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In this paper, we establish a set of criteria which are applied to discuss various formulations under which Lagrangian stochastic models can be found. These models are used for the simulation of fluid particles in single-phase turbulence as well as for the fluid seen by discrete particles in dispersed turbulent two-phase flows. The purpose of the present work is to provide guidelines, useful for experts and non-experts alike, which are shown to be helpful to clarify issues related to the form of Lagrangian stochastic models. A central issue is to put forward reliable requirements which must be met by Lagrangian stochastic models and a new element brought by the present analysis is to address the single- and two-phase flow situations from a unified point of view. For that purpose, we consider first the single-phase flow case and check whether models are fully consistent with the structure of the Reynolds-stress models. In the two-phase flow situation, coming up with clear-cut criteria is more difficult and the present choice is to require that the single-phase situation be well-retrieved in the fluid-limit case, elementary predictive abilities be respected and that some simple statistical features of homogeneous fluid turbulence be correctly reproduced. This analysis does not address the question of the relative predictive capacities of different models but concentrates on their formulation since advantages and disadvantages of different formulations are not always clear. Indeed, hidden in the changes from one structure to another are some possible pitfalls which can lead to flaws in the construction of practical models and to physically unsound numerical calculations. A first interest of the present approach is illustrated by considering some models proposed in the literature and by showing that these criteria help to assess whether these Lagrangian stochastic models can be regarded as acceptable descriptions. A second interest is to indicate how future developments can be safely built, which is also relevant for stochastic subgrid models for particle-laden flows in the context of Large Eddy Simulations. © 2014 AIP Publishing LLC. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4901315>]

I. INTRODUCTION

Over the last decades, Lagrangian stochastic models have become increasingly used for both single-phase reactive flows and dispersed two-phase turbulent flows (with one phase being present as discrete elements such as solid particles, droplets, or bubbles). These approaches are referred to as PDF (Probability Density Function) methods¹⁻⁸ which indicates that they are simulating the PDF

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of the relevant variables which have been retained for the statistical description of either single- or two-phase flows. PDF methods have strong advantages as they treat important phenomena without approximation: in single-phase reactive flows, this corresponds to convective and reactive source terms^{1,9} while, for dispersed two-phase flows (even for inert particles), this corresponds to transport and polydispersity effects (related to the existence of a range of particle diameters).^{4,10} This interplay of modeling issues explains the common interest of PDF descriptions in both situations.

In the single-phase flow situation, the governing equations are the transport equations for the fluid velocity field $\mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x})$ and for a set of scalars which gathers the relevant species mass fractions $\boldsymbol{\phi}(t, \mathbf{x}) = (\phi_\beta)_{\beta=1, \dots, N_s}$ to which an equation for the fluid enthalpy is added, along with an equation of state, for compressible flows. For constant-property flows, these equations are

$$\frac{\partial U_k}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}, \quad (1b)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_\beta}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial \phi_\beta}{\partial x_k} = \Gamma \frac{\partial^2 \phi_\beta}{\partial x_k \partial x_k} + S_\beta, \quad (1c)$$

where ν is the fluid dynamical viscosity, Γ the scalar diffusivity, and $P(t, \mathbf{x})$ the fluid pressure. In Eq. (1c), the last term on the rhs (right-hand side) is the reactive source term $S_\beta = \hat{S}_\beta(\boldsymbol{\phi}(t, \mathbf{x}))$ which, along with convection, appears in a closed form in a one-point PDF approach.

In the disperse two-phase flow case, the basic physical situation is made up by a continuous fluid phase (a gas or a liquid) in which a set of discrete ‘‘particles’’ (solid particles, droplets, bubbles, etc.), having a range of diameters, are embedded. The fluid phase is described by the continuity and Navier-Stokes equations, Eqs. (1a) and (1b), to which source terms can be added to account for momentum exchange between the fluid and the discrete particles when two-way coupling (whereby particles influence the fluid phase) is deemed important. For the discrete particles, we limit ourselves to the case of point-like particles or droplets. This approximation is not severe for most industrial applications but usually leaves out bubbles.¹¹ For particle diameters of the same order of magnitude as the Kolmogorov length scale, the particle momentum equation involves the well-known pressure-gradient, drag, added-mass, and Basset forces.^{12,13} In the case of particles heavier than the fluid (droplets in a gas, solid particles in a gas or liquid), the particle momentum equation can be simplified to the following form to describe the evolution of particle location $\mathbf{x}_p(t)$ and velocity $\mathbf{U}_p(t)$:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_p}{dt} = \mathbf{U}_p, \quad (2a)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}_p}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_p}(\mathbf{U}_s - \mathbf{U}_p) + \mathbf{g}, \quad (2b)$$

where, apart from gravity, only the drag force has been retained (other forces can be added but the drag force is sufficient for the present discussion). In Eq. (2b), \mathbf{g} is the gravity acceleration and τ_p the particle relaxation time defined as

$$\tau_p = \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{4d_p}{3C_D |\mathbf{U}_r|}, \quad (3)$$

where the local instantaneous relative velocity between the fluid and the particle velocity is $\mathbf{U}_r = \mathbf{U}_s - \mathbf{U}_p$. The drag coefficient C_D is usually expressed as a nonlinear function of the particle-based Reynolds number, $Re_p = d_p |\mathbf{U}_r| / \nu$ (where d_p is the particle diameter) based on empirical formulas¹⁴ (apart from the Stokes regime). In Eq. (2b) and in the expression of the particle relaxation time scale, the important variable is $\mathbf{U}_s(t) = \mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x}_p(t))$ which is the ‘‘fluid velocity seen,’’ i.e., the fluid velocity sampled along the particle trajectory $\mathbf{x}_p(t)$ as it moves across a turbulent flow. In the limit of the assumptions made above, it is possible to solve the governing equations in the spirit of DNS (Direct Numerical Simulation) for disperse flows with accurate Lagrangian tracking

methods,^{15–18} as the continuation of what is done for the DNS of single-phase flows. This approach is possible in simple geometries and at moderate Reynolds numbers. When such DNS are not available and for practical purposes where only one-point statistics are known, a stochastic model for the velocity of the fluid seen is needed. In the general context of stochastic models and PDF descriptions, we are thus concerned with a one-particle PDF model for $U_s(t)$ from which one-point statistics can be derived.⁴ Note that when the velocity of the fluid seen is included in the state-vector along with the particle velocity and diameter, the drag force appears in a closed form in the PDF description⁴ (it can be seen as the counterpart of the reactive source term in the single-phase flow case).

In the present analysis, we leave out the specific issues related to reactive aspects (gas chemical reactions in single-phase flows; burning particles, evaporating droplets, etc., in two-phase flows) and concentrate on dynamical aspects in the PDF approach to both situations. Thus, at the core of the PDF method lies the specific stochastic model which is used to simulate fluid particle velocities in single-phase flows and the fluid velocity “seen” by particles in two-phase flows. In the latter situation, this notion was introduced as a Lagrangian property attached to each discrete particle,¹⁹ then included in the particle state-vector¹⁰ which led to the standard PDF description for two-phase flows.⁴ Furthermore, the PDF approach was given a complete framework, first in single-phase flows¹ and later in two-phase flows,⁴ ensuring a continuous link between the choice of the particle state-vector, the formulation of stochastic models as proper stochastic differential equations, the corresponding PDF equation in sample space, and the resulting mean-field equations.^{1,20,21}

At this stage, a first modeling question arises: how should these stochastic models be formulated? In single-phase flows, most of the stochastic models have been developed in terms of instantaneous fluid particle velocities.^{2,20,22} In two-phase flows, some proposals followed the same road and were made in terms of the instantaneous fluid velocity seen to build so-called Langevin models.^{4,23} However, the modeling situation is unclear since existing models can be expressed with different formulations, for instance, in terms of either instantaneous, fluctuating, or normalized fluctuating fluid-particle velocities. When particle inertia becomes negligible, the stochastic model for the velocity of the fluid seen becomes a stochastic model for fluid particles and, consequently, this issue overlaps with similar concerns in single-phase flows. This means that both situations are impacted by the issue of the formulation of stochastic models. A second modeling question is: what are the basic properties that such models must respect?

These questions are particularly relevant when the stochastic models used to simulate dynamical variables are complemented with additional models to address complex-physics problems. For instance, in single-phase flows, one could be interested in applying a velocity-composition PDF method but having only specifically developed the modeling parts concerned with scalars and reactive terms. In two-phase flows, Lagrangian stochastic models can be used to analyze additional effects such as thermophoresis, electrophoresis, or chemical forces^{24–26} (due to interface chemistry in liquid medium). Other typical examples include droplets or coal/fuel particles where models are added to simulate complex combustion or evaporation processes.^{7,8,27,28} Yet, these practical developments can be ruined by a poor formulation of the model retained for the velocity of fluid particles or the velocity of the fluid seen. It appears therefore important to assess whether stochastic models used for dynamical variables have a sound basis. By this assessment step, we do not mean here the (necessary) task of outlining the predictive abilities of modeling proposals but the “upstream step” that consists in assessing whether the structure of these models respect key properties, regardless of the details of specific closures. Going directly to a comparison of computational outcomes between different model formulations²⁹ is interesting but may confuse the status of different classes of Lagrangian stochastic models whereas a theoretical analysis can already reveal flaws or bring out differences that make these models difficult to compare even-handedly.

Given the subtleties of stochastic calculus^{30,31} and the particle-based nature of Lagrangian PDF approaches, consistency issues have accompanied the construction of stochastic models. For example, the issue of so-called spurious drifts and its relation to fluid mass conservation was addressed a few years ago for models developed for single-phase turbulent flows.^{32–35} Relations with Reynolds-stress modeling were also put forward²⁰ with a view towards the interest of stochastic models for realizable closures. Similar efforts have been made in the two-phase flow situation,⁴ though more sparingly. However, there has been no previous attempt at gathering knowledge and

addressing the validity and the structure of stochastic models by resorting to a systematic list of requirements, especially when the single- and two-phase situations need to be jointly considered.

With respect to this context, the first purpose of this article is to propose a clear set of requirements, for single-phase as well as for two-phase flows, which must be met by Lagrangian stochastic models in order to be regarded as acceptable descriptions. The second purpose is to discuss the relations between different formulations of a stochastic model for the velocity of fluid particles and to reveal the interests as well as the limitations of some of these formulations. The third purpose is to establish guidelines for future developments, valid for stochastic models developed in classical Reynolds-averaging approaches but also of interest for models considered for subgrid-effects in particle-laden flows where the fluid phase is simulated with a LES (Large Eddy Simulation) approach. In that sense, the present considerations represent an effort to address issues related to single-phase and two-phase flows from a unified perspective.

The paper is organized as follows. The PDF theoretical framework is first recalled in Sec. II, where the simplifying assumptions which define the precise context of this study are stated at the end of Sec. II B. Then, the criteria selected in the present analysis are detailed in Sec. III, first for the single-phase flow case in Sec. III A and, second, for the two-phase flow case in Sec. III B. The analysis is first developed for single-phase turbulent flows: different formulations for fluid particle velocities are addressed in Sec. IV and analyzed in detail in Sec. IV A, while classical scalar modeling (which plays an important role in one criterion for two-phase flows) is recalled in Sec. IV B. Drawing on the analysis carried out for the single-phase flow case, an analysis of different modeling proposals for two-phase flows is developed in Sec. V. In particular, new relations for models expressed in terms of fluctuating components, as well as discussions on two-way coupling, are developed in Sec. V A 3. Present findings are summarized in Table I for single-phase models and in Table II for two-phase models. Finally, guidelines for future developments are proposed in the Conclusion.

II. THE PDF THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

This framework was first established for single-phase turbulent flows^{1-3,20} and was later used as a foundation for the extension to dispersed two-phase turbulent flows.^{4,21,36} However, for the sake of a simpler and more compact presentation, we introduce the key aspects of the theoretical framework directly from the standpoint of the two-phase flow situation since the fluid-particle case can be retrieved as an asymptotic limit.

A. Probabilistic descriptions and stochastic equations

The PDF machinery for fluid mechanics starts by the choice of the PDF description (in terms of either one-particle pdf, or two-particle pdf, etc.). In the present context, we consider only one-particle PDF approaches and, thus, the starting point is the selection of the mechanical description retained for each particle or, in other words, the choice of the relevant particle state-vector which gathers the variables of interest attached to each particle. Following the presentation of standard Lagrangian models for dispersed two-phase flows in the Introduction, the particle state-vector is made up by the particle location and velocity as well as the velocity of the fluid seen by the particle, $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{U}_p, \mathbf{U}_s)$, with evolution equations written as

$$d\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{U}_p dt, \quad (4a)$$

$$d\mathbf{U}_p = \mathbf{D}_p(t, \mathbf{Z}) dt, \quad (4b)$$

$$d\mathbf{U}_s = \mathbf{D}_s(t, \mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle], \langle \Phi \rangle) dt + \mathbf{B}_s(t, \mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle], \langle \Phi \rangle) d\mathbf{W}. \quad (4c)$$

In these equations, \mathbf{D}_p typically represents the drag and gravity forces, $\mathbf{D}_p = (\mathbf{U}_s - \mathbf{U}_p) / \tau_p + \mathbf{g}$ (other forces can also be considered), while the vector \mathbf{D}_s and the matrix \mathbf{B}_s are the drift and diffusion coefficients of a stochastic diffusion process which is a typical model for the velocity of the fluid

seen. In the drift and diffusion coefficients in Eq. (4c), a general notation has been used to indicate that these coefficients can depend on the value of the state-vector \mathbf{Z} but also on functionals of the mean fields which are calculated from the simulation of that state-vector, written as $\mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle]$, as well as on some external fields represented by $\langle \Phi \rangle$. A typical example of $\mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle]$ is the particle mean-velocity field while the fluid mean-pressure is another example of what $\langle \Phi \rangle$ can stand for. For detailed discussions of the modeling issues from a physical point of view, we refer to the relevant literature.^{2,4}

The single-phase flow framework is retrieved by considering the particle-tracer limit when particle inertia goes to zero ($\tau_p \rightarrow 0$). In that case, the particle velocity tends towards the fluid velocity and, for example, the model system of equations, Eqs. (4), becomes

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} dt, \quad (5a)$$

$$d\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{D}(t, \mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle], \langle \Phi \rangle) dt + \mathbf{B}(t, \mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle], \langle \Phi \rangle) d\mathbf{W}, \quad (5b)$$

where the same notation has been retained to indicate a possible dependence on mean-fields calculated from the solution (such as the fluid mean velocity field) or on external mean fields. A typical example of such an external mean field is the fluid mean dissipation field, $\langle \epsilon \rangle$. It must be noted that the notion of external fields is, of course, directly dependent upon the choice of the variables entering the state-vector. For instance, for $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U})$ which corresponds to a velocity-PDF description,²² the mean dissipation is an external field. Yet, if the state-vector is extended to include the instantaneous dissipation, whereby \mathbf{Z} becomes $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U}, \epsilon)$ and corresponds to a velocity-dissipation PDF description,^{9,37} then the dependence of the drift and diffusion coefficients on the mean dissipation field would appear through the functional form $\mathcal{F}[\langle \mathbf{Z} \rangle]$.

