Stochastic Lagrangian models for turbulent flows

Application to a downscaling method for wind forecast at small scales

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Application: Near-Surface Wind Speed at fine scale

- Prospective: evaluate the wind potential

- Prediction: forecasting wind at small scale
  - Integration of wind power inside the French Electric Network
  - High variability of the near-surface wind

Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP)
- Météo France: 25 km to few km (mesoscale) for short time prediction (24h, 36h), European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) > 10 km

\[ \Rightarrow \text{Needs a Downscaling Method.} \]
The SDM Project: Stochastic Downscaling Method

**Aim:** propose a new numerical method to improve the wind forecasting at small scale.

**Joint work with**

- F. Bernardin (CETE), A. Rousseau, C. Chauvin (INRIA & LJK): development of the numerical method.
- P. Drobinski, T. Salameh (LMD): application to meteorology and first validations of SDM.

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Geographical framework

The French part of the Mediterranean basin:
(Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence-Alpes-Côtes d’Azur, Rhône-Alpes)

- First region in terms of production, with a high potential to develop.
- Mediterranean climate, mainly forced by the large scale climatic conditions, during the winter (November to Marsh).
- Complex association between large scale and regional scale (10 – 100 km). Important role of orography, the ground and sea contrast.
The Numerical Weather Prediction for large scales

We used the numerical model **MM5** (mesoscale meteorological solver developed at NCAR, USA)

**MM5** is run over 3 nested domains with respective horizontal resolutions of 27 km, 9 km and 3 km.

Coarse, medium and fine domain are centered at 43.7° N, 4.6° E and cover an area of 1350 × 1350 km², 738 × 738 km² and 120 × 174 km², respectively.

The ◇ on Fig.(c) indicates the position of the buoy ASIS.
Our downscaling approach

- **Our domain**: one or several meshes of MM5 in the fine domain.
  - The boundary condition: the MM5 velocity

- **Fluid dynamics represented in a Lagrangian approach**
  - No more stability condition (CFL)
  - Nonlinear McKean Stochastic Differential Equations simulated by a particle method
  - Computational complexity very attractive.

- **Stochastic Downscaling Method**
  - Integrate more and more physics inside this model
  - A totally new kind of simulation: a lot of open problems (on the model and on its discretization)
  - Introduction of the splitting scheme to integrate the pressure effects.
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Modeling turbulent flows: Statistical approach of turbulent flows

The Reynolds averages (or ensemble averages) are expectations:

\[ \langle U \rangle(t, x) := \int_{\Omega} U(t, x, \omega)d\mathbb{P}(\omega). \]

The corresponding Reynolds decomposition of the velocity is

\[ U(t, x, \omega) = \langle U \rangle(t, x) + u(t, x, \omega), \]
\[ \mathbb{P}(t, x, \omega) = \langle \mathbb{P} \rangle(t, x) + p(t, x, \omega) \]

The random field \( u(t, x, \omega) \) is the turbulent part of the velocity.

Incompressible Navier Stokes equation in \( \mathbb{R}^3 \), for the velocity field \((U^{(1)}, U^{(2)}, U^{(3)})\) and the pressure \(\mathbb{P}\), with constant mass density \(\rho\)

\[
\partial_t U + (U \cdot \nabla) U = \nu \Delta U - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \mathbb{P}, \quad t > 0, \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\
\nabla \cdot U = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\
U(0, x) = U_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3.
\]
The Reynolds averaged equation for the mean velocity

Assuming Reynolds decomposition, we obtain the unclosed equation with constant mass density $\rho$

$$
\partial_t \langle U^{(i)} \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \langle U^{(j)} \rangle \partial_{x_j} \langle U^{(i)} \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \partial_{x_j} \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle = \nu \Delta \langle U^{(i)} \rangle - \frac{1}{\rho} \partial_{x_i} \langle P \rangle,
$$

$$\nabla \cdot \langle U \rangle = 0, \ t \geq 0, \ x \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

$$\langle U \rangle(0, x) = \langle U_0 \rangle(x), \ x \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

where $\langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle = \langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle - \langle U^{(i)} \rangle \langle U^{(j)} \rangle$.

Direct modeling of the Reynolds stress by a turbulent viscosity model:

kinetic turbulent energy $k(t, x) := \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{1}{2} \langle u^{(i)} u^{(i)} \rangle(t, x)$

and

g pseudo-dissipation $\varepsilon(t, x) := \nu \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{j=1}^{3} \langle \partial_{x_j} u^{(i)} \partial_{x_j} u^{(i)} \rangle(t, x).$
The equation for the Reynolds stress \( \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle, i, j \)

\[
\frac{\partial_t}{\partial t} \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle + \left( \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle \cdot \nabla_x \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{3} \partial_{x_k} \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} u^{(k)} \rangle \\
= -\frac{1}{\rho} \langle u^{(j)} \partial_{x_i} p + u^{(i)} \partial_{x_j} p \rangle + \nu \sum_{k=1}^{3} \partial_{x_k}^2 \langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle \\
+ \nu \sum_{k=1}^{3} \langle \partial_{x_k} u^{(i)} \partial_{x_k} u^{(j)} \rangle - \sum_{k=1}^{3} \left( \langle u^{(i)} u^{(k)} \rangle \partial_{x_k} \langle \mathcal{U} (j) \rangle + \langle u^{(j)} u^{(k)} \rangle \partial_{x_k} \langle \mathcal{U} (i) \rangle \right). 
\]

