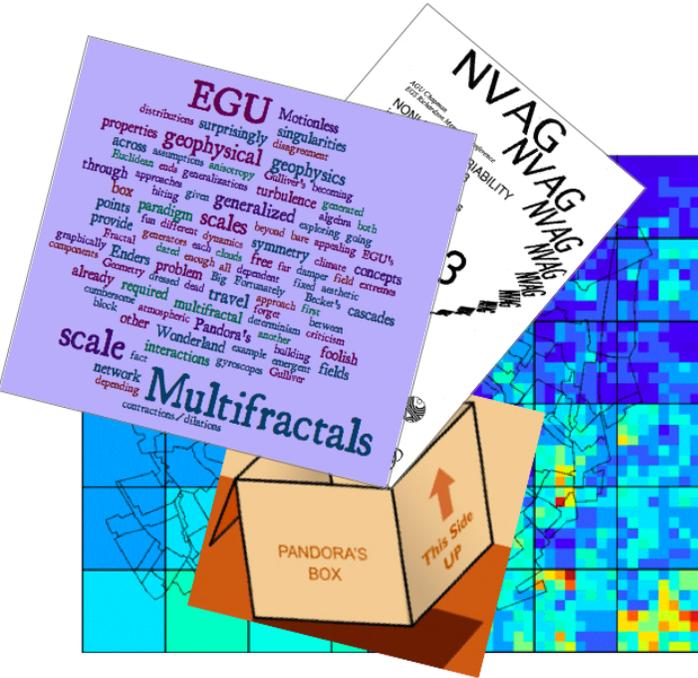




Beyond scalar modelling of multifractal precipitation and wind fields



Daniel Schertzer

Hydrology, Meteorology & Complexity
(HM&Co)

Ecole des Ponts ParisTech

Ra2DW Kickoff
5 February 2024

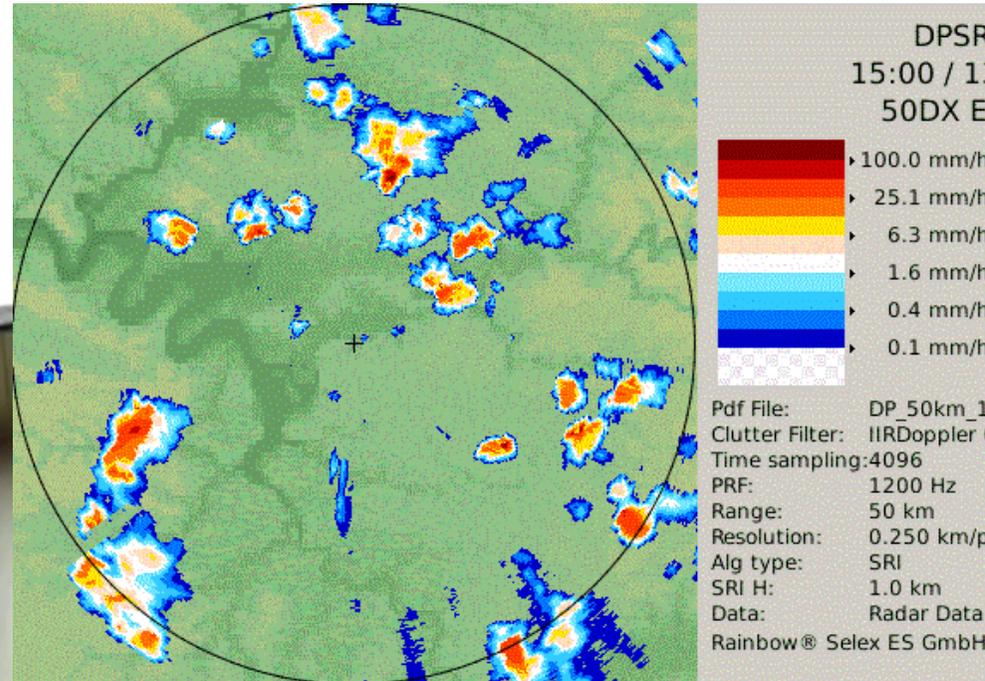


Millenium problem of turbulence !

explOatorium®

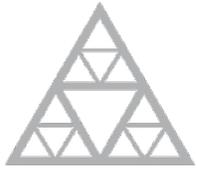


Art piece 'Windswept' (Ch. Sowers, 2012): 612 freely rotating wind direction indicators to help a large public to understand the complexity of environment near the Earth surface



Polarimetric radar observations of heavy rainfalls over Paris region during 2016 spring (250 m resolution):

- **heaviest rain cells** are much smaller than **moderate ones**
- **complex dynamics** of their aggregation into a large front



École des Ponts
ParisTech

Scale symmetry and equations



Whereas elementary mathematical properties of Navier-Stokes solutions are still unknown (existence, uniqueness):

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \underline{grad}(\underline{u}) = \underline{f} - \frac{1}{\rho} \underline{grad}(p) + \nu \Delta \underline{u}$$

one can point out a **scale symmetry** (*):

$$\begin{aligned} T_\lambda: & \underline{x} \mapsto \underline{x}/\lambda \\ & t \mapsto t/\lambda^{1-\gamma}; \underline{u} \mapsto \underline{u}/\lambda^\gamma; \\ \tilde{T}_\lambda: & \underline{f} \mapsto \underline{f}/\lambda^{2\gamma-1}; \nu \mapsto \nu/\lambda^{1+\gamma}; \rho \mapsto \rho/\lambda^{\gamma'} \end{aligned}$$

Kolmogorov's scaling (K41) obtained with:

$$\varepsilon(\ell) \approx \frac{\delta u^3}{\ell} \approx \bar{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow \gamma_K = 1/3$$

General case: multiple singularities γ 's:

$$\Pr(\gamma' > \gamma) \approx \lambda^{-c(\gamma)}$$

(*) from to self-similarity (Sedov, 1961), symmetry (Parisi +Frisch, 1985), to generalised Galilean invariance (S+al, 2010)

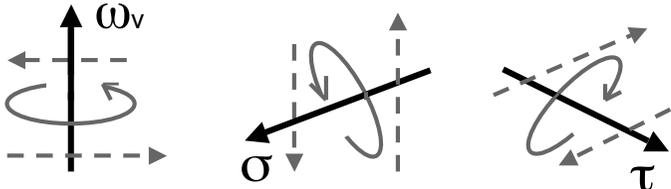
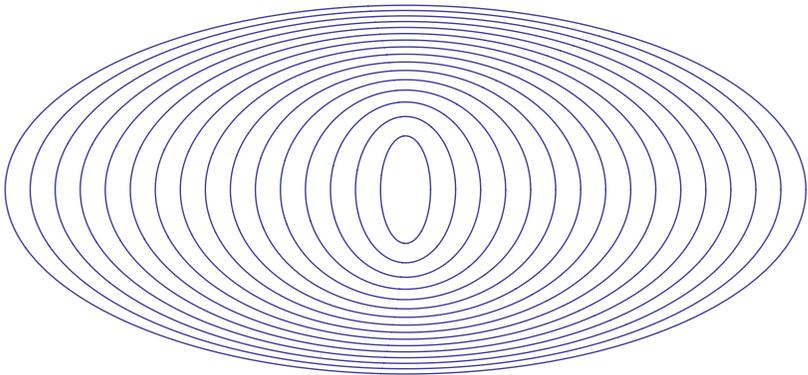
Beyond scalar rain rate?