For both the single- and two-phase situations, using a general equation written

$$d\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{D}_Z dt + \mathbf{B}_Z d\mathbf{W} \quad (6)$$

as a reference model, the key points of the PDF theoretical framework can be unraveled.

The governing equation, Eq. (6), is to be understood as the evolution equation for a large number of “stochastic particles” (whose behavior mimic the evolution of real particles in a statistical sense) and, in a weak sense,^{1,4,31,38,39} a stochastic particle-tracking model is equivalent to a PDF approach. However, it is worth emphasizing that the present case is an extension of the well-established connection between classical Langevin equations, where the drift and diffusion coefficients depend only the chosen state-vector \mathbf{Z} , and the corresponding Fokker-Planck equation in sample space. In that sense, there is an essential difference between the Langevin equations used, for example, in PDF methods and in dispersion studies.³ The difference is that, in PDF methods, the coefficients involve statistics obtained from the particles as indicated by the general notation in Eqs. (4) and (5). In the mathematical literature, these processes are referred to as “McKean diffusion processes”⁴⁰ and in detailed physical presentations³¹ they are defined as “processes with mean-field interactions.” Compared to classical Monte Carlo methods, numerical implementations lead to handling so-called “weakly interacting processes” but, basically, the classical connection between these generalized Langevin and Fokker-Planck equations remains valid.^{31,36} In other words, a particle-tracking method amounts to a dynamical Monte Carlo simulation of the corresponding pdf $p_L(t; \mathbf{z})$, where the index L indicates that we are dealing with a Lagrangian pdf and where \mathbf{z} stands for the state-vector variables in the corresponding sample space.

B. From Lagrangian stochastic models to mean-field equations

In order to go from the (Lagrangian) stochastic equations written for each notional particle to the resulting (Eulerian) mean-field equations, a straightforward approach is obtained by introducing MDFs (Mass Density Function)¹ and by defining the Eulerian MDF from the Lagrangian one. This is translated in the following definition where the Eulerian MDF is basically identified with the Lagrangian one at the same location (the identity is for MDFs and not necessarily in terms of pdf's) as detailed elsewhere⁴ and where M_p is the total mass of the physical particles in the

domain:

$$F_p^L(t; \mathbf{y}_p, \mathbf{z}_c) = M_p p_L(t; \mathbf{y}_p, \mathbf{z}_c), \quad (7)$$

$$F_p^E(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{z}_c) = F_p^L(t; \mathbf{y}_p = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_c) = \int F_p^L(t; \mathbf{y}_p, \mathbf{z}_c) \delta(\mathbf{y}_p - \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{y}. \quad (8)$$

Since it is useful to distinguish between the particle location and other variables, we have introduced the notation $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{Z}_c)$ for the particle state-vector where the particle location is always present and where \mathbf{Z}_c stands for the complementary part of the chosen state-vector. For example, for the Lagrangian description mentioned above for dispersed two-phase flows, we have $\mathbf{Z}_c = (\mathbf{U}_p, \mathbf{U}_s)$, while for the single-phase flows we would have $\mathbf{Z}_c = (\mathbf{U})$. In sample-space, the corresponding variables of the state-vector are noted $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{y}_p, \mathbf{z}_c)$.

For a particle variable written as $H_p(t; \mathbf{Z}_c)$, its average $\langle H_p \rangle_m$ (which is a field variable), is defined as

$$\alpha_p(t, \mathbf{x}) \rho_p \langle H_p \rangle_m(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int H_p(t; \mathbf{z}_c) F_p^E(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{z}_c) d\mathbf{z}_c, \quad (9)$$

where ρ_p is the particle density and $\alpha_p(t, \mathbf{x})$ is the mean particle volumetric fraction. The fluctuating component is then expressed as $h_p = H_p - \langle H_p \rangle_m$. The definition of these quantities for the single-phase case are given below, after Eq. (14). It is worth emphasizing that α_p is a rigorously defined probabilistic quantity that represents the average presence of one phase at a given location and should not be confused, in the present framework, with volumetric averages. In a discrete sense, when we handle N stochastic particles, the definitions of Lagrangian and Eulerian MDFs are directly carried out to yield

$$F_{p,N}^L(t; \mathbf{y}_p, \mathbf{z}_c) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_p^{(i)} \delta(\mathbf{y}_p - \mathbf{x}_p^{(i)}) \delta(\mathbf{z}_c - \mathbf{z}_c^{(i)}), \quad (10)$$

$$F_{p,N}^E(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{z}_c) = F_{p,N}^L(t; \mathbf{y}_p = \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_c), \quad (11)$$

where $m_p^{(i)}$ is the mass of the particle labeled (i). This shows that in a small volume around location \mathbf{x} where averages are estimated as the ensemble averages over the $N_{\mathbf{x}}^p$ particles present in that volume, we get the equivalent of Favre, or mass-weighted, averages

$$\langle H_p \rangle_m(t, \mathbf{x}) \simeq \langle H_p \rangle_{m,N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathbf{x}}^p} m_p^{(i)} H_p(t; \mathbf{z}_c^{(i)}(t))}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathbf{x}}^p} m_p^{(i)}}, \quad (12)$$

which explains the notation $\langle H_p \rangle_m$ used to indicate mass-weighted averaging for particle variables.

One of the key points is that the Eulerian MDF satisfies the same evolution equation as the Lagrangian MDF. For the general stochastic diffusion model considered in Eq. (6), this equation is a Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial F_p^E}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z_k} [D_{Z,k} F_p^E] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_k \partial z_l} [(B_Z B_Z^T)_{kl} F_p^E]. \quad (13)$$

For the standard state-vector for dispersed two-phase flows, $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{U}_p, \mathbf{U}_s)$, and for the evolution equations considered in Eqs. (4), the Fokker-Planck equation has the following form where convection appears in closed form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F_p^E}{\partial t} + V_{p,k} \frac{\partial F_p^E}{\partial y_k} = & - \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{p,k}} (D_{p,k} F_p^E) \\ & - \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{s,k}} (D_{s,k} F_p^E) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial V_{s,k} \partial V_{s,l}} ((B_s B_s^T)_{kl} F_p^E), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where the variables in sample-space are denoted $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{V}_p, \mathbf{V}_s)$. It is instructive to consider the first particle-velocity moments obtained from the PDF methodology

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_p \rho_p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\alpha_p \rho_p \langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m)}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle U_{p,i} \rangle_m}{\partial t} + \langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m \frac{\partial \langle U_{p,i} \rangle_m}{\partial x_k} = \frac{1}{\alpha_p \rho_p} \frac{\partial (\alpha_p \rho_p \langle u_{p,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m)}{\partial x_k} + \left\langle \frac{U_{s,i} - U_{p,i}}{\tau_p} \right\rangle_m + g_i, \quad (16)$$

where $\langle u_{p,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m$ is the particle kinetic tensor. In the rhs of the average particle momentum equation, Eq. (16), the drag and gravity force terms have been directly introduced instead of the more general notation \mathbf{D}_p . This helps to reveal that in two-phase flows the closure of the drag force term is akin to the closure of the chemical source term in single-phase reactive flows. Indeed, even for inert particles, τ_p is a complex function of the particle diameter and of the particle and fluid seen velocities (cf. Eq. (3)). Thus, for a polydisperse set of particles, the last term on the rhs of Eq. (16) cannot be closed directly whereas it is handled without approximation with the PDF approach. It is also interesting to consider the second-order equations for the particle kinetic tensor components which correspond to the Reynolds-stress equations in single-phase flows. The exact forms of these equations are detailed elsewhere^{4,21} and have an intricate structure which implies further closure issues, such as $\langle D_{p,i} u_{p,j} \rangle_m$, apart from classical third-order correlation terms. Even when the set of polydisperse particles is separated into classes of monodisperse ones within which τ_p can be regarded as a (nearly) constant parameter, it is readily seen that, for each class, the equations for $\langle u_{p,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m$ involve the (non-symmetrical) fluid-particle velocities correlation tensor $\langle u_{s,i} u_{p,j} \rangle_m$ whose equations, in turn, rely on the tensor $\langle u_{s,i} u_{s,j} \rangle_m$ derived from the velocity of the fluid seen. The important points are that these complete second-order equations (which represents typically 25 coupled partial differential equations (PDEs) for each particle class) are actually derived from the stochastic description and involve both the drift and diffusion coefficients of the model used for the velocity of the fluid seen in Eq. (4c). This indicates that safe guidelines are needed both to assess existing models and to suggest proper formulations.

In the single-phase flow situation, all the relations presented above remain valid. In that case, ρ_p is equal to ρ the fluid density, M_p is replaced by M_f the total fluid mass in the domain, $m_p^{(i)}$ becomes the mass associated to each notional fluid particles $m^{(i)}$, and $\alpha_p(t, \mathbf{x}) = 1$ at any point \mathbf{x} . Some comments may be added for the last two points. In dispersed two-phase flows, the particles handled in the numerical simulations represents stochastic particles but since they mimic the “real” particles carried by the fluid turbulent flow, their diameter and their mass can correspond to the real-particle properties (provided no statistical weights are used whereby stochastic particles represent so-called parcels or groups of particles). In that sense, the notion of a stochastic particle may be less surprising at first sight in the two-phase case than in the single-phase one, although the notions are basically the same. In the single-phase case, the mass associated to each stochastic particle appears more as a parameter representing a fraction of the total mass, for example, equal mass can be assigned to each particle as often done for incompressible flows. Furthermore, when the flow occupies the whole domain, the natural limit is to have $\alpha_p(t, \mathbf{x}) = 1$. Actually, it will be seen in Sec. III that this corresponds to the absence of spurious drifts. With these definitions, the above formalism reverts to the developed for single-phase reactive flows.^{1,3}

In the following, a number of simplifying assumptions are made. First of all, we consider incompressible fluid flows, where the fluid density ρ is constant. In correspondence, particle densities are also taken as constant and, furthermore, we assume that all particles have the same constant density (the case of particle-dependent densities is naturally included since the formalism already accounts for particle-dependent masses). However, it must be noted that, in two-phase flows, variable particle volumetric fractions $\alpha_p(t, \mathbf{x})$ always induce variable-density effects, which justifies the introduction of MDFs as done in this section. In the present analysis, we limit ourselves to high Reynolds-number flows where viscous effects can be neglected (apart from the non-zero dissipation rate of the fluid turbulent kinetic energy) and, similarly, Brownian effects are not considered for particle motion. In the context of this first analysis, this is done to limit the complexity of the stochastic

models and to concentrate on the important convective and dissipative issues. Furthermore, few models have been devised for low-Reynolds particle-laden flows. Note, however, that formulations in the case of low Re -number flows were proposed for near-wall fluid flow simulations^{41–43} and that extensions of the present analysis can be made. For the two-phase flow situations, two-way coupling is not explicitly accounted for, although related aspects are discussed when the form of the equations for the fluctuating velocity components are considered (see Sec. V A 3) while the effects of particle-particle collisions are left out.

III. CRITERIA FOR THE ANALYSIS OF STOCHASTIC MODELS

We consider Lagrangian stochastic models for fluid particles, such as those characterized by Eqs. (5). The criteria put forward here arise from the following question: in what sense can we regard these models as acceptable probabilistic descriptions of turbulent flows?

A. Choice of criteria for single-phase flow models

This issue was addressed by Pope^{1,33} who showed that, for such models to be true PDF descriptions (that is, for the corresponding pdf to be normalized to one), it is necessary and sufficient that the mean-pressure gradient be properly introduced and that the mean continuity condition be respected. This is tantamount to saying that Lagrangian stochastic models are free from spurious drifts when the mean pressure gradient is properly taken into account.^{4,33,35} The correspondence between Lagrangian stochastic models and Reynolds-stress closures was then brought forth.^{2,20,22} Drawing on these relations, we propose to regard a Lagrangian stochastic formulation as an acceptable model if three criteria are met:

- (F-1) the model should be capable of being written in correct Cartesian tensor notation and should satisfy the relevant invariance principles (such as Galilean and extended Galilean invariance);
- (F-2) the stochastic model should be such that the mean-continuity equation is respected and, thus, the model must be free of spurious drifts;
- (F-3) all convective terms in the mean Navier-Stokes **and** in the second-order equations must be exactly reproduced (as well as dissipative terms).