Higher order closure: model equation for the Reynolds stress.
An alternative approach to compute the Reynolds stress

Let $f_E(t, x; V)$ be the probability density function (PDF) of the random field $\mathcal{U}(t, x)$, then

$$\langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \rangle (t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} V^{(i)} f_E(t, x; V) dV,$$

$$\langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \mathcal{U}^{(j)} \rangle (t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} V^{(i)} V^{(j)} f_E(t, x; V) dV.$$

The closure problem is reported on the PDE satisfied by the probability density function $f_E$.

In a series of papers (see e.g. Pope 85, ..., Dreben Pope 03), Stephen B. Pope propose to model the PDF $f_E$ with a Lagrangian description of the flow.
Fluid particle model family

On a given probability space \((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})\), consider the state vector \((X_t, U_t, \psi_t)\) satisfying

\[
\begin{align*}
    dX_t &= U_t \, dt, \\
    dU_t &= \left[ -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla_x \langle P \rangle (t, X_t) + \nu \Delta_x \langle U \rangle (t, X_t) \right] dt \\
    &\quad - G(t, X_t) (U_t - \langle U \rangle (t, X_t)) dt + \sqrt{C(t, X_t) \varepsilon(t, X_t)} dW_t, \\
    d\psi_t &= D_1(t, X_t, \psi_t) dt + D_2(t, X_t, \psi_t) d\tilde{W}_t.
\end{align*}
\]

\((W, \tilde{W})\) is a 4D-Brownian motion.

- Compute de Eulerian fields \(\langle U^{(i)} \rangle (t, x), \langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle (t, x)\).
- Determine \(\varepsilon, C, G, D_1, D_2\) by the RANS closure.
Compute the Reynolds averages $\langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \mathcal{U}^{(j)} \rangle$

We call $f_L(t; x, V, \psi)$ the probability density function of $(X_t, U_t, \psi_t)$.

$f_L$ satisfies a closed PDE: the Fokker-Planck equation associated to the particle fluid SDE.

Case of incompressible flow with a constant mass density:

$$f_E(t, x; V, \phi) = \frac{f_L(t; x, V, \phi)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f_L(t; x, V, \psi) dV d\psi},$$

and for any bounded measurable function $F(v)$,

$$\langle F(\mathcal{U}) \rangle(t, x) = \mathbb{E} \left( F(U_t) / X_t = x \right).$$

In particular,

$$\langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \rangle(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} V^{(i)} \frac{f_L(t; x, V, \phi)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f_L(t; x, U, \psi) dU d\psi} dV d\phi = \mathbb{E} \left( U_t^{(i)} / X_t = x \right).$$
The underlying RANS Equations

\[ \mathbb{P}( (X_t, U_t, \psi_t) \in dxdvd\phi ) := f_L(t; x, v, \phi) dxdvd\phi. \]

Fokker Planck Equation

\[
\begin{align*}
\partial_t f_L &+ (v \cdot \nabla_x f_L) = \frac{1}{\rho} (\nabla_x \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle(t, x) \cdot \nabla_v f_L) \\
&- \nu (\Delta_x \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle(t, x) \cdot \nabla_v f_L) - \nabla_v \cdot (G(t, x)(\langle \mathcal{U} \rangle(t, x) - v)f_L) \\
&+ \frac{C(t, x)\varepsilon(t, x)}{2} \triangle_v f_L - \nabla\phi \cdot (D^1(t, x, \phi)f_L) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \Delta_\phi (D^2(t, x, \phi)f_L).
\end{align*}
\]

- Integrating w.r.t. \( dvd\phi \): conservation of mass Equation for

\[
\rho(t, x) = \int f_L(t; x, v, \phi) dvd\phi
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\partial_t \int f_L dvd\phi &+ \nabla_x \cdot \left( \frac{\int vf_L dvd\phi}{\int f_L dvd\phi} \int f_L dvd\phi \right) = 0 \\
\partial_t \rho + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle) = 0.
\end{align*}
\]
The underlying RANS Equations

- Multiplying by $v_i$, integrating w.r.t. $dvd\phi$: RANS Equation

$$\nabla\times\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho}\langle U^{(i)} \rangle\right) + \sum_{j} \partial_{x_j} \left(\rho\langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle\right) = -\nabla\times\langle P^{(i)} \rangle + \nu \Delta_{x}\langle U^{(i)} \rangle \rho.$$

- Multiplying by $v_i v_j$, integrating w.r.t. $dvd\phi$: model equation on the Reynolds stress.

