Statistical properties of turbulence in the presence of a smart small-scale control

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Extreme Dissipation and Intermittency in Turbulence - EUROMECH COLLOQUIUM 620



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Watanabe and Gotoh, Phys. Fluids 19, 121701 (2007)



INERTIAL PARTICLES IN COMPLEX FLOWS



$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \partial_{\mathbf{x}} P = \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{U}}_i = -\frac{\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{v}}{\tau} + \beta D_t \mathbf{v} - g(1 - \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$



$$eta = rac{3
ho_f}{
ho_f+2
ho_f}$$

 $\beta < 1$ heavy particles $\beta > 1$ light particles

 $\tau = \frac{b^2}{3\nu\beta}$

Drag: Stokes Time

Preferential concentration Naive light(heavy) particles accumulate inside(outside) highly vortical regions

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Smart inertial particles in complex flows: Harness & control

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \partial_{\mathbf{x}} P = \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}_i(t)) \mathcal{F} \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \\ \dot{\mathbf{U}}_i = -\frac{\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{v}}{\tau} + \beta D_t \mathbf{v} - g(1 - \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$





learns how to behave optimally.

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our case the flow). By trial and error the decision maker progressively

$$Q_{n}(s_{i}, a_{j}) = R_{n} + \gamma R_{n+1} + \gamma^{2} R_{n+2} + \gamma^{3} R_{n+3} + \dots = \sum_{t=n}^{\infty} \gamma^{t} R_{t}$$

$$Q_{n}(s, a) = R_{n} + \gamma Q_{n+1}(s', a')$$

$$Q_{(a,s)}$$

$$S'$$

$$R'$$

$$Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha [R' + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a') - Q(s, a)]$$

$$\pi_n \to \pi_{n+1} \to \cdots \pi_{opt}$$



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SMART INERTIAL PARTICLES TRAINED TO FOLLOW HIGHEST VORTICITY REGION IN A TIME DEPENDENT FLOW



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NAÏVE LIGTH PARTICLES

ASYMMETRIC ABC FLOW



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Navier Stokes, with small scale forcing

Control	$\mid N$	β	c	k_f	ε_{f}	f_0	τ_{f}	ν
Off	256	2	-	[0.5:1.5]	2.2	0.16	0.6	$5.2 imes 10^{-3}$
Off	1024	-	-	[0.5:2.5]	5.5	0.14	0.23	$8 imes 10^{-4}$
On	256	$[0.1 \div 50]$	$[0.1 \div 0.7]$	[0.5:1.5]	2.2	0.16	0.6	$5.2 imes 10^{-3}$
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$$\frac{1}{2}\partial_t \langle \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle = \nu \langle \Delta \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle - \langle c \, \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{f} \rangle \qquad \begin{cases} E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle \\ \varepsilon_\nu(t) = -\nu \langle \Delta \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle \\ \varepsilon_c(t) = -\langle c \, \boldsymbol{u}^2 \rangle \\ \varepsilon_f(t) = -\langle \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{f} \rangle \end{cases}$$

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Energy and energy spectra



TAMING EXTREME EVENTS BY AD-HOC LAGRANGIAN DISSIPATION



WITH M. BUZZICOTTI AND F. TOSCHI [UNPUBLISHED]



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Intermittency



Drag reduction?

$$d_{
u} = rac{arepsilon_{
u} \ L_0}{oldsymbol{u}_{rms}^3}$$

$$d_c = \frac{\varepsilon_c \ L_0}{\boldsymbol{u}_{rms}^3}$$

$$d_{tot} = rac{(arepsilon_c + arepsilon_
u) \ L_0}{oldsymbol{u}_{rms}^3}$$



(green line), control term on small scales d_c (black line), and sum of the two d_{tot} (cyan line). Results are shown as a function of the threshold $\omega_c = p \omega_{max}$ for the N = 256³ simulations with a small-scales forcing amplitude $\beta = 5$.

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