The first criterion amounts to asking that the basic transformation and invariance properties of the Navier-Stokes equations be reflected in the model.³ The last two criteria mean that the first two moments of the velocity fields extracted from the simulated pdf are such that, using Reynolds decomposition written as $U_i = \langle U_i \rangle + u_i$, we have the following structure:

$$\frac{\partial \langle U_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad (17a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i}, \quad (17b)$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_j \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \langle u_j u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} = \Psi_{ij}. \quad (17c)$$

The first equation is the mass-continuity equation when the fluid density is constant. The second equation corresponds to the mean Navier-Stokes equation (i.e., the Reynolds equation) and it is seen that the mean viscous term, $\nu \Delta U_i$, has been neglected, for the sake of simplicity in the present analysis, by assuming sufficiently high Reynolds-number flows. This indicates that we are not considering near-wall regions. In Eq. (17c), the rhs (right-hand side) Ψ_{ij} is usually decomposed as $\Psi_{ij} = \Phi_{ij} - \epsilon_{ij}$ where Φ_{ij} and ϵ_{ij} stand for models expressing the correlation between the pressure-gradient and fluctuating velocities and the dissipation sink term, respectively. These models are subject to classical requirements, for instance, that $\Phi_{ii} = \partial \langle p u_i \rangle / \partial x_i$ or, when the divergence of the pressure-velocity correlation is neglected, to $\Phi_{ii} = 0$ and usual model simplifications, such

as isotropic dissipative terms, which means that we can write $\epsilon_{ij} = -2/3\langle\epsilon\rangle\delta_{ij}$ with $\langle\epsilon\rangle$ the mean turbulent kinetic energy dissipation. In the following, we only require that half the trace of the rhs has the form $1/2\Psi_{ii} = \nabla\cdot I - \epsilon$ with $\epsilon \geq 0$ and where I stands for an expression that represents the pressure-fluctuation correlation. As a practical matter, pressure transport is often ignored, and so, for simplicity, we take the requirement to be $1/2\Psi_{ii} = -\epsilon$.

It is worth noting the difference with the previous works that established the correspondence between Lagrangian stochastic models and Reynolds-stress equations.^{20,22} In these works, the aim was mostly to obtain detailed forms of Reynolds-stress models from the Lagrangian stochastic approach and, in that sense, the emphasis was put on developing detailed closure proposals for Φ_{ij} and ϵ_{ij} . In the present work, the emphasis is put on a different point. Indeed, by the criterion (F-3) listed above, it is meant that all the terms appearing on the lhs (left-hand side) of Eqs. (17) should be exactly reproduced. This is a rather natural requirement to set forth: indeed, all the terms gathered on the lhs of Eqs. (17) are convective terms which arise from the transport term in the Navier-Stokes equations. Since Lagrangian approaches are precisely attractive as they treat convective transport without approximation, it is therefore natural to expect that the structure of the transport equations for the first two moments of the velocity field will be exactly reproduced. In other words, failure to do so by a Lagrangian model means that transport is poorly described and this is regarded as an unacceptable shortcoming. The criteria proposed here are basic physical requirements but represent a step forward with regard to former proposals.³⁴

B. Choice of criteria for two-phase flow models

We now consider Lagrangian stochastic models for the velocity of the fluid seen by discrete particles, as expressed by Eqs. (4), and the issue is to come up with relevant criteria to assess whether these modeling proposals can be retained as acceptable descriptions. However, selecting such a list of criteria for two-phase flows is not straightforward. Indeed, the analysis of single-phase stochastic models can rely on the sound basis provided by given Reynolds-stress models. This is not so in the two-phase situation as it is actually the stochastic model which is used to derive corresponding mean-field or so-called continuum descriptions of two-phase flows.^{4,19,44} This lack of a sound reference continuum theory puts a stronger emphasis on the need to have reliable criteria to assess stochastic models for disperse two-phase flows. In spite of this limitation, it is still possible to use the single-phase flow case as a sound basis. More specifically, to analyze stochastic models used for the simulation of the fluid velocity seen \mathbf{U}_s , we propose the following list of criteria:

- (P-1) the model should be capable of being written in correct Cartesian tensor notation and should satisfy the relevant invariance principles (such as Galilean and extended Galilean invariance);
- (P-2) the stochastic model must be complete in the sense that the expressions for both the drift vector and the diffusion matrix in Eq. (4c) must be explicitly given. Furthermore, the stochastic model must have predictive capacities in the sense that it should be applicable to general non-homogeneous situations where fluid or particle statistics are not necessarily known in advance;
- (P-3) the stochastic model used for the fluid velocity seen should revert to an acceptable stochastic model for single-phase flow (thus respecting the criteria (F-1)-(F-3)) when particle inertia goes to zero, that is in the particle-tracer limit;
- (P-4) the complete stochastic model should be such that the predicted mean kinetic energy of the fluid seen respects the same statistical evolution laws as the mean fluid kinetic energy in dilute flows, both in stationary and decaying homogeneous turbulence;
- (P-5) the resulting model for the so-called drift velocity, say \mathbf{V}_d (which represents the difference between the mean velocity of the fluid seen and the mean fluid velocity at the same particle location, or $V_{d,i} = \langle U_{s,i} \rangle_m - \langle U_i \rangle$), should be consistent with known scalar dynamics and related modeling;
- (P-6) the model for the velocity of the fluid seen should be consistent with the Equilibrium Eulerian approach formulated in the limit of small particle Stokes numbers.^{18,45} More precisely, the

model should be such that the mean conditional increments of the drift vector \mathbf{D}_s yield the correct behavior for discrete particle velocities for small τ_p .

The criterion (P-1) is the same criteria as for the fluid case (see (F-1)) carried to the two-phase flow situation. Indeed, since the velocity of the fluid seen is extracted from the velocity field of the fluid carrier phase, the same invariance principles hold. At first sight, the criterion (P-2) seems obvious as it simply express what a “model” stands for. Unfortunately, it will be indicated in Sec. V that there can be some confusion as to which proposals can be truly referred to as a stochastic model or, in other words, as a true PDF description of two-phase flows. Thus, this criterion will be shown to be useful to clarify the status of some proposals. To be self-consistent, it is useful to clarify the definition retained here for a predictive model: a model is said to be predictive if it is able to provide information on the future state of a system (which means on the statistics of the variables retained to describe the two-phase flow), given all necessary initial and boundary conditions.

In the list above, the criterion (P-3) is an important one: it translates what is meant when it is said that satisfactory models for two-phase flows should be extensions of satisfactory ones for single-phase flows. From a physical point of view, this is a sound requirement to make: indeed, small-inertia particles tend to follow closely the surrounding fluid and it appears consistent to expect that statistics derived from the fluid and from the discrete particle set become identical and both acceptable descriptions. Furthermore, from a numerical point of view when so-called Eulerian/Lagrangian hybrid simulations are used, this will help to ensure that consistent predictions are obtained.⁴⁶

The last criteria involve specific aspects of two-phase flows. The criterion (P-4) states for a statistically homogeneous decaying turbulence, we expect that, for particles which are homogeneously distributed (still in a statistical sense), the fluid seen is such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d\langle \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \mathbf{u}_s \rangle_m}{dt} = -\langle \epsilon \rangle. \quad (18)$$

This expresses that the mean fluid kinetic energy seen by particles is decaying at the same rate as for the fluid. In the context of the present study, this criterion is meant as a functional requirement and it will be seen in Sec. V that it is particularly useful to lead to correct closure expressions for the diffusion term in Eqs. (4). From a more physical point of view, it can be argued that, even in a homogeneous turbulent fluid flow, particles are not necessarily homogeneously distributed in the whole flow domain but tend to concentrate in some flow regions (this is the particle preferential-concentration effect¹⁵⁻¹⁸). As we are addressing model expressed in the framework of Reynolds-averaging approaches, the issue of whether this effect is specifically well-reproduced in present formulations is not directly addressed. However, it is worth pointing out that particle preferential concentration effects can still be accounted for in the criterion (P-4). This can be achieved by considering that the same requirement be valid, provided that the mean value of the fluid dissipation rate is replaced by the local value, say $\langle \epsilon_s \rangle$, “seen” by particles in the specific flow regions where particle tend to be located. In that sense, the form of the criterion (P-4) is general enough and is relevant for the statistical models considered in the present analysis.

The criterion (P-5) refers to the situation when particle inertia can be neglected (thus when the particle relaxation time scale becomes negligible with respect to the fluid turbulence characteristic timescales introduced in Sec. IV) but keeping a non-zero volumetric fraction α_p . In that case, it is expected that particles behave as a passive (but non-vanishing) scalar and the meaning of the criterion (P-5) is to require that the resulting model be consistent with classical scalar modeling which will be recalled in Sec. IV B. This criterion complements the issue of no-spurious drift effects, or well-mixed condition, (which will be shown to form one of the basis of the criteria (P-3)) and corresponds to the physical situation where particle-tracers are injected so as to create a non-homogeneous distribution. It will be demonstrated in Sec. V that this criterion is helpful to point to acceptable forms of the return-to-equilibrium term which typically enters the closure of the drift vector in Eqs. (4).

The criterion (P-6) is directly related to the Equilibrium Eulerian Model (EEM) proposed for small Stokes numbers^{18,45} (to be defined below), which is also relevant in the present Lagrangian point of view. The formulation expressed by (P-6) can be worked out as follows. We consider the case of a constant particle relaxation timescale τ_p . Then, starting from an initial condition at $t = 0$,

the particle momentum equation, Eq. (2b), can be integrated to give

$$\mathbf{U}_p(t) = \mathbf{U}_p(0)e^{-t/\tau_p} + \mathbf{g}\tau_p(1 - e^{-t/\tau_p}) + \frac{1}{\tau_p}e^{-t/\tau_p} \int_0^t e^{t'/\tau_p} \mathbf{U}_s(t') dt' \quad (19)$$

$$= \mathbf{U}_s(t) + (\mathbf{U}_p(0) - \mathbf{U}_s(0))e^{-t/\tau_p} + \mathbf{g}\tau_p(1 - e^{-t/\tau_p}) - e^{-t/\tau_p} \int_0^t e^{t'/\tau_p} \frac{d\mathbf{U}_s(t')}{dt'} dt', \quad (20)$$

where the second line follows from a simple integration by parts. The EEM is obtained by considering small τ_p so that the memory of initial conditions can be neglected and the derivative in the integral can be approximated by its value at time t (in other words, $d\mathbf{U}_s(t')/dt' \simeq d\mathbf{U}_s(t)/dt$ since the integrand is a highly peaked function when $\tau_p \ll 1$). This yields that

$$\mathbf{U}_p(t) \simeq \mathbf{U}_s(t) + \mathbf{W}_g - \tau_p \left(\frac{d\mathbf{U}_s(t)}{dt} \right), \quad (21)$$

where $\mathbf{W}_g = \tau_p \mathbf{g}$ is the particle settling (or terminal) velocity. It is important to realize that the derivative $d\mathbf{U}_s(t)/dt$ is the time derivative of the fluid seen along discrete particle trajectories and not the fluid derivative along the fluid particle trajectory located at the same position as the discrete one at time t written as $D\mathbf{U}/Dt$ (which is the Eulerian notation for the fluid particle acceleration $D\mathbf{U}/Dt = \partial\mathbf{U}/\partial t + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{U}$). By comparing with the classical formulation of the EEM (see Eq. (1) in Balachandar and Eaton¹⁸), it is seen that this is equivalent to stating that, for small particle relaxation timescale τ_p , we have

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}_s(t)}{dt} \simeq \frac{D\mathbf{U}}{Dt} + \mathbf{W}_g \cdot \nabla\mathbf{U}. \quad (22)$$

While the EEM is mostly expressed as a relation for discrete particle velocities, it is actually a model for the underlying velocity of the fluid seen in the limit of small τ_p . At this stage, three remarks can be made to connect this relation to a workable criterion in our context. First, as we do not consider the added-mass force in the particle momentum equation, the parameter β appearing in the EEM^{18,45} is here zero. Second, the expression of the EEM in Eq. (21) is usually written in terms of non-dimensional quantities based on Kolmogorov scales (i.e., the Kolmogorov velocity and time scales, u_η and τ_η , respectively), which gives

$$\mathbf{U}_p^{(n)}(t) \simeq \mathbf{U}_s^{(n)}(t) + \mathbf{W}_g^{(n)} - St_\eta \left(\frac{d\mathbf{U}_s^{(n)}(t)}{dt^{(n)}} \right) \quad (23)$$

with $\mathbf{U}_p^{(n)} = \mathbf{U}_p/u_\eta$ (the same scaling is used for $\mathbf{U}_s^{(n)}$ and $\mathbf{W}_g^{(n)}$), $t^{(n)} = t/\tau_\eta$, and where $St_\eta = \tau_p/\tau_\eta$ is the Kolmogorov-based Stokes number, which is a measure of particle inertia. The choice of the Kolmogorov scales is indeed relevant in DNS studies.^{18,45} However, this scaling is not appropriate in the present context where we are considering stochastic models for high-Reynolds number turbulent flows in which a part of fluid particle acceleration is replaced by a white-noise term. For our purpose, it is best to introduce the timescale T_L of fluid velocities (the integral timescale), which will be defined in Sec. IV A, and to refer to the Stokes number defined by $St = \tau_p/T_L$ instead of St_η . Then, the loose statement of ‘‘small particle relaxation timescale’’ can now be properly expressed as meaning that $St \ll 1$ or $\tau_p \ll T_L$. Third, the above formulas have been obtained by considering that the derivative of the velocity of the fluid seen is a sufficiently smooth function. This is not so when stochastic diffusion processes are used and when $d\mathbf{U}_s(t)/dt$ is white-noise. Using the general form of the stochastic model given in Eq. (4c), the correct expression of the discrete particle velocity in the limit of small St number can be properly expressed as

$$\mathbf{U}_p(t) \simeq \mathbf{U}_s(t) + \mathbf{W}_g - e^{-t/\tau_p} \int_0^t e^{t'/\tau_p} \mathbf{D}_s(t') dt' - e^{-t/\tau_p} \int_0^t e^{t'/\tau_p} \mathbf{B}_s(t') d\mathbf{W}(t') \quad (24)$$

from which, using the same approximation, we have

$$\mathbf{U}_p(t) \simeq \mathbf{U}_s(t) + \mathbf{W}_g - \tau_p \mathbf{D}_s(t) - e^{-t/\tau_p} \int_0^t e^{t'/\tau_p} \mathbf{B}_s(t') d\mathbf{W}(t'). \quad (25)$$