- multifractals clarified the *singular behaviour* of the rain rate: a *mathematical measure*, not a *function*, rather a *flux accros scales*
- new step: *not only along the vertical*
- require multi-component/multivariate cascades
 - *vector valued/multivariate multifractals*
 - more generally: manifold valued multifractals
- generic solutions combine
 - scaling anisotropy
 - robust statistics (Lévy stable processes)
 - anti-commutation structural properties (Clifford algebras)



Scaling anisotropy: $2+H_z$ -dimensional vorticity equation ($0 < H_z < 1$)

Scaling stratified /convective atmosphere:



$$D\vec{\sigma}/Dt = (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h)\vec{u}_h$$

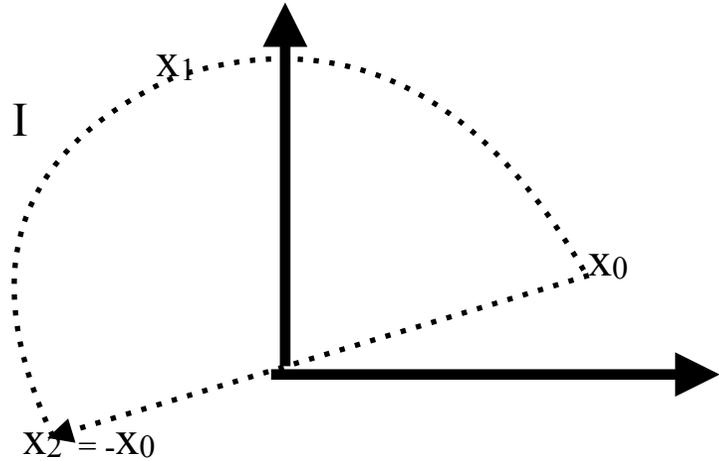
$$D\vec{\tau}/Dt = (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h + \boxed{\vec{\omega}_v \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v})\vec{u}_h$$

$$D\vec{\omega}_v/Dt = (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_h + \vec{\omega}_v \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v)\vec{u}_v$$

- Strong interactions between *local generalized* scales,
 = *strongly non local* (Euclidean) scales !
- a difficulty for direct numerical simulations ?
 - easy for stochastic simulations !