$\Rightarrow$ Identification of the Lagrangian model coefficients $\varepsilon, C, G, D_1, D_2$. 

$\equiv \nabla\times\langle P^{(i)} \rangle + \nu \Delta_{x}\langle U^{(i)} \rangle \rho.$
The Simplified Langevin model (Pope 94)

\[
\begin{cases}
    dX_t = U_t dt, \\
    dU_t^{(i)} = \left[ -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} (t, X_t) \\
    \quad - \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0 \right) \frac{\varepsilon(t, X_t)}{k(t, X_t)} \left( U_t^{(i)} - \langle U^{(i)} \rangle (t, X_t) \right) \right] dt \\
    + \sqrt{C_0 \varepsilon(t, X_t)} dW_t^{(i)}, \ \forall \ i \in \{1, 2, 3\}
\end{cases}
\]

+ boundary conditions + wall boundary functions.

where \( \varepsilon(t, x) \) and \( k(t, x) \) are supposed to be known. \( \langle P \rangle (t, x) \) must be recovered by the Poisson equation

\[
\nabla^2 \langle P \rangle = -\frac{\partial^2 \langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}
\]

which guarantees that the averaged Eulerian velocity is divergence free.
The Basic model (Dreeben Pope 98)

Include the instantaneous turbulence frequency $\omega$, satisfying

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{dX_t}{dt} &= U_t dt, \\
\frac{dU_t^{(i)}}{dt} &= \left[-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle}{\partial x_i} (t, X_t) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0\right) \langle \omega \rangle(t, X_t) \left(U_t^{(i)} - \langle U^{(i)} \rangle(t, X_t)\right)\right] dt \\
&\quad + \sqrt{C_0 k(t, X_t) \langle \omega \rangle(t, X_t)} dW_t^{(i)}, \quad \forall \ i \in \{1, 2, 3\}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
S_\omega = C_\omega_2 + C_\omega_1 \frac{\langle u^{(i)} u^{(j)} \rangle(t, x)}{\varepsilon(t, x)} \frac{\partial \langle U^{(i)} \rangle}{\partial x_j}(t, x).
$$

$\varepsilon(t, x)$ is recovered by the closure relation $\langle \omega \rangle(t, x) = \frac{\varepsilon(t, x)}{k(t, x)}$. 
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The SDM model in $\mathcal{D}$

\[
\begin{align*}
    dX_t &= U_t \, dt, \\
    dU_t^{(i)} &= \left[ -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i}(t, X_t) \\
    &\quad - \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0 \right) \frac{\varepsilon(t, X_t)}{k(t, X_t)} \left( U_t^{(i)} - \langle U^{(i)} \rangle(t, X_t) \right) \right] \, dt \\
    &\quad + \sqrt{C_0 \varepsilon(t, X_t)} \, dW_t^{(i)}, \quad \forall \, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}
\end{align*}
\]

+ boundary conditions on $\partial \mathcal{D}$.

- $k(t, x)$ is computed inside the model.

- $\langle P \rangle(t, x)$ must be recovered by the Poisson equation

\[
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The turbulent-kinetic-energy model
Meteorologic Closure in SDM

The components:

- The mixing length $\ell_m = \ell_m(z)$
- The turbulent viscosity $\nu_T = \frac{C_k}{\ell_m} k^{1/2}$
- A model for the dissipation rate: $\varepsilon(t, x, y, z) = \frac{C_{\varepsilon}}{\ell_m(z)} k^{3/2}(t, x, y, z)$

- **Calibrate** the coefficients to include more and more fine physics
- **Link with the similarity theory**
  Figure: Square root of $\langle u^{(i)} u^{(i)} \rangle$, for $i = 1, 2, 3$ in one cell of $\mathcal{D}$.
- **Initial condition** should satisfy the guessed physical behavior. ($\Rightarrow k$)
The Guidance with an external velocity field (0.1)

The Downscaling method

Let $D$ be an open set of $\mathbb{R}^3$, and a velocity $V_{\text{ext}}$ given at $\partial D$:

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{dX_t}{dt} &= U_t dt, \\
\frac{dU_t}{dt} &= \left[-\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle (t, X_t) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0\right) \frac{\varepsilon(t, X_t)}{k(t, X_t)} (U_t - \langle U \rangle (t, X_t)) \right] dt \\
&\quad + \sqrt{C_0 \varepsilon(t, X_t)} dW_t \\
&\quad - \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} 2U_s - \mathbb{I} \{X_s \in \partial D\} + \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} V_{\text{ext}}(s, X_s) \mathbb{I} \{X_s \in \partial D\}.
\end{align*}
$$