If the coefficients $B_{s,kl}$ of the diffusion matrix can be frozen at their value at time t , then the random term in this equation can be simulated (in a weak sense) as a sum of Gaussian random variables of zero mean and variance equal to $B_{s,kl}^2 \tau_p / 2 [1 - e^{-2t/\tau_p}]$. Yet, in order to complement the criterion (P-4) which corresponds to the diffusion coefficient, we concentrate here on the drift vector. By comparing with Eq. (22), we obtain the resulting form of the criterion by taking the conditional average (conditioned on a given value of $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{U}_p, \mathbf{U}_s)$), which gives

$$\langle \mathbf{D}_s | \mathbf{Z} \rangle \simeq \left\langle \frac{D\mathbf{U}}{Dt} | \mathbf{Z} \right\rangle + \mathbf{W}_g \cdot \nabla \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle, \quad (26)$$

where we have assumed that, for high Reynolds-number turbulent flows, fluid velocity gradients are not strongly correlated with the (large-scale) fluid velocities so that their mean conditional values can be taken as being equal to the average ones. By using the Lagrangian formulation of $D\mathbf{U}/Dt$ expressed by Eqs. (5), we get therefore that, for $St \ll 1$, the drift vector for the velocity of the fluid seen should be such that we have

$$\langle \mathbf{D}_s | \mathbf{Z} \rangle \simeq \langle \mathbf{D} | \mathbf{Z} \rangle + \mathbf{W}_g \cdot \nabla \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle, \quad (27)$$

where \mathbf{D} is the drift vector used for the increments of fluid particle velocities. This is the basic form retained for the criterion (P-6). A weaker form can also be considered by taking the unconditional average, in which case we have that, for small St number,

$$\langle \mathbf{D}_s \rangle \simeq \langle \mathbf{D} \rangle + \mathbf{W}_g \cdot \nabla \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle. \quad (28)$$

The interest of this weaker form, which is referred to as (P-6bis) from now on, is that, for high Reynolds-number turbulent flows, the mean value of the drift for fluid particle velocities is an exact result and is equal to the fluid mean pressure-gradient (as recalled in Sec. IV A). Thus, the criterion (P-6bis) implies that, for small St number, we should have that

$$\langle \mathbf{D}_s \rangle \simeq -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \langle P \rangle + \mathbf{W}_g \cdot \nabla \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle. \quad (29)$$

Although, Eq. (27) truly embodies the criterion (P-6) in the list of requirements, both forms will be considered and discussed in Sec. V.

IV. ANALYSIS OF STOCHASTIC MODELS FOR SINGLE-PHASE FLOWS

In this section, different formulations in terms of instantaneous, fluctuating, or normalized fluctuating velocities are considered to demonstrate the interest of the criteria selected in Sec. III A.

A. Different formulations of single-phase flow stochastic models

As Lagrangian stochastic models for fluid particle velocities attempt at reproducing some key (one-point) statistical properties of turbulent flows, the starting point is naturally provided by the Navier-Stokes equations. Following the classical notations that use a superscript $+$ to indicate that we are dealing with the exact equation for a fluid particle¹ and using Reynolds decomposition into mean and fluctuating parts (leaving out the mean viscous term $\nu \Delta \langle U_i \rangle$ at high Reynolds-number numbers), the Navier-Stokes equations write

$$\frac{dx_i^+}{dt} = U_i^+, \quad (30a)$$

$$\frac{dU_i^+}{dt} = -\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i}\right)^+ - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}\right)^+}_{\text{to model}} + (\nu \Delta u_i)^+, \quad (30b)$$

where the fluctuating pressure-gradient and viscous terms are to be modeled.

A reference stochastic model is the GLM (Generalized Langevin Model)^{2,3,22} which represents fluid particle velocities by a stochastic diffusion process whose general form is

$$dx_i = U_i dt, \quad (31a)$$

$$dU_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + D_i dt + \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle} dW_i. \quad (31b)$$

The drift coefficient D_i is usually a function of the difference between instantaneous and mean velocities at the particle location and is modeled as

$$D_i = G_{ij} (U_j - \langle U_j \rangle) = -\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0\right) \frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle}{k} (U_i - \langle U_i \rangle) + G_{ij}^a (U_j - \langle U_j \rangle), \quad (32)$$

where the matrix G_{ij}^a represents anisotropic effects and is subject to the condition that $Tr(G^a R) = 0$, with $R_{ij} = \langle u_i u_j \rangle$ the Reynolds-stress tensor. The drift vector can also be expressed so as to bring forward the timescale T_L , which is a measure of the integral timescale of large-scale velocity fluctuations,

$$D_i = -\frac{U_i - \langle U_i \rangle}{T_L} + G_{ij}^a (U_j - \langle U_j \rangle) \quad \text{with} \quad T_L = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} C_0\right) \langle \epsilon \rangle} k. \quad (33)$$

In these equations, the mean terms are to be understood as being the values of the corresponding mean fields at the particle location, for instance, $\langle U_i \rangle = \langle U_i \rangle(t; \mathbf{x})$ and, in the context of the present study an important point is that the GLM is formulated in terms of instantaneous fluid velocities.

So far, the GLM has been used as a reference but the present discussion is not limited to this model. Indeed, the GLM is one example of models written in terms of particle instantaneous velocities and which can be formulated as

$$dx_i = U_i dt, \quad (34a)$$

$$dU_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + dM_i(t; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U}), \quad (34b)$$

where \mathbf{M} stands for a stochastic model expressed in terms of the state-vector $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U})$ based on instantaneous velocities and dM_i its increment over a small time interval dt . The general model \mathbf{M} , whose precise form is irrelevant for the present concern, is a model accounting for the fluctuating pressure-gradient and viscous term, as expressed in Eq. (30), and is simply assumed to satisfy the requirements that $\langle dM_i \rangle(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0$ and $\langle u_i \circ dM_i \rangle / dt = -2\epsilon$. These two constraints translate the fact that the mean “force” dM_i is zero while the mean value of the work performed by this force is the mean dissipation sink term. In the typical case where dM_i involves a stochastic process, the last expression has been written using Statonovich stochastic calculus for the sake of simplicity. In most modeling proposals, dM_i is represented by one diffusion stochastic process which can also depend on statistics derived from the set of particles as well as on external fields. However, other models with different structures can be considered:^{47,48} for instance, dM_i can represent stochastic models which rely on a two-level stochastic description where a random succession of elementary diffusion processes are governed by a parent Poisson process.⁴⁹ From the standard methodology recalled in Sec. II B, it is clear that all models belonging to the class represented by Eqs. (34) meet the criteria listed in Sec. III A and, therefore, can be regarded as satisfactory stochastic models for single-phase flows.

In the passage from homogeneous turbulence to general non-homogeneous flows, other modeling roads have been followed. In particular, several attempts^{50–52} have been made at formulating a general model by stating that the model developed in homogeneous situations corresponds, in the inhomogeneous case, to the model for the fluctuating velocity, u_i , and that the full model for the instantaneous velocities is simply obtained by writing $U_i = \langle U_i \rangle + u_i$. Other attempts^{53–57} have been made by considering that the model developed in homogeneous flows retains a similar form

in inhomogeneous cases when it is expressed for the normalized fluctuating velocities, $u_i/\sigma_{(i)}$ where $\sigma_{(i)}$ is the standard deviation for the corresponding velocity component, and saying again that instantaneous velocities are retrieved by adding the mean value at particle location (suffixes in brackets are excluded from the summation convention). Therefore, these formulations differ by the choice of the variable on which they act (instantaneous or fluctuating velocities) and by the structure of the model. The differences induced by these choices are now discussed.

1. Fluctuating velocity

To work out the relations between formulations in terms of the instantaneous velocities and fluctuating parts, it is convenient to start from the general form introduced in Eqs. (34). The Lagrangian derivative is equivalent to the material derivative and for a quantity $\phi(t)$ sampled from a field $\Psi(t, \mathbf{x})$ along a particle trajectory, $\phi(t) = \Psi(t, \mathbf{x}(t))$, we have

$$\frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial x_k}. \quad (35)$$

Then, by writing

$$u_i = U_i - \langle U_i \rangle, \quad (36)$$

the evolution equation for the fluctuating velocity along the same particle trajectory can be obtained from Eq. (34b)

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{dU_i}{dt} - \frac{d\langle U_i \rangle}{dt}, \quad (37a)$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{dU_i}{dt} - \left(\frac{\partial\langle U_i \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial\langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} + u_k \frac{\partial\langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} \right), \quad (37b)$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{dU_i}{dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial\langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial\langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} - u_k \frac{\partial\langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}. \quad (37c)$$

The final form is obtained by using the increments of the instantaneous fluid velocities in Eqs. (34) and this shows that any stochastic model formulated in terms of \mathbf{U} as

$$dx_i = U_i dt, \quad (38a)$$

$$dU_i = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial\langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt}_{\text{no spurious drift}} + \underbrace{dM_i(t; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U})}_{\text{model}}, \quad (38b)$$

is equivalent to a stochastic model in terms of \mathbf{u} formulated as^{35,58}

$$dx_i = (\langle U_i \rangle + u_i) dt, \quad (39a)$$

$$du_i = \underbrace{\frac{\partial\langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt}_{(a) \text{ no spurious drift}} - \underbrace{u_k \frac{\partial\langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt}_{(b) \text{ production term}} + \underbrace{dM_i(t; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})}_{\text{model}}. \quad (39b)$$

In the formulation in Eq. (38b), the first term on the rhs is the mean pressure-gradient and, when this mean pressure is such that the mean velocity field satisfies the divergence-free condition for incompressible flows, this ensures that an initially uniform (fluid) particle concentration remains uniform.^{1,33} In the literature devoted to Lagrangian models, failure to maintain such a uniform concentration has been referred to as the ‘‘spurious drift effect’’ or even ‘‘the well-mixed condition problem’’ in some works.³⁴ In models formulated in terms of instantaneous velocities, the presence of the mean pressure-gradient term is evident and the issue of spurious drifts is thus trivially avoided. However, the situation is somewhat more involved in the formulation in terms of fluctuating velocities, Eqs. (39). The first term on the rhs of Eq. (39b), which involves the spatial derivatives of

the Reynolds-stress tensor, must be present if spurious drifts are to be avoided. This was not the case in the first modeling attempts^{50,51} and, although the situation was analyzed from a theoretical point of view³³ and demonstrated from a numerical point of view,³⁵ this fact remains sometimes missed in dispersed two-phase flow applications.^{59–61} This has led to a blurred vision of the rather simple issue of the spurious drift effect and to the notion that flawed formulations should be saved by the addition of “corrected mean terms,” yielding so-called drift-corrected models.²⁹ These analyses are limited to checking that the correct form of the Reynolds equation is satisfied whereas, in the context of the present study, the consistency of model proposals with the full structure of Reynolds-stress equations has been explicitly raised in the criterion (F-3). This implies that all the terms appearing on the rhs of Eq. (39b) must be addressed.

Indeed, even if the gradient of the Reynolds stress tensor is properly introduced, the second term on the rhs of Eq. (39b) is just as compulsory. This is seen by deriving the corresponding transport equations for the Reynolds stress components $\langle u_i u_j \rangle$ which reads

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_j u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k}}_{(d\langle u_i u_j \rangle)} = \underbrace{-\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_j \rangle}{\partial x_k} - \langle u_j u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}}_{\text{correct production term}} + \frac{1}{dt} \langle u_i \circ dM_j \rangle + \frac{1}{dt} \langle u_j \circ dM_i \rangle. \quad (40)$$

With the two constraints satisfied by dM_i (see Sec. IV A), it is seen that the second term, labeled (b) in Eq. (39b), is essential to obtain the correct production term in the Reynolds-stress equations. Failure to account for this fluctuating term means that the important production term in the Reynolds-stress equations is either missing or badly calculated. Such a formulation would then be inconsistent with the correct form of the $R_{ij} - \epsilon$ equations and, following the set of requirements given in Sec. III A, would not be acceptable.

Finally, once all terms are correctly handled, it is useful to compare the corresponding effort which is required in Eqs. (38) and (39). A stochastic model for \mathbf{U} requires 3 gradients (for $\nabla(P)$) while the same stochastic model, written for \mathbf{u} , requires 27 gradients (for $\nabla(\mathbf{U})$ and $\nabla\langle u_i u_j \rangle$). This represents a considerable amount of additional complexity and computational effort in practical calculations. For all the reasons put forward above, it appears therefore that formulations made in terms of the instantaneous velocity are both the easiest and the safest road for the construction of practical models.

