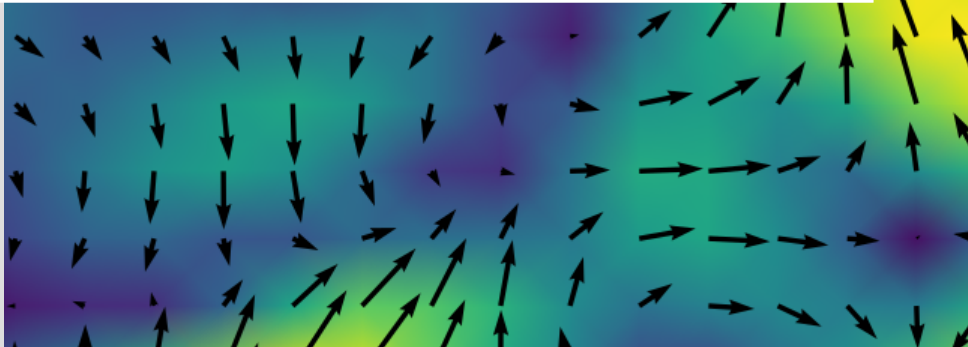


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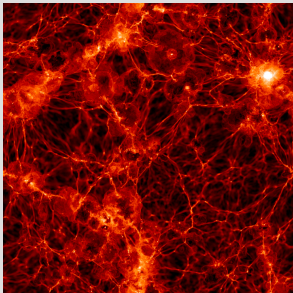
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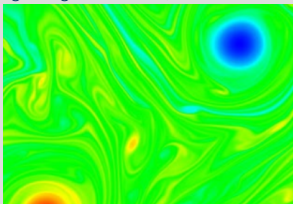


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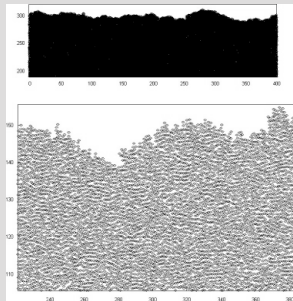
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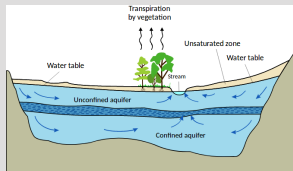
Vogelsberger et al. 2014, Illustris simulation



Murray 2017, 2D stochastic NSE vorticity



Kuennen, Wang 2008, KPZ surface growth



Wikimedia, aquifer sketch

# Motivation: Mathematical examples

Deterministic incompressible NSE for  $\mathbf{u} : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Without forcing:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int dV \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 = -2\nu \int dV \operatorname{tr}((\nabla \otimes \mathbf{u})^T (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{u})) \leq -2C\nu \int dV |\mathbf{u}|^2$$

Gronwall: Energy decays exponentially, need forcing for interesting long-term behavior, e.g. Gaussian forcing with homogeneous, isotropic correlation matrix!

Similarly: Stochastic heat equation

Why Gaussian? CLT, easy, algorithms exist

# Theory:

## Basic Definitions

### Definition 1

A random field  $\xi$  is an indexed family of random variables

$$\xi = \left\{ \xi(\mathbf{x}) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m ; \mathbf{x} \in T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \right\}.$$

### Remark 2

- Generalization of stochastic processes
- No details on Kolmogorov Existence Theorem etc. here

# Theory:

## Basic Definitions

### Definition 3

A random field  $\xi$  is called Gaussian iff  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \forall \{\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\} \subseteq T : \xi(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) =: \xi^{(0)}, \dots, \xi(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) =: \xi^{(k-1)}$  are jointly normally distributed, i.e.

$$p_{\xi^{(0)}, \dots, \xi^{(k-1)}}(\mathbf{y}^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)}) = \det(2\pi\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

where  $\Sigma$  is the  $km \times km$  covariance matrix

$$\Sigma_{mr+i, ms+j} = \text{Cov}\left(\xi_i^{(r)}, \xi_j^{(s)}\right) =: \chi_{ij}\left(\mathbf{x}^{(r)}, \mathbf{x}^{(s)}\right)$$

and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the  $km$ -dim. mean vector  $\mu_{mr+i} = \left\langle \xi_i^{(r)} \right\rangle$ .

# Theory:

## Basic Definitions

### Remark 4

- Gaussian random fields (GRF) are completely specified by  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\chi(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) \implies$  easy!
- We will assume  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) \equiv 0$  wlog in the following (also necessary for isotropy) as well as  $d = m$
- $\chi$  needs to be positive semidefinite for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  since  $\mathbf{y}^T \chi(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{y} = \text{Var}(\mathbf{y}^T (\xi' + \xi)) \geq 0$

# Theory:

## Basic Definitions

### Example/Definition 5

- White noise  $\chi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})\delta_{ij}$
- Homogeneous (translation-invariant, stationary), isotropic ( $O(n)$ -invariant) and solenoidal correlation tensor:

$$\chi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = \chi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}) = \chi_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = f(r)\delta_{ij} + \frac{rf'(r)}{d-1} \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} \right)$$

- Stationary diagonal correlation  $\chi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = \chi_0 \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|}{\lambda}\right)\delta_{ij}$

### Remark 6

We do not distinguish between correlation and covariance matrices here (they differ by a constant factor in the stationary case)



# Theory:

## How to generate stationary GRFs

### Example 7

Assuming we can generate independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  samples, how do we generate vectors  $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, C)$  for a given covariance  $d \times d$ -matrix  $C$ ?

Answer:  $C$  is positive semidefinite, allowing for a Cholesky or eigenvalue/-vectors decomposition  $C = B^T B$ , so if we sample  $\phi$  with independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  entries, we get

$$\left\langle B^T \phi (B^T \phi)^T \right\rangle = B^T \underbrace{\left\langle \phi \phi^T \right\rangle}_{=I_d} B = B^T B = C$$

# Theory:

## How to generate stationary GRFs

### Theorem 8

Let

$$G = \left\{ \left( j_1 \frac{L_1}{N_1}, \dots, j_d \frac{L_d}{N_d} \right) ; j_s \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N_s - 1\} \right\}$$

be a uniformly spaced grid in  $[0, L_1] \times \dots \times [0, L_d]$ . Decomposing the overall  $(N_1 \dots N_d d) \times (N_1 \dots N_d d)$  covariance matrix  $\chi = \Lambda^T \Lambda$  of the grid and sampling  $\phi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_{N_1 \dots N_d d})$  yields

$$\Lambda^T \phi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \chi)$$





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