

# DATA ASSIMILATION AT LOCAL SCALE TO IMPROVE CFD SIMULATIONS OF DISPERSION AROUND INDUSTRIAL SITES AND URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS

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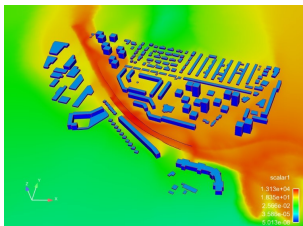
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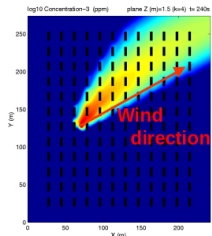
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# MICRO-METEOROLOGY APPLICATIONS

- Dispersion in built up environment

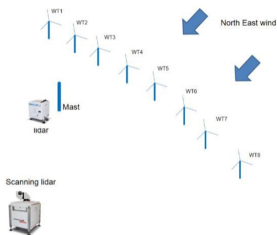


City of Toulouse

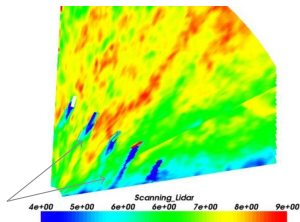


MUST experiment

- Estimation of local wind fields



Turbine wakes



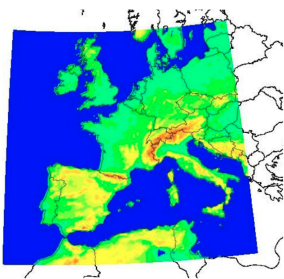
# CONTEXT

- ▶ Atmospheric dispersion modelling requires meteorological inputs (wind, turbulence, etc.)
- ▶ Local wind fields (urban neighbourhoods, surroundings of industrial sites, etc.) have very complex structures  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to simulate with CFD
- ▶ CFD simulations could be improved using available observations
- ▶ Objective: Develop local-scale data assimilation methods

# LOCAL CFD SIMULATIONS

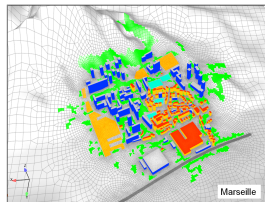
Mesoscale simulations  
(e.g. WRF, ALADIN)

$\Delta x \approx 10\text{km}$ ,  $\Delta z \approx 10\text{m}$   
 $L \approx 3000\text{km}$ ,  $\frac{L}{U} \approx 7$  days



Local simulations  
(e.g. *Code\_Saturne*)

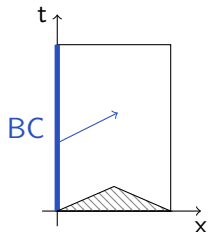
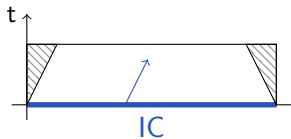
$\Delta x \approx 10\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z \approx 1\text{m}$   
 $L \approx 5\text{km}$ ,  $\frac{L}{U} \approx 17\text{min}$



Boundary conditions

Data assimilation

Observations



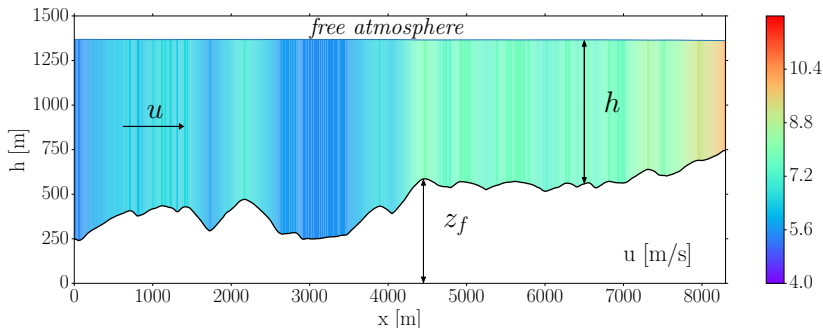
# INTRODUCTION TO DATA ASSIMILATION

- ▶  $\mathbf{z}^a$ : analysis = best estimate of control variables  $\mathbf{z}$ , given all available information
  - ▶ model  $\mathcal{M}$ ,
  - ▶ observations  $\mathbf{y}^o$ ,
  - ▶ prior knowledge  $\mathbf{z}^b$ ,
  - ▶ etc.
  