2. Normalized velocity

Other attempts⁶² at going from the homogeneous situations to non-homogeneous ones were made through so-called normalized Langevin models. Recent versions of the normalized Langevin approach can be written as^{53,54,63}

$$d\left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) = -\frac{u_i}{\tau_L \sigma_{(i)}} dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_L}} dW_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) dt. \quad (41)$$

In the following, bracketed indexes are used for the standard deviation $\sigma_{(i)}$ of the fluctuating velocity component u_i to indicate that such indexes are excluded from the summation convention.

Before going into the analysis of this formulation in general inhomogeneous situations, we first consider homogeneous turbulence where the model becomes

$$d\left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) = -\frac{u_i}{\tau_L \sigma_{(i)}} dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_L}} dW_i. \quad (42)$$

We can derive the equations for the fluctuating velocities $u_i = \sigma_{(i)} \left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right)$ by writing

$$du_i = \frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}} (d\sigma_{(i)}) + \sigma_{(i)} d\left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) \quad (43a)$$

$$= \frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}} \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial x_k} \right) dt + \sigma_{(i)} d \left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}} \right). \quad (43b)$$

Since $\partial \sigma_{(i)}/\partial x_k = 0$ for homogeneous flows, this first proposal of the normalized Langevin model corresponds to the following equation for the fluctuating velocities:

$$du_i = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{\tau_L} \right) u_i dt + \sigma_{(i)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_L}} dW. \quad (44)$$

For stationary isotropic turbulence (where $\sigma_i^2 = 2/3 k$ is a constant), the normalized Langevin model yields that

$$du_i = -\frac{u_i}{\tau_L} dt + \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\tau_L}} dW_i. \quad (45)$$

The timescale τ_L represents the timescale of velocity fluctuations in the stationary case and can be expressed as a function of k and ϵ by introducing a constant C_0 ,

$$\tau_L = \frac{4}{3 C_0} \frac{k}{\langle \epsilon \rangle}, \quad (46)$$

from which it results that the equation can also be written as

$$du_i = -\frac{u_i}{\tau_L} dt + \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle} dW_i \quad (47)$$

and since $\tau_L = T_L^{st}$ in the stationary case,^{2,4} it is seen that the present normalized Langevin is identical to the SLM. Second, for the case of homogeneous isotropic but decaying turbulence (such as grid turbulence), the normalized Langevin model can be written

$$du_i = -\left(\frac{1}{\tau_L} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{(i)}^2} \frac{d\sigma_{(i)}^2}{dt} \right) u_i dt + \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle} dW_i, \quad (48)$$

where the diffusion coefficient has been re-expressed with the constant C_0 , as just shown. For decaying isotropic turbulence, we have that

$$\frac{1}{2\sigma_{(i)}^2} \frac{d\sigma_{(i)}^2}{dt} = \frac{1}{2k} \frac{dk}{dt} = -\frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle}{2k} \quad (49)$$

and the equation for the instantaneous velocities (which, in that case, are identical to the fluctuating ones) becomes

$$dU_i = -\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3C_0}{4} \right) \frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle}{k} dt + \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle} dW_i. \quad (50)$$

By adding a possible term involving a matrix G_{ij}^a as in Sec. IV A, it is seen that, for the two special cases considered here of stationary and decaying isotropic turbulence, the normalized Langevin model retrieves the form of the GLM given in Eqs. (31)–(33).

However, the situation is quite different as soon as we move out of these two simple cases. First of all, the formulation in Eq. (42) is inconsistent when it is applied to homogeneous anisotropic turbulence since results depend on whether the axis of the reference system are aligned with the principal axis of $\langle u_i u_j \rangle$ or not. This can be traced to the fact that the model in Eq. (42) does not respect the criterion (F-1) (actually, the correct way to define normalized velocities should have been $\hat{u}_i = (R^{-1/2})_{ij} u_j$ where $R^{-1/2}$ is the matrix that stands for the Reynolds stress inverse square root ($(R^{-1/2})^2 R = \mathbb{1}$ in matrix notation). Second, for general inhomogeneous flows, it appears from the form expressed in Eq. (44), that $\langle du_i \rangle \neq \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt$, which shows that such a formulation suffers from spurious drifts. This was recognized in earlier versions⁶² but attempts to correct the model

formulation have been made mainly through the addition of *ad hoc* mean terms,^{53–57} such as the last term on the rhs of Eq. (41).

We can now consider the complete version given in Eq. (41) in non-homogeneous turbulent flows. By following the same derivations as in Eqs. (43), this normalized Langevin model is equivalent to the following equation for the fluctuating velocities:

$$du_i = \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt - \underbrace{\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial x_k} dt + u_i U_k \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial x_k} dt + \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial t} u_i dt}_{\text{“production term”}} - \underbrace{\frac{u_i}{\tau_L} dt + \sigma_i \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_L}} dW}_{\text{Langevin term}}. \quad (51)$$

Since the constraint that $\langle du_i \rangle = \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt$ is now enforced, there is no spurious drifts and the model is consistent with the Reynolds equation, indicating that the first criterion put forward in Sec. III A is met. However, as seen by comparing Eq. (51) with the exact equation for fluctuating velocities in Eq. (39b), it is evident that the exact term $-u_k \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}$ is not retrieved. This means that the essential production terms in the corresponding Reynolds-stress equations are mishandled and, therefore, that this model is inconsistent with the correct structure of $R_{ij} - \epsilon$ equations, as presented in Eqs. (17). In other words, present normalized Langevin models do not satisfy the criteria (F-3) and the failure to reproduce the correct structure of Reynolds-stress equations is a severe limitation.

It is also worth noting that, if the previous equations have been developed using the simplest form of the Langevin model, these results do not depend on the special form of the normalized model. Indeed, if we consider a similar model written as

$$d \left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_{(i)}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\sigma_{(i)}} \right) dt + d\widehat{M}_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \widehat{\mathbf{u}}), \quad (52)$$

where $d\widehat{M}_i$ is expressed as a function of the normalized fluctuating velocities $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}$ which, in present formulations are (wrongly) defined as $\widehat{u}_i = u_i/\sigma_{(i)}$, and is such that $\langle dM_i \rangle = 0$ and $\langle u_i dM_i \rangle = 0$ to respect stationary isotropic turbulence conditions, we have for the fluctuating velocity an equation similar to Eq. (51), namely,

$$du_i = \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt - \langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial x_k} dt + u_i U_k \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial x_k} dt + \frac{1}{\sigma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{(i)}}{\partial t} u_i dt + \sigma_{(i)} d\widehat{M}_i. \quad (53)$$

Thus, whatever the chosen form of the stochastic model $d\widehat{M}_i$ and regardless of variants in the expression of the diffusion matrix,^{55–57} the same conclusions about the lack of consistency and the failure to respect the criteria (F-3) still hold, making these models unacceptable descriptions of turbulent flows.

B. Consistency with scalar modeling

Similar issues exist for the formulation of scalar models and, furthermore, consistency with classical scalar modeling is explicitly used in the criteria (P-5) retained in the list of requirements set forth in Sec. III B for two-phase flow models. It is thus worth discussing the relevant points of classical scalar modeling.

For this purpose, we consider a passive scalar $\phi(t, \mathbf{x})$ transported by the flow and which is the solution of the exact advection-diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_k} = \Gamma \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_k^2}, \quad (54)$$

where Γ is the scalar diffusivity. Assuming, still for the sake of simplicity, that we are dealing with high Peclet-number flows, the mean diffusion term can be neglected and the mean scalar equation (using $\phi = \langle \phi \rangle + \phi'$) has the form

$$\frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_k \phi' \rangle}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad (55)$$

where $\langle u_k \phi' \rangle$ the scalar flux which must be modeled. In second-order turbulence modeling, non-local closures for the scalar flux are obtained by considering the transport equation for the scalar fluxes which write

$$\frac{\partial \langle u_i \phi' \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle u_i \phi' \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \phi' \rangle}{\partial x_k} = -\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} - \langle u_k \phi' \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \Psi_i, \quad (56)$$

where Ψ_i represents the correlation $\langle \phi' \left(-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x_i} + \nu \Delta u_i \right) \rangle + \langle u_i \Delta \phi' \rangle$ which is usually modeled as a function of the scalar fluxes, for example, $\Psi_i = -B_{ik} \langle u_k \phi' \rangle$.

A classical approach is to consider the algebraic relations which result from the second-order transport equations when convective terms are neglected.⁶⁴ This approach was developed to show that, in that case, one should obtain expressions consistent with the general diffusivity concept. Indeed, neglecting transport terms in the above equation for the scalar fluxes gives

$$\left(B_{ik} + \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} \right) \langle u_k \phi' \rangle = -\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} \quad (57)$$

which yields that

$$\langle u_i \phi' \rangle = - \left(O_{ik}^{-1} R_{kj} \right) \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_j} \quad (58)$$

with $R_{ij} = \langle u_i u_j \rangle$ and $O_{ij} = B_{ij} + \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_j}$.

This behavior has been found to be realistic both in numerical and experimental investigations.^{64,65} It is thus important to check that various formulations can yield similar expressions when the same hypothesis are made. For example, starting with the formulation in terms of instantaneous variables that was already used at the beginning of Sec. IV A, this consists in adding the instantaneous scalar value attached to a particle trajectory in the state-vector $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U}, \phi)$ and in replacing the exact equations by modeled ones. Using, for instance, the GLM already introduced in Sec. IV A for the dynamical variables and adding a model for ϕ , we obtain a typical model structure as

$$dx_i = U_i dt, \quad (59)$$

$$dU_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + D_i dt + \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle} dW_i, \quad (60)$$

$$d\phi = A_\phi dt. \quad (61)$$

In the last equation, A_ϕ stands for a model for $\Gamma \Delta \phi'$ and is subject to the constraint that $\langle A_\phi | \mathbf{U} \rangle = 0$. This is referred to as the micro-mixing modeling issue^{2,3,5} which has been the subject of ongoing research efforts. For the sake of our present discussion, it is sufficient to use the simple IECM (Interaction by Exchange with the Conditional Mean) model^{5,66} which reads

$$A_\phi = -\frac{\phi - \langle \phi | \mathbf{U} \rangle}{\tau_\phi}, \quad (62)$$

where τ_ϕ is the scalar mixing time scale. Then, using either a proper PDF derivation³ or a short-cut method as in Sec. IV A, it is straightforward to show that the scalar fluxes are the solutions of the transport equations

$$\frac{\partial \langle u_i \phi \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle u_i \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} = -\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} - \langle u_k \phi \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} - \left(G_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} C_\phi \frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle}{k} \delta_{ik} \right) \langle u_k \phi \rangle. \quad (63)$$

In this equation, the last term on the rhs represents a model for Ψ_i resulting from the specific choice of the GLM for particle velocities and the IECM model for ϕ . Other closures would result in different expressions but with a similar form. The important point in the present context is that

the formulation in terms of instantaneous variables gives the correct structure and is, thus, quite consistent with the asymptotic analysis developed above to derive algebraic relations when transport terms are neglected.

Should alternative formulations be considered, for example, in terms of fluctuating scalar, the developments presented in Sec. IV A indicate that the evolution equation for ϕ' is

$$d\phi' = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \langle u_k \phi' \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt}_{(a) \text{ no spurious fluxes}} - \underbrace{u_k \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt}_{(b) \text{ production term}} + A_{\phi'} dt, \quad (64)$$

where $A_{\phi'}$ corresponds to the micro-mixing model retained and expressed now in terms of the fluctuating components. For instance, for the IECM this fluctuating term is given by $A_{\phi'} = -\phi'/\tau_\phi + (\langle \phi | \mathbf{U} \rangle - \langle \phi \rangle)/\tau_\phi$. The first term, labeled (a) in Eq. (64), means that the correct form of the mean scalar equation, Eq. (55), is retrieved and is necessary to avoid spurious scalar fluxes. The second term, labeled (b) in Eq. (64) leads to the correct production term, $-\langle u_i u_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial x_k}$, in the transport equation for the scalar fluxes in Eq. (63) and, without this term, the asymptotic analysis that retrieves the scalar turbulent diffusivity, as in Eq. (58), breaks down.

V. ANALYSIS OF STOCHASTIC MODELS FOR TWO-PHASE FLOWS

In this section, we turn to stochastic models used for the simulation of fluid velocities seen by discrete particles. The discussion is developed by considering some specific models which have been proposed in the literature. However, it is worth repeating that the aim is to help clarifying how formulations can be assessed, what issues are misleadingly taken as important and which ones should be carefully addressed when building new ideas.

