

# Chaotic hypothesis in fluids and possible applications

**Chaotic hypothesis (CH):** *Motions developing on the attracting set of a chaotic system can be regarded as motions of a transitive hyperbolic (also called “Anosov”) system.*

Besides the physical meaning it has a few implications

(1) Existence of time averages and their statistics  $\mu$  (SRB statistics)

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T F(S_t x) dt \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathcal{A}} F(y) \mu(dy) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle F \rangle$$

(2) Coarse graining is rigorously definable and SRB is, consequently, interpretable as equidistribution on the attracting set ( $\Rightarrow$  variational principle and existence of Lyapunov function)

(3)  $\mu$  admits an explicit representation so that averages can be written and compared (without computing them)

(4) large deviations law holds:  $f_j \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau F_j(S_t x) dt$

$$Prob(\mathbf{f} \in \Delta) = Prob((f_1, \dots, f_n) \in \Delta) \propto_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{\tau \max_{\mathbf{f} \in \Delta} \zeta(\mathbf{f})}$$

$\zeta$  defined in a convex open set  $\Gamma$  and analytic there and  $\zeta = -\infty$  outside  $\bar{\Gamma}$

(5) mechanical interpretation of entropy creation rate as *entropy increase of the thermostats*: it is the divergence of the equations of motion

$$\varepsilon(x) = \sum_j \frac{Q_j}{T_j} + \text{“total derivative”}$$

(6) in *time reversal invariant* cases FT: ( $F_j$  odd)

$$\zeta(-\mathbf{f}) = \zeta(\mathbf{f}) - \langle \varepsilon \rangle$$

provided  $\sigma = \varphi(\mathbf{F})$  and  $\langle \varepsilon \rangle > 0$ . No free parameters. More surprisingly

$$\frac{Prob_\mu(F_j(S_t x) = \varphi(t), t \in [0, \tau])}{Prob_\mu(F_j(S_t x) = -\varphi(\tau - t), t \in [0, \tau])} \propto e^{\int_0^\tau \sigma(S_t x) dt}$$

## 2. Fluids

(1) Fluid equations are not reversible. Equivalence conjecture:

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \underline{\partial} \mathbf{u} = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} - \partial p + \mathbf{g},$$

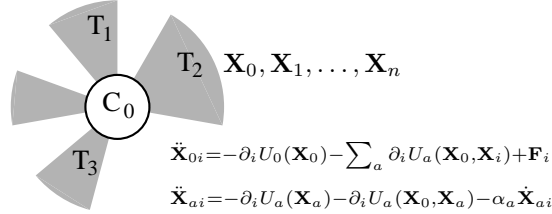
$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \underline{\partial} \mathbf{u} = \alpha(\mathbf{u}) \Delta \mathbf{u} - \partial p + \mathbf{g}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\int \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{g}}{\int (\partial \mathbf{u})^2} \Rightarrow \int \mathbf{u}^2 = \mathcal{E} = \text{const}$$

Same statistics for “local observables”:  $F$  local  $\Rightarrow F$  depends on finitely many Fourier comp. of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

**Same statistics**  $\Rightarrow$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\mathcal{E}$  is chosen =  $\langle \int \mathbf{u}^2 \rangle_{\mu_\nu}$  (equivalence): “Gaussian NS eq.” or “GNS”. So far *only numerical tests in strongly cut off equations and  $d = 2$*  (Rondoni, Segre).

(2) If so CH  $\rightarrow$  FT may be applicable: BUT necessary a local version

(3) Model (reversible)



with

$$\alpha_a \equiv \frac{W_a - \dot{U}_a}{3N_a k_B T_a} \Rightarrow K_a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ia}^2 = \frac{3}{2} k_B T_a N_a, \quad a = 1, \dots, n$$

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$$W_a = -\dot{\mathbf{X}}_a \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{X}_a} U_a(\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{X}_a)$$

Divergence =  $\sigma(\mathbf{X}, \dot{\mathbf{X}}) = \varepsilon(\mathbf{X}, \dot{\mathbf{X}}) + \dot{R}(\mathbf{X}, \dot{\mathbf{X}})$  with:

$$\varepsilon(x) = \sum_{i>0} \frac{Q_i}{k_B T_i}, \quad R = \sum_{i>0} \frac{U_i}{k_B T_i}$$

Compatibility? near equil. entropy creation independently defined (DeGroot-Mazur)

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Idea: regard fluid composed by vol. elements each as system thermostatted by neighbors? In the continuum approx.

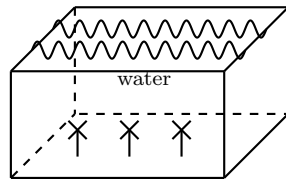
Volume elements  $E = d\mathbf{x}$  are not separated by walls, hence exchange particles and move.

Size  $\lambda$  macrosc. small, microsc. large: diffusion, in characteristic evolution time, must be  $\ll \lambda$ .

$$\varepsilon(x) = \sum_{E, E'} \frac{Q_{E, E'}}{k_B T_{E'}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \varepsilon \rangle = \varepsilon_{classic} + \frac{\dot{S}}{k_B}$$

$$k_B \langle \varepsilon \rangle = k_B \varepsilon_{classic} + \dot{S}, \quad k_B \varepsilon_{classic} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_0} \left( \kappa \left( \frac{\partial T}{T} \right)^2 + \eta \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{T}' \cdot \underline{\partial} \mathbf{u} \right) d\mathbf{x}$$

### 3. Bandi-Cressman-Goldburg experiment



Lagrangian flow *on a 2D surface*

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

with  $\mathbf{u}$  turbulent

“Kraichnan flow (space-time colored)”

Turbulent water in  $1m \times 1m \times 0.3m$ . Generate “Lagrangian trajectories” on surface

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

$\sigma(\mathbf{x}(t), t) = -\text{div}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$  whose time av. is exper. measured to be  $\sigma_+ = \Omega > 0$ .

$$p = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{x}(t), t)}{\Omega} dt, \quad ? \quad \zeta(-p) = \zeta(p) - p\Omega$$

for  $\tau \gg \tau_c =$  “characteristic time of turbulence evolution”.

(1) a definitely non Gaussian statistics for the variable  $p = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{x}(t), t)}{\Omega} dt$ .

(2) remarkably large fluctuations of  $p$  for values of  $\tau$  up to  $800ms$ .

(3) the obstacle of not knowing the quantity  $p$  because the equations of motion are usually not known is not present: FR prediction, no free parameters.

(4) the statistics is quite large as about  $8 \times 10^4$  Lagrangian trajectory staying in the field of vision for a time length  $T = 6s$  are observed. Dividing  $T$  into  $k = T/\tau$  “segments”, with time duration  $\tau$ ,  $8 \times 10^4 k$  averages of velocity divergences are obtained, with  $k$  varying between 60 and 15 (where 60 corresponds to  $\tau = 100ms$ ). Small statistics so far had been a major obstacle to FR tests.

Theory: Chetrite, Delannoy, Gawedzki, Bonetto, Gentile, G.