- ▶ Nudging: add relaxation term to dynamical equations
  - ▶ **Back and forth nudging** (BFN)
  
- ▶ Filtering methods (e.g. Kalman filter) and Variational methods (e.g. 3D-Var)
  - ▶ Ensemble variational methods: **iterative ensemble Kalman smoother/filter** (IEnKS, IEnKF)

# SHALLOW WATER MODEL

- ▶ 'Level' models  $\iff$  'Layer' models  
Vertical finite-difference approximation Multi-layer SWE

- ▶ Vertically averaged equations:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{M} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial x} = \mathbf{S}$   
 $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g' & u \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -g' \frac{\partial z_f}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $g'$ : reduced gravity



Simulation with 1D shallow water model over topography.

# BACK AND FORTH NUDGING ALGORITHM

Iterative algorithm of forward and backward integrations with nudging <sup>1</sup>:

forward (f) or backward (b)

Observation operator

$$\text{(F)} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}_k^f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{M}^f \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}_k^f}{\partial x} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{y}^o - \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{X}_k^f)] \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T, \delta t > 0$$

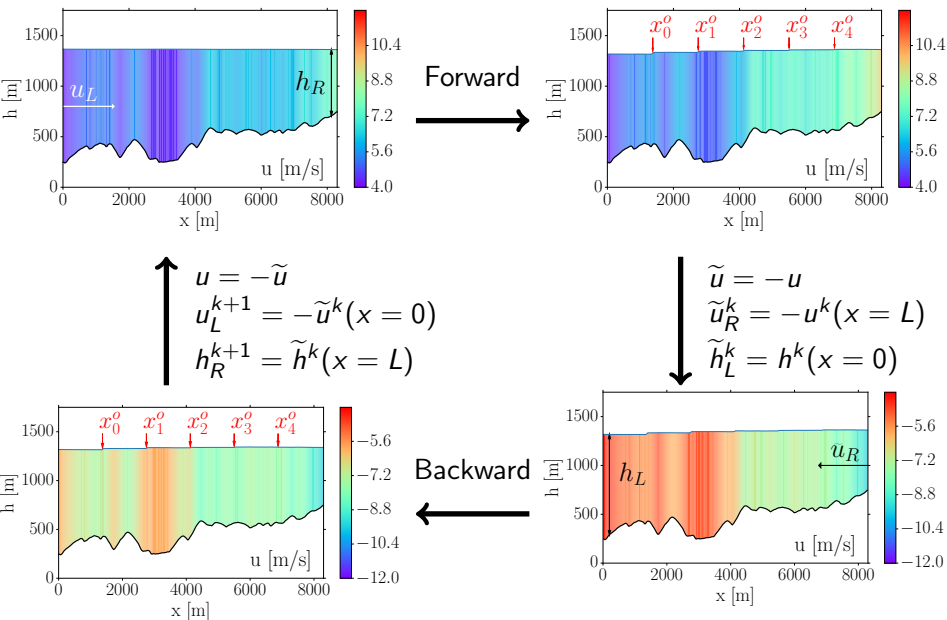
$$\text{(B)} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}_k^b}{\partial t} + \mathbf{M}^b \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}_k^b}{\partial x} = \mathbf{S} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}} [\mathbf{y}^o - \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{X}_k^b)] \quad \text{for } T \geq t \geq 0, \delta t < 0$$

k: BFN iteration

<sup>1</sup>Auroux and Blum (2005, 2008); Auroux et al. (2013)

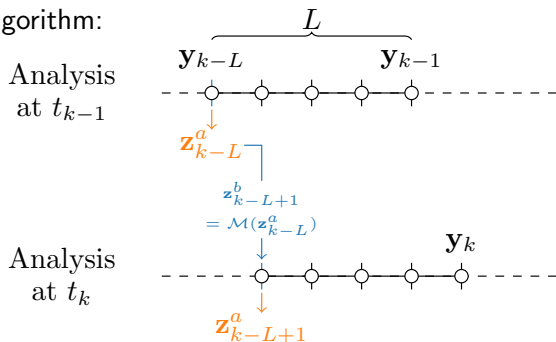


# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR BFN ALGORITHM



# ITERATIVE ENSEMBLE KALMAN SMOOTHER <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Cost function:  
 $\mathcal{J} = \|\text{distance to prior}\|_{\mathbf{P}_{-1}} + \|\text{distance to observations}\|_{\mathbf{R}_{-1}}$
- ▶ Ensemble method  $\rightarrow$  estimation of error covariance matrices
- ▶ Iterative minimisation of  $\mathcal{J}$  with Gauss-Newton algorithm
- ▶ 2 cycles of IEnKS algorithm:

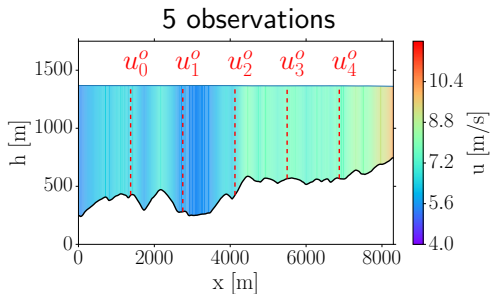


<sup>1</sup>Sakov et al. (2012); Bocquet and Sakov (2014)

# EXPERIMENTS

**True BCs**  
 $u_L^t = 5.5\text{m/s}$   
 $h_R^t = 617\text{m}$

*Reference  
simulation*



**A priori BCs**  
 $u_L^b = 4.4\text{m/s}$   
 $h_R^b = 617\text{m}$

perfect obs.