The two last terms should guarantee that

$$
\langle U \rangle (t, x) := \mathbb{E} \left[ U_t / X_t = x \right] = V_{\text{ext}}(t, x), \forall x \in \partial D.
$$
The Guidance with an external velocity field (0.2)

The Downscaling method

Let $\mathcal{D}$ be an open set of $\mathbb{R}^3$, and a velocity $V_{ext}$ given at $\partial \mathcal{D}$:

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{dX_t}{dt} &= U_t dt - V_{ext}(t, X_t) \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s \in \partial \mathcal{D}\}} dt, \\
\frac{dU_t}{dt} &= \left[-\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle(t, X_t) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0\right) \frac{\mathcal{E}(t, X_t)}{k(t, X_t)} (U_t - \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle(t, X_t)) \right] dt \\
&\quad + \sqrt{C_0 \mathcal{E}(t, X_t)} dW_t \\
&\quad - \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} 2U_s \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s \in \partial \mathcal{D}\}} + \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} 2V_{ext}(s, X_s) \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s \in \partial \mathcal{D}\}}.
\end{align*}
$$

The two last terms should guarantee that

$$
\langle \mathcal{U} \rangle(t, x) := \mathbb{E} \left[ U_t/X_t = x \right] = V_{ext}(t, x), \forall x \in \partial \mathcal{D}.
$$
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The numerical framework: particle method

Our computational domain $\mathcal{D}$, for example, a given cell of the MM5 solver.

Boundary condition:

$\forall x \in \partial \mathcal{D}, \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle(t, x) = V_{MM5}(t, x)$

($MM5$ guideline.)
The numerical framework: particle method

The computational space is divided in cells of given size. *Particle in cell* (P.I.C.) technique to approximate the Eulerian fields like \( \langle \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \rangle (t, x) \).

We compute the Eulerian fields (mean fields) at the center of each sub-cell only.
The numerical framework
The Particle in Cell method

- We introduce $N_p$ particles in $\mathcal{D}$.
- $G(y, x) = \mathbb{1}\{y \in \mathcal{C}(x)\}$.
- Each cell $\mathcal{C}$ contains $N_{pc}$ particles (constant mass density constraint).

$$\langle F(\mathcal{U}) \rangle (t, x) \simeq \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} F\left(U^k_{t}, N_p\right) \frac{G(X^k_{t}, N_p, x)}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} G(X^k_{t}, N_p, X^j_{t}, N_p)}.$$ 

Convergence: Propagation of chaos result.
The external velocity $V_{ext}$ is imposed at the boundaries of $\mathcal{D}$. 
The numerical algorithm

The \( N_p \)-Particles dynamic: for \( j = 1, \ldots, N_p \)

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dX_j^{t,N_p}}{dt} & = U_j^{t,N_p} dt, \\
\frac{dU_t^{(i),j,N_p}}{dt} & = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i}(t, X_j^{t,N_p}) dt \\
& \quad + D_U(t, X_j^{t,N_p}) dt + B_U(t, X_j^{t,N_p}) dW_{t}^{(i),j,N_p} \\
& \quad + \text{MM5 guideline terms at the boundary, } \forall \ i \in \{1, 2, 3\}.
\end{align*}
\]

- The coefficients \( D_U, B_U \) depend on the particles approximations of \( \langle U \rangle, \langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle \) and its derivatives.
- \(-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i}(t, X_j^{t,N_p})\) ensures that \( \nabla \cdot \langle U \rangle = 0 \) and maintains the mass density constant.

\[
\nabla^2 \langle P \rangle = -\frac{\partial^2 \langle U^{(i)} U^{(j)} \rangle}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}
\]
The algorithm
A fractional step method: \( n\Delta t \rightarrow (n+1)\Delta t \) (Pope 85)

The \( N_p \)-Particles dynamic: for \( j = 1, \ldots, N_p \), for \( n\Delta t \leq t \leq (n+1)\Delta t \),

\[
\begin{aligned}
  d\tilde{X}_t^{j,N_p} &= \tilde{U}_t^{j,N_p} dt, \\
  d\tilde{U}_t^{(i),j,N_p} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle}{\partial x_i} (t, \tilde{X}_t^{j,N_p}) dt \\
  &\quad + D\tilde{U}(t, X_t^{j,N_p}) dt + B\tilde{U}(t, X_t^{j,N_p}) dW_t^{(i),j,N_p} \\
  &\quad + MM5 \text{ guideline terms at the boundary, } \forall \ i \in \{1, 2, 3\}
\end{aligned}
\]

\( X_{n\Delta t}^{j,N_p}, U_{n\Delta t}^{(i),j,N_p} \) given.