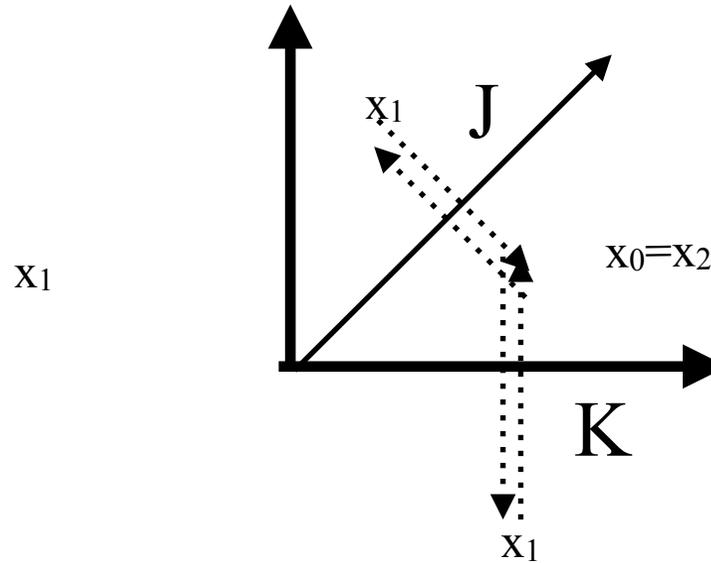
Symmetries and unity roots

$I = \text{rot}(\pi/2)$



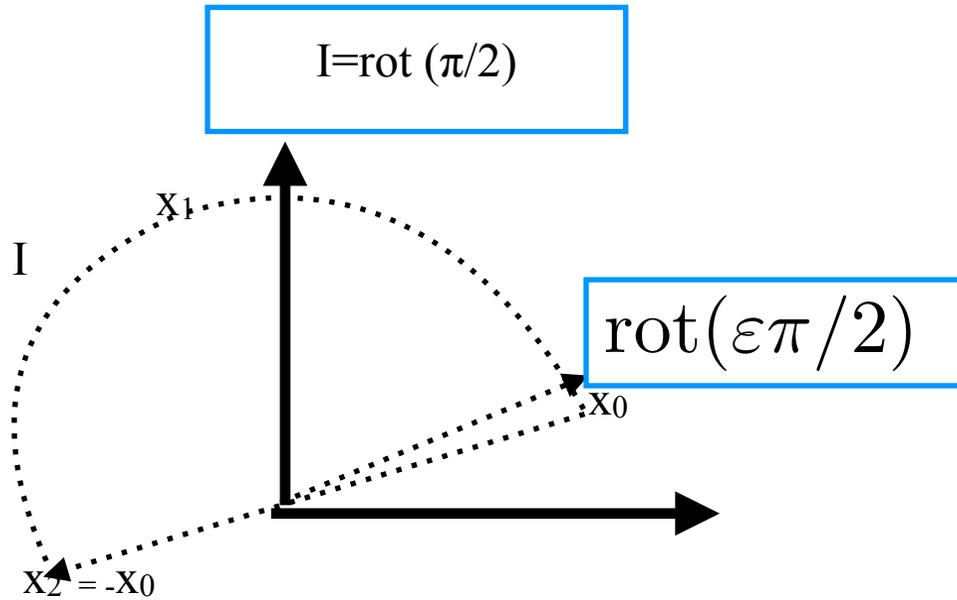
$$I^2 = -1$$

$J, K = \text{mirror symmetries}$

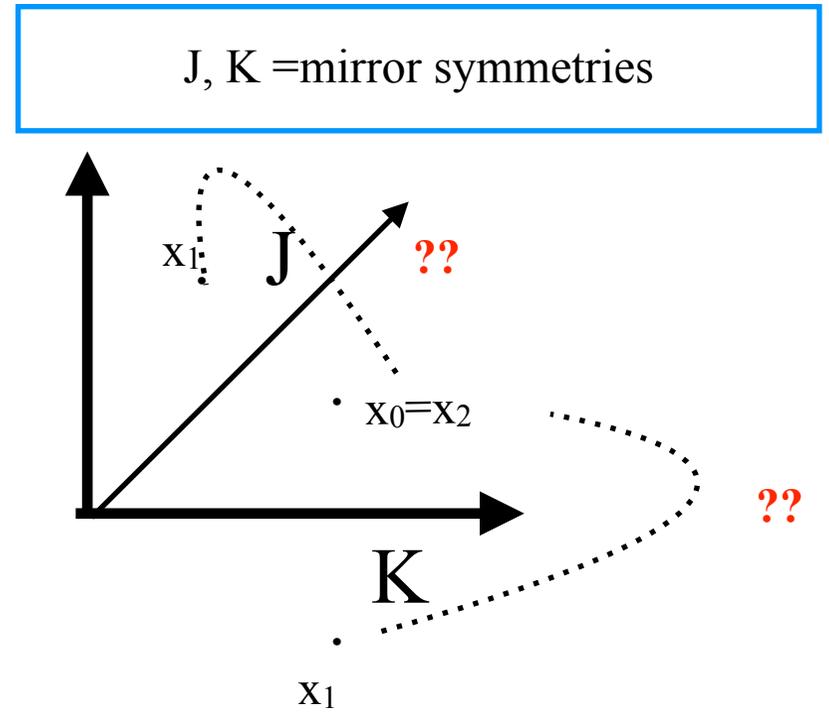


$$K^2 = J^2 = 1$$

Symmetries and unity roots

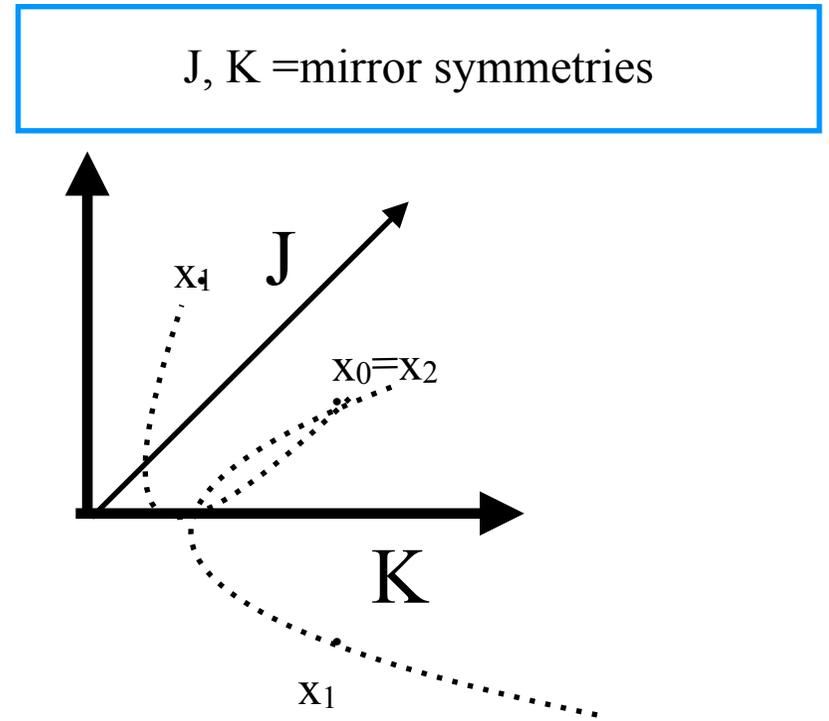
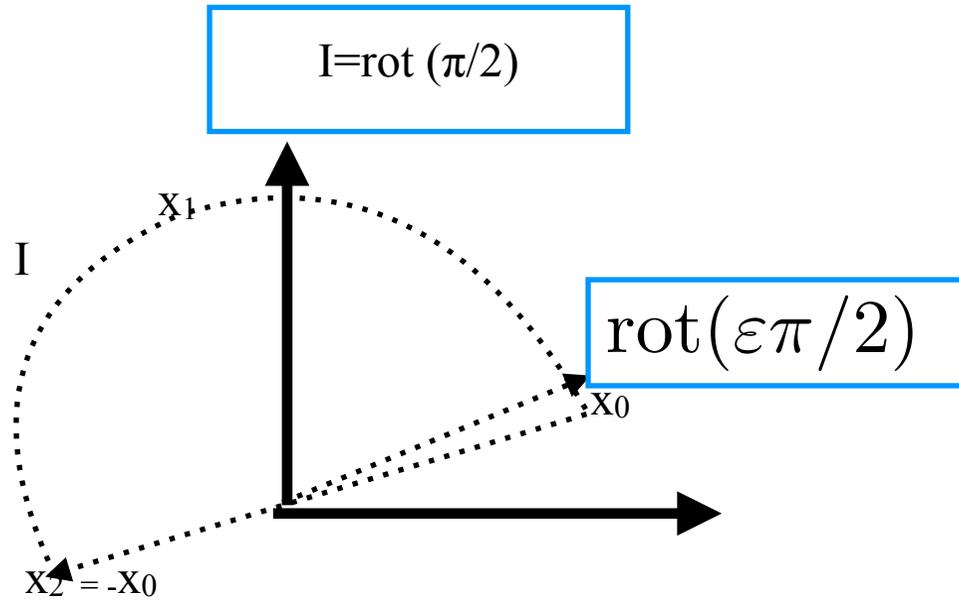


$$I^2 = -1$$



$$K^2 = J^2 = 1$$

Symmetries and unity roots



$$I^2 = -1$$

$$K^2 = J^2 = 1$$

Spherical geometry \longrightarrow **Hyperbolic geometry**

Combining symmetries

2D linear Lie algebra $\mathfrak{H}' = \mathfrak{so}(2, \mathbb{R})$:

$$G = d\mathbf{1} + e\mathbf{I} + f\mathbf{J} + c\mathbf{K};$$

$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2I = [J, K], \quad 2J = [I, K], \quad 2K = [J, I]$$

anti-commutators:

$$\{I, J\} = \{J, K\} = \{K, I\} = 0$$

$$I^2 = -J^2 = -K^2 = IJK = -1$$

(pseudo or split quaternions)



“quaternion equation” (Hamilton, 16/10/1843)

$$I_2^2 = J_2^2 = K_2^2 = I_2 J_2 K_2 = -1$$

Combining symmetries

2D linear Lie algebra $\mathfrak{H}' = \mathfrak{so}(2, \mathbb{R})$:

$$G = d\mathbf{1} + e\mathbf{I} + f\mathbf{J} + c\mathbf{K};$$

$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2I = [J, K], \quad 2J = [I, K], \quad 2K = [J, I]$$

anti-commutators:

$$\{I, J\} = \{J, K\} = \{K, I\} = 0$$

$$I^2 = -J^2 = -K^2 = IJK = -1$$



$$I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -K \\ K & 0 \end{bmatrix}; K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

“quaternion equation” (Hamilton, 16/10/1843)

$$I_2^2 = J_2^2 = K_2^2 = I_2 J_2 K_2 = -1$$

Algebra of cascade generators

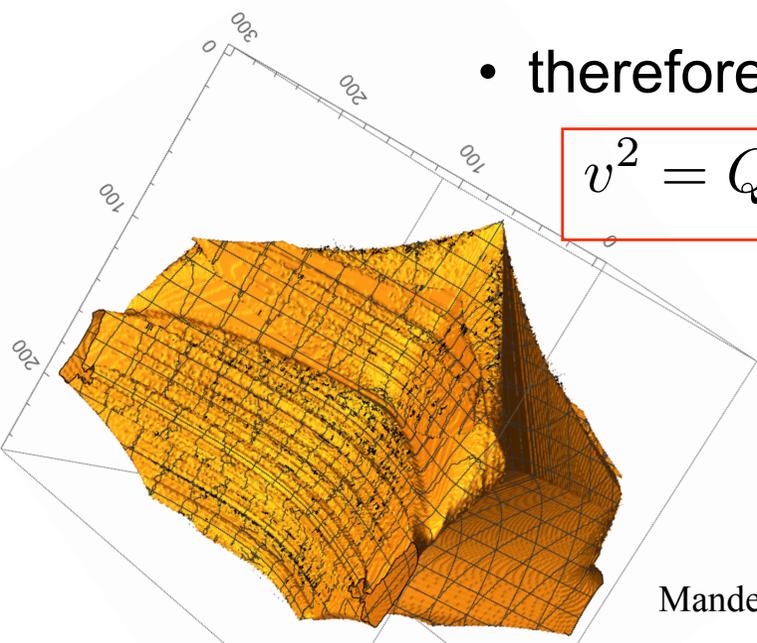
- Clifford algebra, dimension = 2^n
 - real numbers R ($n=0$), complex numbers C ($n=1$), quaternions H ($n=2$) other hyper-complex numbers, external algebras and many more!
- $Cl_{p,q}$: generated by operators $\{e\}$ that anti-commute and square to plus or minus the identity:

$$e^i e^j = -e^j e^i \quad (i \neq j) \quad (e^i)^2 = \pm 1$$

- therefore a quadratic form Q of signature $(p,q, p+q=n)$:

$$v^2 = Q(v)1 \quad Q(v) = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \dots + v_p^2 - v_{p+1}^2 - v_{p+2}^2 \dots - v_{p+q}^2$$

ex.: $R = Cl_{0,0}$; $C = Cl_{0,1}$; $H = Cl_{0,2}$
 $H' = I(2, R) = Cl_{2,0} = Cl_{1,1}$
 “pseudo-/split- quaternions”