A. Different formulations of two-phase flow stochastic models

1. First Langevin proposals

One of the first proposals to introduce a Langevin model for the velocity of the fluid seen relied on a formulation based on the instantaneous velocity along particle trajectory.¹⁹ We discuss this first proposition since it is interesting to illustrate the stochastic modeling procedure, in spite of some limitations outlined below. The equation was written in a discrete form but, using present notations for the sake of consistency with the other formulations, this model for \mathbf{U}_s can easily be expressed as

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + \nu \Delta \langle U_i \rangle dt + (U_{p,k} - U_{s,k}) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + G_{ik}^* (U_{s,k} - \langle U_k \rangle) dt + B dW_i. \quad (65)$$

In this equation, the matrix G_{ik}^* is defined by the two timescales $T_{L,\parallel}^*$ and $T_{L,\perp}^*$, which correspond to Csanady's expressions (though the precise form of these Csanady's formulas were not given in the original work) for the timescales of the fluid seen in the directions parallel and perpendicular to the direction of the mean slip velocity $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m = \langle \mathbf{U}_p \rangle_m - \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle$ respectively, and is given by¹⁹

$$G_{ik}^* = -\frac{1}{T_{L,\perp}^*} \delta_{ik} - \left[\frac{1}{T_{L,\parallel}^*} - \frac{1}{T_{L,\perp}^*} \right] r_i r_k \quad (66)$$

with $r_i = U_{r,i}/|\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m|$ the normalized vector aligned with the mean slip velocity. The Csanady's formulas for the timescales $T_{L,\parallel}^*$ and $T_{L,\perp}^*$ are⁴

$$T_{L,\parallel}^* = \frac{T_L}{\sqrt{1 + \beta^2 \frac{|\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m|^2}{2k/3}}}, \quad T_{L,\perp}^* = \frac{T_L}{\sqrt{1 + 4\beta^2 \frac{|\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m|^2}{2k/3}}}, \quad (67)$$

where the expression of T_L is given in Eq. (33) and where $\beta = T_L/T_E$ is the ratio of the Lagrangian integral time scale T_L to the Eulerian one T_E .

For two-phase flow modeling, Ref. 19 was interesting in that it was one of the first attempts to build bridges between the single- and two-phase flow situations. Another interest is that it introduced the notion of the consistency between the resulting model for the drift velocity \mathbf{V}_d and classical scalar modeling as detailed in Sec. IV B. This consistency issue has been retained in the present list as criteria (P-5). It is seen that in Eq. (65) the second term on the rhs of the equation stands for the mean viscous term. In the limit of vanishing particle inertia, this model gives an expression similar to the SLM to which the mean viscous term has been added. Such a formulation is indeed consistent with the low Reynolds-number form of the Reynolds equation but it must be noted that it would not give the correct low Reynolds-number form of the second-order equations.^{42,43} However, in the present context, we have limited ourselves to high Reynolds-number flows and, therefore, the mean viscous term can be neglected.

This first proposal has often been cited as a “stochastic model”^{29,67,68} to be compared on an equal footing with the more complete formulations that will be discussed below. However, for all the interests of the form expressed by Eq. (65), this is a misleading presentation and an incorrect statement with regard to its actual status. Indeed, the diffusion coefficient, written as B in Eq. (65), is never specified!¹⁹ In the context of the original study, this is not surprising since, as it transpires from the very title of Ref. 19, its purpose was to derive a set of mean-field equations from this stochastic description. As the set of mean-field equations was chosen to be limited to the particle mean velocity and the fluid-particle correlations, the expression of the diffusion coefficient is not required. If such a proposal leads to a realizable Eulerian model, it must be stressed that, in no way, can it be called a Lagrangian stochastic model. From the list of criteria in Sec. III B, it is indeed obvious that the criterion (P-2) is not met. In the particle-tracer limit, the form given in Eq. (65) reverts to the form of the SLM and, in that sense, all the terms appearing on the lhs of Eqs. (17) are obtained. However, since the diffusion coefficient is unknown, it cannot be assessed whether the corresponding terms Ψ_{ij} on the rhs of Eq. (17c) is such that $1/2\Psi_{ii} = -\epsilon$ with the constraint that $\epsilon \geq 0$. Therefore, the criterion (P-3) cannot be checked. This is also true for the criterion (P-4) which is directly related to the diffusion coefficient and is therefore not met, whereas the criterion (P-5) is satisfied. In order to assess criterion (P-6), we consider the limit of non-vanishing but small Stokes numbers. In that case, we can assume that the mean relative velocity $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m$ is equal to the particle settling velocity \mathbf{W}_g introduced in Sec. III B, that is, $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m \simeq \mathbf{W}_g$. Then, given the expression of the Csanady’s timescales in Eqs. (67), which can be re-written under the form $T_{L,\parallel}^* = T_L/\sqrt{1+x^2}$ with $x = St \times (g T_L)/\sqrt{2/3k}$, we have to first order in St that $T_{L,\parallel}^* \simeq T_L$ as well as $T_{L,\perp}^* \simeq T_L$. This means that the mean conditional average of the drift vector $\langle \mathbf{D}_s | \mathbf{Z} \rangle$ which appears in the criterion (P-6) is such that

$$\langle D_{s,i} | \mathbf{Z} \rangle = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} - \frac{U_{s,i} - \langle U_i \rangle}{T_L} + U_{r,k} \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}. \quad (68)$$

The first two terms on the rhs correspond to the mean conditional increments for fluid particle velocities modeled with the SLM. We can thus re-express this equation as

$$\langle D_{s,i} | \mathbf{Z} \rangle = \langle D_i | \mathbf{Z} \rangle + U_{r,k} \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}, \quad (69)$$

where \mathbf{D} is an acceptable model for the drift vector for fluid velocities, as demonstrated by the analysis carried out in Sec. IV A. By comparing with the formulation of the criterion (P-6) in Eq. (27), we can see that the second term is not exactly retrieved since the instantaneous relative velocity appears instead of the mean one. Thus, strictly speaking, the criterion (P-6) is not satisfied, though it is also readily seen that the weak form (P-6bis) is respected.

In summary, the proposal in Eq. (65) must be regarded as an incomplete Langevin model and cannot be retained as a proper PDF description. At this stage, it is an often-seen temptation to close the diffusion coefficient by retaining the closure used in the GLM approach for single-phase flows, that is, $B = \sqrt{C_0 \langle \epsilon \rangle}$. Yet, it can be seen from Eq. (65) that the return-to-equilibrium term is not based on a scalar timescale (as in the SLM with T_L) but has a non-isotropic form. In other words, using the fluid-limit value of the diffusion coefficient would clearly lead to a violation of the criterion

(P-4). This central point in the formulation of stochastic models for the two-phase flow situation was only recognized afterward.⁴

2. Complete Langevin models

The velocity along particle trajectory was later called the velocity of the fluid seen¹⁰ and models were written as proper stochastic differential equations. The general PDF framework was set up⁴ and a new Langevin model was developed as one example of the general methodology. For the sake of a simpler presentation, we assume here that the mean slip velocity $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m$ is aligned with the first coordinate axis and, based on this assumption, the first complete Langevin model is given by

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + (\langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m - \langle U_{s,k} \rangle_m) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt - \frac{U_{s,i} - \langle U_{s,i} \rangle_m}{T_{L,(i)}^*} dt + \sqrt{\langle \epsilon \rangle} \left(C_0 b_{(i)} \tilde{k}/k + \frac{2}{3} (b_{(i)} \tilde{k}/k - 1) \right) dW_i. \quad (70)$$

In this equation, \tilde{k} is a new kinetic energy which stands for the fluid normal kinetic energies weighted by the Csanady's factors and is expressed by

$$\tilde{k} = \frac{3 \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i \langle u_i^2 \rangle}{2 \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i}, \quad b_i = \frac{T_L}{T_{L,i}^*}. \quad (71)$$

With the assumption on the coordinate system, the time scales $T_{L,(i)}^*$ are equal to

$$T_{L,1}^* = T_{L,\parallel}^*, \quad T_{L,2}^* = T_{L,3}^* = T_{L,\perp}^*, \quad (72)$$

where $T_{L,\parallel}^*$ and $T_{L,\perp}^*$ are given in Eqs. (67). The form given in Eq. (70) in the reference system aligned with the mean relative velocity is best to bring out the characteristic features of the model and the forms of the drift and diffusion coefficients. Yet, in a general coordinate system, this form of the complete Langevin model is expressed by

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + (\langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m - \langle U_{s,k} \rangle_m) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + G_{ik}^* (U_{s,k} - \langle U_{s,k} \rangle_m) dt + B_{ij} dW_j, \quad (73)$$

where G_{ik}^* is the same as in Eq. (66) and where the explicit expression of the diffusion matrix B_{ij} is detailed elsewhere.⁴

It is seen that the closure of the drift vector in Eq. (70) differs slightly from the one chosen in Eq. (65). However, the key point is that the diffusion coefficient (actually, the diffusion matrix) is explicitly formulated. Therefore, the first part of the criterion (P-2) is now met, which explains why this model has been referred to as a ‘‘complete Langevin model.’’ It is also clear that such a model allows practical numerical predictions to be carried out⁴ and, consequently, the criterion (P-2) is fully satisfied. In that sense, this Langevin model can be truly referred to as a PDF description for two-phase flows. It is also straightforward to show that, when particle inertia becomes negligible, the model given in Eq. (70) reduces exactly to the SLM for fluid particles which is one of the models that meet the lists of requirements set for single-phase flows. Thus, the criterion (P-3) is satisfied. The specific closure of the diffusion matrix is such that, for a homogeneous turbulent fluid flow laden with discrete particles, the kinetic energy of the fluid seen follows the same statistical law as for the fluid kinetic energy, $d(1/2 \langle \mathbf{u}_s^2 \rangle_m)/dt = -\langle \epsilon \rangle$. As discussed in Sec. III B when the criterion (P-4) was introduced, this is indeed what can be expected from a physical point of view. This apparently trivial constraint is actually an important issue in the construction of complete stochastic models for two-phase flows and was stressed accordingly.⁴ For our present concern, this means that the criterion (P-4) is also met. However, in the form chosen for the drift vector in Eq. (70), it is seen that the return-to-equilibrium term was written as a return of the instantaneous fluid velocity seen to its mean value at the same location. This results in a zero-contribution term in the corresponding mean equation for the drift velocity and, therefore, the criterion (P-5) is not respected by the model given in Eq. (70).⁶⁹

This limitation was later overcome by expressing the return-to-equilibrium term as a return of the instantaneous value of the fluid velocity seen to the local mean fluid velocity. This led to the final formulation of this complete Langevin model²³ which, using the same simplifying assumption as in Eq. (70) that $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle$ is aligned with the first coordinate axis, is expressed by

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + (\langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m - \langle U_k \rangle) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt - \frac{U_{s,i} - \langle U_i \rangle}{T_{L,(i)}^*} dt + \sqrt{\langle \epsilon \rangle} \left(C_0 b_{(i)} \tilde{k}/k + \frac{2}{3} (b_{(i)} \tilde{k}/k - 1) \right) dW_i, \quad (74)$$

whereas the complete formula in a general coordinate system is

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + (\langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m - \langle U_k \rangle) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + G_{ik}^* (U_{s,k} - \langle U_k \rangle) dt + B_{ij} dW_j \quad (75)$$

with the explicit formulation of the diffusion matrix detailed elsewhere.²³

Like its preceding version, this formulation fulfills the criteria (P-1)-(P-4). However, with the new form for the return-to-equilibrium term in the drift vector, the corresponding equation for the drift velocity is now

$$\frac{\partial V_{d,i}}{\partial t} + \langle U_{p,k} \rangle_m \frac{\partial V_{d,i}}{\partial x_k} = \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [\alpha_f \langle u_i u_k \rangle] - \frac{1}{\alpha_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [\alpha_p \langle u'_{s,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m] + G_{ik}^* V_{d,k}, \quad (76)$$

where α_f and α_p are the fluid and particle volumetric fractions (with $\alpha_f + \alpha_p = 1$). In Eq. (76), the fluctuations of $U_{s,i}$ are defined as $u'_{s,i} = U_{s,i} - \langle U_i \rangle$. (Note that a specific notation is used for the “fluctuation” of the velocity of the fluid seen while usual notations are kept for particle velocities and for the fluid velocities within the fluid phase, see the discussion on the definition of fluctuating velocities in Sec. V A 3.) It is important to stress that, in the scalar limit case (when the particle relaxation time τ_p is negligible with respect to the fluid turbulence time scale T_L but with a non-vanishing volumetric fraction), $V_{d,i}$ reduces to the ordinary turbulent correlation between the particle concentration and the fluid velocity, which is the case discussed in Sec. IV B. By making the same assumptions as in Sec. IV B, this equation yields that

$$V_{d,i} = (G^*)_{ik}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [\alpha_p \langle u'_{s,k} u_{p,l} \rangle_m] - \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} [\alpha_f \langle u_k u_l \rangle] \right\} \quad (77)$$

which is in line with classical scalar modeling as recalled in Sec. IV B. Indeed, for the case of constant correlations, we have that

$$V_{d,i} = (G^*)_{ik}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_p} \langle u'_{s,k} u_{p,l} \rangle_m + \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \langle u_k u_l \rangle \right\} \frac{\partial \alpha_p}{\partial x_l} \quad (78)$$

which is similar to the result given in Eq. (58), showing that the criterion (P-5) is fulfilled. For the analysis of the criterion (P-6), we can draw on the developments obtained in Sec. V A 1 in the limit of small Stokes numbers. Thus, to first order in St , we have that $T_{L,\parallel}^* \simeq T_L$, $T_{L,\perp}^* \simeq T_L$, as well as $b_i \simeq 1$. Using the general expression of the drift vector in the complete model in Eq. (75), we obtain now that the mean conditional average of the drift vector $\langle \mathbf{D}_s | \mathbf{Z} \rangle$ is

$$\langle D_{s,i} | \mathbf{Z} \rangle = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} - \frac{U_{s,i} - \langle U_i \rangle}{T_L} + \langle U_{r,k} \rangle_m \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}. \quad (79)$$

Using again the drift vector of the SLM for fluid particle velocities and the fact that, for $St \ll 1$, $\langle \mathbf{U}_r \rangle_m \simeq \mathbf{W}_g$, this is equivalent to

$$\langle D_{s,i} | \mathbf{Z} \rangle = \langle D_i | \mathbf{Z} \rangle + W_{g,k} \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}. \quad (80)$$

This is indeed the form stated for this criterion, as expressed in Eq. (27), showing that (P-6) is satisfied, from which (P-6bis) is obviously also met.