- Correction of the particles positions \( \tilde{X}_{(n+1)\Delta t}^{j,N_p} \rightarrow X_{(n+1)\Delta t}^{j,N_p} \), in order to maintain the (discrete) uniform distribution.
- Correction of the particles velocities \( \tilde{U}_{(n+1)\Delta t}^{j,N_p} \rightarrow U_{(n+1)\Delta t}^{j,N_p} \) such that \( \nabla \langle \mathcal{W}^{(n+1)} \rangle = 0 \).
The constant mass density constraint

- The density of particles has to be constant in each cell
  - Acts on \( \{X^k_n\}_{1 \leq k \leq N_p}(+) \)
  - An optimal transport problem

\( N_{pc} = 2. \)

+: particles after advancement
\( \Delta: \) particles after density uniformization.

- Aim: Minimize the number of crossed cells
- Impacts on the statistics
Solve the optimal transportation problem

- Move the particles, such that the corresponding distribution becomes uniform.
- Minimize the global amount of displacement.

The density $\rho(x)$ is an Eulerian quantity approximated thanks to the nearest grid point formula

$$\rho(x_i) = \frac{\# \{ \text{particles in } C_i \}}{N_{pc}}, \quad N_{pc} = \frac{N_p}{\# \{ \text{cells} \}}$$

Can be viewed as a discretization of an optimal continuous transport problem (see e.g. Brenier 03):

Find a transport map $\phi : D \to D$, satisfying $\forall A \subset D$

$$\int_{\phi^{-1}(A)} \rho(x) dx = \int_A \rho_0(x) dx$$

minimizing the $L^2$-cost

$$K(\phi) = \int_D |x - \phi(x)|^2 dx.$$
Solve the optimal transportation problem

Well-known problem, having a well-known solution (see Benamou Brenier 2000 and ref. herein): $\phi$ is unique and given by

$$\phi = \mathbb{1}_D - \nabla \gamma$$

with $\gamma$ satisfying the Monge Ampère equation

$$\rho(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_1^2} & - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3} \\ - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & 1 - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_2^2} & - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} \\ - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3} & - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} & 1 - \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial x_3^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Numerical discretization: difficult
- Explicit solution in dimension one.
Solve the discrete optimal transportation problem

Classical assignment problem in network optimization.

The auction algorithm and its $\varepsilon$-scaling improvement.
(Bertsekas 98)

Worse case complexity: $\mathcal{O}(N^3 \log(N))$
Averaged complexity in SDM: $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$. 
The triangular 1D optimal transport

Suppose $D = (0, 1)$. The optimal transport is then entirely determined by the transfer condition:

$$\forall x \in D, \quad \phi(x) = \int_0^x \rho(y) \, dy,$$

- The 1D discrete optimal transport problem is easy to solve.
- Solve the 3D case as a collection of 1D cases in the three directions.
- See Chauvin et al. 08, for a comparison of the various methods for solving the OTP.
Correction of the particles velocities

The divergence-free constraint

- \( \tilde{U}_{n\Delta t}^j, N_p \rightarrow U_{n\Delta t}^j, N_p \). The new velocity field \( \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle_n \) must be divergence free.

- Classically obtained by solving a Poisson equation:

\[
\begin{cases}
\Delta P = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} \nabla \cdot \langle \tilde{U} \rangle_n, & x \in \mathcal{D}, \\
\frac{\partial P}{\partial n} \bigg|_{\partial \mathcal{D}} = 0,
\end{cases}
\]

and update the velocity field thanks to:

\[
\langle \mathcal{U} \rangle_{n\Delta t} = \langle \tilde{U} \rangle_{n\Delta t} + \Delta t \nabla P.
\]

\[
U_{n\Delta t}^j, N_p = \tilde{U}_{n\Delta t}^j, N_p + \Delta t \nabla P(X_{n\Delta t}^j, N_p)
\]

This insures the free divergence of \( \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle_{n\Delta t} \).

- **BUT** the velocity field has to fulfill:

\[
\forall x \in \partial \mathcal{D}, \langle \mathcal{U} \rangle_{n\Delta t}(t, x) = V_{MM5}(t, x)
\]

\[
\rightarrow \text{A specific projection procedure?}
\]
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The MM5 model is run for 3 days between March 23rd and 25th, 1998 over the 3 nested domains with respective horizontal resolutions of 27, 9 and 3 km.

The initial and boundary conditions are taken from the ECMWF (European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast) reanalyses.

Diamond represents the location of the buoy ASIS.
Numerical results
SDM Validation

- Calibrate the coefficients $C_\varepsilon$, $\ell_m$ on a simple model.
  - No terrain elevation.
- Test made on $6 \times 6 \times 6$ cells, with $T = 25 \, h$.
  - $V_{MM5}^{(1)} \sim -1 \, m/s$,
  - $V_{MM5}^{(2)} \sim -8 \, m/s$,
  - $V_{MM5}^{(3)} \sim 0.0005 \, m/s$.
- $\Delta t = 1 \, s$
- Run $\sim 8 \, h$ for $N_{pc} = 800$.
- Standard deviation $\sigma$ independent of $N_{pc}$.
- Small spin-up.
Numerical results

Comparison of MM5 at several scales, the buoy, and SDM in the cell containing the buoy.
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Mathematical study of a simplified Langevin model

2d **dimensional SDE in the phase space (position, velocity):**

\[
\begin{cases}
    dX_t &= U_t dt, \\
    dU_t &= \mathbb{E} \left[ b(u, U_t)/X_t \right]_{u=U_t} dt + \sigma(t, X_t, U_t) dW_t, \quad t \in [0, T].
\end{cases}
\]

Nonlinear drift term in the sense of McKean.

