# Acceleration scaling and stochastic dynamics of a fluid particle in turbulence

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## Remarkable features of the Lagrangian dynamics



- Non-gaussian PDF
- Scale separation for the correlation
- Asymmetry of the power received/given  $\Rightarrow$ irreversibility
- Anomalous scaling of the velocity spectra



Mordant et al. PRL 2004



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- $\langle a^2 | \varepsilon, K \rangle = ?$  never studied!

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DNS at  $Re_{\lambda} = 250 \ (N = 1024^3)$ 



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DNS with  $Re_{\lambda} = 40$  to 680

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We can go further and obtain a self-similar form introducing  $a_0^2/a_\eta^2 = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \langle a^2 | \varepsilon \rangle / a_\eta^2 \sim \tau_\eta / \tau_L \sim R e_\lambda^{-1}$ 



$$\langle a^2 | \varepsilon \rangle = B a_\eta^2 \left( \left( \frac{1}{B} \frac{a_0^2}{a_\eta^2} \right)^{1/(3/2+\beta)} + \frac{\varepsilon}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle} \right)^{3/2+\beta}$$

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 $\blacktriangleright P(\varepsilon)$  Log-normal with parameters  $\sigma^2\approx 3/8\ln Re_\lambda/10$ 



$$\begin{split} & - \langle a^2 \rangle \!=\! \int \langle a^2 | \varepsilon \rangle P(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \times \\ & - - - Re_\lambda \gg 1: \\ & \langle a^2 \rangle \sim a_\eta^2 B(Re_\lambda/10)^{9/64+\beta(3\beta/16+3/8)} \\ & - - - Re_\lambda \to \infty: \langle a^2 \rangle \sim a_\eta^2 Re_\lambda^{9/64} \\ & \bullet \text{DNS data Yeung et al 2006} \\ & - - \text{empirical formula Sawford et al. 2003:} \\ & \langle a^2 \rangle \sim a_\eta^2 1.9 \frac{Re_\lambda^{0.135}}{1 + 85/Re_\lambda^{1.135}} \end{split}$$

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 $\ln \varepsilon / \langle \varepsilon \rangle$ 

We propose a stochastic model for the tracer using 4 assumptions:

► H1: Assume the dynamics can be expressed as a closed model (universality)

$$da_i = M_i dt + D_{ij} dW_j$$
;  $du_i = a_i dt$ 

Ito Formula  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$da^2 = (2a_iM_i + D_{ij}D_{ij}) dt + 2a_iD_{ij}dW_j$$

► H2: The instantaneous acceleration is given by the doubly conditional variance (the remaining degree of freedom can be discarded)

$$a^{2} = a_{\eta}^{2} C\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle}\right)^{\gamma} \exp\left(\alpha \frac{K}{\langle K \rangle}\right)$$
  
Taylor expansion:  $da^{2} = a^{2} \left(\alpha \frac{dK}{\langle K \rangle} + \gamma \frac{d\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} + \frac{\gamma(\gamma - 1)}{2} \frac{d\varepsilon^{2}}{\varepsilon^{2}}\right)$   
With  $dK = a_{i} u_{i} dt = P dt$  and  $d\varepsilon = \varepsilon \Pi dt + \varepsilon \Sigma dW$ 

$$da^{2} = a^{2} \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\langle K \rangle} P + \gamma \Pi + \frac{\gamma(\gamma - 1)}{2} \Sigma^{2} \right] dt + \gamma a^{2} \Sigma dW$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Identification between the two equations

► H3: Introduction of a non-diagonal diffusion tensor:

$$D_{ij} = c_1 \delta_{ij} + c_2 \epsilon_{ijk} \omega_k \quad ; \quad \omega_k = \epsilon_{ijk} u_i a_j$$

with the "maximum winding hypothesis":

$$D_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2}{4}} \Sigma^2 \left[ \sqrt{a_T^2} \delta_{ij} + \sqrt{a_N^2} \epsilon_{ijk} b_k \right]$$