Consequently, the complete list of criteria of Sec. III B is satisfied by the Langevin model given in Eq. (74) or in Eq. (75) and, as such, this model can be assessed as being a satisfactory description of two-phase flows.

3. Fluctuating or instantaneous fluid velocity seen

So far, the models considered in Secs. V A 1 and V A 2 for two-phase flows have been presented in terms of the instantaneous fluid velocity seen. Formulations in terms of the fluctuating component of this fluid velocity seen are, of course, possible but reveal themselves to be not only cumbersome but also trickier than in the single-phase case. One reason is rooted in the fact that “fluctuations” must be carefully defined since averages should be first properly defined as meaningful quantities over the respective fluid and particle phases. For example, two “fluctuations” can be defined from the instantaneous value of the fluid velocity seen: as in Sec. V A 2, one can introduce fluctuations as the difference with the local mean fluid velocity (properly defined as an average over the fluid phase only), $u'_{s,i} = U_{s,i} - \langle U_i \rangle$, whose mean value (over the particle phase) is not zero but the drift velocity $V_{d,i}$; or the “real” fluctuation, $u_{s,i} = U_{s,i} - \langle U_{s,i} \rangle_m$, whose mean value is indeed zero (obviously, these two fluctuations are related through $u_{s,i} = u'_{s,i} - V_{d,i}$. Note that $\langle u'_{s,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m = \langle u_{s,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m$ in Eqs. (76)–(78)). These distinctions were made clear in Eulerian descriptions^{19,44} and, in the complete PDF approach to two-phase flows, this means that the complete theoretical framework^{4,21} outlined in Sec. II must be carefully followed.

To illustrate this point, if we consider a stochastic formulation for the instantaneous fluid velocity seen which has the following form:

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + A_i dt + G_{ik}^* (U_{s,k} - \langle U_k \rangle) dt + B_{ik} dW_k \quad (81)$$

then, the corresponding equation for the fluctuating component $u'_{s,i}$ as defined above is

$$du'_{s,i} = \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial [\alpha_f \langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k} dt - [U_{p,k} - \langle U_k \rangle] \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + A_i dt + G_{ik}^* u'_{s,k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k. \quad (82)$$

Handling directly this form of a model raises questions as to the exact formulation of the first term on the rhs of Eq. (82). Indeed, an alternative formulation can be expressed as

$$du'_{s,i} = \frac{\partial [\langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k} dt - [U_{p,k} - \langle U_k \rangle] \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + A_i dt + G_{ik}^* u'_{s,k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k. \quad (83)$$

This dual form of the equation for the fluctuating part of the velocity of the fluid seen is not related to a particular choice of the drift and diffusion terms. For example, in recent articles,^{67,68} it is said that for the value of the term A_i in the drift vector which corresponds to Eq. (65), the equation for this fluctuating component is

$$du'_{s,i} = \frac{\partial [\langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k} dt + \left(G_{ik}^* - \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} \right) u'_{s,k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k \quad (84)$$

whereas the corresponding first form given above would be

$$du'_{s,i} = \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial [\alpha_f \langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k} dt + \left(G_{ik}^* - \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} \right) u'_{s,k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k. \quad (85)$$

The difference between Eqs. (82) and (83) (or between Eqs. (84) and (85)) is related to whether two-way coupling effects are accounted or not. The form in Eq. (82) (and in Eq. (85)) is obtained when the mean fluid velocity is given by

$$\frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} - \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial [\alpha_f \langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k}, \quad (86)$$

which contains the correct expression of the Reynolds stress for the fluid momentum equation in the two-phase flow situation.^{4,21} On the other hand, the form in Eq. (83) (and in Eq. (84)) is obtained

by considering that the equation for the mean fluid velocity follows:

$$\frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial t} + \langle U_k \rangle \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial [\langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k}. \quad (87)$$

Equation (87) is, of course, the Reynolds equation for the fluid phase treated as an incompressible single-phase turbulent flow (in the high Reynolds-number limit). On the other hand, in Eq. (86), it is seen that a two-way coupling effect is present since the reduced volumetric fraction occupied by the fluid is accounted for through $\alpha_f(t, \mathbf{x})$. Note, however, that Eq. (86) represents only a partial account of two-way coupling in the sense that only the volume effect is included. In order to properly account for two-way coupling, momentum exchange terms should be added for the stochastic model for the velocity of the fluid seen and into the Reynolds equation for the fluid phase. To the authors' knowledge, this has been properly proposed only for the complete Langevin model (see detailed presentations in Refs. 4, 6, and 23) by considering that the term

$$A_{p \rightarrow f, i} = -\frac{\alpha_p \rho_p}{\alpha_f \rho} \left(\frac{U_{s, i} - U_{p, i}}{\tau_p} \right) \quad (88)$$

which represents the effect of the particle phase on the fluid velocity seen is added to the rhs of Eq. (74). In that case, volumetric and momentum two-way coupling are taken into account and the corresponding equation for the fluctuating part of the velocity of the fluid seen is

$$du'_{s, i} = \frac{1}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial [\alpha_f \langle u_i u_k \rangle]}{\partial x_k} dt - [U_{p, k} - \langle U_k \rangle] \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + A_i dt + G_{ik}^* u'_{s, k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k - \frac{\alpha_p \rho_p}{\alpha_f \rho} \left[\left(\frac{U_{s, i} - U_{p, i}}{\tau_p} \right) - \left\langle \frac{U_{s, i} - U_{p, i}}{\tau_p} \right\rangle_m \right] dt. \quad (89)$$

Note that, in the usual case of a polydisperse two-phase flow, the last two terms on the rhs of Eq. (89) cannot be expressed only in terms of the mean and fluctuating fluid and particle velocities (which is a further argument to suggest that formulations in terms of fluctuations are more cumbersome than the ones in terms of instantaneous values).

Though the purpose of our analysis is not directly about two-way coupling effects, the above discussion is interesting to reveal that, for a given stochastic model, the form of the corresponding equation for the fluctuating velocity components is not immediately determined. Indeed, if we consider, for example, the complete Langevin model, its formulation depends on whether one wants: (a) to disregard all two-way coupling effects (both volumetric and momentum), which leads to Eq. (83); (b) to account for the volumetric effect for the fluid phase, which leads to Eq. (82); (c) to include two-way coupling effects, in which case the model for the instantaneous fluid velocity seen, Eq. (74)+Eq. (88), corresponds to Eq. (89) for the fluctuating component of the velocity of the fluid seen.

Going back to the difference between Eqs. (82) and (83) (or between Eqs. (84) and (85)), this means that an additional term, equal to $\langle u_i u_k \rangle / \alpha_f \nabla \alpha_p$ and proportional to the gradients of the volumetric fractions $\nabla \alpha_p$, is introduced in Eq. (83). Depending on the choice made for two-way coupling effects (see (a) or (b) above), this (potentially) spurious term may not be negligible as particle distribution is rarely homogeneous. Consequently, numerical simulations which are performed from the stochastic differential equations for the fluctuating parts of the velocity of the fluid seen can be potentially flawed.

Clearly, formulations in terms of so-called ‘‘fluctuations’’ can easily become intricate with many terms, making their manipulation slippery while they do not necessarily clarify the physical picture. Thus, contrary to some statements,^{67,68} a more practical way to account for the velocity of the fluid seen is to retain formulations in terms of the instantaneous velocity.

4. Normalized Langevin models

Another category of models consists in proposing Langevin-type of models developed in terms of the normalized fluctuating fluid velocity seen. To give one example, this normalized fluctuating

velocity (using the notations introduced in Sec. V A 3) is sometimes modeled as^{53,63,70}

$$d\left(\frac{u'_i}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) = -\frac{u'_i}{\tau_L \sigma_{(i)}} dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_L}} dW_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\langle u'_i u'_k \rangle}{\sigma_{(i)}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1+St}\right) dt. \quad (90)$$

Such formulations have been mostly used for boundary-layer simulations often in relation with particle deposition issues.^{53,54} It is seen that these propositions include terms written as functions of the particle Stokes number, which with present notation is $St = \tau_p/\tau_L$. Such models are clearly able to predict particle statistics and, in that sense, they satisfy the criterion (P-2). However, when the Stokes number goes to zero (that is, when particle inertia becomes negligible), these models revert to the normalized models which have been discussed in Sec. IV A 1. As analyzed there, these normalized Langevin models do not have the correct transformation and invariance properties and are inconsistent with the structure of Reynolds-stress equations: they are, therefore, unsatisfactory descriptions for single-phase turbulent flows. This means that the criteria (P-3) and (P-1), as well as the two forms of the criterion (P-6), are not respected. Consequently, these models cannot be regarded as acceptable descriptions for two-phase flows.

5. Hybrid DNS-stochastic approach

As already mentioned above, a recent proposal introduced a new formulation for the velocity of the fluid seen.⁶⁸ Using the present notations, this proposal consists in simulating U_s as the solution of the following stochastic differential equation:

$$dU_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial x_i} dt + \nu \Delta \langle U_i \rangle dt + (U_{p,k} - U_{s,k}) \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} dt + A'_i dt + G_{ik}^* (U_{s,k} - \langle U_k \rangle) dt + B_{ik} dW_k, \quad (91)$$

where a new term A'_i is added to the drift vector in Eq. (65) and is given by

$$A'_i = \frac{\partial \langle u'_{s,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial \langle u_i u_k \rangle}{\partial x_k}. \quad (92)$$

This model is expressed in terms of the fluctuating components of the velocity of the fluid seen and the discussions in Sec. V A 3 are thus relevant. In particular, the formulation put forward⁶⁸ is along the one expressed in Eq. (84) to which the extra term A'_i is added, which results in

$$du'_{s,i} = \frac{\partial \langle u'_{s,i} u_{p,k} \rangle_m}{\partial x_k} dt + \left(G_{ik}^* - \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k} \right) u'_{s,k} dt + B_{ik} dW_k. \quad (93)$$

In this formulation, the matrix G_{ik}^* is expressed as the inverse of the matrix \mathcal{T}_{ik} which is the matrix of the decorrelation time scales of the fluid seen and given by⁶⁸

$$G_{ik}^* = \widetilde{G}_{ik}^* + \frac{\partial \langle U_i \rangle}{\partial x_k}, \quad \widetilde{G}_{ik}^* = -(\mathcal{T})_{ki}^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{T}_{ik} = \int_0^\infty \langle u'_{s,i} u'_{s,l} \rangle_m^{-1} \langle u'_{s,l}(0) u'_{s,k}(t) \rangle_m dt, \quad (94)$$

where the values of the matrix \mathcal{T}_{ki} are obtained as statistics extracted from a DNS of the same particle-laden flow that is considered. Then, the diffusion matrix is determined by the following equality:⁶⁸

$$B_{ik}^2 = B_{il} B_{kl} = -\widetilde{G}_{il}^* \langle u'_{s,l} u'_{s,k} \rangle_m - \widetilde{G}_{kl}^* \langle u'_{s,l} u'_{s,i} \rangle_m. \quad (95)$$

Note that the notation B_{ik}^2 which was used⁶⁸ should in fact refer to $(BB^T)_{ik}$. This proposal introduces new elements and, since DNS results are built-in, it is referred to as an ‘‘hybrid DNS-stochastic’’ approach. Some more comments are in order about the role of DNS in this hybrid approach. In this formulation, the matrices \mathcal{T}_{ik} and G_{ik}^* are not obtained first on some simple test cases (thus from some sample DNS) and then used as a predictive model in any geometry. Actually, for each geometry and for each flow considered, a DNS must be run beforehand in order to obtain the correlation matrix

which is used to extract the matrix G_{ik}^* fed into the governing equation for the velocity of the fluid seen, Eq. (91). This means that a concurrent run of a DNS and of the PDF model must be carried out.

Compared to the propositions addressed in Subsections V A 1–V A 4, the additional term A'_i in the drift vector is also a new element. This term is motivated by an analysis of the form of the exact equation satisfied by the drift velocity in the limit of high-inertia particles ($St \gg 1$ or $\tau_p \rightarrow \infty$), while the two expressions that yield the matrix G_{ik}^* as well as the diffusion matrix B_{ik} in Eqs. (94) and (95), respectively, are based on a so-called “local homogeneity assumption.” In Eq. (91), it is seen that the mean viscous term is present as in the proposal in Eq. (65). However, as already indicated in Sec. V A 1, this is inconsistent with the proper low Reynolds-number form of the Reynolds-stress equations and should be avoided, though it seems to be systematically presented.²⁹ Since we are only considering high Reynolds-number flows, this term is disregarded in the present analysis.

From a physical point of view, some of these assumptions raise questions. The local homogeneity assumption means that the underlying fluid turbulence is assumed to remain homogeneous and stationary so that the turbulent characteristics seen by particles (which are functions of the elapsed time) can be taken as stationary processes during a “long-enough” period (at least of the order of the particle relaxation timescale τ_p) for these statistics to reach their local “equilibrium values.” For high-inertia particles which can typically cover large distances during a time of the order of their relaxation timescale, this amounts to assuming that the fluid turbulence remains homogeneous and stationary over considerable length and time scales, for the hypothesis to apply. This hybrid-DNS approach bears some similarities with one development proposed by Pope.⁷¹ However, that study⁷¹ was for homogeneous shear fluid flows where, once correctly rescaled, fluid particle velocities constitute truly statistically stationary processes. Furthermore, its purpose was mainly to demonstrate the potential of properly defined Langevin models, suggesting that there is still room for considerable improvement in the development of particle stochastic models,⁷¹ rather than as a general methodology to apply in any flows. On the other hand, the issue of whether consistency results are to be expected in the high-inertia limit is worth noting and will be taken up in Subsection V B. In the context of the present analysis, we now concentrate on how this new proposal stands with respect to the criteria retained in Sec. III B.