From algebra to group

$\{K, I\}$

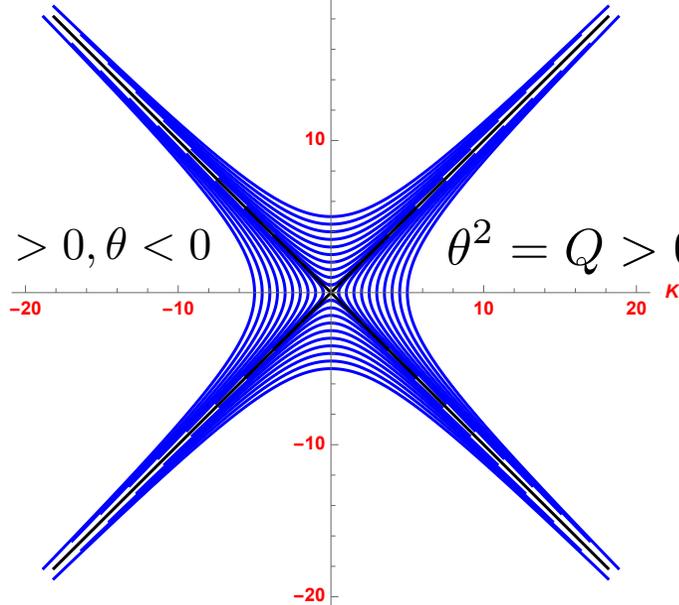
Hyperbolic Geometry

$$\theta^2 = Q < 0, \theta = i\theta', \theta' \in R^+$$

$$\theta^2 = Q > 0, \theta < 0$$

$$\theta^2 = Q > 0, \theta > 0$$

$$\theta^2 = Q < 0, \theta = i\theta', \theta' \in R^-$$

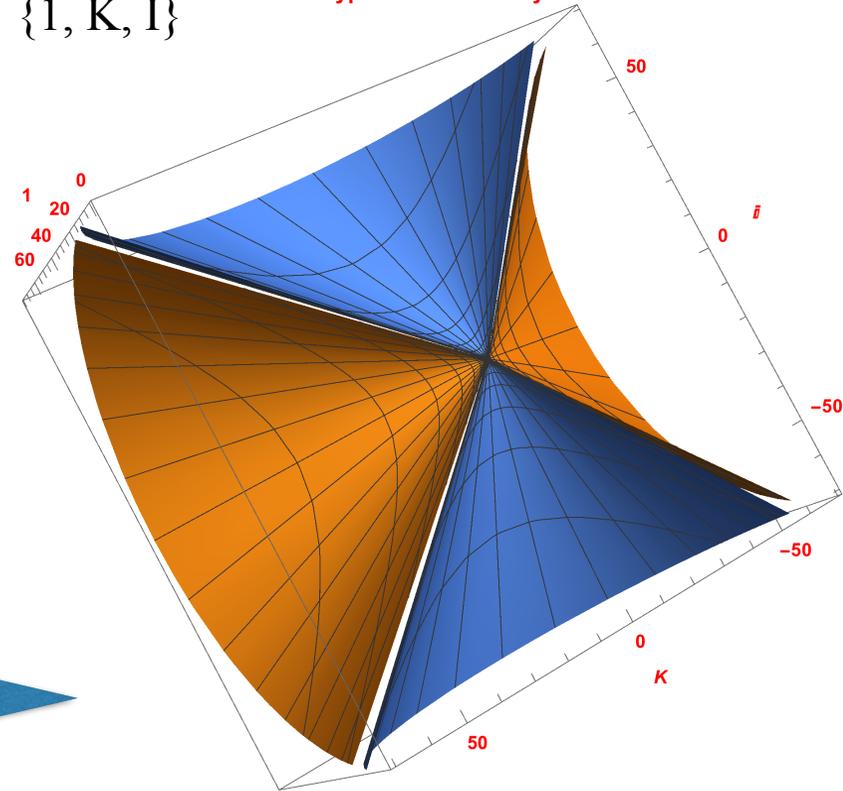


Exp



$\{1, K, I\}$

Hyperbolic Geometry



Generalised Moivre-Euler formula: $(e^{u\theta})^\alpha = \cosh(\alpha\theta)1 + \sinh(\alpha\theta)u$

infinite number of u , $u^2 = \pm 1!$

Stochastic Clifford?

- Statistical universality: stable Lévy vectors

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a(n), b(n) \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \stackrel{d}{=} a(n)X + b(n)$$

$\exists \alpha \in (0, 2] : a(n) = n^{1/\alpha}; \alpha < 2, \forall s \gg 1 : P(|X| > s) \approx s^{-\alpha}$ (hyperbolic/Pareto tail)
 $\alpha = 2 : \text{Gauss}$

A stable Levy X is attractive for any Y_i having same type of tail:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i - b(n)}{a(n)} \stackrel{d}{=} X$$

- classical “quasi- scalar” case: only b is a vector like X_i and Y_i
- ‘strong’ vector case: a and α are matrices (S. et al., 2001)

Exponentiation of Lévy-Clifford algebra

- Existence ?

- Q defines a bilinear form $\langle . \rangle$

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (Q(X + Y) - Q(X) - Q(Y))$$

- which defines a Laplace-Clifford transform,

- hence a second characteristic function (cumulant generating function)

$$E \exp(\langle q, \Gamma_\lambda \rangle) = Z_\lambda(q) = \exp(K_\lambda(q))$$

finite over set of cones \mathcal{A}^\downarrow

the opposite cones to that supporting the extremely
assymmetric Lévy stable component \mathcal{A}^\uparrow

Fractionnaly Integrated Flux model (FIF, vector version)

FIF assumes that both the renomalized propagator G_R and force f_R are known:

$$G_R^{-1} * u = f_R$$

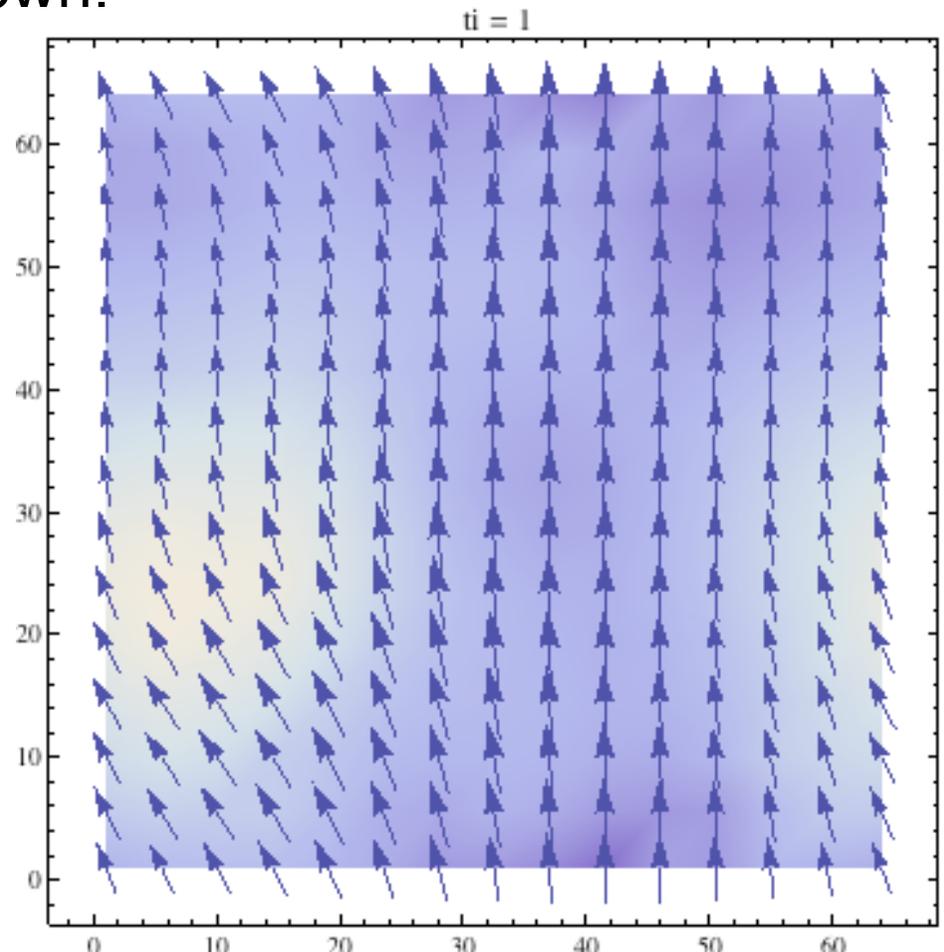
where:

$$f_R = \varepsilon^a$$

G_R^{-1} is a fractionnal differential operator

ε results from a continuous, vector, multiplicative cascade (Lie cascade)

Complex FIF simulation of a 2D cut of wind and its vorticity (color)



Fractionnaly Integrated Flux model (FIF, vector version)