▶ H4: Dissipation rate along the trajectory is given by the non-Markovian log-normal process proposed by L. Chevilard Logarithmic correlation of  $\varepsilon \Rightarrow$  cascade picture

$$d\varepsilon = \varepsilon \underbrace{\left(-\ln\frac{\varepsilon}{\langle\varepsilon\rangle} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\Lambda^2} \left(\frac{\tau_\varepsilon}{\tau_\eta} - \Lambda^2\right) + \frac{\sigma}{\Lambda}\Gamma\tau_\varepsilon\right)}_{\Pi} dt/\tau_\varepsilon + \varepsilon \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{\Lambda^2\tau_\eta}}}_{\Sigma} dW$$

with  $\sigma^2$  the variance of  $\ln \varepsilon$ :  $\sigma^2 \approx 3/8 \ln Re_{\lambda}/10$ and  $\Gamma$  the non-Markovian term:  $\Gamma = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^t (t - s + \tau_{\eta})^{-3/2} dW(s)$ ( $\Lambda$  a normalization constant)

Finally we obtain our stochastic equation (no free parameters: they are all determined from DNS!)

$$\begin{aligned} da_i &= \left[\frac{\alpha}{2\langle K \rangle} \left(a_i \left(5.2P + \frac{K}{\tau_{\varepsilon}}\right) - 4.2a^2 u_i\right) - a_i \left(\ln\left(\frac{a^2}{a_{\eta}^2}\right) + \hat{\Gamma}_*\right) \frac{1}{2\tau_{\varepsilon}} - \frac{\sigma_*^2}{\tau_{\eta}} \frac{a_T^2}{a^2} a_i\right] dt \\ &+ \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_*^2}{\tau_{\eta}}} \left[\sqrt{a_T^2} \delta_{ij} + \sqrt{a_N^2} \epsilon_{ijk} b_k\right] dW_j \qquad ; \qquad du_i = a_i dt \end{aligned}$$

One realization at  $Re_{\lambda} = 1000$ 





## Acceleration variance



model  $Re_{\lambda} = 400 \rightarrow 9000$ + comparison from DNS  $Re_{\lambda} = 400$ 



Scale separation between the correlation for norm and the components of the acceleration



Model for  $Re_{\lambda} = 400 \rightarrow 9000$ + comparison from DNS  $Re_{\lambda} = 400$ 





Skewness of the mechanical power  $\Rightarrow$  time irreversibility of the dynamics

(connected to non-markovianity + non-diagonal diffusion)

## Summary / Conclusion

## DNS of Navier-Stokes:

- ► Doubly conditional variance:  $\langle a^2 | \varepsilon, K \rangle / a_{\eta}^2 = C \exp(\alpha K / \langle K \rangle) \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle}\right)^T$
- Multiplicative process for the acceleration accounting for the sweeping effects
- $\alpha = 1/3$  and for 2D ? or non isotropic turbulence ?
- Relation between force/power/energy

#### Stochastic dynamics of fluid particles:

- Only 4 reasonable hypothesis
- Non-gaussianity, long-range correlations, anomalous scaling and time irreversibility.
- Good agreement with the DNS (no free parameters).
- What next ?
  - Extension to non-stationnary / non-homogenous turbulence ?
  - Improve the high frequency/dissipative part
  - Theoretical/mathematical analysis of the model
  - Application to LES / RANS modeling and "multiphysics" coupling

You can check the preprint: https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03408311

## Calculation of the history integral

$$\Gamma(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} (t - s + \tau_c)^{-3/2} dW(s)$$
  

$$\Gamma_n = \sum_{m=0}^{N_{hist}} (s_m + \tau_c)^{-3/2} dW_{n-m}$$
  

$$\approx \sum_{j=1}^{N} (\overline{s}_j + \tau_c)^{-3/2} \overline{dW}_j$$