**Related works:**

Sznitman (86): Propagation of chaos for the Burgers Equation:

\[
X_t = X_0 + W_t + 2 \int_0^t u(s, X_s) ds
\]

\[
u(t, x) dx \text{ is the law of } X_t.
\]

Dermoune (03): Conditional propag. of chaos for pressurless gas Eq.

\[
X_t = X_0 + W_t + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[v(X_0)/X_s] ds.
\]

**Here:** local interaction in the $d$ first variables $(x_1, \ldots, x_d)$. Hypoelliptic Fokker-Plank equation. We need a Propagation of chaos result.
Mathematical study of a simplified Langevin model

If $b : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is bounded, by the Girsanov theorem, any weak solution $(X_t, U_t, t \in [0, T])$ has a strictly positive density $(\rho_t(x, u), t \in [0, T])$,

and $\mathbb{E} \left[ b(u, U_t) / X_t = x \right] = B[x, u; \rho_t]$.

where $B[x, u; \gamma] = \begin{cases} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} b(u, v) \gamma(x, v) dv}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma(x, v) dv}, & \text{if } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma(x, v) dv \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

\[
\begin{align*}
X_t &= X_0 + \int_0^t U_s ds, \\
U_t &= U_0 + \int_0^t B[X_s, U_s; \rho_s] ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s, U_s) dW_s, \\
\mathbb{P}((X_t, U_t) \in dxdu) &= \rho_t(x, u) dxdu, \quad t \in [0, T],
\end{align*}
\]
Mathematical study of a simplified Langevin model

- \( \sigma \) is bounded and strongly elliptic: for \( a := \sigma \sigma^* \), there exists \( \lambda > 0 \) s.t. for all \( t \in (0, T] \), \( x, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^d \),

\[
\frac{|v|^2}{\lambda} \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^{d} a^{(i,j)}(t, x, u)v_i v_j \leq \lambda |v|^2.
\]

- For all \( 1 \leq i, j \leq d \), \( \sigma^{(i,j)}(t, x, u) \) is \( B \)-Hölder continuous.

**Theorem**

Let \( b \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^{2d}, \mathbb{R}^d) \), let \( (X_0, U_0) \) s.t. \( \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \|X_0\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} + \|U_0\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 \right] < +\infty \). On the previous hypotheses on the velocity diffusion coefficient \( \sigma \), the system has a unique weak solution.
The smoothed system in the space variables

\[
\begin{cases}
X_t^\varepsilon = X_0 + \int_0^t U_s^\varepsilon \, ds, \\
U_t^\varepsilon = U_0 + \int_0^t B_\varepsilon [X_s^\varepsilon, U_s^\varepsilon; \rho_s^\varepsilon] \, ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s, U_s) \, dW_s,
\end{cases}
\]

where \( \mathcal{L} \text{aw}(X_t^\varepsilon, U_t^\varepsilon) = \rho_t^\varepsilon(x, u) \, dx \, du \), and for every non–negative \( \gamma \) in \( L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \),

\[
B_\varepsilon [x, u; \gamma] = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} b(v, u) \phi_\varepsilon(x - y) \gamma(y, v) \, dy \, dv}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_\varepsilon(x - y) \gamma(y, v) \, dy \, dv + \varepsilon},
\]

for a given regularization \( \phi_\varepsilon \) of the Dirac mass in \( \mathbb{R}^d \) in \( C^1_c(\mathbb{R}^d) \).

\[
\begin{cases}
dX_t^\varepsilon = U_t^\varepsilon \, dt, \\
dU_t^\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbb{E} [b(v, U_t^\varepsilon) \phi_\varepsilon(x - X_t^\varepsilon)]}{\mathbb{E} [\phi_\varepsilon(x - X_t^\varepsilon)]} \bigg|_{x=X_t^\varepsilon, v=U_t^\varepsilon} \, dt + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s^\varepsilon, U_s^\varepsilon) \, dW_s,
\end{cases}
\]