FIF assumes that both the renomalized propagator G_R and force f_R are known:

$$G_R^{-1} * u = f_R$$

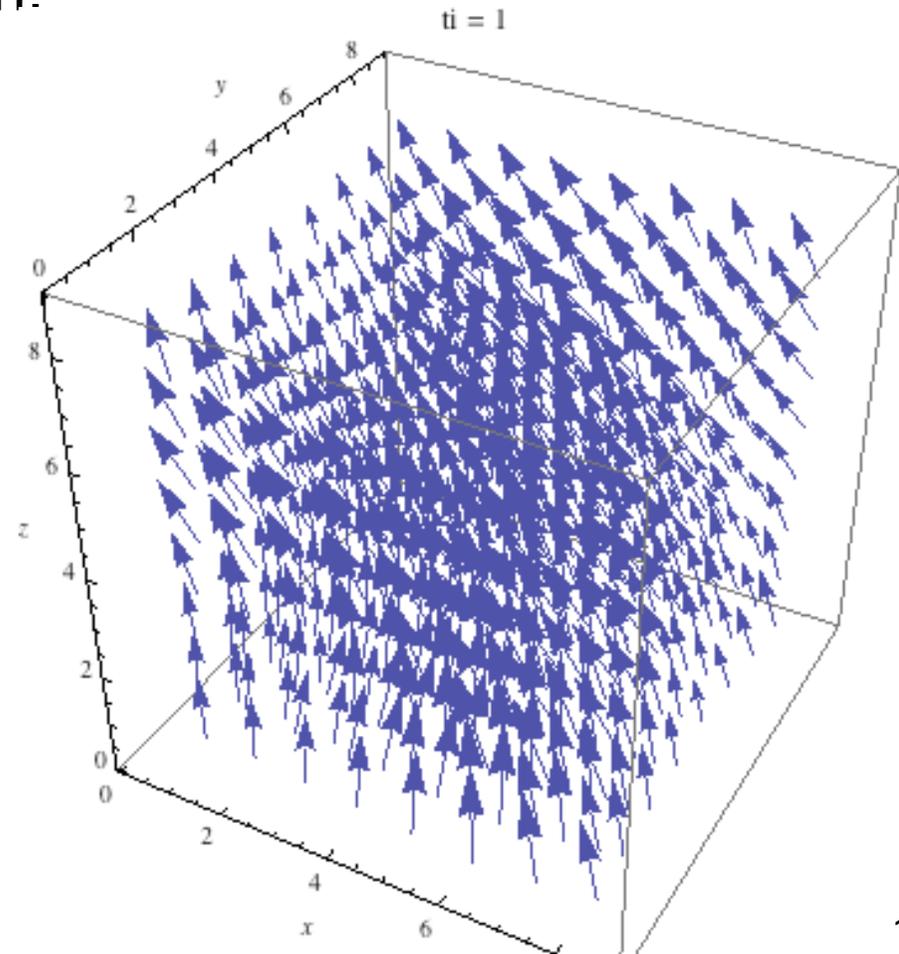
where:

$$f_R = \varepsilon^a$$

G_R^{-1} is a fractionnal differential operator

ε results from a continuous, vector, multiplicative cascade (Lie cascade)

3D FIF wind simulation based on quaternions

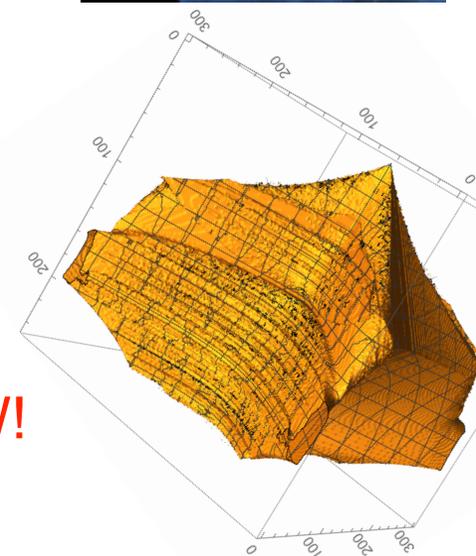
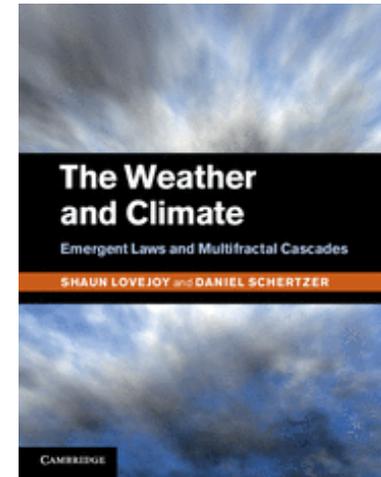


Conclusions

S&T, Earth& Space, 2020
Chaos 2015, S&al. ACP, 2012,
S&L, IJBC, 2011,
Fitton&al., JMI 2013

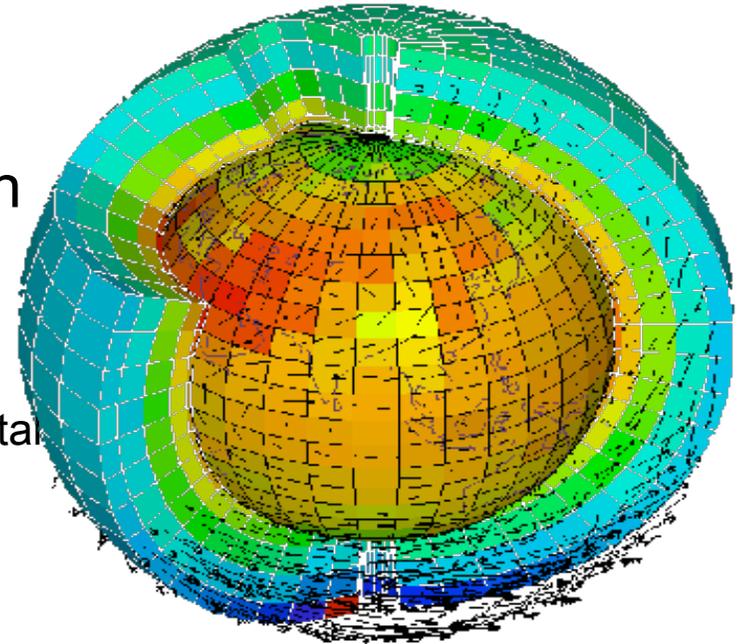
- Intermittency: a key issue in geophysics and a major breakthrough with multifractals in the 1980's:
 - infinite hierarchy of fractal supports of the field singularities
 - beyond commonalities significant differences of approaches and applications
- **No longer limited to scalar** valued fields
 - **multifractal operators**: exponentiation from a stochastic Lie algebra of generators onto its Lie group of transformations
 - ex. **Clifford algebra** $Cl_{p,q}$

=> from field physics to singularity physics
multifractal multivariate rain rate to be tested within Ra2DW!

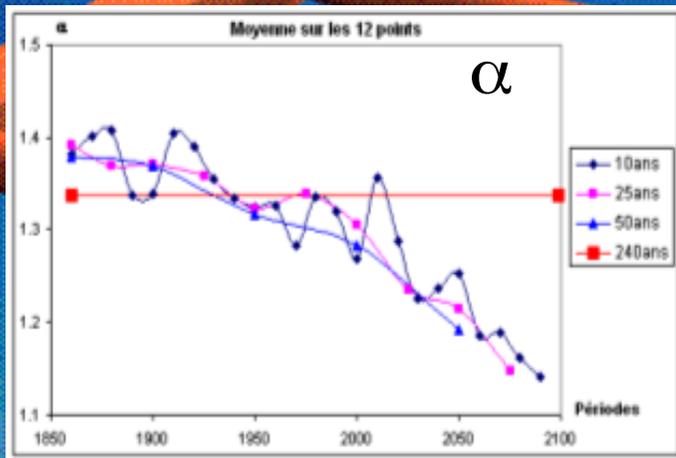


Beyond the curtain

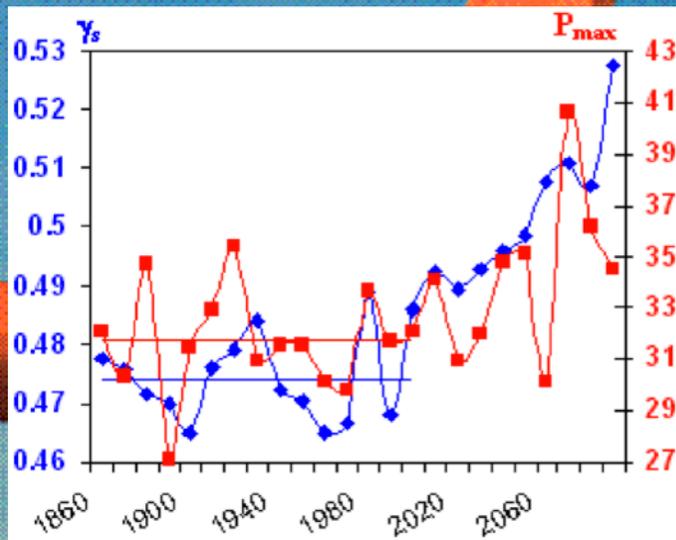
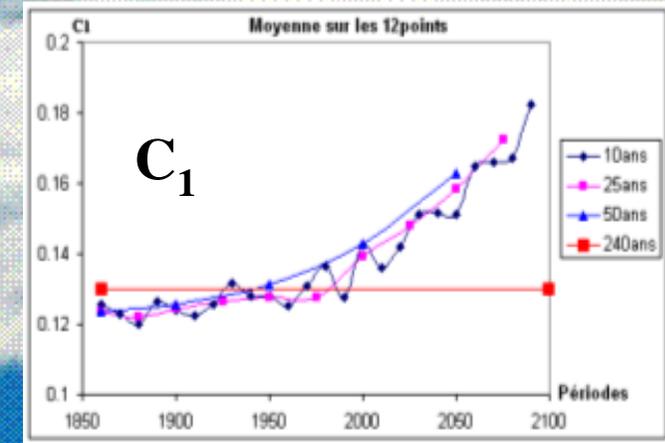
- Multiscale complexity vs. computing brute force
 - (nonlinear) equations discretised on N voxels (\approx cubes)
 - voxels of mm^3 to reach the **viscous scale** ($\approx 1\text{mm}$)
 - atmosphere ≈ 10 km high x $(10,000 \text{ km})^2$ horizontal
 - $\Rightarrow N \approx 10^7(10^{10})^2 = 10^{27}$
 - much larger than $N_A = 10^{23}$!!
- How to be deterministic... over a small range of scales?



