particles: neglecting collisions might be a problem!

![](_page_68_Picture_0.jpeg)

#### Clustering of heavy particles in position space

- Dissipative range -->Smooth flow -> fractal distribution
- Everything must be a function of  $St_n \& Re_{\lambda}$  only ( $\beta$ =0)

![](_page_69_Figure_3.jpeg)

# Correlation Dimension ( $\beta=0$ )

![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Multifractality

![](_page_71_Figure_1.jpeg)

D(q)≠D(0)
## Briefly other aspects

• How to treat polydisperse suspensions?

- Can we extend the treatment to suspensions of particles having different density or size (Stokes number)? Important for heuristic model of collisions (for details see Bec, Celani, MC, Musacchio 2005)
- What does happen at inertial scales?
  - So far we focused on clustering at very small scales (in the dissipative range r<η) what does happen while going at inertial scales (η<<r<L)?</p>

(for details see Bec, Biferale, MC, Lanotte, Musacchio & Toschi 2007 Bec, MC. & Hillerbrandt 2007; Bec, MC, Hillerbrandt & Turitsyn 2008 )

### Polydisperse suspensions



#### What does happen in the inertial range?



•Voids & structures from  $\eta$  to L

•Distribution of particles over scales?

•What is the dependence on St\_ $_\eta$ ? Or what is the proper parameter?

#### Insights from Kraichnan model

$$B_{ij}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \mathfrak{D}_1 r^{2\boldsymbol{h}} [(d-1+2\boldsymbol{h})\delta_{ij} - 2\boldsymbol{h}r_i r_j/r^2]$$

h=1 dissipative range h<1 inertial range

The statistics only depends on the local Stokes number  $St(\ell) = \mathfrak{D}_1 \tau_p / \ell^{2(1-h)}$ 

Tracer limit

$$\ell \to \infty \Longrightarrow St(\ell) \to 0$$
  
Ballistic limit  
 $\ell \to 0 \Longrightarrow St(\ell) \to \infty$ 

Particle distribution is no more Self-similar (fractal) (Balkovsky, Falkovich, Fouxon 2001)

$$P_2(r) \sim r^{\delta_2(r)}$$



#### In turbulence?

Not enough scaling to study local dimensions We can look at the coarse grained density



# What is the relevant time scale of inertial range clustering

For St->0 we have that  $V \approx u - \tau D_t u = u - \tau (\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u)$  $\nabla \cdot V = -\tau \nabla \cdot (u \cdot \nabla u) = \tau \nabla^2 p$  Effective compressibility

We can estimate the phase-space contraction rate for A particle blob of size  $\tau$  when the Stokes time is  $\tau$ 

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{T}_{r,\tau}} = \frac{1}{r^3} \int_{[0:r]^3} d^3x \, \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{V} \sim -\frac{\tau \delta_r a}{r} \sim \frac{\tau \delta_r \nabla p}{r}$$

It relates to pressure



#### Nondimensional contraction rate

Adimensional contraction rate  $\Gamma = \frac{\tau_{\eta}}{\mathcal{I}_{r,\tau}} \sim Re^{1/4} S_{\eta} \left(\frac{r}{\eta}\right)^{-5/3} \sim Re^{-1} S_{\eta} \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{-5/3}$ 





- Clustering is a generic phenomenon in smooth flows: originates from dissipative dynamics (is present also in time uncorrelated flows)
- In time-correlated flows clustering and preferential concentration are linked phenomenon
- Tools from dissipative dynamical systems are appropriate for characterizing particle dynamics & clustering
  - Particles should be studied in their phase-space dynamics
  - Clustering is characterized by (multi)fractal distributions
  - Polydisperse suspensions can be treated similarly to monodisperse ones (properties depend on a length scale r\*)
- Time correlations are important in determining the properties very for small Stokes (d<sub>2</sub>-d∝St<sup>1</sup> or St<sup>2</sup>, behavior of Lyapunov exponents)
- In the inertial range clustering is still present but is not scale invariant, in turbulence the coarse grained contraction rate seems to be the relevant time scale for describing clustering

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