\( t \in [0, T] \).
Existence of the smoothed system

On $({\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t; \ t \in [0, \ T])}, \mathbb{Q})$, $(W^i_t; \ t \in [0, \ T]; \ i \in \mathbb{N})$ independent Brownian motions in $\mathbb{R}^d$, $\{(X^i_0, U^i_0); \ i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ i.i.d, independent of the Brownian family, such that

$$
\mathbb{Q}\left((X^1_0, U^1_0) \in dx \ du\right) = \rho_0(x, u) \, dx \, du.
$$

\[
\begin{cases}
X^i_{t,\varepsilon,N} = X^i_0 + \int_0^t U^i_{s,\varepsilon,N} \, ds, \\
U^i_{t,\varepsilon,N} = U^i_0 + \int_0^t \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N b(U^i_{s,\varepsilon,N}, U^j_{s,\varepsilon,N}) \phi_{\varepsilon}(X^i_{s,\varepsilon,N} - X^j_{s,\varepsilon,N}) \, ds + W^i_t, \\
\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N \left( \phi_{\varepsilon}(X^i_{s,\varepsilon,N} - X^j_{s,\varepsilon,N}) + \varepsilon \right)
\end{cases}
\]

$i = 1, \ldots, N$.

The sequence $\{\pi^N = \text{Law} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\{X^i_{\varepsilon,N}, U^i_{\varepsilon,N}, W^i\}} \right), \ N \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is tight on $\mathcal{P}(C([0, \ T]; \mathbb{R}^{3d}))$. 

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Spatially Confined Langevin model in $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

Impact problem with stochastic forcing.
(Deterministic motions, see e.g. Schatzman 98, Ballard 01).

Homogeneous Dirichlet condition for the impact problem:

\[
\begin{align*}
X_t &= X_0 + \int_0^t U_s ds, \\
U_t &= U_0 + \int_0^t \langle b(X_s, U_s) \rangle ds + \mathcal{W}_t \\
&\quad - \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} 2 (U_{s-} \cdot n(X_s)) n(X_s) \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s \in \partial \mathcal{D}\}}
\end{align*}
\]

must satisfy the averaged no-permeability condition: $\forall x \in \partial \mathcal{D}$,

\[
\langle \mathcal{U} \cdot n \rangle(t, x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ U_t \cdot n(X_t) / X_t = x \right] = 0.
\]
Lemma

Assume that $\gamma(\rho)$ satisfies the following properties:

i) $\gamma(\rho)(t, x, u) = \gamma(\rho)(t, x, u - 2(u \cdot n_D(x))n_D(x)),$
    \[dt \otimes d\sigma_D \otimes du, \text{ a.e.}\]

ii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |(v \cdot n_D(x))| \gamma(\rho)(t, x, v) \, dv < +\infty, \ dt \otimes d\sigma_D, \text{ a.e.}$

iii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma(\rho)(t, x, v) \, dv > 0, \ dt \otimes d\sigma_D, \text{ a.e.}$

Then the averaged no-permeability holds.
Confined Langevin model in $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R}^+$

**Theorem**

$b : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \to \mathbb{R}^d$ bounded Lipschitz, $(X_0, U_0)$ s.t. $\mathbb{E}[\|X_0\|^2 + \|U_0\|^4] < +\infty$. $\rho_0$ has its support in $\mathcal{D}$.

There exists a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t; t \in [0, T]), \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{W}_t))$ and $\mathcal{F}_t$–adapted process, $(X, U)$ valued in $C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R}^+) \times \mathcal{D}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$ s.t.

\[
\begin{cases}
    X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t U_s \, ds, \\
    U_t = U_0 + \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[ b(u, U_s)/X_s \right] \bigg|_{u=U_s} \, ds + \mathcal{W}_t \\
    \quad - \sum_{0 < s \leq t} 2 (U_s - \cdot n_D(X_s)) n_D(X_s) \mathbb{I}\{X_s \in \partial \mathcal{D}\}
\end{cases}
\]

and the sequence $\{\tau_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ defined by

$\tau_0 = \inf\{t \geq 0; X_t^d = 0\}$, \quad $\tau_n = \inf\{t > \tau_{n-1}; X_t^d = 0\}$

is well defined and grows to infinity.
The joint law of $(X_t, U_t)$ has a density $\rho(t, x, v)$, which is the unique weak solution of the following Vlasov-Fokker-Planck Equation with specular boundary condition:

\[
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla_x \rho + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{b(v, u)\rho(t, x, u)du}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \rho(t, x, u)du} \right) \cdot \nabla_v \rho = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_v \rho,
\]

\[(t, x, v) \in (0, T) \times D \times \mathbb{R}^d, \]

\[
\rho(0, x, v) = \rho_0(x, v) \text{ given}, (x, v) \in D \times \mathbb{R}^d,
\]

\[
\rho(t, x, v) = \rho(t, x, v - 2(v \cdot n_D(x))n_D(x)),
\]

\[(t, v) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, x \in \partial D.
\]

The sufficient condition for the averaged no-permeability is fulfilled.
The confined Brownian motion primitive in the half line

Starting from \((X_0, U_0)\) with \(X_0 > 0\), and a \((B_t)\) Brownian motion in \(\mathbb{R}\),

\[
Y_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \mathcal{V}_s ds, \quad \mathcal{V}_t = U_0 + B_t.
\]

Set \(X_t = |Y_t|, \quad U_t = \mathcal{V}_t \mathcal{S}_t^+, \) with \(\mathcal{S}_t := \text{sign}(Y_t)\).