Multiscale analysis of the scenario A2 1860-2100 (CNRM-CM3)



- average intermittency $C_1 \uparrow$
 - intermittency variability $\alpha \downarrow$,
- => difficulty to evaluate extremes of precipitations



=> **refined analysis :**

- time evolution of the **Most Probable Singularity** γ_s (Hubert et al, 1993; Douglas & Barros, 2003):
- **a scale invariant statistic, more stable** than the maximal simulated precipitation P_{max} ,
- Enable us to conclude: **extremes** \uparrow (Royer et al., 2008),
- **seasonality can be taken into account** (Royer et al., 2010)

From geometry to analytics

T_λ^* = pullback of T_λ for functions

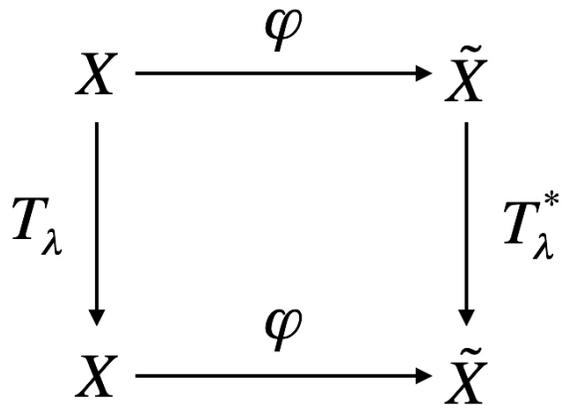
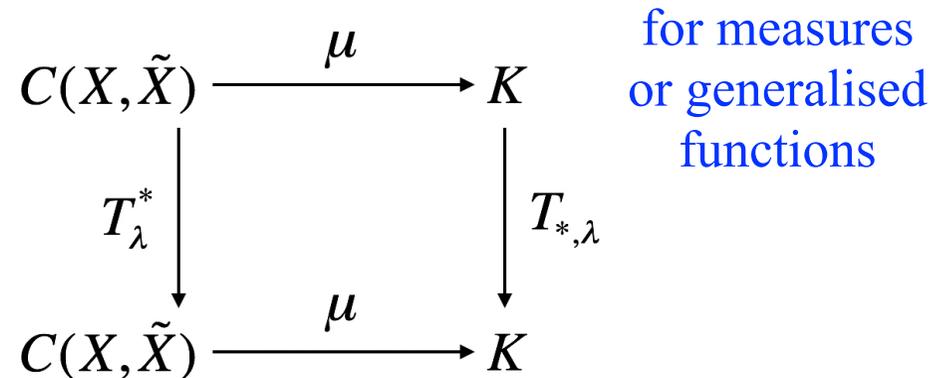


Figure 1: Commutative diagram illustrating how the analytical pullback transform T_λ^* is generated on the codomain \tilde{X} of the field φ by the geometric transform T_λ on the domain X .

ex.: simple scaling (e.g. Lamperti, 1962)

$$T_\lambda x = x/\lambda, T_\lambda^* y = y/\lambda^H$$

$T_{*,\lambda}$ = push forward of T_λ



for measures or generalised functions

ex.: fractal measure of dimension D

$$T_\lambda x = x/\lambda, T_{*,\lambda} \mu = \mu/\lambda^D$$

Figure 3: Commutative diagram, similar to that of Fig. 1, illustrating how the analytical pullback transform T_λ^* generates in turn the push forward $T_{*,\lambda}$ for measures or generalized functions μ 's.

From geometry to analytics

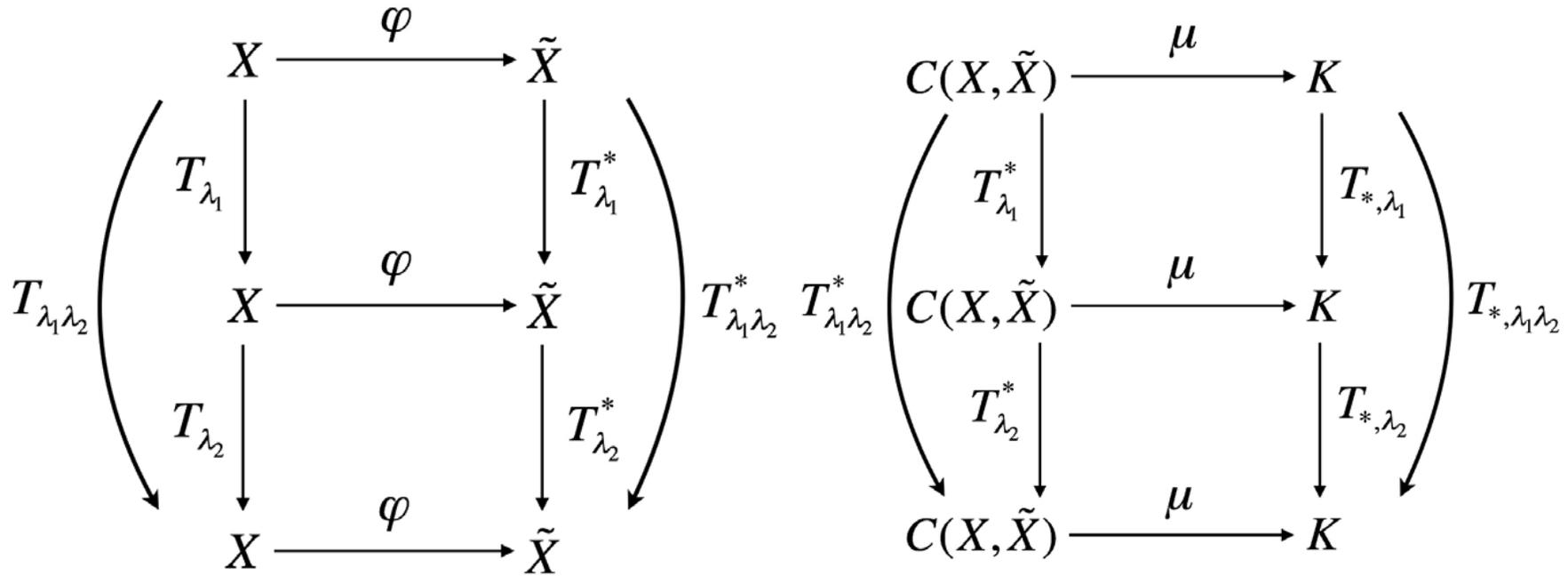
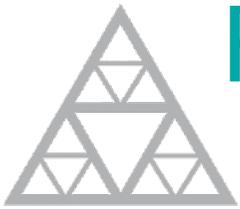