Since the drift vector and diffusion matrix are explicit in Eqs. (91)–(95), the stochastic model is complete. From the choice of the drift term, it is also seen that this proposal is such that the criterion (P-5) is satisfied and that the fluid limit yields a model whose form is acceptable. In the limit of small St , the additional term A'_i in Eq. (92) does not contribute to the first-order development in St and, in that limit, the form of the drift vector is identical to the one given in the incomplete Langevin proposal in Eq. (65). Consequently, the analysis performed in Sec. V A 1 applies here, showing that (P-6) is not satisfied but that (P-6bis) is. However, the main characteristic of this proposal is that the matrix entering the return-to-equilibrium term in the drift vector is provided by the solution of a DNS for the same flow which is modeled by the proposal in Eq. (91). As such, it is clear that the criterion (P-2) is violated and that this proposal cannot be referred to as a “model.” Indeed, as indicated above, the formulation requires that a DNS solution be performed beforehand for each flow to feed the drift term of a model which is supposed to provide predictions on this very flow. If such formulations can indeed be considered as making interesting consistency checks for specific closure propositions, it cannot be accepted as a proper stochastic model for two-phase flow simulations. Furthermore, it appears that the present formulation suffers from some inconsistencies that limit its applicability. Indeed, if we consider one of the simplest situations, namely, of homogeneous isotropic decaying turbulence, the present hybrid DNS-stochastic approach would consist in running first a DNS to obtain the timescales necessary to define the matrix G_{ik}^* in Eq. (94), from which the diffusion matrix is derived through Eq. (95). The latter equation is the expression of the classical fluctuation-dissipation theorem for stationary processes,^{30,31} which means that we have $d\langle \mathbf{u}_s^2 \rangle_m / dt = 0$ instead of the natural decaying law for the turbulent kinetic energy. Thus, the criterion (P-4) is also violated. It is also evident that the proper fluid limit is not retrieved as the decay law for single-phase turbulent homogeneous flows is not correctly retrieved, showing that (P-3) is also violated. For an approach based on DNS results, this is a severe shortcoming. Furthermore, it can be noted that the

procedure of coupling DNS and Langevin models raises consistency questions, especially in the fluid limit.⁴⁶

B. Discussion on additional criteria for two-phase flow modeling

In the list of criteria set forth in Sec. III B, it is seen that the fluid, or particle-tracer ($St \ll 1$), limit has been particularly emphasized (in the criterion (P-3)). It can be wondered whether similar consistency limits are to be selected in the other limit, when particle inertia is very high ($St \gg 1$). However, three remarks can be made. First, it must be remembered that the present form of Langevin models (i.e., modeling the velocity of the fluid seen by a diffusion stochastic process) has less justifications than in the fluid case. For high-inertia particles, the well-known frozen-turbulence hypothesis can be applied and it is easy to show that the increments of the velocity of the fluid seen should then be governed by spatial correlations. In that case, $\langle (d\mathbf{U}_s)^2 \rangle$ scales as $(\epsilon |\mathbf{U}_r| \Delta t)^{2/3}$ over a time interval Δt , provided that the relative mean distance covered by particles $\Delta r = |\mathbf{U}_r| \Delta t$ remains in the inertial range length $\Delta r \ll L$. It remains to be seen whether such limits are encountered as they imply the existence of a regime where $|\mathbf{U}_r|$ is high enough so that Lagrangian fluid correlations can be neglected while we still have that $\Delta r = |\mathbf{U}_r| \Delta t \ll L$. If present, such limits are indeed not reproduced by present Langevin formulations as discussed at length in the construction of the complete Langevin model.⁴ This suggests that, in the high-inertia limit, the issue would be to devise altogether new stochastic model formulations rather than imposing requirements on the present ones. On the other hand, when dealing with high-inertia particles, a second remark is that the detailed form of a Langevin-type of model is less an issue if macroscopic particle statistical properties, such as diffusion coefficients, kinetic energies, etc., are sought. For these properties, the important element is mainly to retrieve the correct limit of the integral time scale of the velocity of the fluid seen in this limit. This is indeed what expressions such as Csanady's formulas in Eqs. (67) are doing without having to change the form of the Langevin equation itself. Finally, with respect to the particle relaxation timescale τ_p and since $St \gg 1$ means that $T_L^* \ll \tau_p$, the fluid velocity seen becomes a fast-variable and can be safely taken as acting as a white-noise on discrete particle trajectories. In that case, the form of the diffusion matrix in Langevin formulations is more important than details of the drift vector (apart from the return-to-equilibrium term and the integral time scale). Among other asymptotic cases, a comprehensive discussion of this high-inertia limit was proposed⁶ along with the corresponding consequences on the development of suitable numerical schemes.⁶

Thus, the development of new stochastic models that would capture both Lagrangian statistics (time-spectrum) as well as Eulerian ones (space-spectrum) is still an open issue. Yet, this question must be weighted against what would be gained from such developments.

C. Open issues on stochastic models for the velocity of the fluid seen

At the end of the analysis of stochastic models for polydisperse two-phase flows, it is worth emphasizing that modeling the velocity of the fluid seen remains an open issue. Coming up with tractable models that still represent proper descriptions of the physics of turbulent flows is not an easy task. Indeed, it must be remembered that the velocity of the fluid seen is $\mathbf{U}_s(t) = \mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x}_p(t))$ which means that, though $\mathbf{U}_s(t)$ is a particle-attached variable, it nevertheless involves time and space correlations of the carrier turbulent fluid flow. Thus, the crossing-trajectory effect (CTE),⁴ which is related to particle and fluid velocity slips, induces several challenges for the formulation of a model for $\mathbf{U}_s(t)$.

With respect to this situation, the standpoint chosen in the present work is to consider *jointly* a set of criteria that points to acceptable forms of the different terms entering a stochastic diffusion model retained for the velocity of the fluid seen. As the complexity of the physics involved can, unfortunately, lead to overlooking the basic properties of a model, the criteria (P-1) and (P-2) have been useful to clarify some situations. Then, based on proper formulations of the fluid limit and on the GLM (which is the essence of (P-3)), (P-4) is important for the closure of the diffusion coefficient, (P-5) helps to bring out a correct form of the return-to-equilibrium term of a Langevin model, while (P-6) indicates possible expressions for the additional term of the drift vector related

to the slip velocity between the fluid and the particles. Yet, they remain suggestions and indications. It must not be forgotten that present models still contain assumptions. More precisely, the timescales of the velocity of the fluid seen are inputs (relying on the Csanady's expressions) and, to the best of the authors' knowledge, these expressions have not been worked out from first principles (see detailed discussions in Secs. 7.4 and 9.3.4 in Minier and Peirano⁴ or first attempts in Ref. 72). This has consequences. For example, (P-6) is helpful to reveal the existence of a supplementary drift term, which basically comes from a first-order development of the fluid velocity seen in the limit of small St . However, an important point is that it may not be relevant to push the analysis too far concentrating on that sole issue, when other aspects are disregarded. For example, arguing on whether the mean or instantaneous slip velocities should enter the additional drift term becomes secondary if the diffusion coefficient is not correctly closed and while it remains unclear whether the difference is accounted for (or not) by the Csanady's formulas. The main messages are therefore: first, it is essential to address together the different terms entering a stochastic model and, second, that new ideas based on more fundamental derivations would be of value.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a new approach which consists in selecting a set of criteria has been described for Lagrangian stochastic models. Gathering present knowledge into a comprehensive set of guidelines has been shown to be useful both to assess whether existing models satisfy basic properties and also to help future developments. For that purpose, criteria have been put forward for Lagrangian stochastic models in single-phase (see (F-1)-(F-3) in Sec. III A) and in two-phase flows (see (P-1)-(P-6) in Sec. III B). In the single-phase flow situation, the emphasis is basically put on requiring that stochastic models be fully consistent with the high Reynolds-number structure of the Reynolds-stress equations. In the two-phase flow situation, as the available information is different, the criteria insist on respecting the particle-tracer limit, as well as basic properties of turbulence and what models should stand for. Although these criteria are somewhat different in the single- and two-phase cases, the approach followed in the present paper represents an attempt at addressing stochastic models devised for each situation from a unified standpoint.

It is believed that the present list of criteria is made up by simple and physically meaningful requirements that must be met by Lagrangian stochastic models. Yet, from the analyses which are summarized in Table I for single-phase models and in Table II for two-phase models, first conclusions can be drawn. For single-phase flows, it was brought out that present normalized Langevin models are flawed since they do not respect convective transport in general non-homogeneous flows, as shown in Sec. IV A 2. For two-phase flows, the situation is more confused and, in that respect, the analysis carried out in Sec. V A is helpful to clarify the modeling picture. It appears that, among those considered there, only one formulation is acceptable, in the sense that all the criteria chosen in Sec. III B are met. Not surprisingly, this model remains the only two-phase PDF model which has been validated in engineering configurations.⁶ This is clearly a very poor and unsatisfactory state and much work remains to be done. In that sense, another conclusion is that a safe approach is to formulate models in terms of instantaneous fluid particle velocities, as for the GLM in single-phase flows.

It is hoped that the guidelines put forward here will lead to improved Lagrangian stochastic models. For example, it appears that the complete Langevin model in two-phase flows is based on the SLM and, therefore, one option could be to devise extensions to obtain the counterpart for the velocity of the fluid seen of the GLM for the velocity of fluid particles. Furthermore, the present set of criteria is not meant as a definitive choice and could be extended in further works. For instance, low-Reynolds, Brownian effects, or specific aspects of particle preferential concentration effects could be considered through the formulation of new criteria to guide model assessment in these limits.

Another important aim of the present approach is to provide guidelines for future model developments and in related subjects. In particular, the present analysis has been carried out in the framework of Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) approaches where a complete formalism is available. Yet, the methodology followed here, as well as the conclusions which have been reached, have direct

TABLE I. Summary of the properties of the stochastic models for single-phase flows considered in Sec. IV with respect to the criteria listed in Sec. III A.

	(F-1)	(F-2)	(F-3)
Generalized Langevin model ^a	✓	✓	✓
Incomplete Langevin model for fluctuating velocities ^b	✓	X	✓
Incomplete Langevin model for fluctuating velocities ^c	✓	✓	X
Complete Langevin model for fluctuating velocities ^d	✓	✓	✓
Normalized Langevin model ^e	X	✓	X

^aAs analyzed in Sec. IV A.

^bAs analyzed in Sec. IV A 1 where the term labeled (a) in Eq. (39b) is missing.

^cAs analyzed in Sec. IV A 1 where the term labeled (b) in Eq. (39b) is missing.

^dAs analyzed in Sec. IV A 1 where all the terms on the rhs of Eq. (39b) are present.

^eAs analyzed in Sec. IV A 2.

implications for particle-laden turbulent flows simulated with a LES method. Indeed, in the LES approach, a specific model is needed to account for the unresolved part of the fluid velocity seen by discrete particles^{73,74} which corresponds to the fluctuating velocity in the RANS context. Among the few models developed so far, most are written in terms of this unresolved part of the fluid velocity seen^{74,75} but some formulations⁷⁴ include terms similar to the ones appearing on the rhs of Eq. (39b) while others retain only the simplest form of a Langevin equation.⁷⁵ Furthermore, some proposals disregard effects due to particle inertia or the CTE effect and write an equation with a diffusion coefficient as for fluid particles⁷⁴ whereas others assume that the unresolved part is at equilibrium to close the diffusion coefficient of the Langevin model.⁷⁵ On the other hand, it is interesting to note that, for engineering applications, another proposal^{76,77} was formulated in terms of the instantaneous fluid velocity seen with a model that is an extension to the LES context of the complete Langevin model discussed in Sec. V A 2 with corresponding expressions of the Csanady's time scales and diffusion terms but without the mean slip term in the drift vector that is essential to the criterion (P-6). Clearly, there is some uncertainty and the issues addressed in this paper concerning the formulation of Lagrangian stochastic models (instantaneous versus fluctuating or unresolved fluid velocity components, closures of the drift and diffusion terms in the two-phase flow case, etc.) are relevant for the question on how to express subgrid effects to simulate two-phase flows with the LES method. However, as the statistical operator involved is different (a spatial filtering is applied instead of a mathematically well-defined probabilistic expectation), a rigorous formalism is needed to address these issues. The situation is more advanced for single-phase flows where the FDF (Filtered Density Function) formalism has been developed.^{78,79} First steps have been proposed in the two-phase case⁸⁰ but additional work is needed to clarify the formulations of Lagrangian stochastic models in the LES approach to particle-laden turbulent flows.

TABLE II. Summary of the properties of the stochastic models for two-phase flows considered in Sec. V with respect to the criteria listed in Sec. III B.

	(P-1)	(P-2)	(P-3)	(P-4)	(P-5)	(P-6)	(P-6bis)
First Langevin model ^a	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Complete Langevin model (2001) ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Complete Langevin model (2004) ^c	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Normalized Langevin model ^d	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Hybrid-DNS model ^e	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓

^aAs analyzed in Sec. V A 1 (where the sign (...) indicates that the criterion cannot be checked).

^bAs analyzed in Sec. V A 2.

^cAs analyzed in Sec. V A 2.

^dAs analyzed in Sec. V A 4.

^eAs analyzed in Sec. V A 5.

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