**Lemma**

*If \(\rho_0\) has its support in \(\mathbb{R} \times (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}\), then \(\mathcal{S}_t\) jumps a countable number of times and \(U_t\) solves*

\[
U_t = U_0 + W_t - 2 \sum_{0 < s \leq t} U_s - 1 \{X_s = 0\}, \quad \mathbb{P}. \text{a.s.}
\]

*where \(W_t\) is a Brownian motion.*

( Lachal 97: Passage time of the Brownian motion primitive at 0)
And for other domains?

**Theorem**

\( \mathcal{D} \) a smooth bounded domain in \( \mathbb{R}^d \).

\( b : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \to \mathbb{R}^d \) bounded.

Weak existence (in \( L^2 ((0, T) \times \mathcal{D}; H^1(\pi, \mathbb{R}^d)) \)) and uniqueness of the Vlasov-Fokker-Planck Equation with specular boundary condition:

\[
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x \rho + \left( \left\{ \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} b(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) \rho(t, x, \mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(t, x, \mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u}} \right\} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \rho \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\mathbf{v}} \rho, \\
(t, x, \mathbf{v}) &\in (0, T) \times \mathcal{D} \times \mathbb{R}^d,
\end{aligned}
\]

\[
\begin{aligned}
\rho(0, x, \mathbf{v}) &= \rho_0(x, \mathbf{v}), \quad (x, \mathbf{v}) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\
\rho(t, x, \mathbf{v}) &= \rho(t, x, \mathbf{v} - 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot n_\mathcal{D}(x))n_\mathcal{D}(x)), \\
(t, \mathbf{v}) &\in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad x \in \partial \mathcal{D}.
\end{aligned}
\]

Propagation of initial Maxwellian bounds for the sub- and super- solutions.
Euler scheme for linear confined models, $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}^+$

\[
\begin{align*}
X_t &= X_0 + \int_0^t U_s \, ds, \\
U_t &= U_0 + \int_0^t b(U_s) \, ds + W_t - \sum_{0 < s \leq t} 2U_{s-} \mathbb{1} \{X_s = 0\}.
\end{align*}
\]

**Euler scheme:** $\Delta t > 0$ and $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $T = K \Delta t; \ t_k := k \Delta t, 1 \leq k \leq K,$ $(\bar{X}_{t_k}, \bar{U}_{t_k})$ given, compute $(\bar{X}_{t_{k+1}}, \bar{U}_{t_{k+1}})$:

if $\bar{X}_{t_k} + \Delta t \bar{U}_{t_k} \geq 0$ then

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{X}_{t_{k+1}} &= \bar{X}_{t_k} + \Delta t \bar{U}_{t_k} \\
\bar{U}_{t_{k+1}} &= \bar{U}_{t_k} + \Delta t b(\bar{U}_{t_k}) + (W_{t_{k+1}} - W_{t_k}).
\end{align*}
\]

else

\[
\begin{align*}
\tau_k &= t_k + \bar{X}_{t_k} / \bar{U}_{t_k}. \\
\bar{X}_{t_{k+1}} &= -(t_{k+1} - \tau_k) \bar{U}_{t_k} \\
\bar{U}_{t_{k+1}} &= -\bar{U}_{t_k} - (\tau_k - t_k) b(\bar{U}_{t_k}) + (t_{k+1} - \tau_k) b(\bar{U}_{t_k}) + (W_{t_{k+1}} - W_{t_k}).
\end{align*}
\]
Weak convergence of the Euler scheme

Lemma

If \( b(u) = -cu \) then \( h(t, x, u) \) have bounded spatial derivatives up to the order 4 and

\[
|\mathbb{E}f(X_T) - \mathbb{E}f(\bar{X}_T)| \leq C \Delta t
\]

for \( f \) in \( C_b(\mathbb{R}) \).

Where

\[
h(t, x, u) = \mathbb{E} \left( f(X^{t,x,u}_T) \right)
\]

solves the following PDE in \([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} :\)

\[
\begin{cases}
\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + u \nabla_x h + b(u) \nabla_u h + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_u h = 0, \\
h(t, 0, u) = h(t, 0, -u), \\
h(T, x, u) = f(x).
\end{cases}
\]
Concluding remarks

Stochastic Downscaling Method: next step
- More physics! (terrain elevation, temperature...)

Numerical analysis
- Validation of the splitting algorithm for Lagrangian models.
- Numerical analysis of the PIC method.

On Lagrangian models
- Confined Brownian primitive in a domain with a forcing
- Divergence free Lagrangian model (work in progress with J. Fontbona).
- Regularity and upper-bounds for the solution of a linear backward PDE with specular boundary condition.