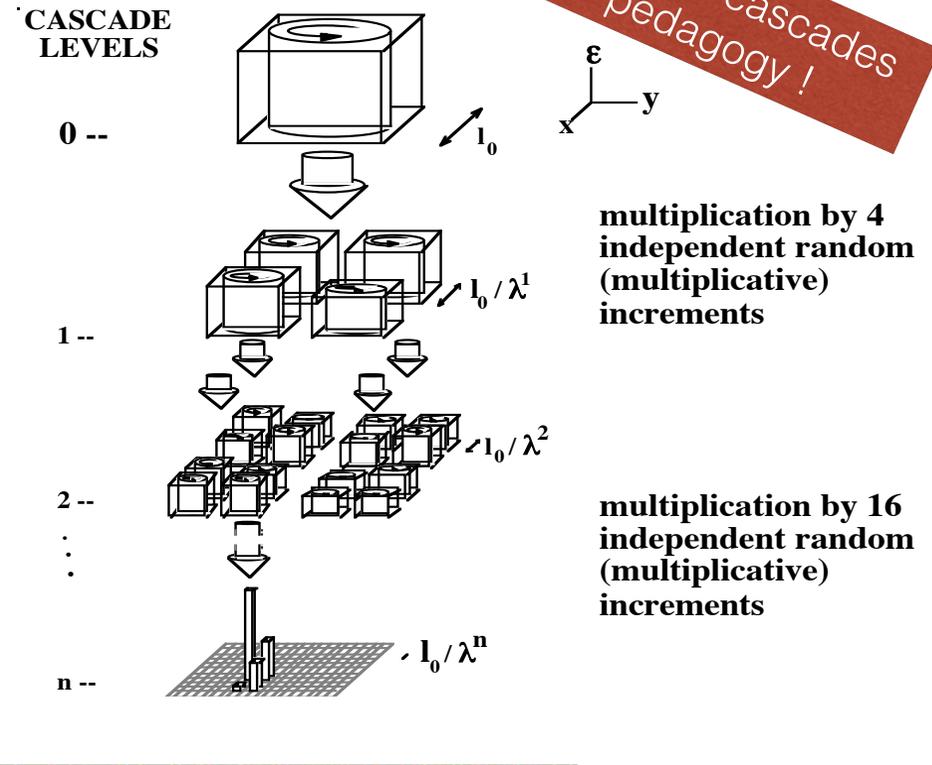
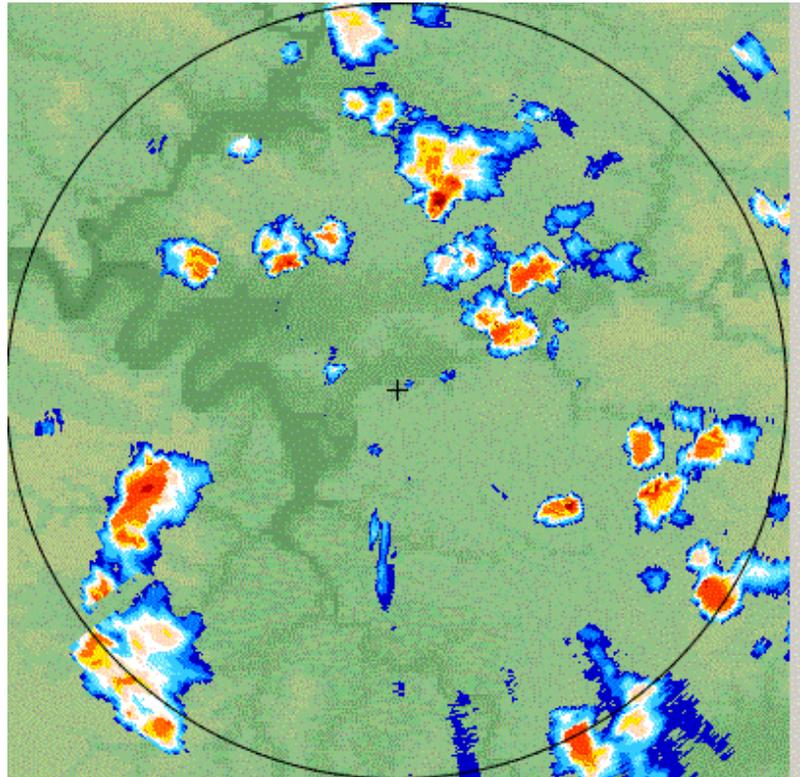
Figure 5: These diagrams show how the group property of T_λ propagates in a straightforward manner to the “pullback” transform T_λ^* (left) and then (by duality) to the “push forward” transform $T_{*,\lambda}$ (right).



École des Ponts

Russian dolls... and multiplicative cascades

Discrete in scale cascades only for pedagogy !



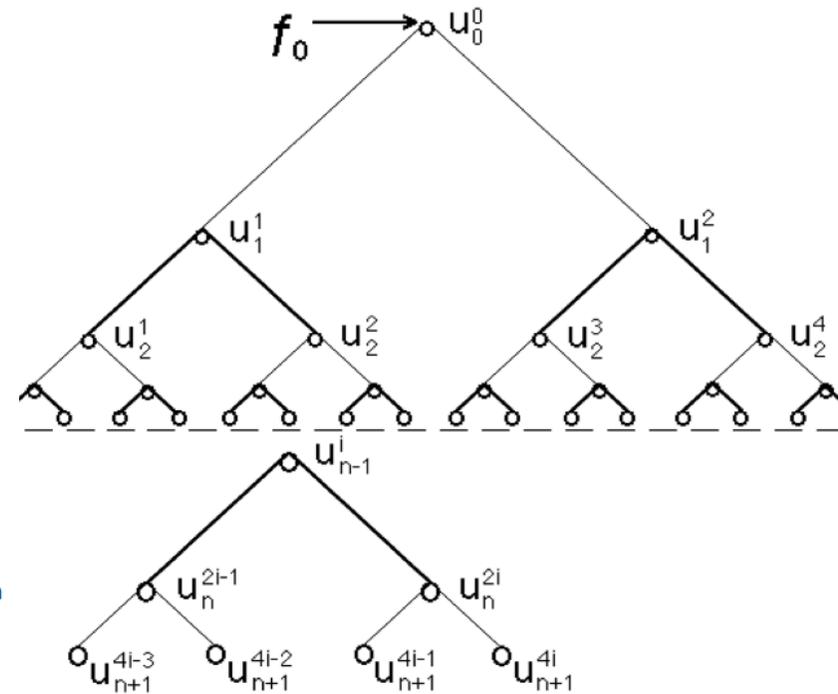
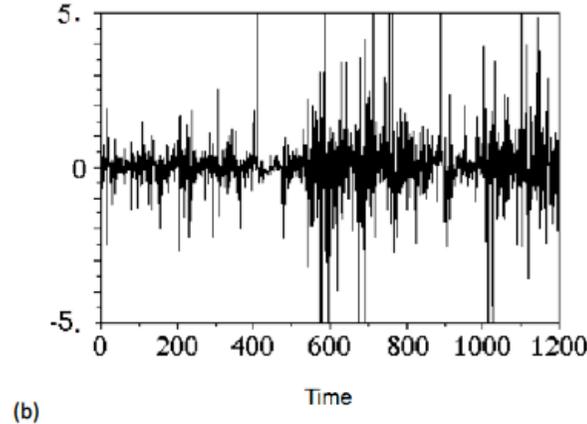
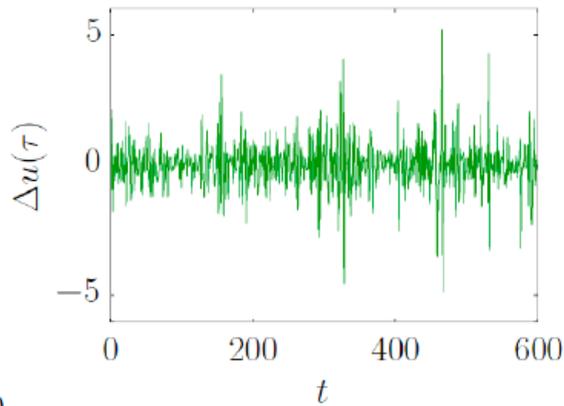
Polarimetric radar observations of heavy rainfalls over Paris region during 2016 spring (250 m resolution):

- **heaviest rain cells** are much smaller than **moderate ones**
- true for their dimensions => **multifractal field**
- **complex dynamics** of their aggregation into a large front

3D Scaling Gyroscope Cascade

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + \nu k_n^2\right) \hat{u}_n^i = i \{ k_{n+1} [|\hat{u}_{n+1}^{2i-1}|^2 - |\hat{u}_{n+1}^{2i}|^2] + (-1)^i k_n \hat{u}_n^i * \hat{u}_{n-1}^{a(i)} \}$$

$a(i)$ is an ancestor.