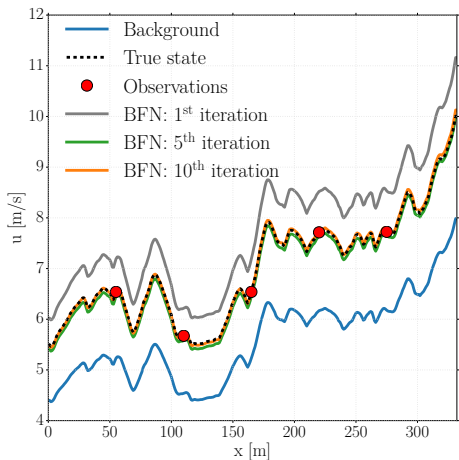
Experiment 1

noisy obs.

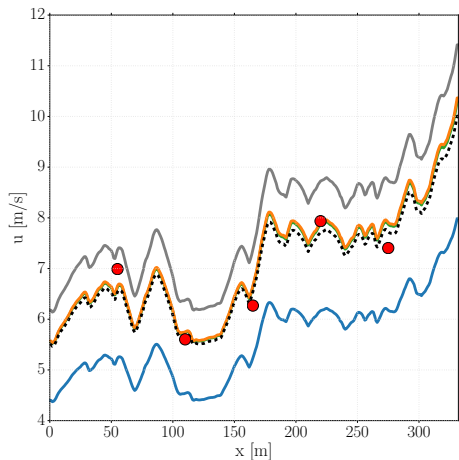
Experiment 2

# BFN RESULTS

- ▶  $\mathbf{K} = \tilde{\mathbf{K}} = k\mathbf{H}^T$  where  $k\Delta t = 0.1$
- ▶ Convergence in  $\sim 5$  iterations



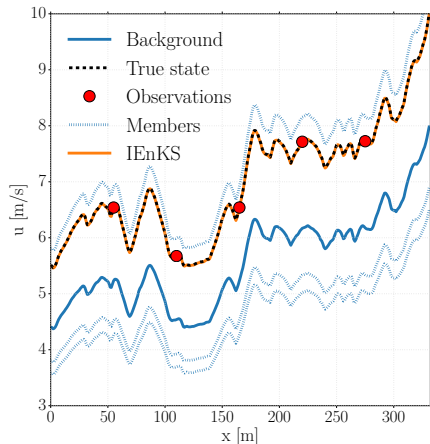
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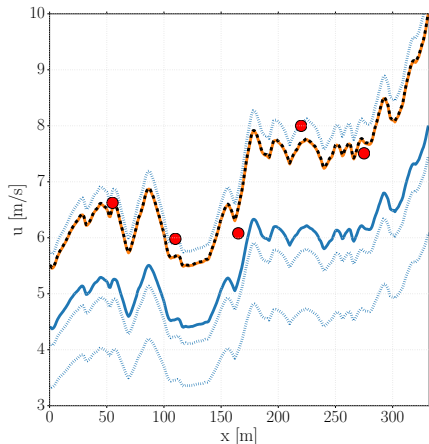
Exp. 2: Noisy observations

# IEnKS RESULTS

- ▶ Background ensemble: 3 members
- ▶  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{R} = 0.1\mathbf{I}$
- ▶ Fast convergence (2-3 iterations)



Exp. 1: Perfect observations



Exp. 2: Noisy observations

# CONCLUSIONS & PERSPECTIVES

- ▶ Both BFN algorithm and IEnKS help correcting BCs
- ▶ IEnKS more efficient here (less model integrations)
- ▶ Next steps:
  - ▶ More complex cases:
    - ▶ SW model: 2D
    - ▶ *Code\_Saturne*: Vertical profiles of  $u$
  - ▶ Localization or reduction of control vector size (e.g. principal component analysis)
  - ▶ Realistic cases with *Code\_Saturne* (buildings, obstacles, etc.)

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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# IEnKS ALGORITHM

Background ensemble:  $\mathbf{E}_0 = \underbrace{\mathbf{z}_0^{(0)} \mathbf{1}^T}_{\text{mean}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{A}_0}_{\text{anomalies}}$       Initialisation:  $\mathbf{w} = 0$   
(BCs)