(a) Figure 2: Comparison of fluctuations: (a) atmospheric turbulence at 100m (Fitton, 2013) and (b) SGC simulation for $n=6$ (Chigirinskaya and Schertzer, 1996), both display somehow similar strong intermittency.

Local flux of energy:

$$\varepsilon_n^i = - \sum_{r=0}^n k_{n-r+1} \left[\left| \hat{u}_{n-r+1}^{2a^r(i)-1} \right|^2 - \left| \hat{u}_{n-r+1}^{2a^r(i)} \right|^2 \right] \text{Im}(\hat{u}_n^{a^r(i)}) + (-1)^{a^r(i)+1} k_{n-r} \left| \hat{u}_n^{a^{r+1}(i)} \right|^2 \text{Im}(\hat{u}_{n-1}^{a^{r+1}(i)})$$

Mr Jourdain and Lie cascades

- Levi decomposition of any Lie algebra into its radical (*good guys!*) and a semi-simple subalgebra (*bad guys!*), e.g.:

$$l(2, R) = R1 \oplus_s sl(2, R)$$

What is trickier:

- large number of degrees of freedom (dim^2)
- log divergence with the resolution

• universality:

- Levy multivariates, unlike Gaussian multivariates, are non parametric (*)
- asymmetry of Levy noises to have convergent statistics,

e.g.:

$$\forall n \in N, \forall X \geq 0 : \exp(X) \geq X^n / n!$$

(S&L, 95, T&S 96)

(*) limitation of anamorphosis transform and/or geostatistics

Mr Jourdain and Lie cascades

What is general and theoretically straightforward:

• $\exp : \text{Lie algebra} \mapsto \text{Lie group}$

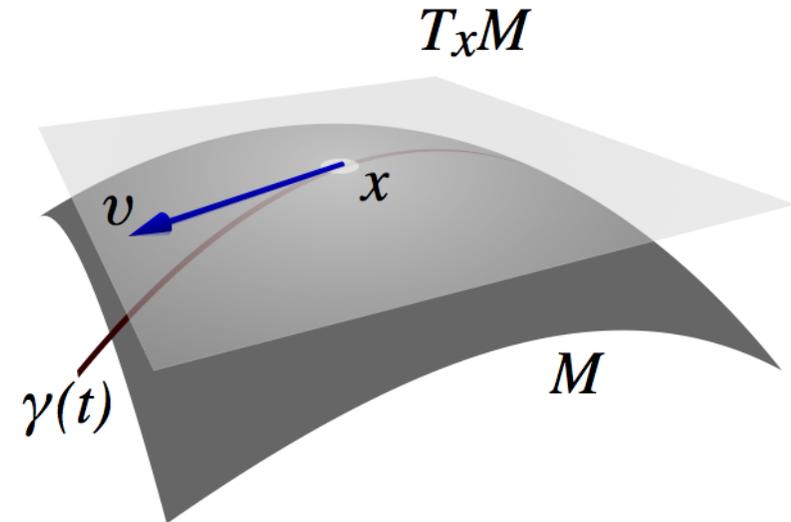
scalar valued cascade: $R^d \dashrightarrow R^+$

- Lie group: smooth manifold
- Lie algebra: tangent space to the group at the identity
- therefore a vector space with a skew product that satisfy the Jacobi identity:

$$[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$$

exemple: commutator of matrices

$$[X, Y] = XY - YX \quad [X, Y] = 0 \Rightarrow \exp(X + Y) = \exp(X) \exp(Y)$$



Clifford algebra

- An important family of Lie algebras of operators:
 - their dimension: 2^n
 - generalizes real numbers R ($n=0$), complex numbers C ($n=1$), quaternions H ($n=2$) and other hyper-complex numbers, external algebras and more!
- $Cl_{p,q}$ has a basis $\{e^i\}$ whose vectors anti-commute and square to plus or minus the identity:

$$e^i e^j = -e^j e^i \quad (i \neq j) \quad (e^i)^2 = \pm 1$$

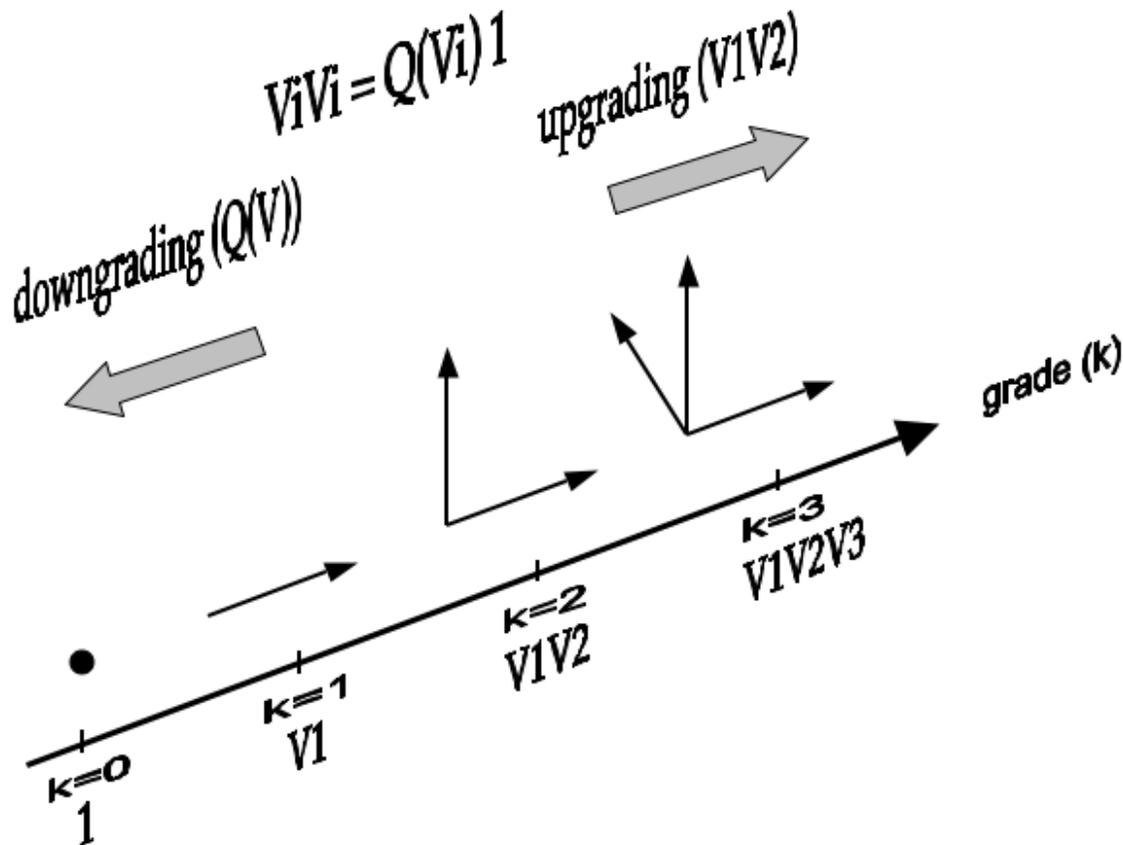
- it is generated by a n -dimensional vectorial space $V=\{v\}$ of operators and a quadratic form Q , of signature $(p,q, p+q=n)$, which can be put into the canonical form:

$$v^2 = Q(v)1 \quad Q(v) = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \dots + v_p^2 - v_{p+1}^2 - v_{p+2}^2 \dots - v_{p+q}^2$$

ex.: $R = Cl_{0,0}$; $C = Cl_{0,1}$; $H = Cl_{0,2}$

$H' = I(2, R) = Cl_{2,0} = Cl_{1,1}$ “pseudo-/split- quaternions”

Clifford algebra



Clifford algebra are

- graded algebra (see figure)
- double algebra:
 - 2 multiplications
- super algebra (!):

$$Cl(V, Q) = Cl^0(V, Q) \oplus Cl^1(V, Q)$$

for real algebra:

$$Cl_{p,q}^0(R) \cong Cl_{p,q-1}(R) \text{ for } q > 0$$

$$Cl_{p,q}^0(R) \cong Cl_{q,p-1}(R) \text{ for } p > 0$$

$$\implies R \subset C \subset H \subset O \quad \dots$$